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# Deadline Roundup...

Latest News Of The Industry

"PORTA-COLOR" is the name General Electric gives to its 11-in., 24-lb. portable color TV that will be in retail stores in time for Christmas selling, according to GE officials at a press introduction of the firm's 1966 color TV line in New York. The \$249.95 retail price that the little color set will come in at has been achieved by mechanical and electronic economies rather than at the expense of dealer margins, which will be "standard," GE says. Walnut-grained plastic cabinet measures 16-1/2 in. front to back, 11-3/4 in. high and 17 in. wide. Picture tube is "an improved version of the standard aperture mask type" and the set is tube-powered. William E. Davidson, general manager of GE's TV receiver department, says he doesn't visualize any appreciable impact on current color TV prices by the new portable. The portable, he says, will set off a growth curve in color TV that will make present records pale by comparison. The "Porta-Color" is one of 16 models in GE's 1966 color line, three of which are 25-inchers. The two 25's (straight consoles) feature a top-hinged drop-down door that slides out of view under the top of the console. All big-screen sets have "Magic Memory" tuning and optional coaxial antenna systems. Lead-off price for 21-in. models is \$399.95.

HOW'S FACTORY BUSINESS? Quite good in most cases.

Sunbeam Corp. reports record high earnings and sales for the fiscal year ended March 27, 1965, with earnings up 14.3 per cent and sales up 18.7 per cent over 1964...At Admiral Corp., first quarter sales set a record of \$72,488,000, compared with \$54,275,000 of last year's first quarter. The company predicts record second quarter...At Maytag, both sales and earnings drop 6 per cent in the first quarter... Whirlpool Corp. has record highs in both sales and earnings for the first quarter, with sales up 6.7 per cent and earnings up 24.4 per cent...Philco Corp.'s consumer product sales for the first quarter are up more than 10 per cent over last year...Motorola, Inc. sets records in sales and earnings for the first quarter, sales being up 24 per cent and earnings, 30 per cent...Amana Refrigeration, Inc., now operating as a wholly owned subsidiary of Raytheon Co., has unit sales during March 33 per cent higher than the March before... Gibson appliance shipments for the first three months of 1965 soar to 58.6 per cent over 1964, a record year itself.

### Cordless Vac From Sears



SLATED TO BOW in Sears stores this summer is this cordless upright vacuum cleaner. Unit will retail for \$159.95; weighs less than 16 lbs, with batteries and has a normal continuous running time on charge of 20 to 25 minutes. It has a normal and fast charge rate of 34 hours and 17 hours respectively from complete discharge to full charge. Power source is eight nickel cadmium "D" size batteries. Unit is turned on by lowering handle, stops when handle is set upright.

GE's Portable Color Set



PERSONAL COLOR receiver from General Electric weighs 24 lbs. and will retail for \$249.95 when available "in time for Christmas selling," according to GE. The 11-in. set is tube-powered, is said to need no other antenna than the built-in dipole for VHF and loop for UHF that come with the unit.

TV SCREEN SIZES and prices make news in Las Vegas, as RCA unveils its 1966 line to distributors. RCA finally moves into the small screen arena with its "Minikin" series, a 12-in, transistorized plug-in with a starting suggested retail of \$124.50, which at press time is the lowest price in the industry for a transistorized receiver. of two models has a step-up with an open list that features two-tone styling and an earphone. All major components in the "Minikin" series are American made. RCA steps up the size of its b&w TV line to 31 models, with the aim of fostering the idea of multiple TV set ownership, says B. S. Durant, RCA Sales Corp. president. Among the 37 color TV units RCA shows is a preview of its 19-in. table model, to be available this fall in limited quantities at an "estimated" retail of \$429.95, in a trimly styled vinyl covered metal metal cabinet. All the RCA color sets use rare earth phosphors in the picture tube and incorporate a brighter picture and better contrast designed to make them easier to demonstrate on the sales floor. Fourteen of the 37 color models are 25-in. jobs. Starting retail is \$379, same as this spring's promotional model. New in stereo at RCA is a wood cabinet roll-around unit to retail for \$129.95. Company also expands its components line to include a record changer and amplifier in one box which, with a pair of new inexpensive speakers, can be retailed as a package at \$179. RCA steps into the transistor AM-FM portable radio field with four units, one of them shirt-pocket size. These are made in Japan, but the firm's "Pockette," now sporting eight instead of six transistors in a gift pack at \$12.95 retail, is American-made.

THE ROAD BACK--Hoffman Electronics Corp., El Monte, Cal., becomes the first company in the TV industry to bring back a brand that has been withdrawn from the market. Hoffman built more than 1,000,000 sets before it pulled out of the TV field in 1960. It will return to the color TV and solid state console stereo phonograph fields this fall, selling direct to franchised dealers. Hoffman will use only rectangular color picture tubes, and first deliveries are expected to be made in August.

# portable TV gives you the Sizes that make the sales!

WITH THE INTRODUCTION of the brand new Admiral 15" and 17" Portable TV sizes, you may ask: "Why all the tube sizes?" From your viewpoint, there are three excellent reasons.

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And third, the multiplicity of screen sizes helps you combat the growing competition you and American manufacturers face from overseas, and it helps you take the initiative and put them on the defensive, always a good battle (or marketing) strategy.

From the Admiral viewpoint, the very variety of sizes has helped make Admiral a world leader in Portable TV. With the just-announced 15" and 17" flat-faced, slimmed, squared portables...the sales-

leading 13"...the industry-standard-setting 19"... and the exclusive new 21", Admiral has sparked interest by customers, provided sales and step-up ammunition for dealers, helped make the two-and three-TV home a booming reality.

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# Now there's a portable tape recorder, with capstan drive, for less than \$40 with a name your customers know. General Electric.



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- 6. That features a remote mike switch.
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2"x 4" speaker. 8. That is dependable.

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### Trends

### IN, THE MARTS OF TRADE

SUCCESSFUL DIVERSIFICATION program is noted at Ronson Corp. by Louis V. Aronson, II, who points out that in 1964 combined domestic and foreign cigarette lighter sales accounted for only 35 per cent of total net sales of almost \$69 million. (Percentage of domestic lighter sales amounted to less than 15 per cent of the company's volume.) Accessories for both lighters and electric appliances, along with LP gas products not associated with smoking accounted for 30 per cent of last year's sales; electric appliances for home and personal use came to 22 per cent; industrial products (aerospace components and rare earth metals and alloys,) 10 per cent, and service, 3 per cent. During the second half of 1965, Aronson says, Ronson will introduce another new LP gas product for home use. This output of new products, he adds, conforms to the announcement last year that Ronson would introduce more new products during the 18-month period beginning with the second half of 1964 and extending through 1965 than in any similar period in the firm's history.

### Gabbers' Delight



FULL CARLOAD, probably first of its kind, of General Electric home radio-intercoms arrives at GE's Los Angeles headquarters, pointing up the growing trend of intercoms being used by home builders. GE sales people who swung the deal and making the big push above are (left to right) Rogers Oglesby, regional rep for built-in intercom products; Stan Wickliffe, contract sales rep; Bill McConaha, contract sales manager; Bill Frogue, district manager; and Bill Constance, builder-supplier sales manager.

IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY is announced by North American Philips on the new Norelco video tape recorder, said to be the first helical scan unit to reach the market at under \$4,000. Unit measures only 25 x 15 x 16 in. in a teakwood case, and is completely push-button operated. The recorder weighs 100 lbs., comes with an 8-in. reel of tape, but can be had with 9-in. reel to give uninterrupted recordings of more than an hour.

A NEW LEAD-ACID battery said to be leakproof, splashproof, and spillproof for cordless appliances has been developed by Yuasa Battery Co., Ltd., Japan. The new battery is about the size of a deck of playing cards and weighs less than 1½ lbs., but is powerful enough to supply electrical energy for a sports car, according to the manufacturer. It was designed specially for use as a power source in portable TV, radios, hedge trim-

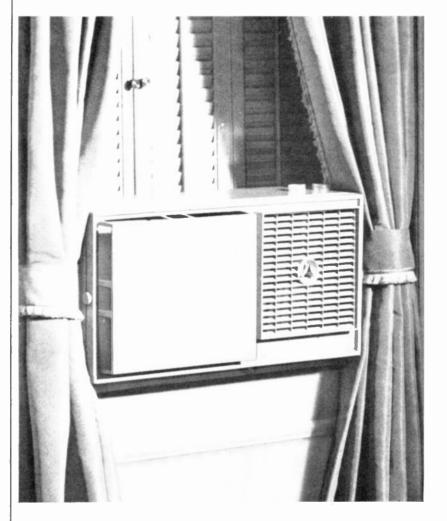
mers, typewriters, lawnmowers and other cordless appliances. It can be recharged to full capacity on a single charge even after it is left unused in a short-circuited condition for a year, according to the Yuasa research and testing team that developed the battery. Yuasa engineers say the new battery was developed because of superiority of lead-acid units over alkaline-manganese cells, including longer life, easier recharging, lower cost, and greater power.

A HIGH RELIABILITY heat pump, called the nation's first, is announced by the General Electric Co., which will market the unit throughout the country. Heart of the new "Weather-

tron" heat pump is a compressor motor that uses new insulation in the windings. This insulation is said to be capable of withstanding all known stresses that contribute to motor failures. Among 87 other changes in the new unit compared with past heat pumps are improvements in the refrigeration system and electrical circuits — mostly by simplification - and in the control system. Capacity range for the new "Weathertron" is from 2 to 10 tons, sizes GE says are capable of heating and cooling year 'round the great majority of houses and commercial establishments in the U.S. GE expects the new unit to boost heat pump sales in areas other than the south.

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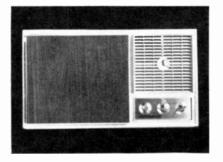
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# The Economist's Outlook

by Richard E. Snyder · Marketing Economist

# The New Opportunity

month was a detailed statistical tabulation showing comparative numbers and sales of A-R-TV dealer establishments at national, regional, and state levels, in the Census years 1958 and 1963. Standing out amongst the forest of figures was the fact that the number of A-R-TV stores counted in the Census for 1963 was 25.5 per cent smaller than the number counted in the Census for the year 1958.

To be exact, the number of dropouts from this sector of the nation's retail economy from 1958 through 1963 was 10,445. A dealer friend of ours, noting this fact, remarked to us: "I'm not sure that this represents the survival of the fittest. An awful lot of very capable guys went down in this holocaust." (Yes, and a good many of 'em were **friends of ours**, and the heart

bleeds a little when we wonder whether perhaps there might have been something special that required doing in order to "save the day," but which, in any case, we lacked the perceptivity to see.)

The conditions that brought this bitter economic reckoning to pass have been described and discussed "vertical, horizontal, and radical" ad nauseum, and yet in the last analysis you tend to return to a bit of elemental logic which seems to make the most sense: Nature has a way of "weeding us out," no matter what our rank or station or personal tactilities, and this process seems to apply with special force to situations that involve overdevelopment, overextension, and overstress. She seizes fiercely upon those cases in which lack of preparedness is the basic flaw.

We personally know of a number of cases in which the entrepreneurs were totally lacking in basic preparation for the task of running an A-R-TV store. Perhaps this was true of **thousands**, not just hundreds, or dozens. Perhaps a great lesson has been learned. Perhaps it will be transmitted to others in time to prevent disaster. We hope so!

Many of those who remain in the A-R-TV dealer business (all 30,540 of 'em) are likely to find the going a bit easier simply because of the elimination from the field of 10,445 others. This possibility may be pointed up by the crude fact that — with a large segment of the field having been eliminated, there remains the prospect of the survivors enjoying a higher average sales per store than previously, (Continued on page 51)

#### A-R-TV DEALERS' AVERAGE SALES PER STORE IN THE 1958 AND 1963 CENSUS YEARS

Region and State	\$ Sales Per Store 1963	\$ Sales Per Store 1958	1963/1958 % Change	Region and State	\$ Sales Per Store 1963	\$ Sales Per Store 1958	1963/1958 % Change
UNITED STATES	* \$110,107	\$ 85,379	+ 29.0	Florida	\$121,982	\$ 98,713	+ 23.6
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	115,662	76,002	+ 52.2	Georgia	90,113	76,136	+ 18.4
Connecticut	117,779	77,910	+ 51.2	Maryland	131,330	101,574	+ 29.3
Maine	63,689	46,624	+ 36.6	North Carolina	94,338	75,299	+ 25.3
Massachusetts	139,856	91,123	+ 53.5	South Carolina	89,088	72,530	+ 22.8
New Hampshire	69,494	47,100	+ 47.5	Virginia	108,754	96,061	+ 13.2
Rhode Island	122,099	69,288	+ 76.2	West Virginia	75,823	54,723	+ 38.6
Vermont	61,278	61,414	- 0.2	EAST SOUTH			
MIDDLE				CENTRAL	89,142	72,227	+ 23.4
ATLANTIC	123,215	105,903	+ 16.3	Alabama	83,996	77,661	+ 8.2
New Jersey	138,308	138,951	<b>—</b> 0.5	Kentucky	91,043	71,714	+ 27.0
New York	139,830	121,690	+ 14.9	Mississippi	83,930	66,151	+ 26.9
Pennsylvania	96,650	73,826	+ 30.9	Tennessee	96,541	71,299	+ 35.4
EAST NORTH				WEST SOUTH			
CENTRAL	110,098	81,869	+ 34.5	CENTRAL	92,027	74,486	+ 23.5
Illinois	131,159	109,108	+ 20.2	Arkansas	81,625	59,727	+ 36.7
Indiana	94,766	61,735	+ 53.5	Louisiana	105,896	89,457	+ 18.4
Michigan	118,625	81,292	+ 45.9	Oklahoma	92,862	65,265	+ 42.3
Ohio	99,361	74,590	+ 33.2	Texas	90,311	75,513	+ 19.6
Wisconsin	95,415	69,058	+ 38.2	MOUNTAIN	108,879	80,655	+ 35.0
<b>WEST NORTH</b>				Arizona	113,528	86,174	+ 31.7
CENTRAL	86,286	63,436	+ 36.0	Colorado	117,356	82,768	+ 41.8
Iowa	70,991	55,920	+ 27.0	Idaho	98,826	74,533	+ 32.6
Kansas	99,036	74,563	+ 32.8	Montana	89,646	88,866	+ 0.9
Minnesota	87,780	67,801	+ 29.5	Nevada	170,962	87,333	+ 95.8
Missouri	101,712	68,976	+ 47.5	New Mexico	107,315	79,292	+ 35.3
Nebraska	75,978	56,673	+ 34.1	Utah	116,438	74,421	+ 56.5
North Dakota	85,267	63,153	+ 35.0	Wyoming	69,276	67,758	+ 2.2
South Dakota	55,956	46,367	+ 20.7	PACIFIC	134,141	96,592	+ 38.9
SOUTH				California	138,125	99,915	+ 38.2
ATLANTIC	108,984	90,470	+ 20.5	Oregon	127,114	85,494	+ 48.7
Delaware	152,988	118,448	+ 29.2	Washington	114,219	85,576	+ 33.5
Dist. of Columbia	290,649	303,862	- 4.3	*Excluding A	alaska and Haw	aii.	

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# Expense-Paid Scholarship To 11th Annual NARDA Institute Offered By MART Magazine

n expense-paid scholarship to the annual NARDA Institute of Management in Washington is again being offered by MART Magazine. Dealers, salesmen, and saleswomen who are engaged in selling home appliances and/or home electronics are eligible to compete.

An entrant in the competition must fulfill only two requirements: (1) he must have never before attended a NARDA Institute, and (2) he must write a letter, telling why he would like to attend the Institute.

Letters should be addressed as follows: Editor, MART Magazine, 757 Third Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017. They must be postmarked not later than midnight, July 26, 1965.

The 11th annual Institute of Management is scheduled for August 8 through 13 at American University in Washington, D. C. Tuition for the school is \$175 for NARDA members and \$200 for non-members.

The MART Magazine scholarship will not only cover the tuition charge but also will provide round-trip transportation from the winner's home town to Washington, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses.

In the past hundreds of dealers and retail salesmen have helped themselves become better managers and salesmen by attending the NARDA Institute of Management. The faculty for the school has included top level educators, manufacturer executives, dealers, executives of retail organizations such as Sears, Roebuck & Co., economists, and others. In addition to hearing lectures by

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Entries in the MART Magazine scholarship competition will be judged by members of the publication's editorial staff. The winner will be notified within 48 hours after the closing date for the competition.

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Second prize of a diamond-studded women's wrist watch went to Roy O'Donnell of Denver, Colo., whose territory takes in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. Third prize of a TV set went to Sigmund J. Lotman of Chicago, who's district sales manager in Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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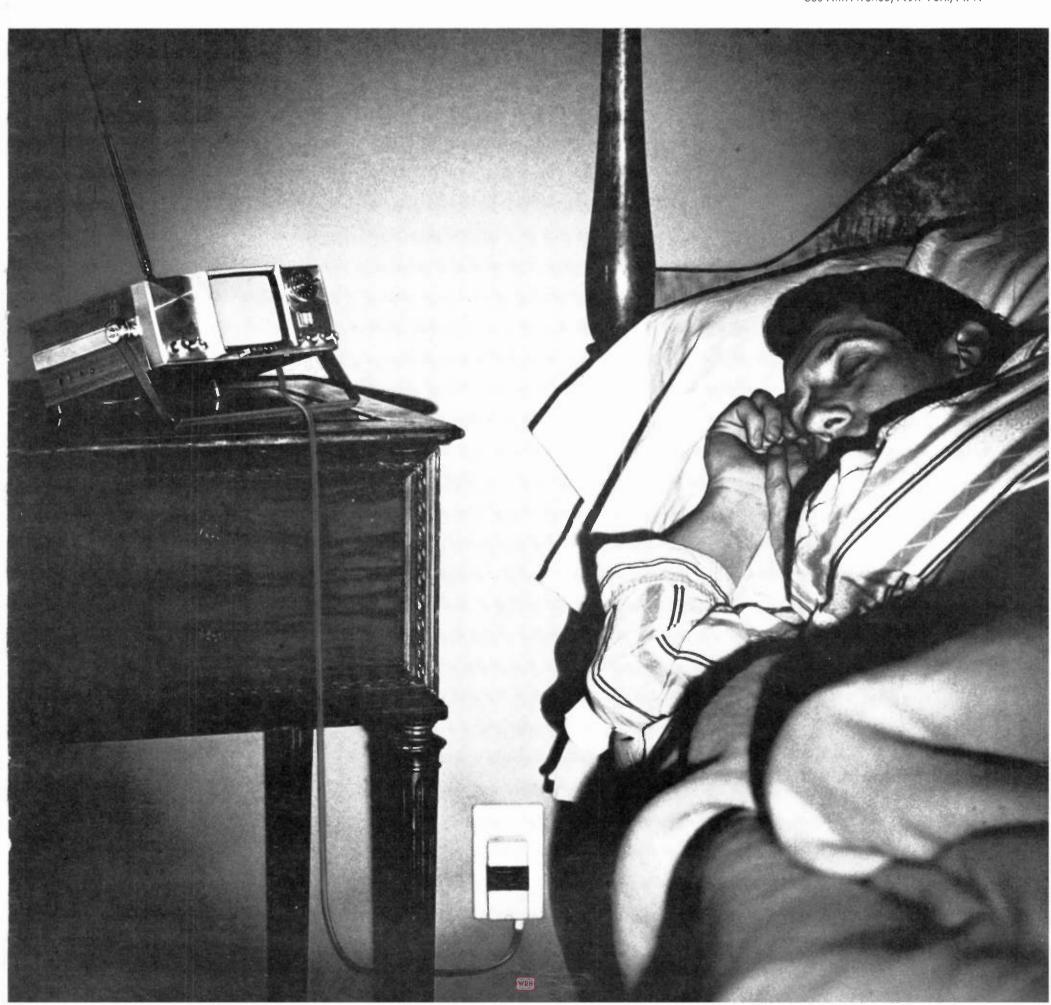
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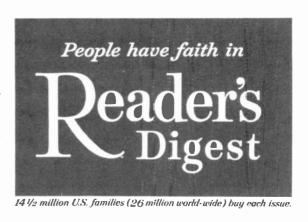






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# Report From Japan by Yoshitaka Kawagishi

### TV and Audio Equipment Given Prominent Display

he Sixth Tokyo International Trade Fair has just ended. Occupying nearly 50 acres of ground on Tokyo's bay front, the fair proved to be the biggest affair ever held this side of the Pacific. Thirty overseas governments and private manufacturers took part at this fair in addition to the Japanese exhibitors. More than a million items, ranging from tiny components to huge machines were on display.

Some 100 Japanese consumer electronic appliance manufacturers and several from the United States, Italy, West Germany, Canada and the Netherlands vied with one another in exhibiting their latest products. Among Japanese exhibits, color television sets and audio appliances, including stereo systems, were given prominent places, suggesting the importance these products are likely to be accorded in the few years to come. In fact, leading color television manufacturers, such as Toshiba, Matsushita, Hitachi and Mitsubishi, had temporary studios set up in their respective booths and demonstrated color reception using mobile relaying equipment. Notable among the color sets were Matsushita's 25-inch model and



LEADING Japanese TV producers exhibit 16- and 19-inch color sets in rows such as shown here at recent Tokyo International Trade Fair.

19-inch models exhibited by Toshiba, Matsushita, Hitachi, NEC, Mitsubishi, Hayakawa, Sanyo, and Victor company of Japan. Such a galaxy of color sets on display impressed the visiting public with the coming of the color television age.

Also impressive were electronic ranges and home video tape recorders, displayed alongside color TV sets. These are considered the products of the future, but Japanese manufacturers, Matsushita and Mitsubishi in particular, have shown that they are capable of looking forward into the future. Matsushita's new electronic range capable of 600W microwave output has been designed small enough for home use. It was priced at about \$830. Mitsubishi was out with a table type electronic range of 600W microwave output. It is reportedly priced at about the same level as Matsushita's. The point in their favor was that they operated on 100V power supply.

Sony Corp. is the leading manufacturer of video tape recorders for home use, but Matsushita is not too far behind. The latter was out with a miniature size VTR which is to be marketed for about \$550. Victor Co. of Japan also announced during the fair a miniature-size monochrome VTR and color VTR for industrial use. The company also announced a color VTR for broadcasting purposes. In addition, Shiba Electric, Ikegami Tsushinki and Toshiba are expected to develop miniaturized video tape recorders by autumn of this year.

Stereo systems were almost as popular as color television sets. In order to demonstrate FM multiplex stereo sets the leading manufacturers exhibited large stereo hi-fi sets, which cost them as much as \$3,500 to make. Along with assembled stereos, four-track stereo tape decks and stereo phonographs of various types also attracted interested attention. Of particular note were miniature speaker systems exhibited by Pioneer Electronic Corp. and Nippon Columbia Co. Another exhibit by Nippon Colum
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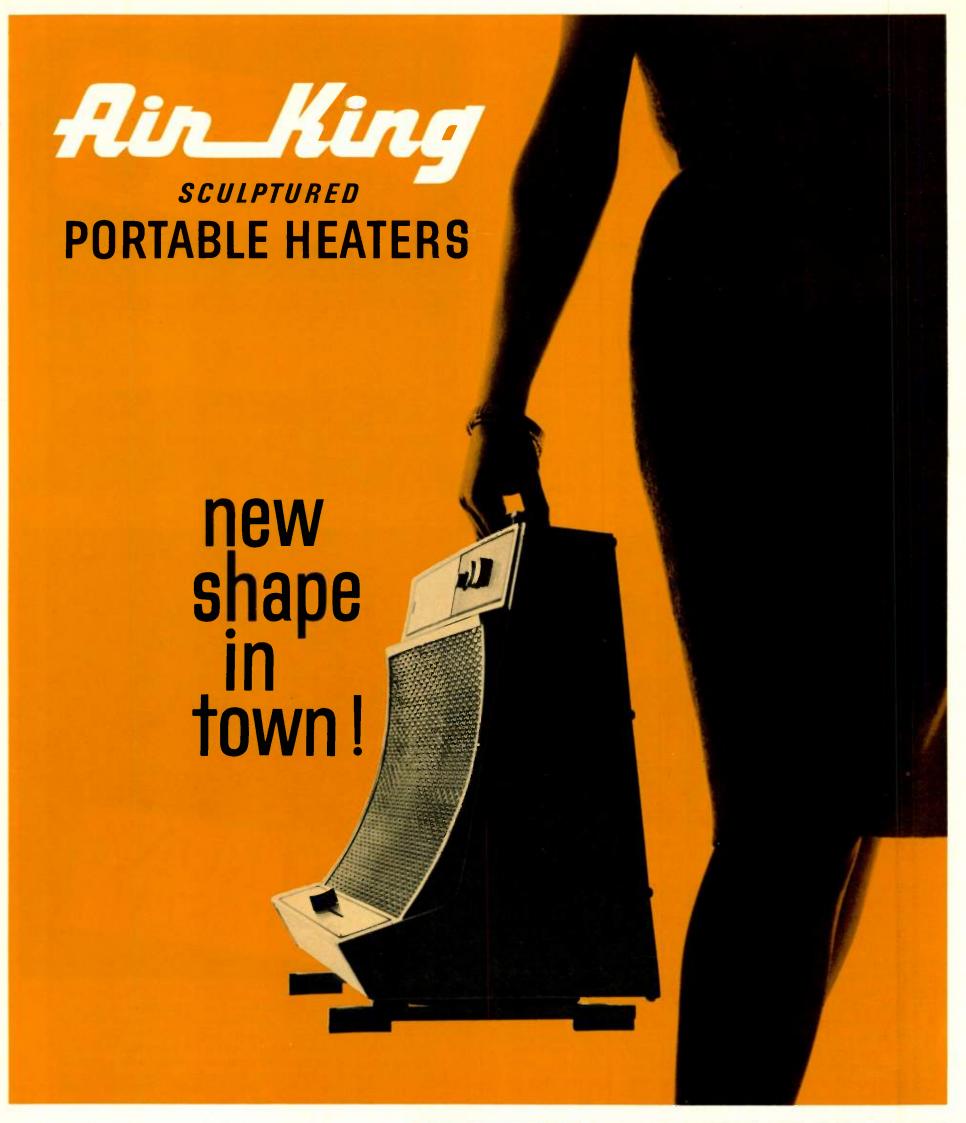
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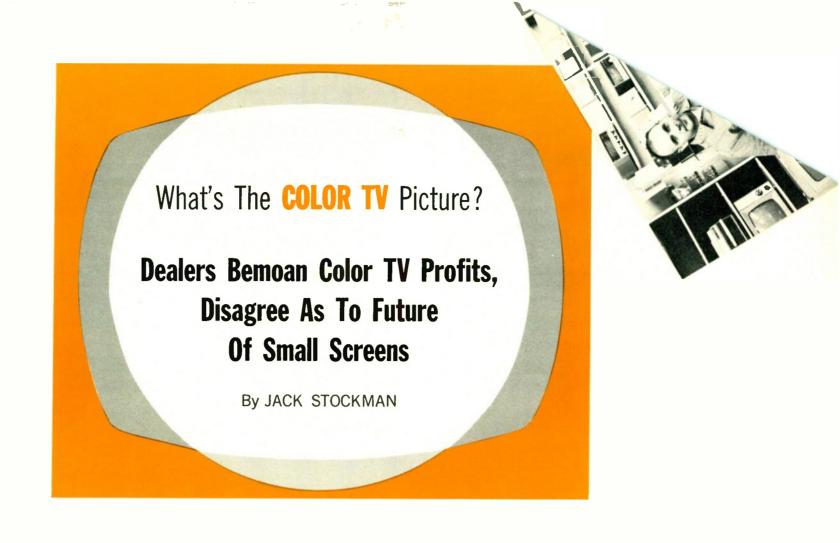
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Although dealers' profits on color TV are at an all-time low, many look to smaller screens for new market.

A lthough the average brown goods dealer is selling more color TV today than ever before, he's enjoying it less — in terms of profit.

And many are in disagreement as to what effect the introduction of color sets with smaller than 21-in. screens would have upon the business. It is only a matter of months until 19-inch color sets are marketed, and GE has already announced its 11-in. portable color set for late fall delivery. Some predict that a variety of screen sizes will open up a new market; others foresee pricecutting that will result in continued low profits for dealers.

Whatever the future of the color TV business, most dealers agree that the profit structure can't get any worse.

As Dealer Carroll McMullin, owner, DeVeaux TV and Appliances, Toledo, O., puts it: "When a dealer invests \$500 in a product and realizes only \$40 or \$50 out of its sale, it's not a healthy situation." Ironically, McMullin realizes a better margin of profit from color TV than many of his counterparts around the country. Many told MART Magazine they are getting from \$20 to \$25 on sets retailing from \$400 to \$500.

McMullin fears that when the manufacturers bring out smallersize color screens, a price war, similiar to that experienced first wih black and white and then more recently with color, will cut dealer's profits before they get a chance to make any.

He believes that the whole industry will follow the lead of GE in its pricing of smaller-than-21 in. sets.

McMullin thinks that the 21-in. color screen models will continue to be the most popular throughout 1965, but he reports that he is having great success with the 23-in. models. The sales pitch for 23-in. color at DeVeaux is that "since most people indicate a preference for 23-in. size in black-and-white, it's logical for them to want the same size in color." Too, according to McMullin, "people are just not willing to spend the extra money for the 25-in. screen."

Also, he notes, while furniture styling is an important consideration in a color TV purchase, consumers are not choosing the top of the line models in order to get the best cabinets available.

Consumers, for the most part, are not aware of the availability of 23- and 25-in. color sets, according to McMullin. Also, they are still under the impression that color requires more service than black-and-white. He claims that a reasonably-priced service contract (he charges \$39.95 for one year) allays the fears of most prospects.

McMullin expects to do from 50 to 100 per cent more business in color TV this year, and bases this prediction on his success with



"WHEN A DEALER invests \$500 in a product and realizes only \$40 or \$50 out of its sale, it's not a healthy situation," says Carroll McMullin, owner, DeVeaux TV and Appliances, Toledo, O., in referring to color TV.



FURNITURE is more important to prospects of color TV than it would be if they were looking for a black-and-white set, claims Dealer Harry Sussman, president, National Sales Co., Cambridge, Mass.



SERVICE IS STILL very much on the minds of consumers as far as color TV is concerned, according to Dealer Sam Kool, Harold's Radio, Boston. He finds that inexpensive service policy is most important sales-clincher.



INTRODUCTION of smaller-than-21 in. color screens will just muddy water of color TV business, predicts Dealer Julian Legrand, Legrand's TV, Los Angeles, Cal.



SUCCESS OF COLOR TV has led consumers to return to the habit of shopping "downtown," according to Dealer Harry Canter, sales manager, Brian's, Boston.

free home trials.

He feels that the answer to the poor profit structure for dealers is "strong leadership from manufacturers through distributors." Referring to the recent allocation of color tubes by RCA, McMullin says: "I don't see any reason for cutting prices on color TV when the industry limits itself to production. Now is the time when the industry should be able to apply the rule of supply-and-demand, providing everyone, including dealers, with a healthy profit."

A large metropolitan dealer in Boston believes that the profit situation in color TV is so bad that there is only one way for it to go—up.

He claims that the color business is presently going to the mass merchandisers, who use it as a loss-leader. Eventually, he believes, these outlets will realize that the profits are not sufficient, as will the manufacturers.

"Then," he says, "the manufacturers will again realize that they need the independents, and will put some teeth into franchises."

This dealer finds that people are very concerned with furniture when shopping for a color TV set, and don't mind paying a little extra to get what they want. For this reason, he has realized good sales of the rectangular tube. "The shorter tubes are a major selling point when dealing with prospects who are furniture-conscious," he notes.

At present, his firm is moving more 21-in. Admiral color sets than any other model, and he believes it's because of the demonstrability of this model's color tuning knob (which is on the front of the set). "Color," he says, "while it has been generally recognized by the public, still has to be demonstrated."

This dealer is optimistic about the introduction of more color tube sizes, and feels that they will create a new market. He claims that consumers are not confused by the availability of three sizes of color, and therefore shouldn't be by the introduction of other, smaller sizes.

He has had some success with free home trials of color TV, but has discontinued them because of the hidden expenses involved. However, whenever a prospect expresses interest in color, he receives not only a demonstration in the store, but the firm will send a salesman to the prospect's home with descriptive literature.

Some consumers fear they'll have more service difficulties with color than black-and-white sets, according to this dealer. He adds that his firm's service policy usually serves to calm these fears (the store offers "free unlimited service for one year on all TV and appliances—parts and labor.")

Dealer Harry Canter, sales manager, Brian's Television & Appliance Center, Boston, believes that the success of color TV has led consumers to return to the habit of shopping "downtown."

He explains: "When color first came out en masse, people were reluctant to buy from the 'downtown' appliance store; they were afraid of service problems and thus were more inclined to buy from the suburban dealer who did his own servicing. But now that it has been generally accepted that color is no more troublesome than black-and-white, people are less concerned about getting service than they are about getting a good price."

Like other dealers, Canter notes that the profit structure on color is worse than on black-and-white. He looks toward the intro-

duction of the smaller sizes for more color business, but not necessarily a better profit structure.

Canter maintains that consumers are confused by not only the availability of the 21, 23, and 25-in. color sets, but by rectangular screens. In order to avoid confusing the public as much as possible, the firm does not mention rectangular screens in its advertising.

"We educate prospects on the sales floor," says Canter, "and try to switch them first to a 23-in. screen, and then to a 25-in. one."

Canter claims that color TV has gained such acceptance that he rarely turns a set on in the store. Thus, the important selling points, according to Canter, are the furniture styling, the size and shape of the tube, the firm's trade-in policy, and time payment plans.

At one time, the firm had offered free home trials on color TV, but has since discontinued the practice because of hidden expenses.

A spokesman for a Boston department store says he expects the 21-in. color sets to be the biggest seller throughout 1965, but to give way to 25-in. models next year. He also has high hopes for the smaller sizes; "They'll open up a new market," he says.

He agrees with the smaller independents that consumers are confused by the variety of shapes and sizes of color sets, and believes that good salesmanship and mass display are necessary to make sales. (The firm's downtown outlet has a display of about 40 color sets; branch stores have a minimum of 20 color sets on their floors.)

Furniture styling is more important to a color set prospect than it is in a black-and-white sale, claims this spokesman, and demonstrations are not too important anymore.

Dealer Harry Sussman, president, National Sales Co., Cambridge, Mass., notes that the profit structure on color TV is worse this year than it was during 1964, and the only way he can offset this is with his Magnavox franchise.

Sussman makes a point of guiding every prospect—even those who are only interested in white goods—to his color TV viewing salon (which he recently opened). He displays about 15 color sets, all of which can be operated at once.

This dealer also maintains that furniture is more important to a prospect when buying a color set than in a black-and-white sale. He has had his greatest success with 21-in. models, and believes this size will continue to be the staple of the business throughout this year.

Sussman has good success with free home trials of color sets; he claims about 60 per cent result in sales.

Dealer Sam Kool, Harold's Radio, Boston, says that many prospects ask him "How's the black-and-white picture on a color set?"

"We tell them that it's a little shaded," says Kool, "but they'll get used to it and that seems to satisfy them."

He notes that profits from color TV are "a little better" than those he realizes from black-and-white, but "they're still under last year." (He makes about \$25 on a console color set, and \$20 on a table model.)

This dealer maintains that the availability of the 21, 23, and 25-in. tubes is a big advantage to him. "I can usually step people up to the 23-in. model." Too, he sells more of this size with the rec
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SELL FEATURES and stress quality when trying to beat Sears, says Gerald Whitcomb (left), sales manager of C & P Plaza, Madison, Wis. Note at top of picture the "Everything for Spring" banners and pennants, from one of the colorful display kits available through MART Magazine.

# Dealer Finds Dehumidifier Selling Season Short But Sweet

With minimum floor space and little service required, Wisconsin retailer moves more than 100 units a year.

By ALAN C. ROSE

e never run dehumidifier ads with the expectation of selling them the same day. We plan our advertisement program for this product as a continuing educational process to inform the public exactly what a dehumidifier is, what it can do, and also to let everyone know that we have them. By educating the public on the advantages of this project we are actually making sales for the future."

Author of this statement is Gerald Whitcomb, manager of C & P Plaza, Madison, Wis. Whitcomb calls the dehumidifier season the shortest of all selling seasons for appliances, running only from the first week in June until the middle of August. He normally schedules his ads starting around June 1, and running only through July 4.

According to Whitcomb, after that the season starts to wane. If a customer hasn't bought by July 25th, he's not going to buy.

"Selling dehumidifiers is simple," he relates. "Due to the four lakes in the area here, the humidity during the summer stays around 90 per cent. The combination of the intense summer heat and humidity, plus the fact that people see things in their basement start to mold, brings people into the store specifically to buy a dehumidifier. We sell over 100 units each summer.

"The idea that they are virtually service free since there are usually no mechanical problems connected with this appliance, adds to the feasibility of handling dehumidifiers," says Whitcomb.

This Wisconsin retailer reveals that the store now handles only one model, a Berns Air King thermostatic unit, priced at \$69.95. He adds that C & P formerly sold the non-automatic model instead of the thermostatically controlled unit, but that the former proved unpopular because when people went away for a weekend, the pan would fill up and overflow on to the floor.

The difference in price on the thermostatic model is only \$10, and Whitcomb states that customers are willing to pay more for it to forestall a flooded floor.

Whitcomb asserts that the store holds firm on its dehumidifier pricing. This, coupled with quantity buying in early November, based on the previous season's volume, enables the store to realize a 25 per cent gross profit.

Two immediate problems may somewhat cloud the C & P dehumidifier sales picture in the near future. First of all, due to the humidity problem in the Madison area, so many residents have purchased units that business is expected to slack off somewhat because of market saturation. Whereas many people purchase second and third air conditioner units, customers rarely buy two dehumidifiers.

Secondly, Sears, Roebuck & Co. has been pushing dehumidifiers hard in the Madison area.

"We won't cut prices to beat Sears," emphasizes Whitcomb. "We stress the fact that our unit is superior to any Sears product, and we sell its features hard. We tell our customers, 90 per cent of whom are men, that we are a quality retailer and as such handle only the best dehumidifiers made, and then we quote that well-known proverb. 'You only get what you pay for.' Still Sears heavy advertising and promotion budget provides keen competition for us on this product."

Although C & P Plaza carries only one model at one price, Whitcomb reports little haggling over its cost. "Customers with a cooling problem on a hot day don't worry about a few extra dollars," states Whitcomb.

He feels that dehumidifiers are easier to sell than fans. One or two hot days won't sell a fan, according to Whitcomb, but a customer sees the humidity at work in his basement and realizes that he must rectify the situation.

"I realize that dehumidifiers will never be a big volume item as compared to some appliances, but it's still a good product to handle. A healthy profit, minimum floor space, and the fact that a retailer doesn't have to spend a lot of time selling them, as far as I'm concerned, adds up to a real fine product to handle," says Whitcomb.

ELECTRIC HOUSEWARES

## COLOR

### Keys Their Thinking In Television and Appliances

Sales results have satisfied San Antonio firm that given a chance to see it, consumers are attracted to color in both TV and appliances.



COLOR ROOMS in Saathoff's two stores in San Antonio are, as name implies, devoted exclusively to showing large display of color TV sets. Here father and four sons in hats ranging in size from ten-gallon down to perhaps half-pint view set.



INTEREST IN COLOR also applies to appliances, says Earl Saathoff, shown here demonstrating pastel shade refrigerator and washer to homemaker. Wide variety of colors in all price ranges are found in stores' major appliance displays.

hortly after Earl and Clifford B. Saathoff rang up sales of color TV in December, 1964 that were five times those for the same month a year previous, the partners and brothers opened a "color room" in one of their two stores in San Antonio, Tex.

Now, not only does Saathoff's continue to offer what it believes is the largest selection of color receivers in the southwest, but colored appliances also dominate window and floor displays.

Earl Saathoff credits establishment of the "color room" with tripling sales of color TV during the past year. He also believes that the customers' preference for color extends to washers, refrigerators, and ranges.

"Women customers especially seem to like to carry out one color scheme in their kitchen," says Saathoff, "and when they come through here (he indicates the big display room which fronts his windows) and their eyes light on the pastel-tinted refrigerators and washing machines, they stop. Later, when they have bought a TV set in the color room, they stop again, this time to give thought to replacing their present washing machine or refrigerator or both."

To sell color, you must display color, says Saathoff. "Not just one shade, but all the colors available in the line."

In addition to the floor display, which customers see when they come into the store, and which is headed by a budget-priced "no-frost" refrigerator-freezer in each of the available colors, Saathoff's also dis-

plays colored units in its large windows.

Earl Saathoff states that many customers who have bought color have done so because they have been attracted by the displays as they pass the store. "When shoppers think color long enough and associate it with our store, the chances are greater that they'll come here to buy," he asserts.

He estimates that about one-third of present refrigerator sales are in color.

The color room in Saathoff's 1134 W. Hildebrand store houses 35 pieces of brown goods, ranging in price from a \$399.95 table model to a \$1350 combo that offers color TV, FM-AM radio, and stereo. The room is artistically furnished, with specially designed metal plaques and candelabra on the walls.

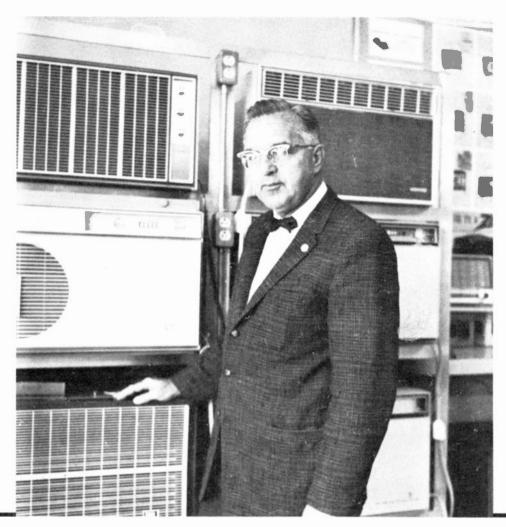
It has, of course, been designed to offer excellent acoustics.

Plans are underway to increase the size of this color room as well as a smaller one in the store at 123 Goliad Rd. in San Antonio.

Plans are also afoot in the San Antonio organization to increase the size of the sales force, service staff, and the advertising budget.

Earl Saathoff notes that heretofore the firm has used newspaper advertising exclusively but that it now plans to go on television to sell color TV.

Increasing the size of the firm's service staff is in keeping with the (Continued on page 46)



BIG DISPLAY of room air conditioners is part of the merchandising approach at Bell Electric, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Dealer E. P. Chaddock had the steel rack shown welded together in the shop.

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# SELLING ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS: Be Sure To Make That Survey

Satisfied customers aren't the only benefits to be had from surveys, Florida dealer says.

n a warm climate like ours, most people have had at least one bad experience with room air conditioners," says Dealer E. P. Chaddock, Bell Electric, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

For this reason, if for no other (and there are others), Chaddock has trained his sales force to have a survey made on room air conditioner inquiries whenever possible.

It goes without saying that Chaddock is opposed to the low-BTU carry-out type of room units that have been making increasing inroads in the air conditioning field in recent years. "It may sound corny," he says, "but you can't get away from it — a satisfied customer is still your best advertisement. And that works the other way around, too."

In addition to giving virtual assurance of customer satisfaction, the in-home survey for room units, says Chaddock also serves the valuable purpose of opening up leads for extra air conditioner sales or even sales of other appliances.

Although he is not an air conditioning specialist (the store carries white goods and home electronics as well) Chaddock does about half of his \$2 million annual volume (out of two stores) in air conditioning. Similarly, about half of the firm's 20 trucks and 40 service men are engaged in air conditioning work.

Obviously, with this much at stake in the room unit business, Bell Electric has to make an effort to create year 'round volume.

"We do it by promoting hard on reverse cycle heating units starting in the fall," says Chaddock, "and through the winter. This usually carries us through until early March or so when we start with early-bird promotions." Chaddock believes in offering his customers a wide variety of brand choices on room air conditioners, and usually handles five or six lines.

Display, which is maintained all year — although it is moved to less or more prominent spots according to the season— became a problem with this many brands, according to Chaddock. After trying a number of factory or distributor supplied display units, none of which was deemed big enough, the store finally built its own steel rack, completely wired, that will accommodate 12 room air conditioners, any one of which can be plugged in and started at a moment's notice.

Handling as many lines as he does on air conditioners, Chaddock says he generally does not try to switch customers if they indicate a brand preference.

But if they do not, he steers them toward the Friedrich line, which he acquired a few years ago and which has proved to be a star performer in the profit column.

"These are expensive units compared to what the other manufacturers offer," says Chaddock, "and we were frankly surprised how well the public has responded to the quality story." One explanation for the good response to the Friedrich units, Chaddock thinks, may be that in this market a great many customers are not first-time room air conditioner purchasers. They are accordingly more sophisticated in their demands and they appreciate things like quietness of operation.

Then, too, having had experience with the cost of running room units, customers in this south Florida area are now receptive to the fact that the Friedrich units are noticeably less expensive to operate than others of similar capacity.

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### Canada-Based TV Makers Are Jumping Into Field

At the present, citizens north of the border must depend on U. S. stations for color, but manufacturers such as Electrohome are going full steam ahead to win share of both U. S. and Canadian markets.

hile a government agency continues to deliberate when and if color television broadcasting shall be launched in Canada, some set manufacturers based in that country are preparing to jump feet first into color manufacturing.

Most ambitious of the plans announced are those of Dominion Electrohome Industries, Ltd., which has designed its own color chassis to be used with both 21- and 25-inch color tubes, and possibly (when compacted) even with 19-inch color tubes.

Both Electrohome and Clairtone Electronic Corp. have produced color units for several years, utilizing an RCA chassis. Clairtone has announced it will undertake production of its own color line in a new plant scheduled to be completed in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in late 1965 or early '66.

Whether Clairtone will produce its own color chassis in the new plant has not been decided, a spokesman states.

According to Howard Main, vice president of Electrohome, creation of its own color chassis is the most expensive development ever undertaken by the company. "We are pushing color not only to protect our birthright in Canada, but more so to offer a full and competitive line in the U. S., where we are beginning to feel the pressure of companies offering color," Main states.

Meanwhile, talk to various industry and government people in Canada concerning when color transmission will begin, and the



COLOR CHASSIS developed by Electrohome is inspected by Carl A. Pollock (right), president, and Howard W. Main, vice president. Chassis has swing-down feature for easy servicing.

concensus is "in time for the centennial exposition which opens in Montreal in the spring of 1967."

"But," points out Carl A. Pollock, president of Electrohome (and himself a broadcaster), "unless we get color very shortly, we won't have developed techniques properly by the time the centennial opens."

However, Pollock is optimistic about color getting the "go-ahead" in time, stating that he thinks the exposure the Canadian population is getting to color from the U. S. will hasten its coming.

Although Canada is said to have 97 per cent saturation in black-and-white TV, it is estimated there are about only 10,000 color sets in the country to the north.

An estimated 40 per cent of the population, which one Canadian describes as "a shoe lace stretched along the border with a bulge in the middle," is able to pick up U. S.-originated color transmissions.

However, spokesmen for the two Canadian TV networks indicated to MART Magazine that either the history of color in the U. S. or the current state of the art here has dulled the enthusiasm of their organizations for color.

Jack Lusher, public relations director for Canadian Broad-casting Corp., government-operated network, says that the slow progress of color in the U. S. over 10 years has affected the CBC view on color.

Stan Wilson, vice president in charge of operations, Canadian Television Network, Ltd., thinks color isn't as good as it should be. He also raises the question of why some Canadians have spent \$800 to purchase a set that will pick up color transmissions from Buffalo, N. Y., when they can get black-and-white TV so much cheaper.

But watch colorcasts from the States Canadians do, to the extent that some Canadian advertisers have bought time on U. S. stations to beam back to their customers in color.

The government body which will rule on when and if color broadcasting is to start in Canada is the Board of Broadcast Governors.

A Committee on Broadcasting, popularly known as the Fowler Committee, which was appointed by the secretary of state, has been investigating telecommunications in all of Canada. This committee is expected to issue a report and recommendations on the entire concept of broadcasting in Canada shortly.

The last hearing conducted by the BBG on the color TV question was in January, 1963. No action was taken at that time, reportedly because CBC was not ready for color then. A second hearing scheduled for November, 1964 was cancelled, and the subject was referred to the Fowler committee.

The most frequently heard reason for the delay in launching color broadcasting is the language problem. Canada, as most people know, is a two-language country, and the networks have both English and French language arms.

However, Canadian TV's Wilcox cites the cost of installation and the state of the art as the two primary considerations holding

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### Cites FREEZER PURCHASE as Way to Save Money

Economical and practical values of owning freezer emphasized to B. F. Myers & Son customers.



FUTURE CUSTOMER is shown capacity of freezer by salesman John Gray. Immediate prospect is girl's grandfather (left) who is also interested in unit's depth. Firm is one of largest freezer dealerships in South.



"LOOK, WE CAN have strawberries in December," woman tells her husband. Sales Manager John Gray (right) emphasizes advantages of enjoying seasonal foods throughout the year to anyone contemplating freezer purchase.

t was over a 100 years ago that an enterprising merchant by the name of B. F. Myers opened a small dry goods store in a nondescript Tennessee community. The hand lettered sign on the building informed anyone passing by that ladies and "gents" furnishings were for sale.

From this inauspicious beginning, the B. F. Myers & Son establishment in Goodlettsville, Tenn., has grown to be not one of the largest clothing stores in the South, but instead one of the largest furniture and appliance operations anywhere in Dixie.

Still run by the Myers family, this operation which serves nearby Nashville, as well as surrounding states, last year sold over 3,000 major appliances.

One of the many successful product stories connected with this store concerns its freezer business which ranks them as one of the largest, if not the largest, independent freezer dealer in the South.

This store sells freezers based largely on two theories: Buying a freezer is a way to save money, and any family regardless of size benefits from having one in their home.

Myers' personnel concentrate heavily on this selling philosophy. Their sales pitch is centered around five major customer benefits. First of all, families can buy seasonal foods at low prices and enjoy them all year long. Anyone who owns a freezer can store his garden vegetables without having to worry about them rotting on the vine. Since many of Myers' customers live in rural areas, this is important.

Customers are reminded that having a freezer cuts down the frequency of their shopping trips, for as John Gray, sales manager, explains "you've got a supermarket in your own home." Prospective buyers are reminded that not only will the woman of the house save on gasoline, but she will also save by buying food in quantity.

As for the hesitant husband, a Myers salesman will gently remind him that the little woman will spend less money on im(Continued on page 44)



W. A. MYERS Jr., (left) and W. A. Myers, Sr. stand in front of store in Goodlettsville, Tenn., site of business for over 100 years.

# He Matches "Needs" To Growing Consumer Interest In Tape Recorders

# Chicago dealer expects to double 1964 sales of nearly 300 units.

People are finding out that tape recorders are cheaper than phonos in many cases, are just as easy to handle, and serve a lot more purposes.

This is the contention of Henry Fried, who specializes in selling tape recorders for Acorn Tire & Supply, Chicago, Ill. Fried feels that the public is just becoming aware of the real value and diversified uses of this product.

"Last year we sold close to 300 units," recalls Fried, "more than double that of 1963. This year I think we will increase our sales some 100 per cent again. The American public is just becoming aware of the practicality and enjoyment they can derive from this home entertainment product."

Fried cites one main sales problem in selling tape recorders. "People come in to buy a unit but actually know very little about their specific needs. They feel a small recorder will suffice but we always try to sell them up. We find they rely heavily on a salesman for more product knowledge and usually accept his advice. They don't necessarily get what they come in for, but more important what they need," says Fried.

"Although there has been an influx of low-end units, customers are still cognizant of brand names," states Fried.

"The overall sales picture has increased because of the marketing of low-cost units, and people have become more tape recorder conscious. I do wish the name manufacturers would lower their prices to be competitive with foreign-made merchandise. They should realize that \$400 is a lot of money for the man on the street to spend on a tape recorder," says the dealer.

Fried, who describes himself as a "bug on the subject," emphasizes that one of the assets of selling tape recorders is that they are nearly mechanically perfect. "The early manufacturing bugs have been taken out and we rarely hear a complaint once a recorder has been sold. The only malfunctions we encounter now are when a unit is damaged due to shipping."

Customers shopping for a tape recorder today are usually looking for a set that will play and record stereo. Monaural is a thing of the past, according to Fried.

"A lot of our business comes from people who have shopped other dealers and are, like anyone else, looking for the best price possible. We're competitive except on fair trade merchandise, and we try to meet any price, yet we still average a 20 per cent gross margin. That's another reason why I like selling tape recorders. Even in today's price-cutting market we can make a buck," asserts Fried.

Questions most frequently asked Fried include: "Is this tape recorder really a portable in the true sense of the word?"

"Will it record music?"



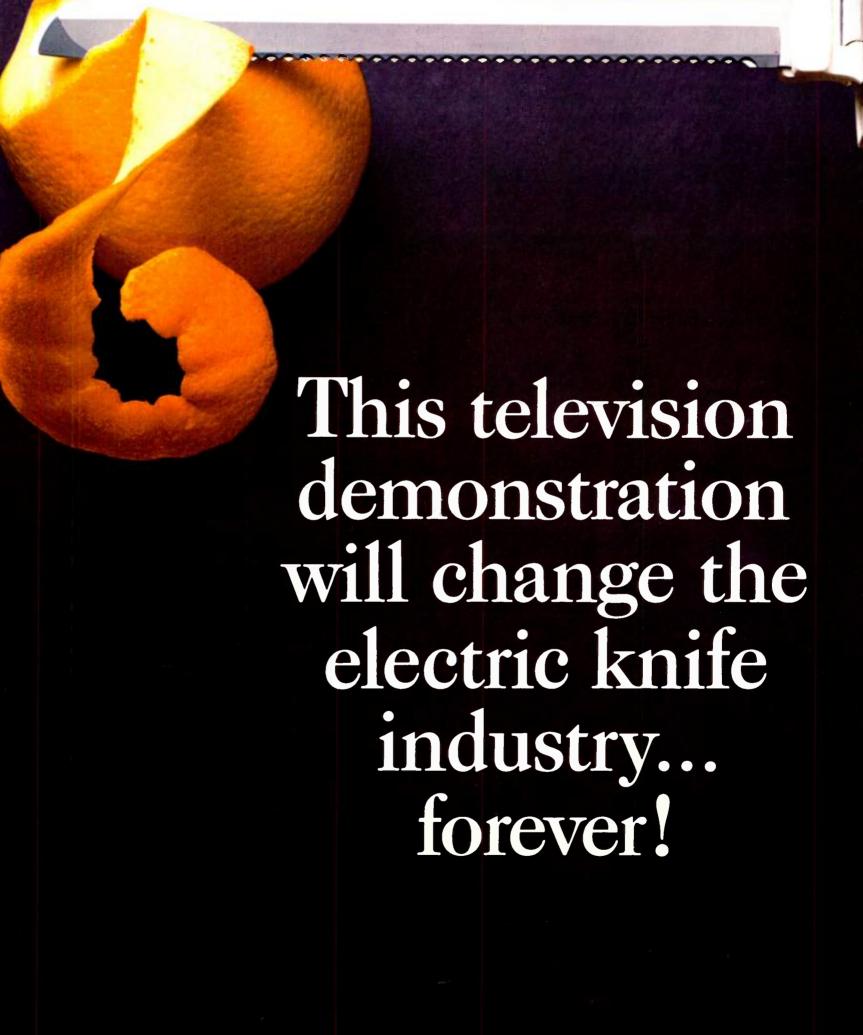
CHEAPER THAN PHONOS and easier to handle in many cases, tape recorders are finally coming into their own, says Henry Fried, Acorn Tire & Supply.

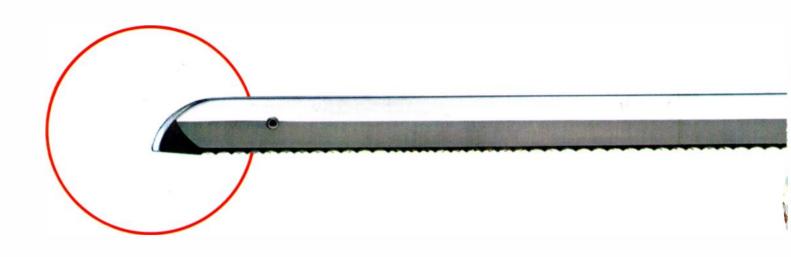
"Could a child take it to school and operate it without encountering mechanical difficulties?"

"Is service necessary, and if so is it expensive?"

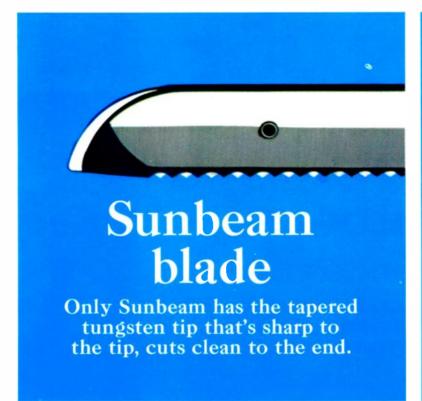
Fried also stresses the importance of demonstrations wherever feasible, so that a prospective customer can fully appreciate a recorder's value.

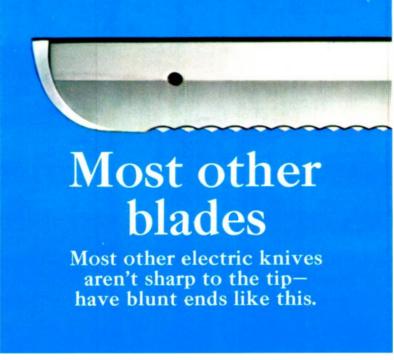
This midwest retailer notes that tape recorder sales span all age groups, but that the majority of buyers are men. In addition to the normal uses for tape recorders for business, social, and scholastic functions, Fried has encouraged his customers to send taped messages to servicemen stationed throughout the world. "This has proved to be a popular selling point in quite a few instances," concludes Fried.



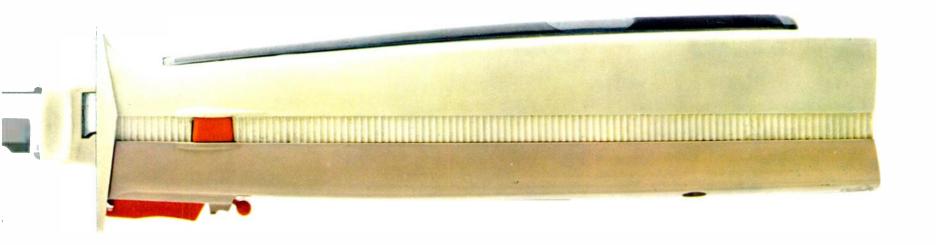


# The new Sunbeam Electric Knife with the tapered tungsten tip





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In seconds a Sunbeam Electric Knife peel an orange in one long spiraling piece. Because Sunbeam is sharp to the tip with an edge that stays sharp for years. Makes carving a turkey a cinch. Cuts clean to the bone. Cuts clean through soft things, too. Just about the lightest-weight, fastest cutting electric knife ever. Get the point?



MODEL CK100 FULL MARGIN RETAIL \$39.95 Cordless Electric Knife. Portable and lightweight—use it in kitchen, dining room, even take on a picnic or barbecue. Unique storage cradle has re-charging unit plus special holder

for knife blades. Permits quick, easy assembly of handle and blades without unnecessary handling. Sleek, modern design makes slicing a breeze. Reciprocating stainless steel blades feature exclusive tungsten carbide tapered tip and cutting edges.

Specifications: Knife re-charging unit 120 volts
... 60 cycles ... A.C. only ...
Individ. package wt. 4.3 lbs.

# And Sunbeam has the right knife for everyone

#### MODEL EK100

### FULL MARGIN RETAIL \$19.95

Economy model that has all the features to make carving and slicing easier. Twin reciprocating stainless steel blades, sharp to the tip. Push-button blade release, safety lock, and 6-ft. removable cord. Attractive storage carton converts into eyecatching counter display.

Specifications: 120 volts... 60 cycles... A.C. only... Individ. package wt. 2 lbs.... shipped in master carton of 6... Ship. wt. 13 lbs.

### MODEL EK200

#### FULL MARGIN RETAIL \$27.95

Deluxe Electric Slicing Knife features stainless steel blades with tungsten carbide cutting edges and tapered tungsten tip for long-lasting sharpness. Durable plastic storage case suitable for wall or drawer. Push-button blade release, safety lock and 6-ft. removable cord.

Specifications: 120 volts...
60 cycles...A.C. only...
Individ. package wt. 3 lbs.

### MODEL EK300

### FULL MARGIN RETAIL \$36.95

Custom Deluxe Electric Slicing Knife and Fork Set. Matched set is packed in a smartly styled presentation case. Stainless steel blades of long-lasting tungsten carbide cutting edges and tapered tungsten tip. Storage case is furnished for wall or drawer use. Push-button blade release, safety lock, 6-ft. removable cord.

Specifications: 120 volts ... A.C. only ... Individ. package wt. 4.3 lbs.



# And the Sunbeam Electric Knife is backed with heaviest TV saturation campaign any knife has had-ever.

22 prime nighttime commercials on 11 shows on all 3 major networks. Plus saturation spot campaign in your market during peak gift-buying weeks.





OLD AND NEW — O'Keefe & Merritt's Truman Clark (standing) and George Condos note differences between first range built by company in 1924 and latest "Contempo III."

INTENSIVE NEWSPAPER advertising campaign backed by local utility is aid to stores like Barker Bros. in selling many "Contempo III" units and other gas ranges.



## O'Keefe & Merritt Caters To And Exports Western Tastes

Soon to become first "self sufficient appliance manufacturer on west coast," firm introduces "Contempo III" gas range that takes off with a roar.

hen O'Keefe & Merritt Co. puts into service this year 30-inch range and dishwasher production lines, it will, according to President Truman B. Clark become the first self-sufficient appliance maker on the west coast.

And even though the new facilities will permit the Los Angeles-based firm to serve better the ever burgeoning western population, it would not be a rash bet that future features aimed at western tastes will find acceptance in the east.

A case in point is O'Keefe & Merritt's Contempo III range which was introduced last October on the west coast but since has found its way into stores as far away as New York City. In fact, Clark admits that at one time 85 per cent of the company's business was concentrated in the California and Arizona markets, but it has since spread so that now only 60 per cent is done in these two areas.

The west coast is the last stronghold of the 40-inch range, according to George Condos, O'Keefe & Merritt merchandising manager, and the firm does indeed produce 40-inch units and "sells many." But the Contempo III which took off with a roar when it was introduced last fall

presents in a 36-inch width a number of features aimed at western preferences.

(The company had previously produced a 40-inch "Contempo I" and a 30-inch "Contempo II" and decided on the basis of experience with these two models that a 36-inch unit was the ideal size that could embody all the features westerners like.)

Californians seemed to agree, for in the early months following its introduction, the factory couldn't keep up with orders. In fact, during the 1964 selling season O & M provided gift certificates for retailers to give consumers who wanted a "Contempo III."

Barker Bros., southern California home furnishings chain, sold an estimated 250 "Contempo III" ranges in the period extending from Thanksgiving through Christmas and another 100 in the first ten weeks of '65.

Three models of the "Contempo III" were offered to dealers by the manufacturer, and Steve Pontier, appliance buyer for Barker Bros., notes that at first his organization promoted the low end of the trio at \$298.88. Before long, he adds, the stores decided such extra features as

a griddle and high broiler found in the middle range unit at \$358.88 had great consumer appeal and emphasis shifted to the unit.

Since then, Pontier states, the bulk of sales have been in the middle model and the high-end unit at \$398.88. The top model offers two ovens, two broilers, a built-in griddle, a "hold-o-matic" clock that switches in to either oven, and removable oven liners.

O'Keefe and Merritt's Clark seconds the belief that features such as griddles, high broilers, and double ovens are much desired in the west and that his company has to make them available on its merchandise.

Adding stimulation to dealer and consumer interest in gas ranges in the Los Angeles area has been an advertising program sponsored by Southern California Gas Co. Under this program the utility has matched gas range newspaper space paid for by department stores with equal space

Though offered to department stores only, the interest created in gas ranges by the program has rubbed off on all types of stores, a utility spokesman notes.





LACK OF LUBRICATION for wringer is problem, Julie Ventura, Joerndt & Ventura, Kenosha, Wis., tells customer. Ventura tries to sell automatic equipment whenever possible, believes wringer market will be dead within next 10 years.

GREATER PROFICIENCY in washing heavy clothes, rugs and towels is cited as reason customers buy wringers says Upton Ziesler, Rahr's, Manitowoc, Wis.

# What About The Wringer Washer Side Of The Business?

Dealers in many parts of the U. S. continue to realize substantial wringer sales.

DEMAND FOR wringer washers is heavy at Calvert Bros., Maytag, Joliet, Ill. Owner Clyde Calvert feels older people set in their ways and newlyweds who can't afford an automatic are prime customers for less expensive equipment.

t was way back in 1847 that I. Avery patented the first wringer washer. The idea of being able to wash clothes by a method other than hand appealed to people, and slowly but surely the forerunner of the automatic washer began to take shape.

Today, 118 years later, automatic home laundry sales are riding the crest of a sales boom, while the wringer washer fights for survival in the marketplace. In 1960 wringer sales totaled 643,000 units, in 1961 sales dropped to 606,000, in 1962 volume rose slightly to 625,000, dropped to 598,000 in 1963, but rose to 648,916 in 1964. (Figures quoted here are based on distributor sales to dealers only.)

These statistics are a far cry from 1948 when the American Home Laundry Manufacturers' Association showed wringer sales to be near the three and one half million mark.

A federal census taken in 1960 of 53,000,000 families indicated that 17,400,000 had wringer

or spinner units in their homes. These facts tend to point up that if the wringer market is dying, it is still far from dead.

It is generally assumed that the great majority of wringer sales come from rural areas, yet populous states such as California, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are among the leading regions in sales, and a goodly portion of business in these states comes from large cities.

Why do wringer washers still sell at all since the automatic has fully come into its own? According to a spokesman for Norge Sales Corp., wringers still give new families a low cost answer to laundry needs until they have enough credit for automatic equipment. Norge points out also that low income groups must buy them, as their cost is much less than that of an automatic.

Furthermore, there is a tremendous demand for wringers from workers on the move, and families living in rented dwellings who find them best because of their mobility. People with water supply or water pressure problems also must use wringers. Too, there is practically no service at all required. Norge points out that wringers still account for two out of every 10 washers sold.

Claire Ely, vice president, marketing, The Maytag Co., states that "The wringer washer business is one of the healthiest ghosts in industry today. Since the end of World War II, it has been predicted that it was about to go the way of buggy whips, but it continues today to be a bread-and-butter part of our business, employing hundreds of persons. It is also a bread-and-butter part of many independent retailers' businesses. The market has changed in the past 20 years. Many people don't realize that, of all wringer washers sold today, about half go to rural markets, with the bulk of the remainder sold in major metropolitan markets. This product meets a real need for some consumers. . . .

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# NEW products



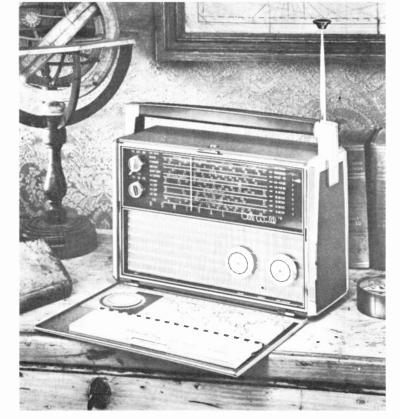
Rheem Califone "Corsaire II"

HEEM CALIFONE has introduced a new four-track stereo tape recorder, model 3550. Called the "Corsaire II," unit features four-track stereo and monaural record and playback, two built-in 7-in. oval speakers, three tape speeds (11/8, 33/4, and 71/2 ips), individual channel volume and tone controls, four output jacks and four input jacks, safety record interlock plus two extended range microphones. It also has a VU meter, monitor switch and will accommodate 3, 5, and 7-in. reels. Price, \$169.95. Rheem Califone Div., Rheem Mfg. Co., 5922 Bowcroft St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90016.



Panasonic model SG-570

ANASONIC has introduced a complete solid state music system (FM/AM plus 3-speed phono) in portable model SG-570, which weighs 6½ lbs. with batteries. Unit, which operates on six D-size flashlight batteries, is 115% in. wide x 87% in. deep x 4¼ in. high. Features include nine transistors plus four diodes plus one thermistor, slide rule vernier tuning, telescopic FM antenna, built-in Am ferrite antenna, 4-in. PM Dynamic speaker, dual flip-over sapphire stylus, external power jack, ceramic cartridge, carrying handle, and front-mounted controls. In black and antique white with silver trim, unit comes with batteries. Matsushita Electric Corp. of America, 200 Park Ave., New York.



Admiral "All World" model

DMIRAL has introduced three new 1966 transistor portable radios, highlighted by the 10-band "All World," model Y1009, which has 13 transistors and 7 diodes and operates on eight D flashlight batteries. Unit can be plugged into wall outlet by using the AC charger/converter, now a standard accessory. "All World" incorporates FM as well as standard broadcast, shortwave, longwave, marine and navigation and amateur broadcast bands. It features three antennas (two in carrying handle), 6-in.-x-4-in. Alnico V speaker, vernier tuning and tone control. It has die-cast chrome-plated frame with brushed aluminum grille. Price, \$275, including AC charger/converter. Other units are the three-band "Clipper," model YG161, at \$99.95 and the FM/AM "All American," model YG171, at \$99.95. Admiral Corp., 3800 Cortland St., Chicago, Ill. 60647.



Dynamic home battery charger

YNAMIC INSTRUMENT CORP. has introduced a home battery charger, model PNC-12D, the "Plug 'N Charge Deluxe," which includes built-in adapter for charging 9-volt transistor batteries and a timer-reminder dial. Unit recharges all types of dry cell batteries (carbon-zinc, alkaline, manganese, mercury, and nickel-cadmium) in all common sizes (penlight, C-size, and D-size). It can charge from one to four batteries of different types and sizes simultaneously. Batteries can be recharged from 15 to 50 times, depending on type and condition of battery. A free battery tester is included. Styled in turquoise and beige high-impact styrene with silver trim on top and silver stamping on side, unit is packaged in turquoise self-display box. One-year guarantee. Price, \$5.95. Dynamic Instrument Corp., 115 E. Bethpage Rd., Plainview, N. Y.



# 9 Believe

by F. Hardy Rickbeil Worthington, Minn., dealer



### Customer Complaints-Opportunities Or Problems?

he choice is yours. It is our policy to treat every complaint as a golden opportunity to make a permanent friend for our store. When a customer comes in with a complaint, no matter how small it is, he is asked to sit down and give us the facts.

We use a form called the "Merchandise Report," on which we fill out the following: date; salesman making report; salesman who handled original transaction; customer's name, address, and phone; complete description of merchandise or service (model, serial, color); date of original transaction; customer's report; salesman's report; and closing report. We fill this form out in detail and in triplicate. If it seems wise at the end of this fact-recording session, we ask the customer to sign it. Otherwise, we just give him a copy for his reminder file and we tell him exactly how we hope to get this taken care of for him and about how long it will take.

Notice we head this "Merchandise Report." When talking with him, we try to avoid the use of the words: "complaint," "lemon," "factory defect," etc. We want the customer to know that we're glad he came to us with this problem and that we will do everything we can to follow through and see that he is satisfied.

We emphasize the point that we have been in business in Worthington now for 45 years and that we've always been able to take care of every reasonable problem and that we know that he wants to be just as reasonable and fair as we do. We promise him that since he bought a quality top brand name product, the factory will be anxious to help us in every way possible. We thank him sincerely for coming to us and sometimes we ask him to help us dictate the letter to the factory and give him a copy of it right then and there. We send a copy of our "Merchandise Report" with our letter and then we file the letter copy with the original of the report.

We have learned that an irate customer calms down very quickly when he is courteously seated at the desk and you start asking informative questions and recording them with the idea of helping him. By the time the report is filled out, and this usually takes only five to 10 minutes, you are on a friendly basis, because he feels confident that you mean to be helpful to him.

We try first to take care of the situation immediately, if we can, by giving him a new part, or calling in one of our expert service technicians. Then we give some thought to the possibility of making a trade for a new product, perhaps a step up from the model he has that he presently is not 100 per cent happy with. If these two possibilities don't fit, then we go from there to the best source for help. Sometimes we phone right while the customer is there and put him on a connected phone, so that we can both talk with the specialist at the factory or in the distributor's repair department. We also clarify any misconceptions he has about his factory guarantee and about whether or not there will be charges at this time for our services. It is vital to make a forthright estimate at this time on what his costs will probably be, if any. We never make a half promise that we hope we won't have to live up to, just to get rid of a problem for the time being.

We keep all of the information on this particular customer and others in a file folder marked: "Pending Merchandise Reports." These are checked once a week, and follow-up letters written when needed.

We have literally hundreds of so-called customer complaints during a year. We plan to have a department manager find the time to handle these, because I believe this is the best OPPORTUNITY we will ever have to prove to a customer that we live up to our store slogan — "WE SERVE TO SERVE AGAIN" — that my father chose 59 years ago when he started in the hardware and implement business in a tiny crossroads town, Lima, N. D.

We feature this slogan in all of our advertising and I BELIEVE it pays dividends to meet our customers who keep coming back to us to favor us with their business more than half way. We want to be fair and we find that in almost every case our customers want to be fair. We must show them that we do appreciate their business. Performance, when there are problems, speaks clearer and louder, of course, than insincere brush-offs and unkept promises.

### **DEALER SALES REPORTS**

### As Compiled By Utilities

	Rm. Air Cond.	Dryers	Dishwashers	Freezers	Ranges*	Refrig.	Television**	Washers & Combos
Central Illinois Pub. Serv. (Springfield) \$\square\$ 209,656	142	445	78	276	742	950	1772	1127
City Public Service Board (San Antonio) 375,985	658	233	115	254	490	876	2105	1108
Dallas Power & Light 263,274	1693	664	941	291	1065	1996	3322	2237
Dayton Power & Light 452,734	100	570	80	274	394	702	2086	1243
Electric Power Board (Chattanooga) 77,899	132	300	58	106	388	337	585	585
El Paso Electric 93,457	26	168	195	128	237	592	1284	
Florida Power Corp. (St. Petersburg)	459	417	289	305	1480	1978	3089	1728
Fla. Power & Light Co. (Miami) 769,492	7467	1324	1267	753	4921	6982	7711	5017
Idaho Power (Boise) 116,000		330	198	192	620	654		794
Jersey Central Power (Morristown) † 381,492	209	672	577	430	735	1692	3591	2347
Kentucky Utilities Co. (Lexington)	119	421	163	371	1070	1372	2348	1824
Metropolitan Edison (Reading, Pa) 235,565	128	513	168	241	758	1193	2179	1786
Nashville Electric Service 136,000		339		105	810	784		
New Orleans Pub. Serv. 326,859	4020	1140	380	380	1334	2226	4772	2612
N. Y. State Elec. & Gas (1thaca) 526,356	31	935	476	565	1189	1506		2452
Omaha Public Power 118,430	201	418	68	183	283	549	1033	930
Pacific Gas & Elec. Co. (San Francisco)	1454	18392	10201	5173	24978	24224	42817	26696
Public Serv. Co. of N. M. (Albuquerque) 101,117		315	154	118	292	449	1019	646
Southwestern Elec. Power (Shreveport, La.) 186,485	315	317	222	483	396	1386	2006	1485
Union Electric (St. Louis, Mo.) 568,666	6681	520	911	433	1460	3568	7642	2400
West Penn Power Co. (Greensburg, Pa.) 360,000	110	913	202	430	1619	1465	2861	2288

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#Residential Meters

+13% +32% +58% +11% +46% +18% +23% +17%

\*\*Includes Stereo

†Includes N. J. Power & Light

### It's The Tapemating Season

ALL VISITORS to Sony exhibit at recent Los Angeles high fidelity show were given numbered "Am I your TapeMate?" badges. Twelve couples found their tapemates by matching numbers and won new Sony "TapeMate" recorders. Here, Joseph S. Tushinsky (right), president of Superscope, Inc., U. S. distributor of Sony tape recorders, congratulates two winners: George Grupe, USN, stationed on the U.S.S. Topeka in the Pacific, and Sharon Plone of Los Angeles, California.





Top 105-lb. No-Frost freezer

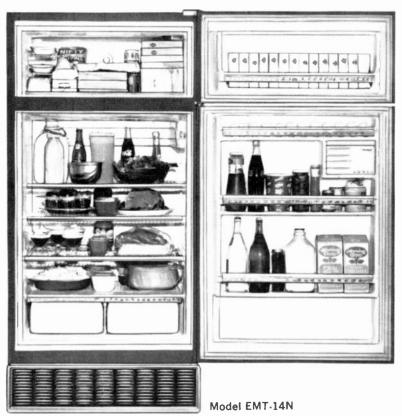
Huge 167-lb. bottom freezer

# Offer a No-Frost refrigerator-freezer or refrigerator with huge bottom freezer...at same low price!

(And, you'll make full profit margin on both!)

You heard right! Right now, we're pricing the EMB-14S and EMT-14N RCA WHIRLPOOL refrigerator-freezers (below) to sell on your floor at the identical low, low price. You make full profit. Your customers get a big choice and a bargain to boot: complete No-Frost refrigerator-freezer... or huge 167-pound bottom mount freezer and automatic defrosting refrigerator section with glide-out meat pan and deluxe trim. Let them decide for themselves whether No-Frost which eliminates the defrosting chore a few times a year

is more important than a larger freezer that they'll use several times daily . . . and that reduces trips to the store. Both model EMB-14S and model EMT-14N offer these extra values: superstorage door with built-in shelves, egg rack and butter keeper...twin crispers that hold a bushel . . . glide-out shelf. Your RCA WHIRLPOOL distributor has the price/profit details for you. If his telephone's busy, try again. It's probably another smart dealer like yourself who recognizes a good deal when he hears one!



Model EMB-14S

It's easier to sell an RCA WHIRLPOOL than sell against it!



REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS

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WRH

# ve forged strong franchise the right kind of dealer.

We began our rebuilding program two years ago. With a dedicated, retail-oriented management team (recruited from just about every major company in the industry). And with backing by a billion-dollar parent company—General Telephone & Electronics.

Today Sylvania is a stable force and refreshing addition for the farsighted dealer. The dealer who enjoys selling. Who appreciates quality in a product. Who wants profit not just volume.

For him, the Sylvania franchise is a long-term proposition. Based on an uncompromising principle: product starts the profit; policy determines the extent.

That's why Sylvania offers value and depth throughout a line that's more than competitive with any leading manufacturer.

That's why Sylvania maintains a policy of table-top

pricing, full margins at every level, elbowroom, and straightforward advertising.

At Sylvania, we live by our word. We enjoy serving our customers and helping them increase their business. Finding ways to improve our service occupies most of our time.

Together, product and policy make Sylvania the *High-Yield Profit Line* in the industry. The line that fits in with a demand line and a promotion line—to give maximum sales mix and profits.

Since we started this program, more and more of the right kind of dealers have found a place for our *High-Yield Profit Line* in their sales mix.

We can always use more good strong links in our chain. Write Bob Theis, President, Sylvania Entertainment Products Corp., Batavia, N. Y.





#### Color TV picture . . .

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tangular picture because "of the shorter tube." Kool notes that the "tint control" on Motorola's models is a very helpful selling point.

Service is still very much on the minds of consumers as far as color TV is concerned, according to Kool. He says his most important salesclincher is his offer of a three-month service policy (which includes delivery) for \$24.50. He notes that this used to cost a customer about \$100.

Dealer Julian Legrand, Legrand's TV, Los Angeles, Cal., suggests that the best thing manufacturers could do for the industry would be to introduce a 21-in. color set with a shorter tube.

He explains: "Consumers are very concerned about furniture when buying color; thus I expect the 23-in. rectangular models to outsell all the others. Although right now I'm still selling more 21-in. sets, I can see the trend toward color sets with shorter tubes."

Legrand thinks that the introduction of smaller-than-21 in. screens will just muddy the water of the color TV business. Also, he doesn't see any future for the 25-in. screens.

"My customers won't buy from either category, he says, "simply because of price."

This dealer is promoting free home trials of color TV because, he notes, most dealers (including himself) don't have a favorable setting in their store for viewing color. His theory is "you've got to get the color in the prospect's home."

Under an arrangement with one of his distributors, Legrand pays the distributor \$5 for each color set he delivers (and picks up) at his request. Legrand uses direct mail to promote the trials.

Perhaps the most common complaint of dealers—aside from the lack of profits—concerns the lack of color broadcasting during the prime evening selling hours.

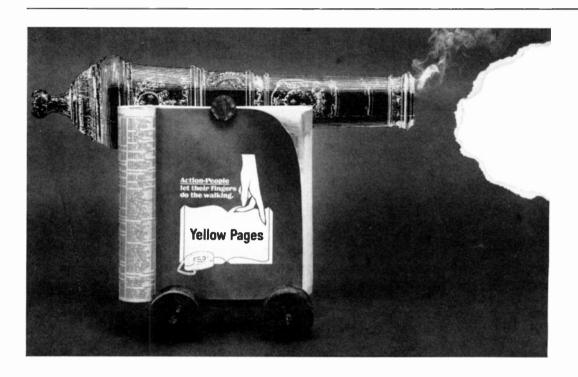
This situation will take a bright turn this fall, when NBC, it was recently announced, will broadcast 96 per cent of its evening schedule in color (starting in September).

ABC and CBS also announced recently that they were stepping up color plans for next fall—each will colorcast about one-third of its night time programs. In addition, CBS announced that all of its evening entertainment shows will be colorcast beginning in September, 1966. ABC very likely will follow suit.

#### Sweeny Now Directs FTC Deceptive Practices Bureau

Charles A. Sweeny, whose career with the Federal Trade Commission spans 30 years, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Deceptive Practices, succeeding Daniel J. Murphy, retired, it was announced by Paul Rand Dixon, FTC chairman. Since 1961, Sweeny has been chief of the bureau's Division of Food and Drug Advertising.

As bureau director, Sweeny will supervise that division and others responsible for preventing false and misleading advertising and other deceptive practices. Among the important cases he has directed are those involving demonstrations on television, including the sandpaper-shave case in which the Supreme Court recently upheld the Commission's order to cease and desist.





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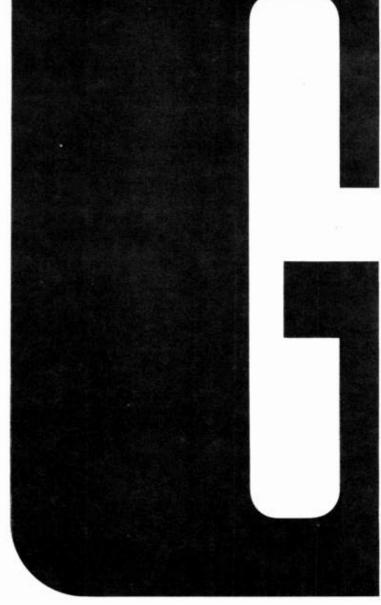
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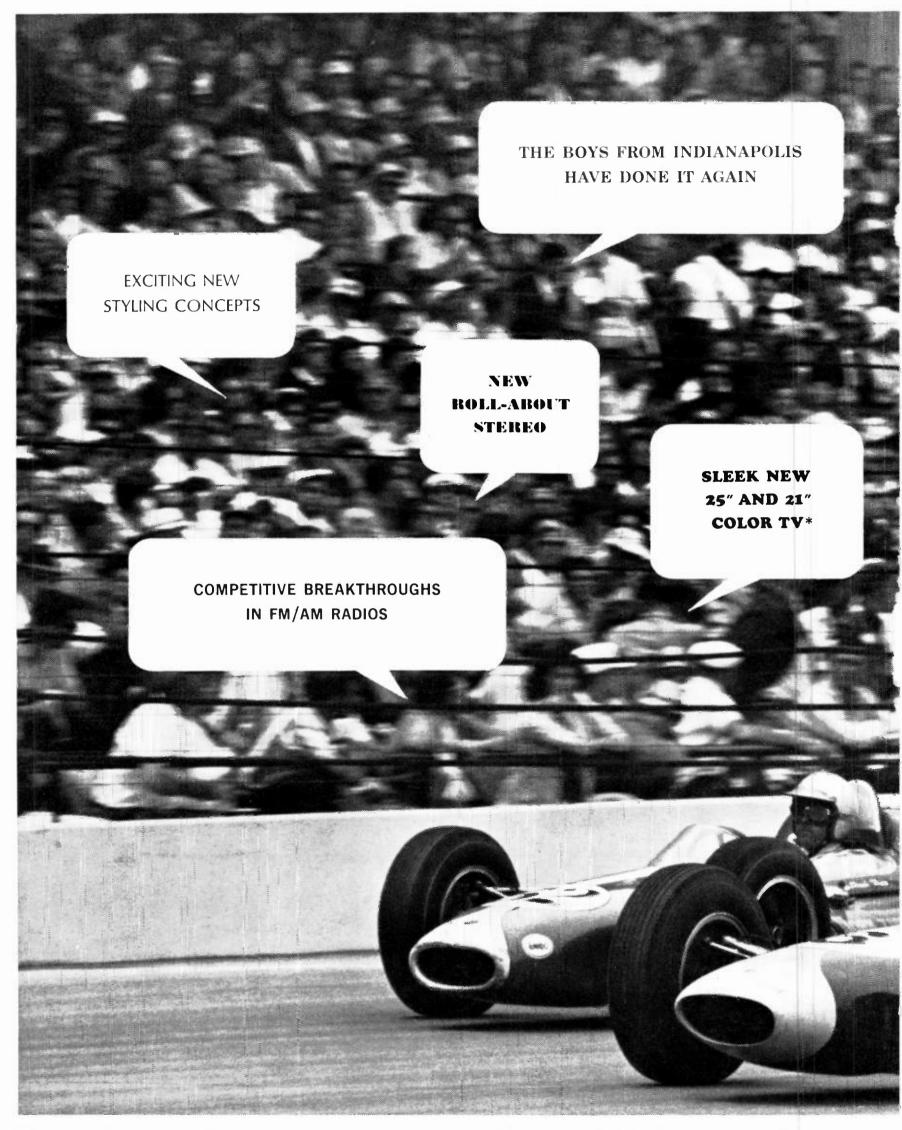


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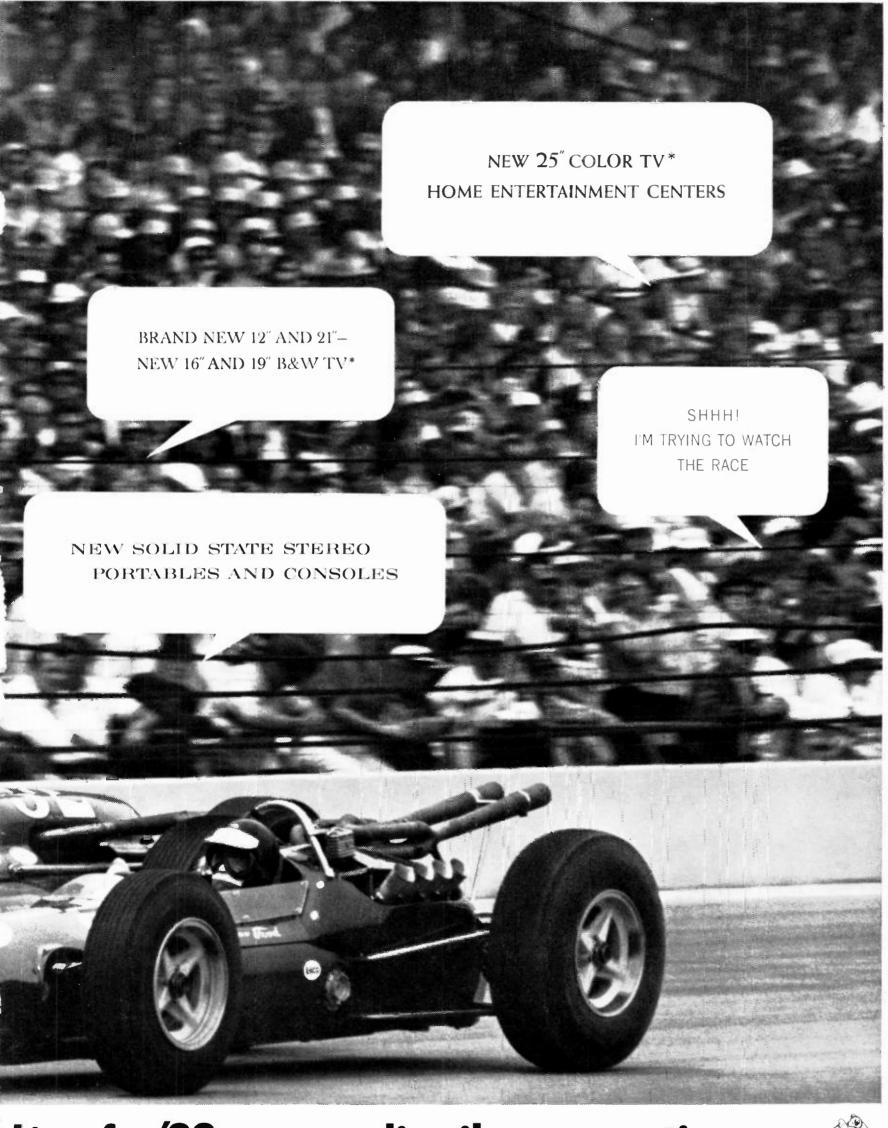
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#### Canada-based TV makers . . .

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back color. In fact, Wilcox told MART Magazine that he doubts the fact that Canada doesn't have color broadcasting is of concern to anyone other than the set manufacturers.

CBC's Lusher pegs the cost of equipping his network for color at \$30 million.

That color is indeed of interest to Canadian-based manufacturers is evidenced by Electrohome's Main, who is also vice president of the receiver division of the Electronic Industries Ass'n of Canada.

Main notes that his company hopes to get development of color to a point where it can be competitive not only with U. S. makers but with other foreign makers who may enter the market in both the U. S. and Canada.

For its initial color TV line using the Electrohome-developed chassis, the company is producing one 21inch model and ten 25-inch models, three of which will be combos. Price range on the line is expected to be from about \$449 for a 21-inch console up to around \$1400 for a three-way combo with 25-inch tube.

The Electrohome executive expects that about 65 per cent of the color sets that his company will produce this year will be sold in the U. S.

The chassis which the firm has devised is a vertical, swing-down type that is said to be designed for easy servicing. In fact, John Sennik, Electrohome's assistant manager of TV engineering, notes that a service man will be able to replace any component without removing the chassis from the set.

Other features will include automatic degaussing, demonstrable with use of a push-button; color indicator light, hand wiring except in two printed circuit boards.

How is Canada prepared servicewise for color? Pretty well, according to David H. Johnstone, division mgr., consumer products engineering for Electrohome. Service men in border areas are the best prepared, quite naturally, and the company has trained some in other areas. Too, he points out, the EIAC has sponsored some color service courses.

And the opinions of CTV's Wilson concerning the state of color art notwithstanding, Howard Main says consumer pressure may be a major factor in bringing color broadcasting to Canada.

And if it is, Carl Pollock hopes that is soon so that it will make a favorable impression on the estimated 6,000,000 Americans who will visit the Montreal exposition in 1967.

#### Hotpoint Will Expand, Modernize Chicago Plant

In a move to increase its service to dealers and distributors, Hotpoint, a division of General Electric Co., has announced plans for a multimillion dollar modernization and expansion of its Chicago-based storage and shipping facilities, including addition of a new 117,000-sq.-ft. warehouse and installation of an electronically controlled conveyor system.

W. D. Dance, Hotpoint general manager and GE vice president, said the proposed expansion will bring to more than \$20 million the amount that Hotpoint has invested over the past three years to broaden and improve its product lines and for new facilities.

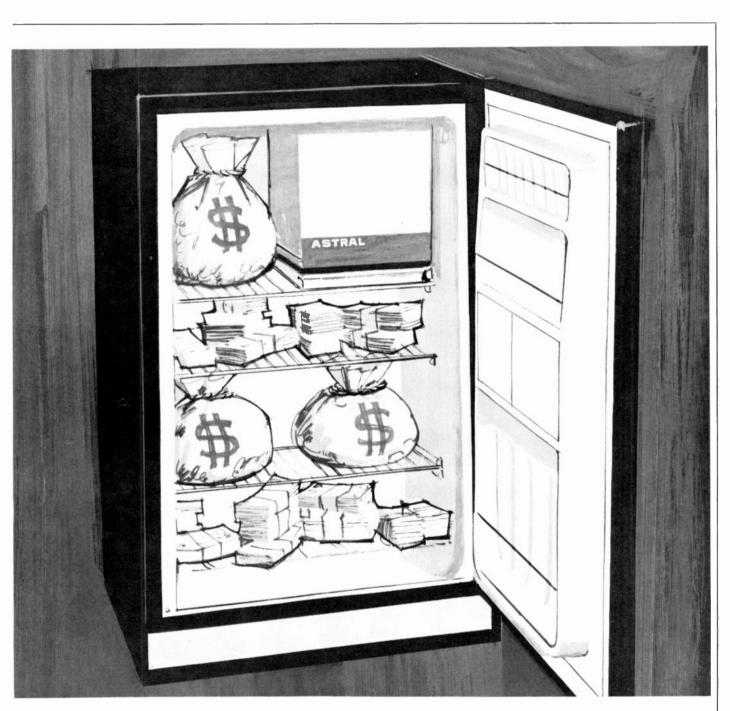
Dance said the new facilities were necessitated by the growth in Hotpoint business in recent years. Last year was a record year for Hotpoint, said Dance, with sales up 15 per cent over 1963 levels, which in turn were up 15 per cent over 1962 levels.

#### Minnesota Dealer Wins Winegard Mustang Prize

Orville Schroeder, of Nelson TV & Appliances, Rochester, Minn., won the 1965 Mustang Fastback sports sedan, grand prize in the nationwide Fall-Winter Gift Parade contest for dealers and distributor salesmen conducted by Winegard Co., manufacturer of TV antennas and accessories in Burlington, Ia.

Two second prizes of Honda sports cycles went to Bonded TV of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Gene Beechman, Harwick Appliances, Emmaus, Pa.

Seven third prizes of bicycles-builtfor-two went to Rodney Van De Hey, Eugene, Ore.; Plaza TV & Appliance, Tustin, Cal.; Vernon Whitaker, Chehalis, Wash.; Norman Paul, North Providence, R. I.; Lin Baker, El Cerrito, Cal.; Raymond Sosinski, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Donald Bailey, Danville, Ill.



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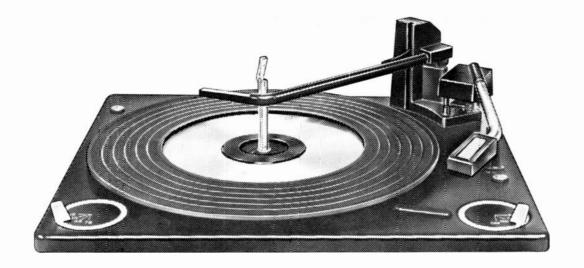
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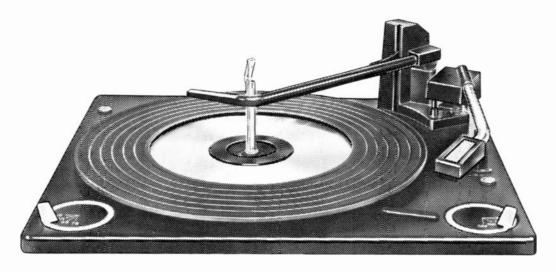
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#### Freezer purchase . . .

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pulse items by making less frequent visits to the store.

If a couple can't see any reason to purchase a freezer because there are only two of them in the household, it is pointed out that if they are a working couple the wife can make her meals for all week and simply store them in the freezer.

Myers' salespeople have learned that all sizes of families buy freezers. The store concentrates its sales efforts not only on the settled family but also on newlyweds by offering them a furniture group purchase for under \$1,000. As a bonus they are given their choice of a freezer, air conditioner, TV set, or washer. Gray reports that an increasingly larger number of people are now choosing the "free" freezer over the other appliances.

Circumventing a common customer objection that a freezer takes up too much room, a salesman will push an upright when it becomes obvious that the buyer has no room for a chest freezer.

Last year Myers sold over 350 freezers with the bulk of these sales coming between March and October. A boon to freezer sales has been Amana's five year warranty, as well as heavy TV advertising, according to a spokesman.

No down payment and three months grace before the first payment becomes due have also been an important factor in selling freezers.

An indication as to the furniture and appliance volume that the store does is reflected in the fact General Electric Credit Corp. maintains an office on the first floor solely for B. F. Myers customers.

#### Gas Industry Film Wins Blue Ribbon Award

"Pennsylvania Country Cooking," the most recent in a series of four cooking-demonstration movies produced for the Gas Appliance Mfrs. Ass'n. and the America Gas Ass'n., won the American Film Festival's blue ribbon award in the home economics category.

The new film also has been selected by a jury of CINE (Council on International Nontheatrical Events) for a golden eagle trophy. This award testifies that the film is of excellent cinematographic



REEL WINNER — Gas industry movie production team that won blue ribbon award at American Film Festival last year did it again. This time movie is "Pennsylvania Country Cooking," produced by (from left) Margaret Spader, GAMA's home service consultant; Alan L. Smith, public relations director, Brooklyn Union Gas Co.; and Mrs. Ellen Bridges, home service counselor for American Gas Ass'n.

quality and is worthy to represent the United States abroad. It will be entered by CINE for showings at film festivals and other events held around the world.

This is the second year the gas industry film program has received top recognition at the American Film Festival. Last year, "The Pleasures of Chinese Cooking" won the blue ribbon in the home economics category. Two other GAMA-AGA films, "The Art of French Cooking" and "Italian Cooking," were awarded certificates by the festival.

More than 600 prints of the four GAMA-AGA films are in circulation, primarily through the filmshowing facilities of 135 gas utility companies throughout the United States and Canada. Production costs of the four films were partially underwritten by four manufacturers of gas ranges: Hardwick Stove Co., Norge Sales Corp., Magic Chef, and Caloric Corp.

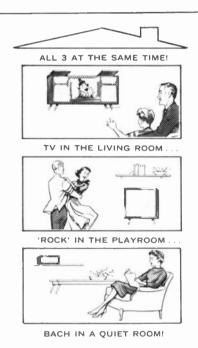
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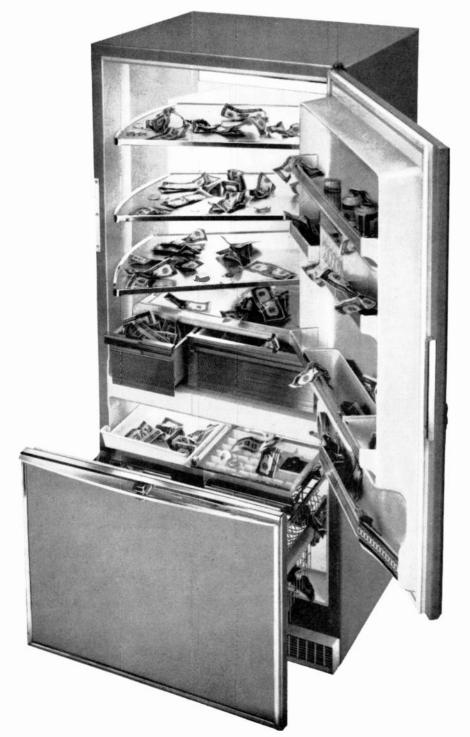




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#### Color keys thinking

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According to the San Antonio dealer, eight out of 10 people who buy appliances from the stores ask if Saathoff's does its own servicing. Saathoff salesmen not only assure customers that they do, but offer those who want it a tour of the service shop.

#### Report from Japan

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bia that attracted attention was a speaker system using eight-inch speakers but with a cabinet thickness of only 3.6 inches.

Other audio products of interest included cartridge system tape recorders exhibited by Aiwa and Hitachi, background music system for home use, and a car stereo device employing a cartridge system.

Foreign exhibits in the audio field that attracted interest were speaker systems made by the Empire Scientific Corp. and Lansing Sound Inc., a fully transistorized electronic organ by Thomas Instrument Co. of Phoenix, and FM stereo sets made by Clairtone Sound Corp. of Canada.

Reports indicated that some \$61 million worth of business transactions were concluded during the fair.

#### Atlanta Distributor Wins Admiral President's Cup

The Admiral President's Gold Cup for the best overall performance in 1964 on the entire product line was awarded to the Charles S. Martin Distributing Co., Atlanta, Ga. Martin and Lou Miller accepted the cup from Vincent Barreca, president, Admiral Corp.

Named the distributor who had shown the most improvement in every Admiral product line, Max Pasley, Inc., Sioux Falls, S. D., was presented a Silver Cup.

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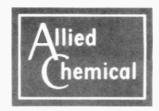
That means more space inside. So this 17.78 cu. ft. freezer fits in the same floor space as an old-fashioned 9 cu. ft. freezer, stores up to 622 lbs. of frozen food.

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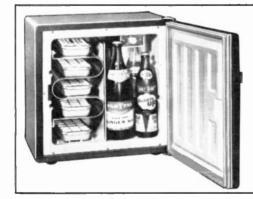
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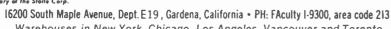
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#### RETAIL ROUNDUP

**BUFFALO** — Most retailers report sales of white and brown goods up over the same period last year. Room air conditioners are off to a slow start, however, in some sections, and dealers can only blame the weather. The "hot" products are refrigerators, ranges, and color TV. Portable black-and-white sets, especially 19in. models, are way up over last year. Electric housewares are moving well, thanks to Father's Day and the upcoming graduation season. Purchases for June Brides are also credited for the plus business.

being purchased in record quantities (no doubt for June Brides).

**NEW ORLEANS** — Air conditioners are selling well here as hot, humid weather prevails. Home laundry sales are running slightly ahead of a corresponding period last year with dryer volume on the increase. Small appliances including mixers, toasters, and knives, are moving well. Stereo sales have slacked off considerably from a similar period a vear ago.

**CLEVELAND** — Business here is generally good in all product categories. Air conditioner sales, off to a slow start, have picked up recently. Nofrost refrigerators are selling well, as are the larger capacity units. Dealers report that customers are selecting no-frost units on an almost equal basis with regular refrigerators. Home laundry sales continue steady but not spectacular, with a slight increase in dryers reported.

**NORFOLK** — Unusually cool weather here has put a damper on dealers' expectations of air conditioner sales. White goods business is off last year's level in general, with refrigerators making the worst showing. Brown goods are following the usual trend at this time of the year — business is slow. One dealer believes the reason for generally slow business is that much of the area's U. S. Fleet is out on maneuvers in trouble spots around the globe.

**DENVER** — Brown goods sales have slacked off considerably, particularly in color TV and stereo. Dealers believe that it is a temporary slowdown and that sales will pick up. A bright spot in the picture here is the small screen TV's which are moving exceptionally well. Range sales perked up somewhat after a slow first quarter.

PHILADELPHIA — "Spotty" is what some dealers call their white goods business at present. However, most report good air conditioner sales. Electric housewares, especially electric carving knives, are moving very well due to purchases for June Brides. Father's Day is expected to result in record sales of electric shavers. Most brown goods are slacking off, with the exception of portable black-and-white TV sets. A new UHF television station is expected to aid the sale of sets in the future; some dealers note small movement of UHF converters.

**HARRISBURG** — Retail sales of appliances and brown goods are about on a par with last year at this time, with some exceptions. Color TV is the "hottest" product, with refrigerators a close second. Other brown goods have dropped off (as is the seasonal trend); stereo sales are described as "dead." As in other areas of the country, electric housewares are moving well, and dealers credit Father's Day and the season of June Brides.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — White goods sales are excellent here with particular emphasis on refrigerators. Range sales are running about the same as last year. Home laundry business has slacked off recently, although recent damp weather did help push dryer sales. Unit sales of air conditioners are running slightly behind last year.

MIAMI — Just as the building boom continues here, so do sales of appliances. Consequently, most retailers report business up over last year at this time. The bright spots are refrigerators, ranges, air conditioners, dehumidifiers and color TV. Portable black-and-white TV sets, continue to be the staple of brown goods business. In electric housewares, electric carving knives are

TOPEKA — Business here is slow in most major product categories. Best movers include air conditioners and 19-in, portable TV sets. Electric housewares sales continue to run ahead of last year, with one retailer describing his volume as fair and another calling it "a little better than

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"While the industry wringer market cannot be expected to grow, as with other laundry appliances, it has plateaued at over a half-million units a year for some time and we expect it to continue to exceed the half-million mark for several years to come. It is still much too early to safely predict the demise of this market. I expect it to continue to be a part of our business for years to come."

A spokesman for General Electric Co. noted that his company elected to discontinue manufacturing wringer washers during the early 1950's and does not have any plans to resume production of this type of home laundry appliance.

Retailers across the country who still do a large part of their volume in wringers, cite a variety of reasons for continued sale of these products. Dealer Harley Slezak, owner of the Good Housekeeping Shop, Appleton, Wis., reports that 50 per cent of his business was in conventional laundry equipment in 1964. "Some people simply tell me that they feel they must have a wringer washer because they've always had one. They are satisfied with what they've had in the past and are hesitant to change," reports Slezak.

Upton Ziesler, Rahr's, Manitowoc, Wis., believes that wringer washers are still important to his sales picture. Ziesler says, "Many of our customers feel that wringers are much better when it comes to washing heavy clothes and such items as rugs and bath towels. These same people believe that increased tub capacity results in the waste of water and detergents, something they don't have to worry about with a wringer."

Clyde Calvert, owner of Calvert Bros. Maytag, Joliet, Ill., reports that 60 per cent of his laundry sales are in wringers. He sells more wringers because many of the homes in his trading area are not equipped for automatics. He also cites the fact that many older people keep trading in wringers regardless of any improvements made in automatic equipment.

Calvert points out that many of his customers actually buy wringers to go with their automatics, using them for a quick wash. He averages sales of 500 wringer washers a year.

"I feel that wringer washer sales will grow over the next few years," says Calvert, "mainly because they require less service."

Many other dealers, however, report that wringer sales are definitely decreasing. Julie Ventura of Joerndt & Ventura, Kenosha, Wis., notes that his wringer sales are slipping. "The wringer business is still good," says Ventura, "but is far from what it was. Some people haven't yet adjusted to automatics. I feel, however," states Ventura, "that in 10 years the wringer business will be non-existent."

Ventura disclosed that in 1960 wringers accounted for 50 per cent

of his sales as compared to 25 per cent in 1963. He does believe that there is a good profit in selling wringer washers.

This Wisconsin retailer reports that wringer customers are mostly middle age to elderly patrons. He believes that older people today though are being influenced by their children and by their neighbors to buy an automatic.

Ventura reports that he sells away from wringers wherever possible and in so doing does his customers a favor. He tells his customers that speeds are important in preserving their fabrics. He also points out that detergents and fabrics are constantly changing and wringers are not equipped for these changes.

Ventura goes on to explain to his customers that a wringer in a machine is dependent on fats from soaps to lubricate the bearing. Years ago an animal fat base soap was a source of lubrication not only to the wringer but also to the main bearing of the agitator. Today, detergent soaps act as an astringent that even dissolves fats into dirts. "Thus," says Ventura "there is no lubricant of natural sources in the wringer."

Says Guenther Baumgart, president of AHLMA: "Wringer washers are still a very important product and potentially a fundamentally sound part of any dealer's home laundry line. The product is dependable, efficient, and although the operator performs many more of the steps than is the case with an automatic washer, the wringer washer does an outstandingly good job of getting clothes clean.

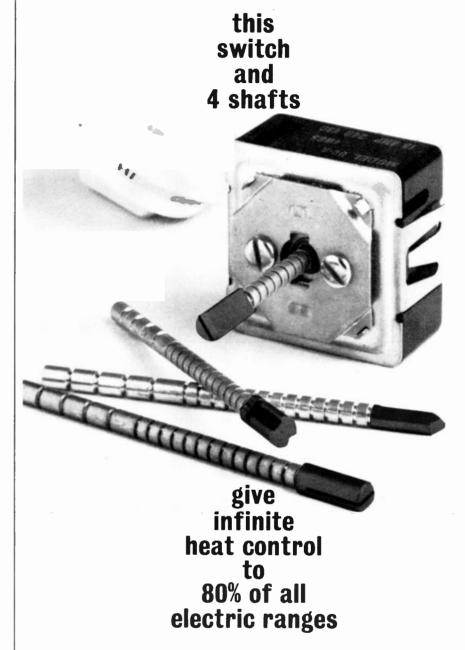
"Some 600,000 are sold each year. This is a market of more than 100 million dollars at retail. It represents a marketing opportunity all alert dealers will want to take advantage of."

#### Economist's outlook

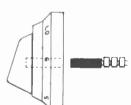
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i.e., unless complacency sets in — based on a little temporary perking up of the sales level — or, unless smarter operators in another sector of the A-R-TV retail sales arena grab off the difference, for example, department stores, furniture stores, hardware stores, or what not.

Look over the accompanying table and you will see how the great fall-off in numbers of A-R-TV dealer establishments against some actual gains, or smaller drops in sales, resulted in significant increases in average sales per store, 1963 over 1958. But don't start doing the cake walk, brother, until you have first taken the time to ask yourself: After so much rough going, am I now prepared to handle this new chance with the sophistication and humility it will demand?



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#### The Balance Sheet

by JACK ADAMS



#### Responsible Selling

If uch has been said in recent years about the values which are found in modern appliances. Many have lamented, too, the declining share of the consumer dollar which our industries are capturing.

But about as good a job as we've seen of tying these two facts together with a dissection of the inferiority complex which seems to permeate too much of our appliance merchandising was performed the other day by Stanley Gault, manager of marketing, refrigeration, General Electric Co.

May traditionally brings forth a rash of utility-sponsored refrigerator-freezer campaigns, and Stan was addressing a kick-off lunch for the Public Service Electric and Gas Co. of New Jersey effort.

We think his remarks were especially appropriate at a time when the industry seems to be entering a golden era of new products and features. Some of these products and features admittedly are in their infancy or prototype stage, but they can



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serve as a beacon-reminder to the dealer that for a long, long time he will have available low saturation products which offer great consumer benefits. And his sales potential is vast if he can translate these benefits into language that is meaningful to the buyer.

Naturally, Stan Gault was talking about refrigerator-freezers. But he could have been talking about dryers or dishwashers or, down the road a bit, video tape recorders or thermo-electric appliances.

And as all of us know but may forget sometimes in the excitement of viewing the introduction of a hot new product: the world won't beat a path to the dealer's door for this product.

Less than two per cent of the consumer dollar was spent in 1964 for appliances, Stan Gault reminded an audience made up largely of distributor personnel, and he asked whether not only consumers but also distributors and retailers realize the values they offer in appliances.

For example, he noted, in 1949, a family paid \$299 for a single-door, eight-cubic foot manual defrost refrigerator. Today, this family for the same amount of money can obtain a 14- or 15-cubic foot unit, that not only has a more attractive design, but offers more features, including completely automatic defrost.

And, the speaker reminded, it is all too apparent that the industry's ability to manufacture such values far outstrips its ability to merchandise them.

What the GE executive seemed to be recommending as an aid to improving sales was a change in attitude of all those involved in moving goods from factory to consumer.

He referred to, as have others, the need to "romance" the customer and give her the opportunity to shop in clean, bright facilities. He also mentioned something one does not seem to hear so often any more — the need for the distributor salesman to communicate product benefits to the dealer and on through to the consumer.

Turning his attention to the subject of the meeting — refrigerator-freezers — Stan Gault admitted that the "no-defrost" refrigerator has come of age and currently accounts for about 40 per cent of sales in this product category. But, he reminded listeners, too often still retail salesmen neglect to mention the "no-defrost" feature to prospects, simply because of the slight additional cost involved in the unit and its operating requirements,

What about automatic transmissions in autos? the speaker asked.

"The automobile people have explained the additional cost for automatic transmission from the standpoint of this feature being worth it . . . and the consuming public has always purchased a recognized value," Stan Gault stated.

Appliance salesmen have a susceptible audience for a "nodefrost" feature story, the speaker declared, because in surveys defrosting always shows up as a messy chore which women would like to rid themselves of.

So rather than seek to hide or ignore the "no-defrost" feature as some salesmen do, this feature should be brought into sharper focus on the retail floor, Stan Gault continued.

And the salesman should remind himself that the average refrigerator being bought today is twice as large as the last one the consumer purchased. It offers a sub-zero feature. In fact, it has twice the capacity and twice the features as the woman's present unit so let her know there will be an increase in operating cost.

And another compelling reason for turning a negative attitude towards what modern refrigerators offer into a positive selling tool is the fact that a woman buys only three refrigerators in her lifetime, and each one she buys will be the most-used appliance in her home.

So, said Stan Gault, it comes down to being a *responsibility* to remind the shopper of features found in modern refrigerator-freezers because for a few pennies a day she can be a much more satisfied customer.

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