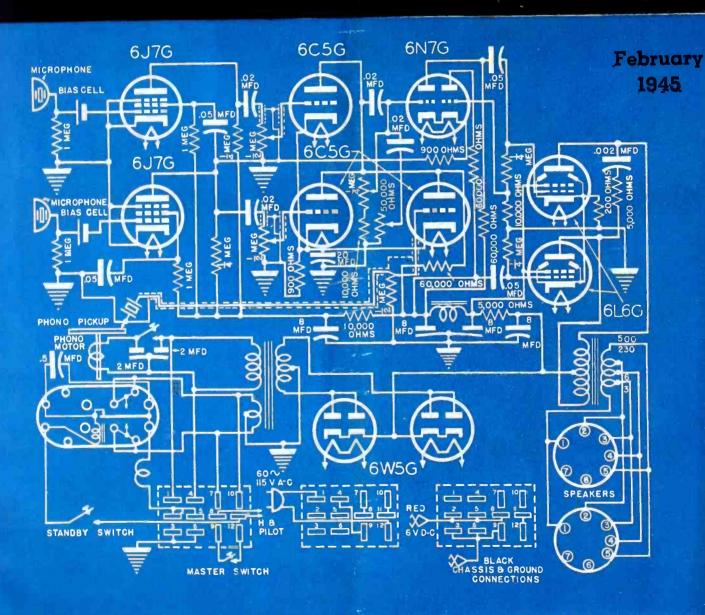
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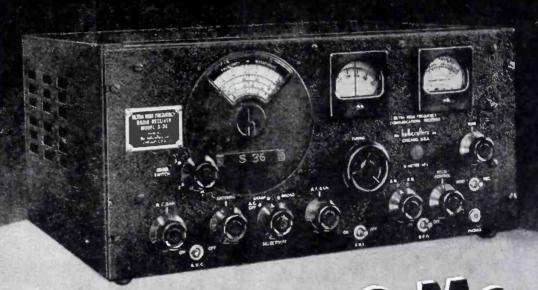


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## EDITORIAL

OSTING service charge bulletins where they cannot only be seen but read, is, fortunately, rapidly becoming a must in service shops. Service shop-owners have found that these bulletins solve a multitude of problems, eliminating disputes and accelerating servicing.

Some Service Men have grouped and affected a standard price policy for specific operations. They have reported that these standards have helped to eliminate labor headaches. Such standards cover repairs of dial cords, speakers, tone controls, etc. The program is similar to one practiced in Canada where standards even cover such items as resetting of buttons, repair of hum controls and realignments. Charges range from \$1.25 for simple shop labor to \$16 for the installation of a 12tube power transformer. The hum-control charge usually is about \$4.50 and covers any size of resistance required to eliminate the trouble. Incidentally all charges include a complete checkup and inspection of the set in the shop, as well as pickup and delivery.

THE servicing of hearing aids, discussed in this column some weeks ago, continues to be a lively topic among Service Men and manufacturers, too. Commenting on the manufacturer's problem, a chief engineer says that there is a big difference in the objectives of hearing aid service and of radio service. He declares that the radio Service Man must fix a receiver so that it sounds satisfactory. However, the hearing aid man must restore the original acoustical performance, an exacting operation.

Explaining the engineering design problems involved in hearing aids, this specialist points out that a good aid will have but a 2% harmonic distortion in the acoustical output while under the same conditions some aids might have a distortion as high as 35%. Since many of the hard-of-hearing are actually more sensitive to harmonic distortion than the normal hearing person, this factor must be considered very carefully.

Other engineering details of Service Man importance disclosed by this expert covered voltage gain and stability. He revealed that the voltage gain in the older types of equipment was around 100 db, whereas today it is not much over 85. This extra voltage gain introduced a critical state of stability. Thus their repair was difficult too because of a nossibility of oscillation and feedback. Newer types eliminated this problem, but exacting service is still essential. And, says this specialist, unless your training and experience qualifies you for such precision servicing. recommend someone who has the servicing requirements, or suggest factory servicing.

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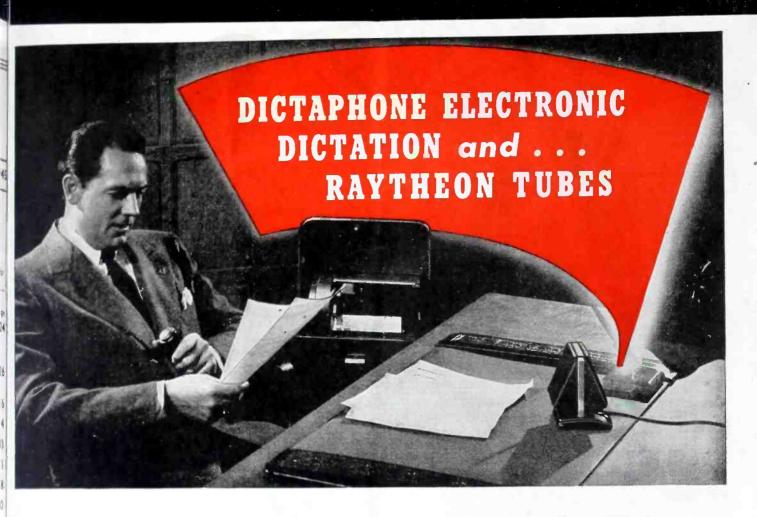
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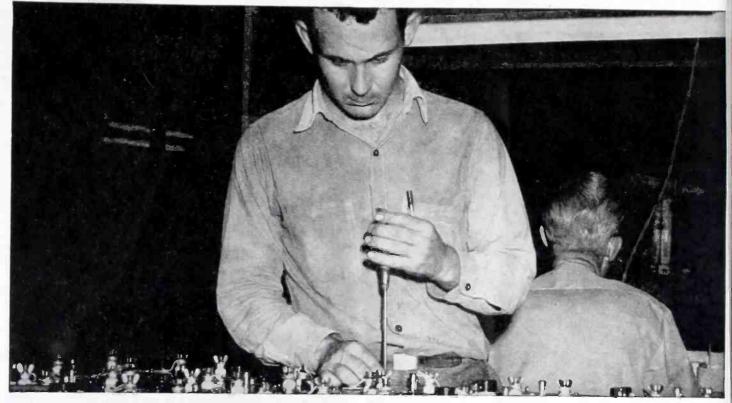
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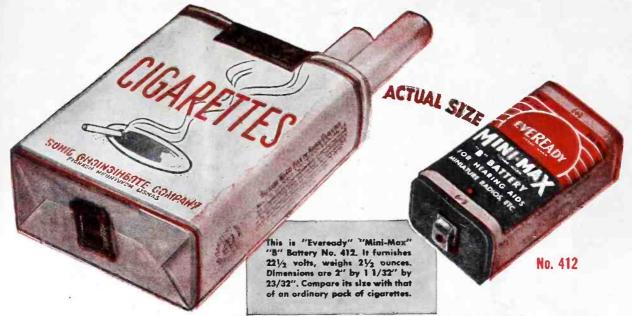


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A large, attractive, three-color display banner featuring the phrase "Complete Radio Service" is now ready for distribution to servicemen by Sylvania Electric.

The banner, pictured below, measures 46 by 28 inches; is printed in black, green and white on special weatherproofed "ducking" material making it suitable for use either inside or outside



of the store. It has six metal grommets to provide extra reinforcement.

This useful, durable and attractive display banner may be obtained for only \$.40 (three for \$1) from your local Sylvania distributor, or from Frank Fax, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Emporium, Pa.

This newest display is another in the extensive list of Sylvania promotion material designed to help servicemen merchandise both their own service and the Sylvania products they sell.

## Present Set-Owners Rate FM First In Current Sylvania Radio Survey

91% of Consumers Interviewed Say They Want This Feature In Postwar Receivers

Preliminary reports of the nationwide survey being conducted by Sylvania Electric indicate a high degree of public interest in frequency modulation. Of the thousands of set-owners who have been interviewed, 91% have indicated their desire to have FM incorporated in their postwar receivers.

> 70% say they are willing to pay an additional sum in order to get this feature.

> Television, while also a subject of considerable interest, ranked behind FM in the tabulation of survey results. 49% of those interviewed stated that they wanted television reception after the war. The same percentage indicated their willingness to pay extra for it.

## 91% 49% W

Graph shows percentages of set-owners stating that they want FM and television in their postwar sets.

### SYLVESTER SURVEY



"Would you be willing to go as high as \$300 to have FM and television included in your radio set?"

### Service Aspects

This expression of popular interest in frequency modulation suggests the probability that servicemen, after the war, will find the FM feature increasingly common in the sets they will be called on to repair.

Results of other phases of the setowner survey are now being tabulated, and findings will be published in future issues of SYLVANIA NEWS.

### Survey Continues

While the analysis of the results of personal interviews is going on, Sylvania is continuing its survey, and broadening its scope, through the medium of a series of questionnaire-type advertisements appearing in leading national magazines.

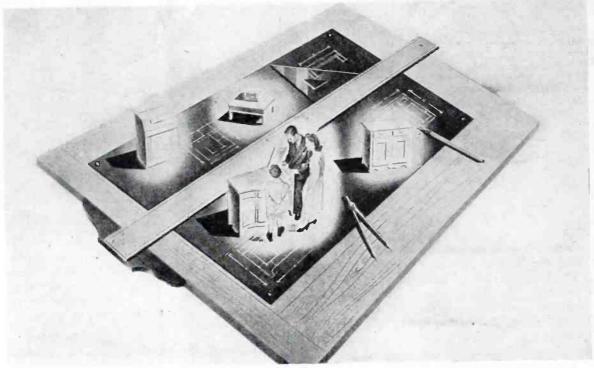
The purpose of these advertisements is to gather additional information on consumer preferences and interest in various types of radio and television receivers. This Sylvania research should be helpful to servicemen in their postwar planning.

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# POSTWAR RECEIVER COMPONENTS AND ACCESSORIES

A VARIETY of new and remarkably effective developments will contribute to the postwar receiver.

We will find, for instance that most components will have been improved in some manner; performance, durability, size or weight. In factories improved methods of production and tests, adopted during the war, will play their role toward providing these improved components.

### Loops

One improved component that will find itself used in many receivers is the loop. As a matter of fact many new types of windings have been developed. These improve the Q of the loop. Developments have shown that copper foil placed between loop and chassis reduces the loss in Q due to chassis reduces the loss in Q due to loops will be larger and wound with heavier wire, allowing greater pickup

### by DONALD PHILLIPS

with a consequent improvement in signal-to-noise ratio. In higher priced receivers, loops with iron cores may be used. Iron-core loops have been popular in German aircraft direction finders. We'll also find an increased use solinoid types of loops.

### I-F Coils

In spite of reduced size, i-f transformers will provide increased efficiency. We may even be using pretuned i-f transformers, so matched that no adjustments are required. The more expensive units may have fixed temperature compensated capacitors for increased stability. This will be particularly useful in f-m television or other v-h-f receivers. I-f frequencies are expected to remain at 175, 262 and 455 kc for standard a-m receivers. F-m, television and v-h-f receivers will

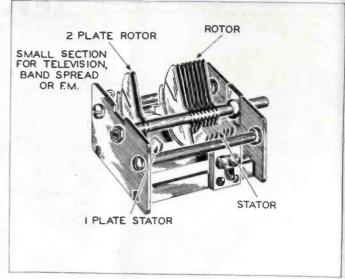
probably employ 8 to 20 mc for the i-f-t frequency.

### Capacitors

We may have an extension of the broadcast-band frequency range. This would appear at the lower end, and may extend to 520 kc. Ordinarily, such a move would necessitate larger variable condensers with greater maximum capacitance and not more minimum. But tuning condensers are a lot more precise than in the old days and their size can be kept down by using thinner plates with smaller spacing. New methods of manufacture will provide for improved calibration methods and increased tuning efficiency. The Service Man will also be aided by novel methods of condenser mounting which will lessen microphonics. It appears as if the 100% tuned r-f stage is going to return. This will require 3-gang variables instead of the toofamiliar 2-gangs to provide improved

New type trimmers are now being





Left, typical postwar speaker that will be smaller and have stronger alnico magnets. Above, a multi-function capacitor for frm magnets. Above, a multi-function capacitor for f-m, broadcast, television or band-spread.

designed which will probably be constructed along the lines of miniature variables. The better grades of tubular paper capacitors, as well as electrolytics, will be mounted in drawn aluminum cans which have proved to be far superior to cardboard and other types. New sizes providing an extremely high density per square centimeter will also be made.

### Resistors

New types of carbon resistors with smaller temperature and voltage coefficients, greater stability and higher power ratings, recently developed will find many postwar receiver applications.

Wirewound elements are far superior to prewar varieties, failures due to opens being greatly reduced. Insulation has also been improved to increase resistor life and usefulness.

### **Volume and Tone Controls**

High standards set by Army-Navy procurement agencies have introduced many improvements in tone and volume controls. Metals recently developed not only prevent wear of element, but avoid humidity effect, thus eliminating noise problems. Improved pigtails have also minimized contact noise

### Tuners

Accelerated compact receiver design has provided improved permeability (iron core) tuners. And we will find them in many of the smaller type receivers instead of variable condensers. Such receivers will also see new methods of coupling loop antennas to these tuners. Frequency ranges will be greater due to improvements in powdering techniques. A change in the shunt capacity as well as a change in the position of the iron slug increases frequency range quite effectively.

### **Power and Output Transformers**

Instead of the old type wax paper separators between layers, new type plastic sheets will be used. There'll also be new types of insulation for wire allowing higher operating temperatures, and permitting greater out-

put for a given size transformer. Laminations will be of a better grade of steel providing a further reduction in size, an improvement in power factor and frequency response.

### Sockets

Many receivers, particularly the f-m and television types, will feature many low-loss sockets. This will be important because of the high-impedance circuits. Sockets will be of polystyrene low loss ceramic, and other similar materials. Various forms of beryllium copper and other spring alloys will provide for better and more permanent gripping.

### Tubes

Improvements in miniature type tube technique will probably result in their being standard in all types of receivers for r-f, i-f, converter and low power audio uses. Only the rectifiers and audio power tubes may be standard size and many of these may be GT or metal

### Dials

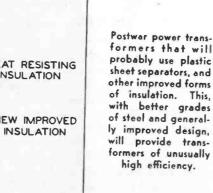
The trend in postwar design indicates that we'll have larger dials, better viewing and clearer figures. There are new forms of illumination with three dimensional effects, and a variety of new materials to enhance appearance.

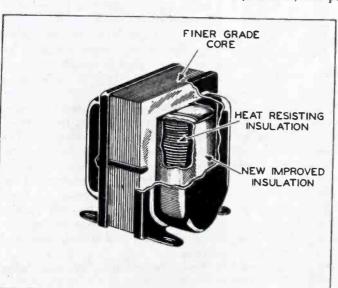
### Cabinets

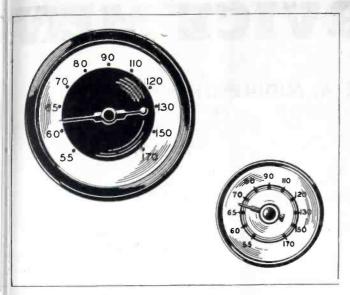
Cabinet designs will be most unusual. With new materials on hand for both compression and injection molding, striking new designs are in the offing. Combinations of bakelite with wood and other materials have great possibilities. There are plastics available which are practically unbreakable.

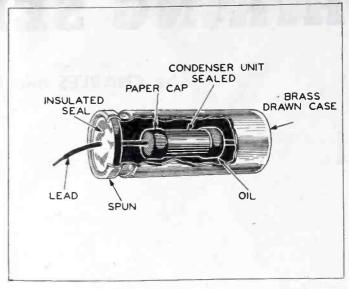
### Speakers

The strongest of the present alnico alloys, No. 5, will prompt an increased









Left, comparison of prewar and postwar dials.

dials. New dials will be larger, with large size frequency designations. Right, cross-sectional view of postwar tubular paper condenser design with hermetically sealed case.

application of p-m speakers. With this alloy unusually high flux densities can be obtained with very small magnets. In fact, the speakers may be so tiny that receiver purchasers may doubt their usefulness. However, as tiny as some may be, their performance will be substantial. The low-frequency response and power output of these speakers will far surpass any similar type speaker made before the war. The new types will feature increased frequency response, lighter voice coils, closer gaps, and better dust-proofing.

Most speakers will be supplied less output transformers which will be a big help to the Service Man. Standardization on 3½-ohm voice coils by industry established a short time ago will help the Service Man too. Instead of a wide variety, only a few size speakers and transformers need be carried in stock.

### Chassis

The postwar receiver chassis will be constructed from aluminum, magnesium and steel, depending upon the application. Plated rust-resisting steel chassis having new types of coloring effects will be used in large console sets. Portables and light weight models will probably use aluminum as standard material and magnesium where the utmost saving in weight is required.

### Wire

New types of plastic insulation which stand up in all climates will be featured in the better sets. We'll also see new types of insulated wire for use in r-f and i-f coils. Adverse climates will not affect such wire. And Q-loss will be minimized by the use of this new type of insulation.

### **Portables**

There'll be several types of port-

ables, using new A and B storage batteries. Most of these will be of the self-charging type and unusually compact

### Postwar Television

Since television will probably be a major postwar factor, it is prudent to survey some of its features and problems. An effective analysis of the new video receivers was prepared recently by Frank Freiman, executive vice president of Magnavox. He said:

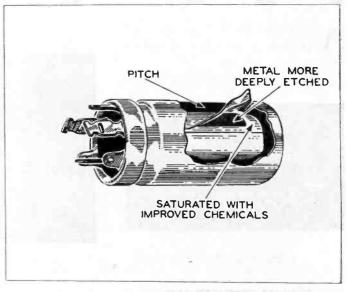
"The location for best television viewing is seldom the location for best auditory reception. The radio-phonograph may be in the living room and the television receiver in the den or library. The television antenna installation, which is of major importance for successful operation, will frequently determine the location of the television receiver. It may be one least desirable for the radio-phonograph.

"Furniture size adversely influences the combination of television and the radio-phonograph. The spontaneous revival of interest in phonograph records developed a prewar trend toward console instruments, embodying both the radio and the

phonograph. This trend was no doubt aided by the public's realization that they had missed most of the musical entertainment through the inadequacy of small table model sets. There has been ample proof of resistance toward the purchase of large cabinets because the modern home will not accommodate bulky furniture. Combining a good musical instrument with television completely ignores these basic factors.

"Industry must take a more realistic view of television in relation to the immediate postwar period and the effect it will have on the radio market as a whole, as well as for the long pull growth of television itself. Factual information should be substituted for ballyhoo in television promotion now. The public should be told what it may expect of television, what the television receiver will be like, what effect, if any, it will have on the radio and the phonograph and the specific areas that will be served by television transmitters. All this in relation to the immediate postwar era, not what might be expected two, three or five years after television is launched. Let's present television as the wonderful separate service that it is and not as either an adjunct to or successor of the radio and phonograph.

Postwar type of electrolytic. Drawn aluminum cans will probably be featured in most types.



## HIRING SERVICE MEN

### by CHARLES and H. A. MIDDLETON

IKE most radio service stores in the country today we too have had Service Men employment problems.

Before the war this was a threeman shop. Then a great increase in service business made it necessary to hire more. It was only necessary to advertise and there were many applicants. In a two-year period we hired ten men. Their selection was based on their record of experience and their general presentation. Unfortunately none of these men are with us now since none were capable of complying with the professional service and repair standards we had set up.

Some time ago we tried another method of selecting men, the examination method. It has proved to be the solution, providing just the men we needed in a rapid, simple way. Ten simple but important questions constituted the test. Each applicant, regardless of experience claimed was asked to answer these questions. Substantially correct answers to all the questions were required.

Among the questions submitted were:

- (1)—Compute the resistance of R, in a series-filament circuit, using a 25Z6, 25L6, 6K7, 6Q7 and 6A8.
- (2)—Draw a diagram of a second detector and the output stages of a

receiver connected to a speaker.

- (3)—If the i-f frequency of a receiver is 460 kc, to what frequency must the oscillator be tuned to receive a station at 640 kc?
- (4)—Draw a diagram of a diode detector in a receiver.
- (5)—Describe the alignment procedure of a superheterodyne receiver.
- (6)—Draw a diagram of a power supply for an a-c receiver.
- (7)—Show in a diagram where and how the filament voltages are obtained for the battery tubes in an a-c/d-c battery portable where the tubes are connected in series.
- (8)—In a receiver employing a tube ahead of the oscillator, list the common names of the five stages used.

Other questions submitted covered diagrams with missing components as well as simple case history problems.

Although the questions are quite simple, seventeen failed to answer question one which required the computation of a line cord resistor.

One applicant who claimed long experience thought 6K7's, 25L6's, etc., had .6 ampere filaments. Many refused to submit to the examination, stating that they just knew the answers to all the problems and didn't have to know about math or circuits. Many who actually believed they knew radio considered it unreasonable that a Service Man should be expected to know so much. Only four out of fortyseven passed.

We do not believe this condition was brought on by the war, for the same thing was true before. Many have had years of experience without learning the most elementary princi-

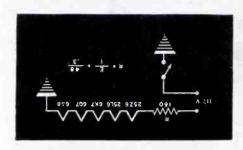
The solution, or rather, protection for the Servicing industry is the examination. It need not be a complex test. Questions should contain fundamental problems with which a Service Man should be familiar, if he is to Service successfully. This does not mean that if a man can answer ten simple questions he has met all qualifications, for there are naturally other ability requirements that usually reveal themselves during interview or a few weeks trial. But elementary radio is a must.

The Service man should take warning now. After the war competition will be strong. There'll be many new trick circuits and accessories. The man who does not study and keep up with developments will find himself on the short end. Every Service Man should study, read books and periodicals. It will be well worthwhile.

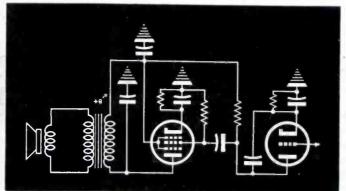
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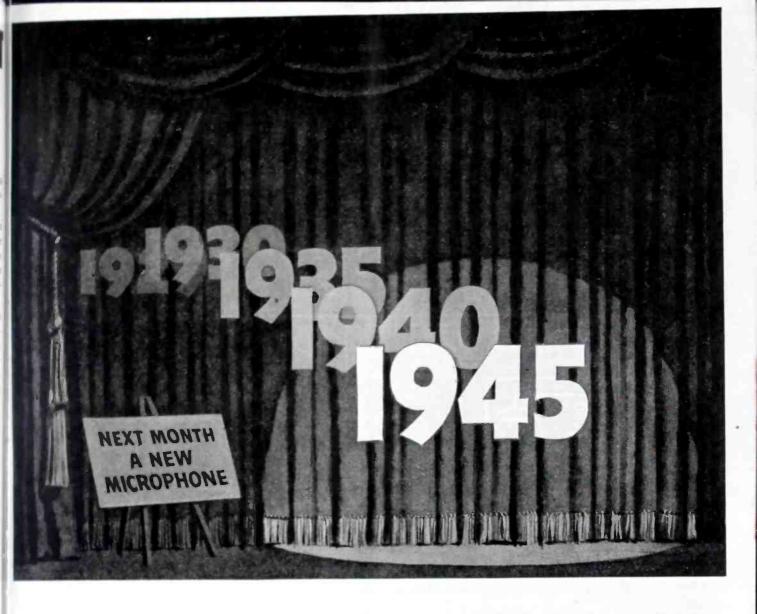
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(2)—See diagram at right.



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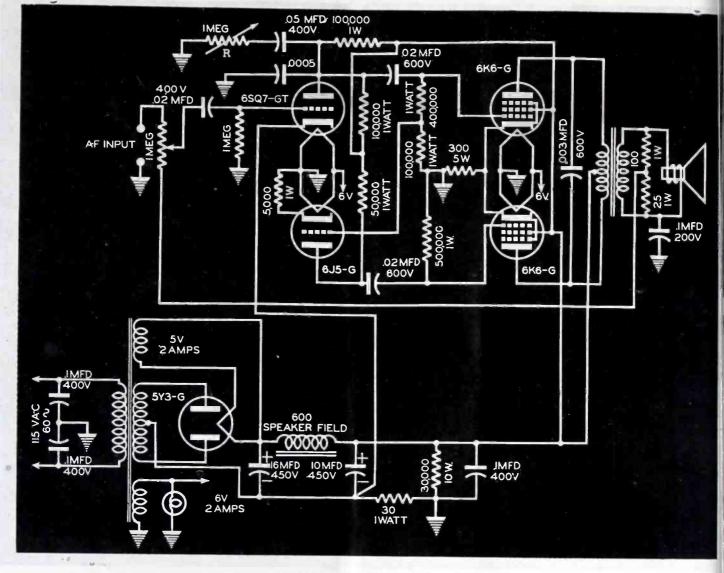


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### by WILLARD MOODY

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<sup>1</sup>See paper by Edward Arthur on High Fidelity and Tone Control, SERVICE, p. 11; December, 1944.

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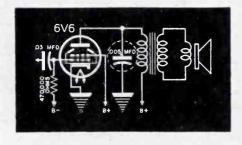
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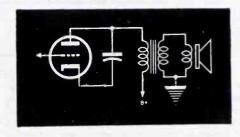
### MOTOROLA 51F11

Set Dead: Upon voltage checking, we discovered that there was no plate voltage on the 6V6 output tube. A resistance check showed that the .005-mfd condenser, connected from plate of the 6V6 to ground, was shorted. After replacing the condenser, we then found set that tuning was very broad. This was traced to a high resistance connection on the antenna section of the gang. This was cured by resoldering the contact.



### **DEWALD 555**

Distortion, rasping speaker tone: The voice coil was checked by pushing the cone in and out. There were no indications of the voice coil rubbing on the pole piece. However we noticed that the rapid movement of the voice coil had built up static charges, which we assumed would cause rasping. We grounded one side of the voice coil which grounded this static charge and the trouble disappeared.

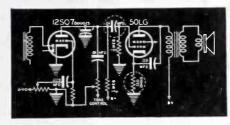


### FADA 207APT

Intermittent reception and distortion: Checking the voltage on the grid of the 50L6 output tube indicated a positive potential at that point. The .01-mfd coupling condenser was disconnected from the grid and checked with an ohmmeter. The condenser was found to be leaking. Replacing the condenser helped, but some distortion still remained. A further check showed that the plate potential on all the tubes was slightly high and the output tube

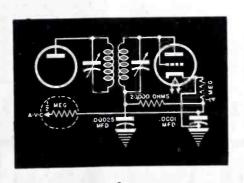
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plate current was low. The grid bias voltage on the output tube was also found to be slightly high. Checking the bias resistor we found that the resistor had increased in value from 130 ohms to about 600 ohms. This, no doubt, was caused by the shorted coupling condenser which in turn caused a high I-R drop in the resistor. We replaced the resistor, but still intermittent reception prevailed. This was traced to a defective 12SA7 tube.



### **MAGNAVOX CR-171**

Inoperative; motorboating: A vottage check disclosed an excessive B+ voltage on the grid of the 6J5 detector and avc tube. We then disconnected the grid lead to the 6J5 and used a resistance check between the grid lead and the plate of the 6SK7 i-f tube. This revealed a short between the primary and the secondary of the second i-f transformer. After replacing the transformer and repeaking, set operated, but with some distortion. We also noted that the eye tube, 6U5, was not working. Suspecting the avc circuit, we conducted a resistance check of the individual components in the avc circuit. The 500,000-ohm blocking resistor was found open.

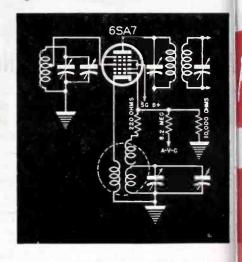


### ZENITH 6R683

No signals: Although no signals could be heard, a rushing sound persisted. Check of all voltages disclosed

no defects. We then decided to check the oscillator section. Since there were no voltages that could be checked in this section, we decided to use an old trick. We placed a screw driver on the oscillator section of the gang. If the oscillator were satisfactory, a click would have been heard. But no click resulted.

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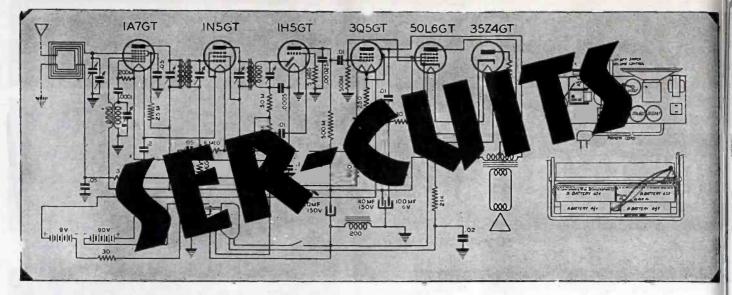
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Fig. 1, and is presented through the courtesy of DuMont.

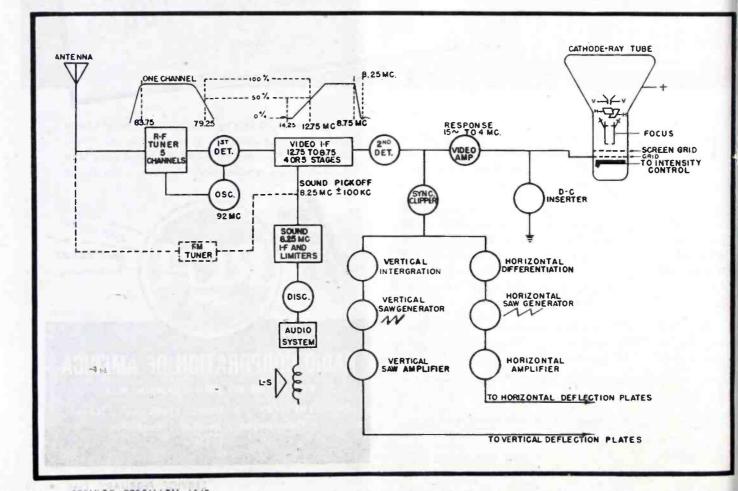
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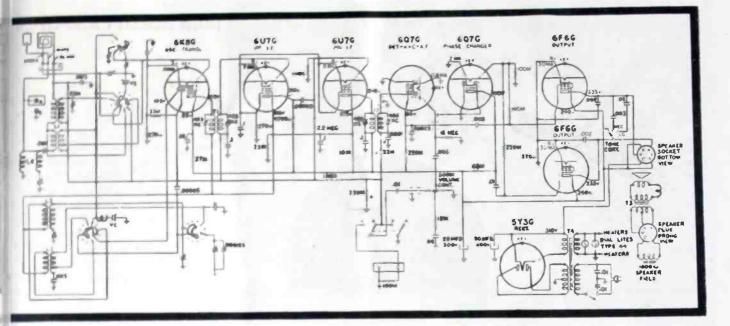
In Fig. 2 appears quite an interesting receiver, a 4-band phono combination super, Silvertone R81. A loop, plate or external antenna feeds a 6K8 oscillator-translator. The external antenna contains an i-f wave trap to reduce the possibility of i-f signals en-

Fig. 1. Block diagram of a typical television

tering the i-f amplifier from the antenna circuit. The bands covered are b-c, police, 5.95 to 18.2 mc and a spread band of 9.3 to 9.85 mc. Bandspread is obtained by connecting the tuning condenser across a small portion of the short-wave transformers. Oscillator coupling is secured through the use of a few turns of wire serving as a small coupling capacitor between the high side of the oscillator tuning condenser and the first detector signal grid.

The i-f stages use two 6U7G's; one of the stages uses resistance coupling. A dpdt phono switch shorts the detector output in phono position. The ½-





megohm volume control has a bass compensation tap connected to a .08-mfd condenser and 18000 ohms. Service data issued for this receiver states that, while the test oscillator (signal generator) should be kept at the lowest possible level for alignment purposes to prevent ave action, the generator should be adjusted for high output at 455 ke to adjust the wave-

Fig. 2. Silvertone R81 4-band phono combination.

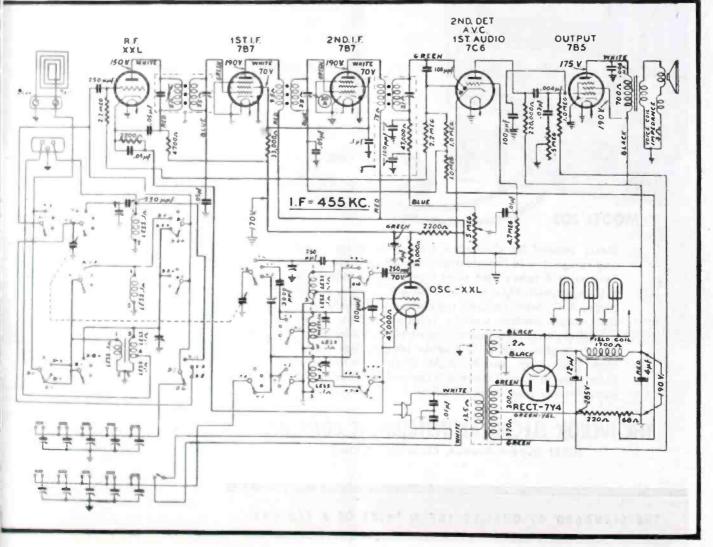
trap. The output meter should indicate a minimum instead of the usual maximum and, if an interfering station near 455 kc is bothersome, the generator should be set to the frequency of the interfering station, rather than

Fig. 3. Philoo 3-band 7-tube model 41-245.

at exactly 455 kc.

A 6Q7 is used as a phase inverter for the 6F6 output stage. A power type tone control is also used, switching different capacitors across the high impedance (plate-to-plate) output. Each pentode has a fixed .002 mfd condenser from plate to cathode which is equivalent to hi tone. A .003 mfd

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ments of an efficient amplifier is a husky loudspeaker. One having a 10" or 12" diameter cone that will not rattle on bass notes is recommended. The speaker may be mounted in a special cabinet, and the heavier the wood and the larger the cabinet, the better in general will be the reproduction. The quality of the wood seems to have a bearing on the tone, just as in the case of a fine violin or a piano. A good cabinet, therefore, is highly desirable. However, by equipping the amplifier with a tone control and experimenting with the parts used in the circuit the over-all frequency response and fidelity can be adjusted to the best possible values. An item that has a direct bearing on the fidelity, particularly in a quiet room, is hum level. This level should be kept down to a low value by using output tubes which are properly matched. In checking the output tubes in a tube tester, it is important to select a pair of tubes which have approximately the same emission. Then, hum currents flowing in each half of the output transformer primary will tend to balance out. Using highquality filter condensers will also help to keep down the hum. Careful wiring of the amplifier itself with grid circuits isolated from the heater wires is also essential. The chassis used should preferably be one of low resistance material and rugged. Well-plated steel seems to work out well. Under present conditions such a chassis may be impossible or difficult to purchase, but many Service Men have old chassis available which can be stripped of parts and used.

### Typical Amplifier

In Fig. 1 appears a typical amplifier circuit. Not a great many parts are used and many of them can be taken from old radios which have been given up as hopeless to repair. Thus we can effect salvaging parts so necessary to-day.

In this circuit, the audio input is fed to a 6SQ7 grid, the first audio-frequency amplifier. The 6SQ7 drives a 6K6G. Part of the excitation voltage for this tube is used to drive a phase inverter, 6J5G. This is about 1/5th the voltage on the grid of the 6K6G. The output of the 6J5G is then used to drive another 6K6G. The 6K6G tubes are in push-pull class A.

The frequency response is controlled by a 1-megohm tone control, R. Decreasing the value of R results in an increase in the signal current flow

through a .05-mfd condenser and a lecrease in the high frequency output. This occurs because this condenser as a lower reactance for the higher judio frequencies than it has for the low audio frequencies. The bass response may be picked up, too, by exerimenting with different values of he .02-mfd condensers in the plate utputs of the 6SQ7GT and 6J5G ubes. Using larger values will inrease the bass. At high audio frequencies the value of the .003-mfd condenser in the 6K6G plate circuit seems to be the controlling factor and lecreasing the value will bring up the treble, while increasing it will reduce the highs. With the speaker in the cabinet, but the amplifier on the floor of the room in which the record player is used, you can experiment with different values of these condensers until the best results are obtained. A listening test, by ear, instead of arbitrary measurements by instruments, is of course used. Ordinarily, servicing in the home is out of the question, but this is custom work, specialized and painstaking. The customer also feels flattered that you are hand tailoring the amplifier to his exact requirements, and the difference is quite apparent. Every room has its own peculiar acoustic properties, and what might sound fine in your shop need not, necessarily, be anything better than ordinary in the place where the equipment is used permanently.

The preliminary work should be done in the shop, and the final touches added in the home. The equipment, in every case, need not be excessively elaborate.

### **Matching Output Tubes**

An important point to remember is that output tubes must be properly matched to the load. Small differences can be compensated by adjustment of the value of the .003-mfd condenser in the 6K6G plate, as an example, but an effort should be made to check the turns ratio which for practical purposes is the same as the voltage ratio. Supplying an input signal to the a-f amplifier, the signal voltage across each half of the primary winding connected to the output tube plates should be checked. Then the secondary or voice coil voltage should be measured. The ratio of the voltage across one half of the primary to the secondary voltage is a measurement of the turns ratio. As each output tube requires (see a tube manual) a load of 7600 ohms, if we assume a voice coil having a d-c resistance of 3 ohms, its im-

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## AUTO SET DIAL CORD INSTALLATION NOTES

For Chrysler C-1708, Ford F-1740, Lincoln

L-1760 and 1761, Studebaker S-1722 and 1726

HEN installing new dial cords on Chrysler C-1708, Ford F-1740, Lincoln L-1760 and 1761, and Studebaker S-1722 and 1726 auto sets, Philco recommends the following procedures.

### Chrysler C-1708

- (1)—Remove the top and bottom cover and front housing.
- (2)—Turn the receiver upside down with the control shafts in front.
- (3)—Turn the tuning control shaft clockwise to the stop position.
- (4)—Hook the spring on one end of the cord.
- (5)—Hook a paper clip through the eyelet of the cord to which the spring is attached and fasten the clip to the dial mounting bracket.
- (6)—Place the long end of the cord over the rear wooden pulley. Wrap seven turns of cord clockwise around the back portion of the tuning shaft. Pass the cord through the slot in the collar of the shaft and wrap ¾ of a turn clockwise around the shaft in front of the collar. Run the cord over the front wooden pulley and fasten the other end of the cord to the spring. Then force the cord over the metal pulley at the top of the scale bracket.
- (7)—Place the pointer on the dial cord and slide it to the first line above the 1500 mark.
- (8)—Remove the paper clip and recheck the pointer setting, using a broadcast signal or a signal generator. Slide the pointer along the dial cord to the correct frequency.
- (9)—Replace the front housing and the top and bottom covers.

### Ford F-1740 . . . Lincoln L-1760, 1761

- (1)—Remove the tuning condenser assembly from the front casing of the receiver.
- (2)—Remove the dial and shaft assembly from the tuning condenser bracket.
- (3)—Remove the dial drum from the knob and shaft assembly.
- (4)—Place the tuning condenser

- unit on the bench with the bracket to the back and the metal pulley facing up. The tuning condenser plates must be in mesh.
- (5)—Connect one end of the cord to the link and hook the link on the right tab on the inside of the pulley. Feed the cord through the slot in the pulley and wrap one turn of the cord clockwise around the pulley, keeping the cord to the right of the guide pin on the tuning condenser.
- (6)—Hold the dial drum with the left hand and wrap two turns of cord counter-clockwise around the spool, keeping the cord to the left of the pin in the spool. Loop one turn of cord around the pin. Then wrap one turn counter-clockwise around the spool, keeping the cord to the right of the pin in the spool.
- (7)—Place the knob and shaft on the spool, with the pin on the spool nearest to the knob, and with the thin washer on the left side of the knob and the thick washer on the right side. Place the shaft in the grooves on the tuning-condenser bracket.
- (8)—Bring the cord counter-clock-wise around the idler pulley on the bracket and wrap five turns of cord clockwise around the knob shaft. Be sure that the washer is against the end of the bracket.
- (9)—Bring the cord clockwise around the pulley on the tuning condenser and connect the end of the cord to the link on the drum.
- (10)—Hook the closed end of the tension spring to the tab on the left side of the pulley and hook the other end to both ends of the cord where it enters the pulley.
- (11)—Replace the tuning condenser assembly.

### Studebaker S-1722

- (1)—Remove the chassis from the housing.
- (2)—Place the receiver on the bench, right side up and with the shafts to the front.

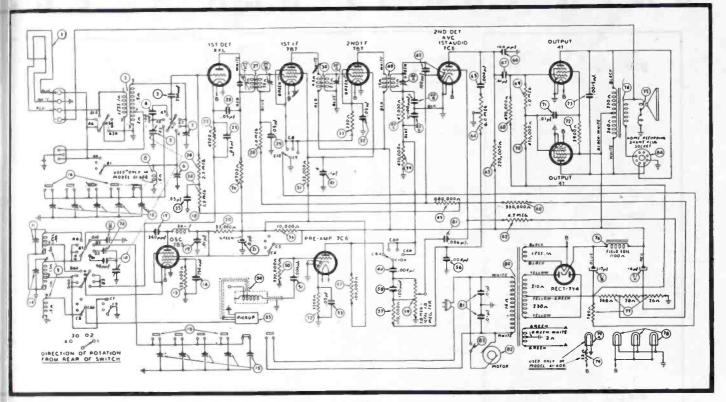
- (3)—Turn the tuning condenser plates in mesh.
- (4)—Feed the loop on the short end of the cord through the hole in the back of the tuning shaft and pass the free end of the loop through the loop of the cord. Pull the cord tight.
- (5)—Wrap 1½ turns of cord clock-wise around the end of the tuning shaft and then ¾ of a turn clockwise around the tuning condenser drum.
- (6)—Fasten the center loop of the cord to one end of the spring and fasten the other end of the spring in the hole in the drum.
- (7)—Pass the long end of the cord around the idler pulley and through the hole in the sub-base.
- (8)—Hold the cord and turn the receiver over with the wiring side showing.
- (9)—Wrap one turn of cord clock-wise around the tuning dial drum.
- (10)—Holding the cord with one hand, turn the tuning shaft *clockwise* until the stop position is reached.
- (11)—Wrap 1½ turns of cord counter-clockwise, around the tuning shaft in back of the front flange.
- (12)—Feed the loop of the cord through the hole in the shaft and pass the free end of cord through the eyelet. The cord must have tension after it is assembled.
- (13)—Assemble the receiver in the housing.

### Studebaker S-1726

- (1)—Remove the top and bottom cover, and front housing.
- (2)—Place the receiver on the bench right side up with the control knobs in front.
- (3)—Turn the tuning shaft clockwise as far as it will go.
- (4)—Loosen the two set screws on the tuning shaft coupling, so that the shaft turns freely.
  - (5)—Place the small U spring in (Continued on page 30)

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condenser added from plate to plate (equivalent to .012 mfd across the output of a single tube) produces *med* tone, while a .02-mfd condenser accounts for *lo* tone.

### Philco 41-245

A 3-band, 7-tube receiver, Philco 41-245, with two transformer coupled i-f stages is shown in Fig. 3. The loop antenna is used directly on b-c and through a transformer on police. A shunt inductor placed across the antenna transformer changes the fre-

Fig. 4. Phileo 41-609.

quency range for the intermediate band. Separate detector and oscillator triodes are used with cathode-to-cathode coupling. The r-f filter used to keep r-f out of the power amplifier usually consists of a single condenser across the first audio output from plate to ground. In this set, a 100-mfd condenser is run from the 7B5 power tube grid to ground.

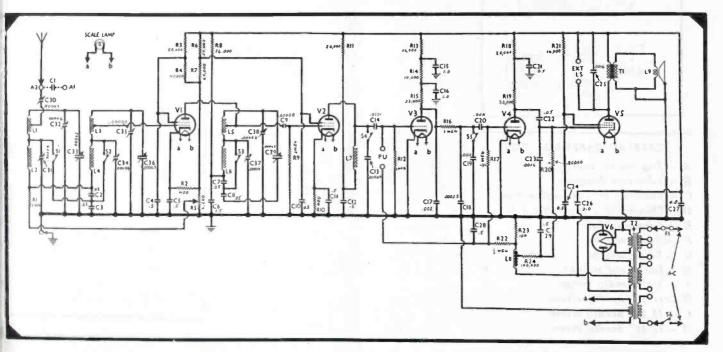
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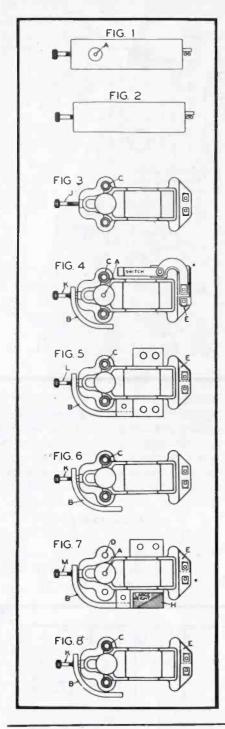
thode type rectifier is used, only a single filament winding is used on the power transformer, and this has one side grounded. A *C*-bias voltage divider consisting of 220 and 68 ohms in the negative high-voltage lead supplies bias for the output stage and avolus.

### Philco 41-609

A Philco 3-band light-beam phono receiver, model 41-609, is shown in Fig. 4. A phototube and 7C6 high-(Continued on page 29)



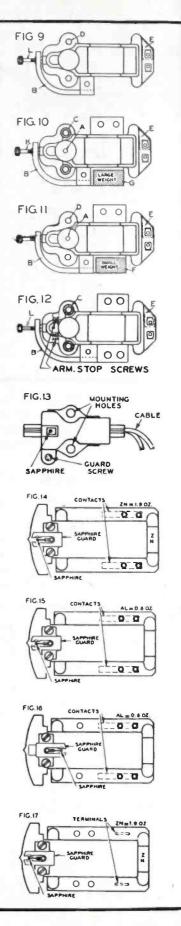
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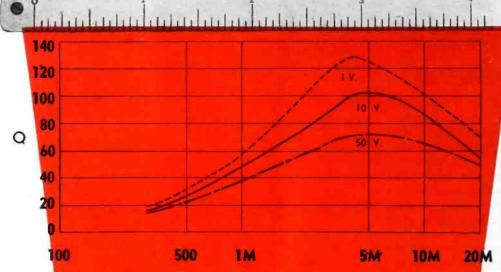


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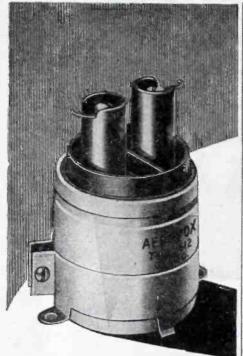
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### BITTAN SALES NAME CHANGE

The D. R. Bittan Sales Company, 53 Park Place, New York, will hereafter be known as the Bittan-Nevins Co. Irvin Nevins and D. R. Bittan are partners in the company.

### JONES PROMOTED BY SYLVANIA

Walter R. Jones has been appointed general engineering manager for radio receiving tubes at Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

### H. P. SEGEL MOVES

Henry P. Segel Company have moved to 143 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Branch offices are at 474 Woodland Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

### ADOLF GROSS HEADS NEWARK ELEC-TRIC NEW YORK BRANCH

Adolf Gross has been named president of the Newark Electric Co., Inc., the New York City branch of the Chicago store. The new branch will be at 115 W. 45th St. For the duration, Mr. Gross continues as consultant to and purchasing agent for the ERSA.

Stanley Cojala will be manager of the new unit and Edward Cornfield will assist

Sam Poncher is president of the Chicago store at 323 W. Madison St.

### KLINGENSCHMITT NEW R. C. OF A. PRES.

F. A. Klingenschmitt has been elected president of The Radio Club of America, Inc. for the 1945 term.

Other new officers are: vice-president, O. James Morelock; treasurer, Joseph Stantley; corresponding secretary, M. B. Sleeper; recording secretary, John H. Bose; and publicity chairman, Austin C. Lescarboura.

### G.E. NAMES O'BRIEN, METZNER, LANG AND HENDON TO NEW SALES POSTS

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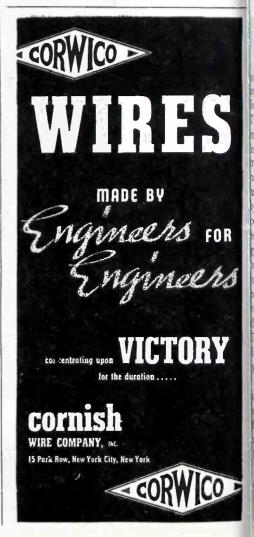
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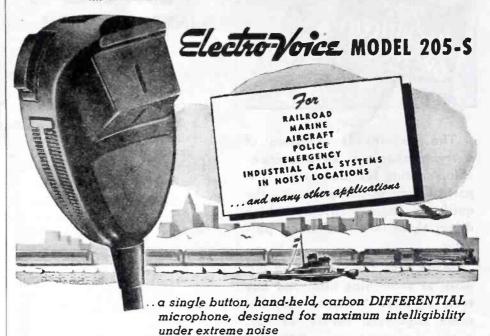
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### Philips 730

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the slot at the back of the tuning shaft.

- (6)—Hook one of the knotted ends of the cord into one of the hooks on the spring and turn the shaft clockwise until there are eight turns of cord on the shaft between the spring and the front shaft bracket.
- (7)—Hook the remaining end of the cord to the other hook on the spring and turn the shaft counterclockwise until one turn is wound on the back end of the shaft.
- (8)—Hold the tuning shaft so that it does not turn and place both cords counter-clockwise over the two pulleys.
- (9)—Bring the cord under the pointer with the front end of the cord in front of the guide bracket and the back end of the cord in back of the guide bracket.
- (10)—Slide the pointer over to the right end of the guide bracket and place the large U spring under the pointer and through the slot, with the hook to the back.
- (11)—With a fine piece of wire as a hook, feed the front end of the cord through the hole in the pointer from the bottom and fasten this loop to the hook on the *U* spring on the pointer.
- (12)—Pull the cord tight and loop it over the pulley on the left end of the pointer guide bracket. Tighten the set screws on the tuning shaft coupling.
- (13)—The pointer can be adjusted to the proper frequency by holding the tuning shaft and sliding the pointer along the guide bracket.
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### ROBINSON WITH ARHCO

J. Homer (Robby) Robinson has been pointed vice president and general sales anager of the American Radio Hardare Company, Inc., 152-4 MacQueston arkway, South Mount Vernon, New ork.

Mr. Robinson was formerly with Naonal Union Radio Corporation as disict manager, export and advertising lanager and more recently general sales anager.



### W. M. OWEN BECOMES AEROXOV PRESIDENT

W. Myron Owen has become president the Aerovox Corporation, New Bedord, Mass.

Mr. Owen recently resigned the vice-residency of the Detroit Harvester Comany, of which he remains a director. He also a director of Duncan Electrical Ifg. Co., the Chicago Rivet & Machine Lo., and the Seneca Falls Machine Co.

Stanley Green has been named vice

resident and chief engineer.

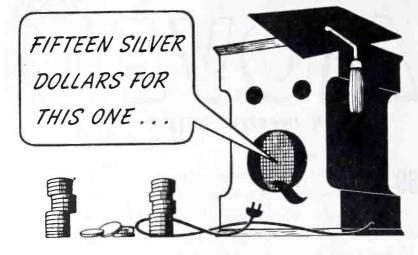
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The Bayonne, N. J., plant of the Solar Manufacturing Corp. has received the fourth white star for the "E" flag.

### **NEWS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES**

At a recent meeting of the Dixie chapter, E. L. Hollingsworth was reelected president and James Millar was reelected secretary for 1945.

Merton Dobbin, a manufacturers representative and member of the Pacific Northwest chapter died recently.

### STACKPOLE RESISTOR COLOR CODE CHART

Vest pocked resistor color code indicators have been prepared by Stackpole Carbon Company, St. Marys, Penna.

Contains complete information on resistor color coding under the American War Standard and joint Army-Navy specifications, both being identical with the RMA setup.

The charts are free.

### H. A. STEPHENS NOW HUDSON AMERICAN AD MAN

Henry A. Stephens has been appointed manager of advertising and public relations of Hudson American Corporation, 331 Madison Avenue, New York. Mr. Stephens was formerly assistant to the vice president.

### PEEK JOINS ELECTRONIC LABORA-TORIES AS S-M

Walter E. Peek has been appointed sales manager of Electronic Laboratories, Inc., Indianapolis. Mr. Peek has been a (Continued on page 32)

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### NEWS

(Continued from page 31) member of the engineering staff for the past four years, serving in both a design and sales engineering capacity, with particular attention to the vibrator field

Mr. Peek was chief radio engineer of Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Columbus, In-

diana, for several years.

### MAJESTIC ENTERS RECORD BUSINESS

A phonograph recording company, to be known as Majestic Records, Inc. New York, has been announced by Majestic Radio & Television Corporation of Chicago. Recording studios and offices will be in New York City and a manufacturing plant in Newark, N. J.

James J. Walker, former mayor of New York City, is president of the new

company.

### SYLVANIA BANNER

A new banner for Service Men printed on a weatherproof material in three colors, green, black and white, has been announced by Sylvania. Banners are available from Sylvania distributors, or direct, and are priced at 40¢ each or three for \$1.00.



### PASCHKES CELEBRATES 25TH RADIO YEAR

Otto Paschkes, president of Solar Manufacturing Corp., recently celebrated his 25th year in radio.



### R. J. McNEELY RESUMES SALES POST AT HOFFMAN RADIO

R. J. McNeely, wartime plant superintendent for Hoffman Radio Corporation, Los Angeles, has returned to his original duties as sales manager for the company to coordinate postwar plans with the engineering department and the postwar committee.

Succeeding Mr. McNeely as plant superintendent is Eugene N. Knox, former foreman. Sam L. Spraggins, former chief inspector, becomes assistant to Mr. Knox; and Allen Frame takes over Mr. Spraggins post as chief inspector.

### LEEDS AND NELSON PROMOTED BY G.E.

L. M. Leeds has been appointed manager of the electronics laboratory of General Electric. W. C. White, formerly in charge of this laboratory, has been appointed the electronics engineer of the G. E. research laboratory.

J. E. Nelson has been made sales manager of industrial tubes at G. E.



# OLD TIMER'S CORNER

### by SERVICER

EEMS to me there's quite a bit of money to be made in records.

For some reason which I just ven't been able to figure out, Service len have stayed away from this business droves. Some of them don't want sungsters coming into their store to w and not to buy. Others don't want responsibility of carrying a large ock, and still others don't want to go the trouble of making up some record tyers which can be used for the purse of selling the commodity.

All this is a bit of nonsense. You have

carry stock to make repairs, don't u? Maybe you'll have a receiver line, peacetime, and handle sets. Well,

rchandise is merchandise.

And, in addition, there's nothing like asic with its universal appeal to bring a customers filing into your shop, ave records for the whole family om little Janie who loves to jitterbug Grampa who loves those deep down auth Negro spirituals. This brings up a question of what to carry.

There are all kinds of records... opera cords, concert records, children's records, religious records, language records in each of the above groups. What au should stock is the problem.

### Distributor Help

Probably the easiest way to get yourIf started, is to put yourself under
e wing of a local distributor. He will
low what to send you; and he will, if
's a good business man, not sell you
hat won't move, because he can build
ha swell market through your store,
you don't carry a certain brand or
le "label" and not another, from the
les angle. Good records are to be found
lder all labels which include: Hit,
ecca, Victor, Columbia, Capitol, Ansche,
lue Note and many others that are
hat so well known. You will find that
hur stock will be a cross section of
label (or labels) your distributor
mds you.

This brings to mind another thing, you don't carry a certain brand or ne of record, it wouldn't be a bad ea to recommend the fellow down the reet, who stocks what the customer ants. You'll create friends that way—iendship that will pay dividends.

### Accessories

We mustn't forget the accessories that p with the business. Needles, record lbums, record stands, brush-offs, reording blanks, sheet music, etc. These take a mighty sweet side line. And the aving of records will also bring you



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some service business when the phonos break down, which they do once in a while. All this spells money!

Last but not least, it is a nice feeling to have people look up to you in their choice (and your recommendations) of the music they should listen to. It is pleasant to have your shop busy with music from opening to close. And it will be surprising how the older folk will ask you to get that certain record for them, and will wait until it comes in. The youngsters, too, for that matter, You will cement bonds with your community and those whom you serve far beyond your fondest hopes. For music is the one thing which all of us like in one way or another.

Incidentally, don't be stingy with let-

ting the customers hear what they want without worrying too much that they will wear the shellac off the records. There's a store in a big city I once read about that acknowledges that it has many more listeners and lookers than buyers—yet it still does the biggest business in records in these United States. That's for you. Do the same.

And while you are selling the records, don't forget to make a sort of sly survey of what your buyers are thinking in terms of postwar radio consoles, what they have now, and what they think they would like to spend afterwards. All this is like casting your bread on the waters—it will surely return sevenfold in the form of increased orders when the war is over.



Government orders for radio and electronic equipment are the largest on record and are still increasing.

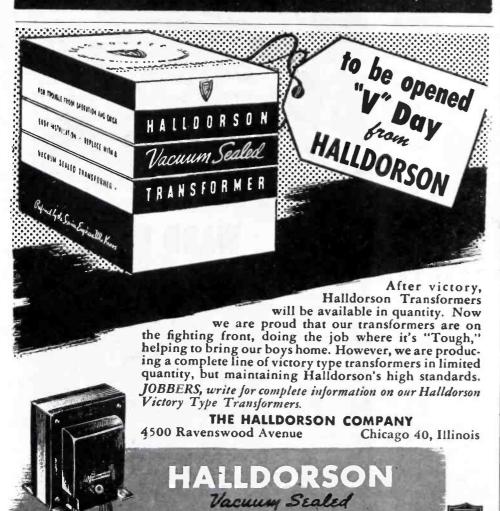
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### CHERRY RIVETS

Rivets for receiver repair work have been announced by Cherry Rivet Com-pany, 231 Winston Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

For radio repair work, the hollow rivet is said to be especially applicable. Because of its tolerances, this rivet does not require exact hole drilling in the material to be riveted. In application, the rivet and stem are placed in the material hole, and the stem top is inserted into the gun head. The pulling force of a rivet gun also made by Cherry Rivet Company draws the stem against the rivet shank, forcing the shank to spread and clinch into the material with a clinching force of from 300 to 600 pounds. Then the stem breaks into two parts, both parts falling free of the rivet.

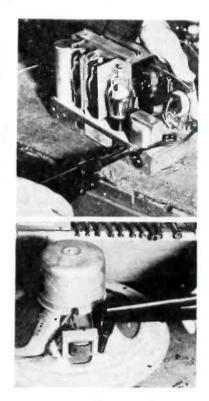
Rivets can be used for fastening tube sockets, transformers, name plates, loudspeaker shields, parts to chassis, lid hinges

on portables.

Three rivet guns are available. One, the G-15, is air-powered. All the others are hand operated. Of these, the G-25 and G-35 guns are especially useful for small shop installations.

The G-35 gun, built on the ratchet principle is  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " overall, and can be operated with one hand. It has snap on pulling heads interchangeable to fit any Cherry rivet.

The G-25 gun, working on the leverage principle, is 9½" overall and also is operated with one hand.



### J. F. D. ADJUSTABLE BALLASTS

Adjustable ballasts for a-c/d-c, housed in perforated metal containers have been announced by the J. F. D. Manufacturing

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### 30-WATT AMPLIFIER

(See Front Cover)

A 30-watt 4-stage high-grain amplifier, designed to operate off a 6-volt storage battery or a-c line, appears on the Service cover this month.

In this model, Silvertone 8950, there are two high-gain input positions to accommodate high-impedance crystal, velocity or no-voltage veletron microphones. A low-gain input position for

phonograph pickup is also provided. The power-supply system includes a heavy-duty vibrator which draws 141 watts from the battery, generating 60 cycle a-c. This is fed to the main power transformer supplying both motor and amplifier.

The output of the amplifier is substantially flat from 50 to 10,000 cycles per second.

In the two high-gain input jack circuit are 1-megohn grid leaks which feed into a pair of 6J7G pentodes. Note the use of bias cells. Separate 1/2-megohm volume controls regulate the voltage input to separate the 6C-5G's whose plates are paralleled to feed a 6N7G third audio and 6L6G beam output. A tap is taken from the 6L6 grid leak to feed the second triode of the 6N7 which acts as a phase inverter to supply the other 6L6 for push-pull output. The phono input runs through a shielded cable to a 1/2megohm volume control and into a separate 6C5G. This amplifier is connected in parallel with the other two 6C5's, and the three tubes are supplied through a common 60,000-ohm plate load resistor.

The three cathodes of the 6C5G's are also tied together, allowing a common bias supply of 900 ohms and 20 mfd. A tone control for treble and bass is shunted across the first 6N7 triode input. This consists of a .02-mfd condenser in series with a 50,000-ohm rheostat for bass (high suppression), and a 10,000-ohm resistor in series with a ½-megohm rheostat for treble (low suppression).

One simple way to analyze the operation of this control system is to consider the audio coupling (or blocking) condenser, .02-mfd unit, in series with the treble control resistors with the output taken at the junction and the input fed to the entire series circuit. We note then that low audio frequencies will tend to be held back by



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the blocking condenser, while high frequencies will get through to the grid. The amount of differentiation is dependent upon the ratio of condenser reactance (at the frequency in question) to the value of resistance. By making either the condenser or resistor variable, this ratio can be changed at will; changing primarily the low-frequency input, providing what sounds like a treble control.

The output transformer has a multiimpedance output for speakers and line, but the amplifier is furnished with dual 12" 6-ohm p-m speakers. The power transformer has two primaries, one for the a-c line and one for the vibrator. Two 6W5G's, each with paralleled elements, serve as rectifiers which feed the 6L6 plates directly, 6L6 screens after a resistance filter, second and third stage after a choke section, and the 6J7 input tubes after another resistance filter. This method of separation not only provides the correct amount of filtering to the respective stages, but also prevents audio coupling through the B supply.

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### **NEW PRODUCTS**

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Co., 4111 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Ballasts are said to be provided with a longer mica form so that long and finer lengths of resistance wire can be used for making precise adjustments. The ballasts are said to take the place of 2500 exact duplicates.

An extended line of exact duplicate ballasts for RCA, Zenith, Stromberg-Carlson, Philco, etc., has also been de-

veloped by J. F. D.

### G.E. H-F PAPER-DIELECTRIC CAPACITORS

High-frequency .01-mfd paper-dielectric capacitors, have been announced by G. E. Developed primarily for grid- and plate-blocking service in the electronic-oscillator circuits of high-frequency inductionheating equipments, they can also be used to advantage in other high-frequency oscillator circuits of a similar nature.

Internal kraft-paper and aluminum-foil assemblies, thoroughly impregnated with a low-loss liquid dielectric and heremetically sealed in rectangular metallic cases.

The units are supplied with removable footed-type brackets. 20,000-volt rating is available in either a plain case, or with cooling fins to permit a higher currentcarrying capacity.

### IRC WIRE-WOUND RESISTORS

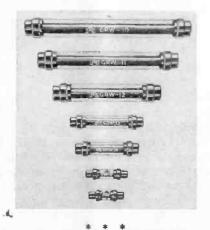
A completely sealed power wire-wound resistor, GRW, has been announced by International Resistance Company, 401 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia 8, Pa.

IRC engineers claim that the new resistor will actually support a transverse load of as much as 100 pounds. The resistor is also said to be capable of withstanding a twisting torque of 80 inchpounds.

All connections are welded. Pyrex glass enclosure tube is heat-treated.

Sealing between the ferrules and the pyrex glass enclosure is done with pure lead, which has a melting point well above the 275°C operating temperature of the resistor.

Seven standard sizes are now available. They correspond to Army-Navy types RW-10F to RW-16F, inclusive, and are identified as types GRW-10 to GRW-16. Resistance values covered by these seven types are from 0.1 ohm to 46,000 ohms, with power ratings from 15 to 140 watts.



### LANGEVIN 102 AMPLIFIERS

A series of wide-band amplifiers, type 102, has been developed by The Langevin Company, Inc., 37 West 65th Street, New York.

One type, 102-A, has input impedances



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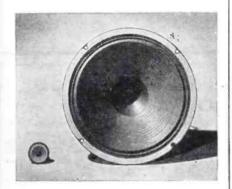
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of 30/250; output impedance, 600 ohms; frequency response, 30/16000 cps, - 5 db. Another, 102-B, is a three-stage amplifier with a gain of 95 db. It employs input stage electronic mixing, and is intended for public-address installations. The third, 102-C, consists of a three-stage amplifier, fixed gain or adjustable, 75/85/95 db. The last, 102-D, is a two-stage amplifier with an input impedance of 600 ohms and bridging; fixed gain, 600 ohms input, 61 db; bridging input, 45 db.

### PERMOFLUX SPEAKERS

Loudspeakers of 2" to 15" sizes, have been announced by Permoflux Corporation, 4900 West Grand Avenue, Chicago 39, Illinois. Speakers have diaphragms graduated in ½" steps up to and including 7½" with other standard sizes up to 15".

Power handling capacities are from 1 to 20 watts, with acoustical output in 2 db steps. Speakers are said to use a new magnetic alloy.



### \* \* \* STRUTHERS-DUNN LATCH INTERLOCK RELAYS

Two-coil relays, series 50XBX, with latch-in relay construction have been designed by Struthers-Dunn, Inc., 1321 Arch Street, Philadelphia 7, Penna. This latch is said to require no extraneous parts other than integral extensions of the coil armatures themselves. It operates positively from a momentary impulse. Application of power to one coil latches the contacts into one position. Power then applied to the other coils throws the contacts into a latched-in second position. A third unlatched position, valuable for certain applications, can be obtained by energizing both coils simultaneously.

Relays of this general type are produced in ratings from 6 to 200 amperes or more, and with practically any desired contact arrangement. Standard types provide for two auxiliary contacts, one in

each coil circuit.

One type, 50XBX103, has double-pole, double-throw main contacts, and is rated at 6 amperes at 24 v d-c and is 37/16" long; 17%" high; and 15%" wide.

### ALLIED RADIO P-A SYSTEMS

All-purpose 60-watt amplifying systems are now being produced by Allied Radio Corporation, 833 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 7, Illinois.

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are now being made in accordance with prewar construction.

Wartime construction featured a threaded steel shaft with split-knurl tip. To make adjustments, the tip was removed, shaft was cut to required length minus 21/32", tip was replaced and prickpunched to prevent turning. Present construction specifies an extruded brass rod that allows immediate cutting to desired length as well as slotting the fin to the exact depth of the original control without removal of the tip.

Radiohms affected by the revived construction process are NK-136 to NK-144 inclusive and NK-172 to NK-174 inclusive. Both old and new specifications call for a 3" shaft from end of bushing. A

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slight spread of the shaft portion is essential to provide tension for the knob in both cases.

### \* \* \* RCA 3D22 THYRATRONS

A four-electrode thyratron, 3D22, for use primarily in relay and grid-controlled rectifier applications has been announced by RCA. Conservatively rated to handle an average output current of 0.75 ampere in continuous operation.

Because of its xenon-gas filling, the 3D22 has a control characteristic which is essentially independent of ambient temperature throughout the range from -75 to +90°C.

### STACKPOLE INSULATED RESISTORS

Insulated resistors, specifically designed to meet the recently issued Army-Navy specifications, are now being manufactured by Stackpole Carbon Company, St. Marys, Pa. The new units are available in ½- (RC-10); ½- (RC-21); and 1-watt (RC-30) sizes in all required ranges.

### WARD LEONARD PLUG-IN ENCASED RELAY

A plug-in type relay, enclosed in a metal can and fitted with a standard octal plug base has been announced by Ward Leonard, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

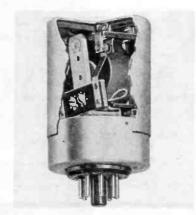
The relay mechanism is encased in a cylindrical metal housing 21/16" in diameter and 31/8" high. It is said to be supported against shock by means of a key in the center of an insulating disc that fits in the top of the case.

Double pole, double throw contacts are rated 4 amperes at 115 volts, 60 cycles

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a-c and at 24 volts d-c, ½ ampere from 25 to 115 volts, d-c.



### G.E. H-F PARALLEL-PLATE CAPACITORS

High-frequency, water-cooled parallelplate capacitors, HFP, for resonant or tank circuits of high-frequency electronic oscillators such as those used in electronic-heater equipments, are now being made by G.E. When connected in parallel with an inductance coil, this capacitor completes the resonant circuit which determines the frequency of the oscillator.

In this application the capacitors are operated at relatively high voltages and may be required to carry heavy currents continuously at frequencies up to several megacycles. The units are available in standard ratings ranging from 2,000 volts, 0.025 mfd, to 9,000 volts, 0.0056 mfd.

The capacitors employ a synthetic dielectric liquid.

### CARTER HAND GENERATOR

A one-man hand generator delivering about 40 watts has been developed by the Carter Motor Company, 1608 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Two cranks are turned to operate. Drive is by way of a gear train.

### RCA AUDIO CHANALYST

A new model audio chanalyst has been announced by the RCA Victor Division of RCA.

The unit, Type 170A, contains a calibrated high gain amplifier, beat-frequency oscillator voltohmyst (modified for flat, linear measurement of audio frequencies), an impedance tester and a high-speed electronic indicator.

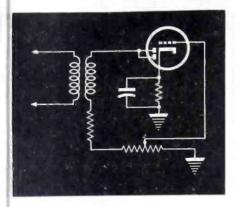


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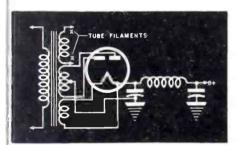
(3)—640 + 460 = 1100 kc

(4)—See diagram below. The diode filter resistor is normally bypassed on



each side with .0001-mfd condensers to ground.

(5)—There are many variations, depending on receiver. Basically the procedure is as follows: Connect a signal generator to grid of first detector through a small condenser. Advance volume control to maximum po-



sition. Keep the generator audibility low. Peak i-f alignment trimmers at 1400 kc. Adjust padder at 600 kc.

(6)—See diagram below, at lower left.

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(8)-First r-f, converter-first detector, i-f, second detector, output.

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