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WE WERE talking recently to some friends of ours who had acquired their first television set from a local service dealer. During the conversation, one of the women present complained about the carelessness in appearance of the serviceman who had installed her TV receiver. Another housewife present also had something to say on the subject which was not particularly complimentary to the profession.

The installation and maintenance of television, particularly in its infancy, requires a slightly different approach when working in and around a customer's apartment or residence. Invariably the first set is installed in the living room. This means that Mr. Serviceman works in and around that area. Most sets are installed during the daytime working hours, and very often Mrs. Smith will be entertaining friends at the very time the set is delivered and installed.

Why is it that so many servicemen are careless in their manner of dress and their presentation to their customers? We have attended, for example, many gatherings of radio servicemen, where a great number of those who came for an evening's get-together, arrived in soiled T-shirts, old sweaters, and other "get-up" that contrasted with the neat appearance of the majority. You wondered if these same fellows called on their customers in the same clothing.

One of the most intriguing facets of the business of serving the public needs for radio and electronic service has been the opportunities provided for men to branch out into their individual businesses. It has been constantly fascinating to observe the many different types of men who have turned to the radio service business in the hope of earning a living in this activity. Since radio is such an abstract science, work in connection with it is mental activity as well as a bit messy. It seems to us that men who become engrossed in the intricacies of radio, working with it day and night to solve the myriad problems it unfailingly presents, are prone to allow it to take almost complete possession of their consciousness. Perhaps this accounts for much of the carelessness in appearance and diplomacy that we often find in this business.

In many of our principal cities, officers and members of radio service associations conduct programs to keep their members conscious of the business and social importance of their personal appearance. A friend of ours recently met the newly-elected president of one of the radio service organizations—a neatly-dressed, personable chap, who by his appearance and manners impressed you as being a successful business man. Later, we learned that this gentleman's working clothes attire at service meetings, banquets, etc., had once been a very sore spot to his fellow radio servicemen. His transition had been effected by his fellow members kidding and joshing about his clothes and manners.

Another case was the fellow who had been notoriously careless in his personal appearance, so much so that he was finally told that he would be fined if he attended another meeting wearing greasy, unkempt clothing. At the next meeting this member showed up wearing full evening dress, including top hat, and carrying a cane. While this is an extreme case, it does prove a point. Many servicemen can't afford good clothes, but all of them can be neat.

It is a very touchy subject, of course, to discuss personal habits with other people. We're simply pointing to better customer-dealer relations. The radio technician must realize that his appearance is a very important part of the relations between his dealer and the customer. Perhaps many of these technicians are careless in this respect, but it isn't necessary to look like garage mechanics just because they repair radios or install television sets. We have heard where servicemen, lacking diplomacy, left very poor impressions with customers, after the dealer had closed a sale and the serviceman had been sent to do the installation.

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TV STREAKED to new glory during the historic day in January when our President took his inaugural oath. For the first time in the history of our country millions were able to see and hear the complete impressive ceremonies at Capitol plaza, the striking parade, and the intriguing behindthe-scene moments.

Capturing the greatest inaugural events of the era were cameras with their telephoto lenses at five strategic points: the Treasury Building, south terrace, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue; Old Post Office Building, 11th and Pennsylvania Avenue; Standard Oil Building, Constitution at 2d Street; the east portico of the Capitol; and Lafayette Park opposite the White House reviewing stands. Four networks, NBC, Du Mont, ABC and CBS, in a pooled effort, participated in the TV casting, with NBC producers (who were selected by lot) operating a battery of monitor sets in a telephone company building and selecting the best pictures from the five camera sites.

Many celebrities, including the FCC Chairman's wife, Mrs. Wayne Coy, chose TV viewing in the comfort of their homes to cover the sights of the day. In suites at the Willard and other hotels, many gathered to look in on the ride down Pennsylvania Avenue. *NBC* representatives, in their rooms, tuned in on 16-inch tube receivers.

Those who couldn't look in during the day were treated with TV film and still versions in the late afternoon and evening. TV helped set a new speed record in the servicing of still photos, when AP photographer Anthony Camerano took a still shot of the President taking oath of office off the face of a picture tube, and in ten minutes flashed the still, via a wirephoto service, to the newspapers. Film recordings were made available within twenty-four hours to every TV station in the country.

The radio audiences were not neglected in this inaugural event. In fact, the networks provided the greatest word-picture coverage in their history with over 500 engineers, announcers and technicians on the job. *NBC* assigned over 200 men and women to Washington, with twenty-three of their top commentators and news reporters stationed at fifteen vantage points. Nerve center for *NBC* was in

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a specially-constructed control room at the network's studios in the Translux Building. Two mobile units and a reconverted C-54 were also used to

coverage. Over 100 covered Washington for *CBS*; close to forty reported for *ABC* and *Mutual* had around forty at the scene, too. Some of the roving aircasters spotted themselves at some rather sky-sweeping points, which with binoculars, provided excellent viewing. There were, for instance, microphones atop the Washington Monument and Capitol Dome, as well as many of the taller Washington buildings.

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January 20 was truly a memorable day in the history of aural and video broadcasting.

FUTURE TELECASTERS received some very hopeful news during the early months of the new year when FCC Chairman Wayne Coy revealed that the spring would see the end of TV the station-allocation freeze. Talking informally before a meeting of CBS executives at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, at the opening of a three-day TV clinic, Coy said that not only did he expect that the freeze would be lifted, but that the ultrahighs would be used for channel allocations before the year is out. The higher bands would have to be used, Coy indicated, to assure a substantial competitive system of TVcasting. It will not be too difficult to pick up these higher-channel signals, he said, manufacturers having reported to the FCC that efficient two-band sets could be built and at attractive prices.

Elaborating on these predictions at another informal meeting in Boston, Coy said that from 50 to 75 more channels would be provided by the use of the ultrahigh channels, which would assure service to areas between metropolitan centers. Commenting on the extended service, Coy stated: "People do live in the areas between cities. They have the same right to be informed and entertained as those living within cities."

The FCC Headman also explained that TV is rapidly changing the management structure of broadcasters, with AM and FM operators beginning to ponder over their concentration on sight or sound activities. Coy felt

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that station men will have to think seriously about their future in TV and FM or AM, because he did not think that it is possible for TV and AM-FM stations to compete for the same audience under the same management.

In still another talk, this time at a banquet at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, Coy fired away at the censorship charges which were being hurled at the FCC. He said that the Commission has not handed down decisions which restrict a licensee's freedom. Enlarging on this point, Coy said: "If freedom of radio means a licensee is entitled to do as he pleases without regard to the interests of the general public, then it may reasonably be contended that restraints on that freedom constitute acts of censorship. If, however, the freedom of radio means that it should be available as a medium of freedom of expression for the general public, then it is obvious enough that restraints on the licensee which are designed to insure the preservation of that freedom are not acts of censorship."

Analyzing the problems broadcasters may face in allotting time to everyone, he said that the station operator must not use his own personal beliefs as a basis for approval or disapproval of a speaker. According to Coy: "The fact that all persons may not have an opportunity to speak over the air whenever they desire to do so does not of itself mean that they are deprived of freedom of speech. Nor does the fact that a licensee is not free to operate his station solely for his own interest on the basis of his own beliefs and prejudices mean that he is deprived of freedom of speech. But the maintenance of radio as a medium of free speech does preclude any absolute policy by a licensee or anyone else barring a subject within the scope of the guaranty of the freedom of speech on the ground that it is an unpopular subject. While the licensee must look to the interests and desires of the community he serves, he cannot bar views on particular subjects because the subjects are unpopular or the particular views are unpopular. For certainly the prevailing views and desires of the community cannot be made the measure of freedom of speech without destroying that freedom in the very situations where it has most significance."

THE 50 KW. OR HIGHER PUZZLE, which became a headline item with the 80th Congress, assumed a similar state of importance with some members of the new 81st Congress when it convened, with Senator Edwin Johnson again master-of-ceremoning the debate. Senator Johnson had introduced a bill in the last Congress to limit the power of stations to 50 kw. and in the new Congress, presented another limiting bill, which appeared to meet the approval of quite a few legislators and particularly the Senate Interstate Commerce subcommittee, composed of Senators Charles W. Tobey and Ernest W. McFarland, (Continued on page 115)

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SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. has purchased the plant formerly occupied by the *Rumsey Pump Company* at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Operations for television tube production will begin immediately, making this the third *Sylvania* television tube plant in operation. Others are located at Emporium, Pa. and Ottawa, Ohio.

LOUIS SILVER will be the new vicepresident and sales manager of Garod Electronics Cor-



N. Y. For the past ten years, Mr. Silver has been with the *Garod* c om p a n y and was responsible for the launching of the first com-

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plete post-war radio line which was introduced in retail outlets only several months after cessation of World War II hostilities.

Other appointments announced were Maurice Raphael, as assistant to the president, Mr. Paul Graf, as assistant vice-president in charge of production, and Robert Leykum as plant superintendent.

ISRAEL POLLACK has been appointed the head of the ballast manufacturing department of the *JFD Manufacturing Co., Inc.,* 4117 Ft. Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn 19, N. Y.

Mr. Pollack, known as "Poly" to his friends in the industry, was formerly with the Signal Corps Radar Labs. Previously he was production engineer in the *Air King Radio Corp*. and chief engineer of *Paramount Industries*.

THE NOBLITT-SPARKS INDUSTRIES, INC., has just announced its recent opening of a Chicago branch sales operation at 150 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago. VIDEO CORP. OF AMERICA moves to larger quarters. The new address is 229 West 28th Street, New York City. STANDARD LOCKNUT AND LOCKWASHER, INC., has moved into its new quarters at 118 West St. Clair Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The former address was 311 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis. THE WHEELER INSULATED WIRE COMPANY, INC., has moved from Bridgeport to Waterbury, Connecticut. The company is a division of the Sperry Corporation. MR. J. C. VAN GROOS, a member of "The Representatives," has opened a new sales office at 1436 North Serrano Avenue in Hollywood. He represents several manufacturers of radio and electronic equipment, in-(Continued on page 93)

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MASTER ANTENNAS

By IRA KAMEN

Television receivers with built-in antennas are not a reality as yet. A master antenna system for multiple dwellings is the only answer where individual installations are not permitted.

EALTY groups throughout the country have recommended to all landlords that installation of television antennas in multiple dwellings be prohibited for the following reasons:

1. To prevent the roofs of the buildings from being cluttered with a disfiguring maze of antennas.

2. To preclude damage to the parapet walls and other structures on the roofs of the buildings.

3. To avoid the financial liability involved in the event of accident from faulty antenna installations.

This restrictive action by the realtors has stirred industry-wide attention to the need for television master antenna systems. Pressure from the TBA and the RMA groups accelerated developments from Amy, Aceves & King, Intra-Video Corporation of America, Radio Corporation of America, and others.

All of these systems, however, are

faced with considerable resistance from the realty field which expects the television industry to furnish television receivers with built-in aerials in the near future. Realtors constantly refer to the relatively limited use of radio master antenna systems today in multiple dwellings because radio receivers have built-in loop antennas. The realtors feel hesitant about spending money for television master antennas since they feel that perhaps these may be made obsolete by new indoor television antennas, developed on "super-duper" principles, solving all television reception problems. These people refer to the atomic bomb development and say that anything is possible.

No real comparison can be made with developments such as the atomic bomb. The bomb was a fundamental possibility ever since the discovery that all matter consists of atoms that are held together by tremendous

molecular forces. Television waves are transmitted like light beams and, therefore, can be picked up only where there are no reflecting surfaces (steel structures, hills, etc.) between the television receiver and the television transmitter. This is a fundamental law, like the law of gravity, and is not subject to change. Indoor antennas work normally only in those apartment buildings where it is possible "to stick your head out the window" and see the television stations. There are some locations in urban areas where people have front apartments which more or less face some of the television transmitters and, therefore, they pick up satisfactory television pictures without a roof antenna. There are also many cases where indoor antennas can pick up two or three stations satisfactorily but cannot pick up any other television channels in the area because of their location with respect to these other television stations.

The reception, of course, on all television receivers connected to indoor antennas would be greatly improved if there were an external antenna. Probably the majority of the people in apartment dwellings will never be able to get satisfactory reception until master antenna systems are installed in those buildings.

An indoor television antenna has sev-

ILLUSTRATIONS OF AMY, ACEVES & KING'S ANTENNA SYSTEM



Fig. 1. A twelve-channel antenna connected to 150 ohm line distribution system for outside or exposed wiring installation in multiple dwellings.

Fig. 3. Typical installation shows coupling unit and terminal block at service entrance of a multiple-family dwelling.



Fig. 2. A typical riser diagram for installation in multiple dwellings. Circuit shown is applicable where the coaxial cables are actually run in conduit.

eral defects as a practical permanent television installation unit in a multiple dwelling.

For one thing, most of the presently installed indoor antennas have a narrow bandwidth and relatively low gain on all television channels.

Then, human body capacity changes picture contrast when any person in the room gets close to the indoor antenna.

Another factor is the placement of screens in the windows. In summer these affect and sometimes mar the operation of an indoor antenna installed in the fall, winter, or spring.

Also, high noise-to-signal ratio is present in many indoor antenna installations due to the high attenuation which results from the dielectric losses of an inside television antenna installation and the inefficient type of antenna which must be installed in an apartment under a rug or in a closet. This inefficient indoor antenna installation makes it necessary to advance the contrast (gain) control to a point where the noise in the area may be amplified to a level where the picture shows background noise. Most customers, at this stage of television, cannot fully judge the quality of their reception and therefore accept a picture, distorted by background noise, without complaint.



Fig. 4. A typical outlet assembly for installation in a 4 inch by 4 inch by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch box fitted to conduit riser system.

Fig. 6. A double-stacked array which is installed on the parapet wall of a Brookyln, N. Y., building.



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Fig. 5. Amy, Aceves & King antennas installed on a

ILLUSTRATIONS OF INTRA-VIDEO CORP.'S ANTENNA SYSTEM



Fig. 7. Line drawing of a moderate-size apartment building showing a typical layout of antennas, amplifier, and outlets used by the lntra-Video Corp. in multiple dwellings.

Finally, each installation is a costly experiment and the best that can be hoped for, in most cases, is a compromise.

In the case of radio master antenna systems, these became limited in application because it was possible to increase the power of existing radio stations without interfering with neighboring stations in other cities, and reflections from steel structures were unimportant. Then, too, the human ear has a greater tolerance in comparison with the eye. All of these factors made the radio loop antenna practical.

It is not to be expected that television master antennas will become less important in the future as the present television stations cannot increase their power above the present level. This level has been set by the Federal Communications Commission, and any increase in power in New York, for example, would produce interference with the neighboring stations in the Pennsylvania and Connecticut areas. Also, the human eye is very sensitive, in comparison to the ear, and cannot view multiple images caused by reflections from steel structures or noisy, unsteady pictures due to weak signals, in an entertainment medium.

A master antenna system has to solve a five-fold reception problem:

1. Satisfactory pictures from all or a majority of the television stations transmitting in the area.

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2. Strong, interference-free signals for all television receivers connected to the system.

3. Isolation between television receivers connected to the system to preclude the effect of re-radiation from the local oscillator of any television receiver (manufactured in accordance with RMA standards) marring reception on any other television receiver connected to the system.

4. Connection of television receivers to the system without altering the television outlet to compensate for the input characteristics of any television receiver.

5. Adjustment of a wide range of signal levels available from television stations in the area.

The following are descriptions of master antenna systems which are now being installed in multiple dwellings. *Amy, Aceves & King* has patented a master antenna system which claims to serve twenty television and FM

radio receivers from a single antenna array.

Fig. 8. Amplifier unit circuit for six-channel operation. Two anused channels are for connection of a seventh television channel, if such is desired, and for FM reception.



Fig. 9. A typical channel amplifier strip which plugs into the main amplifier unit located near the antenna units.



Fig. 10. (Left) Outlet with polarized four-prong receptacle for television (top) and two-prong receptacle for AM (bottom). (Right) Typical plug connection for 300 ohm line to TV outlet (top) and twisted pair to the AM outlet.



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ILLUSTRATIONS OF R.C.A.'S MULTIPLE ANTENNA SYSTEM



Fig. 11. Typical layout of the Antenaplex System showing antennas, amplifier, distribution transformers, and cable and outlet units,

Fig. 13. Coaxial fitting (right) used to connect TV receiver to RCA system. The bakelite fitting (left) is used to connect AM radio.

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Fig. 14. TV-FM-AM antennas installed at Park Lane Hotel in New York for use with the RCA Antenaplex multiple installation system.

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The all-channel (2-13) antenna array shown in Fig. 1 has the unique feature of a divider network which is circuited between the low-channel (2-6) and the high-channel (7-13) antenna elements. This divider network prevents the low channel antenna elements from transferring any television signals they intercept on channels 7-13 into the transmission line cable. This feature enables the installer to adjust the smaller high frequency elements to a different angular position favoring television channels 7-13 with respect to the larger low frequency elements which may be independently adjusted for best reception on channels 2-6.

The signals induced into this an-(Continued on page 136)

Fig. 12. An RCA amplifier unit equipped with seven channels of television boosters in addition to the standard AM and FM channels.



Fig. 15. A simplified TV-FM antenna system for the simultaneous operation of four television and/or frequency modulation receivers.



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Front and rear views of r.f. meter. Complete frequency coverage is obtained by utilizing four separate plugin type coils. Author used a war surplus meter. A 0.1 ma. d.c. movement will work. See page 82 for complete diagram.

Versatile R.F. METER for HAM STATIONS

By ROBERT LEWIS, W8MQU

This relatively low-cost, home-built test instrument covers a frequency range of from 2500 to 75,000 kc.

LL hams are, or at least should be, familiar with FCC regulations regarding operation of amateur stations. Among these requirements are the ones specifying that means should be provided to insure operation within an amateur band; that phone transmitters are not overmodulated; that spurious emissions are not present.

It does not take much listening on the ham bands to discover how few hams are complying with these regulations. The most consistent departure from the book seems to be on the phone bands, where overmodulation and distortion are the rule rather than the exception. Not only do these conditions violate the FCC rules but they create a great deal of interference in the all-too-crowded ham frequencies.

Many hams feel that to own equipment capable of keeping a check on their operation would entail a pro-

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hibitive financial investment, in such units as oscilloscopes, expensive frequency meters, and so forth. However, such is not the case. The meter described herein is a virtual "Jack of all trades" in view of the many jobs it will do, and at a cost of only \$10. What cheaper insurance could there be against receiving pink tickets? Consider, too, the value of a good reputation among fellow hams, as a result of having a clean signal and one which does not occupy 40 kc. of a 150 kc. phone band.

Offhand, the following uses for the r.f. meter can be listed: Wavemeter, field strength meter, modulation meter, carrier shift meter, phone monitor, neutralizing indicator. There are probably other jobs it can be put to, but the above are the ones that come to mind at the moment.

Inspection of the diagram will show that the meter consists simply of a tuned circuit coupled to a low-range milliammeter through a 1N34 crystal diode for indicating radio frequency current. By switching the meter over to a full-wave copper-oxide rectifier, modulation, hum, or any audio component of the r.f. wave will be indicated.

The entire instrument is built into a standard 3" x 4" x 5" metal utility box, with the meter, r.f.-a.f. switch, calibrating resistor (R_2) and phone jack being mounted on the 4" x 5", front panel. Any range of frequencies can be covered by means of coils which plug into a 4-prong socket in the top of the box. When the meter is being used as a field strength meter, a rod a foot or two long can be connected to the standoff insulator at the right of the coil. The tuning condenser and indicating dial are mounted on the right side of the box. Location of the parts inside the cabinet is shown in the photograph of the rear of the box.

All parts in the original job were standard, except for the meter, which is a surplus item having a 0-1.2 ma. movement and a full scale reading of 100. There are many excellent meters still available on the surplus market. About the only precaution necessary in the wiring is to avoid heating the rectifiers while soldering, and to be sure that the polarity of the two rectifiers is correct so that the meter will read in the same direction on both r.f. and audio.

The coils can be calibrated by using the instrument as a wavemeter, in conjunction with an oscillating regen-(Continued on page 82)

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A 35-Watt Hi-Fidelity AMPLIFIER

Fig. 1. Top-front view of completed amplifier. Cover has been removed to show components.

By RICHARD J. CLEARY

This home-built amplifier features two high-gain mike inputs, a phono input, and bass and treble tone controls. The d.c. operated filaments contribute to its hum-free performance.

HE unit to be discussed in this article was developed to achieve two important goals in amplifier design. The first very distinct advantage is fairly high power output, 30 watts undistorted, and 35 watts at less than 5% distortion. Although beam power output tubes are used, the quality equals that provided by such triodes as the 2A3, 6B4, 6A5, etc.

The second, but no less important accomplishment, was the construction of a very high gain amplifier, which had not the slightest trace of hum, despite the fact that both microphone gain controls were opened all the way.

The very high degree of quality is attained by the use of a special type of inverse feedback. Upon studying the circuit diagram of Fig. 3, it can be seen that when a signal is applied to the 6L6 grids, a change of current takes place in the primary of the output transformer (Thordarson T-17S13), inducing a voltage in the voice coil and the feedback winding. The voltage, or signal in the feedback (tertiary) winding is ten per-cent of the total output. This signal is fed back, out of phase with the incoming signal, into the 6L6 grids, by means of an input transformer with a split secondary (Stancor A-4206). This feedback virtually eliminates harmonics, and has a tremendous ability to stabilize the output tubes, thereby permitting them to be driven to higher volume levels than usual, without signs of overloading. Since this form of inverse feedback introduces very low d.c. resistance in the grid circuit,

it may be used in cases where grid current is drawn. Bias is applied to the 6L6 grids through the center tap of the feedback winding.

Another great help to the over-all frequency response is the tone control circuit, which offers a large amount of treble and bass boost or attenuation.

An extra stage of amplification was necessary to overcome the large loss of gain caused by the tone circuit. To get bass boost, the signal from the 12SQ7 plate is worked through a load of 1.47 meghoms, into the grid of the 12SR7, where a portion of all frequencies above approximately 500 cycles is shunted to ground by the network of the 47,000 ohm resistor and the .005 μ fd. condenser. Since a certain quantity of the higher fre-

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of optional feedback circuit. If output transformer with separate feedback winding, as specified in the parts list, is not available, this resistance-capacity circuit may be used.



quencies is shunted, the "lows" enter the grid at a much stronger level, so it can be seen that bass boost is really obtained by merely attenuating all of the other frequencies.

The amount of bass boost is controlled by placing a 1 megohm control across the .005 µfd. condenser. As this control is moved toward ground, the shunting network begins to lose its high impedance to bass frequencies, and the signal begins to work through the control, as well as the network. When the slider is grounded, the signal no longer works through the condenser, and all frequencies are shunted to an equal extent. When the slider is at the highest point from ground, the .005 µfd. condenser is placed in the circuit, preventing the shunting of low frequencies, and providing maximum bass boost.

High-frequency boost is obtained by passing all frequencies above approximately 4000 cycles directly into the 12SR7 grid, through a 250 $\mu\mu$ fd. condenser. Since this signal does not work through the 1.47 megohm load, it will be much stronger than the other frequencies, except the lows, and will not be greatly affected by the shunting network. This 250 $\mu\mu$ fd. condenser is wired to the slider of the treble control, one end of which feeds the 12SR7 grid, and the other end of which is grounded. Therefore by moving the slider, either boost or attenuation is available.

In effect, with treble and bass boosted to maximum, the tone circuit suppresses the strength of the middle frequencies, which are usually overabundant, and brings out the true beauty of the upper and lower ranges.

Additional treble boost for record playing can be obtained by placing a $250 \ \mu\mu fd$. condenser from the high side of the phono control to the pointer. This simply allows the highs to pass into the input tube without being weakened by the load of the volume control. Therefore, at the grid of the tube, the highs are fed in at a greater signal strength than the other frequencies. Of course, when the control


Fig. 3. Complete schematic diagram of amplifier. The power supply is built on a separate chassis.

is at maximum volume position, the boost would lose effect, as there would be no load for the signal to work through, as far as the volume control is concerned.

The three 470,000 ohm resistors in the grid of the 12SQ7 permit the mixing of the three input channels, with no audible interaction.

Standard resistance coupling was used throughout the circuit, except in the coupling of the last stage. The .01 µfd. coupling condensers were chosen after considerable difficulty was experienced with .1 µfd. condensers. It seemed that the larger condensers were passing various subsonic low frequencies, such as motor rumble, vibrations, etc., which consumed a large amount of power, and produced distortion due to overloading the power tubes and speakers at higher volume levels. With the present .01 µfd. coupling condensers, the frequency response is uniformly linear from 40 to 14,000 cycles.

It was necessary to place the filter unit consisting of a 47,000 ohm resistor,

and an 8 μ fd. 450 v. condenser, in the "B" supply of the 12SJ7's, in order to eliminate low frequency motorboating. Although many designers are fol-

lowing the trend of coupling the driver

tube to the interstage transformer by a resistance-capacity method, better low frequency response was secured in the present unit by coupling the (Continued on page 114)

Fig. 4. Bottom view shows placement of underchassis components. Toggle switch shown on the right of operating controls is not incorporated in the schematic diagram and may be omitted. It was used to switch output of amplifier from speaker to recorder unit.



AUDIO TRANSIENT DISTORTION

Two-stage microphone preamplifier and pulse generator used in making studies of transient distortions due to speaker hang-over. All audio equipment is plagued with this form of distortion. For good tonal response it must be minimized.

By GLEN SOUTHWORTH

pendent on the transient characteristics of the wave envelopes produced. Even trained observers have difficulty in recognizing an instrument from a steady tone.

Distortion of this nature commonly occurs in recording and broadcasting due to the practice of placing microphones farthest away from instruments producing low tones of relatively high intensity. Severe envelope distortions may result due to reverberation, and the harmonic structures of these instruments may be almost lost. A further complication is added due to the poor low-frequency transient response of most loudspeakers.

A second disagreeable form of distortion results from the shock excitation of resonances removed from the fundamental tone and usually results in a rough, unpleasing tone and in the case of violins and other musical instruments may be an important factor in determining tone quality.

Both of these forms of distortion as well as several others are commonly found in audio systems. Wave envelope distortion may be introduced by phonograph pickups, by amplifiers using inductive-type compensation networks, or, more commonly, by the loudspeaker, due to the finite time required for it to build up to maximum value and the continuing vibrations after the original impulse has ceased.

The same factors generally hold in the second case, and usually the loudspeaker and its environment are the

PULSE GENERATOR AMPLIFIER O DOGOCO (A) ELECTRONIC SWITCH AMPLIFIER O DOGOCO SOULLATOR (B)

(A) Block diagram illustrates test set-up used in determining equipment response to pulse-type transients. (B) Block diagram of the test set-up that was used to determine wave envelope distortion, harmonic distortion, and speaker resonances.

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OR practical purposes, all of the sounds encountered in audio reproduction are of a transient nature, with durations from milliseconds to a fraction of a minute. The behavior of an audio system is often far different under these conditions than under the steady state conditions used in conventional measurements of audio distortion. Due to the relatively small amount of published information in this field, the importance of transient distortion is seldom realized by radiomen.

Due to the fact that sounds commonly encountered are of a very complex nature, comprising amplitude modulated and frequency modulated tones of varying harmonic and transient content, it may readily be seen that transient distortion embraces a very broad field, overlapping the recognized steady state forms of distortion

One common and important form of transient distortion is the alteration in the wave envelope of a transient tone. This form of distortion occurs naturally and can be the result of excessive reverberation, poor room acoustics, and various resonances occurring in the vicinity of the sound. The results of this form of distortion are mushiness, indistinctness, and alterations of tone color. Furthermore, listening experiments have strongly indicated that the basic character of musical instruments is strongly de-

Schematic diagram of simple microphone preamplifier and pulse generator shown in the photograph above. The variable pulse width is included due to the fact that resonant effects are best excited by a pulse of similar frequency.

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worst in this respect. Two other factors relating to more commonly recognized forms of distortion are the wave envelope distortions that may result from frequency distortion or attenuation and a lesser recognized effect due to amplitude distortion. In the latter case, many important transients may be of a relatively low level compared to the average sound level. Hams and communications men familiar with the theory behind speech clipping will recognize the importance of these transients in relation to intelligibility. The most common distortions of these lowlevel transients occur due to masking effects from resonant "hangover" or masking due to hum or noise and, as mentioned before, the masking due to reverberation, etc., in the original pick-up. A second objectionable effect is the result of nonlinearity in equipment at very low levels. Class B amplifiers such as used in modulators, and mechanical devices such as pickups and loudspeakers may produce this effect. As a result, distortion in reproducing equipment may be very high at low output levels.

Although it is common to think of audio amplifiers as having relatively low transient distortion, this is not necessarily the case. Asymmetrical waveforms are commonly encountered in sound reproduction and may be greatly distorted even in voltage amplifier stages. In the illustration, the wave form of an asymmetrical pulse is shown at the input and at the output of a single stage of single ended voltage amplification. Not only is the asymmetry of the pulse distorted, but an objectionable low-frequency component is superimposed. This effect is especially noticeable in the case of sudden bursts of static where a lowfrequency speaker "thump" may be observed.

Loudspeakers, due to the complex mechanical and electrical problems involved, are commonly considered one of the worst offenders where transient distortion is involved. "Hangover" due to poorly damped cone resonance is most often considered and may persist up to one second in extreme cases. An illustration of the damped wave train produced by an inexpensive five-inch speaker is shown in the photograph. Although the speaker was excited by a pulse of relatively short duration, oscillations at the fundamental resonant frequency persisted for one-tenth of a second and represented the major portion of the acoustic energy radiated. As noted before in the case of some audio amplifiers, the spurious low-frequency components produced by loudspeaker resonance can be very objectionable.

Several methods of reducing distortion of this nature are generally recognized. High-quality loudspeakers may have good internal mechanical damping, and electrical damping may be achieved to some degree by the use of inverse feedback or Class A triodes. Proper speaker enclosures provide acoustic damping with horn loading

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(A) Oscillogram of 3000-cycle pulse at amplifier output. (B) Oscillogram of 3000-cycle pulse reproduced by 2-inch speaker. (C) Oscillogram of 3000-cycle pulse reproduced by extended range, 12-inch speaker. (D) Oscillogram of 2000-cycle pulse showing phase distortion in speaker. (E) 1500-cycle pulse showing phase, harmonic, and transient distortion produced by speaker at this frequency. (F) Acoustic output of highly damped, extended range, 12-inch speaker in response to a 600-cycle pulse.

becoming increasingly popular. Oscillograms of the five-inch speaker previously referred to are shown with strong mechanical and special electrical damping applied. In the case of amplifier distortion it is interesting to note that several manufacturers of high-quality amplifiers use inverse feedback over the voltage amplifier (Continued on page 84)

(A) Wave form of the initial pulse obtained from the generator. (B) The pulse distortion produced by a single stage of voltage amplification. (C) Damped wave train of a 5-inch speaker, shock excited by a single pulse from generator. (D) The same 5-inch speaker as it appears with firm mechanical damping. (E) The same 5-inch speaker shown as it appears with special electrical damping. (F) Transient response of a high-quality, 12-inch speaker resulting from a pulse input.



Fig. 1. External view of the signal injector unit.

Build This COMPACT SIGNAL INJECTOR

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A simple unit for troubleshooting by the signal injection method. It supplies both a.f. and r.f. signals.

ANY radio servicemen know the merits of the signal injection method and use it, in one form or another, for localizing trouble in receivers. When using this method, a signal is injected into the circuit, first at the output, then at the input of each stage, starting at the loudspeaker voice coil and working back in steps to the antenna input terminals. An audio signal is employed at all points from the speaker to the output of the 2nd detector, an i.f. signal from the input of the 2nd detector to the output of the converter or 1st detector, and a suitable r.f. signal from the input of the 1st detector or converter, through the r.f. amplifiers, to the antenna terminals. When receiver output (as shown by the loudspeaker or output meter) is lost as the injected signal is transferred from the output of a particular stage to the input, the trouble has been localized in that stage.

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Merely touching the finger successively to the various tube grids in a receiver or p.a. amplifier and listening for hum is a makeshift method of signal injection troubleshooting. But this is an unreliable adaptation of the system. The instrument method is avoided by some servicemen since this calls for both a radio-frequency and audiofrequency test oscillator. If the r.f. oscillator has provision for external use of its 400-cycle audio modulation, the audio oscillator can be eliminated. However, the great value of signal injection servicing is the ease with which it allows trouble to be located "on location" prior to making an estimate, and few servicemen care to lug their signal generators around on jobs.

A small, lightweight signal injector unit capable of supplying r.f., i.f., and audio signals without tuning is of advantage, since such an outfit is readily portable and may be subordinated to other test instruments in the shop. Properly constructed, it will take a lot of abuse in handling.

The instrument described in this article is a compact signal injector of this sort. Employing a simple circuit, it is useful for troubleshooting in both receivers and p.a. amplifiers. It has no critical adjustments to get out of order. Fig. 1 is the external view of the injector; while Fig. 3 shows the internal construction.

Circuit Description

In the injector circuit (See Fig. 2), one half of a 6SL7-GT tube is employed as a crystal oscillator. The crystal is a receiver i.f.-type component rated at 455 or 456 kc., the commonest receiver intermediate frequencies. The primary half of a midget 455-kc. i.f. transformer, T_2 , is used as the oscillator plate tank. The secondary half of this transformer acts as a tuned r.f. output coil. The use of a crystal oscillator eliminates tuning (the trimmer condenser in the i.f. transformer can be set and forgotten) and insures highest electrical and mechanical stability. The i.f. crystals no longer are out of the reach of the builder of inexpensive test instruments. They may be found in the surplus ads priced at less than one dollar.

The second half of the 6SL7-GT is used as an audio oscillator, in conjunction with the iron-core transformer, T_{i} , to modulate the r.f. oscillator. The frequency of the audio tone is set by the capacitance of C_3 and the inductance of the primary winding of T_1 .

Modulated r.f. signals delivered by the instrument start at the crystal frequency and occur at each harmonic of that frequency, being useful up to about the 50th. Thus, a 455-kc. crystal will furnish strong test signals every 455 kilocycles apart from 455 kc. to 22.75 megacycles. In the standard broadcast band, spot frequencies are available at 910 kc. and 1365 kc. A 456-kc. crystal will furnish broadcast spot frequencies at 912 kc. and 1368 kc. The two points in the broadcast band usually will be entirely adequate to shoot trouble in the r.f., 1st detector, or converter stages of a receiver.

The output jack, J_1 , delivers either a.f. or r.f. signals, depending upon the position of the output switch, S1. Signal intensity is adjusted by means of the output potentiometer, R_{6} . In order to maintain a constant load on the audio oscillator (thereby insuring its tone stability) and also to eliminate the multiple switching which would be necessary to couple the audio oscillator directly to the output jack, while devitalizing the r.f. oscillator, a novel system is employed. The modulated r.f. is rectified by the shunt-connected 1N34 crystal diode, and the audio component is delivered to jack J_1 when switch S₁ is thrown to its "AF" position.

The injector is powered by a single 100-milliampere selenium rectifier. The 6SL7-GT heater is operated from the power line through a 360-ohm line cord resistor R_* . The filter consists of resistor R_* (which requires less space than a choke), and condensers C_* and C_* . While the power supply is of the a.c.-d.c. type, the instrument is entirely safe to handle with any sort of equipment, either straight a.c. or a.c.-d.c., since no portion of the power supply circuit is connected either to the chassis or to the output jack.

The circuit constants in the audio RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS oscillator portion of the injector give an audio frequency of approximately 400 cycles. This assumes that the transformer specified in Fig. 2 will be used by the reader. The capacitance of C_s may be decreased to raise the frequency, or increased to lower the frequency.

The output coupling condenser, C_s , isolates the output jack from the internal circuit. This protects the internal components, especially R_s , the 1N34, and the secondary of T_z , when injecting a signal into a high-voltage d.c. point.

Construction Details

The injector is built into a standard radio chassis as a carrying case (See Figs. 1 and 3). This chassis is 9½ inches long, 5 inches wide, and 2½ inches deep. This is the smallest size which would accommodate all of the parts without unnecessary crowding. The carrying handle is a metal drawer pull from the dime-store hardware counter.

Fig. 1 shows the simple front-panel arrangement. The "On-Off" line switch, S_{\pm} is mounted on the left-hand side. The line cord R_1 enters a grommet-lined hole in the left-hand end of the chassis. Output switch S_1 is mounted in the upper right-hand corner. Directly beneath it is the output potentiometer, R. Under the potentiometer is the coaxial output jack, J_{i} . The plug, shown inserted in Fig. 1, is the companion Amphenol 80-M connected to a 3-foot length of shielded microphone cable. The center conductor of the cable is connected to a shielded test prod used to inject the signal. The shield braid of the cable is connected, by means of a short length of flexible hookup wire, to an alligator clip which normally is fastened to the chassis or "B-minus" point of the radio or amplifier under test. The name plates were lettered with India ink and fastened to the panel with thickened rubber cement, after which they were coated with clear lacquer to prevent soiling.

Fig. 3 shows placement of parts inside the chassis. Note that the output potentiometer is a metal-cased type. This is for purposes of shielding. Leads to and from this potentiometer are enclosed in shield braid. The tube socket is mounted clear of the chassis on two short studs. The crystal socket, to the right of the tube, is similarly studmounted. The i.f. transformer, T_{2} , is mounted between the tube and potentiometer. The audio transformer is mounted above the tube and is held by screws to the back of the "front panel." The selenium rectifier may be seen in the upper right-hand corner above the electrolytic condensers. This is the best position for the rectifier, since any heat generated in this component does not reach the crystal readily. Shielding of the instrument is completed when the bottom plate of the chassis (back of the carrying case) is screwed into place.

Adjustment of the injector consists

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Fig. 2. Complete circuit diagram and parts list for constructing signal injector.

merely of tuning up the crystal oscillator by adjusting input trimmer, and setting the output trimmer for good output.

After the wiring has passed inspection, plug the injector into the power line, close switch S_2 , allow about 3 minutes for the tube cathode to come up to normal operating temperature, and proceed with the adjustment in the following manner:

(1) Connect output jack J_1 to antenna terminals of broadcast receiver tuned to harmonic of injector crystal (Tune to 910 kc. if injector crystal is 455 kc., or to 912 kc. if injector crystal is on 456 kc.).

(2) Set receiver gain control to maximum.

(3) Set injector output control, R_{\odot} , to maximum.

(4) Set injector output switch, S_{ι} to "RF."

(5) Adjust the input trimmer condenser in injector i.f. transformer until modulated signal is heard in receiver. Tune receiver, if necessary.

(6) Adjust the output trimmer in injector i.f. transformer until signal in receiver is loudest without overloading.

(7) Run potentiometer R_6 back and forth over its range to check its operation in reducing and increasing injector signal.

(8) Throw switch S_2 to "Off." Switch on again in about 15 seconds. After tube re-heats, if no signal is heard, readjust the input trimmer to point slightly to one side of previous adjusted ment. When this trimmer is adjusted properly, oscillator will start up easily whenever tube reaches operating temperature.

(9) To check audio output, disconnect receiver, and connect high-resistance headphones to jack J_1 .

(10) Throw switch S_1 to "AF," noting audio signal in headphones.

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Fig. 3. Under chassis view. Although construction is compact there is no crowding of parts.



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Mac's RADIO SERVICE SHOP

By JOHN T. FRYE

RDINARILY, only the night light should have been burning in Mac's empty radio service shop, but this early-April evening was obviously an exception, for every light in the place was blazing, and at least a dozen fellows were wandering about inside. Mac himself was comfortably established in an out-of-the-way corner watching the proceedings with a faint smile of amused anticipation on his face. This was not his show.

Barney, Mac's up-and-coming assistant, looked strangely out-of-place in a neat suit instead of a shop coat and with his mop of curly red hair all carefully combed. Suddenly he stood up behind Miss Perkins' desk and announced in a voice that was unnecessarily loud and a little hoarse from nervousness, "Well, fellows, I guess about everyone is here who is going to come; so we may as well get started."

There was a great scraping of chairs as the men and boys found places to sit down.

"First off," Barney said, "I want to thank Mr. McGregor, my boss, for letting us use the shop for our meetings."

As the heads turned toward his corner. Mac grinned his acknowledgment of their thanks and waved his clasped hands over his head like a prize-fight champion.

"You guys know why we are here," Barney continued. "Some of you asked me to help you get amateur radio licenses, and we decided the best way to do this was to work in a group. We intend to study the code, the radio laws, and the basic theory needed to get a ticket.

"I'd like to have as large a beginning group as we can; for, once we start rolling, it will be hard for a late-joiner to catch up. For that reason, I suggest

we postpone actually starting work until our next meeting; and between now and then, let's all see if we can't scare up some more recruits.

Barney Makes a Speech

"Tonight, if you will let me, I'd like to tell you why, after being a ham for five years, I think amateur radio is the best doggone hobby a fellow can have. Perhaps you will pick up an argument or two that you can use when you start twisting a guy's arm to join us.

'To begin with, a good hobby should be one that you won't outgrow. Playing with building blocks is hot stuff when we are very young; cross-country running is a fine thing for high school and college boys; but neither of these will have much appeal for the middleaged man. He has lost his taste for the one and his wind for the other. Amateur radio is not like that. It is just as fascinating and just as available to the man in his seventies as it is to the boy in his teens. The great number of active 'old-timers' in the amateur ranks is proof of this. It is not at all unusual to run across a ham who has been pounding brass for a quarter of a century and is still going strong.

"The reason for this continuing fascination lies in the fact that amateur radio is too big and too varied a field for an individual to master. I remember reading in high school about the glamour girl of the Nile, Cleopatra. It was said that the secret of her way with the boys was that she was 'all things to all men.' Well, what Cleo had, amateur radio has, too; for it has something for every taste.

"If you pride yourself on your muscular coordination and like to engage in skill competitions, sending and receiving the code at high speeds is your dish. No matter how fast you get, you will always be able to find another operator who is every bit as fast, if not just a little bit faster.

"Maybe you are a craftsman and get a kick out of building beautiful things with your hands. You can get your enjoyment, then, in the painstaking construction of transmitters, receivers, beam antennas, etc. On the other hand, it could be that you like scientific experimenting. Well, your ham ticket will be the key that will let you into the biggest electronic laboratory in the world, for it actually does take in the whole globe.

"In this laboratory there are more than a hundred thousand amateurs who are constantly designing, building, testing, and experimenting with every kind of electronic equipment from radio-controlled model airplanes to mobile installations that permit them to reach locations thousands of miles from their moving cars.

"It is just possible, though, that you are not a great 'brain' and that you are not much interested in all of this technical side of radio. Perhaps you are an ordinary Joe who likes to meet new people anl to talk with them. Again amateur radio is made for you. You can sit right there in your own home, with your sock feet up on the desk, and chew the fat with the whole world on any subject that strikes your fancy. There will not be a single hour of the day or night but that someone will be waiting to answer your 'CQ' on one band or another and to talk as long as you wish to carry on.

"No matter what your primary interest in radio is, this ability to talk with other amateurs is important, for one of the greatest pleasures of any hobby is 'talking shop' with other fellows who share your interest. This is not always so easy in other hobbies. For example, if you collect Ming vases. you may have to travel several hundred miles to meet another bird who appreciates and understands your hobby; but any time you turn on your receiver, you will hear dozens of fellows discussing every imaginable angle of your amateur radio hobby; and you will be as welcome as a muscle-man at a house-raising to join in the discussions

"Another thing about amateur radio is that you never need to apologize for it as an avocation. It is the only hobby that is recognized by an international treaty. It receives every encouragement from the Army, the Navy, and from the Federal Communications Commission; because these agencies appreciate the fact that hams are ready-trained operators who make excellent instructors in time of war, and that they are always ready and eager to furnish emergency communication when there is a disaster. What is still more important, they know that amateur radio attracts thousands of young men each year into the field of electronics and so keeps our country away out in front in this branch of science. Whistle 'CQ' on the campus of M.I.T., Purdue, or Stanford, and you are al-(Continued on page 92)

Modern TELEVISION RECEIVERS

By MILTON S. KIVER

Fig. 1. (Left) Du Mont's 20" cathode-ray tube. This is the largest commercial image tube used for direct viewing in TV receivers. (Above) Location of the deflection yoke, focus coil, and ion trap on the neck of a General Electric cathode-ray TV tube.

Part 13. A discussion of the cathode-ray tubes used in television, their characteristics, and their performance in various video receivers.

HE cathode-ray tube is easily the most important and most expensive single component of the television receiver. It is what the customer sees on its screen that determines his entire attitude toward the rest of the set and, indeed, toward the television field as a whole.

There are eleven different types of television cathode-ray tubes in common use today. These are listed in Table 2, together with their most im-The 3NP4 portant characteristics. and the 5TP4 are both projection tubes producing an extremely intense image on their screens and requiring accelerating voltages of about 27,000 volts. All the other tubes listed are of the direct-viewing type, so-called because the images produced on their screens are viewed directly by the set user. Under these circumstances the image need not be as intense as that required by projection tubes and the accelerating voltages used are correspondingly lower. Tubes with 7-inch screens require between 5000 and 6000 volts, while the 10", 12", 15" and 20" tubes operate satisfactorily with 9000 to 15,000 volts. It is to be noted that in all these tubes the accelerating volt-

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ages are far higher than normally encountered and extreme caution should be exercised when working with them. While 9000 volts may not necessarily be fatal, due to the extremely small current drain available, it will, at the very least, produce a severe jolt.

The essential components of a cathode-ray tube are: 1. Electron gun; 2. Focusing system; 3. Deflection system; and 4. Fluorescent screen.

The electron gun, where the scanning beam is formed and focused, consists of the cathode, control-grid, and preliminary accelerating electrodes called grids by some manufacturers and anodes by others. Focusing of the beam can be accomplished in one of two ways-by altering the potential difference between the first and second anodes or by using the magnetic field The 5TP4, the of an external coil. 7DP4, the 7GP4 and the 7JP4 employ the first method of focusing, known also as "electrostatic" focusing. In all of the remaining tubes, a special focusing coil is placed around the tube neck and the electrons are brought to a focus magnetically.

Deflection System. Deflection of the electron beam, to trace out the image, is accomplished by deflecting plates or coils. For electrostatic deflection, two sets of plates are mounted at right angles to each other inside the tube. See Fig. 2. One set of plates receives the horizontal deflection voltages; the other set receives the vertical deflection voltages. When both voltages are active, the electron beam is drawn horizontally across the screen and, at the same time, vertically downward. In this way the desired scanning pattern is traced out. To deflect the beam electromagnetically, two sets of mutually perpendicular coils are placed around the neck of the tube. Currents of saw-tooth shape pass through the coils and deflect the beam. A typical deflection yoke, containing both vertical and horizontal windings, is shown in Fig. 3.

Electrostatic deflection is commonly used in 7" (or smaller) screen tubes. In larger tubes, a considerable deflecting voltage is required if deflection plates are employed. Since it is cheaper to develop high currents than high voltages, the trend has been toward electromagnetic deflection. This trend has been further intensified by the shortening of the over-all length of the tube.

In electromagnetic deflection tubes used before the war, the deflecting angle of the electron beam was 40° . See Fig. 4A. In recent tubes, the deflecting angle has been increased to



Fig. 2. The internal construction of an electrostatic deflection cathode-ray tube.

50°. See Fig. 4B. The increased deflecting angle results in a shorter overall length (8 inches smaller for 12" tubes) and therefore permits the use of relatively large screen tubes in reasonably sized table model receivers. True, the increase in deflecting angle requires greater deflecting currents. but this is readily met with only slight increase in cost. Deflection by electrostatic means, on the other hand, would entail a significant rise in cost. Further, the use of electromagnetic deflection and focusing simplifies the internal construction of the cathoderav tube. This may not lower the over-all cost of the set because deflection and focusing coils are needed, but it does lower the replacement cost of the cathode-ray tube.

In the small 3NP4 and 5TP4 tubes, the deflection is electromagnetic instead of electrostatic for several reasons.

(1). The accelerating voltage is 27,-000 volts while the first anode voltage is 6000 volts. Since each tube is small, the separation between the deflection plates (with their average potential of 27,000 volts) and the first anode would be small, necessitating special precautions to prevent corona and arc discharges.

(2). The cost of developing the extremely large deflection voltages necessary with a 27,000 volt accelerating potential would be entirely out of proportion to the cost of the rest of the set. Special tubes, 27,000 volt isolating condensers, and additional amplifying stages are only some of the major items necessary.

(3). Electromagnetic deflection not only permits a simplification in tube design, but requires no more power than that available from a conventional 10" set.

Fluorescent Screens. The front end of the cathode-ray tube is internally coated with a fluorescent substance which emits light when hit by an electron beam. Many of the fluorescent screens contain zinc sulphide or combinations of zinc, and cadmium sulphides. For television receivers, the color of the light emitted is generally white, although sometimes it is tinged with blue or yellow to produce a softer looking image. Television screens are labeled P4, this designation denoting a screen emitting while light and exhibiting medium persistence. Other types of screens, employed for such purposes as oscilloscopes, radar, and photographic applications are listed in Table 1.

The fluorescent screen is probably the most delicate part of the cathoderay tube and requires careful attention if it is not to be burned. If the deflection voltages should fail, the beam will remain stationary at one point.

Table 1. The most common phosphors used for oscilloscopes, TV tubes, and radar.

RMA Designation and Substance	Activator	Fluorescent Color
P 1—Zinc silicate P 2—Zinc sulphide P 3—Zinc beryllium silicate P 4—P3 and zinc sulphide P 5—Calcium tungstate P 6—Zinc sulphide. Zinc cadmium sulphide	Manganese Copper Manganese Silver Silver Silver	Green Blue-green Yellow-Green White Blue White
P 7—Zinc sulphide. Zinc cadmium sulphide. P11—Zinc sulphide.	Silver Copper Silver with a nickel guencher	Blue Yellow Blue

If allowed to remain stationary for more than several minutes, the beam will probably desensitize the screen at this point. Visually, this means that the image will have a dark spot, or blemish.

Many of the newer television receivers are designed so that the high accelerating voltage of the cathoderay tube is removed when the horizontal deflection system fails. This insures that the beam is never stationary on the screen. However, in those sets which do not offer this protection, burning of the screen by a stationary beam is a real danger.

Raising the potential of the control grid by rotating the brightness control will, in time, reduce the useful life of the screen. Too high a setting of the contrast control may have the same effect. When a set is installed, the owner should be shown the proper procedure for setting these controls and cautioned against their misuse. The cathode-ray tube is expensive and should be treated carefully.

Cathode-Ray Tube Nomenclature. The following rules have been formulated to standardize and develop a uniform numbering system for cathode-ray tubes.

(1). The first number, whether one or two digits, will represent the diameter of the screen.

(2). The letter P with the number following it will indicate the type of fluorescent screen.

(3). Any additional letters found between the first number and P will distinguish between tubes that may have screens of equal size, but which possess other differing characteristics.

To illustrate the system, consider the 10BP4 tube. The 10 indicates that the screen diameter is 10 inches, the P4 tells us that the light trace is white, and the B distinguishes between this tube and other 10P4 tubes, such as the 10FP4. The latter tube has an aluminum backed screen.

Ion Traps. In cathode-ray tubes (and all other vacuum tubes for that matter) some gas atoms always exist after the supposed evacuation of all the air. When electrons in the beam strike these atoms, the atoms become ionized; some gain electrons, some lose electrons. Thus, there is present in the gas positively and negatively charged ions. The negatively charged ions are drawn forward by the positive accelerating voltage of the second anode and tend to fall in with and follow the electron beam. When the beam is electrostatically deflected, these ions are deflected with the electrons and hence are of no special importance. However, with electromagnetic deflection, the angle through which the electrons and ions are deflected is inversely proportional to their mass. Since ions are at least 1800 times heavier than electrons, they receive very little deflection. The continual bombardment of a small area at the center of the screen by these ions eventually produces a burned-out spot where all of the screen material is

	He	ater		nina! nsions	Base Socket	Image Size (Inches)	Defl. Method	Focus Method	Defi. Angle	lon Trap			Typica! g Conditic	ins	Tube Symbol
Турө	Volts	Amps	Diam.	Length	JUCKEL	(110103)					Grid 1	Anode 1	Grid 2	Anode 2	
3NP4	6.3	1.2	21/2	101/2	Special 5 Prong	1.4 x 1.86	М	м	40°	No	Cut-Off - 50		250	25,000	Special socke
5T P4	6.3	0.6	5	113/4	Duodecal 7 Pin	3 x 4	м.	E	50°	No	- 98	5000	200	27,000	See Fig. B
7DP4	6.3	0.6	73/16	141/16	Duodecal 7 Pin	$4 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$	M	E	50°	Yes	- 45	1600	250	6.000	See Fig. B
7GP4	6.3	0.6	7	141⁄2	Diheptal	4 x 5½	E	E		No	-63	1000		3,000	See Fig. A
7JP4	6.3	0.6	7	141/2	Diheptal 12 Pin	4 x 5½	E	E			- 168	2800		6.000	See Fig. A
10BP4	6.3	0.6	1012	175⁄8	Duodecal 7 Pin	6 x 8	м	м	50°	Yes	-63		250	9,000	See Fig. C
10FP4	6.3	0.6	101⁄2	175⁄8	Duodecal 7 Pin	6 x 8	м	м	5 0°	No	-63		250	9,000	See Fig. C
12JP4	6.3	0.6	12	171/2	Duodecal 7 Pin	7¾x10¼	м	м	50°	No	-63		250	10,000	See Fig. C
12L.P4	6.3	0.6	12 ¹ 16	183/4	Duodecal 7 Pin	7½x 9½	M	м	52°	Yes	-63		250	11,000	See Fig. C
15AP4	6.3	0.6	155/8	20 ³ /6	Duodecal	9½x12¾	м	м	50°	No	-63		250	12,000	See Fig. C
20BP4	6.3	0.6	20	283⁄4	Duodecal 7 Pin	127/8x17 ¹ /4	м	М	50°	No	-63		250	15,000	See Fig. C
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inactive. This is known as an ion spot.

Since ion bombardment wears away the screen material, many devices are used to eliminate it. These devices are known as ion traps. Hence, whenever electromagnetic deflection is employed, some type of ion trap will be found. Exceptions to this exist when the newly developed aluminum-backed screen is employed (which is itself a form of ion trap) or when the tube diameter is large. In the latter case, the magnetic deflection fields are sufficiently strong to disperse the ions over a relatively wide area and no noticeable ion burn is developed during the normal life of the tube. Some 12-inch and all 15-inch tubes do not use ion traps. (The 12JP4 does not use an ion trap; the 12LP4, however, does.)

Diagonal-Cut Ion Trap. The most common type of ion trap in use today combines an external non-symmetrical magnetic field as shown in Fig. 5A with an internal accelerating anode that is constructed in two sections (A and B). Electrode A receives a low positive voltage; electrode B has a high positive voltage. The electrons, when they leave the control grid, are attracted

forward by electrode A. However, due to the oblique gap between plates Aand B, the electrons (and the ions) are bent in the manner indicated by the solid line in Fig. 5B. With no other torces applied, the electrons and ions would strike anode B. However, if a magnetic field is introduced in the tube at right angles to the electrode, the electrons receive a counter force deflecting them upward and permitting them to continue through the gun. The ions, because of their greater mass and the fact that the magnetic field scarcely deflects them, strike electrode B and are removed from the beam path.

The magnets are clamped on the tube stem in the manner illustrated in Fig. 5C. The magnet to the rear is stronger than the forward magnet.

The ion trap may operate electromagnetically, in which case current flowing through the front and rear ion trap coils provide the necessary magnetic field (Fig. 5C), or it may contain fixed magnets of Alnico (Fig. 3).

Adjustment of Ion Traps. When an ion trap is used, the following procedure indicates how to adjust the position of the unit properly: Step 1. Clamp ion trap on tube, the pole piece of the largest magnet (or coil) positioned over the rear electrode A. The focus and deflection coils should be in place, as shown in Fig. 1.

Step 2. Turn the television set power on and allow 5 minutes for warm-up. Turn brightness control clockwise until raster appears on screen. Move the ion trap back and forth and around the neck of the tube until maximum light output is produced on the screen.

Step 3. If no position can be found at which a raster appears on the screen, check to make certain that the strongest (and usually the largest) magnet is closest to the tube base.

In set repair, it has been found that fixed-magnet ion traps may become ineffective due to a reduced magnetic field. This can readily be determined by testing the unit on a set that is operating. Merely substitute the doubtful ion trap in place of the good unit and observe the screen raster. Fixedmagnet ion traps contain a small front bar and a larger back bar. The air gaps of both bars should be parallel to each other. Sometimes one or both bars can be rotated in their grooves with the result that their air gaps are

Fig. 3. (Left) A fixed magnet ion trap. (Center) A typical focusing coil. (Right) A typical deflection yoke.









Fig. 4. (A) Prewar television tube, and (B) a typical present-day television tube.



Fig. 5. The diagonal-cut ion trap.

no longer aligned. This, too, can prevent the beam from striking the screen. Electromagnetic ion traps, short of an open in their wiring or partial or total failure of the power supply providing the current, will operate satisfactorily if positioned as indicated above.

Metal-Backed Screens to Eliminate Ion Spot. Another device which eliminates the ion spot is the metal-backed screen. This screen consists of the usual fluorescent phosphor on the back of which is deposited a thin layer of aluminum. When the beam strikes the coating, the electrons, due to their small size, are able to penetrate between the molecules of the aluminum metal and reach the phosphor. The ions, however, are effectively stopped since they are too large to pass through. This sieve-like action of the aluminum serves as an effective ion trap. The metal-backed screen offers several other advantages. They are:

1. More light output due to the mirrorlike action of the metal backing.

2. Better contrast.

3. Reduction of the difficulties which are caused by the slow removal of electrons from the screen. (The conductive coating is a good path for electrons.)

The 10FP4, 5TP4, and 3NP4 cathoderay tubes are the only tubes at present using an aluminum backing.

Focus Coils. Focusing, as previously noted, can be accomplished electrostatically by varying the voltage on the first anode of the electron gun or electromagnetically by using an external coil. For the first method, the voltage on the first anode is varied by means of a potentiometer. The control arm is simply rotated until the beam (or image) is sharp and clear.

A circuit which is typical of elecrostatic deflection systems is shown in Fig. 6. The output of the high-voltage power supply is fed to a resistance voltage divider network where, at a suitable voltage point, a 5 megohm potentiometer is inserted and the necessary focusing voltage is obtained. Beam centering is accomplished with the same network. A high fixed voltage is placed on one vertical and one horizontal defiecting plate from taps between R_1 , R_2 and R_3 , R_4 . In parallel with these resistors are two 5 megohm potentiometers, the center arm of each connecting to the other vertical and horizontal plates. When the arms of the potentiometers are in center position, there is no d.c. potential difference between the plates of the horizontal and vertical sets. A balance exists. Any change in these potentiometer arms, however, will make one plate more positive than the other of its set and bend the electron beam. If we rotate the vertical centering po-

Fig. 6. A typical electrostatic deflection system as used in modern television receivers.



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tentiometer, the beam (or image) will shift up or down. If we rotate the horizontal centering control, the image will shift right or left. The deflecting voltages for the image are applied separately as shown.

Focusing electromagnetically is accomplished by a coil slipped over the neck of the tube. See Figs. 1 and 3. A typical bracket to support the coil is shown in Fig. 7. The bracket consists of three parts: two vertical supports and a horizontal suspension section. Wing nuts hold the assembly in position. By adjusting the wing nuts, the focus coil can be moved up or down, from side to side, forward or backward, or twisted slightly at an angle.

Adjustment of the Focus Coil Position. A simple adjustment procedure is as follows:

Step 1. Produce a raster on the screen by following the preceding ion-trap adjustment.

Step 2. Rotate the brightness control until the screen brilliance is halfway between dark and maximum.

Step 3. Adjust the position of the focus coil until the most clearly defined raster is produced. That is, each line should be the same width all across the screen. There should be:

(a). No areas where the lines blend into each other.

(b). No shaded corners or rounded edges on the raster (beam striking neck of tube).

(c). A picture that is centered on the screen.

Step 4. After the focus coil is set, the ion trap should be rechecked because the fields of the two interact.

The adjustments on the focus coil position will indicate where the coil should be set. In addition, nearly all manufacturers provide a fine focus potentiometer which controls the current through the focus coil. See Fig. 8. Rotation of this control should produce a sharply-defined raster or image. On either side of this point, the beam will become defocused. In some sets, after several months of operation, the resistance values in the focus control circuit will change enough to reduce the ability of the focus control to provide sufficient resistance variation to produce a sharp focus. Best focus may be obtained when the potentiometer arm is completely to one side-in which case the serviceman is unable to determine whether the beam is properly focused. In the extreme case, no position of the control will be found where proper focusing appears. Check the resistance values in the focus control circuit against the manufacturer's stated values. If these are normal, within plus or minus 10%, measure the power supply voltage applied to the focus coil. It is entirely possible that the voltage has decreased enough to affect the focusing action and yet not enough to affect the rest of the set appreciably.

Deflection Coil Adjustment. Deflection coils are mounted on brackets (Continued on page 148)

The Beginning AMATEUR

A neat addition to a boy's den, affording him many interesting hours of listening.



Part 3. Complete details on a simple, reliable receiver for the three main amateur bands.

F YOU are making fair progress with the code and want to start getting a station together, there is no better introduction to the technical side of the game than the construction of your own short-wave receiver. Just buying the parts immediately makes you familiar with coils and tubes and transformcondensers. ers, switches and sockets, etc. Assembling them on a small metal chassis gives you valuable experience in the handling of steel and aluminum and the mounting of molded ceramic and plastic components. Connecting up all the pieces develops your skill with the soldering iron. All of this is necessary background for your later work on more complicated receivers and on an endless chain of transmitters. The actual receiver, small and simple as it is, will surprise you with its fine results.

Most young beginners have to depend on Dad's generosity or on meager after-school earnings. The first question they ask about a construction project is, naturally, "How much will it cost?" If you don't have a single Front panel view of completed receiver. The white paper cemented to the panel serves as the "dial" for the band-setting condenser. The positions of the pointer knob are simply marked in pencil.

socket or resistor on hand, and have to go out and buy everything shown in the accompanying photographs, you can just about get by for \$20, and perhaps a shade less if you shop around carefully. You'll obtain many times twenty dollars' worth of enjoyment out of the set, and when you are ready to graduate to something better you'll be able to use 99% of the parts over again. I predict that you'll probably leave the receiver intact, as a sort of standby unit, instead of tearing it down; as your "first" set, it will develop a sentimental value far in excess of its original cost.

In undertaking your first receiver, you will also learn how to read radio diagrams. The type of drawing included with this article is known as a "schematic," because it shows the "scheme" of the connections. For convenience of identification, the various parts bear symbols, which appear also in the parts lists and on the photographic illustrations. At first a schematic is just a collection of pen scratches, but after a little study it becomes very easy to read. The pictures show where the parts are placed, while the diagram shows how they.are connected together.

Examine the diagram, the parts list, and the photos very carefully, checking each part by its symbol. This step alone will acquaint you with the appearance of the parts. It is common practice in the radio art to use the letter V for vacuum tubes, C for condensers, R for resistors, T for transformers, S for switches, J for jacks, etc. Coils of various kinds are marked L, since C is already assigned. The first tube in this receiver is V_1 , of the 6J7 type. The circle represents the outer shell (or "envelope," as it is known to engineers), and the lines inside various grids, the plate, the cathode, and the heater. In conjunction with the coil L_1 and the two variable condensers C_1 and C_2 (the arrow head through the condenser symbol means variable), this tube operates as a regenerative detector. It works into V_{2} , which is an amplifier. The signals are heard in a pair of earphones connected to jack J₁.

Transformer T_1 , rectifier tube V_3 and







Fig. 2. Complete mechanical and electrical details of coil assembly. Three separate coils are required to cover the 20, 40, and 80 meter bands. filter circuit CH_2 , C_{10} , C_{11} comprise the "power supply." T_1 is connected to the a.c. power line. It has three secondary windings. One, developing 6.3 volts, lights the heaters of V_1 and also the red ruby panel light PL_1 , which is a reminder that the power has been turned on by switch S₁. Another secondary gives about 600 volts. This high voltage, still a.c., is changed or "rectified" into a pulsating direct current by V_3 . These pulsations are smoothed out, or "filtered," by the combination of choke coil CH2 and filter condensers C_{10} , C_{11} . Without this filtering, the rough voltage would produce a terrific growl or hum in the The voltage that appears phones. across the output of the filter, at resistor R_{s} , is about 250 volts.

The diagram shows one coil L_{1} , but actually there are three separate coils, of different sizes, which are plugged

The three home-made plug-in coils are wound on small four-prong forms. The "20 meter" coil is on the left, the "40" in the center, and the "80" on the right. Note that the soldered tap is on the second turn from the bottom on each coil.



into this position to give the receiver a tuning range of from 2.9 to 22.4 megacycles (or 2900 to 22,400 kilocycles). The first coil covers 2.9 to 6 megacycles, which takes in the amateur "75-meter" band (more accurately stated, the 3.5 to 4 megacycle band); the second runs from 5.1 to 10.9 mc. ("mc." for megacycles), and includes the busy 7 to 7.3 mc. c.w. band; the third goes from 10.5 to 22.4 mc. and includes the long distance 14 to 14.4 mc. band.

The coils themselves consist of single layers of No. 22 d.c.c. (double cotton covered) copper wire on ribbed four-prong forms; the latter fit into a four-prong tube socket on the chassis, and changing them is the work of a few seconds. The spacing of the turns on the two smaller coils is not critical and need not be uniform, although the completed coils look neater if the turns are nice and even. Winding each coil shouldn't take more than five minutes. First drill the forms with two small holes: one near the bottom and one near the top. Push the end of the wire through the bottom hole, pull it up through the form with a pair of long nose pliers, and then carefully thread it down through No. 3 pin. Solder it fast, pull out the slack loop inside the form, and wind on the specified number of turns. Start with the 7-turn coil, as it's the easiest. At the end of the last turn, cut the wire about six inches long, push the end through the top hole, then down through the No. 1 pin and solder it.

To make the tap, scrape the cotton off the wire about $1\frac{1}{2}$ turns up from the bottom and drill a hole next to this point, being careful not to cut adjacent turns. Cut a separate piece of wire

about six inches long. Bend one end to form a small hook. Push the other end through the third hole and up through the coil form, and pull it until the hook fits over the scraped turn. Solder the joint and then thread the free end down into the No. 2 pin of the form and solder it. It will take you less time to perform these operations than to read the instructions!

Since the largest coil has its turns closewound, you will have to separate the second and third turns temporarily while you drill the hole for the tap wire. Pull all the windings as taut as possible; if they are a bit loose when you've finished them, anchor the wire with a couple of vertical strips of Scotch tape.

The placement of the various parts is made very clear in the pictures. The front panel holds the two variable condensers C_1 and C_2 , the earphone jack J_1 , the regeneration control R_6 , the line switch S_1 and the panel light PL_1 . C_1 is fitted with a pointer knob, while C has a vernier dial on it for close adjustment. On the chassis, regarded from the rear, the power supply units are on the left, the coil socket on the extreme right, and the tubes in the center. The coil socket is supported about an inch above the surface of the chassis by means of washers or short pieces of tubing. This makes the soldering lugs accessible for short connections to C_1 and C_2 . The grid condenser C_1 and the grid leak R_1 are soldered together to point 1 of the coil socket, and their other ends go to a clip which fits over the end cap of V_1 . The little antenna adjusting condenser C_3 is mounted on a porcelain stand-off insulator.

All necessary holes should be laid out carefully, using a scriber, compass, and straightedge. No detailed drilling layout is given because the positions are not critical, and hole spacing will vary with makes of sockets, transformers, etc. To make the socket holes and the transformer opening, first drill a circle or rectangle of holes, cut out the inner section with a chisel and file the edges smooth. You can do a perfectly good job with a small hand drill, although, of course, a power drill will save time. Ask the manual training teacher in your school for help; he'll probably be glad to let you use a power drill press, under his supervision

The small parts on the underside of the chassis are mounted by their own connecting wires, or with the assistance of "tie-lug strips." These are little pieces of insulating material with mounting feet and soldering lugs. It will be convenient to mount one each under the screws that hold down the filter choke CH_2 and the tube sockets for V_1 and V_2 . For wiring, use No. 20 solid push-back, a clean hot iron, and rosin core solder. The entire wiring job shouldn't take more than about an hour and a half.

A small three-tube receiver of this kind needs the help of a good outside aerial. A single wire, having a total length from the aerial binding post to

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Top view of the completed receiver. Tubes and a plug-in coil are in place and very little wiring is in sight. (Note: The particular power transformer used in this set has the rectifier socket built into the top. If a conventional transformer is used instead, socket for V_a can easily be put between T_1 and V_2 .)

the far end of about 100 feet, is recommended. It should be as high and as clear as possible, well insulated, and pulled fairly tight to minimize swinging. A ground connection to a water pipe is also helpful, although in some locations the set will work satisfactorily without one.

To place the set into operation, put the tubes in their sockets and plug in the 40 meter coil. Connect the aerial and ground, and the 117-volt plug. Connect the earphones, which, by the way, should be of the high impedance type, by means of a plug that will fit the jack J_1 . Turn the switch S_1 to the "on" position. The panel light will go on and the filament of V_3 will start to glow dull red. The tubes will take about ten seconds to come up to operating temperature. Start with the po-

tentiometer knob R_6 backed all the way counterclockwise (rotating arm nearest to ground connection). With C_1 and C_2 in any position. slowly advance R_6 . Condenser C_3 , by the way, should be about in its mid-position. As you crank up R_6 , you will hear a soft rushing noise, and then a noticeable plop. This indicates that the detector tube V_1 has gone into oscillation. Turn C_1 carefully by means of its knob, and if you have wired the set correctly you will hear numerous c.w. stations. With your left hand on C_1 and your right on R_6 , you will be able to strike combinations of adjustments that will bring in stations by the score, some with enough volume to make you take off the phones. The setting of R_{\bullet} is critical and important, as it deter-(Continued on page 141)

Bottom view of the completely wired receiver. The parts are well separated and can be soldered with ease. The small fixed resistors and condensers are mounted directly by means of their connecting leads. The exact placement of parts is not critical; just follow the layout and no trouble will be encountered.



AII All-Band MOBILE TRANSMITTER

Front view of mobile transmitter. Push-totalk operation is obtained with T17B mike.

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This sturdily-constructed unit provides both c.w. and phone operation at the home shack or on the go.

HE new regulations of the FCC permitting mobile operation on the low-frequency amateur bands present opportunities for a new and interesting phase of amateur activity. Many ham stations are being moved in toto to the automobile and almost all of the amateur fraternity are engaged in or contemplate engaging in some sort of portable work. The transmitter described here is the result of an attempt to condense in as small a space as possible a number of refinements usually reserved for the more pretentious home station. The foremost of these refinements is variable frequency operation which has been found to be not only satisfactory but as valuable in the mobile rig as in the home station. The percentage of contacts is greatly increased if the lowpowered mobile station can move to the called station's frequency and the ability to elude QRM is always useful.

While phone operation is the rule for mobile work, provision is made for c.w. and a keying jack is provided on the front panel next to the mike jack. A standard phone jack is used for the key while a smaller jack, type PL68, is used for the mike so that the two cannot be confused. The ubiquitous T17B mike is recommended and a connection is made to the mike thumb button so that push-to-talk control is obtained. In addition to the e.c.o. tuning dial, a knob on the front panel peaks the final amplifier for maximum antenna current and another screwdriver adjustment allows tuning the antenna network. The pilot light is in series with the antenna lead and serves as a tuning and modulation indicator. In actual operation, once the antenna coupling condenser is adjusted, only the e.c.o. dial and the output peaking control need be tuned to change frequency.

Originally the transmitter was intended to operate from a PE103 dynamotor at 500 volts but after considering the 21 ampere dynamotor drain it seemed advisable to reduce the power requirements somewhat. A compromise was finally made: the 500 volt design was retained but three jumpers (shown dotted in the circuit diagram) were added in the transmitter so that a 250 to 300 volt supply could be used. A PE103 with 6 volts applied to the 12 volt winding draws only about 9 amps. and will deliver about 250 volts at 130 ma. Under these conditions the transmitter will run about 12 watts input to the final amplifier. If an increase in power is desired it is only necessary to clip out the three jumper wires and excite the 6 volt winding of the PE103.

Frequency stability of the transmitter is enhanced by rigid mechanical construction and the use of small components in the compact e.c.o. assembly. The oscillator coil is wound on a small ceramic form and enclosed in a separate shield which partially covers the oscillator tube socket so that the grid and cathode terminals of the tube socket are inside the shield. The e.c.o. tuning condenser and ceramic padding condensers occupy a small area of their own, clear of all other components and wiring. A small variable condenser of the air trimmer type is to be preferred to allow maximum clearance between it and all parts of the shield and chassis. The oscillator tube is a 6AK6. This tube is ideally suited to e.c.o. use as it has a low drain heater for minimum thermal effects and a separate connection is made to the suppressor grid so that it may be tied to the screen to decrease capacity coupling inside the tube and maintain true electron coupling. In addition, the tube has a more generous plate dissipation rating than the voltage amplifier pentodes and heavy element construction typical of the audio power output pentodes.

The perforated metal cover is an effective r.f. shield and keeps the "B plus" inaccessible to the operator, while the ventilation is unimpaired. Good ventilation is especially important when the transmitter is of compact design since no amount of voltage regulation or cathode tap adjustment will correct frequency drift which is a result of thermal changes.

The keying stability is limited solely by the regulation of the power supply. Dynamotors have excellent load regulation and c.w. operation is quite satisfactory with dynamotor power, provided the dynamotor is supplied with constant input voltage. This means that instability resulting from changing generator output during normal driving would be objectionable for c.w. operation but using a bug while driving a car is a little hard to imagine, anyway.

The e.c.o. grid circuit tunes from 1740 to 2000 kc. The oscillator plate circuit is tuned to 80 meters by means of a powdered iron slug in the plate coil. Following the oscillator is a 12AU7 twin triode with both sections

operating as slug-tuned doublers so that 40 and 20 meter output is obtained. The "hot" end of each tank coil is connected to a small standoff insulator made up of a number 4 machine screw through a fibre grommet. A few inches of hookup wire and a soldering lug are connected to the 807 grid and by moving the soldering lug to the proper machine screw and fastening it down with a nut, either 80, 40, or 20 meter excitation may be supplied to the 807. For ten meter output, the 807 doubles. With a 250 volt supply the 807 grid current runs between 3 and 4 ma. on all bands, quite enough for efficient doubling and linear modulation. The final amplifier is shunt-fed and a pi network couples the plate to almost any type of antenna. A 100" bumper mounting vertical antenna may be loaded on any band in this way and will give surprising results even on 75 meters.

In the audio section, the carbon mike is transformer-coupled to a 12AT7 phase inverter of the self-balancing type. This tube drives a pair of 6K6GT modulators. 6V6GT's could be used with no change in the circuit but they draw slightly more filament and plate current. For the lower plate voltages, i.e., up to 300 volts, 6K6GT's are preferable.

It will be noticed that microphone voltage is obtained from the modulator cathode resistor. This has been done so that a 6 volt a.c. supply may be used on the filament circuit. In a push-pull audio stage no audio voltage appears across the cathode resistor (except distortion components) so that a simple RC filter is adequate for decoupling the mike voltage. If this filter proves insufficient and audio oscillation occurs, it will be necessary to reverse the connections of either the primary or the secondary of the mike transformer.

The transmitter is assembled on two aluminum chassis trays to which the front panel is affixed by means of selftapping screws. The smaller chassis is $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long by $2\frac{5}{8}$ " wide with $\frac{1}{2}$ " aprons on each side. As can be seen



Circuit diagram of the compact, mobile c.w.-phone transmitter unit.

in the photographs, this chassis supports all components of the 6AK6 and 12AU7 stages. The tubes are mounted upside down below this horizontal chassis. This construction makes all components easily accessible and short leads are almost automatic. The larger chassis mounts vertically behind the front panel and measures $6\frac{1}{2}''$ long by (Continued on page 96)

Rear view shows the two trays which form the chassis at right angles to each other. The 40 and 20 meter doubler tank coils can be seen.



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Bottom view. Tops of e.c.o. and dual-triode doubler tubes can be seen. Power and antenna terminals are supported by aluminum angle.



FOR LARGE AUDIENCES

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A commercially available kit that can be used as a basic unit for custom-built installations.

THE P-520 projection television receiver has a 520 sq. in. (20" x 26") projection screen, brighter than the average 16 mm. movies, which can be viewed comfortably from distances up to 120 feet.

The P-520 is supplied in kit form, with the critical assemblies prefabricated and checked at the factory. This enables the dealer to complete the assembly in his own shop with his own tools and instruments, and keep the entire profit on this stage of set manufacture.

The standard kit is supplied complete with mounting rack, metal sides, and the screen hood, but without the front panel. This enables the dealer to custom-tailor the installation by designing and supplying a special front panel, in any material or color or degree of ornamentation, to suit exactly the customer's decorating scheme.

The standard mounting rack provides room to spare for all the units of the television instrument. The dealer can install, in addition, an automatic record player, or a p.a. system, or both, mounting the additional units in the P-520 rack and utilizing its loudspeaker. This is another important source of additional revenue. An exhaustive 80-page instruction and service manual, illustrated with photographs, diagrams and charts is supplied with each unit. The manual contains step-by-step instructions for the assembly and adjustment of the instrument, together with service notes on installation and troubleshooting. Complete electrical parts lists, hardware parts lists, and a composite schematic diagram of the instrument are also included.

To follow the technical description, refer to the block diagram (Fig. 1). The blocks are numbered consecutively, from 1 to 12, and we shall proceed in that order: from front end to the low-voltage power supply.

1. Front End. This consists of the Du Mont "Inputuner" employing a 6J6 as the r.f. amplifier, another 6J6 as the local oscillator, and a 6AK5 as the mixer. This standard unit is already familiar to the readers of RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS, and need not be described in detail, beyond stating that the r.f. amplifier has an input impedance of 73 ohms, and the coupling network to the mixer tube has a bandpass 6 mc. wide. The unit is pre-set at the factory, and no repairs or adjustments should be attempted in the field, but the entire unit returned for replacement, if needed.

2. Video Section. The video i.f. section employs six 6J6 duo-triodes in a unique circuit arrangement. One section of each tube is cathode-coupled, while the other section operates as a grounded-grid amplifier. The signal is coupled from the first section to the second by means of a common cathode circuit, by grounding the grids of the second triode sections. The output of each grounded-grid amplifier is fed to the next stage through a bridged-T coupling network, providing a wide bandpass (4.25 mc.). Five and one-half of these stages are used in cascade. This circuit is shown in Fig. 2.

The output from the fifth video i.f. stage is fed to one triode section of the sixth 6J6, which functions as the detector-driver stage. The second triode section of this tube has its grid and plate connected, and this triode section functions as a diode detector. The signal from the detector-driver stage is coupled to the detector stage by a common-cathode circuit. The output from the plate circuit of the detector stage is then fed to the video amplifier section, with peaking circuits incorporated in the outputs of the detector and the video amplifier stages. Two stages of video amplification are employed, utilizing a 6AG5 and a 6V6 tube. The output from the

Top view of r.f. chassis. All critical assemblies are prefabricated and, when possible, aligned at the factory.

Panel view of the r.f.-i.f. chassis. The front end is a Du Mont "Inputuner" employing a 6J6 as an r.f. amplifier, with another 6J6 as local oscillator, and a 6AK5 as mixer.







mixer tube is directly coupled to a converter transformer, the primary of which is tuned to 26.4 mc. (the intermediate frequency of the video section), and the secondary tuned to 21.9 mc. (the intermediate frequency of the audio section).

Only two traps are used: 27.9 mc. and 21.9 mc. These traps are pretuned at the factory but may require an adjustment to meet local reception needs.

3. Automatic Gain Control. The system consists of a 6AT6 tube which serves as an a.g.c. noise clipper and a d.c. amplifier. A portion of the output signal from the cathode of the detector-driver tube is fed to the a.g.c. detector section of a 6AL5 tube, and the voltage across a resistor in the cathode circuit of this section is then fed to the diode of the 6AT6; this section of the 6AT6 thus functions as a noise limiter. The output from the 6AT6 diode section is now fed through an integrated network, and the signal applied to the grid of the triode section of the 6AT6, where the signal is amplified and inverted. A portion of this amplified a.g.c. signal now is fed to the control grid of the mixer tube, while the other portion of the signal is fed to the first four video i.f. stages. A feature of this circuit is that overloading of the i.f. amplifiers on strong signals is prevented, yet maximum r.f. gain is obtained on weak signals in the mixer stage.

4. *D.C. Restorer*. The d.c. component of the video signal is here fed through a 1N34 crystal to the sync amplification and separation circuits.

5. Sync Amplifier and Separator. The signal is first fed to the control grid of a 6SK7 tube which serves as the first sync amplifier where the sync signal-to-noise ratio is improved. The output of this tube is then fed to the control grid of a 6SH7, which serves as the second sync amplifier. The

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values of the operating potentials of the 6SH7 are such that the video and blanking pulses are removed and only the sync pulses pass through. Next, a 6J5 triode serving as the third sync amplifier inverts the signal to the required polarity and removes amplitude variations between the sync pulses. The vertical and horizontal sync pulses are separated in an integrating network, and the two groups of sync signals are coupled to the corresponding vertical and horizontal sweep circuits.

6. Vertical Deflection. A 6J5 triode and its associated circuit form a blocking oscillator and discharge network, producing a saw-tooth waveform of the correct polarity and frequency in the vertical deflection coils to which the signal is fed through a 6K6 power output tube. The impedance match between the 6K6 and the vertical deflection coils is provided through an output transformer. 7. Horizontal Deflection. In the horizontal deflection circuit, one triode section of a 6SN7 tube serves as the horizontal blocking oscillator, while the second section of this tube with its associated circuit forms the horizontal discharge network. The output from the second triode section of the 6SN7 is fed through two 6BG6 power tubes connected in parallel, to raise the signal level to the value required for the operation of the high-voltage power supply as well as of the horizontal deflection coils.

8. Kinescope and Optical System. A five-inch magnetic-deflection, electrostatic-focusing 5TP4 projection kinescope tube is employed, projecting the image through an F/1.9 Bausch & Lomb focusing projection lens, the image being reflected by the silver topcoated mirror onto the 20" x 26" projection screen.

9. Sound Section. The FM sound section is comprised of the sound i.f. section, the limiter-discriminator section, and the audio section.

The 21.9 mc. sound i.f. signal is taken from the secondary of the converter transformer in the front end, and directly coupled to the control grid of the first sound i.f. amplifier, a 6BAG. The sound i.f. signal is then fed to the second i.f. amplification stage (another



Fig. 1. Block diagram of Model P-520 TV projection unit manufactured by Television Assembly Company. Blocks are numbered to show sequence of operation.



Fig. 2. The video i.f. section of the Model P-520 receiver employs six 6J6 duo-triodes to provide five and one-half stages of amplification in cascade.



Top view of i.f. chassis. This 14-tube i.f. picture and sound strip is shipped pre-wired and pre-tested. Automatic gain control is included.



Fig. 3. The high voltage tripler flyback power supply unit. The three rectifiers are arranged in a voltage-tripler circuit. A high frequency (15.750 c.p.s.) is employed, necessitating only a small filter capacity.

6BA6), and then to the control grid of the 6AU6 limiter tube, whence it is transformer-coupled to the 6AL5 duodiode serving as the discriminator. The audio component in the output of

the discriminator tube is then applied across the volume control.

10. Audio Section. The audio output from the volume control is fed to the first triode section of a 6SN7,

Top view of deflection chassis. High-voltage power supply producing nearly 30,000 volts is shown within plastic housing.

where it is amplified. The second section of this tube functions as a phase inverter and provides the required signal for the grids of two 6F6 power amplifier tubes working in push-pull. The power stage output is coupled to the loudspeaker through an output transformer.

11. High-Voltage Power Supply. The high-voltage power supply unit is shown in Fig. 3. The power supply is obtained from the energy stored in the inductances of the deflection coils during each horizontal sweep. A collapsing field in the deflection coils is produced when the incoming signal cuts off the plate currents of the two 6BG6 tubes, causing a positive pulse to appear in the step-up transformer. These stepped up pulses are then applied to the plates of three 1B3/8016 rectifiers, and at the same time a negative pulse is applied to the rectifier filaments. The three rectifiers are arranged in a voltage-tripler circuit, producing about 27-30 kv., direct current. The horizon-tal sweep frequency, 15,750 c.p.s., is employed.

12. Low-Voltage Power Supply. Two separate low-voltage supply sources, each of 6.3 volts, are provided: one for the heaters of the r.f., video, sync amplifier, and sound sections, the other for the tube heaters of the deflection circuits and the 6AS7 damping tube. The transformer in the first section, in conjunction with a 5U4 rectifier, also supplies "B-plus" and bias voltages for its associated circuits, as well as the negative potentials for the deflection circuits. The transformer in the second section, in conjunction with two 5U4 rectifiers connected in a single full-wave rectification system, furnishes "B-plus" potentials for the deflection circuits. The operation of these two power supplies is controlled by the "FM-Television" switch, with the a.c. power supplied to both transformers when in the "Television" position, and only to the first transformer when in "FM" position. -30-



The kinescope and projection unit. A 5TP4 kinescope tube projects image through an F/1.9 lens onto a 20" x 26" screen.





Compiled by KENNETH R. BOORD

THIS month we are pleased to dedicate the ISW Department to The Blue Danube Network, Austria

Through the courtesy of our ISW monitor in Newfoundland, Roland C. Peddle, we present the following data which Mr. Peddle received from Robert Graff, former station manager of KZCA.

The Salzburg station KZCA is one of three stations comprising The Blue Danube Network: WOFA, the key station, is located in Vienna and feeds KOFA, Linz, and KZCA, Salzburg. (A few local programs are produced at the repeaters, these being news of local interest and special programs of requests.)

The transmitter site of KZCA, operating on 1,104 kc., using a Western Electric 443A, 1 kw., is located about two miles out of town; the 41.55 m. spectrum is supplied by a BC-610 pushing 350 watts into a quarter-wave grounded vertical antenna. Both units are mounted in Army trailer vans on the property of the Italian Embassy mission to Austria which used to be the studios. The Linz station KOFA has a 443A transmitter also, while WOFA uses an RCA, 1 kw.

Equipment employed at KZCA is RCA 76-B2, used in conjunction with three Presto type 6N recording turntables. The board in Linz is a Western Electric 22-D remote amplifier; tables also of Presto manufacture are used.

The Vienna station has the latest in modern studio equipment, using RCA type 76-C turntables while, I believe, a new Western Electric 25-C control board is now installed. The 22-D remote amplifiers are used on all "NEMO" pick-ups, the network having a total of about 10 of these units. A diversity receiver rack houses two Hammarlund super pros in Vienna master control to bring in statewide broadcasts and a Gates 4-channel amplifier feeds the net lines.

An interesting note, however, may be found in that the call letters of O.F.A. stand for "Occupation Forces, Austria," while Z.C.A. stand for "Zone Command, Austria." KZCA at one time had the same call letters as the Linz station, that is KOFA. It was changed

(Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all time is expressed in American EST; add 5 hours for GCT. "News" refers to newscasts in the English language. In order to avoid confusion, the 24 hour clock has been used in designating the times of broadcasts. The hours from midnight until noon are shown as 0000 to 1200 while from 1 p.m. to midnight are shown as 1300 to 2400.)

August 1, 1947. Linz, operating on 629 kc., could be heard throughout most of the day, both in Salzburg and Vienna, as it was driving close to 1,400 watts. Vienna operates on 1,068 kc., and all stations use Truseen steel beam antenna towers raging up to 260 feet.

Mr. Graff explained that in February, 1948, preparations were made to change the short-wave frequency of KZCA from 7.220 to 5.660 but this idea had to be abandoned. He further stated that many reports come in to KZCA from New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, and a few from the East Coast of North America. KZCA issues an attractive QSL card.

Latest available schedule of KZCA on 7.220 is 2300-1700 (Sundays 0000-1700)

Our best wishes go to The Blue Danube Network in Austria!

DX Broadcasts

Complimentary to the International Short Wave Club, London, observing its 20th anniversary this year, a 30minute DX program is to be radiated on Saturday, April 23, from Radio Sweden, Stockholm, under the direction of Arne Skoog, who compiles "Swedish DX-ers Calling."

The program will feature messages from DX-ers in various parts of the world, including Arthur E. Bear, London, secretary of ISWC; Graham Hutchins, DX Editor of Radio Australia; Ken Boord, and others.

The broadcast will be heard at 0230

At the opening of the new 50 kw. SW transmitter in Denmark were (l. to r.) Engineer Warming, King Frederik IX, and the Danish Prime Minister. Broadcasting on 9.520 daily to N. America at 1900-2030, 2130-2300, 2300-0030, and on 15.165 to eastern countries Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, at 0500-0600, EST, area service will expand as facilities permit.





on 6.065, 9.535; 1630, 10.780, 15.155; and 2030, 6.065, 9.535. *

New Call Letters

As of January 15, 1949, a number of changes were made in station call letters throughout the world. Current allocations as listed by the Newark News Radio Club are as follows:

AAA-ALZ - United States; AMA-AOZ-not allocated; APA-ASZ-Pakistan; ATA-AWZ—India; AXA-AXZ - Australia; AYA-AZZ — Argentina; BAA-BZZ-China; CAA-CEZ-Chile; CFA-CKZ - Canada; CLA-CMZ -Cuba: CNA-CNZ-Morocco; COA-COZ -Cuba; CPA-CPZ-Bolivia; CQA-CRZ-Portuguese Colonies; CSA-CUZ - Portugal; CVA-CXZ - Uruguay; CYA-CZZ-Canada; DAA-DMZ-Germany; DNZ-DQZ-Belgian Congo; DRA-DTZ-Bielo Russian S.S.R.; DUA-DZZ-Philippine Republic; EAA-EHZ-Spain; EIA-EJZ-Eire; EKA-EKZ — U.S.S.R.; ELA-ELZ — Liberia; EMA-EOZ - U.S.S.R.; EPA-EQZ -Iran: ERA-ERZ-U.S.S.R.; ESA-ESZ-Estonia; ETA-ETZ - Ethiopia; EUA-EZZ-U.S.S.R.; FAA-FZZ-France and Colonies; GAA-GZZ - Great Britain; HAA-HAZ — Hungary; HBA-HBZ —Switzerland; HCA-HDZ — Ecuador; HEA-HEZ-Switzerland; HFA-HFZ-Poland; HGA-HGZ-Hungary; HHA-HHZ—Haiti; HIA-HIZ — Dominican Republic; HJA-HKZ-Columbia; HLA-HMZ-Korea; HNA-HNZ-Iraq; HOA-HPZ — Panama; HQA-HRZ — Honduras: HSA-HSZ-Siam; HTA-HTZ-Nicaragua; HUA-HUZ-El Salvador; HVA-HVZ-Vatican City; HWA-HYZ -France and Colonies; HZA-HZZ-Saudi Arabia; IAA-IZZ-Italy and Colonies; JAA-JSZ-Japan; JTA-JVZ Mongolia; JWA-JXZ - Norway; JYA-JZZ-not allocated; KAA-KZZ-United States; LAA-LNZ - Norway; LOA-LWZ - Argentina; LXA-LXZ -Luxembourg; LYA-LYZ - Lithuania; LZA-LZZ-Bulgaria; MAA-MZZ-Great Britain; NAA-NZZ - United States; OAA-OCZ-Peru; ODA-ODZ-Lebanon;OEA-OEZ-Austria;OFA-OJZ Finland; OKA-OMZ - Czechoslovakia; ONA-OTZ - Belgium and Colonies; OUA-OZZ-Denmark; PAA-PIZ Netherlands; PJA-PJZ - Curacao; PKA-POZ-Netherlands Indies; PPA-PYZ-Brazil; PZA-PZZ-Surinam; RAA-RZZ-U.S.S.R.; SAA-SMZ-Sweden; SNA-SRZ - Poland; SSA-SUZ -Egypt; SVA-SZZ-Greece; TAA-TCZ-(Continued on page 98)

Your Shop TUBE TESTER Will Help Build Prestige

usually hovers about waiting for that all-important time when you push the button so that he can see the needle climb up into the "good" sec-tion. Sometimes you may find it difficult to explain a "doubtful" reading on a tube checker, but most of the time the customer accepts your professional opinion that the tube is ready for replacement.

Rather than just let it go at that, you can probably make a rather favorable impression on the customer by telling him just what is wrong with the tube and just how "doubtful" it is. If you possess a good, direct reading, mutual conductance tube tester, there is no guesswork as to how good or how bad a tube really is.

As you well know, mutual conductance tells exactly what the tube will amplify into a given load. For example, since mutual conductance is the change in plate current for a given change in grid voltage, you can multiply that term by the load impedance and get the gain of the stage. When you have a fixed load, as you do in a radio, a drop in the mutual conductance means a proportionate drop in the gain of the stage. An example that you might use would be to take a required mutual conductance of 2000 micronihos. When you test the tube and get a reading of only 1500 micromhos, you know that the amplifier is only three-fourths as good as it could be with a new tube.

This brings up another point that you probably haven't given much thought. You may have checked a tube that shows 1500 instead of 2000, but when you put it in the radio there was no apparent difference in the operation of the set. It's entirely possible that a strong station will bias your amplifier way down so that you never use the full gain of the tube. Then-how could you tell the difference? Try the set on a weak station so that the a.v.c. bias is reduced and more is demanded of the amplifiers.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, this problem of having a weak tube carried by the stronger tubes in the set does not come up in many television receivers using staggered i.f. amplifiers. Since each amplifier stage must carry

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your tube tester. In his eyes the tube

tester is the most complicated cure-all

of the radio game. Have you ever

watched the face of the man who has

carefully delivered all of his five tubes

for testing when you tell him that they're all good? Worse yet, have you

ever found one tube a little flat and

replaced it for him only to have him

storm in with the set a half hour later

calling you a crook because it still

gadget that the customer respects,

you have, probably unconsciously, se-

lected the most impressive looking

tester. Manufacturers of tube testers

hear all kinds of complaints about the

complexity of the controls of a tester,

but they also find that the tester with

the most controls on the front is the

one that sells to the radio serviceman.

The goal, then, seems to be an impres-

sive piece of equipment that has a lot

of necessary controls, but is still easy

When you start flipping switches,

pushing buttons, tapping tubes, and flashing neon lights, the customer

Assuming that the tube tester is the

A mutual conductance-type tube tester gives a true picture of a tube's condition. Let your customer watch it operate.

doesn't work?

and rapid to use.

ITH the crusade of the "clipped wire" putting the public on guard against the radio serviceman, you have probably found that what has been at times a trying business is now getting just a little nerve grating.

The high parts prices, the suspicion engendered by repeated investigations, and the general economic condition of the country have all combined to make it necessary for the radio serv-iceman to redevelop his own "good will "

Probably the best way to retain the customer's confidence is to earn his respect for your ability and businesslike approach to the servicing of his set. It goes without saying that a neat, well laid out shop is half the battle, but it really is only half.

The other half is an intangible something that makes him see that you are interested in his radio, that you know your business, and above all, that you are honest.

In most shops the one piece of equipment that the customer sees you operate-and the one he looks for-is

the brunt of a certain range of frequencies, the end effect of a loss in mutual conductance is not necessarily a loss in picture contrast. It usually shows as a loss in picture detail represented by the range of the weak tube. As a result, the mutual conductance test of a tube in a television receiver is extremely important.

This discussion should give you some idea of the possibilities for making your customer understand your decision as to the worth of his tubes. There is no need for any technical lecture on the relative merits of tube checkers or how a bridge circuit works. The average radio owner just wants to have his radio working.

You can have a large block diagram of a simple radio on the wall (similar to the one shown in Fig. 1). Even if the owner doesn't know what's going on from a technical standpoint he does want to know where his money is going.

As an example we'll assume that the radio you have just repaired needed a new filter and the tubes were in sad shape. The 12SA7 was low on mutual conductance, the 12SK7 was noisy, and the 50L6 was a little gassy. With a set-up like that you probably have a bill for this customer that comes to a considerable portion of the cost of the radio. We'll both be willing to bet that he won't be happy.

When he arrives for his set, have his old tubes in a bag stapled to his bill. Tell him that the filter was bad. Pointing to the filter on the block diagram you can tell him that the filter smooths out the ripples in the voltage as it is changed to d.c. from a.c. by the rectifier. Since that was bad, his set made the buzzing noise that it did.

Next, tell him that in your usual servicing a thorough check of all of the tubes is included. During this routine check you discovered that three of his tubes were bad. Take him over to the tester and show him that the 12SA7 converter is only 34 as good as it should be. Show him what number the checker says is "good" and show him the actual reading in micromhos. An explanation telling that the job of the tube is to change the high radio frequency to a lower frequency so that it is easier to amplify, will help. This tube is then most important in the operation of his set and will affect all of the other tubes after it. If it is weak, all of the other tubes have to work just that much harder. Show him the block that it represents on the diagram, and also point out that in his particular radio, no radio frequency amplifier is employed, so his converter is even more important.

As far as his noisy 12SK7 is concerned, put it in the tester and connect the noise test jacks to the antenna of a radio. Tap the tube and let him hear the noise. There will be no argument about that tube. Show him where that tube is located on the block diagram.

The gassy 50L6—you'll have to explain that a tube that is gassy will

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Fig. 1. Use a simple block diagram like this to "educate" your radio customers.

draw more current than it's supposed to draw and that it might overload his rectifier circuit doing more damage. Show him the gas test on your tube tester so that he can see for himself that the tube needs replacement.

So much for the customer and his part in the need for a good tube tester. From your own service standpoint, you've probably spent a lot of time fiddling with stages in a radio that checked out good when the tube was tested in an emission tester. Had you employed a mutual conductance tester, a lot of valuable time would have been spared.

If you do try the method of talking to your customer and telling him what is wrong with his tubes, it will pay you to have a more thorough understanding of just what a tube does and how it is tested. A few minutes with a tube manual that discusses the characteristics of tubes and what they mean will refresh your memory on some of that important theory. If you're deep into television you have had to do it long ago or many of the troubles in high frequency circuits (Continued on page 121)



Fig. 2. The resultant curve shows the actual plate current of the tube under test with a signal applied to the grid.

A typical dynamic mutual conductance tube tester, the Hickok Model 533.



A Stable High-Voltage R.F. Power Supply

By LOUIS E. GARNER, JR.

Minor changes in a standard r.f. power supply, for oscilloscopes and TV sets, will yield a unit of greater stability and higher output voltage.

IR ECENTLY r.f., high-voltage power supplies have gained popularity for use in television sets, cathode-ray oscilloscopes, and in similar applications requiring a highvoltage, low-current, d.c. supply. The kick-back type of supply is also popular, but is used primarily in equipment employing electromagnetic deflection cathode-ray tubes. The r.f. type supplies usually are the choice for electrostatic tubes.

Most r.f. supplies assume the general form shown schematically in Fig. 1. Essentially it consists of a moderate power r.f. oscillator with a high-voltage, low-current, and a low-voltage, moderately high-current winding coupled to the primary coil. A "tickler" winding is provided for feedback to sustain oscillation.

The high r.f. voltage across the secondary winding is rectified by a specially designed tube and a conventional resistance-capacity filter is used. Filament voltage is supplied to the rectifier tube by means of the low voltage winding.

A power supply of this sort suffers from one disadvantage—which is quite serious in actual practice—the output voltage is not constant, but may vary over wide ranges.

This results, of course, in varying picture brightness on a television screen, or varying line brightness on a scope. There may also be a tendency for the focus to change.

Fig. 1. Typical r.f. power supply which uses a "tickler" winding to sustain oscillation.



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There are several reasons for this, and a brief analysis of the circuit action will clarify these reasons.

First, of course, it is easy to understand the operation of the oscillator it is a conventional tickler feedback arrangement, with L_2 - C_2 furnishing the drive to the grid of V_1 . Primary coil L_3 , in the plate circuit, is tuned by variable condenser C_3 .

For the circuit to operate efficiently, the frequency of the oscillator should be equal to the resonant frequency of the high voltage secondary L_i , tuned by distributed capacities C_1 —a combination of coil distributed capacity, plate-cathode capacity of the rectifier tube, and wiring capacities. Thus, not only is a step-up in voltage achieved due to direct step-up in turns ratio, but also due to the effect of resonance. The rectified output voltage (Hi "B+") can be seen to go through a definite peak as C_a is tuned.

From this we can see that anything which will affect the operating frequency of the oscillator, or which will change the resonant frequency of L_i - C_i , will cause a large change in output voltage. Changes in "B+" supply voltage, changes in parameters due to temperature, changes in loading, all tend to affect the output voltage adversely.

As an example, in one television set power supply built using a circuit of this type, the output was found to vary between 1500 and 5000 volts, the change occurring due to shock of turning the unit on and off, shorting the output temporarily with a screwdriver (since filter resistor r.f. has a high value and the supply has inherently poor regulation, such momentary shorting does no injury) changes in supply voltage would sometimes occur due to line voltage surges and this, in turn, would cause Hi "B+" to vary.

In addition, the adjustment of trimmer condenser C_a was found to be quite critical; the adjustment for maximum output voltage was not, of course, the (Continued on page 126)

IVING in a country where the price of a good commercial receiver is in the neighborhood of \$400/ 500 most of us are forced to build our own. However this is no real hardship as it usually means that we are more likely to weigh carefully the merits of the different features offered in various circuits and the benefits of different tubes, and with the knowledge of what we are striving to achieve we can usually finish with a job that will outperform the best commercial receivers available as, of necessity, these are at best only a compromise. This may seem a tall statement but have you ever examined the front end of even the best bandswitching commercial receivers? If so you will agree that there is considerable room for improvement. This is no reflection on the manufacturers and is entirely the fault of the amateurs themselves as they invariably insist on high fidelity, several watts output, full frequency coverage including the broadcast band in addition to bandspread tuning on the amateur bands. It is not the purpose of this article to explain why all these things are not possible if maximum efficiency is to be obtained. Enough to say that it can not be done. After building several different forms of receivers and being dissatisfied with one feature or another we finally built the one presently in use and it has performed for over two years now with the utmost satisfaction. It was used in the last two DX contests and if we had been able to work everything we heard our scores would leave us quite content.

First we decided that it was imperative that two stages of r.f. be incorporated and a careful survey of the tubes available showed that the 956 acorn was still the best tube for this application. This despite the apparently higher gain of some of the newer tubes because the extra gain involves added loading which makes tapping of the coils essential in addition to reducing the selectivity. The selectivity of the acorns is high, the noise level low and they are not at all fussy to use. While we have not used the 9003's they should perform equally well as they are the miniature counterpart of the 956. However, they do not lend themselves as well as the 956 to layouts in which the r.f. leads are to be kept to a minimum nor is it as easy to isolate the grid and plate circuits.

The first tube is run wide open at all times with maximum plate and screen voltages. The second stage has the r.f. gain control in the cathode circuit. The gain is such that only when conditions are extremely poor is it necessary to run this control past the half-way mark. This should prove that it is unnecessary to use higher gain tubes in the front end. A further necessity is that the coils in the r.f. mixer stages have the highest possible "Q" while the oscillator be designed for sta-This means separate controls bility. but, as pointed out later in the article,

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this actually has some advantages.

The mixer stage was next given our attention and all the various mixer tubes and circuits were tried experimentally with results that were far from satisfactory. Our troubles were solved when we remembered the article in the June 1939 "QST" on the use of the 1852 as a mixer. We incorporated this into the set using the single-ended counterpart 6AC7. Never have we used anything in this position that performed as well. There is consider-

able gain from this stage now, it is very quiet and, when properly adjusted, displavs absolutely no pulling effect whatsoever. All in all this is an ideal tube for the job.

Next came the question of the type of noise silencer and here again after much experimenting the original *Lamb* noise silencer was included. We have never regretted this as it performs very well and you can actually work DX with the neighbor's electric razor in action. In using a crystal filter it is

Complete specifications for the 80, 40, 20, and 10-meter plug-in type coils.

	L,	L12, L14, L16	L3, L3	L,
80	18 t. #32 en. close- wound ½" below Lr.	50 t. #24 en. close- wound. Winding 1 ¹ / ₆ ".	30 t. #32 en. ½8" be- low L ₄ , L ₆ .	32 t. #24 en. spaced 1^{1} /g". Tap 8 t. from bottom. C ₁₂
40	8 t. #32 en. ½8" be- low L2.	23 t. #18 en. spaced 21/2".	13 t. #32 en. inter- wound.	16 t. #18 en. spaced $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". Tap 6 t. from bottom. C ₁₂ —100 $\mu\mu$ fd. air pad- der. Jumper 3 to 6.
20	4 t. #32 en. 1/8" be- low L:.	12 t. #14 en. spaced 21/2".	7 t. #32 en. inter- wound.	8 t. #14 en. spaced $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". Tap $2\frac{3}{4}$ t. from bottom. C ₁₂ —100 $\mu\mu$ fd. air pad- der. Jumper 4 to 6.
10	5 t. #32 en. 1/8" be- low L ₂ .	5½ t. #14 en. spaced 2".	4 t. #32 en. inter- wound.	3 t. #14 en. spaced $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". Tap $1\frac{1}{2}$ t. from bottom. Cu:-100 $\mu\mu$ fd. air pad- der. Jumper 5 to 6.
For	ls for 80 meters wound 11 meters a duplicat ning when switching 1	e oscillator coil, prop	ners on $1\frac{1}{2}$ " forms incluerly tuned, is suggest	iding all oscillator coils. ed in order to avoid re-



essential that the silencer be ahead of the crystal or it is useless.

The crystal and i.f. stages are quite conventional and as this was built primarily for DX no a.v.c. was deemed necessary. However it can easily be incorporated by changing over from plate detection and using a 6SQ7 in the second detector. While plate detection can be easily overloaded it does help some on weak signals and was therefore used.

The crystal is effectively shorted out when not used, by bending one of the rotor plates of C_{21} so that it shorts at maximum capacity. The same method is used on C_{52} to disable the b.f.o.

When these details had been settled we were ready to begin the actual construction and selected a 17" x 14" chassis to avoid crowding in the front end. A sheet of thin copper was bolted to the bottom of the chassis before any holes were cut and this makes a perfect ground and all bypass condensers may be soldered directly to the nearest point possible to the element bypassed. While it is always advisable to return all grounds to one central point in each stage this has not been necessary with this plate and the set has been very stable and free from parasitics or spurious oscillations of any kind. The photos clearly show the placement of the various parts and the only thing not too clear is the driving mechanism of the two r.f. and mixer tuning units. This mechanism was taken from an old National Velvet Vernier dial and is mounted behind the panel. As the shaft is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ " we drove a piece of ¼" brass tube over this to extend through the panel. The condensers are 35 µµfd. units with one stator and rotor plate removed. This is not necessary but we had them on hand from another job and it does reduce the minimum capacity somewhat. If frequent 80 meter operation is contemplated leave these two plates in place. It will be noticed that no r.f. lead is over 11/2" long. This contributes to the ease of operation on 10 meters. You will note that the oscillator is in a separate shield box and that it is the main tuning control. There are a number of you who will immediately say "What, two tuning controls?" Don't let it throw you as the r.f./mixer control is not critical and 50 kc. can be covered without touching this control except to peak up a weak signal. The set is, in effect, single control tuning. If you haven't tried it don't judge it until you have done so. There is another big benefit to be derived from its use. When local signals are booming in and the DX is coming through. this control may be backed off. Strangely enough the loud signals drop much faster than the weak ones. Don't ask me why but it does. Time and again it has worked here for some nice DX under adverse conditions. Turning down the r.f. gain control in such cases reduces the weak signal much faster than the strong local. So the separate control is

Complete circuit diagram of DX receiver.

definitely of advantage. You will see that we have used a six-prong socket for the oscillator coil and this is done so that full advantage may be taken of the series condenser system of bandspread. By connecting the three bandspread condensers to three of the pins and jumpering from the grid prong, the different condensers are automatically switched into use as the proper coil is inserted. In this way you set up the bandspread you desire for each band and no change is necessary when changing bands. One pin is used for 10 and 11 meters, one for 20 meters and the last for 40 and 80 meters. With a spread of 40 for 400 divisions on the National dial 80 is a bit shy of complete coverage but the whole c.w. portion is available on 480 divisions. When 15 is available, the 10 meter pin can be used. All in all this scheme results in a front end that really performs. While we used a 955 in the oscillator a 6C4 is equally as good.

As a further contribution to stability the plates and screens of all the front end tubes are voltage regulated by VR tubes except the screen of the 6AC7 and this was fed through a dropping resistor in order to limit the dissipation in case of oscillator failure. We have added a form of a.v.c. to the first r.f. tube to protect it against r.f. surges from the transmitter. It works quite satisfactorily as we have yet to replace a tube even though the transmitter is right alongside of the receiver. The i.f. transformers are all air-tuned and are from different manufacturers. In each case we spread the windings some (by heating the coils with an infra red bulb then gently sliding them along the support) to improve the selectivity. Don't carry this spreading too far or the gain will drop too much. This has helped considerably and some idea of the over-all selectivity with the crystal at the full selectivity position and properly phased may be gathered from the fact that a BC453A added to the tail end in "a Lazy Man's Q5'r" adds very little to performance. The difference was so slight that it was not deemed worthwhile to use this in the DX contest, this despite the difference such a set makes to a really good commercial receiver.

The photos will tell more about the assembly than hundreds of words and when built you will find that getting the set in alignment and operation is simplicity itself. Not having a signal generator we used the crystal for preliminary adjustment then transferred this to the set and used a 100 kc. bar to feed a signal into the front end for final alignment. In adjusting the bandspread the padder and the bandspread condensers each affect the other and it is necessary to juggle both until the desired spread is obtained. We purposely have not gone into detail as to building or alignment of the set as we assume that anyone duplicating this set already has knowledge of these requirements. The only critical adjustment is the coupling of the oscillator to the grid of the 6AC7. This ad-

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Front view of the completed receiver showing suggested panel layout.



Circuit diagram of power supply which may be used with this receiver.

justment consisted of a single turn of insulated wire wrapped around the grid wire. We suggest you wrap $1\frac{1}{2}$ turns to start with and then prune a little at a time until there is no sign of pulling between the oscillator and the mixer. This is easily observed and the right point is where the r.f. mixer tuning does not affect the signal (Continued on page 149)

Underchassis view of DX receiver. A copper plate is used as a common ground.





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Fig. 1. Block diagram of three basic types of signal tracers. (A) Untuned r.f. detector probe which is connected to an available audio amplifier. (B) Untuned r.f. detector and audio amplifier connected to a set of earphones. (C) Conventional speaker output signal tracer.

by means of SIGNAL TRACING

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HE authors, in a previous article,¹ discussed a method of troubleshooting in which the serviceman started his probing at the speaker end of the radio, working his way toward the antenna. Although it is possible and practical for the radio serviceman to isolate the trouble with the method discussed, the authors feel that a serviceman should be acquainted with the many methods employed in the field. Accordingly, a method whereby the serviceman starts probing at the antenna end and works toward the output or speaker, will be discussed. This method may be performed by signal tracing.

Since signal tracing is relatively new, the definition of signal tracing and a brief historical background seems desirable. Signal tracing is usually defined as a means of following the signal from a radio station through the various stages of a radio receiver. The means of following the signal is accomplished with a signal tracer which was developed sometime in 1939. However, this versatile instrument did not become as popular as was expected due to its undesirable characteristic of

¹Cataldo & Richard; "Circuit Isolation by Means of Circuit Disturbance Tests," RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS.

loading or detuning the radio circuit. among other reasons. These signal tracers employed tuned amplifiers which necessitated tuning when they were used. Since early in 1945, various manufacturers have designed and produced signal tracers which eliminate the many disadvantages of the earlier types.

It is beyond the scope of this article to discuss the theory and operation of the many signal tracers on the market. However, it must be pointed out that there are three basic types of signal tracers as shown in the block diagram of Fig. 1. The probes are usually untuned r.f. detectors employing a germanium crystal, a miniature radio tube, or a network of resistance and capacitance. When a radio tube is used, it is usually wired as a detector and an audio amplifier which amplifies the detected signal. In the case of the crystal or resistance-capacitance network detection, there is no amplification of the signal in the probe. The "A" and "B" voltages required for the signal tracers are obtained either from batteries or rectified a.c. Some signal tracers have visual as well as audible output. Visual indication is accomplished by means of an electrical in-(Continued on page 106)

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of General Research Laboratories' Model EX-52 superheterodyne receiver. This circuit is typical of most 5-tube a.c.-d.c. type receivers.





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It is an inexpensive unit that can be added to existing television installations by non-technical owners for the purpose of improving picture quality on any channel 7 through 13. Its 15 degree directivity in conjunction with an extremely high front-to-back rejection factor provides high signal-tonoise ratios resulting in steady pictures.

The kit supplied is complete including 60 feet of low-loss 300-ohm twinlead and all necessary hardware. The instructions are easy to follow, and no special tools are required.

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The company provides, through local jobbers, a complete line of these units, including television power transformers, vertical blocking oscillator transformers, vertical scanning output transformers, and a horizontal scanning output transformer.

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MARS Station of the Month

The first MARS member in the U. S.—Amateur radio station W4NGX, licensed to Maj. Griffin L. Davis, Arlington, Virginia.

IRST to join the new Military Amateur Radio System was a Signal Corps officer, but—of all things—he is in charge of, motion picture activities for the Army Pictorial Service. He is Major Griffin L. Davis of Arlington, Virginia.

As proprietor of W4NGX (which will become A4NGX when operating on MARS frequencies), Major Davis was notified just before Christmas that his was the first application for MARS membership to be approved. He had a slight advantage over the field, of course, since his desk and those of the two chiefs of MARS all are in the Pentagon, merely two floors and a couple of blocks apart.

Under various calls, beginning with W5FJM in 1935, Major Davis holds these four certificates: Worked All Continents, Worked All States, Amateur Emergency Corps, and Rag Chewers Club.

In 1942, this first of the Martians received a new call, W200X, and later, in 1946 and 1947, he was licensed and

active as J2AAQ in Tokyc. Last year his license was modified, and he obtained his present call, W4NGX.

Major Davis started his Army career as a private in the Field Artillery in 1932, stationed with the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He served with the division as radio operator, radio chief, communications chief and first sergeant. Then, in 1941, he was appointed a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps and became an instructor at the Signal School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He remained at Fort Monmouth until 1944, when he went overseas.

Going to the Pacific Theater of Operations, Major Davis served with the Signal Section of General MacArthur's GHQ until 1948, when he was assigned to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. His decorations include the Legion of Merit.

How does he feel about MARS? Says Major Davis: "I deem it a pleasure and a privilege to be the first MARS member." -30-

Panel view of transmitter which uses a 6AG7 oscillator, 6L6 buffer-doubler, and an 807 final with a 60-watt input. An endfed Zepp antenna on 45-foot mast is used.



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Major G. L. Davis in QSO. The

Top panel of transmitter contains a new (uncompleted) final amplifier using a 250TH. The second panel contains

6AG7 oscillator, 6L6 bufferdoubler, 807 final, and their

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TELEVISION and the Radio Technician

By MAX F. BALCOM

Pres., Radio Manufacturers Association

Text of an address presented before the recent Town Meeting of Radio Technicians held in Atlanta.

HIS is the fourth Town Meeting in a series of six authorized by the RMA board of directors in an effort to lend a hand to the radio servicemen who, like the rest of us in the radio industry, are making a rapid transition from radio to television.

Atlanta is going through its first phase of television development, and it is interesting to note that the pattern is about the same in all cities where television stations have gone on the air, thus opening a new market for distributors, dealers, and servicemen and a new medium of entertainment for the public. The first reaction of both the public and the trade is one of wonder and excitement. Often this enthusiasm leads a few tradesmen and TV receiver buyers to expect a brand of magic heretofore not available this side of heaven. The result, therefore, at times is disappointment over the failure of this new toy to measure up to all of these day-dreams. This is particularly true where only one TV station is available in a community. That, as I have said, is the first phase. The second is much more stable and rewarding. It usually begins with the entry of a second TV station into a city or the linking of a station with a TV network, thus providing a greater variety of television programs.

Enthusiasm for television and TV set purchases grows steadily with the broadening of available programs, and the owner of a television receiver often becomes an unpaid salesman of TV sets among his friends. And, as sales of television receivers mount, the business of installing and servicing them expands proportionally. The radio-television industry produced more than 975,000 TV sets in 1948, bringing the postwar total output to well over one million. It expects to manufacture and sell more than 2,000,000 television receivers in 1949. Future years will see the annual production rate continue to rise until television becomes as standard in the American home as radio is today.

All of us in the radio industry-and that includes you who are providing the highly essential servicing of the sets we manufacturers make-are on the threshold of one of the greatest and most rapid industrial developments in American history. The total

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income from television within a few years probably will dwarf that from radio in its most prosperous years. Already it is accounting for at least half of many set manufacturers' revenues. The 2,000,000 television sets we expect to produce in 1949 may not seem much in comparison with about 16,000,000 radios manufactured in 1948. In units, that is true; but in dollars it presents an entirely different picture.

Television receivers sell today from \$100 to more than \$4000. The average retail price is between \$350 and \$400a price equal to the more expensive radio phonograph consoles. As a matter of interest, manufacturers' sales of television receivers in November, 1948, represented only 10.4 per-cent of the total set production for that month, but 45.9 per-cent of the set manufacturers' dollar volume.

What does this mean to the radio technician? It means that he will be working on a much more costly product than he has been in the radio field where the average service job probably was done on a table model which sold anywhere from \$10 to \$35. It's like turning from repairing bicycles to servicing automobiles. Another thing for the serviceman to bear in mind is that with the 2,000,000 TV sets that the industry plans to produce in 1949 will go one hundred million dollars or more in installation and the first year's servicing charges. Moreover, this figure will grow yearly with the increasing tempo of TV set production. I do not need to tell you that a tinkerer with a pair of pliers and a screw driver can no longer pose as a radio repairman unless he confines his work to the prewar AM radio. Actually, this development should prove beneficial to every radio technician who takes pride in his ability to take a set apart and put it together again as good as new.

No competent radio technician today need have any fear that television or any other new broadcasting service will put him out of business. On the contrary, his chances for increasing his profits and making his economic position more secure were never so good as they are today. But he will have to do what every other professional man has to do-learn everything he can about new equipment and techniques as they appear in his field.

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We hope that this Town Meeting has given you some realization of the opportunities awaiting you and has shown you how to prepare yourself to take advantage of them.

There are many reasons why television and, to a lesser degree, FM broadcasting, have made all of our jobs more difficult and more painstaking. There is one obvious reason why neither an incompetent set manufacturer nor an untrained serviceman can hope to stay in the television business very long. That is because, in broadcasting at least, the ear is much easier to fool than the eye. No doubt all of you have met the radio listener who is so used to listening to the distorted tone of his old radio that he thinks there's something wrong when he hears the clear tones of a modern set. Many listeners are tone deaf or have tin ears and, consequently, fail to appreciate the highquality reception and amplification found in today's better radios. The ability of an FM receiver to reproduce music with much higher tonal ranges than is possible in an AM set, for instance, means little to such listeners.

Almost anyone, however, whether or not he wears glasses, can immediately detect a faulty television picture. He doesn't need a musical education to note that reception is distorted or unclear. And he's even more at a loss than he was with his radio as to what he can do about it. So he just picks up the phone and calls a serviceman or the dealer from whom he bought it. Similarly, this televiewer may not have the slightest idea what you're doing when you repair the TV set, but you'll hear from him mighty quick if the results aren't satisfactory.

The radio technician today is one of the most important factors in this rapidly expanding television field. Unless a television set owner can get proper servicing, he may soon lose his initial enthusiasm for this new medium for home entertainment or even turn sour against it. A shortage of qualified television servicemen may prove a deterrent to television set buying and thus actually reduce receiver production and sales. The radio technician who calls at a home to install or service a TV or radio set is the

liaison man between the set manufacturer and the buyer. He is in a position to do an excellent public relations job for the industry because of his personal contact with the set owner—a contact the manufacturer seldom, if ever, makes.

Perhaps I have placed too much emphasis on television. I have done so because television is the newest and the most exciting addition to the receiver line. I do not mean to imply, however, that radio receivers are passing out of the picture. On the contrary, radio set production undoubtedly will continue well ahead of television for several years to come, and I do not believe that television will ever supplant radio. There is room for both services. For one thing, don't forget there are approximately 75,000,000 radio receivers in this country, some 2000 AM stations, and more than 700 FM stations. Neither the public nor the station owners are going to scrap such investments in a hurry, regardless of the attraction of television. Sales of automobile radios and portables, moreover, are the greatest in the industry's history and are likely to remain at a high level for some time.

FM broadcasting and the proportion of radios with FM reception facilities are growing steadily. An FM-AM set, while not as complex as a TV receiver, is a much more complicated instrument than the AM radio and requires greater skill to service. In addition, privately-owned radio communications systems are becoming more and more numerous. The number of "land transportation" radio transmitting stations, according to the FCC, has almost doubled in the past year and numbered over 3500 on January 1 of this year. This station count does not represent the number of communications receivers used in conjunction with these transmitters. For instance, 65 taxis equipped with communication receivers may operate under one station authorization.

The long-heralded Citizens' Radio Service-the adaptation of wartime walkie-talkie to civilian use-is practically here. The FCC has announced its proposed operating rules, and the opening date of this new radio service is only a few weeks away. While it is too early to predict how widespread this Citizens' Radio Service will be, its potentialities are tremendous. As it grows, the radio servicing business will expand proportionally. Industrial uses of radio and electronic devices provide an expanding and profitable field for the radio technician who takes the time to master these intricate instruments. Most industrial plants will be happy to turn over the servicing job to an independent technician if they are confident he is qualified to keep these devices in good working order. What is needed here are technicians who can detect potential trouble before it occurs and stops production lines.

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This Town Meeting has had, I hope, a beneficial aspect beyond that of offering technical and business information. It was designed to bring the interests of manufacturers, broadcasters, distributors, dealers, and technicians closer together and to produce mutual benefits. I know that we manufacturers often have failed to recognize the importance of the radio technician who services the sets we make. I suspect that many of you have not always understood the problems we manufacturers have been up against when you struggled to repair a receiver of unusual or intricate design.

One of the most beneficial results of these meetings, I believe, has been the frankness with which technicians attending the conferences have expressed their "gripes" against manufacturers or their products. These "gripes" are carefully analyzed by the men who direct these Town Meetings, and along with other suggestions are passed on to all set manufacturers within RMA. While you can hardly expect manufacturers and their engineers to agree with every complaint registered and to modify or rebuild their equipment accordingly, I assure you that all complaints are carefully considered, and I am confident that many of them will lead to improvements in the manufactured product.

Perhaps more so than in other industries, the various segments of the radio trade are inter-dependent. One cannot prosper without the success of the other. If the manufacturer's product is bad, your job becomes more difficult. If your servicing is bad, the reputation of the manufacturer and his product is damaged.

Certainly, all radio-television manufacturers are vitally interested in this undertaking and will do everything possible, as members of RMA, as well as individual manufacturers, to assist you and other radio technicians throughout the United States who wish to better equip themselves professionally and to increase their earning capacity.

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To use the instrument as a wavemeter, it is only necessary to plug in the desired coil, throw the selector switch to the r.f. position, hold the meter near the circuit being checked, and tune the meter to resonance. Due to the high sensitivity of the meter, a full scale reading can be obtained several feet from a low-power oscillator or amplifier. It is advisable, therefore, to approach the rig with caution, lest the meter or rectifier be damaged. The sensitivity may be reduced by turning R_2 to the high resistance end. In its function as a wavemeter, this unit can be used to indicate resonant frequency in various stages of the transmitter, to differentiate between harmonics in doubler stages, to detect harmonic content or parasitic oscillations, and as a neutralizing indicator. Phone signals can be monitored by plugging in a pair of phones. Incidentally, if the wave meter is calibrated without a pickup antenna, then it should be used without one if accuracy of calibration is to be maintained. Use of a pickup antenna will

change the readings on the tuning dial slightly.

Calibration of the unit for use as a modulation meter should be made in conjunction with a scope or another modulation meter of known accuracy. Modulate the transmitter with a stable sine wave 100 per-cent, as indicated on the known standard. Tune the wave-meter to resonance. Then with the selector switch in the a.f. position, vary the r.f. coupling until the meter reads full scale on the 100 per-cent sine wave modulated signal. The next step is to throw the selector switch to the r.f. position and adjust R_2 until a full-scale reading is indicated on the meter. The setting of R_2 should then be marked on the panel so that it can be reset at any time. The meter should now indicate the modulation percentage of any transmitter when R_2 is set at the reference point and the r.f. coupling is adjusted to give a full-scale reading. An added feature which came to mind after the writer's meter was in use was the incorporation of a double-pole, double-throw switch to reverse the input connections to the copper-oxide rectifier so that both positive and negative peaks can be indicated. As presently set up, however, the meter reads negative peaks, which contribute the greater part of distortion due to overmodulation.

This meter has been used for field measurements while adjusting a 10meter beam antenna, and it gives good readings at a distance of 50 feet, using a 1-foot pickup antenna.

To use as a neutralizing indicator, the coil of the instrument should be held near the plate tank of the stage to be neutralized, with plate voltage off, and the neutralizing condenser adjusted for minimum indication.

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Schematic diagram of r.f. meter. Actual wiring is relatively simple.







Transient Distortion (Continued from page 39)

stages instead of only around the power output stage as is common practice at present.

Although it is common to think of a speaker as having only one resonant point, this is usually far from the case. Various resonances of portions of the speaker diaphragm may appear throughout the audible range. Anyone who has listened to a speaker with a torn cone or loose suspension will realize the disagreeable effects produced. Cone "breakup" in large radiators due to steep wave fronts has long been recognized, and in most high-quality systems, large radiators with heavy, rigid diaphragms are employed, coupled to the power amplifier through a low-pass filter to eliminate the effect of steep wave fronts. Experiments have shown that cone breakup may occur as low as six hundred cycles, and for this reason some systems employ crossovers of four hundred cycles or lower. Additional speakers with smaller, lighter diaphragms are used to cover the higher frequency ranges.

A second factor of importance is the fact that when a single radiator is designed to cover a wide frequency range, the high-frequency response may depend largely on various resonances occurring in this range. This is especially true in conventional speakers for frequencies above one thousand cycles where the dimensions of the speaker become comparable to the wavelength of the sound generated. In this case, portions of the cone tend to become virtual diaphragms vibrating with different rates and amplitudes, and, of course, different resonant periods. Several factors result. Sudden peaks and dips in the response curve may result due to the different modes of vibration of the various portions of the cone, and may be the result of cancellation, reinforcement, or standing waves, depending on the phase shifts involved. Likewise these high-frequency resonances may be shock excited by steep wave fronts such as found in wide-range reproduction, or stimulated by wave trains of similar frequency. In practice, screechiness, and distortion of some tones or combination tones result.

Another related effect is partly physiological in nature and is due to the fact that the ear apparently acts as a form of integrating mechanism for sounds of short duration and various repetition rates. In the case of static or noise consisting of short pulses, speaker resonance and hangover may greatly increase the audibility of these sounds.

A very important and neglected form of distortion is a product of poor transient response. As mentioned before, poor speakers may take several cycles to build up to maximum value when a steady tone is applied. This factor may result in excessive discrim-





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ination against complex waveforms due to the fact that it is easier for the cone to vibrate in the form of a sine wave or near sine wave than in other methods. As a result, a system with over-all static frequency response flat from fifty to ten thousand cycles may exhibit very low fidelity and a noticeable lack of middle register. This form of distortion is very common and is sometimes offset to a degree by deliberately introducing distortion in the amplifier or speaker to "brighten" the tone. More desirable methods of overcoming this form of distortion are the use of multiple speaker systems and the use of high-quality speakers with powerful magnetic structures. Phase shift in audio amplifiers may produce considerable alteration of complex wave structures and, of course, pickups and microphones may do the same. Instruments with high harmonic output suffer excessively from this form of distortion and may be almost indistinguishable in musical selections.

Many radiomen will have the equipment necessary to make simple tests regarding transient distortion. A simple pulse generator and an oscilloscope are the basic elements. Pulses from the generator are applied to the equipment under test and checked stage by stage with the oscilloscope to determine distortion that may arise in the amplifier. In most cases when the scope is hooked across the voice coil of the loudspeaker, transient distortion due to low-frequency speaker resonance is clearly visible. In the case of an amplifier with a low effective output impedance, it is advisable to use a crystal microphone and preamplifier in connection with the oscilloscope to determine the acoustic output of the system. Effects of wall reflections should be reduced by placing the microphone close to the speaker, although if a fixed system is being examined, it may be desirable to investigate the acoustic conditions of the room. Several oscillograms of the waveforms obtained by this pulse method are shown.

Much more interesting information may be obtained by using a variablefrequency audio oscillator in connection with an electronic switch. Simple transient wave trains of various envelope widths and frequencies may be obtained in this manner. When applied to a reproducing system, this test method provides a simple means of detecting envelope distortion, various speaker resonances, and harmonic distortion in the initial cycles of a pulsed wave train. Examples of these distortions are illustrated in the oscilloscope patterns shown. As mentioned earlier, the larger speakers, especially those with corrugated cones, may tend to produce complex standing waves which make close-up measurements difficult. This effect is immediately noticeable by moving the microphone back and forth in front of the speaker. It is suggested that an approximation to actual listening conditions may be obtained by using two identical micro-

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A brief summary of transient distortions include: booms and thumps, ringing sensations following some tones or combination tones, change of tone color, lifelessness, synthetic reverberation effects, discrimination against complex tones, dynamic distortion of high-level sounds of short duration, screechiness resulting from excessive distortion of the beginning cycles of a pulse or excitation of various speaker resonances, mushiness or indistinctness, and a virtual amplification of static or needle noise.

In fairness it should be pointed out that the average radio is not so much a reproducing instrument as it is a musical instrument producing simple tones over a limited frequency range and often in a very pleasing manner. Where accurate, wide-range reproduction is desired, however, the elimination of transient distortion is of paramount importance. -30

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Mac's Service Shop (Continued from page 42)

most certain to get an answer. Scratch many a big name in electronic engineering, and you will find a ham underneath.

"Some of you have asked what 'practical' benefits you can expect from being an amateur. While practical considerations are not usually considered a fair means of measuring a hobby, I know from experience that hamming does have some dollars-and-cents advantages, especially if your work has any connection with radio.

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"The arrival of television has suddenly placed a spotlight on the work that hams have been doing with highfrequency beam antennas for many years. Yagi beams, corner reflectors, stacked arrays, terminated rhombics these and all of the other terms that are popping up like dandelions in the service literature these days are old stuff to the radio amateurs. In fact, Mr. McGregor says that installing a TV antenna is the one job in which he is inclined to pay some attention to my opinion!"

Mac nodded his head in vigorous agreement.

"I do not want you to think," Barney continued, "that being a ham will make you a radio serviceman or a radio engineer, for that certainly is not so; but it will give you an excellent foundation for any kind of work in the field of electronics.

"Finally, I want to point out that ham radio is a democratic hobby. When a radio amateur travels, he keeps one eye cocked on the rooftops; and when he sees a transmitting antenna, he knows that his knock at the door will be welcome. The house may be a mansion; the antenna may be a multi-element rotary beam; and the ham himself may only have a single 6L6 on eighty meters; but he will still be welcome. That's the way hams are. The nice part of it is, too, that the fellow with the single 6L6 will be having just as much fun hamming as will the man with the custom-built kilowatt. Amateur radio is a hobby that can be entered at almost any financial level with a guaranteed maximum return in enjoyment. I know that as far as I am concerned it will be my Number One Hobby for the rest of my life."

That terminated Barney's speech, and the rest of the meeting was given over to arranging details of future meetings. At last, when they were all gone and Barney and Mac were locking up, Mac suddenly said, "Red, I hope you never take up selling gold bricks."

"Why not?" Barney asked.

"Because I'd probably buy one. I had intended to be just a spectator at these meetings, but after that highpressure sales talk you gave tonight and I may as well admit right now that I never thought you had it in you to give a speech like that—you can reserve a seat for me right up next to teacher's desk; and if I flunk my code exam. I'll fire you!"

"Hey! That's swell!" Barney gasped. "I kind of hoped you would join us, but —well golly, that is swell!" -30-

The Coast Guard was never like this! Commander Chet Gibson of Seattle, commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 21, has installed a Hallicrafters Model T-54 television receiver aboard his 40 foot cabin cruiser "Hilma III." According to Mr. Gibson, the installation is a complete success even when the antenna is disconnected. Satisfactory pictures are obtained up to 8 miles out without any antenna. Other instances have been noted in which TV reception over water has been possible over long distances, far in excess of the theoretical "line-of-sight" television radius.



Within the Industry

(Continued from page 26)

cluding Insl-X Co., Lear, Inc., Measurements Corp., Shallcross Mfg. Co., and Superior Electric Co. THE COR-NELL-DUBILIER ELECTRIC CORPORA-TION, South Plainfield, New Jersey, has announced the opening of a midwest direct factory sales office at 605 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill. The office will be supervised by Charles H. Caine, Chicago. THE FAIRCHILD RE-CORDING EQUIPMENT CORPORATION has a new address: 154th St. and 7th Ave., Whitestone, New York. FREED TRANSFORMER COMPANY, INC., has moved to its new location, 1718-36 Weirfield St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y. ж

G. W. DeSOUSA has been appointed staff assistant to the divisions man-



ager of General Electric Company's Tube Division at Schenectady, N. Y. A native of New York City, Mr. De-

Sousa was graduated from Princeton University and has spent nine years

with the Farnsworth Television and Radio Corp. of Fort Wayne. He joined General Electric Company in 1948 in the Marketing Division.

KIMBLE GLASS will expand its television bulb manufacturing operations and other glass production into the Owens-Illinois plant in Columbus, Ohio. A definite date for reopening of the Columbus plant has not been set, as it must be made ready in gradual stages.

The new plant should be in full operation by May 1 and will virtually duplicate the Westwood production set-up in Toledo. Demands for Kimble Glass television bulbs have taxed the production capacity of the Westwood plant, making it necessary to supplement that operation by the addition of the Columbus facilities.

JOHN S. GARCEAU, formerly of Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation, has been appointed to head the advertising and sales promotion program of the York Corporation.

Until recently, Mr. Garceau acted as chairman of the Radio Manufacturers Association Advertising Committee, a post held for seven years. His experience during the past 15 years in the appliance, radio, and television industry includes positions held with Crosley Corporation and Fairbanks Morse.

DR. HENRY A. STRAUS has received the appointment of principal research engineer at Bendix Radio Division in Baltimore, and will be active with research and development on ultra-high frequency circuits, special antenna design, and in radio and radar developments.

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He was a key figure in the development of gun laying radar and in the Navy's MARK-56 radar. Both developments have been cited as being among the most advanced radar devices to come out of World War II.

Dr. Straus was formerly a scientist with the Atomic Energy Commission, having done development work at Oak Ridge.

FRANCES E. SOLOW has been appointed to the newly-created position of director of public relations and research at Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corporation

Miss Solow joined Emerson Radio in 1924 and served as advertising manager until her recent appointment.

GAROD ELECTRONICS CORPORATION has formed a new branch in Long Beach, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto, to be known as Garod Electronics, Ltd., of Canada. The new company will manufacture and distribute the company's line of radio and television receivers in the Dominion of Canada.

Although Canada, at least for the time being, does not have any television facilities or stations, the Garod receivers have been engineered so that Buffalo and Cleveland can be picked up throughout the Toronto area. Apparently a substantial market exists in Canada for the reception of television broadcasts from the United States.

CORNELL-DUBILIER ELECTRIC COR-PORATION, South Plainfield, New Jersey, has purchased from Maguire Industries, Incorporated, all of the stock of Radiart Corporation, manufacturers of auto radio vibrators and television and auto antennas.

The three Radiart plants will be operated in Cleveland as a separate division of the Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corporation, one of the largest manufacturers of condensers. The company maintains other plants in New Jersey. Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Indiana.

* * **RICHARD E. HALL** will cover the New England states of Maine, New Hamp-shire, Vermont,



Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut for the American Phenolic Corporation.

Since his release from the Air Force, Mr. Hall has been in the sales depart-

ment of Amphenol at Chicago. He will maintain his office in the United Building, Boston 15, Mass. He succeeds the late Morrill P. Mims, who represented Amphenol in New England until his death in December, 1948.

After his war duties, Mr. Hall entered the Engineering Department at Amphenol in the antenna development laboratory. After an intensive training course on AN connectors in the general engineering department, he

was transferred to sales, where he did intensive field work out of the Chicago office.

THE SAMPSON COMPANY, a Chicago wholesaler, has been designated exclusive distributor of Capehart television, television-phonograph and radio instruments. The Capehart line is manufactured by the Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation. A. R. THIBAU, 402 Manufacturers Exchange Building, Kansas City, Mo., has been chosen as sales representative of Clarostat's line of resistors, controls, and resistance devices. Mr. Thibau will cover Kansas, Nebraska, Western Missouri, with the exception of Jefferson City, and Iowa, with the exception of Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, and Fort Dodge. THE EARL S. DIE-TRICH COMPANY of Cleveland has been selected by the Hallicrafters Company to handle its regular communications line and television receivers. FRANK M. BROWN COMPANY, 12-16 Free Street, Portland, Maine, has been appointed distributor for Arvin radios and electrical appliances in the State of Maine and in Coas, Carroll, Belknap, and Grafton Counties, New Hampshire. The firm of MERRITT AND ANDREE, Room 1174, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, has been appointed district merchandiser for Bendix Radio and Television in the Northern Illinois and Lake County, and Indiana territories. GRICE RADIO AND ELECTRONIC **SUPPLIES** of 358-60 East Wright Street, Pensacola, Florida, has been appointed distributor for products of the Radio Tube Division of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. LEONARD ELECTRONIC SUPPLY COMPANY, 106 W.S. Second Street, Roanoke, Va., has been ap-pointed distributor of the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. It will handle the Sylvania line of radio and television tubes, test equipment, and electronic products. -30-

Engineer Bob McCreadie compares the new 8½-inch General Electric picture tube developed for low-priced sets with the old 7-inch type (bottom). This larger TV picture tube, say G-E engineers, will probably cost no more than the 7-inch sizes now used in inexpensive models but will offer 50 per-cent more viewing area. It is a metal type, employing magnetic focusing and deflection, and picture quality seems as good as other tubes.



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Mobile Transmitter (Continued from page 51)

 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " high. It also has $\frac{1}{2}$ " aprons on four sides to stiffen it. On this chassis are assembled all the audio components and the 807 stage. The 807 itself is mounted on a separate bracket. The three audio tubes are grouped close together in a triangle; the 12AT7 is hidden by the modulator tubes in the photographs. Next to the audio tubes is the modulation transformer and "underneath" this chassis is the mike transformer, which can be seen directly behind the panel in the bottom view.

One corner of the case is made by an angle bent from $\frac{1}{16}$ " aluminum. This angle carries the power and antenna jacks. The perforated cover has a slot for this angle so that the cover may be slid off without disconnecting the transmitter leads. The jack strip itself is easily removed by unscrewing a self-tapping screw at each end. It can then be moved out of the way and when the r.f. tubes are removed the audio section is quite accessible for servicing.

The modulation transformer is a surplus item designed for the SCR-522. It is well suited to this application and was obtained at the surprisingly low price of nineteen cents. Of course, any modulation transformer having similar characteristics will work as well. The use of class A modulation allows considerable latitude in the modulation transformer since class A pentodes such as the 6K6GT will develop practically the same power in a wide range of load impedances. Therefore, any modulation transformer should prove suitable if designed to work between a five to ten thousand ohm class C load and a plate-to-plate impedance of ten to twenty thousand ohms.

The oscillator and doubler tank circuits are tuned by rather low capacities. A low C tank is advantageous in a frequency doubler, especially

when driving a beam tube such as the 807. The low operating "Q" obtained results in a broadly resonant tank so that the entire ten meter phone band may be covered without retuning the oscillator or doubler plate tanks, with proportionate coverage of the other bands. Grid leak bias on the 807 accounts for some of this broadness since the bias rises when the grid current is increased. Although all of the 75 meter phone band may be covered, if a change is made across the entire 80 meter band it will be necessary to retune the oscillator plate coil. Adjustment of the slug-tuned coils is easily accomplished by means of a screwdriver inserted through the top of the perforated shield if the slugs are slotted with a hacksaw. The slugs are adjusted for maximum output indicated by the antenna current bulb.

If the rig is to be used on c.w. a closed circuit jack should be connected in series with R6. This jack may be used for metering or to disable the final by means of a dummy plug when the e.c.o. is tuned.

The oscillator and doubler stages draw a total current of about 40 ma. at 250 volts. The modulators account for about 50 ma. and the 807 can be loaded to between 40 and 80 ma. The speech amplifier consumes approximately 1 ma. and the total filament drain is 2.45 amps. The glove com-partments of some cars will accommodate the transmitter as its dimensions are only 6%" x 5¾" x 4%". In actual operation the transmitter has proved itself quite adequate for local work on phone and capable of excellent distant work on the regular station antenna on 75 and 40 meter phone and c.w.

When coupling to a balanced antenna, a separate antenna tuner should be used with link coupling to the transmitter. The link terminals can be connected to the antenna terminal and the chassis and the pi network used to adjust the loading. An

Top view of transmitter. Between the base of the 807 and the modulator tubes, can be seen the 12AT7 speech amplifier-phase inverter. The r.f. circuit is laid out for maximum isolation between the 807 plate tank and the driver tanks.







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alternate method would be to wind a turn or two around the plate coil in the transmitter and couple it into the antenna feed line if a low impedance (70 or 300 ohm) line is used. The screwdriver tuning adjustment would not be used, this condenser being set to maximum capacity or shorted. If the regular home station antenna is a quarter wavelength or more at 160 meters it is unwise to connect it directly to the pi network terminals since the pi network has poor discrimination against frequencies below resonance and the e.c.o. has, of course, a fundamental frequency (160 meter) component of plate current which drives the 807 and may result in a radiated signal on 160. This trouble is likely to occur only when the antenna has a definite resonance at 160 meters and will cause no difficulty with the short mobile antenna.

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International Short-Wave

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Turkey; TDA-TDZ-Guatemala; TEA-TEZ-Costa Rica; TFA-TFZ-Iceland; TGA-TGZ — Guatemala; THA-THZ -France and Colonies; TIA-TIZ-Costa Rica; TJA-TZZ-France and Colonies; UAA-UQZ - U.S.S.R.; URA-UTZ -Ukrainian S.S.R.; UUA-UZZ—U.S.S.R.; VAA-VGZ-Canada; VHA-VNZ-Australia; VOA-VOZ - Newfoundland; VPA-VSZ-British Colonies; VTA-VWZ — India; VXA-VYZ — Canada; VZA-VZZ — Australia; WAA-WZZ — United States; XAA-XIZ — Mexico; XJA-XOZ-Canada; XPA-XPZ-Denmark; XQA-XRZ-Chile; XSA-XSZ-China: XTA-XWZ-France and Colonies; XXA-XXZ—Portuguese Colonies; XYA-XZZ — Burma; YAA-YAZ — Afghanistan; YBA-YHZ — Netherlands Indies; YIA-YIZ — Iraq; YJA-YJZ — New Hebrides; YKA-YKZ - Syria; YLA-YLZ—Latvia; YMA-YMZ—Turkey; YNA-YNZ—Nicaragua; YOA-YRZ—Romania; YSA-YSZ—El Salvador; YTA-YUZ—Yugoslavia; YVA-YYZ – Venezuela; YZA-YZZ – Yogoslavia; ZAA-ZAZ—Albania; ZBA-ZJZ—British Colonies; ZKA-ZMZ — New Zealand; ZNA-ZQZ-British Colonies; ZPA-ZPZ -Paraguay; ZQA-ZQZ-British Colonies; ZRA-ZUZ-Union of South Africa; ZVA-ZZZ—Brazil; 2AA-2ZZ—Great Britain; 3AA-3AZ-Monaco; 3BA-3FZ -Canada; 3GA-3GZ-Chile; 3HA-3UZ -China; 3VA-3VZ-France and Colonies; 3WA-3XZ-not allocated; 3YA-3YZ-Norway; 3ZA-3ZZ-Poland; 4AA-4CZ-Mexico; 4DA-4IZ-Philippines; 4JA-4LZ—U.S.S.R.; 4MA-4MZ—Vene-zuela; 4NA-4OZ — Yugoslavia; 4PA-4SZ -- British Colonies; 4TA-4TZ --Peru; 4UA-4UZ-United Nations; 4VA-4VZ-Haiti; 4WA-4WZ-Yemen 4XA-4ZZ-Israel; 5AA-5ZZ, 6AA-6ZZ 7AA-7ZZ, 8AA-8ZZ, 9AA-9ZZ-not allocated.

Director Fung Chien of former XGOY (now using BEF calls), Chungking, informs me that this station still announces as "The Voice of China in Chungking, for our listeners' identifi-

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12SQ749	40-450V .59
12SR729	80-450V97
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35W439	.02—1700V19
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cation." Director Chung furnished me this list of new call signs for Chinese MW and SW outlets:

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Yvan Michel of ex-HHYM, *Port-au-Prince, Haiti*, sent Kary this official list of *new* Haitian calls—HH2S, 5.951, is now 4V2S; HHYM, 6.000, is 4VM; HH3W, 10.076, is 4VRW; HHCN, 6.407, is 4VCN; HHCP, 6.200, Cap-Haitien, is 4VA; HHBM, 9.660 (inactive), is 4VBM; HHCM, 6.166, is 4VCM; HHCA, 4.665, is 4VCN; 4V2S was bought by the political group now in power and thus can be considered the "official" Haitian government station, it was explained.

According to reports reaching Radio Austrulia, here is information on new calls of Philippine Republic outlets— KZFM, "The People's Station," has become DZFM, 710 kc.; DUH2, 6.170; DUH4, 9.615; DUH5, 11.840. KZMB,

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Verification Data

Although XGOY (now using BEF calls), Chungking, still lists its 41-m. outlet as 7.153, station officials verified my report on 7.100 and stated "your estimated frequency was very accurate."

Radio Athens is again verifying promptly and states it is "catching up" on answers to reports received over the past several months; delay was caused by "voluminous correspondence," it is stated by D. K. Svolopoulos, Director General of the National Broadcasting Institute. He says further, "We are always at your disposal for anything you would like to know about radio in Greece. It is a great pleasure for us to know that Radio Athens has many listener-friends around the world, who like to hear directly from Greece about the actual situation prevailing in this country."

Australian Broadcasting Commission, 264 Pitt St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, verifies VLI reports. (Cushen, N. Z.) Other QRA is G.P.O., Box 487, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. (Rosenauer, Calif.)

HI2T-HI4T sent card giving new (announced) slogan of "La Voz de Dominicana." (Pearce, England)

Address of the *new* station in Portuguese India is Emissora de Goa, Goa, Portuguese India. (Gillett, Australia)

HOQQ, 6.140, Aptdo, de Correos 552, Panama, Republic of Panama, sent a long letter in Spanish; said is "backed" by the newspaper Diario Vanguardia; transmits three times a day-0800, 1300, 2200. Said using Hallicrafters BC-610-E which has been adapted to operate in the 49-m. band with a 250watt output; antenna is doublet type "Y" with a 600-ohm transmission line. Sent along a clipping from the daily La Hora for which one of their staff writes a column; in part, it was stated in the column, "We should endeavor to improve our programs as listeners outside of the country hear them also"; then they printed report in full from McPheeters, La., who relayed this data to ISW.

Recently, *Radio Moscow* has been verifying again widely; QSL cards are signed by Petrov of the "Moscow Mailbag" Section; seems to take about three months for reply.

Club Notes

England—The International Short Wave Club, 100, Adams Gardens Estate, London, S.E. 16, England, is observing its 20th anniversary during 1949. Among founders were George F.

Brooks, Joseph Sessions, Jacob Kleimens, Charles Schroeder, and Arthur J. Green. This club was started in America. ISWC is conducting a membership-getting contest running January-July 1949; a Silver Trophy and other awards are to be given. Also it has contests for SWL's on reception reports of the several special programs being dedicated to ISWC during that period; another contest is for amateur listeners.

QRA of headquarters, British Short Wave League, is 145, Uxendon Hill, Wembley Park, Middlesex, England. (Driver, Ohio)

United States—Miss Belle Aaron, Baltimore, Md., informs me that due to poor health she has given up the presidency of Silent QRM-ers, and that all information or inquiries concerning that club should be sent to Walter J. Hastrich, 19 Holland Ave., Lancaster, New York.

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Albania—Nattugglan, Sweden, reports Scutari on 8.220 at 1300.

Algeria—Pearce, England, has heard what may be a "spurious" signal of *Radio Algiers* at 1725 on 9.49 in parallel with the 9.57 regular channel; news in French 1745 with both channels becoming unintelligible shortly afterwards. Heard later with strong signal from 1330 (Arabic) on both channels, French program from 1500. Schild says the 9.57 outlet is best in New York around 1500.

Andorra — Radio Andorra, 5.985, heard signing off "morning" session, with French and Spanish identification, 0900. (Pearce, England)

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan-The Public Relations Office, Broadcasting Service, P.O. Box 522, Khartoum, has informed a URDXC member that frequencies are 13.320 and 9.650 on SW and 572 kc. on MW; scheduled daily 2315-2345; daily except Fridays 1130-1300 and 1400-1430; Fridays 1130-1230, 1400-1430, 0300-0400, 0900-1000; all these in Arabic. Only English broadcast is Fridays 1230-1300. It was further stated that a new 6.5 kw. transmitter is being tested in the 31-m. band on 9.474. It was explained that this new transmitter would be operating also on other frequencies between 19- and 40-m. The 9.747 outlet is heard well in East daily in Arabic at 2315-2345; at 2330 announces "Huna Omdurman." (I would like to know actual location of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan transmitters, as some say at Khartoum while others say location is Omdurman; appears to verify from Khartoum.-K.R.B.)

Angola — CR6RN, 9.475, Luanda, leaves the air 1600, as does CR7RL, 8.090. (Peddle, Newfoundland)

Swedes report *Radio Diamond*, CR6RG, Dundo, on 8.242 at 1400. (Nattugglan)

Radio Clube de Angola, Luanda, heard daily with "Radio Journal" at 1430 on 7.135 (news read by man and woman, alternating); heard to closedown 1800 with Port. National An-



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them; bad QRM from local hams; program checks with CR6RN, 8.090. *Radio Clube de Benguela* sent schedule of 1230-1400 on CR6RB, 9.165, CR6RF, 7.041. (Pearce, England)

Argentina — LRS-1, 9.315 R a d i o Splendid, Buenos Aires, after giving usual network calls, announces "transmitting with Radio La Americana, Santiago de Chile" (this is CE960, 9.593V). (McPheeters, La.)

Novomstky, Puerto Rico, reports a new outlet of Radio Splendid, LR-4, 17.94; suffers from slight CWQRM and is heard from 1930; states it is operating in network with Radio La Americana, Chile.

Australia -- "Autumn" schedules of Radio Australia (English), recently effected, are-Forces Service to Japan, weekdays 2158-2315, VLB5, 21.540; VLC9, 17.840; VLG11, 15.210; Sats. and Suns. commences 2100, and VLA6, 15.200, is brought into service also. Sporting news on holidays and Saturdays is at 2215-0230 on VLB5, 21.540, VLG11, 15.210. To West Coast of North 2330-0045, VLA8, 11,760; America, VLC4, 15.320; in parallel for Africa, VLB5, 21.540; to ships at sea in Indian Ocean, VLG11, 15.210. To Britain and Europe, 0200-0245, VLC10, 21.680; 0200-0315, VLA8, 11.760, VLB9, 9.580. Forces Service to Japan, 0330-0630, VLA6, 15.200, VLB3, 11.760. To Asia, 0355-0630, VLC4, 15.320, VLG3, 11.710; 0630-0900, VLA6, 15.200, VLG3, 11.710; 0630-0645, VLB3, 11.760, VLC4, 15.320. To East Coast of North America, 0700-0845, VLB, 9.54, VLC7, 11.810. To Britain and Europe, 0900-0945, VLC11, 15.210, VLB3, 11.760; 0900-1000, VLA6, 15.200, VLC3, 11.710. To West Coast of North America, 1000-1115, VLC3, 11.760, VLB9, 9.615; to Asia, VLG3, 11.710; and at 1015-1115 to Africa, VLA6, 15.200. To Britain and Europe, 1500-1630, LVA8, 11.760, LVB2, 9.650; at 1500-1655, VLC9, 17.840. To Forces in Japan, 1643-1815, VLB6, 15.200. To East Coast of North America, 1643-1815, VLA5, 15.230. To South Amer-ica, 1655-1815, VLC9, 17.840. To Britain and Europe, 1710-1815, VLG3, 11.710. Language broadcasts are to Europe (French), 0100-0145, VLA8, 11.760, and to Tahiti on VLG6, 15.240 (except Sats., when is replaced by VLC, 15.200); to New Caledonia, (French), 0245-0345, VLG3, 11.710; 0300-0345. VLC4, 15.320; to Europe (German), 1200-1315, VLA8, 11.760, VLB2, 9.650, and at 1230-1315, VLC11, 15.210.

Transmitter of VLI, Sydney, N.S.W., is designed primarily to serve the outback of New South Wales, but reports from overseas indicate that it has a much wider service area than this. Power listed 2 kw., schedule as 1500-1745, 6.090, 1800-0315, 9.500, and 0330-0830, 6.090. (Rosenauer, Calif.) Transmitter is located at Liverpool, N.S.W.; began service December 22, 1948. (Cushen, N.Z.)

Azores—Ponta Delgada, 11.090, is good signal 1500-1600. (Harris, Mass.) The 4.845 channel is heard in Newfoundland 1715-1900. (Peddle)

Belgian Congo—Radio Congolia, 9.210, Leopoldville, previously heard 1300-1330, more recently has been heard at 1230 giving call in French, off 1330. (Pearce, England)

Elizabethville, 7.200, operates daily 1130-1215. (BSWL)

OTM2, Radio Conge Belge, is scheduled 0000-0200, 0515-0700, 1100-1500 on 9.380, 6.295; no English listed; news bulletins are in French, Dutch, Flemish, Portuguese; OTC, 9.767, is scheduled 1300-1845, 1900-2300; English language programs at 1430-1530, 2100-2300; news 1432, 1527, 2102, 2355. (Rosenauer, Calif.) Weekly DX period is Wednesdays around 2110.

Brazil-ZYK-3, 9.565, heard ending English session 2045; woman announcer stated "Tune to this station at the same time tomorrow night"; she said other English programs are transmitted on Monday at 1800 ("Sugar Plantation Program") and Sundays at 1700 ("Brazil Calling"), then added, "We will be very pleased to hear your impressions of this program, and all letters are gratefully received. All reception reports will be promptly verified." English announcement at 2039 was, "This program came to you from Radio Jornal de Cormercio, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil."

ZYN-7, 15.165, Fortaleza, has International Programs on Mondays, Fridays 1300-1500, with announcements in Port., Sp., and *English*. (Boice, Conn.)

Radio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, informs Worris, N. Y., "We regret to state that at present we have at our disposal no program in the *English* language; within a short time, we hope to be able to satisfy your wishes which are the same as those of many other listeners of *Radio Nacional* in foreign countries." Gave schedule of Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., 1130-2240; Tue., Thur., 1200-2240; and Sats. 1500-2240, all on PRL-7, 9.72.

Becker, Michigan, says PRF-5. Manaos, is now operating on 4.950, instead of former 4.895. Is reported to have news 1845 and to announce in English after 1900.

British Gold Coast—Has anyone in U. S. heard Accra testing on 15.435 around 0400-0430 as reported by Swedish DX-ers?—K.R.B.

The 4.915 outlet has *English* 1245-1300. (BSWL)

British Honduras—ZIK-2, 10.598, Belize, heard on a recent Monday closing 1317, but most weekdays closes around 1320. (Ferguson, N.C.)

Stark, Texas, informs me that opens daily 1305 with news; on Sundays runs longer than weekdays and at 1320 has "Caribbean Review," program sponsored by Caribbean Commission; Sunday sign-off is 1433, announcing "until 1230 tomorrow" (local time).

Bulgaria — Sofia's 7.671 has been heard from 2250 sign-on to after 2330; sometimes is badly mauled by A# carrier. (Kary) Has been heard in North Carolina late as 0035 when was covered by QRM. (Ferguson) Bellington, N. Y., says at times has been badly jammed.





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Canada—CBC International Service is scheduled - To Europe, 0915-1128, CKNC, CKCX; 1130-1500. CKNC. CKCS; 1500-1515, CKCS; 1515-1715, CKCS, CHOL; 1715-1730, CHOL; 1730-1830, CHOL, CKLO. To Australia and New Zealand, 2300-2340 (commentaries from the U.N.; except Sun., Mon.), CHOL, CKCS: 0345-0530, Sundays only (English program for listeners in Southwest Pacific area), CHOL, CHLS. To Latin America and the Caribbean, 1845-1925, English to Caribbean, CKCX; 1845-1925, Spanish, CKRA; 1930-2025, Portuguese, CKRA, CKCX; 2030-2130, Spanish, CKRA, CKLO; 2130-2145, French, CKRA, CKLO; and 2145-2235, English, CKRA, CKLO. To Northwest Territories, Sundays only, 2310-2400 (winter service to Arctic settlements), CKLO, CKOB. Frequencies are CKNC, 17.82; CKCS, 15.32; CKCX, 15.19; CKOB, 6.09; CKRA, 11.76; CKLO, 9.63; CHOL, 11.72; CHLS, 9.61.

Stein, Calif., says VE9AI, 9.540, Edmonton, Alberta, peaks around 2100-2200.

CHNX, 6.130, Halifax, Nova Scotia, has mailbag feature Saturdays 1830. (Weisberg, N.Y.)

Cape Verde Island—CR4AA, Radio Clube de Cabo Verde, Praia, sent QSL card giving frequency as 6.024 and daily schedule as 1330-1500, but when heard was on approximately 5.910 and heard to 1700 closedown. More cently has been heard near 5.895 with severe CWQRM. (Pearce, England)

Ceylon—Colombo, 4.900, has English-French Lessons by Radio on Fridays 1115. (Cushen, N.Z.)

China — Former XURA (now BED9), listed 7.215 by Chinese, Taipei, Formosa, heard at 0615 with Western music, then Chinese news. (Sanderson, Australia)

XNCR, 9.39, heard in Australia 0725 with Chinese news and Western music. XAET, 9.50, heard 0600 when woman reads Chinese news. (Sanderson)

XLRA, 168 Victory St., Hankow, verified via airmail; gave frequency 11.500 and schedule as 1800-1915, 0500-1000; signed by L. C. Cheng, Director. (Cushen, N.Z.) Heard in Ohio at 1800 to 1820 fade-out. (Sutton) Also heard in Massachusetts at 1800. (Harris)

Former XGOA (now using BEA calls), Nanking, airmails these schedules—To North America, 15.105, 2100-2340, news 2115, 2230. To Australasia, 9.730, 0500-0550, news 0520-0530 and *English* commentary 0540-0550. To Mongolia, Tibet, Japan, and Pacific Islands, 9.730, 0550-0730, no English listed. To India, South Africa, and Europe, 9.730, 0800-1000, news 0900, and English commentary 0840-0850. Lists 5.985 and 660 kcs. in parallel at 0800-0830, 0900-0915; however, it is believed 9.73 and 5.985 parallel most of the morning sessions. The 15.105 transmission has not been reported to me as heard in America recently.

ZBW-3, 9.525, Hong Kong, has improved signal around 0445 to after 0715. (Gaynor, Calif.) Carries BBC news relay 0600.

XGYA, 7.990, China, heard daily around 0500 to sign-off 0830; relays XNCR (Communist-controlled) from 0500 to 0730; programs are in Chinese and identification is given at 30minute intervals. (Desouza, Singapore, via *Radio Australia*) Has been heard in California by Dilg around 0750 with news in Chinese at dictation speed, with repeated sentences, badly CWQRM'd.

Colombia — Radiodifusora Nacional de Colombia informs Eyles, Md., that "the weekly newscast in English, following a program of Colombian folk music, is heard over our 11.68 transmitter, every Thursday 2100; daily newscasts in English will be on the air in the near future."

HJCQ, 11.680, heard evenings to 2230 or later. (Ferguson, N.C.) *Costa Rica* — TIPG, approx. 9.615,

Costa Rica — TIPG, approx. 9.615, San Jose, good signal signing on 0700; Spanish news was followed by musical program. (Boice, Conn.)

Cuba—COBC, 9.363, signs off 0015 after news in Spanish; network is *Radio Progreso* and slogan frequently used is "*La Onda de Alegria.*" COCY, 11.74, is scheduled 0630-0100. (Mueller, Ohio)

Curacao—Hankins, Pa., reports Wellemstad heard recently on approximately 5.010 at 1835 to after 2000; *no English noted*.

Cyprus—Sharq-al-Adna verified with mimeographed form letter, saying it transmits 12 hours daily on 6.135, 6.170, 6.790, 9.650, 11.720, but gave no definite schedules. (McPheeters, La.)

Czechoslovakia—Prague's 9.55 outlet heard in England signing on 1000. (Pearce) This channel is now used to North America daily 1900-2000, news at start; has bad QRM. (Bishop, Ohio) Is poorly modulated.

Denmark—Copenhagen now broadcasts to Eastern countries on 15.165 on Tuesday, Thursdays, Fridays, 0500-0600, partly in Danish and partly in English. Uses the new 50-kw. transmitter.

Dominican Republic — HI2T, 9.735, signs off 0030. (Mueller, Ohio)

HI2A, formerly 7.217, has been wandering around the 31-m. band, reported on 9.490, 9.407, 9.417, 9.665. (Stark, Texas, Hankins, Pa., Sutton, Ohio, others.)

Ecuador—HCJB, Quito, now has six transmitters and will obtain five additional ones of 20 kw. each when finances permit. Aims at a total of 100 kw. eventually. (Swedish DX session)

"La Voz de Riobamba," heard on measured 7.472, to sign-off 2250. (Ferguson, N.C.)

El Salvador—YSR, 6.260, "*La Voz de el Salvador*," good signal, signed off 0000 announcing sign-on time as 1200. (McPheeters, La.)

England-Cushen, N. Z., lists as new BBC outlets GSY, 6.040; GSX, 6.060; GSZ, 6.170; GWZ, 7.200; GWX, 9.570; GWY, 9.700; GWV, 11.790; GWW, 11.890; GWD, 15.200; GWU, 15.210; says BBC now has 86 frequencies assigned.

Finland-The Finnish Broadcasting Company is sending out a new verification card for the 15.190 (100 kw.) channel, bears picture of the new transmitter, and lists OIX1, 6.120, 15 kw., Helsinki; OIX2, 9555 (presumably moved from 9.500?), 15 kw., Lahti; OIX4, 15.19, 100 kw., Pori; and OIX5, 17.800, 1 kw., Helsinki. On reverse stated "our daily program times are 2200-0000, 0700-0800, 1145-1245, 1600-1700" (presumably for 15.19).

France-RDF, Paris, was heard on 7.280 signing off 1600. (Ferguson, N. C.)

French Cameroons-Alfred, Canada, reports Rad'o Douala on 9.160, signing off 1515. (URDXC) Heard in England with recordings 1315. (Pearce)

French Indo-China-Sanderson, Australia, reports Pnompenh on 12.36 at 0530 with Chinese news at dictation speed, then music. I wonder if this is the listed "La Voix de Sud Vietnam" at N. Annam given officially as on 12.354?

The station on 11.78 with news 1830 is definitely Radio Saigon; some days is quite readable, but usually suffers bad CWQRM; signs on 1800 with "La Marseillaise."

French West Africa-Radio Dakar, 11.898, heard early as 1325; is scheduled weekdays 1330-1700, to 1800 Saturdays, and Sundays 1300-1800. (Pearce, England)

Germany-Leipzig, 9.728, heard signing on 0000. (Bellington, N. Y.) Heard with excellent signal (German) at 0215: 6-tone interval. (Ormond, N. C.)

Greece-Radio Athens is scheduled on 9.607 at 0015-0235, relaying a medium-wave outlet, also 0500-0800. Is on 7.300 at 1100 news in Greek; 1130 English: 1145 French; 1200 Turkish; 1250 Russian; 1300 Rumanian; 1310 Yugoslav; 1320 Bulgarian; 1330 Albanian; 1340 warnings to shipping; 1400-1600, relay of medium-wave program. On 15.345 at 1730-1830 still has special transmission for the United States, news at start; latter is received poorly in East most days.

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strument (milliammeter), a neon lamp, or an "eye" tube. Each of the various combinations of audible, visual, and type of voltage supply has its advantages which is usually reflected in the price of the unit.

In addition to isolating the faults normally encountered in servicing a "dead" radio, the signal tracer is an invaluable instrument in the determination of the origin and cause of distortion, fading, and hum. Prior to signal tracing, there was no reliable or fast method of localizing the sources of distortion, fading, and hum other than the old standby system of replacing suspected components. Often on fading and intermittent distortion faults, considerable time was wasted by the serviceman in listening to the radio after the suspected part or parts were replaced to determine whether his reasoning was correct. Needless to say, his first replacement often did not correct the fault and he would have to try again.

As may have been gathered from the above discussion, testing a defective radio by signal tracing is one of the fastest methods developed to date. To illustrate the procedure, it is thought best to start by troubleshooting a "dead" set. All references hereafter are to Fig. 2 which is a typical **a**.c.d.c., five-tube radio receiver.

Dead Set

To start troubleshooting, invert the set in the conventional position (to a serviceman), turn on the power, and set the dial at a convenient station. Before starting to probe the radio set with the signal tracer, it is advantageous to check the "B+" voltage at the cathode of the 35Z5 and at the output filter condenser. This voltage should be approximately 85 to 135 volts d.c. Since filter condensers break down frequently, the fault may be found at this stage. However, if the voltage at these two points is present, the faulty component is at some other part of the radio circuit and the use of the signal tracer will facilitate localizing the defect. Connect the ground clip from the signal tracer to the chassis (radio), turn on the signal tracer to full gain, and touch the probe to the signal grid of the 12SA7. A radio signal (program) should be heard if this stage is functioning properly. If no signal is heard, one of the following is the cause:

- a1. Open or shorted antenna loop or coil
- b1. Shorted plates on variable (r. f. section) condenser
- c1. Shorted trimmer condenser on r. f. variable condenser
- d1. Grid-to-cathode short

These defects can easily be ascertained in a few minutes by the use of an ohmmeter and the repair or replacement of the defective component may be effected.

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Next, we touch the probe of the signal tracer on the mixer plate of the 12SA7 converter tube (i.f. input primary). If no signal (radio program) is heard, check the following:

- a2. Inoperative converter (mixer or oscillator section)
- *b2.* Open or shorted i. f. transformer (primary)
- c2. Open or shorted oscillator coil (primary or secondary)
- d2. Shorted oscillator variable or trimmer condenser
- e2. Open or shorted oscillator grid coupling condenser or coupling winding. (Some manufacturers obtain grid coupling by means of a capacity winding on the oscillator coil
- f2. Open or shorted grid leak resistor

Defect a2 may be checked by substituting a new tube and the remaining defects by means of an ohmmeter.

Assuming that this stage is operative, touch the control grid of the 12SK7 with the probe of the signal tracer. Should no signal be heard, the possible defects are:

a3. Open or shorted i. f. transformer (secondary)

b3. Grid-to-cathode short in 12SK7 If a signal is heard, then touch the plate terminal of the 12SK7 with the probe. A signal of higher level should be heard because the signal has been amplified by the 12SA7 and the 12SK7. It may be necessary to turn down the gain on the signal tracer. If no signal is heard, then we may look for trouble at the following points:

- a4. Inoperative tube (12SK7)
- *b*4. Open or shorted i. f. transformer (primary)

Should the signal be heard, we can reasonably assume that our electrical circuits are intact and functioning properly from the antenna to the plate of the 12SK7. Our problem is to probe further. Apply the probe to the diodes of the 12SQ7 tube. If no audible signal is emitted by the signal tracer, check the following:

a5. Inoperative diodes

- *b5.* Open or shorted i. f. transformer (secondary)
- c5. Open or shorted r. f. filter (bypass condenser)
- d5. Shorted diode load (volume control)
- e5. Shorted a.v.c. filter

Since the diodes are part of the 12SQ7, defect a5 can only be corrected by inserting a new 12SQ7. This is one disadvantage of using multi-purpose tubes.

If the signal is heard, we proceed with our probing by applying the probe to the grid of the first audio tube which is the triode section of the 12SQ7. If a signal is not heard, the defective component is:

a6. Shorted contact bias resistor

At this stage, all r. f. has been demodulated (detected) and we will be concerned only with audio frequencies. When a signal is heard on the grid of the first audio tube, it indicates that the whole r. f. section (converter, i. f.'s,





and second detector) of the radio is operative. The probe is now applied on the plate of the 12SQ7. If a signal is not heard, we have localized the trouble to:

- a7. Inoperative triode (12SQ7)
- b7. Open plate load resistor
- c7. Shorted output stage grid resistor

The above failures may be determined as noted previously with a voltohmmeter or inserting a new tube. Since we have not located our evasive defect, we will continue working toward the speaker end and probe further into the intricacies of the remaining circuits. Our next step is to apply the signal tracer probe to the grid of the 50L6. At this point, you will find that the gain of the signal tracer should be reduced since we now have three complete stages of amplification in the radio before making contact with the probe of the signal tracer, which is essentially an amplifier. If no signal is heard, the following failure may be the troublesome element:

a8. Open coupling condenser

Our failure has not been located if the signal is heard. Apply the probe on the plate of the 50L6. Now, if a signal is not heard ,the fault may be: a9. Inoperative 50L6

- b9. Open or shorted output trans-
- former
- c9. Short∈d plate-to-ground condenser
- d9. Open cathode resistor

If, however, a signal is heard, then our evasive fault is either an open or shorted secondary on the output transformer or an open voice coil on the speaker. The defective component may be found with the aid of an ohmmeter. Replacing the part will naturally correct the trouble.

Distortion

The above discussion is typical procedure followed in localizing trouble in a dead set. The signal tracer as previously mentioned, is very helpful in locating distortion since the distortion is made audible on the signal tracer whether it is in the r. f. or audio stages. The source or cause of distortion can be localized by following the procedure outlined above. Starting on the first tube and following the signal from the grid to plate on each tube, the stage in which the distortion originates can be easily determined. For example, when the probe is placed on the grid of the 50L6, no distortion is heard. But when the probe is applied on the plate of the 50L6, a distorted signal is heard. The distortion has been localized and the defective component is a defective 50L6 having a leaky or shorted cathode

Some distortion results from leaky coupling and bypass condensers which may be detected readily with a signal tracer. In locating distortion, it is preferable to work with the volume of the radio under test turned down so that the output of the signal tracer is higher than that of the receiver. Occasionally, it is convenient to disconnect the voice coil of the radio being tested.

Fading

Fading sets have long been the main source of headaches for the serviceman. Often, radio servicemen will refuse a fading job since if the trouble is not located quickly, the labor involved to localize the trouble is high. Some servicemen have "lost their shirts," so to speak, on fading jobs. Although fading is still one of the toughest problems in the radio servicing shop, the signal tracer is a very valuable instrument or service tool. In servicing a fading job, get the relative gain at the plate terminal of each stage when the radio is playing normally. The relative gain, depending on the type of instrument you own. may be in terms of scale deflection, "eye" closing, or volume output of the

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WHEN a variable resistor does not provide adjustments which are delicate enough. a handy trick is to make the connections shown in Fig. 1A. Tying a jumper between the two ends of a rheostat reduces the maximum resistance obtainable to one-fourth the previous value, but at the same time the usable movement of the sliding arm is reduced only one-half. Thus a finer adjustment is obtained, and it will be found that the rate of variation is most gradual when the arm is near the center. Also in this region the current carrying capacity will be nearly doubled.

This scheme is useful in the construction of instruments and with experimental setups where the wirewound variable resistors give too coarse a variation. For example, in plotting characteristic curves of tubes, students will find this arrangement valuable for setting filament current exactly on specified values.

If a wide range of control is necessary, the circuit of Fig. 1B may be used. Here the element with lower resistance provides coarse settings while the higher resistance rheostat shunted across it gives fine variations. In use, this fine control should be set initially at the center position until coarse adjustment is made as closely as possible. When used permanently in a piece of equipment, a stop may be added to restrict the slider to the desired limits of rotation. $-\overline{30}$




signal tracer. As soon as the radio fades, read the gain at each stage again. A decrease from the normal gain at any one particular stage indicates that this stage is the faulty section in the radio. For example, if you find that the signal strength (level) remains the same on the plate of the 12SQ7 and the signal level has decreased on the plate of the 50L6, you have localized the defect between the outputs of these two stages. To isolate the trouble to a fewer number of components, you should apply the probe to the grid of the 50L6. If you find that the signal level has decreased at this point, then the trouble has been isolated to a faulty coupling condenser or a partially shorted grid resistor.

As another example, assume that the signal fades on the plate of all the tubes in the set. This fault is usually in the "B+" supply. The trouble is probably a bad filter condenser or a leaky 3525 cathode. Of course there are many other causes of fading. These are too numerous to mention or discuss and naturally are beyond the scope of this article.

Hum Disturbances

Another troublesome fault which may be easily localized by the use of a signal tracer is hum. Probably the best procedure to follow, in this case, is working from grid to plate of each stage. It is surprising how many times a radio tube will test good in a tube tester and yet cause hum when used in a radio. The serviceman usually loses time because he doesn't suspect the tube, having just tested it or having replaced it with a new tube which causes hum. When you are acquainted and familiar with the use of a signal tracer, you will agree that hum in a radio set is no longer a serious or troublesome problem.

Miscellaneous Tests

It is only fair to state that a signal tracer is a versatile instrument and may be used to make other tests besides those noted above. As you become acquainted with it, you will find more and more tricks and ways of using it to test radios or components. Some of the other uses are the testing of paper condensers, resistors, record player crystal pick-ups, microphones, and speakers. Some of the units currently being sold on the market have provisions such as a jack or a set of terminals so that they can be used as audio amplifiers. If this provision is not on your unit, it can be added.

In conclusion, the author wants to indicate that it is not the intent of this article to sell you signal tracers, or imply that the signal tracer method of isolating circuit defects is the only good method of troubleshooting. This article has been written with the idea of familiarizing the serviceman with another of the numerous methods employed in servicing the many defective radios. The above is but one of the many techniques employed. $-\overline{30}$ -

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MERCHANDISING KIT

The complete merchandising kit which *Belden Manufacturing Company* is currently including with its new "Polypoint" FM antenna has been designed to assist dealers and servicemen in promoting better FM reception in their areas.

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MINIATURE TUBE CHART

The latest four-page tube reference folder published by *Raytheon Manufacturing Co.* includes all pertinent characteristics, applications, terminal connection diagrams, and out line drawings for every miniature receiving type tube now announced and produced by all tube manufacturers.

To obtain a copy of this chart, address Raytheon Manufacturing Co., 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

CONDENSER CATALOGUE

The Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corporation has compiled a complete bulletin on its line of condensers used in capacitor-type motors.

This 56-page catalogue, No. 163, contains eight distinct sections, covering Motor Part Numbers (alphabetical listing; Motor Part Numbers (numerical listing); Cross Index of *C-D* Replacements (numerical listing); Replacements; Technical Information; *C-D* Catalogue Listing; Interference Filters; and Service Mikes.

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Catalogue No. 163 is available free of charge, and may be had by addressing the Jobber Division, *Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corporation*, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

HYTRON REFERENCE GUIDE

Hytron Radio & Electronics Corporation announces the latest edition of its reference guide for miniature electron tubes, prepared primarily for servicemen, technicians and engineers.

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W. C. Dillon & Company, Inc., has issued a new bulletin on its line of dynamometers. The uses to which these instruments may be put are reported, and clear and informative photographs are used to show the dynamometer at work in the rubber, aircraft, communications, steel, automotive, and railroad industries, etc.

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TV SUPPLY BOOKLET

The House of Television, New York manufacturer of the Tele Filter, Multivision Screen and Signal Kleer line of television accessories, has completed a new catalogue which may be obtained free of charge by dealers and distributors.

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Dealers and distributors desiring a copy of the catalogue are asked to write the House of Television, Starrett-Lehigh Building, New York 1, N. Y.

REPLACEMENT TRANSFORMER CATALOGUE

The Crest Transformer Corporation, which produces transformers and component parts for the radio and television industry, has completed a new catalogue on its line which is designed to meet the requirements of manufacturers, jobbers and amateurs.

Forty major types of replacement transformers, comprising 186 specific units, are listed and described, and in an effort to present the products clearly and concisely, the items are in alphabetical and numerical order where possible.

Requests for this Crestran catalogue should be addressed on business stationery to Crest Transformer Corporation, Department T, 1834 West North Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois.

TYPE "K" SUPPLEMENT

A 12-page supplement to its Type "K" Bulletin has been issued by the Catalogue Department of Cannon Electric, 3209 Humboldt Street, Los Angeles 31, California.

The booklet contains new information on the "K" and "RK" types of Aircraft Firewall connectors, as well as 16 new insert arrangements in various shell sizes for radio, sound, electronic, and electrical equipment.

Included in the new insert arrangements are various layouts having one to eight coaxial contacts, including the LK-R24C insert used on television cameras.

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Address the Catalogue Department, Cannon Electric, 3209 Humboldt Street, Los Angeles 31, California.

1949 TV CATALOGUE

On February 15, The Workshop Associates released a new eight-page television catalogue listing its new line of antennas and accessories. The compilers of this booklet have written in a clear and concise style, illustrating it with diagrams, charts, and sketches of typical installations.

This 1949 television catalogue will probably be helpful to servicemen and dealers, as The Workshop Associates engineering staff, in their announcement, stated that besides the listings usually found, they have attempted also to make it a comprehensive review of the problems of TV reception,

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PERMANENT MAGNET CATALOGUE

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Photographs and pull curves have been incorporated in this booklet to illustrate the General Electric stocked magnets, and drawings of all G.E. stocked patterns are also included. Procedures are outlined for requesting quotations and obtaining magnet design assistance from the engineering department.

Copies of this new catalogue may be obtained by addressing the General Electric Company, Chemical Department, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

ADJUSTABLE TRANSFORMERS

General Radio Company's transformer catalogue contains complete descriptions and general specifications of its line of adjustable auto-transformers. These transformers are used in voltage control for a.c. power.

The catalogue lists the various types available, and a chart is also supplied showing how to select the proper unit for each voltage and power. In the production line, in research and development, and in other laboratories and branches of the electrical industry, these auto-transformers can be applied where an a.c. control is desired.

Address General Radio Company, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts, for copies of this catalogue, specifying the New Variac Continuously Adjustable Transformer booklet. -30-

SOUTHWEST HAMFEST

THE hamfest in Lubbock, Texas, April 23 and 24, sponsored by the South Plains Amateur Radio Club is timed to coincide with the annual Electrical Engineering Show held at Texas Technological College, owing to the extensive phases of electronics and radio on the agenda of the college show.

It is believed this will be an outstanding event in the southwest for amateurs of West Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. According to club president U. V. Blake, W5EWB, a great many reservations have been received.

The Tech Radio Club at Texas Technological College is assisting in the promotion of this hamfest, and the Lubbock XYL Club will help in the entertainment of the XYL's so the OM's can plan to bring her along. Registration on opening day begins at one o'clock, and hams are urged to plan to show up on time for a full program.

Reservations or information requests should be addressed to Rogers Orr, W5NIC, elub secretary, who is assisting General Convention Chairman T. Bruce Craig, W5JQD. Mr. Orr's address is 2501 23rd St., Lubbock, Texas. -30-

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The d.c. voltage for the heaters was supplied by placing the 6.3 v., 4 amp. winding of a filament transformer, (Stancor P-4019) across the 6.3 winding of the power transformer (Stancor P-6165) and rectifying the voltage induced in the 117 v. primary, by using a 200 ma. selenium rectifier in a halfwave circuit in such a way that negative voltage is supplied, thereby providing a convenient bias supply for the 6L6 tubes, as well as lighting the other tubes. The 24 volts of negative bias was tapped off the heater line, between the 12SQ7 and the 12SJ7.

The "B" supply for the stages ahead of the 6L6's is very well filtered, using two 10 henry, 50 mil. chokes, and two 16 µfd. condensers. These chokes are made by several manufacturers and may be purchased at any radio equipment store. On the oscilloscope, with the gain running wide open, no ripple voltage could be detected. It is not necessary to use well filtered "B" voltage in the last stage, as all hum introduced there is cancelled out by virtue of push-pull. The only filtering for this stage is the swinging choke (UTC S-30) and a 16 μ fd. condenser.

The power supply was mounted on

a separate chassis, to keep any a.c. away from the high gain channels, and to avoid mechanical hum, caused when chokes and transformers vibrate the chassis and high gain tubes amp-lify this vibration. The only a.c. in the amplifier chassis is the 6L6 heater supply line. This is well twisted, and kept as far as possible from the other tubes, to eliminate any possible hum radiation into the other stages. The power supply may also be used to provide heater and plate voltages to operate additional equipment such as AM and FM tuners. This type of arrangement makes for an efficient and very compact over-all unit.

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Fig. 5. Rear view of home-built amplifier. Six sockets are shown on rear flange. Only two of them (for power supply and speaker) are actually required—the others were incorporated to supply additional speakers and a recorder unit if they should be needed.



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Republican and Democrat, respectively.

Commenting on his new bill, Senator Johnson said that the power decision should be made by Congress and cited a subcommittee report, which supported these views. According to the Senator and the report, there is the legal question as to whether this fundamental policy matter which affects all of the people should be decided by an ". . . administrative, regulatory agency created by Congress for that function or whether such a paramount question of important national policy should be determined by Congress itself." The Senator felt that basic, fundamental policy questions must be determined by the lawmaking body, the Congress.

The presentation of the new bill and action of the subcommittee placed the FCC in the same puzzling position they were in last fall, when probe of the power question was halted by Congressional intervention. And FCC is again faced with the problem of preparing an allocation program for the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, postponed from last summer and scheduled for September, with the power question still unanswered. Since the official position of this country at the September meeting is scheduled to be set by members of the State Department, the FCC and industry, and not the Senate group, there is the baffling question as to the position which will prevail at the conference, and which camp, the FCC-State Department or Congressional committee, will dictate policy.

There'll be many a roaring debate on the subject during the next few months.

FM TV may be a new factor in telecasting according to John R. Willoughby, FCC acting Chief Engineer and Hart Cowperthwait, acting chief of the FCC TV Broadcasting Section. Appearing during an informal Washington luncheon of broadcast engineers, who are members of the engineering committee of the National Association of Broadcasters, the FCC experts described their tests at the FCC lab just beyond Laurel, Marvland, which indicated that FM showed great promise of minimizing interference on TV, and was particularly suitable for the higher bands.

To support their statements, demonstrations were conducted several weeks later at the labs, with Edward W. Chaplin, chief of the FCC Laboratories Division, conducting the tests before members of the Commission, NAB and industry. Three receivers were used during the tests: one a 12" TV model converted for FM, with a limiter and discriminator for video only; another a standard TV model; and a third serving as a driver for the

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two sets, picking up signals from Baltimore and Washington. The tests revealed that the FM method was slightly better in a 10:1 and 20:1 cochannel interference pickup, but in ghost tests did not show up too well.

According to engineers of RCA at the demonstration, FM TV tests had been conducted from the Empire State Building in New York City ten years ago and the results were unsatisfactory. It was because of these trials that FM was discarded when the National Television System Committee and RTPB set up the TV standards which are now the bases of operations.

While the Laurel and the Empire State Building tests did not provide completely satisfactory results, it did appear as if the newer approach had possibilities and that perhaps with concentrated developmental effort, FM might provide an avenue of use for TV.

THE THREE-YEAR-OLD GCA

(ground controlled approach) and ILS (instrument landing system) argument came to an end a few weeks ago at the CAA offices, when D. W. Rentzel, administrator of civil aeronautics, announced that both systems had been approved.

The GCA system, which provides plane control by radar observations from the ground with oral radiotelephone instructions to the pilot, has been a standard with the Navy and Air Force as a bad-weather landing aid. For years, the CAA permitted the use of the ILS method only, in which the plane is guided by a two-frequency unit, signalling the plane down on a 3-degree equi-signal path.

The combined systems are expected to be placed in operation soon at Chicago, and other major airports. The systems are already in operation at New York and Washington and in use by many airlines, including *Trans Canada*, *Peruvian International*, *Scandinavian Airlines* and *TransWorld Air*- *line.* Rentzel revealed that last summer *TWA* received approval to use GCA at its Wilmington, Delaware, overhaul and training base. Two years ago, *Pan American* set up a GCA system at their Gander, Newfoundland airport.

THE UNIQUE METHOD used to assign call sign blocks to stations was disclosed a short while ago by FCC. In a report, based on the agreements made at International Telecommunication and Radio Conferences at Atlantic City in 1947, a new system of call blocks was described; this country was allotted four initial or key letters, *N*, *K* and *W*, exclusively, and partial use of *A*. Calls beginning with *N* are now reserved for the Navy and Coast Guard; while *A*, *K* and *W* are shared by Government and private stations.

The K and W characters are used for broadcasting, coastal stations, aeronautical, fixed, mobile telegraph and telephone, radar, etc. Broadcast stations are assigned letters only, while non-broadcast systems use numerals. The composition of the call sign, according to the report, ranges from three letters alone, as for coastal stations, to three letters and three digits for land (other than aeronautical and coastal stations), five letters for aircraft telegraph and telephone, six letters for TVcasters, and complex letter-digit-letter combinations for amateur and experimental applications.

TUBE SALES SOARED to a new high in '48, with nearly 205,000,000 tubes being sold, over five million more than in 1947. Close to 147,000,000 tubes were for new sets, over 47,000,000 for replacements, nearly 11,000,000 for export, and over 800,000 for government.

THE COMPLEX STUDIES AND planning involved in the radio industry become more and more apparent

Shown at right is "Emmy," Television's version of the movie "Oscar," awarded to Don Lee Television Engineer Charles Mesak at the first annual awards dinner held recently in Hollywood. Below, Mesak, shown holding "Emmy," was thus honored for his work in developing the face-fader. for changing black images to white ones on a video screen. Walter O'Keefe, Master of Ceremonies, left, stands by after presentation.



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every year when the RMA releases its annual review of the work of its engineering department. In 1948, nearly 2000 engineers, belonging to 173 committees, served to set up standards for not only the basic systems of broadcasters, but for practically every component used in the transmitter and receiver, the year's report of RMA showed

In TV were committees on color, sound modulation, flicker, resolution, interference and propagation. Component committees were concerned with hookup wire, condensers (ceramic, mica, fixed paper), sockets, variable air condensers, fixed composition resistors, variable control resistors, h.f. switches, wire-wound resistors, r.f. and i.f. transformers, vibrating interrupters and rectifiers, dry-disc rectifiers, high-frequency cores, dry batteries, etc. There were even special committees on cabinets and finishes, packaging, wiring color codes, citizens' radio, sampling procedures, phono records, disc home recording, magnetic wire recording, pickups and needles, flame hazards, speakers, amplifiers, intercoms, safety, microwaves, etc.

And 1949 will see an even more intensive series of studies by these engineers who merit the resounding thanks of everyone for their outstanding voluntary help to give Mr. and Mrs. Public the best in sight and sound transmission and reception.

FM HAS BECOME a major factor in broadcasting in many countries throughout the world, according to the International Broadcasting Union, Geneva. In Italy for instance, four FM transmitters have been installed in Milan, Rome, Turin, and Naples. If the results are successful, twenty more stations will be added. A network of FM stations is being completed in Holland to supplant the wired service between amplifiers on the wired-wireless lines.

An experimental 3 kw. FM station will soon be opened on 5000-foot-high Mount Chasseral, in Switzerland. Lowpower tests will also be conducted soon with 10 to 15-watt transmitters in local areas, reradiating AM programs aired by high-powered stations and thus serving as booster stations.

FM is being used to link studios and transmitters in Argentina, with the low-powered FM setups also being used for local broadcast work. In Australia, the government has approved the progressive introduction of FM in a National Broadcasting Service, which will provide FM for the large cities first, and then the rural centers.

FM activity in Great Britain is still in the experimental stages. Highpower transmission will be studied when a 25 kw. station at Wrotham (Kent) goes on the air soon.

There is intense activity in TV, too, overseas, with France and Great Britain providing most of the interest. There are about 80,000 who have receivers in Great Britain, with about twenty-five per-cent of the owners living in London and the suburbs. L.W.





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AFCA National Convention

The vital importance of communications in modern warfare, with special reference this year to the Navyafloat, ashore, and in the air-will be the theme of the third annual meeting of the AFCA. March 28 and 29, with representatives of science, industry, the Navy, Army, Air Forces, and other governmental agencies reviewing the Navy's readiness in the fields of communications and photography.

The Washington Chapter was chosen official host to the convention, with Captain Robert J. Foley, USN Office of the Chief of Naval Communications, directing the program for the Navy, and Colonel E. Goring Bliss, Washington telephone company official, in charge of the chapter's committee on arrangements.

The Shoreham Hotel was selected as AFCA headquarters and the site for the first day's meetings and banquet. Plans for the convention included visiting Navy installations and exhibitions, with a carry-over into a third day for those wishing to revisit any of the facilities. The Navy demonstrations and exhibitions were to include communications, radar, and photographic equipment as operated on board ship, in aircraft, and ashore.

Chapter Notes

Roston The third annual Industry-Army Day meeting was held in Boston on February 4th. Early in the day, nearly 3,000 gathered in the First Cadet Corps Armory to hear addresses by: Mr. Gordon Gray, Assistant Secretary of the Army; Maj. Gen. A. C. McAuliffe, Deputy Chairman of the Research and Development Board; and General J. Lawton, Collins, Vice Chief

of Staff. At 11:00 A.M., AFCA members and guests met at the Copley Plaza to hear a presentation of the industrial mobilization planning situation in the Signal Corps. Col. Paul Hannah of the Boston Chapter presided. The speakers were: Mr. Fred R. Lack, AFCA National Director, and Vice President of Western Electric Company; Col. Fred W. Kunesh, in charge of industrial mobilization planning for the Signal Corps; Col. A. M. Shearer, Deputy head of the Procurement and Distribution Service, OCSigO; Col. E. F. Hammond, Chief of the Personnel and Training Service, OCSigO; and Col. Kirke B. Lawton, Deputy Chief Signal Officer, who represented General Akin at the meeting.

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At the close of the forum, the gathering attended a luncheon given by the Boston Chapter of AFCA. Walter F. Schuchard, President of the Chapter, presided. Among those present were: Maj. Gen. J. O. Mauborgne, former Chief Signal Officer; Rear Admiral Joseph R. Redman, wartime Chief of Naval Communications and now Vice President of Western Union Company and AFCA's New York Chapter; Col. F. W. Wozencraft, AFCA legal counsel; Col. George P. Dixon, President of the New York Chapter; Col. Van Ness Philip, AFCA charter life member; and Brig. Gen. S. H. Sherrill, AFCA Executive Director.

The annual banquet was held in the main ballroom of the Hotel Statler. Mr. Joseph P. Spang, President of the Gillette Razor Company, acted as master of ceremonies. The speaker for industry was Mr. Benjamin F. Fairless, President of U. S. Steel. The speaker for the Army was General Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff.

Baltimore

The January 11th meeting of the chapter took place at the Locke, Inc., plant, which specializes in insulators for power and radio installations. Over one hundred members of the Baltimore Chapter and guests were present. After dinner in the company cafeteria, President F. E. Moran introduced Capts. Paul Dugan and Richard E. Elliot of the Naval Communications Station in Annapolis, and Col. Arthur Pulsifer, Second Army Signal Officer, who was the first secretary of the Baltimore Chapter. Brig. Gen., S. H. Sherrill, Executive Director, came over from Washington and spoke on developments in other AFCA chapters throughout the country.

Lt. Col. C. A. Brown, Assistant to the Chief of the Engineering and Technical Service, OCSigO, described in detail recent accomplishments in the development of communications

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equipment and projects now under way.

Mr. Howard Frey, Chief Development Engineer of *Locke*, *Inc.*, outlined the various operations of the *Locke* plant, after which the audience was taken on a tour of the plant.

Cleveland

The Cleveland Chapter meetings are featuring inspection tours of various local facilities. The February 10th meeting consisted of a most interesting tour through the Air Craft Engine Laboratories of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at the Cleveland Municipal Airport.

European

Because of its scope, the European Chapter is unable to arrange many general meetings of the chapter membership. However, its sub-chapters are holding independent meetings rather frequently, some of which have been reported as follows:

The Frankfurt and Wiesbaden Sub-Chapters held a joint meeting to view a demonstration of the teleconference equipment using teleoptican projection. In addition, members saw a film covering long lines communications in Newfoundland.

The Hanau Sub-Chapter reports that Amateur Radio Station, sign D4AHE, has been established for the convenience of members and all those who are interested in radio operations. A twenty-position code practice table has been set up for training purposes.

Kentucky

A dinner meeting was held on January 28th at the Jefferson Davis Inn in Lexington. Officers for 1949 were elected as follows: Murray P. Mc-Quown, President; Harry Bradshaw, Bernard Haefling and Eli Hall, Vice Presidents; Clyde T. Burke, Secretary; Robert Miller, Treasurer; and Merrell Whitmer, Assistant Treasurer.

The speaker of the evening was Major L. C. Taynton of the Armored School at Fort Knox. He described the Army Field Forces Cold Weather Test Program during 1946 and 1947 in Alaska, which he had attended as an observer for the Armored School.

New York

On January 6th, the New York Chapter held a joint meeting with the Atlantic Coast Section of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers. The meeting took place at the Signal Corps Photographic Center in Long Island City and included an inspection trip through the new laboratory and a demonstration of the Sound Recording facilities and Process Screen Photography in use at the Center.

The February meeting, held jointly with the New York Naval Volunteer Reserve Electronic Warfare Company, had a record turnout. The guest speakers were the Communications Chiefs of the three Services: Maj. Gen. Spencer B. Akin, USA, Chief Signal Officer; Rear Admiral Earl E. Stone, USN, Chief of Naval Communications;

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Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Chapter attended the January 10th meeting of the Pittsburgh Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers, which was devoted to the subject of Television. The speaker was Mr. Luther R. Huggler, Assistant Engineer of Transmission, *The Telephone Company of Pa.*

The February meeting of the chapter was devoted to problems submitted by the National Advisory Committee. Subjects and ciscussion leaders were: "Protection of Records of American Communications Systems in the Event of Major Disaster"--John J. McGovern of the Bell Telephone Company of Pa.; and "Procurement-Negotiated Contracts vs. Competitive Bidding"-Sumner W. Dana of the G. C. Murphy Company. A final report on the subject discussed at the November meeting, "Conversion of Industry from Peacetime Operation to Wartime Controls," was presented by E. J. Staubitz of the Blaw Knox Company.

Sacramento

The January dinner-meeting was held jointly with the Sacramento Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the Sacramento Signal Depot. Among the guests was Brig. Gen. C. H. Arnold, Chief of the Procurement and Distribution Division, OCSigO, who had made the trip west to inspect the Depot. The featured speaker was Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, University of California's radar expert who was recently presented with the Medal of Merit, the nation's highest civilian award, for his development of radar devices used during the war. Dr. Alvarez delivered an interesting talk on the future industrial development of atomic energy.

St. Louis

The Mark Twain Hotel was the scene of the St. Louis Chapter gathering on January 24th. Officers for 1949 are: C. P. Bobe, President; O. A. Eilers, Vice Fresident; A. R. Chappell, Secretary-Treasurer. After the dinner-meeting, Mr. E. J. Ulm of the *American Air Lines* presented a color sound movie entitled "Wings to Vikingland," a film of northern Europe.

Seattle

Major Joyce B. James, Alaska Communication System, described the organization and function of the ACS as a military and commercial communication system; and Major G. E. Vitt discussed the formation of an ACS reserve unit.



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Tube Tester (Continued from page 57)

would, obviously, be too much of a mystery to you.

A brief discussion of a dynamic mutual conductance tube tester will give you some ideas as to how a tube is tested for the various troubles mentioned previously in this article. We'll go over the checks made on the customer's tubes and show how the tube tester works.

If you'll recall, the 12SA7 converter was low on mutual conductance. As a typical instrument we'll use the *Hickok* tube tester, a direct reading, dynamic mutual conductance tester. Again, the mutual conductance of a tube, or G_m , is a measure of the tube's change in plate current for a change in its grid voltage. After all, that is what interests us in an amplifier. If we take the changing grid voltage and can get a large change in plate current through a load resistor, we have a good amplifier.

Then, to test a tube for G_m we have to first have some means of varying the grid voltage by a fixed amount and then measuring the *plate current change* caused by that changing grid voltage. This is a true test of the tube's operating worth.

The circuit used in the *Hickok* tester is an ingenious bridge that makes use of the full-wave rectification principle. Fig. 3 shows the basic schematic diagram of the tester. Notice that the transformer windings have a common core. This fact is extremely important since the relative polarity of the a.c. plate voltage at any instant with respect to the a.c. signal grid voltage at the same instant determines the mutual conductance.

As mentioned before, the purpose of the whole tester is to measure the changing plate current for a given change in grid voltage. Therefore, as you'd expect, the meter is in the plate circuit of the tube under test. Notice that it is situated right in the center tap of the "B plus" transformer winding. If we track electrons through the circuit we find that as the top of winding number 1 goes positive, the bottom of winding number 2 goes negative. As a result the electrons would leave the cathode of the tube under test and be attracted toward the top diode "A" of the 83 gas tube. The complete path for the electron stream at that instant would have to be through winding number 1, through R_1 , and back to the cathode. This would develop a voltage across R_1 (the plate load) and tend to swing the meter needle. The inertia of the meter, however, doesn't allow it to move before the 60 cycle a.c. reverses, making the top of winding number 1 negative and the bottom of number 2 positive. This reversal drags the electron stream through winding number 2 and develops the voltage across R_2 at this instant. Since R_1 and R_2 are equal, the voltage is the



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same as it was in the first instance, only in the opposite direction across the meter. This tends to swing the needle in the opposite direction. Since the reversals were too fast for the meter movement, the total average deflection is zero. This then, is the case with no signal applied to the grid.

Let's turn our attention to winding number 3 at this time. This winding is also on the same core as 1 and 2. so that when the top of winding 1 is positive, the top of winding 3 must also be positive and the bottom negative. This signal is applied to the grid of the tube under test. If we backtrack a little we can see that when the "A" diode of the 83 tube is conducting, a negative voltage appears on the grid which will reduce the current drawn by coil 1, dropping the voltage across R_1 . Cn the reversal, however, when winding 2 is positive, the signal to the grid will also be positive and increase the electron flow on that half cycle. This develops a larger voltage across R_2 . The unbalance in voltages across R_1 and R_2 will cause a current to flow through the meter and deflect the movement according to the average change in plate current drawn by the tube. Perhaps this will be clearer if reference is made to Fig. 2. Here we see the characteristic full-wave rectifier waveform, showing the current flow through the two diodes, A and B. Next, the signal is applied and the resultant diode currents (plate current of the tube under test) show that the meter will respond to the change in current from A to B since this *change* in current is developed across each resistor and then impressed across the meter movement. This discussion then shows how the *Hickok* dynamic mutual conductance tube tester can show a change in plate current for a change in grid voltage, a true dynamic tester.

The 5Y3 in the circuit is used as a bias supply to place screen and grid bias voltages for different tubes that must be tested. There are a great many more refinements to the circuit showing how an "English" reading is obtained on the tester instead of a direct reading in micromhos. For the true serviceman, a "good" "?" "bad" scale is just a side convenience since the actual test is to find what percentage of the amplification is really available. Only a direct reading in micromhos, the unit of mutual conductance, will tell you that.

Note the resistor in the grid circuit of the tube under test. For a mutual conductance reading, that resistor is shorted out, but for a gas test the bias is made very negative and the short is removed from the large resistor. This does several things. It gives an extremely low reading on the meter, and gas in the tube will draw electrons from the grid causing the grid to develop a current through the resistor, making the grid positive. This causes an increase in plate current. Therefore, the gas test is to first decrease the plate current to a low value, and then to insert the large grid resistor into the circuit. Any gas in the tube causes the meter to read up-

Fig. 3. Diagram of the Hickock dynamic mutual conductonce tube tester, showing basic operation of the circuit as explained in the text. Schematic does not show the actual wiring. This is particularly applicable to the filament circuits.



scale and the tube may be rejected.

As far as the noise test is concerned, it's simply a pair of jacks across the neon short indicator. As the elements are tested for shorts one at a time, the neon light shows shorts. Slight shorts that are not of long enough duration to light the neon bulb will cause the voltage to appear across the jacks. Connecting these jacks to the input of a radio will then make static heard in the speaker.

In closing this discussion of tube testers and tube sales; it is safe to say that too many radio servicemen find weak tubes and put them back into the set because they are afraid that the total service bill will be too high for the customer to absorb. By taking a little time for explanation, he'd find that the customer will be more than happy to take the new tubes, pay a little more, and ultimately appreciate his suggestion. -30-

NO MORE STATIC

By EARL C. WINKEL

THE British have found an answer to the static problem-elaborate though it might be. A bill was introduced re-cently in Parliament that would require every owner of an clectrical ma-chine or automobile to install a suppressor for static or interference.

The Automobile Association said that it would cost British motorists \$4,000 --000 just to stop interference from automobile generators.

For people who do not put a suppressor on their electrical equipment there will be a fine of up to \$400, and three months in jail. -30-

IRON TEMPERATURE By G. B. HERZOG, WØIUD

THERE are many methods of keeping a soldering iron at nearly the proper temperature, but I think the method described here is the easiest and keeps the iron at just the right temperature without burning the tip.

As shown in the illustration, the tip of the iron is placed in a container which holds scraps of solder. The iron is placed at an angle so that the handle will not become hot. When the iron is placed in the container, the tip melts its way into the solder and thus is not exposed to the air and cannot burn (turn to oxide). As the iron tends to overheat, the heat is dissipated in melting more of the solder.

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As a guide book to the profitable management of any radio station, big or small. this book should prove helpful.

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"RADIO STATION MANAGE-MENT" by J. Leonard Reinsch. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. 173 pages. Price \$3.50.

All too often persons contemplating the establishment or purchase of a radio station experience difficulty in securing authoritative data on the necessary procedures and the problems likely to be encountered.

The author of this manual is actively engaged in the management of three radio stations. His experience in the broadcasting industry includes practically all phases of station operation and management. From his broad experience Mr. Reinsch has supplied the answers to the questions most likely to stump the tyro.

The book is divided into fifteen chapters and two appendices. Such subjects as how to get a radio station, how to judge network affiliation, how to set up the organization, how to use surveys, how to handle union relations, program department, the news department, sales department, engineering department, the accounting and traffic departments, how to train the staff. how to promote circulation, how to fulfill community responsibility, how to prepare renewal and annual reports are all subjects which come under the

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author's scrutiny. The appendices cover a typical "handbook" for announcers covering policy-mechanicsprocedure and a sample "statement of policies in effect at radio station WSB."

As Justin Miller, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, says in his foreword to this book, "For the novice operator, it is a cache of immediately available information. For those recently established broadcasters, who aspire to increasing effectiveness, it is a thesaurus of fundamentals."

"PHOTOFACT TELEVISION COURSE," published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., Indianapolis 7, Ind. 216 pages. Price \$3.00.

There has long been a need for a clear and detailed explanation of television. This book, compiled from a series of lectures by Albert C. W. Saunders, presents the entire operation of television receivers in simple, easily understandable form, in a style that makes for easy and interesting reading.

The book is divided into three sections covering cathode-ray beam formation and control, beam deflection systems, and beam modulation and synchronization. A total of eighteen chapters covers such subjects as the camera tube, sawtooth generators, antenna systems, input systems, and intercarrier sound systems.

The entire receiver system is completely covered in a logical and thorough manner, with many diagrams and illustrations. The various circuits shown are typical of those actually used in many of the leading makes of receivers.

The book is well indexed, and contains a complete glossary of the various terms used in television. A bibliography refers the reader to many books and publications on the subject of television. $-\overline{30}$

Amateur radio operators have again come to the rescue during a Missouri sleet storm. Jack A. Horn, taking 8 doses daily of streptomycin, began to have dizzy spells while at his parents' Missouri home. His Chicago physician, unable to reach him because of the storm, called on amateur radio to communicate his amended medication orders, thus saving Jack from possible deafness.



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same as for most stable operation. When adjusted for reasonably stable operation, the output voltage was much lower than desired.

In order to get high output voltage, and still have the circuit stable, it became obvious that the oscillator must operate at the resonant frequency of the high-voltage secondary. To achieve this end, the circuit shown in Fig. 2 was tried. Note that now no tickler winding is used, but that the output of the high-voltage secondary is capacitively coupled back to the grid circuit of the oscillator tube. This is easily accomplished by placing a shield around the rectifier tube V_2 which couples (capacitively) to the plate of the tube. In the first model tried, the shield consisted of a piece of fpil from a cigarette package wrapped tightly around the tube and held in place with bare wire.

To obtain efficient operation, the primary winding L_a is still tuned, but the tuning is no longer critical. In place of a variable condenser, such as was used in the first circuit, a fixed condenser with normal tolerance (10%) was found to work perfectly satisfactory.

Not only did the second circuit operate with more stability (the output could be shorted momentarily, and the voltage would still rise to its original value when the short was removed, or the power to the oscillator could be turned on and off, with the output still returning to its original value) but a much higher output voltage could be obtained due to more efficient operation. Whereas, in the first model, the maximum obtained was around 5000 volts, more than 8000 volts could be obtained in the second model, using the same coil.

The output voltage can be easily changed by adjusting the size of screen grid resistor R_{sp} or grid condenser C_p . Varying R_{sp} is more desirable, since varying C_{σ} introduces two simultaneous effects.

First, the drive on the grid of the tube varies as the ratio of C_{τ} to shield-plate capacity of the rectifier tube is changed. In addition, however, the total capacity across L_{τ} is changed, with resulting changes in operating frequency and in circuit efficiency.

In the final design, the shield is an ordinary GT type tube shield with an open top, and with a small piece of wire soldered to it, passing through a rubber grommet in the chassis and returning to the grid of V_1 . The composite coil, L_1 , L_2 , L_1 was obtained from *Stanwyck*, and also had the original tickler winding which was not used.

Grid condenser C_{x} was varied over the range from 10 $\mu\mu$ fd. to .001 μ fd., with the latter value finally being chosen. Good output voltage could be obtained over the entire range, however, with stable operation. If the output voltage is to be changed, R_{zg} rather than C_{y} should be varied. In the final model, a value of 10,000 ohms (1 watt carbon) for R_{zg} gave an output. under load, of 6200 volts with "B+" at about 350 volts. The output voltage could be easily dropped to 4500 by raising the value of R_{zg} to 18,000 ohms.

Layout does not appear especially critical, but conventional r.f. wiring techniques should be followed when wiring the oscillator section and highvoltage techniques should be observed when wiring the rectifier and filter portion.

The entire high-voltage supply should be well shielded, with a perforated metal or copper screen shield over the entire unit. If the power supply is to be used on a television chassis, build it on a small sub-chassis and cut holes in the main chassis so that only the filament, "B+," Hi "B+," and ground leads connect to the set proper. Further, when making a box shield for the entire unit, it is advisable to leave adequate spacing between the top of the coil and the shield as well as on the sides, at least 34" and -30preferably more.

Re. Rt -- 100,000 ohm, 1 w. res. Rsg -- 100,000 ohm, 1 w. res. Cs -- 001 µfd, 400 v. cond. Ct -- Distributed capacity of tube Cs -- 001 µfd, mica cond.

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the stable, high voltage r.f. power supply unit.

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International Short-Wave

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The 9.607 channel has recently been heard with excellent signals from around 0030. (Fargo, Ga.)

Ward, England, reports the Greek Democratic Army Radio heard at 1335 on 6.720 (news in French); asked for reports to Greek Democratic Army, Larissa, Dep. Thessaly, Greece; stated that transmission was being made simultaneously on 8.105, but observation on that channel at the time produced nil results, Ward states.

Peddle, Newfoundland, says SVM, 9.935, Athens, is again heard often to RCA, New York.

Guatemala — TGWA, 9.76, heard 1800-0000. (Mueller, Ohio)

Hungary—L. Barta, Jr., head of the International Relations Department of Magyar Kozpenti Hirado Rt. (*Radio Budapest*), wrote Worris, N. Y.:

"We regret to inform you that the station which was destroyed by the Nazis just before the close of the war, has as yet not been completely rebuilt. The building operations of the new station at Diesd, near Budapest, are already under way. Once completed, our short-wave station will emit with a power of 50 kw., but resumption of the service with a low power of 15 kw. is contemplated already during the summer of 1949. Neither the frequencies nor the callsigns have as yet been determined, and discussions to this effect are now under way in New York. We are planning to have transmissions to other countries-both in Europe and in North and South America, and there will, of course, also be broadcasts in the English language." Further details promised.

India — Overseas Service of AIR, Delhi, heard 1400-1500 on 7.290 in parallel with 11.76, 9.565. (Pearce, England)

This winter here in East I have had good signal at 0730 from Madras, 4.920, when relays news from Delhi; then man identifies as "*This is All India Radio, Madras*," and continues with "local" (Madras) news (*English*).

Ward, England, has heard AIR, 6.010, closing news around 1640, asked for reports on strength and quality, to Broadcasting House, Parliament Street, New Delhi, India.

Indonesia—Radio Indonesia, Macassar Studios, Strandweg 22, Macassar, verified via airmail; gave latest schedules on 9.550, 5.050, as weekdays 2200-0130, 0400-1000, 1700-1900; Sundays 1900 (Sats. EST)-0130, 0400-1000. (Cushen, N.Z.)

Pontianak, 8.090, more recently has had improved signal, some days is in clear; seems like strength is more than 200 watts; at 0830 sign-off does not use "Resmi" call; it is likely the Indonesians now announce simply, for example, as "Radio Pontianak." (Stark, Texas)

Simpson, Australia, says PLB-7, Ba-

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tavia, listed 11.080, is actually operating on 11.000. (Radio Australia)

PLB-4, 10.365, Batavia, heard with good signal in Idaho around 0830; announces "Redio Indonesia, studio in Batavia." (Brain)

Iran—A recent DX broadcast from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, listed an Iranian station on 7.857 with *English* 1515-1540. (Mueller, Ohio) (This item may have referred to GMT, in which case time would be 1015-1040 EST.— K.R.B.)

Iraq — Baghdad, 7.092, has been heard from 2335 to 0010 fade-out; amateur CW heavy but signals strong enough to read. (Kary) The 7.095 outlet until a short time ago usually signed off around 1510 after news in Arabic; occasionally plays a Western recording; recently was heard with extended program around 1480, all Western recordings until sign-off 1800 after a short newscast in Arabic; still more recently, however, has been heard regularly signing off with National Anthem around 1410, after the 1400 Arabic newscast, (Pearce, England)

Ireland---I have a vague report that Radio Eirrean is again heard 1710-1730 on 9.595 with newscast.

Japan—WLKS, 6.105, Kure heard closing 0800 when announced "WLKS, Voice of the British Commonwealth in Japan, time 11 o'clock, operating on 1,470 kcs. in the broadcast band and 6.105 in 49-meter band; this is Tom—saying goodbye and wishing a very pleasart good night to you all." A few bars of "God Save the King" were played (Stein, Calif.)

Kenya Colony—VQ7LO, 4.885, Nairobi, relays BBC news 1300. (URDXC) Has BBC recordings 1245; at 1315 has local news from the EAST AFRICAN STANDARD, then weather forecast. (ISWC)

Forces Broadcasting Station, Mombassa, has returned to the air on 7.200 at 2259-0000. 0400-1400; has some QRM from Elizabethville, Belgian Congo. (Bluman, Eritrea, via ISWC)

Lebanon—Does anyone in U. S. hear Beirut, 8.020, around scheduled 2335 sign-on?

Madagascar—Tananarive's 49-m. channel appears to be closer 6.070 than listed 6.064. (Rosenauer, Calif.)

Malaya—Radio Malaya, Singapore, heard Suncay at 1000 with Serenade" on 4.825; on 4.780 at same time had Chinese program with woman announcer; Blue Network, 4.825, signed off 1031 (no late news); also Red Network, 4.780, signed with "God Save the King." Some days is heard signing off 4.825 at 1100. (Pearce, England)

Radio Malaya, 6.015, at Kuala Lumpur, has news and lottery results 0815. (Sandersor., Australia) Gillett, Australia, confirms that has been off frequency lately, about 6.015 where sometimes interferes with JKE, 6.015, Totwo; is heard in West Virginia some days 0630 when woman reads news and gives market reports.

BEFBS, Singapore, tested in Feb-



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ruary at 0330 on 15.300, 11.880, and at 1230 on 6.770 in preparation for relaying cricket commentaries from BBC in June. Daily schedule is now 0415-1030 on 15.300, 11.880, 6.770, and 0600-1030 on 9.690. (Cushen, N.Z.) Others report sign-off still 1130.

Manchuria—XNNR, 7.100, Harbin, is heard in an additional transmission from around 1700 to 1830 when signals are stronger in Singapore than during the 0800-0920 broadcast; call given 1800 and before closedown. (Desouza, via *Radio Australia*) Has been fair signal on West Coast mornings and has no jamming from Chungking, so must be slightly lower than 7.100 which is used by Chungking. (Dilg, Calif.)

Martinique — Fort-de-France, 9.700 heard 1820-1830 in French, fair signal. (Ferguson, N.C.)

Mexico—XEWW, 9.500, Mexico City, signs off 0115; XEQQ, 9.68, signs off 0045. (Mueller, Ohio)

While tuning for Sofia's 7.671 channel recently at 0005, Stark, Texas, found the spot occupied by X9BGC, American-Mexican Hoof and Mouth Disease Commission; said next test on 8.258, 5.869 at 0030.

Monaco—Cushen, N. Z., reports Radio Monte Carlo on 9.500 at 0100; heard under VL13, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, and also heard 1500; heard testing on 11.800 from 0100 on Sundays, mixed with GWH to 0245, then at 0300 has "Bringing Christ to the Nations" (English). The N.Z. DX Times reports Monte Carlo testing 0800 on 17.780.

Pearce, England, confirms that Monte Carlo has been testing on 9.495, 9.465, 11.800, and 17.780; heard 0300 on 9.495 (occasionally on 9.465) in parallel with 6.035; other days on or near 11.800 in parallel with 6.035. Heard later on 9.495 but in parallel with 17.780 to 1100; 16-m. channel has bad QRM from sign-on of WNBI at 1045. The 9.495 outlet at times has QRM from OIX2, Lahti, 9.500, heard sometimes at 1645. Has been heard at 0300 on 9.495 and again from 0310; also heard from 0830 on 9.495 and 11.800, some days as late as 1100; sometimes 9.495 heard signing on again 1105, and is joined 1115 by 6.035, still on after 1300; for a few days used 9.520 but later was back on 9.495; news in French 0700. The 31-m. outlet is reported heard irregularly in New York.

Mozambique—Cushen, N.Z., reports CR7BI, 17.915, Lourenco Marques, testing weekdays 0000-0200, 1000-1100, asking for reports to Box 594, Lourenco Marques, Mozambique. (Is officially listed on this frequency with 10 kw. power.—K.R.B.)

New Zealand—Radio New Zealand is now operating 1500-0130 on 11.780, 15.280, relaying 2YA on weekdays and 2YA-2ZB on Sundays; broadcast is for remote parts of the Dominion with poor reception locations. (Cushen, N.Z.) However, is not reported as heard in U.S. prior to 2330.

Nicaragua-YNDG, 7.660, Leon, now

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announces "Radio Colonial," heard once leaving the air 2030, but later was heard signing off 2200, so 2030 may be Sunday only sign-off time. (Stark, Texas) May run later than 2200 on Saturdays.

Northern Rhodesia — Verification card received airmail from ZQP listed schedule daily to Africans 1000-1200 (1030-1130 Suns.) on 9.71, 7.22, 3.914; and to Europeans Sundays 0400-0530; QRA is Northern Rhodesia Broadcasting Station, Broadcast House, P.O. Box 209, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia. (URDXC)

Norway — Oslo's LLN, 17.825, is heard well in New Zealand to 0235 daily. (Cushen) Gray, N.Z., reports LLK, 11.850 opening 0130 at good strength, news in Norwegian 0200. Gillett, Australia, reports the 17.825 channel heard 0800-0830 in Norwegian, but that two *English* announcements are usually made, announces as *Radio* Norway and asks for reception reports, stating transmitters in 19-, 31-, and 41-m. bands are also in use.

LLG, 9.610, has fair signal around 1615 in Norwegian. (Lambach, Ill.) *Panama* — HP5B, 6.030, Panama

City, heard opening 0700, announcing in Spanish as "*Radio Miramar*." (Ferguson, N.C.)

Paraguay—ZPA-5, 11.950, Encarnacion, heard from 1845 to sign-off 2048; when tuned had "Radio Belgrano" (Argentine) relay, but latter period was own program. (Ferguson, N.C.)

Philippines — Cushen, N.Z., says KZOK is still heard with old call on 9.690 at 0530 but is "blotted out" by BFEBS, Singapore, at 0600. Desouza, Singapore, has notified Radio Australia that the 9.690 outlet has call of DZH5, and that DZAB is call on 860 kcs., further that announces as "The Station of the Skies." (Is this separate from old KZOK?) Cushen reports

NEXT "TOWN MEETING" TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO

THE fifth and final Town Meeting of Radio Technicians will be held April 11, 12, and 13 in the Ashland Boulevard Auditorium. Chicago. Officers presiding include Roy Laird, vice-president of Ohmite Manufacturing Company, acting as chairman: Charles A. Hansen. Jensen Manufacturing Company, vicechairman; and A. T. Alexander, Motorola. Inc., program chairman. Mr. Hansen is also chairman of Electronics Parts and Equipment Manufacturers, while Mr. Alexander is chairman of the Radio Manufacturers Association's service committee.

The revised program worked out for the three-day Atlanta sessions, held January 31 through February 2, was adopted for the Chicago format, but the Chicago meeting will be staffed almost entirely with Chicago area personnel. The Atlanta program had drawn largely upon northern and midwestern manufacturers.

Only two business management papers are planned: one on shop control systems and one on merchandising of sets and services. These were quite popular in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston presentations.

Other papers include one on the Composite Television Signal. one on Interference—AM, FM, and TV, and an RMA movie-and-slide presentation on proper handling of cathode-ray tubes in installation and service operations. In addition, the antenna discussion and the one on service in the shop and necessary test equipment each have been turned into two-hour presentations.

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Certificate presented to service men and technicians at the Southern California meeting. Similar ones will be given out to those attending the Chicago Town Meetings.

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DUH5, 11.840, Manila, with news 0500, announcing "This is DZFM, The People's Station, 710 kcs. long-wave and SW on DUH2, 6.170, DUH4, 9.620, and DUH5, 11.840."

Worris, N.Y., says "Voice of America in Manila," 11.89, carries a locallyrecorded Chinese transmission 0915-1015 after the Far Eastern Program (relayed from U.S.) closes down.

Poland—Warsaw, 6.215, heard from tuning 1620 to fadc-out 1830 (when Latins buried it); at 1800 has news in Polish at dictation speed. (Ormond, N.C.)

Portugal — Lisbon's 15.100 outlet heard afternoons to sign-off 1800, closing with Portuguese National Anthem. (Ferguson, N.C.)

Portuguese China — British Short Wave League reports CR8AA, Macau Radio Clube, will re-open soon with a new transmitter; frequencies most likely to be used are listed by BSWL as 7.530, 9.230.

Portuguese Guinea—Despite the fact that the station recently wrote it had dropped 7.943 and was using 6.298, Bissau has been heard more recently over CQM-4, 7.943, signing off 1800 with "A Portugesa." (Driver, Ohio) Portuguese India—Cushen, N.Z., air-

Portuguese India—Cushen, N.Z., airmails that Goa verified by registered airmail in 18 days, from President of "Emissora Goa," was using 500 watts on 7.230 with NE-SW-directed dipole antenna, but lately moved to 9.610; new schedule is 0730-1040; Portuguese sessions are 0730-0830 Mondays, 0830-0930 Tuesdays, 0730-0830 Wednesdays, 0830-0930 Thusrdays, 0730-0830 Fridays, 0830-0930 Saturdays, and 0830-0930 Sundays; other periods are in Marathi, Urdu, Concamin. Station informed Gillett, Australia, is using an American Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation transmitter.

Roumania—Bucharest, 11.900, heard 1345 in parallel 9.250; usually has news 1500, also heard over *Romana Libera*, 6.210. (Pearce, England)

Siam — Gillett, Australia, confirms that HS8PD, Bangkok, has made a slight frequency adjustment and now seems near 6.010; news is still heard at 0615; leaves air at 0630 but later returns (probably 0700) in native language broadcast.

South Africa--Pietermaritzburg, 4.878, heard recently 1300 with organ music, few English announcements, but mostly in Afrikaans; spoiled by severe CWQRM after 1330. (Pearce, England)

Spain—Radio Seu, 7.140, heard with recordings 1430; frequency varies from 7.120. FET-22, 7.130, Oviedo, often heard with recordings 1700-1815 or 1830. Radio Falange, Alicante, 7.947, strong signals afternoons, takes relay from Radio Nacional de Espana, Madrid, 1545; heard Sundays from around 1230. (Pearce, England)

Surinam-PZC, 15.405, Paramaribo, heard with musical programs 1700-2300 sign-off. (Sutton, Ohio)

Sweden—A new list covering all transmissions from Stockholm is now available free of charge from Swedish





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Ormond, N.C., reports good signal from the 6.065 outlet, coming on 0015 with Home Service.

Switzerland - Berne has recently been heard in United Kingdom at 1415-1515 over new (announced) 9.665. (Pearce, England) This is good level here in East and recently was heard closing down 1530.

Syria-A British DX-er has informed the Swedish DX broadcast that Damascus has been heard on 7.090 at 1300-1400, often to 1420. May be confused with Baghdad, 7.092.

Tahiti-Stark, Texas, still hears a station on Tuesdays and Fridays on 6.980 around 2300-2345 that he believes is Papeete, but he has not positively identified it as such.

Tangier Zone-Radio International sent usual verification card for report on broadcast heard on 6.115, but still said 6.200. (Pearce, England)

Tibet-I have heard a vague rumor that a station is now transmitting from Lhassa. Does anyone have details?

Trinidad - Trinidad Broadcasting Co., Ltd., Bradcasting House, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I., in verifying for Novomestky, Puerto Rico, listed channels of 9.625 and 1.295 kcs., and gave schedules as Sundays 0600-1400. 1600-2200; Mondays through Saturdays, 0600-0900, 1100-1400, 1600-2200.

Turkey-Nezih Manyas, who was in charge of Radio Ankara's Foreign Language broadcasts 1939-1947, and who is now with the Turkish Information Office, 444 East 52nd St., New York 22, New York, is anxious to receive reports on reception of Ankara's English-language programs as heard in the U.S

Vatican - URDXC reports HVJ, 9.660, 5.970, heard in England 1315 with news. Recently, HVJ has been heard with news 1315 on 5.970 and 9.645 (low side of Cyprus, 9.650); at 1330 announced broadcast in French would be heard in 15 minutes on 5.970 and 6.190, reports Pearce, England.

Ormond, N.C., reports HVJ on 11.680 (listed 11.685) closing news in Italian 1547 (was on Thurs. when station closes down later than usual, he said); good level.

Venezuela - This country has recently made many changes in calls.

YVKC, 3.550 (announced frequency and callsign), Radio Libertador, Caracas, signs off 2230; YV3RN, 4.940, Baraquisimeto, heard 2200-2230 but latter is apparently not sign-off time; YVKB, 5.057, Radio Cultura, Caracas. heard 2000-2030. (McPheeters, La.)

Yugoslavia — URDXC reports Bel-grade, 6.100, with news 1215, 1700.

United Nations-Schedules of United Nations Radio, Lake Success, New York, as furnished by Worris, N.Y., are-1000-1025 to Russia, CKNC, 17.82, CKCX, 15.19; 1030-1815 to Europe and Middle East, WNRA, 21.61 (1030-1430), WNRI, 18.16 (1030-1415), WOOC, 15.13 (1030-1815), WNRA, 11.77 (1500-1815).

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(Times given are outside limitsschedules vary according to length of meetings.) At 1330-1410 to Europe and Middle East, WNRA, 21.61, WNRI, 18.16, WOOC, 15.13 (*English* at 1350-1355, 1400-1410). At 1800-1900 to Latin America, WRCA, 15.21, WNRX, 9.67. WLWR1, 11.71, WLWR2, 15.33, WCBX, 17.83. At 2100-2200 to Latin America, WRUL, 11.79, WRUW, 9.57. At 2310-2335 to Australasia, CHOL, 11.72, CKCS, 15.32; English throughout and runs to 2350 on Fridays; foregoing to Australasia is presumably except Sun., Mon. At 0215-0345 to Transpacific, KNBA, 6.06, KNBI, 9.65, KRHO, 15.13, Manila, 15.33; English, 0215-0220, 0230-0235, 0300-0315; this is presumably except Mondays.

United States-G. F. Meyer, Jr., operator in charge, Radio Station WFN, 439 N. Preston St., Louisville, Ken-tucky, USA, writes—"I would like signal reports on this station and will answer and verify all reports received, regardless of origin." Gave station data as WFN, 100 watts, transmitter WE 23B Mod., type sta. Marine Radiophone working boats on Ohio and Mississippi Rivers; operates weekdays 0200-1700 and Sundays 0900-1300; frequencies are 8.840 (Channel 6) and 6.455 (Channel 2).

USSR-URDXC lists call of Russian on 5.979 as RTH; location is believed Yakutsk A.S.S.R.

Balbi, Calif., reports the Petropavlosk station on 6.075 has not been heard recently; may be off the air or moved.

Moscow has dropped morning beam to North America; has evening sessions 1820-1930, 15.23, 11.72, 7.36, 7.29, 11.88; 2030-2215, 15.23, 11.72, 7.36, 7.29, 11.88, 9.6. (Ormond, N.C.) The 11.72 channel seems best.

Leningrad, 11.63, has news 0230. (Bellington, N.Y.)

Last Minute Tips

Howard R. Boyle, Chief Engineer, Armed Forces Radio Service. "Far East Network," Radio Tokyo Building, Tokyo, Japan (letter came from A.P.O. No. 500, c/o P.M., San Francisco, California, USA), informs me that present set-up is WVTR, 870 kcs., Tokyo; JKE, 6.015, Yamata; JKL-2, 9.605, Nazaki; and JKL-1, 4.860. He added: "I would also like to inform you that we are only able to verify DX listeners' reports originating in the United States. International Reply Coupons from other countries are invalid at this time in Japan." Sent along a sample of verification card, quite attractive.

A station heard by Hankins, Pa., on approximately 9.650, signing off recently 2200 may be new HOJA, Chitre, Panama, "Radio Provincias," on 9.642; power is probably only 300 watts.

An AP dispatch from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, recently stated that "tom-tom beaters in the Belgian Congo are sadly packing away their instruments. Their domain was invaded by the white man's tom-tom-radio. The Belgian Congo Radio started a new



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service to the natives in six local dialects. The service is staffed almost exclusively by the Negroes." I wonder if this refers to Radio Congo Belge or Radio Congolia?

Dilg, Calif. flashes that an "unknown" around 6.230 is definitely not Pakistan as formerly thought, but is a Chinese station; is badly CWQRM'd, but there is no mistaking Chinese dialects; may be Communist-conrolled since does not carry Nationa Programs of either Nanking or Chungking key stations; heard before 0730 and to after 0900.

Gillett, Australia, confirms to me that *Radio Sario*, Menado, Celebes, is currently on 9.720. Stark, **F**exas, flashed at press time that this station is heard at 0530 in clear, good signal; still announces "Menado, Radio Sario."

Radio National Belge gives schedule on 17.840 as 1100-1200, 1600-1700. (Martin, Ohic) Is located near Brussels.

Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, 7.200, has been blotted out recently by the Forces Broadcasting Station, Mombasa, Kenya Colony, moved to this spot. (Bluman, Eritrea, via ISWC)

Dilg, Calif., says the French-speaking station on about 7.210, believed Saigon, seems to relay Paris, signs off about 1030; same program noted on approx. 6.090, 6.195, 11.780; key Paris station is on 17.850 and is audible on West Coast also; all have fair signals.

ZBW-3, 9.525. Hong Kong, heard in England to closedown 1000. (Ward)

The Asiatic station in vicinity of 6.229 mornings may be at or near Rawalpindi. seat of the Azad Kashmir Government.

The N.Z. DX-TRA reports that Tebrau, 26 miles from Johore, Behru, in Malaya, is the site where four 100 kw. BBC transmitters are to be erected to relay BBC's Far Eastern Service. BBC engineers are ready to begin construction on the site although transmitters are still in England.

Latest available schedules of Rangoon, Burma. are 2000-2130 (except Sun.) on 6.035 in Burmese; 2015-2030 (except Sun.) on 9.540 in English; 0030-0115 (except Mon.) on 6.035, 9.540 in Burmese; 0115-0145 (except Mon.) on 6.035, 9.540 in English; 0145-0230 (except Mon.) on 6.035, 9.540 in Burmese; 0645-0700 (except Mon.) on 6.035 in Hindustani; 0700-0915 (except Mon.) on 6.025 in Burmese; 0645-0915 (Mon. only) on 6.035 in Burmese; 0915-1015 daily on 6.035 in English. (Worris, N.Y.)

While Canada has 13-m. channels assigned, it has no facilities at present for utilizing the 21-mc. band. (Worris, N.Y.)

A Greek friend has advised Foerster. Ill., that the Greek Army Radio operates from Athens on 6.415 at 0130-0900, 1145-1500, and 1700-2200; and from Larissa 0130-0900, 1300-1400, 1830-2200 on 6.745.

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HJKJ, 6.160, Colombia. verified for Hankins, Pa., listing frequencies of 970 kcs, and 6.160, both with 10 kw. Stated "our equipment is entirely constructed here by us." QRA appears *Emissora Nueva Granadu*, LTDA, Bogota, Colombia (Apartado Nacional 509).

Russell Henderson, Swiss Short-wave Service, Berne, informs me that Berne's two new 100 kw. transmitters now make it possible to broadcast around 170 hours per week instead of former 135 hours. Schedules will be changed this month, watch for announcements.

* * * Acknowledgement

Please keep the FB reports coming in, fellows . . . especially about stations going on Summer Time schedules. Thanks! —K.R.B.

"TV SERVICING IS EASY"

A CCORDING to a report made public recently by Frank W. Mansfield, director of sales research for Sylvania Electric Products Inc., servicemen are experiencing little difficulty in handling television servicing.

The statement, according to Mr. Mansfield, is based on the findings of a recent survey in which several hundred television dealers, representing a good cross-section by size, type of establishment, and geographic areas, were interviewed.

According to the report, dealers feel that the sets are performing well, 57 per-cent said that sets were performing extremely well and 27 per-cent admitted that they required only occasional service. Only 7 per-cent reported continual trouble. The remaining 8 percent said they lacked first-hand experience to qualify an intelligent opinion.

Of the dealers interviewed, 21 percent do all of their repair work in their own shops; 59 per-cent farm all of it out; and 20 per-cent divide service work between their own and other shops.

Dealers reported that 10" screen receivers were the best sellers in 84 percent of the cases, 6 per-cent said the 12" receivers went over best, 9 per-cent had the largest turnover on the 7" sets, and 1 per-cent said their customers favored the large direct-view and projection types.

That they feel that this situation will change in 1°49 was indicated by their answers to the question "What type of television set will be the best seller in 1°49?" About 42 per-cent said 10" models, 44 per-cent said 12" units, 2 per-cent thought the 7" sets would go over best, while 12 per-cent backed the larger screen sizes and projection models.

Among the larger outlets 44 per-cent say they can't get enough sets. Only 6 per-cent feel that supply exceeds demand. Among the smaller outlets 19 per-cent report they can't get enough sets although 12 per-cent say they feel supply exceeds demand. —30—





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tenna array are fed to television outlets which are tapped in parallel on the transmission line. 150 ohm isolat-ing resistors are used. The last outlet on the transmission line has a terminal resistor which terminates the transmission line in its own impedance. This matching of impedance is the most important factor in installing the system, for when the transmission line is properly terminated, the signals from the antenna are completely absorbed by the terminal resistor, and as a result there are no reflections or standing waves on the transmission line. The antenna's impedance is important only from the standpoint of power transfer. At those frequencies where the antenna impedance matches the transmision line, maximum power is transferred.

This system is furnished for external installations where the transmission line is run outside the building adjacent to each living room window as shown in Fig. 1 and for internal conduit installations as shown in Fig. 2.

For external installations, a 150ohm twin lead is guided down the side of the building on screw-eye insulated supports which should be securely fastened to the brick wall (into the brick and not in the cement) on each floor.

A television outlet coupling unit is connected to the transmission line outside each living-room window and is suspended from same. The coupling unit has a lead-in piece of 150-ohm transmission line, which must be carefully passed through a hole in the window sill as shown in Fig. 3 (note protective sleeve over twin lead) and connected to a terminal block installed on the inside apron of the window sill. The television receivers are connected to the terminal block with 150-ohm transmission line.

When this system is installed in conduit, each riser has two RG-62/U coaxial cables or a special dual cable (DK 200) furnished by A. A. K. which is effectively two RG-62/U cables in one plastic sheath. This latter cable is simpler to install as its rigidity makes it easier to pass it through the installed conduit.

The riser cables are fed through the conduit systems and looped between outlets as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. Fig. 4 details the outlet and shows the means by which the shields of the cables are fastened together and the inner conductors of the coaxial cables connected to the receptacle. The position of the terminal resistor in the last outlet is shown in Fig. 4. This 1/4 or 1/2 watt resistor must be of the noninductive type if it is to afford proper termination.

Fig. 5 shows a typical installation of an A. A. K. system in a six-story building. A double-stacked antenna array, Fig. 6, was installed on this

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building due to the lack of signal strength in the location.

The television AM-FM master antenna system designed by the Intra-Video Corporation of America, Patent #2,394,917, see Fig. 7, provides for simultaneous operation of many television receivers from a single antenna system. Television outlets are connected in a series-system string on this system from any of four possible outputs from the Intra-Video amplifier. The Intra-Video television master antenna system attempts to solve the five-fold multiple dwelling reception problem in the following manner:

1. High-quality pictures are realized by the use of an individual directional antenna array for each television channel that can be adjusted to discriminate against transmission ghosts and cancel out reflection from structures behind the antenna.

2. Strong, interference-free signals for all television receivers are realized by the application of pretuned r. f. booster amplifiers, Figs. 8 and 9, which reject i. f. interference on the antennas and amplify the signal on each antenna to a level where there is sufficient energy to operate the least sensitive television receiver through the 30 db. attenuation in each outlet.

3. The effect of television receiver oscillator re-radiation is minimized by the 30 db. attenuation in each television receiver outlet. This arrangement provides a minimum of 60 db. isolation between any two television receivers connected to the series outlets of the Intra-Video system.

4. The connection of all television receivers to the system without altering the television outlet is accomplished by the resistive network in each four prong outlet (see Fig. 10) which permits matching of 300-ohm balanced and 70-ohm unbalanced television receiver inputs to the system. The simplicity of connecting a television receiver to the Intra-Video master antenna system outlet is also shown in Fig. 10.

5. Adjustment of wide-range signal levels from television stations is made possible by a screwdriver gain control shown over each booster amplifier strip, see Figs. 8 and 9, so that the signal level for all stations can be adjusted approximately equal. Booster amplifiers are removable with connectors as shown in Figs. 8 and 9. This permits quick service of amplifiers which are out of adjustment.

The RCA TV-FM-AM Antenaplex master antenna system, Fig. 11, meets the five-fold installation problem in the following manner:

1. By installing a television antenna for each channel, it is possible with the RCA system to provide the highest quality pictures receivable in the location on each individual television channel.

2. Strong interference-free signals are realized at each outlet as they are fed from a group of pretuned booster amplifiers, see Fig. 12, which have an output capacity of between 1/2 and 1

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volt of r. f. signal for each television channel.

3. The effect of one television receiver upon another is minimized by the isolation provided in the distribution transformers and outlets shown in Fig. 11. The isolation provided by these components is approximately 100.000:1 or 50 db. Further isolation is provided for television receivers with 300-ohm inputs by the RCA MI-6876 matching transformer which is used to connect any 300-ohm input television receiver to the system. This impedance matching transformer cancels out most of the television receiver's local oscillator generation which is in "push-push."

4. The RCA MI-6877 outlet shown in Fig. 13 has a coaxial fitting to which a television receiver with a 70-ohm input can be directly connected by RG-59/U. A 300-ohm balanced input type receiver connects to the system by mounting an RCA MI-6876 300/50ohm matching transformer at the television receiver input, and running RG-58/U coaxial cable between the transformer and the outlet.

5. The level of the input signals to each television channel amplifier is controlled by the installation and adjustment of individual resistance pads for each channel which enables the installer to compensate for varying signal levels in any area.

Both the Intra-Video and the RCA systems require the installation of individual antennas (see Fig. 14) for each television channel. These antennas are installed with the consideration that the most important requirement for an antenna is that it must furnish a clear picture, as completely free from ghosts as possible. All other requirements are secondary to this, except for noise considerations.

The proper antenna orientation of each individual channel antenna requires the work of two men with a high definition calibrated television receiver. The antenna is connected to the receiver by an RG-58/U coaxial cable which has been calibrated as to its attenuation characteristics. This cable should have sufficient slack on the roof to allow the antenna to be moved over the entire roof area. The test receiver should be located where the picture is shielded from glaring lights and sound powered telephone communication established between the man at the antenna and the man at the receiver.

Tests should begin with the antenna in the location most convenient for a practical installation with the director element of the antenna aimed toward the transmitter. The test receiver is carefully adjusted to the transmitter's channel and the test pattern observed for reflections. The transmitted image must be a standard pattern which clearly shows the interfering reflected images. The man at the test receiver always directs the man rotating the antenna on the method of making a careful adjustment. When a perfect

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picture is not found after a full 360 degree rotation at the preferred location the antenna must be moved to another position and the adjustment repeated. In complex signal areas, the entire roof may be covered without locating a perfect picture. Under these conditions a drawing of the roof, with a careful report of the quality and level of the signals found, assists in determining a final compromise position where the reflections least mar the picture.

After the antenna location for one channel has been found, the test procedure must be repeated for each of the other channels to be received. Care must be taken to avoid the possibility of antenna interaction where the antennas must operate in close proximity. Tests must be made with all the antennas erected to make sure that no one antenna impairs another signal.

In mounting the antennas, precautions should be taken to comply with all existing building ordinances and electrical codes.

All other installation details on the *Intra-Video* and *RCA* systems are furnished to the installing groups by a manufacturers' engineering representative at the time of installation.

Both of these electronic systems have been submitted, tested, and approved by the Engineering Committee of the Television Broadcasters Association (TBA) which has been furnishing technical guidance to the realty associations on all matters pertaining to television master antenna systems for multiple dwellings.

All three master antenna maufacturers are now installing their systems on a nation-wide basis. Each organization is able to estimate the cost of his equipment when it knows the location of the building with respect to the television transmitting stations; height of the building and data on any higher structures located between the building and the television transmitting stations; typical floor plans, including roof layout; total number of apartments; and layout and size of any existing conduit system which may be used for the distribution cables.

It should be understood however that a master antenna system is not a "cure-all." The following interferences cannot be fully compensated for by any type of master antenna system:

A. Sweep circuit radiation from the horizontal sweep circuit wiring and deflection yokes from large tube and projection television receivers. This radiation may blanket the broadcast band of any AM set with interfering "beeps." Using the high-level shielded AM signals available from the master antenna system raises the "signal to beep" ratio but in many cases (especially loop receivers) the beep level still makes a nearby AM receiver difficult to use.

B. High level local oscillator radiation from television receivers which do not have adequate preselection on

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their r.f. head amplifiers. Some poorly designed television receivers have been known to re-radiate between 1 and 2 volts of interfering signal on television channels. A master antenna system cannot normally stop this interference, as much of it is direct chassis radiation and couples into a neighboring set in another apartment which may be only a few feet away.

In some buildings, there is only a thin common bulkhead which separates two living-rooms of adjacent apartments.

The success of master antenna systems in multiple dwellings is directly dependent on the television industry's designing their receivers in accordance with RMA standards, so that every apartment can be equipped with a television receiver that will pick up the high quality pictures available from the master antenna systems and not generate interference back into the transmission line or through the ether to a neighboring television FM or AM receiver.

Fig. 15 shows a simplified antenna system which may be used to operate four television or FM receivers (which have low level oscillator reradiation) simultaneously from a single antenna array which is designed to match coaxial cables. The signal from the antenna is fed into an $\bar{R}CA$ MI-6875 4:1 distribution transformer having a relatively flat $(\pm 3 \text{ db.})$ broadband characteristic from .5 megacycles to 220 megacycles. This transformer has four 50/70-ohm outputs which may be fed to separate television receivers. Should any of the television receivers have a 300-ohm balanced input they may be connected to the coaxial line through an RCA MI-6876 50/300-ohm matching transformer.

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 C_1 has been designated as the "bandset" condenser and C_2 is the "band-spread" condenser. C_2 acts as a vernier or fine adjustment on C_1 . After C_1 has been set, C_2 in effect spreads out a small band of frequencies so that stations can be separated. Spotting the location of the ham bands on the coils is a matter of patient listening and identifying stations by their call letters. If you hear a station signing as WSL, you can be sure it's a commercial station and out of the amateur frequencies! Mark the settings of C_1 on the paper dial cemented to the front panel.

The bandspread afforded by C_2 is excellent. On 14 and 7 mc., the respective ham bands are covered by about 75 degrees rotation of the dial, starting at the high frequency end (minimum capacity, plates all out). On 3.5 mc., the spread is the full dial.

Experiment with the setting of C_{3} . It won't be critical. Regenerative receivers like this one are simple and cheap, so you must expect some shortcomings. The only important one is relatively poor selectivity on phone reception. For phone, you must back down R_6 very very carefully so that the circuit just fails to oscillate. Or, to put it the other way, you must advance R_6 very slowly up to but not quite onto the point of oscillation. With a few hours of practice, you'll be able to coax signals out of stations in the far corners of the world.

For c.w., this set is really hot. With skillful handling, it produces amazingly strong signals. In fact, it operates a five-inch PM type speaker quite well, although phones are better for real DX, and I don't want to give the impression that two tubes really can push a speaker. Provide yourself with lots of ruled paper and a fountain pen, adjust the headband of the phones for comfort, and get yourself "live" code practice. Then you'll be set for your license examination. More on this subject next month.

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10 W.P.M.?

CET AM an old timer in radio and have seen the spark coil, crystal, WD11, and 199 all laid to rest. Now I see RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS is out for new blood. I am in favor 100 per-cent. The best way to bring it about is to bring the code speed back to where it was years ago (10 words-per-minute). The amateur lost the 160-meter band after the war, and this was a loss to the newcomer, as those who gave us code lessons on that band were a nice bunch of amateurs.

"Now there are some amateur clubs who would like the return of the old 160-meter band, and I think a few kc. should be allowed if they will give us code lessons again. Let a certain frequency be set aside for code lessons and nothing else.

"America must depend on radio and electronics to win the wars and keep the peace. There is no better way to acquire new blood and make and keep America strong and free than by making it easy for one to get a ticket.

"Good luck to the contest and contestants!"

Marvin Gurlin

111 White Horse Pike

Audubon 6, New Jersey We'd like more opinions on code speed requirements, fellows. What do you think?

* PUBLIC RELATIONS?

READING in RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS that you would like to see more of the younger generation become radio hams, I feel that the following idea may help. All ham clubs should take in members of both sexes who are now short-wave listeners or interested in radio. In that way they would get to know the ham better.

"They would not be allowed to take part in the election of officers, etc., but would be able to hear the discussion which takes place. After the meeting is over they cculd take part in a question-and-answer period. Each ham could take one of these members under his wing and invite him or her over to his station to see how he works. and I feel that before long many new hams will be cn the air calling CQ.

"I know a few hams will say that the bands are now overcrowded, but I think there is room for more. The man on the street does not know what the hams are doing or what they have done in the past, for very little has been said about them in the papers. I feel that each club should let the public know through their local papers just what is doing.

"Take my case, for instance. I am getting on toward seventy years of

age and have been interested in radio since the beginning. It was only last year that I met my first ham face-toface and saw him operate his rig. You can see that if there had been a club I could have joined in my younger days, I would have been calling CQ many years ago. To me, the ham fra-ternity is one of the finest organizations in this world today and one that can help toward peace more than any other agency. It is they that we can thank for the type of receivers that we have today.

"I monitored the 10-meter band for nearly two years for the Propagation Bureau, Washington, D. C., putting in six hours every day, so I feel I know just what the hams are doing and their line of thought. I know a few hams have no time for the short-wave listeners, for I have heard them say so, but I feel that the majority of them are only too glad to give a hand to anyone who wants to get his license.

"I would like to see a story written about the work done by hams during some of the disasters which we have had during the past years. It really would make a good motion picture so that the rest of the world would know that they do more than sit in their shacks and call CQ.

"I do hope that this will help to create more hams, and so will close with best wishes to you and your staff."

Fred Wolfe

3266 Fairview Avenue Alameda, California

An excellent idea, Fred, and worthy of consideration. For a starter-you fellows who have participated in emergencies-let's hear your experiences. If you have snapshots, send them along. And you photo bugs-let us know if you have movie film that could be borrowed for duplicating. * * *

ATTENTION-DETROIT HAMS

MR. HERTZBERG'S article interested me a great deal. In fact, I would say that it was the clincher that decided me on getting my ham ticket and a rig of my own. All that is holding me back right now is my being unfamiliar with the process of going at it.

"I can say that I am on nodding terms with radio theory, having had three years of it in the service, and back in 1945 my code speed bumped 30 words-per-minute, so there is some hope.

"I am depending on the future issues of RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS to light the way. Is there any way that I can contact a local club around Wayne or Detroit, Michigan, and get some first-

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hand advice? Thanks loads from a steady reader."

Joseph A. Butkiewicz 4487 Mildred Wayne, Michigan

Come on, Detroit and Wayne. Here is a recruit just waiting to be gathered into the fold.

ATTENTION:

LONG BEACH, LONG ISLAND HAMS

HAVE been reading your magazine for over a year now, and find it very intriguing. The reason I say intriguing is simply this: I have just finished reading the first part of Mr. Hertzberg's series, "The Beginning Amateur," published in the recent February issue

"It was quite some time ago when the symptoms explained by Mr. H. became apparent to me. I then realized I had the 'Radio Bug.' Mr. Hertzberg mentions the need of young blood to fill the veins of ham radio. Well, what could be better material than fellows like me? Twenty-two years old and really anxious to get that ham ticket.

"In my area (Long Island), there are many hams I tune in from neighboring towns. I wrote one of them once asking a chance to visit and see his equipment and get his advice. Unfortunately, I received no answer. There are probably many of these hams who would be glad to help us green 'bug bitten' victims get started, if they knew we existed. So, Mr. Editor . . . what to do?

"My profession is photography. I would be glad to trade knowledge with a ham who would care to set up a darkroom, etc. All we beginning amateurs want is to know how to go about it, and from neighboring fellows who already have their tickets, a little HELP!!"

Jerome R. Weiss 50 West Walnut Street Long Beach, Long Island

From some of the letters received from hams and ham clubs, they are waking up to the value of your "new blood" and you will probably have more sponsors than you'll know what to do with. Good luck.

PROS AND CONS

S AN old-timer, 39 years in the ham game, I wish to express to you and the magazine my most hearty congratulations in your effort to stimulate interest in amateur radio as a hobby and electronic advancement.

"There is one thing which would be a great help to our group, if you would just run a small insert in your magazine under the amateur section which you will be using in your contest with the following heading: If I become an amateur radio operator and own my station 'can I take it?' Let's be realistic about this matter and not point out all the good things there are in it for the gang without the bitter end showing also.

"Having grown up with the game and watched it advance from spark





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coils, coherer and de-coherer to our present dual-conversion receivers and single side-band suppressed carrier transmitters, I find there has sprung up along with this, the broadcasting business in all its ramifications.

"Here let me point out some of the very bitter pills an amateur has to swallow. Business has to make money, and in so doing cheapens and engineers everything out of a radio that makes it a good radio so as to sell it at a low price. Thus designed, the inadequate receivers are sold as radios to the unsuspecting public as good (squawk box) receivers (a.c.-d.c.). Television receivers of present manufacture fall in this same category.

"Now when a receiver is moved in the close proximity of an amateur's station, and he is picked up on the set, the ham is immediately put in the dog house, there to remain the rest of his life. It's funny that when these same radios are used near a broadcasting station, and they come in all over the dial, nothing much is said to that station about it, but a ham . . . well that's different! The new amateur has three strikes against him before he gets his operator's license.

"It is a very hard problem to avoid causing interference with TV sets, due to the complexity of the receiver, and the very broad tuned front end with no rejection of any frequencies that might be a harmonic radiation or interlocked frequency to enter the i.f. channels.

"The a.c.-d.c. table models and consoles with no front end, no shielded circuits, and no bypass condensers on audio tube cathodes cause our BCI, making the ham the recipient of telephone calls of a very degrading nature by persons who will not leave names or addresses, so that you could advise them what to do. Even if you do succeed in getting in a few words asking them to write to the FCC, they won't do it. Again, they will call and tell you to get off the air in no uncertain abusive language, because they have a good, inexpensive radio.

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"As a suggestion to the ARRL and NARC organizations, why not place before the FCC a recommendation that all types of receivers (AM-FM and Television) be placed on trial for various types of interference from the amateur transmitters before they are sold to the public and the necessary parts put in the receivers to overcome this difficulty. This would eventually improve the receivers and give the public a great deal more satisfaction even at the cost of two or three dollars more per set.

"The amateur at present is under a very great pressure from the manufacturers to have an FCC ruling placed on him to restrict his operating during certain broadcast times. This in itself shows the manufacturers' weaknesses, and the great need for more amateurs to combat this present pressure from the set manufacturers.

"There has been for some time an underground rumor to the effect that there is a concerted movement to get the amateur off the air.
"So, fellows, come and make our ranks swell and become recognized as a large organization, active, and no weakling to be pushed around.

"This is my story to anyone thinking of taking up radio as a hobby. 'Can You Take It?'"

Chris E. Hobson

W3AER, ex W2ALX, W2AER, W8BWP, W3PWP.

Well, Chris, OM, you gave with both barrels. We see no threat to amateur radio, however, as long as we have the support of such men as Admiral Stone. General Ankenbrandt, and General Akin, of our Navy, Air Force, and Signal Corps behind us. And, they are!

CODE MYSTERIOUS? TRY THIS AVE been reading some of the

letters on learning the code. First, no one can teach you; you have to get in there and keep knocking off the word speed one at a time.

"I started back in high school without the help of a school or club. My sending might not be as good as a tapetaught operator, but I have been able to earn a living at it and hold a First Telegraph and First Telephone with a Class 'A' ham ticket; I started out with W8DER, W8EIL, and now W2QCS. I have an ARRL 30 w.p.m. ticket.

"The way I learned the code was just to tune the ham bands until a CQ was heard. I hung onto that fellow and got first one letter (in most cases they start 'CQ DE W') then the number, the first or second time he goes around; then the first letter following the number, then the second, etc. Then when he comes back, the routine is generally the call of the fellow he wants to work repeated two or three times, then 'DE' and then his call, and then the report of the city.

"The greatest pitfall I have found with persons I know is they seem to get so far, say 8-10 w.p.m., then for a week or so they just cannot get up over that hump; but if they just keep at it, all of a sudden—'the light,' and over the top they go, continuing right up to the speed they want.

"You fellows who seem to get just so far—don't stop there. You will remain there for a week or so, of course, but you have to continue your study, then when you get over that hump you're in.

"I've been in this business eighteen years and find you need a real interest, not just a passing fancy. That is why I say no one can teach you. You have to want to use the code, not as a means of getting a ticket (you'll forget it), but with real interest right from the start."

E. F. Dietz WKBW, Rand Building Buffalo 3, N. Y.

Here's food for thought and worth a try.

* * * FANTASTIC?

AM writing you not only as the editor of RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS, but also as a fellow amateur. I will appreciate any information you can give me on the following subject.

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"Perhaps you have received additional queries concerning the Taylor super-modulation system as given in the September and October 1948 issues of your magazine? After re-reading the article a goodly number of times and waiting several months hoping to hear more about it, I scaled down his rig to a pair of 807's and have made a few test transmissions with very interesting results. At least to me. And judging from the other fellows on ten who have heard it, considerable interest has been aroused.

"On writing "QST" asking for further informaticn, and why we hadn't been seeing articles on it, it really bowled me over to find that "Q Street" had originally turned down the article and considered the claims to be fantastic.

"Well, I'm in business on ten with it, and I like it. Perhaps it is not so sharp that you may miss it in tuning, but it is much sharper than conventional AM with a tendency towards full 100 per-cent modulation. I am especially enthusiastic about the two primary claims. One, that the audio sideband power is extended right up to CW level, and. two, that the audio power required to obtain this efficiency is exceptionally small. Let alone the ability to reduce the carrier.

"Would it be possible to get Mr. Taylor's address from your organization? Would he welcome inquiries? Incidentally, the receiving advantage provided by his system (he mentions it as an elevation of the base line in the detected signal) really works. I had definite and interesting corroboration during one contact."

John K. McCord, W1BIJ 48 Franklin Street Medford, Massachusetts

Thanks, OM, for your report of results on Bob 'Taylor's super-modulation system. It checks with results of many others who have used it. Chances are you'll soon be hearing transmissions from one of several MARS stations who are testing the system!! We'll be glad to forward correspondence for you.

* * * MORE MATHEMATICAL ACROBATICS?

"While reading the November 1948 issue of your good publication, I came across an article by G. A. Burns showing a method for calculating ohmmeter scales. The article appeared on page 162 and even though it was quite interesting, it seems to me that Mr. Burns subjects the builder of 'custom tailored' ohmmeters to a great deal of tedious mathematical acrobatics by the formula he proposes.

"Permit me to suggest a formula which I have used for quite some time and have found to be the simplest of them all:

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Scale division = $\left(\frac{\text{int. res.}}{\text{int. res.} + O}\right)$

D = total number of divisions O = value of ohms mark.



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"To use the values Mr. Burns suggested, this would give:

Scale division = $\frac{2345}{10345}$ times 100 equals 22.7.

"As you can very readily see, this formula will, with (or without) the use of a slide rule, permit the calculation of a complete ohmmeter scale in a very short time.

"Since the numerator always stays the same, it is a simple matter to set the hairline of a slide rule to that value on the D scale, and by moving the C scale, the answer can be read directly on the D scale.

"I have taken the liberty of submitting this formula for your consideration, and also I thought that perhaps it might be of some interest to your many readers."

> Rudolph Graf 12 Harrison Avenue Brooklyn 11, N. Y.

Thanks for the suggested simplified method. It certainly does seem to work, and those readers interested will be happy to use it.

MORE RECRUITING UNDER WAY

EVALUATE: HAVE followed with interest your recent editorials referring to the need for 'new blood' in our amateur fraternity. There is no doubt in my mind but what this topic is indeed timely, for there is no time like the present, when amateur radio is approaching its most active season, to induce the enthusiasms necessary into club membership to do something to alleviate the condition.

"I am happy to report that following your editorial in the September, 1948, RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS and that in 'Zero Bias' in the October CQ, a correlation of these two reports was printed in the November issue of the 'Ground Wave,' the St. Paul Radio Club newspaper.

"Following the printing of this correlation, a committee to decide what our club might do to induce activity was appointed at the November meeting. From this, you may deduce that as one of the major projects of the season, the St. Paul Radio Club is attempting to 'spread the gospel of amateur radio' and 'induce new ham blood into our ranks.'

"As president of the St. Paul Radio Club, I wish you the best of success in this project."

James L. Whittaker 1812 East Maryland Avenue St. Paul 6, Minnesota

The above letter is typical of many received since the September editorial. Many clubs and individual amateurs are taking steps to train new amateurs.

You, as an individual or club member may aid in the program, and in addition help yourself and your club by entering the RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS \$10,000 Contest for new amateurs.

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similar to the type shown in Fig 1. This one is partially adjustable (the coil can be moved forward and it can be rotated a few degrees about the tube axis). The deflection coil is adjusted in the following manner: Step 1. Obtain a raster on the screen by the preceding ion trap and focus

Step 2. Rotate deflection coil until

Step 3. Move deflection coil as close

In Fig. 1, the deflection, focus, and ion trap coils are shown mounted cor-

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the lines in the raster are horizontal.

as possible to bulge in the tube. Step 4. Tighten screws.

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Fig. 7. Supporting bracket for focus coil.

rectly on the neck of a 10BP4 cathode-

If it is found that pictures appearing on the screen are too wide and too high, use the horizontal and vertical size controls to reduce the image to fit the screen mask. It is not good practice to move the deflection yoke back in order to achieve the same re-

The foregoing adjustments concern tubes which employ electromagnetic deflection. With electrostatic tubes, the adjustments are considerably simplified because there are no ion traps or movable coils to adjust. The tube is placed in its socket, the power turned on, and the brightness control turned clockwise until a raster is visible on the screen. The contrast control is turned completely to the left to prevent signals or noise voltages from reaching the cathode-ray

Fig. 8. Two widely used methods of varying the current through the focus coil.



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DX Receiver

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except to drop the volume. If there is any pulling the signal may be tuned in with either control. The one adjustment made on ten meters is satisfactory for all bands.

The usual precautions of keeping all r.f. leads short, direct, and well away from other wires and the bypass condenser leads as short as possible will repay the builder. Should the noise silencer not be wanted it can be omitted by connecting the plate lead of the 6AC7 directly into T_2 and ignoring the circuits and tubes between. If it isn't incorporated when built we suggest you leave room for later inclusion as it is a big help in pulling in the stuff through QRM of all kinds.

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A T THE annual spring meeting of the RMA and the IRE, to be held April 25 through 27 in Philadelphia, some of the newest technical developments in the radio-television industry will be discussed during morning sessions of the three-day conference.

The first day will be devoted to four talks by executives and technicians of leading corporations. L. F. Deise and L. W. Gregory of Westinghouse Electric Corporation will discuss "A Three-Kilowatt Medium Frequency Transmitter, Utilizing Iron Core Interstage and Out-put Circuits." Henry Magnuski of Motorola, Inc. will give a talk on the "Use of the Cavity Resonator in the Mobile Communications Field." "The Symmetron 50-Kilowatt FM Broadcast Amplifier" is the subject of a talk by L. D. Balthis of Westinghouse, while Marion Winkler of Motorola will speak on "An Instantaneous Deviation Control for Phase Modulation Transmitters.

Tuesday's session will be devoted to four more discussions relating primarily to Television. The Radio Corporation of America representative, R. V. Little, Jr., will speak on "Television Recording Technique." "The Utiliscope, Pioneer of Industrial Television Systems," will be the subject of a discussion by M. Cawcin and J. A. Good, of Farnsworth Television and Radio Corp. General Electric Company's A. J. W. Rhodeha-mel will present "A New Television Visual Modulator," and E. Finley Carter's talk on "The Reality of Invisible Forces" will close the sessions. Mr. Carter represents Sylvania Electric Products. Inc.

The final morning session, to be held Wednesday, April 27, will present the following panel of speakers: M. G. Lemeshka and A. G. Nekut, of *Radio* Corporation of America, on "High-Efficiency Coolers for Forced-Air-Cooled Power Tubes"; John M. Miller, Jr., Bendix Radio, speaking on "Audio Power Amplifier with Positive and Negative Feedback"; H. W. Augustadt, Bell Telephone Laboratories, presenting "Longitudinal Interference in Audio Circuits"; and N. J. Gottfried, Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, and W. J. Logan, Maritime Telephone & Telegraph Company, discussing "Commercial PTM Telephone Microwave Link."

Afternoon and evening sessions will be occupied by committee meetings and inspection trips. Mr. Stuart L. Bailey, president of the IRE, will speak at the Tuesday dinner with Mr. T. A. Smith, chairman of RMA Transmitter Division, acting as toastmaster. -30-

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