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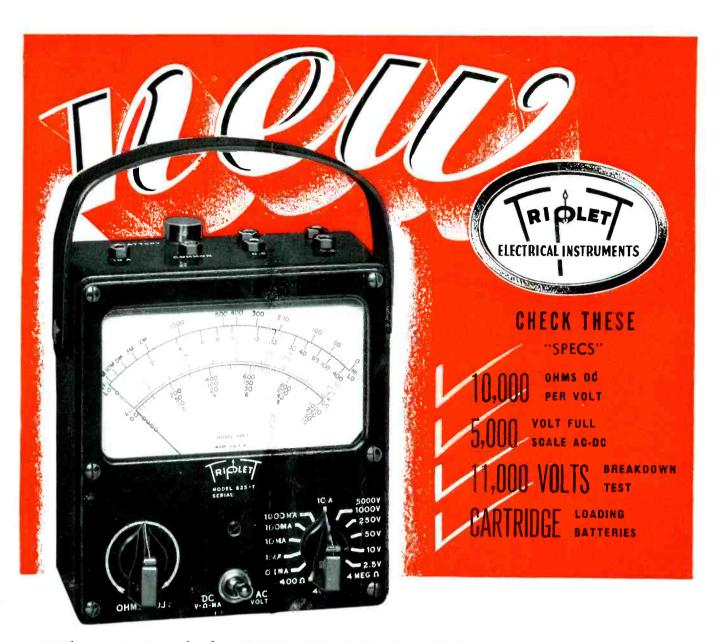
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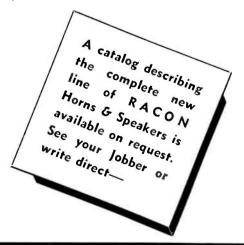
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TRANSIENTS

TELEVISION

TELEVISION CAN make its nation-wide commercial debut on July 1st under the auspices of regulations adopted by the FCC, now that the Commission and the Industry have agreed upon standards.

The standards fix the line and frame frequencies at 525 and 30, respectively. The 525 lines provide for greater detail in the picture transmitted than the 441 lines advocated a year ago. This change will be helpful in view of the trend to larger screens on current receivers.

Frequency modulation is required for the sound accompanying the pictures. Thus, television is now benefited by the recent developments made in f.m.

Other developments are provided for in the requirement that the standards be accorded six months of practical tests, at the conclusion of which further changes may be considered, with particular reference to color television.

On the record made at the March hearing, the Commission fixes 15 hours a week as a reasonable minimum for program service.

On the plea that more than the seven lower channels in the present television band are needed for adequate development of commercial service, the Commission is making the eleven upper channels likewise available.

Our recent prediction that television would get under way commercially by Labor Day may prove correct, unless a state of national emergency forestalls further activity.

COOPERATION

ELSEWHERE IN THIS issue is an interesting news item regarding the tie-up between servicemen and stations WOWO-WGL, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Meetings are held regularly in one of the studios, and subjects of interest and benefit to both the servicemen and the station officials are dealt with.

If you will stop to consider the matter, broadcast stations must rely to a great extent upon servicemen to maintain optimum program service in the stations' areas. Conversely, the serviceman's business is dependent upon broadcast-station activities. It seems logical, therefore, that the two groups should cooperate.

Though the tie-up mentioned is attributed directly to the Radio Moving Day campaign, no such other stimulant should be necessary to establish more station-servicemen meetings in localities where such get-togethers are feasible.

SERVICE CHARGES

SERVICEMEN CAN no longer afford to ignore the upward swing in the prices of consumer commodities, and continue the sale of parts and services at substandard scales. Radio servicing is a business like anything else, and if one wishes to stay in business, it is essential that he place a price on his product or service that will permit him to keep going. Many servicemen do not seem to understand this.

The present is no time to fail, nor is it a time to sink below the normal living standards. Your bread and butter, and the products you purchase for resale are going to cost you more, and you must get more to make up the difference. On the whole, service charges have been ridiculously low, and it is high time they were brought up to a common-sense level.

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THE MULTIPLIER PHOTOTUBE

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FORECASTING the trend in electrical amplification have been the occasional rumors regarding the laboratory development of electron-multiplier tubes capable of amplifying weak currents far beyond the gains that can be derived from present-day vacuum tubes. A tube of this sort has now been made commercially available.

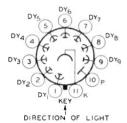


Fig. 1. The RCA-931 socket connections. DY-1 to DY-9 are dynodes, P the anode, and K the cathode.

The first specimen to reach the market is not a radio tube, as many anticipated, but the RCA-931 Multiplier Phototube of the high-vacuum type. It is capable of multiplying feeble currents produced by weak illumination as much as 230,-000 times. The multiplying action is created by the harnessing of secondary emission, and the resultant output current is a linear function of the exciting illumination under normal operating conditions. Since secondary emission occurs instantaneously, the frequency response of the 931 is flat up to frequencies at which transit time becomes a limiting factor.

CONSTRUCTION OF TUBE

This remarkable tube contains a total of eleven elements, as shown in Fig. 1. Elements 1 to 9 inclusive are dynodes, element 10 the anode, and element 11 the light-sensitive photocathode. The latter employs the S4 photosurface which has a much higher sensitivity to blue-rich light, such as that from a mercury-vapor lamp.

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All elements, with the exception of the photocathode, are voltage-operated, though the tube functions as a current or electron multiplier. The voltage on each dynode is

progressively higher than the one preceding it in the series. Finally, the voltage on the anode is higher than the voltage impressed on dynode 9. In practical application, the anode supply voltage is in the vicinity of 1250 volts, the voltage between dynode 9 and the anode approximately 400 volts, and the voltage difference per dynode stage somewhere around 125 volts.

One method of deriving these voltages for the operation of the 931 is shown in Fig. 2. A uniformly-tapped power transformer is used for the dynode supply, and a separate power supply, not shown, is used for the anode. Since the 931 has approximately equal sensitivity for a-c and d-c voltages having the same rms value, the circuit of Fig. 2 is particularly suitable for relay operation.

HOW IT WORKS

An electron multiplier is a vacuum tube which utilizes the phe-

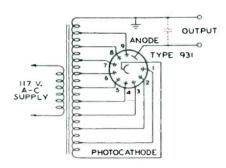


Fig. 2. An a-c power-supply for the 931, with uniformly tapped transformer.

nomenon of secondary emission to amplify signals composed of electron streams. The detailed operation of the 931 is depicted in Fig. 3, and a study of the action may be likened to a combination electronic pin ball and slot machine game wherein the jackpot is cracked at every post (dynode). precisely, the electrons More emitted from the illuminated photocathode O are directed by the fixed electrostatic fields along curved paths to dynode 1. The electrons impinging on this dynode surface produce many other electrons, the number depending on the energy of the impinging electrons. These secondary electrons are then directed to dynode 2 where they knock out more new electrons, and these in turn are focused on to dynode 3 where a still greater number of new electrons are released. This multiplying process is repeated in each successive dynode stage, with an ever-increasing stream of electrons, until those emitted from dynode 9 are collected by the anode and constitute the current utilized in the output circuit.

In order to prevent the fluctuating potential of the anode from interfering with electron focusing in the interdynode region, dynode 9 is so shaped as to enclose partially the anode and to serve as a shield for it. Actually the anode consists of a grid which allows electrons from dynode 8 to pass through it to dynode 9. Spacing between anode and dynode 9 is close and, as a result, dynode 9 creates a collecting field such that all of the electrons it emits are collected by the anode. Hence, the output current is essentially independent of the instantaneous positive anode voltage over a wide range. As a result of this characteristic, the 931 can be coupled to any practical load impedance.

The mica shield, shown in Fig. 3, which extends between the photocathode and the anode, shields the photocathode from the anode and prevents ion feedback. If positive ions produced in the high current region near the anode were allowed

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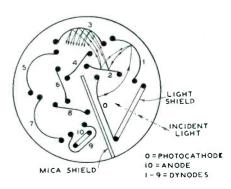


Fig. 3. Schematic arrangement of the 931 structure, showing how the tube functions.

FARNSWORTH P-2 RECORD CHANGER

FARNSWORTH P-2 automatic record changer is a drop mechanism type with the records supported by the spindle and the right-hand record shelf, as shown in Fig. 1. The complete cycle of operation is easily followed by playing a few records so that the mechanism may be seen in action.

MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments are seldom necessary, but where servicing is clearly required, a complete reading of the following notes will serve to point out the difficulty and its cure.

To Remove the Turntable 13-51, (Fig. 1)

The Turntable unscrews from the Record Spindle, 56-123 (Fig. 6) by rotating the Turntable counter clockwise. The Spindle Gear, 57-8 (Fig. 6) should be held by a screwdriver while unscrewing or while replacing the Turntable. Under no circumstances should you attempt to hold the Record Spindle in a pair of pliers when removing the Turntable. Care should be exercised while holding the Spindle Gear not to damage the teeth of the gear.

the gear.

When replacing Turntable make sure that it is securely screwed down against the stop washer.

To Adjust or Replace Idler Pulley 36-72, (Fig. 3)

The Idler Pulley is used to transfer power from the Motor Pulley

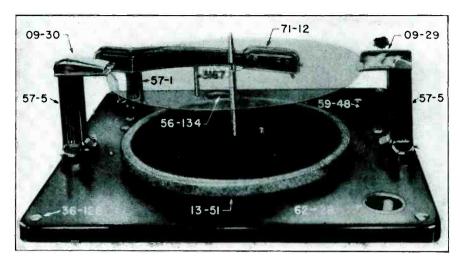


Fig. 1. Top view of P-2 record changer.

36-71 (Fig. 3) to the Turntable. Unless it is held under proper tension by the Idler Spring the turntable speed may be too high or too low; it should fall between 76.59

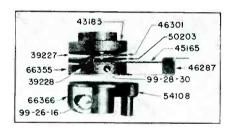


Fig. 5. The trip mechanism.

rpm and 80.00 rpm. This tension is adjusted by loosening screw 99-19-3 (Fig. 3) holding the Spring Holder 45176 (Fig. 3) and turning

the Spring Holder to secure the required tension. Be sure to tighten screw holding the Spring Holder.

screw holding the Spring Holder.
To replace the Idler Pulley remove the Hair Pin Cotter 99-34-14 (Fig. 3) and the Thrust Washer 50209 (Fig. 3). After removing the Idler Pulley remove the other Thrust Washer 50209 underneath the Pulley. When replacing the Pulley it is best to replace both the Thrust Washers with new ones. A single drop of oil should be used on the Pulley Stud when the Pulley is replaced.

Caution—Do not allow any oil to get on either the Motor Pulley 36-71 (Fig. 3) the Idler Pulley, or rim of the Turntable.

To Replace Turntable Drive Bracket and Stud Assembly 64216 (Fig. 3)

After removing the Idler Pulley and Spring 39245 (Fig. 3), remove the Motor by removing the three RHMS 99-19-3 (Fig. 3), then remove the two nuts and the brass washer which are normally covered by the Idler Pulley. Next remove the Screw 99-19-7 (Fig. 3) and the Spacer 42165 (Fig. 3). When replaced, the Bracket and Spindle Assembly must move in all directions without binding or sticking. Be sure the double nuts are locked securely.

Adjustment of Record Shelves 09-29 and 09-30

The center line of the record shelves should form a straight line passing through the center of the Record Spindle. They should be

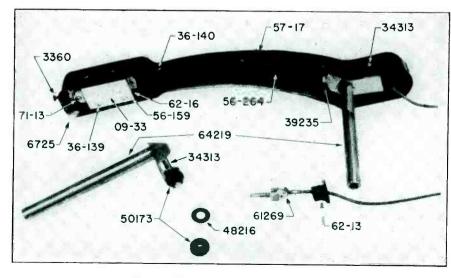


Fig. 4. Tone arm and pickup brush.

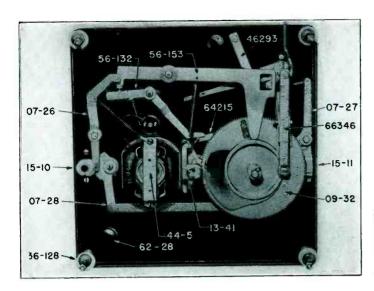


Fig. 2. Under view of record changer, showing mechanism,

exactly 9-21/32" apart when in the 10" position and equidistant from the spindle. The shelves may be lined up by loosening the set screws on the shelf locking Cam and Gear 15-10 or 15-11 (Fig. 2). After alignment tighten set screws.

Adjustment of Locking Levers and Shelf Locking Cam. 07-26 and 07-27—15-10 and 15-11 (Fig. 2)

The Front Record Shelf 09-29 (Fig. 1) should be lined up with the Record Spindle in the 10" position. The Shelf Locking Cam 15-10 (Fig. 2) is lined up with the center line of the Gear Sector assembly 07-28 (Fig. 2) and adjusted until the Locking Lever is properly seated in the Shelf Locking Cam 15-10. The set screws of the Cam and Gear assembly are then tightened.

The rear record shelf 09-30 (Fig. 1) should be lined up with the Spindle and in the 10" position. The Locking Lever Hex-Head mounting screw 36-114 may be loosened if the adjustment of the Locking Lever to the Cam and Gear Assembly need be changed.

Adjustment of Non Trip Cam of Starting Lever 13-38 (Fig. 6)

This Cam shown at A in (Fig. 6) should be adjusted so that when

38 (Fig. 6) without touching. The front end of the Starting Lever must also clear the bottom of the Resetting Dog and the top of the Starting Pin, both part of the Spindle Gear 57-8 (Fig. 6.)

Adjustment of Trip Pin Assembly 17-10 (Fig. 6)

Both the 10" plunger 56-116 and the 12" plunger 56-117 (see 09-30 Fig. 1) should extend over the edge of the Record Shelves from .010" to .025". This distance may be changed by adjusting the Trip Pin Assembly 17-10 on the Main Cam. Care should be exercised to see that the Trip Pin assembly is not set over too far as it can bind on the plunger cam and jam the changer.

The Trip Finger Stop 46293 (Fig. 2)

The Trip Finger Stops 46293 should be 2-1/4" from the inside of

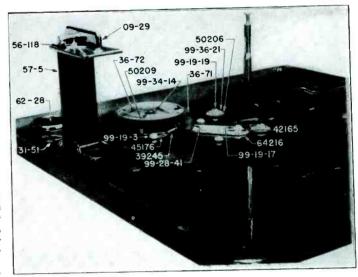


Fig. 3. Record changer with turntable removed, showing mechanism above motorboard.

the machine is in the "Manual" position, the Starting Lever Release Trip 64215 (Fig. 6) will pass over the end of the Starting Lever 13-

the base plate to the inside face of the 90° bend at the end of the Stop.

Needle Landing

In 10" position, adjust the Tone Arm Crank 66366 (Fig. 5) so that the needle lands 4-1/8" from center of the Record Spindle. To adjust, have record changer in playing position, loosen Tone Arm Set Screw 99-26-16 (Fig. 5) set needle 4-1/8" from center of Record Spindle. Hold Tone Arm Crank firmly against Tone Arm Swing Lever 56-153 (Fig. 2) and at the same time hold the Tone Arm Crank firmly against the Trip Finger 46287 (Fig. 5). Tighten the Set Screw 99-26-16. There should be a small amount of play up and down in the tone arm. Next set the 12"

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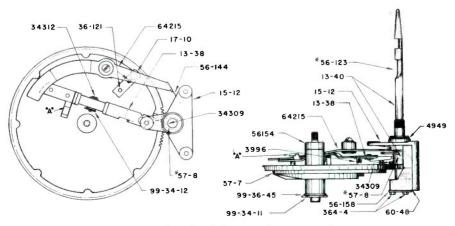


Fig. 6. Details of the principal mechanisms.

Serviceman's Diary

J. P. Hollister

MONDAY - Arrived at the shop a little late. And I'm not making any excuses for it, either. After all, when you've spent your Sunday visiting relatives, and one of them gets you in a corner and asks you please to take just a little look at the radio-not that there's anything very much wrong with it; I wouldn't have to tell you that, you're an expert. But, you see, once in a while the music fades out and when you turn the knob which makes it loud and soft it makes a lot of noise and sometimes when Raymond Gram Swing talks it makes him sound as if he had a mouthful of hot mush. Of course it's only a little set and it wouldn't be worthwhile spending any money on it. Maybe you have an old tube you don't need which you could spare. If we could make it play just through the Summer-you know, we don't play it much during the

Summer anyhow—maybe in the Fall we could trade it in.

So you take a look at it. And you tell them that the cabinet and knobs seem to be in very good condition. The whole trouble, it seems, must be in the chassis. Maybe the easiest way out would be to put in a new chassis. After all, that saves the price of the cabinet and then you've got what is practically a new set for a couple of dollars less than what it would cost for a complete new job. And no more trouble until something goes wrong with the new one, which is guaranteed for three long months. And then your wife chimes in and tells them that, of course, you are only fooling and that you'd really be only too glad to fix it. And when she gets you alone she reminds you that, after all, once upon a time they were nice to Junior, bought him a piece

of candy or something, and you ought to be tickled to have the opportunity to do something in return, especially since it was only a simple little radio, anyhow, which you could fix up in a few minutes.

Just as I told Jerry, I'm not making any excuses. This is just one of the things that crops up in most all businesses. Except, perhaps, undertaking. The undertaker has a pretty good job in that respect. No free service, no call-backs, and the customer never kicks.

But Jerry is never very sympathetic. There was a lot more I wanted to tell him, but he shoves a call slip across the desk and says:

"Listen, brother, snap out of it! Squawking won't bring in any dough. If you don't feel well, see a doctor. And if you feel OK, see one anyhow. It so happens that your first call is on this doctor. You're to hook up the f-m combination which I sent out Saturday night. No, you wouldn't know about it—you went home early."

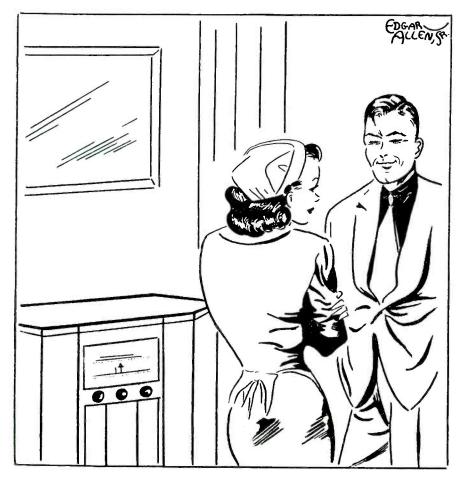
"Is this a real sale or did you just send the set up on spec?" I asked suspiciously. I know Jerry.

"The money's as good as in the bank," he replies. "All you've got to do is connect up the set. The only condition is that it mustn't pick up any X-ray or other interference."

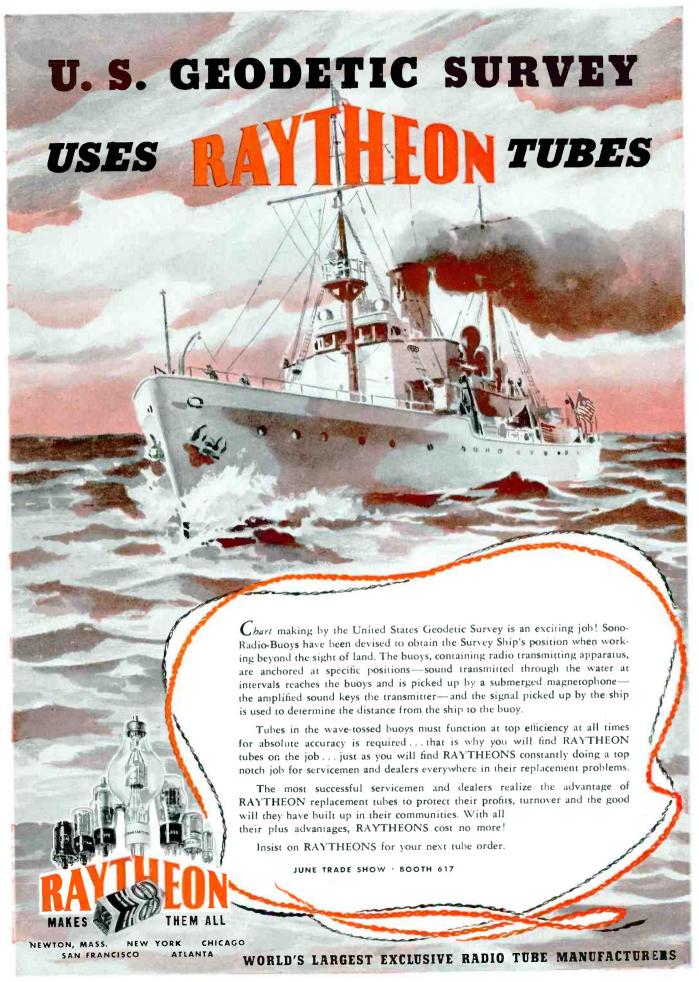
Yeah, you would!" I told him. "You always promise plenty and leave it to me to make the sale stick. And then you take the credit. Take that Chinese laundryman, for instance. You promised that twenty-dollar midget would bring in Hongkong. And when it wouldn't, you told him the station there had just been bombed and would be out of commission until the end of the War. And when he said he would wait until the War ended before he'd pay for the set, I had to switch my laundry to him to straighten things out. Now he charges enough extra on each week's bill to cover the instalments on the set. Why don't you finish what you start—you take the in-stallation for the doctor, not me!"

"Whatever you say," Jerry answered. "But take a look at the ticket first."

I glanced at the name on the call slip. It was that of a woman doctor, (Continued on page 25)



"I have an ailment right down the doctor's alley," I told her, "and I'd like to see her in her office."





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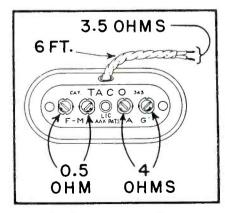
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Servicing Master Antenna Systems

YOUR EDITOR would have just such an experience! Of the thousands of master antenna systems operating efficiently day in and day out in the metropolitan New York area alone, your editor had to move into an apartment with a radio outlet from which he couldn't get any sort of signal! When the trouble-shooter came on the scene, he found that the leads were reversed in this particular outlet. Hence no signals. Hence a questioning editor. Hence the demand made upon us to supply the following dissertation on the servicing of master antenna systems.

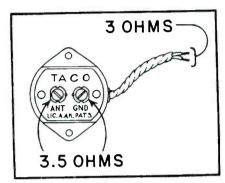
It is very rare indeed that anything goes haywire with a master antenna system of the patented licensed variety. In the first place, these jobs are thoroughly engineered as regards the basic circuits involved and the components employed, as well as the specific installation. Of course there may be non-licensed systems, purporting to be accurate copies of the genuine article, but that is another matter. In the second place, the installations these days are made by competent workers, generally electrical contractors but sometimes ambitious radio men willing and ready to tackle such jobs, working with precise specifications and using only the approved materials and methods. In the third place no installation is really complete until it has been thoroughly inspected and checked, usually with an actual portable receiver at each outlet. That's the normal and anticipated



Type 343 Master Coupler for exposed wiring; a-m and f-m terminals. Resistance values indicated.

Carl Goudy

Engineering Dept., Technical Appliance Corp.



Type 344 Master Coupler for exposed wiring; standard broadcast and short wave.

setup. But human nature being what it is, there may be an occasional slip-up, as was the case with your editor's outlet.

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

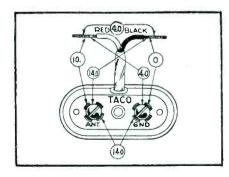
When you are called upon to install a set or to service an existing set in a home that enjoys radio outlets, you can invariably take that form of antenna for granted. You can be certain that it is a firstclass antenna, for usually the master antenna system has a pickup far superior to the individual antenna that can be erected on the roof and connected by a long downlead through a noise-infested zone. You can be certain that such a radio outlet positively minimizes noise pickup, and that is vitally important in the average apartment house with its many electrical appliances. At least you can take the radio outlet for granted and plug in your radio set. If, on that very rare occasion, you get no signal from the outlet, then it's time to look for trouble in that direction. and then only.

A carefully installed master antenna system should last for many years. We tell property owners that such an installation should be written off in five years, but only because of the rapid progress of the art which results in obvious obsolescence long before the system is actually worn out or defective. We believe it pays to re-

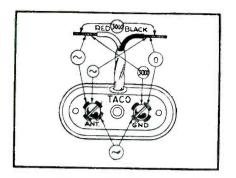
place a master antenna system every five or six years, so as to provide tenants with the best reception obtainable, and to provide for new program services, such as f-m and television.

The first thing to do is to look for a broken transmission line. Check the twisted-pair leads from transmission line to the outlet. (Incidentally, house painters have been known to cut a transmission line which happened to be in the way of their brushes, not realizing what they were doing. Roofers, too, seem to lack a proper sense of respect for our transmission lines, at times.) See that the red lead from the outlet coupler connects with the red conductor of the transmission line, and the black lead with the black conductor. Follow up the transmission line to the roof. Notice how the cable passes over any coping or wall corners where it may possibly be damaged by rubbing. Be particularly critical of the connection between transmission line and the antenna transformer.

One or both conductors of the transmission line may break, due to crystallization from continuous swaying in the wind. This usually results in intermittent reception, so that the system may work quite satisfactorily for days and then go off during other days, because of making and breaking contact. The



Type 302 Master Coupler for exposed wiring, and also Type 318. Resistance values are given



Types 325 and 326 Couplers. Type numbers are stamped on units for identification. Note resistance values.

most likely place for a break to occur in the transmission line is where the cable enters the foundation unit or antenna transformer, or again where the transmission line is anchored to the top of the building.

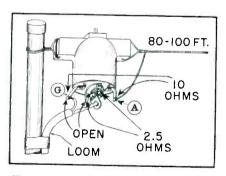
OPENS AND SHORTS

Intermittent breaks in the transmission line show up by jumpy readings on an ohmmeter when the transmission line is subjected to

pulling and twisting.

There is really little that can go wrong with the antenna transformer. However, this unit can be readily checked to make sure that the trouble does not reside here. To test it, lower same to within reach, and disconnect the transmission line from the lightning arrestor if a separate one is used. Also disconnect the antenna transformer from the transmission line feeding the couplers. Check for shorts or opens, as per the accompanying diagrams which indicate the resistance values of different types of units, and how to identify the different models.

Remove wires from the lightning arrestor and the lightning arrestor should show "open" between either of the outside posts and the center post, or between the outside posts. If defective, the lightning arrestor will, of course, short the



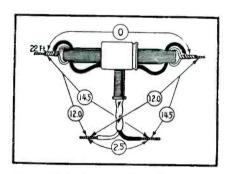
Type 340 Master Roof Kit with built-in lightening arrestor. Relieves aerial of swinging weight.

transmission line and kill the response of the system. Make certain that the connection of the two like conductors (black - black and red - red) of the transmission line are soldered to each other and make good contact with the binding posts of the lightning arrestor. If the connections are poor, the transmission line will prove noisy.

In our new No. 341 antenna transformer, in which the lightning arrestor is incorporated, the danger of a damaged lightning arrestor is very remote and the foregoing checkups are not required.

As far as broken aerial wires are concerned, these can be checked at a glance. Furthermore, in the more recent installations, wire breakage is minimized by placing the antenna transformer close to the support, and connecting same with an L-type aerial, preferably 80 to 100

L-type aerial, preferably 80 to 100 feet in length. This replaces the former unbalanced doublet, in which the antenna transformer was



Type 301A Antenna Transformer with transmission line attached.

suspended at the point where the two arms of the aerial came together, resulting in a virtual pendulum which could cause strain and gradual crystallization of the conductors in the transmission line with the swinging effect. In the present L-type aerial installations, the transfer unit mounts close to the mast, while the transmission line is protected from the wind by anchoring it to the mast. This mounting also makes the checking and repairing of the installation much easier in case trouble should develop. Meanwhile, the design of the private residence installation has been changed from an X-type aerial to a V-type aerial, to facilitate the erection and to shorten the transmission line.

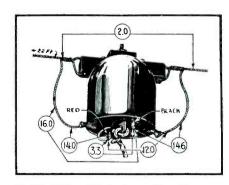
OUTLET COUPLERS

Coming down to the couplers for the outlets proper, it is extremely rare that the circuits in a coupler open up, but if doubt exists, check the circuit according to the resistance values shown in the coupler diagrams herewith, after first disconnecting same from the transmission line riser. The readings for 16c apply to our Type 302 couplers sold after April 1st, 1937, and also to all Type 318 couplers. The readings for 16d apply to all Type 325 and 326 couplers. The 16e and 16f are the latest style couplers. These couplers are identified by the catalog number stamped on each unit.

If results in any one line are less than is considered necessary for satisfactory reception, the usual fault lies in the location of the aerial proper. If several aerials are strung in the same horizontal plane. sometimes a shielding effect is present which robs one of the aerials of considerable signal strength. The usual way to overcome this condition is to change the location or direction of the faulty aerial so as to clear it of the shielding effect. If possible, elevate at least one end of the aerial, because the signal pickup increases rapidly with the effective height. Change the direction of the aerial until the best result is found. On tall buildings where space is not available due to penthouses, etc., it may be necessary to use a vertical antenna properly insulated and connected in parallel with the horizontal antenna.

After couplers are installed and connected with the transmission line, it is impossible to test the entire line for continuity. Therefore, the line should be tested for continuity and free of ground before any couplers are installed. If wire is suspected to be open, the only way to test it is by disconnecting the couplers and measuring parts of the circuit at a time. A partial break in the transmission line will be noticed through the intermittent

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Latest Type 321 Antenna Transformer. The resistance values apply also to the Type 301A units sold after Aug. 15th, 1937.

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SECTION XII

VISUAL ALIGNMENT

ALTHOUGH VISUAL alignment of radio receivers has been used almost universally in radio factories for the past ten years, this method has not been so widely adopted in the radio service field. Not that the superiority of the visual system is not realized—thousands of cathode-ray oscillographs have been bought by servicemenbut in many cases the apparatus is infrequently used simply because its operation is not thoroughly understood. It is a fascinating device to operate and there is perhaps no other instrument which can be applied to such a bewildering variety of tests; but often, in an attempt to master too many of the applications at once, the operator finds that he has mastered none. Peculiar traces may appear on the screen, often simply because some minor adjustment of the instrument or connection to the apparatus under test has not been properly made, and because he cannot immediately interpret the image, the operator becomes discouraged and puts the oscillograph aside. Yet the oscillograph is funda-mentally a relatively simple instrument, and once we see just how it operates, just what causes the images to assume such a variety of shapes, it becomes possible to make efficient use of the most scientific and accurate method of alignment yet devised.

OPERATION OF TUBE

The manner in which the cathode-ray tube operates may be understood from the diagrams of Fig. 1. In A, which is a simplified representation of the tube, a beam of electrons from the cathode shoots out and strikes the cathoderay screen, which is covered with a fluorescent substance which glows at the point where the beam strikes. Note that the beam forms only a single, glowing spot.

The beam passes between a pair of deflecting plates, P1 and P2. When no voltage is applied to these plates the cathode ray shoots forth in a straight line and strikes approximately at the center of the screen. But when a voltage is applied to the deflecting plates P1 or P2, the beam will be drawn toward the plate which is positive.

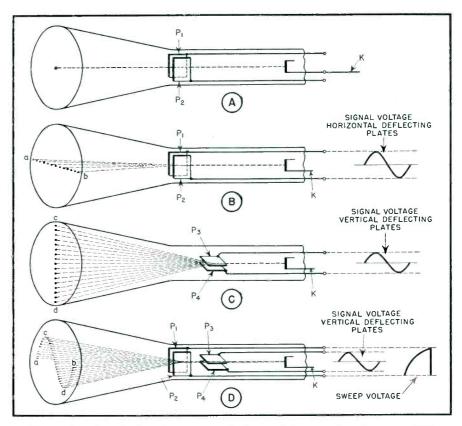


Fig. 1. How the electron beam in a cathode-ray tube is made to form a pattern.

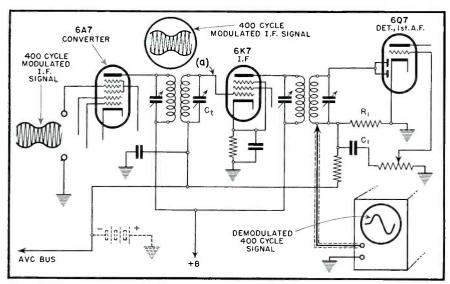


Fig. 2. Manner in which a cathode-ray oscillograph may be used as an output meter.

In the case of a d-c potential, this would cause the spot to move from the center of the screen to some point to the left or right of center, depending upon which plate is made positive. For d-c, the beam would simply take its new position and stay there. But if an a-c voltage were applied to the deflecting plates, P1 and P2, the spot would move alternately to the left and right of center, as shown in Fig. 1-B. The distance between the points a and b on the screen depends upon the alternating voltage applied to the deflecting plates. Point a corresponds to the maximum a-c peak in a positive direction and point b to a maximum a-c peak, for the same wave, in a negative direction. Since the spot travels very rapidly from points a to b, much faster than the eye can follow for frequencies greater than 10 cycles per second, it traces out a line.

Note that the plates P1 and P2 in Fig. 1-B are placed vertically either side of the beam. When the a-c wave is applied to these plates, the beam is caused to move across the screen, horizontally. These are known as the horizontal deflecting plates because they make the spot move in a horizontal plane. The plates P3 and P4, in Fig. 1-C, serve also to deflect the beam, but in a vertical direction rather than horizontally. Therefore they are known as the vertical deflecting plates. When an alternating voltage is applied to P3 and P4 the spot is caused to travel up and down on the screen, the

limits being shown in Fig. 1-C as points c and d. Again, for an a-c wave, the movement of the spot is so rapid that it appears as a line on the screen.

Thus the cathode-ray beam may be acted upon by voltages applied to either, or both, pairs of deflecting plates. In fact, the beam may also be deflected magnetically, by placing a magnet or solenoid carrying current near the neck of the tube. But in practice, at least insofar as commercial cathode-ray oscillographs available for the radio service field are concerned, provision is made for alternating voltages to be applied either to the horizontal or vertical deflecting plates

Customarily the signal voltage is applied to the vertical plates, either directly or through an amplifier, while a "sweep" voltage, generated inside the cathode-ray oscillograph, is applied to the horizontal plates. The result of the interaction of the "sweep" voltage and the signal voltage is shown in Fig. 1-D. When the sweep frequency is the same as that of the signal frequency applied to the vertical plates, a single replica of the signal wave is traced out on the screen.

Usually blocking condensers are built into the oscillograph, so that it is not convenient to apply d-c directly to the deflecting plates. This is no disadvantage, since, as stated before, d-c simply causes the spot to change position. Though this permits a rough measurement of the d-c voltage without drawing

current from the circuit, by noting the distance which a given d-c potential causes the beam to move, the same result can be achieved more accurately and conveniently with the electronic voltmeter. Furthermore, it is not advisable to let the beam remain concentrated at a single spot on the screen for any appreciable time, since it may cause the fluorescent material to flake off at that spot, particularly when an intense beam is employed.

As used in receiver aligning, the cathode-ray oscillograph serves as an output meter but, when used with the proper type of signal source, it gives an indication of the response of the circuits under test, not only at a single frequency, as is the case with the conventional type of output meter, but over a wide band of frequencies. Since the latter condition is the one in which we are most interested, because it represents the actual operating conditions when a broadcast signal is being received, visual alignment is superior.

AS OUTPUT METER

An example of the application of the cathode-ray oscillograph as a simple output meter, using a 400-cycle amplitude-modulated signal, is shown in Fig. 2. A conventional test oscillator is adjusted to produce a 400-cycle modulated signal at the intermediate frequency, which is fed to the mixer grid. The cathode-ray oscillograph vertical deflecting plates (or the vertical amplifier input) are connected across the second detector load, R1. Since the detector serves to rectify or demodulate the incoming i-f signal, only the 400cycle wave is fed to the oscillograph. The resulting single audio wave is traced out on the screen when the horizontal sweep frequency is adjusted exactly to the 400-cycle modulating frequency.

The modulated wave itself may be viewed if the oscillograph input is connected at some point ahead of the detector, such as point a (Fig. 2). It is then necessary to adjust the horizontal sweep frequency to the intermediate frequency, or some submultiple thereof, in order to obtain a stationary image. Since none of the commercial oscillograph horizontal sweeps function much above 100 kc. it is necessary to use a sub-

multiple of the i.f. For instance, if the i.f. is 450 kc, adjustment of the sweep frequency to 50 kc will cause a train of nine waves to appear across the screen. Each will have the appearance of the modulated wave shown at point a on the diagram.

Actually this form of connection has no practical value. It is necessary to make the leads from the oscillograph to the amplifier extremely short. Even then, the circuit to which the oscillograph is connected is detuned so that it is necessary to decrease the trimmer capacity to compensate—and often this cannot be done.

Even when the oscillograph is connected across R1, it is no better than an ordinary output meter when an amplitude-modulated signal is employed, at least insofar as aligning is concerned.

WOBBLED FREQUENCY

To obtain the fullest advantages of the cathode-ray oscillograph, a frequency-modulated signal must be used. This is done in the conventional setup shown in Fig. 3. The test oscillator is adjusted to produce a frequency-modulated signal, having a bandwidth of 40 to 80 kc, which is fed to the i-famplifier. The oscillograph is connected across the diode load, R1, as in the previous example, but the wave reproduced now represents the response of the amplifier over the band of frequencies encompassed by the frequency-modulated wave. It is, in fact, a resonance curve of the i-f amplifier.

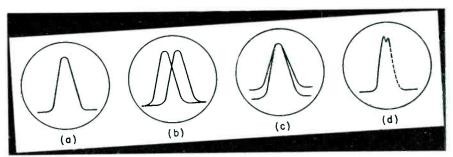


Fig. 4. Various i-f amplifier response curves.

Before we take this matter under detailed consideration, let us for a moment consider the frequency-modulated signal itself. In most commercial signal generators the frequency modulation is obtained by "wobbling" an oscillator by applying a 60-cycle wave to it. Since the amount of frequency deviation which can be secured in such manner would normally vary with the frequency to which the oscillator were adjusted, it is customary to employ a fixed-frequency oscillator, which is wobbled over a limited range, and to beat this wobbled frequency with a variablefrequency oscillator in much the same manner as is done in the superheterodyne converter. For example, in a standard type of frequency-modulated oscillator, the fixed frequency oscillator is set at 800 kc, which may be wobbled 40 kc either side of 800 kc. This signal is fed to a converter tube inside the test oscillator, where it combines with the signal produced by a variable-frequency oscillator. If the variable-frequency oscillator is adjusted to 1250 kc, a difference frequency of 1250-800 or

450 kc appears at the output terminals of the test oscillator. Since the 800-kc component of the two frequencies producing the 450-kc output is frequency modulated, the 450-kc output is also frequency modulated.

feature thus desirable The gained is that the amount of frequency modulation is always the same for the same bandwidth setting, regardless of the resulting output frequency of the test oscil-If the variable-frequency lator oscillator sections were tuned to 975 kc, beating with the 800-kc frequency-modulated signal to produce a difference frequency at the output terminals of 175 kc, the bandwidth would still be the same as was secured when the variablefrequency oscillator was adjusted, as described previously, to produce an output difference frequency of 450 kc. Actually the calibration of test oscillators of this type, which are called beat-type oscillators, is in terms of the difference frequency resulting from the beat action, except for some high-frequency ranges, where the sum frequency is sometimes employed.

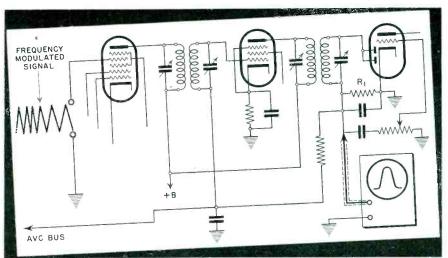


Fig. 3. The oscillograph should be used with a frequency-modulated signal for alignment purposes.

ALIGNING WITH 'SCOPE

In practice, the last i-f stage should be aligned first. This is done by feeding the signal from the test oscillator to the last i-f grid, using a blocking condenser in the same manner as described for conventional alignment last month, the only difference being that the signal is frequency modulated rather than amplitude modulated. The bandwidth of frequency modulation is adjusted to be sufficient to cover the range specified in the service notes for the receiver under test. This will normally be about 40 kc either side of the i-f frequency, except for f-m receivers where an overall bandwidth of

around 300 kc is desirable. More about this later. The oscillograph is connected across the diode load, the volume control is set at a minimum or thereabouts, to avoid overloading the a-f stages and incidentally to relieve the boredom of the "thump-thump" of the f-m signal being reproduced by the speaker. After a symmetrical curve is obtained for the last i-f stage, the test oscillator signal is fed to each preceding grid until the mixer input is reached, adjusting the associated trimmers in each i-f stage until a symmetrical overall curve is obtained. The procedure is described in greater detail in service manuals.

During the course of adjusting the trimmers, various images will appear on the cathode-ray screen. The correct response curve, for a typical i-f amplifier, is shown in Fig. 4-A. If the test oscillator should become slightly detuned, an image such as that shown in Fig. 4-B will result. In Fig. 4-C, the peaks coincide but the bases of the images do not. This is incorrect adjustment. The trimmers should be readjusted until both the peaks and the bases coincide, even though the height of the resulting image may be somewhat less than is obtained by incorrect adjustment.

Sometimes an image such as that shown in Fig. 4-D appears. This sputtery, sharp peak is characteristic of regeneration in the amplifier being adjusted. Proper alignment will not be obtained until the cause of the regeneration is found and corrected. Before blaming the set, make certain that the trouble is not due to the mode of connec-

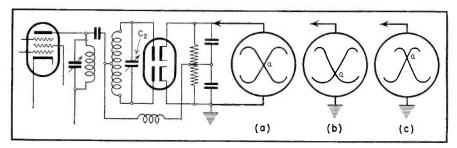


Fig. 5. Various patterns that may be obtained when aligning the discriminator in an f-m receiver.

tion of the oscillograph. Remember that there is a very strong i-f signal at the second detector load, to which the oscillograph is connected, and even a short length of unshielded wire may result in sufficient feedback to cause the amplifier under test to oscillate. The hot lead from the 'scope should be shielded right up to the connecting clip, and the shield itself should be carefully grounded to the receiver chassis.

The images discussed above result from what is known as the double-image type of trace. There are others employed, depending upon the design of the sweep circuit in the cathode-ray oscillograph, described in detail in the instruction books accompanying such apparatus. There are the single image, folded image, etc., but they all produce substantially the same ultimate result. When the double image system is not employed, improper adjustment results in a distorted curve which becomes symmetrical after the adjustments have been properly made. It should be emphasized that the proper curve is not necessarily the highest curve which is secured; when broad-band, overcoupled transformers are being aligned, the overall curve for proper adjustment will not be as high as that secured by simply peaking the stage. But it will be symmetrical. And the response will be better.

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In the case of receivers employing tuned circuits which are designed merely to be peaked, and where the circuits are undercoupled, proper alignment will be obtained when the trimmers are adjusted to produce an image of maximum height upon the cathoderay screen. In such applications, the scope acts as a simple output meter and an ordinary amplitude modulated signal may be employed just as well.

R-F ALIGNMENT

So far we have discussed i-f alignment only. It is possible to use the same method for aligning the antenna and r-f stages of the receiver, feeding the signal to each preceding stage, but changing the signal frequency to correspond to that of the required aligning frequency. This applies particularly to the broadcast band. The use of such a frequency-modulated signal for the short-wave bands often causes trouble, because the harmonics of the 800-kc (or other frequency to which the fixed-frequency oscillator in the signal generator is tuned) causes confusing beats which interfere with proper alignment. Since there is no point in using a frequency-modulated signal for alignment of r-f and antenna stages anyhow, it is better to use a conventional 400-cycle amplitude-modulated signal for such bands, particularly when the test oscillator is of a type which permits the frequency-modulated fixed oscillator to be cut out of the circuit when tuning to the extreme high-frequency bands.

However, some of the harmonics of the fixed-frequency oscillator (Continued on page 25)

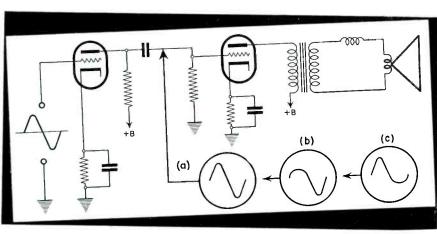


Fig. 6. Patterns show types of audio distortion.

CIRCUIT COURT

Dual Speaker System

In some of the General Electric Musaphonic receivers, a 14-inch and a 6½-inch p-m speaker are used in series connection, as shown in Fig. 1. The smaller speaker is mounted at the top of the baffle, to cut down absorption by furniture, carpets, and draperies of the high-frequency output.

Adequate distribution of high frequencies over a wide angle has been a problem because the speaker cone radiated such frequencies in the form of a beam, its width depending upon the ratio of the diameter of the cone to the

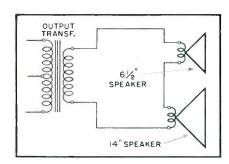


Fig. 1. Dual speakers in series connec-

wavelength of the sound radiated. The larger this ratio, the sharper the beam. If a single speaker were used, of sufficiently large diameter to make it function well for the low frequencies, the high frequencies were correspondingly restricted. Dual speakers offer the solution.

Speaker resonances are staggered to provide compensation over a wider frequency range, one filling in where the other is restricted. In the combined speakers frequency characteristics are made complementary to each other. The speakers are connected in series because the current fed to the speaker which is not resonating is reduced by the impedance rise of the one that is; this further reduces the peaking effect.

"B" Battery Eliminator

With the introduction of the G. E. Model LB-530 Self-Charging

Portable (described in this issue), emphasis is again placed on the modern type of "B" Eliminator operated from dry cells or storage battery

The circuit of the ATR Portable "B" Battery Eliminator is shown in Fig. 2. It is composed of a synchronous vibrator connected to the step-up transformer T, the combined hash and ripple filter L2-L3 and its associated filter condensers, and a socket and switch terminal providing the choice of dry-cell or storage-battery operation. The complete unit is small enough to fit into the average dry-cell type receiver.

Hum Bucker

In the Emerson Model EX-386, a 20,000-ohm bleeder, R9, is connected from the cathode of the 35Z5 rectifier to the high side of the 50I.6 cathode resistor R10, as shown in Fig. 3

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We would venture the guess that the effect of this bleeder is two-fold; first, it provides a semi-fixed bias on the beam-power tube which is independent of the self-bias, and would permit a greater undistorted power output, and, second, introduces a hum voltage across the unbypassed cathode resistor that is out of phase with the self-developed hum voltage, thus introducing a degree of cancella-

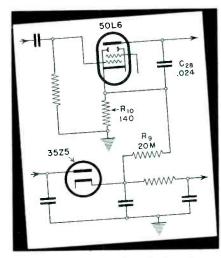


Fig. 3. Bleed through cathode resistor from input of power supply.

tion and a lower hum voltage on the grid of the 50L6.

Mixer-Dubber-Fader

The Howard Model 302-RA Console Phono-Radio-Recorder is equipped with a combined recorder and automatic record changer plus an additional phonograph pickup and turntable so that home- or commercial records can be "dubbed" or copied on the recorder unit. Provisions are also made for mixing, so that voice or music can be interjected.

The circuit of the mixing-dub-(Continued on page 30)

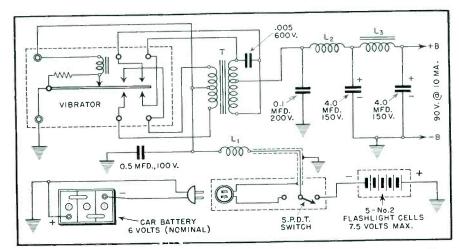


Fig. 2. Circuit of ATR Portable "B"-Battery Eliminator. Operates from storage battery or dry cells.

Set of the Month -

GENERAL ELECTRIC LB-530 Self-Charging Portable



SOMETHING NEW in the way of indoor-outdoor radios is the General Electric Model LB-530 Self-Charging Portable—a receiver designed around the principles of a car radio, but using a compact, 2volt, 20 ampere-hour, non-spillable storage battery. It may be operated directly from any a-c line, during which time the battery is on trickle charge, or operated from the battery alone which thereafter may be replenished by placing the receiver back on a-c operation or, if the battery has been well drained, placing a switch on "Charge" position and restoring the battery to full charge overnight, from the a-c outlet.

SPECIFICATIONS

The receiver uses five tubes, has two i-f stages, a 5-inch p-m dynamic speaker, a tuning range of 550 to 1750 kc, and an output of 225 milliwatts. The power unit, including the storage battery, charging transformer, copper-oxide rectifiers, synchronous vibrator, filters, etc., is self-contained. A supplementary cable (Model LM-1) is available so that the receiver battery can be charged from the 6-volt battery in an auto (or the receiver operated from this source of power).

The receiver power consumption is 1.3 amps at 2.1 volts, or 2.7 It draws 1.4 amps at 6

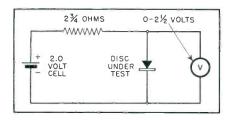


Fig. 2. Circuit for testing copper-oxide rectifier discs.

volts when charging from a car battery; and 6 watts when charging from a 50-60 cycle a-c line.

THE CIRCUIT

The circuit is shown in Fig. 5, on the opposite page. Normally, the receiver is loop-operated, but an external antenna, L7, in loop form, is provided for additional pickup in locations where signal levels are low.

The signal circuits of the set are. on the whole, conventional, but it should be noted that resistancecapacity coupling is used between the second i-f stage and diode detector—an unusual arrangement. The 47,000-ohm resistor **R6** serves as the diode load at i.f. The total d-c load is composed of R6 and R1 (the volume control) in series. Automatic control voltage is taken from the midpoint of these two re-

It should also be noted that bias for the 1Q5GT output tube is supplied by a 5-volt bias-cell assembly, B1, connected in series with the grid resistor R9.

The power-supply portion of the circuit is controlled by a 4-position switch, the positions being "Off," "Battery," "AC," and "Charge." The operation of the switch can be readily traced by reference to the Selector Switch Chart, just to the left of the diagram of Fig. 5.

All power necessary for the operation of the receiver is supplied by the 2-volt storage battery. The tube filaments are heated directly, while the necessary high voltage for the plates and screens of the tubes is furnished by the synchronous vibrator V1, used in conjunction with the step-up transformer T2 and its associated filter circuit.

The battery-charging unit consists of the step-down transformer T3, which has an output of 5.5 volts a-c, and the full-wave copper-oxide rectifier X1, which supplies the storage battery with a d-c charging current.

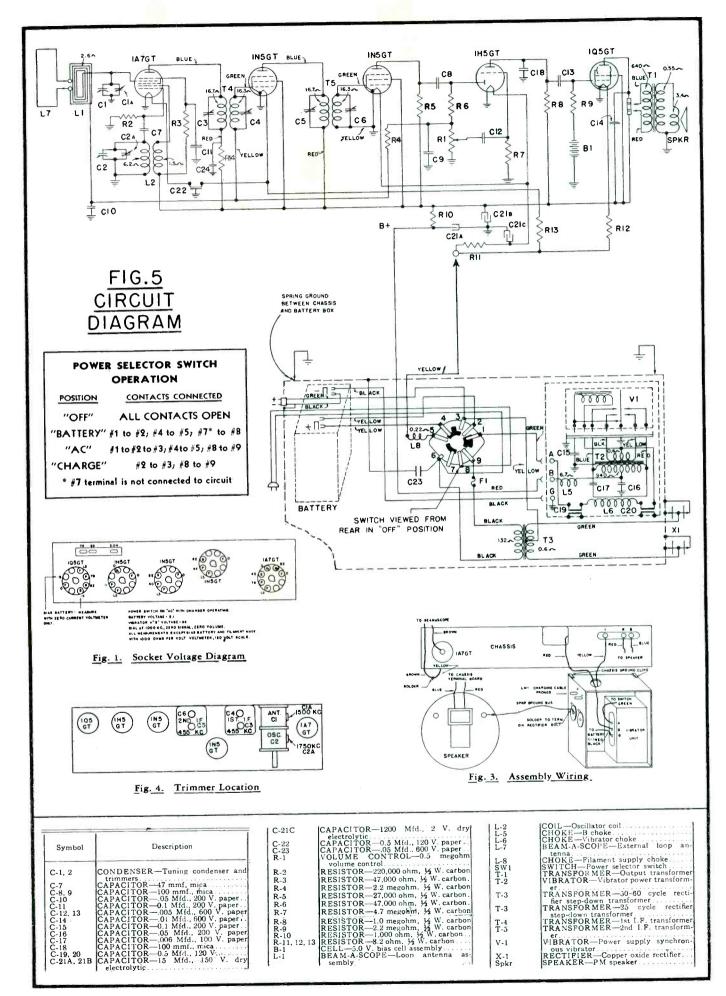
The degree of charge of the battery can be determined by the removal of the back cover of the receiver and referring to the charge ball indicator visible through a hole in the battery case. If the battery is fully charged, the red, white and green balls are visible at the surface of the liquid in the battery. As the battery discharges, first the green, then the white, and finally the red ball will sink and disappear, indicating a 10 percent, a 50 percent and a 90 percent discharge, respectively. On charge, the balls rise or float in the reverse order.

CHARGER CHARACTERISTICS

A 1/4-ampere fuse is used in series with the primary of the charger transformer. If the battery does not take a charge, this fuse should be checked, and replaced if blown.

If one or more of the copperoxide discs of the rectifier unit are defective, the charger will not operate properly. To test the rectifier unit operation, proceed as follows: Remove the two black leads from the negative terminal of the battery (See Fig. 3) and connect a d-c ammeter which will read 2 amps, in series with these leads to the negative terminal of the battery. Plug power cord into an a-c outlet and turn the selector switch to the "Charge" position. With the line voltage at 117, the average charging current should be about 1.35 amps at 2.1 volts. If the cur-

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Shop Motes

G.E. MODELS 60 & 80 Audio Howl

Audio howl is usually traceable to the 6Y6G audio driver tube. In making new tube replacements, it may be necessary to try several before a quiet tube is found.

Drift-Proof Adjustment

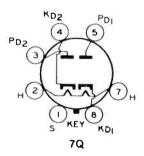
A method of setting up broadcast station automatic selector buttons which will assure drift-proof adjustment is to screw the iron core all the way out and then turn slowly inward until the desired station is tuned in.

Speaker Connections

The black speaker lead should be con-The black speaker lead should be connected to the 10-inch speaker terminal which is grounded to the speaker frames. When replacing a speaker, make sure of the proper phasing. With the speaker terminal boards facing each other, the interconnecting leads should be crossed.

RCA 12H6 Tube

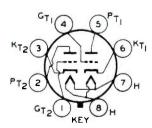
The 12H6 is a twin diode similar to type 6H6 except for its heater rating of 12.6 volts and 0.15 ampere. It is particularly adaptable to receivers having series heater circuits.



Socket connections are shown in the accompanying drawing.

RCA 12SN7-GT Tube

The 12SN7-GT is a single-ended, twintriode amplifier having separate cathode terminals for each triode unit. It is recom-



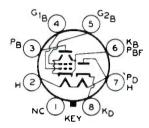
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mended for use in resistance-coupled circuits as a voltage amplifier or phase inverter. Since this tube has separate cathodes which are brought out to terminals in the base, it offers much greater flex-ibility from the circuit designer's standpoint than do other twin triodes having only a single cathode connection.

Socket connections are shown in the accompanying drawing.

RCA 117P7-GT Tube

The 117P7-GT is a combination halfwave rectifier and beam-power amplifier similar to type 117N7-GT but having a somewhat lower power output.

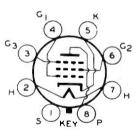


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Socket connections are shown in the accompanying drawing.

RCA 6SS7 Tube

The 6SS7 is a remote cut-off, r-f amplifier pentode of the single-ended metal type having a 6.3-volt, 0.15-ampere heater. This new tube provides for a further degree of flexibility in the design of acceptage receivers utilizing single ended metal. dc receivers utilizing single-ended metal tubes, where the total heater voltage of a complement of 0.15-ampere types here-tofore available would exceed 117 volts.



BN

Socket connections are shown in the accompanying drawing.

STROMBERG-CARLSON NO. 555 Service Notes

The servicing data provided for the No. 455 may be used for the No. 555. These receivers are essentially the same except for the following changes:—The f-m band coverage is 42 to 50 mc; the f-m i-f frequency is 4.3 mc; r-f aligning points for f-m band are 48 and 43 mc; one 6AB7 r-f tube replaces one 6SK7 r-f tube.

Voltage Table Changes

Terminal No. 8 of the 6SA7 modulatoroscillator should read zero.

Terminal No. 8 of the 6AC7 first i-f

tube (fm and am) should read plus 240

Terminal No. 8 of the 6SI7 limiter tube (fm) should read plus 100 volts.

WELLS-GARDNER 6C17, 6C18 Improved Performance

To secure improved performance, the following changes are made in issue B chassis:

The oscillator grid resistor is increased from 20,000 ohms to 40,000 ohms. The r-f plate resistor is decreased from 20,000 ohms to 15,000 ohms.

The r-f screen is disconnected from the modulator screen and connected to the 1-f plate. In the Series 6C18 only, the modulator screen resistor is increased from 10,000 ohms to 12,000 ohms.

WELLS-GARDNER SERIES 6D3-1 Eliminating Oscillation

When an especially high-gain i-f tube is used for replacement in some of the later production of Models O4WG-610 & 611, some trouble may be experienced with oscillation at the low-frequency end of the dial, or in extreme cases over the entire

dial.

To eliminate this condition, a 170-ohm, 0.25-watt resistor should be connected between the cathode of the 12SK7 i-f tube and B—. Some late production models are factory-equipped with this resistor.

WELLS-GARDNER AUTO RADIOS Reducing Ignition Noise

If excessive motor noise is encountered in the cars listed below, the procedure given, in addition to the regular steps taken for the suppression of motor noise, may prove helpful.

Pontiac-1940

These cars have an under-seat heater hose which must be shielded to reduce radiated interference. This heater hose must be wrapped with braided shielding starting at the motor block, continuing through the motor compartment and for about one foot under the car body. Ground this shielding at both ends.

Ford

In some models the battery wire to the heater and the low-tension wire to the distributor are run through the same condistributor are run through the same conduit that carries the spark-plug wires. Remove the heater wire and low-tension distributor wire from this conduit and run them over separately to the heater and distributor, adequately spaced from the conduit which carries the spark-plug wires.

Studebaker-1941

Ground the radiator core and place the heater hose as close as possible to the

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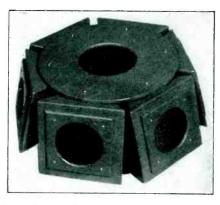
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both units as a high-quality full-range mike. By American Microphone Co., Inc., 1915 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. (Continued on page 33)

MASTER ANTENNAS

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increasing and decreasing of signal strength usually accompanied by loud crashes.

It seems hardly necessary to warn against the operation of two or more sets on a given radio outlet. yet that is a frequent source of trouble. Very definitely, there should be a radio outlet for each set. Two or more sets will not operate satisfactorily on one outlet, especially so if one or both happen to be ac-dc sets which often cause troublesome interference.

Then there is the question of operating f-m sets on the usual master antenna system. Such sets will operate, but perhaps not up to expectations, because of the more special antenna requirements for such reception. With the older installations it will be necessary to change the antenna transformer and even perhaps the aerial layout to avoid shielding effects. Also new a.m.-f.m. combination outlets may have to be installed. In this connection it is well to note that our present master antenna system is designed for either a-m or f-m reception, with a choice of terminals provided at each outlet. Unless you note the availability of terminals plainly marked FM, the system is not adaptable to f-m reception, although improvised reception may perhaps be had, depending on many circumstances.

BACKGROUND NOISE

Lastly, as for background noises, that is something rarely experienced with a properly installed and maintained system. At the time of installation the contractor has adequate ways and means of suppressing any troublesome noise sources, while the system itself effectively avoids or at least cancels out inductive interference. Particularly is this true of metropolitan areas, with powerful broadcasting stations close at hand, and where master antenna systems are most prolific.

Of course noises can always reach the set quite independently of the master antenna system proper. Too often the radio set may be connected to the outlet through long leads, in which case such leads may pick up electrical disturbances which have otherwise been avoided or cancelled out by the master antenna system. Therefore it is good practice, with the master antenna system — and, for

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that matter, with any kind of noise-reducing antenna system—to keep the connections between receiver and outlet as short as possible, even if this means moving the set to a less desirable location. Remember, too, that inductive interference can also reach the set over the power line, in which case a line filter may be required.

However, if the background noises persist despite all you can do with the master antenna system itself, then you will have to check up on the electrical equipment in the vicinity and proceed to clear up the noise source in conventional ways. Such noise sources may have developed after the master antenna system was installed, and therefore constitute an entirely new situation.

All in all, however, the master antenna system is one of the least of the headaches in the servicing game. Properly installed, it will perk along for years, provided it isn't unduly disturbed. Particularly so with the recent installations, in which further engineering progress has just about eliminated whatever "bugs" that were encountered in the earlier art.

931 PHOTOTUBE

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to reach the photocathode or the initial dynode stages, they would cause the emission of spurious electrons which after multiplication would produce undesirable and often uncontrollable regeneration.

Convenient control of amplification can be obtained with slight sacrifice in sensitivity through defocusing the electron paths by making the voltage step of one dynode unequal to that of others.

PRECAUTION

In the use of the 931, as with other tubes requiring high voltages, these high voltages may appear at points in the circuit, which are normally at a low potential, due to defective circuit parts or to incorrect circuit connections. Therefore, before any part of the circuit is touched, the power supply switch should be turned off and both ter-

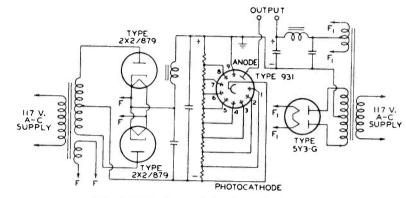


Fig. 4. Typical circuit for the 931 phototube.

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minals of any charged condensers grounded. The high voltages involved are dangerous. Also, the use of a protective resistor having a minimum value of 10,000 ohms in the output circuit is recommended as a desirable procedure to prevent possible damage to circuit components during adjustment.

For sensitive measurements and in applications where a low signalto-noise ratio is important, the circuit of Fig. 4 is satisfactory. In this circuit, the d-c power supply is arranged so that the dynode voltages are furnished by the 2X2/879 rectifiers while the anode-stage voltage is supplied by the 5Y3-G rectifier. The equal-step potentials for the dynodes are provided by a tapped voltage-divider resistor connected across the output of the high-voltage power supply. The bleeder current through this resistor will depend on the voltage regulation required by the application, but generally the current in the divider should be about 10 times the maximum output of the multiplier phototube.

APPLICATIONS

Because of its small size, rugged construction, enormous sensitivity, low noise level, low dark current, and freedom from distortion, the 931 has practical application in light-operated relays, in sound re-

production from films, in facsimile transmission, and in research involving low light levels. It will unquestionably find wide use in the commercial field in the near future, and it's well that you understand its operation now.

SERVICEMAN'S DIARY

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a girl-and a swell dancer-who had sewed up my finger when she

was an interne at the hospital. "Never mind," I said. "Maybe I had better handle this after all. These noise problems can't be handled by ordinary salesmen, like you.

I hopped in the car and was over at the doctor's house in five minutes. I rang the bell and a trained nurse let me in.

The doctor wants the set put up on the third floor," she said. "I don't see how you're going to manage it alone. The stairs are steep and there's no man here to

help you."
"Don't let that worry you," I remarked. "I'm stronger than you

think.

But it was no easy job. I took the chassis and speaker out of the cabinet and brought them up separately. But the cabinet was awkward to handle. I worked up a real sweat on the job and was pretty tired when I finished. Luckily, it played quietly after I got it installed. I called the nurse and

showed her how to work it.
"You know," I told her, "I used to be one of the doctor's patients. She sewed up my finger when she

was an interne at the hospital."
"Is that so?" she answe she answered. "That must have been some time ago. The doctor is now a g-u specialist and takes only women patients.

This was not good news. I wanted to talk to her-and pri-

'But I have an ailment which is right down her alley," I told her, "and I'd like to see her in her office.

'In the first place," she laughed, the doctor is not in. And do you

know what 'g-u' stands for?''
"Why," I answered, "general utility, I suppose. And, if that's the case, it certainly covers the field pretty well."
"Not quite," she answered, "it

means 'genito-urinary'.

There didn't seem to be any point in carrying the conversation any further along that line. So I left and went back to the shop.

PORTFOLIO

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may be put to good use. This is the case when aligning the i-f stages of f-m receivers. Here a 300-kc bandwidth, at frequencies of from 2.1 to around 11 mc, may be required. While the average f-m oscillator will not produce a bandwidth of anywhere near this amount at the fundamental frequency, the use of harmonics will automatically give a wider band. Thus, for an 800-kc oscillator frequency modulated plus or minus 40 kc, the overall band would extend from 760 to 840 kc on fun-But the fourth hardamentals. monic of 800 kc would be 3200 kc. and of 760 and 840 would be, respectively, 3040 and 3360, so that the bandwidth becomes four times as great, or 320 kc; ample for f-m alignment purposes.

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cillator and shunting the tuned circuit of the frequency-modulated oscillator with a variable condenser, increasing the capacity until the frequency is lowered to the point where a harmonic is equal to the i.f. desired. The variablefrequency oscillator may be rendered temporarily inoperative to avoid spurious beats. This is a little inconvenient, it must be admitted. but, after all, there are no test oscillators on the market, insofar as we know, which are capable of producing an f-m signal of the proper characteristics for the alignment of the newer f-m sets. And by this means satisfactory results can be secured.

F-M ALIGNMENT

In Fig. 5, the connections and the resulting images secured in the process of aligning an f-m discriminator-detector circuit are illustrated. The same results would likewise have been secured from the discriminator in an afc circuit. Note that the 'scope is connected across the discriminator load. When a wide-band, frequencymodulated signal is fed to the i-f amplifier, the resulting output of the discriminator should conform to that shown in Fig. 5-A. The lines should be straight near the crossover point and the crossover should be approximately in the cen-The central position is secured by adjustment of the secondary trimmer, which is quite critical, and the straightness-and to a certain extent the height-is dependent upon correct adjustment of the primary trimmer, which is not at all critical. Improper adjustment of the secondary and primary trimmers is shown in Fig. 5-B; of the secondary alone, in Fig. 5-C.

In some sets distortion of the types noted in Figs. 6-B and 6-C is commonly experienced. These result from an audio signal, as shown. When 6-A is normal, 6-B indicates the result when overload causes grid current over one-half cycle; while 6-C shows the result when the other half cycle is affected. In either case, overload is occurring and, if the signal is not too strong, a defect in the stage under test is indicated.

FARNSWORTH P-2

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To adjust, set the record drop. shelves for 12" records and have record changer in playing position. Loosen Lock Nut 99-11-6 (these are part of 56-153) and adjust Screw 99-18-15 until the needle drops 5-7/8" from the center of the Record Spindle. Be sure nut 99-11-6 is tightened after adjustment is made.

Adjustment of Tone Arm 71-12 (Fig. 1)

With records on the shelves, the top of the pickup arm at the highest point in its return should be 3/16" below the bottom of the bottom record on the shelves.

Adjustment-Loosen Lock Nut 99-13-5. Adjust Screw 99-26-17 parts of 66346 (Fig. 2) to secure proper clearance. Be sure Lock Nut is retightened.

With the tone arm 71-12 off the record and off the rest, the needle should clear the top of the base plate from 3/16" to 5/16". Adjustment is made by bending the front lip of 64219 (Fig. 4)

The Pickup Brush 6725 (Fig. 4) should be adjusted so the needle pressure is from 2 oz. to $2-\frac{1}{4}$ oz.

Trip Mechanism—(Fig. 5)

The proper adjustment of the Trip Mechanism is, when the needle is $1-\frac{7}{8}$ " from the center of the record spindle, the Trip Finger 46287 (Fig. 5) trips the Starting Lever Release Trip 07-31 (Fig.

To adjust tension, loosen Bristol Set Screw 99-28-30 in Upper Collar 43185 (Fig. 5). Turn collar counterclockwise to increase friction (if changer does not trip at end of record) and clockwise to decrease friction (if changer trips before the end of the record). There should never be any more friction than is necessary to move Starting Lever Release Trip 64215 (Fig. 6) off the end of the Starting Lever 13-38 (Fig. 6).

Excessive friction will cause a loud click each revolution of the turntable after a part of the record has been played.

Starting Pin 34309 and Starting Lever 13-38 (Fig. 6)

The Starting Pin 34309 (Fig. 6) is normally driven into the Spindle Gear 57-8 (Fig. 6) until the square end projects about 1/8", and should engage the end of the Starting Lever 13-38 to allow the teeth of the Main Cam to mesh with the Spindle Gear without topping. Two adjustments are possible if the teeth do not engage properly, either drive the Starting Pin in further or bend the end of the Starting Lever.

Motor Speed

Due to commercial tolerances it is impossible to secure motors which will run at exactly 78.26 rpm. The Farnsworth limits are from 76.59 rpm to 80.00 rpm.

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No further lubrication of the tone arm bearing will be necessary unless a replacement is made. In this case a thin film of vaseline may be

used.

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Use only a good grade of machine oil with a viscosity of SAE

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rent is much less than this value at the rated line of 117 volts, one or more of the copper-oxide discs

may be defective.

To check individual discs, the following tests are suggested. In the conducting direction, the rectifier disc should pass 0.5 ampere or more when 0.5 volt is impressed across the disc. Note: The copper-oxide rectifier disc conducts when the positive potential is applied to the copper oxide surface. The copper oxide is a dark blue coating and is plated with nickel to afford good surface contact.

If a d-c ammeter is not available for measuring currents as high as 0.5 ampere, the circuit shown in Fig. 2 can be used for this check. This method requires that the resistance of 2.75 ohms be made fairly accurate. It is placed in series with the rectifier disc and the two placed across the 2-volt storage battery. The voltage should always read 0.5 volt or less; if the voltage exceeds 0.5 volt across the disc in this circuit, it indicates a defective disc.

The reverse current flow is as important as the above test and is made as follows: Reverse the battery polarity in the test circuit of Fig. 2 and place a 0-10 milliammeter in series with a lead to one of the battery terminals. This reverse current should not exceed 2.5 ma at the applied 2 volts. If the current is considerably above this value the disc should be discarded. Precaution—A suitable meter fuse should be used in series with the milliammeter to prevent

possible damage in case the disc under test is shorted.

A rough check, if a milliammeter is not available, is to measure the resistance of the disc in the non-conducting direction on the low-resistance tap (1.5 v.) of an ohmmeter. The resistance should measure at least 750 ohms.

Before the receiver chassis can be removed from the cabinet, it is necessary to first remove the battery-vibrator case. The battery case is held in place by four screws reached from the bottom of the cabinet. The chassis is held by two Phillips screws located on the control panel. See Fig. 3 for interconnections.

ALIGNMENT

Turn volume control to maximum, set test oscillator to 455 kc and keep output low. Apply signal to 1A7GT converter grid through a .05-mfd condenser and align progressively the trimmers on the 2nd and 1st i-f transformers, as shown in Fig. 4.

For r-f alignment, set test oscillator to 1750 kc and loosely couple



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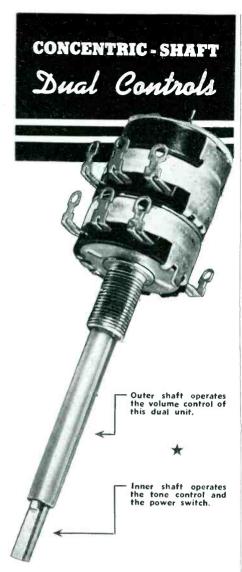
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a wire from the output terminal of the test oscillator so that the receiver loop will pick up the signal. Set the gang condenser to minimum capacity and adjust the oscillator trimmer C2A (See Fig. 4) to receive the signal. After that has been done, set the test oscillator to 1500 kc and tune it in on the receiver. Then adjust the r-f trimmer C1A for maximum output. In case of bent plates in the gang condenser, set the test oscillator and receiver to 600 kc and bend plates into the position for maximum output.

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bing-fading arrangement is shown in Fig. 4. The volume-control potentiometer R controls the microphone gain. The mixer volume control R1-R2 permits the mixing of voice or music from the mike with the output from radio or phonograph. Since R1 and R2 are separate controls, fading from one input to the other can also be accomplished. The 500,000-ohm resistors

changer is used for phonograph reproduction—or the manual turntable used for playing single records—the pickup output is fed to the 6Q7GT grid through switch SW. When the record changer is used for recording, switch SW is used to select radio or phonograph input to the audio amplifier, the volume being controlled by potentiometer R2. Then, if desired, mike input can be interjected through control R1.

Delayed Control Bias

To obtain maximum sensitivity for DX reception and its resultant aid in locating weak stations, a delayed automatic control bias arrangement is employed in the Truetone Model D1042 receiver.

The portion of the circuit involved is shown in Fig. 5. Since a small degree of control bias is developed by the diode due to contact potential, a small positive voltage is introduced into the avc bus to counteract it, by virtue of the 40-meg resistor R10 connected

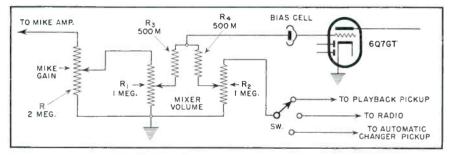


Fig. 4. Mixer-dubber-fader circuit.

R3 and R4 serve to isolate the mixer controls R1 and R2 and to prevent the grounding of the 6Q7GT grid through one or the other of the controls, which would otherwise be the case were one of the controls set at minimum volume.

When the automatic record

from B plus to the avc line.

The delayed action affects the r-f, converter and 1st i-f tubes; its influence on the 2nd i-f tube is negligible as this tube carries a negative voltage of 1.3 obtained from the drop across a 13-ohm resistor in the negative leg of the power supply circuit.

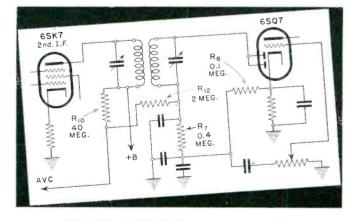


Fig. 5. Delay bias is fed from the plate supply to the avc line through the 40-meg resistor.

NEWS

Tie-Up—Working toward a closer tie-up with servicemen for mutual benefit, J. B. Conley, general manager of WOWO-WGL, Fort Wayne, Ind., has made the studios available to a local servicemen's group for its monthly meeting. An entire year's program of meetings is being worked out, featuring movies, lectures and discussions. The group held its first meetdiscussions. The group held its more meeting April 25th, with about 140 serviceing April 25th, attendance. The tie-up men and Hams in attendance. The tie-up can be attributed directly to the cooperation between servicemen and WOWO-WGL during the Radio Moving Day promotion.

Merger-E. N. Rauland, head of the Rau-

Merger—E. N. Rauland, head of the Rauland Corporation, announces the purchase of the Sound Division of the Webster-Chicago Corp. The new trade name will be Webster-Rauland.
C. P. Cushway, previously General Sales Manager of Webster-Chicago, joins Webster-Rauland as Vice President and Sales Manager. R. M. Gray becomes Assistant Sales Manager and J. R. Fredrickson Advertising Manager.

Expansion—Adjoining their already extensive quarters in Bayonne, N. J., the Solar Mfg. Corp. has recently erected a warehouse for raw materials, thus releasing substantial additional factory space which will be devoted to increased production of oil condensers.

The largest backlog of orders in Solar's history, including substantial defense contracts receiving preferential treatment, has also made it necessary for the Corpora-tion to lease additional space in nearby Jersey City. This new plant will produce Jersey City. This new plant will produce mica transmitting condensers exclusively.

APPOINTMENTS

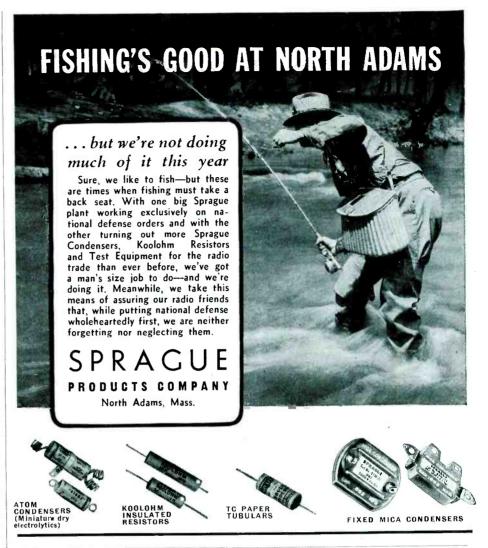
Edward M. Bieber has been appointed Sales Promotion Manager of the Recoton Corporation, New York City. He is planning a tour throughout the states in the interests of Recoton.

Roy S. Laird has been appointed Sales Manager for the Ohmite Mfg. Co., Chicago. Mr. Laird has been with the Company five years as Sales Engineer.

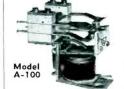
Audio Development Co., Minneapolis, recently appointed Norman B. Neely Enterprises exclusive agents for several Western States.

Frank B. Koessler is the newest member of the sales staff of Norman B. Neely Enterprises. Mr. Koessler will handle radio parts and equipment sales.

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Solar Mfg. Corp. announces the return to their organization of Sylvan A. Wolin as Sales Promotion Manager.

NEW LITERATURE

Test Equipment—Radio City Products Co., 88 Park Place, New York, N. Y., have in preparation their new Catalog No. 125 detailing some fifty models of test equipment, including special units for electrical service-testing.



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the lower ranges.

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Antenna Manual—Premax Products Division, Chisholm-Ryder Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y., announces the 1941 Edition of the Premax Antenna Manual, edited by Arthur H. Lynch. There are 32 pages of data on rotary beams, vertical radiators, f-m antennas, marine antennas. vertical beams, extended double Zepp, commercial antennas, and police antennas. Also the story of the antennas at W2USA, the New York World's Fair Ham Station. Price 25 cents.

Electrical Products—The Ideal Commutator Dresser Co., 1270 Park Ave., Sycamore, Ill., have issued their 25th Anniversary catalog of 24 pages. Copy from manufacturer on request.

P-A Catalog—A new 48-page catalog devoted exclusively to sound equipment and including the new Lafayette line for 1941-2 has been issued by the Lafayette Radio Corp., 100 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y. Covers 25 amplifier models and approximately 75 completely coordinated sound systems. All salient facts are presented in tabular form for quick reference. Technical specifications of all amplifiers are also presented in this form. Copy on request to Lafayette.

Cinaudagraph Speakers—New 8-page catalog covering the complete line of speakers and speaker systems produced by

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P-A Guide—Allied Radio Corp., 833 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, through the medium of their new Spring and Summer Catalog, has provided an easy-to-understand chart covering all p-a applications, including Churches, Schools, Auditoriums, etc., for computing the area to be covered in square feet, wattage required in amplifier, size of speakers needed, etc.

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Sound Equipment—Emco Radio Products, Inc., 78 Reade St., New York, N. Y.,



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Audiograph Catalog—A new catalog, showing the complete line of 1941 model Audiograph Sound Systems, has just been issued by John Meck Industries, 1313 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Fully illustrated to show all models available, this catalog contains list prices and is designed to serve as an aid to the dealer in selling to the consumer. Copy on request.

Service Notes—Volume IV of Emerson Service Notes is now available at 50 cents a copy from Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp., 111 Eighth Ave., New York, N. Y. The 84 pages cover Chassis Models CA to CZ inclusive.

Tube Complement Book—A new Sylvania Radio Tube Complement Book, 1941 Edition, containing tube and panel lamp data for 16,730 radio models with 100,380 sockets is now being released by the Sylvania Radio Tube Division of the Hygrade Sylvania Corporation, Emporium, Pa. The price is 35 cents.

The book has two-tone blue cover, contains 272 pages of tube replacement data, 586 trade names of receivers, including all current makes as well as those no longer being manufactured.

Amplifier Manual—Amplifier Company of America, 19 West 20th St., New York, N. Y., has published a 32-page Direct-



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NATIONAL DEFENSE FRONT

Defense Market—A huge new market for virtually all radio test equipment and other merchandise handled by RCA Tube and Equipment Distributors has been opened up by the tremendous expansion of industry under the National Defense Program, according to Bill Bohlke, RCA's Director of Test Equipment Merchandising

Mr. Bohlke has just returned from a four-week trip through seven far Western states, during which he met with more than 300 Tube and Equipment Distributors and their representatives in popular "Know Your Stuff" meetings, and in other informal aatherings. W. H. "Win" Allen, of the RCA Field Organization Headquarters staff, accompanied him.

Thave discovered on this and other extensive trips into the field that the Tube and Equipment Distributors who have not neglected to maintain the proper local contacts are uncovering almost undreamed of business in industries of all types," Mr. Bohlke said. "This, of course, in addition to the expanding activity in normal radio business.

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Mr. Bohlke characterized as "very successful" the series of "Know Your Stuff" meetings held for tube and equipment personnel during his trip. Such gatherings were held in California. Oregon, Washington, Texas, and Colorado.

NEW PRODUCTS

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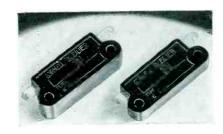
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SHOP NOTES

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RCA RECEIVER ALIGNMENT To Reduce I-F Regeneration

RCA Service Notes generally specify "stage-by-stage" i-f alignment. This procedure must be followed (when using an output meter) in order to prevent i-f regeneration or oscillation. The procedure is as follows:

Connect the signal generator through .01 mfd to the grid of the i-f tube. Adjust the primary and the secondary of the 2nd i-f transformer for maximum peak out-

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for alignment, the i-f trimmers should be adjusted for coincidence rather than peak output. Regeneration shows up as tapering peaks at the bottom of one side of the resonance curve.

RCA EXTENDED-FREQUENCY SETS Alignment at 1720 kc

On models that cover the frequency range of 540 to 1720 kc, the Service Data specifies a definite alignment procedure to obtain (1) Frequency coverage up to 1720 kc, (2) Maximum sensitivity at 1500 kc. This procedure is as follows:

Feed a 1720-kc signal into the receiver. Turn the gang condenser to minimum capacity (rotor all out). Adjust the oscillator shunt trimmer in the receiver for peak output on the 1720-kc signal.

Feed a 1500-kc signal into the receiver.

Feed a 1500-kc signal into the receiver, and tune the receiver to pick up the signal, even though it may not come in at exactly 1500 kc on the dial. Then adjust the antenna circuit trimmer for maximum output.

RCA 6L6 INSTANTANEOUS PLATE-VOLTAGE

According to RCA Application Note No. 110, during the past eighteen months, the RCA-6L6 has been manufactured with a "barrier" wafer base, which, together with the "glass button" seal employed in present-day metal tubes, enables this tube to withstand instantaneous voltages between its plate and cathode as high as 5000 volts, provided the tube is operated in typical circuits where its rated d-c potentials and dissipations are not exceeded.

It should be emphasized that the ability of the 6L6 to withstand a surge voltage of 5000 volts applies only for surges of extremely short duration. When a sustained 60-cycle voltage is applied to the plate circuit of a 6L6, breakdown usually occurs at a peak voltage of 3000 to 4000 volts.

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While the 6L6 as initially manufactured met the contemporary requirements for a "heavy-duty" receiving tube, later demands involved the ability of this tube to withstand momentarily high voltages in its plate circuit. Such voltages may be caused by transients occurring in a high-power audio amplifier which lacks the plate-load compensating network usually desirable for high-impedance output tubes. The resistance-capacitance method of compensation is effective not only in correcting the fidelity characteristic but also in preventing transients from producing excessive

swings of plate voltage.

A second example of a circuit which subjects a tube to high instantaneous plate voltages is the horizontal scanning circuit of television receivers using magnetic deflection. In general, in these circuits, the 6L6 has been used to supply sawtooth current to the deflection coils. The sudden change of current in these coils induces a high voltage in the plate circuit of the 6L6 during the return time of the sawtooth wave. Often, this voltage is as high as 3000 volts. The improved 6L6 meets this condition with a large factor of safety, a statement confirmed by the satisfactory results obtained in practical operating tests.

The large factor of safety of the improved 6L6 is provided by a button-stem seal in which the length of insulation be-tween leads has been greatly increased over that of the original bead seals, and by a barrier type of base in which the insulating paths between the staked ends of the base pins have been augmented by radial barriers molded in the insulating

RCA QU2-C, QU2-M Correction in Schematic

In the Service Data for Models QU2-C. QU2-M, the 2.2 meg avc resistor should be connected to "B" on the 2nd i-f transformer.

In some production runs the audio coupling capacitor is changed from .0025 mfd to .01 mfd. Also. in the QU2-M magmetic pickup connection, the .035 mfd capacitor is changed to .05 mfd.

RCA V-301, V-302 Mechanical Motor Noise

Mechanical motor noise due to armature end play sometimes develops with wear in the above instruments which use type RP-153 record changers. This can be eliminated by tightening the armature thrust bearings. Care should be taken to avoid making them too tight which will cause binding.

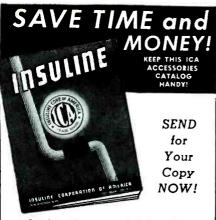
RCA REPLACEMENT STUDS For Main Lever, Cam-and-Gear, or Trip Pawl

In automatic record changers of the RP-139A, 145, 152, 153, 155, and similar types, loosening of the mounting studs on which the main lever, cam-and-gear, or trip pawl are pivoted may be caused by jam-ming of the main lever against the pawl ming of the main lever against the pawipin at the end of the change cycle due to one or more of the following reasons:

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Check for bent arm on main lever.
(b) After being cleared out of the way, the trip pawl bounces back due to vibra-tion (dancing near mechanism, etc.) Check the trip-pawl phosphor-bronze spring for "drag" or pressure against the nawl



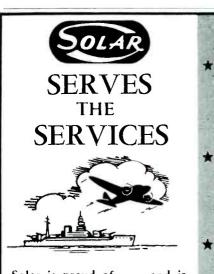
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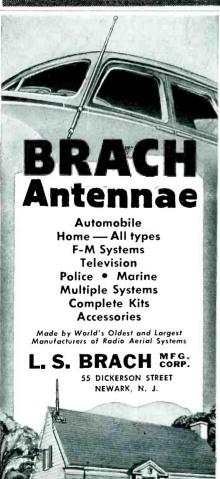
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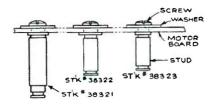
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(c) The index lever is put into "Reject" position while the mechanism is still in its change cycle. Caution customer against this.



Loose studs may be quickly and easily replaced by using special replacement studs that are fastened to the motorboard by means of a screw and washer. Three different studs are available, as shown.

RCA COLOR CODE For Power Transformers

Changes have recently been made in the color code of RCA power transformer leads to conform to R.M.A. standards.

	C	Old	New Color Code
		olor Code	Color Code
	Rectifier filament.	yellow	yellow
	Amplifier filament.	blue	brown
	Hi-voltage		
	secondary	brown	red
	Hi-voltage		
	center tap	brown &	red &
		black	yellow
	There are three	different t	ypes of pri-
	maries as follows:		
	Single 110-volt		
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primary black Double primary— 110-220 volts: No. 1 Primary— Start No. 1 Primary black red Finish red & black black & yel. No. 2 Primary-

Start red & yel. black & No. 2 Primary-Finish black & black & red

red tr.

Tapped primary— 110-125- 150-210-240 V.:

red Start black 110 volt tap red & black black & yel. Finish black & black & red red tr.

These transformers are interchangeable since no change has been made in their characteristics. Transformers electrical supplied for replacement purposes using the new color code leads are shipped less end shields (covers). The end shield from the original transformer should be used. If the lower shield is of the bent lug type, it need not be removed from the chassis.

RCA SPEAKERS Replacing Cones

In some types of speakers, the fabric voice-coil support is cemented to the top-pole plate. This design provides more accurate and permanent centering, by eliminating possible strain and movement that may occur in tightening the screws on speakers that have adjustable-type voice-coil supports.

If the voice coil scrapes in the gap, it may be caused by:

(1) A bent speaker frame. This condition can usually be corrected by bend-



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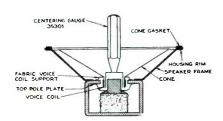
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ing the frame in the required direction.

(2) A warped voice coil, or a warped voice coil support. This condition requires installation of a new cone, as follows:

Remove old cone by cutting around the cone rim and the voice coil support.

See that the air gap is uniform and clean. Cover the gap with a piece of scotch tape" to prevent entry of dirt and metallic particles.



Remove all paper and cement from rim of cone housing and from the top-pole

Apply a ring of cement ("Duco-House-hold") on top-pole plate and around rim of speaker frame.

Carefully insert centering gauge (RCA Stock No. 35301) into the voice coil of the replacement cone, handle first. from winding end. Remove scotch tape from the air gap and insert the cone into the speaker, with the voice coil leads in correct position with respect to the terminals.

Apply cement on top outer edge of cone and lay the large cardboard cone gasket in place. Set the speaker in an inverted position on a smooth flat surface that has

Press cone rim onto the housing rim.

a 1/2 inch hole for the gauge handle to clear, until the cement is dry (about 15 minutes). See that the voice coil support is pressing against the cement on the toppole plate.

Work additional cement around the outer edge of the fabric voice-coil sup-port, to insure positive grip all around between the support and the top-pole plate.

Remove gauge from voice coil, using rotary motion. Solder the voice coil leads in place, allowing sufficient slack to permit free motion of the cone. Dress the leads in the plane of motion, taking care that the leads do not strike against the cone, or cone housing. Cement dust cap on cone center.

RCA BP-10 Low Output

Low output on BP-10 Models that have elliptical speaker may be due to the 1S4 output tube lying close to the speaker magnet, causing disturbance of the space charge in the tube. To remedy this condition, install a felt pad between the speaker frame and the tube to keep the tube upright in its socket and spaced away from the magnet.

RCA Q24 Dead on Short-Wave Bands

Under certain conditions the local oscillator in Model Q24 receivers will oscillate at a parasitic frequency causing the set to be dead on one or more of the short-wave bands. If this condition exists it can be corrected by connecting a 10-ohm, 1/4-watt resistor in series with the oscillator grid, mounted directly at the tube

WELLS-GARDNER SERIES 9A46 Issue C Changes

Issue C chassis have a first i-f coil with optional i-f expansion. In the Sharp position, the high-frequency range is normal. In the Broad position, the highfrequency range is extended, permitting high-fidelity reception.

The selectivity control switch is located on the top of the chassis base at the rear right corner (from back).

The high end of the tone control is connected to the ungrounded end of the

bass boosting condenser C39 in the tone compensating circuit. By making this connection, the bass boost is controlled by the tone control. As the tone control knob approaches the treble position, condenser C39 is short-circuited, resulting in no bass boost at this position.

WELLS-GARDNER SERIES 9A46 Issue D Changes

On the issue D chassis, the selectivity control switch is operated by the tone control knob. On the previous C issue this control was on the chassis, as men-

tioned above.

Also, on the D chassis the phono-radio switch, which was previously operated by the tone control knob. is now a separate control connected to the chassis by a shielded cable. On the back of the chassis base is a 6-prong socket to which the cable is connected.



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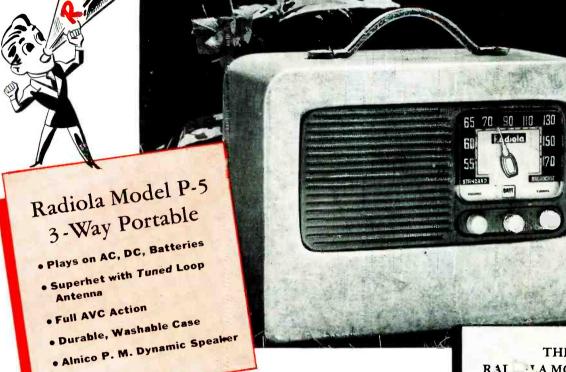
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