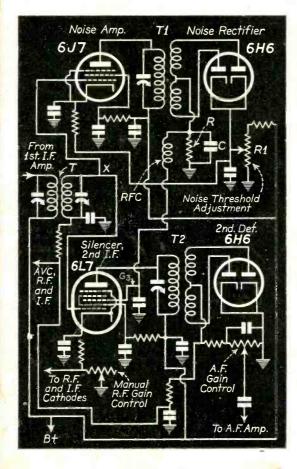
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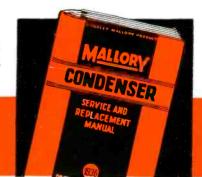
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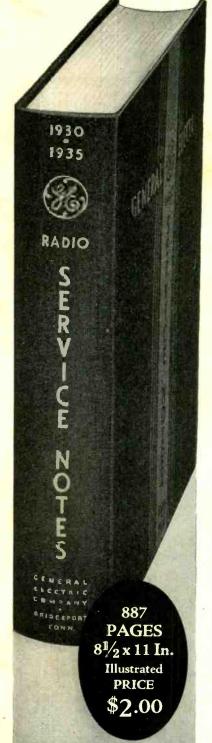
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THE SERVICING BUSINESS needs more "front." At the present it has no front at all. And the public is so constituted as to have no confidence in any business or profession that lacks proper dress.

Maybe it sounds like hypocrisy to place a false front on any business or profession. It is, if the business or profession has no real authenticity. But that isn't the case with the servicing industry.

A good Service Man or a good Service Organization is backed by knowledge, by competence, by integrity and by a vast amount of technical experience. But you'd never know it. The average Service Man or representative of a Service Organization provides the customer with the impression that the mentality and the capability of a Service Man is about on a par with that of a scissor sharpener.

It is natural for the average person to base judgment on appearances. For this reason the judgment of the average person is usually poor. But the fact remains that your customers are not in a position to appreciate how brilliant you may be in servicing work, particularly if you look like a tramp. If you have the appearance of an old-clothes man or the grocery boy, you certainly aren't going to get over the idea that you're the best Service Man in the neighborhood.

If you want to look like a tramp—that's your business (as long as it lasts . . . then it becomes the business of someone else). Lots of artists and writers look like tramps—and they get away with it—but they have more on the ball than you have.

Why do you suppose telegraph messengers wear uniforms; why do you suppose doctors wear wing collars or in other respects appear in semi-formal dress when they are out of the operating room; and why do you suppose milk and laundry companies employ well-dressed, well-mannered representatives to contact the public rather than letting the milkman or the laundry delivery boy handle the job? Why? Because these people and these organizations realize that you can't lay bare the working part of a business to the public and expect them to enjoy its rough appearance.

Yet you Service Men have been doing just this thing for a long, long time . . . such a long time that it is a wonder the customer has a decent impression of you at all. The fact that some of them have is merely because you have done a good job on their sets. The plumber did a good job on their kitchen sinks, too.

You fellows have a calling and it is a shame you don't make the best of it. Most of you have the stuff that makes for respect, but you insist on treating yourself and your business on the basis of your own impression as to its face value . . . an impression that cannot be shared by your customers.

What you need is a bit of front. You're entitled to it and so are your customers. You're in a business where

they take a metal chassis and place it in a nice looking cabinet, because if they didn't, people wouldn't have the things in their homes no matter how much nice music they could get out of them. The bit of dress is essential. People resent anything that isn't dolled up a bit.

Maybe you're an independent Service Man and you can't afford to employ a well-dressed and well-mannered contact man as a front between the customer and the rough side of your business. But, you can do that yourself, and if you have partners, you can go in for conservative uniforms to be used when sets are called for or delivered. Not "military" uniforms, but something between the smock of the laboratory worker and the type of coat worn by attendants at filling stations.

If you have your own Service Organization, you can well afford to employ a contact man. He will pay for himself many times over. He is the fellow you should send out on the calls . . . the fellow who will listen with understanding—without knowing what it's all about—to the customer's explanation of the receiver fault and make notes in a loose-leaf book. He is the fellow who will "arrange to have the set called for" or "taken care of on the premises." But he will do no actual service work, at least not in front of the customer. He is the "front."

Your assistants should wear some form of uniform at all times they are out of the shop. The customer should never see either you or one of your men "stripped for work" or in working clothes.

Don't continue in the belief that appearance or "front" is a minor consideration and that good work is everything. It is vital, of course, that you do good work and that you know your business, but keep in mind that no matter how good you are, the customer will continue to take you and your business at their face value.

#### PRESIDENTIAL YEAR

THIS IS A presidential election year, and it is our guess that it is going to be a wow. There is going to be intense interest in everything connected with the elections and most of this interest is going to center on the radio speeches.

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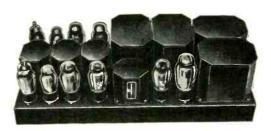
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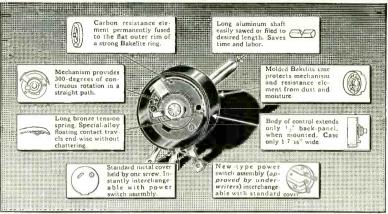
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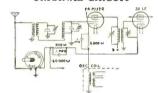
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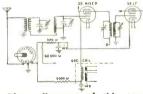
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## (1)—Replace 24 mixer tube by a 35 tube. (2)—Remove 6000 ohm resistor and .1 mfd. condenser between mixer cathode and oscillator coupling coil and connect these points together.

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CIRCUIT MODIFICATIONS

cillator coupling coil and connect to the 6000 ohm resistor and .1 resistor just removed (second step).

(4)—Ground the other side of .1 mfd. condenser. Connect the remaining terminal of the 6000 ohm resistor to No. 3 terminal of the Electrad control.

(5)—The return end of the I. F. trimming condenser is removed from the cathode of the I. F. tube and grounded.

(6) — Disconnect the low side of the .1 mfd. condenser which is connected from the cathode of the I. F. tube to the far side of the 500 minimum bias resistor and connect to ground. This hv-passes the cathode directly to ground.

(7)—Align I. F. at 177

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## NOISE-SILENCING CIRCUIT

(See Front Cover)

THERE is shown on the front cover of this issue the abbreviated diagram of a superheterodyne receiver which employs an additional circuit for the silencing of natural and man-made interference. The device will not silence all noise, but it is highly effective in reducing or silencing sharply peaked noise impulses of short time duration having amplitudes greater than the constant avc-controlled amplitude of the signal voltage.

The device may be considered as a quick-acting automatic volume control circuit which biases one of the i-f tubes to cut-off immediately upon the appearance of a noise impulse in the circuit. Obviously, when this occurs, both the noise impulse and the signal are wiped out. Under the proper conditions, however, the momentary interruption is of such short duration that the ear is insensible to the change.

#### BASIS OF ACTION

The operation of the system is based on the fact that if a noise impulse such as that from the ignition system of an auto, is caught before it has been extensively amplified by the receiver, its time duration will be of the order of only one-thousandth of a second or so. If, then, the small time-space occupied by a given noise impulse is replaced by a period of complete or partial silence, the ear will perceive the signal as a continuous sound. This holds true just so long as, first, the noise impulses are not increased in time duration by action of the receiver and loudspeaker, and, second, that the impulses are not too close together. In these instances, so much of the signal time-space would be wiped out that the ear would perceive the gaps.

#### CIRCUIT ACTION

Now let us turn to the functioning of the circuit shown on the front cover. The signal voltage from transformer T is fed to two separate channels; the upper channel or noise amplifier, and the lower channel or signal amplifier. The return circuit of the secondary of this transformer is tied in on the ave circuit of the receiver so that automatic bias is placed on the grid of the 6J7 noise amplifier as well as on the grid of the 6L7 signal amplifier. This insures that the signal level is held at a constant value in both channels.

Examine the signal amplifier channel first. This consists of the 6L7 second i-f tube and the 6H6 second detector and avc tube. Under conditions of no noise (that is, no noise impulses having an amplitude greater than the signal) this signal amplifier channel functions in the usual manner, and the noise amplifier channel is inoperative.

The noise amplifier channel is inoperative under these conditions by reason of the fact that the negative bias on the diodes of the 6H6 noise rectifier is adjusted to a point where the constant signal voltage causes no current flow in the diode load circuit. That is, the noise rectifier is given a delay bias which must be overcome before rectification can take place. Thus, the constant signal voltage, as controlled by the ave action of the receiver, has no effect on the noise channel.

A LL Service Men will be interested in the accompanying explanation of the noise-silencing system developed by James Lamb, Technical Editor of QST magazine. There is no doubt that many of these devices will be used in the form of adapters in conjunction with superheterodyne receivers, and since special adjustments are required, the Service Man should be equipped to make them. When an adapter is used, it is necessary to realign the second i-f stage in the receiver. It is also necessary to make the proper adjustments on the noise threshold control.

Complete data on the Lamb Noise Silencer will be found in the February issue of QST.—Editor.

Now, if the signal is accompanied by a noise impulse having an amplitude greater than the constant signal voltage, it will be amplified by the 6J7 noise amplifier and will produce a current flow in the diode circuit of the noise rectifier. This is so because the noise impulse will have sufficient voltage to overcome the delay bias and cause rectification.

Consequently, for the instant occupied by the noise impulse, current will flow in the diode load resistor R, thereby developing a voltage drop. This instantaneous negative voltage is fed through the filter marked "RFC" to grid No. 3 of the 6L7 tube. This bias on grid No. 3 reduces the gain of the 6L7 tube, and if the voltage is of sufficient value it will bias the 6L7 to cutoff. As soon as the bias voltage ceases, the 6L7 is released and returns to a condition of maximum sensitivity. This brings forth the interesting observation that, the greater the amplitude of the noise impulse, the greater the silencing action!

#### APPLICATION

When applying this device to a superheterodyne receiver, it is necessary to make a few adjustments. First of all, it is necessary to align the i-f transformers T, T-1 and T-2 so that they all peak at the correct i-f frequency of the receiver. After these adjustments are made, it is necessary to adjust the delay bias on the noise amplifier channel. This is accomplished by the Noise Threshold Adjustment, R-1. A variation of the setting of this potentiometer alters the bias on both the 6J7 and 6H6 noise channel tubes. The proper adjustment is that which will permit the noise rectifier tube to trigger off on any impulse greater in amplitude than that of the constant signal voltage. This adjustment is best made by tuning in a signal and then feeding some form of noise, such as from a vibrator or spark coil, into the input of the receiver.

# General Data

#### Grunow 12A Chassis

The 12A Chassis is used in receiver Model 1241 with speakers 12A4, 6B3 and 6B4.

The complete circuit is shown in Fig. 1. There are twelve tubes and the circuit incorporates variable selectivity in the i-f system so that this channel can be expanded for high-fidelity reception. There is a 6K7 r-f amplifier, 6A8 first detector and oscillator, 6K7 first i-f amplifier, 6K7 second i-f amplifier, 6H6 second detector and avc, 6F5 a-f voltage amplifier, 6C5 a-f driver, 6F6 high-frequency audio channel power output, 6C5 beat-frequency oscillator or "Signal Beacon" double 6F6 push-pull low-frequency audio channel power output and 5Z4 high-voltage rectifier.

The frequency range is divided into four bands as follows: 550 to 1750 kc (Green); 1700 to 5680 kc (Orange); 5.4 to 18 mc (Amber); and 150 to 410 kc (Red).

#### ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

Do not attempt to align the 12A Chassis without proper equipment. Alignment condensers are shown in the accompanying illustrations—i-f condensers on top of the i-f transformers.

Coupling condensers of 200 mmfd, .25 mfd, and a 400-ohm resistor should be used when coupling oscillator to receiver during alignment as specified in the procedure.

The receiver should be aligned in a location free from local interference (interference caused by motors—flashers—automobile ignition, etc.) as high-frequency disturbances will cause difficulties when the short-wave section is being adjusted. (A screened room is to be recommended.)

Turn dial knob until condensers are fully meshed. The dial pointer (hour hand) should be on the horizontal line of the dial, pointing to 9 and 3 o'clock. The minute hand should be at 12 o'clock or in a vertical position.

#### I-F ALIGNMENT

The Grunow High-Fidelity system is incorporated in this chassis and the following procedure must be strictly adhered to:

The i-f circuit of this chassis is known as an "expanded i-f system". In order to reproduce programs of a "high-fidelity nature" it is not only necessary to build an audio system capable of reproducing all the notes of the audio-spectrum at a mean output level, but it is also necessary to build a radio-frequency system that will pass signals without cutting off the sidebands. In

other words, the selectivity of the receiver must be broad enough to pass all high-fidelity signals when desired—and be so designed that the selectivity may be increased at will, so that nearby powerful transmitting stations will not interfere with other local or distant stations. This variable selectivity is accomplished by changing the mutual inductance in two of the i-f transformers—the coupling being changed by means of a control knob on the front of the receiver, which also acts as a tone control.

This control varies the transformer coupling, giving maximum selectivity on position No. 1, and broadcast selectivity and highest fidelity on position No. 6.

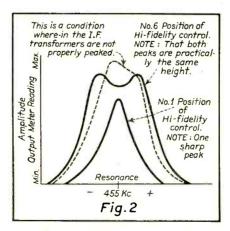
When aligning the i-f transformers see that the control is in the position (No. 1) of greatest selectivity.

Fig. 2 is a graphical picture of the results obtained, first with the control on No. 1 position, or maximum selectivity; second, on No. 6 position, showing the selectivity of the receiver broadened to its greatest extent, permitting the higher frequency sidebands to be passed through the selective circuit with the result that tone quality is greatly improved.

It will be noted that both peaks (No. 6) are practically the same height, and that both slopes are symmetrical.

The third graph represents a condition wherein the i-f transformers are not properly peaked, and it will be noted that one peak is proportionately too high and the other has been practically lost. This illustration is shown merely as an example of what to expect when the receiver is not properly aligned.

Before any adjustment of circuit constants is attempted, allow the chassis to



The i-f curves of minimum and maximum selectivity and, in dotted lines, a condition of misalignment.

"heat up" to normal operating temperature. This heating period should take from 20 to 30 minutes and is necessary to allow all coils and condensers to reach their normal temperatures so that when alignment is completed, there will be no inductance or capacity changes due to thermal expansion or contraction.

It is good to remember this heating condition when logging stations—that is, do not attempt to log or tune in a station previously logged on a "cold" chassis, as the station being tuned in would "drift" and the calibration on the previously logged station would be incorrect.

Connect signal lead of test oscillator to grid of 6A8 (1st detector tube) through .25 mfd condenser. Connect the ground lead to the chassis.

Set dial pointer to 1400 kc and range switch on "Green" (No. 2) position.

Place test oscillator in operation at 455 kc. Turn receiver volume control to maximum and High-Fidelity control to position No. 1.

Attenuate test oscillator output to lowest value consistent with obtaining a readable indication on output meter.

Adjust the six i-f trimmers, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, located on the i-f transformers on top of chassis (see Fig. 3), until maximum output is obtained. During alignment, maintain as low a value of signal as will allow obtaining of accurate adjustment.

Turn the on and off switch clockwise to the Signal Beacon position.

Adjust Signal Beacon trimmer (A7) Fig. 3, which is located on side of i-f transformer (near dial) to zero beat with the 455 kc incoming signal.

#### 175-KC ALIGNMENT

Connect signal lead of test oscillator through 200-mmfd condenser to antenna binding post on chassis.

Connect the test oscillator ground lead to the ground post of chassis.

Place test oscillator in operation at 175 kc.

Place High-Fidelity control in position No. 2.

Turn range switch to "Red" (No. 1)

Tune in signal to maximum (this point does not have to be exactly at 175-kc dial setting).

Adjust the 175-kc padding condenser (A8) Fig. 4 (which is on rear of chassis) in direction of signal increase. At same time rock the tuning condenser back and forth through resonance while adjusting padding condenser until maximum output is obtained.

#### 350-KC ALIGNMENT

Place test oscillator in operation at 350 kc.

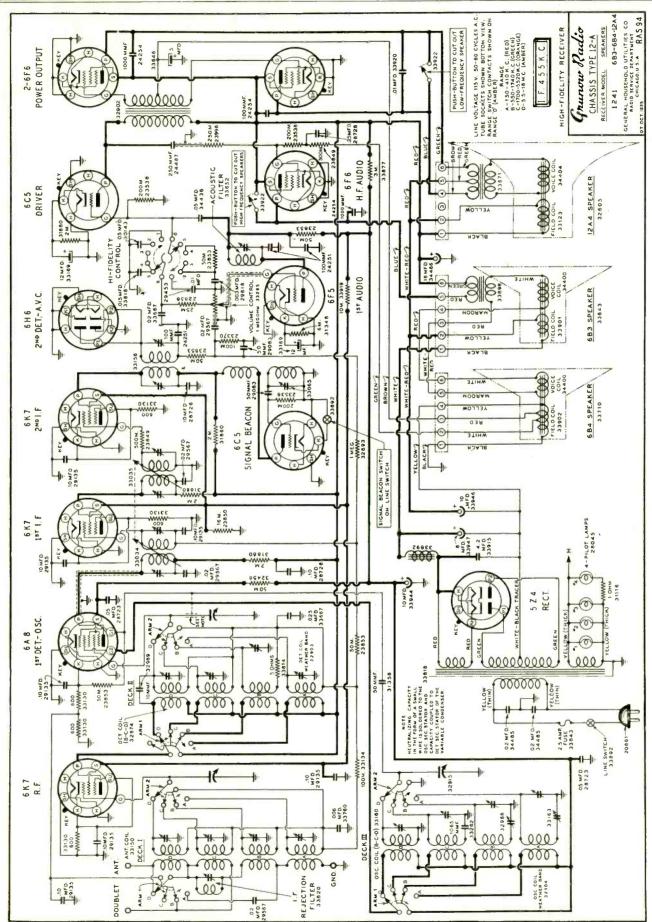


Fig. 1. Complete schematic diagram of the Grunow Type 12-A Chassis, including parts, values and numbers.

Turn dial pointer to 350 kc.

Turn range switch to "Red" position (No. 1).

Place High-Fidelity control in position No. 2.

Adjust "weather band" oscillator trimmer (A9), to maximum output.

Adjust detector trimmer (A10) to maximum output.

Adjust antenna trimmer (A11) to maximum output.

Recheck 175-kc padder condenser.

#### 1400-KC ALIGNMENT

Place test oscillator in operation at 1400 kc.

Turn dial pointer to 1400 kc.

Turn range switch to range "Green" (No. 2) position.

High-Fidelity control remains in No. 2 position.

Adjust broadcast oscillator trimmer (A12) to maximum output.

Adjust 1st detector trimmer (A13) to maximum output.

Adjust antenna trimmer (A14) to maximum output.

#### 600-KC ALIGNMENT

Place test oscillator in operation at 600 kc.

Tune in signal to maximum (this point does not have to be exactly at 600-kc. dial setting).

Adjust the 600-kc padding condenser (A15) which is on rear of chassis, in direction of signal increase. At same time rock the tuning condenser back and forth through resonance while adjusting padding condenser until maximum output is obtained.

Recheck 1400-kc alignment.

#### 5-MC ALIGNMENT

Set range switch to "Orange" (No. 3) position.

Place test oscillator in operation at 5

Turn dial pointer to 5 mc.

Adjust set oscillator trimmer (A16) to maximum output.

Adjust detector trimmer (A17) to maximum output.

Adjust antenna trimmer (A18) to maximum output.

#### 18-MC ALIGNMENT

Connect signal lead of test oscillator through 400-ohm resistor to antenna binding post of chassis.

Connect the ground lead to ground terminal of chassis.

Set range switch to "Amber" (No. 4) position and turn dial pointer to 18 mc.

Place test oscillator in operation at 18 mc.

Adjust set oscillator trimmers (A 19) to maximum output.

Adjust detector trimmers (A 20) to maximum output.

Adjust antenna trimmers (A 21) to maximum output.

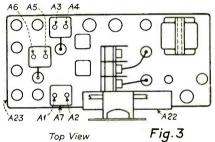
On the 18-mc alignment it will be noted that there are two settings at which the signal will be received. Use the lower of the images for alignment point, that is, the setting giving most capacity or the point at which the trimmer screw is farthest in.

#### I-F "REJECTOR FILTER" ALIGNMENT

Due to interference caused by commercial code stations operating on wavelengths near the frequency at which the i-f amplifiers of this receiver are aligned, an i-f filter has been incorporated in the antenna circuit to act as a rejector system, thereby lessening the possibility of this form of interference entering the receiver.

The filter should be tuned to the same frequency as the i-f transformers, and this operation should be performed after the set has been completely aligned.

Connect signal lead of test oscillator to antenna binding post through a 200-mmfd condenser.



Location of i-f transformer trimmers.

Connect ground lead to ground terminal of chassis.

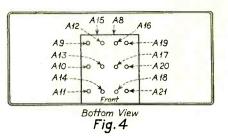
Set dial pointer to 1400 kc and range switch on Green (No. 2) position.

Place test oscillator in operation at 455 kc, turn receiver volume control to maximum and High-Fidelity control to No. 2 position.

Attenuate test oscillator output so that a fairly strong signal is applied, and tune filter condenser (A 22) so that the output meter indicates a minimum reading.

#### TUNING ACOUSTIC FILTER

The i-f system of a high-fidelity receiver is expanded or broadened so that audio frequencies of the higher musical range will be passed through the selective circuits. It is desirous to pass audio frequencies only up to a value of 10,000 cycles, so that the entire musical range may be reproduced, at the same time frequencies above this value must be cut off, so that station noises and at-



Location of r-f padding condensers

mospheric disturbances are not admitted to the speaker system.

An acoustic filter is incorporated in this chassis, that may be tuned so that frequencies above 10,000 cycles are excluded. This filter is tuned as follows:

After all other adjustments are completed, apply a 10,000-cycle note, produced by an audio oscillator or phonograph frequency record, connecting one of the signal leads to the grid of the 6F5 (1st a-f tube) and the ground lead to the chassis.

Attenuate audio signal so as to obtain a good reading on the output meter.

Tune acoustic filter condenser (A 23) until a *minimum* output is indicated on the output meter.

#### SPEAKER SYSTEM

The 12A Chassis is designed to work into the Grunow triple speaker system. This complete system consists of a dual audio arrangement wherein a two-channel audio amplifier is used. One channel comprising a 6F6 tube coupled to two small speakers reproduce the high notes of the musical range, and the other channel comprising two type 6F6 tubes in push-pull coupled to a large speaker reproduces the low and middle register of the musical range. If it becomes necessary to replace or change any part of the speaker system, care should be taken to see that the polarity of all transformers, voice coils and tube connections remain as originally connected, otherwise there is a possibility of the speakers working out of phase, causing one of the speakers to cancel out certain frequency responses of the other.

To determine whether the speakers are in phase—short out the voice coil on the large speaker and reverse the voice coil leads on one of the small speakers, connecting the lead on the small speaker in the position of strongest and best response. Then with the large speaker working with the two small speakers, change the polarity of the large speaker voice coil, connecting it in the position of strongest and best response.

When making this test it is a good idea to have the receiver tuned to a good musical program.

#### Silvertone Models 1918A, 1968A

These are twelve-tube, five-band, high-fidelity superheterodynes. They incorporate such features as variable coupling for the i-f transformers. thereby providing variable selectivity and tone control; a sensitivity switch; a variable adjustment to match the receiver to the conditions encountered in any particular location; a variable low note boost control; a newly designed curvilinear speaker and dual ratio condenser drive with band spread pointer. In addition to the usual broadcast range these receivers have a long-wave weather band as well as three shortwave ranges. The Model 1968A has "visual wave-band indication." That is, the proper dial scale to read, as the wave-band switch knob is turned to its various positions, is easily identified by spots of light that appear on the particular dial scale.

ANTENNA AND GROUND CONNECTIONS

These receivers are designed for use with either a conventional type of an-

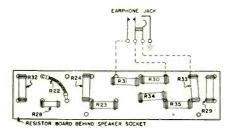


Fig. 2. Connections for installation of headphone jack.

tenna or with a doublet antenna. There is a terminal block at the rear of the chassis. When a conventional antenna is used, the lead-in from the antenna is to be connected to the terminal marked "A" on the terminal block. The ground wire should be bared for a sufficient length so that it can be clamped under terminals "D" and "G."

When a doublet antenna is used, one wire of the twisted down lead should be connected under the terminal marked "A" and the other wire under the terminal marked "D." Either wire may be connected to either terminal. The ground connection is made to the terminal marked "G."

TUBES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

6K7MG-R-F.

6A8MG—Oscillator—Translator. 6K7MG—First I-F.

6K7MG-Second I-F.

75—AVC — Detector — First A-F.

6C5 MG-Driver.

6C5MG-Driver-Phase Inverter.

4-45A-Push-pull Parallel Output.

5Z3-Rectifier.

#### AVC CIRCUIT

The diode current of the 75 tube. flowing through the 150,000-ohm resistor R18, creates a voltage drop across this resistor. This voltage is applied to the control grid of the r-f, translator, and i-f tubes to provide avc. R20, R14, R9 and R2 are filter resistors to isolate the grid circuits of each stage.

The output of the triode section of the 75 tube is used to drive the 6C5MG

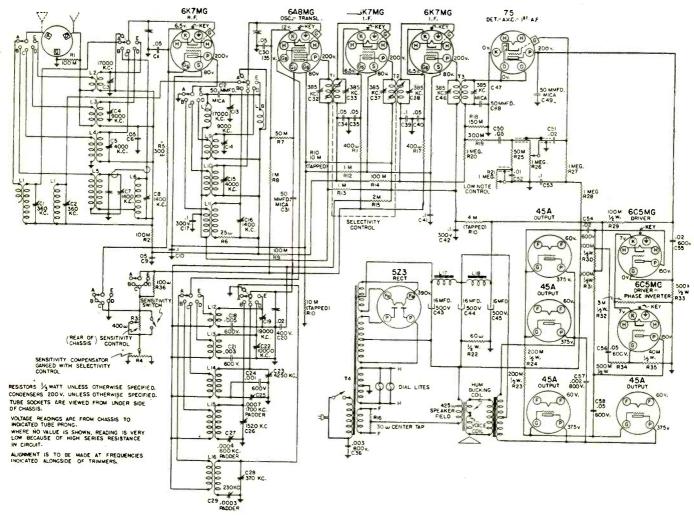


Fig. 1. Circuit with parts and voltage values of the Silvertone Models 1918A and 1968A.

tubes which act as a push-pull driver stage. These in turn drive the 4-45A's which are connected in parallel push-pull.

### Variable Selectivity and Tone Control

Variable selectivity and tone control is obtained by varying the coupling between primary and secondary of the i-f transformers. An automatic sensitivity compensating control is ganged with the variable selectivity and tone control. When the control is turned to the sharp position, which is the position that should be used for reception of distant stations, the sensitivity of the receiver is maintained or even increased, in spite of the reduced coupling between i-f transformer coils.

The variable selectivity and tone control knob may be left with the letter "E" opposite the marker pin. This position may be considered an "average" one, giving excellent tone quality and selectivity that is correct for all ordinary reception. However, if it is desired to take fullest advantage of the range of adjustment provided by this control, it must be turned all the way to the left before tuning in any station. Then, after the station has been tuned in properly, the knob may be turned to the right as far as desired, but not so far that interference is encountered. Customers should be instructed not to try to tune in stations with the knob turned to the right (broad position). In this position it is very difficult to determine when the receiver is tuned exactly to resonance, with the result that it may not be tuned correctly. The control should be turned all the way to the left before tuning in short-wave stations or weak distant broadcast stations.

#### SENSITIVITY CONTROL ADJUSTMENT

There is a sensitivity control adjustment at the rear of the receiver. This control determines the sensitivity of the receiver when the sensitivity control lever at the front of the cabinet is in the "Normal" position (lever to the right). When the sensitivity control lever is in the "High" position (lever to the left) the maximum possible sensitivity of the receiver is obtained regardless of the setting of the control at the rear of the chassis. The adjustment is correctly set for "average" conditions and ordinarily should not be touched. However, if the receiver is installed in an electrically noisy location it may be desirable to decrease the sensitivity to prevent between-station noise as the

receiver is tuned from station to station. This adjustment also can be used to increase the sensitivity of the receiver with the front control lever in the "Normal" position. This may be desirable for locations remote from broadcasting stations, but should be done only if there is no difficulty with between-station noise. The maximum sensitivity of the receiver can always be had regardless of the setting of the Sensitivity Control adjustment at the rear of the chassis, by turning the front control lever to the "High" position. To make the adjustment proceed as follows:

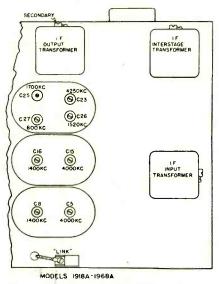


Fig. 3. Locations of r-f and i-f condenser adjustments; also link connection.

Turn the front Sensitivity Control lever to the "Normal" (right) position. Turn the Variable Selectivity and Tone Control knob all the way to the left and tune in some broadcast station from which satisfactory reception can be had. Adjust the Volume Control to the level ordinarily used. Leaving all other controls untouched, turn the Station Selector knob to some point where no station will be heard. If one part of the scale seems noisier than the rest of the scale turn the pointer to this noisier position. It will be found that turning the screwdriver adjustment at the rear of the chassis, near the speaker socket, either increases or decreases the noise, depending upon which direction the adjustment is turned. Turn the adjustment to that point where the noise is reduced enough to be not objectionable. Do not turn the control further than necessary to eliminate the objectionable

INSTALLING EARPHONE JACK
A hole is provided in the rear of the

chassis, near the speaker socket, for installing an earphone jack when desired by the customer. This hole is plugged with a brass insert that can be removed. The connections for installing such a jack are shown in Fig. 2.

#### ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

#### I-F Alignment:

- 1. Turn the receiver Volume Control all the way on, the Sensitivity Control lever to the right and the lower left knob turned only far enough to switch the receiver on. Connect a wire between terminals "D" and "G" on the antenna terminal block at the rear of the chassis. Turn the wave band switch knob to the Broadcast, "B," position.
- 2. Turn the Variable Selectivity and Tone Control knob all the way to the right (broadcast position). Loosen the set screws holding the flexible cables that actuate the variable coupling of the i-f transformers. Push the cables all the way into the tubes and re-tighten the set screws. Be sure the Variable Selectivity and Tone Control knob remains in its extreme clockwise position during the operation. Be careful when tightening the set screws that they are not screwed down so far that the cable wires are out. The Variable Selectivity and Tone Control knob must be left at its sharpest position (all the way left) during all of the alignment procedure unless otherwise stated in the procedure.
- 3. Connect the ground lead of the test oscillator, in series with a .1-mfd condenser, to the receiver chassis. Set the test oscillator to 385 kc.
- 4. Connect the output lead of the test oscillator to the control grid of the 6K7MG second i-f tube. This is the tube that is next to the type 75 tube. Adjust the i-f output transformer for maximum output meter reading. The locations of all of the tuning adjustments are shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Be sure that the Volume Control of the receiver is turned all the way on during all adjustments and that the output of the test oscillator is kept at its lowest possible value.
- 5. Connect the output lead of the test oscillator to the control grid of the 6K7MG first i-f tube and adjust the i-f interstage transformer. As before, the output from the test oscillator must be kept at its lowest possible value in order to render the avc ineffective and to insure precise alignment.
- 6. Connect the output lead of the test oscillator to the control grid cap of the 6A8MG oscillator-translator tube and adjust the i-f input transformer for maximum output meter reading.

7. Carefully repeat operations No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 for greater accuracy. As the sensitivity of the receiver is brought up by alignment, the output from the test oscillator should be decreased so that it is always kept at the lowest value that will give a satisfactory reading on the output meter.

8. Connect the output lead of the test oscillator to the control grid cap of the 6A8MG oscillator-translator tube. With the test oscillator set accurately at 385 kc and the Variable Selectivity and Tone Control all the way to the left (sharp) position, note the output meter reading. Then, turn the Variable Selectivity and Tone Control knob all the way to the right and note the output meter reading. Use as low an output from the test oscillator as is consistent with a satisfactory output meter reading. There should be little or no difference in output meter readings for the two positions of the Variable Selectivity and Tone Control knob. Any great difference indicates improper alignment or improper setting of the i-f coupling control cables.

#### R-F ALIGNMENT

Preliminary:

1. Turn the receiver Volume Control all the way on; the Sensitivity Control lever to the right and the lower left knob turned only far enough to switch the receiver on. Connect a wire between terminals "D" and "G" on the antenna terminal block at the rear of the chassis. Keep the output from the test oscillator at its lowest possible value during all of the alignment. All adjustments of trimmers should be made with the bottom chassis plate on.

Broadcast (B) Band:

1. Turn the Wave Band Switch to the "B" position. Connect the output lead of the test oscillator, in series with a .00025-mfd mica condenser, to the terminal marked "A" on the antenna terminal block at the rear of the chassis.

2. Set the test oscillator to 1520 kc and open the variable condenser plates all the way. Adjust the broadcast oscillator trimmer condenser, C26, for maximum output meter reading.

3. Connect a .0001-mfd mica condenser from the stator of the r-f section of the variable to ground. The r-f section is the one second from the dial end of the condenser.

4. Set the test oscillator to 1400 kc and tune in its signal. Then adjust the broadcast antenna trimmer, C7, for maximum output meter reading. This trimmer is the one on the variable condenser section nearest the dial.

5. Remove the .0001-mfd mica con-

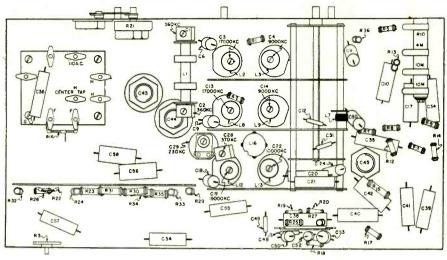


Fig. 4. Under-chassis sketch, showing location of trimmer condensers, etc.

denser that was used in the preceding operation.

6. There is a "link" connection, mounted at the bottom of the Varible Selectivity control, as shown in Fig. 3. Remove the screw and open the link connection before proceeding with the next operation, No. 7.

7. Leave the test oscillator at 1400 kc and tune in its signal. Then adjust the r-f and translator trimmers, C8 and C16, for maximum output meter reading.

8. Close the link connection that was opened in operation No. 6.

9. Leave the receiver tuned accurately to 1400 kc and set the dial pointer to 1400 kc. The pointer is merely held by friction and can be moved without turning the variable condenser plates.

10. Set the test oscillator to 600 kc and tune in its signal. Then adjust the Broadcast oscillator padder, C27, for maximum output meter reading. The variable should be rocked a degree or two during the adjustment.

11. Repeat operations No. 2 and No. 10 for greater accuracy. Always keep the test oscillator at its lowest possible value and the Volume Control of the receiver on full.

Weather (A) Band:

1. Turn the Wave-band Switch to the "A" position. Leave the test oscillator connected to the receiver, as for Broadcast band alignment.

2. Set the test oscillator to 370 kc. Open the variable condenser plates all the way and adjust the oscillator trimmer, C28, for maximum output meter reading. This trimmer is mounted under the chassis, as shown in Fig. 4.

3. Set the test oscillator to 360 kc and tune in its signal. Adjust the antenna and translator trimmers, C1 and

C2, for maximum output meter reading. These trimmers are mounted under the chassis, as shown in Fig. 4.

4. Set the test oscillator to 230 kc and adjust the oscillator padding condenser, C29, for maximum output meter reading. The variable should be rocked a degree or two during the adjustment. C29 is also mounted under the chassis.

5. Repeat all of the operations in their original order to insure proper alignment.

Short-wave (C) Band:

1. Turn the Wave-band Switch to the "C" position. Remove the .00025-mfd condenser, that was used in the output lead of the test oscillator for alignment on bands "A" and "B." Connect a 400-ohm resistor in place of the .00025-mfd condenser.

2. Set the test oscillator to 4250 kc and open the variable condenser plates all the way. Then adjust the oscillator trimmer, C23, for maximum output meter reading. It may be found that two peaks can be obtained at two different settings of the trimmer. Use the one in which the trimmer is screwed further out (lesser capacity).

3. Set the test oscillator to 4000 kc and tune in its signal. Adjust the r-f and translator trimmers, C5 and C15, for maximum output meter reading. The variable should be rocked a degree or two during the adjustment. If two peaks can be obtained, use the adjustment in which the trimmers are screwed further in (greater capacity).

4. Set the test oscillator to 1700 kc and tune in its signal. Adjust the oscillator padding condenser, C25, for maximum output meter reading. The variable should be rocked a degree or two during the adjustment to insure proper peaking.

5. Repeat all of the operations in

their original order. Always keep the test oscillator output at its lowest possible value.

Short-wave (D) Band:

- 1. Leave the test oscillator connectedto the receiver, as for "C" band alignment.
- 2. Turn the Wave-band Switch knob to the "D" position. Set the test oscillator to 10,000 kc. Open the variable condenser plates all the way and adjust the oscillator trimmer, C22, for maximum output meter reading. If two peaks can be obtained at two different settings of the trimmer, use the adjustment in which the trimmer is screwed further out (lesser capacity).
- 3. Set the test oscillator to 9000 kc and tune in its signal. Adjust the r-f and translator trimmers, C4 and C14, for maximum output meter reading. The variable should be rocked during the adjustment. If two peaks can be obtained at two different settings of the trimmers, use the adjustment in which the trimmers are screwed further in (greater capacity).
- 4. Set the test oscillator to 4500 kc and time in its signal. If necessary,

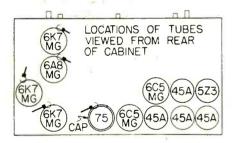


Fig. 5. Tube layout for Silvertone 1918A and 1968A.

shift turns on L3 and L9. If turns are shifted it will be necessary to repeat operation No. 3. A "Tuning Wand" is of great help in determining whether or not it is necessary to shift turns.

Short-wave (E) Band:

- 1. Leave the test oscillator connected as for "C" and "D" band alignment. Turn the Wave-band Switch knob to the "E" position.
- 2. Set the test oscillator to 19,000 kc. Open the variable condenser plates all the way and adjust the oscillator trimmer, C19, for maximum output meter reading. If two peaks can be obtained at two different settings of the trimmer, use the adjustment in which the trimmer is screwed further out (lesser capacity).
- 3. Set the test oscillator to 9000 kc and tune in its signal. If the dial calibration is off more than one division, shift the turns on the oscillator coil,

- L12, to make the dial pointer come to its correct dial reading. If it is found necessary to shift turns, operation No. 2 should be repeated.
- 4. Set the test oscillator to 17,000 kc and tune in its signal. Adjust the r-f and translator trimmers, C3 and C13, for maximum output meter reading. The variable should be rocked during the adjustment. If two peaks can be obtained at two different settings of the trimmers, use the adjustment in which the trimmers are screwed further in (greater capacity).
- 5. Set the test oscillator to 9000 kc and adjust the turns on L2 and L8, if necessary. The use of a "Tuning Wand" is of great help in determining whether shifting of turns is necessary. If it is found necessary, operation No. 4 must be repeated.

#### Kadette Models 120, 1200 and 2200

This 7-tube receiver has three wave ranges. This chassis is designed for use with either the metal or metalglass type of tubes. The tubes are interchangeable, but when changing from one type to the other, it is advisable to realign the set.

#### ALIGNMENT

The standard type of output meter should be used to indicate signal strength. It should be connected from the plate of the 6F6 to ground. The tone control should be turned to the high position. The signal from the signal generator must be kept at a very low level.

The intermediate frequency employed is 448 kc. On the broadcast and middle bands the oscillator frequency is 448 kc *higher* than the signal frequency. On the short-wave band it is 448 kc *lower* than the signal frequency.

Aligning should be done on the following frequencies: Broadcast band, 1400 and 600 kc; middle band, 6000 and 2400 kc; short-wave band, 15 megacycles.

In aligning on the broadcast band it is permissible to bend plates on the *r-f section only* of the three-gang condenser. Do not bend plates when aligning the middle and short-wave bands.

The front section of the three-gang condenser is the oscillator section; the middle section, first detector; the rear section, r-f amplifier. The r-f amplifier is in circuit only on the broadcast band.

#### I-F ALIGNMENT

To align the i-f circuits, set the signal generator to 448 kc and feed its modulated signal direct to the antenna. Short out the oscillator section of the three-gang condenser. Adjust the first i-f transformer trimmers for maximum meter readings. Go over both adjustments at least three or four times for accuracy. Repeat this process on the second i-f transformer. If adjustments are not made accurately, selectivity will be poor and i-f oscillation may result.

#### BROADCAST R-F

Place the band change switch on the broadcast position. Turn the dial to 1400 kc and feed a *very weak* 1400-kc modulated signal from the signal gener-

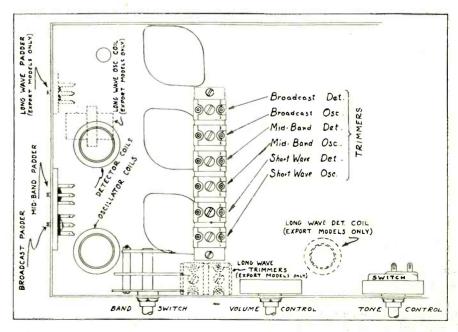


Fig. 2. Location of trimmers, etc., on chassis of Kadette Models 120, 1200 and 2200.

ator to the antenna. Adjust the broadcast oscillator trimmer (shown in Fig. 1) and r-f stage trimmer (on condenser gang) for maximum reading. Although a trimmer is provided for the broadcast band detector coil, it will be found not connected on many sets as it is not necessary in obtaining correct balance.

Turn dial and signal generator to 600 kc and rock the padder into correct adjustment. This is accomplished by very slowly adjusting the padder condenser and at the same time turning the dial slightly back and forth across 600 kc until an adjustment is obtained producing maximum output. Go back to 1400 kc and readjust the oscillator trimmer slightly if necessary. Then recheck padder at 600 kc. It is permissible to bend plates on the r-f section only in resonating the circuits.

#### MIDDLE BAND

Turn the band change switch to the middle position and tune radio and signal generator to 6000 kc. Adjust the oscillator trimmer and then the detector trimmer for maximum output.

Rock in the padder condenser at 2400 kc. Then recheck at 6000 and 2400 kc.

#### SHORT-WAVE BAND

Turn band change switch to short-wave band. Tune receiver and signal generator to 15 megacycles and adjust trimmers. No padder condenser is used on the short-wave band so no other adjustments are necessary. On this band the oscillator frequency is 448 kc *lower* than the signal frequency.

#### LONG-WAVE EXPORT MODELS

These models are also built with a four-position switch and an extra set of coils tuning the foreign long-wave band. The order of band change switch positions is: broadcast, midband, shortwave and long-wave band.

For alignment, adjust long-wave trimmers at 350 kc and rock in long-wave padder at 160 kc. (See Fig. 2.)

#### Crosley "Auto-Expressionator"

The new Crosley eleven metal tube receiver, Model 1155, includes an arrangement in the loudspeaker circuit for volume expansion.

#### WHAT IT IS

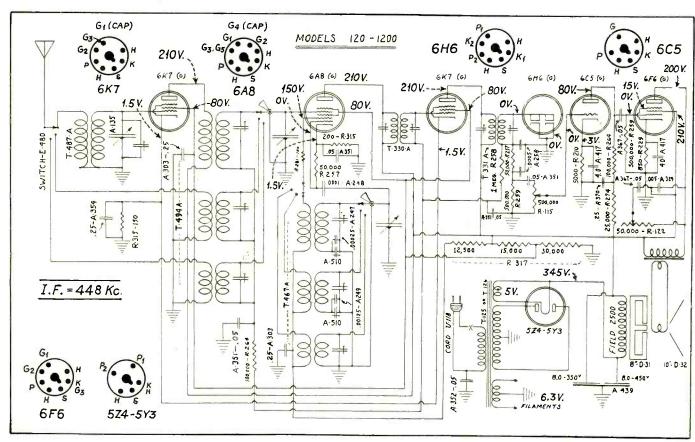
The Auto-Expressionator may be described as a device with two paths through which the audio-frequency currents may flow. The loudspeaker is con-

nected in the circuit of one of these paths, and the Auto-Expressionator—consisting of two bulbs the size of those used in flashlights—is in the other path. At low volumes the signal divides equally between the two paths causing the speaker to operate at only half volume. As the volume increases the Auto-Expressionator or bulb path becomes more and more restricted causing more of the audio-frequency current to be diverted and flow through the loud-speaker, thus resulting in a volume increase greater in proportion than that supplied by the receiver.

The Auto-Expressionator operates continuously during the time it is turned on, even though the bulbs may not be illuminated. In other words, their "expressionating" effect is immediate and automatic. The receiver may be operated with or without the Auto-Expressionator by means of a switch on the front panel of the receiver.

#### EFFECT OF DEVICE

What the Auto-Expressionator actually does is to expand the volume range of the received signal so that it more closely approaches the volume range of the original music in the studio. This produces greater musical depth.



Circuit, with parts and voltage values, for Kadette Models 120, 1200 and 2200.

# Auto-Radio . .

#### Ford Philco Model FT9

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1. There is an r-f stage with a 78 feeding a 6A7 mixer-oscillator. The output of the mixer is amplified by an i-f stage using a type 78. The type 75 tube functions as second detector, avc and first a-f amplifier. The triode section is resistance coupled to a type 41 pent-ode which feeds a dynamic speaker.

Initial bias for the r-f, mixer and i-f tubes is supplied by the common cathode resistor (8). Bias for the a-f triode of the 75 tube is supplied by resistor (33). Bias for the type 41 pentode is obtained by returning the grid to the center tap of the power transformer which is made negative with respect to ground by virtue of the voltage drop across the filter choke (64).

#### ADJUSTMENTS

The output meter must be connected by means of an adapter to the plate of the 41 tube and to the receiver chassis.

With the receiver and signal generator set up for operation at the prescribed frequency, turn the receiver volume control on full and set the signal generator attenuator so that a half-scale reading is obtained on the output meter. The signal in the speaker should be audible but not loud.

#### I-F ALIGNMENT

Adjust the signal generator to exactly 260 kc. Connect the generator lead to the grid cap of the 78 i-f tube in series with a 0.1-mfd condenser.

Adjust the secondary screw padder (25) on the second i-f transformer for maximum reading on the output meter. Then adjust the primary screw padder (23) for maximum reading. Location of these padders is given in Fig. 2.

Remove the generator lead from the 78 tube.

Connect the generator lead to the grid cap of the 6A7 tube in series with a 0.1-mfd condenser. Adjust the secondary screw padder (22) on the first i-f transformer for maximum. Then adjust the primary screw padder (20) for maximum.

#### HIGH-FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENTS

After padding the first i-f stage remove the generator lead from the 6A7 tube. Adjust the signal generator to 1600 kc and then connect the generator lead to the grid cap of the 78 r-f tube in series with a 0.1-mfd condenser.

Turn the tuning condenser plates out of mesh as far as they will go. With the tuning condenser in this position, adjust the high-frequency padder (16) and the r-f padder (13) until the maximum reading is obtained on the output meter. This is the true setting for 1600 kc, 160 on the dial.

#### Low-Frequency Adjustment

Turn the tuning condenser plates in mesh to approximately 580 kc, 58 on the dial scale, and adjust the signal generator to 580 kc. Roll the tuning condenser and adjust the low-frequency padder screw (15) for maximum reading on the output meter.

#### H-F RE-ADJUSTMENT

Turn the tuning condenser plates out of mesh as far as they will go and adjust the signal generator at 1600 kc. Then adjust the high-frequency padder (16) again for maximum reading on the output meter.

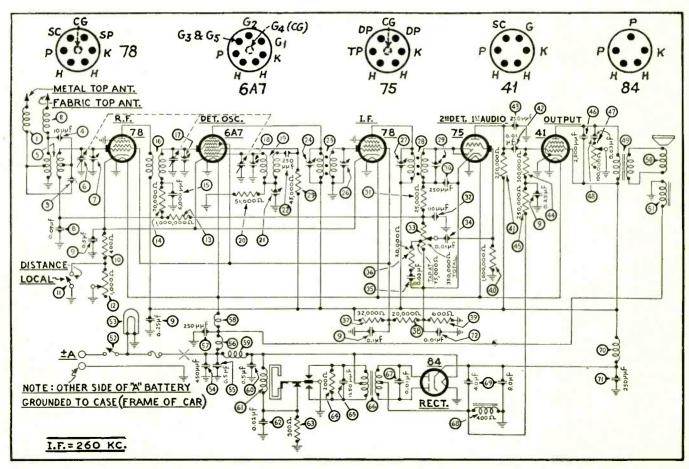


Fig. 1. Circuit of Ford Philoo Model FT9. Note double antenna leads.

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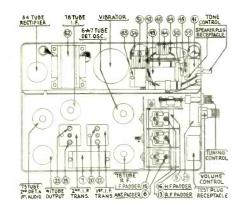


Fig. 2. Chassis of Ford Philoo FT9, showing padder locations.

#### ANTENNA ADJUSTMENT

Connect the generator lead to the antenna lead using a 125-mfd condenser in series between the two leads. Turn the tuning condenser to 1400 kc and set the generator for 1400 kc. Adjust the padders (15) and (6) for maximum reading on the output meter.

Note: When the antenna stage adjustment is made with the receiver installed in the car, the receiver antenna lead must be connected to the car antenna in the usual manner. The signal generator output lead should be connected to a wire placed near the car antenna but not connected to it.

Philco Model 816 Receiver

This 6-tube auto receiver is completely self-contained, the loudspeaker being in the same cabinet with the rest of the equipment. Interference filters are included in the receiver circuit. There is an adjustable antenna stage, which makes it possible to operate the receiver at maximum efficiency on any roof-type or under-car type antenna.

Referring to Fig. 1, there is a stage of r-f using a 78 which feeds the 6A7 mixer-oscillator. The i-f amplifier, using a 78, is peaked at 260 kc. The output of the i-f amplifier is fed to the paralleled diodes of the 75 tubes, and the a-f component of the signal developed across the volume-control potentiometer (31) is fed to the grid of the 75 tube triode section. The voltage developed across the diode load resistor (29) is used for biasing the r-f and mixer tubes. The type 75 triode is resistance coupled to a type 41 pentode coupled to a dynamic speaker. A vibrator transformed is used for stepping up the voltage from the car battery, and this high a-c voltage is rectified by the type 84 tube. The filter in the rectifier circuit is composed of the condensers (65) and the choke (64).

The output meter must be connected by means of an adapter to the plate of the type 41 output tube and to the receiver chassis.

With the receiver and signal generator set up for operation at the prescribed frequency, turn the receiver volume control on full and set the signal generator attenuator so that a half scale reading is obtained on the output meter. The signal in the speaker should be audible but not loud.

The shielding on the signal generator output lead must be connected to the receiver housing.

#### I-F ALIGNMENT

Set the signal generator at exactly 260 kc. Connect the generator lead to the grid cap of the 78 i-f tube (without removing the grid cap) in series with a 0.1-mfd condenser.

Adjust the secondary screw padder (27) on the second i-f transformer for maximum reading on the output meter. Then adjust the primary screw padder (25) for maximum reading. The locations are shown in Fig. 2, page 64.

Then remove the generator lead from the 78 tube.

Connect the generator lead to the grid cap of the 6A7 tube (without removing the grid cap) in series with a 0.1-mfd condenser. Adjust the secondary screw padder (24) on the first

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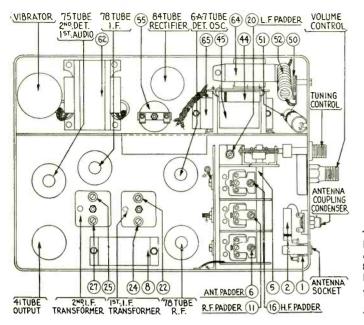


Fig. 2. Sub-chassis of the Philco Model 816 receiver, giving locations of the r-f and i-f trimmers and padders.

i-f transformer for maximum reading on the output meter. Then adjust the primary screw padder (22) for maximum reading. See Fig. 2 for location of padders.

#### R-F ALIGNMENT

After padding the first i-f stage remove the generator lead from the 6A7 tube.

Set the signal generator at 1550 kc and then connect the generator lead to the grid cap of the 78 r-f tube (with-

out removing the grid cap) in series with a 0.1-mfd condenser.

Turn the tuning condenser plates out of mesh as far as they will go. With the tuning condenser in this position, adjust the high-frequency padder (16) and the r-f padder (11) until the maximum reading is obtained on the output meter. This is the true setting for 1550 kc.

Next turn the tuning condenser plates in mesh approximately 580 kc, 58 on the dial scale, and set the signal generator at 580 kc. Roll the tuning condenser and adjust the low-frequency padder screw (20) for maximum.

Follow this by turning the tuning condenser plates out of mesh as far as they will go and set the signal generator at 1550 kc. Then adjust the high-frequency padder (16) again for maximum.

For adjusting the antenna circuit, connect the generator lead to the antenna cable assembly (made up of part No. L1915 loom, 1-27-7133 terminal and 40 inches of 16 strand No. 30 wire), using a 200-mmfd condenser in series between the two leads. Place the connector plug in the antenna socket on the receiver. Plug the cable into the antenna socket.

Turn the tuning condenser in mesh to 580 kc and adjust the signal generator for 580 kc. Adjust the antenna coupling condenser (4) for maximum reading.

Turn the tuning condenser to 1400 kc and set the generator for 1400 kc. Adjust the padders (11) and (6) for the maximum reading on the output meter.

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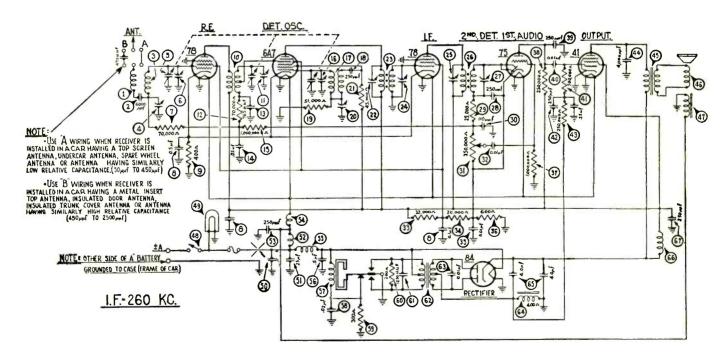


Fig. 1. Circuit diagram of the Philco Model 816. Note the multiple antenna connections.

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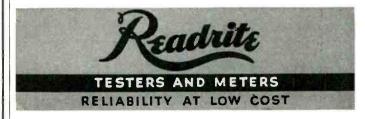
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## ADDING AVC TO EARLY PHILCO MODEL 70 By L. W. Nygaard

THERE are many fairly recent and reasonably powerful supers which do not incorporate avc. The question of adding avc to these sets has been much cussed and discussed. At least one source of "modernization" plans was made available to servicemen. There may have been more.

A customer of mine owns a Philco 70 in the "lazy" type of cabinet. This model did not have ave and the customer wanted it, wishing to retain his old set because of the "lazy" feature. I cheerfully undertook the job, and I finally evolved a satisfactory circuit. The final result was a nice fee and a pleased customer who will sing my praises far and wide.

#### CIRCUIT CHANGES

The changes as finally doped out are not tricky. To start with, locate the r-f, i-f and 2nd detector tubes. The first two are replaced with 35's. The second detector socket is changed to a six-hole socket and a 55 used there to provide the avc voltage. Remove all the wiring from the old socket, punch or drill out the rivets and mount the new socket. Replace the filament and plate leads. Remove the control-grid lead from the second i-f coil, connecting this end of the coil to both diode plates. Replace the trimmer, which has a grounded terminal, with a Philco part No. 04000M. Locate the grounded end of the coil. heat with a soldering iron and pry up the lug with a screwdriver, to clear it from the ground. The new trimmer is shunted across this winding. Connect C5 and R6 from the 55 cathode to this lug which has just been cleared from ground. The original bias resistor is replaced with one of 1,500 ohms. The same bypass condenser is retained. From the same lug just referred to R4 and C4 are fastened. To the free end of C4 attach about 8 inches of hook-up wire. This goes to the new volume control (the old one is not used). To the free end of R4 solder C3, grounding the free end of C3. Free in the same manner the grounded lug on the 1st i-f coil.

The r-f coil is prepared differently. Note both windings are grounded. Unsolder these grounded ends carefully and separate them. It is best to remove the coil to do this. Re-fasten the grounded end of the primary winding to the same place. There is an extra hole in the coil form. Fasten a lug here and solder the free end of the secondary winding to this lug. Now replace the coil. To the new lug attach a 250,000-ohm resistor, R2. Fasten R3 to the freed lug on the 1st i-f coil. Join the free ends of these two resistors and fasten to the junction of R4 and C3. At this same junction point fasten R1, 100,000-ohms. Ground the free end of R1. Bypass R2 and R3 with C1 and C2.

Disconnect the wires from the r-f and i-f cathode prongs; join the two prongs together and bias with 250-ohms and 500-ohms in parallel. Use the original bypass condenser.

#### VOLUME CONTROL

The original volume control is not used. It is a dual of 210 ohms and 5,000 ohms, the 210-ohm portion being

in the voltage divider. Bridge the gap with a resistor of 200 ohms. Disconnect the 5,000-ohm section from the r-f coil. Connect the antenna lead directly to the coil.

The new volume control is a 250,000-ohm section that are the coil.

The new volume control is a 250,000ohm potentiometer with switch. The slider connects to the 55 grid cap. The wire previously brought out from C4 connects to one lug. Ground the other lug.

Align in the usual way at 260, 1400 and 600 kc. To prove ave action insert a 0-15 ma meter in the lead from the r-f and i-f cathodes.

This set will not have the tremendous volume it had before the change, but will have more than any average owner will ever use, and plenty of reserve against fading. Incidentally, the tone seems to be more satisfactory, probably due to the non-overloading characteristics.

#### LIST OF PARTS

R1-1000-ohm, 1-watt.

R2, R3-250,000-ohm, 1-watt.

R4—100,000-ohm, 1-watt.

R5—250,000-ohm volume control with switch.

R6—.5 meg., 1-watt.

R7-1,500-ohm, 1-watt.

R8-250-ohm and 500-ohm in parallel.

R9-200-ohm, 1 watt (for v.d.).

C1-0.1-mfd.

C2—0.1-m fd.

C3-0.25-mfd.

C4-0.01-mfd.

C5—0.0005-mfd.
3 trimmers, Philco part No. 04000M.

1 6-hole socket.

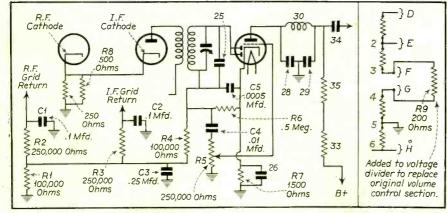
2 type 35 tubes.

1 type 55 tube.

#### Howard I-F Peaks

In the accompanying list are given the i-f peaks for the 1936 Howard sets.

Model		Peak
47AU	1	rf
50	1	rf
50SW	t	rf
57AU		
57AUS		
E-57	4	<b>5</b> 6
60	4	56
60SW	4.	56
67	4	65
77T	4	65
77C		
99Т		
99C		
626	4	65
1626		



Part of the circuit of the Philco 70 with necessary alterations for the addition of automatic volume control.



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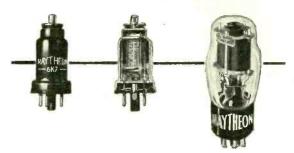


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## RECEIVER CASE HISTORIES

#### Atwater-Kent H-1, H-2

Inoperative: Check for open antenna choke. Also check i-f trimmers for shorts. If i-f transformer replacement is made, realign receiver at 130 kc.

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#### Bosch 48

Noisy when tuning: Remove variometer unit at end of condenser shaft. Remove and clean the spring wiper contact and surface it rubs on.

E. M. Prentke.

#### Bosch 200, 201

Low volume, noise: Caused by leaky electrolytic filter condenser (C-19, C-21), in power pack. The capacity of this dual unit is 4-8 mfd. The 0.01-mfd line buffer condenser should also be replaced.

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Clough-Brengle A-36 P-A Amplifier

Distortion present on phonograph records unless tone control is set on bass. Check for shorted filter choke, 0.5-mfd, 600-volt bypass condenser (part No. 58). If 3-ampere fuse blows frequently, test 8-mfd electrolytic condenser (part No. 43).

Al. Beers.

#### Colonial 36 AC

Notes: The following suggestions usually correct intermittent sets and result in better performance: Check all 0.25-mfd screen bypass condensers, C-4, for leaks. Replace the 0.5-mfd bypass condenser, C-16, between first audio transformer and cathode. Always clean and bend tube socket contacts, or replace sockets of all 5-prong tubes. Replace the 0.1-mfd coupling condenser C-14. Replace phonograph switch. Bond together the 7 ground lugs which are riveted under the r-f shields, using bussbar and grounding to chassis by soldering. E. M. Prentke.

#### Colonial 601

Flashing of 83 rectifier tube: Due to overload of tube and shorting of electrolytic filter condenser.

Distortion: Due to either faulty type 37 tube or the resistor associated with this tube. If tube replacement does not effect cure, check resistors R-8, R-9, R-10, R-12 for change in value.

George F. Baptiste.

#### Crosley 40-S, 41-S, 42-S, 82-S

Intermittent operation: Replace the metal-clad 0.5-mid r-f cathode bypass condenser and the coupling condenser between the 27 detector plate and the first a-f control grid. The dynamic speakers in these models have solid wire leads running from the voice coil to the soldering lugs, and they are usually found to be broken or so brittle that they break when touched. Replace these leads with thin, stranded wire.

E. M. Prentke.

#### Crosley 132-1

No avc action: Check 0.15-megolim resistor R-4. George F. Baptiste.

#### De Wald 802

Hum: Replace both 4-mfd cathode bypass condensers of 2A5 and 2A6. Mush on high-frequency range: Check for defective 0.05-mfd bypass condenser in grid return of 2A7. Terminal resistance of this condenser varies from 25 to 150 megohms. The i-f is 456 kc.

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#### Edison 7R

Intermittent operation: Clean and tighten 27 tube socket contacts. Replace phonograph switch. Check power switch. Clean and tighten condenser rotor wiper contacts. Remove cable connections, tighten securely all hexagon nuts on power-pack connector panel.

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#### Fada RK 101 Motoset

Noise: Check leads going from power unit to receiver. These leads are in a metal sleeve which should be properly grounded to the car frame. Adding an extra bond to the car frame generally effects complete cure.

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#### Jackson-Bell 62

Receiver dead: Grid of 45 power tube found to be operating at 75 volts plus. Replace 0.02-mfd coupling condenser C-12. Also replace 2-megohm 45 tube grid resistor, R-6. Replace C-8, the 0.1-mfd r-f cathode bypass condenser, if less than 15 megs.

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#### Majestic 116A

Noise: Due to the 1-mfd vibrator buffer condenser being shorted. Also check the vibrator transformer secondary buffer condenser for poor connections and shorts. The value of this latter unit is 0.008 mfd.

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#### Montgomery-Ward 77, 95

Noise, failure to operate, defective volume control, overloaded tube filaments: Replace 6A voltage regulator tube.

Insufficient volume: Replace type 19 output tube.

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#### Philco 19 (Code 128)

Shadow tuning meter: After operating normally for a short period, the shadow becomes very narrow. Caused by an intermittent open in coil of shadow meter. Replacement necessary.

E. M. Prentke.

#### Philco 48, 89, 19

No high-frequency response: Caused by improper adjustment of high-frequency condenser. Properly adjust and seal with sealing wax as there is a tendency for it to move out of position.

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#### Philco 65

Crackling noise: Check for loose rivets on combination cartridge-type condenser and resistor in plate circuit of first r-f tube.

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#### RCA Victor Model D7-7

Heterodyne whistles: Beat notes or heterodyning (whistles) may be encountered in some instances on these receivers due to excessive antenna capacitance. This condition may be corrected by reducing the size of the antenna or by inserting a 150-mmfd capacitor in series with the antenna lead. This may be accomplished in the receiver by removing the brown lead which connects from the antenna terminal to the wave trap inductance L-1 and inserting the condenser between these points. Interference in the form of "beats" from a local station may frequently be remedied by tuning the antenna wave trap to that station. The wave trap will tune up to 700 kc.

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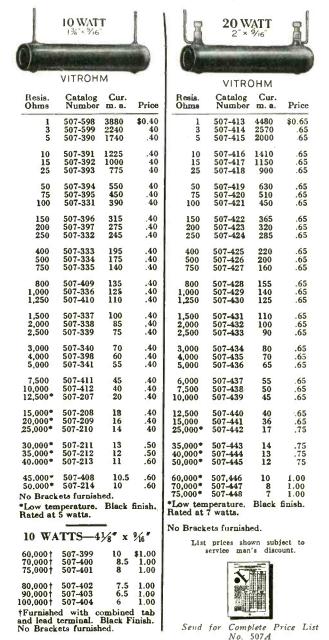
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#### RCA Victor R-37, R-38

Low volume, distortion: Replace R-8, a 60-megohm resistor between G-1 and K of 2A7 (the value may decrease to 6 megohms). If volume is weak but clear, check 10-megohm bleeder resistors R-2, R-4. Replace with 10-watt wire-wound units.

Motorboating: Due to drop in capacity of C4. While this is a 10-mfd condenser, a 4-mfd unit works OK. The i-f is 175 kc.

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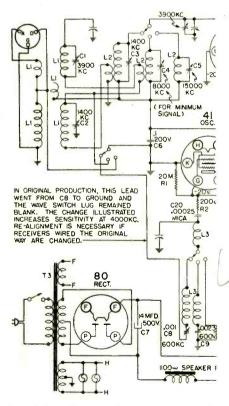
#### RCA Victor 221

Oscillation: Due to either faulty 2B7 or to the shielded leads running to the control grid and diode of this tube. Make sure that shield is properly grounded to chassis and that it has not slipped back over leads. If oscillation is heard on only one waveband, check oscillator alignment.

George F. Baptiste.

## Silvertone Models 1905, 1915, 1955, 1965

Circuit change to increase sensitivity at 4000 kc. Reference to Service Manual



No. 8 for these models will show the broadcast oscillator padder, C-8, connected to ground. In later production this connection was changed from ground to one of the wave switch lugs that formerly was unused. This change increases the sensitivity at 4000 kc.

If this circuit change is made in any receivers wired the original way, to remedy complaints of "dead spot" at this frequency, it will be necessary to realign the broadcast and both short wave ranges, in accordance with the procedure described in Service Manual No. 8.

#### Sparton 27A

Insufficient volume: Due to improper speaker phasing.

No ave action: Generally caused by resistor associated with the circuit changing in value.

Noise at different frequencies: Replace 9-megohm interstation noise-suppressor resistor, part No. A-8515.

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#### Stewart-Warner R-136, R-137, R-138

Repairing sets that will not align in the broadcast band: Should you get for repair one of the Ferrodyne Model R-136, R-137 or R-138 chassis which has the following symptoms:

1. Poor sensitivity at the low-frequency end of the broadcast band,

2. Inability to align or calibrate at 600 kc.

3. Oscillation at the low-frequency end of the broadcast band, the trouble is almost certain to be due to a large change in capacity of the small bakelite fixed condenser which is connected across the oscillator shunt padding trimmer. This condenser, part No. 85454, is color coded, brown, brown, black.

Since the capacity of this condenser is only 11 microfarads (.000011 mmfd) its value cannot be tested with the equipment usually available in a service shop. Replacing this condenser will almost invariably remedy the trouble described above.

## Stewart-Warner R-136, R-137, R-138 Repairing Sets with Poor Sensitivity Above 12 Megacycless

You may occasionally come across a Model R-136, R-137 or R-138 Ferrodyne chassis which is relatively insensitive in the high-frequency range above 12 megacycles, although the set is in good alignment and seems to be perfect in every respect. An invariable symptom of this trouble with the Models R-137 and R-138 is that the shadow of the station register meter contracts as though a station is coming in, when the set is tuned in this range although no signals come in.

It has been found that when this loss of sensitivity in the high-frequency range occurs it is because of stray coupling in the wiring of the set This stray coupling sets up spurious oscillation of the 6A8, causing the control grid to draw current. Since this control grid is tied into the avc system, the grid current sets up an avc voltage and reduces sensitivity, just as though a signal were going through. In the Models R-137 and R-138 this also causes the shadow of the station register to narrow since the avc voltage applied to the grid bias reduces plate current.

To eliminate this condition in any set in which it occurs it is necessary only to isolate the grid return of the shortwave coil of the 6A8 tube from the avc system by returning it direct to ground. By referring to the service manual sheets covering these three models, you will see that in the chassis illustrations, the coil in question is tuned by trimmer condenser No. 11 in the Model R-136, by trimmer No. 15 in the model R-137 and trimmer No. 16 in the model R-138. If you look at the coil itself, you will see that the short-wave section is the one wound with heavy bare copper wire. and the grid return side is at the top of the coil, the lead wire running down the full length of the coil before it is soldered to its terminal lug.

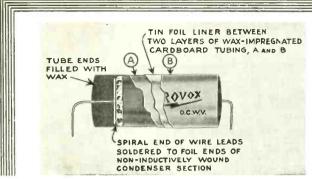
The simplest way of isolating the grid return circuit is to cut the heavy coil wire as close to the lug as possible. In doing so, be careful you do not cut the fine wire from another winding that is soldered to this same terminal. This fine wire may be wound around the heavy one to prevent breakage. After the heavy wire is cut, merely re-solder it to the grounded threaded support lug of the coil

After this change is made the set should be re-aligned.

#### Wells-Gardner 872 Series

Broad tuning, low volume: First check all soldered connections to r-f and i-f coils. Check carefully, or replace, 57 avc tube. If the trouble is still not found, realign the receiver at 175 kc. In aligning this receiver it will be necessary to place a 0.05-mfd condenser between the signal-generator output and the grid of the first detector, the ground of the signal generator going to the chassis. Adjust the 4 i-f condensers for maximum output, the adjustment screws being reached from the bottom of the chassis. If the condenser is not used between the signal generator and the grid of the first detector, the receiver will not align correctly.

George F. Baptiste.



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# ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### INSTITUTE OF RADIO SERVICE MEN REPORTS

#### 1936 NATIONAL RADIO TRADE SHOW

The Institute of Radio Service Men reports a record sale of Exhibit Space for the 1936 National Radio Trade Show to be held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, March 27, 28, and 29.

Having been forced to move the Trade

Show to the Exhibition Hall of the Hotel Sherman to take care of the ever-increasing crowds that attend the event, the space was absorbed most quickly. In fact, in the 29th day after the announcement of the dates of the forthcoming show went to the trade, the last booth in the Exhibition Hall was reserved, and the management of the Institute was hard put to provide space to take care of the applications that were already causing an overflow.

The Exhibition Hall itself contains 65 display spaces, in which manufacturers, distributors, publishers, and trade publications will show the latest developments of apparatus for use by Service Men and amateurs. The overflow will be located on the mezzanine just outside the main

The advance indication of attendance is greater this year than ever before. Whereas last year the management of the Show was surprised when radio tradesmen arrived from the West Coast, word has already been received that the representation from that area will be heavy at the forthcoming Exposition.

Information has been received that at least two of the manufacturers who are exhibiting in the Show are planning on holding "Conventions" of their own co-incidental with the Trade Show. How many more will avail themselves of the opportunity has not been determined at this time.

Features that will be of especial interest will include the demonstration of the Hammond Organ, the electronic musical instrument that will deliver more sical instrument that will deliver more tones than have ever been produced by mechanical processes, and a "Covered Wagon" house trailer that will be equipped as a radio service laboratory.

The Trade Show will open officially at 2:00 p. m. on Friday, March 27. On Saturday and Sunday, the remaining days of the Exhibition the Hall will open at

of the Exhibition, the Hall will open at

Noon.
A List of Exhibitors received from the IRSM office, is printed herewith.

#### FOURTH ANNUAL IRSM CONVENTION

The Fourth Annual National Convention of the Institute of Radio Service Men will open at 7:00 p. m., Friday, March 27, 1936, at the Hotel Sherman in

Chicago.
The Technical Sessions which will be held during the afternoon and evening hours of the three days will be held in the Grand Ball Room, the entrance to which is through the Exhibition Hall where the 1936 National Radio Trade Show will be staged.

Some of the country's foremost speakers on subjects of vital interest to the

#### I. R. S. M. INVITATION

THE entire radio trade is cordially invited to attend the Fourth Annual National Convention of the Institute of Radio Service Men and the 1936 National Radio Trade Show to be held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, March 27-29, 1936.

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radio Service Men, the amateurs, and, in some cases, the engineers will lecture. The full program will be ready for publication in the next issue of SERVICE.

#### IRSM BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Institute of Radio Service Men will meet on Friday, March 27, 1936, at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago. At that time it will elect

man in Chicago. At that time it will elect the National President to serve until the 1937 National Radio Trade Show. The Convention will be opened by the retiring President, Edgar C. Arnold, of Rochester, N. Y., who will turn the meet-ing over to the newly elected leader of the Institute.

#### NEW YORK IRSM OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the New York Chapter of the Institute of Radio Service Men, held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, the following officers were elected

for the coming year:
O. G. Ayer, Chairman; E. Mander-

ville, Vice Chairman; David Davidson, Secretary; H. Olsen, Treasurer; L. Shine, Press Relations Secretary; J. W. Banks, Financial Secretary; D. Seeligman, Librarian; Fred Harmon, Chairman, Membership Committee; Forest Arnold, Technical Papers; Chas. Seidman, Service Forum; M. Hughes, Entertainment.

#### NATIONAL RADIO SERVICE MEN'S WEEK

The National Radio Service Association voted to set aside the fourth week in May of each year as "RADIO SER-VICE MEN'S WEEK."

This plan is being carried out with the thought of better acquainting the public with the virtues of all radio men and all radio men's associations.

During this week attention will be directed upon the Service Man and the important part he plays in the every-day life of John Public.

All radio Service Men and all branches

of the radio industry are urged to participate in making this a success.

Additional information as to how every branch of the radio industry may participate and derive benefits from this plan will be released each month.

Those desiring additional information should write to the National Radio Service Association, 714 Anico Bldg., Galveston, Texas.

#### WILSON COMPANY BANQUET

Harry T. Wilson, head of Harry T. Wilson, Inc., Memphis, distributors for Crosley products and Ken-Rad glass or metal radio tubes, was the host for a business meeting, dinner, floor show, and dance at Hotel Claridge recently. Two hundred Crosley dealers and radio Service Men of Tennessee and surrounding states were in attendance.

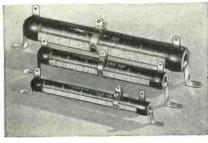
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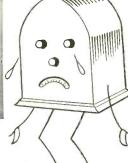
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# THE FORUM

#### EVOLUTION OF SERVICE MAN

Editor, Service:
The editor has asked us, the Service Men, to give him the low-down on whatever made us jump in this direction; that is, into Radio-Service work. He asks whether it was because we have a thirst for knowledge, are imaginative, or simply inquisitive.

In my own case it was all of the above reasons, but mostly a thirst for knowledge (of things electrical) that led me, edge (of things electrical) that led me, indirectly, to take up Radio Servicing. I say "indirectly" for, wanting to know more about things electrical and what made them percolate, I followed the usual course of "frittering away my time" and of "disturbing everybody in the house" with doorbells and buzzers, with telephones (toy ones) and telegraph sets, and with electric lights dry cells and wet and with electric lights, dry cells and wet

Later on, when I was holding down a job with the Telephone Company, in the business office, I would watch the troubleshooters doing their stuff and, boy, did I enjoy that! Perhaps I would happen upon a telephone whose bell-box door was open. It didn't take long, with the aid of the diagrams pasted to the inside of the door, to get the circuit of a telephone down pat. Naturally, at the first oppor-tunity I changed over and became a trouble-shooter in fact instead of only in my dreams.

At this point I would like to remark on the fact that although I know a great on the fact that although I know a great many telephone men and ex-telephone men, I have yet to find one who has become interested in radio or who even become much of any thing about it. Perknows much of any thing about it. Perhaps there are plenty and the letters will show it. I for one will be glad to find out

whether I am in a class by myself. It would seem as though every telephone trouble-shooter would be interested in, and have some knowledge of radio, for one of the first things I noticed on beginning the study of radio—several years before we had broadcasting—was that radio circuits were similar to tele-phone circuits. They are both oscillating circuits; they both contain inductance, capacity and resistance. If a telephone man knows the duties of condensers, impedance and retardation coils, resistors, etc.-and he should know-he will have

will, I may be the only man in Radio Service who has also worked on telephones and P.B.X. switchboards. In that case this letter won't help much toward a picturization of that "composite" Service Man. However, here's my letter and

we shall see.

HAROLD C. Dow, Wakefield, R. I.

SERVICING HIS MEAT

Editor, SERVICE:

In the December issue you ask what the Service Men are made of, so here's

a story.
After selling radio accessories in the early days for a jobber and later radio sets for the same concern, I became employed outside the radio field.

However, I was doomed to keep in touch with radio because the radio dealer and public that has done business with me looked me up to solve their radio prob-lems. This came about for lack of radio Service Men about 10 years ago here in this section. Seeing the possibilities of making a better living and running my own business, I decided to start a service business.

In this new radio setup, I found a much more interesting angle to radio. I have enjoyed my work and believe that a successful Service Man must educate himself to the ever-advancing radio design; sell himself to the people by gaining their confidence in his honesty as well as his ability and then back this up by keeping his shop equipped to handle the modern radio sets, tube tests, etc.

By following this policy I enjoy a business that has not allowed a vacation of more than three days at a time for the

last five years.

This is submitted not boastfully but as a description of why I stay in the service business and continue to earn a modest

C. L. FARCHILD, Elgin, Ill.

"REGULAR FELLOWS"

Editor, SERVICE:

Replying to your article "Check up" in the December issue of Service—
The reason I am a Service Man is due

to the fact that I was forced into it back in the latter part of 1922. At that time I was working as an electrician in the trial crew of the S-type submarine. I got the radio bug, and everything I made up for myself I had to make for my friends until it got so that I didn't have any spare time for myself. I began charging for my services; my friends were satisfied and so was I. So that's how I started. Am still working the electrical trade along with service work.

The majority of Service Men of my acquaintance are all regular fellows. A few are old maids getting nowhere fast, and one is a crank who is worrying himself to death over what the other fellow

As salesmen to strangers we are terrible, but to our customers we are the best in the world. Why? Because they have confidence in us and will buy anything we recommend.

We have them and who hasn't? Our greatest fault is, I believe, in talking out of turn . . . by that I mean knocking the other fellow. A knock to some other fellow in the game is a knock to the whole trade, so if we cannot toot our own horn without slinging mud then better not toot.

Weak points—we have them, too; our weakest point, in my opinion, is the lack of courage to ask a decent and fair price for our labor. Free service calls have given the listening public the wrong impression about the whole service trade. Why free service calls? Why 50-cent service calls? It's ridiculous—no other trade will do it, why should radio Ser-

Much has been written about the public

gypped—no doubt true in many but nothing has ever been said cases, about Service Men taking it on the chin. How about doing a job on time, then having the customer move out of town? How about spending 4 hours on freak trouble and then find out a 3-inch piece of spaghetti was all that was needed to make the receiver perk O.K.? Now at \$1.50 per hour it would be a \$6.00 job. Show your customer the 3-inch piece of spaghetti and then the \$6.00 bill and what are you? Of course, these freak jobs are few, but why in hell should the Service Man accept the responsibility on them? You do not have to do it in the electrical game and a plumber's bill may be anywhere from \$3.50 to \$5.00 for a 10-cent washer depending on how many trips he makes for tools. So what? makes for tools. So what?

It all sums up like this to me: The big

majority of Service Men are a pretty damn good bunch of fellows, damn good bunch of tellows, getting along all right; are honest and fair with the public. We make mistakes, so does everybody else, and if records are available regarding the Service Man versus the public on the gyp proposition, well, the public, I believe, had us groggy in the first round and flattened us out in the second Maybe I'm purpose but I will the second. Maybe I'm wrong but I will have to be shown before I'll believe it.

At any rate, the dear old listening public will always be with us or we'll have to do something else, just as we will always be with them or else they'll have to go without music, and a toast to those prize ones of the public who have had their receivers 2 years; a Service Man replaces a condenser or resistor and is then and there forever responsible for anything that may go wrong with their receivers regardless of what it may be. Did I hear you say can we take it? And, how!

AL. BEERS. San Francisco, Cal.

A PHYSICIST-SERVICER

Editor, SERVICE:

In the last issue of Service you wanted a check up on the subscribers as indicated in the editorial column. I am sending you the dope on myself.

I am a physicist by training and a radio tinkerer by experience. I hold a M. Sc. degree from OSU. The State turned me out in the wild scramble of

deflation and I have never recovered.

While in school I took considerable work in Communications and ann now amusing myself by designing and building my own test equipment for repair. Incidentally I am very much interested in electron tubes and test equipment. Money is scarce in this rural community and it takes a long time to get enough to go ahead with my designs.

I am taking SERVICE mainly for the alignment procedure and case histories as this gives me some ideas to incorporate in my equipment to increase its usefulness. I have not been taking Service long but it seems to me to be worth the price.

Enuf sed.

G. D. Johnston, East Liberty, Ohio.





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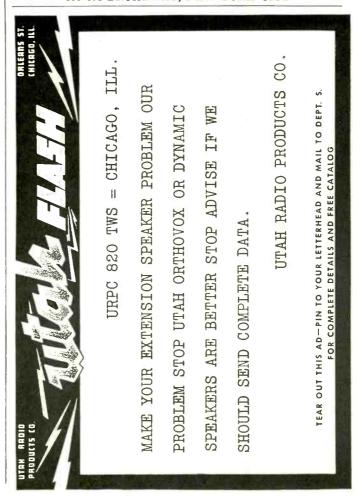


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# HIGHLIGHTS.

#### AUDAK ANNOUNCES PRIZE CONTEST

Having perfected what is stated to be Having perfected what is stated to be a revolutionary new system of pick-up reproduction, the Audak Co., 500 Fifth Avenue, manufacturers of electrical and acoustical apparatus since 1915, is telling the world about it in current advertisements, offering a first prize of \$100 and five additional prizes for the best name for this new system.

Features of the new instruments, we understand, will be elimination of the factor of moving mass which has always militated against perfect reproduction; also since there is no moving mass, damping will be unnecessary. Moreover, the vibrating armature, hitherto a decided barrier to wide range, has been made

In the words of Maximilian Weil, president of the Audak Company, "We have had such tremendous improvement in broadcasting and recording that even pretty good pick-ups are unable to do full justice to the new recordings. What we are after now is to make the pick-up as good as the microphone... believing that only then will the public be able to enjoy music 100%. I honestly believe that the new Audax models will prove a revelation to the most skeptical because they give back everything that went into the mike at the original recording . . . and

this applies to a phenomenally wide range."
The complete catalogue of Audax models, including the new numbers, is available to members of the radio-music trade, and all are invited to compete in this nation-wide

contest for a name.

#### NEW CLOUGH-BRENGLE CATALOG

A complete new catalog has just been prepared by this manufacturer of cathode-

ray and other type of test instruments.

Eight full pages are devoted to the latest of Kendall Clough's unique creations, including a new low price audio oscillator, a compact low price set analyzer, and several new cathode-ray models.

Subscribers of this publication will be furnished a copy without cost by writing The Clough-Brengle Company, 1134 West Austin Ave., Chicago, Illinois, and mentioning this announcement.

#### RCA THREE-POINT SERVICE SYSTEM

A three-point service system, which is designed to help the radio Service Man get more business, facilitate his handling of it and organize his methods and accounting so as to insure the most profitable operation, was announced by the RCA Parts

Division, at Camden, New Jersey.

First of the three elements in the new RCA Parts plan is a radio service "tip" file consisting, initially, of a collection of 200 labor and time saving ready-reference answers to difficult service problems as they are likely to be encountered in actual practice. All of these tips have been culled from among a large collection of such solutrom among a large collection of such solutions contributed by Service Men from first-hand experience in the field. They are housed in a handy metal file cabinet, which will accommodate 1,200 similar 3" by 5" cards for additional information. The RCA Parts Division will add to this "tip" collection from time to time.

Second, is a volume entitled "101 Service

Sales Ideas," in which have been gathered the business-getting ideas which have been most successfully tried and proven in a wide field of application. They are grouped under such classifications as New Sources of Income; Organization; Personality; Goodwill; New Business, Publicity and Financial Hints.

The third, is a carefully written book on Service Business Methods, by John F. Rider, widely known radio service expert. in collaboration with J. Van Newenhizen, radio auditor and accountant. In it, such pungent topics as What to Charge; How Much for Rent; Advertising; A Profit on Your Investment; Simplified, but Informative Record Keeping, are discussed by men whose practical experience in this phase of radio work extends over a long period of years. Primarily, it should help the



Service Man, unfamiliar with bookkeeping, to maintain an orderly accounting system which will keep him informed of his financial progress with a minimum expenditure of time and effort.

Service Men may obtain the RCA Three-Point Service System from their RCA Parts Wholesalers in accordance with a special plan.

#### CHANGES IN MALLORY PERSONNEL

The following personnel changes, effective January 1st, 1936, have been announced by Ray F. Sparrow, Manager of The Radio and Electrical Division of P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., manufacturers of

radio and metallurgical products:
Harry W. Gebhard who formerly represented the Yaxley-Mallory lines in the Philadelphia-New England territory has joined the Indianapolis organization in connection with Sales to manufacturers for the Yaxley Division. Mr. Gebhard has been associated with the Yaxley line since 1924 and more recently has represented both Mallory and Yaxley lines.

Mr. Arnold O. Braun has been appointed Manager of the Philadelphia Office of the P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., serving many accounts in the Eastern territory, other than New York City, on both Mallory and Yaxley lines.

Mr. Willis Wink, formerly production executive in the Mallory plant will be associated with Mr. Braun in the Philadelphia office in a sales capacity.

Mr. Ralph H. Clawson of Boston will joined the Indianapolis organization in con-

phia office in a sales capacity.

Mr. Ralph H. Clawson of Boston will represent the Mallory Company on both Mallory and Yaxlev parts to distributors in the New England territory.

Mr. J. V. Costello of Buffalo, New York, will represent the Mallory Company on both Mallory and Yaxley products to dis-

tributors in New York State, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland.

Mr. Garrett W. Davis has been transferred from the Indianapolis Office to the Chicago Office to take over the responsibilities of sales to distributors in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.

#### "PRECISION APPARATUS" APPROVED FOR F. H. A. LOANS

The series No. 829 Set Analyzer and the Electronometer No. 500 Tube Analyzer, in both counter and panel types, have been approved for financing by the Federal Apparatus Corp., 821 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Housing Administration under the Mod-

#### CORNELL-DUBILIER BUSINESS UP

Business must be good! In a recent letter released to their Sales Offices, the Cornell-Dubilier Corp., 4377 Bronx Boulevard, New York, made public some very interesting statistics. In 1933, the Cornell-Dubilier Corporation tripled its volume over 1932. In 1934 they doubled their business and once again in 1935 they doubled their output. Not bad!

The Cornell-Dubilier sales force is cer-

tainly to be congratulated.

President Octave Blake looks forward in 1936 to doing the largest volume of business, during the twenty-six years of operation of the company.

## ARCTURUS ISSUES BULLETIN ON "CORONET" LINE

A four-page folder giving a general description of the new "Coronet" Metal Tube has just been issued by the Arcturus Radio Tube Company, Newark, N. J. This bulletin also contains a complete chart of characteristics and a table giving pin connections and physical specifications. It will be sent free to dealers and Service Men requesting it on their letterhead.

#### AEROVOX CATALOG

Aerovox Corporation, 70 Washington Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. have made avail-able their 1936 abridged catalog covering their line of condensers and resistors. This 20-page catalog gives technical descriptions of the various units, and has three pages devoted to an electrolytic condenser replacement chart.

#### MILLION APPOINTS NEW REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. John Million, of Million Radio and Television Laboratories, announces the appointment of the following representatives to handle this company's line of service and test equipment.

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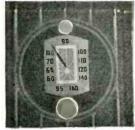
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#### NEW BELL PRE-AMPLIFIER

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For further details of the Model L 5, write to Bell Sound Systems, Inc. Complete details on any of Bell's full line of p-a equipment will also be supplied upon request.

#### NEW MALLORY REPLACEMENT CONDENSERS

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## NEW CLOUGH-BRENGLE AUDIO OSCILLATOR

An instrument entirely new to the radio and public-address field is introduced by the Clough-Brengle Co., 1134 W. Austin Avenue, Chicago, in their Model 79 Beat-Note Audio Oscillator.

This instrument generates a pure sine-wave audio voltage, variable from zero to

10,000 cycles per second, for the checking of gain and wave-shape distortion in the audio systems of radio sets, public-address amplifiers, and radiophone transmitters.

In radio receiver servicing, it is used to modulate test oscillators over the entire



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curve of any receiver.

The output is 27 volts at 5,000 ohms, and is uniform within 2 decibels over the range of 50 to 10,000 cycles. The wave-shape is a true sine and is free from harmonic distortion, it is said.

Full description may be secured by writing the manufacturer.

#### NEW SUPREME "LAB" INSTRUMENTS

The Supreme Instruments Corporation The Supreme Instruments Corporation of Greenwood, Mississippi, announces four new laboratory models which are applicable to purchase by Government loan through the Federal Housing Act. The new line includes the popular 385 Automatic Analyzer-Tube Tester, the 339 Deluxe Analyzer, the 89 Deluxe Tube Tester and the 189 Signal Generator, all housed in handsome hard oak cases with sloping handsome hard oak cases with sloping panels and designed for laboratory and

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#### NEW AUDAK PICKUP

The Audak Company, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y., have announced their new No. 100 pickup. This unit is shown in the accompanying illus-

The No. 100 is a compact pickup for use in portable midget and larger combinations. It is unaffected by humidity



and temperature changes, it is stated, and has proved highly successful for portable applications.

#### ELECTRONIC HEAVY-DUTY VIBRATORS

A new line of heavy-duty vibrators, designed especially for police radios and transceiver work, has just been announced by Electronic Laboratories, Inc., of Indianapolis.

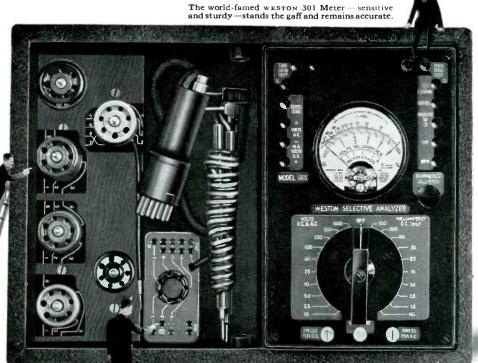
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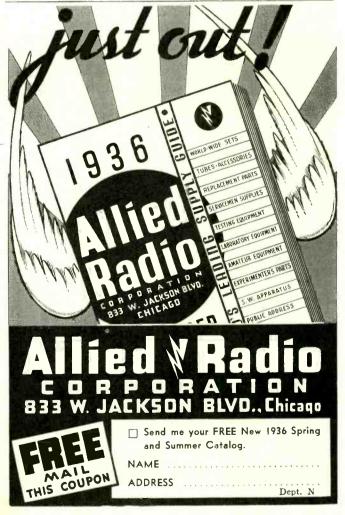


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The non-synchronous models in Electronic's heavy-duty line are plug-in units on a four-prong base, while the synchronous types are on a standard five-prong base. However, any of the heavy duty units will be built to order for police radios in which the vibrator base wiring

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#### "CORONET" METAL TUBE REPLACEMENT LINE ANNOUNCED BY ARCTURUS

Thirteen new "Coronet" Metal Tubes that directly interchange with the corresponding types of glass tubes have been developed and are being marketed by the

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As a beginning the types 24, 27, 51 (35), 55, 56, 57, 58, 75, 77, 78, 80, 82 and 2A6 are being built in the exclusive Arcturus "Coronet" Metal Tube construction, as

these are the types that were most widely used in radio receivers built during the past five years. The same type numbers are used but the word "Coronet" is suffixed to denote a metal tube replacement. Additional types may be added to the "Coronet" line in the future as demand warrants.

The tubes have the regular octal 8-prong base, and to permit their interchange with the corresponding type of glass tube, mod-ernizers have been developed by Arcturus. These are made with 4, 5 or 6 prong connections for adapting the old socket to an eight-prong socket to accommodate the metal tube base.

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#### TURNER MICROPHONE BULLETIN

The Turner Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, have issued Bulletin No. 10 covering the complete line of Turner Crystal Microphones and accessories. Of special interest is the new non-directional singlecrystal microphone, and the convertible non-directional midget unit. Technical descriptions and prices are given for

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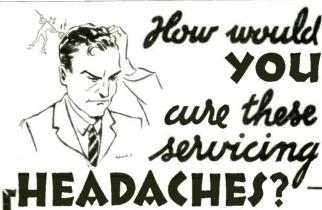
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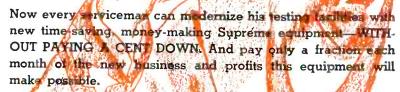
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