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 labqratory, it was necessary to test the All Channel All Direction Super 60 in the "field". This was a problem in itself as many locations presented no problem for this high gain UHF-VHF all channel antenna. A spot, suitably surrounded by both UHF and VHF stations, at great enough distances, was finally located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Lancaster also entered a challenging condition by being located in the mountainous terrain of Pennsylvania.Standard type UHF and VHF antennas using rotor motors were used for comparison purposes - a stacked conical, a stacked bow tie reflector, a corner reflector and a stacked combination UHF-VHF antenna.
All the antennas were mounted and assembled in accordance with the manufacturer's exact instructions. The Super 60 was used with the brand new four conductor matched impedance line, the brand new low loss switch, and the new low loss insulators.
The All Channel All Direction Super 60 was hand oriented to the best overall stationary position and left there throughout the test. It was, however, electronically oriented by use of the low loss electronic orientation switch while the antenna always remained in the same original stationary position. The map and chart indicate the various stations received in clear, commercially viewable condition by the Super 60 antenna at the time of the Lancaster test.
1-Orily an Channel 3 , the stacked conical gave an equally clear, sharp, viewable picture to the Super 60.
2-Only on Channel 6, the stacked conical gave a picture with befter contrast but with a great deal of interference. The Super 60 lacked slightly in contrast but had no interference. 3-Only on Channel 8, the stacked conical and the combination UHF-VHF antenna gave an equally clear, sharp, viewable picture to the Super 60.
4 -Only on Channel 33, the corner reflector gave an equally clear, sharp, viewable picture to the Super 60.
5-Only on Channels 43 and 61, the stacked bow tie reflector and the corner reflector gave an equally clear, sharp viewable picture to the Super 60.
ON ALL OTHER STATIONS, THE ALL CHANNEL ALL DIRECTION SUPER 60 GAVE CLEARER, SHARPER, PICTURES THAN ALL THE OTHER ANTENNAS.
The Super 60 antenna also brought in Channel 5 from New York City as well as Channel 4 from Washingion, D.C. and Channel 4 fram New York City. Since this test was made, Channels 49 in Yark, Pennsylvania, 5I in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 57 in Eastan, Pennsylvania, 60 in Balfimore, Maryland and 29 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania have been added making the Super 60 even more desirable. The standard antennas had to be rotated by expensive rotar motars and the waiting time was considerable. They also required filters that introduced added losses and expense or they required individual trans. mission lines and switches all at an additional expenditure of money and time, etc.
Similar tests have been and are being made in other amnidirectional areas and subsequent reports will follow.

## CONCLUSION:

1 -Super 60-one antenna for UHF and VHF equal to or better than existing antennas or combinations.
2-Super 60-requires no rotor motor to achieve all direction reception.
3-Super 60-is simpler and quicker to install, requiring no additional switches, transmission lines, filters, accessories, etc.

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## LETTERS

## To the Editors

## Those Fly-by-Nights

## Editors, Technician

Our major problem here is the cutrate serviceman who works at some other business during the day and fixes TV sets at night. He has little or no equipment and is usually poorly trained; he takes the easy calls and leaves the others. Servicemen of this kind hang the "incompetent" label on the legitimate TV service industry. Is licensing the answer?
Minnesota
H. W.

## Getting A Fair Price

Editors, Technician:
How are we ever going to teach our customers that a fair charge for work and material is not overcharging? People just don't realize all the training and time that goes into the making of a good TV technician.
Ohio
D. M.

## Wholesalers Selling af Retail

Editors, Technician:
I'd like to hear some suggestions as to what can be done about those parts jobbers and distributors who retail to consumers. We ought to make such jobbers realize that by selling direct they are kicking around their real customers, the regular, established service men.
New York
H. J. T.

## Too Many Lines

Editors, Technician:
I think the TV manufacturers ought to get together on producing only one line a year instead of the many that now come out. It would be a great help to the dealers who have to market them, and to the technicians who do the servicing. It seems to me that then everybody would be pleased. Maine
P. J. M. Jr.

## Tone Them Down

Editors, Technician:
I wish I could have those fellows who write the fancy ads for TV sets come in to my shop for a few hours. They make the most fantastic claims and then I'm the poor guy who has to face the music when the customers come in after buying the set. Just as many TVS could be sold without those blown-up, grandiose claims and everybody would be much happier.
Wisconsin
B. A.

## Anfenma Give-Away

## Editors, Technician:

Wouldn't you say that the pracice of giving a TV antenna free with the purchase of a TV set is the height of something-or-other? Some dealers down here are now stooping that low. Mississippi
M.S.P.

## Numbering Batteries

Editors, Technician:
Has anybody ever suggested to the makers of such items as batteries, vibrators, etc. that they get together on a common numbering system for the same item? The tube manufacturers have already done this, so it's not impossible. It would do away with the need for so much paper work and make life simpler for the overburdened servicer.
Kansas
R. G. H

## Test Equipment Instructions

Editors, Technician:
We're constantly being told by the manufacturers of test equipment how wonderful their gear is and how much time is saved by its use. When you get it, however, the instruction books and literature are so skimpy and incomplete that it takes several days of experimenting to figure it out. Sometimes, the full use of the equipment is never obtained. Do you think some letters to test equipment makers would remedy this situation?
Indiana
J. K. D.

## Better Tube Sockets

Editors, Technician:
I think that the tube-socket manufacturers are doing us a disservice by not designing a miniature socket that will do a better job. You have no idea how many hours of each day are wasted trying to insert a miniature tube in a socket that cannot be seen. All that would be needed, I think, is a small groove above each pin hole. Texas

J.J.B.

## Gas-Station Competition

Editors, Technician:
Out here we're being bothered by gas stations and similar unrelated retail outlets selling radio and TV sets. Naturally, they sell at cut prices and make all sorts of false claims for the merchandise. This kind of practice tends to give a bad name to the legitimate radio and TV shops. Distributors had better wake up and do something to stop what will ultinately boomerang to hurt the entire industry here. California
W. T. Jr.

## Bargain Service

Editors, Technician:
When will people learn that honest TV service cannot be purchased at bar-gain-basement prices? Those ads for $\$ 2$ and $\$ 3$ service calls with the inference that any repair should be able to be made in the customer's home, are what I am talking about. Invariably the customer is heavily overcharged and so he gets down on the entire service industry. The net result is to make it (Continued on page 18)

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## LETTERS

(Continued from page 17)
hard for the honest, conscientious technician, when he is called, to get a fair price for his services. The public must be educated to the facts.
California
C.J.G.

## Fix-It-Yourself Books

Editors, Technician:
How about some action on the part of TV-set manufacturers to educate consumers on the evils of those "Fix-It-Yourself" books? They only serve to confuse set owners who go ahead and make complicated, expensive jobs out of normally simple ones. Then, when the TV technician is called in, he is called a "robber" or "gyp" because of the price he must ask to straighten out the mess. The set manufacturers could help with a good educational campaign.
Wisconsin
M.C.J.

## Mail Order Prices

Editors, Technician:
This business of mail-order houses selling phono and high fidelity equipment direct to the public at net prices has really hurt the dealer-serviceman. Net prices have become list prices and it is almost impossible to make any kind of a profit on these types of items. Does anybody have any ideas about how to remedy this situation? Pennsylvania
P.K.J.

## Lower TV Prices

Editors, Technician:
With the price of some new TV sets down to $\$ 99$, how is the serviceman going to make a decent living? It costs me just as much for a new CR tube for one of those $\$ 99$ affairs as it does for a set that sold for $\$ 199$, but how the customer screams! Can't the component manufacturers and those $\$ 99$ set makers get together and do something about this?
Illinois
A.E.

## Complaints on Set Design

Editors, Technician:
My complaints are all against manufacturers who do the following:

1. Manufacturers who use special parts that are hard or almost impossible to obtain.
2. Manufacturers who produce crowded chassis assemblies that require the removal of several parts in order to replace a defective component. Getting a test probe inside is also a major project.
3. Manufacturers who place 2 or 3 tubes under the TV chassis, making it necessary to remove the chassis to replace a $\$ 2$ or $\$ 3$ tube.
Maine
W.D.

## Some People Have Crust

Editors, Technician:
My temperature always goes up when I'm approached by price-chiseling dealers in my town to render service at cut-rate prices on the sets they have sold. The percentage of profit on TV sets is low enough without the priceslashers reducing it further. And then to have them come around and ask the serviceman-dealer to slice his service charges to them. Isn't that the limit? Missouri
J.M.

## And Wait Around, Too!

Editors, Technician
Not only do our local parts jobbers sell at retail to consumers but in such crowds that whenever I go in, I have to waste my valuable time waiting around to be served. Maybe we ought to petition the jobbers to set aside a separate counter for the serviceman technician trade if we can't keep them from selling direct to our customers. What do you say, fellows?
Washington
C.S.

## The Trouble With Life

Editors, Technician:
You would think that a big magazine like Life would have enough to keep it busy without trying to make life tougher for the serviceman-dealer. But they go right ahead, in a recent story on high fidelity installations, and advise the public to buy the equipment at discounts. Come on, Life magazine, we don't bother you, so why step on us? California
C.G.

## Schematics With Sets

Editors, Technician:
Why don't the TV manufacturers keep the serviceman in mind when they design a set? They should realize that every set will have to come out for service at some time. The big mailorder houses like Sears Roebuck do it and others can, too. The need is particularly great with the off-brand makes because service information is so hard to obtain. Can you use your influence here?
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J.R.D.

## Cooperation Needed

Editors, Technician:
I believe that the unwillingness of most manufacturing and selling segments of the industry to admit to the public the complicated nature and limitations of TV is wrong. It has resulted in the widespread distrust of the TV service man and lack of appreciation of the essential position he occupies. Unless this is reversed, most of the honest, competent men will be forced out and the field will be wide open to the chiselers and fakers. The cooperation and mutual respect of all segments of the industry could change this and provide healthier, more profitable business for all concerned. New Hampshire
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## Its Opportunity, Scope and Editorial Plans

With the coming of television, the radio serviceman has enjoyed a rapid rise in his status:

1. Technically, in the expansion of his expert knowledge of equipment and circuits.
2. Personally, in community importance and earning power, and
3. Industrially, as part of a $\$ 11 / 2$-billion annual business servicing some two billion sockets in 25 million TV sets, 120 million radios, and many thousands of pieces of industrial electronic equipment.
Today the local serviceman has investment in instruments, equipment, replacement parts, and special automobile trucks, that puts him well to the front, dollar-wise, among other business men in his community.

And with the advent of color-TV (now imminent), the serviceman will see another big boost in his standing locally and nationally, as the importance of correct installation and expert service soars. Color-TV, UHF and Hi-Fi all require technical servicing of engineering grade that would tax the holder of a diploma from M.I.T.. Purdue, or $\mathrm{Cal} \mathrm{Tech}$.

## Covering the New Technical Art

To meet these new needs, TECHNICIAN now steps into the national picture with a complete monthly package of technical, business and equipment information for the serviceman, covering TV, home radio, auto radio, $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$, recorders, record changers, public address, industral electronic applications, etc.

TECHNICIAN will bring each member of its big service readership technical articles covering the current repair problems that are bothering him-keeping him up-to-date on the rush of new ideas, new principles, new circuits, new test equipment, new tools and new products that are pouring into the field.

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TECHNICIAN will cover business principles and business methods important to the serviceman's financial success.

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TECHNICIAN will bring counsel on how to solve manpower problems, how to find competent bench and outside men, how much to pay them, how many calls to expect per man per day, what daily billings an outside man must cover to earn his pay.

TECHNICIAN will protect the local servicer with advance knowledge of licensing ordinances, city installation requirements, and special legal problems in this field.

TECHNICIAN will keep the serviceman informed on new outlets for his electronic skills, in industrial electronic applications, PA, medical equipment, juke boxes, etc.

Overall, TECHNICIAN proposes to grow to fill all the needs of this great new industry of expert service and professional skill, which is now insuring the day-by-day technical foundation for the new TV tempo of American life in millions of U.S. homes.
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Editorial Director

## Tuning Jn the

TRADE FINDS COLOR-TV TALK hurting sales of black-and-white sets right now. While such a situation does have a bad effect on selling, it has a silver lining for the technician because a great many people are patching up their old receivers and making them do for the time being.

HERE'S ADIVCE from Russ Hanson of Motorola: Get $\$ 50$ per day per skilled serviceman. Don't let payroll exceed $40 \%$ of gross sales. Keep records of service requests, jobs completed, payroll and productivity of each man, backlog of work and how long job was in shop and why. Work on a monthly budget with real cost records. Review accounts receivable at least monthly. Figure 80 to $82 \%$ of calls to be home jobs, 18 to $20 \%$ to be shop jobs.

GUESSTIMATING SOME BUSINESS AHEAD for service departments: By the end of '54, it's possible that the total bill for labor alone on TV-radio will run up to $\$ 600,000,000$ at retail level. (Excluding service on broadcast and commercial equipment) . . Look for 20 per cent increase in repair work on record changers, recorders and clock-radios for '54. .. And look for a 40 per cent increase in service on Hi-Fi equipment, and units the customer calls Hi-Fi, as more and more makers pour out such products, with many more likely to crash the field next year.

## TV-TECHNICIAN LABOR MARKET TIGHT AS A

 DRUM and no signs of any immediate easing. Good men are hard to find, harder to hold at both dealer and manufacturing levels.THE END-POINT OF ANY REPAIR JOB is the job itself. Does the TV set or radio operate to the customer's satisfaction? Is the charge acceptable? Such qualities are necessary. But, there are important way-pavers on the path to the end of the job and they have to do with the man who makes the home calls or greets the customers in the store. The whole transaction will go smoother in cases where the technician makes a good appearance, talks intelligently, acts courteously, and does his repairs efficiently. No matter how good the work is, the customer will mark up three strikes against the uncouth guy or the fellow who's sullen or rude, even if he's a wow at fixing those ailing sets.


ANTENNA CHECK-UP-It's not too early to suggest an "antenna check-up" to your customers, to insure good TV reception this coming Fall and Winter. See that masts are in good shape and securely positioned, antenna elements are well-insulated and standing free, screw connections make good clean metallic contacts, lightning arrestors are clean and well-grounded, and
rotators, if used, are working properly. Rememberold down-leads often become cracked and develop conductive cross-paths, attenuating the incoming signal; replacement is necessary in such cases. Antenna arrays deteriorate with time and weather, especially in smoky industrial areas and on chimney mounts where acid gases and moisture pour across them. Many early dipoles are now ready for replacement with new, more efficient antennas that are capable of bringing in better pictures. You'll be surprised how many customers' installations need fixing up-or complete replacement! Remember to remind the customer that satisfactory TV reception hinges to a very large extent on a good antenna system.


CIRCUIT-SHARK SAM tells of that awful afternoon a trailer owner, passing through town, called on him to fix the trailer's TV set. The cops wouldn't let the trailer park in town, and Sam had to chase the trailer clear into the next county before they could find a place to pull up jor TV repairs. The stars were out and Sam's supper was cold when he finally got back home.

MONEY-MAKING IDEAS: Progressive Midwestern service manager keeps portable batteries in his trucks. Has technicians suggest "fresh" batteries to customers on all home calls ...For 10 years a dealer in suburban Boston has kept a sparkling service department out in the open on the show-room floor. Finds it's paid off handsomely. . . On the premise that many customers will call in another technician when calls are not answered promptly, a Southern service department posts a daily "call" sheet on the wall in front of the girl who answers the phone. Latter is required to ring up all customers when dates can't be met. Manager clains 99 per cent of all service biz is "held" via this method.

TREND TO 12-VOLT auto radios is on the upgrade. Manufacturers report the 12 -volt model is leading their auto receiver line in sales this year. The current Buick Super and Roadmaster, Cadillac, Oldsmobile, Chrysler Crown Imperial and most foreign cars have 12-volt electrical systems; advance dope is that at least three additional U.S. makes will have them in '54. Technicians who are on the ball are now obtaining appropriate service data, 12-volt tubes and vibrators, as well as necessary test equipment so that future customers with new cars won't drive off when radio trouble develops.

SO LONG AS PRESENT TIGHT-MONEY SITUATION EXISTS you fellows won't be working on many of those 24-inchers-and-larger. Look for 17's and 21's as sizes to be most commonly in use for some months ahead.

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UHF PROBLEMS IN "OLD" UHF AREAS-Portland, Oregon-for instance, are just about completely licked by local technicians. It doesn't take these boys long to find all the answers through actual experience in the field, and they have to do it the hard way because many of the theories and instructions on paper just don't work out in actual practice.

MONEY IN REPAIRING THOSE OLD "DOGS" which customers keep for sentimental reasons. Most of the vintage receivers are very easy to put in order since components are spaced well apart, and circuitry is simple. A New York technician fixed up an aged and failing console model for a New Yorker and got a $\$ 10$ tip over and above the charge. Another servicer had advised the owner that "it ain't worth repairing." Don't worry about the antiquity of the set if the customer is willing to spend the dough.

ORCHIDS TO THOSE MFRS. spending real dough these days to "sell" you fellows to the public as efficient, honest technicians-and good citizens to boot! Some biggies are passing out plenty of shekels for ads boosting TV servicemen-in publications, time on the air, and direct-mail pieces. It's about time the serviceman got something besides a black eye, in the public eye,-as will be effectively shown by a big Raytheon advertisement in Life for Sept. 20, including admirable pledge for servicemen:


ODD-BUT-TRUE DEPARTMENT: Dissatisfied woman customer refused to let technician remove his tool and tube kits from home. He tried to pull 'em away from the irate dame, and was yanked into court charged with simple assault. Judge dismissed case . . . Eastern
magistrate told TV repairer that a set "should stay fixed for at least six months." . . One way to raise the technician's standards: Veteran radio repairer is now mayor of a city of about 30,000 in New England . . . Huge flocks of starlings, arriving in New York City in the Fall, raise hob with TV reception in Manhattan's West Side. The sky-darkening hordes cover antenna elements, ruin local business establishments. Electronic "scare" devices haven't worked, nor have stuffed predatory birds, such as owls and hawks.


HARD-TO-GET-AT COMPONENTS driving numbers of servicers nuts. Plenty of technicians have good ideas re parts set-ups in modern TV sets. Let's hear from you fellows. We'll pass on your suggestions to the manufacturers.

SMART SERVICERS CHECK all new TV receivers before they deliver them. A sure way to invite future grief is to have to perform services of a major character on a brand-new set in the customer's home. One dealer estimates that 30 per cent of all the models he sells require pre-delivery service of some sort, while another, a real tough guy, claims they all do!

BRAIN POWER-A successful Park Avenue psychiatrist had a complete custom installation of TV set, high-fidelity radio and phonograph, and a tape recorder installed in his plush apartment. About a month after the installation, he excitedly called his serviceman. "Come quickly and bring your instruments," he pleaded, "the patient-er-I mean the whole system has developed a nervous breakdown. Nothing at all works." The serviceman arrived to find that the power plug had slipped out of the wall receptacle. The patient-or rather, the system-enjoyed a rapid recovery.

What Types of Picłure and TV Receiving Tubes Should You Stock Up On?

PICTURE TUBE SIZES


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TUBE TYPES MOST SPECIFIED


Circuit analysis of TV receiver schematics published in TECHNICIAN'S Circuit Digest during the past six months indicate that the average TV set contains 17.5 tubes, exclusive of rectifiers and picture tubes.
The breakdown of picture-tube sizes shown above should prove helpful when the time comes to renew your supply of cathode-ray tubes. The five most specified picture tube types are 21 FP4A, $17 \mathrm{HP4}, 17 \mathrm{LP4}, 17 \mathrm{YP4}$, and 20HP4A. Note the tie in popularity of 17 -inch and 21 -inch CFT sizes. In the receiving tube category, the 15 mast popular types noted above account for $84.6 \%$ of the total.

# Pairing of Lines, Touching Lines. Sources of Trouble in Various 

By Peter W. Orne

- The present trend towards larger and larger screens, and the customer's insistence on sitting close to his TV set, make the problem of proper interlace more important than ever. Improper interlace causes a loss of picture detail. In servicing sets in which a loss of interlace is present, a thorough knowledge of the way in which interlace is achieved, and the factors that can
every second. Such a transmission rate is sufficient to give the illusion of continuous motion; it is not sufficient in itself, however, to prevent flicker.
Flicker may be defined as the eye's ability to perceive changes in light intensity. The eye is extremely sensitive in this respect, and can detect changes in light intensity at picture repetition rates as high as 40 per second. To be on the safe side, the over-all light of the television pic-


Fig. 1-a) Proper interlace. b) Complete loss of interiace; lines overlap. c) Pairing of lines; lines touch. Only a few of the scanning lines are shown.
disturb it, is necessary. This article will review the theory behind interlace, then consider some of the service problems associated with it.
Present television standards call for the scanning of 30 frames per second. Each frame consists of two fields interlaced into one. Thirty complete pictures are transmitted
ture is changed sixty times a second. This is accomplished by showing first the odd lines and then the even lines of every frame. Each set of even or odd lines, respectively, comprises a field. The odd and even lines of a frame must mesh perfectly; the meshing is known as an interlacing.

Fig. 2-Why an odd number of lines is needed in the TV picture. (a) Shows how an evenline picture would interlace. Diagonal lines indicate retrace paths, if no horizontal deflection occurred during the vertical retrace. At the completion of line 523-lassuming line 523 is the last odd-field line)—the beam starts scanning line 2. At the completion of line 524 (last evenfield line) the beam begins to scan line 1 again. The corresponding sweep signal necessary for such an interlaced sweep is shown in (b). Note the variation in amplitude of the sweep signal during successive fields. Sei designers would find such a variation difficult to achieve. In (c) and (d), the interlaced raster and corresponding waveshape for an odd-line picture are shown.


The alternative to an interlaced picture would be to show 60 complete pictures every second. This would require twice the present band width for each channel, and would permit fewer stations to be on the air. The system of interlacing in current use thus saves space in the frequency spectrum; it also makes the use of a complicated vertical synchronizing signal necessary.

In order to properly interlace the two fields of each frame, it is necessary that both fields start at exactly the same horizontal level at the top of the picture (see fig. 1a)


Fig. 3-Output of integrator in absence of equalizing pulses. The vertical oscillator is triggered at different times during each field, upsetting interlace. (Drawing courtesy of GE.)

To calculate the accuracy required, let us examine a case of complete loss of interlace. If an even line falls on top of an odd line (see fig. 1b) we have complete loss of interlace. Now, there are $2621 / 2$ lines in each field, of which approximately 240 lines are visible; the displacement which causes an even line to fall on top of an odd line would constitute $1 / 500$ of the vertical trace, or approximately $.2 \%$
"Pairing of lines" is the term usually used for the condition where the lines of alternate fields are touching (fig. 1c). If we assume the lines to be approximately twice as thick as the spacing between properly interlaced lines, then pairing

## Receiver Sections. Typical Symptoms. Test Procedures.

will take place when the vertical sweep is displaced $1 / 3$ as much as when complete loss of interlace occurs, or approximately $.06 \%$. The high degree of accuracy required for proper meshing of the two fields of a frame indicates why minor defects in sync stages often affect interlace without impairing vertical synchronization.

Before we consider how interlace is upset, we should review some aspects of the sync system, since proper interlace depends on proper synchronization. Equal-amplitude sync pulses are used for both vertical and horizontal synchronization; they differ from each other chiefly with respect to frequency and duration. Since an odd number of lines must be used for the picture in order to make the two fields equal in vertical amplitude (see fig. 2) one field must start at the beginning of a line while the other has to begin in the center of one.

Now, the RC integrator network which separates the vertical from the horizontal sync pulses, has a residual charge built up in it by the last horizontal sync pulse preceding the vertical sync pulse. This residual charge will be different for the two fields, since the time between the last horizontal sync pulse and the beginning of the vertical sync pulse is different by half a line, or approximately 30 microseconds, in each case (see fig. 3). In order to equalize these residual charges, six equalizing pulses are transmitted before the vertical sync pulse. These equalizing pulses insure that the charge present in the integrator at vertical sync pulse time becomes the same for both fields; if̂ it didn't, interlace would be upset.

For proper synchronization, it is necessary to separate the sync information from the video information. This is basically accomplished in a limiter circuit. When the synchronizing information has been made available in clean form, the vertical synchronizing pulse must be separated from the horizontal synchronizing pulse. This is accomplished by the use of an integrating network in every set presently on the market.

An integrating network is a lowpass filter that accepts the low-fre-


Fig. 4-Effect of different settings of the vertical hold control on synchronization and interlace. The control is set correctly for very weak stations in (a). A setting that will give better noise immunity and interlace, when incoming signals are stronger, is illustrated in (b).
quency vertical pulses and rejects the high-frequency horizontal ones. It is made up of RC networks; us-
ually three such networks are used in cascade. The time constant of (Continued on page 45)

Fig. 5-Normal and abnormal waveshapes associated with poor interlace. Scope setting is 30 cycles. The range of peak-to-peak-voltages indicared is normal for the majority of presentday TV sets. Variations of less than $10 \%$ should be noted between comparable sync section wave-form voltages in two identical-model receivers. Detector and video amplifier voltages will vary with the incoming signal strength; the video amplifier signal will also vary with contrast control setting.

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# Eliminating Vertical Retrace 

How to Add a Blanking Network to a Set Without One

## By M. G. Goldberg

- Many TV set owners who purchased receivers from three to five years ago are still holding on to them for various reasons, in spite of the small-size screens with which most of these sets were equipped. The majority of these sets were made without retrace blanking circuits.


Fig. 1-Spot of light seen when horizontal and vertical deflection are absent, but circuits operate normally in other respects.

Result: if the owner of an old set of this type likes a bit brighter than average picture, he is confronted with a series of annoying lines.
Most set owners would not be willing to pay any considerable sum of money to eliminate this condition. When the chasis is brought into the shop for other service work, however, such a circuit can be installed in most cases at comparatively little cost. Few customers would raise any objection to a nominal charge for this work, and the improved performance would make for better
customer-serviceman relations as well as serving as a constant reminder of the technician's competence. Many large-screen receivers also have been built without special retrace blanking circuits; in these cases it should not prove difficult to get the customer to approve the incorporation of such a circuit into his set.

To sum up the relevant facts: 1 Several million TV sets in current use are without retrace blanking circuits. 2-The entire job of adding such a circuit, once the chassis is in the shop, requires less than thirty, and many times less than fifteen minutes of actual work. 3-Only two or three new components generally


Fig. 2-Line visible when horizontal deflection is present, but vertical deflection is absent.
need to be added. 4-Five to fifteen dollars may be added to the repair bill for this bit of circuit re-design.

Before considering what to do and
how to do it, let's first discuss some of the whys and wherefores. In a normal TV receiver, if both horizontal and vertical deflection circuits were made inoperative, but high voltage was still applied to the 2nd anode of the CRT, there would be present at the center of the screen


Fig. 3-When vertical and horizontal sweep fields both deflect the beam, the latter is moved downward, and from left to right.
a bright spot of light (fig. 1). If the horizontal circuit was now fully activated, this spot of light would trace a line horizontally back and forth across the screen 15,750 times per second (fig. 2). This is the condition present when the vertical oscillator or output tube is removed from its socket, or burns out.

Now assume that the vertical circuit has been restored to normal operation (fig. 3). If the vertical sweep voltage at this instant is half way up the slope of sawtooth waveform (point 1 in figs. 3, 4), it will start moving the spot of light down-

Fig. 4-Waveform representation of vertical sweep cycle. Trace plus retrace interval has a duration of $1 / 60$ h of a second.


Fig. 8 (a)-CRT input and oufput signals when circuit operation is normal.

# Lines in Television Receivers 

## in Less Than Thirty Minutes, Using Only Several Components

ward at the same time that this spot is moving horizontally back and forth across the screen. After reaching the bottom of the screen, the beam is quickly returned to the top and the cycle is repeated. The time taken to scan the entire screen from


Fig. 5-Lines formed during fast vertical retrace.
top to bottom is slightly less than $1 / 01$ th of a second. The remainder of this $1 / 0$ th-second interval is used up in the beam's return to the top. This very short period of time--approximately $8 \%$ of the time duration of one vertical field-is called the vertical retrace period. It is this retrace interval with which this article is mainly concerned.
Since the horizontal sweep circuit is operative during the period of vertical retrace, the beam moves horizontally across the screen at the same time it is traveling upward; the scanning lines formed during the vertical retrace therefore slant up-
ward (see fig. 5). The retrace lines are also much fewer, and they make a steeper angle with respect to the horizontal axis, than the trace lines formed during the downward movement of the beam. This is so because the beam returns to the top 12 to 15 times as fast as it moves downward, and in some fast retrace circuits this rate may be doubled.

The speed of retrace (see figs. 5, 6, 7) is indicated by the steepness of the upward slant and the number of retrace lines showing on the normal raster. If only 4 or 5 lines are evident (fig. 5), a very fast return is indicated; a slower retrace speed is present if 7.8 or more lines are visible (fig. 6). Some of the first 7inch receivers had such a slow re-


Fig. 6-Lines formed during a slow vertical retrace.
turn sweep that the blanking period was over before the beam reached the top of the raster; several annoying white lines were, in consequence,
visible at the top of the picture, and many customer complaints resulted. The annoyance was aggravated because the lines were of full brightness (since blanking had already been completed and the CRT bias had thus decreased).
Figure 8 shows what happens


Fig. 7-Waveform representation of fast and slow vertical retrace periods. Section S-T represents vertical trace period; $\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{U}$ is the time taken by a fast vertical retrace; $T-V$ represents the duration of a slower vertical retrace.
when the customer turns up his brightness control beyond normal, as might happen during the showing of a "murky" cowboy movie. Fig. 8a shows the normal condition of operation with the brightness control set just right, so that the blanking pulse from the station blacks out the screen between points $X$ and $Y$, and the bias is correct at $Z$. (Assume there is no DC restorer in the circuit and that the video signal is coupled from the output stage to the grid of the CRT grid through a coupling capacitor.)
(See next page)

Fig. 8 (b) -Input and output signals when the brightness control setting is beyond normal (reduced CRT grid bias).

Fig. 8 (c)—Effect of increasing input signal to CRT, in attempt to eliminate retrace lines made visible as result of lowered CRT bias.

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## Eliminating Vertical Retrace

When the set owner advances the brightness a little he is unknowingly reducing the CRT bias (fig. 8b). Lowering the bias brings the blanking level below the cutoff point of the pix tuide characteristic; the blanking signal from the station is now shifted toward the white area under the curve, and it no longer blacks out the horizontal lines during the vertical retrace period.

If the contrast control is advanced to feed a greater signal to the grid of the CRT grid and thus extend the height of the blanking pulses, bringing them once again beyond cutoff, the video output stage may be overloaded, possibly introducing distortion and increased grain in the picture (fig. 8c). (A "grainy" picture is one in which noise spots, and short streaks and dots are apparent. The condition is generally caused by an excessive contrast control setting. A shimmering, hard-to-watch background is also apt to be present under the circumstances.) Dark greys also tend to become black with an excessive contrast setting, and small letters such as "o's" and "a's" fill up solid. In addition, sync clipping at the input to the sync amplifier may occur, producing picture instability.

Look once more at Fig. 8b, showing conditions present when the customer has lowered the bias too much. If by some means we could increase the negative bias on the CRT grid only during the retrace period we would get rid of the retrace lines, but the picture would remain unaffected. This is what is done
by means of the circuits to be described. A negative voltage is tapped off from some point in the vertical oscillator or vertical output circuit. This voltage pulse is applied to the grid of the CRT; or else a positive pulse is applied to the cathode of the CRT; either method will achieve the desired result.

Several different methods of retrace blanking will be described. The serviceman can use his common sense in chonsing a suitable circuit for the job he may have at hand.

Consider firat the retrace-blanking circuit used in Motorola TS-14 and TS 23 chassis (see fig. 9a). The video signal in these sets is applied to the cathode of the CRT. Note that the brightness control is in this cathode circuit. In some earlier models the grid was returned to $B-$, and no blanking circuit was present. With regard to these earlier models, a very simple change (see fig. 9b) makes it possible to incorporate retrace blanking.

All that is necessary is to replace the single 8200 -ohm resistor with one 5600 -ohm and one 2700 -ohm unit, and connect a wire from the junction of the two units to the grid of the CRT (which has been disconnected from B-.) The voltage divider thus formed is in series with the discharge capacitor in the 6J5 vertical bscillator circuit. The negative spike of approximately 25 volts which appears across the 2700 -ohm resistor is applied to the CRT grid. More pulse voltage can be secured, if needed, by reversing the position of the two resistors; at least 60 volts


Fig. 9 (a)—Part of vertical deflection and CRT circuits in Motorola TS-14 and TS-23 chassis-late types-with retrace blanking incorporated.


Fig. 9 (b)—Partial schematic of early Motorola TS-14 and TS-23 receivers. Original wiring is shown in dotted lines. Parts and wire added to introduce retrace blanking have an asteris! beside them.


Fig. 10-Retrace blan*ing in Trav-ler TV receivers.
is available (if needed) across the two in series.
The writer has found it good practice NOT to attempt retrace blanking on the same tube element to

## Lines - Adding Blanking Network


which video signal is applied, as any increase in capacitance caused by added leads or components is apt to cause smear in the picture (due to increased shunting of higher video frequencies to ground.) In other words, if the cathode of the CRT is being fed from the video output stage, work the blanking circuit out in the grid circuit and vice versa. The brightness control may remain in either circuit without affecting the action.
The Motorola circuits of figs. 9a and b use a form of multivibrator; in contrast, the Trav-ler models whose vertical circuit is shown in fig. 10 employ a blocking oscillator. Here again the video signal is applied to the cathode of the CRT; and the brightness control is also in this circuit. A negative spike voltage of approximately 50 volts is applied to the grid of the CRT through a .05 MFD capacitor. This voltage appears across the 330 K CRT grid resistor, which leads to the DC restorer circuit. The method of tap-off for this vertical spike is similar to that shown in fig. 9; only the component values are different. This circuit, with a 6 C 4 used as oscillator, is incorporated in Trav-ler models 12L50, $16 \mathrm{R} 50,16 \mathrm{~T} 50$ and 16 G 50 ; a 6 S 4 is the vertical output tube in these sets. The method of blanking employed may be used for similar circuits in other makes of receivers.

With regard to the incorporation of retrace blanking, PHILCO receivers fall into two groups: earlier single-chassis models, and later
dual-chassis sets. In the latter models, the RF, IF audio and video circuits are on one chassis; the deflection and power circuits are on another and separate chassis. The two chassis are sufficiently separated to permit inclusion of a UHF tuner between them. Interconnections are by means of plugs, sockets and cables, and very careful attention should be paid to these connections when making any changes. Because of the additional complications introduced by the dual-chassis models, any serviceman interested in installing retrace blanking in such sets should contact Philco Service Headquarters in Philadelphia and ask for


Fig. 12 (a) leff——RCA models with vertical auto-transformer circuit modified for retrace blanking. The two added parts are indicated by arrows. Fig. 12 (b) above-Voltagedivider circuit of (a) redrawn to make its action clearer.
the copy of Pluilco Service Supervisor in which the necessary changes are plainly described, step by step.

An example of the changes recommended is illustrated in fig. 11. This is a skeleton schematic, and indicates the new parts to be added between the vertical output and the
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Fig. 13 (a) above, right-Dual-winding vertical transformer circuit used in some RCA receivers. Parts to be added for vertical blanking are asterisked. Fig. 13 (b) right - Pictorial sketch, showing how vertical blanking units are wired into RCA '51 receivers. Bottomside view of chassis is shown.


# Round-Up of Service Data 

Elimination of TVI, Alignment Touch-Ups, Tube Replacements,

- UHF converters are coming off the production lines in increasingly large quantities. It is consequently becoming necessary for technicians to familiarize themselves with the service problems arising in these units. To fill this need, at least in part, we are presenting a round-up of some of the troubles and troubleshooting procedures connected with UHF converters.


## TVI in UHF Converters

In some cases, an undesired heterodyning of signals from the UHF converter and VHF receiver oscillator may take place. A UHF oscillator fundamental and VHF oscillator harmonics may beat together and produce a signal that is accepted by the VHF front end, causing inter-
ceiver's channel setting, is also present in the vicinity, interference from the VHF signal may be received. Use of a shielded cable between the UHF unit and the TV receiver front end will often clear up such trouble.
In some locations, interference may be evident when the converter is tuned to either of its design output frequency settings-channels 5 and 6 , usually. If the incoming UHF signal is strong, the converter output circuit may be tuned to a lowerfrequency channel. The VHF receiver station selector is, of course, set at the same channel. Elimination of the TVI is attained at the expense of a considerable loss in signal.

## Touching up UHF Alignment

If optimum reception of picture and sound does not occur some-


Fig. 1—Block diagram of a typical UHF converter. (Courtesy Du Mont)
ference lines to appear in the picture. Sometimes the trouble can be eliminated by setting the receiver's fine tuning control to a point where no interference is noted in the picture, then resetting the appropriate UHF oscillator tuning adjustment for best sound and picture at that point.

In a second method, the TV receiver is switched to another channel (to which the UHF converter can tune); suitable alignment adjustments are then made on the UHF oscillator to bring in good sound and picture at this new channel setting.

When a weak UHF signal is coming in, and a strong VHF signal, operating at or near the VHF re-
where near the center setting of the fine tuning control, the oscillator tuning adjustment(s) may be manipulated with a non-metallic screwdriver until the desired condition results. Only a slight adjustment should be necessary. A suitable alignment tool may be made up by obtaining a short section of polystyrene or nylon rod, approximately ${ }_{18}^{\frac{3}{8}-\text { inch }}$ in diameter, and slotting one end, or otherwise shaping it to fit the type of adjustment screw present.

## Tube Replacements

When the rectifier or IF amplifier tubes are replaced in a converter, the alignment of the latter should
not be appreciably affected. Substitution of an oscillator tube, however, may in some cases necessitate a complete realignment of the converter. If a number of oscillator tubes are tried out, one may be found whose interelectrode capacitances so closely resemble those of the original tube that little or no realignment may be necessary.

Some oscillator tubes will function satisfactorily over only a portion of the tuning range, dropping out of oscillation over the remaining part of the range. It is therefore necessary to check converter operation on all available channels, when the oscillator tube is replaced.

## Notes on Crystals

The most likely source of trouble in a UHF converter-outside of the tubes-is the crystal (or crystals) present. Crystal mixers are common in converters.
Although some types of crystals may be substituted for others in certain converters, it is generally best to be on the safe side and replace the original crystal (when defective) with an identical unit, and thus avoid the need for converter realignment. We may note that when a 1 N 72 is present, and some snow is seen on UHF channels, replacement of the unit with a 1N82 may improve the picture and remove the snow. Realignment may not be necessary in such cases.

Make sure to note the position of the original crystal before removing it, to avoid connecting up the replacement in the wrong polarity. Polarity reversal need not necessarily eliminate picture and sound; an increase in noise, manifesting itself as snow in the picture is, however, very apt to result under the circumstances.

A thin film of sealing wax at the terminals of the crystal may cause poor electrical contact at these points, reducing the gain of the circuit and causing poor picture contrast. "Working" the crystal in its socket may improve the contact and eliminate the symptoms.

When a crystal is soldered or unsoldered, some means of absorbing the excessive heat of the soldering iron should be employed to prevent

# on UHF Converters 

## Notes on Crystals, Tuning Difficulties, Troubleshooting Procedures.

damaging the crystal. In one method, a damp cloth is placed over the crystal while it is being soldered; another method involves placing metal clips at the crystal terminals to conduct away much of the heat from the crystal itself. In a third method, a pair of long-nose pliers is placed between the body of the crystal and the solder joint (see fig. 2) to conduct away some of the heat.


Fig. 2-Using long-nose pliers to dissipate heat applied to crystal during soldering.

The story goes that a defective crystal may look the same as a good one, even under a microscope. Measurement of a crystal's front-to-back resistance ratio is often of little use in determining the unit's condition. The only reliable check is substitution.

When a crystal is changed, make sure that the lead length on the new unit is the same as on the old one, and that the position of the replacement is identical with that of the original.

## Tuning Difficulfies

Marty Bettan of RMS says, regarding converters with which he has dealt : "With half the UHF stations on three-quarters of the tuning dial, and the other half on one quarter of it, you've got to have sandpaper fingers and work like Jimmy Valentine when you get to Channel 60."

## Localizing Trouble to the UHF Converfer

When trouble in a converter is suspected, localization tests may be made as follows:

If VHF stations are being transmitted in the locality, tune in one or more of these channels. If VHF
stations are satisfactorily received, while UHF channels are not, trouble in the UHF converter or its antenna system (if a separate antenna is used for UHF) is indicated. When only one UHF transmitter is operating, make sure that a defect at the transmitter is not the source of the reception trouble.

When no VHF stations are transmitting in the area, check the raster for defects (contrast control setting at zero). If the size, shape, brightness, focusing or other characteristics of the raster is not normal, trouble in the VHF receiver should be looked for. If no raster abnormality is evident, turn the contrast control to maximum and observe the amount of snow (black and white noise signals) that appears on the screen.

No snow points to trouble in the IF, video detector or video amplifier stages of the receiver. If very little snow is present, trouble in the VHF tuner seems likely. Presence of a normal amount of snow means that the fault may lie in the UHF converter; it may also, on the other hand, be present in the VHF tuner, UHF antenna or UHF station. Perhaps the best and fastest check is to substitute a self-powered UHF converter for the one present.

## Converfer Troubleshooting Tests

When trouble has been definitely traced to the converter, a fast but thorough inspection check should be made for improper seating of tubes, poor socket contacts, defective or improperly connected UHF input leads, broken leads in other circuits, defective switches, burnt or broken resistors, and similar faults that are obvious when looked for.

Trouble in the preselector stage can be localized, if strong signals are coming in, by touching one side of the antenna lead-in to various points in the crystal input circuit. When normal or near-normal reception is obtained by touching the lead-in to one such circuit point, whereas reception remains absent or unsatisfactory at a directly preceding circuit point, trouble in the first-mentioned section of the circuit should be looked for.

When an Inductuner tuning unit is present, checks for loose stops and trouble in the switch linkage should be made. Shorting bar contacts should also be examined, to determine whether proper contact is being established, and whether the alignment of the rotor units is correct.
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Fig. 3-Representative converter circuit (GE UHF Trans!ator, Model UHF-101).


# Changes Servicemen Would Like 

## A Technician Who Has Studied 6,000 Television Receivers

By Charles R. Maduell, Jr.

- A set designed by a TV engineer is often a beautiful piece of work when it leaves the test rack. Unfortunately, the production department generally tears the design to pieces, and by trying to save a penny here, and a dime there, gives the assembly line a piece of equipment that in quality of parts may bear little resemblance to the one that left the designer's work bench. After all, the sets are being made for the general public, and competition is high. A set that incorporated the same grade of parts used in electronic equipment built for the armed forces could never be sold to the general public-the price would be too high.
Television sets leaving the factory must of necessity give trouble to the serviceman. Yet he seems to be forgotten in their design. Normally it is not necessary to think of a serviceman as an important factor in the design of a product, since technicians are easy to train. In television, however, a different condition exists. Already in cities having TV there is a scarcity of good television technicians. Since the thawing out of "the freeze," TV is reaching many cities where radiomen have given little thought to preparing themselves for TV. A much more severe shortage of competent TV servicemen threatens to develop. It is about time that the factories start making their sets easier to service than they have in the past.

It is only human for a serviceman, when he finds a set is rather hard to set up, to postpone work on that set in favor of one that is easier to service, since profits depend on volume of output. It is not in the interest of the manufacturer, however, to permit such situations to develop with respect to his set.
I don't mean to suggest that the factory should abstain from new designs and improvements, in order to make the serviceman's life easier. The serviceman should, however, be given consideration by making the mechanical and electrical layout of the TV set such as to allow ease of servicing. There should also be made available, as quickly as possible, all the information the technician will need to service the set, in the event that unusual troubles develop.
When a serviceman needs special rigs to set up a set on his service bench, or else finds it very troublesome to trace the receiver's circuits, he is apt, if rushed, to put the set aside. The next time he gets a service call on that brand, he may refuse it, if his service bench is crowded with repair jobs; if he does accept the call, his price will necessarily be higher than it would if the set presented merely the usual difficulties.
Below are "gripes" heard from some servicemen with respect to several set makes. The servicemen stated, "I don't service the Doe Company's set because
and cited one or more of these reasons:

Fig. I-Suggested method of mounting large glass picture tubes and all-metal CRT's.


The picture tube is held in the cabinet by only a flange in front, and the yoke in back. For bench setup, a special rig must be used or servicing with the CRT in the circuit becomes impossible.

The set cannot be turned on its side, when it becomes necessary to service under the chassis, without using special rigs; if such rigs are not used, a filter condenser or other component will almost certainly be damaged.

set
In order to set up the entire et on the service bench, it must be interlocked with other units, or else special adapting plugs have to be made up.

The set has HV as well as other tubes located under the chassis, necessitating the removal of the set from the cabinet when any of these tubes need testing or replacement.
The set has its circuits spread all over the chassis, with no apparent rhyme or reason in the layout. As a result, it is very difficult to trace out many circuits.

The set has such a complicated system for switching it from TV to broadcast radio or F'M positions, that even with a diagram, circuit tracing is very difficult.
I use one man on the truck,
and he refuses to work on a . . . make set because it takes two men to take the receiver out of the cabinet, or bring it to the shop.
We'd like to make certain recommendations re how the situation can be improved. The picture tube is the first and most important servicing item to be considered. The set having its picture tube mounted on the chassis is by far the easiest to service, as no special rigs to hold the CRT have to be made. We would therefore recommend that the picture tube, if metal of any size, or a glass type larger than 17 inches, be placed on a separate board, and mounted thereon with its yoke assembly, in such a fashion that the entire assembly can slide in or out of the cabinet (see fig. 1). Sets having the picture tube and yoke mounted in this manner need

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## Tells How Manufacturers Can Make Life Simpler for Benchmen

no special rigs, and if they are made to slide in the cabinet on metal or wooden "runners," they can be readily removed from and placed back into the cabinet by one serviceman.

In the case of chassis using 17inch or smaller picture tubes, we would recommend that the CRT be mounted on the chassis, provided the combined weight of CRT and chassis is not more than 40 pounds. In either case, the entire chassis should be of single construction, with no cabling beyond that required for the picture tube yoke and base (and the additional cabling needed in combination TV-radiophonographs.)

The construction of the chassis should permit it to be positioned upside down, or on its side, without danger of its tipping over. The chassis should not depend on fragile or delicately-mounted parts (such as filter condensers) for support in any case. This is rather simply achieved. All that is necessary is the placement of the high-voltage can or power transformer on one side near the rear of the chassis, permitting the set to rest on this sturdy unit when it is positioned on its side or turned over; cr else a metal bracket or handle may be placed on the chassis (as shown in fig. 2a.)

It is desirable that metal picture tubes be mounted on a separate board, as previously described. Such a procedure may prove expensive, however, in the case of the smaller picture tubes. We can therefore go along with the manufacturer when he mounts a metal CRT of this type on the chassis. He should give some consideration, however, to the service problems that may arise because of his layout.

Several manufacturers have mounted metal tubes on the chassis, then placed the ratio detector adjusting screw, or the horizontal oscillator adjusting screw, right under the metal shell of the tube. It is almost impossible to manipulate these adjustments without getting a severe shock. Insulated tools can seldom be used in such instancesthe manufacturer of these "shock-
ing" sets is very apt to "compound his felony" by making the adjustment difficult to manipulate with anything other than a metal screwdriver.

It is highly recommended that the IF adjustments be placed in a single line, or in two lines, on one side of the television set, never under the picture tube. It is also recommended that any horizontal coil adjustment present be placed on, or recessed behind, the rear skirt of the set.

Two typical chassis layouts recommended by the author are shown in fig. 2. Note that in either layout, the set can be laid on its side without any risk of its tipping over; also, the IF's can be aligned with the picture tube in the circuit. Everything follows a straightforward signal layout, in keeping with such good construction practices as using short leads in grid, plate and coupling circuits, and keeping power supply components well away from circuits they might possibly interfere with. Note in fig. $2 b$ that the power transformer can be omitted, as in transformerless sets, and the
set can still be placed on its side without it toppling over. In the set shown in fig. 2a, the handhold bracket supports the set when it is turned over.

A serious problem that hampers the technician who is working against time is the tube replace-


Fig. 3-Schematic of part of a horizontal deflection circuit, illustrating a preferred method of presentation.
ment problem. Many service companies will agree that almost seven out of ten service calls can be completed in the home, and involve nothing more complicated than simple tube replacements. The most
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Fig. 2-Preferred chassis Iayouts, from a service viewpoint. a) Suggested arrangement, with pix fube not mounted on chassis. b) Possible layout on transformerless sets, CRT on chassis.


# Changes Servicemen Want 

important tube in the set, and the one most often replaced (according to our investigation) is the lowvoltage rectifier. Next in importance (with respect to the number of replacements) is the high-voltage rectifier. Only too often the chassis has to be pulled out of the cabinet, and the high-voltage cage disassembled, merely to replace a tube. In some cases, tubes of other kinds are placed in such positions under the CRT that it is nearly impossible to replace them without taking the picture tube out of the chassis.

## Reachable Tubes

We feel it should be a first principle with manufacturers that all tubes be placed where they can be reached without removing the chassis from the cabinet. Referring again to fig. 2, note that all tubes in both layouts may be easily replaced without pulling the chassis, and that in certain positions on the chassis that would require "fiddling around" to put the tube in its socket, octal tubes only are recommended. You can't see around a high voltage can or transformer; since an octal tube can be replaced without having to see the socket, it is recommended for use behind such units. It is also recommended that for the smaller 7 and 9 -pin tubes, sockets be used having raised centers, so that the tube can be replaced with a minimum of trouble. The midget center acts as a finder, in the same way as the key on the octal tube; all you have to do is turn the tube until it drops into place.

The layouts shown in fig. 2 offer still a third advantage to the service technician. This advantage lies in ease of tracing the signal through the set. Note that sections and stages are in a logical order; there is no skipping around the chassis to find the next stage. It's discouraging to a serviceman when he tests a vertical oscillator, for example, to find that the vertical amplifier he wants to check next is located in some unexpectedly distant area. On some chassis, it would seem that the designer, when called upon to lay out the set, just placed the chassis in one corner of a room, backed off to the other corner, then threw all the parts into the chassis, while a helper soldered them in wherever they fell. Some major manufacturers seem to have as much reasoning behind their
placement of parts as just this.
Credit should be given to the engineer whose idea it was to place controls auxiliary to front-panel adjustments behind a removable panel at the front of the set. Adjustment of such controls may be much more simply and accurately made than when the same controls are at the rear of the receiver, and require the aid of a mirror to set.

Controls that the customer is not supposed to handle can be recessed, or made accessible only to an alignment tool or small screwdriver; those meant to be used by the customer can be made with small knurled shafts.

## the SERVICEMAN

SPEAKS -
It definitely helps us a great deal when we get these circuits, because it is some time before they appear in the manuals. 99
F. E. Berdy,

Manfred's Radio \& Television Paterson, New Jersey
-and he's raving about
TECHNICIAN's CIRCUIT DIGESTS!

Controls and adjustments such as drive, AGC, horizontal oscillator transformer and so on, should, if not available at the front of the set, be readily accessible from the rear, with no necessity of removing the set from its cabinet to get at them. The same ease of adjustment should, of course, be possible for external CRT units, such as the yoke.

It would be advantageous to both customer and serviceman if the front safety glass could be removed by the withdrawal of two or four screws (placed in such a position that the cabinet would not be scratched while they were being taken out.) The safety glass could then be removed, and the face of the picture tube cleaned, with no necessity of removing the CRT from the cabinet. Such thoughtful little design features are practical and inexpensive, and go a long way toward keeping customers and serv-
icemen satisfied with a product.
So far we have discussed the physical layout and mechanical construction of the television set. Two items of equal importance to the technician are circuitry and service information.

With respect to TV-phono-radio combinations: the manufacturer could save himself and the service technician a lot of headaches arising from the incorporation of intricately-wired switches, and at the same time provide more customer satisfaction if he built the radio and TV units on separate chassis. When the television set comes to the shop for repairs, too often the associated radio and phonograph sections cannot be used because they are on the same chassis as the TV unit, or so interconnected with the latter that special adapter plugs, or even an amplifier, would have to be used to operate them in the absence of the TV section. A similar situation is encountered when the radio is being serviced, and the TV section of the set is left in the cabinet. It should be possible for the radio to be operated when the TV section is being repaired, or vice-versa without necessitating the use of additional equipment that the serviceman would have to supply; except perhaps, a small speaker, shorting plug or simple attachment. Our proposal offers these advantages:

1-Twenty or thirty tubes would not have to be lit for the sake of using only three or four (on phono setting) ; 2-A saving in the cost of a complicated switch for FM, AM. phono and TV would be effected and 3-The customer would not be disposed to bear the serviceman or manufacturer a grudge, on learning that no part of the combo can be used, when one section of it requires shop repair.

## The Fuse Fuss

Another situation that demands attention is that respecting fuses. It is discouraging when a technician has to remove a chassis from its cabinet merely to change a fuse. All fuses should either be placed behind a small door, enabling them to be replaced without pulling out the chassis, or else put into a fuseholder in an accessible spot on top of the chassis, or positioned on the rear skirt of the chassis.

While it is undoubtedly advantageous to have a fuse in the highvoltage (boosted B) line, it seems rather strange that the set manu-
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# Servicing Sweep Stages 

## Suggestions from Readers on Troubleshooting Deflection Circuits

- Troubles breed in sweep circuits like mosquitoes do in swamps. Here are some representative problems and remedies sent in by contributors:


## Ringing Due to Mismatch

Occasionally, replacement of a flyback transformer or yoke will introduce some degree of mismatch. Ringing is apt to result, manifesting itself as one or more vertical, bright, ribbon-like lines that are substantially affected by the manipulation of the drive adjustment. Methods usually employed to reduce this effect include inserting a resistor of about 100 ohms in series with the grid of the horizontal output tube;

changing the values of this tube's cathode resistor and by-pass capacitor; or substituting different values for the output tube's cathode resistor and by-pass capacitor. A less known, but sometimes very effective method is to connect a capacitor of 5 to 50 MMFD between the grid of the horizontal output tube and the low end of the flyback primary (see sketch). The lowest value capacitor that will correct the trouble should be used. A 2 KV mica unit is preferable to other types.

## Increasing Width

If the problem is lack of width, and it is desirable to remedy the trouble in the customer's home, here is a sure-fire method of doing the job without even removing the chassis from the cabinet. Remove the high-voltage cage and connect a 30 MMFD 6 KV capacitor between the plate of the horizontal output tube and ground. (A number of such capacitors may be purchased and kept on hand for use on similar service calls). In the case of most popular
tubes used as horizontal amplifiers, the plate is the top-cap connection, making the entire job very simple and fast. Two precautions must be observed: 1-Keep the 30 MMFD 6 KV capacitor away from the glass envelope of the horizontal output tube, to minimize the heating of the capacitor. 2 -In cases where chassis is not the electrical ground, connect the capacitor between the plate of the horizontal output tube and B-.

## Horizontal Singing

Tightening up the horizontal output transformer failed to stop a loud, bell-like 15,750 -cycle tone. Careful checks revealed no obvious source of trouble. Momentarily stopped, because I could find no other possible transducer, my elbow accidentally hit the horizontal output tube (6AV5). Much to my surprise, the singing stopped. Tapping the 6AV5 caused the tone to intermit. Apparently the glass envelope of the tube was resonant to 15,750 cycles.

## Damper Change to Increase Width

Increased width may be obtained without resort to special high-voltage, low-capacitance condensers, by connecting a small-capacitance mica condenser-approximately 100 MM FD, 2000 V-between the plate and the cathode of the damper tube. The optimum value of capacitance (which, luckily, is not too critical) can be determined by actual trial. Within narrow limits, the larger the value of capacitance, the greater the width. (Too large a value of capacitance may decrease the high-voltage too greatly, and/or introduce horizontal non-linearity-Ed.)

## Flyback Test Unit

In many cases involving loss of high voltage, the culprit turns out to be the flyback transformer. One of the windings may open up, possibly only under load. Ohmmeter measurements may not reveal the trouble, and a flyback substitution is frequently made, when other possible sources of the symptoms present have been eliminated. When the original flyback transformer is non-
standard, a substitute may have to be purchased; not infrequently, the substitute is, after much laborious testing, found to be the wrong one. The following test unit will verify whether or not the horizontal output transformer present is faulty, avoiding an unnecessary purchase, as well as other complications. A sketch of the unit is shown here. Any

matching yoke and flyback may be used. The two components may frequently be purchased very cheaply from some dealer who does conversions, and has some spare parts lying around that have been removed from a converted set.
Mount the components inside a fibre box for protection. Connect them as shown in the diagram below. Attach an 18-inch length of insulated wire to terminal 1 of the flyback. Solder an alligator clip to the other end of this wire. Lengthen the horizontal amplifier plate lead to about 18 inches, using high-voltage wire. Tape any bare spots with highvoltage tape. Tack the HV rectifier wire to the top of the fibre case.
To use the unit. remove the horizontal amplifier plate cap, and disconnect the B-plus lead from the flyback in the set. Substitute the horizontal amplifier plate cap from the test unit, and attach the alligator clip from the test unit to the B-plus wire. Turn the set on. If the original flyback was bad, you will now be able to draw an arc from the high-voltage rectifier clip at the tup of the fibre box.
The above suggestions were contributed by the following readers: B. O. Riis, Miami, Fla. (Increasing Width; Ringing Due to Mismatch; Damper Changes to Increase Width). F. Mattioli, Racine, Wis. (Horizontal Singing). S. Marsh, New York, N. Y. (Flyback Test Unit).

## Preview of a 700-Unit IRE Standard That Is Coming Soon.



The symbols shown above come from a new IRE standard now undergoing final review. This IRE standard, which will contain over 700 symbols, is expected to be available in the near future. Either "single-line" or "complete" symbols are employed. Single-line symbols are used when it is desired to show the essential equipment components in a system in simplified form; complete symbols are used to show the complete electrical circuit.

Listed at right are the explanations of the symbols. These are numbered to correspond with the numbers on each symbol sketch.

1: Amplifier with associated power supply.
2: Dipole antenna.
3: Loop antenna.
4: Lightning arrester.
5: Attenuctor.
6: Battery.
7: Circuit breaker.
8: Capacitor.
9: Shielded capacitor

10: Variable capacitor.
11: Mechanically-linked variable capacitors
12: Chassis connection.
13: Mechanical connection (stort dashes).
14: 2-conductor jack.
15: 2-conductor plug.
16: Power supply outlet (non-polarized).
17: Loudspeaker. (Where specific identification
is required, the following letter combina-
tions may be odded: *LS-loudspeaker ${ }_{*}$ **EM-electromagnetic, **PM-permanent magnet).
18: Fusible element.
19: Ground connection.
20: Inductor winding.
21: Magnetic core inductor.
22: Tapped inductor.
23: Adjustable inductor.
24: Continuously-adjustable inductor.
25: Ballast tube.
26: Generator.
27: Motor.
28: $A C$ series motor.
29: Meter or instrument. *Letter is ploced within circle to indicate function of instrument 30: Microphone.
31: Oscillator; general $A C$ source

## Schematic and Block Diagrams

 73 Symbols of Interest to Servicemen Are Illusirated Here.

32: Pad.
33: Crossing of paths of unconnected conductors. (Crossing is not necessarily at a 90 degree ongle).
34: Junction of connected paths of conductors.
35: Shielded single conductor.
36: Cooxial cable.
37: 2 -conductor cable.
38: Shielded 2 -conductor cable.
39: Pickup. (*Suitable words or abbreviations may be written within or adjacent to the rectangle).

40: Headset, general.
41: Headset, double.
42: Headset, single.
43: Metallic rectifier; filled arrow-head shows direction of forward (easy) current as in-
dicated by DC ammeter or milliammeter.
44: Relay coil; dot indicates inner end of winding.

45: Resistor.
46: Tapped resistor.
47: Resistor with adjustable contact.
48: Continuously variable resistor.
49: Shield; shielding (short dashes).
50: Single-throw switch.
51: Double-throw switch.
52: 2-pole double-throw switch with terminals.
53: Terminal board (number and arrangement of terminals may vary).
54: Transformer
55: Magnetic-core transformer.
56: Shielded transformer with magnetic core.
57: Transformer with magnetic core, with shield
between windings connected to frame.
58: Autotransformer
59: Adjustable autotransformer,
60: Transistor: 3 -element, N-type; crystal triode
61: Transistor: 3-element, P-rype; crystal triode
62: Directly-hected tube cathode
63: Indirectly-heated cathode.
64: Cold cathode.
65: Photoelectric cathode
66: Grid (also beam-forming electrode).
67: Heater of fube.
68: Tube envelope.
69: Split tube envelope
70: Gas-filled tube.
71: Tube base terminals
72: Shunt-drive vibrator
73: Series-drive vibrator.

# A Good Guarantee Policy 

## Old Problem That Calls for New Solutions

- The subject of guarantees by repairmen has probably been debated since the beginning of time. For thousands of years, customers have been requesting skilled servicemen to make worn or broken-down manufactured products work like new. Always in the back of the customer's mind has been the hope that the repair would now permit the product to perform perfectly for many years, possibly for the lifetime of the user. It is this hope that lies at the root of the guaranty problem.
The electronic service technician faces the problem in a new way. Never before have millions of consumers owned a product as complicated and delicate as a television receiver. And never before has there been a product with so many parts (each one a potential source of many troubles) whose owner has had so little understanding of the interdependence of these parts.
The complexity of the TV set does not mean that the radio-TV servicer should,shun the giving of guarantees on his work. Not giving one, especially when it is requested, can appear to be a vote of no confidence by the technician in himself, his work and the materials he uses; when this becomes known in the community, the technician's career may be adversely affected. Giving a guaranty,
on the other hand, is a way of saying: "I've done a good job and I'm proud of it. The workmanship is first-class, the materials are the best obtainable. I stand behind these statements because I value your patronage and that of your friends and neighbors. Please understand, though, that nothing lasts forever. I hope you will call me again when trouble occurs." There can be no doubt which policy will produce the best results.


## Servicemen's Choice

The most popular guaranteeamong servicemen, that is-is one which promises to replace, free of charge, any and all materials used in making a repair, for a period of 90 days after the receiver is returned to the customer. This includes the labor and time consumed in making such guarantee-covered replacements.
When a new CR tube is involved in the repair job, the new $C R$ tube alone is guaranteed for one year. The guarantee covers only the work and materials for which the customer is charged. It does NOT include the complete receiver and antenna system, or any booster or converter present, unless the customer has requested specific repairs to one of these items, or a complete
overhaul of the receiver and/or its auxiliary units. This type of guarantee is also used for radio receivers, phonographs, tape recorders, or similar electronic products.
The guarantee may be made verbally when the receiver is brought in by the customer or picked up at his home; or it may be given when the repaired set is delivered. The customer should understand clearly what is said so that the guarantee will not become a source of friction.
In a second form of guaranty, a tag or sticker it attached to the repaired equipment. Printed on the tag or sticker are words to this effect: "We guarantee our work for - days," followed by the date of delivery and the company's name, address and telephone number. Any additional information which may clarify the guarantee can also be printed on this tag. When the receiver is delivered, the serviceman should call the customer's attention to the guaranty and explain its limitations. Any questions regarding the guarantee should be answered courteously and truthfully. A nontechnical explanation, pointing out that a large number of parts and circuits are involved in the proper functioning of a receiver, and that only one, or a small number of these units, have been repaired or replaced, should prove helpful.

This three-section tag has a claim check (right) a filt-in section for shop record, with the customer's name on top for easy filing (center) and a tie-on tab for aftachment to the repaired chassis (left). The workmanship and materials warranty is printed on this tie-on portion.


# Can Pay Off in Dollars 

## Is Considered from Several Angles

Calling the customer's attention to the guarantee will also help him to remember you and the service which you have rendered; future business is promoted in this way.

A third method used by some servicemen in giving a guarantee is to provide it in the form of a printed statement at the bottom of the bill. Directly above the guarantee notice is an itemized account of the materials used and the services performed. This method is desirable because it leaves little room for doubt in the customer's mind about what the serviceman is guaranteeing. If any dispute arises, it can always be settled quickly by reference to the customer's bill or the serviceman's copy of it.

A fourth method of indicating that you stand back of the work you do lies in the use of printed "television service report" forms. These forms are commercially available. As their name indicates, they are designed to give the customer detailed knowledge of the original condition of his receiver from the antenna to the CR tube and loudspeaker, and indicate the repairs, adjustments and part replacements that have been made. At the bottom of the form is the guarantee notice, as well as a warning note that the guarantee covers only the materials and services for which the customer has paid.

## Let Your Ads "Talk"

A final method of telling your customers-and more important, potential customers-of the guarantee you give, is to talk about it in all your advertising. One service shop in a town of about 25,000 people has the line "All our work is guaranteed" at the bottom of each of three advertisements in the local telephone directory. This shop is the only one out of a dozen others running ads in the same directory, that offers such a guarantee.
The owner of the shop attributes more new business directly to this line than to anything else in his advertisements. People phone and say, I am calling you because you guarantee your work. Will you please come up and see what is wrong with my television set?" The man claims
that his is the fastest growing radiotelevision service business in the community.
Some servicemen say, "This guarantee business is over-rated. Of course I back up my work but there's no point in shouting about it. That only leads to trouble. People will bother you to fix all sorts of defects not even distantly related to the repair you've made, if you talk too much about guarantees. You're asking for trouble when you give a guarantee to a customer."
This brings up the question of
what to do about call-backs on troubles other than the one which the serviceman has repaired. When the call-back is of the "nuisance" type, a common practice is to spend a few minutes touching up the rear panel controls. Then, an explanation is made to the customer that there is nothing really wrong and that the controls have been adjusted to bring 're receiver to the peak of its performance. Finaliy, a tactful hint is dropped that such service calls are not really covered by the guarantee.
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This form has the guarantee spelled out twice at the foot of the sheet, once on the main report section and again on the customer claim check. The Television Service Report form shown here is copyrighted by Oelrich Publications and is available from parts distributors.


## Servicing FM Receivers

## Limiter and Discriminator Checks; Drift; Dynamic Signal Tracing

By Edward W. Kesgen

- The technician who is thoroughly familiar with the servicing of AM receivers should experience little difficulty in servicing F'M sets. There are three FM stages that will not be found in AM receivers: the limiter, discriminator and ratio detector.

The limiter stage has no AM counterpart; its function is to strip the noise pulses which may be superimposed on the FM carrier. This is not possible in an AM receiver, as any clipping of the AM carrier would result in severe distortion.
reached, no further output can be realized regardless of the magnitude of the input signal.

To check the limiter stage, connect a suitable signal generator to point A, Fig. 1. Its frequency should be the center IF or resting frequency. Attenuate the generator output to a small value. Connect the negative DC input of the VTVM between the half-load point of the discriminator and ground. Increase the output of the signal generator slowly. If the limiter stage is functioning normally, the second is that the signal gen-


Fig. 1-Typical limiter circuit and discriminator.

The discriminator stage is similar in function to the AM second detector stage; its circuitry, however, is completely dissimilar. The discriminator translates the frequency deviations of the RF carrier back into the original audio signals that produced these deviations. Clipping the carrier peaks will have no effect upon frequency variations; consequently there will be no audio distortion due to limiting.
The ratio detector is a combination limiter and discriminator; it requires no preceding limiter stage, as the discriminator does.

A typical limiter circuit is shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 2 shows limiter input plotted against limiter output. Note that when the knee of the curve (point A of Fig. 2) has been

Fig. 3-Representative ratio detector circuit. In checking or aligning this detector, two 10K resistors are first added in parallel with R107, as shown in sketch at right.
the VTVM will continue to indicate upscale until the knee of the curve (point A, Fig. 2) has been reached. Saturation will then occur, and the VTVM will register no further increase in voltage.
If saturation does not occur, there are two possibilities. The first is malfunctioning of the limiter stage;


Fig. 2-Characteristic curve showing how output of limiter changes with input.
erator output is insufficient to saturate the limiter. If the latter possibility is suspected, connect the signal generator to the preceding stage -i.e., the grid of the IF amplifier preceding the limiter.

The voltage required to saturate the limiter is the algebraic sum of the DC voltage measured at point A and the peak value of the positive alternation of the signal generator voltage.

If the limiter still cannot be saturated after moving the signal generator back a stage, routine troubleshooting of the limiter stage is in order. It is worth noting that relatively low voltages should be encountered at the limiter plate and screen grid. This is to facilitate early saturation. Two limiter stages are sometimes used in cascade to improve limiting action.

To check the discriminator, connect the VTVM between point $B$ (Fig. 1) and ground; the signal generator is applied between limiter grid and ground. The needle of the VTVM is set to center zero, if the meter provides for such an adjust-
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these networks is generally the same, although the values of the individual components often vary. In most modern receivers, one printed circuit is used for the six integrator components. After the vertical sync pulses have been separated, they are applied to the vertical oscillator.
Let us now consider some service problems associated with interlace. Many receiver sections can affect the vertical synchronizing pulse and thus impair interlace. To begin with, an overload condition anywhere in the RF or IF system can cause sync clipping or compression (see fig. 5). The overload condition can be caused by AGC failure, bad tubes or defective components. Instead of getting sync pulses of normal amplitude we would get inadequate or no sync information under such conditions.

When the overload condition is appreciable, symptoms more severe than overlapping or pairing of scanning lines will be noted. If a slight overload is present, however, only the impaired interlace (readily observed by inspecting the lines of the picture) may be evident. The impairment of interlace may be steady or intermittent. If the overloading reduces the sync pulses to an amplitude incapable of providing proper sync separator action, the resultant entrance of video signals into the integrator will tend to impair interlace at irregular intervals.

Overloading in the video amplifier may similarly be the source of poor interlace. Depending on the picture phase of the video amplifier output signal, overloading may cause either sync or video compression. If sync compression occurs, a loss of synchronizating information will result. When the overloading and sync compression are slight, interlace alone will be affected.
In the sync separator, proper separation of sync and video information must take place. If any defect exists in the sync separator, one of two undesired effects may be produced: first, the sync separator may provide an insufficiently large sync pulse output (a weak tube could be responsible for such a condition); second, improper separation may cause residual video information to interfere with synchronization. (Improper bias, excessive voltages and similar conditions may be the cause of improper separation).

In either case, interlace will be affected. When the separator output
is too small, the setting of the vertical hold control is apt to become critical, and impairment of interlace due to a misadjustment of this control becomes more likely. When video signals are not removed from the horizontal sync pulses, the integrator charging is not the same for both fields, and interlace is thus upset.

Excessive noise will cause improper sync separation, since the grid of the separator is charged up in varying degrees by the noise, and the sync pulses will, in consequence, not be lined up as they should. This trouble is known as "holes" (see fig. 5). The horizontal AFC circuit present tends to prevent noise from affecting horizontal synchronization; interlace is, however, apt to be impaired if noise-made "holes" occur during vertical sync pulse time.
The integrating network is important as far as interlace is concerned, since any defect in that circuit will tend to cause some of the horizontal information to remain associated with the vertical sync pulse.

The major portion of the TV set, thus, can affect the proper synchronization of the vertical section.

The question may be asked: Can hum cause a loss of interlace? Generally, no. Hum occurs at a 60 -cycle rate when its source is in the filament circuit, and at a 120 -cycle rate when it is caused by power supply trouble. In both cases, the effect will be the same for both fields, and interlace will thus not be impaired. Very severe hum may cause vertical synchronization of the picture to the hum, instead of the transmtted sync

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pulse. If the transmitter's power source is the same as that of the receiver, a steady, properly-interlaced picture in which the vertical blanking bar is visible, will be seen on the screen in such a case.

For purposes of servicing, one important distinction among interlace problems should be noted. In the case of steady loss of interlace, or pairing of lines, the cause must be a signal that recurs at exactly the same intervals. The only signal that can cause such a steady interlace loss is one originating in the horizontal system. As noted previously, the two fields differ by half a line at their starting point. If any horizontal information gets into the vertical sync, the two fields will have a tendency to be displaced, because the residual charge present in the integrating network during one field, is no longer the same as it is for the other.
The culprit may be the horizontal synchronizing signal; stray feedback from anywhere in the horizontal section may also be the source of the trouble. This kind of feedback is often introduced by improper replacement of major components such as the flyback transformer, yoke, or other units. Improper conversion of sets to accommodate larger picture tubes can also introduce stray horizontal pulses into the vertical system.
The important points to watch are: the plate of the horizontal outpui tube (where a positive pulse of approximately $6,000 \mathrm{~V}$ is present) ; the plate of the high-voltage rectifier (a positive pulse of app. $16,000 \mathrm{~V}$ exists here) ; and the hot lead of the yoke (pulses about 3,000 volts positive or negative, depending on the set, may be found here.) These circuit points, and the leads issuing from them, must be kept away from the vertical section, preferably by shielding or by running components and wiring close to chassis.

A condition where the vertical system jiggles in and out of interlace is due to some cause other than horizontal signals getting into the vertical circuits. Generally, video signals are the offenders; or the vertical section itself may be at fault. If the video is not properly separated from the sync information, some video signals will charge the integrator.

The center of a video line at which one field ends, will have a different content than the finish of a video line that appears at the end of second field. The residual charges built up in the integrator during
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# The ABC of Transistors 

What the Technician Should Know About These New Devices.

- The idea of controlling the flow of electrons in a particle of solid material is almost as old as the radio art itself. In the early part of this century the galena crystal detector was the most popular means of detecting radio signals. This crystal detector consisted of a small chunk of galena (a lead ore), mounted in a lead cup with one irregular surface exposed. A "catwhisker" wire was used to probe the exposed galena surface for the


Fig. 1-Enlarged point-coritact transistor. The base connection is made to a large-surface crystal area. The emitter and collector wires touch the other large-surface area.
most sensitive spot, the one which produced greatest audio response. The terminals of this crystal detector were the lead cup and the catwhisker wire. The modern equivalent of this arrangement is the germanium crystal diode detector unit; the 1 N34 is a well-known example.

With the development of vacuum tubes in the second decade of this
century, researchers turned their attention to these new electronic tools. New circuits, particularly in radar and other high-frequency applications, have pointed up the shortcomings of vacuum tubes in modern electronic equipment. Experimenters, now equipped with a good knowledge of electron behavior in vacuums, have turned again to solid materials to help them to solve problems in modern electronic circuit design. One of the results of current research into the properties of solids as semi-conductors is the transistor.
The first transistor (developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1948) had two cat-whiskers touching the crystal instead of the old singlewire probe. By the addition of a second cat-whisker wire and the use of a different material (germanium), the old crystal detector was made into an amplifier.

Germanium compounds have lent themselves, with relative ease, to modern manufacturing processes which can be controlled to produce desired electronic properties. The structure of the germanium crystal can be altered by these processes so that a wafer of the crystal may become an $N$-type or $P$-type unit. The N-type germanium has an atomic structure which produces a surplus of electrons ready to form a current; it is called N -type because it resembles the negative pole of a battery-the pole with an electron surplus. The P -type germanium has


Fig. 2-Enlarged point-contact transistor: If a signal injects 1 million holes af emitter, they will be attracted towards collector 111 . Near callector, holes reduce barrier to electron flow (2) allowing some 2.5 million electrons to pass into crystal. Of these, 1 million neutralize the holes ; the others flow to base (3).
an atomic structure which leaves vacancies or holes for electrons. These holes act like positive charges in that they attract electrons from adjacent atoms; thus, there is the effect of the holes moving through the germanium during current flow. The holes move in an opposite direction to that of the electrons.

All transistors may be said to fall into one of two groups: point-contact transistors and junction transistors. Within each of these groups there are different types with different operational characteristics. The point-contact transistor will be considered first.
A transistor of the point-contact


Fig. 3-50 MC oscillator circuit using a point-contact transistor.
group contains a germanium pellet, usually of N-type material, with three electrical contacts made to it. The largest contact is called the base contact; this contact touches the pellet along its large surface (see Fig. 1). The other two contacts are made to the surface opposite the base contact area; they are composed of cat-whisker wires whose points just touch the germanium and are spaced about $1 / 500-\mathrm{in}$. apart. One of these wires is called the emitter, the other is called the collector. The three contacts are firmly positioned and the unit is sealed in a plastic.
In the most elementary pointcontact transistor amplifier circuit, the emitter and base connections are made to a DC source in series with the input signal (Fig. 2). The DC minus terminal is connected to the transistor base terminal; the DC plus goes through the signal source, to the emitter terminal. The emitter appears to produce holes in the germanium at the wire contact point. These holes act like positive charges and drift across the small distance to the collector, attracted by the negative voltage (electron

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## Their Incorporation into Compact Chassis Is Not Far Away.

surplus) on the collector. The collector and base are connected to a second DC source in series with the output circuit. The plus terminal of this second DC voltage source is connected to the transistor base connection; the DC minus goes through the output circuit to the collector. The hole drift to the collector lowers the resistance of the germanium


Fig. 4-Three circuits showing how point-contact or junction transistors may be connected for use as amplifiers.
around the collector contact point, and a heavy electron flow in the collector circuit results (see Fig. 2).
The collector circuit corresponds to the output, and the emitter circuit to the input, of a conventional vacuum-tube amplifier. The current flow in the collector circuit is greater than the flow in the emitter circuit; the difference between the currents represents the gain of the transistor amplifier. Point-contact transistors are able to produce from 2 to 2.5 times the emitter circuit current in the collector circuit. Power gain, however, is greater than this because the collector circuit resistance is much higher than the resistance of the emitter circuit, and the work done in this circuit ( $I^{2} R$ ) is correspondingly
higher. In practice, point-contact resistors can boost the power of a signal about 20 DB , which represents a signal power gain of 100 .
Because some of the collector circuit current from the base connection flows to the emitter wire, current feedback exists in the transistor. Point-contact transistors, therefore, are used as oscillators; oscillator frequencies above 300 MC have already been attained, and this ceiling is being pushed higher in laboratory experiments. The schematic of a transistor oscillator circuit for operation in the 50 MC region is shown in Fig. 3.
In the conventional vacuum-tube amplifier, the cathode is at ground signal potential or "cold," the control grid is at input signal potential or "warm," and the plate is the "hot" electrode at which the amplified output signal appears. These relative designations ("warm," "hot" and "cold") are different in a grounded-grid amplifier and again in a cathode follower circuit. All three circuit arrangements are possible with transistors (see Fig. 4).

The phase relationships between input and output signals which exist in grounded-cathode, groundedgrid and grounded-plate vacuumtube stages have their counterparts in transistor circuits. The following
phase relationships between input and output signals will be present in such circuits: Transistor base connection grounded-signals are in phase; Transistor emitter grounded -signals are 180 degrees out of phase; Transistor collector grounded -signals are in phase.
Point-contact transistors have their main applications in high-frequency circuits such as FM and television RF amplifiers, oscillators and IF amplifiers; they are particularly useful for high-speed switching and pulse circuits in electronic computers.
Junction transistors are made by constructing a tiny sandwich of three layers of germanium. The sandwich is arranged with a section of N-type, a section of P-type and a section of N -type germanium; this is called an $N-P-N$ junction transistor. The $P-N-P$ transistor has its sandwich made of sections of P-type enclosing the single N -type germanium layer. For both N-P-N and P-N-P transistors, three connecting wires are brought out, one from each section. The complete germanium sandwich with connecting wires is sealed in an opaque plastic casing. This unit is then enclosed in a slightly larger plastic container with the leads protruding from the base, (Please turn page)


Fig. 5-Enlarged junction transistor. Small signal from phonograph, amplified to activate loudspeaker is assumed. If the signal changes by 1 million electrons, there will be a valtage difference between emitter and base which starts 50 million holes flowing out of emitter (11). All but 1 million holes get to collector, inducing 49 million electrons to flow and carry current in collector circuit (2). The remaining holes flow to the base completing base-emitter circuit (3). (This and other sketches, courtesy RCA.)

The circuit arrangements for both types of junction transistors are the same as for the point-contact type. Electron motion within the junction types is different, however (see Fig. 5). In P-N-P units, electron holes are produced by the emitter. These holes flow through the center crystal layer to the collector contact which is the minus terminal of a DC source voltage. The signal voltage applied to the emitter-base circuit governs the number of electron holes which move from emitter to collector. The number of holes flowing at any instant determines the current conductivity of the collector circuit. In normal operation the collector (output) circuit current is many times that of the emitter (input) circuit.
In N-P-N transistors, the action is similar to that of the $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}$ type except that: 1-the battery polarities to the emitter and collector are reversed; 2 -the action of holes and electrons within the germanium is reversed, and 3 -the direction of current flow in the emitter and collector circuits is reversed. This opposite but similar electron action of $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}$ and $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N}$ transistors makes it possible to develop complementary circuits using pairs of $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}$ and $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N}$ units.

## Two-Stage Audio Amplifier

A recent development utilizing these complementary properties has four junction transistors, with no other components, working as a two-stage audio amplifier feeding a loudspeaker.
Junction transistors can boost output signal power up to 10,000 times the power of the input signal, a gain of 40 DB . Junction transistors make more stable amplifiers than do the point-contact variety

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John Churgo Radio \& TV Service Coldwater, Michigan
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and introduce much less noise. They are most effective as low and me-dium-frequency amplifiers and require much less operating power than point-contact types. Junction transistors will probably be most useful in the low-frequency circuits of radio and television receivers, in all types of audio amplifiers and hearing aids and wherever good amplification of the low-to-medium frequency spectrum is desired.
Transistors are not now directly interchangeable with vacuum tubes and there is little likelihood that they will be for some time. The principal reasons for this are that transistors are low-impedance current amplification devices; their characteristic curves are different (more linear) from those which are associated with tubes; and their input and output impedances and gains vary at different operating frequencies. All of these facts mean that circuits must be redesigned to


A TV serviceman who had just lugged a large-screen TV set down five flights of stairs was called back from the window when he reached the street. Unable to lay down the set in any safe place, he very reluctantly shouldered it and made his

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weary way upward again. When he finally got to the top, the woman of the house eagerly opened her door and said:
"Isn't it true you won't fix our set if Jimmy, here, doesn't finish his oatmeal?"
take advantage of the benefits offered by transistor use. These benefits are:

1. They have no filaments.
2. They consume very little operating power.
3. Heat output is very low because of absence of filaments and low operating power consumption.
4. The life expectancy, in normal operation, will be three to four times longer than for tubes.
5. Physical size is very much less than that of most tubes.
6. No warm-up period is required. Operation starts as soon as power is applied.
7. Rugged construction. Transistors can withstand vibration and shock well.
8. Improved circuit designs are possible because of N-type and P type germanium characteristics.
9. Simplified circuit design is possible, since fewer components are required when transistors are used, and the latter are readily adapted to printed-circuit arrangements.

## Transistor Drawbacks

The disadvantages of transistors are few. The principal ones are:

1. High temperatures will permanently alter a transistor's characteristics.
2. Moisture and dampness will produce similar characteristic changes. This obstacle has been overcome by hermetic sealing of the outer casing.

## New Circuits

For most electronic technicians, the commercial use of transistors will mean that new circuits will have to be mastered. There will probably be no sudden revolution, with transistors suddenly displacing all tubes. The indications are rather, that chassis will appear with one or two germanium transistors at first, the number increasing over the next few years. Most important will be the new applications for electronic equipment made possible by new circuits developed around transistors. Small personal radios, TV receivers and two-way communication sets are a few of the products which may appear in the immediate future, as a result of chassis miniaturization using transistors and printed circuits. There is every prospect that vast new fields may be opened up, as happened when vacuum tubes first made their appearance. For the alert technician, this is going to mean new challenges, opportunities and sources of profit.

## TELEVISION INTERFERENCE AIDS

TVク Causes. Effects
and Solutions...

1. Diatheriny, industrial heaters, etc.

Solution: Hush pass filter. AC bine fitter. If these measures are
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2. Radiation forum local oscillator of nearby TV and FRi broad cast receivers.
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3. Strong signals from nearby radio stations, including FM broad cast amateur, police, taxi, government, airways and military services.
Solution: Install high pass filter, line filter, or in extreme I these meas an absorption filter tuned to the interfering signal! mint.
4. Cross modulation external to the receiver, but possibly including extemal rectification sources such as corroded antenna and transmission line connections.
Solution: Check lead-1n or antenna for broken or corroded connections. Additional possibilities ar
house writing, plumbing, stovepipes, etc.
5. Multiple images.

Solution 1: Reorient or relocate antenna and or leading. Solution 2: May be caused by staring waves due to an umped ance mismatch between antenna, transmission line and receive impedance. This condition can be detected by wrapping a pres reflections and signal strength white sliding metalized paper along lead-an.

## 6. Direct 1. F. pickup.

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Solution 2: Realign I.F. (See section $C$ for more detailed in-
formation).
Solution 3. Check lead dress. particularly of long leads
7. Image interference (This situation exists when a strong signal 7. Image interference (This situation exists when a strong sign Solution: Use appropriate stub or tunable trap. (Refer to section B. High pass filter is ineffective in this specific application
8. Signal operating in normal receiver pass band

Solution: Find offending source and of unable to ubtum coupera tom, report to FCC .
9. in is adjustment of 1. F. traps, 1. F. tuned circuits,
ment of TV receiver controls (traps may be faulty).

Solution: Correct misalignment or replace. or repair, defective component.
10. Faulty neutralization, particularly in triode or triode connetted pentode cascode type tuners, may cause crosshatch pattern on picture tube.
11. Audio rectification characterized by audio from other than TV stations, such as police broadcast, kaki, utility, amateur stations, etc.
Solution: Since this rectification normally occurs at the grid of the first audio amplifier it can be eliminated by insertion of an audio tube placed as close as possible to the grid of the firs 500 mmfd condenser direct from grid to cathode. It may be feces salty to increase the value of the inserted bypass condenser to as much as $1000 \mathrm{~mm} /$ and in the case where the manufacturer has used an extremely high value grid resistor in the order of 10 or more megohms, it may also be necessary to decrease chis value the value of the grid resistor for example, from 10 to 5 megohms).

high pass filter for 300 Ohm television receiver info

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Example


4 WAVE OPEN-ENDED STUB WITH 2 PARAL-
LEI LENGTHS OF 72 OHM COAX FOR USE. WITH 300 OHM INPUT


Length of stub in inches. $\frac{1945}{\text { in Mc. }}$
This type of stat has several advantages over 300 ohm tape: 1. It can be moved or rolled up
with negligible change in characteristics.

Table of lengths of $1 / 4$ wave open, 300 ohm line covering the FM band
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in inches
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$27.8^{\prime \prime}$
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When a television receiver is in a strong field of rif. close to the interinediate frequency of the receiver, direct pickup in one ot more of the i.f. stages is likely. For example, a signal on 21.9 Mc would probably be picked up in the if. of a television receiver using a 21.9 audio i.f channel. If a high pass filter is ineffective in eliminating the interference the inf. show in this case, to 22.2 Mc ).
R.F. OSCILLATOR SETtings, nominal for 20 to 30 atc Nil NOMINAL FOR 40 to 50 Mc .


## Servicemen's Chart Provided by Washington (D. C.) TVI Committee

Cooperating with RTMA and the Electric Institute of Washington, D. C. the local Television Interference Committee, 129 Joliet St., Washington, has distributed the above chart among service shops in the Capital area, for posting on walls or work benches, to explain causes and cures for TV interference troubles. An accompanying bulletin points out that "the average television receiver owner is not trained either to diagnose or to understand his personal interference situation. He requires honest and intelligent advice from his service technician.'
The Washington TVI Committee is an organization which has volunteered to act os a clearing house for interference complaints involving radio amateurs. The Committee maintains close liaison with industry, communi-
cation services, the FCC and others. This committee setup gives both the amateur and the receiver owner a third party group of experts who will investigate complaints promptly.

In addition to the interference sources listed in the left-hand column above, the chart also includes '"12. Ignition (pulse) type interference sources including electric motors and other power equipment, household appliances, thermostatic devices and fluorescent lighting and fixtures. Solution: Line filters, change location of antenna, more directive antenno, use of coaxial in place of flat line. If these measures do not correct the condition locate the source and contact owner for his cooperation in eliminating the interference of the source.

## New Audio Gear

## Amplifiers, Mikes, Speakers, Hi-Fi Equipment

## Beam AMPLIFIER

The Q.C. II control unit and 15 watt amplifier delivers full-range response and low background noise without distortion, according to the manufacturer. The combined control unit and preamplifier provides push-button switching for three separate inputs and up to eight preselected equalizing combinations for phonograph reproduction. Independent linear treble and bass rise and fall controls are provided; also present is an audio harmonic filter continuously variable from level to 50 DB per octave. The amplifier has a special fourteen-section output

transformer to minimize phase-shift, and the need for selected or matched tubes. Power output is 15 watts from 20 to 20,000 CPS within 0.2 DB ; and 10 to $50,000 \mathrm{CPS}$ within 0.5 DB . Distortion at 12 watts output, total 3 rd harmonic and higher order, is less than $0.1 \%$ at 700 CPS ; higher order alone is less than $0.03 \%$ at 700 CPS. Output impedance, 15 and 7 ohms. Net price for control unit and amplifier is $\$ 230$; for control unit only, $\$ 120$; for amplifier only, $\$ 130$. Beam Instruments Corp., 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N.Y.-TECHNICIAN.

## Masco HI-FI AMPLIFIER

Masco's high fidelity amplifier, the Custom Ten, has an eight-position equalization switch, bass and treblecompensated volume control and separate bass and treble tone controls. The frequency response is 20 to 20,000 cycles plus or minus $1 / 2$ DB; ten watts of power output at less than $1 \%$ harmonic distortion is available. Inputs are provided for radio, TV or tape recorder output and xtal or magnetic phono pickup. The recorder output jack permits simultaneous recording and listen-
ing. A socket and plug are provided for remote pilot light installation; a kit of control extension shafts is also included. Mark Simpson Mfg. Co., 32-28 Forty-Ninth St., Long Island City 3, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN.

## Stephens WIrELESS MICROPHONE

A wireless microphone weighing less than four ounces, and no larger than a pack of cigarettes, is being produced by the Stephens Manufacturing Corp. Actually a miniature


FM transmitting unit, the microphone broadcasts to a receiver and accompanying power supply containing a speaker at distances up to 300 ft. A battery pack powers the transmitter. Stephens Mfg. Corp., 8538 Warner Dr., Culver City, Calif.TECHNICIAN.

## Oxford SPEAKER

This high-fidelity $15-$ in. speaker, model HF15LN, has the following specifications and characteristics: frequency range, 50 to $10,000 \mathrm{CPS}$; magnet, 14 -oz. Alnico $V$; power rating, 25 watts; voice coil impedance, 8 ohms. The suggested list price is
\$42.50. Oxford Electric Corp., 3911 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago 15, Ill.TECHNICIAN

## RC HOME MUSIC SYSTEM

A home music system, the Craftsmen CA1, includes the Craftsmen C10 FM-AM tuner, C400 high-fidelity 10 -watt amplifier, and a threespeed automatic record changer, complete with a GE "Triple play" phono pickup cartridge. A 12 -inch speaker system with a range of 40 to 16,000 CPS in a recommended enclosure, is also provided. The speaker system includes a wide-angle dispersion, horn-loaded tweeter which

is co-axially mounted in a 12 -inch woofer for single point sound distribution. All the units are provided in a single carton, complete with a changer mounting board, all necessary connecting cables, mounting hardware, detailed connecting instructions, and drawings of typical cabinets, including a horn-loaded corner speaker cabinet. Price is $\$ 275$ net. The Radio Craftsmen, Inc., 4401 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill. -TECHNICIAN.

## Shure CRYSTAL MICROPHONE

The all-purpose model 777 "SlimX" crystal microphone has been designed to provide good-quality voice and music reproduction. It can be used on a desk or floor stand, mounted on a "swivel adapter," in the hand, or around the neck, with a lavalier. It has a frequency response of 60 to $10,000 \mathrm{CPS}$, and uses a 7 ft . single-conductor cable, disconnect type. Model 777's list price is $\$ 18.95$ and model 777S (with switch) lists at $\$ 20.95$. Shure Brothers, Inc., 224 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill.TECHNICIAN.

## Latest in Antennas

## New VHF, VHF-UHF and UHF Models Recently Made Available

## Trio RE-ENTRANT NETWORK

An improvement which boosts the performance of Trio Zig-Zag TV antennas on every channel has been announced by the antenna manufacturer. The Trio re-entrant network is a method of broadening the impedance characteristics of a multichannel antenna to the point where that impedance remains practically

constant over all the channels covered. The network consists of two paralleled quarter-wave transformer sections coupled to each antenna. The re-entrant unit shows no measurable loss when stacking for allchannel single feed-line operation, and has no insertion loss, according to the maker. Trio Manufacturing Co., Griggsville, Ill.-TECHNICIAN.

## W \& W VHF ANTENNA

The Model CP-1 Clipper is a highgain fringe area unit for coverage of all VHF channels. It offers uniform gain, 300 -ohm impedance match, one

major foreward lobe and a narrow beam, according to the manufacturer. Wells \& Winegard Television Accessory Mfg. Co., Burlington, Iowa. -TECHNICIAN.

## Best TV ANTENNAS

Two new designs of broadband TV antennas, one for VHF and the other for UHF-VHF reception, having good directivity and a gain of up to 15 DB over a standard reference dipole, according to the manufacturer. The VHF design, Best Dou-ble-Diamond Model 213, covers the range from channels 2 through 13. The three UHF-VHF models are designed to provide a gain of from


10 to 13 DB over the UHF range covered by each model, as well as an average gain of about 6 DB on the VHF band. Best Double-Diamond Model 1440 covers channels 14 through 40. Model 3570 provides high-gain reception on channels 35 through 70 , and model 6083 serves the upper UHF spectrum-channels 60 to 83. Best Electronics Corp., 2254 Colby Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif.TECHNICIAN.

## RMS UHF YAGIS

Five multi-channel models have been added to the RMS Skytrak sixelement UHF yagi antenna line. Designated the "A" series, the new units are peaked at the center of their band-widths. Eleven models cover the entire, UHF band. Radio Merchandise Sales, Inc., 2016 Bronxdale Ave., New York 60, N. Y. TECHNICIAN.

## Snyder UHF-VHF Antenna

Named the "3D," this Snyder TV antenna covers all channels from 2 to 83 and provides adjustments in cases of weaker-than-normal indoor

signals. Antenna features a 6-position "beam selector" which uses a criss-cross phasing element in a variety of circuit arrangements. Snyder Mfg. Co., 22nd \& Ontario Sts. Philadelphia 40, Pa.-TECHNICIAN.

## General UHF ANTENNA

General's model $500-\mathrm{U}$ antenna is designed for TV reception over the entire UHF band. It has low vertical pick-up, a low standing-wave ratio

and 300 -ohm terminal impedance, according to the manufacturer. Allaluminum construction. General Antenna Mfg. Co. 1652 Rockwell Ave. Cleveland 14, Ohio.-TECHNICIAN.

# Timely Test Equipment 

## A Variety of Accessories for Bench and Truck

## Philco Feałures "Complete Service Laborafory"

Combining new circuits, accuracy and versatility with low cost, the ad-vanced-design Philco line of test equipment offers the service technician a great variety of units that, when combined, can form a complete service laboratory to meet every VHF and UHF servicing requirement. Among the new Philco test equipments are completely re-designed versions of standard Philco test units, featuring highly-expanded levels of efficiency. Entirely new models, among them the model G8000 VHF to UHF signal generator adapter, and model G-8002 autolevel sweep generator, lend a new approach to servicing, comprising a complete and available array of test equipments essential to fast and accurate servicing. Philco engineers are continuing to design even newer and more reliable models to cover recent developments in the field of appliance servicing. Philco Corp, Philadelphia, Pa.-TECHNICIAN.

## Mallory VIBRATOR TESTER

The Mallory 12VT1D vibrator tester will test directly, without adaptors, either 6 or 12 volt vibrators of the most popular types, and all auto radio vibrators in use since 1940. In conjunction with a filtered DC power supply, the 12VT1D vibrator tester will test accurately either self-rectifying or tube-recti-

fied vibrators of any frequency from 100 to 250 cycles. DC input voltage may be adjusted accurately for both "start" and "condition" tests by use of a pushbutton switch. After passing the "start" test, the condition of the vibrator may be determined by reading on the "good-bad" scale. P. R. Mallory \& Co., 3029 E. Washington St., Indianapolis 6, IndTECHNICIAN.

## Schaver BATTERY ELIMINATORS

The Electrox model AR 5612 is a fully adjustable DC power supply which provides the technician with a filtered power source having the capacity to operate any type and size automobile radio. DC output is adjustable by means of a silver contact tap switch. A toggle switch is used for changing from 6 -volt to 12 -volt operation. The model AR


5612 is supplied with $0-20$ volt and $0-20$ ampere meters. The model AR 4612 Electrox is a non-adjustable model, without meters. A high-low toggle switch changes the unit from 6 -volt to 12 -volt operation. Both the above units are equipped with bridge-type, full-wave selenium rectifiers and transformers of the two-winding type. Schauer Manufacturing Corp., 4500 Alpine Ave., Cincinnati 36, Ohio.-TECHNICIAN

## Lee CONDENSER TESTER

Condenser tester and leakage indicator, model CT-1, features a built-in power supply providing both AC and DC test voltages. Unit contains a neon lamp leakage indicator. The tester permits direct checking of condensers for leakage with DC voltage applied and indicates inter-mittently-open condensers with AC applied. It is also useful for highresistance continuity testing of electrical and electronic circuits and parts. Indicates leakage, resistance or insulation breakdown to over 200
megohms. Operates on 110-125 AC. Dealer net: $\$ 9.95$. Lee Electronic Labs is also manufacturing a miniature electronic power supply, Model PS-1, for use with their Model E-C or E-A circuit analyzers. This new unit provides both AC and DC test

voltages. Will withstand direct shorts. All output terminals may be grounded without damage. Lee Electronic Labs., Inc., 233 Dudley St., Boston 19, Mass.-TECHNICIAN.

## Peco SOCKET ADAPTER

The Peco TVS-1 duo-decal testsocket adapter is designed to permit testing while the set is in operation on circuits associated with the television picture tube. It is inserted be-

tween the CR tube base and its socket to complete the circuit, and make all connections readily accessible to meter test leads. The dealer net price is $\$ 1.95$. Pomona Electronics Co., 524 W. Fifth Ave., Pomona, Calif.-TECHNICIAN

# For the Technician 

## Useful Products for Sales and Service

## Ram FLYBACK REPLACEMENTS

The RAM models X070 and X073 transformers are designed for use where the flyback is under the chassis or other compact locations. RAM model X070 replaces Zenith units with part numbers S16566, S17140, S18125, S17939, and S18930. Model X073 replaces Zenith parts numbered


S15709, 15710, S16191, S17265, S15911, S16204, S17130, S15710-9 and S17927. Model X070 has a 13 KV output and powers CR tubes of 14in. through $21-\mathrm{in}$. Model X073 has an 11 KV output, and powers CR tubes in sizes of $71 / 2-\mathrm{in}$. through 121/2-in. Ram Electronics Sales Co., Irvington, N.Y.-TECHNICIAN.

## ATR INVERTERS

New models of ATR inverters for operation from 6 -volt or 12 -volt storage batteries in automobiles, buses and trucks provide 110 -volt AC 60 -cycle output in various wattage ratings for the operation of dictating machines, tape recorders, wire

recorders, radio sets, test equipment, and other related small electrical or electronic apparatus. Inverter models are also available for operation from other DC input voltages ranging from 6 volts DC to 220 volts DC. American Television \& Radio Co., 300 E. 4th St., St. Paul. Minn.-TECHNICIAN.

## RCA PRINTED CIRCUIT IF AMP

A complete IF amplifier, prealigned and with printed circuit components, is being produced by the Tube Department of the RCA Victor Division of RCA. The amplifier is intended for sale to TV receiver manufacturers as a finished unit for attachment to the chassis. It will become available to servicemen for replacement purposes in the future. Called a Tandem amplifier, the unit is a three-stage IF assembly for TV receivers which utilize intercarrier sound systems with a video IF of 45.75 mc . and a sound IF of 41.25 mc . It employs printed-

circuit IF transformers, coils and traps; three 6CB6 tubes; and a crystal diode detector, all mounted on a plastic panel. The panel is attached to the TV chassis by six small mounting screws. The printed-circuit components are encased in protective metal shield cans. Tuning adjustments may be made by means of aluminum screw discs accessible from one side of each can. Marked terminals are provided on the plastic panel for input, output, B-plus, AGC and heater connections to the chassis wiring. RCA Victor, Division, Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N.J.-TECHNICIAN.

## Perma-Power VOLTAGE REGULATOR

TV voltage regulator with a $300-$ watt rating, designed to insure maximum performance of any television set by returning full height and width of picture when low-line voltage has decreased these pix dimensions. Unit's list price is $\$ 6.75$. The same manufacturer is also producing
a C-301 TV "tube brightener" for use on sets with parallel or serieswired filaments. This isolation-type transformer gives normal 6.3 -volt

output or 7.8 volts, to increase CRT cathode emission. It lists for $\$ 4.45$. Perma-Power Co., 4727 N. Damen Ave., Chicago 25, Ill.-TECHNICIAN.

## Walsco UHF CONVERTER

The Walsco Imperial UHF converter has a turret-type bandspread tuning unit with a doubletuned pre-selector. This tuning unit has a constant LC ratio. A bal-anced-line oscillator minimizes frequency drift, according to the manufacturer. The converter covers the

entire UHF frequency spectrum from 450 mc to 900 mc . Antenna input terminals are provided for separate UHF and VHF antennas; they may also be used for combination antennas. The converter is available in a variety of colors to blend with interior furnishings. Walter L. Schott Co., 3225 Exposition Pl., Los Angeles 18, Calif.-TECHNICIAN.

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## Changes Servicemen Would Like to See

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facturer does not also insert a fuse in the B- line, or the primary of the set's power supply. All sets, we feel, should be fused both in the boosted B line and the B - return, or some other suitable part of the low-voltage power supply.

We know of cases where a fuse was omitted from the low voltage power supply in sets whose filter condensers were not very rugged. Every time the set burned out a filter, the power transformer also went. This was only good for power transformer manufacturers-it certainly didn't build up customer good-will for this receiver make. If the power transformer caught fire, about one-fourth of the entire set had to be rewired. Lack of a fuse cost the customer $\$ 25$ to $\$ 150$, de-
pending on the amount of damage done.

Foremost on many servicemen's list of problems is the one of interacting circuits. Many technicians feel that the TV receiver offers enough complications without the additional ones introduced by the feeding of the B-boost voltage to circuits other than the horizontal. If the vertical amplifier needs 400 volts, why not use a 400 -volt power supply, rather than depend on the B-boost to provide this extra voltage?

Some manufacturers have also used the "regulated" B voltage appearing at the cathode of the final sound amplifier to feed video IF stages. This circuit kink, which certainly led to some unusual service problems, is fortunately not much used nowadays.
One of the trickiest circuits used in television today is the AGC cir-
"SERVICE WITH A SMILE"


## How's That Again? Dep't.

The customer was troublesome, and the serviceman was losing patience. When the man asked him for the third time what the trouble really was on his set, the serviceman replied:
"The discriminator isn't discriminating, the oscillator is squegging, the ratio detector won't ratiocinate and-and-the set needs retuning."

The customer thought this over for several seconds, then said:
"What do you mean-the set needs retuning?"

## Lone (UHF) Ranger

A woman who lived in a town that had just been assigned its first UHF channel complained to the TV dealer who had sold her a receiver:
"Your salesman told me I could get 82 channels with this set, and I'm only getting one."

## Servicing a Spelling Problem

A dealer who had bought a shop that specialized in hi-fi installations wrote his first letter to the company that was to supply him with amplifier chassis.
"Dear Sirs:" he penned, "Kindly send me two Kingsley chassises."

Not liking the looks of the last word, he crossed it out and wrote instead: "Please send me two Kingsley chassis's."

Still unsatisfied, he sent out this third and final version: "Dear Sirs: Please send me one Kingsley chassis. Incidentally, also send me another one."

## Are Them Days Gone Forever?

We remember the time when a radio student, scanning the ads, summed up one of them as follows: "Wanted-Boy, the size of a man, to do the work of a horse."

## Mr. Fix-It——But Good

A TV set owner who had studied a fix-it-yourself book invariably retuned his set whenever trouble developed in it. Just as invariably, the set wound up on the bench of the neighborhood serviceman.
"You know, I find alignment difficult," the set owner confided to the technician."
"Only difficult?" sighed the latter. "I wish you found it impossible!"
cuit. Enough problems are introduced when this circuit merely applies bias to the IF tubes; it is undesirable, in our opinion, to link it to the video amplifier as well. When such a complicated AGC system fails, it is very difficult to isolate the source of trouble-the defect could be almost anywhere in the set. Checking components separately provides no practical solu-tion-there are too many of them. If the serviceman is rushed, the set is apt to be tabled until he has more time. There are tricks that help isolate the troublesome part, but this is not the time to discuss them. This is the time, however, to ask the manufacturer to refrain from using such a circuit, or else publish complete servicing data about it.
Apropos of service data-the literature made available by the manufacturer should be as complete as possible. In the case of trick circuits that require special adjustments, the adjustments should be fully described. The schematic diagram should show voltages, waveforms and tube pin numbers, at the appropriate points on the diagram (see fig. 3.) Alignment procedures, or procedures recommended for adjusting special circuits, should be presented in tabular form. Model and serial numbers should be prominently displayed on the chassis of the set; the coding used should be readily understandable.

Some manufacturers reading this article may raise the question of cost. Admittedly, in mass production this is a very important consideration. We believe, however, that the expense of making the design changes suggested will not raise production costs per set by more than a few pennies. Actually, many of the design features condemned in this article have been used in the more expensive receivers, while a good number of the recommended features are present in less expensive sets.

It is hoped that this article will bring the manufacturer and set designer closer to the realization that the serviceman is an important person to consider when a TV set is being designed-perhaps as important as the set purchaser himself.

## Trio Adds Space

An addition to the Trio Manufacturing Company plant at Griggsville, Ill., has been completed. Also added was a new laboratory which will be devoted to product research, testing, development and improvement.



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# Improving a Stacked Conical <br> Using Spider Web Reflector to Increase Signal Pickup in Fringe Areas 

By Leo Draus

- In near-fringe and fringe areas where a number of VHF channels must be covered, stacked conicals are frequently used. After a lengthy investigation, an inexpensive way of effecting a substantial improvement in the pickup of a stacked conical was discovered by the author. The method involves the construction of a reflector that looks like a spider web.
This unit is a variation of the screen and corner type reflectors. It has provided visible improvements in reception beyond those obtainable by use of a booster amplifier, receiver circuit changes or realignment. Its successful use in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania bears out the claims made for it in this article.
The operation of parasitic antenna elements is based on the fact that the TV station signal causes eddy currents to flow in these elements. The eddy currents reradiate a field of their own from the parasitic element. By proper spacing of the elements, this field may be made to arrive at the front of the an-
tenna, so as to be in phase with the field produced by the original station signal.
The spider web reflector consists of a large number of parasitic elements that absorb transmitted power and reradiate it with such phase relationship to the original radiation that the fields add in one direction (forward) and subtract in another direction (rear), thus increasing the antenna gain and improving its front-to-back ratio. Snow is reduced or eliminated, picture quality is improved, sync action is bettered and the noiseimmunity of the set goes up, with the increase in signal pick-up.
In fringe areas, TV signals are weaker in the winter, due to absence of the refraction phenomena prevalent in the summer. The spider web reflector will increase the TV signal pick-up of the stacked conical antenna at such times, when the greater pick-up is badly needed.

The cost of the parts required is less than one dollar. Approximately two hours of work will be needed, depending on the accessibility of the stacked conical antenna.

The spider web reflector can be

Fig. 1. A-Double-X spider-web reflector. Parts required: 100-foot roll of $7 / 24$ copper stranded wire, $6 / 32$ brass screws, nuts and washers. B-Double-bar spider-web reflector. Parts required: 100 -foof roll of $7 / 24$ copper antenna wire, $6 / 32$ brass screws, nuts, washers, and two reflector rods. The lafter may be purchased, or made up out of antenna rods.



Fig. 2-Photo showing appearance of stacked conical with spider-web reflector added to it.
made up of about ninety feet of $7 / 2+$ bare copper wire, or an equivalent antenna wire, strung in a spider web pattern (see fig. 1). The spider web construction adds mechanical strength to the reflector, better enabling it to resist destruction by high winds and winter icing.

Two types of reflector which were fool-proof in field tests will be described here. Shown in fig. 1A is the double-X reflector. It is made up as follows:

Remove the bottom rods of the top half section of the reflector unit originally present on the conical; also remove the top rods of the bottom section. Fasten one of these rods upright in the center of the top half section of the reflector; another rod is fastened underside in the center of the bottom half reflector section. The remaining two rods are discarded.

Holes to accommodate a "/3n brass screw are drilled in the far end of each reflector rod. These rods support the spider web wires. The wires are soldered to the brass screws added to each rod. All wires must be taut and soldered securely at cross points and ends.

Shown in fig. 1B is the double-bar
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# "Tough Dog" Corner 

## Difficult Bench Repairs Described by Readers

## Corona and Arcing

In many cases, the source of corona or arcing in the high-voltage can of a TV receiver is difficult to locate. Often the arc-over is in the can itself. By placing a sheet of good insulating fiber in various positions inside the cage, the exact site of the arc can be located. It is then a simple matter to permanently insulate the spot by painting it with anticorona paint, or by pasting a piece of insulating material permanently into the appropriate position. G. H. Doty, Dayton, Ohio.

## Fading Front End

This "dog" of a receiver was a new set. When first installed, it operated satisfactorily, although it

seemed a little "hot" (extremely sensitive). After it had been in use for about fifteen hours, picture and sound reception became considerably weaker, necessitating the advancement of contrast and volume control settings. The advancement needed was progressive; the customer had to keep turning the controls further and further up.

Checking the set, the serviceman who worked on the job before me substituted tubes, readily discovering that the 6BQ7 RF amplifier was bad. He put in a new tube, restoring receiver operation to normal. In a couple of days, the trouble recurred. Another trip, another 6BQ7 RF amplifier tube, and the set was in good order again. When the complaint recurred once more, the chassis was pulled.

On testing the second and third 6BQ7 tubes that had been in the set, it was found that the first RF amplifier section in each tube was dead or nearly so, while the second RF amplifier section was perfectly good. Voltage and resistance measurements were then made on the suspect section of the front end. They revealed nothing; neither did a visual inspection. The writer was then called in.
I inspected the circuit diagram. Pertinent portions of the diagram are reproduced in the sketch. The fact that a 6BQ7 section wore out in about 15 hours indicated that the tube had an excessively low, perhaps even a positive bias; or else its plate or filament voltage might be excessive. Most probably, the condition was one that developed slowly, since the voltages had been tested and found normal when the set was first turned on. On analysis of the circuit diagram, it seemed to me that a short-circuit or leak in C-10 might be responsible for the trouble; or, perhaps, an opening in $R-1$ was breaking the grid's DC return. The latter possibility, however, seemed remote; a tube with an open grid circuit would tend to give trouble much sooner than 15 hours, or two days. Besides, an open grid circuit would hardly cause the tube section involved to become defective so quickly. A positive grid bias seemed a far more likely source of the trouble; no means of such a bias developing, outside of a leak in C-10, was evident. I could think of nothing plausible that would cause the plate
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or filament voltage of the tube section involved to become excessive; these defects were therefore ruled out as well.
It was decided to set up a monitor on the grid return of the first RF amplifier. The DC probe of a VTVM was connected to the AGC feed, at an appropriate turret spring contact strip, through a 50 K isolating resistor; the "common" lead was attached to chassis. The meter polarity switch was set for a negative AGC measurement. After about one hour, the initial AGC negative bias was overcome, and the meter reading reversed, indicating the presence of a small positive voltage. This led me to replace $\mathrm{C}-10$. The set was monitored for several days before it was returned to the customer. No further complaint was received, indicating that the writer had correctly guessed the trouble. James A. McRoberts, New York, N.Y.

## Tape Recorder "Toughie"

The problem on this Ampro 730 tape recorder was that it would not record, and played material recorded before trouble developed. (A similar problem, incidentally, could arise on any recorder using a circuit arrangement resembling the one shown below). We checked the resistance of the head, although it was felt the latter had to be normal, since it operated correctly when

used for playback (no separate head is used for playback on this unit). We then injected a 400 -cycle signal at the grid of the first audio stage and followed it clear through the amplifier to the head coil. Everything seemed to be normal. After (Continued on page 80)


## NEWS of the TRADE

## RETMA's TV Service Course Sfarting

Recruitment of students for the first pilot training course for television technicians sponsored by RETMA at the New York Trade School has started and the first class is set for approximately Sept. 15 with 60 students selected from qualified TV servicemen in the New York area.

A mailing has been made to over 14,000 television technicians in the area, advising them of the course and the entrance requirements. Application forms and additional information are to be obtained from local set and part distributors participating with RETMA in the Industry Technician Training program.

The first 250 qualified applicants for the RETMA-sponsored course were to be interviewed by the New York Trade School Industry Advisory Committee and given a written entrance examination. From these the 60 students for the pilot training course will be selected to participate in the industry program for the development of training material suitable for use in other schools throught the country.

## Hi-Fi \& Audio Show for Philly

The third annual High-Fidelity Conference and Audio Show will be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, November 3-4. The entire fourth floor will be used by manufacturers to present live demonstrations of their equipment. The

## Electronics Fair Commitfee



TV servicemen from all over the state gathered at Fort Worth, Texas, to witness the recently-held Radio \& TV Service Clinic and Electronies Fair, It was estimated that nearly 1,000 attended the three-day affair which was sponsored by the Texas Electronic Association. The planning committee (above) consisted of W. J. Inman; Leonard Smith, TEA president; and Mose Branum (standing). Seated are R. M. MacDonald; Truett Kimzey; and Luther Bradley.
hotel's Crystal Room will be used for displays, panel discussions and lectures by leading audio experts.

## Mason Set for NEDA Program

The National Electronic Distributors Association has arranged to have Donn Mason áppear on the educational program for the 1953 Convention and Manufacturers' Conference being held in St. Louis, September 14-16.

Mason, who has been a sales manager for 27 years, is also a personnel analyst, trainer and counselor in personnel and human relations, and has written several books, including "Executive Leadership," and "Scientific Selling Methods." He has developed specific dealer programs for both manufacturers and distributors, and conducted seminars on selection, indoctrination, training and skillful handling of personnel.

## California Electronic Show

The first Annual National Electronic Show will be open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily, from October 2-11 at the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, Calif. This event is sponsored by the Electronic Employers' Association as part of its continuing program of promoting ethical business conduct and moral business habits in the electronic industry.

## Sighfmasfer Offers Color-TV Conversion

As soon as the FCC approves colorTV transmissions, Sightmaster Corp., New Rochelle, N. Y., offers to convert black-and-white sets to receive color, at an average price of $\$ 250$ per set. This new service grows out of Sightmaster's experience in converting standard small-screen sets to larger picture sizes.

New color sets, President M. L. Kaplan notes, are expected to begin at about $\$ 1,000$ for a 14 -inch set. Under the Sightmaster conversion plan, he adds, present set-owners will pay "but a small part of that price."
"We estimate the cost should be about $\$ 250$ on the average to convert your receiver to color. It may be a little more or a little less, depending on the cost of producing color tubes. The plan will be made available to distributors, dealers and service men. Sightmaster is going after a market that entails 23 million sets now in use. Under our program, all sets now in use will be convertible to color at a fractional cost of a new color receiver."

## Calendar of Coming Events

Sept. 14-16: National Electronic Distributors Assn. (NEDA) Fourth Annual Convention and Manufacturers' Conference, Chase Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
Sept. 25-27: First Northern California Hi-Fi Audio Show, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.
Oct. 2-11: First Annual National Electronic Show, Santa Manica, Calif.
Oct. 9-17: National Alliance of Television \& Electronic Service Assns., (NATESA) Annual Fall Convention, Morrison Hotel, Chicago, III.
Oct. 14-17: Audio Fair and Convention, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y.

## Audio Fair at New York

The Audio Engineering Society of New York will hold its annual Audio Fair and Exhibition, and its fifth annual convention at the Hotel New Yorker, Eighth Avenue at Thirtyfourth Street, New York City, from Oct. 14 to 17th. Arrangements have been made for twenty-eight technical papers to be presented during the sessions, and in addition there will be exhibits by manufacturers.

General topics to be discussed follow: Wednesday morning: Loudspeakers. Wednesday afternoon: Audio System Design. Thursday morning: Disc Reproduction. Thursday afternoon: New Audio Developments. Friday morning: Amplifier Circuit Design. Friday afternoon: Home Music Systems. Saturday morning: Multi-Channel Sound Reproduction.

## One Good Reason's Enuf!

"Let's Not Have NINE Reasons Why We Can't Do It. Let's Have ONE Reason Why We Can!" says Sid Chertok of Sprague, in a striking wall-card which has been mailed out to the technician-distributor trade.

## Signing On Doffed Line



Pictured signing exhibitor contracts for the first annual National Electronics Show, to be held in Santa Monica, Calif., October 2-11, are, left to right: Frank C. Fernandez, president, Carruthers \& Fernandez, Inc.; Donald H. Allen, vice-president and general manager, P.C.A. Electranic Co., Inc.; Remy L. Hudson, president, Amelco. Standing are Bill Scott, president, Electronic Employers' Assn., and Gerry Finley, "Miss industry."


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# SERVICE ASS'N. REPORTS 

## Philly Ass'n. Offers \$5.95 Tune-up

Service organizations which belong to the Television Service Dealers Association of Philadelphia are sending prospective customers form letters which include the following:
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"Your patronage of our member's service will assure you of continuous television viewing pleasure.
"We are enclosing a booklet entitled "Facts About TV Service" which we hope will help to answer some of your questions and problems. E. W. Lane, Secretary, 1702 Hunting Park Ave., Philadelphia 40, Pa."

## Television Service Association Of Detroit

Despite setbacks, there are service associations such as TSA in Detroit, Michigan, that have been going strong for several years. Under the capable hands of President Harold Chase, this association has proved its worth and strength and it has absorbed smaller groups such as the Macomb Electronic Association. TSA was very proud when MEA joined as a group last November. Since then the 24 members of MEA have proved a very desirable asset. Both groups had one outstanding purpose . . . that of promoting ethical practices among the radio and television industry . . . and by joining hands they have become stronger for that purpose.
This spring TSA became affiliated with the National Appliance and Ra-dio-TV Dealers Association, and Harold Chase was appointed Chairman of the National Service Committee.

TSA puts out an extensive news letter, TSA News, which probably has much to do with keeping up the interest of its members. While originally an organ for TSA members,

TSA News' popularity has increased until it is being sent all over the United States . . . and as far away as Saudi-Arabia. If you would like to receive this interesting and informative association newsletter, write to: Adam H. McNutt, Sr., Editor, 15010 Grand River, Detroit, Mich.

## NATESA Convention Shaping Up

Plans for the fourth annual convention of the National Alliance of Television and Electronic Service Associations, to be held at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, October 9-11, are nearing completion, according to Frank J. Moch, national president.

More than one thousand members of the 35 affiliated state groups are expected to accompany the 70 delegates, with an additional 500 persons representing Chicago area companies, John Cecich, Convention Chairman estimates.

This year's plans call for both an industry convention and product display and an open forum, to which the public is invited, and where leading authorities on television maintenance and repair will give set owners an opportunity to air their comments on TV repair service.

National officers of NATESA in addition to Moch include: J. B. McDowell, Kansas City, Kansas, secretary general; John Hemak, Minneapolis, treasurer; Bertram Lewis, Rochester, N. Y., eastern vice-president; Fred Colton, Columbus, Ohio, east central vice-president; Harold Rhodes, Patterson, N. J., eastern secretary; Francis Fingado, Denver,

## TISA (Chicago) Officers



Pictured above are the men who represent the Television Installation Service Association of Chicago. First row, left to right: Sidney Terman, 2nd vice-president; John Cecich, 1 st vice-president; Frank J. Moch, president land also president of National Alliance of Television \& Electronic Service Associations); Rubin Saxner, secretary. In second row, left to right: Jerome Man, treasurer, Fred Levine, sergeant-at-arms.
western vice-president; Vincent Lutz, St. Louis, west central vicepresident and W. A. Rosenberg, Wichita, Kansas, west central secretary.

## Utah Association of Radio \& TV Servicemen

The Utah Association of Radio and Television Servicemen was officially "born" June 1st of this year, with a charter membership of some 25 percent of the service shops in the Salt Lake City area. They will be statewide in scope and endeavor, and membership will be open in various classifications: House Mem-berships-covers shops actively engaged in the radio or television service field. (Dues $\$ 10$ per month). Individual Membershipscovers employees of shops, or managers (not owners) students and others (Dues $\$ 3$ per month). Associate Memberships-covers those in fields closely allied with the radio and television service industry. (Dues $\$ 10$ per year.)

The Association will work toward improved working conditions . . . opportunities for better wages . . . insurance and hospitalization protection . . . reduced uniform costs through wholesale buying power... educational and informational services . . . legislative representation, etc.

Initial officers elected to serve the Association are: J. F. Burns, Murray, Utah, president; James W. Neilsen, Midvale, Utah, vice-president; Robert J. Magness, South Salt Lake, secretary-treasurer; and Dean Pieper, general manager. Offices are 418 Frick Bldg., Salt Lake City 1, Utah.

## Raytheon TV Service Aid

A 12-page booklet, "The TV Owner's Service Saver" has 40 photographs of TV picture faults, each one numbered. The booklet is for distribution to TV receiver owners, to be used by them when calling in a serviceman. The Raytheon service manual for technicians has a corresponding "service saver" section with the same 40 picture conditions shown. Accompanying each photograph are schematics of the circuits which might produce the trouble, hints and kinks to aid in pinpointing the source, and a list of parts and tubes that might be involved. The technician can then respond to the call equipped with necessary tubes and parts, as well as ideas re where to look for trouble. Raytheon claims that the use of the combination by TV owners and their servicemen will save time and money for both.

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## SHORTS

Late in July, the National Television System Committee asked the Federal Communications Commission to adopt its proposed new and improved standards (see below). The petition was approved by members of the NTSC on July 21 and subsequently filed by Dr. W. R. G. Baker as Chairman of NTSC. The action cleared the way for early Commission consideration of the whole color-TV question, including the petition filed on June 25 by RCA and NBC, and the expected repeal of the CBS color-wheel standards adopted almost three years ago. NTSC in its petition stated that other companies, in addition to RCA, also would petition the FCC for adoption of the proposed color standards. Already filing are Philco, GE, Sylvania, Motorola and others.

Members of $\stackrel{\star}{\star}$ NTS $\stackrel{\star}{C}$ have been working on the new color standards for more than two years. During that time hundreds of thousands of engineering man-hours have been contributed by the most highly skilled engineers and scientists in the electronics industry and in related research groups. Among these engineers and scientists comprising the committee, some 85 television and electronic companies are represented, in addition to independent consulting firms and other groups interested in color television. Dr. A. F. Murray, Dr. O. H. Caldwell and
B. F. Osbahr have represented Cald-well-Clements, Inc., publishers of TECHNICIAN, in NTSC meetings.

Present sets receive color broadcasts as black-white pictures of even better quality than before. When color receivers are used, there is received and produced a color picture which has a high quality of color fidelity, adequate apparent definition and good picture texture. The standards proposed are an improvement over existing television standards in that they permit the broadeasting of color and simultaneously provide black-and-white sets with a high-quality black-andwhite picture. No changes will be necessary in present sets to permit them to continue to receive a black-and-white picture from transmissions in color.

More than 100 engineers worked on one type of field test alone, tests which were made over five transmitters, using television sets of 12 different manufacturers.

CBS announces it will not only support the move to substitute the NTSC compatible standards for the present incompatible standards but will on Sept. 15 start providing some programs to its affiliated stations on an experimental basis, using the NTSC standards of transmission.



## Servicemen:



Field Strength Meter
Model M-8104. More new features than any other unit at this popular price. Reads signal strength directly from the dial from 10 to 100,000 microvolts. A serviceman's time saver to measure actual TV picture signal strength.

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Mutual Conductance Tube Checker
Model 7052. Tests more different type tubes than any unit on the market, from subminiature to acorn low power transmitting tubes. Shorts on tube elements can be easily determined, employs roll chart instead of cards, for use as a portable or counter top unit.


Dynamic Signal Tracer
Model 7031. An extremely versatile in. strument ... this unit is designed for fast diagnosis of radio trouble by audibly monitoring RF and AF circuits Can be used to accurately check P.A. systems, microphones and phonograph pick-upcircuits, alsolocalizes distortion


5-inch High Gain Oscilloscope
Model S-8202. This outstanding scope is built to the very highest standards of test instruments ... It features the highest gain 10 millivolts/inch, and widest frequency range at its popular price. Wide sweep ranges allow extreme flexibility in sweep circuit trouble shooting.


Philco Circuit Master
Model 8100. Designed tc the most rigid of engineering specifications, this rugged metal-cased vacuum tube voltmeter is by far the finest in its price class. Provides unmatched accuracy for measuring and aligning where plus and minus indications are required.


3-inch TV Oscilloscope
Model S-8200. The most practical port able unit available for bench or field ser. vicing. Preset horizontal and vertical sweep rates take the guesswork out of trouble shooting, aligning and measuring. Ideal for television because of its high sensitivity and wide response.


Philco Circuit Tester
Model 8102. A general purpose voltohmeter that challenges comparison. Utilizes $1 \%$ resistors throughout to insure maximum accuracy. Tests AC voltage ranges of audio and high impedance $A C$ circuits where a vacuum type voltmeter would normally be required.


Cathode Ray Tube Checker
Model 7053. Will accurately test all picture tubes used in home TV receivers. Special cathode-ray tubes are easily checked by using plug-in adapters. Eliminates trouble shooting guesswork. Neón lamp indicates shorts and open elements in the electrodes of the gun.


Visual Alignment Gererator
Model 7008. Combines in oze conomical instrument functions that can be approached anly in a cumbersome collection of costly devices. No special scope connections are requ:red for the most accurate visual alignment and calibration that is possible to achieve.


UHF Auto-Level Sweep Generator
Model G-8002. The most modern, most inexpensive UHF sweep generator on the market. Checks sweep alignment with any test oscilloscope. Its output is controllable and leakage is negligible makes possible over-all trouble shooting and testing of low level units.

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## Antenn-gineer For Snyder



The Snyder Manufacturing Co, of Philadelphia has appointed John Schweighauser (above) as a company antenn-gineer. Among his duties, Schweighauser will call on Snyder distributors and service dealers in the capacity of a sales engineer. In addition, he will be engaged in field survey and sales promotional activities.

## Rohn Names Sales Reps

The Rohn Manufacturing Co. of Peoria, Ill. announces three new appointments for its TV tower and accessories division. They are A. Sidney Hardy Associates of Atlanta, Ga., covering Florida, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Mississippi; Logan Sales Co., of San Francisco, for northern California and Nevada; Edward Diamant of Cleveland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.

## RCP Catalog

RCP has issued a new four-page catalog listing their test equipment. Data is included in this catalog on the company's "do-all" pattern, marker and signal generator. Available from Radio City Products Co., Inc., 152 W. 25 St. New York 1, N.Y.

## Fraser Heads Astatic Corp.



George B. Fraser (above) was elected president of the Astatic Corporation, Conneaut, Onio, by the boord of directors, following the annual shareholders' meeting. Fraser was formerly vice-president and general manager. He has been treasurer since he joined the company in 1936 and retains this title along with the top Astatic post. Astatic produces phono pickup arms and cortridges, microphones, TV converters and boosters, and other electronic devices.

## CDR Antenna Rotor Promotion

The Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N.J., and its subsidiary, The Radiart Corp., have made plans for promotion of the CDR Rotors at the customer level beginning early this fall. Plans have already been completed for spot campaigns on television stations in more than 25 cities representing the major rotor markets. This spot campaign will be paralleled with a saturation campaign in newspapers in these same cities, as well as adjacent cities, with dealer listings showing the readers where they may buy CDR Rotors.

## Stemm Adds to Staff

R. Edwards Stemm, manufacturers' engineering representative to the electronic trade, 5618 W. Lake Street, Chicago, announces the addition to his sales staff of John W. Butler. Butler was formerly associated with Hallicrafters, Inc. for a number of years; also with Newark Electric. For the last four years, he has been purchasing agent for Radio Craftsmen Co.

## Allied Radio's New Modern Building

Described as the world's largest plant for the distribution of electronic equipment, the Allied Radio Corporation has moved into the company's new $\$ 2,000,000$ home at 100 N . Western Ave., Chicago.
The two-story structure, with a total area of $147,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft., covers a square block in the geographic center of the city. Ultra-modern, airconditioned salesrooms and the warehousing, shipping and receiving sections occupy the first floor area.
A. D. Davis, president, points out that the need for Allied's new facilities was dictated by the phenomenal growth of the electronic parts industry. Shortly after World War II, the company carried about 8,000 separate stock items. Allied's 1954 catalog, to be released in September, will list over 20,000 separate items. An increase to 25,000 items is anticipated within a few years.

## Granco Elects Officers

At a recent stockholders meeting, Granco Products Inc. of Long Island City, N.Y., elected a slate of officers. They are: Jack Grand, chairman of the board; Henry Fogel, president; Allan Easton, vicepresident and general manager; Seymour Napolin, vice-president and chief engineer; Alexander Theeman, treasurer; and Irwin Green, secretary.

## Poff Joins Pyramid



The Pyramid Electric Co., capacitor manufacturers of North Bergen, N. J., announces the appointment of J. K. Poff (above) as sales manager of the jobber division. Poff has been connected with the radio and electronics industry for almost 25 years and is a member of the "Old Timers Club." Before joining Pyramid, he was jobber sales manager with the Erie Resistor Corp., and prior to that was affiliated with the Astatic Corp.

## Westinghouse Names

## R. I. Distributor

The Television Accessory House of Providence, R.I., has been appointed distributor of Westinghouse tubes, it was announced by H. G. Cheney, sales manager for the Westinghouse Electronic Tube Division. Located at 41-45 Broadway in Providence, the new distributor will handle all types of Westinghouse tubes including receiving, cathode-ray and industrial tubes. The new tube distributor's service area includes Rhode Island, eastern Connecticut, and southern Massachusetts.

## JFD Names Engineers



Douglas Carpenter (abovel has been appointed chief antenna development engineer of the JFD Manufacturing Company, Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y. Carpenter previously served as chief engineer for the Vee-D-X Division of the LaPointe Plascomold Corporation, the Summit Engineering Company and McMurdoSilver. Jim Hall has been appointed associate antenna test engineer to assist Carpenter in development and field-testing of antennas. Hall was associated with the Civil Aeronautics Authority and aviation electronics operafions of the United States Navy.

## FM Receivers

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ment. It should not move from this point appreciably when the center IF is being applied at the limiter grid.

Now alternately raise and lower the signal generator frequency 75 KC from the center intermediate frequency. The positive and negative voltage excursions should be the same on either side of this frequency, and have a minimum amplitude of several volts. If these results are not obtained, and limiter tests have absolved the latter of blame, trouble in the discriminator is indicated.
A ratio detector is similarly checked, except that the VTVM is connected between the audio-output and half-load points-points A and B, respectively in Fig. 3. The VTVM's DC probe connects to point B; its "common" lead to point A.
Troubles in limiter and discriminator stages can be further localized by tube substitution, voltage, resistance and component replacement tests.
With regard to defects in other stages characteristic of FM sets:

Oscillator drift is one such trouble. If drift in the oscillator is excessive, the sound will either be severely distorted or else disappear alto-
gether. Some early FM receivers used piston-type capacitors in the oscillator circuit as trimmers. Beside being very microphonic, they have a poor temperature coefficient. Substitution of air trimmers made of Invar, or negative coefficient Ceramicons, or a combination of both, will reduce oscillator drift to an acceptable minimum.

Other causes of oscillator drift include tubes (new tubes whose design is not suited to FM operation, as well as defective old ones, may cause trouble); poor regulation of the B supply; and inferior sockets. Replacement of ordinary bakelite sockets with mica-filled or steatite sockets often effects a marked diminution of oscillator drift. Monitoring the B supply feed to the oscillator with a voltmeter, and noting whether a voltage change has taken place when drift is noted, will determine whether the B supply is the source of trouble. (A filter condenser that has lost capacitance is a likely source of poor regulation.)

Instability of inductances and capacitances in the discriminator or ratio detector transformer will cause distortion or loss of volume. If frequent readjustment of the discriminator transformer is required, replacement of same is indicated.

Dynamic signal tracing with a
sensitive scope and a demodulator probe is advocated in servicing FM receivers. An amplitude-modulated signal should be injected when stages preceding the discriminator are serviced, and the demodulator probe is used, since the latter will not respond to changes in frequency. A frequency-modulated signal should be injected, on the other hand, when the discriminator or succeeding stages are being checked.

Dynamic signal-tracing was used to locate an obscure trouble the writer ran into the other day. The complaint on this receiver was noise. A random crackling sound, suggestive of an arcing audio transformer, was audible at the speaker, together with the normal sound signal. Further investigation disclosed the fact that the crackling persisted whether or not an FM station was tuned in.

Tests made with a signal generator and scope indicated the presence of the noise at all points between the discriminator and the speaker, but not at the grid of the limiterthe stage directly preceding the discriminator. The trouble was finally isolated to leakage in the coil form between the primary and secondary windings of the discriminator transformer. Replacing the transformer verified as well as cured the trouble.

## Servicing Interlace Problems

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each field by the different video signals will therefore be unequal, upsetting interlace. As the video information is continually changing, the amount of displacement will vary, and a jiggling effect results.

It should be noted that only video information near the bottom of the picture can upset interlace. When the picture jiggles in and out of interlace only when a large area at the bottom of the picture suddenly becomes dark, it would be wise to scope-check the sync separator output for the presence of video signals. High-amplitude (black) video signals are probably causing incorrect triggering of the vertical oscillator in such cases.
Interlace may be upset by improper adjustment of the vertical hold control. The picture will hold over a small range of this control; obtaining the proper point in this narrow range is important. The adjustment will vary depending on signal areas. In weak signal areas, the vertical hold control should be set as follows: First set the control to make the picture roll slowly downward (this indicates that the vertical oscillator frequency is slightly
higher than that of the sync pulse). Then advance the control setting just enough to stop the picture. The reason that this adjustment is best for weak signal areas lies in the fact that a small pulse will be sufficient to trigger the vertical oscillator (see fig. 4).

## Some Disadvantages

It should be noted, however, that there are some disadvantages to this setting. When switching stations, the picture may roll slowly up to the lock-in position. Noise pulses will be able to upset synchronization of the oscillator easily. Interlace will be difficult to maintain for strong stations in this setting, since the bottom of the pulse causes triggering, and this portion tends to vary in amplitude from pulse to pulse.

In view of these considerations, it is preferable in strong or noise signal areas to advance the hold control further. The best adjustment probably is the point where it will just hold (before rolling rapidly upward) on the weakest station in the area.

Component defects in the vertical
section that can also cause jizgling in and out of interlace include: leaky coupling condensers, a defective discharge condenser, overheated resistors, variations in $B$ voltages, and so on. Any of these defects might produce slight variations in the amplitude of the vertical sweep signal, producing the jiggling of interlace referred to. One oftenoverlooked cause of steady loss of interlace is excessive sync pulse amplitude. When the vertical sync pulse amplitude is excessive, the equalizing pulses are unable to equalize the residual charges present in the integrator during each field, causing a displacement of the starting points of the two fields.

Excessive sync pulse amplitude is often the result of improper servicing. It should be remembered that the sync section contains mostly limiters, which require low B voltages. When servicing the set, these voltages should be maintained, otherwise excessively large sync signals may be produced.

It should be remembered that the purpose of servicing is repair, not re-design.

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See them at your jobber or write for Catalog No. 218.

JFD MANUFACTURING CO., INC.

# MFRS' Catalogs \& Bulletins 

## Waldom Cafalog

Waldom Electronics, Inc., has published a new catalog of electronic components and Croname products. The catalog, No. 5C3, lists more than two thousand items in stock. Included are tuner assemblies; mask, glass and escutcheon kits; title plates, dial and switch plates; knobs; instrument drives and dials; terminal lugs, cases and dial locks; terminal strips; push-button and control knobs; TV
replacement items and accessories, sockets and shield bases and other components. Copies are available from Waldom Electronics, Inc., 911 No. Larrabee St., Chicago 10, Ill.

## Astron Stocking Guide

A new distributor stocking guide for twist-prong electrolytic capacitor inventory lists the number of models of each television make employing a given twist-prong capacitor. Copies of Astron's Distributor Stocking Guide may be obtained by writing the Astron Corporation, 255 Grant Avenue, E. Newark, N.J.


- COMPARE the versatility. There are 4 new Weller models-heavy duty, light duty, single heat and dual heat. And 2 new accessory tips are available for alt models. A hot knife-blade cutting tip and a trowel-shape smoothing tip add to the practical uses of a Weller Gun.
- COMPARE the reputation. This newest Weller gun is backed by the first name



## Transformer Cafalog

The new Stancor transformer catalog carries complete electrical and physical specifications on almost 500 transformers for radio, television, high-fidelity, amateur, military, and other electronic applications. The TV section has been increased to 4 pages, listing 129 TV components. The highfidelity section has been expanded to include the new miniature audio transformers. A cross-index chart between obsolete power transformers and the current " 8400 " series power transformers has been included. The catalog may be obtained from any Stancor distributor, or by writing the Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., Standard Division, Elston and Addison, Chicago 18, Ill.

## Turner Technical Bulletin

A complete technical bulletin on the Turner UHF Converter Model TV-3 is now available. Copies may be obtained from parts jobbers or by writing to The Turner Co., 903 -17 St. N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## Channel Master Booklet

This 16-page booklet, titled Antennas and Boosters, is designed to help technicians understand the factors which determine the performance of TV antennas and boosters. Channel Master Corp. Ellenville, N.Y.

## Perma-Power Cafalog

A four-page catalog of the electronic equipment made by PermaPower is now being distributed. Items listed include TV tube-brighteners and battery eliminators. Per-ma-Power Co., 4727 N. Damen Ave. Chicago 25, Ill.

## Sprague Price List In New Form

A new condensed price list on all Sprague "bread and butter" service capacitors and resistors has just been announced by Sprague Products Company

Mounted on a wall, under glass on a desk or counter, the sheet makes an ideal, ready reference of the most widely used Sprague ratings. Since catalog numbers are followed by both net and list prices, jobbers will find it a quick check on prices. Dealers will find it a convenient way to determine what the customer should pay, as well as an easy means of checking inventory of "must" components.

Available from any Sprague distributor, the new list P-143 may also be obtained by writing Sprague Products Company, 65 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass.

BOW TIE - Peak-A-Bow design with the only adiustoble screen on the market... Available in single and stacked models.


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CAN-CAN - New lazy H design for entire UHF band . . . uni-directional pattern... sturdy compact unit . field rested and thoroughly proven.


CORNER REFLECTOR - For semifringe areas ... ruggedly designed to eliminate ghosts and vibration.


10 ELEMENT YAGI - Multi-channel series of 10 element UHF Yagis.. Excellent for fringe areas ... very directional ... completely pre-assemdired - single and slacked models.
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## PRODUCTS CORP.

# NEWS of the REPS 

## Granco Appoinfs Reps

Granco Products, Inc. of Long Island City, N.Y., makers of UHF converters and components, has appointed ABM Sales Co. of Highland Park, Mich., Cartwright \& Bean of Memphis, Tenn., Earl S. Dietrich Co. of Cleveland, O., Electronic Sales Co. of New York City, Gerber Sales Co. of Boston, Mass.. Jack F. McKinney Sales Co. of Dallas, Texas, and L. L. Minthorne Co. of Portland, Ore., as manufacturers'
representatives. Also named are Wm. J. Purdy Co. of San Francisco, Calif., Al J. Rissi of Los Angeles, Calif., John G. Twist Co. of Chicago, Ill., Allen I. Williams Co. of Denver, Colo., Wolfe-Marsey Sales Co. of Rochester, N.Y., and Wright Engineering Co. of Indianapolis, Ind.

## Brach Nomes Reps

The Brach Manulacturing Corporation, Division of General Bronze Corp., Newark, N.J., announces the appointment of two new sales reps: F. J. Perna, mid-Atlantic states; Sam Hooker Co., New England.


## Russell Ragon To Rep For UTC

United Transformer Company of 150 Varick St., New York, has just announced the appointment of Russell Ragon as industrial and jobber rep in the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Ragon was formerly purchasing agent for Engineering Research Associates in Minneapolis. He is presently located at 1406 West Idaho Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

## Koessler Becomes Rep

Frank B. Koessler has formed a manufacturers' representative organization to specialize in the highfidelity sound-equipment field in the states of California, Arizona and Nevada. Joe Craig and Mrs. Lorraine Koessler have joined Koessler in the Los Angeles office. Koessler has plans to establish a San Francisco office in the near future.

## Midwest Reps for GI Converfers

General Instrument and Appliance Corp., a subsidiary of General Instrument Corp., Elizabeth, N. J., has appointed five new reps for its GI UHF TV converters. They are Eugene Loeb, of Milwaukee, for the state of Wisconsin; William Linz, of Chicago, for northern Illinois, and L. F. Waelterman, of St. Louis for southern Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. For the state of Michigan, R. C. Nordstrom, of Birmingham, Mich., has been selected. Robert C. Whitesell \& Associates, of Indianapolis, have been named for Indiana and Kentucky

## Pioneer Names Distrib and Rep

Pioneer Electronics Corp., Santa Monica, Cal., is providing for increased distribution of its television picture tubes in the San FranciscoOakland Bay Area with the appointment of a distributor and a plant representative. The distributor is G. M. Popkey Co., Inc., San Francisco, who will handle Pioneer tubes for the entire Bay Area. The new plant representative, David Silverberg, will contact picture-tube dealers in Northern California. Pioneer has also established a warehousing facility for a full inventory of picture tubes in San Francisco.

## Perma-Power Sets N. Y. Reps

The Perma-Power Co., 4727 North Damen Ave., Chicago, makers of CBrite and Tube-Britener units, announces that Kaelber \& Mack of New York City will be Perma-Power representatives in the metropolitan area of New York and the surrounding counties. Preston Mack will handle the Perma-Power products.

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## Mallory Capacitor Sales Mgr.

Thomas M. Fitzgerald, Jr. has joined P. R. Mallory \& Co., Inc. as sales manager of the capacitor division. He comes to Mallory from the Stewart-Warner Corporation, where he was chief administrative engineer for their South Wind Division for a
period of two years. Prior to that, Fitzgerald was in business for himself, after having been associated with the General Motors Corporation as sales manager of the Fabricast Division for approximately three years.

## Ulrich Joins Bogen

Vinton K. Ulrich has joined the sales staff of the David Bogen Co. Inc., 29 Ninth Ave., New York, as distributor sales manager. Ulrich was formerly renewal sales manager of the National Union Radio Corp. An M.I.T. graduate, he has also served as chief commercial engineer. for CBS-Hytron. The Bogen Co. manufactures PA and intercom


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## New Vee-D-X Sales Rep

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## NEW BOOKS

## TV MANUFACTURERS' RECEIVER trouble cures, Volume 4.

 John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal Street, New York 13, N. Y. 115 pages, paper binding. $\$ 1.80$The fourth volume in this series, which lists the receiver manufacturers' remedies for TV receiver performance "bugs," contains data from the following set manufacturers: Philharmonic, Pilot, Radio \& Television (Brunswick), RCA Victor, Remington (Rembrandt), Scott, Sears Roebuck, Sentinel, SetchellCarlson, and Shaw TV. Each remedy listed comes directly from the receiver's own manufacturer. Listings are by manufacturer's name and model or chassis number. Volume 5 in the series is now in preparation.

ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY FOR INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT, by Milton $H$. Aronson. Instruments Publishing Co., Pittsburgh 12, Pa. 310 pages. $\$ 4$.

This book is intended to be used as a home-study course on fundamental electronic circuitry for instruments, communications, TV, laboratory apparatus, and military equipment. 458 multiple-choice home-study questions are provided, to enable the reader to check on what he has learned.

BASIC ELECTRONIC TEST INSTRU. MENTS, by Rufus P. Turner.
Rinehart Books, Inc., 232 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. 254 pages. \$4.

This book was written to fill the need for an accurate up-to-date work on test instruments used in the television, radio and general electronic field. Instruments covered include volt-ohmmeters, vacuumtube voltmeters, power meters, impedance meters, capacitor checkers, inductance testers, oscilloscopes, signal generators, signal tracers, and other pieces of test equipment. Mr. Turner's style is clear and nonmathematical. Unnecessary theory has been eliminated.



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## Erie Names Veeps

Erie Resistor Corporation of Erie, Pa., manufacturer of electronic components and custom-molded plastics, has named Allen K. Shenk and Jerome D. Heibel as vice-presidents. Shenk was named vice-president in charge of sales. He came to Erie in 1942 from W. S. Hill Company, Pittsburgh, and became assistant sales manager of the electronics division. Heibel has been appointed vice-president in charge of research and engineering. He joined Erie in 1936. Heibel was formerly in the engineering department of Talon, Inc., Meadville, Pa., as manager of the condenser division.

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reflector. Rods are mounted in the center of the reflector sections, just as in fig. 1A.
The spider web reflector must have the adequate protection of heavily-insulated wire to combat precipitation static. Under certain conditions in some fringe areas, excessive snow and poor picture quality are caused by precipitation static. This condition develops when wind-blown dust, sand, snow or fog is present. Electrical noise from these sources is mostly due to their charged particles hitting against, and imparting their charges to, the bare metal portions of the receiving antenna system. This kind of interference can be substantially reduced by applying a heavy insulating coating of varnish or plastic spray, or a covering of a waterproof compound, to the antenna and its wiring; also, by not having any exposed surfaces in the antenna system.
To obtain the full benefits of the spider web reflector, the efficiency of the lead-in wires must be taken into serious consideration. The best grade of transmission line is none too good. A 300 -ohm transmission line that is coated with simonizing wax or silicone compound will not produce an annoying increase in the snow content of the picture during wet weather.

## "Tough Dogs"

(Continued from page 58) looking at the schematic for the umteenth time, we finally doped it out. If C-1 was leaky, the effect as far as AC (audio signal) was concerned, would be negligible, but the small DC current flowing through the recording head would cause it to act as an erase unit at the same time, wiping out the recording signal before the tape left the head. On the playback position, no symptoms would be present, since the record-playback switch disconnected the coil from the circuit containing the leaky condenser. Acting on this hypothesis, we changed C-1. replacing it with a .03 MFD 600 V type (instead of the 400 V type originally present). This procedure completely eliminated the trouble. M. G. Goldberg, St. Paul, Minn.

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## UHF Converters

## (Continued from page 35)

To determine if the oscillator is working, check its grid bias. A bias reading of at least -1 V should be obtained, if the oscillator is functioning properly. In some converters, a bias reading of less than -3 V is a sign of trouble. The bias reading will normally vary as the tuning shaft is rotated to different frequency settings.

This bias check should be made with a VTVM. A 1-meg resistor with very short leads should be connected in series with the DC probe of the meter.

If zero or insufficient bias is measured, check the oscillator plate voltage. Excessive plate voltage indicates that little or no plate current is flowing, in spite of the absence of (Continued on page 88)

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## Vertical Retrace

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CRT cathode circuits. These changes apply only to RF chassis units 33 , 35,37 and 38 , and power chassis C 2 , CPI and F2; variations for other chassis types are described in the publication previously mentioned

Note in fig. 11 that the vertical spike is positive at the tap-off point, and is therefore applied to the cathode of the picture tube, the video signal being fed to the grid. Because the peak-to-peak voltage at the plate of the output tube is about 250 V -much more than is needed for blanking-it is dropped down to the proper amount by means of R1, R2, C1 and C2.

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Fig. 12a shows the simplified schematic for the following 1949 RCA 10 and 12-inch models: 9T246, 9T256, 9TC247, 9TC245, 9TC249. The same circuit was used in these 1950 models: T100, T120, T121, TC125, TC124, TC127. Note particularly the points marked A and B. These are the two points between which only two components need be added to do the entire job satisfactorily. Further-


Fig. 14-Additional components 1.001 MFD condenser, 27 K 1 W resistor) to add to RCA ' 51 models when retrace blanking at very high brightness seftings is desired.
more, an examination of the bottom of the chassis will show that these two points are adjacent tie points in almost the exact center of the chassis works, (A) being a green lead and (B) a yellow lead. Could anything be simpler?
Figure 12b shows how the divider network operates to cut the approximately 100 -volt pulse available down to half this amount. The 1000 -ohm resistor is not essential, but is desirable for two reasons: one, it cleans up the pulse, and two, it gives a certain amount of protection in case of the breakdown of C1. This condenser should be rated at 600 volts, to minimize the likelihood of such a breakdown.

The circuit shown in fig. 12a will remove retrace lines except at very high settings of the brightness control. If further reduction is desired, change $\mathrm{C}-2$ to a .05 or even a .03 MFD unit.

On 1949 RCA models 9T240, 9T272, 9TC240, 9TC272, and on 1950 models T164, TC165, TC166, TC167 and TC168, a two-winding vertical output transformer is used, as shown in fig. 13a. The same circuit revision may be used as in fig. 12a. Point $A$ is again the green lead to which the 1000 -ohm resistor is connected; point $B$ is only two inches away on the chassis, making the job very simple. C 2 can be changed as in the

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On RCA 1951 models, A and B are five inches apart on the chassis (see fig. 13b). The same general change is made as in the earlier models. The ' 51 models referred to are $6 \mathrm{~T} 53,6 \mathrm{~T} 54,6 \mathrm{~T} 64,6 \mathrm{~T} 65,6 \mathrm{~T} 71$, 6T75 and 6T76. To see how easy these jobs are to change over, look at fig. 13b. This sketch, which shows a fraction of the parts layout on the bottom of the last-mentioned models, pictorially indicates the tie points to which the two added parts are connected. With this sketch in view, turn the RCA chassis over, locate the two tie points, add the resistor and C-1 and the job is done! If more blanking pulse voltage is required, change C-2 to $02 \mathrm{MFD}, 600 \mathrm{~V}$.
When the owner of one of these RCA models wants retrace lines eliminated at far-advanced brightness control settings, the circuit shown in fig. 14 may be added to the one previously described. This circuit provides an increased blanking pulse voltage of the proper polarity. The circuit change can be made very easily, since the points of connection are only three inches apart, with just enough separation between them for the parts to be connected in without additional wiring.


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Chassis 22120

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## replacements

CROSLEY CHASSIS 402, 403, 404, 402-1, 403-1, 404-1

| Symbol <br> No. | Rating <br> MF@ Volts | Crosley <br> Part No. | Sprague <br> Replacement |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C125 | $5 @ 50$ | 154103 | TVA-1303 |
| C140 | $10 @ 300 / 200+140+30 @ 150155438$ | TVL-4559 |  |
| C141 | $20 @ 450$ | 154097 | TVA-1709 |
| C142 | $10 @ 50$ | 154104 | TVA-1304 |
| C147 | $140 @ 150$ | 155684 | TVL-1428 |
| C148 | $200+5 @ 150$ | 155426 | TVL-2444 |

FADA MODELS U2100C, U2150C, U2100T, UDL2IOOT, UH21T

| Symbol | Rating | Fada | Sprague |
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| No. | MF@ Volts | Part No. | Replacement |
| C24 | $40+20 @ 450 / 80+10 @ 350$ |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { TVL }-3727 \\ \text { TVA- } 1712 \end{array}\right.$ |
| C46 | $20+20+20 @ 450 / 100 @ 50$ | 22.81 | TVL-4740 |
| C63 | 5 @ 50 | 22.56 | TVA-1303 |
| C68 | $50+40 @ 475$ | $22.79^{1}$ | TVL-3843 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { C50,C5 } \\ & \text { R56,R57 } \end{aligned}$ | C52 $\}$ ( Integrator Plate | 167.1 | 101 Cl |

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| Symbol <br> No. | Rating <br> MF @ Volts | Genl. Elec. <br> Part | Sprague <br> Replacement |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| C167 | $1 @ 50$ | RCE-090 | TVA-1300 |
| C309 | $10 @ 25$ | RCE-164 | TVA-1204 |
| C401 | $90+30+5 @ 350 / 100 @ 25$ | RCE-163 | TVL-4625 |
| C402 | $40+40+30 @ 350 / 10 @ 25$ | RCE-161 | TVL-4622 |

SENTINEL MODELS 1 U-532, 552, 554

| Symbol <br> No. | Rating <br> MF @ Volts | Sentinel <br> Part No. | Sprague <br> Replacement |
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| C23 | $10 @ 50$ | $25 E 67$ | TVA-1304 |
| C28 | $10 @ 50$ | $25 E 66$ | TVA-1304 |
| C81 | $20 @ 450$ | $25 E 64$ | TVA-1709 |
| C82 | $20+10 @ 350 / 100 @ 50$ | $25 E 71$ | TVL-3817 |
| C83 | $60+5 @ 250$ | $25 E 62$ | R-1291 |
| C84 | $40+40 @ 350 / 100 @ 200$ | $25 E 65$ | TVL-3764 |

SYLVANIA MODELS C31M, C32M, C33M
UHF CONVERTERS
Models C31M, C32M

| Symbol <br> No. | Rating <br> MF @ Volts | Sylvania <br> Part No. | Sprague <br> Replacement |
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| $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { C17 } \\ \text { C19 } \\ \text { C22 }\end{array}\right\}$ | $20 @ 200 / 20 @ 175 / 20 @ 150$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { TVL-2515 } \\ \text { TVA-1410 }\end{array}\right.$ |  |
| C17 <br> C20 | Model C33M |  |  |

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| C26 | $4 @ 350 / 100+40 @ 25$ | 22-2367 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} i v \\ \hline \end{array}\right.$ |
| C74 | 40+20@450/40@400 |  | TVL-374 |
| C77 | $10+10 @ 450 / 10 @ 400 / 100 @$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \{\text { TVL }-3762 \\ & \text { TVA- } 1705 \end{aligned}$ |

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