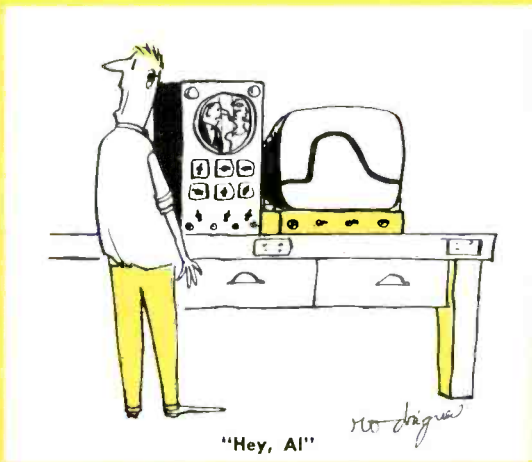


# BEST CARTOONS



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Magazine

Dear Reader:

You may well wonder what a no-nonsense technical trade magazine is doing publishing a cartoon book. Well, if you want to hear something funny, listen to a serious man.

The cartoons printed here were originally published in **ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN** magazine. We hope that our more than 80,000 professional service technician subscribers enjoyed them. After all, all work and no play makes jack.

But cartoons have a broader function than just entertaining. They are a commentary on human foibles and the mechanical-ly unpredictable. Pity the man who can't take a ribbing or smile at both his own and his neighbor's humorous predicament.



Any similarity between the cartoon characters and living people you know is purely intentional.

*Albert J. Forman*

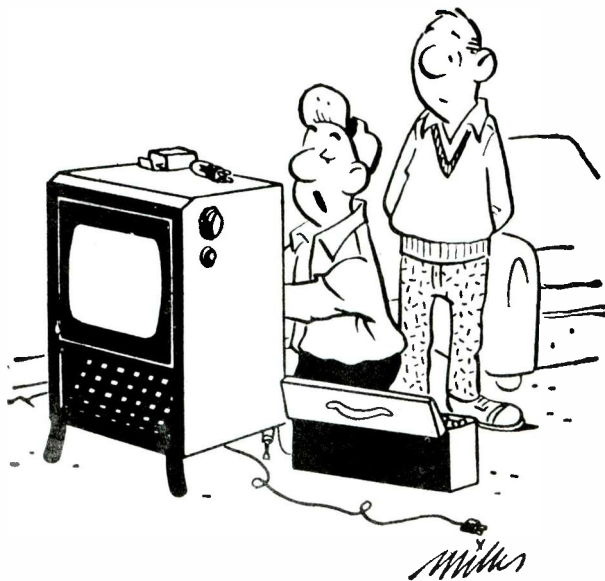
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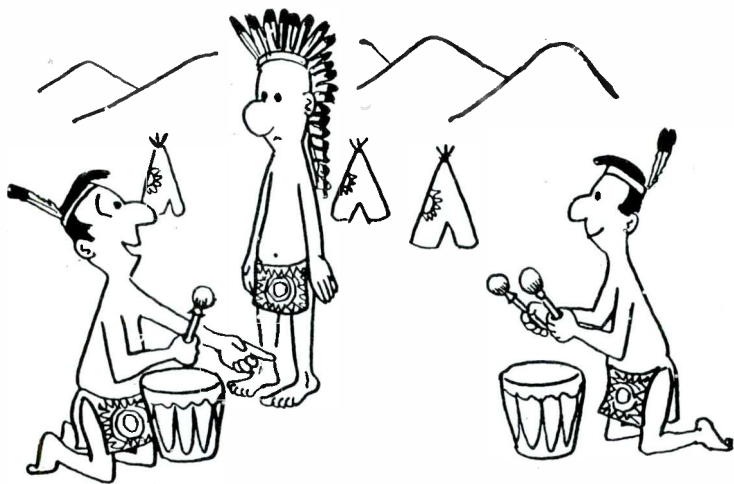
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**"I take it you've located and fixed the trouble in the transmitter that our own men couldn't find."**



**"Yes, we have terms—cash or certified check."**

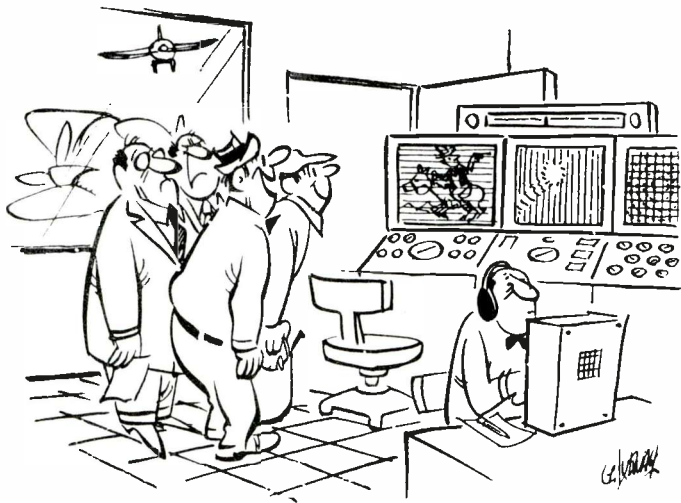


Hammond

**"Hey Chief, stand in the center and  
hear this effect."**

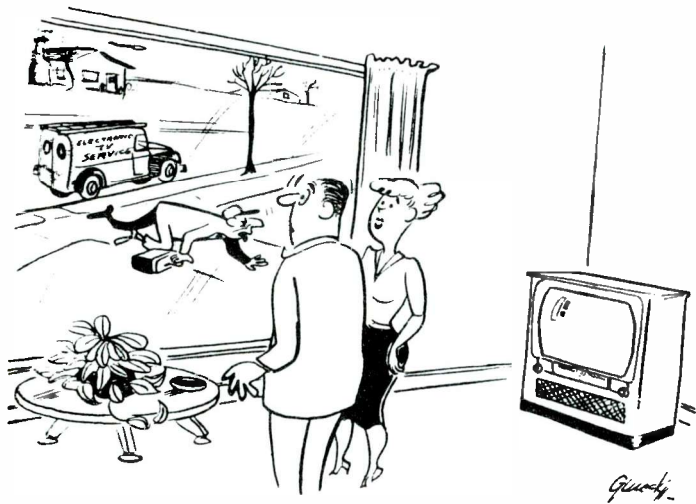




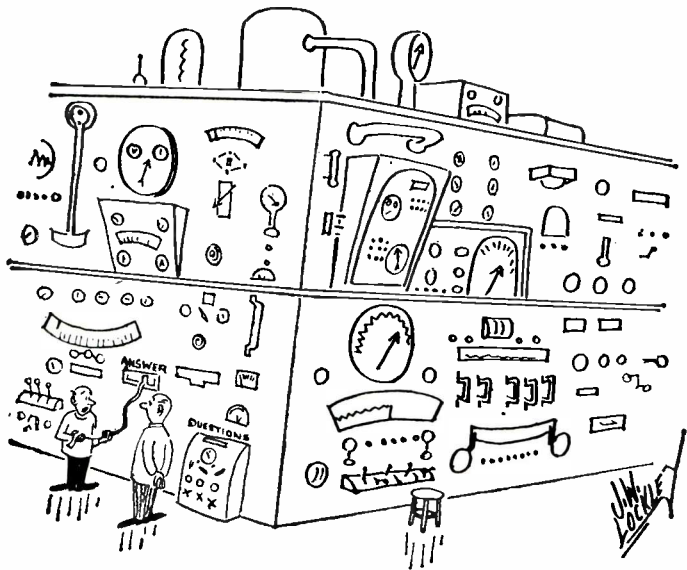


**"I disagree with you—I think your technician knew exactly what he was doing."**

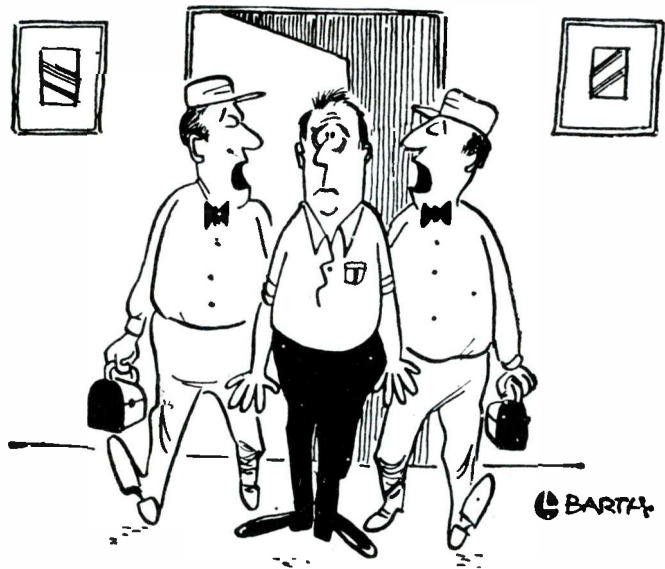




**"He said he would be here today  
if it was humanly possible."**



**"It says it refuses to answer on the grounds  
that it may tend to incriminate."**

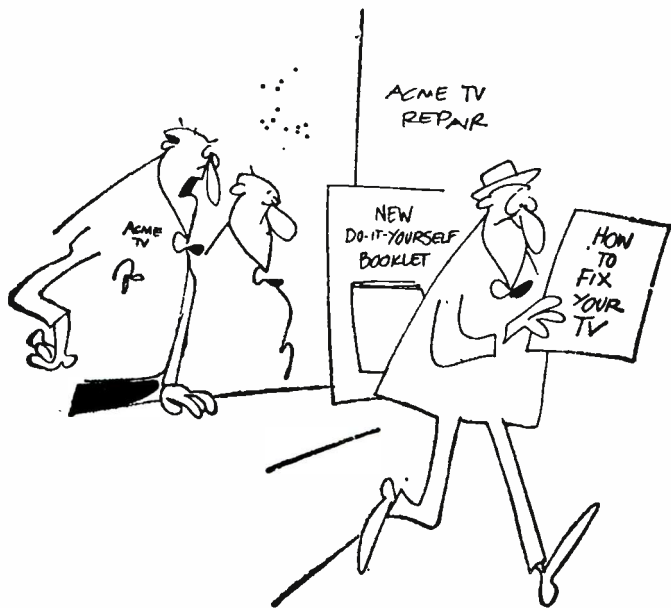


**"What's wrong with your stereo?"**





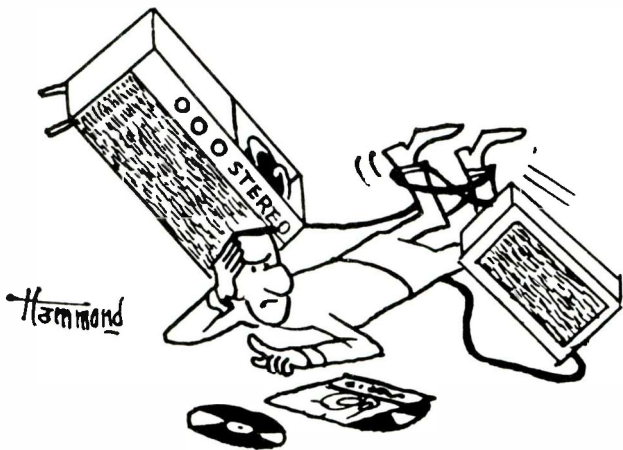
**"Let's not get sickening about it!"**



"He won't get very far. . . . I wrote it"



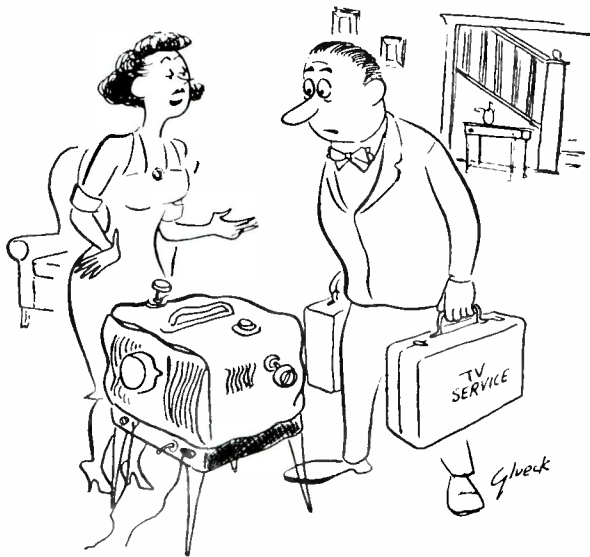
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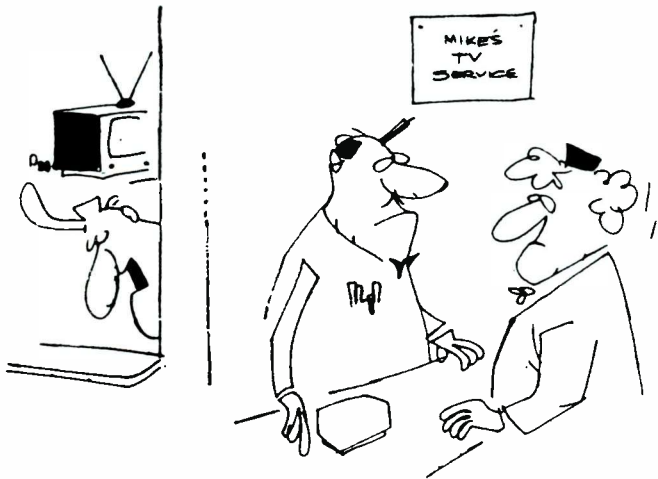




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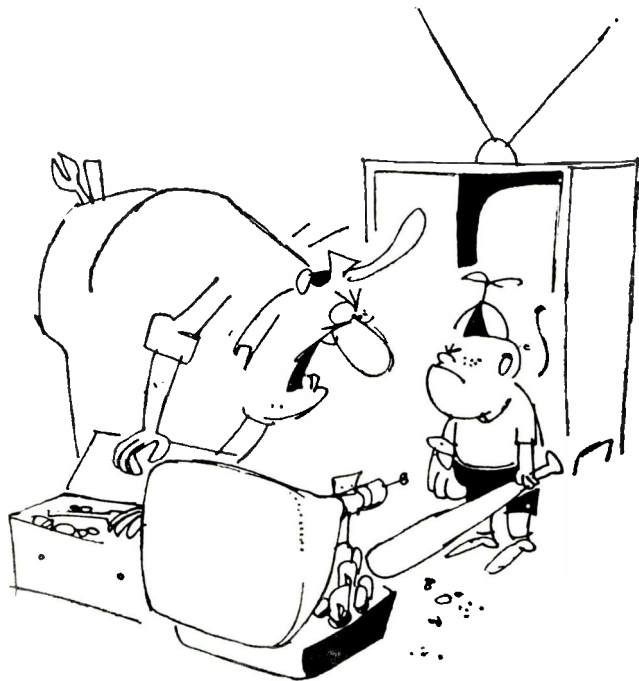


**"Well, we used to bring back the picture  
with just a tap, then a smack . . . then . . ."**



Harborth

**"Boss, you can call old blabbermouth and tell her to pick up her set."**



*h2rb2454*

**"I know it's five minutes to Captain Kangaroo."**



**"You fellas ever finish jobs somebody else started?"**



**"Oh, all right . . . turn the volume  
up a little!"**

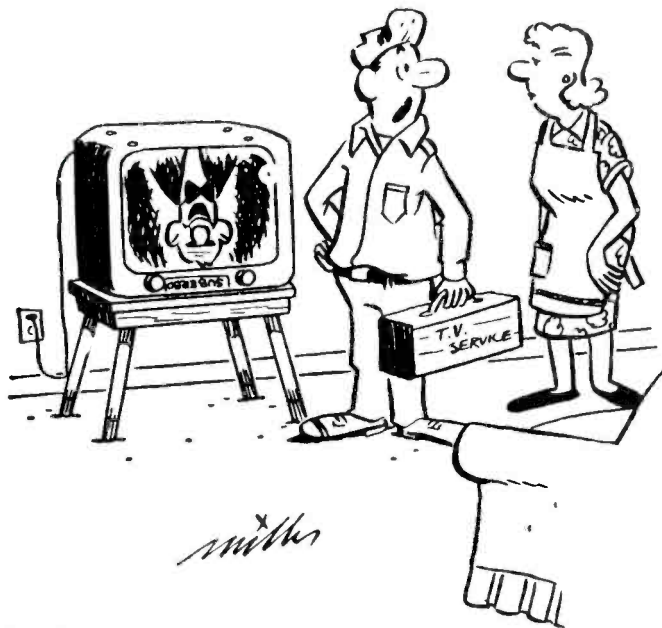


**"Well, Mr. Install-It-Yourself?"**

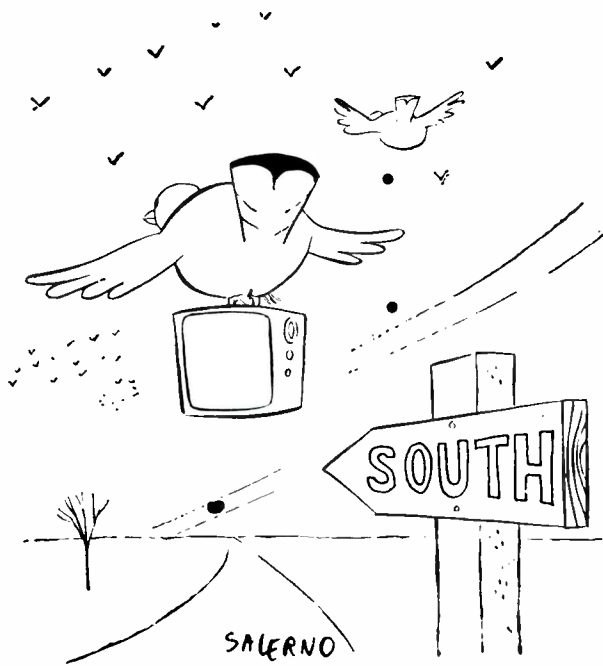


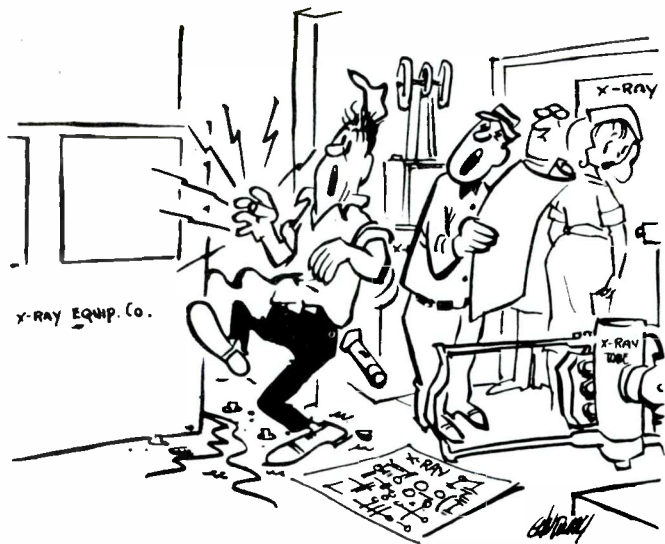
**"Wait—I think I like that one best."**





"This won't take more than a few minutes to correct."





**"That's it, Parks—Take it in small doses and build up an immunity."**





**"Turn it on."**

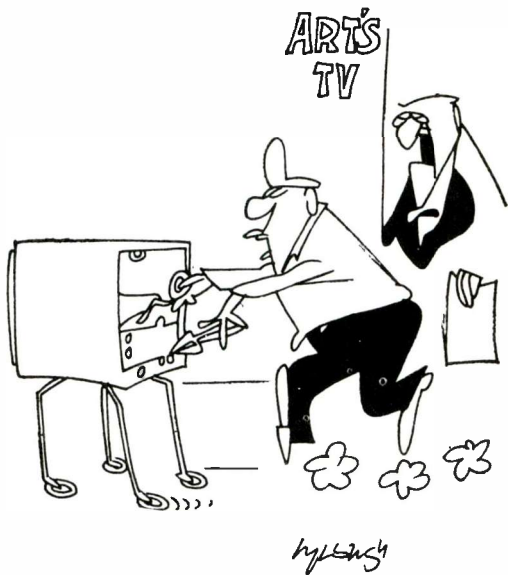
HI-FIDELITY



**"How's that for high frequency response?"**



**"All I said was 'I'll bet your set at home works like a million.' "**



"Take the casters off to fix it . . ."





**"Each unit represents 1,000 sets I've serviced."**



**"What ails your set is called non-conjunctivitis—meaning not plugged in."**



**"Everybody knows me—my first time here I  
picked up a live wire."**



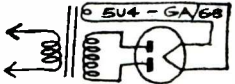
"I suggest you buy a tool box."



**"Get ready to go to work. He's explaining things in technical terms—he doesn't know what's the matter with it."**



*Mykiss*

"... IT SOUNDS LIKE  ..."





**"I couldn't get the knobs off!"**



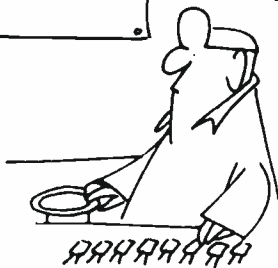
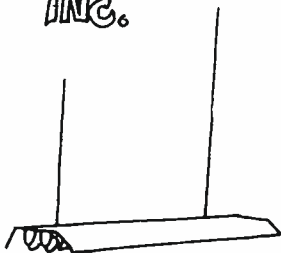
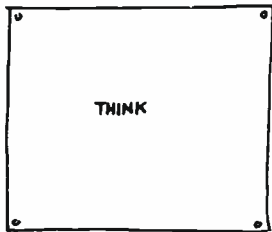


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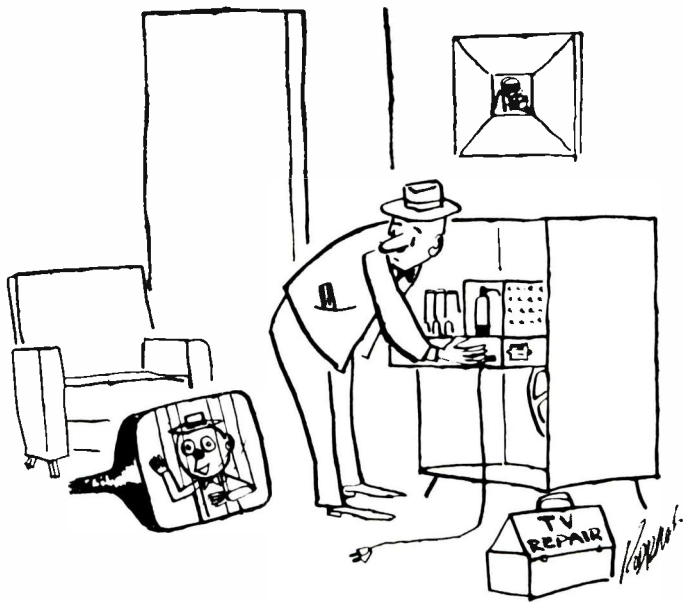
**"You sure that all it needs is a new 6CB6?"**



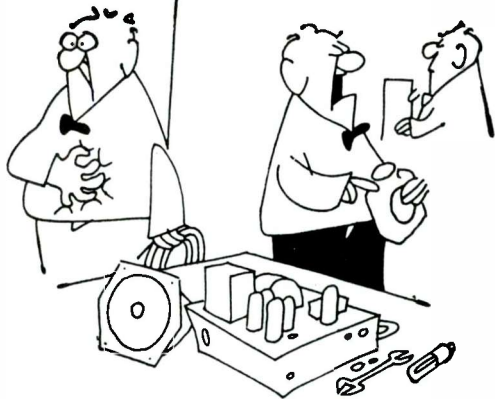
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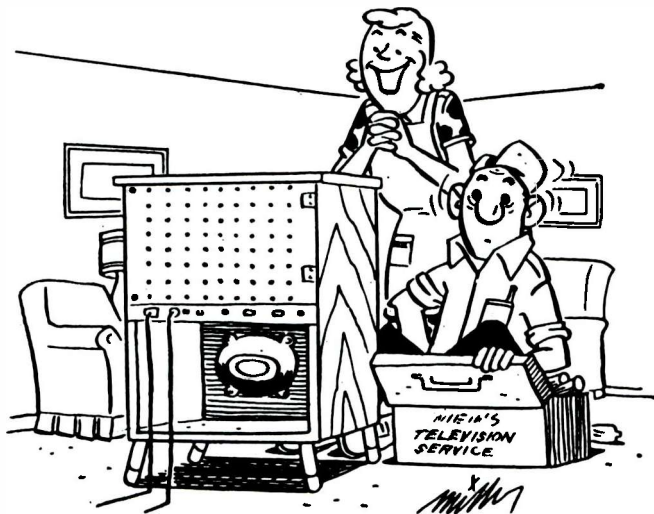


TV  
REPAIR



*Wp 2/54*

**"Who took the condensers I put in this vitamin  
bottle?"**



**"Oh, thank you very much! I don't know  
how I can ever repay you."**



**"Take me to your tweeter."**



rodriguez





**"You can't miss our shop. It's directly across  
the street from the ball park."**

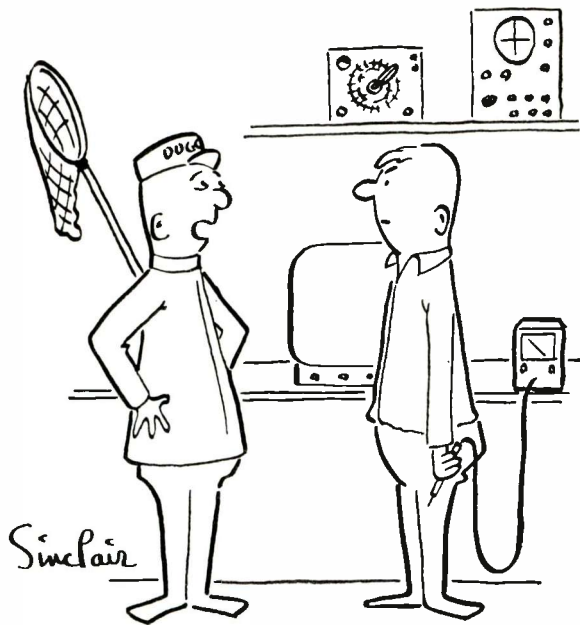


**"The teensy weensy soldering iron, Jeffries."**

# TV REPAIR



**"You mean how much for that antenna and  
a picture tube."**

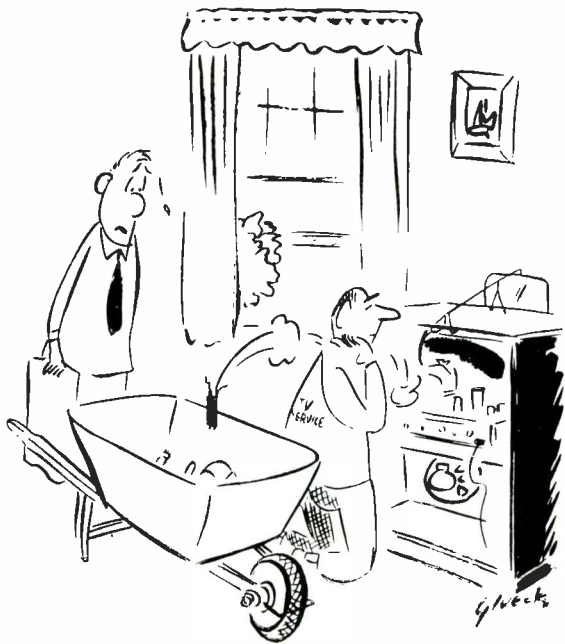


*Sinclair*

**"I was told that all dogs come here."**



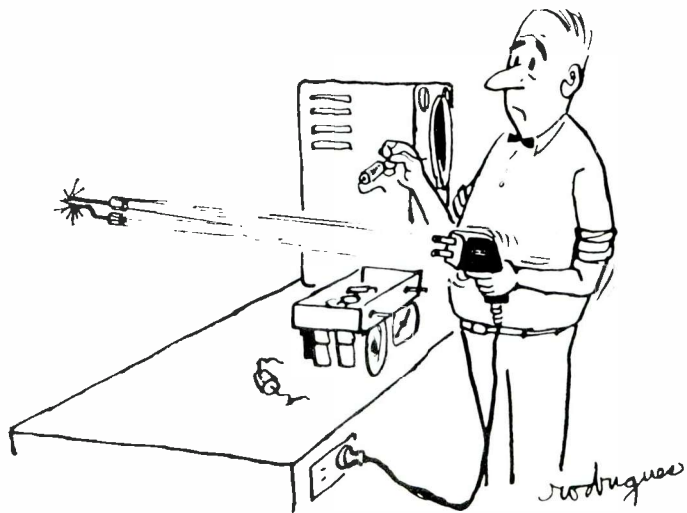
· "Try tuning the oscillator"



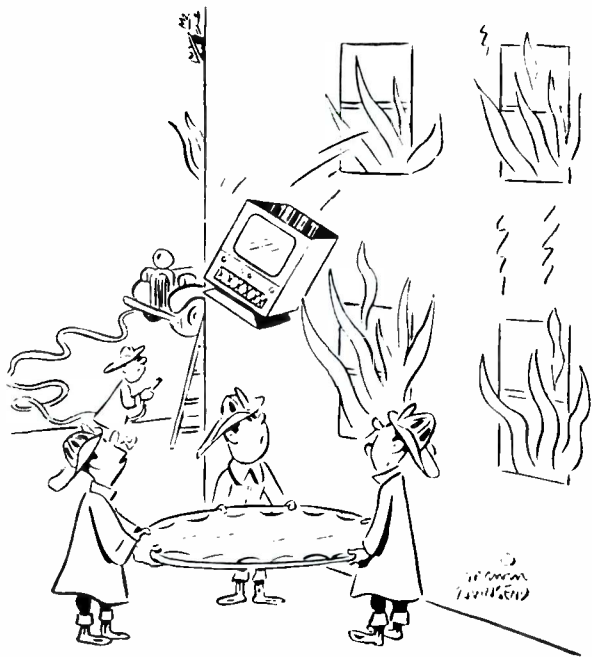
# ASWORTH'S TELEVISION SERVICE



"I can't understand it. Business seems to have stopped."







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**"The 'Edison Electric Institute' will hear about this!"**

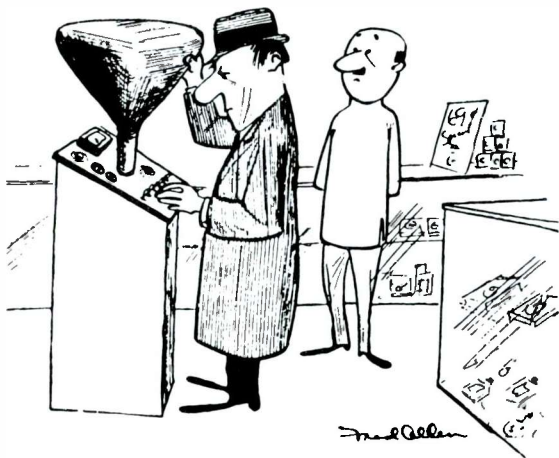


**"They used to run a gas station."**



**"I've never seen such a sensitive  
R.F. trimmer!"**

PRESCRIPTIONS





Rodriguez



**“Don't ask me why—but that's where our antenna gives us the best picture!”**

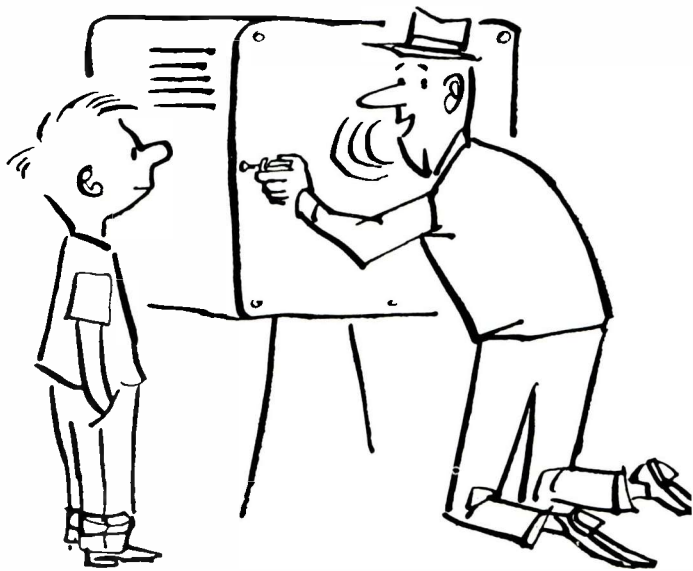


**"A condition like that could cause a lot of damage. Notice what happens when I touch it with my screwdriver."**

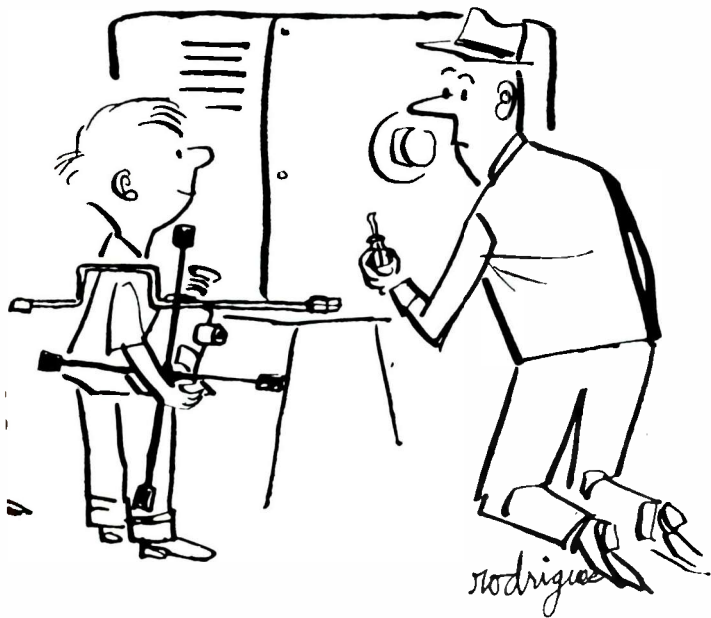




**"You the guy with the rush job?"**

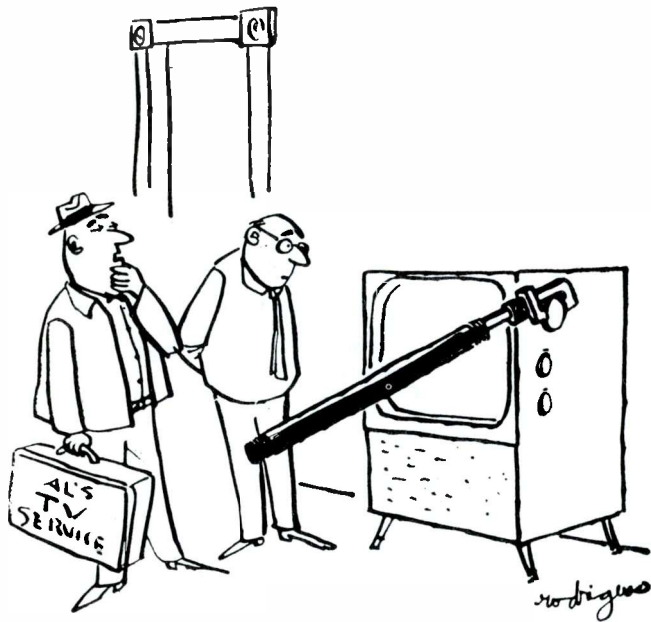


**"Would you run out to my truck and get  
my tools?"**





**"Don't worry about me getting a shock—it  
isn't plugged I-EEY!! !**



**"Looks like you've got tuner trouble, sir."**



**"Good morning—Rapid Service."**

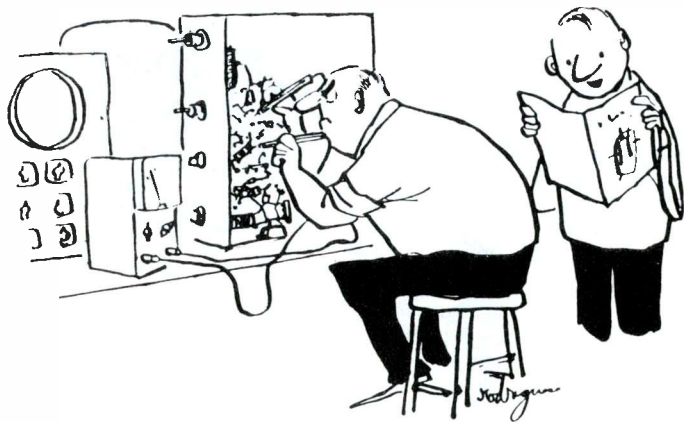


“. . . and let me have a replacement color scanning disk, AI.”



**"You 'oughta see him on bench repairs."**





**"Says here they've developed a 19 pin tube . . ."**





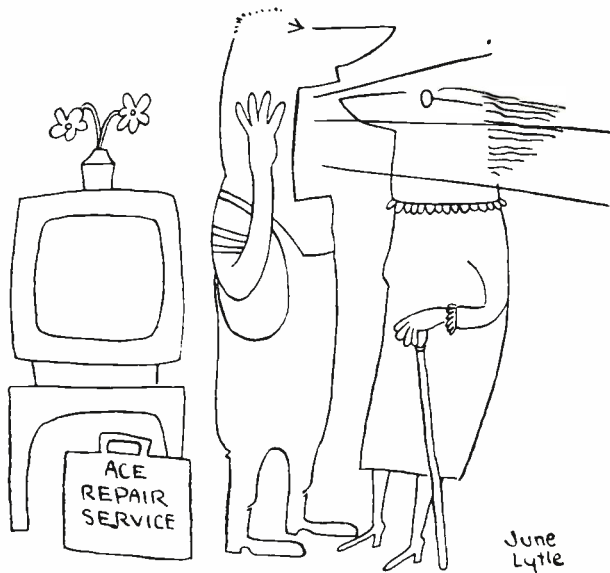
**"Brother, will I write this outfit a nasty letter!"**



**"How do you read me? . . . over . . ."**



**"Jenkins, here, has come up with a money-saving idea. We're going to nail the backs of our sets instead of using screws."**



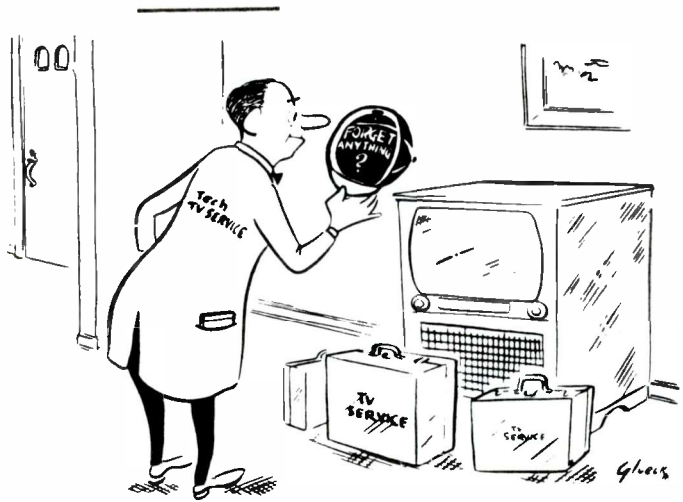
**"I said, there is nothing wrong with your set's audio."**





**"Well if it does all that, what am I  
paying you for?"**





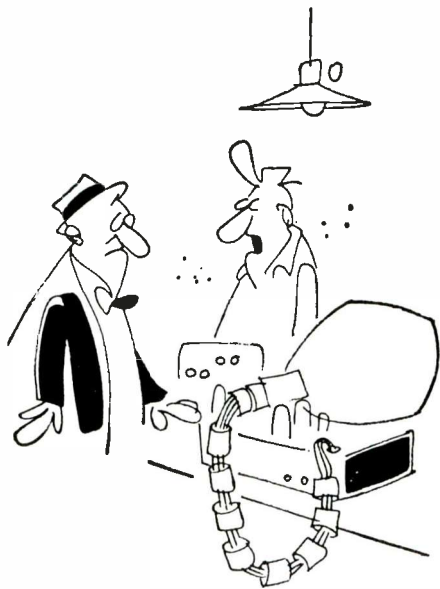


Geo Wilson

**"I'm a bit worried—his feet haven't moved for two days."**

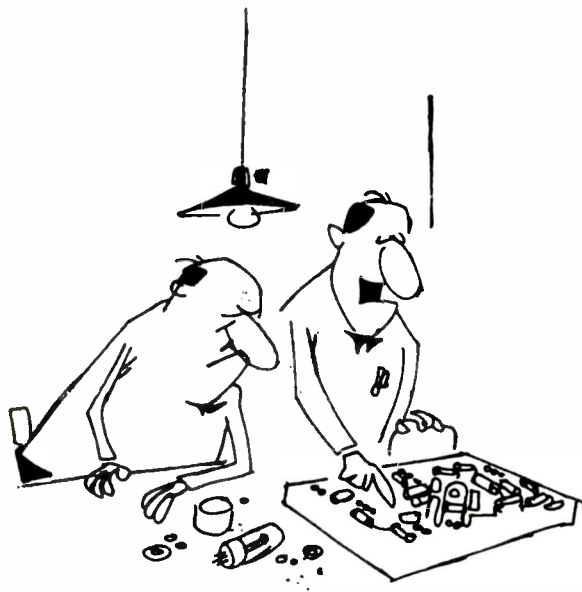


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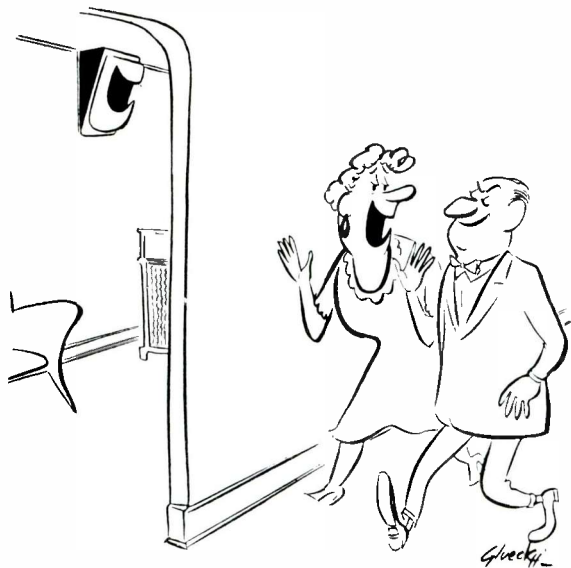


"THANK TO V. DEBIAK"

**"I think you're gonna need a new  
picture tube."**



**"You go down past this 5U4, turn left between these condensers and here's my house."**



**“You named a speaker after me—how thrilling—I can hardly wait to see it.”**



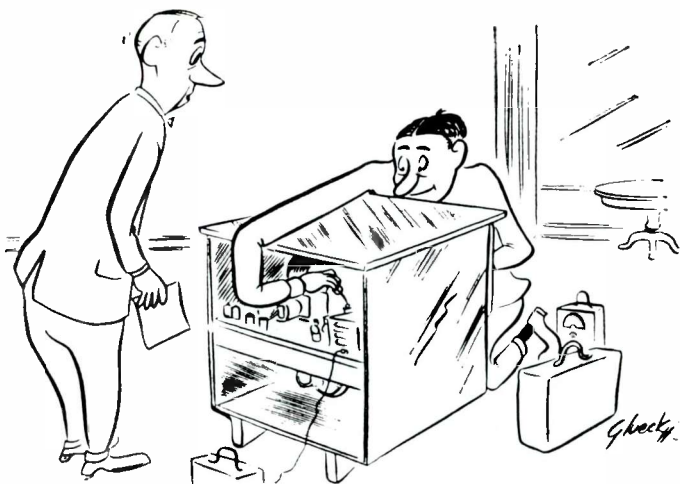
*Fred Allen*

**“That’s odd, it says all solid black lines  
are secondary roads.”**



"Hand me the cheater cord."

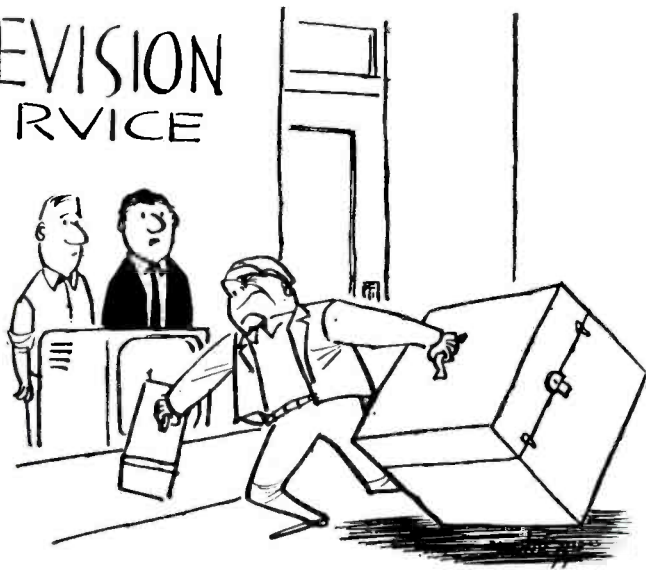




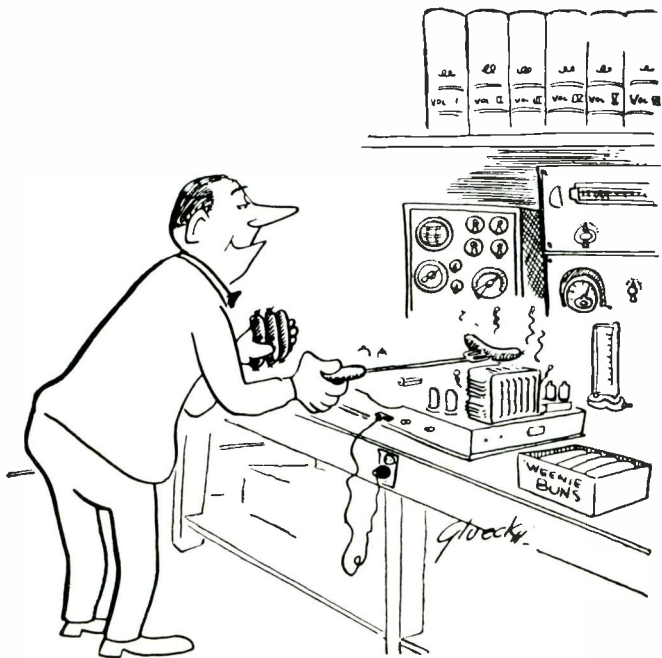


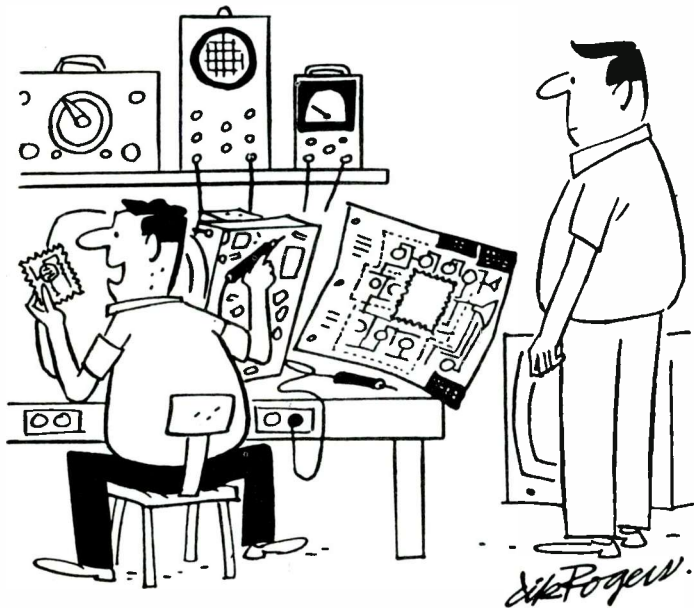
**“That’s the story of my life, Doc,—but like I was trying to tell you, I just came to fix your TV set.”**

EVISION  
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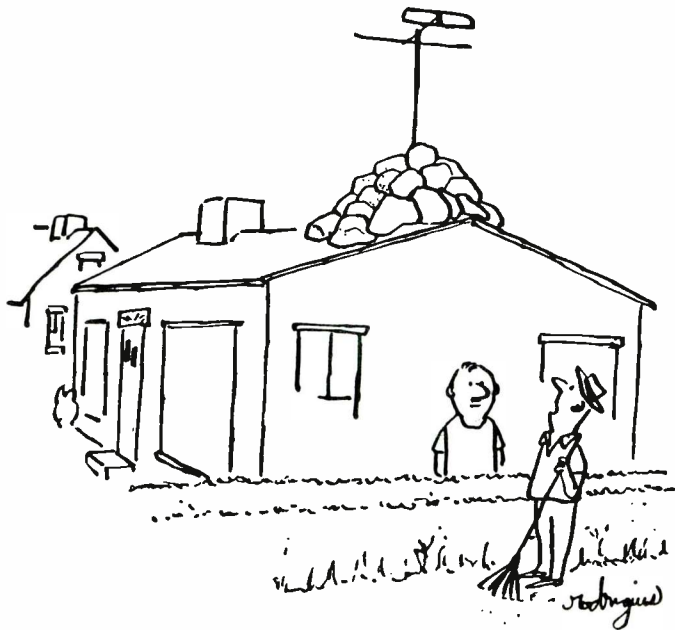


**"One thing about Fred . . . he's never stuck  
for a tube on any service call."**



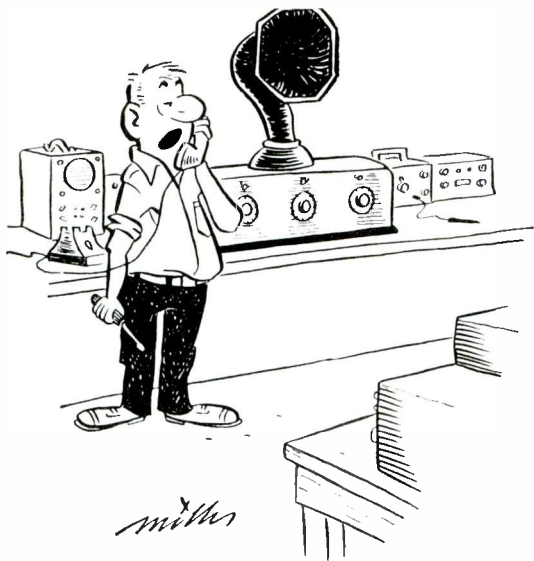


**"I think I have the trouble localized."**



**“Install that antenna yourself, Frank?”**



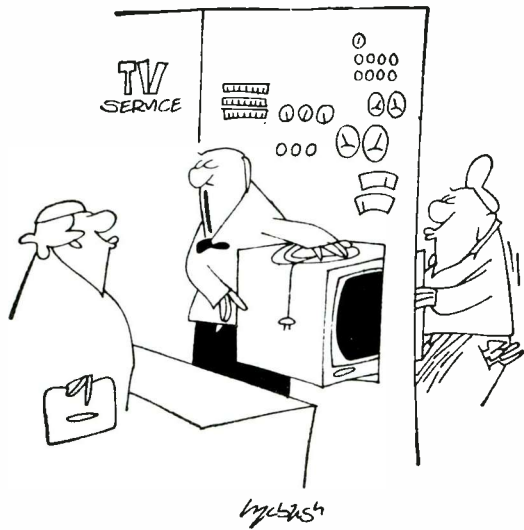


**"Say, Fred, I've got a little problem—  
mind coming out of retirement for a few  
hours?"**





"C-46, BR-A-A-A-WK, C-46!"



**"We just put the set through here and one of our electronic brains takes over."**

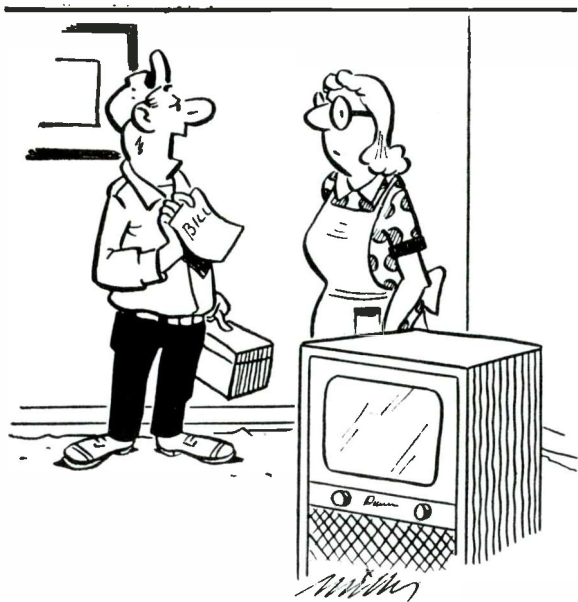
**RADIO  
REPAIRS**

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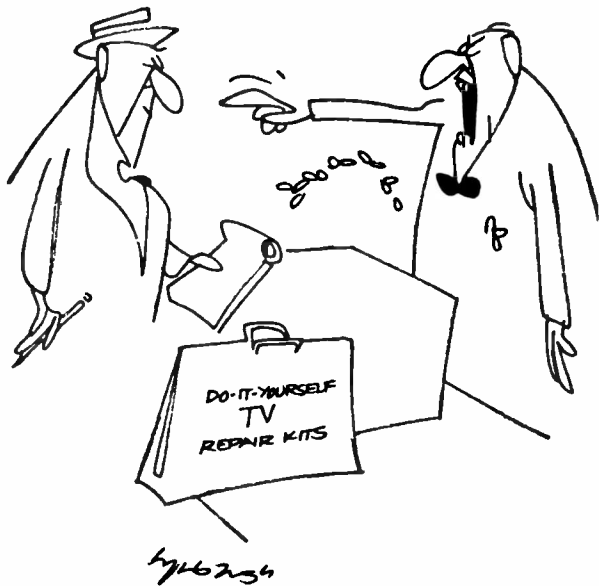
**"There, isn't that much more comfortable?"**



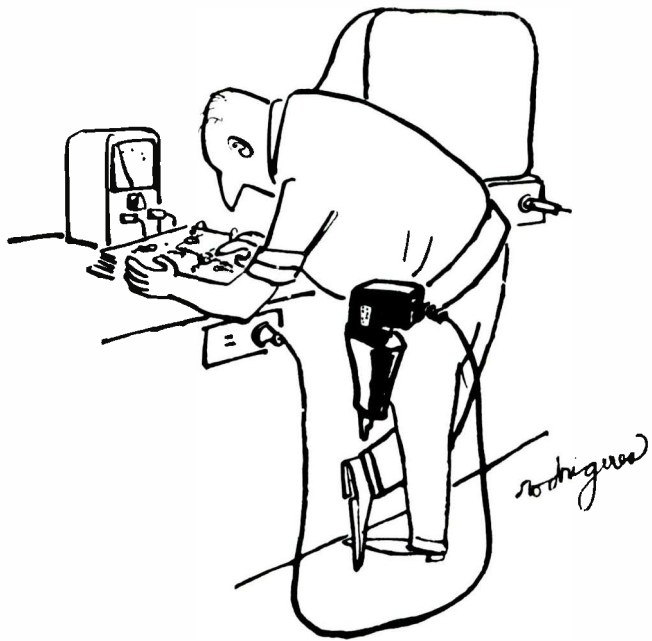
**"Would you like to charge it, or would you prefer I leave the set here?"**



**"Not sliced egg sandwiches, again?"**



**"Sure I'll give you a big order, . . .  
Get outa here!!"**





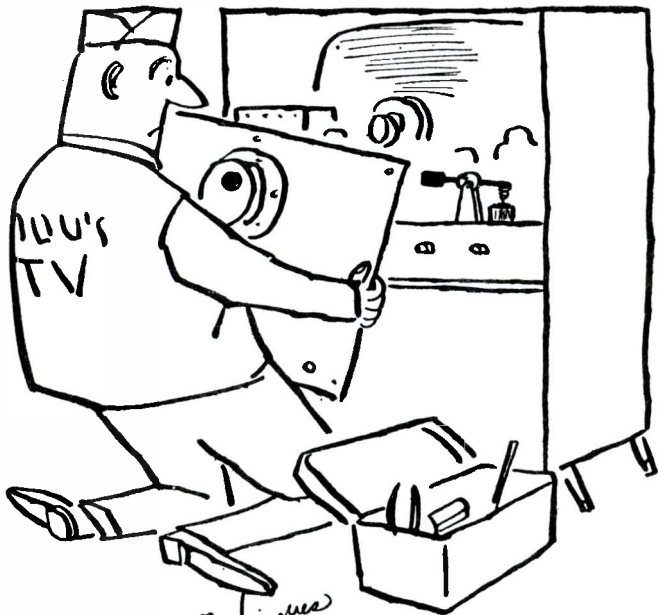


**"Nobody's perfect!"**

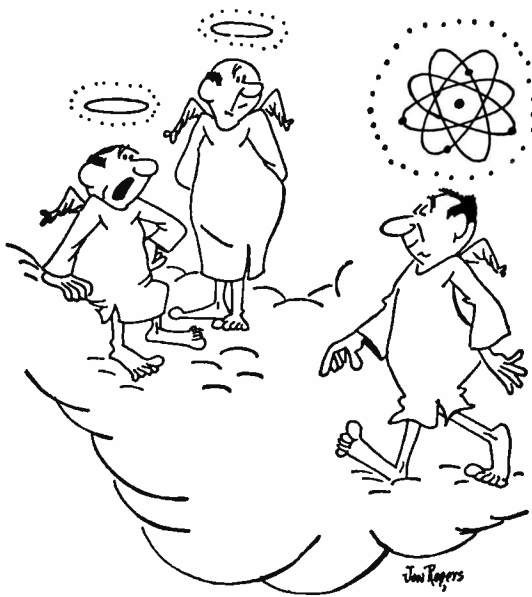


*W. H. R. S.*

**"Don't thank me, . . . thank my boss, he found a way for me to deliver after the truck broke down."**



Rodriguez



**"I understand he was an electronic technician."**



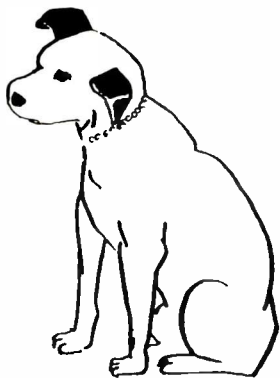
*by 1975*

**"I don't care if it's a weak 6BQ6 or a 5U4,  
... Just watch the play."**

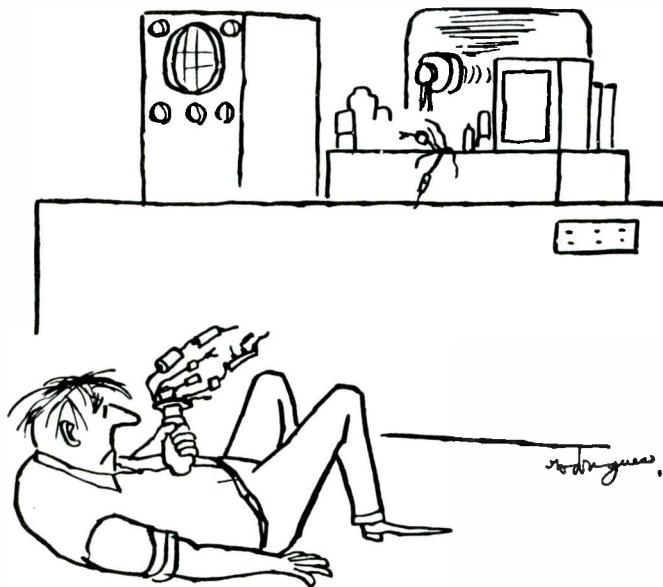


**"Have you considered the possibility that it might be a condenser?"**





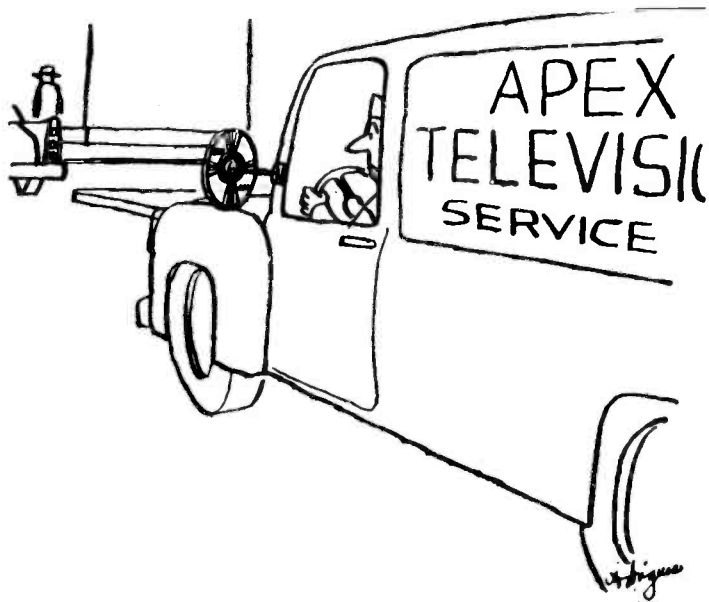




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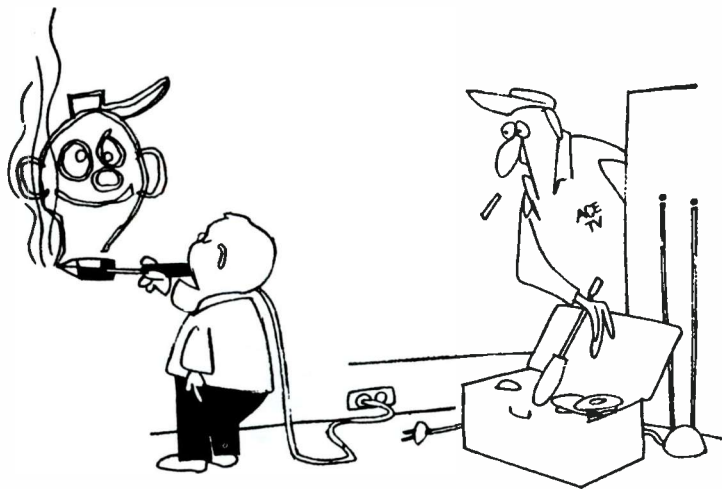


BOB  
SERBICKI





**"The other man's tester had more knobs."**



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**“Did anyone call while I was out?”**



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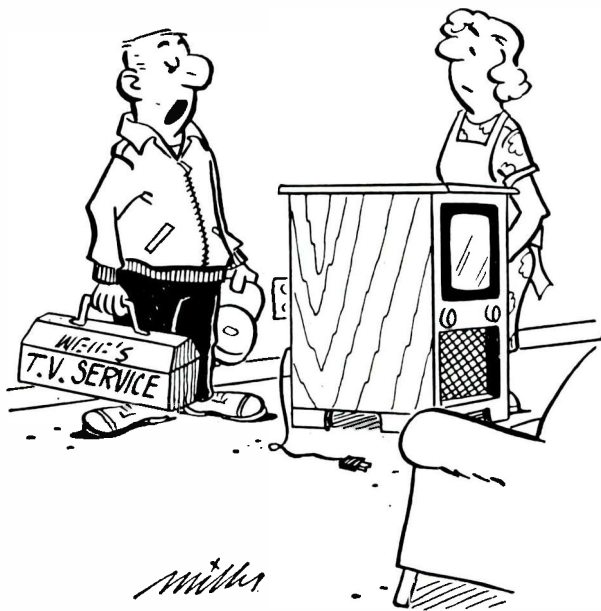


**“I think you worked it free that time, Charlie.”**

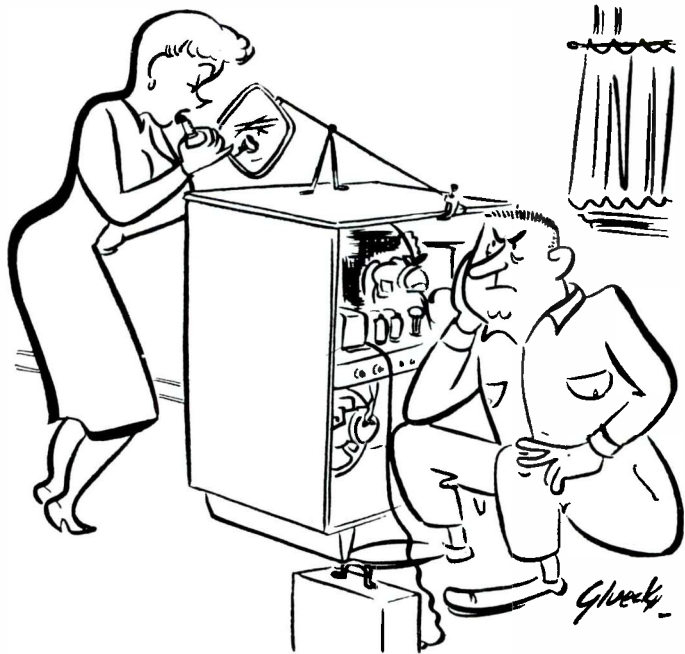




"It's OK now. We had put on each other's glasses by mistake."

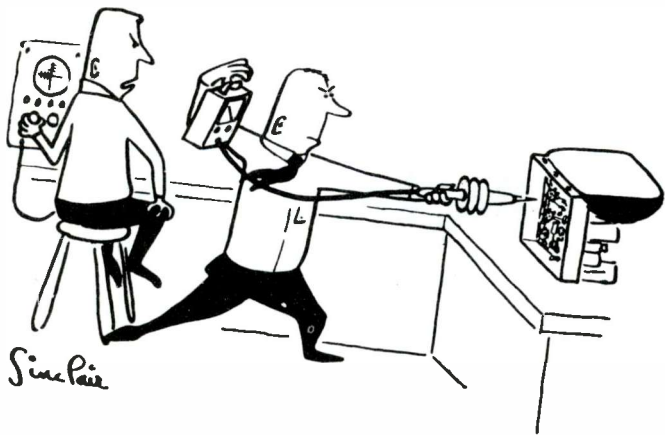


**"Sure, I could repair it for half-price, if it was only half a television set!"**





**"We'll give you the best possible trade-in on your old set. Let's see, now—used tuning knobs are worth about nine cents."**



Sinclair

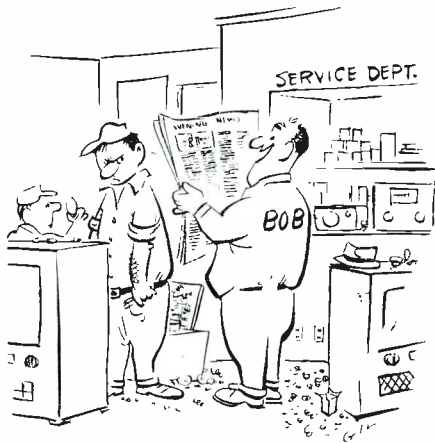


*McCluskey*

**"Never mind that, I'm telling you it's a condenser and a weak 6AS5."**

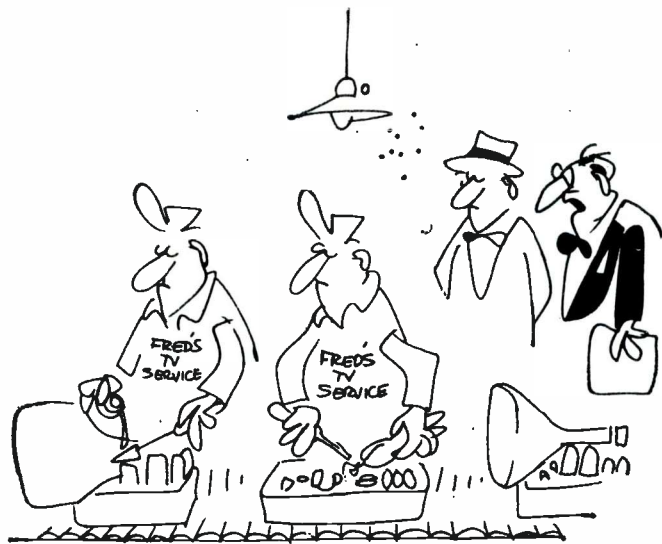


**"Look who's complaining about a repair bill!"**



**"You got a nice write-up in the paper, Tony—listen to this! Programs were resumed at the TV station after a blackout caused by technical difficulties. Anthony Bokk was called in and had the station back on the air in twelve minutes. Mr. Bokk is employed by Mr. Robert Ash, who is an authority on electronics, an expert on communication, transmitting and field detection apparatus, now specializing in mobile radio, TV receiving sets and . . ."**





*1957/58*

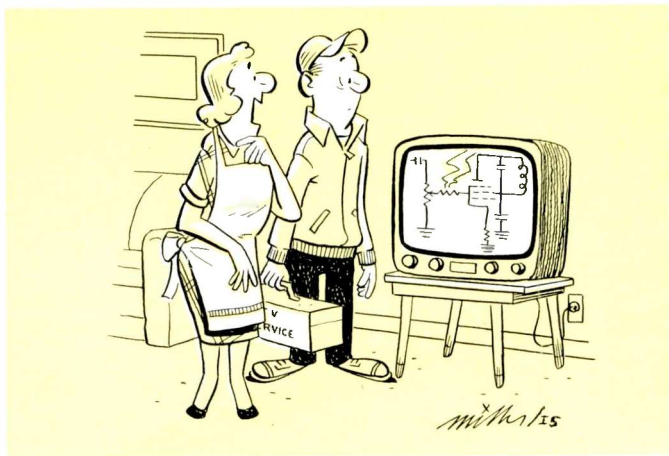
"How's business? Oh, making a living".



Geo Wilson



**"Has it started to act up yet?"**



"I think it's trying to tell us something."