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EDITORIAL

Dual Speed Player Standards

The advent of dual speed record players, combination 78-33 1/3 rpm jobs, gave the industry a big, well needed boost. The original method of launching the new player units and records left much to be desired, but witth passing time has been getting straightened out.

Dual speed players afford owners with many advantages such as improved quality and economy. Likewise, the units afford Service Dealers with an opportunity to make sales and replacements, otherwise not obtainable.

However, now there's a "fly in the ointment". It seems that one or two very big manufacturers did not jump on the 33 1/3 rpm slow-speed bandwagon, preferring to establish a slightly different standard, either 45 rpm or 59 rpm for the combination with 78 rpm. If their plans to bring out dual speed players with 78-50 rpm ranges, and if their plans to bring out new phonograph records that will play only at 50 rpm are carried through to a conclusion, obviously, a great deal of confusion will result. We believe that if the record and record-player buying public gets tangled in a maze of different speed ratings, the whole business may be jeopardized. Thus, as we see it, RMA should get all the factors together immediately and establish once and finally what are to be standards for dual speed players and slowplaying records.

Test Equipment Issue

A radical departure from our regular publishing practice takes place next month. For the first time since "RSD's" inception almost 10 years ago we will have a special issue in February. We will call it our Test Equipment Number.

Its purpose is to acquaint radio technicians, dealers and students with the fundamental characteristics, limitations and applications of the 11 basic types. of test equipments required in presentday AM-FM and TV servicing. Thousands of radiomen are using obsolete test equipment and have been reluctant to make new purchases until they could learn from an authoritative source just what the score is. Our February issue will be outstanding because it will dispel all confusion in this regard.

"LIFE" Reviews TV Progress

The December 6th issue of "LIFE" reviews the progress of radio and video quite comprehensively. One must respect some of "LIFE's" observations, to wit: it calls television, "America's newest big industry". Continuing, there were such remarks as . . . "Television no longer threatened to bring theatre

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Unusual TV Installation

Harry Ward, 2916 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, Cal., Service Dealer and active member of the Long Beach Radio Technician's Ass'n., found a unique way to make a satisfactory TV set installation in a Barber shop located across the street from his store.

Conventional TV arrays failed to give satisfactory reception, as in every case there was excessive interference due to auto ignition. Finally, Mr. Ward rigged up a window screen, as shown in the illustration, positioning it below the dipole. This trick solved the problem—and now, throughout Long Beach, one can see many TV antennas with various types of chicken wire or screen vertical-waveabsorption devices attached.

Another TV Antenna Ban

An Elizabeth, N.J. housing project prohibits tenants from erecting roof TV antennas. To get around this ban some tenants installed aerials on arms extending out of their windows. This infuriated the Chairman of the housing project. He not only claimed that such out-the-window installations were a violation of the local law, (which we do not believe is true), he also claimed such window installations are fire hazards, (which we are inclined to scoff at because of the ridiculousness of the claim). To top it off, The Chairman really let the cat out of the bag when he stated that if people are rich enough to own a television set they are rich enough to live in a higher rent type of building project. That is sheer nonsense, for if politicians don't realize that even poor people can afford to buy TV sets for as little as \$3.50 a week, they should learn more about the facts of life.

In a nutshell, renters hate TV unless they can use it to squeeze a few extra bucks out of the tenants. The situation is one that R.M.A. and N.A.B. should do something about ... and they should do it now!

by S. R. COWAN



California's contribution to the problem of licking vertical pickup.

The New Video Wire Link

Effective January 12th the new telephone company link that ties the Eastern and Midwestern video networks into an integral unit brought a celaim and huzahs from all branches of the video industry. In time, and that time should not be too far off, this country will have video links from Coast-to-Coast, so that live-talent shows or sporting events originating at Hollywood, Chicago or New York can be telecast in all cities having TV outlets simultaneously.

Television's biggest weekness, since its inception, has been the inferior quality of the programs. Networks are the first and most important step in eliminating that shortcoming. For example, the 1948 Baseball World Series games were split into two parts, from a video point of view, as the games played in Boston could only be seen on TV in the East, in cities on the Eastern network, and the Detroit games could only be telecast to the Midwest cities situated on the Midwestern net. Had the new telephone company link been in operation at World Series time both networks culd have carried all the games.

The time zone difference between East and West is going to be affected by TV and it will not be as simple a problem to lick on video as it was on conventional AM. It's much too expensive to rebroadcast a live talent video show to take advantage of the time difference, as is now done on AM programs. From where we sit, it would seem as though the West Coast is the one that is going to have to "push its viewing hours ahead". There is now a two hour time difference between Hollywood and New York. (Normally there would be a three hour difference but the West Coast is still operating on Daylight Saving Time due to the drought). Thus, if zone times were normal, a big show put on at New York at 8 p.m. New York time, were there a Coast-to-Coast link, would be on the air in California at 5 p.m., and that's a little too early. Full advantages of national commercial sponsorship would not be obtained.

Incidently, it is time that one appreciated the new, true status of the Wes Coast, in-so-far as population is concerned. The next national census may show that California has a population almost as big as New York's. There has been, and there continually is an ever-increasing migration towards the West Coast. There is a greater shortage of radio technicians out West than in the East or Midwest. So, if any readers have been pondering about a trek to the West in line with Greeley's sage advice, you now have the facts. (It cannot be denied, even by a staid Connecticut Yankee like me, that the climate and hospitality of the West are factors quite definitely in its favor).

Business Conditions

We have entered a New Year and what the future will bring only time itself can tell. My prognostications may or may not be borne out.







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I can not see a War in the immediate offing. To begin with, Comrade Stalin has purged his top army brass again. I don't believe he would take such steps if he believed that war was imminent. It's too great a risk. So, as I do not expect any world-wide conflict, I do expect that radio amateurs will again resume great activity. They have been quite dormant for over six months. With resumed "ham" activities there must be expected a resumption of gripes in regard to TVI, (television interference). Likewise, when "hams" are active as hobbyists, they also become (too) active as part-time radio servicemen. Let's hope that "hams" will stick to the rigs and leave professional radio servicing to the men who devote their full time to this busiliess

Radio servicemen's organizations should contact their parts jobbers and try to work out friendly arrangements whereby the jobbers will agree to give the standard trade discounts to only recognized and deserving, legitimate radio servicemen, and not to every Tom, Dick and Harry who wants to buy some replacement radio parts at a wholesale price. Replacement radio parts, tubes, etc. have established list prices. Jobbers should charge all buyers, except professional radio servicemen and industrial manufacturers (who generally buy from jobbers) full list price. Were this one, simple-to-accomplish basic rule of good business carried out by jobbers, it would be of inestimable benefit to the radio servicing field.

Service organizations, in turn, should give jobbers a break by ordering their needed replacement parts, tubes, etc., in sensible quantities. Hand to mouth buying is not good business practice. For example, every time a service dealer makes a phone call he spends a nickel. And every call, or visit he makes to a jobber represents a waste of time. If instead of buying six items at a time the service dealer makes six phone calls, buying one item at a time, he must not overlook the fact that he has paid 30c more for these items. Such a waste of money is never justified. Buy right! Little things like this make a big difference. Keep a proper inventory. Running short of items that results in slowing down bench work represents business losses that can never be reclaimed or recovered.

At last the servicing industry as a whole has come to recognize that the radio set owning public is willing to [Continued on page 10]

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FIELD FINDINGS

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pay for all services received. For example, there is no longer any need to test tubes free of charge. The monies you receive for testing tubes during a year can be applied towards the purchase of much needed new test equipment. Test equipment wears out. When a customer asks you to test his tubes, he asks you to wear out your test equipment, and he is obligated to pay for that depreciation, not to mention your time or experience.

Which brings up the new premium deal that some Columbia (long-playing record) distributors are pulling. Full page advertisements have been run in newspapers offering the public "absolutely free a \$19.95 record player attachment with the purchase of six L-P 12" records." This sort of deal is all right for the dealers who handle Columbia records, and for the people who fall for it by buying the L-P records just to get the player attachments. But, when a record firm has to give away such premiums in order to sell its products, to our mind, it shows an inherent weakness in the product itself, meaning the L-P records. If the other claims made for L-P records are bona-fide, then Columbia need not give away \$19.95 attachments 'to clinch sales. Incidently, every time one of these attachments is given away it prevents a radio dealer or serviceman from making a sale of such a unit, and, when you hit a dealer in his pocketbook you hit him where it hurts. So, as a result of Columbia's premium deal, I can visualize thousands of dealers and servicemen getting sore at Columbia. Losing the recomendation and good will factor of the Nation's Service Dealers is going to cost Columbia a lot more, over a period of time, than they'll get out of their premium deal. As stated in this issue's Editorial, we are 100% for L-P records and

dual speed player attachments because they afford Service Dealers and technicians with a new, potential sales item that can represent a tremendous profit over a period of time. But no one can compete with give-aways, and we can only go on record that we are 100% against all such free offers. Let Columbia sell its line of records, and let our group of merchants be given the right to sell the attachments and the time and skill needed to install them and kep them in repair. Shame on Columbia!

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Woods Sept. Contest Winner

First prize in the September Hytron Servicemen's Contest was won by Casimir F. Woods of 54 North 7th Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Hytron Rep. H. H. Friedman and Stanley Dudek, Radio Parts Division Manager of the Variety Electric



Company, made the prize presentation, a Jackson Model 641 Universal Signal Generator.

Mr. Woods has been associated with Colonial Radio, Buffalo. At the present, he is attending a technical school for television and plans to open his own business in the near future.

RMA Fights Ordinances

The RMA Board of Directors appropriated funds and directed General Counsel John W. Van Allen to take whatever legal action is necessary to bring about modification or repeal of a New York City ordinance restricting the use of sound equipment and mobile radio equipment after it was explained that the municipal law is so broad that it bars the use of private auto radios. radio communication facilities for trucks or taxis, and aircraft and maritime radio facilities when operated within the confines of New York City.

Funds also were appropriated to enable Judge Van Allen to bring a test case challenging the constitutionality of a Pennsylvania state tax ruling imposing a tax on taverus equipped with television receivers. The action will be brought in Federal court and will contend that television broadcasting is inter-state commerce and consequently not subject to taxation by a state.

A constructive RMA program to deal with the problem of television antenna installations in apartment houses, proposed by the RMA Service Committee, is under consideration, including proposed cooperation with apartment house owners, managers, and the National Real Estate Board. The RMA program is designed to meet the needs of both apartment house tenants and ownermanagement interests, with master antenna systems developed under RMA auspices.

Included in the RMA program is a proposal for cooperative development by the RMA legal department with the National Real Estate Board of a standard apartment house lease covering television installations.

October Radio Tube Sales Up

October sales of radio receiving tubes by RMA member-companies totalled 19,521,368, an increase of more than one million over sales in September, the Radio Manufacturers Association reported.

A breakdown of October sales shows 14,101,695 tubes sold for new sets; 3,676,254 for replacements; 1,-690,356 for export; and 53,063 sold to government agencies. Total receiving tubes sold by RMA manufacturers during the first 10 months of this year amounted to 164,331,340.

I.R.E. 1949 Convention

The 1949 National Convention of The Institute of Radio Engineers will be held from March 7 to 10 at the Hotel Commodore and Grand Central Palace in New York City. Radio loran, radar, and television, the big new contribution to modern living, will be thoroughly covered.

Syracuse Gets TV

Syracuse, N. Y., dealers and technicians got the low-down on television during a recent meeting at General Electric's Electronics Park. Television came to Syracuse mid-Dec. when station WHEN started program tests. G.E. supplied the transmitter and associated equipment for the station.



Typifying the wide-spread interest in practical television servicing more than 300 radio service dealers registered at the technical meeting Al Saunders conducted on behalf of Howard W. Sams & Co. in Dallas, Tex., in cooperation with jobbers.

Mallory Gets Citation

A citation for "outstanding achievements in human relations in labor" was awarded to P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc. at the sixth annual Executive Leadership Forum, sponsored by the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce on November 16.

Scientific TV Tube Tester

Sylvania Research recently built an automatic recording spectroradiometer for precise measurement of



television viewing tube light output. Production of the instrument, which will be used in production quality control in commercial television tube production at Emporium, Pa., was under the direction of A. E. Martin, supervisor of the photonic section.

Battery Merchandiser

Burgess Battery Co., Freeport, III., announces a new counter battery merchandiser which displays 14 bestselling flashlights in 5 models. These retail from 98c to \$2.30. The merchandiser builds repeat sales and acts as its own inventory guide. For details write Burgess direct.

Test Pointers **ON INTERMITTENTS**

One of the greatest single problems encountered by the radio technician in his daily work is the intermittent radio set.

However, when suitable instruments are used to monitor intermittent receivers, the regular shop schedule can be maintained. Other service jobs can be completed while monitor instruments stand watch for any change in the functioning of an intermittent receiver.

Less effective methods are also used to shoot intermittent trouble. In an attempt to save man-hours, some technicians habitually replace a majority of the capacitors in an intermittent receiver at the outset. This remedy is frequently unsuccessful because many intermittents are caused by defective resistors, coils, switches, tubes, etc. Even after all of the suspected items are replaced, an appreciable percentage of receivers remain intermittent. In such cases, man-hour costs are pyramided on top of component costs; if these costs are passed on to the customer, good will suffers.

Artificial acceleration of the intermittent cycle is helpful in some cases. High line voltage will hasten the breakdown of certain marginal components. Low line voltage frequently causes a defective oscillator to cease operation. Some intermittents can be speeded up by increasing the operating temperature of the chassis by placing it in a carton with an incandescent lamp.

Although all of these methods work at times, signal-monitoring techniques have been found to be the best answer to the intermittent problem. Occasional checks of the monitor indicators show whether gradual operating changes are taking place. After the intermittent occurs, it can be localized to a particular section of the receiver by analysis of the monitor instruments.

Monitoring instruments have the advantage of providing a *continuous* check of the oscillator frequency and voltage, of the intermediate signal frequency and amplitude, of the audio input and output, of the receiver power consumption, and of the avc supply voltage.

Oscillator frequency shift is one of the most elusive causes of intermittent operation. Other obscure intermittents are caused by defective power-supply components, which show up on the monitor chiefly as a change in power consumption.



Voltage indicator detects oscillator frequency shift

This brief discussion illustrates the important fact that many hours of time can be saved if the receiver is divided into five main sections, or channels, which can be monitored continuously. These are the hf oscillator, the rf or if channel, the audio system, the power supply, and the avc channel. After the intermittent has been localized to one of these sections, the instrument probes can be used to "close in" on the defective component.

Continuous monitoring places intermittent trouble-shooting on a firm technical basis.



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VIDEO & SYNCH WAVEFORMS Using a CRO

by SAMUEL MARSHALL

PART 2

Final installment of this series. Actual test set-ups are illustrated, together with the wave form shapes and amplitudes that might be expected a typical TV receiver

The final installment in this series deals with the practical methods that may be employed in observing the various synch and signal waveforms on a cathode ray oscilloscope discussed in the first installment. Figure 8 illustrates a typical set-up for this purpose. When making these tests it is advisable to set up the receiver so that all test points are readily accessible.

In order to become familiar with the general procedures of these tests it is best to tune in a station pattern under normal operating conditions. A pattern of this type results in a constant video signal and lends itself readily to easy interpretation.

Initial Test Point

The most convenient initial point of measurement is the output of the second detector. The reason for this choice is that the signal voltage at this point is 1 or 2 volts, and lends itself to good observations on an oscilloscope. Remember that we are primarily concerned with measuring and observing the video picture signal and the synch pulses, and that these are first observable in their demodulated forms at the output of the second detector.

Figure 9 at the top right illustrates a combined video signal and vertical synch pulse obtained at the detector output. The sweep frequency of the CRO has been set at 30 cycles



Fig. 8—Television Assembly Champion Model and Sylvania CRO used in tests.

in order to permit two of these pulses to appear on the screen. The partial circuit diagram on the left illustrates the test points for this test. This corresponds to point E on the block diagram section discussed during the first installment. See Fig. 1. The complete front view of the cathode ray oscilloscope with all its settings, and the waveform appearing on the screen is at the top right.

To make this test a connection is made between the detector output and the vertical input connection on the CRO. Another connection is then made between the ground connections of the receiver and the oscilloscope. The detector output connection may be taken off at either side of the coupling condenser, C, whichever is most convenient. The receiver output is adjusted to its optimum level, thereby requiring a minimum setting of the vertical gain control on the scope. This will result in more accurate and satisfactory patterns.

Notice the amplitude A of the combined synch pulse and signal as compared with the signal amplitude itself shown as B. The middle line at B, represents the blanking level, and the height above this level—(in the slide this occurs below the blanking level because of the reversed phase of the pattern)—is the region called "blacker-than-black."

The blanking level should be 75% of the total height, A, according to FCC standards.

Shown in the lower right hand side of this illustration are the horizontal synch pulses and the associated picture signal. The same test point is used. However, the sweep frequency of the CRO is now adjusted to onehalf the incoming horizontal synch pulse frequency. This is 15,750 divided by 2, or 7.875 cycles.

Figure 10 shows the vertical and horizontal pulses at the output of the first video amplifier. Notice that the phase has been reversed 180° which is characteristic of vacuum tube action. The amplitude of the signal at this point is about 16 volts. Varying the gain of the receiver by means of the contrast control will produce corresponding variations in the height of the pattern.

As in the previous test, the sweep of the CRO is adjusted to portray two pulses. The test point may be



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Fig. 9-Waveforms, horizontal and vertical obtained at detector output.

made on either side of the coupling condenser, C, shown in the partial schematic at the left of the slide. The probe connection of the scope may be brought to the plate side of the coup-



ling condenser if an isolating condenser is located in series with the vertical input terminal; and it usually is.

Proceeding now to the output of the final video stage, as shown in Fig. 11, we notice that the phase for both horizontal and vertical plates is again reversed, and that the amplitudes of the signal are considerably increased. In this case it is 45 volts. This output is fed directly into the grid of the CRT, and as previously pointed out, represents a positive picture phase.

Synch Circuit Section

A portion of the video signal is taken off the d-c restorer at the 6AL5plate connection No. 2. The signal at this point, containing both video and synch components, with the video somewhat reduced, is fed into the first synch amplifier at a negative synch phase, or what amounts to the same thing, a positive picture phase.

This is shown in Fig. 12. The operating characteristics of this circuit result in a reduction of pulses due to noise and other interfering signals. The amplitude of the signal at the grid of the first synch amplifier is about one-fourth that of the output at the plate of the final video amplifier. This is due to the signal being taken off a point on a voltage divider connected across this circuit.





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Fig. 11—Horizontal and vertical pulses obtained at video output tube.

Figure 13 shows the horizontal and vertical pulses as they appear at the grid of the synch clipper or separator. Notice that the amplitude at this point is 60 volts, and that the signal still contains considerable picture components. Also, the signal now has a negative picture phase, or a positive synch phase.

We now shift our take-off point to the output circuit of this tube, as shown in *Fig.* 14. Observe that the picture signal has now been completely eliminated, and that only the synch pulses remain. The amplitude of these pulses at this point is 80 volts, and the synch phase is now negative.

The action in this circuit that produces this clipping of the picture signal results from the following:

1. The picture signal at the grid of the tube has a negative polarity. 2. The operating voltages on the

tube are such that all negative portions of the signal are cut off.

Since the polarity of the video or picture portion of the signal is negative, and since all negative portions of the signal are clipped off, only the synch pulses remain.

The next test point is the plate of the third synch amplifier. The polarity of the synch signal at the grid of this tube is now negative. At the plate it becomes positive. The complete change taking place in the synch signal polarity in the three stages of the synch amplifiers is shown in *Fig.* 15. Here we see a negative synch pulse entering the grid of the first synch amplifier, and, after going through



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three complete 180° phase reversals, emerging from the last stage with a positive polarity.

This last synch tube, which is one half of a duo-triode, operates at low enough potentials so that an 80 volt signal applied to the grid drives the signal applied to the grid drives the peaks of the signal. This results in an additional clipping action, thereby further reducing noise and other interfering pulses.

Integrating Circuit

The amplitude at the output of this tube, which is shown as point 1 in Fig. 16 is 30 volts. The synch pulse phase is positive, and we are now in a position to inject this signal into the horizontal and vertical blocking oscillators for purposes of triggering them to the exact frequency of the incoming station pulses.

The signal at the output of the final synch amplifier contains both the horizontal and vertical pulses which we must separate from each other. This is done by the integrating and differentiating networks we mentioned in the first installment. These are shown more clearly in Fig. 16 as combination R-C filter circuits. The integrating circuit shown at the top left consists of a number of resistors and capacitors connected in such a manner as to short out the horizontal pulses and build up the amplitude of



Fig. 12—Pulses obtained at 1st synch amplifier on either side of C.



Fig. 13—Pulses obtained at input of 6SH7 synch separater. Note waveforms.

the vertical pulses. Notice the shunt capacitors, C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 . These condensers in addition to building up the amplitude of the vertical synch signal during successive pulses of the serrated vertical synch pulse, short out the higher frequency horizontal pulses, leaving only the vertical pulse to reach the grid of the 6J5 vertical oscillator.

Proceeding now to the differentiating circuit, the 100 mmf condenser connecting the output of the third synch amplifier to the input of the horizontal oscillator presents a high reactance to the low frequency vertical pulses as compared to high frequency horizontal pulses, so that the signal permitted to pass thru this condenser contains only the horizontal pulses.

If we apply the test probe of the CRO to point 1, both the vertical and the horizontal pulses appear. At point 2 only the vertical pulses appear, and at point 3 only the horizontal pulses appear.

We are now ready to trace the vertical pulses as they proceed from the output of the 6J5 oscillator to the input of the vertical deflecting coils. The lower left-hand portion of Fig. 17 is devoted to the block diagram of this portion of the circuit.

The upper left-hand portion of the figure is confined to a simplified partial schematic of this circuit. The four test points shown in the block diagram are indicated in the partial schematic by identical numbers. Thus: No. 1 is the input of the vertical oscillator.

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Fig. 14—Horizontal and vertical pulses obtained at 3rd synch amp. input.

No. 2 is the output of the vertical oscillator, the amplitude of which is about 120 volts. This signal is acted upon by the discharge or peaking circuit. The object of this circuit is to obtain a wave at the output of the oscillator which insures the presence of a sawtooth current wave in the vertical deflecting coils. But, more on that shortly.

No. 3 is the output of the vertical deflecting coils. The potential at this point is about 65 volts.

No. 4 is the input to the vertical output tube, which is about 450 volts.

The corresponding waveforms for test points 1, 2, 3, and 4 are shown at the right of the screen.

No. 1 proceeding from top to bottom indicates the sharp steep discharge, and slow saw-tooth charge portions of the wave which are characteristic of the blocking oscillator.

No. 2 indicates the effect of the peaking, or discharge circuit on this waveform. Variations of this waveform may be produced by varying the vertical amplitude control. This is an excellent check on the operation of this circuit.

No. 3 indicates the waveform of the pulse at the plate of the vertical output tube, or the 6K6. Notice how high the pulse voltage is for the retrace portion. This is necessary to insure a high retrace current rate on



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the vertical deflecting coils during the retrace period.

Peaking

The reader will recall, the formula relating to voltage, inductance, and the rate of change of current in coil given in the first installment. This formula is repeated again in two forms:

e = L x Rate of change of current Rate of change of current = e/LDuring the retrace period the frequency is much higher than the 60 cycle frequency of the trace period. As a result, the reactance set up by the inductance in the coil is much higher than before. This affects the current considerably. From the formula shown above, in order to get a high and fast discharge of current during the retrace period the voltage amplitude must be high and its waveform steep.

Returning again to Fig. 17, and examining waveform No. 4 once again, we notice that the trace portion of the voltage curve is somewhat of a sawtooth. This is due to the fact that during the trace period, the inductance of the vertical deflecting coil is negligible as compared to its resistance. In a resistance, if we want a saw-tooth current we must have a saw-tooth voltage. This explains why, in the composite wave, the waveform of the retrace is a sharp high ampli-



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Fig. 16—Waveforms obtained at horizontal and vertical separation points. RADIO SERVICE DEALER • JANUARY, 1949



SYNCH SIGNAL PHASE REVERSALS IN SYNCH AMPLIFIER SECTION

Fig. 15—Signal phase is reversed 180° as it passes through each tube.

tude pulse, and the waveform of the trace is a low amplitude saw-tooth.

Horizontal Circuit

We can now proceed to the horizontal oscillator and the circuits devoted to the development of the horizontal sweep. *Fig.* 18 illustrates the partial schematic of this portion of the circuit in the upper left portion of the screen. Below it is the block diagram showing the test points numbered to correspond to the same points in the schematic above. These test points are as follows:

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No. 1 is the input of the horizontal oscillator.

No. 2 is the output of the horizontal oscillator, at about 120 volts.

No. 3 is the output of the horizontal discharge circuit, at about 45 volts.

No. 4 is the output of the horizontal output tube, at about 4,000 volts. The utmost caution should be used when measuring high voltages of this nature.

No. 5 is the output of the horizontal output transformer, which is about 800 volts, and represents the voltage waveform appearing across the horizontal deflecting coils. Notice the flattop characteristic of this waveform. It will be recalled that in order to obtain a sawtooth current wave in a circuit which is predominantly inductive, a flattop voltage wave is required. When measuring these high voltages a high voltage test probe should be used, and a capacitance voltage divider should be employed for the CRO to prevent damage to its input circuit.

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Feedback & PHASE

tring our chores as servicemen and dealers we necessarily deal with feedback and phase inversion within audio amplifiers to a greater extent than we realize. It is therefore fitting that we thoroughly understand these associated subjects. It is important to remember that. careless replacement of some critical capacitor. resistor or inductance by one not having the identical value intended for the original, will cause phase shift distortion. The effect becomes cumulative when several careless replacements are made with the direct result that the original signal becomes considerably distorted.

In multistage amplifiers care must be taken to prevent unwanted feedback of signal voltage in the output stage from getting back into the input circuits. Should such feedback occur, the signal fed back may be of such phase relation as to either aid or oppose the original input signal. Feedback of an aiding nature is called positive or regenerative while that which opposes the input signal, that which is out of phase with it, is called negative, degenerative, or inverse feedback. When properly controlled the negative type can prove most useful; in fact is used to great advantage in modern audio amplifiers. More on that later.



Fig. 1-Tickler feedback.

Effects of feedback, positive and negative, and principles and applications of phase inversion are discussed in two articles, the first of which is presented in this issue. F

Positive Feedback

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Positive feedback has the same phase relation as the original signal; their positive half cycles are synchronized in time or phase relation with each other as are the negative half cycles. Such feedback was deliberately introduced in earlier regenerative sets where a tickler coil in series with the detector plate circuit was deliberately fed back to the preceding grid circuit

D4

R2

sufficient shielding between inputs

and outputs; lack of decoupling; coils

too close together or not at right

angles to each other.





2. Linkage of inputs and outputs through the use of common grounds or common power supplies. Plate and screen a-c currents must not flow through a common positive supply to all tubes. Filtering will correct this.

3. A shorted by-pass or shorted decoupling filter condenser will conduct positive feedback from output to input or supply circuits.

Phase Inversion

Example 1-For one of the simplest examples of phase inversion, refer back to Fig. 1 to the regenerative tickler coil discussed under Positive Feedback. When the tickler's magnetic flux cuts across the preceding grid coil in such a manner as to induce voltages which are in agreement or of the same polarity as that of the incoming signal, the coupled voltages are in phase. When the leads or ends of such a tickler coil are reversed, while it remains in the same physical relation, it's phase becomes inverted. The two voltages oppose each other and the original positive feedback becomes inverted to negative feedback.



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Example 2-Many are the ingenious methods to obtain phase inversion but to better understand the simple necessity for its use, let us study another plain example of appication as in Fig. 2. Here phase inversion is easily derived from the diode circuit of the detector tube V-1. It is known that the opposite ends of the diode load resistor, which amounts to R1 and R2 in series, will have opposite polarity at its ends since a pulsating direct current will travel through the combined resistor. Then, if the center tap between R1 and R2be grounded, voltages of opposite polarity required for the push-pull stage may be fed to the grids of V-2and V-3 from the opposite ends of this total resistor.

Example 3—We also find phase inversion within a push-pull stage. More often this stage is transformer fed as in Fig. 3. When a sine wave is introduced to the input terminals the first or positive half cycle causes the upper half of the secondary winding of T-1, and hence the grid of V-1, to become positive. Similarly the lower half of the secondary winding and the grid of V-2 become negative. This action is aided or bucked by the grid bias voltage applied to the mid-point of the same secondary winding mentioned above. It follows that the plate current of V-1 increases while the plate current of V-2 decreases. The resultant variations in plate current are therefore 180° out of phase-another case of phase inversion.

Example 4—Often an extra vacuum tube is introduced wholly to serve as a phase inverter in a resistance coupled amplifier. (See Fig. 4) The plate of a conventional driving tube A is coupled to one of the two tubes of a push-pull stage in the usual manner. A resistor tap across part of the output voltage of driving tube A is fed to the grid of phase inverter tube B which in turn feeds the grid of the second push-pull tube. Since the alternating plate and grid voltages of tube A are out of phase by 180°, so then is the grid of tube B in relation to that of the grid of tube A. Thus the plates of tubes A and B are displaced the required amount to drive a push-pull stage. The only other requirement is that values of components be so adjusted that the driving voltages from tubes A and B be identical.

As will be shown later, the great advantage of inverse feedback (a phase inversion of 180°) in an amplifier, lies in the fact that the gain and frequency response of the amplifier become almost independent of changes occurring due to aging tubes, variations in supply voltages, temperature changes or mechanical vibration. The gain and frequency response of a feedback amplifier depend greatly upon the feedback circuit which employs but a few resistors and capacitors hence remains stabilized over a great period of time. Inverse feedback is therefore employed in modern a-c operated vacuum tube voltmeters, d-c amplifiers, and other equipment where a constant gain or reliable performance is mandatory.

Negative Feedback (Voltage)

Although 180° out of phase with the input signal, and therefore opposing it, negative feedback may prove highly beneficial when properly controlled and applied to audio amplifiers. The more usual gains derived from negative or inverse feedback of the voltage type are the following:

1. It counteracts or nullifies such unintentional content of *positive* feedback as may exist and thereby stabilizes an amplifier.

2. It reduces distortion within an amplifier and betters its frequency response as we will see later.

3. It improves the dynamic characteristics of an amplifier in that it

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Fig. 4—Extra tube phase inverter.

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TUNED

MPLICITY and compactness very often make it advisable to use a half-wave transformerless power supply (either tube or selenium rectifier) in a small amplifier, tuner, for test instrument. The a-c hum nuisance caused by this type of power supply is well known.

A positive way to clean up the power supply hum arising from a half-wave transformerless unit is to employ a tuned filter section in conjunction with a simple conventional section. This arrangement is shown in Fig. 1. The tuned section is designed for elimination of the 60-cycle ripple. and the untuned section takes care of the hum harmonics (120 cycles and upward). The L and C values in the conventional section, shown after the tuned section in Fig. 1, are not critical and can be any choke and high-capacitance capacitor the builder happens to have on hand. The tuned section, however, requires critical circuit values for optimum performance at the fundamental hum frequency.

Including a tuned section in the power supply filter at the time of construction will require very little additional work and will pay off handsomely in subsequent hum-free operation. In order to spare the reader considerable mathematical labor, we present in this article all values which components must have in the four types of tuned filters described.

Tuned Filter Types

The four types of tuned filters which are applied most easily to trans-





Tuned filters for transformerless half-wave power supplies is the subject of this article. Various types are discussed.



Fig. I—Basic arrangement of filter with tuned section followed by simple untuned section.

formerless half-wave rectifiers are the series-tuned type (Fig. 2), paralleltuned type (Fig. 3), bridged-T type (Fig. 4), and parallel-T type (Fig. 5).

These types are equally effective in hum elimination, but the special features of one type may better suit it to a particular application than another type. For axample: the seriestuned type (Fig. 2) offers a very lowimpedance path for the ripple current. In effect, it bypasses the ripple to ground. The parallel-tuned type (Fig.3) offers high impedance to the ripple current and so "traps" it out of the power supply output.

In the parallel-tuned type, the total d-c current taken by the load circuit must pass through the tuned choke, L. If a sufficiently heavy choke is not available, therefore, the builder probably will prefer the series-tuned type in which the load current does not flow through the choke. The L and C values will be the same in each case. The rheostat, R, in the bridged-T section (Fig. 4) permits very close "tuning-out" of hum. But in this circuit also, the choke, L, must be rated to handle the full d-c load current of the power supply and the circuit is somewhat more complicated by its requirement of two capacitors and a variable resistor.

The parallel-T circuit (Fig. 5) is particularly useful when a second iron-cored choke is undesirable. Here, the hum may be tuned-out very closely by adjustment of rheostat R_1 .

Series-Tuned Section

Any available choke may be used in the series-tuned section shown in Fig.2. Table 1 lists the inductance values of chokes supplied by various manufacturers and gives the corresponding capacitance required for resonance at 60 cycles.

It will be noted that the capacitances all are fractional values. Securing these values will entail no hardship, however, since they may be obtained by connecting appropriate capacitances in parallel. Thus, the 1.6microfarad value required to tune a 4.4-henry choke may be obtained by connecting a 1.0-, 0.5-, and 0.1-ufd. capacitor in parallel. Some deviation from the required capacitance values given in Table 1 will be caused by manufacturing variations in choke inductances. The builder should start with a capacitance somewhat lower than the value given in the table and should connect smaller capacitances progressively in parallel, while listening for satisfactory reduction of the hum level.

Parallel-Tuned Section

The parallel-tuned section (See Fig. 3) uses the same values of capacitance for a given inductance as the series-tuned section previously de-

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TABLE 2.



Fig. 3-Parallel-Tuned section.

scribed. Select the capacitance values from Table 1, and proceed with close adjustment of the final capacitance according to the instructions given for the series-tuned circuit. Choke L must be rated to carry the full d-c load current.

Bridged-T Section

Two identical capacitors, C_1 and C_2 , are required in this type of tuned filter section, shown in Fig. 4. Their values, for a given choke inductance, are obtained from Table 2. These capacitors may be matched closely enough by means of a service-type capacitance bridge or microfared

1 (hennes)	U (inicrotarads)
4.4	1.600
4.5	1.565
5.0	1.410
5.5	1.280
6.5	1.082
7.0	1.008
7.5	0.939
8.0	0.880
9.0	0.783
10.0	0.704
11.0	0.640
12.0	0.587
12.5	0.564
13.0	0.541
14.0	0.503
14.5	0.486
15.0	0.470
18.0	0.392
20.0	0.352
23.0	0.306
25.0	0.282
30.0	0.235
31.0	0.227
40.0	0.176
50.0	0.141

TABLE 1.

meter. Choke L must be rated to carry the full d-c load current. Rhcostat R

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L (henries)	C1.C2 (microfarads)
4.1	3.160
4.5	3.085
5.0	2.780
5.5	2.522
6.5	2.140
7.0	1.985
7.5	1.850
8.0	1.735
9.0	1.542
10.0	1.390
11.0	1.263
12.0	1.158
12.5	1.110
13.0	1.070
14.0	0.991
14.5	0.957
15.0	0.926
18.0	0.772
20.0	0.694
23.0	0.604
25.0	0.555
30.0	0.463
31.0	0.448
40.0	0.347
50.0	0.278

may be provided with a slotted shaft for screwdriver adjustment, and is "tuned" for complete hum elimination.

Parallel-T Section

In the parallel-T R-C tuned circuit (See Fig. 5), the constants have been [Continued on page 44]



Fig. 5—Parallel-T resistance capacitance tuned section.

Fig. 4-Bridged-T tuned section.

a New PHONO PICKUP

by RALPH M. BARUCH

NEW discovery has been made which should have great effects upon the pickup manufacturing industry, and other allied industries such as hearing aids, loudspeakers etc. It is a new pickup cartridge containing the first man-made material acquiring the necessary piezo-electrical properties for proper sound reproduction. Piezo-electricity is the name applied to that branch of science dealing with the conversion of mechanical pressure into electrical power.

Properties of Titanate

The material employed in the manufacture of this new pickup cartridge is a ceramaic called. "titanate." which, when properly processed, acquires all the qualities necessary for good record reproduction. The first research, as pointed out by the manufacturer, in the field of ceramics in the audio field was undertaken in conjunction with a program of research for hearing aids started several years ago. At that time the discovery was made showing that this ceramic was suitable, in some cases, in uses involving piezo-electrical properties. The more the material was studied the more advantageous it was found. Research engineers followed the lead and have completed development and consumer tests of the first news in pickup design and pickup production since the development of the crystal.

Titanate in its initial state does not possess all the properties which would make it usable for pickup manufacturing. These properties are acquired by putting it through a relatively simple but precise process. The material is first mixed into a The characteristics of a new type of phono cartridge made of titanate, a piezo-electric ceramic, are discussed here.



Fig. 2—Frequency response curves of Titone cartridge for various values of R.

heavy paste, spread on a moving belt, and conducted through a furnace where it is baked and thereby acquires great rigidity and hardness. The result is a long strip of material, about one hundredth of an inch thick, which is subsequently cut to the proper size. Then each piece is silvered on both sides. Two of these small slabs are put together and a saphire point attached through an arm at an end. The whole is encased in a metal container and equipped with screw holes for mounting. The



Fig. 3—Top view of cartridge and adapter.



Fig. I—Size comparison between record and cartridge.

complete cartridge assembly is said to weigh only slightly more than two thirds of an ounce. See Fig. 1.

Properties of Pickup

Features of this new pickup cartridge are: Wide frequency responsehigh signal output- high capacitance cartridge- high needlepoint compliance- saphire needle point- low needle point pressure- excellent temperature and humidity resistance- small sizeneedle guard- low distortion- compactness.

The frequency response of the "Titone" pickup is said to range from 50 cycles to at least 10.000 cycles. In the graph shown in Fig. 2 the frequency response can be seen as taken with the Columbia test record #10004-M. The solid line shows the output when loaded with 0.5 megohms; the broken line represents the output when operating into 2 megohms; the dash and dot line represents the open circuit voltage.

The latter shows excellent displacement properties over its entire frequency spectrum. It must be remembered that good pickup frequency response can only be judged with amplification systems and loudspeaker reproducing units able to reproduce the frequencies that are to be tested. You cannot get something reproduced from a record by a pickup, which cannot be handled by the amplifier or the speaker. Therefore make sure that both are up to par in frequency response with the pickup to be tested.

The generated voltage of the pickup cartridge is sufficient in amplitude to drive the average audio frequency amplifier. A value of 0.8 volt is generated at 1000 cycles per second on the Columbia test record 10004-M. On frequencies below 1000 cycles, the open-circuit voltage generated is directly proportional to the amplitude of the recording.

The nominal capacitance is such that the new ceramic pickup can be mounted directly into apparatus constructed to handle the conventional Rochelle salt crystal thereby replacing the old type crystal. The value of this nominal capacitance is 1000 numfd.

Properties of Needle

A very important factor in the development of pickups is the needle point impedance, or the sensitivity of the needle to side motions and its resistance to it. The parts in most pickups are springy and move in accordance with the sound picked up by the needle. This needle, and particularly its point, is a very small object and is thrown back and forth between five and fifteen thiousand times per second according to the frequency reproduced. In the pickup discussed, the claimed lateral needle compliance is approximately 0.5 x 10-6 cm. per dyne. and the effective moving mass is said to be very small.

The heavier or larger the moving mass the faster the record grooves will be worn out by the back and forth movement of the needle point. A small moving mass therefore would give the advantage of low record wear. The vertical needle compliance of the arm and pickup is of the order of 1.5 x 10-6 centimeters per dyne. This would allow the arm to move freely up and down when records are warped and thereby eliminate any loss of fidelity sometimes caused with other pickups by this warpage. This fact would also contribute to lower record wear. Needle talk, similarily, is said to be greatly minimized in this new pickup. Records could consequently be played in open type cabinets without surface noise or needlo noise, both of which are sometimes so annoying.

The needle point contained in the cartridge is a permanent sapphire point. Both the needle point radius



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and the cone angle, two other factors important for low record wear, are said to be held to rigid tolerances thereby also assuring good reproduction in all frequency ranges. The cartridge was designed 'to operate with a needle point pressure of 22 grams.

Temperature Characteristics

The Titone pickup is made, in part, from a form of transducer element quite different from the piezo electrical crystalls such as Rochelle salt or ammonium phosphate used in the conventional pickups. The new elements introduced are said to be able to withstand temperatures ranging from -65 degrees Fahrenheit to +200 degrees without suffering any permanent damage. This should have far reaching effects in regions of this country or abroad where extreme climatic conditions prevail. It is the damping material used in the manufacturing of the cartridge which actually limits the temperatures that can be withstood by the pickup.

In some tests made previously, the cartridge was immersed in a glass of hot water, installed in an ordinary pickup arm and reproduced many discs without any apparent damage suffered by the cartridge of the records. It should be borne in mind that this heat resistance can be an important asset when the case arises where the record player or the combination amplifiers generate a great deal of heat.

The weight of the cartridge has been reduced to 18 grams and because of its small size allows for construction of pickup arms having graceful shapes and designs. Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate top and side views of the cartridge. A novel arrangement providing a needle guard is included. In this particular cartridge a force of three ounces is enough to cause the needle guard to touch the record. The guard was installed with sufficient width to bridge the lands of successive grooves. The pickup cartridge is also provided with easy to use compact tip sockets of rugged construction eliminating the need of soldering in places sometimes hard to reach. This will faciliate faster installations and replacements of the cartridge.

Installation

Here are some of the installation instructions and suggestions as given by the manufacturer:

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Anode No. 1	Volts	450 (g)			450	1,900 (m)	1,430	650	1,000		1,620	2,400	1,460		k			960 to 1,440	1,200 to 1,800	1,460	
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CIRCUIT COURT

Garad 11FMP

This 10 tube, a-c operated, receiver functions on both AM and FM bands. The i-f used on FM is the customary 10.7 mc. An unusual feature, however, is the use of a resistance coupled stage.

Following a 6BA6-6BE6-6C4 combination of r-f-mixer-oscillator, a conventional dual i-f stage (employing a 6BA6 tube) functions at either 455 kc or 10.7 mc. The 455 kc signal is extracted after this stage.

The 10.7 mc FM signal is further amplified in a 6AU6 tube, the first shown in the partial schematic. The plate load for this tube is a 4700 ohm resistor. A 47 $\mu\mu$ f capacitor couples the output to the grid of the following stage. Another 6AU7 is employed to bring the signal up to sufficient level to drive a 6AU6 limiter stage. Detection takes place in a 6AL5 discriminator. Conventional dual-tuned transformer coupling is used between the last i-f stage and the limiter.

Westinghouse H-186, H-187

A circuit which indicates unusual care with regard to elimination of sources for distortion and instability is shown. The tubes employed are high-current, low-voltage type 6Y6G. Series resistors of 100 ohms and 33 ohms are used in each grid and plate lead, respectively. These tend to prevent generation of high transient or oscillatory voltages being generated within the stage.

Additional stability is obtained by a well-regulated screen grid supply source. A voltage divider provides 165 volts for the screens.

Note the small value of the cathode bias resistor, correct because of the high current drain of this type of tube.

The grids are fed from a conventional first audio and phase invertor arrangement, the latter deriving its signal from the point A at the junction of the network in the grid circuit of the output tubes.

Philco Model 49-1613

In the Philes Model 49-1613 a new tube type, 7R7, is used to perform the combined functions of i-f amplifier, a-m detector and a-v-c rectifier. A partial schematic is shown, illustrating details of the circuit.



Resistance-Coupled i-f stage employed in Garod Model 11FMP receiver.

The 455 kc AM i-f signal or the 9.1 mc FM i-f signal, whichever has been perviously selected, is applied to the pentode grid via a conventional series transformer arrangement. Amplification takes place, and the voltage de-

the first i-f stage and mixer for a-v-c purposes.

When the instrument is switched to *phono* position, a set of contacts opens the cathode lead of the 7R7, thus effectively preventing radio signals



Stability and fidelity networks employed in Westinghouse H-186, H187.

veloped on the plate, whichever function is in use, is applied to one of the diode plates. Rectification ensues and the d.c. thus developed is applied to from being developed in the audio system.







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INCOME TAX It's Easy!

by BETTY LEE GOUGH

T's like this," said the first radio service dealer, leaning over his desk to point a pencil at his friend. "I figure that anything I do, I lose. The government is going to come back at me on taxes no matter what happens. They always question something on my income return. So I've quit worrying about it, except to curse when I work nights on filling out the returns. Every year since I've been in business they've found something wrong."

"You don't know how to do it, my friend," replied the other. "The Treasury Department has *never* come back at me over an income tax return. And I don't work nights over my returns, either. Making out your income tax form is simple enough, and it's easy to do it right the first time if you take the trouble to find out what is an allowable deduction and what is not.

"As a matter of fact," continued the second man, "I found that after I learned how to do it right, I saved money. I pay less tax now because I know just what I can claim as a business deduction."

Is income tax easy? Most radio service dealers say no. But the plain fact is that if you know the rules, you can fill out your tax return off the company's annual profit and loss statement, and do it in minutes instead of hours. And as the second radio service dealer pointed out, you save money by knowing what business expenses you may deduct as overhead from your gross profits. Every year, thousands-perhaps hundreds of thousands-of dollars are unknowingly overpaid by small business men who do not realize their legal expense items.

A clear discussion of the knotty problems the Radio Service Dealer encounters in making out his income tax returns.



This fellow prefers the worst fading job to filing his income tax return.

Short And Long Forms

Let's look at all the things a radio service dealer must consider in filling out his income tax return. When you refer to the returns as "long form," "short form," and "capital gains form," they seem less formidable than when they carry Treasury Department code numbers. (We'll omit any discussion of the methods of filing corporation and partnership income tax returns. These are truly complicated. They require the services of a lawyer or an attorney to unravel. But it is definitely possible for the ordinary businessman to file the income returns for his individually-owned firm—and do it without a great deal of bother.)

In the case of an individuallyowned store, there are only three forms to worry about—the long form, the short form, and the capital gains form. You use only two of them at the most and, if you didn't make anything in the way of stock profits and losses or other capital gains, you have to fill out only one form.

What is the difference between using the long form and using the short form? Essentially, it is a question of whether you take your personal and family deductions one by [Continued on page 38]

NEW PRODUCTS

Precision Rounds Out "600" Line Precision Apparatus Company, Inc., 92-47 Horace Harding Blvd., Elmhurst, L.I., N.Y., announces that their "600" line of test equipment has now been rounded out completely with the addition of their latest unit, designated as Series 654. A combination of a cathode conductance tube tester,



dynamic (under-load) battery tester and high sensitivity a-c/d-c circuit tester (20,000 ohms-per-volt d.c.), Series 654 is designed to meet the specific needs of the modern electronic service-maintenance technician.

This instrument handles all modern tubes with full anti-obsolescence features and circuit tests all AM and FM units as well as TV sets up to 30,000 volts with the addition of the Series TV-2 test probe. It also offers full rotary selective ranges and functions and requires use of only 2 pin jacks for all standard ranges. The instrument incorporates a wide-angle, 4-58'', 50 microampere meter, also 1%wirewound and film-type resistors. All circuits are insulated from the power line for operational safety. Available in 4 models to suit individual requirements.

New-Type Soldering Tip

A soldering tip that gives more heating area, forms easily into any shape desired and does not overload transformer - is the newest develop-



ment of Weller Manufacturing Company, Easton Pa., makers of Weller Soldering Guns. Designed especially for use with Weller Guns, and sold under the trade-mark "duratip", this new tip already has proved in exhaustive tests and actual soldering use that tip life is increased 300 to 400 per cent. Also, because of its chisel shape, duratip offers more soldering area, thereby considerably increasing the amount of heat transferred to the work, which in turn increases the soldering efficiency.

It can be bent easily into any shape, to go around corners or into tight spaces. It draws rated current, heats in only 5 seconds, and cannot overload, damage or burn out the transformer. Also, since the working slug at tip end is an integral part of loop tip, slug cannot come loose or drop off. Available from authorized distributors in packages of 2.

Hi-Lo Rotatable Antenna

For dealers whose volume does not warrant the variety permitted by the Brach Flexi-Kits, individual kits featuring the latest refinements are available to fill a wide variety of needs. Star among the complete individual antenna kits is the Hi-Lo Rotatable



TV Antenna, developed to provide excellent low-band reception and solve the difficulties of receiving a quality image on Channel 13 at the same time. All parts packed in the Flexi-Kits may be ordered as individual replacements, and may be used in conjunction with those of the individual kits as well. A complete description of the entire new Brach antenna line is available in the Brach Catalog No. 1304, available on request from L. S. Brach Mfg. Corp., Newark 4, N. J.

New Microphone Desk Stand

A new Model 426 shockproof microphone desk stand is announced by Electro-Voice, Inc., Buchanan, Mich., manufacturers of microphones, phono pickups, stands as well as accessories. It combines modern streamlined "teardrop" design with functional utility. Provides balanced, stable microphone support.

Newly developed shock mount, with dual Lord shear-type mountings, is



built into the base—provides double shock absorber action—prevents reproduction of external shocks and undesirable stand vibrations—reduces side-sway of microphone.

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Sylvania Multiplier For Polymeter

A new dc voltage multiplier for the Sylvania Polymeter, which extends dc voltage measurements to 10,000 volts, has been announced by the Radio Tube Division of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y.

The new multiplier extends the applications of the Polymeter, Sylvania's multi-purpose vacuum tube voltmeter, to television high voltage supplies; transmitter plate circuits; experimental power supplies; industrial electron-



ic equipment; electronic flash tube circuits; and many other high voltage dc circuits.

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New IRC Resistors

To meet the increased requirements of radio service technicians, IRC has announced the addition of 91 new ranges to its current line of Power Wire Wound Resistors. This provides servicemen with a full range of ratings, sizes and terminal types. Special "climate-proof" cement coat-

ing provides maximum heat dissipation and humidity protection. These



full-size heavy duty resistors will operate continuously at full rating; no derating is required in high ranges. Supplemental catalog sheet listing

all ranges in fixed and adjustable types, available terminals, tolerances and list prices may be had at no charge by writing International Resistance Co., 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa.

New G.E. TV Antenna

Two new high band adapters and a one package high-low antenna for television have been announced by the Receiver Division of General Elec-



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CIRCUIT COURT

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Crosley 65T series

Many schemes have been used in different a-c/d-c receivers to eliminate the power frequency hum which seems to choose such instruments for special attention. Half wave rectifiers and lack of filter chokes contribute to the problem. Large filter con-

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densers are the rule in most sets.

The Crosley 56T sets utilize an ingenious method of making the hum lift itself by its boot-straps. The circuit is a conventional 5 tube receiver covering only the AM broadcast band. A partial circuit indicates the portions of the schematic in question.

The first audio stage uses the triode portion of the 12SQ7 and the final audio tube is a 50L6. The d-c output of the 35Z5 rectifier is applied directly to the plate of the 50L6, a 60 μ / condenser acting as filter. This is followed by a 1200 ohm resistor and a 20 μf final filter. This voltage is applied to the 50L6 screen and all



Method of bucking out hum in Crosley 56T Series receiver, through detector.

other tubes in the set.

The plate load of the 12SQ7 triode



consists of a 470K ohm unit. It is inevitable that some hum will be remaining to be applied to the plate, and be subsequently amplified by the output tube. The trick employed is to couple some of the plate circuit hum into the grid circuit of the triode. This is accomplished by tapping part way up on the grid return, in this case up 22K ohms in series with 5 meg.; the 180 degree phase change in the tube acting to buck out the hum in the plate circuit by cancellation. A .02 μf capacitor will be seen providing the feedback voltage.

Motorala 107F series

This ten tube, a-c, FM and AM chassis has, among other interesting features, a novel method of obtaining out-of-phase audio to actuate the 6V6 output tubes. A variety of circuits have been developed to achieve this result and it seems that there is no end to the possible variations.



Phase inversion in Motorola 107F.

A portion o fthe schematic is shown, illustrating the details of the output stage. The previous tube in the circuit is a 6SQ7, whose triode section acts as the first audio stage. The output is coupled to the grid of the first 6V6 in the usual R-C manner, the grid circuit being supplied fixed bias through the 470K ohm resistor.

After amplification in the 6V6, the



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The only special items needed to incorporate this method of operation are the transformer with separate primaries for the two tubes, and the 300 ohm resistor. If relacement is needed it would be necessary to observe proper polarity in the two primaries.

INCOME TAX

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one or lumped together into a readymade package. On the short form, the government allows you roughly ten percent of your "adjusted gross income" (which is your business net



The usual objective of Antenna Stacking is for the purpose of acquiring db gain—with Amphenol's 114-302 Stacked Array there is a plus value, another adaptation, one which is very important in congested TV areas. Both the upper and lower bays provide all-channel reception and each bay may be individually oriented. Overlapping signals or station interference on same channels within receiving areas may now be separated—if and when the bays are stacked for orientation. In the smaller illustration lower right, observe the same array stacked for db gain on all channels. Amphenol Antennas offer many plus values in being perfected electrically and mechanically in every detail.



profit) for personal expenses that are legal income tax deductions. On the long form, you roll your own. You list them individually. The government allows you no blanket deduction. If you think that more than ten percent of your net business income (your "adjusted gross income" on the forms) was spent for such deductible things as medical attention and state or city gasoline tax on your *personal* driving, then you'll make money by using the long form.

Many radio service dealers and other business men mistakenly believe that it is necessary to use the long form in order to take all of their business expenses as tax deductions. This is not so. You can take all of your business overhead items off a short form return as well as a long form return. The long form is used only when you wish to itemize personal and family deductions. That's why so many tax accountants and attorneys advise their clients to forget about the long form altogether.

Until the passage of the new Revenue Act that lowered income taxes slightly, there was a drawback that prohibited business men who made fairly sizeable incomes from using the convenient short form. Only those whose incomes were below \$5000.00 were permitted to take the blanket 10% deduction allowed on the short return. Now, however, the standard deduction has been extended to those making up to \$10,000. The law allows \$1000 or ten percent of the income.

Joint Returns

However, if you plan to take advantage of the new community property provision in the Aet, which extends the privilege to all taxpayers regardless of the laws of the state in which they live, watch out! In a joint return, or in the return of a single man, the \$1000-or-ten-percent is allowed, but it is different with married persons sending in separate returns. Each is allowed to take off no more than \$600 for the standard blanket deduction.

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the short form's convenience and savings and also reducing the size of the tax considerably, since both figures fall into a bracket lower than the \$10,000 figure does.

To see how much difference this makes, consider the case of a dealer whose "adjusted gross" income was exactly \$9980.00, and who split his income by reporting half of it as his own and half as his wife's. They would pay \$2640.00 without splitting. Taking it as a split income, they would each pay \$687, a total of \$1374. The saving: \$1266! The most important thing to any business man is an exact knowledge of what he may deduct as business expense, and what he may not.

Roughly speaking, anything you pay out in order to run your business is a business expense.

Here is what the Treasury Department has to say about business expenses: "Business expenses may include reasonable salaries and wages paid, interest on business indebtedness, taxes on business and business property, loss arising from business operation, bad debts arising from



sales or services (provided the income portion of the amount due has previously been reported in income), depreciation, obsolescence, depletion and rents, repairs and other expenses."

The Treasury also points out that: "Other items are management expenses, commissions, labor, supplies, advertising or other selling expenses. and insurance premiums paid."

Also included are the upkeep and depreciation on cars and trucks used in the business' membership in trade associations, other clubs and Chambers of Commerce where it is sometimes good business to belong, subscriptions to publications (like this one) that you use to help you conduct your business, the cost of supplies. postage, etc., equipment that has only a short life, depreciation on equipment and fixtures that has a life longer than one year, any entertainment that actually helps the business and, finally, travel and transportation expenses.

There is one item of business expenses you'll find tricky. Many dealers have written off the cost of materials they purchased—and later found themselves coughing up back tax payments plus, on occasion, interest as well. This is because anything you have in your inventory is not a business expense. You still have it. Until it leaves your physical possession through sale, or until it is definitely written off useless, it's an asset, not an expense.

When you take a deduction for bad debts, the Treasury insists that your return show: "(a) the nature of the debt; (b) name and family relationship if any of the debtor; (c) when the debt was created; (d) when it became due; (e) what efforts have been made to collect the debt; and (f) how it was determined to be worthless."

Uncle Sam wants all of this information because of the opportunities for fraudulent deductions that dishonest taxpayers have when they claim bad debt losses. Bills rendered that have remained unpaid are not necessarily bad debts in an income tax sense. A deduction for a bad debt loss is allowed only if you have previously reported the sum due you as income. In other words, the debt must have been reported as income at some time or you can't take it off as a loss.

Depreciation

How do you figure depreciation? Supplies and other incidental purchases that have a short life only—

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usually less than one year—can be taken off as direct expenses, but equipment, fixtures, machinery and such—things that last a long time cannot be claimed in whole during the year they are purchased. You must depreciate them. The depreciation time should be roughly the normal life of the item.

Thus, for example, a desk that cost \$100.00 could be expected to last ten years. At the end of that time, it would have a resale value of perhaps \$10.00. So you would depreciate the desk nine dollars each year for the decade.

If you use a car for both business and pleasure, figure the part of its life that is devoted to business uses. Then take that percentage of its value. Depreciate the figure you have in the same way that the desk above was figured.

The Collector of Internal Revenue won't raise cain about how you carry depreciation on the books, provided you use any recognized accounting method, figure on a reasonable life, and use the same depreciation procedure consistently.

Interest

In writing down the interest you pay on a business debt, be sure that you do not put down interest on any personal loans you might have made. Your business loan is an expense you incur in making money, but your personal loan is not. You can take off personal loan interest, but b_{11} if you use the long form in filing your return. Business loan interescomes off in computing the "adjusted gross" income figure.

Taxes

You can take off taxes you have to pay for doing business but, again, you may not take off taxes on your home or on the eigarettes you smoke —unless you use the long form and deduct them from the "adjusted gross." Like the interest on a business loan, the taxes on your business (and only on your business) are deducted from gross income to arrive at the "adjusted gross" figure, which is no more than the net profit shown on your year-end profit and loss statement.

Other Expenses

Where do these various business expense items go in the conglomeration of spaces, boxes and blanks on the long or short income tax form? The easiest way to handle them is to list them just as you would in a



regular profit and loss statemen, then write this remark across the various "schedules" provided on the form: "See attached schedule listing ex-"See attached schedule listing expenses and deductions."

Be sure that the special profit and loss statement is firmly attached to your tax report. Don't just clip it on. Staple or glue it to the top of the return so it can't get lost in the shuffle of thousands of forms that pour into every Collector's office during January, February and March.

What about other money you might have taken in, such as from the sale of a house, or the dividends paid on corporation stocks, or the profit on a sale of stocks you owned? These three all come under the heading of capital gains (or losses). They should be separately reported on the form that comes with each income tax return. You pay a different tax rate on capital gains.

Briefly, "capital gains" applies to any money you made from the sale, liquidation, etc. of some long-term investment. The purchase of a home is a long term investment. If, during the year, you sold your home for \$1000 more than you paid for it five years ago, you have made a capital gain of \$1000. This is not included in the regular listing of business profits and expenses.

In next month's issue, we'll look at the matter of deductions that govern your decision on using the long form or the short form. We'll cite examples of good income tax figuring.

PHONO PICKUP

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The Titone cartridge can be used directly as replacement for a crystal cartridge. It will operate satisfactorily into a half to a ten megohim load. For average use a one megohim load is recommended. Where more bass is desired a higher resistance load is required.

To install: First remove the two screws holding the cartridge to be replaced in place. Detach the terminals from the old cartridge. If connections were soldered solder the wires to the clips of the ceramic pickup cartridge provided in the installation kit. A word of caution: Do not solder wires while clips are attached to the new cartridge. This is a very important point and should always be observed. Plug clips onto the terminal adapter with the ground lead on left hand pin, (looking from



the front of the cartridge when it is in playing position). Another precaution: On ac-dc sets it is necessary to unground the cartridge. This can be easily accomplished by pushing back the rubber sleeve slightly, then cutting the ground strap (see Fig. 5).



Fig. 5-Constructional details.

All free parts of metal resulting from this cuting operation should be removed from all parts of the pickup.

Mount the new cartridge into the arm using the size of screws matching the threads of the old mounting holes. The best use of the pickup and the least record wear is obtained with a needle force at the point of 3⁄4 of an ounce. This may seem minute but the pressure carried by the actual point is sometimes in excess of several tons to the square inch. If needle point force is too great, try to adjust the counterweight or the counterbalance spring at the rear of the pickup arm. Remove needle guard and pickup is ready for operation.

If upon completion of the installation the volume output is insufficient it may be due to the use of an equalizer network in the input circuit which is not necessary with this new pickup material. If that is the case, remove the equalizer network and make the connection directly.

The pickup cartridge has not had any publicity up to the present time until it was found to give satisfaction in practical field and user tests. These tests indicate excellent results on both expensive and low priced phonographs and record players. The pickups have been produced on a commercial basis since March, 1947, and several hunderd thousand pickup cartridges have already been delivered to a number of phonograph manufacturers. They are now or will be shortly available to the public as replacements on pickups now being used on phonographs in literally millions of homes throughout the world. This point is of utmost importance to the serviceman.





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A most logical procedure is to contact known owners of phono units by postcard, circular, or phone, and to acquaint them with the merits of the new pickup. It is certain that a large percentage of responses will be obtained as a result of this procedure. In fact, many of these responses will be due to unsatisfactory operation of the existing equipment due to service requirements.

It then becomes merely routine for the Service Dealer to put the equipment in first class condition first, following which the "Titone" unit is installed. No doubt, mechanical difficulties will arize—but so far none has been insurmountable. The end result will be a customer who is satisfied for two reasons: first, because of the better condition of his unit, and second, because of excellent pickup used.

TUNED FILTERS

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chosen so as to allow relatively low resistance values for R_1 and R_2 . This is desirable, since the total d-c load current must flow through these two resistors in series, and a high total resistance value would introduce an undersirable voltage drop. Since C_{1} , C_2 , and C_3 are electrolytic capacitors, they must be connected in the polarity shown in Fig. 5. The capacitors and resistors must be selected as closely as possible to have the values given in Fig. 5. However, slight differences in both capacitance and resistance are compensated by adjustment of rheostat R_1 . In order to obtain the resistance values given for R_2 and R_3 , these units may be wirewound resistors with their sliders set to the indicated values by means of an ohmmeter. Rheostat R_1 may be provided with a slotted shaft for screwdriver adjustment, and may be set closely for very effective elimination of hum.

Installation of the Tuned Section

The tuned sections shown in Figs.2 to 5 will remove the 60-cycle halfwave ripple from the power supply output voltage (or will attenuate it

to an unnoticeable level) in the most troublesome of cases. They do not affect the hum harmonics, however, and for this reason the tuned section must be followed by a simple untuned section (See Fig. 1). The untuned section may be made up with any available choke which will carry the full d-c output (load) current, and any available high-capacitance filter capacitor. A common combination, for example, is 20 henries and 10 microfarads. The values are not at all critical in the untuned section which is a brute-force circuit.

The parallel-T section (Fig. 5) is not susceptible to magnetic fields, nor does it radiate any, and so may be placed without too much concern in any convenient part of the power supply section of the chassis. When the tuned section includes a choke, such as those given in Figs. 2, 3, and 4. care must be taken to mount the tuned choke so that its core is at right angles to the choke in the untuned filter section. Care also must be taken to keep the tuned choke well away from audio transformers in the supplied circuit.

We believe that the comparative simplicity and other advantages of tuned filter sections will recommend them readily to the builders of equipment using transformerless power supplies of the half-wave type. We believe they are equally useful to the radio serviceman who should consider the installation of a tuned section to correct stubborn hum troubles.

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compensates for load changes across the amplifier output. Under ordinary operating conditions, these load changes vary continuously and greatly through a wide dynamic range.

In the first case above, when the content of negative feedback exactly equals the content of positive feedback, we have an ideal condition. An original pure undistorted signal, somewhat amplified, may be taken from the amplifier. In this we have a *stabilized* condition sometimes called a balanced condition.

In the second case above, a similar distortion to that known to exist in the original, but of lesser magnitude and opposite in phase, is fed back into the input circuit with the immediate result that the original distortion is reduced through opposition. Thus, waveform or harmonic dis-

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tortion, arizing within an amplifier, is itself degenerated and therefore reduced. Expanded ranges of frequency spectrum can be amplified practically with equality throughout the frequency range.

In the third case above, negative feedback stabilizes the output voltage or the dynamics of the amplifier under load and as stated these loads vary greatly and continuously. The usual tendency without feedback would be for the output voltage to drop off as the load current or drain increased. What actually happens when negative feedback is applied is the following:

An increased load of course draws a greater current in an amplifier's output circuit. This naturally decreases the output voltage. But, that action must also decrease the feedback voltage since it is derived from and paralleled across that same reduced output voltage. Thus the smaller content of feedback introduces less opposition to the original input signal. Then, when that signal has less opposition, the input is effectively larger and being again amplified results in an increased output. From this process output voltages are maintained at steadier mean values. The final product is stabilization with a minimum of distortion.

Now of course the above benefits are only gained at the expense of a loss in voltage gain since the very nature of the whole negative feedback process reduces the possible output signal from the amplifier. Yet the gains to be derived from stabilization and freedom from distortion more than offset this loss. It is merely necessary to design the amplifier for a greater amount of gain when negative feedback is employed. High *mu* tubes producing a greater gain per tube have aided development.

To clarify the above an example is detailed. With reference to Fig. 5, suppose an amplifier without feedback requires 1 volt input to produce an output of 100 volts. Next assume the introduction of a circuit feeding back 9 volts inversely to the input when the output is 100 volts. Ten volts will now be required at the input to maintain the original 1 volt across CD(10-9 negative feedback = 1 across CD). The original gain of the amplifier was 100/10 = 10. While the gain with feedback added has been reduced. The output over the input or 100/10 = 10. We then may say that the gain of the amplifier with feedback is, Gain = A/1-FA where A is amplification without feedback and F is the fraction of output voltage that is fed [Continued on page 48]

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Fig. 17-Waveforms obtained at various test points in vertical circuit.



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back. In the above A = 100 and F = -9/100 = .09 then, $Gain = 100/1 - [100 \times (-.09)]$ = 100/1 + 9 = 10

Sensitivity Gain

There is one more small benefit not to be ignored. An amplifier becomes more sensitive to weaker signals when negative feedback is employed. Here is what happens. The output voltage naturally falls off as an input signal becomes weaker. Since the feedback circuit is connected directly across the output circuit of an amplifier, any fall in voltage there naturally reduces the amount of feedback. Then, any lack of opposition to a weaker input signal, due to that reduced feedback, results in an effective gain in signal input.

EDITORIAL

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