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### FRONT COVER

Television antennas, one of the largest selling and most important products in the servicing industry, are depicted in typical metropolitan and suburban locations. We're not sure whether the fringe area model shown will actually work; it's the artist's conception of the improved high-gain types which have made reception possible for so many viewers.

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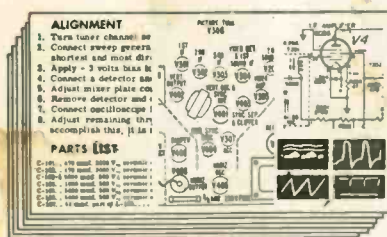
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# RAYTHEON *TUBES*

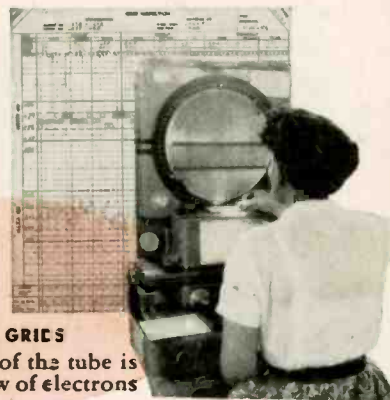
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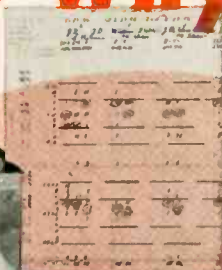


#### COMPARATOR INSPECTION OF GRIDS

One of the most critical parts of the tube is the grid which controls the flow of electrons to the plate.

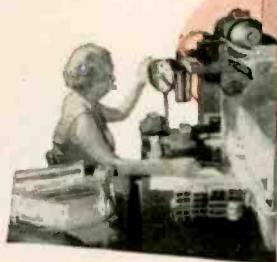
Continuous comparator inspection of critical parts such as the above grid (magnified 20x) supplies information for better quality control and guards against deviations from Raytheon's high quality standards.

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#### WEIGHING CATHODE COATING

The weight and O.D. of the cathode coating are controlled by periodic measurements with precision instruments. Here, an operator is checking the weight of cathode coating at the operation.



#### HEATER COATING CHECK

Heater wire must have uniform and closely tolerated coating thickness to insure short and uniform warm-up-time and durability. Raytheon makes continuous inspections of the heater wire coating to make certain of uniformity.



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## Editor's Memo

There's a company in Brooklyn which manufactures sales promotion novelties. One of the items in their line is a wooden nickel. Thanks to high cost of labor, materials, overhead and the like, the cost of one of these wooden nickels is now 6¢.

Perhaps it's one of the signs of our times that the real cost of a product or service is often higher than might be expected. TV service is no exception. Take the case of Mrs. Typical Housewife, who buys a new name-brand 24-inch TV set for \$120 (that's the current "dumped inventory" price in several cities). A major breakdown or two and she has a legitimate repair bill of at least \$40—which is one-third or more of her investment. So she thinks the service is overpriced.

Explaining the justice and necessity of a high service bill takes patience. For one thing, almost all service that demands skilled work, precision parts and costly instruments have a high repair-to-investment ratio. Watch repair may be cited for one. The complexity of the equipment, years of training and time required are among other factors. Concerning the labor portion of the bill, try to keep a more exact log on time spent.

So whenever you're concerned about presenting a very large bill (most techs I know are, a few actually delight in watching the customer's face) which reflects the real—not the apparent—value of your work, don't be foolishly tempted to cut the bill or reduce the labor and make up for it by padding the parts. In the first case you're throwing away profit; in the second you're tempting fate . . . and the district attorney. Just remember the Brooklyn novelty manufacturer who asks 6¢ for every one of his wooden nickels—and he gets it.

Apropos of a few passing thoughts on the turmoil in some segments of our young industry, this election year brings to mind an old political anecdote. Three men at a table were heatedly debating which of their professions were older (though I doubt any claimed title to the oldest). Each claimed his own as the older. One man was a doctor, one a lawyer, and the last a Communist.

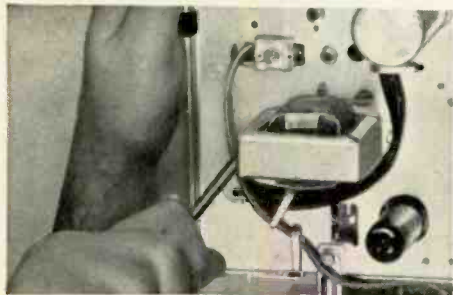
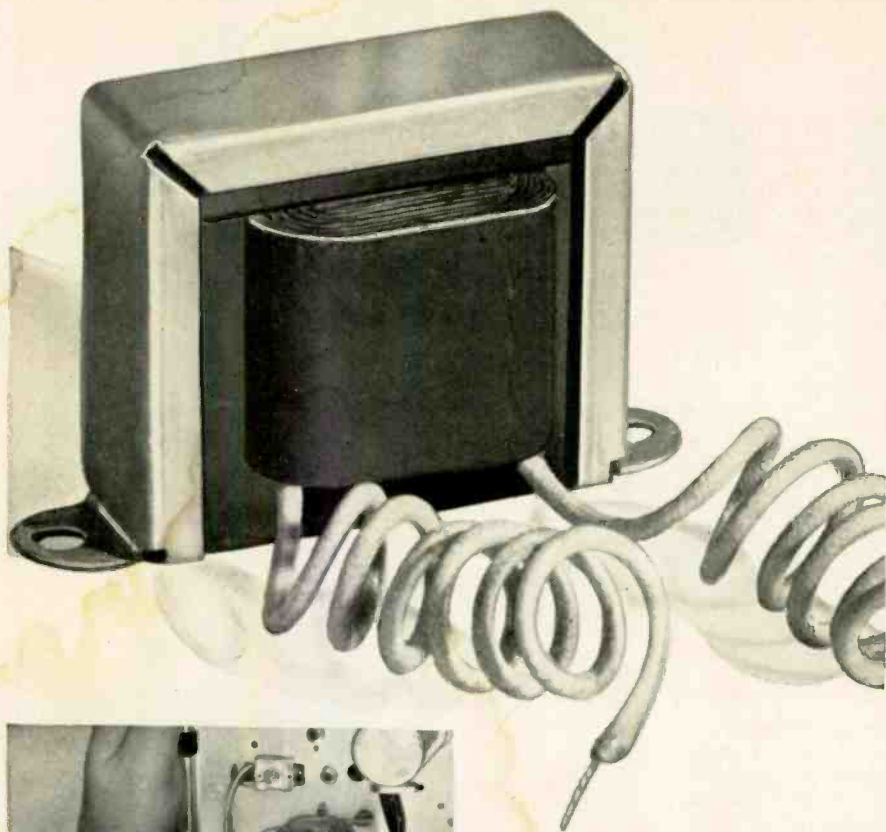
"Obviously," said the doc, "taking Eve from Adam's rib was a medical action, so medicine is older."

"Oh no," parried the attorney, "even before Adam, some force had to bring order out of the chaos. So law was actually first."

"Aha!" shouted the Communist triumphantly, "and where do you think the chaos came from?"

Seriously, whether you're a Democrat, Greenback, Independent, Liberal, Republican, Prohibitionist, Vegetarian or What-Have-You, don't forget to register to vote.

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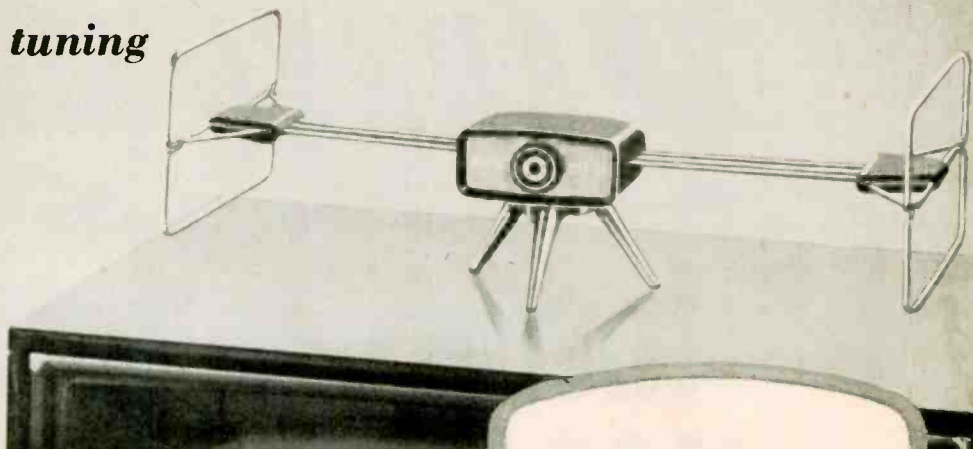
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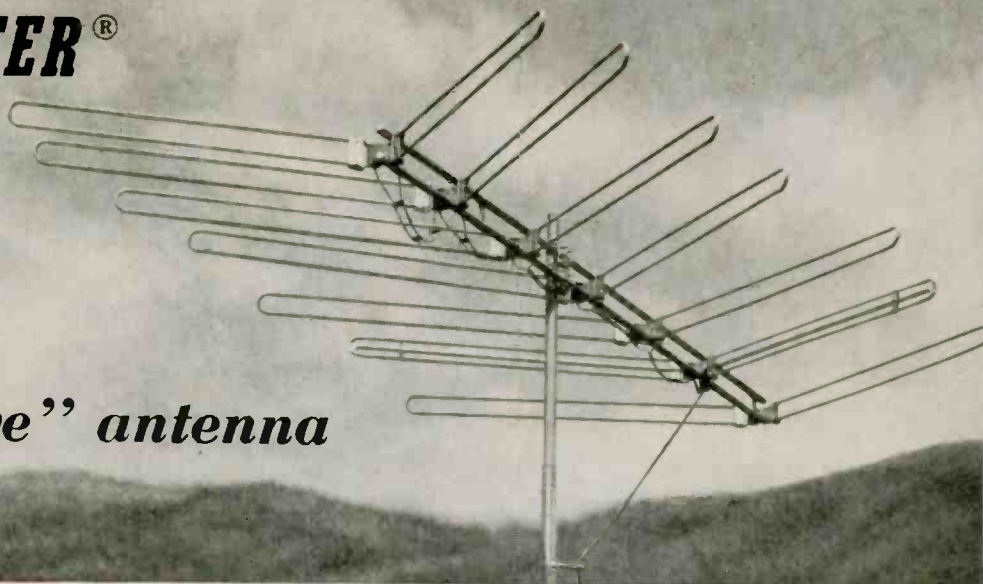
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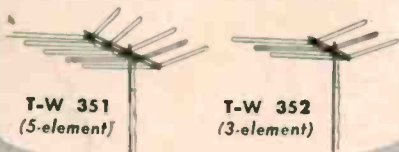
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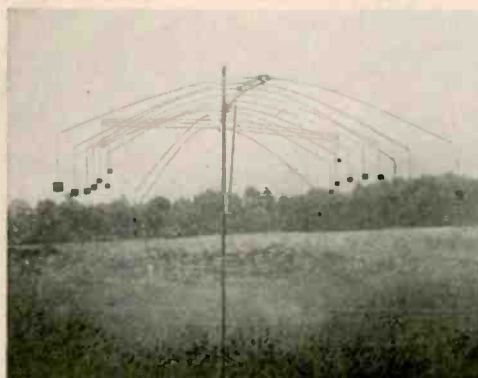
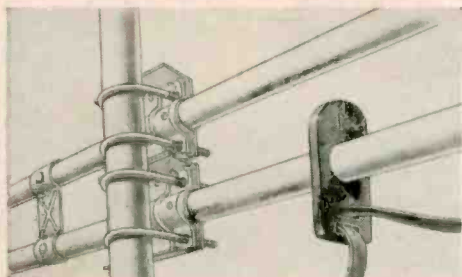
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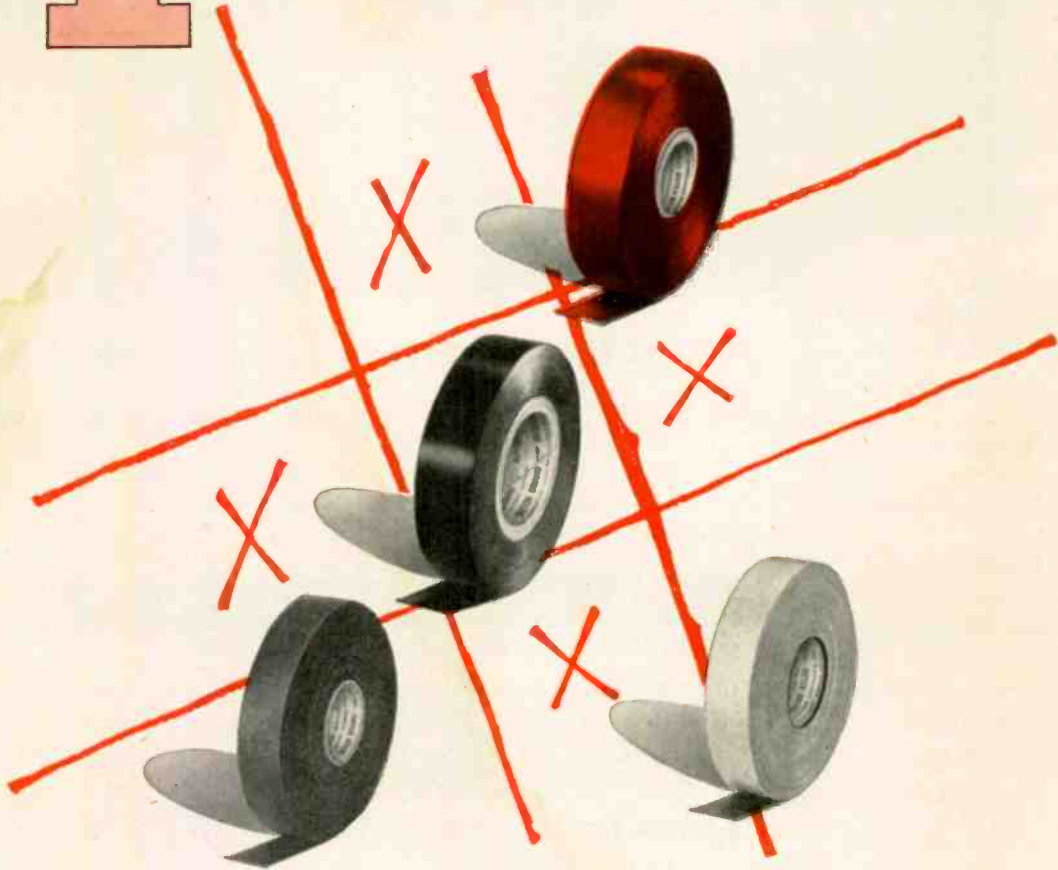
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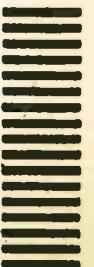
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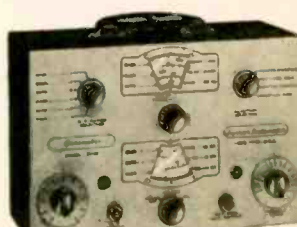
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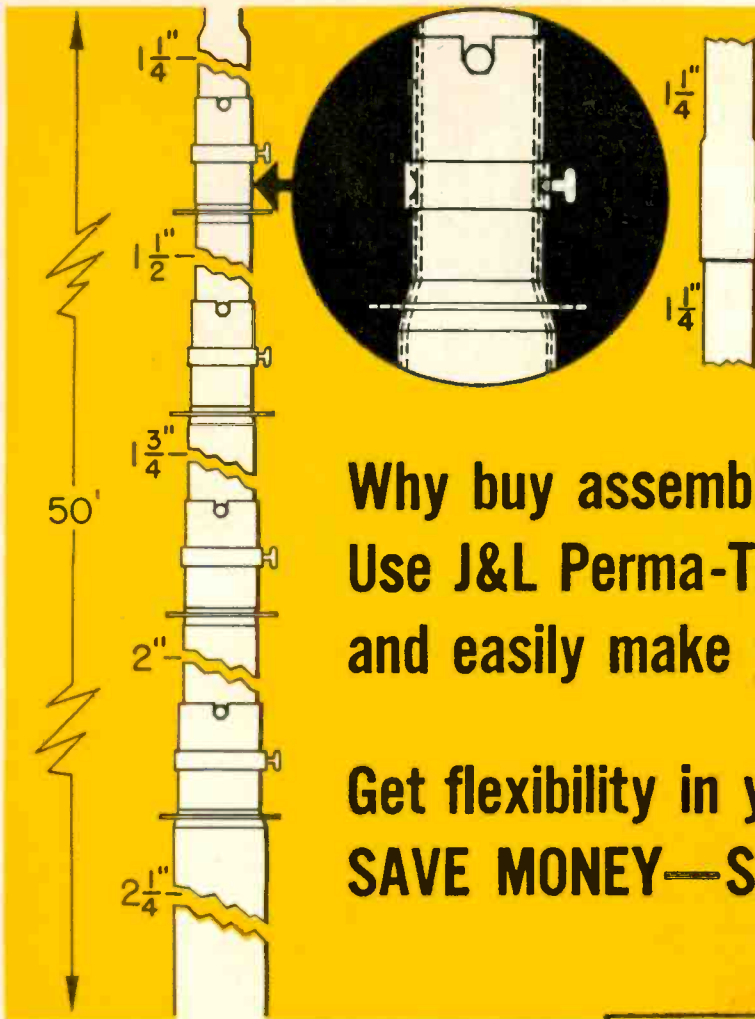
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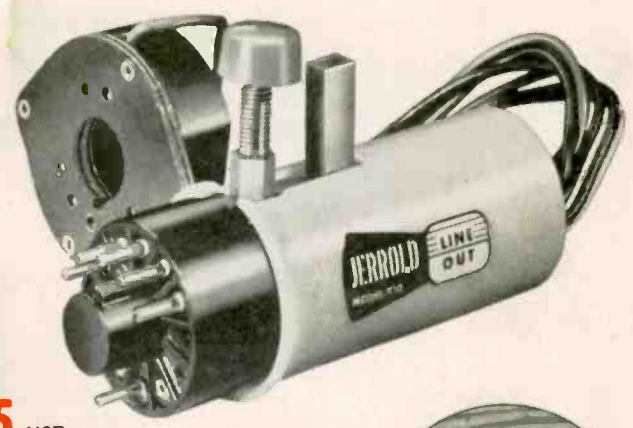
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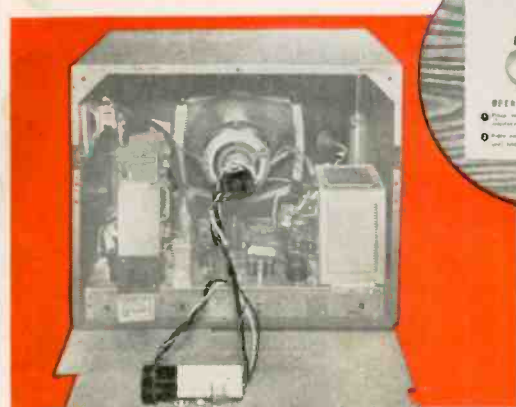
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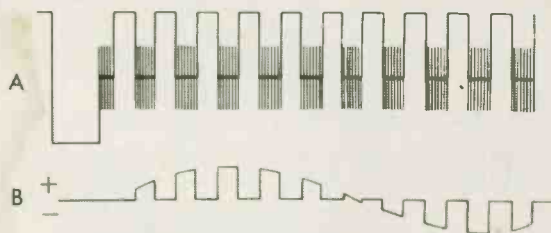
Provides crystal-controlled signal source for trouble-shooting, and adjusting color-phasing and matrixing circuits.

WR-61B simplifies the usually complex measurement of the relative gains of the 3 chrominance channels (R-Y, B-Y, G-Y). With the WR-61B the relative gains of these channels can be measured at the output of each demodulator stage. This simplified method of measuring gain is possible because the subcarrier output of the generator is constant for all color-phase angles. Curve A shows WR-61B output as it would appear on a 'scope. Curve B shows the output signal of one of the demodulators.

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# LETTERS

## To the Editor

### Jobber Trade-In Gyp

Editor, **TECHNICIAN**:

Sometime ago I wrote to the \_\_\_\_\_ Company (name withheld, not a **TECHNICIAN** advertiser), asking for a trade-in price on my signal generator toward a new Precision E200C. In their reply, they stated that if it was in good condition, they would allow me \$22.50. This was acceptable to me, so I checked over every part and solder joint until I was sure it was in tip-top shape on all bands. It was well packed and forward to the \_\_\_\_\_ Company. Later I received a letter from said company saying they find the unit in need of considerable repairs to make it saleable because a wire was broken off the filter condenser and the r-f attenuator did not work in the second position. They went on to say the minimum repair charges would be \$7.50. Knowing this to be untrue, I told them to return the unit.

After receiving the unit, I checked and saw that the wire was deliberately broken off the filter condenser by moving the condenser up and down. They wore a groove in the condenser's outer cardboard container as it rubbed against a protruding chassis screw. To disable the step attenuator, they deliberately bent the contacts of the second position so the slider arm would miss the contacts. Anybody with no experience would have seen these defects were deliberately produced. They had put in these defects to back up their claims. In other words, all they intended to offer me in the first place was \$15; the \$22.50 was just a come-on. Had they offered me \$15 in the first place and not been dishonest, I would have accepted it. This raw deal has cost me express charges both ways, plus replacing the parts they broke. If my experience can prevent other **TECHNICIAN** readers from being taken in as I was, my blunder would be well worth it.

JOSEPH N. PICARDI

Joe's TV & Radio Service  
 McKeesport, Pa.

• We're shocked! If other readers having similar experiences will contact us, we'll try to take corrective action.—Ed.

### Raps NATESA Bill

Editor, **TECHNICIAN**:

NATESA of Houston, which we read is forming a licensing bill, is not the only association here. We have over 2000 members, with offices in seven states and England. Their bill is an attempt to grab power, but price fixing is still illegal. Our bill will be fair to all, and the State of Texas has granted us a charter to form a board of trade to maintain standards in our field.

ROBERT RUSSEL, Pres.

Electronic Technicians Association  
 Houston, Texas

### Screwy Service Charges

Editor, **TECHNICIAN**:

I am at a loss to understand the service charges you present (May 1956 issue, p. 37) unless most shops are operating at a loss. While you report the national average for a basic house call charge as \$3.93, other such surveys I have seen indicated that most shops making house calls for less than \$5 were either losing money or just barely getting by—which might be true! Of course, the "basic charge" figure may be deceptive. Some shops in this area use \$3 as basic for minor adjustments without removing the back of the set. Actual service will run \$4 to \$5. Could it be that a majority of the shops you contacted are selling more tubes than are needed—or are padding their tube prices? For our last 50 house calls at our regular \$4.50 service charge, the total average was \$7.12, which is 7¢ less than your lowest area with a basic charge of \$3.30. There's something screwy here somewhere!

G. J. HORNADY

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### Lost Gold Mine

Editor, **TECHNICIAN**:

Can you imagine the sickening feeling I experienced when I finally came upon my misplaced March issue of **TECHNICIAN**? I have waited a long time for a single source of valuable literature, and now I may have let a gold mine slip through my fingers by not sending the request card in.

MARION R. DELFERT

St. Louis, Mo.

• The early bird gets the proverbial worm! But in every issue new products and bulletins are described, and you can get these in the coming months simply by writing to us.—Ed.

### Mail TV Service

Editor, **TECHNICIAN**:

Someone should be able to make a nice profit by mail answering requests for troubleshooting information if the symptoms, chassis number and the like are given. It usually takes weeks to get a reply from the set manufacturer, and sometimes your request is ignored.

HAROLD B. HEPNER

Delaware, Ohio

### Readers Are Writers

Editor, **TECHNICIAN**:

Is it your policy to accept articles written by your readers? Your acceptance of a "Tough Dog" story not too long ago prompted me to follow this idea through.

ALFRED CONSIGLIO

Bronx, N.Y.

• You bet! Best idea is to submit a detailed outline before going ahead with the complete manuscript. Authors earn recognition through byline credit, plus cash payment. For reader-authors, solid technical know-how is more important than writing experience.—Ed.

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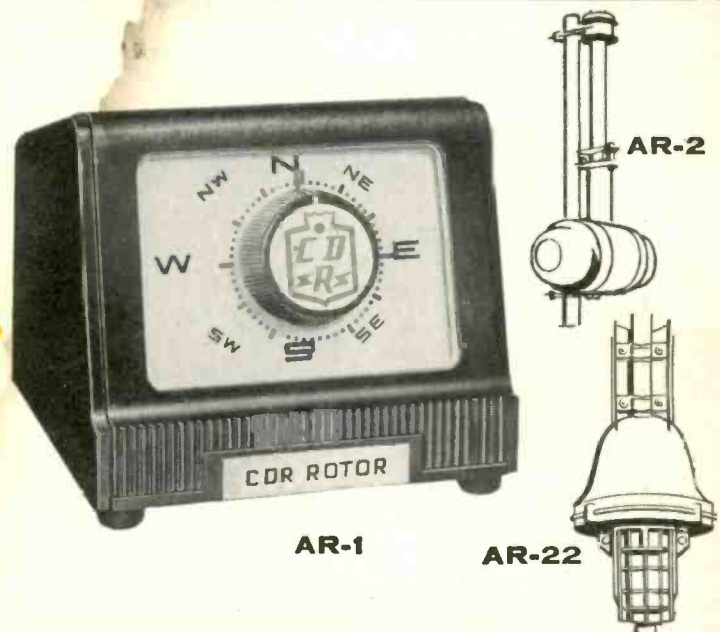


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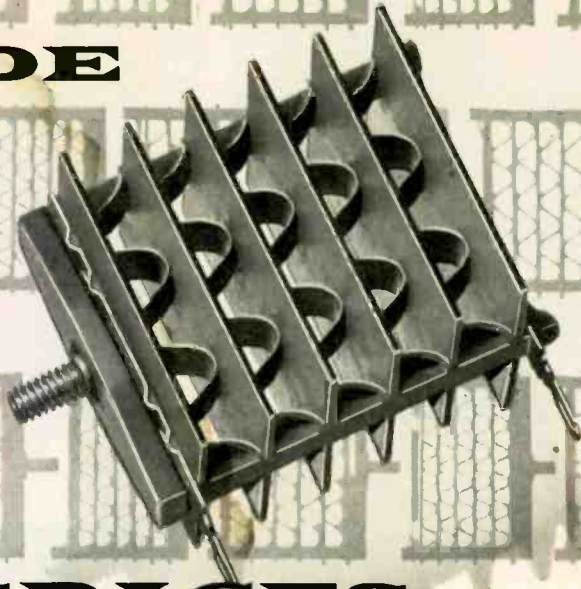


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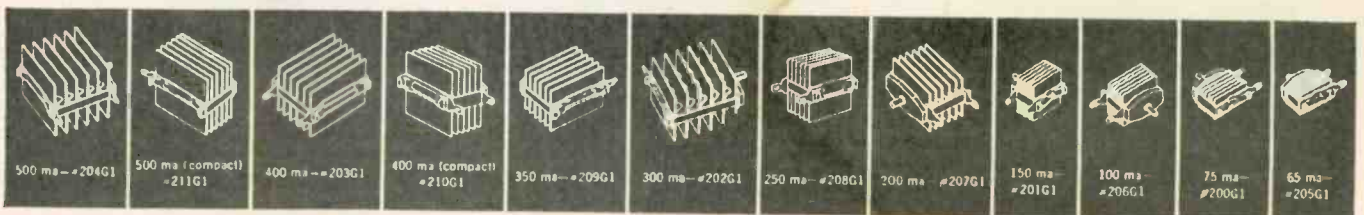
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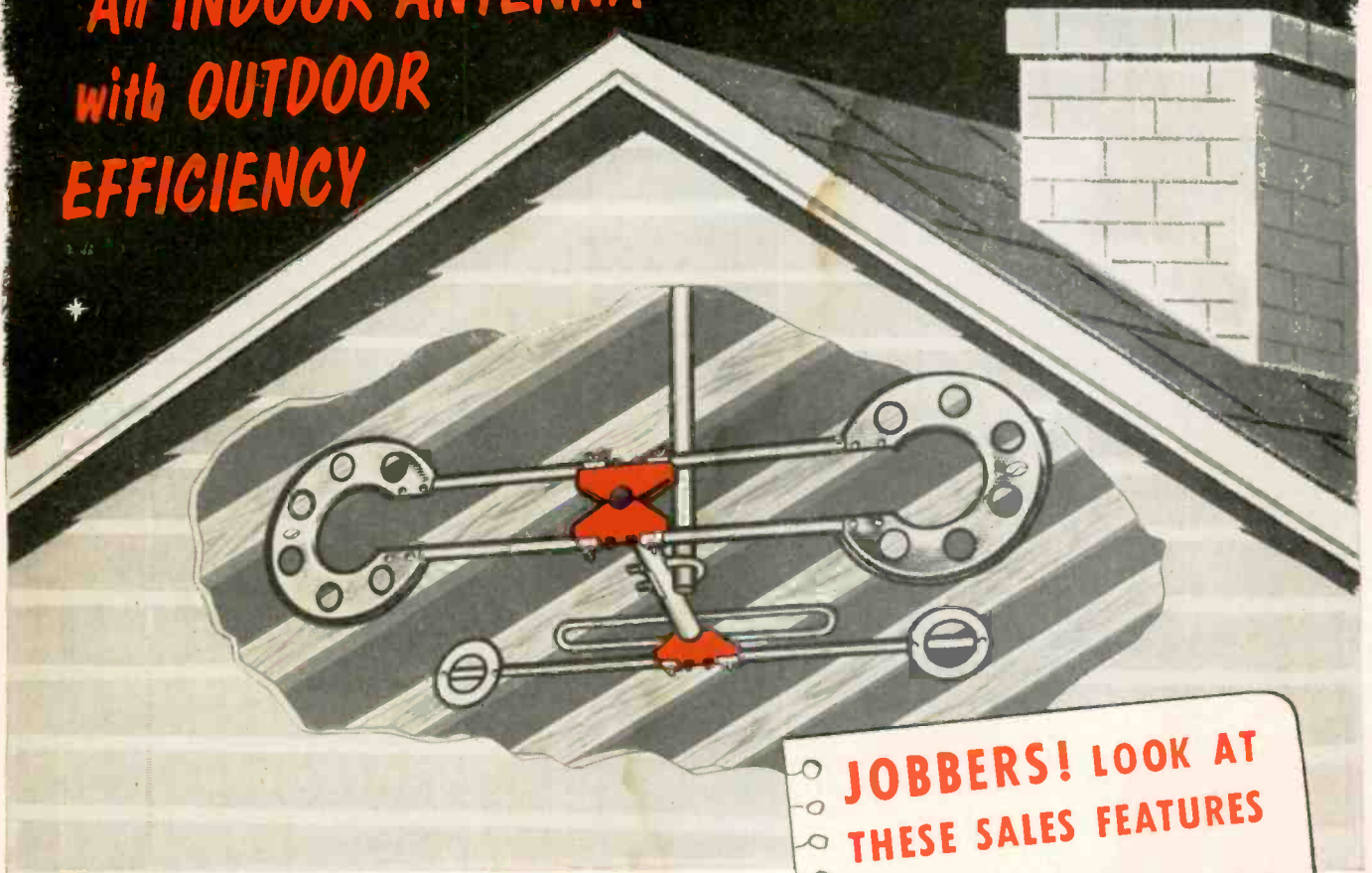


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- Mercury Batteries

**News of the Industry**

**LITTELFUSE**, which is expanding its plant 50%, has promoted **WALTER CLEMENTS** to jobber sales manager, and **ANDY KALATA** to customer service manager.

**ASTRON** highlighted reliability theme in WESCON display.

**BENJAMIN H. BALLARD** is the new sales manager of consumer products for **NATIONAL CO.**

**FERRODYNAMICS CORP.**, Lodi, N.J., has recently been formed and set up a plant to make magnetic recording tape. President is **FREDERICK I. KANTOR**, vp **O. LOUIS SEDA**.

**ERIE RESISTOR** has appointed **FRED RICH** factory sales rep in New York.

**FEDERAL TELEPHONE & RADIO** has purchased certain assets of a subsidiary of **ELECTRONICS SPECIALTY CO.**, including a scope and instrument line.

**JOHN RIDER PUBLISHER** has named **JACK GILBERT ASSOCIATES** to handle advertising.

**AUDIOGERSH** has moved to larger quarters at 514 Broadway, New York 12, N.Y.

**CORNELL-DUBILIER** has presented **ALLIED RADIO** with a plaque for handling firm's line without interruption for 35 years.

**CBS-HYTRON** has appointed **DR. HANG C. LIN** as senior engineer in charge of Semiconductor Applications Lab.

**SYLVANIA** appointments are **JOHN N. McCAUL**, supervisor of sales service engineering for electronic products; **JOHN POMEROY**, S. Calif. district manager for distributor sales; **JEROME R. STEEN**, semiconductor quality manager. Firm has opened a 87,000 sq. ft. warehouse and office at 6505 E. Gayhart St., Los Angeles.

**GENERAL ELECTRIC** has opened a new district office for tubes and components at 3 Penn Center Plaza, Room 925, Phila., under **FLOYD S. ANDERSON**, and one at 1208 Bank of Lansing Bldg., Lansing, Mich., under **JOHN E. McELFRESH**.

**ALLIANCE MFG.** has leased, with option to buy, 81,000 sq. ft. in three buildings, formerly occupied by **McKaskey Register**. Firm plans to spend \$50,000 in remodeling.

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**L. J. BATTAGLIA** has been named marketing manager of the newly formed **RCA Components Div.**

**MARK SIMPSON MFG.** has appointed **WARREN DEMOTTE** ad manager and director of sales promotion. Promotions include **MURRAY TROTINER** to distributor parts sales manager, with **ARTHUR CALLAHAN** as asst.; **SAMUEL BERMAN** to vp; **IRVING KELMAN** to treasurer.

**AMPHENOL** has purchased **Exact Metal Specialties Co.**, a screw machine firm.

**SNYDER MFG.** appointments are **MILTON SCHINDLER** promoted to director of West Coast sales, and **ROBERT COHEN** named to field sales executive staff. Pres. **BEN SNYDER** announced new experimental sales plan where field sales officials work in each other's markets to produce fresh viewpoints.

**TRIAD TRANSFORMER** has opened third plant of 16,000 sq. ft., bringing total area to 70,000 sq. ft.

**Check Them Guns, Pardner**



Dead or alive, old soldering guns and irons are checked into Weller's "Old Gun Round-Up" for a \$2 reward (trade-in allowance, that is) on a new 200-275 watt dual-heat gun.

**CBS-COLUMBIA** has discontinued making radio and TV sets.

**MARTY BETTAN** has resigned from **CHANNEL MASTER**, where he covered New York City & Westchester sales, and became national sales manager for **ALL CHANNEL**.

**UTRAD CORP.** has been formed to continue transformer production of **UTAH RADIO PRODUCTS**. Latter firm has retained **HENRY P. GLASS ASSOC.** to design line of speaker baffles.

**JENSEN MFG.** has published first of four "Rep Reporters" to acquaint reps with 1956-57 program.

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...another  
**MALLORY**  
service-engineered  
product

to prevent  
"middle age hum"



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# Etched Cathode

**Etched Cathode** construction

is standard in *all* Mallory FP's, and in popular Mallory metal and cardboard tubular electrolytics . . . *at no extra cost!*

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**IN-CIRCUIT**  
... CHECKS  
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CAPACITORS  
FOR  
LEAKAGE

**OUT-OF-CIRCUIT**  
... CHECKS  
ALL CAPACITORS  
FOR LEAKAGE  
AND  
CAPACITANCE

# Simpson

MODEL 383A

## CAPACOHMETER

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Here is the first *complete* "testing package" for all paper, mica, and ceramic capacitors. With this *one* instrument—the Simpson Capacohmeter—you can: (1) detect most borderline capacitors *in-circuit* by means of the exclusive Simpson *Pulse Test*; (2) measure leakage of defective capacitors, including coupling capacitors, in ohms; (3) determine the capacitance directly, of good capacitors, from 10.0 uuf to 10.0 uf.

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Model 383A with leads and Operator's Manual . . . **\$89<sup>95</sup>**

See your Jobber, or Write

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this is



# ... the new remote control TV tuner by **ALLIANCE**



Retail  
Price  
**\$19<sup>95</sup>**

**Switches Stations,  
tunes each channel!**



**A New, Fast-Selling Package  
Item that All TV Viewers Want!**

**3 minute installation by customer**

Every viewer a prospect.

A natural companion to the Alliance Tenna-Rotor . . . at a price that's right!

**Performs a double service—switches stations and tunes each channel!**

Needs no tools or wire—safe!—no need to touch back of TV set. Fits nearly all popular makes. Comes with 90-day guarantee.

Backed by the same kind of potent TV advertising and intensive merchandising which made Alliance Tenna-Rotor the No. 1 TV accessory.



Handsome, compact display carton shows "IT" in non-breakable black plastic with gold trim.

Write the Factory

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**ALLIANCE, OHIO**



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WONDERFUL!

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**CHROME  
FIBERGLAS**

**AUTO AERIAL**

**THE MOST AMAZING NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE AUTO AERIAL INDUSTRY**

WARD again leads the way with another new product. A Fiberglas auto aerial with a chrome finish — LOOKS like chrome, FEELS like chrome, SOUNDS like chrome and has all the revolutionary characteristics of fiberglas. Proved resistant to chemicals and water.

This finish is not a surface paint, but an exclusive method developed only by Ward.

**SILVERAMIC PASSED THESE THREE SEVERE TESTS:**

1. 30 DAYS EXPOSURE to sea water, gasoline, acids, alkalis, toluene and ethyl alcohol.
2. 3000 HOURS of salt spray at 98° F. This is equivalent to over 20 YEARS OF DRIVING.
3. IMPACT RESISTANT to 160 inch-pounds.

**Model TGF-1 CHROME**

38" long—54" lead cable. Famous "8-Ball" mounting. Individual shipping weight: 1 lb. List price: \$5.95.

**also—Dura-ramic  
IN FULL COLOR!**

Six complementary colors to mix or match—with the same flexible, indestructible fiberglas features.

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# VR tubes

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Have you and your customers exacting requirements for stable voltage? Try the reliabilized CBS 6626 and 6627. There are no better VR tubes made. They represent the most advanced engineering concepts in gaseous voltage-regulator tubes. They eliminate sudden discrete voltage shifts in voltage-reference circuits.

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CBS-HYTRON, Danvers, Massachusetts

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## News of the Industry

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HUGO SUNDBERG, vp of **OXFORD ELECTRIC**, has been elected chairman of the RETMA Speaker Section.

**THOMAS ELECTRONICS** has appointed HENRY SCHMALZ chief engineer.

**HARMAN-KARDON** has acquired an additional plant.

**DU MONT LABS.** has added MAJ. GEN. RAYMOND C. MAUDE to assist in directing armed services program, and JOSEPH P. GORDON as asst. director of tube research.

**UNITED CATALOG** has appointed J. WAYNE CARGILE Midwest district manager.

**PHILCO** has launched a second campaign to further unseat the multimillion dollar racket in television and radio receiving tubes.

### Believe It or Not!

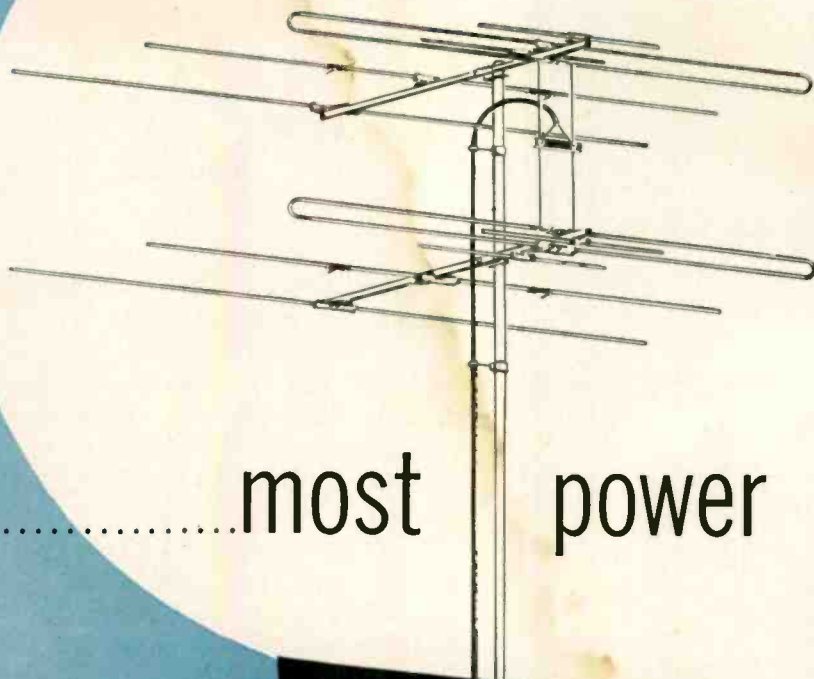
*The following news release received by TECHNICIAN is printed word for word in its entirety. Since the claims made leave the editors breathless, no further editorial comment is made.—Ed.*

Ordinarily, when the TV set goes on the blink, the owner will call in a service man or hasten to the local tube dealer with a bag full of tubes among which he hopes will be the defective one.

However, by using the TROUBLE SHOOTER, Mr. Set Owner becomes his own trouble shooter. By turning the dial to the difficulty encountered, the slide rule index pin-points the tube or tubes that may need replacing. He removes the tubes has them tested and replaces them and his set is working like new again. So saving himself the cost of a service call, or the bother of pulling every tube in the set just to find the defective one. Replacing the tube is as easy as replacing a light bulb. The usual technical knowledge has been so simplified that anyone can do his own trouble shooting quickly and easily without any previous electronic knowledge or wading through a book.

The TV TUBE TROUBLE SHOOTER retails at \$1.00. It is distributed by Maple Enterprises, Box 42, Dept. 31, Hillside, N. J.

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**AMPHENOL**

**POWERAY**

PATENT PENDING

for better fringe area reception . . .

AMPHENOL's Poweray is not just another VHF antenna. It's a totally new design, engineered for fringe and deep-fringe area reception. Poweray's sleeve dipole principle assures *power*—the high gain needed to pull in signals miles away. Gain, directivity and impedance match are all precision balanced for distortion-free tv pictures. AMPHENOL has built other selling features into the Poweray: pre-assembly for easy put-up, aluminum rust-free construction, tight spring-locks on the elements.

On your next fringe area installation, use Poweray. Discover for yourself why Poweray is so outstanding!

AMPHENOL ELECTRONICS CORPORATION  
chicago 50, illinois

**AMPHENOL**



*If your goal is profits . . .*

## **STOCK AND DISPLAY RCA RADIO BATTERIES ALL YEAR**

Portables, once as seasonal as football, are now becoming as all-year-'round as the calendar. And when portables play, batteries get right into the game!

Join the varsity sales team. Check your stock. Signal your RCA Distributor for the pay-dirt numbers—the types that build-up the sales yardage fast. Then kickoff for a season of winning sales performance with a powerful line-up of RCA Batteries. And, with RCA's hard-hitting promotional material and national advertising supporting your efforts, you're sure to roll up a winning score in sales and profits with RCA Batteries.



## **RADIO BATTERIES**

RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA • CAMDEN, N. J.



# BEST FOR COLOR TEST!

*Another Hycon  
test help...*



**MODEL 622 5" SCOPE**  
with automatic triggered sweep, first really new scope development in years. Fewer adjustments, no sync problems.

There's just one way to test the new color TV sets... WITH NTSC COLOR PATTERN. That's what Hycon's Model 616 Color Bar/Dot Generator offers... a! standard colors, sequences and patterns easily selected and graphically shown in actual color right on the control panel. For color TV, get ready... GET HYCON!

*"Where Accuracy Counts"*  
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321 SOUTH ARROYO PARKWAY  
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616 and 622

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Please send me the new model 616 and 622 catalogs..

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

## Reps & Distributors

ASTATIC CORP. has appointed two new reps: PASTON-HUNTER in upper New York, DOUGHERTY ENTERPRISES in Hawaii.

STANDARD COIL has named SCHEEL INTERNATIONAL of Chicago as export sales rep.

SYLVANIA's new tube distributor in Kentucky is STANDARD DISTRIBUTORS, Owensboro.

PYRAMID ELECTRIC rep appointees are EDWIN A. SCHULZ CO. of Indianapolis, and JACK F. MCKINNEY SALES CO. of Dallas.

RMS EXPORT SALES representation in Canada goes to SOL BUDD & ASSOC., Toronto

D. R. BITAN CO., New York rep, will move to 104 South Central Ave., Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y., on Oct. 1, 1956 after 20 years at the same address. New phone is Locust 1-2444-5-6-7-8.

ASTRON has appointed three new reps for their capacitor-filter lines: SAMUEL N. STROUM CO. of Seattle for Wash. and Ore.; Sid Lohmann of Detroit for Mich.; and FRANK W. TAYLOR CO. of DeWitt for upstate N. Y.

SIMPSON ELECTRIC has named the Milwaukee rep firm of E. A. DICKINSON & ASSOC. to cover Wisconsin.

SENTINEL RADIO, now a wholly-owned subsidiary of MAGNAVOX, has signed up its first new distributor, LAPPIN ELECTRIC of Milwaukee.

HI-LO TV ANTENNA will have SAM LEVINE of Elkins Park, Pa., rep territory of Southern N. J., Eastern Pa., Del., Md., and D. C.

THOMPSON PRODUCTS has announced the appointment of the WILLIAM CONNORS CO. of Denver to the rep territory of Mont., Idaho, Wyo., Utah, Colo., N. M. and Western Neb.

RADIO ELECTRIC SERVICE CO.'s Allentown, Pa., store is moving to larger quarters located at 1313-19 Linden St.

TRIPLETT ELECTRIC has appointed four new sales reps: GEORGE PETTIT CO. of River Forest, Ill., to cover distributors in Chicago and NE Ill.; AL QUACKENBUSH of Chicago for distributors in Eastern Wis., Eastern Iowa and NW Ill.; KNOBLOCK & MALONE of Chicago for industrials in E. Wis., N. Ill. and E. Iowa; and LEN FINKLER of Port Credit, Ont., for Quebec, N.B., N.S., Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and most of Ontario.

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**TOPLINER '40** \*

Cat. No. 2540. 3 working elements on low band.  
9 working elements on high band.



**TOPLINER '60** \*

Cat. No. 2560. 6 working elements on low band.  
13 working elements on high band.



**TOPLINER '50** \*

Cat. No. 2550. 5 working elements on low band.  
10 working elements on high band.



**TOPLINER '70** \*

Cat. No. 2570. 8 working elements on low band.  
19 working elements on high band.

# Topliner Trade-mark antennas

# TOP 'EM ALL!

Taco again introduces an original antenna design, engineered for results. The Topliner represents better performance than any other antenna now on the market. And, best of all, you get this extra performance at no increase in cost.



FEATURING THE EXCLUSIVE



**TOPS** IN GAIN PER DOLLAR!  
**TOPS** IN DEPENDABILITY PER DOLLAR!  
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## TACO TOP LINE FOR '57

TECHNICAL APPLIANCE CORPORATION, SHERBURNE, N. Y.  
IN CANADA: Heckbusch Electronics, Ltd., Toronto 4, Ont.

\* Pat. Pending

FOR THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE QUALITY

# TRIO'S 1957

## ZEPHYR ANTENNAS

**FOR DISTANCE**  
**ZEPHYR MITE**  
THE POWER PACKED PAIR

**FOR EXTREME DISTANCE**  
**Zephyr**  
THE POWER PACKED THREESOME

**FOR THE MAXIMUM**  
**ZEPHYR ROYAL**  
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featuring the

**WING**  
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DOUBLE TRANSPOSITION  
PHASING

STAGGER TUNING

REJECTOR PHASING

**WING**  
DIRECTOR



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# HOTPOINT ENTERS THE TV FIELD

... in a *BIG* way!

Hotpoint, one of the biggest names in Appliances, is now in TV.

With 129 of the nation's best distributors, huge production and spectacular advertising, Hotpoint TV will be among the top ten by Christmas.

You'll see a lot of Hotpoint TV in days to come. You'll need to know about these sets, and Hotpoint announces this program to make that information easy-to-get.

## HOTPOINT TV INFORMATION AND HELPS FOR SERVICEMEN

**Hotpoint TV Distributors** are your **service contacts**. They're anxious to help you every way they can. They want your friendship.

**Service manuals** and supplementary TV service notes are available from your Hotpoint Distributor.

**Service training schools** will be held for you and your servicemen by the distributor.

**Factory specialists** will maintain daily contact with distributors. This factory-distributor relationship offers you a factory answer to any problem, usually immediately.

**Genuine parts** will be available from your Hotpoint TV Distributor.

### GET ACQUAINTED NOW!

Send the coupon at right to us and we will pass it along to the Hotpoint TV Distributor in your area. He will contact you and provide you with all the information you will need. There is no obligation, this is simply a good-will service by Hotpoint for TV servicemen. Send now!

# Hotpoint

HOTPOINT CO., (A Division of General Electric Co.)  
Chicago, Illinois

Hotpoint Co., TV Service Dept.  
227 S. Seeley, Chicago 12, Ill.

I'll need Hotpoint TV service information, so please have the distributor in my area contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

# MILLIONS of lead-ins need replacing now!

Get your share  
of the profits  
WITH

## Federal's "ALL-STAR" LEAD-IN TEAM

### TV SERVICEMEN:

- Check your installation records
- Call or circularize customers
- Sell better picture reception
- Replace with Federal Lead-in

The U. S. has approximately 38,000,000 TV sets in operation today. Millions of these sets—*installed years ago*—require lead-in replacement. These millions of weather-beaten, inefficient lead-ins are a golden opportunity for increased sales. Literally tens of millions of feet of wire are begging to be replaced . . . !

Federal's "All-Star" lead-ins are outstanding examples of the quality-control, ruggedness and dependability built into every foot of Federal cable. Whatever the run requirements or the local conditions, there's a Federal type to give TV customers a new high in performance . . . *give you extra profits!*

Get your share of the big lead-in replacement market . . . with Federal's "All-Star" Lead in Team . . . "Certified by a World of Research" . . . through the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

"America's leading producer of  
solid dielectric cable"

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### High Volume-Low Price TV Lead-in

TV-1190

**Economical and Efficient**  
TV-1190—300-ohm heavy-duty lead-in with 90 mil. web. Has 7/#28 copper strands. Economical and highly efficient. Insulated with Federal-developed "silver" polyethylene for long life. Also available in brown.

TV-2000

**Another Low-cost Leader**  
TV-2000—300-ohm dumbbell-shaped lead-in with 55 mil. web. Has 7/#30 copper strands. A high-value, low-cost type for the average installation. Cinnamon-brown color is protection against ultra-violet.

### "Quality-Controlled" TV Lead-in & Cable

TV-1182

**Heavy-duty Type**  
TV-1182—300-ohm deluxe type heavy-duty long life lead-in with 7/#28 copper strands, 100 mil. web. Available in "silver" or brown polyethylene. Resists weather, heat, sun. Very low line loss in fringe areas.

TV-1184

**Quality plus Economy**  
TV-1184—300-ohm dumbbell-shaped, standard, economy type lead-in with 7/#28 copper strands, 70 mil. web, for urban areas with no unusual conditions. Cinnamon-brown color is highly effective in resisting ultra-violet.

TV-1188

**Rotor Lead-in**  
TV-1188—Rugged, dependable, long-life rotor lead-in. Weather-resistant. Insulated with "silver" vinyl. Three 7-strand conductors of .0121 AWG soft bare and one conductor of .0121 AWG tinned soft bare.

### Community TV Lead-in

59/U  
Type

**Secondary Lead-in**  
59/U Type—73-ohm coaxial lead-in. Highly efficient as a Community TV pole-to-house tap-off. Meets all needs wherever a high-grade installation is a must. Ideal for use with unbalanced input TV receivers.

For data on other types, write Dept. D-454A

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Export Distributors: International Standard Electric Corp., 67 Broad St., New York

# TECHNICIAN

## & Circuit Digests

CALDWELL-CLEMENTS CO., 480 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## TV Antenna Sales: Boost Your Business \$2,000 to \$8,000

If you've had the harrowing experience of installing an antenna on a slippery, wind-blown roof in the dead of winter, no doubt you've also had the ironic feeling that the job would have been a push-over if it had only come along before the weather turned bad. What you may not have realized is that you were probably responsible in part because you didn't promote antenna sales months earlier.

As if menace to life and limb weren't bad enough, failure to push antenna jobs often robs a shop of an added \$2000 to \$8000 in annual business. For those techs operating on very slim profit margins, missing the extra dollar volume may conceivably hurt more than the physical hazard.

A surprisingly large percentage of existing antenna installations (estimates run from 25% to 50%) should be repaired or replaced. These are the systems which have either deteriorated through exposure to wind, snow and airborne corrosives, or have been made obsolete by new technical advances which offer much superior reception both in indoor and outdoor antennas.

### Computing Business Gain

Now let's do a little simple arithmetic to see how much extra income you can gain by a properly planned program of antenna sales. Take a small shop that makes 25 calls per week. Experience indicates that a solid sales approach can sell 5% to 10% of these calls on new installations they didn't recognize were needed, but about which they'll be pleased as punch once the improved reception is seen.

A mere 5% or 10% of calls over and above regular antenna sales may not seem like much, but just tote up the extra dollars involved. For the 25-call-per-week shop it means an average of 1.25 to 2.5 more antenna jobs. Multiply this by 50 weeks and the national average of \$32.60 per job and you get a gross income boost of about \$2000 to \$4000 per year. That's for the small shop and the fellow with ordinary sales ability. For larger shops making more calls, or for the tech who has the velvet sales touch, this income-plus should run \$8000, and even higher.

### Sales Techniques

The sales methods employed in garnering that extra \$2000 to \$8000 are quite straightforward and simple to use.

1. Keep your antenna installation service in the public eye. This may include: window streamers, counter displays, direct mail cards, calling cards and ads. Some antenna manufacturers supply much of the material required for this phase of the promotion.

2. Keep alert to worn antennas that are reducing picture quality, and be ready to make the installation without delay. Not only does this mean stocking some antennas, but carrying them in your truck along with allied accessories.

3. Keep an eye on the future. Most of the hundreds of thousands of customers planning to buy color sets now view black-and-white. A worn or poorly designed antenna can cause what seems like an insignificant reduction in monochrome picture quality; this same imperfection would be intolerable in color.

4. Keep a "dramatic demonstrator" on hand if possible. This might take the form of a quickly rigged antenna system for showing reception improvement, "before and after" photos, or any of a thousand sales clinchers.

5. Be prepared to discuss new design's better performance, corrosion, storms, etc.

### The Big Kickoff

September is the start of the fall selling season, a kind of business New Year, and a whopping big one it's slated to be. Color TV programs every night, the elections, a continued boom in audio, TV set sales shooting past the 7,000,000/year mark, radio sales climbing beyond 14,000,000 . . . all contributing to a service volume well over \$2 billion annually. Servicing competition will be keen—and why shouldn't it? There's a nice piece of cash in it this coming year for the fellow who'll hop on his bicycle and go after it!

# Tuning In the

**PROBLEMS PLAGUING TV SERVICE** were aired last month in informal meeting between top TV trade magazine editors and New York State's consumer counsel, Dr. Persia Campbell. Could be possible prelude to licensing legislation. Five key problems cited: 1. Consumers do not understand that set warranty covers only parts, not labor. Set makers have tried to make this clear, but who reads the fine print? 2. How does consumer obtain services of reliable technician? Manufacturers state they require their distributors and dealers to provide service or recommend someone. But how can this be administered? 3. Among legitimate consumer complaints, how many are due to technical incompetence, how many to dishonesty? Is it widespread, and could legislation cure it? 4. Obtaining certain parts, particularly special mechanical assemblies, can be difficult. Delays arouse customer's ire. 5. Consumer confusion over prices. Poll of women's clubs showed they thought \$3 was a fair TV service charge. Other problems included low technician incomes, cut-price competition, equipment complexity, etc.

## GI's TALK THROUGH THEIR HATS



Cpl. Harry Mikus reports back to his squad through tiny combat radio built into his helmet. Mike slips under helmet when not in use. Rugged FM radio (inset) developed by Signal Corps weighs 1 lb., uses transistors, has 1 mi. range with auxiliary antenna atop helmet. Without this antenna, it is preset for short range to prevent enemy interception. U. S. Army photo.



**FOUR-POINT PROGRAM** proposed by **TECHNICIAN** editor for New York State action to attack servicing ills covered: 1. Stricter policing of bait ads. 2. Give quasi-official recognition to service associations to support self-policing and strengthen them to attract more good members. 3. Through educational system, expand technical training program to upgrade technicians. 4. Inform public of realistic cost of TV service, skill and equipment required, etc.

**RADIOFABRIKANTFORENINGEN** is sponsoring a radio and television exhibition in Copenhagen as we go to press. The tongue-twisting title stands for "Radio Manufacturers Association"—and we bet there will be few among you fellows who'd deign to try to pronounce it.

**INADEQUATE STOCKS OF PARTS**, inattention to small orders and attempts to "load" dealers with tubes and components are some of the reasons why dealers in many small and more or less isolated cities have switched wholesalers and brands. The pressure to switch has come from service managers and technicians. One large New England merchant recently dropped a fast-selling TV make he'd handled for years because of the "lousy" service by a distributor some 75 miles away.

**TECHNICIANS AND SERVICE OUTFITS** handling those coin-operated TV (and radio) sets in motels, tourist cabins and the like should suggest the use of explanatory signs in such lodging places, since the coin boxes are nearly always hidden from sight at the rear of the sets. A **TECHNICIAN** editor on a field trip ran into a beefing tourist who claimed that the TV sets "didn't work in three of the places." Asked if he'd "fed" the meter, the tourist looked bewildered, and finally said "no." Signs would bring in more revenue and cause fewer nuisance service calls.

# Picture .....



**ARE YOU HEP TO CAPACITOR INFO?** Do you know how one works? The materials used? The color code for temperature coefficient? The meaning of power factor? Just dig the real cool special feature in this issue, "Let's Look at Capacitors." It's the end!

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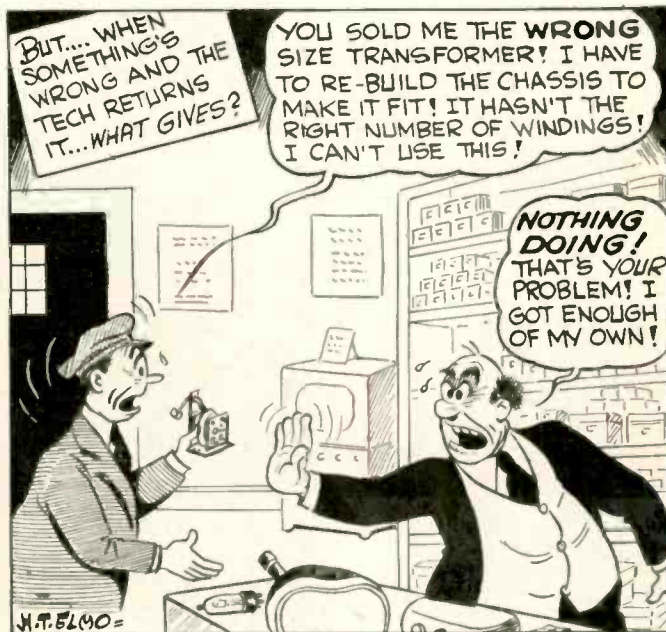
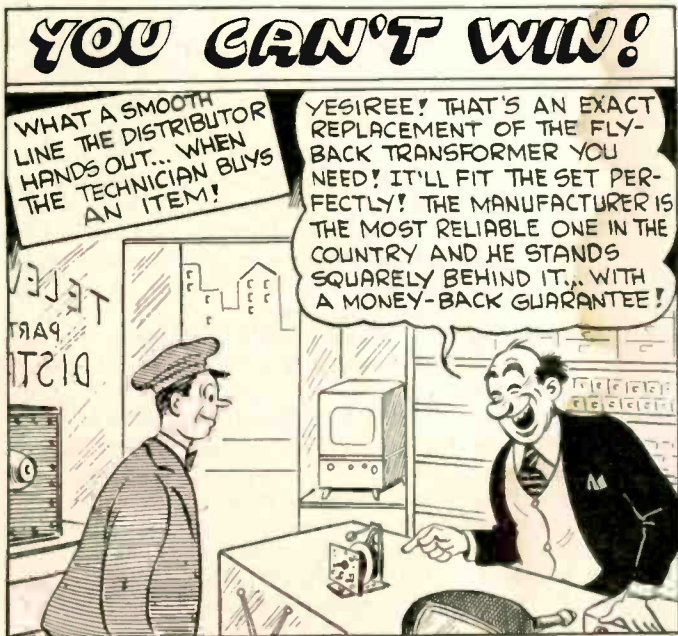
**HOW LONG AGO** were commercial TV receivers on the market? Ten years? Fifteen years? Guess again. Twenty-five years ago in the Oct. 1931 issue of **RADIO RETAILING**, edited by Dr. O. H. Caldwell, some 30 models of scanners and receivers made by seven companies were listed. Prices ranged from \$37.50 for a scanner kit to \$475 for a complete deluxe system with 2 ft. sq. projected picture. The standard was 60 lines, 20 frames. The whirling discs produced direct view pictures as large as 7 in. sq.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 11-12: Second RETMA sponsored Conference on "Reliable Electrical Connections," Philadelphia, Pa.
- Sept. 14-16: NATESA TV-Radio-Electronic Service Industry Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- Sept. 17-21: Instrument Society of America's 11th Annual Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit, New York City Coliseum.
- Sept. 24-25: Fifth Annual Industrial Electronics Symposium, Hotel Manager, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Sept. 26-30: High Fidelity Show, New York Trade Show Building, New York City, N. Y.
- Oct. 1-3: National Electronics Conference and Exhibition, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill.
- Oct. 1-3: Canadian IRE Convention and Exposition, Automotive Building, Exhibition Park, Toronto, Canada.
- Nov. 2-5: High Fidelity Show, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.
- Dec. 5-7: Second IRE Instrumentation Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Dec. 10-12: Eastern Joint Computer Conference, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y.

**NATIONAL TELEVISION WEEK, Sept. 23-29**, carries the slogan: "Celebrating the finest home entertainment in sight." TV manufacturer, broadcaster, dealer and advertising associations (RETMA, NARTB, NARDA and TBA) are the joint sponsors. Promotional material is being made available to dealers. Should be a fine sales booster.

**WITH THE SEPTEMBER PICK-UP** in business right ahead, look for TV sets to sell at a more rapid pace than during August, but when the year winds up, TV unit sales are likely to be 3 to 4 percent behind last year's volume; dollar volume will be down also. Radios, Hi-Fi and phonos promise to run quite far ahead of last year's figures.



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Some of the less obvious campaign activities could be used as a sales or rental argument for tape recorders, especially the miniature ones. The various parties often make it a point to send observers to meetings, speeches and conferences of opposing factions. The accounts these people bring back are often insufficiently accurate or complete to be of value. A tape recorder will keep an accurate record of remarks

by opponents as well as by the observer. Political clubs also give many social affairs, especially near election time. Each shindig is a chance to sell or rent tape recorders, PA amplifiers, speakers, phonograph equipment, microphones and an endless list of accessories.

## Auxiliary Auto Systems

Now is the time to repair those left-behind "dogs" whether they be phonographs, portable radios or nearly anything else. On election eve itself, radios can be rented out to the general public as well as to the politically minded. In addition, phonographs, tape recorders and even radios can be used as temporary sound systems, with little modification, to solve double- and triple-date problems.

Almost all political functions play the national anthem and some popular music—the latter as "bait" for the speeches. Phonographs are generally used for this purpose, but why not get extra mileage by recording this material on reels of tape to go along with recorder rentals?

Speeches may be handled on phonograph or tape-recorder amplifiers after a temporary modification permitting use of a high-impedance, high-output microphone. A single-pole double-throw switch can bring the microphone into the circuit in place of the phono pickup or playback head, as Fig. 1 illustrates. The common arm of the switch connects to the "hot" lead disconnected from the pickup or head. Use a shielded cable to extend this lead, as well as the one going to the head from the switch.

## Microphone Setup

For best results use a uni-directional type of microphone to minimize the problem of acoustic feedback. If a low-impedance pickup or playback head is used in the equipment, either a low-impedance mike or a high-impedance mike with a matching transformer can be used. If the microphone shows any appreciable pickup from its rear, tape a

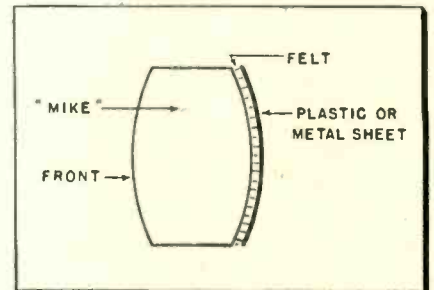


Fig. 2—Felt and plastic liner on the rear cover of the microphone cuts down feedback.

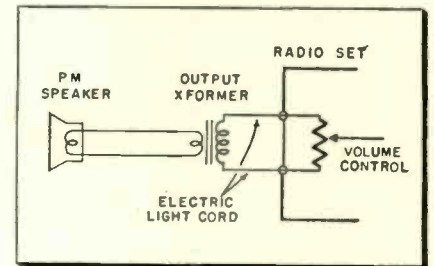


Fig. 3—Small PM speaker and output transformer make mike input for radio-set PA.

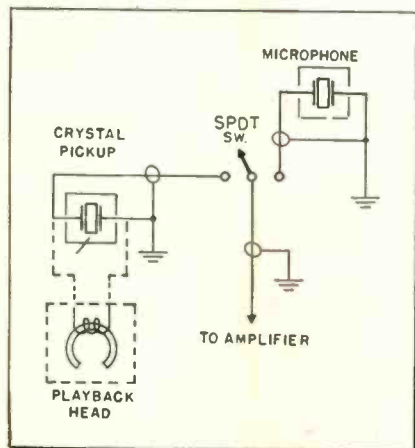
piece of plastic to its back cover, as shown in Fig. 2, and line it with felt. This is a precaution against acoustic feedback during use.

Ordinarily, the speaker that comes with the piece of equipment that is being used will be removed and mounted in a separate baffle box. In this way, its rear can also be shielded to reduce feedback. A felt-lined plastic back similar to the one described for the microphone may be used on an ordinary speaker housing with like results. To get broader coverage, two permanent-magnet speakers may be hooked up with their voice coils in series without serious loss of quality or volume in most cases.

Where small gatherings are involved, a little ingenuity will turn a radio into a suitable PA system. Simply use a small permanent-magnet speaker as the microphone. It will be essentially uni-directional, as desired, especially if it is enclosed in a small box. Connect the two sides of one end of a suitable length of ordinary line cord to its terminals. The two sides of the line

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Fig. 1—Adapting phono or recorder for PA. If cable from pickup or head terminates in jack, plug-in mike can be used instead of switch.







• All capacitors (condensers) are made up of two conductors, close to each other but not touching. The space between them is filled by some insulating medium, known as a dielectric. This medium may be air, mica, glass, ceramic, paper, plastic, or any other non-conductor. The symbol used for a capacitor is shown in Fig. 1A, with a very simple air-dielectric example in Fig. 1B.

In the latter, a battery is connected to the capacitor so that each battery terminal goes to one of the conductors or plates. When the switch is closed, electrons flow from the negative terminal of the battery on to plate 1, placing a negative charge on that plate. Since like charges repel each other but opposite charges attract, free electrons on plate 2 are driven into the wire leading back to the positive terminal of the battery.

This action, which constitutes a current flow in a completed circuit, is only momentary. As soon as the plates are charged to the battery output voltage, flow ceases. The capacitor, now fully charged, prevents further current flow and thus fails to complete the circuit. Except for the brief period of charge, then, a capacitor blocks dc.

If the switch is now opened, the capacitor will hold its charge, acting like a one-cell battery, until a conductive path is provided, as by the shorting of a wire across the plates. Such shorting action will permit the oppositely charged plates to neutralize each other quickly, and the capacitor will be discharged.

If we substitute an ac generator for the battery shown in Fig. 1B, the capacitor will alternately charge

and discharge in step with the reversal of the ac voltage. In effect, the capacitor will continue to complete the circuit, and appear to pass ac without blocking. However, this will only hold true if the ability of the capacitor to charge and discharge given quantities of electrons (its capacitance) is properly matched to the voltage and frequency of the ac source.

### How Capacitance Is Determined

The capacitance of any given unit is principally determined by three factors: The size of the plates, the distance between them, and a property of the insulating material between them known as its dielectric constant. Where the plates are made larger or the space between them is decreased, capacitance is increased. Smaller plates and wider spacing decrease capacitance.

Air has a dielectric constant of 1, and based upon this value, the constants for other materials are derived. The dielectric constant of glass, for example, is about 7.5. This means that, if we were to insert a sheet of glass between the plates of the unit shown in Fig. 1B in place of air, the quantity of charge the unit could take, or its capacitance, would be increased about 7.5 times.

The formula for calculating capacitance of a given unit is

$$C = 0.224 \frac{KA}{d} (n-1)$$

where  $C$  is capacitance in  $\mu\text{f}$ ,  $K$  is the dielectric constant,  $A$  is the area of one side of one plate (the smaller, if they are of unequal area) in square inches,  $d$  is the separation between plate surfaces in inches, and  $n$  is the number of plates.

### Capacitors in Parallel and Series Connection

If three capacitors of the same size are wired together in parallel (Fig. 2A), they act as though they were a single capacitor with the plate area (and consequently the capacitance) increased threefold. When we connect capacitors in this way, then, capacity of the combination increases, and we can determine total capacitance simply by adding the values of the individual units together.

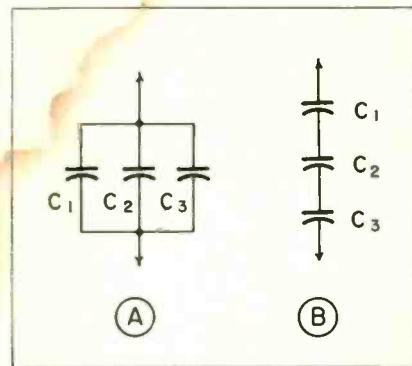


Fig. 2—Capacitors in parallel and series.

If we were to connect the same three capacitors in series (Fig. 2B), there would be no such effective increase in plate size. However, as we go from one unit to another, the spacing factor ( $d$ ) would increase. Multiplying  $d$  in the formula by 3, we would find that the combined capacitance would decrease to  $1/3$  that of a single capacitor. We determine total series capacitance by adding the reciprocals of the value of each unit and dividing this total into 1. The procedure is described in the following formula:

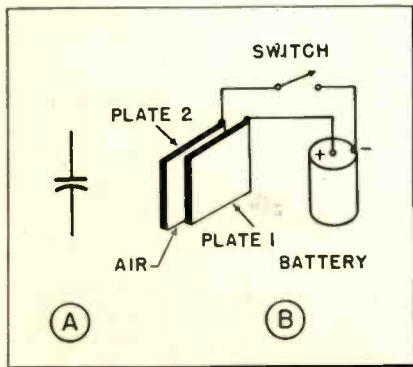
$$C_{(total)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}}$$

It has been said that capacitors can block or impede the flow of dc but permit the flow of ac. In practice, the larger a capacitor is, the less it will tend to impede ac. There are differences in the tendency of a capacitor to impede ac depending on the frequency of the ac voltage. Zero frequency ac may be considered dc. In this case, the impeding or blocking by a good capacitor is essentially complete. As we go up in frequency, blocking becomes less effective and passage of alternating current becomes easier.

This tendency to impede, or impedance, is known as capacitive reactance in the case of a capacitor. It differs from resistance (another form of impedance) in that resistance, measured in ohms, remains the same for all frequencies. Capacitive reactance, also measured in ohms, decreases as the ac frequency increases, according to the following formula:

$$X_c = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

Fig. 1—Capacitor symbol and basic structure.



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where  $X_c$  is capacitive reactance in ohms,  $\pi$  is 3.14,  $f$  is the frequency in cycles per second, and  $C$  is capacitance in farads.

## Performance & Rating

There are numerous factors which determine how well a capacitor will perform in a particular application. Also, there are a number of designations which describe this component's rating. Among the most important considerations are:

**Capacitance**—Also referred to as capacity. Ability to store an elec-

trical charge. Unit of measure is the farad (one coulomb of charge raised one volt in potential). The farad is too large for ordinary use. The microfarad (abbreviated  $\mu\text{f}$  or  $\text{mfd}$ ), one millionth of a farad is commonly used, as well as the micromicrofarad ( $\mu\mu\text{f}$  or  $\text{mmfd}$ ), which is a millionth of a microfarad. Capacitance is determined by capacitor geometry and dielectric constant. For a given applied voltage, the greater the capacitance the more charge stored.

**Insulation Resistance**—Resistance when dc voltage is applied. Generally rated in megohms for small

capacitance, and megohms  $\times$  microfarads for large capacitance. Typical resistance values range from 50 megs to many thousand megohms, depending on type of capacitor. Insulation resistance decreases rapidly as temperature increases.

**Leakage Current**—Flow of direct current through capacitor which depends on insulation resistance and applied voltage.

**Power Factor**—Relation of phase between voltage and current (cosine of vector phase angle), expressed in percent as resistance divided by impedance of capacitor at operating frequency. It is an indication of how much unit will heat up in an ac circuit. Perfect capacitors (no heat) would have 0% power factor (abbreviated p.f.). Typical p.f. may be of the order of 1% for many types, with the particular exception of electrolytics which may range from a few percent to over 60%.

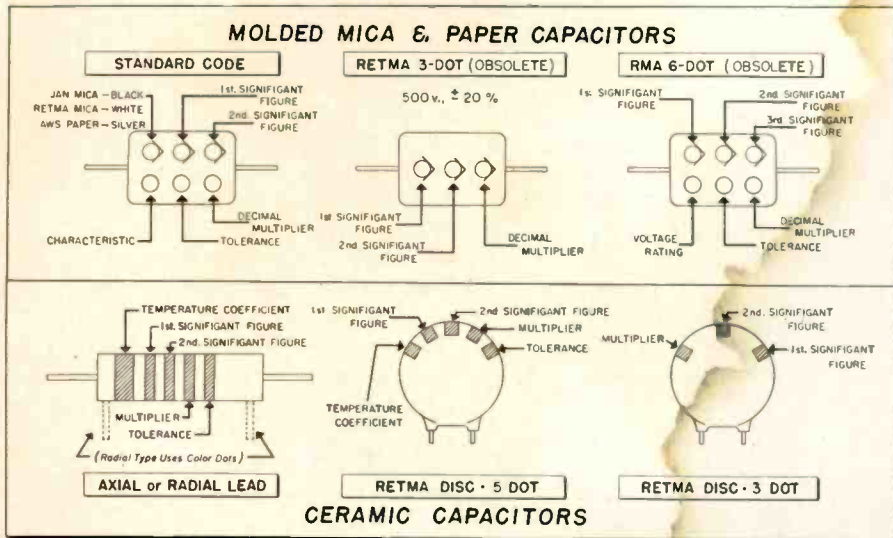
**Resistance**—Generally refers to ac resistance (not capacitive reactance), measured in ohms at operating or power line frequencies. It may range from 100 ohms or less to more than 20 megohms.

**Temperature Coefficient**—Characteristic describing how much the capacitance will decrease (negative coefficient) or increase (positive) with temperature. Particularly applied in rating ceramic capacitors. Designated as N for negative or P for positive, followed by number representing parts per million per degree Centigrade ( $\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ).

**Temperature Range**—The range of temperatures which allows capacitors to be used at rated voltage. Beyond this range they should be derated; that is, operate at lower than rated voltage to prevent breakdown. Typical temperature range is  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$ , although certain types may operate over  $-65^\circ$  to  $+150^\circ\text{C}$  range. Capacitance, power factor and other characteristics do change over the temperature range.

**Tolerance**—Permissible capacitance variation, expressed in percent generally, from assigned value at given temperature and frequency. Uncoded capacitors, except electrolytics, are usually  $\pm 20\%$ . Color coded units are available in 10%, 5%, 3%, and 2%. Since many circuits will function over a large range of capacitance values, particularly

Fig. 3—Capacitor markings for interpreting color codes.



## CAPACITOR COLOR CODES

Color	Significant Figure*	Decimal Multiplier*	Cap. Tolerance ( $\pm$ )		Temp. Coeff.** (ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )
			$> 10 \mu\text{f}$ (%)	$\leq 10 \mu\text{f}$ ( $\mu\text{f}$ )	
Black	0	1	20	2.0**	0
Brown	1	10	1		-30
Red	2	100	2		-80
Orange	3	1000	3***		-150
Yellow	4	10,000			-220
Green	5		5	0.5**	-330
Blue	6				-470
Violet	7				-750
Gray	8	0.01**		0.25**	30
White	9	0.1**	10	1.0**	500
Gold		0.1***	5***		
Silver		0.01***	10***		
None			20***		

\*Capacitance value (significant figure  $\times$  decimal multiplier) is read in  $\mu\text{f}$ .

\*\*Applies only to ceramic capacitors.

\*\*\*Applies only to molded paper or molded mica capacitors.

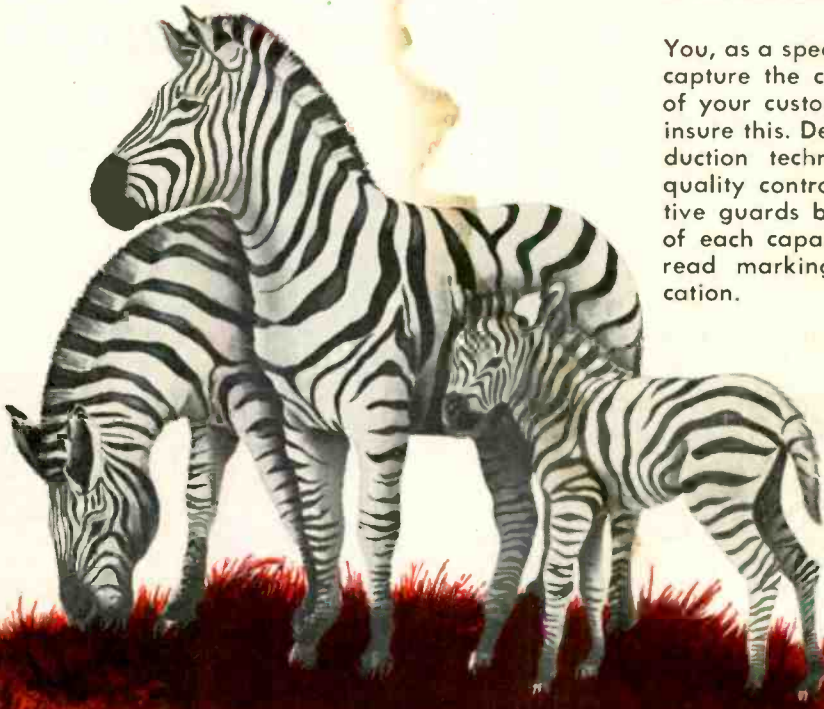
NOTE: Many capacitors, particularly electrolytics and paper tubulars, have ratings printed on them, and do not use color codes.

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increases, tolerances such as +30%, -10% are not uncommon. For small capacitance, eg., 0.001  $\mu\text{f}$ , +60%, -25% may be acceptable in certain circuits.

**Voltage Rating**—Also referred to as dc or peak working voltage. Maximum voltage to be applied to capacitor at a given temperature to prevent dielectric breakdown. For ac this means the voltage peak, which in a sine wave is about 1.4 times the root-mean-square (rms) voltage. Although 150 to 600 volt ratings are very common in TV-radio-audio, capacitors rated 4 volts to 20,000 volts are also employed. For use in higher than rated temperature, voltage should be derated.

## CAPACITOR TYPES

Since capacitors are employed in practically all electronic equipment, a great many different types are required, resulting in a large variety of shapes, structures and compositions.

### Composition

**Paper**—This most widely used type consists of multi-layer paper tissue dielectric rolled between thin metal foil conductors such as aluminum. They are impregnated with oil, wax or plastic resin. Units may be encased in sleeves or molded exterior consisting of plastic, ceramic, cardboard or metal, and sealed to keep out moisture. In common electronic applications values range from 0.001 to 1  $\mu\text{f}$ ; large commercial units to 50  $\mu\text{f}$ . Most popular structure is tubular. Variation of this type is the improved metallized paper capacitor, in which an extraordinarily thin film of metal is deposited on lacquered paper dielectric by means of a high temperature vaporization process.

**Electrolytic** — This workhorse among capacitors provides high capacitance in small volume, and may be obtained generally from 1 to over 1000  $\mu\text{f}$ , values that would result in impossibly large units for other types. They are commonly made in tubular or can types such as twist prong or screw base. Contained in the can is an etched aluminum foil treated electrochemically to form an anode dielectric film. Separating the foil capacitor plates are paper spacers which absorb the liquid or paste-electrolyte whose function is to provide a conductive path between the plates and to keep the anode dielec-

tric film functioning. A relatively recent development improves low temperature and aging characteristics by employing the metal tantalum instead of aluminum, and replacing the aqueous electrolyte with a solid semiconductor type. Electrolytics not used for a long time may become leaky, but may be restored through "forming" by applying half rated voltage, and building up to rated voltage.

**Ceramic**—Employing ceramics such as metal oxides (something like pottery clay) as dielectric, these capacitors offer a wide variety of controllable characteristics making them useful for very high voltage (eg., 20 kv), temperature compensating, coupling and numerous other similar applications. Commonly found in tubular, disc, plate, door-knob, button, and trimmer forms. They should not be confused with paper dielectric capacitors encased in ceramic sleeves. Ceramic capacitors generally range from one-half to several thousand  $\mu\text{f}$ .

**Mica**—A flaky translucent mineral which separates into thin layers, mica is used as a dielectric in capacitors formed into molded postage stamp or variable trimmer forms. Small feed-through and large can versions are also employed. Capacitance generally ranges from 0.000005  $\mu\text{f}$  miniatures to 10  $\mu\text{f}$  for husky transmitting types. In lower values they are often interchangeable with ceramic types. Voltage ratings go over 35 kv in some industrial types.

**Plastic**—Materials such as mylar are used in place of paper dielectric to improve voltage and other characteristics. See section headed "Paper" for related data.

**Air**—Variable tuning capacitor consisting of rotor and stator of interleaving plates. Capacitance range up to few hundred  $\mu\text{f}$  is varied by changing amount of plate area that is meshed.

**Vacuum**—Metal plates, fixed or variable, are enclosed in an evacuated glass and metal envelope. Generally used in high voltage transmitting applications.

**Glass**—Similar to fixed mica types, encased in glass, often in postage stamp form. Variable trimmer type is made in piston structure.

## CAPACITOR CIRCUIT APPLICATIONS

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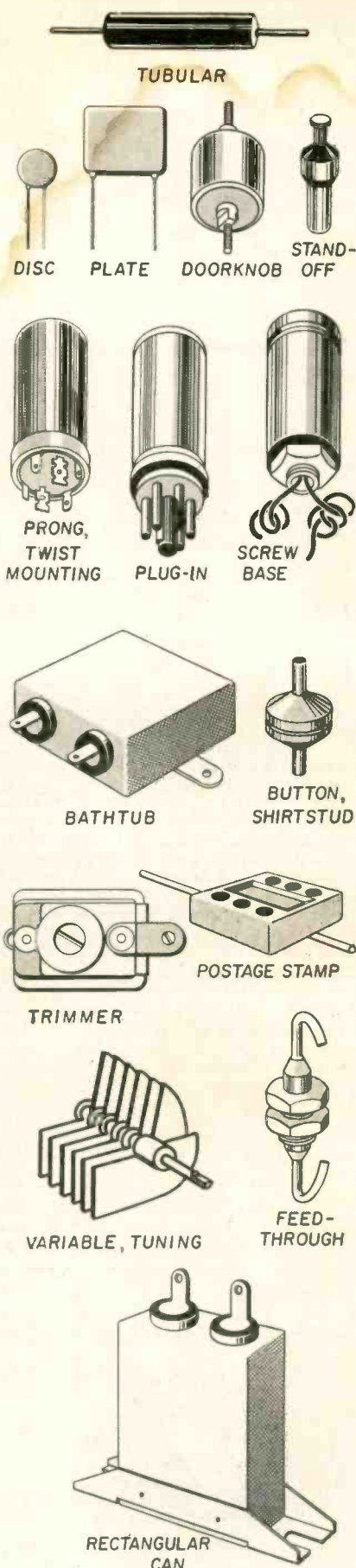


Fig. 4—Popular capacitor structures

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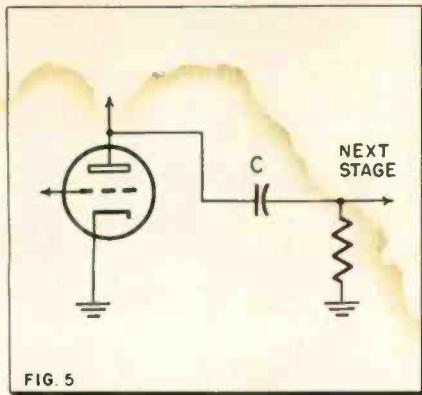


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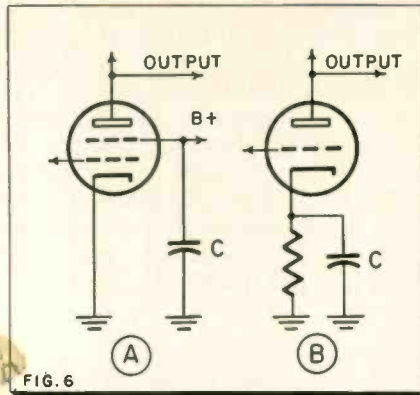


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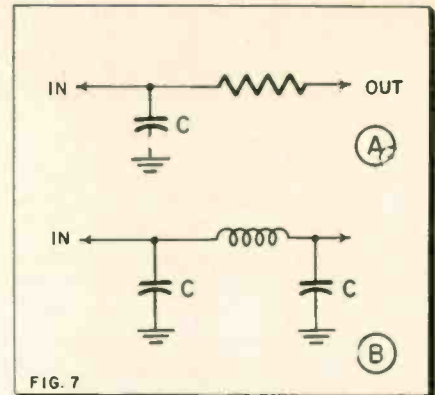


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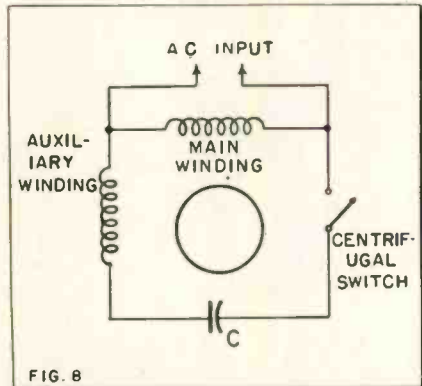


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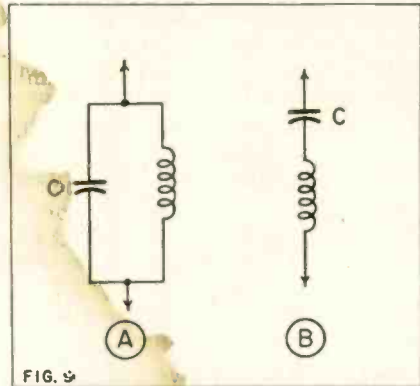


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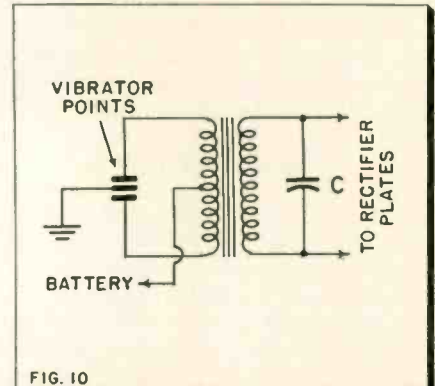


FIG. 10

Fig. 5—A blocking or coupling capacitor in series with signal path transfers audio or r-f signal from one stage to another. It blocks dc at plate of 1st stage, preventing it from getting through, but passes ac efficiently. Fig. 6—A bypass or decoupling capacitor, used in shunt, removes signal from a point in a radio or TV circuit but leaves dc unaffected. A—Undesired signal at screen grid is bypassed to ground by coupling action, but blocking effect leaves B+ unaffected. B—Bypass grounds cathode signal, leaves needed dc bias unaffected. Fig. 7—Elementary RC filter in A removes ripple or signal, is characteristic of those used in radio and TV agc lines. B—In power supply filters of radio and TV sets, a choke may supplant the resistor, and another capacitor at the choke or resistor output improves filtering.

Fig. 8—Starting capacitor for motor is one of many industrial applications. It decreases starting current, increases starting torque. As motor approaches running speed and capacitor is no longer needed, rotational force throws open switch, disconnecting capacitor. Fig. 9—Used with an inductor, a capacitor forms a tank, or a circuit resonant at one frequency. These appear in transmitters, receivers, and many types of test equipment including generators and grid-dip meters. A—Parallel resonant circuit presents high impedance, minimizes current flow. B—Series tuned circuit produces minimum impedance, allows maximum current flow. Fig. 10—Buffer capacitor across secondary of vibrator transformer, found in power supplies of auto radios and mobile communications equipment, suppresses spurious signal, etc.

## TV Remote Controls

•More and better TV remote control devices are being placed on the market, and Mr. Consumer is showing growing interest in these step-savers. Unlike the early post-war units, which were complex and costly, the new remotes are compact and fairly simple mechanisms. The variety of different engineering designs indicate a high degree of ingenuity.

Wire-connected "Dial-O-Matic" TV control.



The DuMont "Dial-O-Matic," styled like a telephone, provides for channel selection while automatically muting the set. It also permits remote control of brightness and volume. This device is connected to the receiver by a multi-conductor flat ribbon line which can be placed under the rug. To operate, just dial the channel number. By the way, DuMont engineers estimate "Dial-O-Matic" can save 29 miles of walking per year.

One of the most interesting controls is the 8-oz. Zenith "Space Commander," which uses no wires, no batteries, no radio waves, no tubes, no transistors . . . and no flashlights. Still its four buttons control on-off, audio muting, and turning channel selector to left or right. The secret lies in its all-mechanical construction with tuning fork arrangement. Pressing one of the buttons causes the tuning fork to be struck, giving off a pre-tuned supersonic note of about 40 kc. Each button has its own

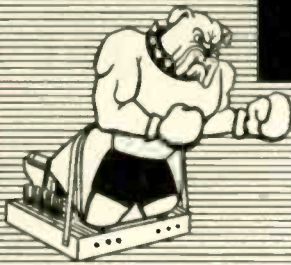


Supersonic "Space Commander" control.

frequency, according to unofficial reports, and the supersonic vibrations actuate the control mechanism up to 40 ft. away at the receiver.

Motorola's "Transituner" employs one transistor operating at 2.8 mc to transmit the radio control signals to the receiver up to 25 ft. away. In conjunction with the company's line of automatic fine tuning sets (utilizing a spring-loaded preset device at (Continued on page 70)

# "Tough Dog"



## Corner

### Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers

#### Erratic Search-Tune Radio

The most interesting thing about this problem is that we used a piece of equipment that would scarcely be considered test equipment under ordinary circumstances.

The unit that gave us trouble was a Cadillac model 7264165 signal-seeking car radio. For about ten minutes after it was turned on, the complaint went, it would keep searching, refusing to stop on any one station. After warm-up, it would work properly until again permitted to cool to non-operating temperature.

Since tube substitution was to no avail, the set was pulled and set up on the bench, where it worked well. It was permitted to cool off overnight but, when tried the next morning, it continued to work flawlessly. Its particular difficulty was making a "cold" start in the auto (this happened during the winter). In our shop we happened to be keeping a refrigerator operating to store cream for our coffee and to keep bottled

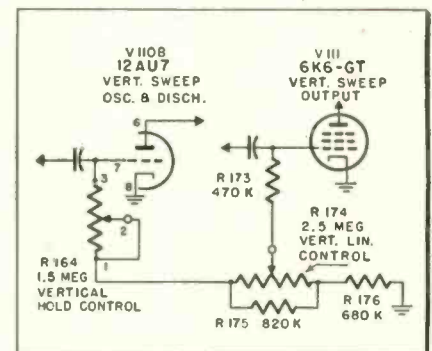
soda cold. Since this box had a sizable freezing compartment, the radio was placed in this chamber overnight. Sure enough, when the cold set was tried in the morning, the trouble showed up, with the set seeking continuously, whether the selector bar was depressed or not. It was now possible to test the set while it was defective.

A quick voltage check around the trigger circuit showed normal voltage readings when the selector bar was depressed. However, when the selector bar was released, the expected change in voltage readings did not take place. Readings were the same as though the bar were depressed. With power off, a resistance check showed a reading of 12,000 ohms from pin 6 (plate) of the 12AU7 trigger tube to ground at all times. As the schematic shows, a 12,000-ohm resistor connects pin 6 of the trigger tube to the selector bar switch, but this switch is only supposed to return the other end of the resistor to ground when the selector

bar is depressed. A check from the switch end of this resistor to ground when the bar was not depressed showed zero resistance however, indicating that the switch remained closed at the wrong times. Careful examination showed that excessive solder on the switch terminals was shorting them together, although the switch was in the open position, when temperature would drop low enough.—Paul Skinner, Lebanon, Ohio.

#### Vertical Linearity Puzzle

An RCA KCS88B was originally brought into the shop because it would not produce a raster. After routine troubleshooting restored the raster and picture, it became immediately obvious that vertical linearity was very poor, with scanning lines



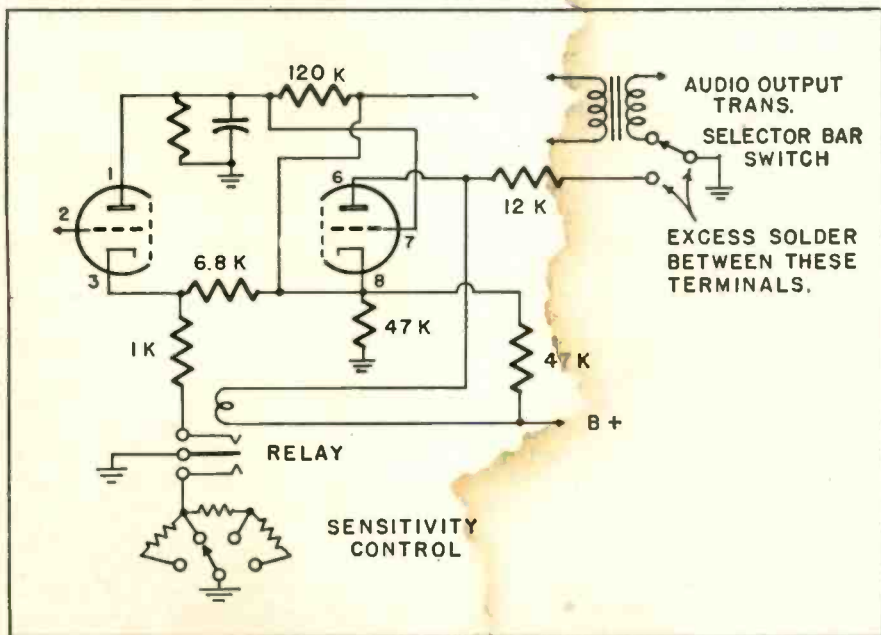
Leakage—but where?—caused nonlinearity.

at the top of the raster being widely spread. Adjustment of vertical controls could not normalize the linearity.

Substitution and check of tubes and coupling or wave-shaping capacitors in both the vertical oscillator and output stages were to no avail, so the resistors in these stages were tackled next. All checked out until R-176 in the schematic was reached. Instead of 680K, a reading of 150k was obtained across this component. However, when this resistor was removed from the circuit

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This erratic search-tuning trigger left a tech cold—till he used the cool treatment himself.



EXCESS SOLDER BETWEEN THESE TERMINALS.

# Chasing External Ghosts:

## Reflecting Surfaces, Disturbances in the Antenna System,

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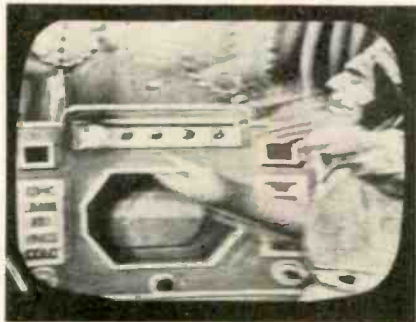
•If there is any service activity that can be fraught with more frustration and time-wasting than troubleshooting intermittents, it is that of catching up with a ghost on the TV screen. However, much valuable time, especially away from the shop, can be saved with a proper analysis of the ghost and where it may be found. A knowledge of what produces the ghost and where that "what" is helps immensely.

Before anything else, prove that the ghost is due to the reflection of a signal from some external object(s) or due to the transmission line and its matches or lack of such matches. Try adjusting the fine tuning; if the ghost alters its appearance, it is not an external ghost.

Then make this simple check: Merely disconnect the transmission line. Touch a finger to an aerial terminal, or hook up an indoor antenna temporarily. If the appearance of the ghost has changed, for the same brightness and approximate contrast of the picture, then Mr. Ghost comes from some place other than inside the TV receiver. Naturally, the tuning is the same as with the line connected to the set. Without adjustment to the same brightness and contrast, some internal ghosts may not show up; hence that qualification.

There remains the possibility of direct pickup by the tuner. If this is the case, movement of the technician in the neighborhood of the set will change the intensity of the

Fig. 1—Pix with several ghosts discernible.



ghost, or the apparent main signal—often the main signal seems to be the ghost as it may be weaker! Furthermore, the finger or the test antenna will alter the appearance of one of the signals—the one entering the aerial terminals. Remedy is a better antenna, possibly combined with shielding and grounding of the tuner.

Fig. 1 shows a picture that is particularly ridden with ghosts. Close examination of some of the picture elements will indicate that, in addition to the principal image, there are at least two ghosts, and probably more.

### Finding Ghost Path Length

The distance between the main image and any ghost on the screen can help us find the source of the reflecting entity that produces that ghost. A little calculation shows us how. Electromagnetic waves travel at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, and there are 5280 feet per mile. That means the rate of travel is 985 million ft. per sec.—or 985 ft. per microsecond ( $\mu\text{sec}$ ).

Now, how long would a microsecond be on the screen? Well, the scanned or unblanked portion of each line of horizontal information is roughly 53.3  $\mu\text{sec}$ . Since part of the picture edges are masked off, we may use 50  $\mu\text{sec}$  as the visible length of each line. Let us assume, for the sake of simplicity, that the picture tube in question has a horizontal measurement across its face (this will not be the usually used diagonal measurement) of 20 in. Therefore, each inch across the face of the tube represents 50  $\mu\text{sec}$  divided by 20, or 2.5  $\mu\text{sec}$ .

Now suppose we measure ghosts #2 and #3 on this screen, and find that they are 1 in. and 2 in. respectively from the main image, #1. This gives us a total delay time of 2.5  $\mu\text{sec}$  for the #2 signal, and 5  $\mu\text{sec}$  for the #3 signal. Conversion into feet (multiplication by 985) gives a total path length of 2450 ft. for the #2 signal and 4300 ft. for the #3 signal.

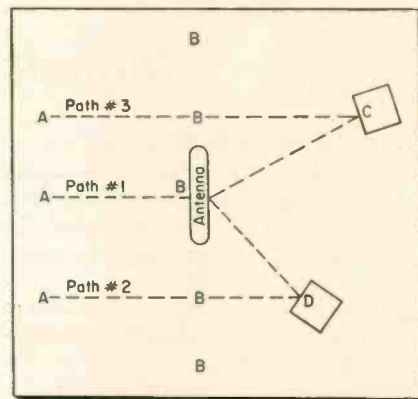


Fig. 2—Reflected signal paths for ghosts.

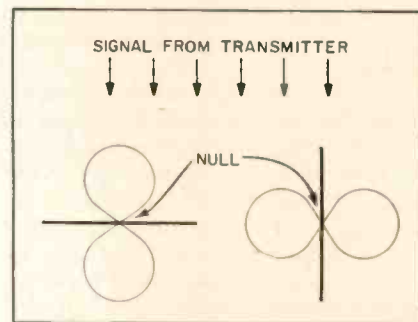


Fig. 3—Properly oriented dipole (A) may be blown about by wind (B) to be null oriented.

Fig. 2 shows how ghosts can occur. A direct signal follows path #1 and is intercepted at line B by the antenna. Another wave along the #2 path crosses line B and is reflected at D to return to the antenna along line B for the #2 ghost. The linear distance between the aerial at B and the reflecting surface D will be approximately  $2450/2=1225$  ft. For the longer delay of ghost #3 we might have the path BCB with a distance of approximately  $4300/2$  ft. away from the antenna, or less than 2650 ft. away.

### Ghost Reflection Angle

These distances are being called approximate because they will depend also on the angle at which signal approaches and bounces off such reflecting surfaces as buildings C and D. With a sharp (acute) angle, like that formed along path #3



# Causes and Cures

## May Be Outside Agencies. How to Check.

(BCB), the distance from the reflecting surface to the antenna is indeed close to half the total length of path BCB. However, with a wider angle like that made by path #2 (BDB), note that the distance from the reflecting surface back to the antenna is quite a bit more than half the length of BDB. In other words, the distance would be more than 1225 ft. away.

### Antenna Orientation

The obvious answer to an improperly oriented antenna is to properly position it. However, this may not be enough.

If the ghost-reflecting surfaces are from the rear, then a system with a better front-to-back ratio may be required. A director or a reflector or both may be added to the array. In case of adding both such elements, note that the antenna impedance is lowered with the addition of more elements and that a match to the transmission line must be made else more ghosts will arise to plague the installation.

In choice of antenna for ghosts from another direction than nearly backwards, the overall pattern of pickup must be considered for the particular antenna. The side lobes may be very important contributors to the total signal strength in some aeriels and these will yield ghosts if any reflected signals happen to be coming in on the beam from the side. Temporary orientation while watching the ghost will tell if such a condition exists, as side lobes are rather sharply defined.

### Side Lobe Reception

If side-lobe reception is particularly annoying, ie., many ghosts, from different channels that transmit from different locations, then an antenna rotator installation may be the answer. The rotator can orient the array for best reception on each station.

Inspection of the existing antenna for proper orientation may be accomplished without physically moving it, by merely inspecting its direc-

tion of pickup visually. Fig. 3A shows a normal direction of pickup for the simple dipole, with its "figure-8" pickup pattern. A similar pattern exists for the folded dipole. Pickup is always at a maximum at right angles to the conductors of the antenna or array. The null-oriented antenna, see Fig. 3B, may pick up more ghosts than direct signal. Such null orientations arise after heavy winds and may be suspected immediately if there are many ghosts with a very poor direct signal.

Reflected wave phenomena appear on transmission lines from antenna to the set antenna terminals in numerous forms. There is the obvious mismatch of a 70-ohm antenna connected to a 300-ohm twin ribbon, or a set designed for 300-ohm input connected to a coaxial line of some 70 odd ohms characteristic impedance. Also, there is the case of the one terminal disconnected at the antenna (or at the set) with the mismatch resulting in a ghost as well as loss of signal strength.

### Impedance Matching

Although impedance mismatches just described are really discontinuities, we go into detail on other types in which the uniformity of the transmission line is altered to produce ghosts on all or perhaps only one channel.

A perfectly matched transmission line without discontinuities of any sort has a uniform decay of both voltage and current along its length from its start to its finish. If some irregularity exists, there will be a standing wave produced which is superimposed on the normal decay curve. The irregularity may (in effect) be a capacity across the line, a resistance in series, an inductance in series or shunt, or a resistance in shunt, or added capacity to ground from one side of the line. Anything that disturbs the normal constants of the normal line, in short, will cause such a reflection, and will result in a ghost.

When capacitance or inductance is added that should not be there, one or more tuned circuits, or tuned

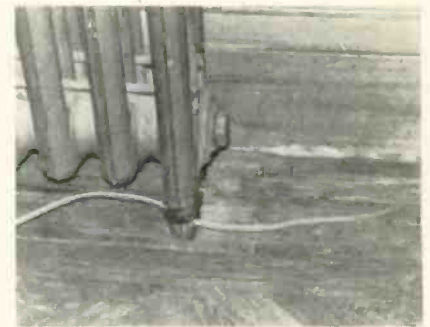


Fig. 4—Capacitive load on transmission line is imposed by taping it to leg of radiator.



Fig. 5—Taping line to pipe results in signal attenuation (shunt capacity) and mismatching.

stubs, are effectively set up. While these stubs are often instrumental in producing mismatches with resultant ghosts on some channels or in some cases, they may also produce beneficial matching in other cases.

For this reason several errors in installation may or may not mean anything! The handy radiator leg to tape the line to (so the housewife won't disturb it in sweeping) is one example, see Fig. 4. Or the water pipe serving the same purpose (Fig. 5) which could be the antenna mast just as well. Or perhaps added capacity might take the form of the storm window sash of Fig. 6 or any similar metal window.

Due to the high Q of such stubs, the effect may be noted only on one channel in most cases. The tinfoil

slider used to match a slightly mismatched line to the set may work well on one channel—but produce a ghost on another channel. Always check all channels after such a remedy is tried for one channel. Such a remedy may be required due to variation in input impedance of the set at different frequencies (channels). A similar stub or slider may be required to match the transmission line to the antenna whose impedance may vary appreciably from the channel for which it is chiefly cut to other channels. For example, an antenna cut for channel 3 will not be matched to channel 2 or to channel 6. A ghost may be produced on



Fig. 6—Storm or other metal windows can mismatch line, as well as tacks shown on line.

either if the signal strength is appreciable. The remedy is a stub for each channel that causes trouble at the antenna, receiver, or both as may be required. Use due precaution that you do not provoke another spook though!

### Ghosts from Line Capacity

Capacity to a tack or tacks in the center of the line or to staples may produce a similar effect. The capacity to the tack and from it to the other side of the line (other conductor) effectively forms a capacity across the line. Fig. 6 shows some examples of such tacks. One tack could produce a ghost on one channel, while still another tack might produce the ghost on another channel. Such tuned "stubs" are very critical. The remedy is to shift slightly all tacks and metal objects near the line while observing the ghost.

Even the lead-in insulators will sometimes produce a small ghost. Remedy is to pull the line through the insulator a little and tape it securely in position. An inch usually suffices.

Fig. 7 further illustrates the use of tacks and another common source of ghosts, the telephone wire alongside. This produces a ghost because

it unbalances one side of the transmission line to ground, like adding a capacity to ground on that conductor. Such possible unbalance to ground is a further reason why it is advisable to twist the lead-in about one twist or more per running foot both inside the house and outside it. The twist further serves to minimize noise pick-up.

Another discontinuity can result from wooden windows banging a line against a wooden sill. The line is mashed out of shape, and both the shunt capacity and the distributed inductance are disturbed. The line must be uniform and such banging with shape distortion may not only spread out the conductor but break the strands, which introduces resistance not intended to be present.

### Chimney Soot Shunts Line

The shunt resistance of lead-ins is ordinarily quite high—into the hundreds of megohms. This may not be true when a line is near a hot stream of carbon-laden gas, as it would encounter with chimney mountings. The deposited soot and carbon particles may form an actual shunt resistance of rather low value on such an installation even after only one winter season—and the summer hot



Fig. 7—More tacks to change line characteristics, as well as phone line to unbalance it.

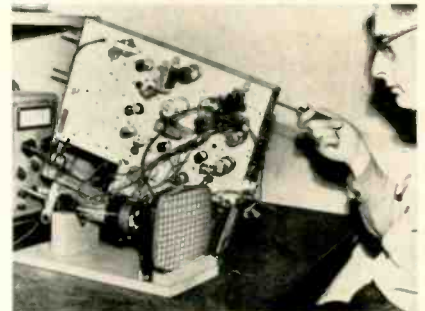
water heater puts in its smaller share of the dirty work as well. Furthermore, the accumulation may provide a sort of tinfoil-slider effect even though it may not alter the shunt resistance between conductors. An otherwise matched line may become mismatched on one channel or more as a result, with no impairment of the resistance of the line itself.

There is also the lightning arrester which may give trouble due to a collection of particles across it, or it may give rise to a single-channel ghost due to the capacity effect. If it should happen to fall at the proper point for such a ghost, then a clue would be that the ghost has been present ever since the arrester was

installed, or since the length of the line has been changed. A piece cut off or added to the line could change the position of the arrester with respect to the end so as to produce a ghost. The remedy is to cut off a small piece of line, or add one short length to remove the ghost. Now, make a check on the other channels after such a remedy to see that more trouble elsewhere has not arisen.

We have the discontinuity due to the fraying of the wire at the roof edge, or gutter, or parapet, etc. The line wires need not be frayed to produce the ghost. Damage to the insulation such that the shunt capacity is appreciably changed is sufficient. Now it seems foolish to replace the entire lead in if only one section becomes frayed or covered with soot. That may be so, but any splice made must not disturb the spacing or the insulation or the series resistance of the conductors. The penalty may be a ghost. Preferably, replace the entire lead-in!•

### TV Check Tube Saves Time



The 8XP4 self-focusing check tube substitutes for set's crt to speed testing. Sylvania reports this 90° crt may be used with electrostatic and virtually all magnetic focus types.

### Biggest Little Tube



Built to the proportions of a 6BK7 (though 84,000,000 larger) this 200,000-gal. water tank at General Electric's new Owensboro, Ky., tube plant under construction is 80 ft.

# SHOP HINTS



## Tips for Home and Bench Service by Readers

### Neck Shadow Remedy

Many cases of picture tube neck shadow can't be completely removed by the ordinary methods, such as deflection yoke positioning, adjustment of centering magnets, focus coil positioning, and correct ion-trap magnet settings. These unremovable neck shadows are most often caused by slight irregularity in the construction of the picture tube itself, with the electron gun structure being out of alignment with the tube neck. Where round picture tubes are in use, there should be little difficulty in eliminating a shadow due to such a defect.

Assume that the shadow is evident in a portion of the screen as shown to the left in the accompanying illustration. Rotate the tube about a quarter of a turn one way or the other, so as to place the portion of the screen most subject to shadow in the normally unused area above or below the picture. Other controls may then be adjusted for best picture. If some shadow still exists, turn the tube either way until it disappears. Sometimes it will be found that better results can be obtained by using the bottom of the tube in which to "lose" the shadow instead of the top, or vice versa. If no change can be achieved at all with this method, at least one other objective is accomplished: this

would tend to establish the fact that the picture tube itself is not the cause of the neck shadow. To achieve proper adjustment, it is often necessary to lengthen the second-anode lead so that the tube can be rotated to best position.—*Charles Garrett, New London, Connecticut*

### Ion-Trap Technique

When a picture tube has to be replaced, or even sometimes when a new set is being installed and set up, finding the proper position for the ion-trap magnet is a haphazard and often time-wasting procedure. The adjustment can be simplified greatly if the ion-trap assembly is started about one-half inch from the base of the tube, with the magnet itself in line with the socket keyway. While this positioning may not result in perfect adjustment, it will be close enough so that the optimum point can be found quickly from this starting point.—*George Hoffman, Washington, Wisconsin.*

### Inaccessible Adjustments

Sometimes the manufacturer of the TV set, showing little concern for the service technician, will mount i-f transformers and other tunable coils directly under the bell of the picture tube, where alignment or other adjustment is prac-

tically impossible without taking the set apart. With some of these adjustments, a little ingenuity will eliminate the need for dismantling.

For example, in the case of bifilar i-f transformers having cores with threaded brass spindles, the slotted spindle is generally brought through the top of the chassis and is often all but inaccessible, being under the pix tube bell or the yoke assembly. If the core is screwed all the way out of the coil form and a slot is cut with a fine hack saw in the molded end, it is generally easy to align the set from the underside. Bifilar i-f transformers are mentioned because one end of these units is often open. The idea is equally applicable to tunable i-f chokes and other units.—*Al Kinckiner, Philadelphia, Penna.*

### Stand for Shop Meter

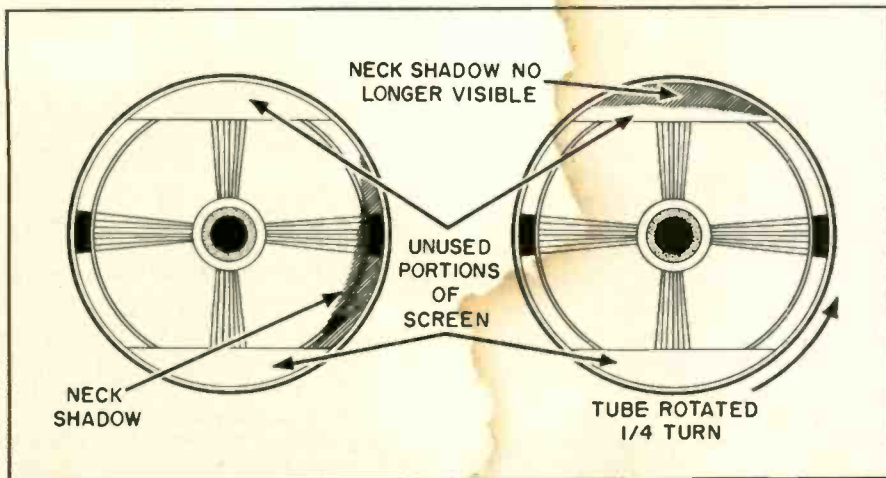
So that our meters don't get lost in the confusion of littered benches and so that we don't have to crane



"Rocking-chair" stand makes meter handy.

our heads around the corners of TV chassis to see the readings, we keep our meters parked atop rocking-chair wood stands, like the one in the photo. The backs of these stands are tilted back to slope the meter's scale upward toward eye level. Attached to the bottoms are small metal buttons so that the stands can glide easily across the surface of the shop benches.—*Stanley Clark, East Bradenton, Florida.*

Easy cure for neck-shadow problems due to inherent gun misalignment works on round pix tubes.



# TV Antennas:

## Terminated travelling

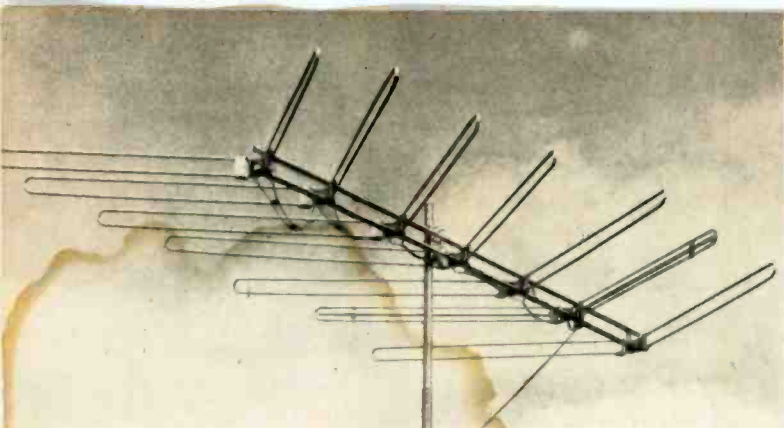


Fig. 1—Seven-element terminated travelling wave antenna.

• As commercial TV enters its second decade, the self-appointed prophets who predicted the impending disappearance of TV antennas have themselves apparently disappeared into the special limbo occupied by those who said, "the wheel, the lever, and the inclined plane can't last."

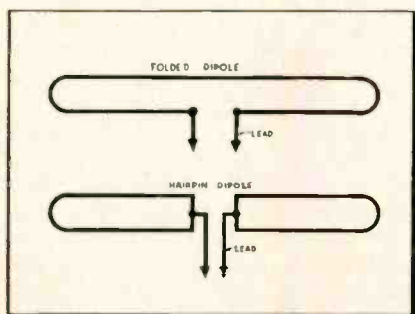
The parade of advancing types has continued: dipole and reflector, conical, fan, yagi, dipole and screen, and up to broadband VHF yagis. This latter class has been the most powerful type of multi-channel antenna created to date, and practically every antenna manufacturer makes a version of this basic type for never-ending fringe areas.

The great acceptance of the yagi type by service technicians, however, should not conceal the fact that the broadband yagi still has limitations, despite much study and development.

1. GAIN: Broadband yagis are not the "ultimate" in high gain design. One of the basic theoretical conditions for maximum antenna performance in a multi-element antenna is that every element must receive an equal amount of current in the proper phase relationship. The broadband yagi cannot fulfill this vital condition on more than one or two channels.

2. FRONT-TO-BACK RATIO: Even the best broadband yagis cannot always cope with co-channel and adjacent channel problems because of the inherent limitations of

Fig. 2—Difference between conventional folded dipole and "hairpin" or "fat" type.



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the yagi's parasitic elements, which should be variable with frequency; but in a yagi they are fixed. Therefore, the front-to-back ratio is limited.

3. MECHANICAL STRUCTURE: Yagi design calls for a series of single tubular elements which extend from the crossboom, supported on one end much like a diving board. Under conditions of wind or ice this "springboard" action may lead to element breakage.

### Terminated Traveling Wave Antenna

A new antenna design which overcomes the yagi limitations noted is embodied in the terminated travelling wave type (Fig. 1). Features include:

1. Six of the seven elements are "driven."

2. Phasing harness is in two sections, each with a different impedance (Z).

3. Despite its appearance, the antenna has no conventional folded dipoles: a) Five dipoles are "hairpin" or "fat" dipoles (Fig. 2); b) One is a 3-conductor high Z dipole with a shorting bar; c) One is a folded reflector.

4. All dipoles have a different length.

5. Two different "vee-ing" angles are used.

6. A terminating resistor is employed.

The configuration is a series of "vee'd" dipoles. To understand the theory of its operation, it is necessary to review the basic vee dipole. When this dipole is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  wave on the low band, it is about 3 half waves on the high band. Anti-phase high band operation is overcome by the fact that the center section is located  $180^\circ$  in space behind the two outer sections. In effect, the high band dipole operates as shown in Fig. 3. The phase of the current changes  $180^\circ$  as it travels

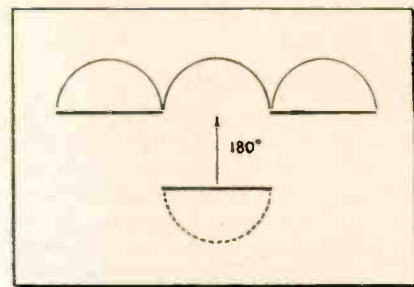


Fig. 3—Current phase changes  $180^\circ$  travelling to point in space abreast 2 outer sections.

to the point in space where it is abreast of the two outer dipole sections. Therefore, the current of all three sections is in phase.

The basic directivity patterns (and consequently, the gain) of an antenna are determined by the phase and amplitude of the current in the dipoles, as well as the position in respect to each other.

### Current Phase

Keeping the operation of the "Vee'd" dipole in mind, we must now think of these dipoles as impedances. Fig. 4 shows each element of the terminated travelling wave antenna as an impedance. The lines connecting the impedances represent the phasing harness.

The harness length between each dipole is greater than the free space distance. When the total electrical harness length of the driven elements is equal to the physical spacing, plus  $180^\circ$ , the result is termed "Increased Directivity Condition." This produces narrower lobes and higher gain than would be obtained if the harness length and physical spacing were of equal dimensions. However, the phase relationship which produces increased directivity is not dependent on harness length alone. The phase in each dipole also depends on its impedance. Therefore, the harness must be cut to compensate for the variations in dipole impedances as described below.

### Current Amplitude

By controlling the impedance of each dipole, we control the flow of current through that dipole. For maximum performance, the value

# Where Do We Go from Here?

*wave design shows improved performance for fringe areas.*

of the impedances shown in Fig. 4 must be such that each dipole receives an equal amount of current. At first glance the solution would seem to be that all impedances should be equal. However, these impedances occur in a travelling wave antenna and each impedance is separated from its neighbor by a significant portion of a wavelength.

The major achievement in this design is the series of impedances which decrease in magnitude from the feed point to the front end, maintaining this descending series of values for every individual VHF channel.

This is best explained by the concept of reciprocity, which holds that characteristics are the same for both receiving and transmitting. An understanding of this antenna will be simplified by considering it, for the time being, as a transmitting antenna.

Referring again to Fig. 4, it will be seen that the dipole of highest impedance must be at the feed point, with the impedances of the other dipoles in descending order. Since the dipole at the feed point has the highest  $Z$ , only a small controlled amount of the total current flows through it (about 1/6 the total) and most of it continues down the harness. The impedance at the next dipole is the highest of all the remaining dipoles. The major portion of the current continues down the harness, with each impedance (dipole) getting a portion of the remaining current.

In a travelling wave antenna any current which is not absorbed is reflected back up the harness, producing rear lobes. A terminating resistor absorbs whatever power the dipole impedances do not. This resistor, together with the folded parasitic reflector provides front to back ratios higher than 10:1 (relative voltage) on all channels.

Descending impedance values over the entire frequency range is achieved by "tapering" the lengths of the dipoles so each gets shorter from the feed point to the resistor. The theory behind this is shown in Fig. 5, a typical spiral curve of di-

pole impedance. The horizontal line indicates resistance of 0 to infinity. Inductive reactance is indicated by the area above the line, and capacitive reactance by the area below. Wherever the spiral crosses the horizontal line the impedance is purely resistive, and the dipole is resonant. Points A, B, C, and D represent the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th harmonics—or in effect, what happens when a dipole is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , and 2 wavelengths long. It is important to note that the dipole's characteristics are about the same between points A and B and between points C and D. The arc AB represents the impedance on the low band; arc CD, the high band.

Looking at the actual antenna it will be seen that the problem of having a very high impedance at the feed point was solved by using a specially designed 3-conductor "controlled impedance" dipole. The precise impedance desired is obtained by a shorting bar across the 3-conductors.

The next dipole is a hairpin type, which has better impedance characteristics than either a folded or straight type. It is cut to a full wave on channel 6. Its characteristics, Fig. 6A, show that this dipole has its greatest low band impedance on channel 6, with the impedance decreasing with frequency. The same is true of the high band. The second dipole from the feed point is shown in Fig. 6B. Since the remaining dipoles are progressively shorter, the frequency points of channels 2, 6, 7, and 13 would be farther to the left. In other words, the shorter the dipole, the lower the impedance on each VHF channel. Comparing Fig. 6A and 6B, which represent dipoles A and B in Fig. 7, note that on any channel, the impedances of the dipoles decrease from the feed point to the shortest dipole. This guarantees that the current will be divided equally between all dipoles.

Three- and five-element versions may also be used for near-fringe.

Another feature is the increased structural strength resulting from hairpin dipole construction instead of "springboard" simple dipoles. •

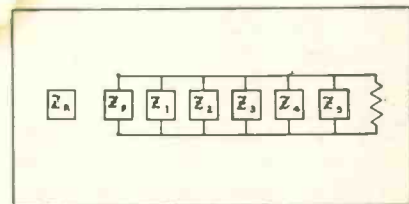


Fig. 4—Dipoles represented as Impedances. Connecting lines represent phasing harness.

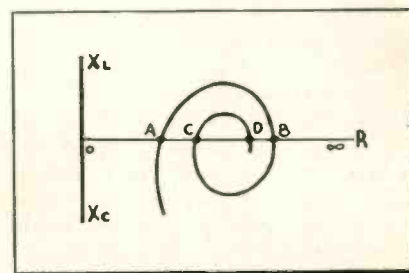


Fig. 5—Typical dipole impedance spiral.

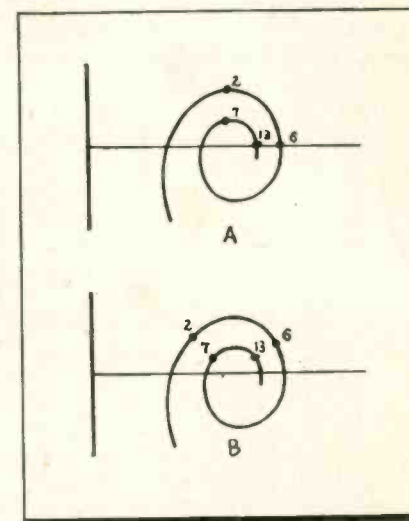
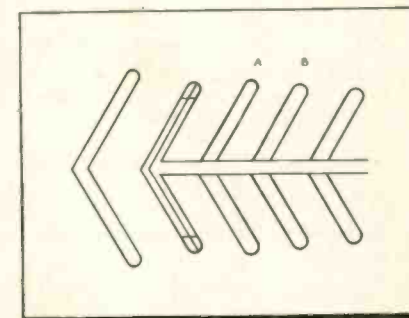


Fig. 6—Impedance characteristics of dipoles (a) near feed point, and (b) second from feed.

Fig. 7—Position of dipoles noted in Fig. 6.



# Test and Setup Procedures

## Equipment Needed; How It Is Set Up for Rapid Work;

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• Having the right test equipment, and having it set up for ease and speed of use is extremely important in servicing two-way radio equipment. In addition to the usual procedures followed in maintaining broadcast radio and TV receiving equipment, two-way maintenance requires the measurement of frequencies, modulation deviation, r-f power output, and plate power input to the final amplifier. Measurement of the forward and reflected power in antenna transmission lines is also important as a check on efficiency of the antenna system.

To some extent, maintenance is simplified because there are comparatively few variations of basic models in common use. The technician soon becomes familiar with

circuit constants (current, voltage and power) and knows what are the most likely causes of improper values.

As a servicing aid, most manufacturers bring all metering points out to a single socket into which a standard metering device can be fitted. Usually the proper shunts and multipliers are built into the equipment so that a standard meter plus a circuit selector switch is all that is required externally to give on-scale readings.

Although some maintenance must be performed "on location," many jobs should be taken to the shop. Out-of-shop work is usually more time consuming and inefficient.

An efficient shop must be adequate in terms of bench space, heat and light, test equipment, and voltage and power supplies. Also, arrangement of test equipment is very important. Two-way radio, because

of its semistandard design, lends itself to maintenance on ingeniously laid out test benches. Characteristics of efficient bench arrangement are: a minimum of connections, meters at eye level or below, freedom from entangling wires, ease of connection of power and test equipment.

A complete check of two-way radio performance includes the following measurements: 1. Nominal power supply voltage—110/120 volts ac, 6 and/or 12 volts dc. 2. Power output—R-F power in watts into a standard load. 3. Audio input—Voltage across the transmitter input required to produce full modulation and proper limiter operation. 4. Carrier frequency. 5. Carrier deviation due to modulation. 6. Audio quality as observed in a loudspeaker. 7. Operation at other than standard voltage. 8. Receiver sensitivity in microvolts. 9. Operation at elevated temperatures.

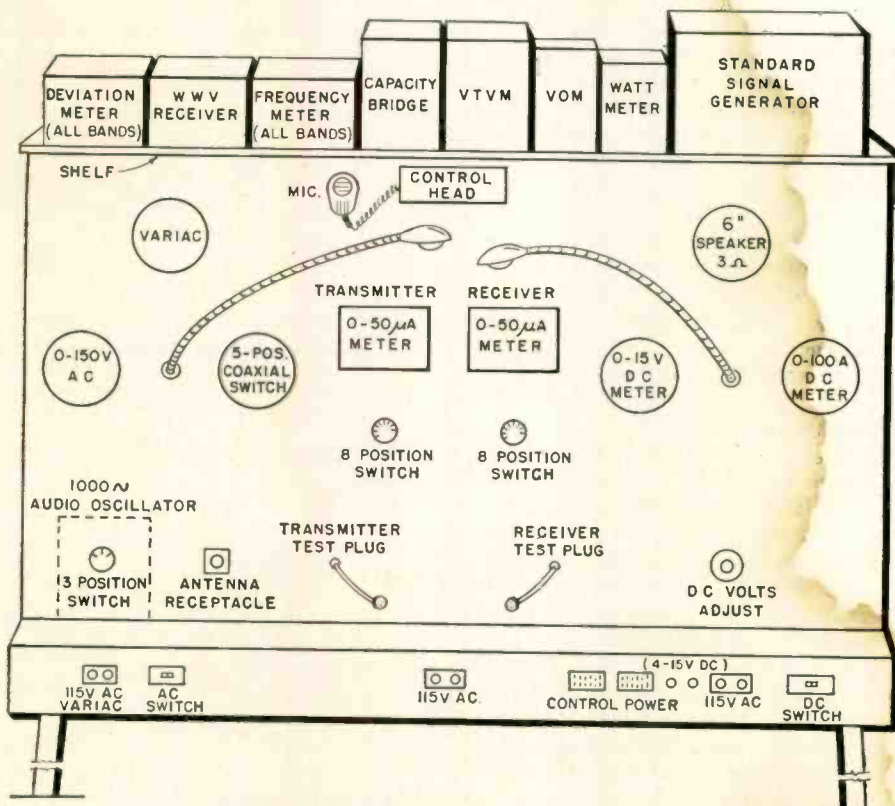
To make these measurements, the following instruments are required: Standard VHF signal generator, frequency meter, deviation meter, r-f wattmeter, VOM (20,000 ohms per volt), VTVM (11 megohms input resistance), capacity bridge, audio signal generator, special meter for particular make of equipment, and heat lamp in gooseneck fixture.

### Special Meter

The special meter mentioned toward the bottom of the list is generally available through the manufacturer of the two-way equipment, and is designed to work with that equipment. An example is Motorola's P-8501-A portable test set, which is supplied with an adapter cable that fits the manufacturer's mobile equipment. It is a 50-microampere 2000-ohm meter which, with the selector switch, permits all essential transmitter and receiver checks when plugged into the radio.

These instruments plus the usual accessories, when assembled and wired as suggested here, will enable you to make all of the necessary measurements with only four connections. Just connect the power

Fig. 1—This is the way the bench setup recommended in the text looks when it is complete.



# for Two-Way Mobile Radio

## Sequence of Important Checks and How To Make Them

and control cables, the antenna line, the transmitter test plug, and the receiver test plug. By merely manipulating test equipment controls, you can make the measurements without changing a single connection.

### Setting Up A Test Bench

1. Connect a cable attached to a standard test plug for the make of equipment through a suitable switch to permit selection of each test point on a receiver. Attach a large, 0-50  $\mu$ a meter to this test setup and mount it on the panel as shown in Fig. 1. Note that the cable emerges near the bench level and the meter can be viewed without raising your eyes.

2. Do the same for your transmitter test plug and provide a separate 0-50  $\mu$ a meter for it. Mount the second meter and switch to the right of the receiver setup as shown. In this way, you can meter the transmitter and receiver without changing connections.

3. Install a standard control head for the equipment on the test panel near the top center. Bring out all connections from it to a set of heavy duty receptacles mounted on the front of the bench as shown.

The standard head is the same as the one mounted under the dashboard in the case of trunk-mounted radios. It consists of a microphone, speaker, a press-to-talk button and, like the separate control preamplifier for an audio amplifier, it includes all operating controls.

### Control Head Wiring

Since there are numerous models of equipment in service, some compromise control head wiring must be worked out that will enable you to test all on one head. One way of accomplishing this is to provide sufficient conductors between the control head and bench receptacles so that special adapter cables can be used. Make only as many special adapters as there are models of equipment in common use in your area.

4. Provide antennas for each major frequency band on which you have equipment and bring the leads from these antennas to a coaxial switch and coaxial relay.

5. Wire the switch to pick up the 40 mc, 150 mc, and 450 mc, antennas on positions #1, #2 and #3, as shown in Fig. 2.

6. Connect the coaxial relay common contact to position #4 on the coaxial switch.

7. Connect your standard VHF signal generator to the coaxial relay so that it will be connected to coaxial switch only when the relay coil is de-energized. (The purpose of the relay and switch is to facilitate, during service, a choice of connections of antenna, generator or wattmeter.)

8. Connect the r-f wattmeter to the remaining connection on the coaxial relay. The Termaline wattmeter is an example of the type used here for r-f power output measurements.

9. Connect the coil of the coaxial relay to the keying circuit on your control head so it will operate when the transmitter is keyed.

10. Connect the common terminal of the coaxial switch to the antenna terminal on your test bench.

### Using Coaxial Relay

(Some auxiliary information will throw light on steps 6 to 10 and on the terminology used. The reason for the coaxial relay is to prevent accidental keying of the transmitter while the signal generator is in the circuit, as damage to the generator might result. The relay is connected to the control head so that pressing the push-to-talk button automatically transfers the wattmeter or dummy load to the fourth position. Transmitter keying serves three purposes. First, it operates a relay that connects the antenna to the transmitter rather than to the receiver. Second, it removes B-plus from the receiver. Third, it supplies B-plus to the transmitter. Lights on the control head indicate when the radio set is on and when the transmitter is on.)

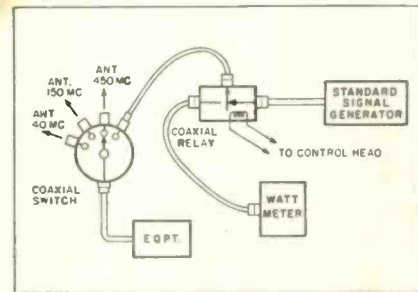


Fig. 2—Method of connecting the dummy load or the antennas to the transmitter output.

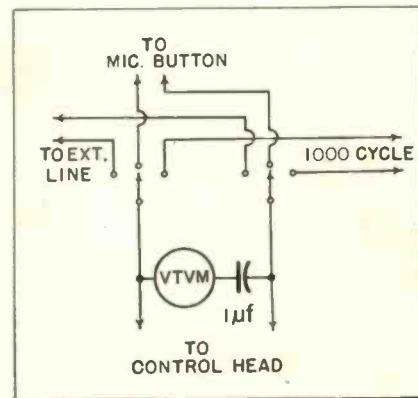


Fig. 3—Circuit provides choice of three inputs into transmitter microphone circuit.

11. Connect an audio signal generator (1000 cps) through a 2-circuit, 3-position switch. Then you may inject 1000 cps directly into your transmitter microphone circuit in position 1, or the microphone itself in position 2, or an external line in position 3. (See Fig. 3.) If an ac VTVM or db meter is provided and left connected across the circuit through a 0.5-mfd condenser, you will have continuous assurance that proper audio level is being injected for audio output and deviation measurements.

12. Provide an adequate dc power supply with continuously adjustable output voltage from about 4 to 15 volts, with 80 amperes at 6 volts and 40 amperes at 12 volts. Have both an ammeter and a voltmeter across the line at all times. Use large, accurate meters.

13. Provide one or two ac outlets (Continued on page 65)

# Latest Test Instruments

## B&K PIX and PATTERN GEN →

The Dyna-Scan Model 1000 picture and pattern video generator is a complete flying spot scanner. It produces a composite video and sync signal that operates any standard black and white or color TV receiver on any VHF channel. By placing a slide film transparency in front of scanning tube, any picture is completely reproduced. Can be used with any number of TV receivers. Operates on 110-120 volt 60 cycle ac. User's net price \$199.95. B&K Mfg. Co., 3731 N. Southport Ave., Chicago 13, Ill. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-6)



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## RCA GENERATOR & ADDER

Video dot-cross-hatch generator (Model WR-46A) designed for checking and adjusting static and dynamic convergence in color TV sets, as well as vertical-and-horizontal deflection linearity of both color and b&w sets, has high-level output sufficient to drive a picture tube directly. Another instrument is an r-f-i-f-v-f marker adder (Model WR-70A). It is designed for sweep-frequency alignment of both black-and-white and color TV receivers. It provides a choice of four different markers. For use with existing TV marker generators. RCA Components Div., Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N.J. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-9)

## EMC TRANSISTOR CHECKER

Low-cost transistor checker, Model 210, checks all PNP and NPN transistors, measures gain and three ranges, and measures leakage on a two-color "Poor-Good" scale. It also checks crystal diodes. Supplied with batteries. Available at \$10.95 (wired and tested) and \$7.95 in kit form. Electronic Measurements Corp., 280 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-10)

## Federal FLUX METER

Magnetic flux meter, called a 3-D Flux Meter, unit with built-in 3600-rpm degenerator measures three magnetic spatial components. It is equipped with a long thin probe which permits measurements in narrow spaces. Range from 2 to 1000 gauss in two full-scale settings of 200 to 1000 gauss. Magnetic fields ranging from that of the earth up to 10,000 gauss can be measured. Instrument Div., Federal Telephone & Radio Co., 100 Kingsland Rd., Clifton, N.J. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-11)

## Rodale NEON TESTER

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## AEE MONITOR

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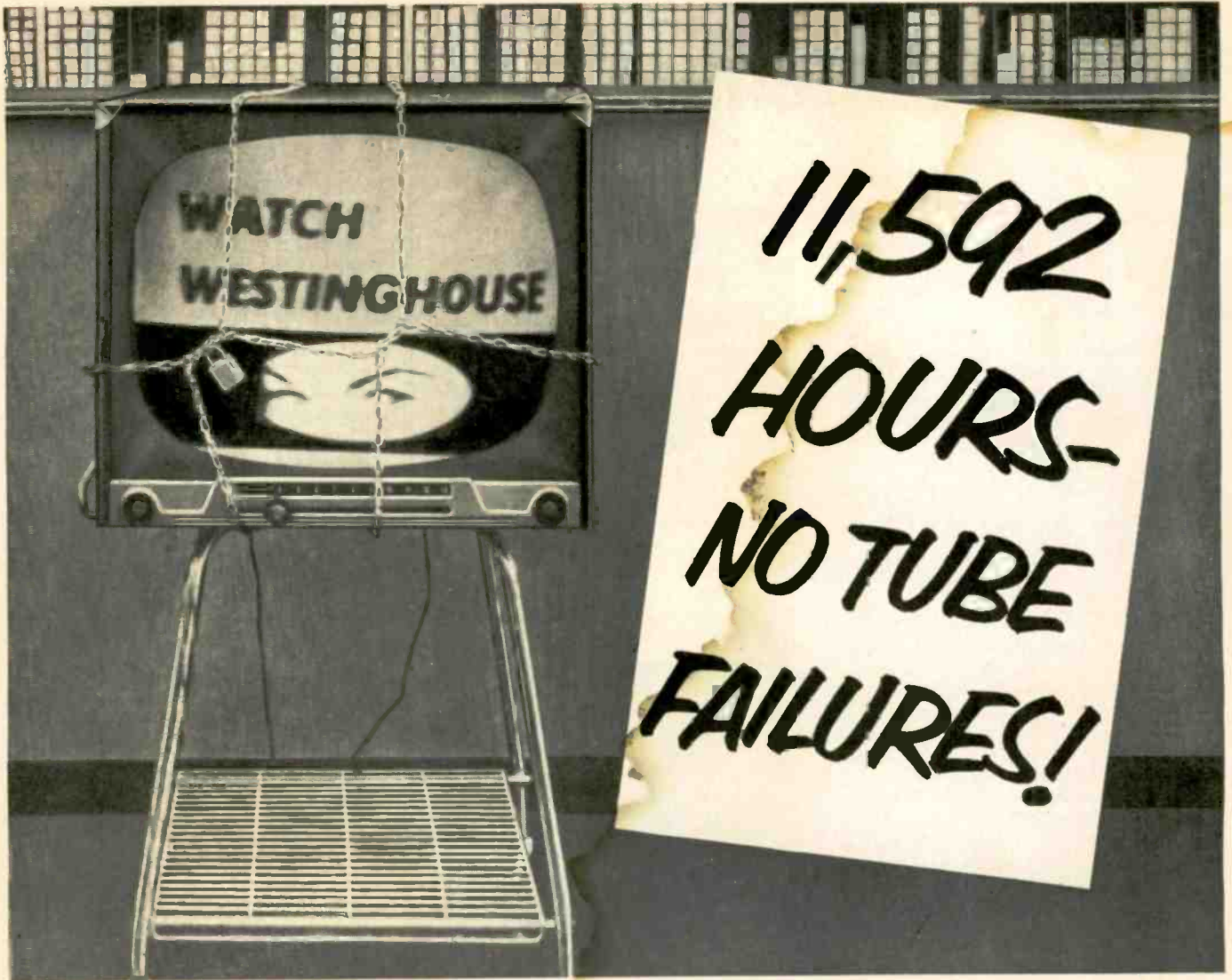
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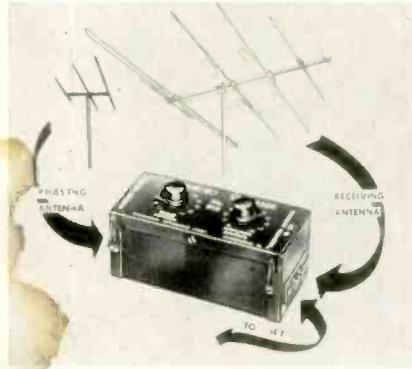
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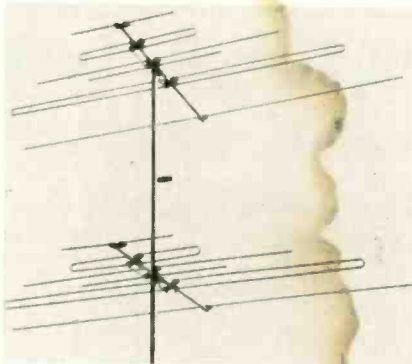
## Jerrold CO-CHANNEL FILTER →

High "Q" filter, named "Line-out," eliminates "venetian blinds" caused by co-channel TV interference, retails at \$15.95. Attached to inside back of TV set. Model V-10 eliminates 10 channel offset frequency which produces bars by beating with 15,750 cps line frequency; model V-20 eliminates 20 kc interference, attenuates beat at least 30 db without distorting desired signals. It is tunable over  $\pm 2$  kc range. CRT socket from "Line-Out" is plugged into pix tube's neck. Jerrold Electronics Corp., 23rd & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia 3, Pa. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-49)



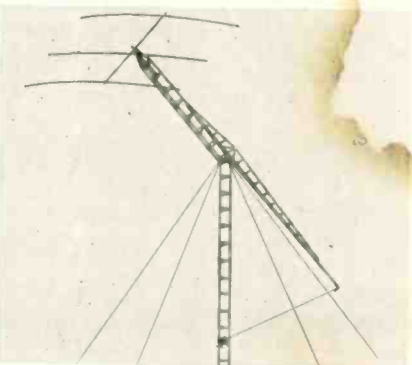
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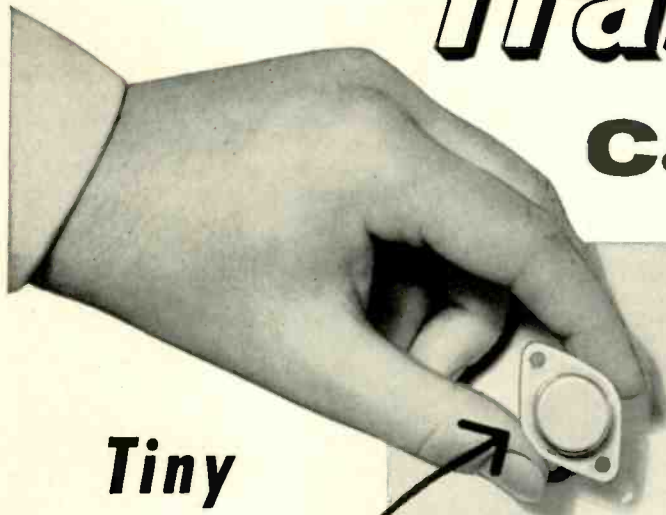
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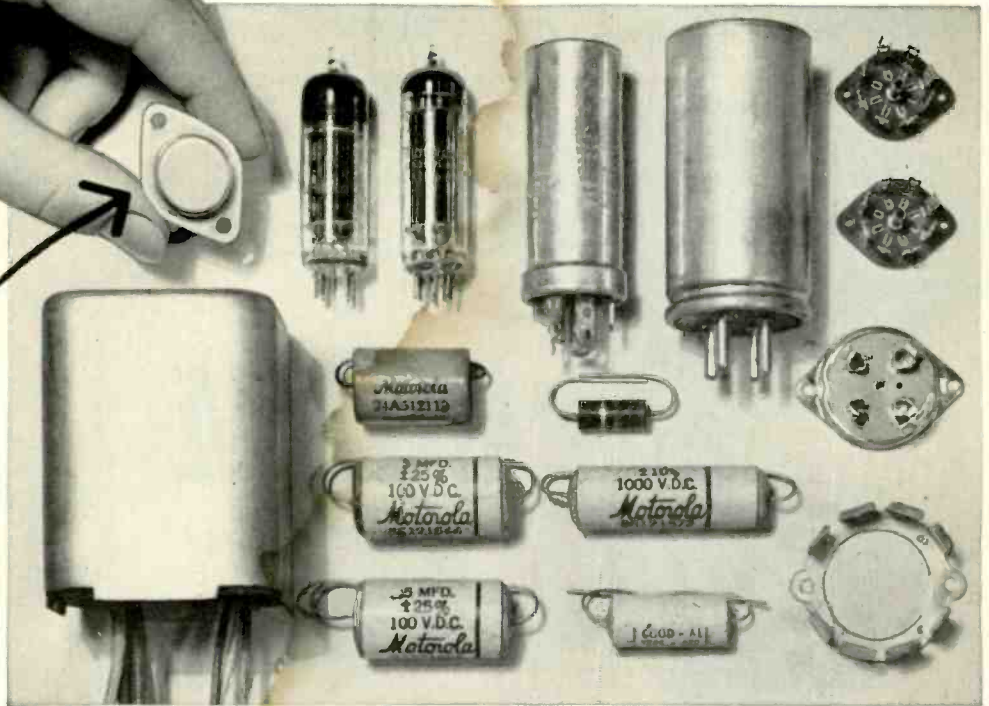
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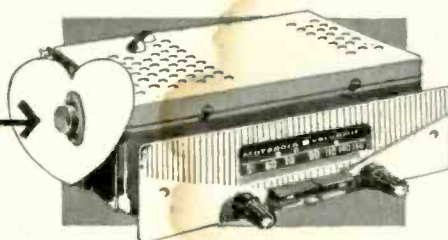
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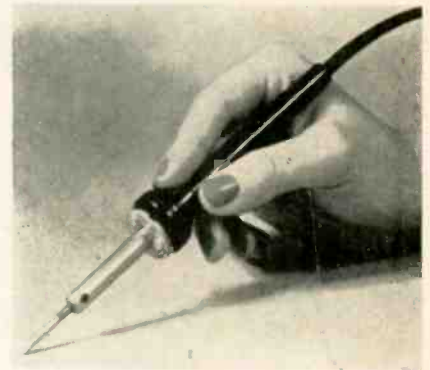
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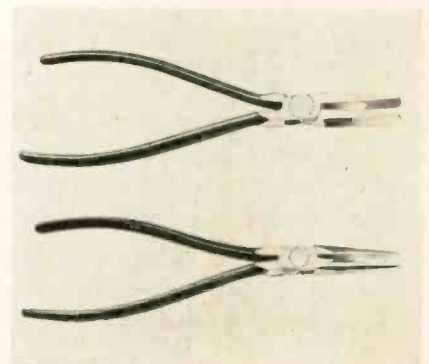
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### Sylvania MINIATURE TUBES

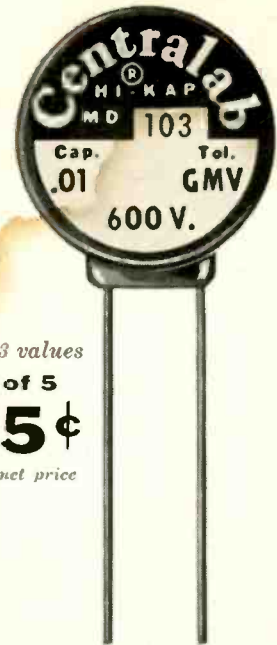
Four new 9-pin miniature tubes for use in both b & w and color TV receivers are designated the 5CL8, 6CL8, 5CM8 and 6CM8. All have controlled heater warm-up time for series heater strings, the 5CL8 and 5CM8 being 600 ma. and the 6CL8 and 6CM8 being their 450 ma. counterparts. The 5CL8 and 6CL8 are triode-tetrodes for oscillator mixers in VHF tuners. With the elimination of both the shield and beam plate, both may be used in those sets where it is costly to provide the usual double cathode triode-pentodes. The 5CM8 and 6CM8 are high mu triodes, sharp-cutoff pentodes. The pentode section of each tube features high transconductance, sharp-cutoff and low number one grid-to-plate capacity, and may be used as i-f, video or agc amplifiers, as well as reactance tubes. Sylvania Electric Products, 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N.Y. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-2)

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### Astron FILTER

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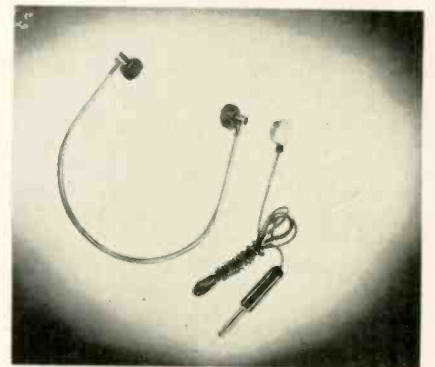
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# Products

## Goodmans SPEAKERS

Midax mid-high frequency and Trebax high frequency speakers have been added to line. Midax is a middle high frequency driver and exponential, flared horn with frequency coverage to 8 kc. Impedance is 15 ohms. 5.0 and 0.75 kc crossovers. Price is \$58.80. Trebax is a tweeter with a built-in horn. Frequency response extends to 15 kc. 5.0 kc crossover. Impedance is 15 ohms. Rockbar Corp., 650 Halstad Ave., Mamaroneck, N. Y. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-18)

## Regency AMPLIFIER KIT

HF-50K "do it yourself" audio amplifier kit offers 50 watts of power for \$74.50 and about four hours assembly time. Frequency response:  $\pm 0.2$  db, 20 to 20,000 cps,  $\pm 1$  db, 5 to 100,000 cps. IM distortion: less than 1% at rated output, less than 0.2% at normal listening levels. Harmonic distortion: less than 1%, 20 to 20,000 cps up to 50 watts. Damping factor: 15. Regency Div. I.D.E.A., Inc., 7900 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis 25, Ind. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-19)

## Fairchild PICKUP

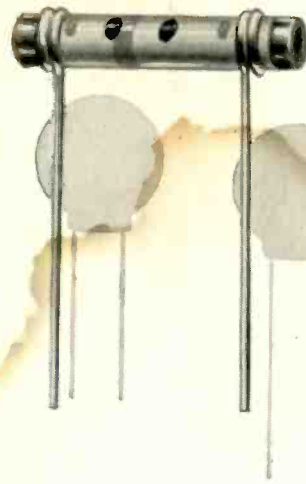
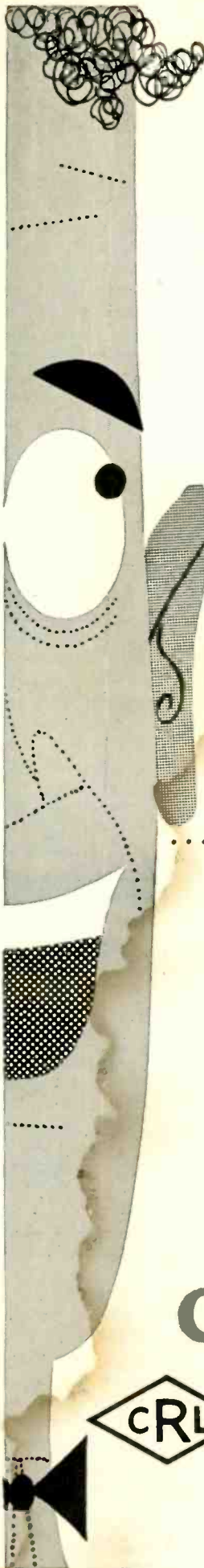
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## Walco DISCLOTHS

Discloths, 112 sq. in. anti-static record cloths, rid records of dust, leave them static-free from play-to-play. Made by Philips of the Netherlands, for dealer resale. Walco Products, Inc., 60 Franklin St., East Orange, N. J. (TECHNICIAN No. 9-21)

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ADVERTISING COUNSELOR  
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• Scene: Bill Williams TV-Radio Shop around the corner. TV sets, in various stages of repair, are on the floor, in wall racks, and on the work bench. Several different type radios, a few phonographs and a high fidelity audio amplifier can also be spotted tucked away under the bench. A customer is patiently waiting inside the door with a personal portable radio under his arm. The service shop owner is on the phone . . . "Yes, 'mam, our man is on the way down now . . . Sorry, 'mam, couldn't help the delay but you'll have your set back in 30 minutes. Thank you." He hangs up the phone, waits on the customer, then begins to check the sheaf of bills on his desk. The repairman on the bench calls him to point out something to him. Just then the phone rings again. Bill Williams picks it up with a sigh. "Yes, 'mam. . . ."

Does this recreated drama evoke memories?

Perhaps you draw on like situations as ample justifications for lack of attention to the most neglected facet of your operation: advertising and sales promotion. Frankly, you are kidding nobody, but yourself.

According to the U.S. census of business for the Dept. of Commerce, radio-TV service outlets in 1955 earned the dubious distinction of being among those retailer groups with the most failures.

I can hear you saying that it's very easy to talk about sales promotion and merchandising, but you simply don't have the time or the money even if you knew what to do.

Stop right there.

In my trips around this wonderful country, I have had the opportunity to visit and chat with many service technicians, big and small. Some were small and didn't have the inclination to grow. Some were small but the owners were fired with the ambition to get ahead. Others were large and prosperous and were continuing to push back their business horizons.

### *Following A Merchandising Plan*

Most of them started in business as a small 2-4 man operation. The dealers who got ahead had followed a considered advertising and merchandising plan and were continuing to follow one. Initially, none of these operations had the time or the money for salesmanship and showmanship. But they got out of their rut and on the track with a realistic blueprint of action in mind. So can you!

Let us consider the problem of time.

Set aside 2 hours per week—even if it means skipping a movie or a bowling date or a little sleep—and write down the answers to these questions.

1. *Do the members of my staff use smart salesmanship?* This doesn't call for high-powered courses at the local university—only practiced common sense. A one-hour session per week, every week, either after hours, in the shop or at home will work wonders. Many leading TV receiver and tube manufacturers are excellent sources of sales training material. Company representatives are often made available by such manufacturers to dealers especially for this purpose.

2. *Do the members of my staff practice good customer relations?* Quality workmanship is not enough. Don't take for granted that your servicemen are keeping your



## on Your Door!

customers happy. Perhaps their appearance or speech can be improved. People like to do business with pleasant, sincere human beings, not smart alecks or "snow-job" artists. Honesty and courtesy are prerequisite attributes for repeat business.

3. *Does my store reflect my business personality?* We like to think of ourselves as knights in shining armor. Under the hard cold light of self-analysis we discover unexpected chinks in our facade. What kind of impression does your prospect or customer gain upon first entering your sales room or shop? Dr. Ernest Dichter and other leading proponents of motivational research have proved conclusively that most people think with their emotions and not with their brains. Orderliness, cleanliness, attractiveness are essential to store showmanship. Judicious display of sales promotion devices invites customer inquiries, often leads to closed sales.

### Promotional Ideas

4. *What am I doing to promote business?* When was the last time you mailed a postal card to your past or present group of customers? Longer than you care to think, perhaps. If you knew the surprisingly high percentage of TV set owners in a community who don't know the name of a local service company you would be appalled. Have your telephone operator, or your wife, or your daughter or a part-time school worker, spend one-half hour a day addressing service specials or service reminder cards to past, present, and future customers—and you'll see results. Distribution of "Handy TV hint" cards, bulletins or handbills house-to-house in your area promotes business and establishes your name as the one to remember for electronic servicing.

5. *What advertising ideas have I come up with recently?* Your telephone directory listing is not a key item. People often call the serviceman nearest their homes. Have you ever offered a free TV antenna check-up to your neighborhood TV set owners? Perhaps you can offer members of your staff a commission for each call or inquiry they make that leads to an antenna sale. The sales increase you will realize will more than compensate for the extra time involved in the free antenna inspections which will frequently provide you with needed sales ammunition.

Offer easy payment terms, financed locally, as an added inducement for making needed set repairs. Offer vacation specials on radio or TV repairs. The national TV serviceman weeks offer another made-to-order opportunity on which to capitalize while the nation's attention is focussed in your direction. At this point, doubtless you would like to call my attention to that aforementioned tremendous trifle—money.

If you will review the above suggestions you will discover that only remarks nos. 4 and 5 involve expenditure of funds—and only very moderate sums at that. If you do not have the margin to create an advertising surplus, then you should raise your prices 3-5%. Perhaps it will cost you some business. However, when compared with the new sales increase you will enjoy by virtue of the consistent and effective advertising merchandising it will afford you, you will see the wisdom of it.

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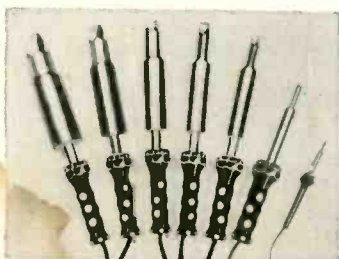
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**Audio NEWS LETTER**

How's the audio business? What are the prospects? Somewhere between fabulous and sensational, say the experts. Pres. John Bentia of Alliance Mfg. forecasts phono and record changer business up at least 25% this year. By 1960 he expects 14,000,000; by 1962 more like 18,000,000 annually.

The hi-fi component business should zoom from \$50,-000,000 this year to ten times that by 1961, predicts Ed Altshuler of American Electronics. Incidentally, AE has come up with a wonderful tape stereo system using Herman Miller cabinets, Craftsman tuners & amplifiers. List is (ahem) \$1913, without speakers.

That fourth record speed, 16 rpm, now being built into many phonos, is the target for background music as well as talking books. Audio Book Co. is issuing 7-in. discs at \$1.69 list with 40 min. playing time. We overheard an engineer say there was a possibility with 8 rpm....

New York hi-fi show, Sept. 27-30 at the New York Trade Show Bldg., 36 St. & 8 Ave., will feature 79 exhibit firms, reports Rek-O-Kut's George Silber, pres. of Institute of High Fidelity Manufacturers.

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Hi-Fi Shows coming up: Sept. 7-9, Cincinnati, Sheraton Gibson Hotel; Sept. 14-16; Atlanta, Henry Grady; Oct. 12-14, Miami, McAllister; Oct. 25-27, New Orleans, Roosevelt.

The big Los Angeles High Fidelity Show will be held Feb. 6-9, 1957, at a site still to be determined. More info from Institute of High Fidelity Manufacturers, P. O. Box 284, Mineola, N. Y.

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## Two-Way Radio

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connected through a variable-voltage transformer capable of supplying at least 250 watts. An added refinement would be an ac voltmeter permanently connected to this line.

14. Provide a connection to measure the audio output voltage across the speaker voice-coil line. This may be available already, or added to one of the positions on the receiver test microammeter. It will usually be simpler to insert a small rectifier in series with the meter switch position used for this measurement rather than to use a separate meter. These audio measurements will be found invaluable in detecting weak audio tubes or other audio troubles.

15. This setup could even provide for measurement of recovered audio developed from measured amounts of deviation. Such measurements are seldom made because of the scarcity and cost of signal generators having FM modulation, but a constant sine wave audio voltage applied to the base station would be an adequate substitute.

All portable instruments should be arranged on a shelf at eye height, connected semi-permanently and provided with suitable test leads. The most frequently used meters should be rather low on the back panel so that they may be viewed without lifting the eyes much from the bench, yet high enough to prevent damage by equipment cases on the bench.

The ac outlets, the 6 and 12 volt dc terminals, and the sockets for the control and power adapter cables should all be on the front edge of the bench just under a slight overhang. One or two gooseneck incandescent lamp holders should be mounted under the top shelf to place light in hard-to-get-at places. These should be in addition to adequate fluorescent general lighting.

Of the instruments on the shelf, only the VOM and VTVM need ever be moved, the others being permanently connected through the coax switch or arranged to have adequate test leads attached.

The only auxiliary piece of equipment should be a receiver for WWV which may in some cases be a part of your frequency meter. Other pieces of equipment, if any, will be so rarely used that they should be stored in a closet.

The audio oscillator and the dc

power supply can be mounted under the bench.

### Measurements

**Power Input:** An accurate, continuously connected meter can save hours of looking for troubles that only exist because of high or low input voltage. "A" power supplies, power lines, and even batteries vary greatly in output with load; the voltage must be continuously checked.

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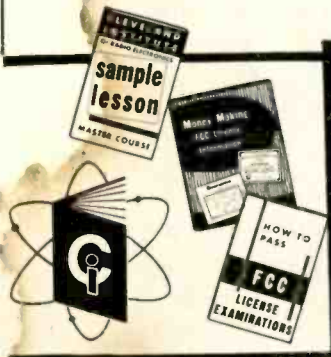
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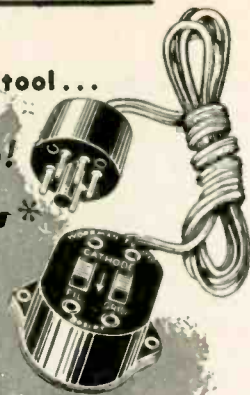


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cord at its other end are then connected to the low-impedance secondary (speaker) winding of a small output transformer. The high-impedance winding of this transformer—ordinarily the primary or output-tube plate winding—now becomes the secondary, which is connected across the volume control of the radio. See Fig. 3. (The extra transformer should not be a great distance from the radio.) You now have a PA system.

There is also the problem of supplying power for equipment intended for use on standard house current when in the field. An inverter may be used to operate from an automobile battery, for this purpose. If it is desired to minimize the drain on the battery or the inverter, there are available spring-wound phonographs with crystal pickups to eliminate the operation of a phono motor.

Conversely, you may have equipment on hand designed for mobile use, but be put in a position where you have to operate it indoors. In this case, you can use a filament transformer of appropriate rating to step down the house voltage. Long-term operation of such a hook-up, however, is not recommended. •

## "Tough Dog" Corner

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wiring and then checked, it read its correct value of 680k.

Before R-176 was returned to the circuit, examination was made of the control-grid circuit from which it had been severed. A study of the circuit shows that, with the resistor in question disconnected, the reading between any of the other components in the control-grid circuit and ground should be infinite resistance. However, application of the ohmmeter probes between the chassis and the control-grid terminal lugs of V110B or V111 did give a resistance reading, indicating definitely that leakage was occurring between one of the components and ground.

Leakage was first suspected between one of the grid socket terminal lugs and the chassis. However, when R-164 and R-173 were disconnected from their respective socket lugs, an infinite-resistance reading was obtained between these lugs and

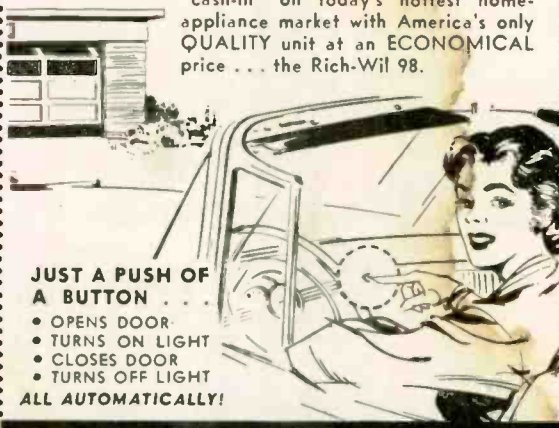
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ground. This narrowed down the trouble to either the hold control or the linearity control. After the connection between these two was unsoldered, the leakage was definitely established to be in the linearity control.

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## Catalogs & Bulletins

**BOOKS, TRAINING AIDS:** Catalog 1B-56 (Fall-Winter '55-56) presents in 24 pages the library of technical and vocational books on all aspects of radio-TV-electronics, electricity, audio, etc. Sheet also available on 35mm film strips based on some training books. John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., N. Y. 13, N. Y. (TECHNICIAN No. B9-20)

**AUTO AERIALS:** Illustrated 8-page catalog showing complete line including front, rear and side mounts, and chrome and fiber glass aerials. Section shows dealer displays. Ward Products Corp., Div. of The Gabriel Co., Dept. 56, 1148 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio. (TECHNICIAN No. B9-21)

**REPLACEMENT CARTRIDGE KIT:** RK-56 Kit containing 3 cartridges provides replacements for 218 cartridges of seven manufacturers. Companion brochure describes Slendyne "535" Dynamic microphone. Shure Brothers, Inc., 222 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, Ill. (TECHNICIAN No. B9-22)

**HI-FI TUBES:** Brochure containing complete line of tube types for audio applications with characteristics and typical operating conditions. Amperex Electronic Corp., 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L.I., N.Y. (TECHNICIAN No. B9-23)

**PICTURE TUBE GUIDE:** Revised and up to date guide provides pertinent data for 258 magnetically deflected picture tubes, regardless of make. Bold-face print indicates differences among similar tube types. Bulletin PA-2 available through CBS tube distributors or Advertising Service Dept., CBS-Hytron, Salem, Mass. (TECHNICIAN No. B9-24)

**AUTO RADIO REPLACEMENT GUIDE:** Chart containing trade names, manufacturers' part numbers, catalog numbers, capacitance values, voltages, sizes and list prices for every popular auto-radio on the market. Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass. (TECHNICIAN B9-25)

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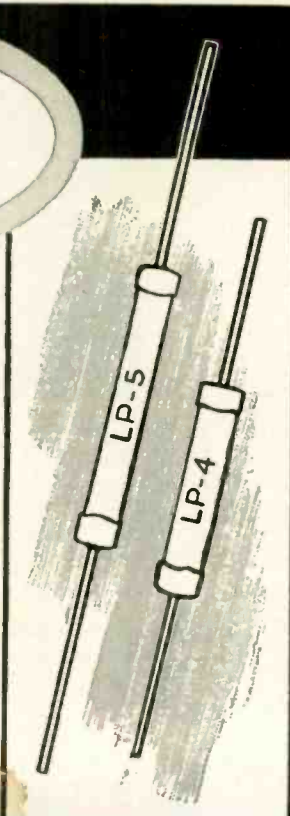
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**TECHNICAL MANUAL:** 10th edition of Sylvania's Technical Manual covering latest material on its industrial tube line, "Sylvania News" and complete listing of renewal items. \$2.00 Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1100 Main St., Buffalo 9, N. Y. (TECHNICIAN B9-5)

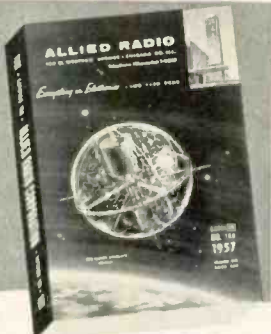
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**GUIDE FOR TV PICTURE TUBES:** "Quick Selection Guide for TV Picture Tubes" is a booklet to help designers select a particular tube from the 211 tube types now on the market. Classifies each tube by size, bulb structure and deflection angle. General Electric Tube Sales, One River Rd., Schenectady 5, N. Y. (TECHNICIAN B9-7)

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## New Books

**TRANSISTORS IN RADIO AND TELEVISION.** By Milton S. Kiver. Published by McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N.Y. 324 pages. Hard cover. \$6.50.

The growing use of transistors in radios and audio devices, plus the prospective inclusion in TV, make it imperative for electronic technicians to have a clear understanding of how these semiconductors operate, associated components and circuits, and techniques for servicing. This well written volume, adequately illustrated, provides practically all the essential technical information required.

After examining point-contact and junction types, the text discusses transistor amplifiers, oscillators, radio and TV receivers and new developments. The 20-page section on servicing transistor circuits is perhaps a bit too short, in view of the subject's importance and the author's extensive servicing knowledge. Experiments with transistors, a limited bibliography and data tables round off what is one of the best books on the subject.

**PICTURE BOOK OF TV TROUBLES (Vol. 6, Horizontal & Vertical Sync Circuits).** By John F. Rider Laboratories Staff. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N.Y. 120 pages. Paper cover. \$1.80.

This sixth in a projected series of eight volumes follows the earlier successful process of correlating TV troubles with the pix symptom and faulty component, as well as the scope waveform. The text is divided into two parts: common channel and dual channel sync circuits. The sync clipper and noise eliminator are also covered. Many common failures (and some tough dog uncommon ones too) are discussed in detail, showing what happens when a component is open, shorted, leaky or changed in value. Since horizontal and vertical sync circuits are often troublesome, this book should be a most informative and practical aid to the TV tech.

**SUPERHETERODYNE CONVERTERS AND I-F AMPLIFIERS.** By Alexander Schure. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N. Y. 56 pages. Paper cover; \$0.90.

Clear explanations of heterodyning action, of the theories underlying the operation of mixers, converters and i-f amplifiers, are presented without mathematics. Suitable for service techs as well as students, this 12th volume in the Electronic Technology Series includes a section on practical alignment.

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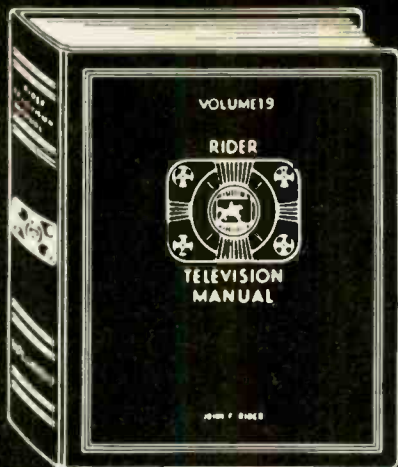
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## New Books

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**PRINCIPLES OF COLOR TELEVISION.** By Hazeltine Labs. Staff. Edited by Knox McIlwain and Charles E. Dean. Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N.Y. 595 pages. Hard cover. \$13.

Now that color TV is entering a truly mass market, thanks to simplified design, lower prices and many more programs, color receivers will be entering service shops in increasing numbers. Therefore, it behooves TV techs to have a fairly complete understanding of the new medium, and there is probably no volume that can provide a more comprehensive description.

The well-written, highly technical text is divided into 18 major sections. It starts with light and color, goes into characteristics of the eye, and then the production of the composite color signal. This is followed by sections on gamma, FCC standards, receivers, decoders, test methods and glossary of terms. While this book is no substitute for one concentrating on servicing color, the information contained is the foundation of all specialized information on the subject.

**SERVICING RECORD CHANGERS.** By Harry Mileaf. Published by Gernsback Library, Inc., 154 W. 14th St., New York 11, N. Y. 224 pages. Paper cover, \$2.90; hard cover, \$4.60.

What with new speeds, new record sizes, new spindle hole sizes, multiple spindles, and the problems of intermixing, automatic changers have undergone a great deal of alteration during a relatively few years. Differences between one and another, once quickly bracketed into three or four neat categories, have become bewildering. On the other hand, comprehensive reference works on changers, none having appeared in a few years, have failed to keep up with new developments. Thus this timely book is a welcome addition to the literature. Well illustrated with many action, exploded, and step-by-step views—the only ways in which changer operation can be visualized—the volume gives solid operational coverage with emphasis on service.

**SIMPLIFIED RADIO SERVICING BY COMPARISON METHOD.** By M. N. Beitman. Published by Supreme Publications, 1760 Balsam Rd., Highland Park, Ill. 110 pages. Paper cover; \$1.50.

For the learner with some background already in electronics, this text attempts to cover the practical ground in service procedures for all types of radio receivers, including AM, FM and communication types, and other varieties of electronic equipment, such as intercoms, PA gear and other sound systems. Emphasis is placed on minimum use of test equipment and minimum theory.

## TV Remote Controls

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the tuner shaft), this remote brings in each channel exactly tuned.

The "It" TV remote control (April 1956 *TECHNICIAN*, p. 50) is now being manufactured and distributed by Alliance Mfg. Co., Alliance, Ohio. Battery operated motor drive attaches directly to tuner shaft in a



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few minutes without tools. No wires to connect, and no need to remove back of set. Complete with 20-ft. cord in self-display carton, "It" channel changer-tuner retails for \$19.95.

## Association News

### ARTS (Ill.) Adds Officers

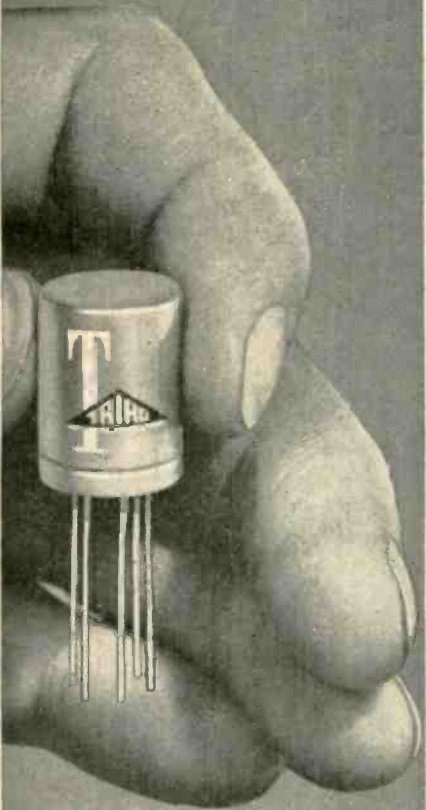
Two new posts, that of trade and press representative and that of historian, have been created by Associated Radio & TV Servicemen of Illinois, 433 S. Wabash St., Chicago 5. Stephen Jacyna will fill the former position, with the latter going to Anthony Mallin. Growth of the group has resulted in the need for the new functions; in addition, it is hoped that these posts will provide experience for their holders that will qualify them for higher administrative office.

### Moch Resigns TESA Post

As a result of a recent illness, Frank J. Moch has resigned the presidency of TESA-Chicago, which he has held for the past eight years. He is succeeded by Joseph Blink, formerly 1st vp. Mr. Moch will retain the post of Chairman of the Board, as well as the presidency of NATESA.



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### Minn. Univ. Study

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### New IRTSA Officers

New officers for Indianhead Radio-TV Servicemen's Assoc., Eau Claire, Wis., are: Pres. Earl Kratch, VP Upton St. Clair, Sec. Richard Presnel, Treas. Vernon Christian, Bd. of Dir. Sherwood Stolp and Earl Struve. IRTSA Cor. Sec. C. W. Stiemke reports the association's battle against pix tube insurance companies is paying off, one firm withdrawing from the field, a court case pending against another.

### Texas Fair

The Fourth Annual Clinic and Fair, sponsored by the Texas Electronics Assoc., Aug. 24-26 in Houston, had some of the top industry leaders scheduled to appear, including Dr. Allen B. DuMont, Philco vp Henry Paiste, Sylvania vp Arthur Chapman, RCA sales manager Joe Bannon, Westinghouse sales manager T. B. Kalbfus and many others. Well over 1000 attendance was expected, reports TEA Pres. Van J. Roark.

### Ky. Techs Form Assoc.

KTRTA, the Kentuckiana Television & Radio Technicians Assoc., has been formed with headquarters at 2519 Portland Ave., Louisville 12, Ky. Officers are Pres. Harold Flood, VP Ira Masden, Sec. James Hall, and Treas. Melvin Brown. There are 15 members on the Board of Directors; no officer can succeed himself. KTRTA will cooperate with national associations. They have 31 members, a goal of 150 by the end of the year.

### RTASCV Service Charges

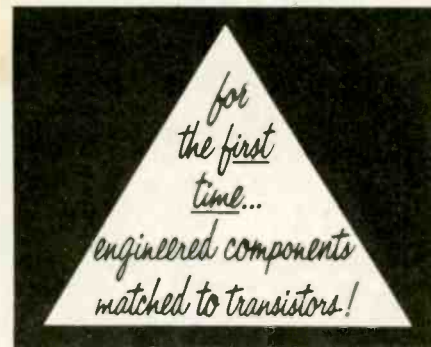
To clarify some of the confusion resulting from non-standardization of service charges, the Radio & TV Assn. of Santa Clara Valley, in the July issue of its monthly publication, RTA, publishes a schedule of suggested minimum charges for service and repair of monochrome TV receivers in and out of the shop. The list has been approved by Local 202 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and other associations in California. Address the publication care of DAAC Publications, 123 South 3rd St., San Jose, Calif.

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## Two-Way Radio

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rent observation of a modulation index meter. Modern transmitters have limiters to prevent overmodulation; input voltages must be maintained between reasonable limits if the limiters are to work properly. Application of a known input voltage simplifies the adjustment of limiters and enables more accurate modulation measurement.

**Carrier Frequency and Deviation:** The Federal Communications Commission requires that these measurements be made at regular intervals. Many technicians fail to realize, however, that today's narrow communication channels and ultra-selective receivers require adjustment to tolerances more strict than those imposed by the FCC. Frequency tolerances of .005 to .01% are too broad for good communications.

The transmitter and receiver must be tuned to each other for good communications. Although both are commonly crystal tuned, circuit constants will affect crystal frequency. Both transmitter and receiver should be checked at least as often as the equipment comes in for a bench check.

### Quality & Sensitivity

**Audio Quality:** A listening check is important. Is the audio clear, understandable, crisp? Is there hum, hiss or crackle?

**Receiver Sensitivity:** One of the most revealing measurements. Relative sensitivity is determined by introducing a signal voltage from a standard VHF generator into the antenna connection and noting the voltage, in microvolts, required to reduce receiver noise by 20 db.

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**Parts Checking:** The need for a VOM and a VTVM is obvious. A capacity bridge is also useful because, while failure of capacitors is not frequent in communications equipment, it is desirable to detect incipient failures if possible. It is costly to guess about parts failures in communications equipment. A

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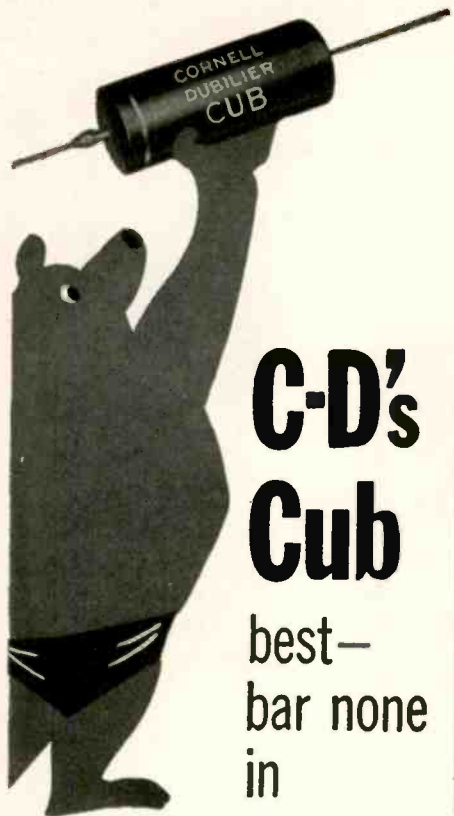
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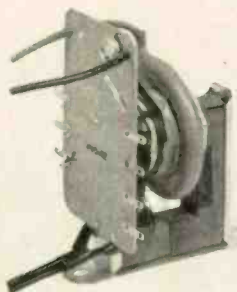
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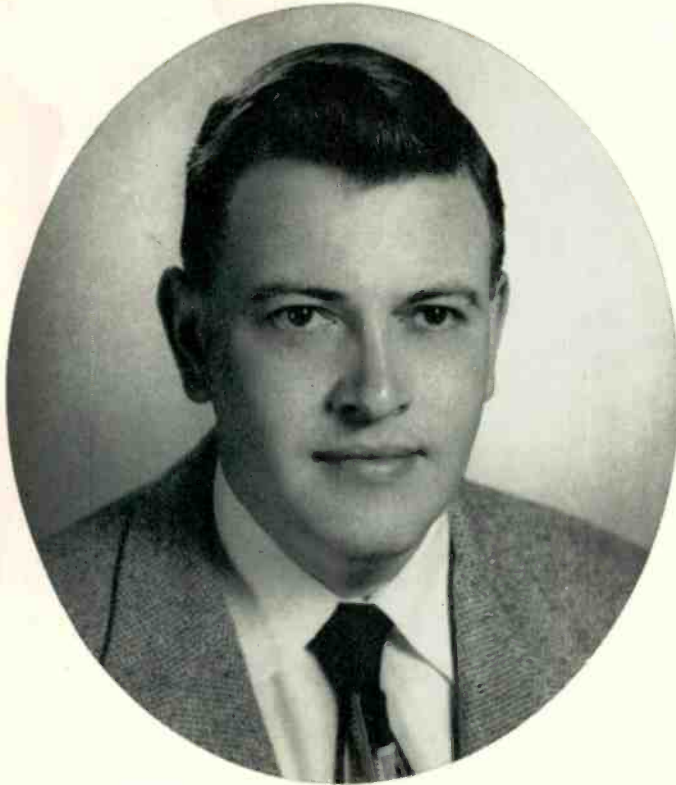
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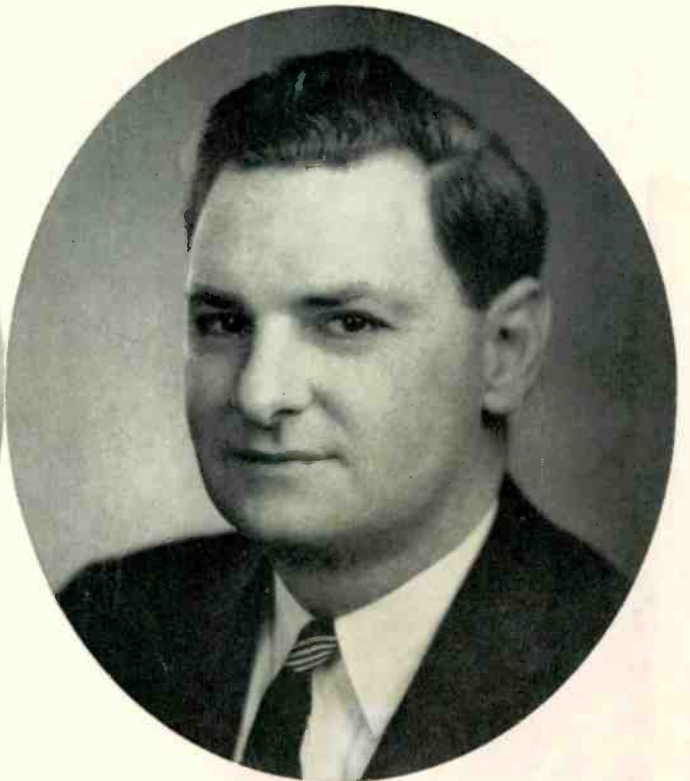
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