

AT PRESSTIME

□□□□Average retail price of refrigerators in January was \$310—down \$1 from the average price in July, 1965, according to Daniel Starch and Staff, a business research organization. The competitive strategy of marketby-market pricing was evident, Starch reports, in fluctuations of \$175 or more in the retail selling price of the same model in different markets.

In January, 1966, one model of one manufacturer accounted for 2.7% of all refrigerator sales. During the same period, 57 models representing nine brand names, accounted for 33% of all sales.

The Starch report is based on a weighted sample of 1,566 retail outlets across the U.S.

□ □ □ □ **□ The votes are in:** Three more big record companies have entered the tape cartridge race, tipping the scales in favor of the Lear 8-track cartridge system. Both Columbia and Capitol Records expect to release their first 8-track cartridge albums this summer. Decca has split its vote: It will release both Lear-system 8-track albums and Fidelipacsystem 4-track albums some time in April or May (MW, 31 Jan., p.11). All three labels will be priced to be competitive with the tape cartridge albums offered by RCA. continued on p.3



Jack Adams, Editor of Mart Magazine, and John Morgan, President of Sylvania Entertainment Products Corporation, congratulate Gary Reynolds of Handy Andy, Sacramento, Calif., winner of the MART/ NARDA Creative Salesman of the Year Award. This is the second year in a row a Sylvania dealer's salesman has won. Why?

Product, Policy, Profit. The combination that encouraged Gary Reynolds to win the creative salesman of the year award.

We give dealers and their salesmen a little something extra to work with. We call it a proper selling climate.

The finest quality products we know how to make. Priced competitively to the consumer. Profitably to the dealer. And since we are the industry's high-yield dealer profit line, it means higher income for the salesmen, too.

Here's the whole combination. Elbowroom. Prestige advertising. One-sheet pricing. Products that sell. Salesmen who sell. And a solid, unwavering policy that ties the whole thing together. But we don't stop there. We believe a professional salesman is always ready to learn more about the product he sells. So we hold regular sales training seminars to help each salesman acquire a fresh point of view. We issue floor-oriented product material to reinforce customer selling points. And we've established the Key Man Sales Society, a professional sales organization that puts extra incentive behind every sale.

> So when one of our dealers' salesmen wins an industry award, we know all the time and effort was worth it. It's encouraging.



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At presstime, still another record company joined the expanding Lear 8-track fold. Mercury Record Corp. will make its initial release of sixteen 8-track stereo albums, each priced at \$6.95, on Mar. 25.

□ □ □ □ The shutdown at GE's Appliance Park in Louisville continued at the weekend. Last Wednesday, 10,000 members of Local 761 of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (AFL-CIO) struck because of a backlog of accumulated grievances. GE considers the strike illegal because 10day notice was not served before the strike. GE says it will not negotiate unless workers go back to their jobs. But union president Don Rock said GE had notice —by virtue of press coverage—of a strike vote on Feb. 20.

□ □ □ □ **California pay tv got the go-ahead** last week in the form of a State Supreme Court ruling. The court ruled that the ban on pay tv—which was approved by the California voters in 1964—was an unconstitutional violation of free speech.

□ □ □ □ □ **Dearborn has six new "split" units** in its 1966 room air conditioner line. The Dual Cabinet units are designed with a split so a window can close to a point within two inches of the sill; this puts the compressor and condenser fan outside the room. The six models, with prices, are: 5,800-Btu, \$154.50; 7,800-Btu, \$184.50; 9,000-Btu, \$214.50; 11,000-Btu, \$244.50; 13,000-Btu, \$259.50; 16,000-Btu, \$294.50.

□ □ □ □ GE will make its own big-screen color tubes, starting early in 1967. GE now makes only 11s.

 \Box \Box \Box **Appliance sales keep chugging along.** The National Electrical Manufacturers Assn. (NEMA) reports that manufacturers' shipments in January increased in all seven categories. Dishwashers chalked up a 24.2% increase over the same period in 1965

(96,900 units compared to 78,000). Refrigerators gained 14.4% (393,700 compared to 344,100). Range sales were up 16.9% (176,800 vs. 151,200); water heaters were up 8% (82,400 vs. 76,300); food waste disposers were up 22.3% (106,900.vs. 87,400); freezers were up 3.6% (72,600 vs. 70,100); and dehumidifiers were up 253.3% (21,200 vs. 6,000).

 \Box \Box \Box **EIA's 1965 year-end figures are out.** Distributor sales of tv sets, radios, and phonos were up substantially over 1964, according to the Electronic Industries Assn. Color tv distributor sales took the biggest jump, with a 101.03% rise over 1964; over 2.7 million color sets were sold in 1965. Console phonos, the only product to drop in 1965, were down 1.73% to 1.7 million units. B&w tv distributor sales showed only a slight gain of 4.46% to 8 million units. Home radio sales rose 23.31% to 13.3 million units. Portable phono sales rose 18.39% to 4 million units.

□□□□Norge's four new no-frost refrigerators are among the company's special 40th anniversary introductions. The new 12-cu.-ft. model carries a suggested list price range of \$219-to-\$229, but could show up on retail floors with promotional-pricing in the \$199-to-\$219 level. The 13-cu.-ft. unit retails at the \$239-to-\$249 level; the 14-cu.-ft. bottom-mount unit sells at the \$279-to-\$289 level; and the 15-cu.-ft. model retails at \$269-to-\$279.

A new 12-lb.-capacity washer is priced at the \$209to-\$219 level. The matching automatic dryer is available at \$169 in electric, or at \$199 in gas.

Four new ranges feature woodgrained backguards. Electric models are priced from \$170 to \$180, and gas models from \$140 to \$160.

 \Box \Box \Box The industry's first 18-lb. washer is being tested in 14 market areas by Sears. The automatic unit with large capacity tub has been advertised in Houston by Sears for \$199.

Video recording disc: CBS closes its eye, Sony winks

Two events in the electronics world last week cast a futuristic light and fired industry speculation—on the potential of prerecorded programming for home use on television.

Last Monday, the New York Times reported that CBS was demonstrating, in its Stamford, Conn., laboratories, a metal disc that produces motion pictures on a tv screen, much as a long-playing record produces music on a phonograph. CBS issued a prompt and firm denial that it had such a device. And on Tuesday, CBS reinforced its denial in the face of an even more detailed report in the *Times*.

On Thursday, Sony abruptly unveiled its latest television-based innovation: a flexible plastic disc that reproduces prerecorded pictures. Akio Morita, executive vice president of the Sony Corp. of Tokyo, disclaimed any effort to capitalize on the CBS publicity or to beat CBS to the punch.

Morita said, "My two-week visit was planned in advance. It was coincidental."

The CBS metal disc reportedly weighs a few ounces; it has a diameter of about 7 inches, is $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick, and generally resembles a 45rpm record. Cost of raw materials in each disc was set at \$1.

Reportedly, the disc is designed to be "played"—like a phonograph record—in a unit that is wired to the antenna posts of a tv set. An electronic device then transmits the pictures and sound from the disc to the tv set. The disc has a 33-minute playing period.

The playing unit, said to be priced at about \$400, was seen as a less expensive substitute for a home video tape recorder: such units currently retail at about \$1,000. The CBS disc would also be considerably less expensive than a roll of video tape; a roll of tape currently retails at about \$65. **The Sony tape disc** is shaped like a phonograph record; it has an outer surface of a material identified with video tape. One of two playing units, called the Color Demonstrator, uses a 10-inch disc to record and playback 40 color stills. A second unit, called the Videomat, uses a 16-inch disc to first record and then playback twice a 30-second black-and-white motion picture.

Sony's metal-rimmed disc itself is "very cheap," says Morita, costing "a couple of dollars." Both the Color Demonstrator and the Videomat use an electronic device similar to a tape head to play the discs.

The estimated price of the Color Demonstrator, according to Morita, was pegged at "about \$1,700 or \$1,800." The unit requires a converter to feed the disc impulses into the tv receiver. The converter would cost "under \$100," Morita said.

The Videomat, including a television camera, would sell for about \$3,000. Morita expects the units will be used as professional equipment. Sony will lease the Videomat, and both units will be available in the fall.

Professional applications of Sony's new units were described by Morita. The Color Demonstrator could be used in television stations, for educational purposes, for color tv demonstrations, and for merchandise displays in department stores.

The Videomat could be used for self-instruction in bowling alleys, golf clubs, and other sporting centers; in retail stores, it could be used to give customers a look at themselves in new clothing. It could be used, too, in airports or amusement parks, for self-entertainment.

Adaptation of the disc for home use is the next step. Sony is presently developing "unusual machines," Morita said, which will bring the flexible disc into the home entertainment field. —Lawrence Locke

It's the retail appliance event of the century!



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- FREE CONSUMER OFFER! HAMILTON BEACH ELECTRIC KNIFE with purchase of any featured Norge range (gas or electric).
- · Complete merchandising package to back you up! Store displays! Con-
- sumer mailers! Great new 40th Anniversary Specials.

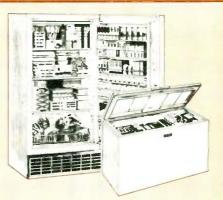
Albany, New York Cooper Valley Distributors, Inc. 116 Railroad Avenue at Showroom—March 16 & 17

- Albuquerque, New Mexico Norge Albuquerque Sales Office 1411 Broadway, N.E. at Norge-March 17
- Allentown, Pennsylvania Charles L. Bell Company, Inc. 1139 Sumner Avenue at Showroom—March 8 & 9
- Amarillo, Texas Consolidated Appliances, Inc. 1010-20 N.E. 3rd Avenue at Showroom (To Be Announced)
- Atlanta, Georgia Thoben Elrod Company 500 Amsterdam Avenue, N.E. at Thoben Elrod—March 30 & 31
- Baltimore, Maryland Maryland Appliance Wholesalers, Inc. 1125 DeSoto Road at Maryland Appliance
- Billings, Montana Midland Implement Company, Inc. 402 Daniels at Midland Implements—March 25
- Birmingham, Alabama R. P. McDavid & Company, Inc. 1430 Second Avenue, South at R. P. McDavid-March 9 & 10
- Boston, Massachusetts Northeastern Distributors, Inc. 304 Vassar Street Cambridge, Massachusetts at Northeastern-March 15 & 16
- Buffalo, New York Graybar Electric Company 180 Perry Street at Graybar-March 8 & 9
- Charleston, South Carolina Gas Engine & Electric Company, Inc. 201 East Bay Street at Gas Engine—March 17



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- Better than ever full line includes new Norge Side-by-Side Super-Stor 22.
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- Charleston, West Virginia Charleston Electrical Supply Company 312 McCorkle Avenue, S.E. at Display Room—March 9 & 10
- Charlotte, North Carolina Major Appliance Distributors, Inc. 1213 West Morehead Street at Major Appliance—March 8 at Greenville, S. C.—March 7
- Chattanooga, Tennessee Standard Appliances, Inc. 1901 Central Avenue (To be announced)
- Chicago, Illinois Norge Chicago Sales Office 7330 West Montrose Avenue Norridge, Illinois At Norge-March 9-11
- Cincinnati, Ohio The Knodel-Tygrett Company 3250 Spring Grove Avenue at Knodel-Tygrett—March 8-10 & 15-17
- Cleveland, Ohio Norge Cleveland Sales Office 3107 Carnegie Avenue at Norge-March 8 & 9
- Columbus, Ohio Thompson & Hamilton, Inc. 211 North Fourth Street at Thompson & Hamilton—March 10
 - Dallas, Texas Norge Dallas Sales Office 1359 Motor Street March 7-16 (for exact locations call Sales office)
- Davenport, Iowa Lofgren Distributing Company 1202 4th Avenue Moline, Illinois Display Floor—March 7-11
- Dayton, Ohio Yonts Radio & Appliance Company, Inc. 535 East Third Street at Showroom—March 1.4



Sell-ebrate with **NEW NORGE** FREEZER PROMOTION

 A real Pull-em-in "Your Choice" promotion! Offers prospects choice of white or coppertone, upright or chest model at one red-hot price In-store promotion materials! Plus

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Denver, Colorado Merchandising Distributors, Inc. 750 South Santa Fe Drive at Merchandising Distr.—March 20-25

- Detroit, Michigan Republic Supply Corporation 2566 East Grand Boulevard (To be announced)
- El Paso, Texas Boyd-Harbaugh, Inc. 1830 Mills Avenue at Warehouse—March 10-12
- Fargo, North Dakota Bristol Distributing Company 1345 Main Street at Bristol Distributing—March 14 & 15
- Fort Wayne, Indiana Gerlinger-Schueler, Inc. 2131 Fairfield Avenue at Showroom—March 9 & 10
- Fresno, California H & A Distributing Company 1850 South Parallel (To be announced)
- Green Bay, Wisconsin Northland Merchandising Distributors, Inc. 118 South Washington Street at Northland—March 22
- Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Philadelphia Distributors, Inc. 1635 North 7th Street at Philadelphia Distr.—March 9 & 10
- Houston, Texas Automatic Distributing Corporation 5721 Harvey Wilson Drive at Ramada Inn, Gulf Freeway, Houston—March 16 at Ramada Inn, Bryan, Texas—March 22
- Indianapolis, Indiana Norge Indianapolis Sales Office 105 South Denny Street at Norge-March 22-24

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Sell-ebrate with **NEW NORGE AIR CONDITIONERS**

- FREE 2-PIECE SALAD SET to pull in traffic.
- FREE OFFER to close the sale! A BEAUTIFUL, HIGH QUALITY INDOOR-OUTDOOR THERMOMETER with humidity indicator. Retail value: \$11.95
- In-store Displays! Consumer mailers!

Jackson, Mississippi McKee & McRae, Inc. 390 Commerce Park Drive at Showroom—March 7

- Jacksonville, Florida Cain & Bultman, Inc. 60 Copeland Street—March 1-4 Miami, Florida
- 401 N. E. 71st Street—March 1-4 Tampa, Florida 202—11th St.—March 1-4
- Johnson City, Tennessee Summers Hardware & Supply Company Buffalo & Ashe Streets at Summers—March 23
- Kansas City, Missouri Superior Distributing Company 1601 Baltimore at Superior Distr.—March 13
- Knoxville, Tennessee Valley Appliances, Inc. 1528 Island Home Avenue, S.E. at Showroom—March 21-25
- Little Rock, Arkansas Graybar Electric Company, Inc. 417 Byrd Street at Display Room—March 7-11
- Los Angeles, California J. N. Ceazan Company 3535 South Broadway at J. N. Ceazan—March 8-10
- Louisville, Kentucky Cooper-Louisville Company, Inc. 305-307 West Main Street at Showroom—March 23 & 24
- Memphis, Tennessee Woodson & Bozeman, Inc. 733 South Somerville Street at Woodson & Bozeman-March 23
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin Roth Distributing Company, Inc. 647 West Virginia Street at Roth Distr.—March 29 & 30
- Minneapolis, Minnesota Norge Minneapolis Sales Office 800 North Washington at Norge—March 17, 18 & 20

Biggest ever in size, concentration, impact! Anniversary Sell-ebration



Sell-ebrate with NEW NORGE "40" SCOT WASHER and DRYER

 Deluxe 40th Anniversary specials! Packed with demonstrable features.
 FREE CONSUMER OFFER! HIS 'N HERS TRAVEL SET with purchase of new Norge Dryers.

 Local impact ads promoting special values and free offer. Consumer mailers! In-store displays!

NORGE 40TH ANNIVERSARY SELL-EBRATION MONTH MARCH OPEN HOUSE

check here for exact date and location of your Norge Distributor's Open House

> Mobile, Alabama R. P. McDavid & Company, Inc. 418 North Royal Street (To be announced)

Nashville, Tennessee Moore-Handley, Inc. 492-498 Craighead Street at Moore-Handley—Week of March 14



Sell-ebrate with NEW NORGE WRINGER WASHERS

• FREE CONSUMER OFFER! 40th Anniversary "Fancy 40" Glassware Set (40 pieces) with purchase of featured Wringer Washers.

Deluxe styling and features.
Solid promotion package!

New Haven, Connecticut The Plymouth Electric Company 450 Sackett Point Road North Haven, Connecticut at Showroom—Week of March 28

New Orleans, Louisiana George H. Lehleitner Company 601 South Galvez Street at Geo. H. Lehleitner—March 10 & 11 New York

New York, New York Warren-Connolly Company, Inc. 29-30 Hunters Point Avenue Long Island City, New York (To Be Announced)

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Leo Maxwell Company, Inc. 530 South Broadway March 7 & 8

Omaha, Nebraska Norge Omaha Sales Office 1603 Leavenworth Street at Castle Hotel, Omaha—March 19 & 20 at Holiday Inn, North Des Moines, Iowa—March 12 & 13

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Philadelphia Distributors, Inc. 630 Clark Avenue King of Prussia, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia Distr.—March 8 & 9

Phoenix, Arizona Sun State Distributor 1015 North 21st Avenue at Sun State—March 15 & 16

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Graybar Electric Company, Inc. 900 Ridge Avenue at Graybar—March 8 & 9

Portland, Maine Nelson & Small, Inc. 212 Canco Road at Portland & Bangor-March 13-22 Portland Oregon

Portland, Oregon The Lou Johnson Company, Inc. 2720 N.W. 29th Street at Lou Johnson Co.—March 13 & 14 Providence, Rhode Island Northeastern Distributors, Inc. 1270A North Main Street at Sullivan's Steak House—March 15 & 16 North Main Street

IRELAND and ENGLAND or

Sell-ebrate with Norge

or **GREECE** and **ISRAEL**

GREECE and **ISRAEL**

on a trip to IRELAND and ENGLAND;

(TAKE ONE TRIP OR BOTH!)

· Get all the money-making, trip-winning facts at your Norge

· Easier than ever to qualify. Easier than ever to join.

Raleigh, North Carolina McCracken Supply Company 1500 Old Garner Road at Showroom—March 8 & 9

Distributor Open House.

Richmond, Virginia Virginia Appliance Wholesalers, Inc. 2910 N. Boulevard at Virginia Appliance

Rochester, New York Graybar Electric Company, Inc. 175 Dewey Avenue at Graybar – March 7-14

St. Louis, Missouri Graybar Electric Company, Inc. 600 South Taylor Avenue at Graybar—St. Louis—March 7-11 at Graybar—Springfield, III.—March 7-11

Salt Lake City, Utah Western Supply, Inc. 435 West 4th South Street at Western Supply-March 14-18

San Antonio, Texas Norge San Antonio Sales Office 301 North Medina Street March 22-April 1 (for exact locations call Sales Office)

San Diego, California J. N. Ceazan Company 1945 East Harbor Drive at J. N. Ceazan—March 8

San Francisco, California W. J. Lancaster Company 660 Mariposa Street (To Be Announced) Seattle, Washington

Seattle, Washington Polson Company 625 South Lander Street at Swedish Club-March 10 & 11 1920 Dexter North Shreveport, Louisiana Dunckelman Distributing Company, Inc. 1251 Dalzell Street at Dunckelman—March 23

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South Bend, Indiana Great Northern Distributors, Inc. 1117 West Sample Street at Showroom—March 8-10

Spokane, Washington Polson Company East 41 Gray Street Holiday Inn-March 13 & 14

home

appliances

Springfield, Massachusetts Western Mass. Associates, Inc. 113-115 Day Street West Springfield, Massachusetts at Showroom—Week of March 7

Syracuse, New York Graybar Electric Company, Inc. Deere Road & Industrial Parkway at Graybar—March 7·14

Toledo, Ohio Gerlinger Equipment Company, Inc. 1001 Adams Street at Gerlinger—March 16 & 17

Washington, D. C. Washington Appliance Wholesalers, Inc. 3515 'V' Street, N.E. at Showroom

White River Jct., Vermont Key Sales Company 50 South Main Street at Key Sales—March 16

Wichita, Kansas Liberty Distributors, Inc. 149 North Rock Island at Liberty Distr.—March 13 & 14

Williamsport, Pennsylvania Neyhart's, Inc. 141-151 West Third Street at Young Men's Republican Club—March 16 147 Market Street

Youngstown, Ohio Graybar Electric Company 602 West Rayen Avenue at Graybar – March 9 & 10

How would you like to sell a \$19.95*appliance and clear \$7.38 dealer profit?

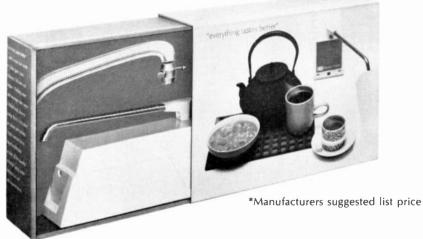
- ... makes clearer ice cubes
- ... gives coffee a new richness
- ... brews brisker tea
- ...removes objectionable taste from baby's formula
- ...keeps vegetables' natural flavor in fact, makes everything taste better

AND

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- ... it attaches to kitchen tap
- ...needs no plumbing/electrical connections
- ... sets on sink top
- ... has an activated charcoal filter
- ... is nationally advertised
- ... comes with complete merchandising program
- ... has full-color, self-sell carton

HERE IT IS...EATON WATER FILTER ...considered one of the hottest houseware items in 1966.



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WASHINGTON NEWS

□ □ □ □ A drive to revive parcel post service has been started by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien. His stated goal is to provide improved parcel post service for the public and the business community manufacturer, distributor, and retailer. Businessmen now account for 78% of all parcel post mailings.

The service has been declining steadily since 1951, when Congress, in an effort to help the ailing Railway Express Agency (REA), stringently reduced the sizes and weights of parcels the U.S. Post Office could accept. O'Brien contends this has not helped REA, but has resulted in a deterioration of parcel post, from the standpoints of service and finances.

O'Brien wants Congress to approve a rate hike of 8ϕ -per-package, and a change in size and weight restrictions to permit shipment of parcels measuring up to 100 inches and weighing up to 40 lbs. between all first class post offices. Currently, parcels are restricted to 72 inches; and 40-lb packages may be shipped only 150 miles. He sees the move as a particular benefit to small businessmen in large cities.

 \Box \Box \Box **The bulk of the opposition will come from REA**, of course, with an assist from the railroads and bus lines. REA president William B. Johnson already has said the proposal "would cut our business by 40% and force us into bankruptcy within a few months."

Johnson gets a chance to state his case more fully at hearings before the House Post Office Committee, headed by Rep. James H. Morrison (D-La.). Even before the hearings, however, he and his colleagues did some apparently effective lobbying among committee members. This was obvious from the pro-REA questions the Congressmen put to O'Brien as the hearings opened.

But the proposal is expected to get through Congress without too much trouble. Morrison, spurred by White House support, will press hard for its enactment. And it has a good deal of appeal for shippers and buyers, as well as for Congressmen who want to see the postal deficit cut to a minimum.

 \Box \Box \Box \Box **A sales decline in small radio devices** can be expected as a result of rules promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC banned use of any radio device to eavesdrop or record private conversations without the consent of all parties. Law enforcement agencies are exempt.

The FCC acted in the wake of what it described as growing public indignation over the use of wireless microphones so small they can be concealed in a pack of cigarettes or in a martini olive. The rules, covering both direct and indirect use of radio devices, becomes effective on Apr. 8.

 \Box \Box \Box **Prices for household furnishings** certainly are not contributing to the concern about inflation, a worry that is growing daily in Washington. The January consumer price index for household furnishings stands at 103.6% of 1957-59 levels. This represents the lowest price rise of all categories. The highest is medical care, now at 124.2% of 1957-59 price levels. Over-all, the consumer price index now has risen to 111% of the base level, with an increase of 1.9% during the past year.

Hotpoint's automatic Circulaire sweeps cool air floor to ceiling...wall to wall with powered louvers, continuously–automatically

Now...total air conditioned comfort throughout an entire room or living area. No hot spots. No warm air layers near the ceiling. It's the handsome Hotpoint American Group air conditioner with new Automatic Circulaire that uses powered louvers to sweep cool air from floor to ceiling — and 3 sets of air-directors to aim it forward,

right and/or left. Never before so much air conditioner versatility and cooling consistency!

Concealed Controls



feature manual Circulaire which is instantly adjustable for horizontal and vertical air distribution. All models have concealed control knobs and washable filter that's a snap to flip-out, clean and replace. For full details on the easy-selling American Group air conditioner line

on the American Group's 10,600 BTU and 18,000 BTU

models. Other models - 6,600 BTUs to 29,000 BTUs -

American Group air conditioner line that offers more without costing more, call your Hotpoint representative, today!

Automatic Circulaire is standard

Flip-out Filter

first with the features women want most



See Hotpoint appliances sold this week on The Tonight Show, NBC-TV, starring Johnny Carson

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APPLIANCE-TV NEWS

□ □ □ □ Interstate taxes are burying manufacturers in expensive paperwork and are ultimately burdening consumers with higher retail prices, according to Werner N. Davidson, finance vice president of Caloric Corp. Davidson represented Caloric and the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn. before a House special subcommittee hearing on state taxation of interstate commerce. Davidson said it costs Caloric substantially more to prepare its local and state tax returns and accounting, and to cooperate in audits, than the total cost of local, county, and state taxes.

Davidson cautioned subcommittee members: "Remember, it's the consumer who pays the ultimate cost of inefficient and excessively costly taxation. Without relief, he will pay more for the products made by companies harassed by this type of taxation."

Davidson advocated positive action by the subcommittee on H.R. 11798, a bill that would limit state and local tax bases to two: payroll and real property. State and local taxation now uses four tax bases: sales, inventory, payroll, and real property.

 \Box \Box \Box **FM stereo continues to grow.** The National Assn. of Broadcasters reports there are now 435 stations broadcasting in multiplex stereo. This is an increase of 39 stereo stations since January.

□ □ □ □ **Factory sales of high-oven ranges zoomed** 58.3% in January—to 19,000 units—compared to 12,000 units sold in January, 1965, reports the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn. Free-standing range shipments were up 11.4%—to 117,100 units—from the 105,100 units delivered in January, 1965. The 165,000 domestic gas ranges sold this January surpassed January, 1965, by 9.5% and was the highest sales total since January, 1953.

□ □ □ □ **Franklin Manufacturing joins AHLMA.** The private label manufacturer, a division of Studebaker Corp., becomes the 18th member of the American Home Laundry Manufacturers' Assn.

 \Box \Box \Box **The copper shortage has hiked motor prices** of one manufacturer by 3%. Controls Co. of America announced the increase in its fractional-horsepower motors and blowers; it cited the cost of materials, especially the rising cost of copper, for the increase.

□□□□Clairtone will go into the tv business this June when it begins building color tv sets at its Stellarton (Nova Scotia) plant. The 9-model line will include five consoles and four combos—all with 25-inch rectangular tubes. The consoles will be priced from \$650 to \$800; the combos from \$995 to \$1,200. The sets are styled in French Provincial, Italian, Spanish and Modern. Clairtone expects to start deliveries late in August.

□□□□ Pilot is back in the tv set business with the announcement it is now shipping color tv combos. Two models are being offered, each with a 25-inch color tube, a solid-state stereo amplifier, a Garrard Lab 80 turntable, and two 3-speaker infinite-baffle speaker systems. The Contemporary model lists for \$1,600; the Mediterranean lists for \$1,700. They are the first tv sets Pilot has manufactured since 1952.

Tv industry gets out yardstick, measures FTC's new ruling

Out of the confusion that followed the Federal Trade Commission's ruling on measurement of tv screen sizes (MW, 28 Feb., p.3), two problems emerge clearly: the industry must find a way to present the new screen sizes to the public with a minimum of confusion; and manufacturers must agree on an industrywide policy to implement the rule.

When news of the FTC ruling first broke, the reaction was frantic. The commission ruled that, effective July 1, 1966, any reference to the picture size or tube size must be based on the *viewable* picture area. Furthermore, measurements must be made on a single plane—that is, not incorporating the convex shape of the tube face.

But by midweek, manufacturers were already examining possible ways to comply with the new rule.

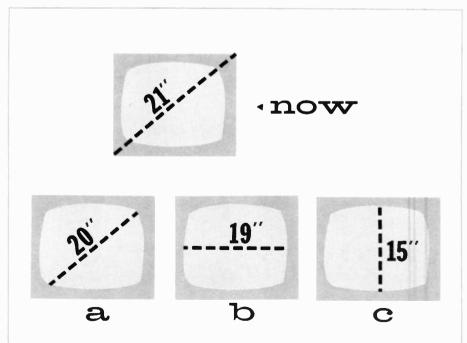
The best way to advertise the new measurements, most manufacturers feel, is simply to inform consumers that there are new sizes, without belaboring them with details. As one industry spokesman explained, "The public accepted it when Cape Canaveral became Cape Kennedy, the public accepted it when NEMA set refrigerator standards, and the public will accept new screen sizes."

Many manufacturers agree with Paul Butz, chief of the FTC's Division of Trade Regulation Rules, "If I were the manufacturer," said Butz, "I'd let salesmen on the selling floor handle any questions that come up."

The best way to comply with the ruling will probably be determined by negotiations between the Electronic Industries Assn. (EIA) and the FTC. This problem is high on the agenda of the EIA when it meets in Washington Mar. 9. The EIA is also pressing for a postponement of the FTC's July 1 deadline; the preferred date is Jan. 1.

However, many manufacturers feel

The FTC ruling: three ways to figure the size of the screen



Now—manufacturers measure the overall diagonal of the tube face. On July only the viewable area of the screen. 1, FTC's ruling will allow measurement only in the following ways: A. Diagonal measurement will include only the viewable area of the screen. A. biagonal measurement will include only the viewable area of the screen. New Markow Screen, wiewable area of the screen.

they will be ready to meet the July 1 deadline. Most vociferous champion of the July date is S. R. (Ted) Herkes, the man who started all the shouting about the proliferation of screen sizes. "The July deadline," explains Herkes, "corresponds with the industry introductions of new lines. If the ruling is postponed until Jan. 1, we'll have to change all our advertising in midstream."

Herkes has reason to be happy with the ruling. It virtually wipes out the difference between the 21inch color set and the 22-inch sets that Herkes decried (MW, 10 Jan., p.12). Measured diagonally, what would have been a 22-inch color set will be designated a 20-inch set; what is now a 25-inch color set will be classified as a 23-inch set.

The best way to measure the screen size is one of the problems that must be faced at the EIA meeting. The FTC ruling leaves manufacturers several alternative bases of describing screen sizes; the viewable diagonal, the viewable horizontal, both the viewable horizontal and viewable vertical (as in 19- by 15-inch), or the total viewable area in square inches.

Many manufacturers prefer the diagonal measurement, but some have told EIA they prefer the square-inch measurement. The FTC is backing the horizontal measurement. "One problem with any measurement except the square-inch measurement, however," explains Paul Butz, "is that we have not yet determined whether or not to permit manufacturers to round their measurement off to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. If a horizontal measurement is 19.9 inches, I don't think we would object to calling it 20 inches. But if the measurement is 19.5 inches, I don't know whether we would consider it accurate to call it 20 inches." —Amei Wallach



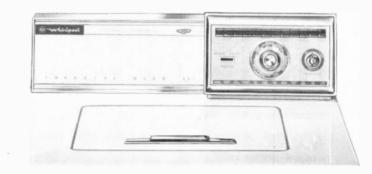
This lint filter does 2 jobs... it removes lint and cleans itself, all automatically!

Sure . . . all automatic washers have some kind of a lint filter. True, it filters out lint, but, the lint stays in the filter until you clean it out. It's messy.

That cleaning chore is a thing of the past with an RCA WHIRLPOOL. This washer features a new kind of filter. One that does two jobs. It not only filters out the lint but cleans itself

automatically. It's aptly called MAGIC CLEAN® filter and it's exclusive.

And the MAGIC CLEAN filter never forgets! Its lint-cleaning, filter-cleaning chore is repeated . . . quietly, efficiently, automatically ... wash after wash, whether you are washing a 1-lb. load of delicates or a 14-lb. load of heavy fabrics.



Here's the fascinating inside story of how the MAGIC CLEAN filter works:



1. When wash cycle starts, filter starts collecting lint.



2. All during washing 3. Then, during 4. Now the filter is circular channels.



trapped and held in water action flushes for the next wash. the lint away.



and rinsing, lint is draining, reverse clean again and ready



Dealers: Use this successful sales closer on the next prospect who comes into your store for a washer. Demonstrate with the illuminated filter display. It works!

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

RCA WHIRLPOOL Appliances are Products of Whirlpool Corporation, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Trademarks 🛞 and RCA used by authority of trademark owner, Radio Corporation of America.

Great commercials like RCA Victor

It's the Space Age story of the Space Age Color

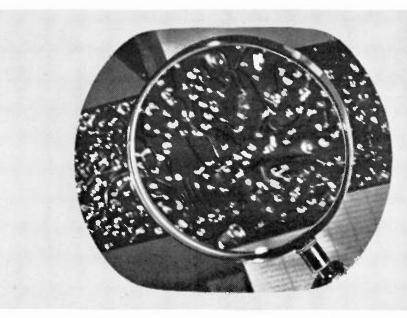


1. (Sound: Establishing music)

2. (Sound: Intercom voices from mission control center, then countdown)



- 5. DENTON CLARK (ON CAMERA): They won't come loose or go haywire a hundred and fifty miles above the earth, because they're solid.
- 6. And copper circuits in RCA Victor Color TV are solid. They won't come loose or go haywire, either.



9. For Space Age reliability, be sure



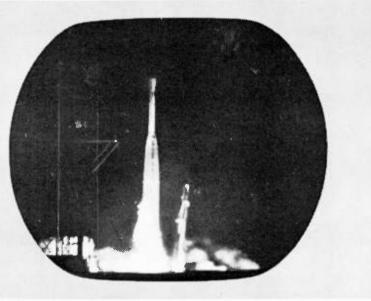
10. you get RCA Victor Color TV with RCA Solid Copper Circuits.

these are helping you sell Color TV

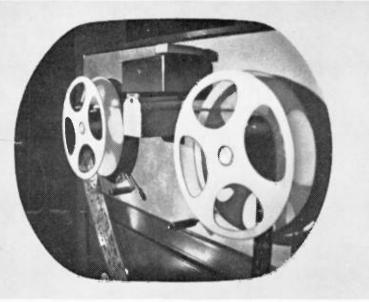
TV... the one with RCA Solid Copper Circuits



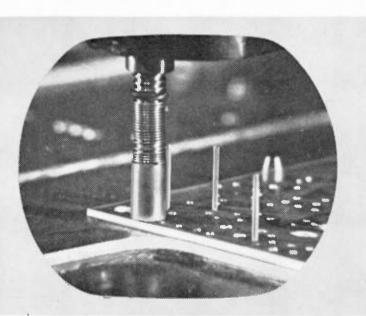
3. ANNOUNCER (VO): You can't call a repairman from outer space.



4. ANNOUNCER (VO): That's why so many of America's successful space ventures rely on Solid RCA Circuits.



7. ANNOUNCER (VO): RCA Solid Copper Circuits are made with computer precision, Space Age precision...



8. that old fashioned handwiring can't equal!

See it on Walt Disney's "Wonderful World of Color" and other NBC-TV Network programs. Sell it on

your showroom floor.

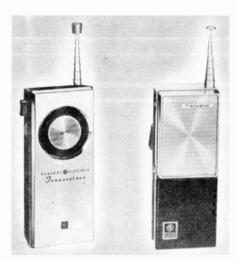


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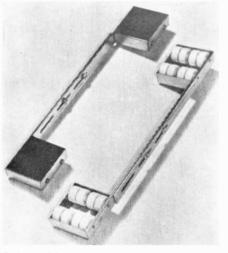


GE introduces two transceivers

General Electric has entered the citizens band field with two new transceivers. Model Y7000 in black and silver has a suggested retail price of \$59.95 a pair; model Y7010 lists at \$75 a pair. Prices for both units include carrying case, earphones, and batteries.

The Y7000 has a sending-receiving range up to two miles. It uses six $1\frac{1}{2}v$ penlight batteries, and weighs $1\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. with batteries. It is designed for easy one-hand operation, and employs a 51-inch whip antenna.

Model Y7010 operates at ranges up to three miles, uses eight penlight batteries, and has a 59-inch whip antenna. An optional accessory is a power converter which permits use on AC current as a portable home intercom system. General Electric, Consumer Electronics Division, Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y.



Delta refrigerator rollers

Delta introduces a new roller set for use under refrigerators.

The Roll-Out unit is two steelframe dollys, each set on 20 white nylon wheels. Delta says the 40 wheels will roll up to 650 lbs. without marring floor covering. The rollers, which raise the appliance $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, can also be used under ranges and freezers. The suggested retail price is \$9.95. Delta will supply magnetic signs, lapel buttons, banners, and ad mats to interested dealers. Roll Out Products Corp., 2970 W. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. 90041.

Enterprise eye-level range

Enterprise introduces a new Empress double-oven eye-level range in both gas and electric.

The Empress range is available in a 30-inch and a 36-inch series. The 36-inch series features a condiment cupboard built into the back panel. Other features of the two series are automatic oven, clock timer, cookand-hold oven, and a high-rise area above the burners which permits use of tall containers on the range's back burners. Phillips & Buttorff, Nashville, Tenn.



Chambers introduces a new range hood in Early American or Provincial styling. The new CH-410 Kitchen-Mate

hood features a twin squirrel-cage blower and permanent aluminum filter. The range hood, designed for island or peninsula cabinet installation, is available in antique white or gold, Chambers colors, and stainless steel. Chambers Corp., Cleburne, Tex. 76031.

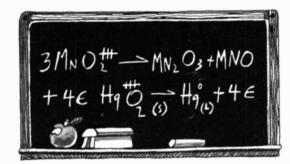


Sharp has new AM-FM radio

Sharp Electronics Corp. has introduced a new AM-FM table radio (shown at left) in a walnut cabinet at a retail price of \$44.95.

The radio (model FMA-21W) features automatic frequency control, automatic gain control, and a $7\frac{1}{2}$ - by 4-inch speaker. The chassis has six tubes plus rectifier, and incorporates one RF and two IF amplifier stages. The walnut grain hardwood cabinet is accented with a gold-trim speaker grille, vertical station selector dial, and control panel. The set measures 15 7/16 inches wide, 5 1/8 inches deep, and 8 9/16 inches high. Sharp Electronics Corp., 178 Commerce Rd., Carlstadt, N. J. 07072.

9 good reasons why DURACELL batteries can give your customers an extraordinary buy...



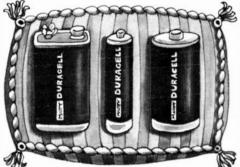
1. Completely different electro-chemistry Pick up a Duracell battery and an ordinary battery of the same size. You can actually feel how much heavier the Duracell battery is, how much extra power and life there is in it. Red Duracell batteries use a mercuric oxide system to store energy, Black Duracell batteries use an alkalinemanganese system. Both systems create long-lasting energy more efficiently than the zinc-carbon system used in ordinary batteries.

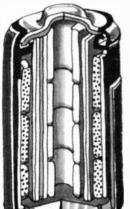


2. Up to 8 times more life Because Duracell batteries work on different chemical systems, they have a completely different standard of performance. In transistor radios, for example, they give up to 5 times more life than ordinary batteries. In battery-powered toys, up to 8 times more life. And they give perfect flash pictures months after ordinary batteries have begun causing ''flash-lag''

3. Longer life

even sitting still A Duracell battery can sit for two years or more and still have strong operating power. Ordinary batteries lose much of their life just waiting to be sold. (You'll notice there's no expiration date on Duracell batteries.)





4. Safe for expensive equipment

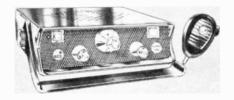
Ordinary batteries destroy themselves as they're used, leaking corrosive liquid into delicate parts. Even sitting still, ordinary batteries eat themselves up, especially under high temperatures. But Duracell batteries are specially sealed to resist loss of liquid. If a Duracell battery causes damage to a camera or radio, Mallory will make it as good as new or replace it.



5. More energy for heavy drains Sometimes ordinary batteries, even when fresh, barely move a batterypowered toy. But when they're switched to Duracell batteries, that toy picks up and goes. Duracell batteries put out more energy for

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heavy-duty applications.



E.C.I. Electronics adds new line

E.C.I. Electronics introduces a new line of 2-way radio communication equipment. The transistorized line includes the Courier TR-6 (shown) and the Courier TR-23s. Both models are supplied with 30w AM and 50w FM power; both operate on the 11meter band. Hamos Co., International Division, 332 W. 21st St.. New York City, N.Y. 10011.



Concord's solid-state tape recorder

Concord introduces the Concord 122, a 3-speed solid state monaural tape recorder with up to 12 hours playing time. The 122, which will ultimately replace the 120, sells for less than \$125.

In addition to the features which

characterized the 120, the 122 has AC bias on both record and erase, a VU meter, and variable tone control. The recorder measures 14 inches by $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 11 inches, and weighs 17 lbs. Power rating is 60w and 117v. Frequency response is 50 to 12,000cps at 7¹/₂ips. All reel sizes up to 7 inches can be played on the unit. Concord Electronics, 1935 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025

NuTone range hood series

finishes.

NuTone Inc. introduces a new Selectamatic range hood series which is available in three metals and nine

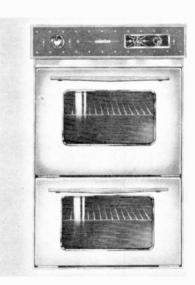
The new series features a die-cast

control panel and contoured front lines. The models are available in widths of 30, 36, 42 and 48 inches and include twin recessed lights and a 3-speed fan. Colors for the new series are stainless steel, silver or copper anodized aluminum, colonial copper, copper, white, turquoise, yellow or beige. NuTone Inc., Madison and Red Bank Rds., Cincinnati 27, Ohio.



ADC offers compact speaker system

The key technical feature of Audio Dynamics Corp.'s new "bookshelf size" speaker system (model 404) is extremely low fundamental resonance, says the company. This is achieved by critical matching of mass and elasticity of the enclosed air to cone mass and suspension, rather than by enclosure size. The speakers, $11\frac{7}{8}$ inches high, $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, and $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches deep, have full bass response down to 45cps. Power requirements of the speakers are 6w minimum and 50w maximum. The cabinets are oiled walnut. The speakers retail for \$56 each. Audio Dynamics Corp., Pickett District Rd., New Milford, Conn.



Samuel ovens, range tops

Samuel Stamping and Enameling introduces its new line of restyled built-in Suburban ovens and range tops.

The 5-model oven line features a new control panel with a snowflake pattern on dark porcelain. The topof-the-line 21-inch gas model features Program Cooking, drop-down doors, plus windows and lights in oven and broiler doors. Single-oven electrics in 21-inch sizes feature drop-down door, automatic clock control, oven window and light.

The range tops come in gas or electric, featuring four elements or burners, lift-off top, and recessed top-mounted controls. Both ovens and range tops come in copper, turquoise, yellow, chrome or white. Samuel Stamping & Enameling Co., 1815 E. Main St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

...at the same time they're giving you 2 to 4 times more profit!

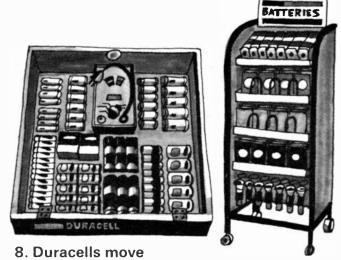
6. More profit from the same space Duracell batteries are the same size as ordinary batteries, but they deliver 2 to 4 times more profit because they've got a bigger price tag.



7. Sizes and types for every need

Photographic equipment, transistor radios, portable equipment of all types and description work best with Duracell batteries. The use of Duracell batteries grows as customers find how good they are in one application and try them in another.





New merchandisers and displays keep Duracell batteries moving. Customers can help themselves from assortments for almost every battery use.

9. Duracells are in demand

The word about these long lasting batteries is getting around. National advertising in magazines like the Reader's Digest, Life and Look provides some of the push, local radio and newspapers spread the word even more. But best of all, satisfied customers are telling their friends, and their friends are coming in to buy. For more information about Duracell Batteries, contact the Mallory Battery Company, a division of P. R. Mallory & Co. Inc., S. Broadway, Tarrytown, N. Y. 10591. Telephone 914 591-7000.



It's good business to do business with Mallory



Gibson and Gimbels-Schuster tune in on 'Young America'

The importance of the "Young America" market was the paramount factor in the decision of Gimbels-Schuster, of Milwaukee, to launch its recent all-out promotion of decorator-front refrigerators.

The promotion was launched with a splash with a two-page color spread. But Gimbels-Schuster's initial planning—carried on in conjunction with Gibson Refrigerator Sales Corp. began as far back as November.

To score well with the fashion-conscious Young America group, executives of Gimbels-Schuster felt their store had to establish an image of being first with the newest and latest in design in all product categories. The Young America market, they point out, is generally acknowledged as an increasingly important segment of the consumer population for retailers.

The tone of the entire promotion was set at the very first meeting between Gimbels-Schuster and Gibson personnel. That meeting involved the participation of merchandise managers, buyers, display people, store decorators, and floor sales personnel.

Staggered mailings of brochures to the public started on the first of February. The brochures showed Gibson decorator-front refrigerators in vignettes; prices were not included. On the strength of the brochures alone, six units reportedly were sold.

Initial reaction to the promotion, which, Gimbels-Schuster said, "virtually attracted hundreds," proved that the appeal of decorator styling was not limited to just the Young America market; it also proved successful with 50- and 60-year-old consumers who were in the process of re-doing their kitchens.

The theme was pushed storewide, as well as on radio and tv; these are the methods Gimbels-Schuster used:

• Exterior window displays were set up in other units of the 8-store Gimbels-Schuster chain.

• A special display was set up at the downstairs entrance to the store, even though the appliance department is upstairs.

• Enlarged photos of promotion displays were placed at escalators and elevators.

• Vignettes were located at the entrances to the store restaurant, as were "table tents" inviting consumers to visit the appliance department.

• Models throughout the store handed out invitations to the white goods section.

• Radio and tv interviews were conducted with Penny Hallock Lehman, designer for the Gibson line.

• Finally, and perhaps most important, Gimbels-Schuster paid careful attention to accessorizing its displays. For example, the store is said to have spent about \$300 on tile alone to be used in vignettes. It expended a good deal of time and money on acquiring authentic visual elements to complement its refrigerator displays.

The store plans to follow up its first color ad on the decorator models with a black-and-white ad that emphasizes the designer series, but incidentally mentions white and copper finishes. Gimbels-Schuster will then run a second follow ad that emphasizes white and copper, with the incidental reference to the designer group.

The best selling model in the designer group, the store reports, was "Happy Cooking," an Oriental motif.

The decorator door derby has been off and winging ever since Kelvinator introduced its line of Originals at last year's winter markets in Chicago. Since then, entries with colorful and decorative designs have included—besides Gibson—Amana, Norcold, and Sears. KEY MOVES

Whirlpool—Conde G. Maiden is named vp of the international division.

Philco—H. Thomas Stroop is appointed director of marketing, appliance division, and Robert R. Austin is appointed director of manufacturing, appliance division. William R. Mitchell is named San Francisco district mgr, sales and distribution division. Glenn Smith succeeds Mitchell as district mgr in New Orleans.

Magnavox—Arthur P. Stern is named vp, research, and general mgr, Magnavox Research Laboratories.

Zenith—Donald G. Haines fills the newly created post of administrative engineer.

Corning—Robert W. McFadden is appointed sales promotion mgr, Corning Ware products and Pyrex Ware. Richard Keeler is appointed southern district sales mgr, tableware, in Dallas. Milton A. Traylor is named mgr, retail merchandising, Los Angeles district.

Maytag—Raymond Hamilton, regional mgr, is named to a Kansas City branch territory in northeastern Kansas.

Amana—Elmer J. Dittrich is promoted to national sales mgr for central air conditioning products, and Glenn R. Moss is named product mgr of electric-gas central air conditioning systems.

Look at all you get with Scotch Magnetic Tape

(besides the fastest selling recording tape in the business!)

The dealer handling "SCOTCH" Brand Recording Tapes has the line that's presold—by mass advertising, promotion and the finest merchandising program in the business. Here's product quality plus selling support! According to "Billboard" magazine's recent survey, dealers prefer "SCOTCH" Recording Tape twelve-toone over their nearest competitor—because their customers do! Look at all you get when you carry the "SCOTCH" Brand line of recording tapes.



UTILITY PROMOTIONS

Westinghouse—Robert F. Pierce is appointed sales mgr to independent distributors for television and stereo lines. George P. Harris Jr. succeeds Pierce as district mgr for radiophono-tape products in Chicago. J. J. Eagan is named eastern regional mgr for the Appliance Sales and Service Company, and H. Paxinos is named to a newly created post of mgr of product planning for the tvradio division.

New York Transistor—John C. Olney is appointed national sales mgr.

Benjamin Electronic Sound—Jay Menduke is appointed to the position of national sales mgr of the distributor products division. **Controls Company**—Donald M. Strathearn is elected senior vp and chief operating officer. A. L. Topp succeeds Strathearn as group vp, and Robert W. Sloane succeeds Topp as general mgr of the heating and air conditioning division.

Hamilton—Howard Havlichek is appointed regional mgr on the west coast for the appliance division.

In-Sink-Erator—C. H. Frahm is named advertising and sales promotion mgr; he formerly served as ad mgr.

GE—E.D. Disborough is named product mgr of color tv product planning for the television receiver department.

March-April sales aids: a key to springtime profits

As March begins giving way to spring, your customers will be getting ready for the new season with a flurry of spring cleaning activities. You can get ready now to sweep in springtime profit opportunities. Your local gas and electric utilities have a program of March and April promotions to help you sell electric and gas products.

Promotion kits, cash bonuses, coop advertising allowances, and customer premiums are only some of the sales aids your local utilities have

Merchandising IN-STORE DISPLAYS THAT SHOW-AND-SELL THE COMPLETE "SCOTCH" RECORDING TAPE LINE.



PERMANENT FLOOR CABINET FCD-2. This display has increased tape sales from 42% to 300% in stores across the country. Inviting self-service unit holds 144 rolls plus accessories.



"LIVING LETTER" TAPE. A profitable, fast-turnover line displayed (how else) in an attractive redwhite-blue Mail Truck or Mail Box. Every roll comes in a heavyduty plastic mailer. Display holds address labels and literature.



MAIL BOX holds 72 "Living Letter" Tapes—24 each of 150', 300', 600' lengths.



MAIL TRUCK holds 36 rolls—12 each of 150', 300', 600' lengths.



MOST COMPLETE ACCESSORY LINE. Self-threading Reels, Splicing Tape, Leader and Timing Tape, End-of-Reel Tape Clips, Sensing Tape . . . all in one display.

NEW SHRINK-PACK, ONE-PIECE BOXES.

An attractive extra touch for both 5" and 7" reels. Insures "factory to you" clean tapes. Eliminates tape switching, too.



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prepared for you. Plan your own spring promotions to coincide with utility product campaigns.

Here is a roundup of March and April utility promotions. Check this list and contact the utility representative in your area for sales aids and details on local promotional opportunities.

Arizona-gas and electric ranges. The Arizona Public Service Co. is running two simultaneous range campaigns. The "Cooking with gas is easy as pie" promotion will run in the southern area through Mar. 31, and the "A lady's love: a modern electric range, the heart of the kitchen" campaign will run in the northern area through Apr. 30. Both campaigns offer retailers a 40% coop advertising allowance and are backed with a program of newspaper ads, radio spots, billboard posters, and tv spots. Both promotions include home service cooking demonstrations and promotion kits. Salesmen in the northern area are also eligible for these cash bonuses: \$1 for the first electric range sale, \$2 for the second, \$3 for the third, \$4 for the fourth, and \$5 for the fifth and each succeeding sale.

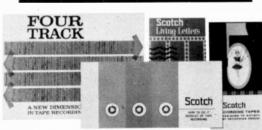
Florida-water heaters. Both the customer and the salesman can benefit from Florida Power Corp.'s "Water Heater Round-Up" promotion through April. The salesman receives \$2 for each water heater he sells to a Florida Power Corp. customer. He receives \$10 if the water heater replaces a flame-type heater. The customer who buys an electric water heater to replace her flame-type heater receives a \$25 wiring allowance. Radio, television, and newspaper advertising will back up the promotion, and retailers can contact their local service representative for window banners and other sales aids.

Illinois-electric ranges. The Central Illinois Public Service Co.'s electric range promotion, which runs through April, offers retailers a little of everything: cash bonuses, a co-op advertising allowance, and a premium. The promotion also includes a wiring allowance for the customer. For each new or used electric range sold during the promotion, a salesman receives \$5 per unit on the first five units, and \$10 for each unit thereafter. CIPS also offers retailers a 50% co-op advertising allowance. Each CIPS customer who buys an electric range from a retailer in the CIPS area receives a certificate for a 12-piece Teflon-coated cookware set by Westbend. In addition, a customer who buys either an electric range or water heater receives a \$15 wiring allowance. If it is necessary to change the wiring from 120v to 240v service, the customer receives a \$50 allowance: if the customer buys both an electric range and a water heater and needs to change her wiring from 120v to 240v service, she receives a \$75 allowance.

Be on the lookout for these other promotions from Central Illinois Public Service: June, no-frost refrigerator-freezers; October-November, electric dryers.

Connecticut—electric heater. The Connecticut Light and Power Co. is offering customers a \$5 per kilowatt allowance toward the installation of electric heat in 1966.





FREE SALES AIDS include the popular "How to Do It Booklet of Tape Recording," and "Four Track: A New Dimension In Tape Recording." Also free brochure on the selfthreading reel, and on the "right" tape to select.

Merchandising seasonal

the outlook for spring and summer sales

The outlook for spring and summer housewares sales is bright from a product standpoint. There are styling refinements, brighter colors, new convenience features, and increased trade-up selling potential throughout the seasonal products field.

Outdoors is a step-up scene along all product lines:

For power mowers, replacement customers are expected to make their purchases at the high end, are looking for product features that make lawn mowing easier and faster. Fair-trade pricing and "selective distribution" policies by manufacturers have helped to clean up power mower pricing.

For barbecues, covered smokers and smoker-wagons are expected to gain an increased share of the market, taking pricing pressure off the bowltype braziers. And customers who buy a deluxe barbecue for home use also are prospects for portable units to take to the beach or on picnics. Improved product styling and brighter colors have added more of a fashion touch to barbecues.

For fans, fancy-front plastic grills have given this product category a new flair, if not a new lease on life. Several years ago, buyers were saying they could not sell a fan above \$20, blaming it on air conditioners. Now deluxe units are moving at upwards of \$50. With only a little bit of cooperation from the weather, retailers should have little or no trouble beating last year's sales and profit figures on fans.

In addition to playing up improved styling, retailers will be hitting hard at the idea of a fan for every purpose, including helping to circulate air that already has been cooled by an air conditioner. Although the bulk of sales is expected to continue to come from the 20-inch portable box fan, a number of specialty fans — small desk units, hassocks, and oscillators — are likely to post gains.

For summer furniture, housewares retailers have upgraded their product assortments, seeking to play down the low-end folding furniture that is sold everywhere, from supermarkets to drug chains. Some department stores will be featuring wrought iron furniture in their housewares displays for the first time. In New York City, for example, Macy's will move dinettes up to the furniture floor for the summer and move wrought iron summer furniture to the housewares operation. Department stores and mass merchandisers also will be playing up redwood and highend metal furniture with a mesh look.

For storage sheds, retailers will be stepping up customers to bigger units, pushing the 6-by-8-foot models. There also is improved styling-away from the box-like look - to talk up. For sprinklers, retailers will be stepping up customers to deluxe "traveling" models. Sprinklers also have been styled up. However, retailers in some parts of the country again face the possibility of a water shortage that could hamper sales of sprinklers and garden hose.

For paper goods, retailers will be featuring the "Western" look of calico and the LBJ barbecue. Many housewares departments will be selling paper goods for the first time this year. In summers past, customers had to go to the stationery department, where they were greeted mainly by paper goods designed for birthday parties, anniversaries, and bridge clubs.

For barbecue accessories, packaged barbecue ensembles will be the major play, but retailers also will be weaving in regular carded gadgets, such as tongs, holders for corn on the cob, and hamburger presses. More soft goods—tableclothes, aprons, and chefs hats — also will make the housewares scene.

For picnic goods, product assortments have been traded up and away from the low-end styrofoam products. Insulated metal and deluxe plastic chests and jugs will be pushed. Some retailers also will be combining "gift housewares" products, such as insulated tumblers and servers, with their jugs and chests.

One bright new product will be making the spring-summer scene for the first time: low-voltage outdoor lighting. This product category has yet to receive a major retail selling test, although a number of department stores and other retailers added at least one line late last year. Other housewares and garden goods manufacturers are expected to watch with interest the sales acceptance of the two major low-voltage outdoor lines— AMF's Wen-Mac and Intermatic's Time-All.

For electrics, juicers will be gaining increased retail exposure and promotion this summer. Oster and Panasonic introduced new models in January, and Waring and Braun will be featuring their units. Ice cream freezers, blenders, toaster-broilers, hair dryers, automatic 24-hour timers, and even massagers (for summer aches and pains) also are proving to be popular summer items.

Summer need not be slack for retailers, even in electric housewares, provided the retailer promotes the total summer scene of leisure-time activity and products.

On the opposite page, Merchandising Week presents some ideas worth considering or copying for coordinating seasonal housewares with hot-weather boutique shops designed to merchandise these products in sales-catching displays all season long. retail 'shop' ideas that pave the way to profitable display

Story by Ed Dubbs

Cover and drawings by Joan Bacchus

housewares:

Retail display for seasonal housewares this spring and summer will be big as all outdoors . . . the kind of promotional scope these products deserve.

More than just "shops" will be involved, however. The profitable angle is to carry the boutique-shop concept to its natural conclusion by coordinating individual seasonal-goods shops into one big panorama of summertime leisure activity.

The Paper Shop will be tied to the Barbecue & Picnic Shop, which will lead into the Patio & Terrace Shop, where summer furniture will be coordinated in room settings with other housewares products, including bar goods and electrics. The Patio & Terrace Shop, of course, moves naturally into the Lawn & Garden Shop.

A shoppers' oasis will result—a onestop scene for all of the consumer's spring and summer housewares needs and conveniences. And it will be achieved simply by treating individual shops now in existence as if they were one big seasonal-goods shop.

The total summer scene can be enhanced further by weaving an overall theme throughout the multi-shop area. An over-all theme can be achieved through using inexpensive one-dimensional wooden cutouts of figures – dubbed "woodikins" – which are gaining popularity in retail circles. The woodikins could be dressed in casual summer clothes and could include children as well as adults. For a beach picnic vignette, the woodikins could be clad in bathing suits. For an outdoor cooking scene: barbecue aprons and the chef's hat.

Summer is an impulsive season, and retail displays should encourage the impulse – make it irresistible.

Two major goals of a shop merchandising concept are showing the customer that the store offers a wide product assortment and encouraging multiple sales through suggestive and coordinated selling.

A picnic promotion is a good way to capture these goals, and it can be soft sell all the way. It can be handled through in-store displays that are coordinated with newspaper ads and mailers.

The peg is homemaker service, an approach national women's magazines use over and over with evident success. One way to do it is to promote your own special list of "Helpful Hints for a Care-Free Picnic," including all the suitable housewares products you sell and ranging as far afield as possible, even touching on household chemicals, such as insect spray. Another natural come-on is a recipe brochure including the housewares items needed for picnic meals.

And for the Picnic Shop, try a surfboard to set off the products you are pushing. Don't forget a wicker picnic basket, an insulated chest, a portable



barbecue - and a transistor radio.

Summer salads can be the theme for another hot-weather promotion, one that has proven highly successful for some retailers. A summer promotion built around cool salads brings woodenware and other gift housewares products – condiment sets and saltand-pepper shakers—into the seasonal swing of things.

The idea here is to show customers how they can dress up summer salads. Use demonstrators. They can toss and hand out salads for tasting. And they also can prepare new dressings for a tie-in with a blender promotion. The low-calorie angle can be brought in, too.

For a cool-looking display to set off the cooling freshness of a summer salad, arrange sea shells and driftwood around the bowl, the accessories, and the utensils.

Housewares room settings for the terrace or patio can be promoted in the same manner as the furniture department runs newspaper ads featuring furniture room settings. Macy's New York, for instance, has been a leader in adapting room settings to the housewares operation, for summer furniture and unpainted furniture.

Stage a show of gracious outdoor living. Bring a wide array of products into the room settings-summer furniture, melamine dinnerware, stainless flatware, insulated tumblers, a serving cart, bar goods, patio lighting, a barbecue, and electrics (an ice crusher, a blender, an openstyle broiler-rotisserie, a fan).

Use garden hose as rope to set off garden tools and sprinklers in a patio or garden setting.

A summer twist for electrics can be built around a promotion with a theme such as "Keep Cool in the Kitchen This Summer." Feature such items as a fan, a toaster broiler (why heat up the oven?), a refrigerator defroster, a blender, an ice crusher, a slicing knife (with tomatoes and cold cuts), and juicers.

Steamed clams can provide another housewares promotional peg. Several major housewares buyers in the East said they are planning to put more promotional emphasis on enameled clam steamers this season.

A nautical motif is the solution to display. Use an anchor and a ship captain's cap. Insulated tumblers and a buffet range also fit in with this kind of a promotion.

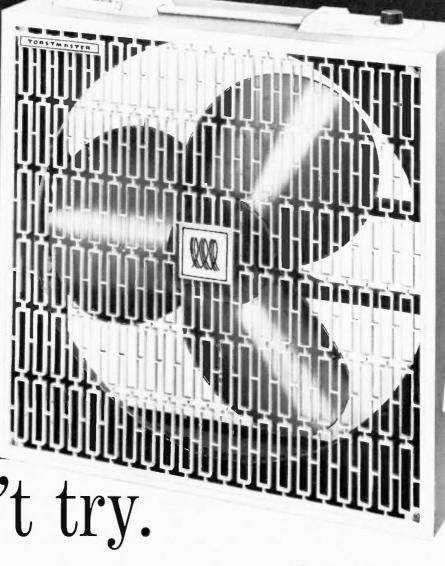
Summer vacations are also worth exploiting. There is more to sell the vacation-bound consumer than luggage. For instance: portable hair dryers, travel alarm clocks, travel coffee sets, and even 24-hour timers (for customers to connect to lamps when they leave to make it look as if the vacationing family is still at home).

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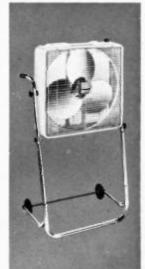
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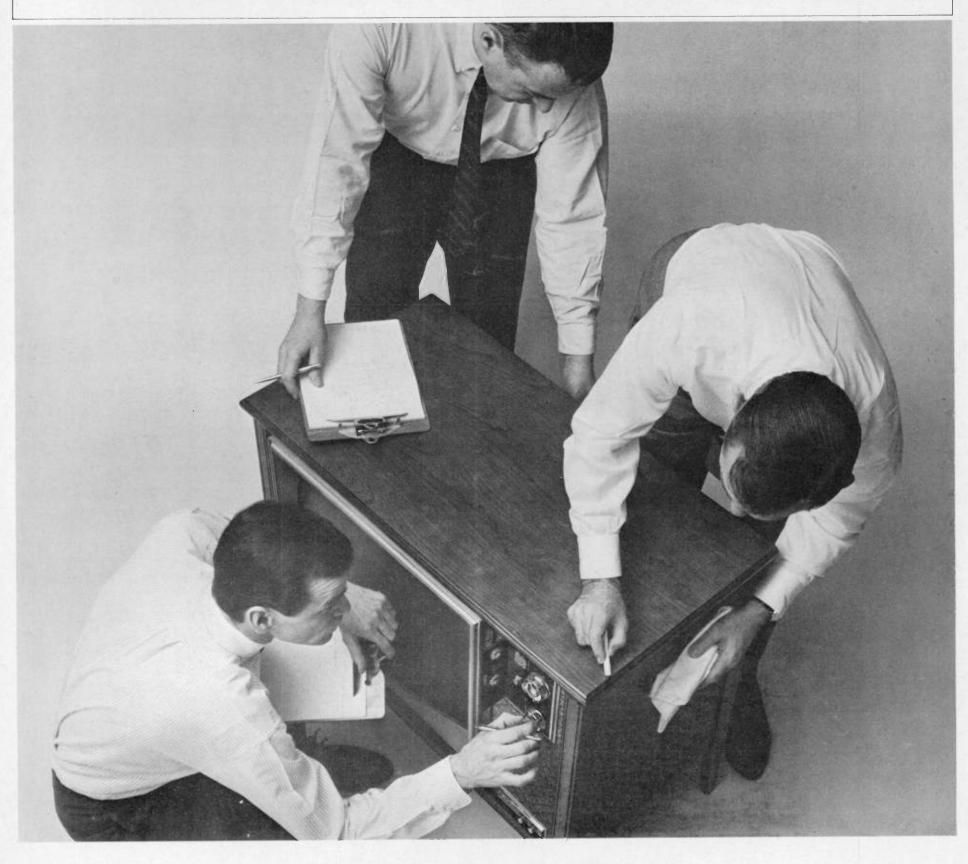
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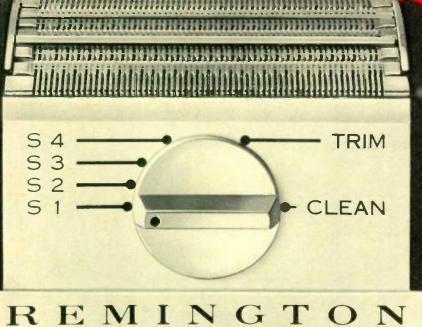
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HOUSEWARES NEWS

Manufacturers accuse retailers of downgrading the buyer's role

There is growing manufacturer concern over the downgrading of the buyer by top retail management. Charges that buyers are being stripped of their legitimate responsibilities were expressed—largely in private conversation, but also in some public comment—at last week's Marketing Through Retailers conference in New York City.

"Shorn of his responsibility" is the way GE's Willard H. Sahloff described the role of today's buyer. Sahloff, a General Electric vice president and general manager of GE's housewares division, is himself a former buyer for the Macy's organization and also for Montgomery Ward.

"A buyer has become automatic or impotent, and fundamentally this can come about through no fault of his own," Sahloff said in his prepared text. "Here's an employee who ranks with importance to our Secretary of State. He's the manufacturer's primary contact with the store, and through him, your and our only contact with the consumer. But by all that's holy, this individual really has been shorn of his authority."

"If top management continues to let this situation degenerate," Sahloff maintained, "if top management continues to operate by committee and edict, then it—and it alone must assume the responsibility for having eliminated an important listening post for both of us, and for having destroyed the effectiveness of a vital contact with our very lifeblood: the consumer."

The changes affecting the buyer are clear: (1) retail decisions to buy by committee; (2) buyers being relieved of responsibility for the sales floor activity; (3) growing use of automation in buying and inventory control; (4) upgrading of merchandise managers and downgrading of buyers; and (5) turning to the use of "merchandising by classification" that is, the "shop concept."

Macy's foresees changes in the buyer's role; these were outlined in a speech by David Yunich, president of Macy's New York. In discussing the shop concept, Yunich foresaw "groupings of merchandise within a department where *procurement* [our italics] may be handled by as many as five buyers sharing one location jointly." One example outlined by Yunich was a tabletop department that would combine china and glassware, linens and domestics, flatware, melamine dinnerware, and other categories.

Buyers were blamed by Yunich for confusion in the presentation of merchandise; part of the confusion, he said, results from "the proliferation of merchandise categories as many manufacturers attempt to diversify. Buyers who become oriented to certain manufacturers tend to accept such proliferation. Hence, departments wind up with some very strange groupings of merchandise category of the department."

A tree grows in Bridgeport (a GE Christmas tree, that is)

Ho, ho, ho .

Willard H. (Santa) Sahloff has pulled an artificial Christmas tree out of his bag of new products from General Electric's housewares division, which is located in Bridgeport, Conn.

GE's newest business venture will get its preview this week at the American Toy Fair in New York City. The 6-ft.-tall artificial trees come complete with a musical rotating stand, handmade Bavarian ornaments, and four sets of "Merry Midget" miniature lights. The complete package will retail at \$150; it will include a choice of two styles of decoration: traditional or contemporary. The trees, which are styled after Scotch Pines, are made of flame-resistant vinyl.

GE's name for the new venture is Carousel—a reference to the rotating bases, which are equipped with Swiss music boxes that play "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." The base will also be marketed separately; the company says it will carry a suggested retail price of \$39.98.

The rotator stand is finished in semi-gloss white with gold-colored snowflake pattern. A remote-control box extends from the stand; the box contains three individual switches to permit operation of lights, music, or rotation in any combination. An electrical lead from the top of the rotator extends into the Christmas tree, designed to hide the string set light plugs.

GE's trees will be available at retail beginning in September. GE plans to market its new Christmas trees through housewares channels, as well as through the trim-a-tree distribution outlets.



GE's \$150 Christmas tree package

□□□□A do-it-yourself "permanent press" chemical from Ironees Co. of Philadelphia, is drawing enthusiastic comment from buyers, who expect to cash in on consumer interest in permanent press dominating the ready-to-wear scene at retail. Ironees, which manufactures laundry accessories, has introduced the chemical without fanfare. It previewed the product to key accounts at the Housewares Show in January.

The product consists of two chemicals, which are mixed together by the consumer; called No-Iron Permanent Prest, it will retail for \$4.99. Ironees claims the product enables the consumer to add permanent press qualities to any wash-and-wear garment, thus cutting down the housewife's ironing.

□□□□ The effect of permanent press on iron sales is being discussed in some industry quarters, although no one is expressing immediate concern. David Yunich, president of Macy's New York, touched on the subject in a speech before the Marketing Through Retailers conference in New York City last week. Asked Yunich: "Will the iron, the laundry, and the dry cleaner disappear as fabrics have soil resistance built into them?" He did not attempt to provide an answer.

Trade sources point out that the can opener has had its obituary written for the past 10 years. But even with the growth of frozen foods and the advent of tab openers on cans, can openers have been gaining in sales.

□□□□A special corporation for Boeclad operations is being set up by General Plastics Corp., of Bloomfield, N.J. The new corporation, Glenclad Corp., will handle licensing of the Boeclad process for applying DuPont's Teflon in addition to using the process itself. Glenclad will be headed by Robert Goldsmith, president of General Plastics.

□□□□Corning Ware sports platinum filigree: Corning Glass Works is introducing a new Corning Ware gift line that is coordinated with the platinum edge on its formal Centura tableware. Products and prices with the new design will be: a 6-cup electric perc to retail for \$24.95; a 10-cup perc for \$29.95; a 1³/₄-qt. party buffet for \$9.95; and a 2¹/₂-qt. deluxe buffet for \$11.95. The buffets come with chrome-plated carrying cradle, a Pyrex-brand cover, and a candlewarmer.

□□□ **Westinghouse is offering a new upright vac** to retail at under \$60. Westinghouse's only upright now is its Converto-Vac upright-canister combination. Westinghouse, meanwhile, is closing out its floor polisher line; it has yet to introduce a new line that meets the revamped Underwriters' Laboratories requirements.

□□□□Key moves EKCO names Herbert E. Zabel to the newly created position of manufacturing vp...GE appoints David T. McGoldrick business planning specialist for the overseas housewares dept.; Burton H. Chapman succeeds McGoldrick as market planner for the portable appliance group of the housewares div.; both men are headquartered in Bridgeport ... JACOB-Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky ... SHETLAND appoints Milton B. Popkin finance and administration vice president.

HOUSEWARES NEWS

 \Box \Box \Box **The new Westinghouse automatic stirrer**, which is featured in the company's 1966 free-standing range line (MW, 7 Feb., p.8), is causing considerable comment in the housewares trade. In fact, W. R. B. Hall, product manager for the Westinghouse electric housewares department, concedes he would like to have the stirrer in the housewares operation. However, the major appliance division is expected to keep a tight hold on the stirrer for marketing with its ranges.

To operate the stirrer on its ranges, Westinghouse uses a motor-driven rotating magnet hidden under the center of the front element. The stirrer, with two rotating arms, is placed inside a frypan or saucepan; a similar magnet in the base of the stirrer locks in with the rotating magnet on the range and follows its revolutions. The stirrer concept could easily be adapted to an electric frypan, according to trade sources.

□□□□ **No-stir cooking is becoming more inviting** to housewares manufacturers all the time, and the Westinghouse innovation adds to the interest. "It practically eliminates the chance of food scorching or sticking," point out Westinghouse major appliance spokesmen. And the housewares industry, thanks to the magic of DuPont's Teflon, knows how popular the nonstick concept is: thus it would like to combine non-stick with no-stir.

Ronson has accomplished no-stir cooking with its Cook 'N Stir blender, but there are many marketing officials in housewares who believe the no-stir concept can be marketed more successfully—and at lower retail prices—than via the blender.

□ □ □ □ GE will push 23 product categories in its ads for the spring gift-giving season. GE's housewares division has added more tv commercials to a heavy print schedule. Products to be featured are: irons, vacs, toothbrushes, baby dishes, Toast-R-Ovens, hair dryers, can openers, slicing knives, coffeemakers, party percs, mixers, toasters, clocks, clothes brushes, floor polishers, blenders, fire starters, skillets, blankets, grill-waffle bakers, cigarette lighters, shoe polishers, and timers.

In addition to its commercials on *The Today Show* and *The Tonight Show* and its sponsorship of *College Bowl*, GE will sponsor two golf tournaments—on Apr. 17 and June 18-19—on ABC-TV. GE's print schedule calls for ads in 10 magazines in March, 6 in April, 24 in May, and 19 in June.

□□□□A lightbulb showroom for decorators will be opened today in New York City by Duro-Test. The mid-Manhattan showroom will be open to the public, although it is designed primarily to enable decorators to bring in their clients. Besides showing the Duro-Test and Duro-Lite bulb lines, displays will point up how lighting can change the appearance of colors in household fabrics, clothing, and makeup.



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FLOOR CARE NEWS

 \Box \Box \Box **Complete outlawing of horsepower ratings** as the standard for measuring vac performance is one possible choice open to the Federal Trade Commission in its study of misleading advertising claims for canister vac motor output (MW, 28 Feb., p.3). Such a decision, of course, would mean the FTC had rejected the vacuum cleaner industry's proposal that a voluntary industry-wide engineering standard be adopted for measuring horsepower output.

□□□□Shetland is fighting for an outright ban on horsepower claims in advertising. Shetland favors a standard, but would prefer to scrap the horsepower rating system for a "cleaning power" rating system that would include a number of factors—such as suction power—in addition to motor output. Sources close to Shetland, however, concede that getting the industry to agree on a "cleaning power" rating system would be extremely difficult—if not impossible.

□ □ □ □ **The VCMA took the easy way out** when its technical committee recommended to the FTC that horsepower, under a uniform rating system, be adopted as the standard for measuring vac performance. Trade sources point out that the Vacuum Cleaner Manufacturers Assn. could not have recommended an outright ban on horsepower ad and promotional claims; such a move by the VCMA, as industry representative, might have violated antitrust laws, accord-

ing to one legal source. An outright ban, however, could be recommended by the FTC and voluntarily adopted by the industry.

In working with the FTC, the VCMA has been careful to consult non-member manufacturers, including three major producers of canister vacs; Eureka Williams, Shetland, and Sunbeam.

No quick FTC decision is expected. Officially, the FTC staff is still studying the problem. The full commission is not yet officially involved.

 \Box \Box \Box Vac sales are off to a record start in 1966. Shipments during January climbed 20.7% ahead of the pace set in January, 1965. The January increase this year compares to a 10.9% increase in January, 1965, over January, 1964. (In 1965, the industry went on to a 13% increase in shipments over 1964.)

Here is a close look at this year's record start: Sales of home-type vacuum cleaners totaled 434,498 units, a 20.7% increase over the 360,072 units sold in January, 1965. (The January, 1964, shipment level was 324,728 units.) This is an increase of more than 100,000 units for January in only two years.

Floor polisher shipments, however, were another story. January shipments fell from 90,914 units in 1965 to 83,134 this year—a decrease of 8.6%. Polisher shipments, in fact, fell below the January, 1964, pace, when 85,096 units were shipped. (In 1965, floor polisher sales were slightly off the 1964 pace.)





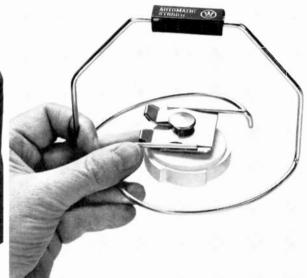
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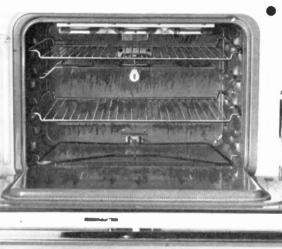
"The Stirrer comes in two sizes—for small pans and large ones. And you can place either one into almost any type of cookware—stainless steel, aluminum, glass or porcelain enamel. For demonstration purposes, glass is best—like this.



"Just flip the switch for the special surface unit, and a motorized magnet underneath it begins the stirring action. Your customers will flip, too, at the idea of getting perfect gravies, soups, puddings and sauces without ever lifting a spoon.



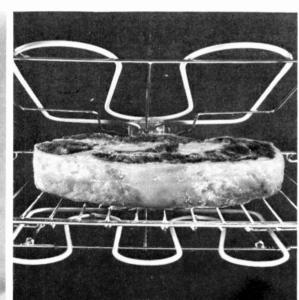
"The Westinghouse Self-Cleaning oven works faster and more efficiently than any other make. Operating cost is lower. Kitchens stay as cool as during normal baking. It's really incredible.



"Next you can tell them about the new Westinghouse Self-Cleaning oven. No matter how bad the baked-on buildup may be, this new feature will make it shine like new in only two hours.



"Just set the selector switch to 'Clean'...close the special door latch, and let the cleaning Legin.



"Now for the third big selling feature of this revolutionary range. The No Turn Speed-Broil has already proved itself with overwhelming customer approval. Probably you're familiar with the way it sears meat on both sides at once to seal in flavor.



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A RETAIL SALESMAN SAYS



"It's wonderful," emoted my friend, Gloomy Gus. "I haven't seen anything like it in 15 years!" —

Since I haven't seen Gus smile in 15 years, I jumped at the cue and asked, "What's wonderful?"

"Color," he laughed, "the way folks are buying color. Look," he added, waving a slip at me, "this is a sale I just made on a color combination for \$1195! Do you know what that is?"

"Of course," I began, "it . . ."

Gus cut me off gleefully. "It's eight 19-inch portables at \$149.95 each, six black-and-white consoles for \$200, or three West German hi-fis at \$399.95 per," he babbled happily. "It's one glorious week's business in one deal!"

"A few months ago, we talked about color," I reminded Gus, "and you were very pessimistic."

"Things have changed," he chortled. "For one thing, you need a good hookup for the right demonstration, and we didn't have one then." "So whose fault was that?" I in-

quired.

"The installation man's," Gus advised. "Unfortunately, he stepped in front of a moving vehicle after he had given us a beautiful installation. Then the hurricane came along and blew the whole hookup akimbo. And my boss—the tightwad—he didn't bother to get the system rehabilitated until he located the late installation man's assistant working in a gas station and had him fix it up for a couple of bucks on the side. But you ought to see our color setup now. It's gorgeous!"

"Gorgeous?"

I'm in love with hue

"Gorgeous," Gus affirmed. "The other evening a couple wandered in looking for a cheap black-and-white console under two bills. I turned a cheapie on for them—a 23-inch black-and-white job for \$179.

"It was tuned in to show where Dina Merrill is turning down Cliff Robertson, who wants to marry her because she's engaged to Eddie Albert, who has a fatal disease, and she feels sorry for him.

"Anyway, while they watched, I quietly turned on four color sets in a row. I tell you Dina Merrill came up on them like the dawn out of China, as pretty as a porcelain doll.

"The guy turned his head, caught a glimpse of Dina in color with those baby blue orbs, those golden tresses, that ripe peaches and sweet cream complexion, and I had a \$600 sale!" "The quality is better than ever," I agreed.

"Without a question," Gus enthused, "and I go all the way back to the days of compatible and noncompatible and a \$25 bond for every sale, and you sold two sets a year if you were good or lucky.

"It's those rare earth phosphors or whatever they use, but the reds are redder, the whites are whiter, and the sky is bluer!"

"Round the clock color shows haven't hurt us either," I observed. "Not a bit," Gus concurred, "A prospect would walk in on a Saturday night at 7:30 to look at color, and you had to tell him, 'sorry, but come back Tuesday night at eight,' which usually cooled him off completely."

"Speaking of Tuesday at eight," I replied. "Color could sure use a draw like Milton Berle. Remember how he pulled the live ones in?" "Remet Berle." (up mained "I'us

"Forget Berle," Gus rejoined. "I've found a new star." "Who?" I demanded.

"The other Friday night," Gus explained, "a guy came in for a color set. It was a bit hectic 'cause I had my hands full keeping his kids from scrambling the color controls while I was trying to talk.

"But I wound up with a \$700 deal. All he wanted was the set in the house by 7:30 Sunday night."

"What was the hot attraction," I inquired, "a guided tour of the fleshpots of Babylon with King Feisal?" "Babylon, nothing," Gus snorted. "Just plain old *Walt Disney Presents*. Those brats couldn't wait to tint old Walt's locks green!"

About the author—The man who writes this column is exactly what he claims to be—a hard-working retail salesman of consumer electronics, major appliances, and housewares. He wishes to remain anonymous (steady readers of this column will understand why). His opinions are his own, not necessarily those of MERCHANDISING WEEK.

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MARKETING

A top retailer offers a means to combat private-label fever

The mass merchandiser, or "discounter," may be the one retail outlet with which national brand manufacturers of appliances and tv can counter climbing private-label sales.

This is the opinion of S. S. Wurtzel, president of Wards Co. Inc., the Richmond (Va.)-based retail chain. Wurtzel, the only retailer to speak at the recent Institute of Appliance Manufacturers convention, said that department stores (with a few exceptions), furniture stores, and small appliance stores "have failed to keep pace with the growth of the appliance market."

Department store trouble. Wurtzel claims that conventional department stores, for the most part, "have proven unable to compete in the national-brand market. They have taken refuge in private labels."

Furniture store problems. This type outlet is "not primarily interested in sales of appliances. Those appliances which they do sell are primarily as a convenience to their charge account customers and are not a substantial part of their volume," Wurtzel said.

Small dealer doldrums. Wards president claims that small dealers are still an important means of marketing appliances, "but they have found it difficult to compete . . . The small dealer will undoubtedly continue to be an important factor in the total market. They serve an important need, just as the independent grocer serves a need, but I do not believe their share of market will increase."

The outlet for manufacturers of national brands wishing to compete with private labels will be the mass merchandiser. But, Wurtzel claims, many "mass merchandisers do not recognize their potential in retailing appliances. Secondly, many manufacturers have not been aware of this development and how to use it successfully."

The reasons for a hard look at the potential of mass merchandisers as rejuvenators of national-brand sales, Wurtzel said, is that "Mass merchandisers have developed the managerial ability and the financial resources to retail appliances at a competitive level. They are able to provide customers with shipping conveniences and values they demand. They are able to operate with moderate markups, low overhead, and still make a fair profit."

To back his thinking, Wurtzel offered some pertinent figures on the Wards operation. The company operates five conventional stores in Richmond and 24 licensed or leased departments in mass merchandising outlets. He said the company's [1965] volume in tv appliances-excluding its hardware-housewares Murmac Division—was \$19 million. "We operate in 21 markets in 16 states," Wurtzel said. "Our average sales volume in the licensed department division is \$827,000 per annum per unit. Our sales total per square foot is over \$200 per annum. Our profit before income tax and profitsharing exceeds 7% of sales." Wurtzel told the manufacturers this demonstrates it is possible for an appliance retailer to achieve a fair-profit -especially if that retailer is a mass merchandiser.

DISTRIBUTOR APPOINTMENTS

Lear Jet—The corporation's stereo division franchises three distributors: Main Line-Cleveland, of Cleveland, Ohio, for Lear Jet Stereo 8 products in northern and central Ohio; Associated Distributors Inc., of Indianapolis, for central Indiana; Interstate Distributing Co., of Billings, Mont., for Montana and northern Wyoming.

Also appointed are: Music Distributors Inc., of Chicago; Main Line Record Service Co., of Miami; Dulaneys, of Oklahoma City; Houston Air Center, of Houston; Perry Shankle Co., of San Antonio; Ward Terry & Co., of Denver; Arizona Sundries, of Phoenix; Graybar Electric Co., of Wichita; Interstate Supply Co., of St. Louis; Thoben-Elrod, of Atlanta; Lewis Bear Co., of Pensacola; Commercial Distributors Inc., of Portland, Me.; Jack H. Samuels Co., of Pittsburgh; Memphis Aero, of Memphis; Advanced Stereo Inc., of Dallas; D&H Distributing Corp., of Harrisburg; and Taylor Electric Co. of Milwaukee.

Snyder Manufacturing Co.—Morris F. Taylor Co., of Silver Spring, Md., is appointed East Coast manufacturer's rep for the radio-tv division. Snyder manufactures tv antennas, housewares, and sporting goods equipment.

Hamilton Manufacturing Co.—Five new distributors are appointed for the full line of Hamilton automatic washers, dryers, and wringer washers: Appliance Distributors Inc., of Oklahoma City; Capitol Radio & TV, of Nashville; Major Appliances Inc., of Miami; Simpson-Eckel Corp., of San Francisco; and Zork Hardware Co., of Albuquerque.

Webcor—Eight are appointed to distribute Webcor tape recorders and phonographs: Frankelite Co., of Cleveland; Radio Electric Service Co., of Baltimore; Marty's TV & Electronics, of Washington, D.C.; Southern Electric Corp., of Staunton, Va.; Stan-Mail Inc., of York, Pa.; Baynesville Electronics, of Towson, Md.; Foster Distributing, of Louisville, Ky.; and Kitronics Corp., of Lincoln, Neb.



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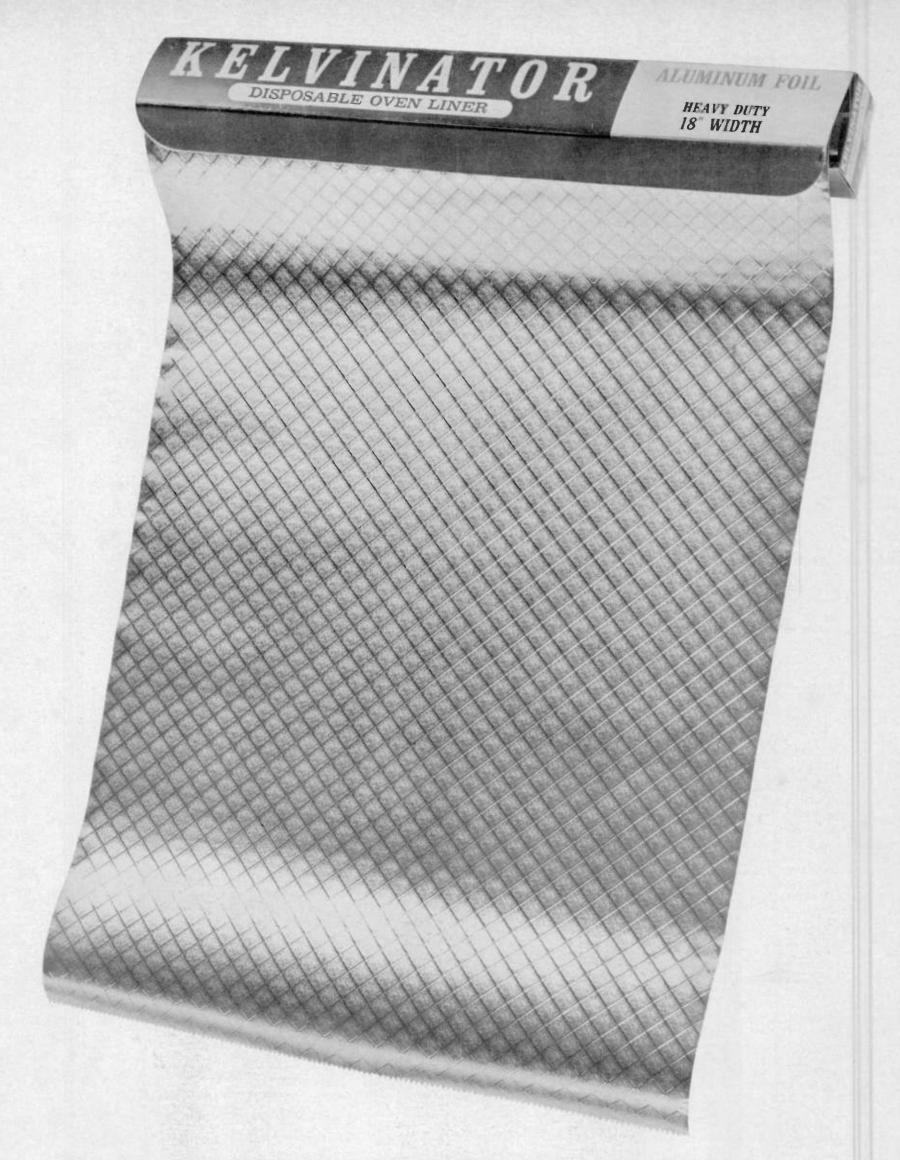
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