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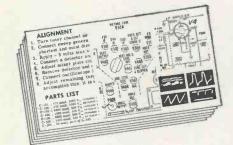
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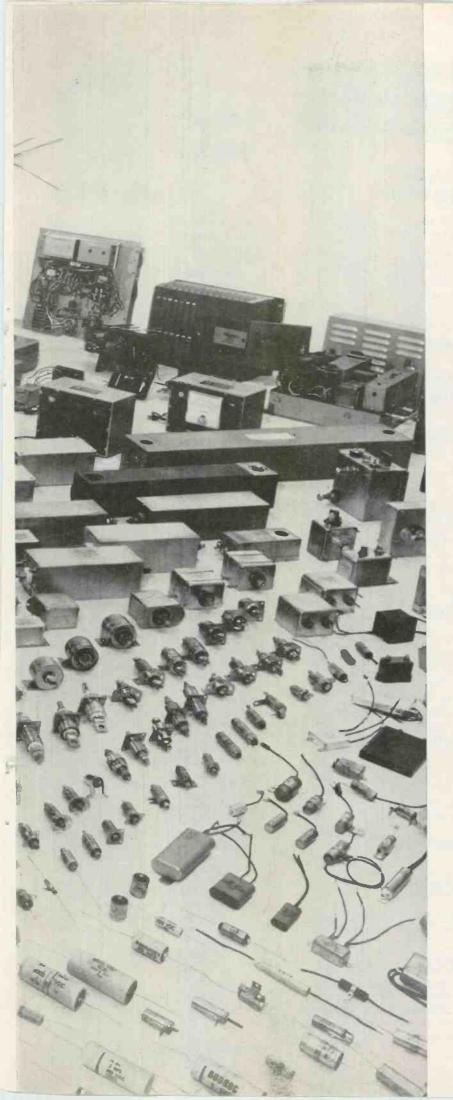
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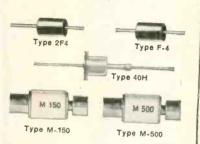


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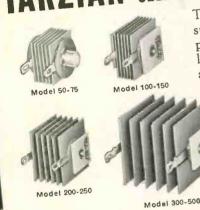
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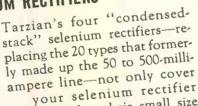
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### Editor's Memo



When the TV picture isn't being displayed properly on the CRT screen, it can have a serious effect on some viewers. For many years I've held the blissful assumption that eyestrain is the worst thing that could result from poor video and sync.

Now I've read of a report in a British medical journal that TV flicker can bring on convulsive attacks. Physicians reported five recent cases where people knelt in front of their sets to adjust the controls. Their faces were only a few inches away from the screen when the attack came.

In the words of Dr. Charles Mawdsley, senior neurologist at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, a television set, particularly a faulty one, "could provide a potent source of photic stimulation."

It has been long known that there are people susceptible to flickering lights. They can either fall into an hypnotic state or have an epilepsy type of seizure. Air Force personnel have fallen unconscious while viewing the setting sun through rotating aircraft or helicopter blades.

In ancient Rome, the writer Apuleius wrote that a seizure could be caused by the light reflecting from a rotating potter's wheel.

It is not known exactly how many people will have a fit from TV flickers, but there is evidence that a substantial part of the population is susceptible to stimulation by light flashes of certain rhythms and intensities.

Fortunately, most of the many people affected by flickering light sources do not become unconscious. That is, the impact is there, but the great majority do not fall completely under its spell.

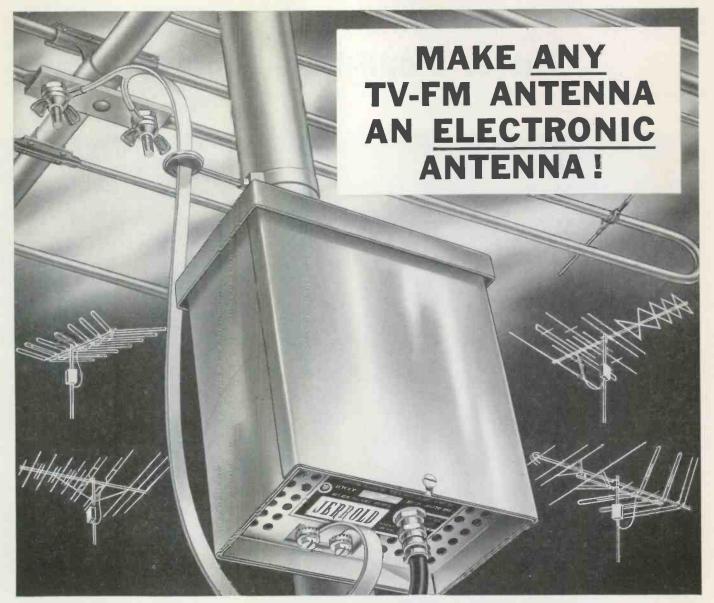
If you should run across a TV set with flickering picture, I suggest you inform the owner immediately that failure to have it fixed immediately could have medical consequences. And if there's any fainting, brother, give that video box the once over.

of course, there are people who will "know" that eyestrain is the worst thing that a TV picture could cause. Trance? Seizure? Never!

For any skeptic falling into this category, I can only echo Josh Billings' sentiments: "It is better not to know so much, than to know so many things that ain't so."

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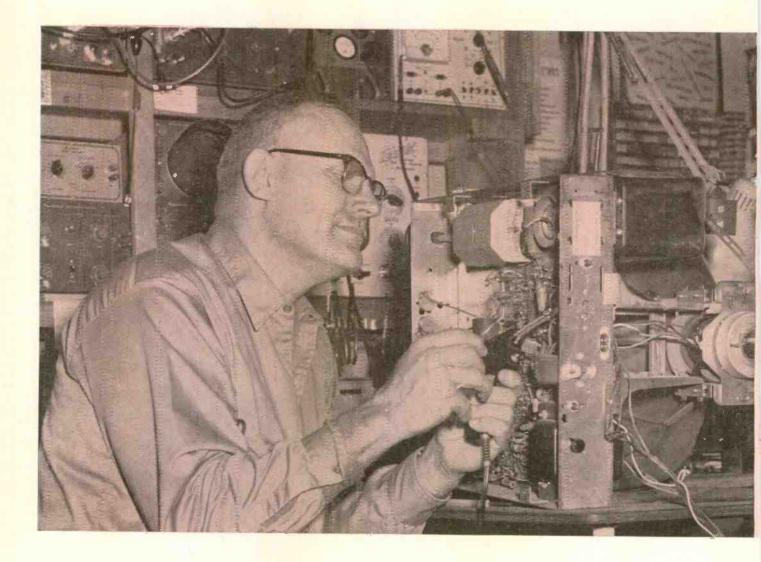
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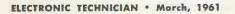
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### LETTERS To the Editor

#### No Discount for Hobbyists

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN: I would like to add a thought to Mr. William Totten's letter "Who's to Purchase" in your January 1961 issue [Mr. Totten wants to buy parts from distributors for his hobby, radio controlled aircraft.] One of my hobbies happens to be skiing. I did not run around town trying to buy the skis wholesale. What is wrong in paying the retail price for any materials needed to pursue one's hobby? I really can't see the reason for giving a "dealer discount" to a hobbyist or a ham. Isn't this just down-right chiseling?

MELVIN COHEN Suburban Television Service Co. Hudson Falls, N. Y.

#### Distributor Sales to Public

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN: I am fairly new in TV servicing. I'm also a fairly new subscriber to your excellent magazine. We here in Akron have a serious customer relations problem with the general public, due to the Olson Radio Co. doing cutthroat business with the public. I do want to publicly thank the Warren Radio Co. in Akron for their excellent cooperation with the local TV technicians. They do everything in their power to refrain from doing business with the man on the street. They can't shake the truth out of a strange customer who claims to be a serviceman, but they do have an excellent way of compensating us TV technicians. They give the technician who happens to be in the store at the time, or next technician who comes in, the difference between the list price that Warren Radio charged the consumer purchaser and the dealer net. If all distributors would do this, then no TV technician should ever have any complaints.

Akron, Ohio

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#### **Good Filing Idea**

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

I am glad to see the new monthly section, "TV Manufacturers Technical Digest," added to your magazine. I am making a card filing system for TV models and magazine articles for troubleshooting or corrections on TV sets. So when a set comes in the shop with an out of the ordinary trouble, I can check my files for tough dog data or manufacturer corrections on that particular set. It may cut down troubleshooting time considerably.

ROBERT C. OSMAN Millington, Tenn.

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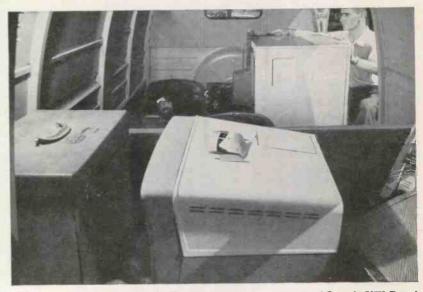
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#### **TV License Survey**

Editor ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

This TV licensing survey in your Jan. issue confirms much of our own findings, and since yours was an un-biased check, this pleases us. We are convinced that we are on the right track in supporting license where local people find need of it. As we expected, those who do TV service on a part-time basis with no real intent to make of it a life's work, but simply an opportunity to make an extra "buck," are opposed to license. This is shown in your time and earning category reports. We are pleased that in both of these categories substantial numbers want license. These undoubtedly are the part-timers who are sincerely trying to make a career of service. These the entire industry needs greatly.

Your finding that a majority of all servicers are not association members does not surprise us. It is a known fact that across the nation the part-timers numerically outnumber the actual professional servicers by as much as 20 to 1. Most (not all) of these people are not even eligible for association membership. Few associations bar a sincere part timer who operates an actual business.

We were surprised to a degree with your report on the "Years in TV-Radio Work" category. Without seeing the actual survey forms, it is hard to analyze this phase. It would seem that those who have been in the business the longest are so well established that they feel they can get along strictly on their own. I am sure, for instance, that my personal service business, which has been in operation since 1921, will survive even total captive service and hordes of marginal part-timers. I would, however, be happier if I could some time in the future be able to have my sons take over a business which they could prosper in.

The slight edge against licensing in the over 1.000.000 population chart is due undoubtedly to the indicated lack of interest of technicians. It should be remembered that in these cities the business establishments are bigger and that many of the technicians are unionized, so feel their future is secure. Further, because of the shortage of good technicians, even the relatively incompetent man is in demand. It is obvious then that neither would want the status quo disturbed.

> FRANK J. MOCH Executive Director

#### NATESA Chicago, Ill.

. . . Even though I voted "no" in your license poll, I'm sure no repairman is against a good licensing bill. My fear is that only an inadequate bill is the most we can expect; an adequate one would put too many "TV repairmen" out of business. Our men who believe licensing will help to remove the gyps haven't heard the other side. Are they aware licensing requirements are apt to be sufficiently low to satisfy the greater portion of those men whose only outlook in licensing is that it will (they hope) oust the amateur? Has it been brought to light why licensing will not, at all, satisfy that campaign promise receiving number one billing: "to eliminate the gyps?"

Oh, for an association of us men who collectively agree it is not the amateur who threatens our prestige, but the unethical shopowner! Those misleading statements and those false promises-even the best technician finds what a detriment they can be; but, the man who passes a tooeasy exam by the skin of his teeth, he's the one who makes us look bad-particularly if he runs a business. Technical knowhow is very important and it is the lack of same which causes many men to operate unethically.

Wasn't the question, "Do you favor licensing?", not to be taken too literally? Wasn't it to mean: "Do you think those in whose hands licensing will fall, will handle it right?"

What say, "yes" voters?

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**ORANGE DROP Dipped Tubulars** are the perfect replacement for radiallead capacitors now used by leading manufacturers of TV sets. Leads are crimped for neat mounting on printed wiring boards. Extremely small in size, they'll fit anywhere, work anywhere. And they're doubledipped in epoxy resin for extra protection against moisture.

\* The "Hidden 500" are Sprague's 500 experienced researchers who staff the largest research organization in the electronic component industry and who back up the efforts of some 7,000 Sprague employees working in 14 manufacturing operations—four at North Adams, Mass.; Bennington and Barre, Vt.; Concord and Nashua, N. H.; Lansing, N. C.; Grafton, Wis.; Visalia, Calif.; two at Ponce, Puerto Rico; and Milan, Italy.



WORLD'S LARGEST CAPACITOR MANUFACTURER

RECORD-KEEPING AND BUSINESS MAN-AGEMENT service will be made available to TV and radio service dealers by Raytheon's Distributor Products Div. through its franchised distributors. Simplified Tax Records, Inc., small business and tax advisory service will work directly and confidentially with each subscribing dealer, helping him to keep track of his sales and expenses. At the end of the year, the servicing firm will make out all income tax returns, both Federal and State. A single system containing all the records needed to keep track of sales and expenses will be supplied dealers, who can maintain the simplified records each day.

FIVE YEAR TV SERVICE contract is reportedly offered by a Pittsburgh discount house. Home service fee is \$2 to \$5.95, no charge for shop work. All parts and picture tube are guaranteed for five years. This arrangement applies only to products sold by the discounter. The company is said to have complied with a Better Business Bureau request that reserve funds be posted to insure continuance of the service if the store should go out of business.

DATA DISPLAY-1961 STYLE



The old, slow grease-pencil method of plotting aircraft at top contrasts with new Hughes display console in foreground. Navy radarman examines positions of airborne, surface and submarine targets on detector-tracker.



Tuning In the

"Did I hear you say knit one-pearl two?"

LIGHTNING, as we know, will most likely strike more than once, since it is always attracted to the highest object in an area. The Lightning Protection Institute reports that upward of 4% of lightning-fire and damage losses involve TV sets and their antennas. Projected over the national figure of \$120 Million due to lightning losses annually, TV-involved lightning losses come to an electrifying \$4,800,000. Normal TV installations are insufficiently grounded, says the Institute. Even a grounded antenna does not protect the house proper. The Underwriters' Laboratories code states: "Radio and television masts of metal, regardless of location on building, shall be bonded with standard conductor and fittings to the main conductor of the lightning protective system. It is also recommended that a lightning arrester be installed on the lead-in wire, tape or cable."

COMMUNITY ANTENNA SYSTEM industry, which brings TV to homes in fringe areas, is now experiencing an expansion unparalleled since the inception of the industry 12 years ago, reports Jerrold Electronics. Sales of the company's equipment and construction of community antenna systems are running 50% higher than last year. Currently there are more than 800 such systems throughout the U.S., serving more than 700,000 homes in 42 states.

TV "LIGHT METER" has been installed by Magnavox on four of its 27-inch models, another step toward a completely automatic TV set. Developed by the Magnavox Electronic Research Labs., the new sodium resistor light meter acts as a self-setting electric camera, measuring the room light and automatically resetting the brightness and contrast of the picture. Picture .....

LICENSING ORDINANCE for TV service dealers in Kansas City, Mo., is the subject of a bitter court battle. A "class action" by The Electronics Association of Missouri members for the benefit of all affected by the law seeks to have it declared unconstitutional. The plaintiffs, 12 service dealers and four employees, state they were chosen by over 100 members of this class and by TEAM directors. City attorneys have challenged the plaintiffs' claim to represent the service class, noting that over 300 have taken the tests voluntarily. On another Kansas City front, TESA of Kansas City and 25 individuals have made motions to dismiss the 10 libel suits filed by the same people attacking the ordinance. The libel suits grew out of circulars and magazine articles concerning the licensing fight.

TV, HIGH INTENSITY X-RAYS combining to form the newest method for vibration test analysis was demonstrated by Ling Electronics and Zenith Radio Research. The new technique consists of a pulsed X-ray system which produces a one microsecond pulse of high intensity X-rays, operated in conjunction with a shaker. X-ray reproductions of the intennal parts of hermetically sealed components are made observable on a TV screen, while the subject is vibrated through a frequency range of 5-5,000 cps.

BEAM OF LIGHT so intense that it can be used as a superior form of radar is being worked on by Hughes Aircraft Co., based on the use of a "laser," which is an amplifier of light that uses a rod of ruby crystal much as a maser does for boosting microwave radio signals. The device would be able to pinpoint direction of targets far more precisely than with present microwave radar beams. Theoretically, lasers should be able to throw a beam so narrowly focused that it would illuminate an area of the darkened moon only ten miles wide.

EXPORTS of electronic products from the United Kingdom to the U.S. totaled \$9.1 million in the first half of 1960, slightly below the \$9.4 million in the same period of 1959, reports the Electronic Div., Business and Defense Services Admn. Six-month's shipments of record playing mechanisms were down 20% to \$3.6 million, from \$4.5 million in the comparable 1959 period. Decreases in other exports to the U.S. were as follows: phono parts and accessories, 58%; speakers and microphones, 11%; radio receivers, 18%; and electronic and nucleonic tubes, 15%. CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 20-23: IRE International Convention, The Coliseum and Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.
- Apr. 4-9: 1961 Los Angeles High Fidelity Music Show, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Apr. 7-9: NATESA Spring Directors Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Apr. 19-21: 13 Annual Southwestern IRE Conference & Electronics Show, SWIRECO, New Memorial Coliseum and Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas
- Apr. 26-28: 7th Region Technical Conference & Trade Show, Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Ariz.
- May 22-24: 1961 Electronic Parts Distributors Show, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, III.
- May 22-24: 5th Global Communications Symposium (GLOBECOM V), Sponsored by PGCS and AIEE, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, III.

TOUCH TAPE electronic light and appliance switch has been put on the market by Gardiner Electronics, Phoenix, Ariz. A clear cellophane-like tape is applied on the wall wherever a switch is wanted, with the tape connected to a control box. To operate the switch, a touch of the finger on the tape will turn it on or off.

#### "SPEED OF LIGHT" CIRCUITRY



Four of the RCA midget tunnel diode wafers at left will perform the same computer switching job as the large circuit board shown—but 1000 times faster. The device permits electronic switching at speeds approaching 186,300 mph, the speed of light.





RYE SOUND Pres. Richard Livingston appoints Charles David, ex-Bogen, as Gen. Sales Mgr.

PACO ELECTRONICS adds Model L-1 speaker system semi-kit to its hi-fi line. Size is 15-¼" x 9-¼" x 8-½". Price is \$24.95.

FANON announces Model 1010 dial telephone intercom system. 11 master phones can be used in the system. The dial phones do the switching.

ASTATIC is supplying dealers with a new stocking display at no charge with 50 needle assortment CA-301. Cabinet is  $10'' \times 6 \frac{1}{2''} \times 3 \frac{1}{2''}$ .

SHURE has had Westminster record "The Orchestra . . . The Instruments." This fine stereo disc is available free with arms or M3D & M7D cartridges.

MARANTZ notifies dealers all equipment purchased on or after Jan. 1, 1961 will carry a full two-year guarantee covering parts (except tubes) and labor.

FAIRCHILD steps into the kit field with the 440-2K 2-speed turntable @ \$55 with pre-cut mounting board. Also, the SM-2 stereo cartridge @ \$37.50 and 500A anti-skating armtransport @ \$28.

UTAH RADIO offers 12 x 18" counter display featuring inverted speaker mounted to show front-mounted magnet structure; to distributors on no-charge basis with order of 6 inverted speakers.

LOWELL MFG. announces "Coloramic" injection molded plastic speaker baffles: 8" speakers for recessed mounting, Models ADS80-P, CR80-P; Model L35-P is a wall intercom plate that accommodates 3-1/2" speaker.

HARMAN-KARDON announces additions to Citation kit line: Citation X loudspeaker with frequency range of 20-50,000 cps, \$250; Citation III FM tuner @ \$149.95 kit, \$229.95 factory assembled. New Award Series features A500 Stereo Amplifier, 20 watts/channel at less than 0.5% distortion,  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  db 12-35,000 cps; F500 FM/Multiplex Tuner, 0.85  $\mu$ v for 20 db of quieting.



"Well let me put it another way: the next time a dealer offers you \$1.25 trade-in allowance toward a new set, take it!"

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### For Radio/TV Servicing

CARBON **SERIES A47. B475, C475** 

A47

**B47** 

AD47

YOUR CHOICE **OF SHAFT** 

Pick your control, then

Clarostat Pick-A-Shaft

a permanent, dependable assembly. Your Clarostat

You get one FREE with every

Clarostat Pick-A-Shaft

control.

from 13 different types!

select the appropriate shaft

shafts snap into place for -----

distributor stocks all types.

# The ABC's of Servicing! Series 47 car-bon controls are $\frac{1}{2}$ watt units available in all popular values and tapers for vol-ume control, tone control, and other radio and television functions.

Ad-A-Switch feature available on all types except B47 and C47S. Pick-A-Shaft advantage available on all except B47-B47S.

A47 1/2 watt control.

CONTROLS

- A47F 1/2 watt control with taps.
- B47 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> watt control, tab mounting, phe-nolic shaft for "hot" chassis.
- B47S ½ watt control, tab mounting, with SPST switch, metal shaft. Not for "hot" chassis.
- AD47 1/2 watt dual controls.
- C475 1/2 watt control with push-pull switch

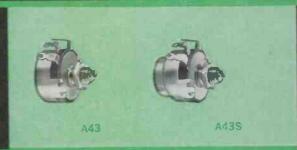
SERIES A43

#### WIRF-W CONTROLS

A47F

**B47S** 

C47S



Resistance values up to 50K, 2-watt wire-wound controls meeting servicing requirements of radio and television with all popular values. Available with or without power switch. Your choice of shaft with Pick-A-Shaft feature. Clarostat also offers 3-watt Series 58 and 4-watt Series 10 wire-wound controls for heavier power requirements. A43 2-watt control.

A43S 2-watt control with switch.

### WRITE FOR CATALOG ...

This is the most complete control/resistor catalog for the serv-ice trade. Also incorporates industrial products for commercial equipment servicing. Send for your local free copy today, or ask your local CLAROSTAT distributor . .





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#### News of the Industry

ARCO ELECTRONICS has named IRWIN K. PAUL as Asst. Sales Mgr.

ALPHA WIRE announces the appointment of MARTIN L. ROTH as Distributor Sales Mgr.

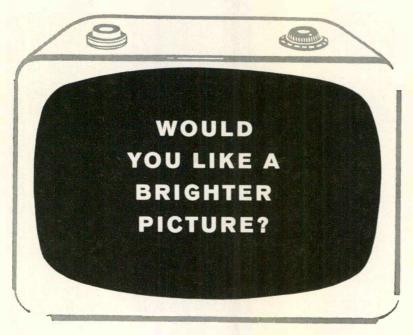
MARK MOBILE and MARK PROD-UCTS CO. report the appointment of JAMES M. RYAN as Sales Mgr. of both companies. BLONDER-TONGUE reports availability of new services and aids for master TV system distributors.

GENERAL ELECTRIC Capacitor Dept. has appointed DONALD J. HARRINGTON Mgr. of Marketing.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES has announced the appointment of ROBERT S. SCHENCK as Sales Mgr.

STANDARD KOLLSMAN announces an extension of warranty period of their TV and FM tuners to one year, effective on all units produced starting January 3, 1961.

### BOOST YOUR BRITENER SALES with these SIX MAGIC WORDS from Perma-Power



That's a question with only one possible answer—YES. Every customer wants a better, brighter picture...but doesn't realize how easy it is to get one.

When you say you'll brighten the picture—When you quote the low cost—you've sold the customer.

#### Don't sell Briteners-sell Brighter Pictures!

On every service call, remember to use Perma-Power's 6 Magic Words—Would You Like A Brighter Picture? You'll sell a 12-pack of Briteners almost as fast as you can say Perma-Power!



RCA Electron Tube Div. announces the appointment of L. S. THEES to the new post of Div. Vice Pres., General Sales.

XCELITE Pres., ARCH WARDEN, has been elected member of the executive committee of Service Tools Institute to serve a two year term.

MOTOROLA Consumer Products Div. has named PAT A. CALOBRISI as Product Planning Mgr., and ED-WARD J. GAIDEN, National Dir. of Service.

JERROLD ELECTRONICS dedication ceremonies for the newly expanded lab in Huntingdon Valley, Pa. were attended by national, county and local civic figures.

**RAYTHEON** Distributor Products Div. has announced the following appointments: ALLEN W. MERRIAM, JR., Western Zone Mgr.; CHARLES B. DOUGLAS, Central Zone Mgr.; and FREDERICK B. SIMMONS, New England District Mgr.

CHICAGO STANDARD TRANS-FORMER announces three executive appointments: WILLIAM E. WIL-SON, Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; JACK D. HALL, Vice Pres., Sales & Marketing; and KARL F. CREASE, Vice Pres. in Charge of Manufacturing.

HERMAN H. SMITH releases a home study package on multi-vibrators composed of four hi-fi records, a textbook, and a new method for grading and scoring known as the Edumator, which instantly shows the student if his answer is right.

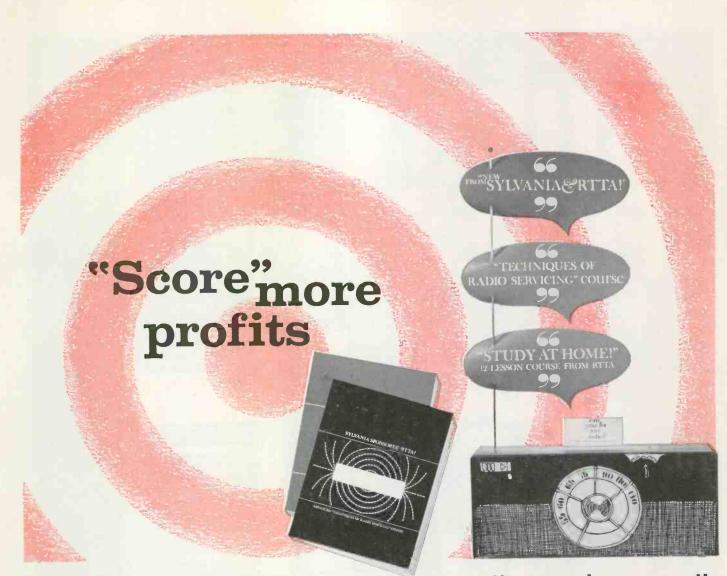
TUNG-SOL TUBE, FINNEY AN-TENNA CO. and RADIO SUPPLY CO. of Wichita conducted a three-way promotion throughout Kansas among customers of RADIO SUPPLY who made purchases of either FINCO antennas or TUNG-SOL tubes. Winning the first prize of a VOLKSWAGEN truck was EHLING RADIO & TV SERVICE CO. of Winfield, Kans. (Continued on page 22)

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"... You want this transistor job fixed by tonight I better get started."

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### Enroll in the Sylvania "advanced radio repair course"

Radio is "booming." Sales hit a ten-year high in 1960 ... over 10 million! You can "zero in" on extra servicing profits by signing up for the Sylvania sponsored RTTA "Advanced Techniques of Radio Servicing Course."

This new Sylvania 12-lesson home study course covers all the latest servicing techniques on the tremendous variety of radios your present customers own and expect you to service. Shows you how to complete repairs quickly, efficiently, profitably. Gives you the latest dope on everything from transistor circuits to citizen band radio. Look at the subjects covered:

· working with transistors

· repairing auto radios

servicing AM receivers

- testing transistors servicing transistor radios transistor circuits
  - installing auto radios
  - servicing FM receivers
  - servicing communications receivers
- servicing AM & FM tuners servicing foreign radios
- · servicing mobile receivers
- marine radio repair servicing citizen band radio

It's easy to enroll. Your Sylvania tube distributor has all the details. Call him today. And when you order tubes be sure to specify Sylvania Silver Screen 85 picture tubes and Sylvania quality receiving tubes.

Electronic Tubes Division, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, New York.



GENERAL TELEPHONE & ELECTRONICS

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EACH AND EVERY BUSS FUSE IS TESTED IN A SENSITIVE ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO ASSURE DEPENDABILITY

### SAVE TIME AND TROUBLE...

by standardizing on BUSS fuses. There's a right fuse for every need in the complete line. Write for the BUSS bulletin on small dimension fuses (Form SFB) to get full data for your files.

Bussmann Mfg. Division McGraw-Edison Co. University at Jefferson, St. Louis 7, Mo.

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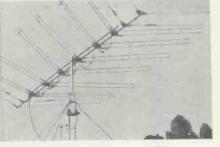
## harps on one theme: PERFORMANCE!

CHANNEL

MASTER

To make the most, feature the best — sky-high quality products by Channel Master. Channel Master moves the goods because it <u>delivers</u> the goods. It's the brand that gives you those heaven-sent little "extras". Top quality and top performance for your customers — maximum volume and profits—you get the best of <u>both</u>. Just follow your "growth line" — Channel Master.

CHANNEL MASTER SUPER 10 T-W ANTENNA



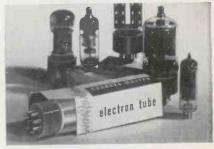
The most powerful super-fringe antenna yet developed. Based on Channel Master's unique Traveling Wave principle, it has 10 elements and offers up to **78% more power** for picture-poor homes.

#### CHANNEL MASTER TENN-A-LINER ROTATORS



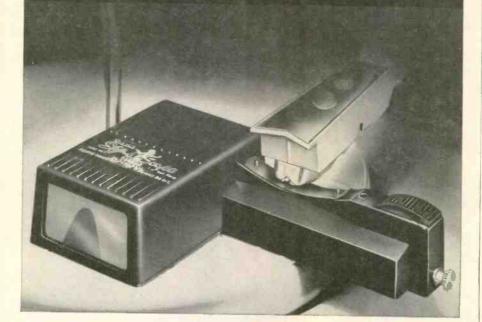
The only automatic rotator that can be aimed within one degree of the required direction. Unsurpassed accuracy, plus great repeatability and easier, quieter operation.

CHANNEL MASTER PREMIUM QUALITY TUBES



America's fastest growing line! Longer-lasting, uniformly dependable, with minimum call-backs. No other tube make offers greater opportunity for profits than these fully proved performers.

### ...first truly reliable method for checking stylus wear!



### NEW ROBINS SYL-A-SCOPE opens door to extra replacement stylus profits

**PRECISE.** Based on same principle as optical comparison equipment used by industry for quality control of miniature precision parts. It shows every detail of the stylus.

**FAST.** Place the tone arm on the rest with the stylus resting in the aperture provided—(in most record players there's no need to remove cartridge or stylus) switch on the SYL-A-SCOPE and see every detail of the stylus illuminated on the screen. You can examine the stylus for wear or damage in an instant.

**PORTABLE.** Fits in your tube caddy. Battery-Operated. Lightweight too! There's a bench model also with a line cord for use in the shop.

BUILDS CONFIDENCE AND GOOD WILL. The image of your customer's stylus is so clear that he will instantly recognize the need for replacing it. And, he will appreciate your interest in protecting his records from damage caused by a worn stylus.

... and it's PROFITABLE. The SYL-A-SCOPE gives you the opportunity to rack up big replacement sales.

#### TWO MODELS-ONE FOR THE SHOP-ONE FOR HOME CALLS

Model SG-33 the "Audiophile"—Designed to fit your tube caddy. Portable, batteryoperated unit provides a clear, sharp image on illuminated screen. List \$6.75. (less batteries)



Model SG-66 the "Professional"—Designed for bench or shop use. Compact unit with line cord operates on 110-120 volts AC. Provides a clear sharp image on its large illuminated screen. A precision optical tool. List \$19.95

See the new Robins Syl-A-Scope at your distributor. Wrlte for 1961 catalog of .record and tape care accessories, recording heads and replacement parts.

ROBINS INDUSTRIES 36-27 Prince St., Flushing 54, New York Export: Telesco Int'l, New York 16, N. Y. Canada: E. S. Gould Sales, Montreal 1, Quebec



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WESTINGHOUSE Electronic Tube Div. announces the appointment of JOHN R. FOX as Pacific Coast Regional Mgr. and WILLIAM E. CO-HAN as Mgr. of Industrial Distributor Sales, a newly created post.

JFD announces the following appointments: WILLIAM BELLENK-ES, Western Regional Sales Mgr.; GEORGE KASE, Eastern Regional Sales Mgr.; FRED L. STRAUSS, Sales Mgr. in the metropolitan N.Y. area; "SARGE" BARKETT, District Sales Engineer for north central states; JOHN NEENAN, District Sales Engineer, New England; and DAVID TAUB, Distributor Sales Supervisor.

SYLVANIA makes available a new 12-lesson correspondence course, "Advanced Techniques of Radio Servicing," through distributors. Published by the RADIO-TELEVISION TRAIN-ING ASSOC., the course covers automobile radios, AM/FM receivers, transistorized radios, marine radio equipment, foreign-manufactured and short wave receivers. GEORGE P. LYON has been named Marketing Administrator for the Home Electronics Div.

#### **Reps & Distributors**

HENRY LAVIN ASSOC. has been joined by DONALD F. BOWEN as sales engineer.

AMPEREX announces the appointment of the R. W. FARRIS CO., INC. as distributor sales rep. for Kans., Mo., Ia. and parts of Neb. and Ill.

JOHN E. FAST has named WIL-LIAM DREW & CO. as sales rep in eastern Pa., southern N.J., Md., Dela. and Dstrict of Columbia.

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ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING CO. publishes the largest catalog in their 13 year history, prepared for RADIO PRODUCTS SALES, INC. The 356page book contains complete listings of products sold by 185 manufacturers.

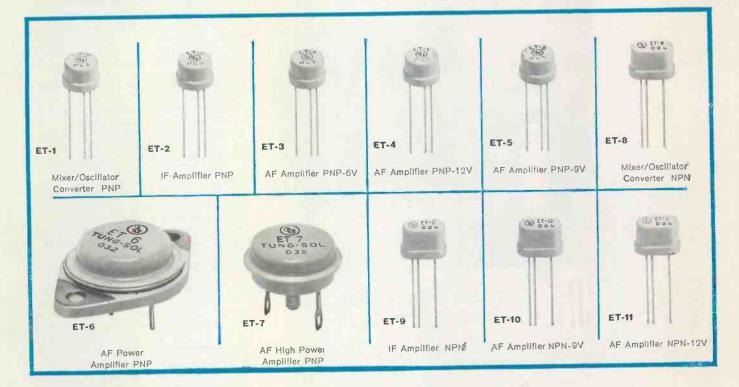
JERSEY ELECTRONIC DISTRIB-UTING has announced removal of their showrooms and offices to their new building at 74-86 E. 30th St., Paterson, N.J., which offers more than two and one half times the former space.

ASTREX, INC. reports formal opening of their new, centralized headquarters at 150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. The 20,000 sq. ft. facility includes executive offices, four stockrooms, a quality control lab., inspection lab., and general offices.

\*Patents pending For more data, circle 3-22-1 on coupon, p. 54

### Radio Transistor Replacements Are Quicker, Easier...

#### WHEN YOU STOCK THESE 11 TUNG-SOL TRANSISTORS!



The compact new Tung-Sol "11" transistor line meets virtually every common radio service requirement . . . obsoletes costly duplication of inventory. Just these eleven Tung-Sol transistor types provide you with the replacements needed for almost all of your radio repair work.

**DOES IT** 

The Tung-Sol "11" eliminates dead shelf space ... cuts your inventory problems.



For complete information on the Tung-Sol "11" transistor line — and full details on Tung-Sol's profit-building sales support program — contact your Tung-Sol Distributor, or write to:

TUNG-SOL ELECTRIC INC., NEWARK 4, N. J.

The Tung-Sol "11" lowers your costs . . . reduces your inventory investment in slow-moving items.

The Tung-Sol "11" saves labor . . . cuts service time lost by searching for the right replacement part.

• The Tung-Sol "11" builds profits . . . assures faster turnover on smaller investment . . . with fewer call-backs.

#### Packaged for Fast Selection

Each Tung-Sol transistor is packed in a carton which is clearly marked with both type number and application. Just pick the one marked for the right kind of service and you have the right transistor."

#### Priced for Profitable Service

The Tung-Sol "11" transistor line enables you to handle most radio service work with a minimum of stock. Type selection is quicker easier. You make more profit per service hour.

#### Warranteed for Superior Performance Famous Tung-Sol quality-control assures optimum specified performance. Your best choice

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ET-7 HI-POWER AMP



TRANSISTORS

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### The "Big Picture"

... informative shop talks by AL MERRIAM, Sylvania Natl. Service Mgr.

"All out" for easy service

**ONLY 3** easy-to-work-with parts to the whole receiver.

**ONLY 3** screws completely frees the chassis.

ONLY 3 screws on each side removes back cover.

It's easy to see why the new Sylvania Reflection-Free 19" TV is called the "all out" portable for quick and easy servicing.

A few spins of your screwdriver, and the whole chassis ... complete with knobs, antenna, speaker and handle ... slips out clean and quick as a whistle.

A few seconds, and you'll locate the trouble on the easy-to-follow road map board. You'll like the neat way the back of the board is clear of "cover clutter" so you can solder without obstructions.

Of course, the famous Sylvania Bonded Shield is a snap to remove with the special door-latch mounting clips. There are even extra mounting bosses in case these should get damaged.

#### SERVICE TIP OF THE MONTH

**Symptom** (Effect): Black specks or lines in the picture cause a corona at the flare on the horizontal coils of the deflection yoke. Cure: A thin coating of silicon grease will correct the condition. Sylvania Home Electronics Corp., Batavia, N. Y.



#### **Catalogs & Bulletins**

CAPACITORS: 2-color illustrated brochure outlines new capacitor merchandising programs. Mentioned are 2 new "Sportsmen's Delight" kits. Pyramid Electric Co., Darlington, S. C.

For more data, circle 3-24-1 on coupon, p. 54

**CB TRANSCEIVER:** Literature covers model 300 citizens band transceiver, reported to be 1/5th the size and weight of the average Class D equipment. Osborne Electronic Sales Corp., 13105 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

For more data, circle 3-24-2 on coupon, p. 54

**PROBE:** 4-page booklet covers 5-range "Speedprobe" model V.O.M., designed for speed testing. Features include 2" insulated tapered point; 10 silver contacts; and lightweight. Lexington Mfg. Co., East Hartford, Conn. For more data, circle 3-24-3 on coupon, p. 54

LAMPS: 4-page lamp catalog #116 covers incandescent, fluorescent, com-

bination and magnifying lamps. Available in different lengths and colors; have brackets, bases and stands. Luxo Lamp Corp., Dock St., Port Chester, N. Y.

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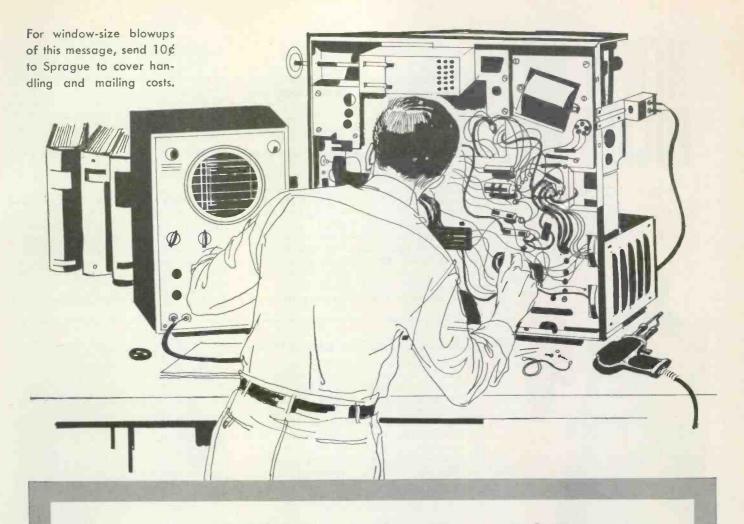
**CB** TRANSCEIVERS: Literature covers Cadre 500, 5-watt, portable transceiver incorporating 15 transistors and 7 diodes. Extremely low power drain of only 2 watts makes it ideal for mobile as well as fixed operation. Also Cadre 100, 100 mw transceiver, incorporating 7 transistors and 1 diode. Operates on one crystal controlled transmit/receive channel. Provides reception on any one of the 23 citizens band channels. Shirt pocket size. Cadre Industries Corp., Box 150, Endicott, N. Y.

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#### More than 5600 ft. of circuitry ... 590 parts ... and he has to know how to fix 'em all!

YOUR TV SET is the most complicated piece of equipment you've ever owned. It represents a considerable investment of money. It provides your family with a wealth of entertainment pleasure. You value it highly.

Nobody is more aware of these facts than your neighborhood TV-Radio technician. And because he stakes his reputation on your satisfaction, *be strives to be worthy of your trust in him.* He achieves this by years of training and practice in electronic theory and application. He equips himself with expensive but essential test equipment, tools, and service manuals. He spends countless hours keeping up-to-date on new developments, new circuits, new trouble-shooting techniques.

His training and experience qualify him as a modern, professional expert. As such, he asks a fair, professional price for his services. Since he will not use cut-rate methods or cutrate parts in your TV set, he cannot offer cut-rate prices. Remember, you get only your money's worth in TV-Radio service. When you are taken in by a "bargain-type" offer, you can expect to get "bargain-type" service. BEWARE THE SERVICE BARGAIN!

THIS MESSAGE WAS PREPARED BY SPRAGUE PRODUCTS COMPANY, DISTRIBUTORS' SUPPLY SUBSIDIARY OF SPRAGUE ELECTRIC CO., NORTH ADAMS, MASS., FOR

#### YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TV-RADIO

TECHNICIAN

# NEW 4-WAY Pocket tool

a real "working partner" for removing backs of TV sets and installing antennas

1 It's a 1/4" nut driver! Fits Parker-Kalon screws. Genuine Xcelite plastic handle shaned and balanced for working ease. Equipped with pocket clip. 7 It's a 7/16" nut driver! Ideal for antenna installations. 3 It's a No. 1 Phillips screwdriver! Double-end blade inserts in 7/16" hex opening. Just push it in or pull it out! Patented spring holds it firm. 4 It's a 3/16" slotted screwdriver !-Ask to see "No. 600" next time you pick up parts ...

XCELITE, INC. • ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. Canada: Charles W. Pointon, Ltd., Toronto, Ont. For more data, circle 3-26-1 on coupon, p. 54 26

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CITIZENS BAND: Two units, covered in literature, are: HE-29 Walkie-Talkie, 9 transistor unit weighing 18 oz.; and HE-20 deluxe citizens band 5-watt transceiver. Lafayette Radio Electronics Corp., 165-08 Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N. Y.

For more data, circle 3-26-3 on coupon, p. 54

**TRANSCRIPTION PLAYERS:** The following literature is available covering the new Bogen VP-20 and VP-40 portable transcription players: Catalog #702, 6-page descriptive brochure; and specification sheets ES-VP-20 and ES-VP-40 providing technical information, architect's specifications, accessories, and schematic diagrams. Bogen-Presto, P. O. Box 500, Paramus, N. J.

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#### Ohmite CAPACITOR CALCULATOR

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#### TRANSFORMERS: Specification sheets: bulletin 580 covers 3 new exact replacement flyback transformers for Admiral TV sets; bulletin 584 covers 3 new exact replacements for Sparton flybacks Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., 3501 W. Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill.

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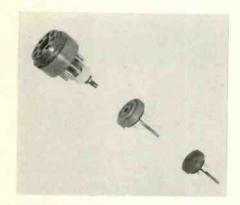
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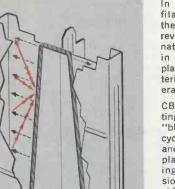
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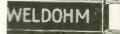
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#### Keeping Records

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However, if you are like most TV-electronic service dealers, you probably have an easy-going, even cavalier attitude toward recording income and expenses. This is costing you plenty. Not only do you fail to get an accurate picture of your profit and loss, but you are probably forgetting to make allowable deductions on your tax return.

While you can estimate certain expenses, a government auditor can demand you prove them. No proof, no allowance. And if you are caught neglecting to record any income, whether intentionally or accidentally due to sloppy record keeping, heaven help you.

Magazine

We suggest that if you are not doing so already, you take the following steps:

1. Have an accountant go over your bookkeeping system, arranging it to conform with good business practices.

2. Pay by check and obtain receipts whenever possible.

3. Keep a daily log in a small notebook, denoting the amount and purpose of miscellaneous expenses.

It's never too late to start a good record keeping system. Do it now. It will be like money in your pocket when the 1962 tax season rolls around.

#### Put It In Writing

While we're on the subject of jotting down dollar and cents figures, may we add a word of praise for the practice of putting it in writing when dealing with customers and suppliers.

Above and beyond promoting good customer relations, itemizing everything on the bill safeguards your interest. An unambiguous statement on how long you guarantee proper set performance, on the fact that only components you replaced are warranteed, and similar clear notations can eliminate misunderstandings. A written confirmation of a telephoned estimate approved verbally by the customer can set forth the conditions of the estimate . . . and help you avoid an unpleasant law suit.

The same principle applies to suppliers. When your written order specifies the product or service you desire, you'll get what you want without one of those you-said, he-said, I-said hassles.

Informal verbal orders are fine—as long as everything works out well to everyone's satisfaction. But let a difference of opinion rear its menacing head, and your main salvation is having the facts in black and white.

In short, put it in writing!

# **TV MANUFACTURERS**

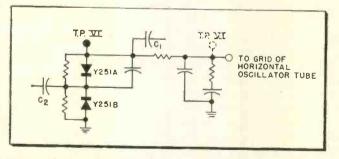
#### GENERAL ELECTRIC

#### Chassis M4, M5, M6, U4, U5– Testing Horizontal Detector Diodes

If any of these chassis exhibit symptoms of: horizontal frequency off (may be adjusted by hold control but synch is soft or absent) the fault could be a defective horizontal phase detector diode.

Before checking diodes, however, an initial check to determine whether the horizontal oscillator system is on frequency is advisable (after adjustments and changing horizontal circuit tubes, of course). This is accomplished by placing a short circuit across both diodes. Adjustment of the horizontal hold control and stabilizer coil should cause the horizontal oscillator to produce one upright picture on the screen, though not locked in synch. If an upright picture, as described, occurs, the oscillator circuit can be considered operating properly. The diodes should next be tested.

A VTVM connected to test point VI should show about -1 volt with a signal present on a normally operating receiver. If the voltage at the test point is far off, a bad diode can be suspected. If the voltage is -6 to -8 volts, diode Y251B is open; if the voltage is +6 to +8 volts, diode V251A is open. A reading of -10 to -12 volts indicates a shorted diode Y251A. If C1 or C2 are shorted a positive voltage



Horizontal Phase Detector Diodes can be tested in the TV set utilizing General Electric's Test Point VI.

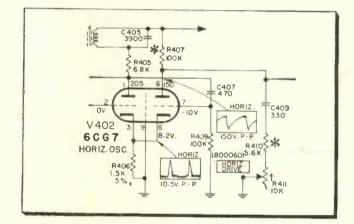
will be present. The probability of a + 6 to +12 reading, however, is very small.

In some early receivers, the anode of Y251B is raised above ground by some fixed positive voltage. The described test method can still be used by subtracting the fixed voltage from readings. Simply short across the two diodes and read the voltage at the test point to determine the fixed voltage.

#### HOFFMAN

#### 23" Models-Excessive Width

If you come across early model 23" TV receivers with excessive width problems, the following circuit modification will reduce raster size: Add a 0.1 or  $0.15\mu$ f capacitor (600 volt) across C-416 (capacitor between pin eight of the plug and the flyback). Late model receivers have a width switch installed. This switch varies the capacitance of C-416 from  $.05\mu$ f to  $.22\mu$ f.



To improve horizontal frequency range and extend drive control range the asterisked components have been changed.

#### Chassis 426—Improve Horizontal Drive & Frequency Control

To improve the range of the horizontal frequency control and to increase the effective range of the horizontal drive control (ability to vary capacitance over wider range without horizontal foldover) the following modifications were made: R-407 has been changed from 100K to 120K, and R-410 has been changed from a 5.6K resistor to 10K.

#### MOTOROLA

#### Chassis TS-432—Production Changes

(See ET Circuit Digest #558, 9/60)

. . . code C-01 and above, resistor R101 (390 ohms) is changed to a 1500 ohms rheostat and relocated.

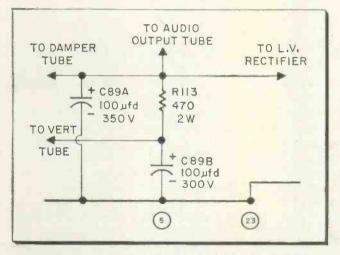
*Caution*: Do not adjust the Sensitivity Control without referring to the alignment instructions found in the manufacturer's manual.

# **TECHNICAL DIGEST**

#### PACKARD BELL

Chassis Series 88 & 98—Resistor Burnout (See ET Circuit Digest #578 8/60)

To overcome resistance burnout due to malfunction



Resistors R104 and R113 (Packard Bell TV chassis 88 & 98, respectively) have been increased in wattage to prevent burnout.

in either the vertical or horizontal sweep system, the 470 ohms, 2 watts resistor identified in series 88 as R-104 and in series 98 as R-113, is replaced with a five watts component (same ohmage value).

#### PHILCO

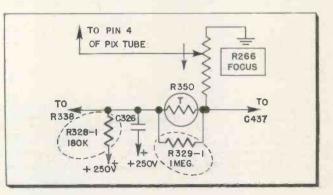
#### Chassis 11N51—Run 2 Production Change (See ET Circuit Digest #577, 8/60)

The VOS panel was changed from Run 1 to Run 2 to improve horizontal sweep. (Run 2 may be identified by a red dot.) The modification effected was changing the phase comparer resistor-condenser network N8 (part # 30-6535-1 to 30-6535-3). A few early Run 2 sets were shipped with the old network, but capacitor C1 was removed and replaced by a 1500  $\mu$ f capacitor.

#### SYLVANIA

#### Chassis 546-1, -2 Code 01 & Chassis 552-1, -2, -9 Code 05—Height Control Protection (See ET Circuit Digest #604, 12/60)

To protect the height control in Chassis 546 the following modifications were accomplished: (1) R-328 changed from 330K to 18-K and relocated. (2) R-329 changed from 820K to 1 meg and relocated. (3) R-336 changed from 2.2 meg to 1.8 meg. In



Sylvania modification (circled components) to protect the height control. Later production models include this change.

Chassis 552, the resistor R-328 from 330K to 180K, resistor R-329 from 680K to 150K and R-330 from 6.8 meg to 5.6 meg.

#### WESTINGHOUSE

#### Chassis V-2378, 2384 Series—Drive Lines & "S" Curve (See ET Circuit Digest #614 2/61)

Some of the early production V-2378 and V-2384 TV chassis developed picture trouble: picture contained faint drive lines and an "S" curve. This condition was caused by leakage within the afc package circuit, Z400 and Z401 respectively. Early versions of the afc packages were eliminated from parts stock. The same part numbers are therefore retained for the new stocks of Z400 and Z401.

#### ADDENDA

1. Change December, 1960 Manufacturers Technical Digest and January, 1961 Circuit Digest #609 to read: *Canadian* General Electric TV Chassis M575.

2. The yoke pin-cushion correction magnets indicated for Canadian G-E TV Chassis M575 in December, 1960 Digest are also used for General Electric TV Chassis M6, U5, and LW. The yoke replacement part number is WT76X31.

# How To Substitute "Unavailable" TV Parts

Use Resistance Measurements To Guide You In Selecting Substitute Yokes, Flybacks, & Vertical Output Transformers

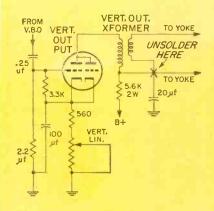
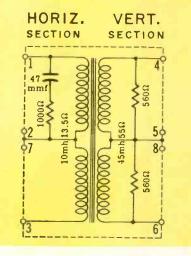


Fig. 1—Vertical output transformer in this Meck TV output circuit can be isolated for testing by unsoldering the secondary lead on the yoke return side of the transformer.

Fig. 2—Unsoldering the resistor at point 4 and the capacitor at 1 enables the technician to check  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the yoke's resistance. Multiplying the figures by two, the total yoke resistance can be obtained.



#### HAROLD WEST

• Among the saddest business moments a TV technician experiences is when a parts distributor's counterman says the replacement part is not available. Many hours of labor used to troubleshoot a TV set seems lost at this moment if the technician elects to return the set to the customer as "unrepairable." However, he can often repair the set with a little ingenuity by adapting a near-exact replacement and modifying the circuit.

Technicians differ in opinion on this point! Some would rather accept a labor loss, claiming they're not set designers! But adapting a workable replacement part isn't really that big a job. Why surrender a profit when many replacement parts manufacturers may have a near-replacement listed in their parts catalog? Surely, with Stancor, Merit, Triad, Thordarson-Meissner, and other catalogs, a vertical output transformer, yoke, flyback, linearity or width coil. can probably be found that would do the job.

#### Finding a V.O.T.

Situations arise where a vertical output transformer may be needed and you can't locate an exact replacement. Perhaps the set manufacturer is out of business, for example. Knowing the resistance of the secondary winding may be the key to locating a replacement part. Using a manufacturer's catalog, as shown in Chart I, a technician may uncover a near exact substitute for an unavailable part.

Perhaps you have a vertical output transformer that has an open primary and the part is no longer available. Rather than give up repairing the set chances are you can find a workable replacement.

The first step to take when attempting to find a satisfactory replacement would be to measure the secondary resistance of the transformer. This may be accomplished by either removing the defective component from the circuit or unsoldering the yoke return side . . . then measuring the resistance, which we will assume is 0.3 ohms.

The secondary resistance is the key to locating your replacement part. As seen in Chart I, it is simple to determine that a V.O.T. with a 0.3 ohm secondary is a 44:1 ratio transformer. Consequently, another 44:1 ratio transformer would be a satisfactory replacement for the unavailable part.

Furthermore, should the resistance measurement of our hypothetical transformer read seven to 10 ohms, a 10:1 ratio transformer generally provides satisfactory results. (Slight circuit modifications may be needed for optimum vertical sweep.)

For example, let's consider the Meck TV vertical output circuit shown in Fig. 1. By unsoldering the yoke return wire on the secondary winding, this component can

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CHART I	C	H	A	R	T		
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			D.C. Res. In Ohms		Height	Base	Mtg.
Part No.	Turns Ratio Pri./Sec.	Primary Impedance#	Pri.	Sec.	Overall	Ārea	Ctrs.
A-8112	10:1	18,000 Q @ 12 DCMA	1300	10	2	134 x 314	213/16
A-8113	8.8:1	16,500 Ω @ 10 DCMA	700	12	2	134 x 314	213/16
A-8115	10:1	19,000 12 @ 13 DCMA	600	777	31/16	21/2 x 21/2	119/2x 2
A-8116	10:1	18,000 Ω @ 10 DCMA	525	7	31/16	$2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$	119 12 1 1 213 16
A-81236	11.4:1	17,000 D @ 20 DCMA	1200	11	2	13/4 x 31/4	
A-8140	44:1	11,000 Ω @ 20 DCMA	400	0.3	31/16	21/2 x 21/2	1 <sup>19</sup> 32 <b>x</b> 2 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
A-8141§	18:1	30,000 Ω @ 10 DCMA	1650	4.5	214	$3\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$ $2\frac{1}{4} \times 3$	23/8 x 15
A-8142	8:1	19,000 Ω @ 13 DCMA	540	10.5	25/8 21/4	21/4 x 38/8	31/8
A-8143	10:1	14,000 Ω @ 15 DCMA	625	14	21/4	13/4 x 35/8	31/8
A-8144	9:1	9,500 I @ 30 DCMA	540	15	24	21/ x 21/2	378
A-8145	9:1	11,000 Ω @ 19 DCMA	540	14	25/8	11/8 x 31/4	213/1
A-8146§	6.9:1	6,000 Ω @ 15 DCMA 4,700 Ω @ 50 DCMA	375	10	4	1781374	6. 18
	6.1	4,700 Ω @ 50 DCMA 3,200 Ω @ 40 DCMA	300	9	2	13/4 x 31/4	218
A-81475	6:1 8:1	6.000 Ω @ 15 DCMA	375	6.5	22	11% x 31/4	213/16
A-8148§	8:1	4.700 Ω @ 50 DCMA	010	5.0			
A-81495	6 9:1	11.500 Q @ 20 DCMA	330	8.5	2	15% x 31/4	213/18

be isolated for testing. The secondary resistance should read 10 ohms and therefore a 10:1 transformer is an acceptable replacement. Consulting a Stancor catalog, for example indicates that their A-8112 is a direct replacement for the needed part. However, your distributor may not carry this transformer, necessitating a transformer that closely matches a 10:1 ratio. Using an almost exact replacement however, may result in slightly imperfect performance. However, this may be rectified by some minor modifications.

For instance, in this circuit if the 5.6K resistor is reduced (part feeding B+ to the height control) vertical sweep can be increased. Too large a reduction in resistance, though, may upset the vertical hold circuit. An easy way to select the best resistance is to wire in a 5K potentiometer and vary the control until sweep is adequate. Another method to increase vertical sweep is to replace the original tube (vertical output) with a higher gain replacement. (6SN7 replaced by 6BL7 or 6BX7.)

If the parts counterman can only come up with a four lead output transformer instead of the desired three lead auto-type, you only have to connect one of the primary leads to a secondary lead (use diagonal leads) to make an auto-transformer. Take the center tap off at the tie point.

Mounting the new transformer should pose no problem. The old part is usually approximately the same size and self-tapping screws will replace the original rivets. Before installing the replacement part

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be sure to check the color codes of the new and old transformer. I have found that some manufacturers reverse the normal blue and red leads, using the red as the plate lead and the blue for the B+ connection.

#### Finding The Yoke

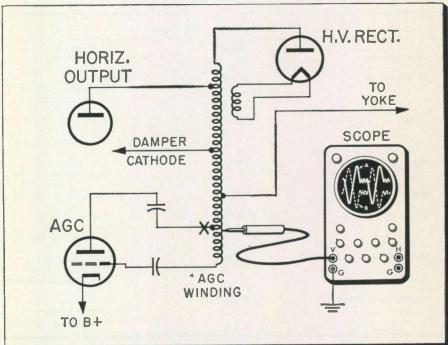
A common TV service problem occurs when a local parts distributor must order an exact replacement yoke, thereby tying up a bench repair for days or weeks. The technician often must sit by and wait until the part arrives from the manufacturer. Consulting a catalog's yoke section as an example, (see Chart II,) may reduce this waiting time. The secret of replacing "unavailable" deflection yokes is in knowing how to determine the defective yoke's resistance.

Whether a yoke is shorted or opened, you can usually obtain one good winding's resistance. If the two resistors in the vertical section are unsoldered at points 4 and 6, as shown in Fig. 2,' the resistance of the deflection coils can be measured. A more exact measurement is obtained by unsoldering one resistor and measuring the resistance of that winding and multiplying by two.

For the horizontal deflection windings, unsolder the capacitor at point 1 and measure the resistance between 1 & 2. Multiply this figure by two and the result is the total horizontal winding resistance. Knowing the two resistances, it is then a simple procedure to check the many available combinations and select the nearest replacement match.

Should the circuit encounter ringing balancing in the horizontal section is needed. Insert a 5K potentiometer in series with the balancing capacitor. Rotate the control unit until the ringing dis-

Fig. 3—Using an oscilloscope coupled to the flyback's agc terminals, the technician can visually check the polarity of the available pulse. An inverted pulse (A) can cause raster no sound or video, while the proper polarity pulse (B) allows normal circuit operation.



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appears. Turn off the set and disconnect the potentiometer. Measure the resistance. Then, solder an equivalent resistor in series with the capacitor.

#### **Flybacks**

Replacement flybacks may be exact electronic replacement parts needing only a wiring change at their taps. Among a number of replacement parts manufacturers I have found an adequate listing of replacement flybacks. Many of

their products are exact replacements for RCA, Motorola, Philco, Sylvania and other TV chassis. As an example, if a Sparton flyback PC70030/-1 is replaced by a Thordarson-Meissner Fly 28, the taps on the new flyback are numbered differently than the old. Original terminals 6-7-8-5-4-3 are replaced with new terminals 1-3-T-4-5-7. Changing the wiring as indicated. plus connecting the other side of the width coil to the junction of a .1  $\mu$ f capacitor & B+, completes the installation of the new flyback.

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	REPL	ACEM	ENT Y	OKES		
MERIT NO.	DEFL ANGLE DEGREE		TANCE .H.) VERT.	D. HOR.	C. RES. VERT.	REMARKS
MD-12	53	8	48	14	66	With Leads
MD-13	53	30	47	44	66	With Leads
MDF-70	70	10	45	13.5	50	With Leads
MDF-71	70	-30	50	45	64	With Leads
MDF-82	70	19	42	30	50	With Plug
MDF-83	70	8.2	41	19.7	72	Adj. Bracket
MD F-84	70	14	29	33	60	Adj. Bracket
MDF-97	90	25	39	36	48	With Plug
MDF-99	90	19	39	25.5	44	With Plug
MDF-100	70	15	3.6	25.8	3.5	With Plug
MDF-105	90	20.5	42	26	50	With Leads
MD F-108	90	24	37	34-5	41	With Leads
MDF-110	110	30.5	32.5	72	36.5	With Leads
MDF-116	90	24	37	34.5	41	With Plug

#### CHART III

Т	vpical Shop File Ca	rd
TV Receiver	Original Part No.	Replacement Part No.
GE Model 1710	RTO-104	Ram X051 ThordMeiss, Fly-49 Stancor A-8257
Magnavox CT270-C	320055-1	Merit HVO 48 Ram X066 ThordMeiss. Fly-59
Regal 22D19X	140-12 <mark>6</mark>	Ram X053 ThordMeiss. Fly 50
Setchel Carlson C101	T-123-9	ThordMeiss. Fly 76
Silvertone 1172-17	10104	Stancor A-8230 Merit HVO 26 ThordMeiss. Fly 59
Stewart-Warner 9108C	508675	Ram 70F10/43 ThordMeiss. Y-6 (Use original networ
Westinghouse H647K17	V-9904-1	Merit HVO 56 Stancor A-8237 ThordMeiss. Fly 158

A major problem a technician encounters in flyback replacement is agc winding polarity. Using the test set up in Fig. 3, a flyback may be checked by using an oscilloscope to observe polarity of the available agc pulse. Disconnect the plate lead from the agc tube and apply the positive scope lead to the hot side of the agc winding on the flyback. Ground the negative lead from the scope and observe the polarity of the pattern. If it is inverted as in insert (A) reverse the original wires connecting to this agc winding and this will reverse agc pulse polarity.

Reconnect the plate lead of the age tube and adjust the age control for buzzless sound and good picture definition. Should the pulse be injected in the circuit in reverse polarity, raster, no sound or picture or sync-less pictures may be encountered. Naturally the agc control will not function properly.

#### Linearity & Width Coils

Technicians encounter sets with width or linearity coils that are open, changed value or shorted. In older sets pulse-width coils opened resulting in critical horizontal hold. Typical were Sylvania TV sets plagued by shorting width coils that killed the horizontal circuit. Consulting a replacement parts catalog often restored these sets to normal operation. Often a time problem is encountered and waiting for the exact replacement part from the manufacturer influences a customer about their set's repair.

Among the problems facing technicians are those similar to the one I had with a Stewart-Warner model 9127 TV set. Slugs in the width and linearity coils in this circuit (shown in Fig. 4), were both frozen and I couldn't adjust for a symmetrical pattern. I was informed locally that Hoffman TV of California had taken over this firm. Consulting them, they advised the parts requested were no longer available. Returning to my local parts distributor I explained my plight and he suggested I consult one of his catalogs. Checking part numbers (width coil-508667 and linearity coil-162190) I found that RAM parts 201R14 and 201R-12 were exact replacements. Using

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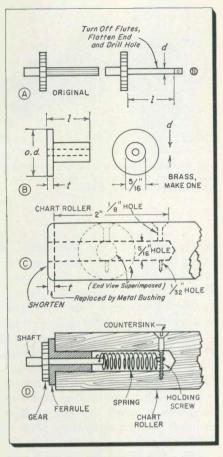


Fig. 1 (A)-Remove fluted shaft gear from one chart roller, turn off flutes on shaft, flatten shaft end with file and drill hole. (B)-Turn brass bushing to fit gear shaft and hole in end of chart roll. (C)-Cut off end of chart roll equal to thickness "t" of bushing flange. Enlarge hole in chart roll end to 5/16" to a 2" depth. (D)-Mount the assembly and tighten spring holding screw.

#### RONALD IVES

• General adoption of the roll chart improved and simplified the operation of tube checkers and similar instruments about fifteen years ago. A large library of specialized reference data was made available

## Modernize Your Tube Checker

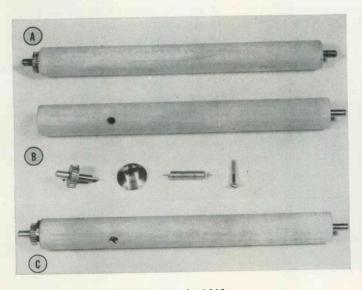
Easy Steps For Converting And Installing Spring-Loaded Chart Roller

in a small space. Since adoption of the principle, however, the number of standard vacuum tubes requiring testing has greatly increased. This expansion of tube types has resulted in unusually long roll charts.

Because chart paper has a finite thickness, the length of chart contained in one turn of the roll depends upon the amount already on the roll. Chart tension between rolls varies with the portion in use. With many roll chart mechanisms, the roll is excessively *tight* at both end settings, but *sags* at some intermediate setting, and may even tangle with the feed mechanism. This trouble is serious with many tube checkers now in use, and becomes more annoying with each printed (and longer) chart revision. Compensation for the varying chart roll diameters at different settings can be made by spring loading one roller, using a mechanism similarly contained in the familiar window shade roller. In this mechanism, one tube checker roller is driven directly by the drive gear, and the other is coupled to the drive by a coil spring. This device keeps the chart under fairly constant tension, eliminating sagging and tangling.

#### **Roller Modifications**

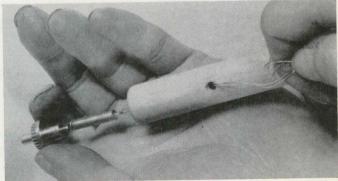
Construction of a spring-loaded chart roll is quite simple, requiring a small amount of material, and a few minutes of medium precision (Continued on page 84)



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✓ Fig. 2 (A)—Original unconverted roller. (B)—Converted roller and assembly parts. (C)—Completed spring-loaded chart roller.

Fig. 3—Installation of spring-loaded gear assembly is performed with the aid of a fine wire looped into eye of tension spring.



# Transistorized Ignition Systems



Fig. 1—Electric Autolite's transistorized ignition system, showing HV transformer, heotsinked transistor, and diade.

G. E. SPAULDING, JR. Director of Research The Electric Autolite Company

• A transistorized ignition system has been developed for more efficient and reliable spark plug firing in high compression automobile, marine, and comparable type gasoline engines. The system is said to reduce spark plug fouling problems, pitting of distributor contacts, and improve voltage regulation of the ignition system at high engine speeds.

The general trend in automobile engine design toward increasing maximum horsepower with minimum fuel consumption has revealed the limitations of conventional ignition systems. In addition to normal carbon deposits, spark plug fouling in high compression engines is aggravated by the builtin anti-knock qualities of modern fuels required to develop higher horsepowers.

Although performance characteristics of conventional ignition systems have been improved by inclusion of ballast resistors, increasing contact dwell time, cam redesign, double breaker systems, and increased battery voltage—spark plugs continue to foul, distributor contacts pit, and capacitors fail.

The transistorized ignition system shown in Fig. 1 has a low current input with increased output to spark plug firing points. It operates directly on 6, 12, or 24 volts, and employs a power transistor and one diode. The distributor's capacitor, shown in the conventional type ignition system schematic in Fig. 2, is eliminated because the contacts break only about <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ampere.

#### **Transistor Circuit**

Transistorized ignition system

operation, of course, is based upon the transistor's ability to amplify current. When the distributor contacts close, a small current flowing through the emitter-base circuit will switch on the transistor—permitting a larger current to flow through the emitter-collector circuit.

Current carried by the distributor contacts compared to the cur-

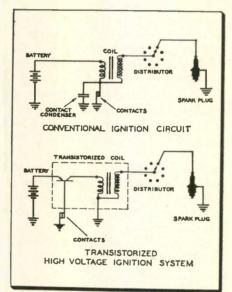
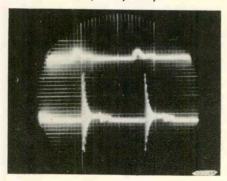


Fig. 2 (top)—Conventional ignition circuit, and (battam) transistorized high voltage ignition system which eliminates copacitor.

Fig. 3 (top)—Voltage wave form in primary of transistorized ignition system, and (bottom) in conventional system primary.



rent switched by the transistor, is about 30 to 1, and contact current is about 0.250 ampere while transistor or system current is approximately 7.5 amperes. The transistor is a germanium PNP power type.

Fig. 4's emitter-to-base junction at the Diode  $D_1$  is reverse biased when the distributor contacts  $S_1$  are open. This insures transistor cut-off even at high temperatures. Resistor  $R_1$  allows a small current to flow through  $D_1$  continuously, thus a 0.5 to 0.75 volt drop exists across  $D_1$ .

Since the transistor base is connected to the positive side of the diode through  $R_2$ , and the emitter is connected directly to the negative side of the diode, when the contacts are open, the base is at a potential of 0.5 to 0.75 volts positive with respect to the emitter. This guarantees transistor cut-off. The action is enhanced by keeping  $R_2$  as low as possible—but not low enough to allow excessive current to flow through the distributor contacts.

The diode's peak inverse voltage rating is sufficiently high to prevent damage if the circuit is accidentally connected with reverse polarity. When the distributor contacts are closed, the transistor base is connected directly to the collector, allowing maximum current flow. Transistor impedance under full load approximates 0.10 ohm. Initial current now is limited by the high voltage transformer T<sub>1</sub> primary inductance---and ultimately by the ballast R<sub>3</sub>. Note the traditional capacitor across the primary contacts  $(S_1)$  has been eliminated.

Induced primary voltage of the transistorized system is approximately 60 volts—compared to about 300 volts for the conventional in-

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#### Transistor Radio "Hearing Aid"

Often, when attempting to service a transistor portable with the usual comparatively low power output found in most small portables, it becomes very difficult to hear the set over surrounding shop noises. This is especially apparent when the technician on the adjoining bench is servicing a high fidelity phono. etc.

I recommend the use of a "hearing aid" device to simplify servic-

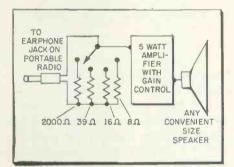


Fig. 1—Transistor radios are frequently drowned-out by other equipment playing in a repair shop. If additional volume is needed to satisfactorily service a midget under these conditions the unit's output can be amplified by plugging an amplifier into the radio's earphone jack.

ing a transistor portable in a noisy shop. Connect the output of the radio (usually through the earphone jack) into the appropriate resistive load, 8, 16, or 39 ohms, connected across the input terminals of a high-gain 5 watt phonograph amplifier modified for the purpose (see Fig. 1). The amplifier's gain control allows the technician to make the output as loud as desired to compete with surrounding noise. It is also helpful in locating noisy and intermittent components.— Olin G. Shuler, Quincy, Illinois.

#### SHOP HINTS WANTED!

\$3 to \$10 for acceptable items. Use drawings to illustrate whenever necessary. A rough sketch will do. Photos are desirable. Unacceptable items will be returned if accompanied by a stamped envelope. Send your entries to "Shop Hints" Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

#### What Would You Do?

You're all alone on a Saturday afternoon installing an intercom system and listening to the local football game on your transistor radio while working. Having just hooked up the 8th and last room to the new intercom system, you suddenly realize that you've got all stations connected but you don't have anybody there to help check them out. Which room is connected to what button? If you had a helper to talk to you it'd be easy. What would you do?

#### Solution:

Make use of the little transistor radio. Simply take it to the 1st room, set it down in front of the remote speaker and play it. Go back to the master station, push buttons until you hear the radio; mark that button "#1," or whichever room it's in. Continue moving the radio to other rooms, until all have been identified. The same process can be repeated from the master station. Lock it into "Talk" position, push the button for Room #1, and go there and listen. If you turn the radio volume up pretty high, you can usually hear the sound coming through the open door of the room by just sticking your head out into the hall .--- Jack Darr, Mena, Arkansas

#### **Resistor-Capacitor** Carrier

I do much service work in the customer's home. My problem used to be locating resistors and capacitors in my tool box. After filling my tool box with the usual tools, soldering iron, electrolytic capacitors, corona dope, volume controls, etc., I only had room for two small boxes: one for capacitors (small tubular & disc) and one for resistors  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1 \& 2 \text{ watt})$ . Each time I needed one I dumped the whole lot on a newspaper and spent a lot of time searching for the right one.

I remedied this problem by copying a popular resistor company's stock cards. Cutting a few sheets of fairly stiff cardboard to the size of  $3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  inches, I mounted resistors and capacitors (up to 0.05,  $\mu$ f; higher values are too big) on the cards according to their values. The components were secured to the cardboard by cutting slots in the cardboards' 3 inch side; they are held in place by bending the components' leads into the slots.— Leonard Cox, Jr., Chevy Chase, Maryland.

#### **Instrument Face Protector**

The glass protecting the meter movement of a test instrument from dust, needle bending, etc., is not a very good protective device for hard blows, any severe fall or blow can break the glass and ruin an expensive meter. I have found an excellent safety device to protect the meter of my transistor power supply when it isn't being used, as shown in Fig. 2.

For a few cents, I purchased a rubber caster cup about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches square by  $\frac{3}{8}$  inches thick and



Fig. 2—Test instrument's meter face is protected by a rubber caster held in place by rubber bands.

quickly set it in place over the dial face with a couple of rubber bands when the instrument isn't being used. Other meter faces may be similarly protected by using heavy cardboard or thick foam rubber if rubber casters cannot be purchased. —H. Leeper, Canton, Ohio.

# Reverberation: The New Sound Of Hi-Fi

**Operating Principles & Installation** 

Procedures Of Echo-Adjusting Devices

Fig. 1—Hammond Organ's type IV reverberation unit employed with Knight electronic control.

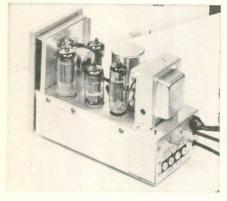


Fig. 2—KN-701 unit with cover removed.

L. M. DEZETTEL Allied Radio Corp.

• Since its debut at the 1960 New York audio show, "reverberation" equipment has frequently made the hi-fi headlines. Chances are that you've already had a few inquiries about it from your audiophile customers.

Let's take a brief look at the subject of reverberation to see why it is currently getting so much attention from hi-fi equipment designers.

#### Sound Reverberation

Whether you sit in your shop or wedged into a jam-packed football stadium, any sound that you hear is actually a blend of direct, and reverberated sound. Reverberated sound, bounced at you from any solid material surrounding you and the sound source, helps to give some perspective of what you hear. If you talk while sitting blindfolded in a room, the reverberations of your own speaking voice would still give you a fair idea of the kind of room you're in.

Audio engineers have long recognized the importance of reverberation in the recording of music.

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There's a ceaseless search for recording halls with good acoustic properties—the right amount of "slap" and "bounce" for the kind of program material being recorded. It's very important for a hall's or studio's acoustics to sound "right" for the music. It would be ridiculous, for instance, for a jazz disc to sound as if it had been recorded in a cathedral—and a Beethoven symphony to sound as if it were coming from a cozy night club setting.

To avoid this, major record companies keep a file on the properties of various halls available for recording sessions. Some companies even build sound studios of their own with carefully varied acoustics.

In addition, recording engineers have several electronic gimmicks at their disposal to add reverb to beefup a "dead" sounding recording. The most famous of these is the echo chamber. And one major recording company uses an abandoned stairwell for the ultimate in echo chambering! A monitor speaker at the bottom of the stairs is fed the original program material picked up by the recording studio mikes. Another mike at the top of the stairs picks up the sound after it has bounced around the solid brick stairwell walls on its way upward.

The reverberated sound is then fed to an audio console—where it is mixed in any desired proportion with the original direct sound. It's possible with this arrangement for a pop-singer to sound as if he's reaching the rafters in Madison Square Garden!

Since recording engineers have everything from custom-built sound studios to a variety of electro-mechanical and electronic echo devices, it's logical to wonder why home type reverberation units are attracting so much attention. The answer is simple: recording engineers cannot control the acoustics of the music listener's living room. Unless the listener uses ear-phones, the engineer knows the room in which a recording is played will change the overall sound effect. Most listening rooms are small and do not have enough time-delay to develop "concert hall" realism.

What's more, there's no practical way for the audiophile to constantly vary the acoustics of his living room to fit the various kinds of mu-. sic radiating from his loudspeakers. And here is the reason why reverb units were designed: it provides adjustment of room echo.

#### **Typical Unit**

Reverb components, designed for addition to present hi-fi equipment, either stereo or mono, is shown in Figs. 1 & 2. The system comes in two sections and is connected at a point between the preamp and the audio output amplifier. One section is electro-mechanical (Fig. 1) which supplies reverberation. The other section (Fig. 2) is an electronic control unit for adjusting the amount of reverberation, and for mixing it with the original sound from a record, tape, or broadcast.

The reverberation section is an integrated unit composed of four shock-mounted springs arranged in two separate circuits. A ferrite magnetic transducer is located at each end of the two spring assemblies.

A signal from the preamp is fed to the electronic control section which passes the signal to the mechanical reverb section. The input transducer converts electrical signals into mechanical motion—conveying it to the two spring circuits. This mechanical motion ripples across the two springs until it reaches the opposite end where the other transducer reconverts it back to electrical pulses.

Echo effects are produced by delaying the original input signal across the two spring circuits. In addition, of course, secondary effects are obtained when the signal bounces back and forth along the springs until it finally dampens out. The stronger the control signal's drive, the longer the springs vibrate—further augmenting the echo effect.

The mechanical unit's two spring circuits have separate delay times —one being 29 and the other 37 milliseconds. The two-circuit spring arrangement is used because it is more efficient in producing the desired time delay. The different delay characteristics of each circuit prevents phase-opposition from cancelling out part of the signal which would produce uneven frequency response.

In addition to the two springs being coupled at the center, each spring is wound in opposite directions to prevent external effects caused by vibration. For example, vibration caused by walking across

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the floor when the equipment is in operation.

Although the electronic section has only one control knob, it has a complex task to perform. First, it must blend two stereo preamp signals into one—for transmission to the mechanical section. The control simultaneously regulates the overall echo effect by determining the amount of signal going to the mechanical section's input. The control section's reverberation range varies from 30 milliseconds to more than two seconds.

In addition to these functions, the control section must blend reverb and regular signals before they enter the output amplifier.

#### **Circuit Operation**

The control section's circuit has two inputs designated "A" and "B" as shown in Fig. 3. These are fed directly from a stereo preamp output. In this particular equipment, signal levels from the preamp should be kept to 1 volt or less to prevent input tube overload. If the stereo basic amplifier has input level controls, it would be a good idea to keep them wide open and make adjustments at the preamp.

Each channel's signal is fed to a section of a dual-triode 12AX7, V-1. Each triode is connected in a circuit resembling a Williamson amplifier split-load phase inverter. No attempt is made here, however, to insure a balanced output signal. Channel signals developed at each tube cathode is fed through 22 k resistors to the cathodes of another double triode. When the reverberation level control is set at minimum, both grids of V-3 are grounded, and the tube functions as a grounded grid amplifier.

The signals coming off the plates of V-1 pass through a 1 meg isolating resistor, meeting and mixing at the grid of V-2A. One triode (V-2A) serves as the reverb section driver, and the other triode (V-2B) is connected to the reverb output.

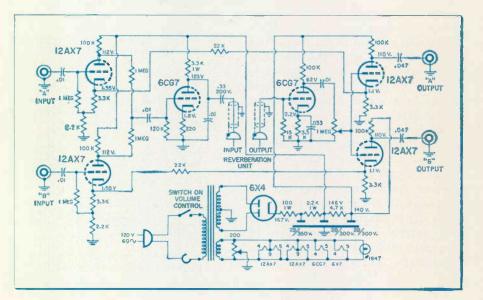
When the level control is turned up (from ground point) the circuit is essentially unchanged as far as the cathode signals are concerned. The reverberated signal, however, now passes to the grids of V-3A and B, and appear at the platesmixed with respective channel signals.

The problem of converting stereo to mono, reverberate the mono signal, mix a small percentage of it back into each stereo channel—at the same time preserve the existing channel separation—was no easy job for the engineers. Low distortion and a decent s/n ratio was another consideration.

#### Installation

Installing this unit in a component system is a simple job. For stereo, two standard shielded phone cables are run from the preamp outputs to the integrated control (Continued on page 52)

Fig. 3—Schematic diagram of reverberation control unit.



# Troubleshooting TV AGC Circuits

### Understand, Locate & Repair AGC System Breakdowns

#### MICHAEL KRANTZ

• Since most television channels transmit information with different signal strengths, it was only natural to develop circuitry that would automatically adjust for these differences. Otherwise, TV set owners would have to adjust contrast when changing from one channel to another. Additionally, if the set was designed to adquately receive the weakest signals, strong signals would cause overloading.

Original agc circuits were basically similar to those employed for automatic volume control (avc) in radio receivers. Today's agc systems, of whatever type, are all modifications of the original avc technique.

#### AGC Systems

As we already know, agc is a system which uses the incoming signal to develop a negative d-c bias which varies directly with the incoming signal level. This bias is applied to r-f and certain i-f stage grids to maintain a stable composite video signal level.

Early agc systems used a circuit basically similar to that shown in Fig. 1. Although this system greatly improved reception, it had certain limitations—especially on signals with low signal-to-noise ratios. Improvements were necessary and quickly forthcoming. Two of the many different agc circuit configurations found in modern sets are shown in Figs. 2 & 3.

The classic pulse keyed agc sys-

tem uses one tube (or a section of a dual purpose tube) with a positive going composite video signal applied to its grid. A high level positive going horizontal sync pulse from the HV section is applied to the tube's plate. The grid is biased so that the tube conducts only on the incoming video sync pulses. The tube acts as a keyed rectifier—pro-

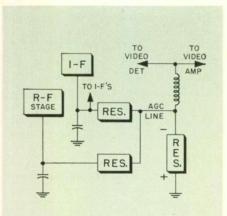
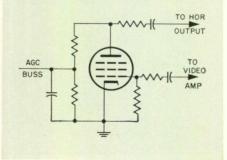


Fig. 1—Early agc system had a similarity to the avc circuit found in a-m radios.

Fig. 2—Simplified keyed agc diagram showing plate pulse for horizontal output and grid pulse for video amplifier.



ducing a d-c bias which varies with sync pulse amplitude.

Since the tube can conduct only when the high level positive sync pulse appears on its plate, any noise appearing between pulses cannot affect agc operation. This system provides good agc action over a wide range of signal level variations. Its circuitry may or may not be provided with a threshold control. Modern versions generally include agc voltage division between i-f and r-f-allowing wider voltage variations to the r-f section. This is frequently called delayed action, and is common to most present day agc systems.

The so-called voltage reference or conventional type agc system probably has more circuit variations than the "pulse keyed" system. Furthermore, the two systems may even have certain common characteristics: for example, the principle of sync pulse keying—although for different reasons.

A d-c reference voltage can be obtained at the video detector output, or by employing a separate diode rectifier. A combination of the two can be used to provide separate agc for i-f and r-f—thus obtaining optimum r-f gain on weak signals and very low gain on strong signals.

#### AGC Troubleshooting

When a TV set's agc system goes hay-wire, the technician may be confronted with one or more symptoms, including: a dark screen, overloading, bending, snowy pictures, erratic sync, etc. When not

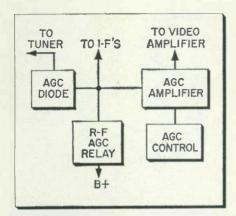


Fig. 3—In this DuMont agc system both keying and delay circuitry is used.

caused by misadjusted agc controls or defective tubes, shop repair of the customer's set is usually required.

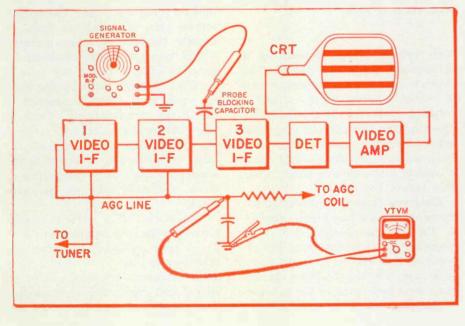
Many technicians have developed their own private approach to ailing agc's. Although certain preliminaries may vary—most agree upon one fundamental approach: agc bias defects can best be isolated by substitution of an accurately known bias voltage to the set's agc bus line. Because past experiences have resulted in tracing apparent age circuit component faults to defective r-f, i-f failures; sync separator, clipper circuit component malfunctions-or horizontal sweep and high voltage component defects, this technique assumes meaningful significance.

Whether or not the TV set resumes operation when the proper fixed bias is applied—half of the troubleshooting job is already finished. If the set operates, the trouble is obviously in the agc system. If no change occurs after substituting bias to all normally biased grids, the trouble is elsewhere.

Most shops have a commercially available variable bias supply capable of producing from 3 to 9 volts. In the event a bias supply is not at hand, one can be quickly improvised with a 7.5 to 9 volt dry cell battery and a 10 to 20 thousand ohm carbon pot. A clip lead from the plus side of the battery and one end of the control goes to the set's B- or chassis ground. A clip lead to the pot's center arm is attached to the age bus. The pot is varied to supply the proper bias needed for a particular TV. Of course, the set's original bias source is disconnected from the agc bus before checking the set.

A further series of bias substituting steps are also sometimes helpful in isolating agc faults. With the receiver's normal bias source connected to the bus, disconnect the i-f age line from the bus and substitute variable bias. Next, reconnect the i-f agc and disconnect the r-f agc line, substituting bias at this point. Where two i-f tube grids are being fed agc, disconnect one at a time and substitute bias at each individual grid. These steps frequently save much time wasted in making voltage, resistance and capacitor checks.

Fig. 4-Test set-up used to check agc circuit operation.



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Some technicians use a modulated r-f signal to check on agc system. The set's r-f oscillator tube is first removed and the set turned on. A VTVM is used to measure the voltage across the agc bus and ground, or B... This voltage normally reads from 0 to about -1volt. A modulated signal from the generator is now capacitively coupled to each i-f tube grid, as shown in Fig. 4. Agc voltage is again checked. If the negative agc voltage increases by -0.5 volt or more,

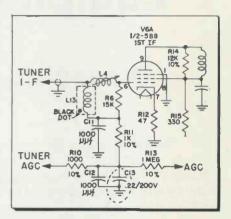


Fig. 5—A leaky capacitor in the grid of the 1st video i-f caused "overloading."

age action would appear normal.

If no change in agc voltage is noted, and modulation bars appear on the CRT screen, an agc fault appears obvious. Begin these tests with the last i-f tube and work back to the first tube—checking the agc voltage at each step.

#### **Case Histories**

A condition of overloading was encountered in an Olympic GT, GU model TV chassis (see Fig. 5). Agc voltage is developed across a resistor in the video detector diode circuit. Substituting proper bias voltage to the first i-f tube grid brought a picture to the screen. VOM checks showed the .22  $\mu$ f agc filter connected to the agc bus leading to the grid of this tube was leaking heavily. The set resumed normal operation when the capacitor was replaced.

In the DuMont agc circuit shown in Fig. 6, a delay circuit is used to supply bias to the r-f section in the tuner. A set with this type agc sys-

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# Servicing **Electro-Medical** Equipment

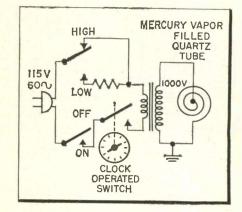


Fig. 1—Basic circuit of a typical simple coldquartz ultra violet lamp.

## X-Ray & Fluoroscope Repair Methods & Precautions

CHARLES MADUELL, JR.

• Radio-TV technicians have the basic knowledge and equipment to service many electronic devices used by doctors and dentists.

Simple medical instruments used in physical therapy, including infra-red and ultra-violet lamps, are as easily serviced as regular household and fluorescent lamps. Infrared heat lamps are essentially no more complicated than a line cord. socket, switch, and a lamp or element.

Ultra-violet lamps are somewhat more complex. There are two standard types: The cold quartz device (see Fig. 1) using a quartz tube filled with mercury vapor, and wired in a neon sign, or fluorescent light type circuit. A timing switch is usually employed to turn the instrument off at the end of a treatment cycle. The second form employs a quartz tube filled with liguid mercury. This unit must be "started" by tilting the tube until the mercury arcs, after which the arc is sustained by a reasonably high voltage. This unit may have an autotransformer with taps for varying voltage across the lamp.

#### X-ray Equipment

Electro-medical X-ray instruments are more intricate. These devices are as varied as television and other type electronic instruments-

since different manufacturers have their own circuit ideas. The goal is similar, however: to produce X-rays by generating and directing high velocity electrons to a small target area within the X-ray tube.

Essentially, the X-ray tube is a

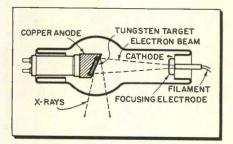


Fig. 2—X-Ray tube's anode target is tilted to direct rays at an angle.

high vacuum diode, containing a cathode and anode (see Fig 2). The cathode contains a filament which is heated to emit electrons, and a focusing cup for electrostatically directing the electrons in a narrow beam to a small area on the anode. The anode is usually a large block of copper containing a small tungsten target insert.

Electrons from the cathode strike the tungsten and lose kinetic energy in the strong electric field surrounding the tungsten atom nuclei. Some of this energy is in the form of X-rays. The copper block carries away heat generated in the process. The simplest X-ray generator is

probably the vertical fluoroscope. In some vertical fluoroscopes an X-ray tube is mounted in a cabinet with a fluoroscope screen in line with the target. The screen is pivoted so it can be moved toward or away from the patient. Screen and tube mount assembly is counterbalanced so that the doctor can manipulate the entire unit with ease. The tube is encased in a special lead-glass housing which directs the X-rays through the cabinet front. A small aluminum filter, 2 mm thick, is generally placed in front of the tube. Beyond this are two lead shutters arranged so the doctor can close or open them at will. These shutters are adjusted to prevent X-rays extending beyond the fluorescent screen area. The cabinet front is usually bakelite or other material which does not absorb excessive Xrays. Voltage to the X-ray tube is supplied through three spring-loaded wire "cord reels" connected to the X-ray transformer. Two of these cables are socket connected to the X-ray tube filament, and the other is spring-clip attached to the anode. As the tube is moved up or down, the reels take up the wire slack.

The circuit of a vertical fluoroscope is relatively simple (see Fig. 3). A split secondary high voltage transformer and a 10 volt 3 to 8 amp filament transformer with 50,000 volt insulation is employed. The transformer is supplied from

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115 volts a-c through a foot-switch timing circuit.

The HV transformer secondary is split for two reasons: (1) Center point grounding is provided—thus placing only one half of the high voltage to ground from the filament transformer, the cord reels, etc. (2) Allows the milliammeter to be placed on a panel which is at ground potential

#### Equipment

Since it is necessary to have a variable voltage to the X-ray tube, a tap switch is connected to an auto transformer at the a-c input. This tap switch is usually marked specifying transformer secondary voltage, but is occasionally simply marked "LOW," "MEDIUM," and "HIGH." LOW generally implies about 65 KV; MEDIUM, 75 KV; and HIGH, 85 KV-delivered across the X-ray tube. High voltage is turned on and off with a footswitch inserted in the HV transformer primary. Sometimes the footswitch is isolated through a relay, allowing a small red roomlight to be turned on when the X-rays are off, and vice versa.

Current through the X-ray tube is measured with a milliammeter in the ground leg of the transformer secondary. Fluoroscopic ratings are usually 2 to 5 MA, as dangerous radiation dosages would be produced if higher values are used.

Current through the X-ray tube is varied with a rheostat in the filament transformer primary. Filament voltage of the tube is varied and hence its electron emission and current. The rheostat is calibrated with a reference scale for resetting X-ray tube current.

New regulations require fluoroscopes to have several features not found on earlier types. One requirement is the previously mentioned aluminum filter in the tube's beam. Another is an integrating timer which prevents fluoroscoping a patient more than 5 minutes. This footswitch timer circuit cannot be actuated at the end of a cycle. The doctor must switch the timer back on before fluoroscoping another patient.

The timer is inserted in the footswitch circuit so that the timer motor operating voltage must come from the 115 v line, through the

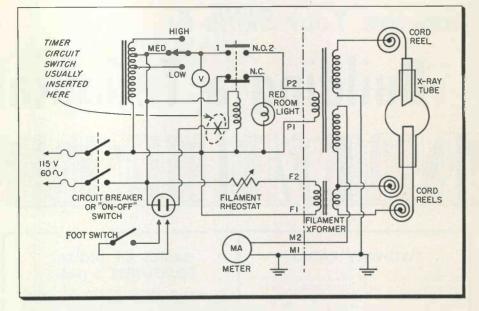


Fig. 3—Camplete schematic of vertical fluoroscope, including relay-operated room light. A timer switch may be installed by breaking circuit at "X."

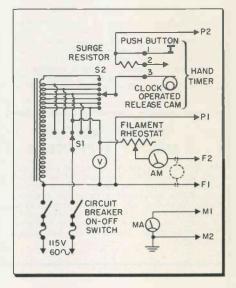
footswitch contacts, the timer switch contacts, to the timer motor, and hence to common. Thus, the timer must be set and the footswitch depressed before the timer motor can operate. The timer motor does not operate when the fluoroscope is simply on "STANDBY." When the timer motor turns off the timer switch, it is no longer possible to make an exposure without resetting the timer knob manually.

In some of the earlier fluoroscope types, no relay is used, and the footswitch is connected directly to the high voltage primary circuit at points 1 and 2 (Fig. 3), across the N.O. relay contacts instead of the relay. In this type equipment the electronic technician may be requested to install automatic room light control by simply adding the relay, and also safety modernization by adding the timer and 2 mm aluminum filter. Government regulations require both.

More modern instruments now enclose both the high voltage, filament transformer, and the X-ray tube in a self enclosed oil filled container. The transformer assembly is mounted on, and is counter-balanced by the fluoroscope carriage. Everything to the right of the dashed line shown in the schematic (see Fig. 3) is inside the self contained head. These instruments are said to be danger-proof and no "cage" or housing is necessary around the transformer. Cord reels are also eliminated. Fluoroscopes have become smaller, lighter in weight, and more compact.

If the X-ray tube and transformer assembly shown in Fig. 3 is replaced with a self-enclosed type head, and a time operated foot switch is substituted, we now have the circuit employed in many small X-ray units which include portable types, hospital mobiles, dental units, and in general all instruments up to 30 milliamperes capacity. Note, the general layout has (Continued on page 69)

Fig. 4—Schematic control circuit used in most small X-Ray instruments having self contained heads. S-2 is usually amitted from dental units, while meter AM may be replaced by a voltmeter (dotted lines).





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## What was the ruling made by the Supreme Court?

The Internal Revenue Service argued, and the Supreme Court upheld, that the useful life of a depreciable asset means the normal time a taxpayer uses the asset not the asset's normal physical life.

For instance, if you normally trade-in a signal generator every four years, you would be entitled to use this as the useful life in determining your annual depreciation deduction. This applies even though the physical life of the equipment is ten or twenty years.

#### Does this ruling increase or decrease taxes?

It depends. If the ten-year useful life for the equipment is being used, you would have a 10% annual deduction for depreciation. Under the Supreme Court decision you would now be able to use the normal four-year base period of useful life to you, and deduct 25% each year as an expense of doing business from your income tax.

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There are two basic rules that must be considered in using the accelerated depreciation methods:

- 1. The equipment must have an estimated useful life of at least three years and at least six years for the special 20% initial allowance deduction granted recently in the Code revision.
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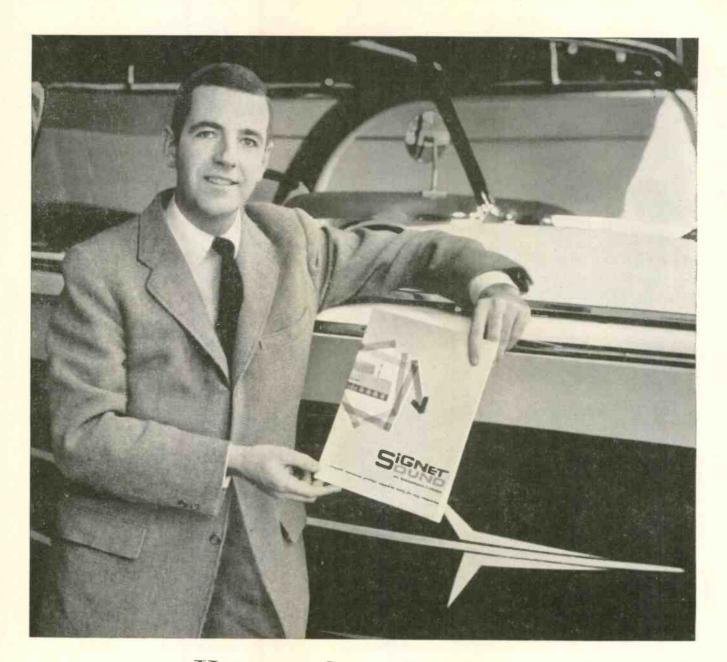
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## **TV AGC Circuits**

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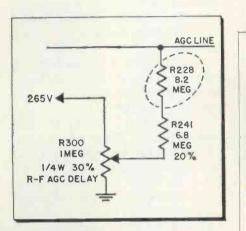


Fig. 6—Snowy pictures in a DuMont RA-370 was traced to a defective decoupling resistor in the agc delay.

age on the grid. Resistance checks in the agc delay circuit revealed the delay control was normal. The 6.8 and 8.2 meg resistors were next checked. The 8.2 meg component

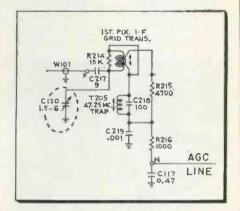


Fig. 7— No video or sound resulted when a trimmer capacitor shorted in the agc system of an RCA KCS 126 television receiver.

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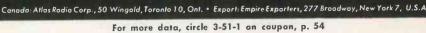
but no sound, and no picture. When first turned on, a small mount of smoke arose from the 1st i-f tube socket area. Agc control variation had no effect. The 1st i-f tube normally has +19 d-c volts on its grid, with +22 volts on its cathode—an effective -3 volts bias on the grid.

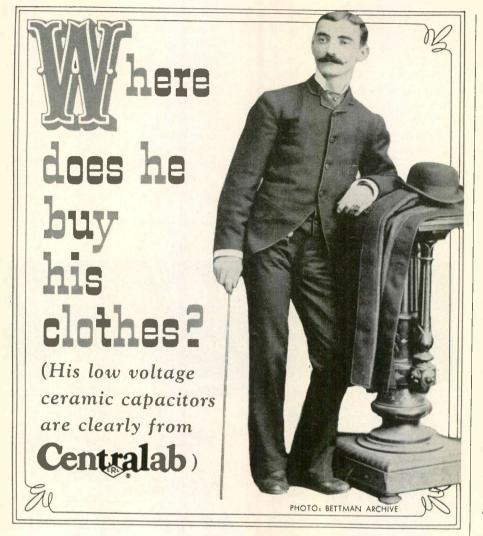
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I decided to isolate the 1st i-f in-

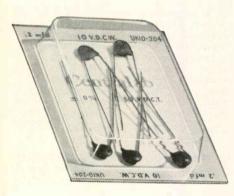
put stage. A gr.d input transformer is connected as shown in Fig. 7, and I cut all leads connecting to its primary, some picture and sound came in. This indicated the set's defect lay in one of the disconnected lines. An ohmmeter check showed that the 1.5 to 6  $\mu\mu$ f trimmer capacitor to ground was shorting—and the 1 k resistor in the agc line was overheating. Replacement of the capacitor and resistor solved the problem. •







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## Reverberation

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After the technician has replaced the unavailable part, the number, original physical measurements, tap connections and corresponding part numbers useable as replacements, should be listed on a file card.

As an example, a portion of my card file system is shown in Chart III. Note that I list set model, original part number, and then as many manufacturers' replacements as possible. Its logical that the more information you have at your finger-tips, the quicker replacement parts can be found.

Bear in mind that your parts counterman and yourself can both be aided by presenting a useful replacement number when requesting merchandise. Proper repair of the set sitting on your bench frequently depends on how much information you present at the parts counter. •

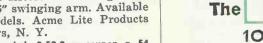
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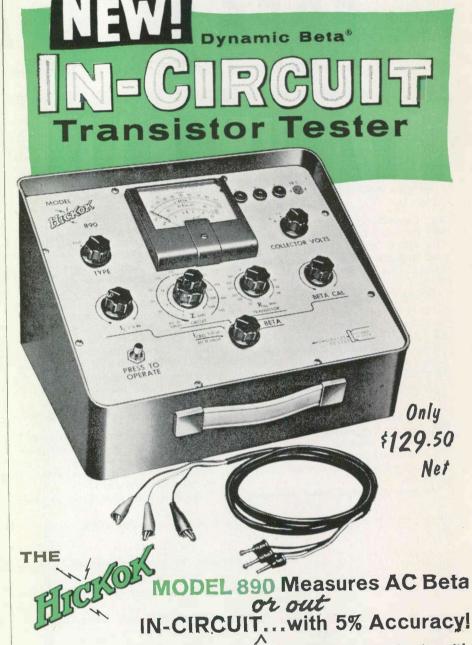


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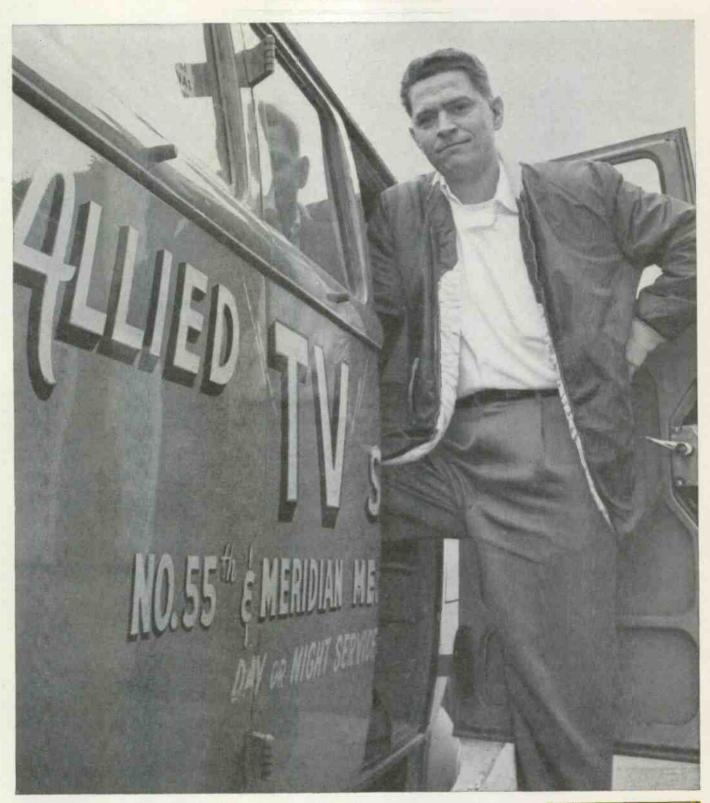
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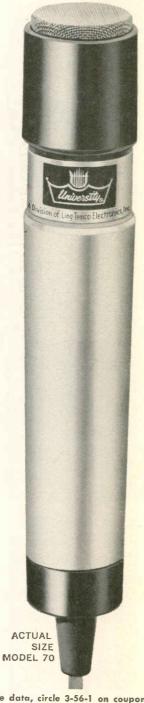
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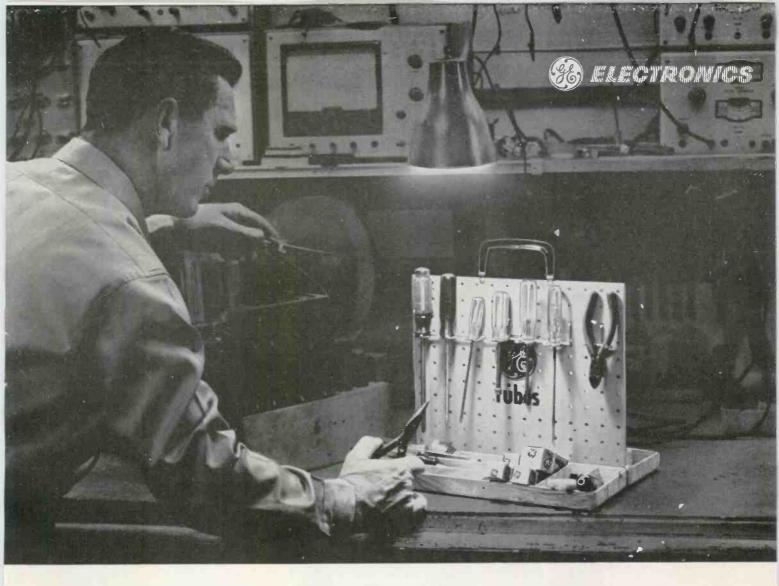
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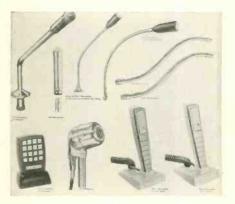


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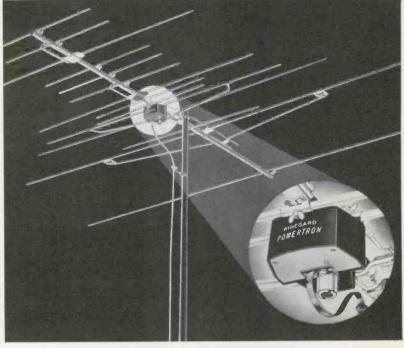
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## Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers

grid again, and removed. Once

again, this restored normal H.V.

This procedure could be repeated at

#### Misaligned "Synchro-guide"

A Canadian CBS-Columbia 821A chassis was brought in with no high-voltage after tube substitutions had failed to restore operation at the customer's home. Voltage checks revealed the following: horiz. oscillator plate voltage 135; damper cathode, 245; damper plate,

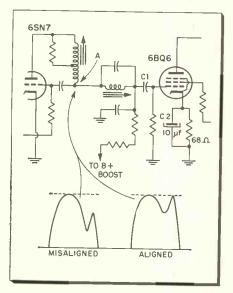


Fig. 1—Misalligned oscillator peaks caused "no raster" in this CBS TV set

255; horiz. output grid, 0. The a-c signal at the horiz. output grid had a normal waveform, but only 1/3 of the required peak-to-peak value.

Upon applying a horiz. sweep signal to the 6BQ6 grid, using a TV analyst, the raster came on with full width and brilliance. It was obvious that the trouble was in the horiz. oscillator, but here comes the surprise: upon removal of the external sweep signal, the raster stayed on, with a perfect picture. Then, momentarily disconnecting coupling capacitor C1 (Fig. 1) from the 6BQ6 grid, which naturally killed the high-voltage and connecting it back again, the H.V. failed to return. The external sweep signal was momentarily applied to the

will, with the same results each time. Obviously the horiz, sweep circuits had to be triggered into opera-

tion, but once running, they were self-sustaining. It was at this stage that the set acquired a "dog" label! When the set was operating normally, the voltages now read as follows: osc. plate, 255; damper cathode, 530; damper plate, 280; output grid, -18.

After spending more time killing the raster and restoring it, and checking circuits under both conditions, I eliminated several components as unlikely suspects. The horiz. oscillator waveform at point "A" was checked, and revealed two peaks of different heights. My past experience suggested two unequal peaks would cause "squegging," rather than a lost raster. However, I elected to align the oscillator since I already had it scoped. A happy, though astonishing, result of this alignment was: the horiz. sweep circuits were restored to normal self-starting operation.

I subsequently discovered that the 10  $\mu$ f. cathode by-pass capacitor C2 was open, although the set did not lack width. This defective component, when associated with the improper waveform from the misaligned synchro-guide, may have played a minor role in producing the odd symptoms encountered in this set, but the degeneration by itself did not prevent normal operation after the synchro-guide was realigned.—Lambert C. Huneault. Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

#### **Dirty Retrace**

A Philco chassis #8L41 TV set had symptoms that indicated a defective picture tube: poor focus and hazy, washed out picture, brightness control having little or no effect.

I went right ahead and replaced the picture tube which helped to clear some of the troubles, but the focus was still poor and the brightness control still didn't have an effect. I then pulled the chassis, put it on the bench and checked the CRT's associated circuitry (see Fig. 2). The brightness control checked out fine. I next checked the CRT's

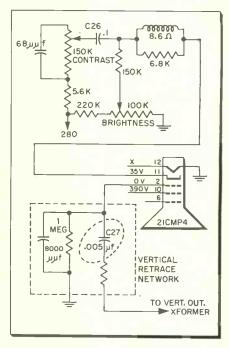
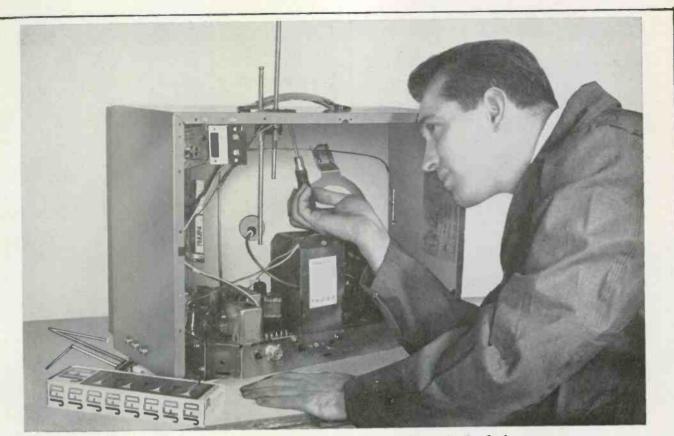


Fig. 2—Poor focus and no control of brightness indicate a defective CRT? Don't overlook the vertical retrace network in this schematic.

cathode and this read 260 volts. Thinking that my troubles were over, I immediately changed C26. the 0.1 µf video output coupling capacitor. The symptom still per-(Continued on page 62)

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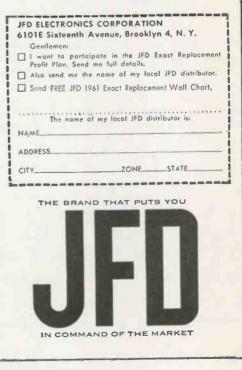
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sisted! Checking the CRT grid (pin 2), I found it measured 425 volts.

Pin 2 of the CRT should have little or no voltage on it. Where was my voltage coming from? Tracing the grid line I found that the vertical retrace network was connected between 425 volts B+ and ground. Here must be the set's sore spot!

I then checked the capacitor  $(0.005 \ \mu f$  capacitor between 425 volts and ground) and there it was —a dead short. Close inspection re-

vealed a heat spot on the printed component. Replacing the retrace printed circuit network restored this set's normal picture.—John Yennetti, Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### Print Board Causes Vertical Rolling

A brand new Motorola, Model 19K14, Chassis TS-435, was unpacked, and after about an hour developed intermittent vertical roll. Substitution of the vertical oscillator (8GN8) and the vertical output



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(7EY6) did not correct the defect so the chassis was pulled.

All vertical components were checked and found to be good. We even replaced E-602, the vertical

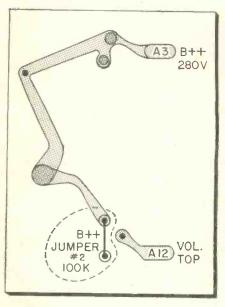


Fig. 3—A voltage drop between B+ + and Jumper #2 (100K resistance) caused absence of vertical sync in a Motorola TV chassis.

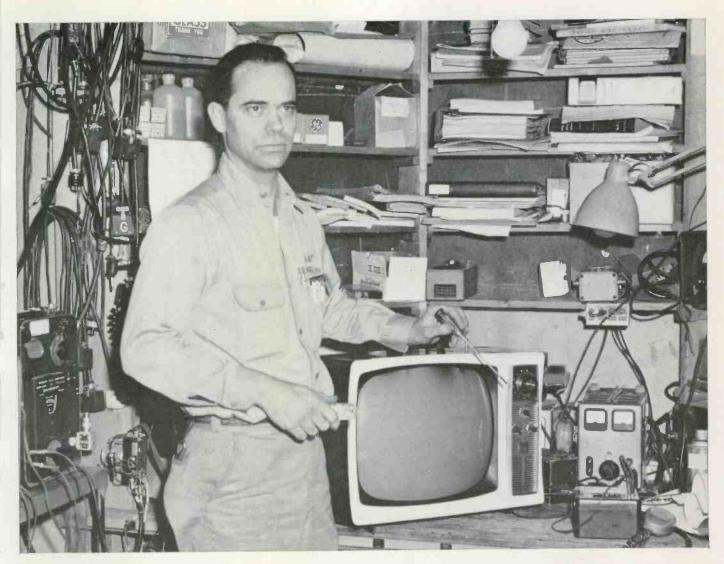
module, with still no cure. The set finally broke down completely with no vertical hold at all. Voltage checks then revealed the cause of the trouble. As shown in Fig. 3, B++ jumper #2 supplies point A-3 with 280 volts through direct connections on the print board. Voltage checks revealed only 180 volts at A-3.

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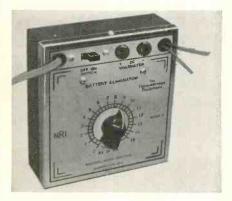
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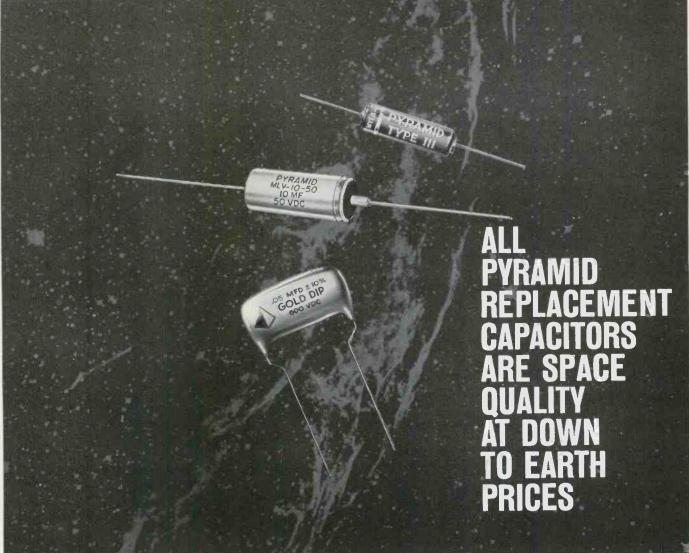


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### **Tax Depreciation** Ruling

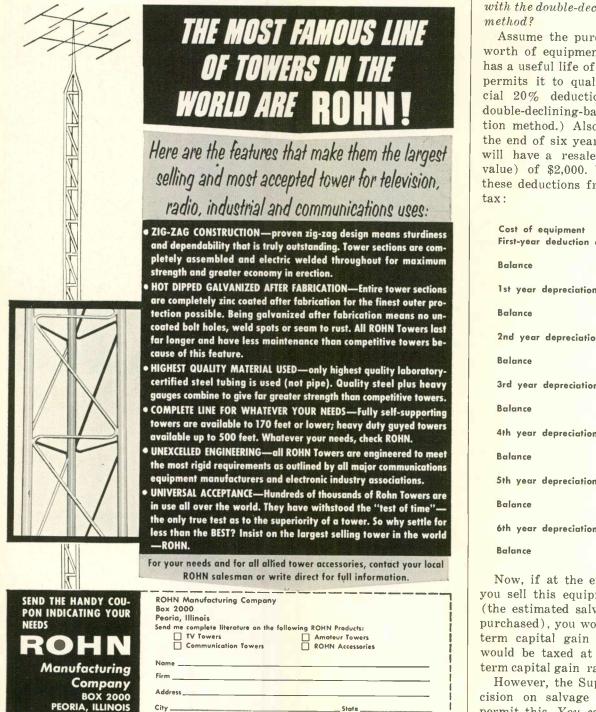
(Continued from page 48) Thus, if your equipment has a physical life of ten years it would qualify for the accelerated depreciation methods. However, if your usual practice is to sell or to trade every two years, you could not qualify to apply the double-declining-balance method or the sum-ofthe-digits method in calculating

your depreciation.

If your usual practice is to sell or to trade every four years, you could apply the accelerated depreciation methods, but you could not take the extra 20% deduction the first year because it does not meet the six year requirement of the Code revision.

#### What was the Supreme Court. ruling on salvage value?

The Internal Revenue Code specifies that with the sum-of-thedigits depreciation method and the



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straight-line method, the salvage value must be subtracted from the initial cost before determining the depreciation. The Code further says that the equipment may not be depreciated below salvage value with the double-declining balance method.

The Supreme Court has ruled in its decision that the purpose of depreciation is to permit the taxpayer to recover the part of the cost of the equipment he cannot recover through salvage.

#### How does this affect tax deductions with the double-declining-balance

Assume the purchase of \$10,000 worth of equipment this year that has a useful life of six years. (This permits it to qualify for the special 20% deduction and for the double-declining-balance depreciation method.) Also assume that at the end of six years the equipment will have a resale price (salvage value) of \$2,000. You would have these deductions from your income

Cost of equipment	\$10,000
First-year deduction of 20%	2,000
Balance	8,000
Ist year depreciation	2,667
Balance -	5,333
2nd year depreciation	1,778
Balance	3,555
3rd year depreciation	1,185
Balance	2,370
4th year depreciation	790
Balance	1,560
5th year depreciation	520
Balance	1,040
6th year depreciation	347
Balance	693

Now, if at the end of six years, you sell this equipment for \$2,000 (the estimated salvage value when purchased), you would have a longterm capital gain of \$1,307. This would be taxed at the lower longterm capital gain rates.

However, the Supreme Court decision on salvage value does not permit this. You cannot depreciate below the resale price or salvage value.

Thus, in this example you could take the depreciation deductions listed for the first, second, and third years. In the fourth year, however, you could only deduct \$370 instead of the \$790. This would take your deductions down to the point of the salvage value instead of below this point. And, in the fifth and sixth years you could take no depreciation deductions on this equipment.

#### Can a taxpayer now using a longer life change to a shorter useful life?

Many taxpayers have been using the suggested useful life terms suggested in the Internal Revenue Service's "Bulletin". Yet, in many cases this is longer than the equipment is owned and the depreciation deductions do not recover the difference between the cost and the salvage value of the equipment when sold or traded.

On the basis of the Supreme Court decision, it would seem that you would have legal support if it is your usual practice to sell or trade before the end of the equipment's physical useful life. It may be possible to get a tax refund for past years. Check with your accountant or tax consultant about the possibility and procedure for handling this claim for a refund.

What will happen if I keep equipment longer than usual or anticipated?

From an income tax standpoint, there is probably little that will happen unless there is evidence that you were not honest in your anticipation. But, with all of the modern improvements in equipment, the chances are better that you will need to or want to sell or trade quicker to maintain your position with competition. •

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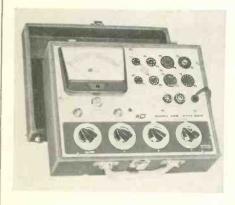


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## Electro-Medical Equipment

(Continued from page 45) been slightly changed (see Fig. 4). A-c input is introduced through a tap switch (S-2) on the auto transformer, and line voltage is selected to "match" house current conditions. "V" is usually a voltmeter with a single marking indicating when 115 volts is obtained. Switch S-1 is called "voltage compensator."

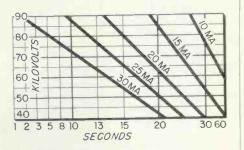


Fig. 5-Typical load line for X-Ray tubes used in dental, fluoroscopic, and portable instruments. Timing for a specific voltage and milliamperage exposure can be determined from these charts. For example, a 65 KV, 30 ma exposure can be safely maintained for only 13 seconds.

Since general purpose radiology requires a variety of kilovoltages, an additional switch is employed to select primary transformer voltages in a wider variety of steps. With one or two tap switches in this position, outputs from 30 to 85 KV is possible in steps of one or two KV. The switch knob is usually calibrated in KV, but some manufacturers use a calibrated meter, or switch the meter. The spring driven clock timer has a set of calibrated points. The initial push on the button connects leaf 1 with leaf 2 (Fig. 4), supplying power to the high voltage transformer. Further depressing the button shorts contacts 1, 2, and 3 together allowing full voltage to P-2, and at the same time the clock operated cam starts. When the set time has elapsed, the clock releases point 3 from point 2, then immediately releases point 1 and 2-opening the circuit. Dental X-ray instruments use this circuit with one minor difference: switch S-2 is omitted-dental pictures are taken at 65 KV, 10 milliamperes. Setting S-1 to "V" as shown, delivers 65 KV.

The complete X-ray tube head on

dental instruments can be moved to a variety of positions. This is achieved by placing a group of slip rings or commutators in the circuit (see points P-1, P-2, F-1, F-2, M-1, M-2 in Fig. 4). By making F-1 and P-1 common, one slip ring is omitted.

Similar circuits are frequently used in elaborate X-ray instruments up to 30 milliamperes. The circuit is also used for "grentz ray" or light duty therapy instruments, the only differences being the selection switching S-2 and the type of timer used. The timer is replaced by one calibrated in minutes, and the X-ray tube current is limited to less than 10 milliamperes. It is noted at this point that the tube-inhead arrangement is never capable of delivering more than 85 KV.

By examining the circuits shown in Figs. 3 and 4 it is easily seen that current flows through the X-ray tube only during one-half of the a-c cycle. This so called "selfrectified" circuit is used in practi-

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cally all X-ray generators below 100 ma—despite its inefficiency.

#### **Service Precautions**

No special precautions are required when repairing infra-red lamps, other than those normally observed with any hot element electrical device. Ultra-violet lamps require some special precautions since transformer outputs sometimes reach 1000 volts. Prolonged exposure to ultra-violet rays is also dangerous, especially to the eyes.

X-rays are dangerous! If it becomes necessary to view an X-ray tube with the current on, face it away from you, and look at the tube through a mirror. X-rays travel in straight lines, and very little X-ray energy will scatter back to the technician. But there can be scattered radiation around the room. If prolonged exposures are to be made, or the high voltage is to be left on for more than a few seconds, stand behind a leaded wall in such a manner that the X-rays would have to bounce twice before reaching you. Better still, wear a doctors' or X-ray technicians' lead rubber protective apron.

Most X-ray generators have their high voltage circuits protected by cased transformers, cables, etc., so that contact with high voltage is almost impossible. The highest voltage available in the primary circuits is usually 220 volts, but this too, can be lethal. Extreme caution is important in any event.

Protection of the X-ray tube is a further consideration. Charts designating maximum exposure time at certain power ratings are furnished by the manufacturer. (See Fig. 5). Exposures in excess of these ratings will literally melt the target—and X-ray tubes are expensive. Other charts are furnished giving heat storage ratings of X-ray tubes when making exposures in succession. Addition of all the exposures should never exceed the heat storage rating of the tube as listed on this chart.

It is highly important that all X-ray equipment be properly connected to a cold water pipe ground. This allows electrical charges to leak off and protects the patient who may be susceptible to slight electrical shock. In damp climates the older type vertical fluoroscopes may "hiss" when the foot-switch is depressed. This hissing is corona from the cord reels. By eliminating frayed wires, sharp screw points, etc., from high voltage circuits, this annoyance can be greatly reduced.

#### **Repair Methods**

The most frequent troubles with ultra-violet generators are defective switches and wiring. Line cords deteriorate, timing and other switches simply wear out. Replacement is simple and substitutes are often available through a local radio or electrical supply jobber. Should a heating element or timing switch become defective, they will probably be available from the equipment manufacturer or his sales representative without too much trouble.

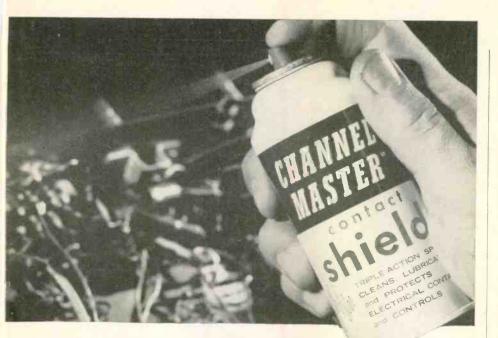
X-ray servicing requires a good quality VOM with a-c scale variations from 50 to 250 volts. An a-c ammeter is sometimes helpful, but rarely necessary. For the more advanced circuits (not usually found in a private doctor's office), a VTVM is necessary, but a standard 20,000 ohm/volt VOM is usually adequate. An oscilloscope is rarely required except for highly advanced and/or most modern X-ray instruments. No attempt should ever be made to measure HV going to the X-ray tube. This voltage is highly dangerous, and meters are not readily available for measuring it. Voltage from the transformer secondary is usually computed from the transformer turns ratio and the primary voltage. Thus, a transformer with a 100 turn primary and an 80,000 turn secondary is expected to deliver 80,000 volts to the X-ray tube for each 100 volts on the primary. This is 40,000 volts each side of ground.

The most common problems arising in self-rectified, self-contained X-ray equipment includes dirty relay contacts and timer switches. Broken wires in the cables leading from control unit to X-ray head, burned out meters, and mechanical troubles are others. Transformers rarely fail. Switches are seldom available from radio parts jobbers since these are usually heavy duty types. Service generally requires no more than cleaning the contact surfaces, and occasionally replacing one or more contacts. The onoff switch, or circuit breaker is usually available from local electrical houses. Resistors for the filament rheostat and surge type resistors are generally available from radio parts jobbers.

Probably the most serious troubles in fluoroscopes and self contained X-ray heads is burned out X-ray tubes. Filament burnouts are usually indicated when voltage appears across P-1 and P-2 when the timer button or footswitch is depressed—but with no X-rays being produced. A voltage measurement across F-1 and F-2 (Figs. 3 and 4) will indicate if the filament transformer is obtaining its proper voltage.

In older type vertical fluroscopes an ohmmeter measurement across the tube's filament contacts (with the filament wires to the transformer disconnected) will show if the X-ray filament is open. This tube usually sells in the vicinity of \$100 and is available from any X-ray dealer in the nearest large





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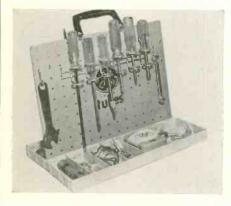
town. In the tube-transformer self enclosed unit, replacement is not so simple, and "factory rebuilt" heads are usually obtained. The tubehead is removed by an electronic technician, and shipped to the nearest X-ray dealer. They are usually equipped to service these self-contained heads, or will send them to the factory. The head contains transformer oil which is vacuum sealed with special precautions as to dirt and moisture prevention.

A defective X-ray tube may be indicated when little or No X-rays are produced, and the milliammeter fluctuates wildly. This generally means a gassy tube. To check this disconnect F-1 or F-2, removing filament voltage from the X-ray tube. Turn on the high voltage. If the MA meter still fluctuates wildly, a short may exist in the housing. If the MA meter remains at zero without fluctuating, this probably indicates a defective X-ray tube.

Occasionally a gurgling or burping noise is head in the housing. If this occurs only when the housing is in one or another position, it indicates an air bubble in the housing. It should be returned to an X-ray dealer for repair and oil replacement. If allowed to operate in this condition an X-ray tube may be punctured or the high voltage transformer damaged.

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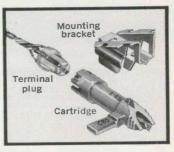
 

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#### California

CSEA, Fresno, reports the revised state license bill covering TV and appliance repairmen is expected to go before the state Legislature at Sacramento shortly.

ACTRA, Oakland, announced

election of new officers: Pres., Stephen L. Strong; 1st V.P., Hal W. McGee; 2nd V.P., Frank Lozano; Treas., Lewis E. Hall. The organization also plans to conduct a series of classes on increasing business management efficiency.

TSA, San Francisco, reports its 20 week "Double Warranty" public relations ad campaign in the local newspaper, *News Call Bulletin*, was so successful it is being renewed for an additional 32 weeks. It was said that countless telephone calls to association members resulted in a substantial business increase.



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#### Florida

#### Strictly Wholesale!

TESA, Miami, made public an unusual letter from Certified Radio TV Supply, a local distributor. It said in effect: "Enclosed . . . a check for \$100.00 . . forfeit for the Bond we placed some two years ago in the event we were to sell to an unauthorized person. This sale was . . . due entirely to the carelessness of one of our employees . . . we once again post another \$100.00 Bond effective as of this date . . . Success of Certified . . . has resulted in a great part to the good will of our dealers. We hope to retain that good will."

#### Illinois

NATESA, Chicago, announced its Spring Directors Meeting will be held April 8-9 at the Western Skies Motel, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

#### Indiana

IESA, Indianapolis, reports a public relations program of daily TV spots under way in cooperation with WFBM-TV. Advertising activities are under the direction of John F. Hurlbut, WFMB public relations manager—formerly with NBC New York.

#### Missouri

#### **Oppose Extended Warranties**

TESA, St. Louis, reports the following petition is being circulated throughout the metropolitan area: "We, the undersigned, are all employed in the business of servicing radio and television sets and selling replacement parts for same. We strongly object and oppose the practice of manufacturers and new set distributors of extending their parts warranties beyond the standard parts warranty period."

#### New York

CETA, Long Island, has elected the following officers: Pres., Al Schaw; V. P., Frank Joseph; Corr.-Sec'y, Sol Fields; Rec.-Sec'y, Hy Brandeis; Treas., John McManmon; Sgt.-at-Arms, Graham Holzhausen. The association also announced it is sponsoring a series of lectures designed to make available the latest information on TV servicing techniques for its members.

WNYEG, Buffalo, has elected the following officers: Pres., Fred Di-Tondo; V.P., Lester Marschall; Sec'y, Elmore Bement; Treas., Clarence Thielke; Sgt.-at-Arms, Edward Twardy. James Archibald and Jack McDonough were elected to the executive committee.

ESFETA, Albany, at a recent meeting in the Hotel Wellington the association's president, Irving Toner, announced progress is being made in the direction of passage of the Adams-Cooke TV license bill.

#### North Carolina

#### Push License Bill

NCFEA, Durham, is working on its licensing bill for presentation to the State Legislature. The association is requesting voluntary contributions from *all* N.C. service technicians to aid in paying the costs of carrying the program to a successful conclusion.

#### Ohio

TESA, Akron, state service association of Ohio, announced its directors voted unanimously to notify manufacturers of the organization's opposition to any extended parts warranties other than the standard 90-day obligation. The association also announced its convention will be held on March 26, at the Van Cleve Hotel in Dayton.

ARTSD, Columbus, officers for 1961 are: Pres., Herman Francis; V.P., Don Wilson; Rec.-Sec'y, Walter Dirscoll, Corr.-Sec'y, Rex Rice; Treas., Don Blazer.

TESA, Springfield, has elected the following officers for 1961: Pres., William Elliot; V.P., Lewis DeVore; Sec'y, Roy Henderson; Treas., Jack Carpenter.

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## **New TV Turret Tuner**

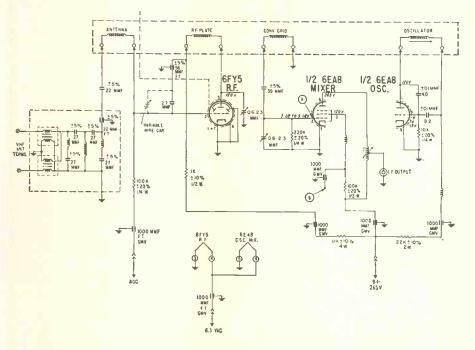


Fig. 1—Circuit of Zenith's new Gold Video Guard tuner. Unit completely hand-wired.

• A new television tuner, called the "Gold Video Guard, has been announced by Zenith Radio Corp. 104 contact points made of 16K filled gold alloyed with platinum and silver (to eliminate corrosive and excessive wear) obviously inspired the tuner's name.

The compact tuner employs a 6FY5 tube as an r-f amplifier and a 6EA8 tube for the mixer/oscillator section, as shown in Fig. 1. Entirely hand-wired and hand-soldered, with no printed circuits, all underside components are exposed and easily replaced without removal anism. Power connections are the plug-in type, enabling tuner removal without soldering.

A hand control mounted on the front of the receiver permits adjustment of each channel's oscillator slug without disturbing alignment of the remaining channel strips.

In addition to the new turret tuner used with a new 17G28 deluxe TV chassis, a switchable i-f trap and adjustable video peaking is provided. Also, provision for adding up to four UHF channel strips is provided (see Fig. 2).

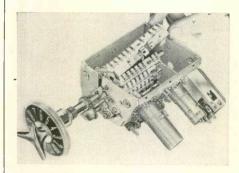
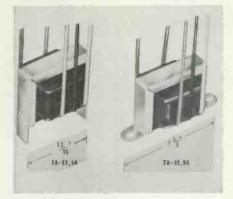


Fig. 2—New turret tuner has provision for adding up to four UHF channel strips.

of the drum assembly or channel strips. A snap-off tuner cover allows easy access to the tuner mech-

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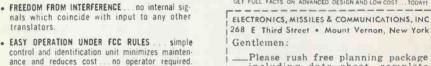




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# "Wizard" **TV Antenna Coupler**

• The Census Bureau has recently reported that 11% of all U.S. families own two or more TV sets, and urban areas are 91% covered by television. Accordingly, master antenna systems have become increasingly important.

Multiple TV installations run the gamut from individual set antennas to mixers, amplifiers, and coaxial cable networks. One unconventional multiple installation component, called the "Wizard" coupler, makes no direct electrical or mechanical connection with the antenna line. This coupler, shown in Fig. 1, contains two coupling elements that enable the unit to employ the principle of electromagnetic coupling. There are no resistors, capacitors, or inductances in the coupler. The unit's two halves snap together on the antenna transmission line. No cutting or puncturing of antenna line (standard-type 300 ohm wire is employed) is involved.

#### **Multiple Installations**

If we were to plan a master antenna system, assuming a 14 outlet one in an average signal strength area, the following installation steps would be typical: A single antenna should be installed at one end of the apartment building. From this antenna, a single length of 300 ohm transmission line is run to the far end of the



Fig. 1—"Wizard" television antenna coupler.

building, terminated with a 300 ohm resistor (see Fig. 2). It is now only necessary to couple the TV outlets to this main run.

Signal strength losses, such as transmission lines and couplers, will result in slightly less than 1/10th of the signal strength at the antenna reaching the final TV receiver. This means, in this par-

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ticular example, that if a minimum signal strength of 1,000 microvolts is required at the TV receiver, 10,-000 microvolts will be needed at the antenna.

#### **Computing Signal Loss**

To illustrate the layout planning and computation, consider the length of the 300 ohm transmission line as, perhaps, 100 feet. This will cause the signal to drop by approximately one-fifth. The effect of the Wizard couplers on the line must now be considered. The 13 couplers preceding the last one will decrease the signal by slightly more than one-half. Finally, the attenuation through the last coupler will reduce the remaining signal to one-fourth of its value. Thus, the signal reaching the final TV receiver will be slightly less than  $\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ , which approximates 1/10th of the signal strength at the antenna.

Computing signal loss from a decibel loss viewpoint; (1) 100 feet of 300 ohm transmission line has an attenuation of 2 db for channel 13. (2) Each coupler preceding the last one has an insertion loss of  $\frac{1}{2}$  db, which for 13 couplers causes a  $\frac{61}{2}$  db loss. (3) Isolation loss of the final Wizard coupler is 12 db. The total system loss in this example is therefore  $20\frac{1}{2}$  db; a loss that represents a signal requirement at the antenna of approximately 10,000 microvolts to deliver 1,000 microvolts to the last TV receiver.

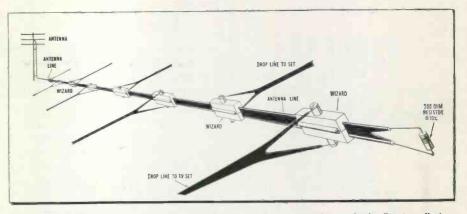


Fig. 2—Master TV antenna system employing Wizard couplers for multiple TV installation.

In low signal strength areas or with unusually large TV outlet requirements in medium-strong signal areas, it may be necessary to use a master amplifier. In this case, coaxial cable should normally be used from the master amplifier's output, via splitters if necessary, to serve the various 300 ohm transmission lines. •

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#### RCA VOLTOHYMST KIT

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#### **Ignition Systems**

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The system is designed for negative ground operation, and the spe-

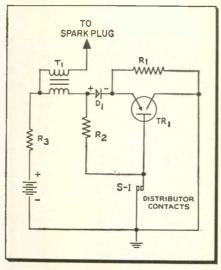


Fig. 4—Schematic of transistorized ignition system showing indivdual components.

cial transformer package may be located in ambient temperatures up to 350°F. The transistor with heat sink operates in ambient temperatures to 180°F. A germanium instead of silicon transistor is used in the system because of their present higher current capabilities, and lower cost.

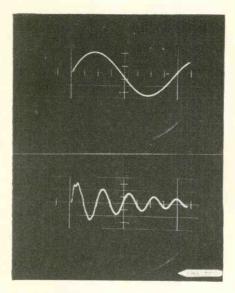


Fig. 5 (top)—Voltage wave form in secondary of transistorized ignition system, and (bottom) in conventional system secondary.

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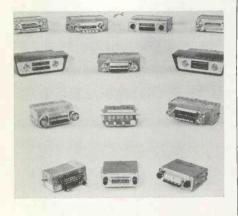
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lathe work. The following "springloading" steps are recommended: Remove the gear and shaft from one of the chart rolls, using due care to avoid bending the shaft or scarring the gear surface. Turn off the flutes on the inner end of the shaft, as shown in Fig. 1A, to any convenient diameter, preferably as large as possible. Flatten about  $\frac{1}{8}$ " on both sides of the inner end of the shaft with a file, and drill a small hole about  $\frac{1}{16}$ " diameter through the flat.

From any convenient material, such as brass, make a ferrule to act as a bushing between the wooden roller and the gear shaft, as illustrated in Fig. 1B. Center hole should be a smooth turning fit on the gear shaft (dimension "d" in Fig. 1A), length should be about

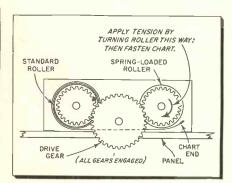


Fig. 4—Chart is placed on unmodified roller and spring-loaded gear is given one turn for each five feet of roll length. Tension is in a direction to tighten roll chart.

 $\frac{1}{8}$ " less than the inner shaft length, and flange diameter should be slightly less than that of the chart roll.

Enlarge the chart roll's shaft hole to  $\frac{3}{16}$ " and drill this hole to a depth of about 2". Drill a side hole near the inner end of the enlarged hole to take a spring holding screw, as shown in Fig. 1C, and opposite it drill a very small pilot hole, about  $\frac{1}{32}$ ", for th screw. Cut off a thin slice of wood from the roller end to compensate for the thickness ("t") of the ferrule flange.

Obtain a steel coil spring about

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Insert the gear and shaft assembly into the ferrule, with the gear against the flange. Hook the coil spring through the hole in the inner end of the shaft. Thread a fine looped wire through the side hole, and then through the center hole of the roller, as shown in Fig. 3. Hook the wire loop around the inner eye of the coil spring. Push the assembly into the hole in the roller, pull the wire tight, insert the screw through the inner eye of the coil spring, remove the wire, and tighten the screw. The spring-loaded roller is now ready for installation, appearing as in Fig. 2C. A partial section of the "business end" of the modified roller is shown in Fig. 1D.

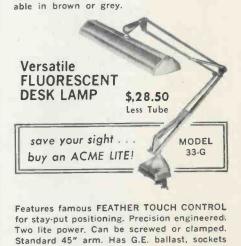
Installation in the tube checker is quite simple. Roll all of the chart onto the unmodified roller, (see Fig. 1A) with reasonable tightness. Install the spring-loaded roller, mesh the drive gears, and wind in one turn of tension for each five feet of chart length, making sure that this tension will tighten the chart in the final assembly, as shown in Fig. 5. Fasten the chart to the roller, and release the spring tension. The chart will now become taut, and should remain so at all positions. If it slacks off after some months of use, increase the tension slightly.

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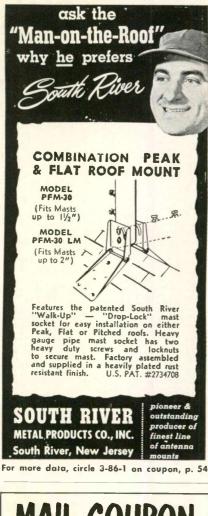




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#### EMC TUBE TESTER

Model 211 checks each section of multi-purpose tubes separately. Checks all octal, loctal, 9-prong and miniature tubes for shorts, leakages, opens, intermittents as well as for quality. Shorts or leakages between any two tube elements can be detected. Also checks magic eye and voltage regulator tubes. Quality is indicated directly on a 2-color meter dial using the standard emission test. Size,  $6\frac{34}{7}$  x  $5\frac{14}{7}$  x  $2\frac{14}{7}$  deep. Shipping weight, 3 lbs. Wired, \$22.90. Kit, \$14.90 Electronic Measurements Corp, 625 Broadway, New York 12, N. Y. For more data, circle 3-86-3 on coupon, p. 54



#### Switchcraft CONNECTOR PLUGS

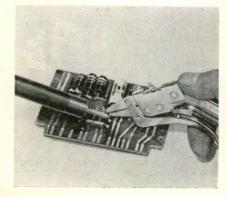
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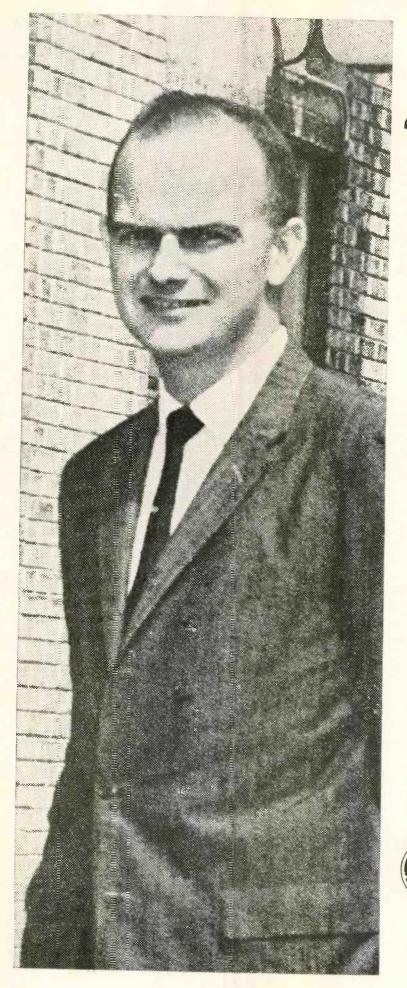
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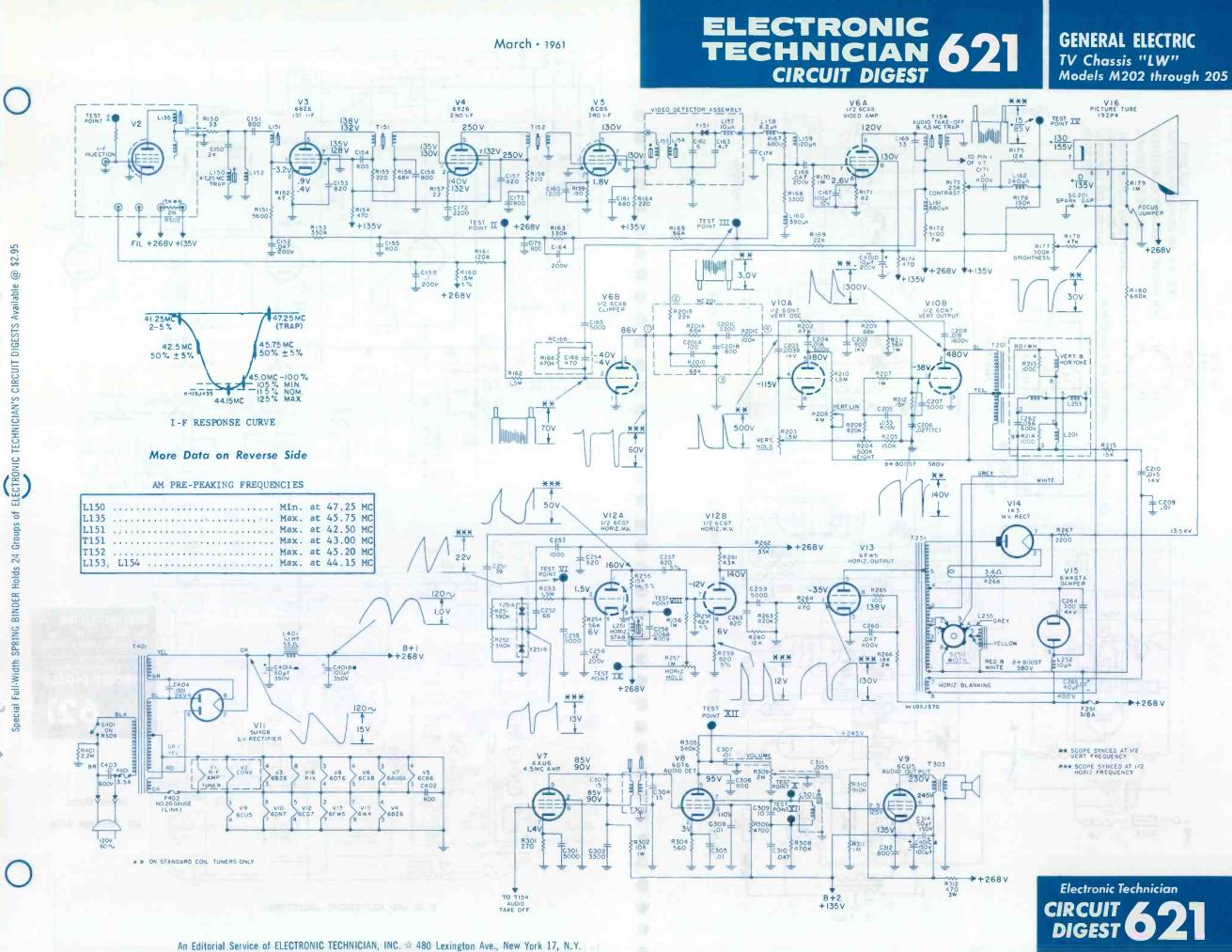
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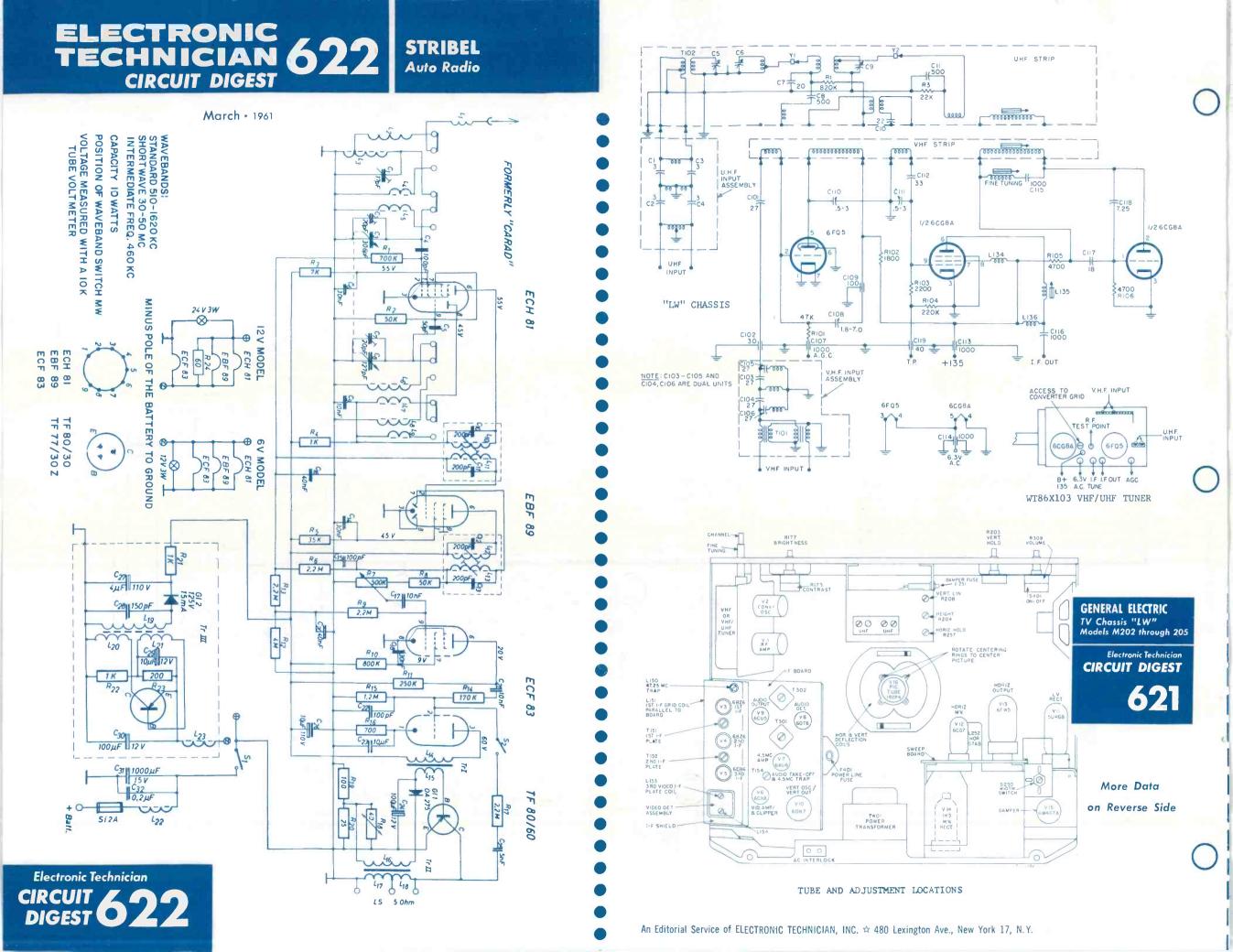
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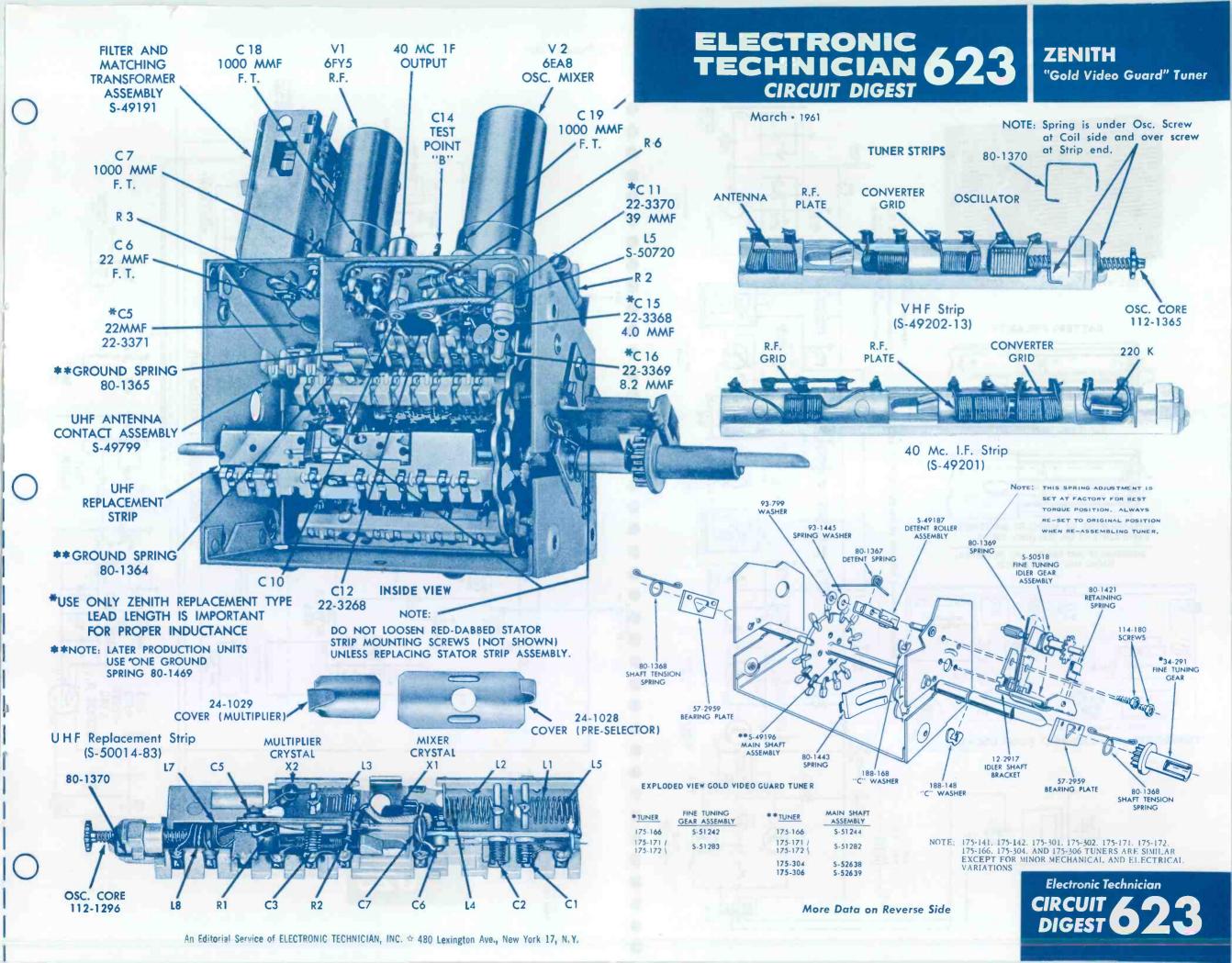
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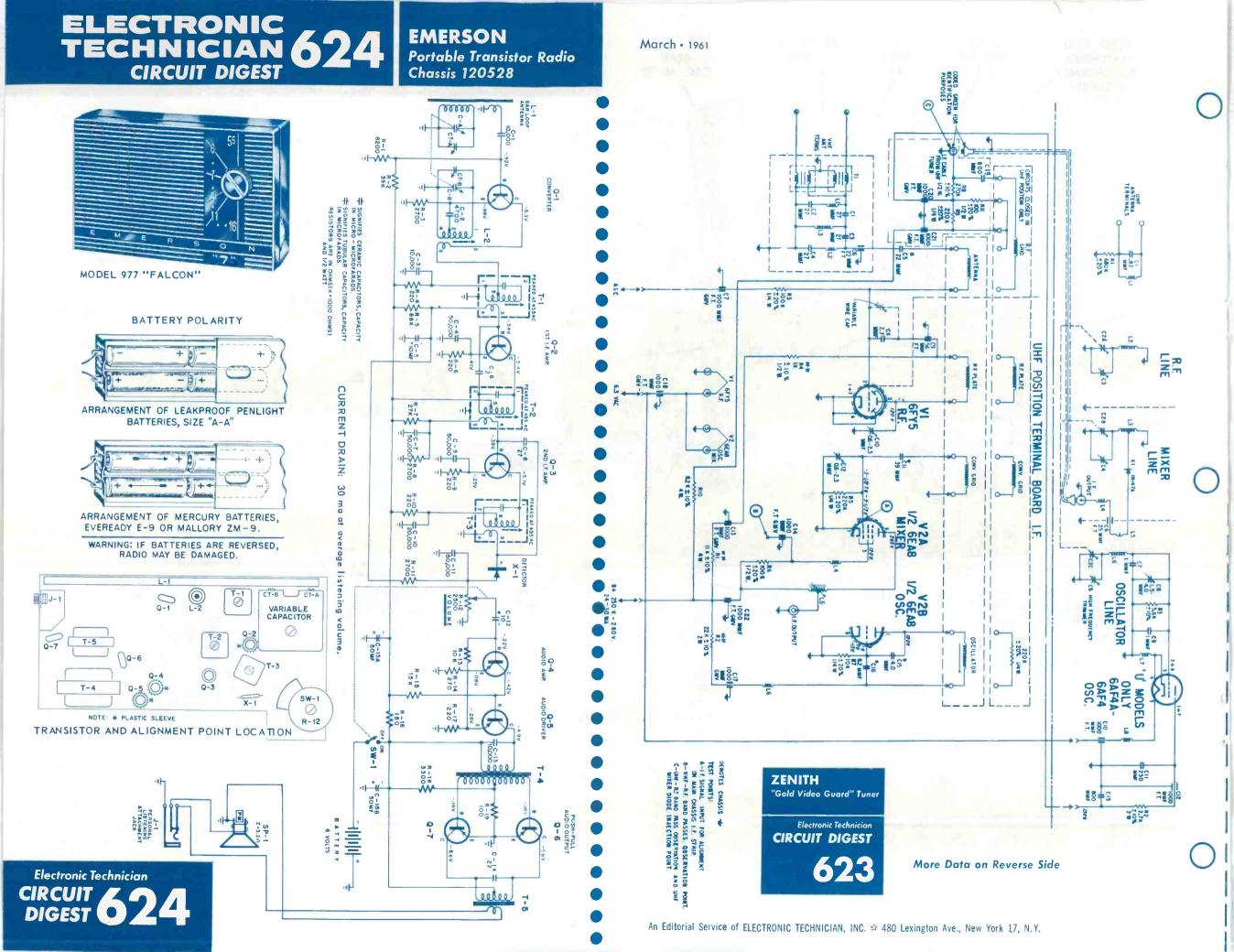


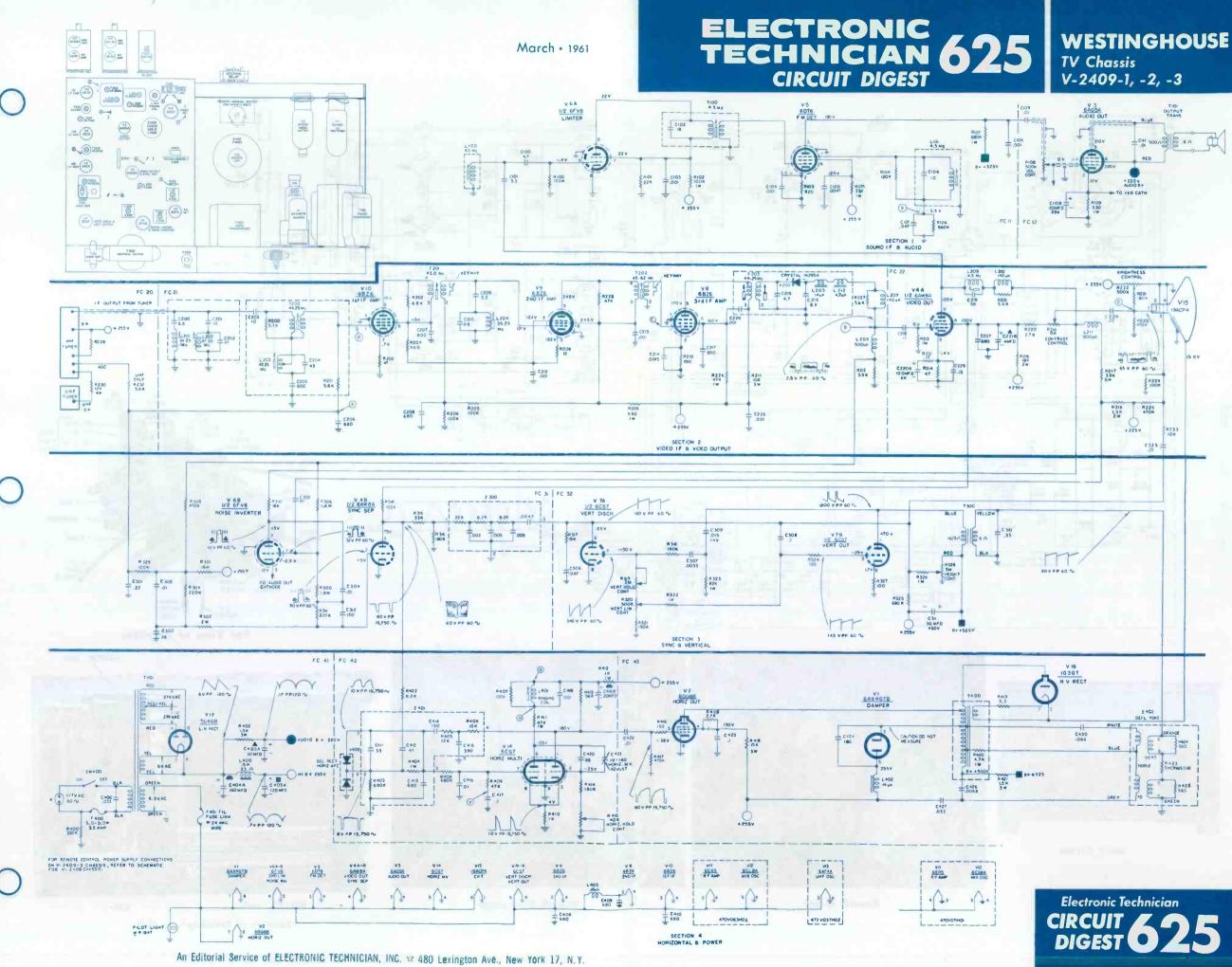
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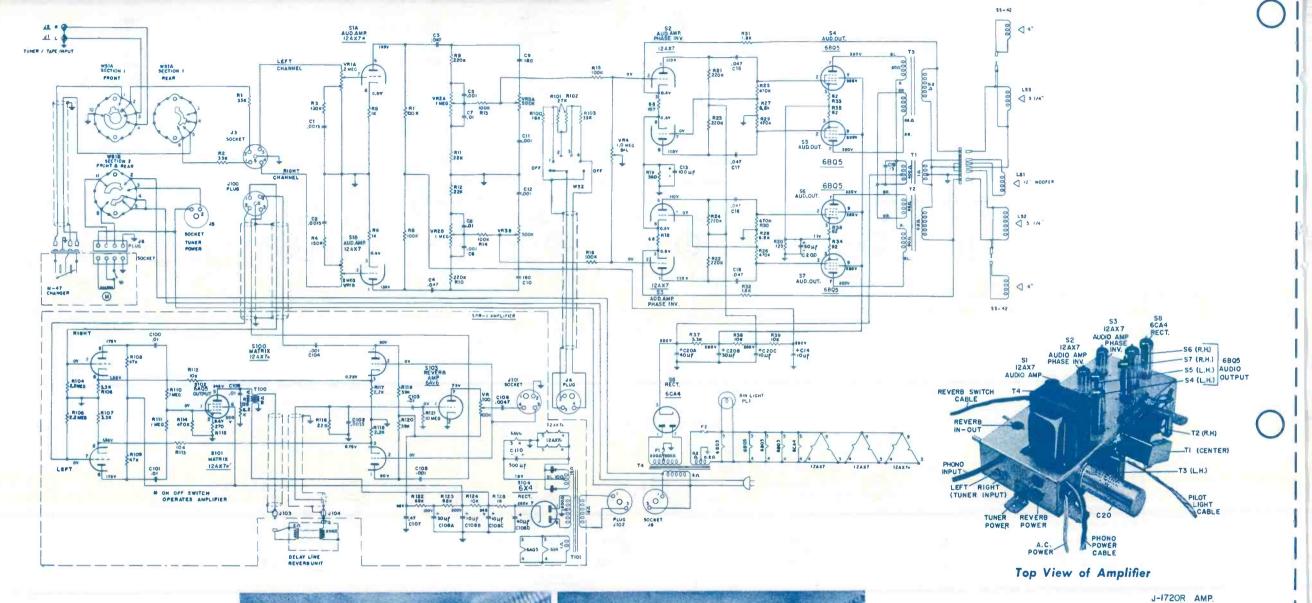


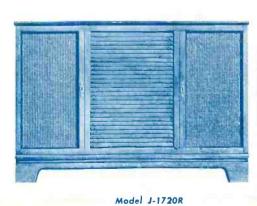




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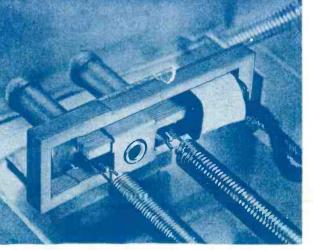




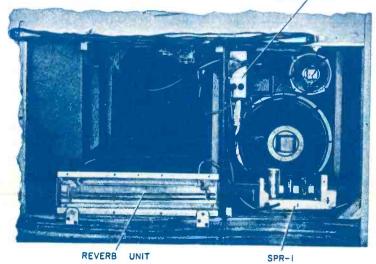




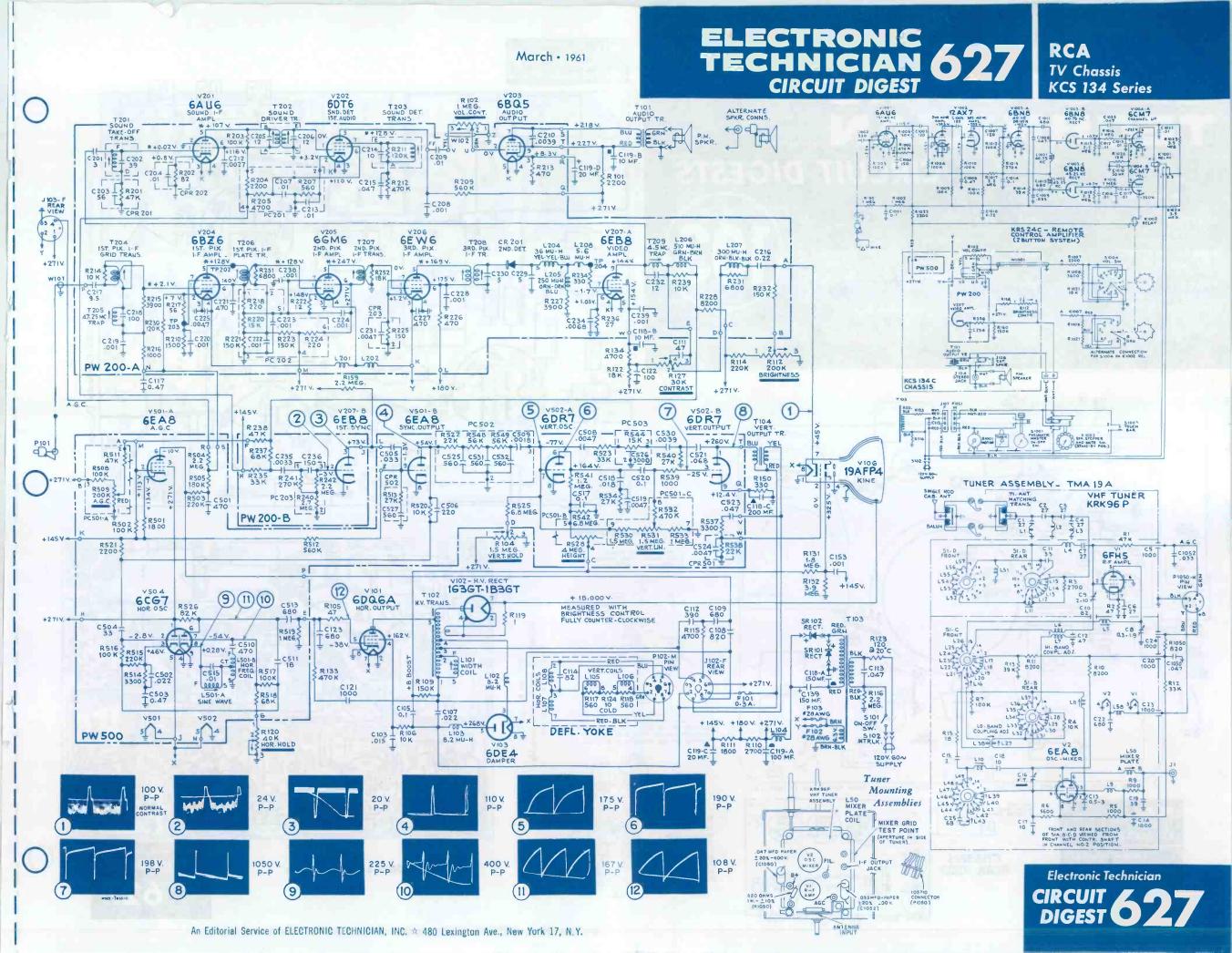
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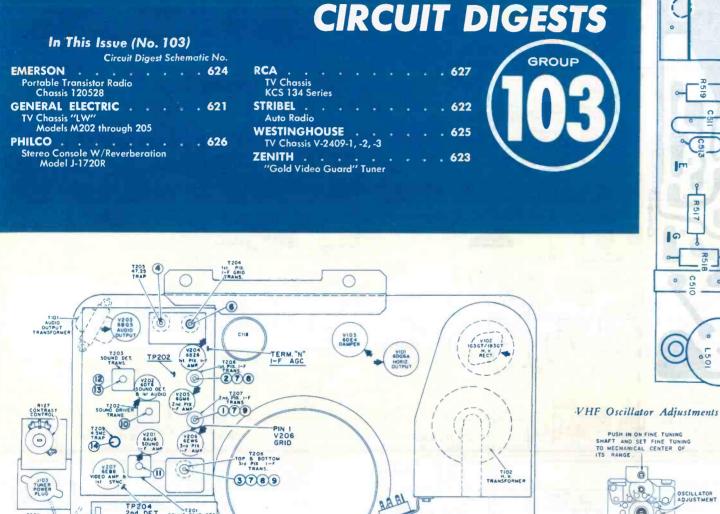
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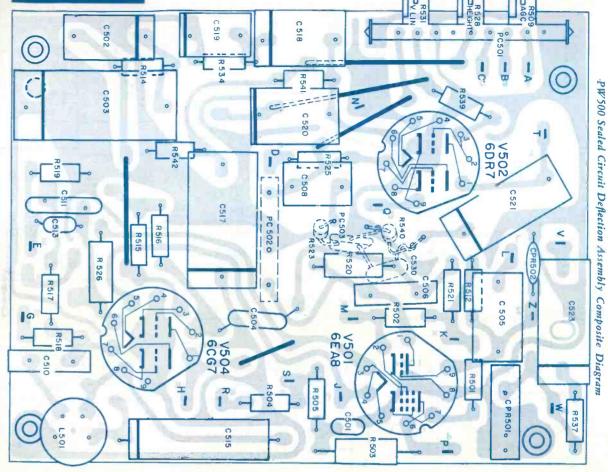
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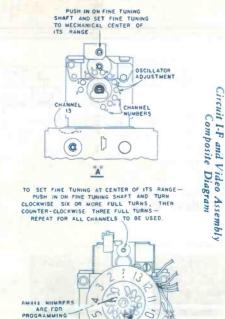
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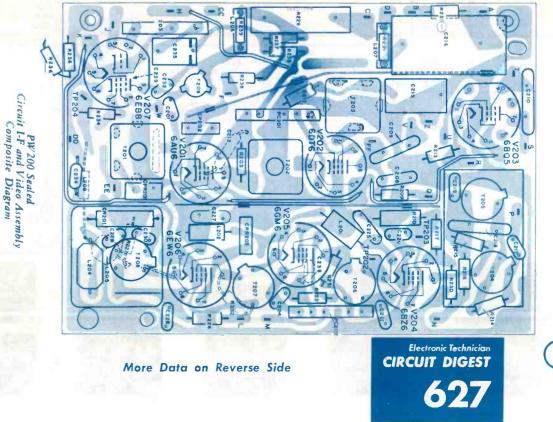
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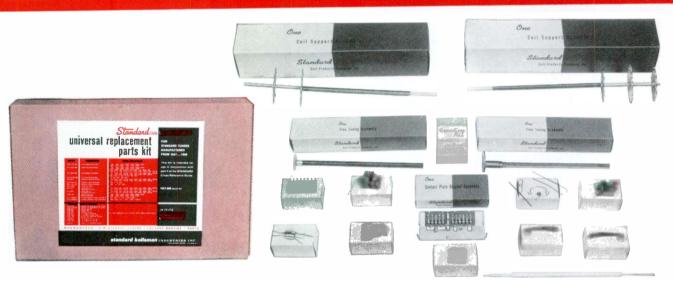
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