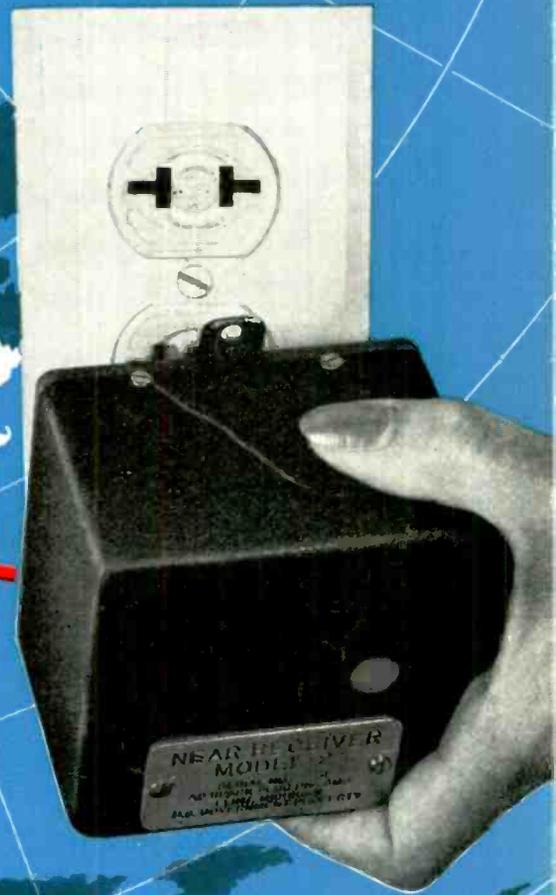


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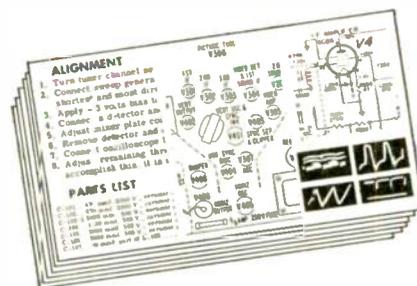
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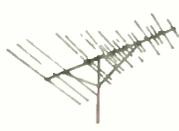
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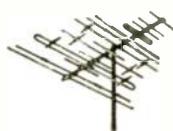
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## Editor's Memo



I have been encouraging readers for a long time to broaden their income base by getting into business activities allied to TV-electronic service.

Such diversification smoothes out abrupt peaks and valleys in earnings, as well as opening up new growth fields.

Whenever information has been developed on new fields such as communications, public address, garage door operators, and the like, the facts have been presented in these pages.

Now I would like to recommend that service dealers outside of the very large cities consider the extraordinary earning potential of background music systems.

I am so very enthusiastic about it because it offers substantial profits not only on the initial sale, but also on the music service. The recorded music must be replaced regularly at a charge. It's like being in the razor blade business—the major profits come from the blades and not from the razors.

If you are interested in investing your know-how plus a couple of hundred dollars with the excellent prospects of earning a few thousand dollars per year, spending only a minimum amount of time, write to me immediately on your letterhead. I will put you in touch with a manufacturer who has a special plan worked out for service dealers.

Diversification of your activities may sound crazy to some, but it makes good sense to growth-minded dealers. Think of the story of the man driving his car past a mental institution when a wheel fell off. He could find only one bolt, so how was he to remount the wheel? He was stumped. Suddenly, a face appeared from behind the barred windows shouting, "Why don't you take one bolt from each of the three mounted wheels to hold the wheel that fell off?"

The driver looked at him and said, "That's a pretty clever idea. It's strange coming from someone in an asylum. How did you ever figure it out?"

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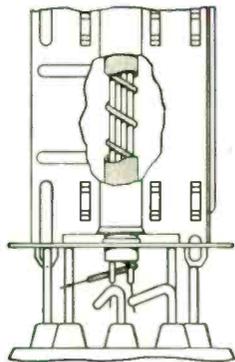
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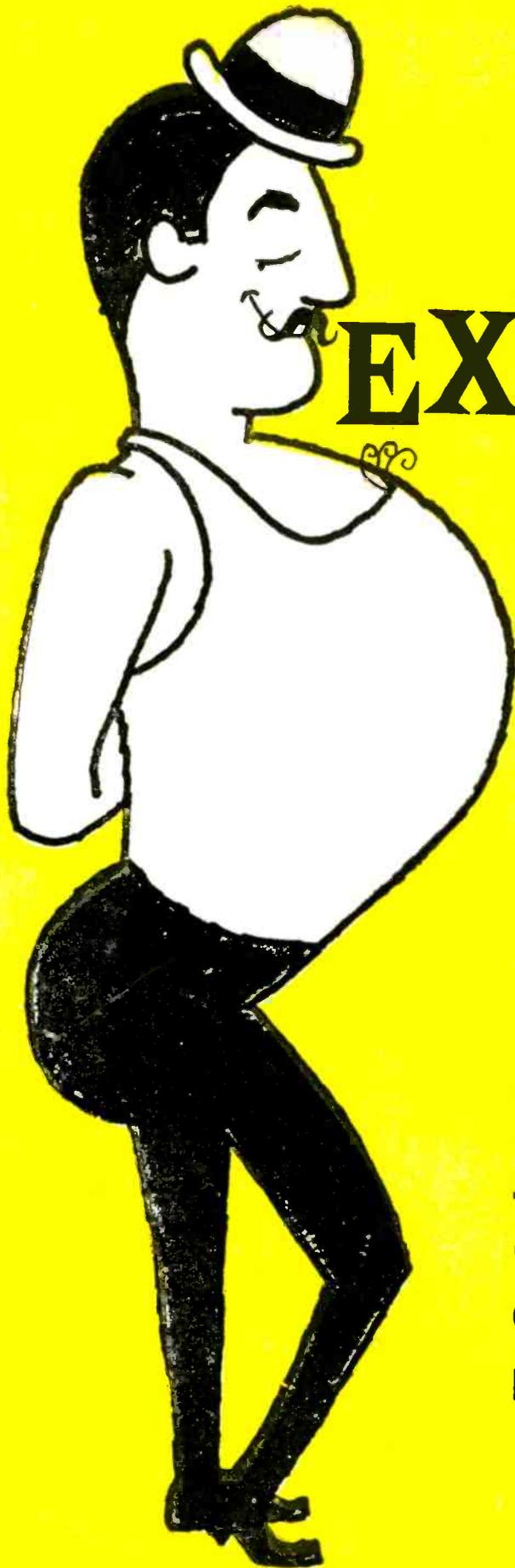
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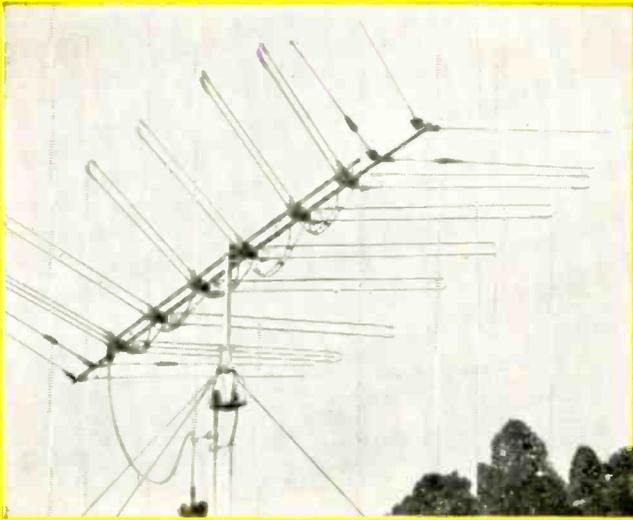


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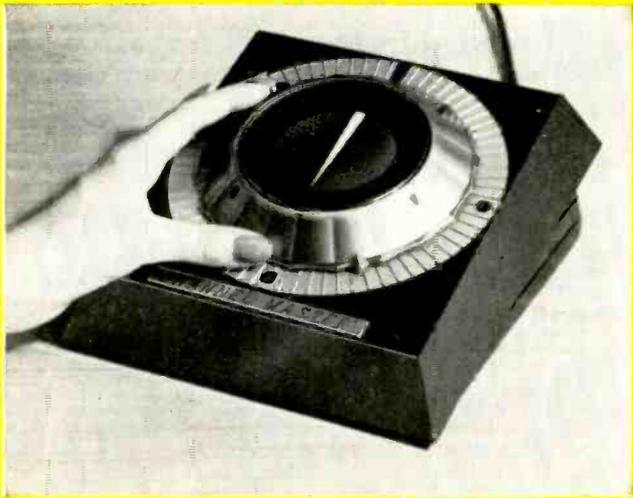
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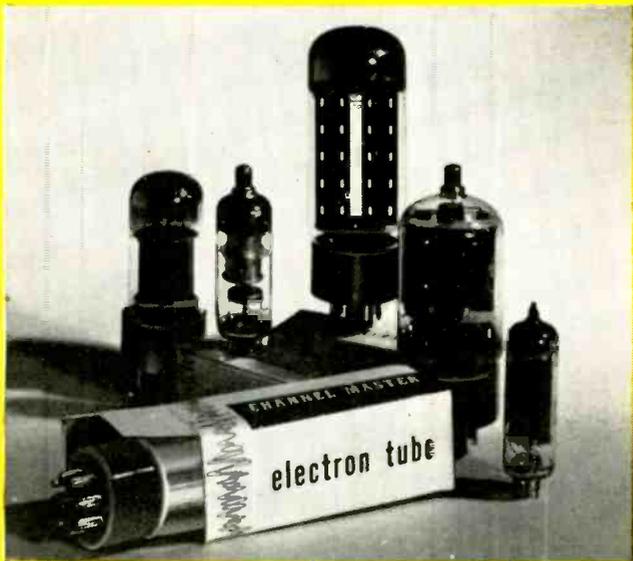
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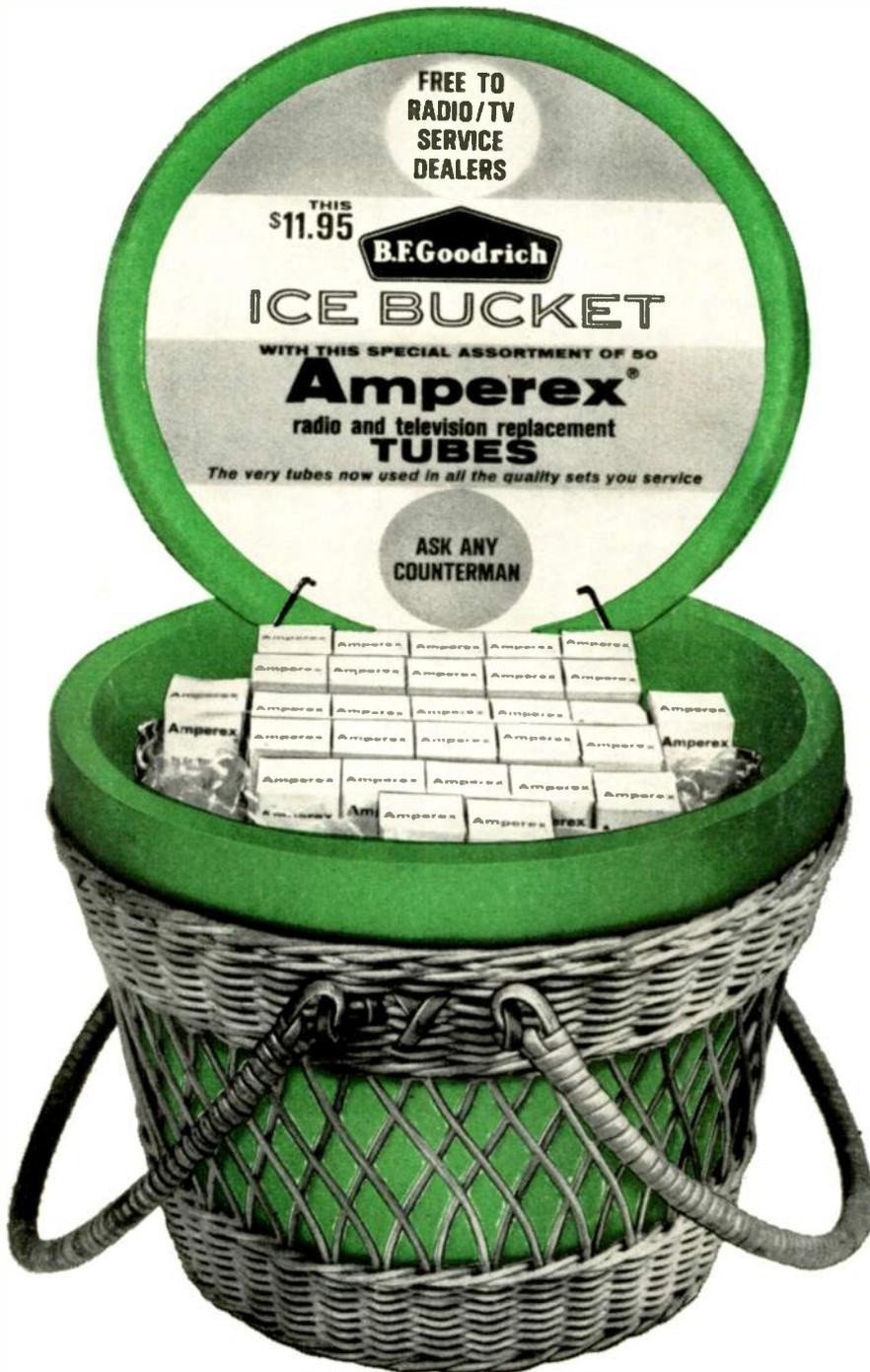
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## News of the Industry



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RAYTHEON Distributor Products Div. announces the appointment of ARTHUR W. RANDALL as Chicago Dist. Mgr.

WALL Mfg. is in the process of establishing field engineering services throughout the U.S. to give Wall customer free services on any soldering problems.

CBS ELECTRONICS has announced the appointment of CLARENCE H. HOPPER as Pres., succeeding ARTHUR L. CHAPMAN, who will join the headquarters staff of CBS in New York.

SENCORE reports a "Sencore Time Saving Clinic" was sponsored in Indianapolis by BROWN DISTRIBUTING. The company reports more than 20,000 servicemen have attended clinics in the last eight months.

ARCO ELECTRONICS reports signing a long term lease on 46,000 sq. ft. of space at Lake Success Business & Professional Park in Lake Success, L.I., New York. The projected move will double their space.

VIDAIRE ELECTRONICS announces the removal of its plant and offices to larger quarters at 365 Babylon Turnpike, Roosevelt, N.Y. With this move double the space has been added, totaling 6000 sq. ft.

HICKOK ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT reports opening a new 14,000 sq. ft. electronics research center located at 1348 E. 133rd St., East Cleveland, O., devoted to research and development for the company's line of electronic test instruments as well as special development work on government contracts.

RCA Sales Corp. announces the following appointments: JAMES M. TONEY, Vice Pres., to the staff of Chairman of the Bd. W. WALTER WATTS, to be responsible for special projects; and C. RICHARD JOHNSTON, as Mgr., Product Planning & Development. The Electron Tube Div. announces the appointments of JOSEPH T. CIMORELLI as Mgr., Engineering, Receiving Tube Operations and KENNETH G. BUCKLIN to the newly created position of Mgr., New Products Engineering. Details of the new sales promotion program, "Front Page Program," were disclosed. Seventeen premiums will be offered to dealers and service technicians through RCA distributors.

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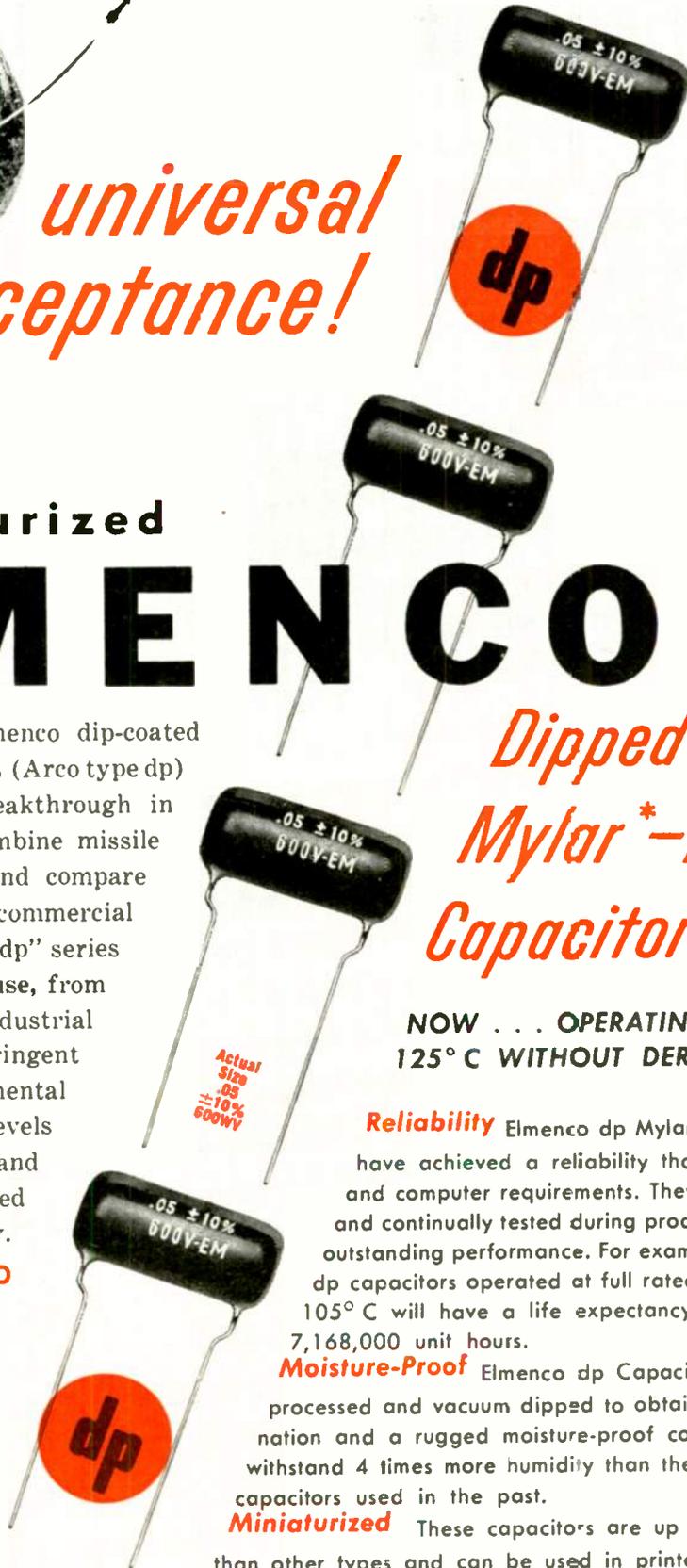
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AMPEREX announces the promotion of TOM O'CONNOR to the position of Distributor Sales Specialist.

MIDWESTERN INSTRUMENTS has named PAUL R. BUNKER Sales Mgr. for Magnecord products.

SYLVANIA Home Electronics Corp. has named RAYMOND J. STEINER as South Bend, Ind. District Sales Mgr.

B & K announces "New Tube Information Service" covering data on new tube types as they are announced by the manufacturers. Available to owners of B & K tube testers on annual subscription of four issues at \$2.50 per year, or \$1.50 each year for individual copies.

VOCALINE announces formation of a network of warranty repair stations for their line of CB radios and wireless intercoms, totaling 31 stations. Names and addresses of warranty service stations in an area can be secured by contacting Service Manager of Vocaline.

GENERAL ELECTRIC announces nominations are open for the 1960 Edison Award which honors the licensed radio amateur who has performed the most outstanding public service during the year. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 2, 1961. The Receiving Tube Dept. reports the appointment of LYNN E. GREELEY as Dist. Mgr. in Charlotte, N.C. for replacement sales of electronic components.



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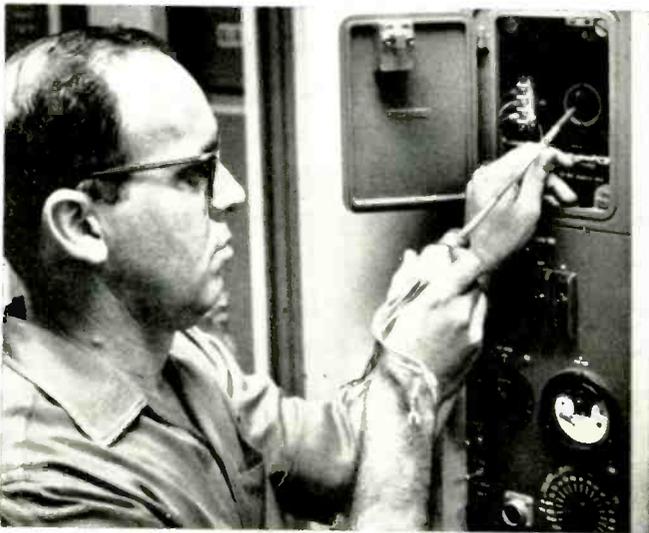
# Tuning In the

**HAPPIER BABIES** are in the offing with Sonotone Corp.'s development of an electro-mechanical device that simulates the sound of "mother's heartbeat." Infants exposed to this sound (72 double pulses per minute) gained weight, slept better, and cried less. The unit, invented by Dr. Lee Salk (brother of the Salk vaccine discoverer), operates on household current with a small noiseless motor that can be switched on or off. Called "Securitone," it is expected to sell for "under \$30" through major retail outlets.

*JAPANESE EXPORTS of electronic products to the U. S. for the first six months of 1960 totaled \$38.7 million, compared with \$22.1 million during the same 1959 period, according to the U. S. Dep't. of Commerce. This accounts for one-half of Japan's electronic product exports to all countries during this period.*

**SEARS, ROEBUCK** is forming Allstate Enterprises as a forerunner to its entry into the service industries. The new corporation is not an additional organization to service Sears' goods. It is implied that the new services will be different from the various types of insurance now offered by its subsidiary, Allstate Insurance Co. The giant firm's chairman said retailers may expand their market by branching out into the field of services.

## SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS



The traveling-wave tube in the technician's hand is the amplifying device planned for the Bell System's proposed satellite communication relay station. The high-frequency device can amplify radio signals from earth 10,000 times. This boosted signal will be relayed to ground stations in the U.S., United Kingdom, and W. Europe.



**AUTOMATED SUPERMARKET** demonstrated by Solartron-John Brown Ltd. has electronic clerks dispensing products. Shoppers made their choices by inserting cards into slots above display items. The card is then fed into a processing machine which activates automatic dispensing equipment from a warehouse.

*PHOTOEMISSIVE MATERIAL* which permits "electronic eyes" to operate at high temperatures is announced by Westinghouse. The chief advantage is its capability of functioning efficiently for long periods at temperatures twice the range of current photoemitters. Also, its high sensitivity allows it to operate at low light levels. Tests on the new material show excellent stability when operated as long as 140 hours at 1200° C which is well above the boiling point of water. This compares with other photoemissive surfaces which begin deteriorating at about 60° C, suffering a large loss in sensitivity after 100 hours at the 120° level. The new photoemitter uses a semi-transparent combination of antimony, potassium, and sodium deposited as a thin semi-transparent layer on glass.

**NUCLEAR-POWERED ELECTRONIC "SENTRY"** which is being developed by the AEC, is capable of recording data and transmitting it from a remote ground location for at least two years without servicing or refueling. The automatic unit will be used with weather instruments to measure wind speed and direction, temperature, and barometric pressure but may also be modified to detect seismic disturbances or continuously record other data in a remote location. Energy for the "sentry" will be provided by a 5-watt generator which converts heat from safety-enclosed pellets containing strontium-90 directly into a continuous flow of electricity.

# Picture .....



LOS ANGELES "SMOG" is finally being used beneficially. A Hughes Aircraft electronics engineer, John T. Chambers, learned that VHF signals can be transmitted over much greater distances than limited line-of-sight transmission due to L.A.'s inversion layer acting as a waveguide. The signals are trapped by the smog and "bent" around the earth's surface. Chambers was awarded the ARRL 1960 Award of Merit for his 2540 mile transmission to Hawaii, beating the previous record of 1700 miles. Chambers' discovery may lead to practical VHF communication over the Pacific at far lower power levels than currently required.

ELECTRONIC TRAIN DISPATCHER was demonstrated on a New York City subway shuttle line. The 24 relay system, eliminating the need for a motorman and conductors, automatically set the train in motion to a speed of 35 miles-per-hour, braking to five mph when nearing the station; stopped the train, and opened and closed doors before repeating the cycle. It is expected to be placed in operation within the next six months. A telephone system will maintain voice communication between trains and human dispatchers.

TV CHANNEL reallocation has been discussed for some time. There is mixed sentiment in the Federal Communications Commission. One view is that more stations will be able to serve the public if all channels are moved to UHF. Another view is that the FCC should swap the UHF channels for a part of the VHF spectrum now occupied by the military. It seems probable that in view of UHF's failure to compete favorably with VHF in many sections of the country, more VHF drop-in channels will be approved. That is, by a proper arrangement of transmitter power and antenna pattern, additional VHF stations will be able to operate closer to existing stations without substantial interference. The National Association of Broadcasters has officially gone on record as opposing any reallocation which will remove channels 2 through 13 from TV service.

FM RADIO meters patients' hearts while on an operating table. The technique, developed by the North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, employs a palm-sized FM transmitter that broadcasts electrical signals from a surgery patient's heart to conventional electrocardiogram display equipment. Advantages of the radiotelemetry system are: less subject to interference, convenience, and reduction of electrical wires from patient to nearby apparatus.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 12-14: URSI-IRE Fall Meeting, Radio Bldg., Boulder Labs., National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colo.
- Dec. 12-15: Industrial Building Exposition & Congress, The Coliseum, New York, N. Y.
- Dec. 13-15: 10th Annual Eastern Joint Computer Conference, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y.
- Jan. 8-12: Symposium on Thermo-electro Energy Conversion, Statler Hotel, Dallas, Texas.
- Jan. 9-11: 7th National Symposium on Reliability and Quality Control in Electronics, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Jan. 22-26: 1961 Southwestern Electronic Conference, Fort Clark Guest Ranch, Brackettville, Texas.
- Jan. 23-26: 12th Annual Plant Maintenance & Engineering Show, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.
- Feb. 1-3: IRE 1961 Winter Convention on Military Electronics, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

REBUILT CRT's installed by dealers in N. Y. must be accompanied by written disclosure to the consumer advising that the tube utilizes used components. General Electric Co. offers replacement picture tube "stickers" through their franchised distributors to help conform with this law. The "stickers" declare that all parts are new except for the envelope, which has been inspected and tested to the same standards as new envelopes.

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# LETTERS To the Editor

## Scope Improvement

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

Many thanks to you and to Mr. West for his tip on Eico scope improvement in Sept. Shop Hints. I applied his tip to my Heath scope, which I almost wanted to junk. Even factory suggestions had not helped. I used 100 K control since sweep vernier in mine is only 2 meg. This actually saved me the price of another scope. My scope is fine now! Thanks a lot.

A. G. HESMATI

Carmel TV & Radio Service  
Carmel, Calif.

## Troubleshooting Chart

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

I have received an advertisement from National Technical Research Laboratories of Whittier, Calif. This ad describes a TV repair system called Tele-Vue Trouble-Shooter. It apparently consists of 50 charts relating symptoms and faulty components, and is priced at \$8.50. As a subscriber to your magazine, I wonder if you can tell me if it is worthwhile.

JOSEPH OBIECUNAS

Pittsburgh, Pa.

• Readers who have used the Tele-Vue Trouble-Shooter charts are invited to write in and describe their experiences.  
—Ed.

## Speed Reader

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

The only reason I'm renewing my subscription is your Circuit Digests. After 10 years in this business, I know almost everything there is to know. I can finish reading your magazine in about 15 minutes. How about more human interest articles—like interviews of individual shopowners in various sections of the country.

R. M. THORSON

R. M. Thorson TV-Radio  
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## Experienced Reader

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

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Johnnie's Radio Shop  
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## "Industry Dilemma"

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

Have just read the article "Industry Dilemma—Distributor Retail Sales." In it one of the distributors whom I have had occasion to deal with over the past five years openly denies having sold to the public at wholesale prices. I know of two cases in my small town of 900 population that bought from this distributor at wholesale prices and they have no connection whatsoever with the electronic trade. I have heard of several other instances with this same distributor. Naturally, those who are guilty will lie through their teeth to retain their relationship with legitimate dealers. There is only one salvation in solving this problem, and that is the proper legislation to deal with it and then the proper amount of enforcing to keep it under control. Enjoy your magazine and admire the spirit with which you are endeavoring to further our case.

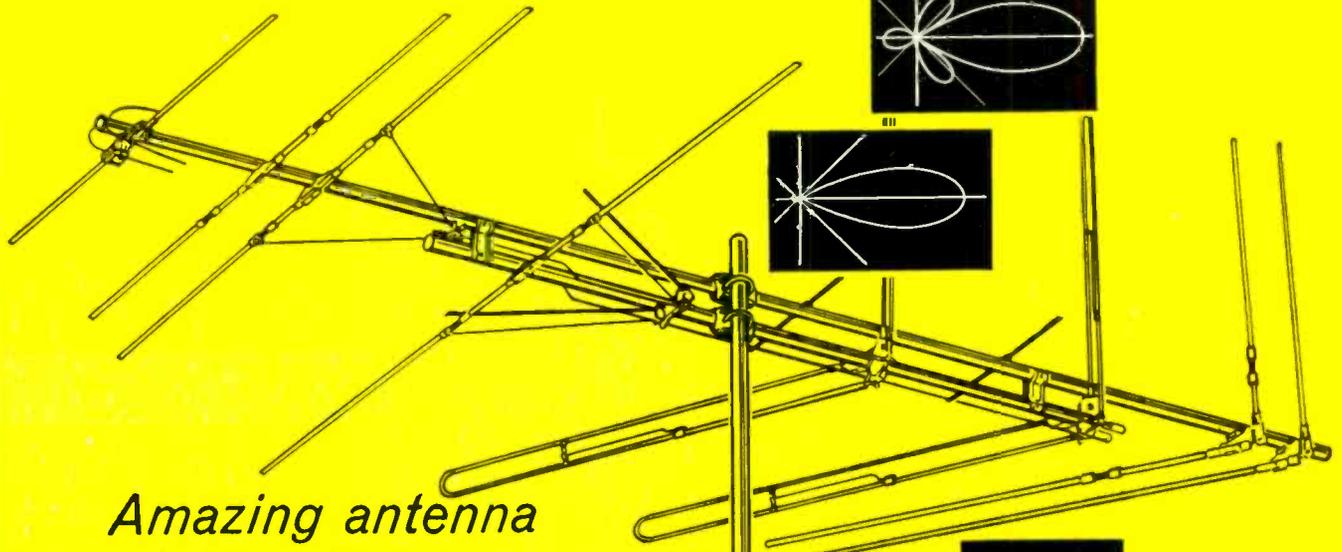
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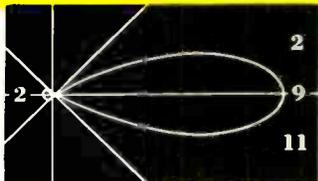
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... We in Pennsylvania also have the same problem—distributors sell to anyone. Penna. has a sales and use tax, the service man and retailer are issued a license and a number. The distributors could eliminate the chiseler very easily if he would insist to see the License for Sales and Use Tax. Here in Penna. the serviceman must charge tax for parts and also for labor to repair any appliance.

PIERCE M. DISSINGER

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... Why waste valuable space in your excellent publication by the printing of the "brilliant masterpiece" sent to you by some member of National Electronic Distributors Association in Chicago. He states that it is beyond his intelligent comprehension where his industry would benefit by rehashing its problems in print. In other words, the operation was a success but the patient (the legitimate serviceman) died. We have a member of the Electronics Assoc. in this city. If that writer feels that back-stabbing and double-dealing is a mark of harmonious mutual relationship between serviceman and dealer, I suggest he consult his dictionary again. It is high time that such worthy publications as yours be read and re-read by the independent service personnel of this country. The only code of ethics which the writer of the National Electronic Distributors Association understands is the all-mighty dollar. Please keep up the good work.

BOB MILLIGAN

Bartlesville Electronics  
Bartlesville, Okla.

... According to some of the articles in almost every ET issue, some servicemen blame the distributor for selling parts to customers because they are lagging in business. Has anyone ever tried to find out why the business has been lagging, besides blaming the distributors? I think someone should go out and ask some of the customers why they would rather have a dead receiver sitting around instead of calling a serviceman to repair it. In my opinion it's "some" of the servicemen who are to blame instead of the distributors. Why? Because some of the servicemen are not capable of doing any service work except to change tubes. Secondly, they are out to rob the customers all they can get. Please understand I said "some servicemen." I speak from personal experience on this subject. There should be a law compelling servicemen to take an examination on skill and honesty, then issue a license if qualified.

Name Withheld

Springfield, Mass.

### N. F. I. B.

Editor, ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN:

Distributor sales have been a great concern of mine, and I have been looking for some method or means of voicing my concern. Since most of the servicemen's organizations of this area can't seem to accomplish much, I have joined, and am a voting member of the National Federation of Independent Business, which is a non-profit organization representing small business so that we may have a voice in government. Through this medium, I have written to both my congressman and state representative concerning the unfairness of the price advantage of distributors selling to retail customers, my customers. Although I realize the National Federation of Independent Business possibly has many of these questionable distributors as members, it is also an organization in which the thoughts and desires of many are collected and analyzed, and I am sure that are far more retailers than wholesalers—I think! Although big business represents an impressive influence in our government, I believe small business, if brought together in a common voice so that it can be heard in government, can also be an impressive influence on our lawmakers.

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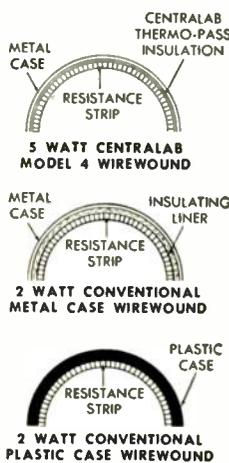
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LOUIS A. GARTEN & ASSOC. has announced a move from West Orange into their own newly constructed building, 375 Passaic Ave., Caldwell, N. J.

LAND-C-AIR SALES CO. announces the opening of their new field office at 610 Washington St., Reading, Pa. with WALTER ULLRICH heading all activities at that office.

LAFAYETTE announces creation of a nation-wide chain of associated, franchised stores to distribute electronic parts, high fidelity components, and allied products, marking the first time distribution through associate stores has been undertaken in this field. Two new officers have been elected as follows: ROBERT LAUB, Vice Pres.-Sales; and JACK BREAK-IRON, Vice Pres.-Mail Order Operation.

SYLVANIA reports the opening of a sales office at 718 Bugbee St., Jacksonville, Fla. for Sylvania Home Electronics Corp., with BRUCE H. GARDNER as resident Sales Mgr. Other appointments include ROBERT J. PERRY as Sales Coordinator and RICHARD L. BERRY as Sales Mgr. Also announced is the appointment of the following franchised distributors for TV sets, radios, and stereo hi-fi phonos: REED RADIO & SUPPLY CO., southern Mo.; and HOUGH WYLIE CO., western N. C. and northern S. C.

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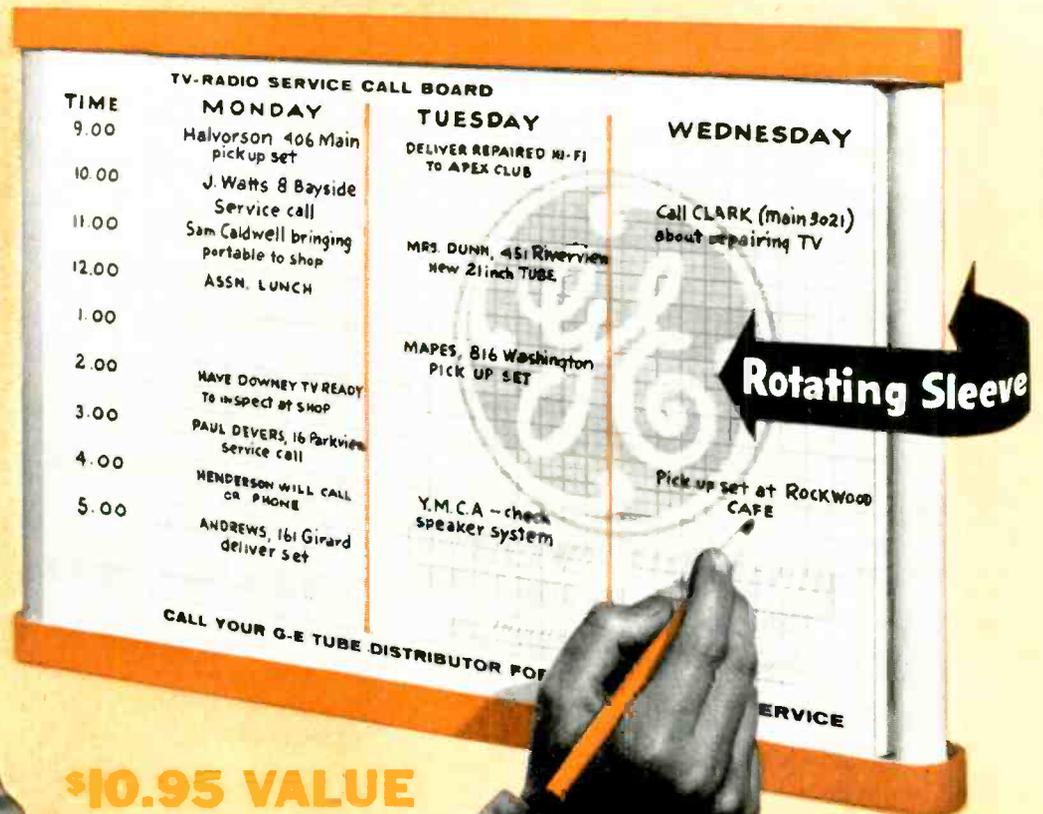
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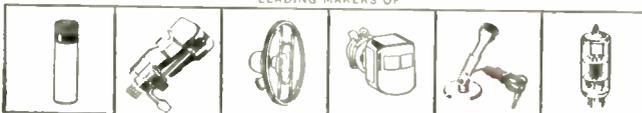
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**HUTMACHER ASSOC.** reports W. H. "BILL" ELLINGER, JR. has joined the staff.

**GORDON MOSS ELECTRONICS** reports the opening of a new branch office at 1502 Preston St., P.O. Box 22, Foothills Sta., Salt Lake City 8, Utah. LEROY G. MOSS will serve as Branch Mgr.

**TERMINAL ELECTRONICS** and **HUDSON RADIO & TELEVISION CORP.** announce a merger to form **TERMINAL-HUDSON ELECTRONICS, INC.**, 236 W. 17th St., N. Y. C., with the following officers: WM. FILLER, Pres. and Chairman of the Board; SOL BAXT, Vice Pres. and a director; ROBERT CORENTHAL, Vice Pres.

**PACIFIC ELECTRONIC TRADE SHOW**, to be held next Feb. 26-March 1 at Los Angeles' Great Western Exhibit Center, has disclosed plans for an "Exhibitor Council for Show Development." The Council will be formed following the 1961 show, "for the purpose of expressing the manufacturers' needs and wishes with respect to the future development of the Pacific Electronic Trade Show."

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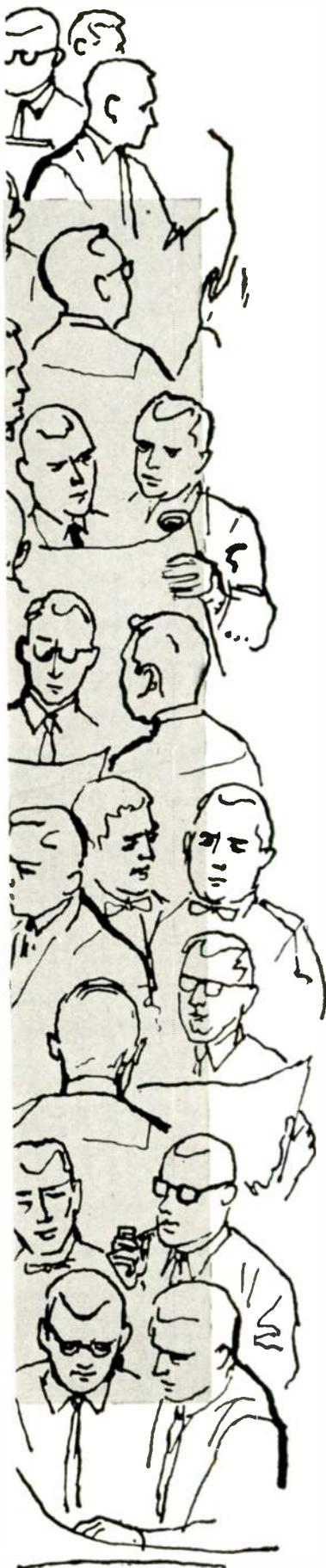
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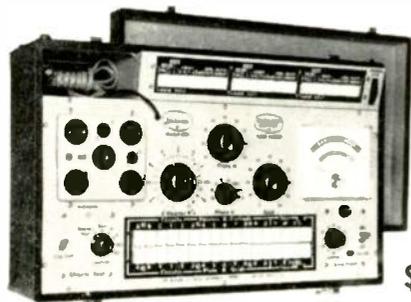
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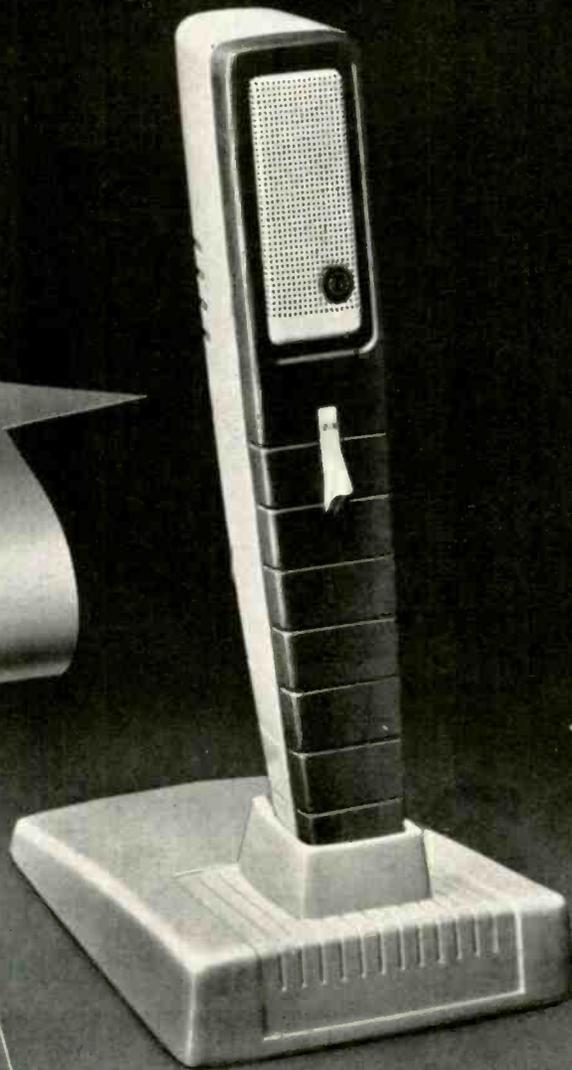
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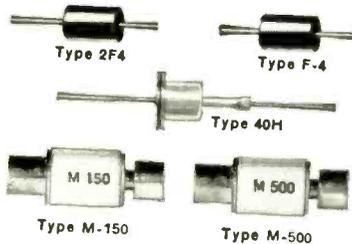


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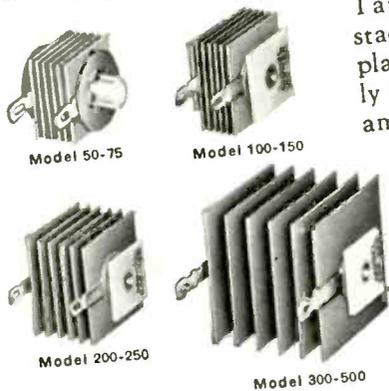
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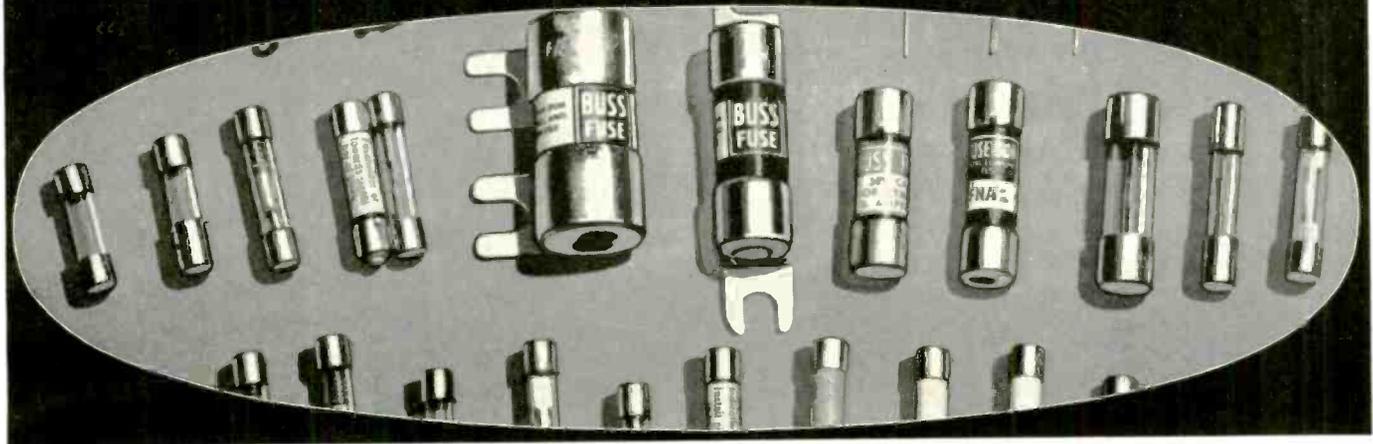
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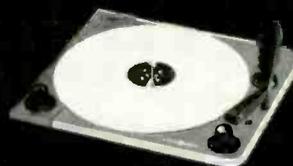
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## *Something New Added*

Readers who have developed the habit of turning this page to find the "Tuning In the Picture" section are in for a bit of a surprise. You will find a new feature, one which should prove of great value to service technicians—"Television Manufacturers Technical Digest." It will bring you the latest revisions, circuit modifications, and service data right from the horse's mouth, the manufacturer of TV and radio receivers. This new monthly section will complement the basic schematic data published in Circuit Digests.

For faithful readers of Tuning In, we are happy to report that it is still with us, moved forward to page 12.

## *Licensing Survey*

Next month we will publish the results of the licensing "Election," based on the pro and con ballots cast by ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN readers.

This study is most important because there has been so much contention within the industry over the licensing attitude of service technicians and dealers. Furthermore, the study will break down licensing attitudes according to the locations and situations of those replying. Watch for it next month.

## *Season's Greetings*

This has been a most hectic year for us, and no doubt for you too. The entire ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN staff wishes to express its appreciation for your continued interest, and to wish you and yours a happy holiday and good health and success for the coming year.

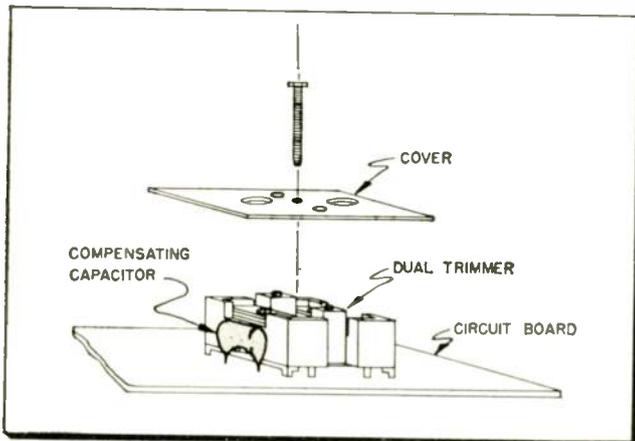
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# TV MANUFACTURERS

## DELCO RADIO

### 1960 Auto Radios—Intermittently Weak, Stations Drift

Some early production 1960 auto radios used square, green-colored compensating capacitors which, in some instances, were intermittent. In addition to causing intermittently weak stations, stations also shift frequency towards the low end of the band. The 0.000220  $\mu\text{f}$  capacitor is located under the small metal shield which mounts on top of the dual trimmer. It can be reached by removing the



Physical location of Delco 220  $\mu\text{f}$  compensating capacitor which may cause intermittently weak and shifting stations.

plate over the trimmer (see drawing).

This defect is an elusive one; even heat from a soldering iron will not break down the capacitor, in most cases. It just seems to break down by itself. When it is out, though, shunting another one across it will restore operation. Delco advises: if a 1960 intermittent complaint has a history of intermittent weak condition with oscillator drift and the radio has a green compensating capacitor (a dark brown-colored one which didn't exhibit any defects was also used), better change it.

## GENERAL ELECTRIC

### Chassis M575—Replacement Yoke Adjustment

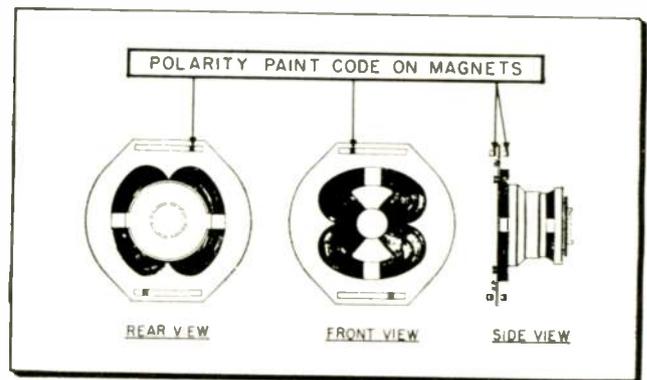
Two pin-cushion correction magnets are assembled to the replacement yoke flange in easily removable plastic holders. Proper placement of these mag-

nets will provide several degrees of correction:

*For maximum correction*—mount magnets on front side of flange.

*For no correction*—remove and discard magnets and holders.

*For moderate correction*—mount magnets on rear side of flange.



G-E pin-cushion correction magnets mounted on a replacement yoke must be mounted in their plastic holders with correct polarity, as indicated by red paint at one end.

The degree of correction needed can be determined by viewing the top and bottom of the raster with the vertical size reduced inside the mask opening. It is important that the magnets be mounted with correct polarity as indicated by the red paint at one end (see illustration).

## MAGNAVOX

### 19 & 27 Series Chassis—Vertical Shrinkage

A possible source of vertical shrinkage is the change of capacity in C502 (0.15  $\mu\text{f}$ ) because of heat from the nearby 12R5 tube. To correct this condition, a heat shield made of asbestos may be placed between the tube and capacitor or wrapped around the body of the capacitor.

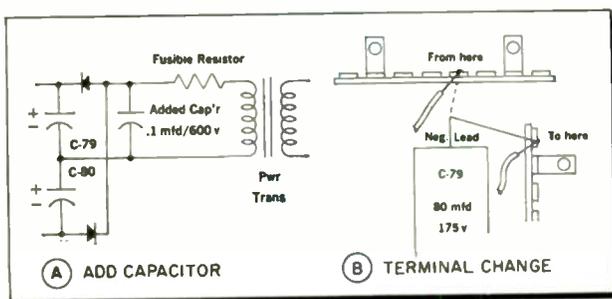
## PACKARD BELL

### Chassis V8-2, -4, -5—Silicon Rectifier Failure

Because of voltage surges, some silicon rectifiers have failed in these chassis. New silicon rectifiers

# TECHNICAL DIGEST

of the solder-in variety now replace the snap-in rectifiers. If replacement is necessary, *both* rectifiers should be changed to the new type. Be sure to



Some Packard Bell silicon rectifiers have failed due to voltage surges. Use the new solder-in types when replacing. Other changes for rectifier protection are shown in (A) and (B).

observe proper polarity. The following changes are also necessary: (A) Add a  $0.1 \mu\text{f}/600 \text{ v.}$  capacitor across the power transformer's secondary, on the output side of the fusible resistor (see illustration). This will protect rectifiers from any high transient voltages. (B) To prevent possible arcing from the yoke lead back through the rectifiers, the negative lead of C-79 ( $80 \mu\text{f}/175 \text{ v.}$ ) and the lead it connects to should be moved as shown.

## PHILCO

### Chassis 11N51—Bad Connection Causes Ringing

A distributor service manager reported a perplexing case of an 11N51 receiver exhibiting excessive horizontal ringing. The ringing was due to a 1000 ohm resistor, located on the rear of the yoke socket, changing in value due to excessive current. This was caused by a bad pin connection of the yoke plug with the yoke socket.

The horizontal yoke is wired into pins P3, PX, and P8, as the schematic indicates. In this case, pin 8 was not making good contact. To eliminate a future problem, Philco suggests that all three socket pin connections be checked and adjusted. This can be done by inserting a soldering aid or any sharp pointed instrument between the metal connector and the outside shell of the hole in the yoke socket and pushing the metal towards the center of the hole. In other words, making the metal loop smaller to insure good contact with the male plug.

If the 1000 ohm resistor is damaged, it should be replaced. Since this component is located on the rear of the yoke socket, the chassis must be removed and the high voltage cage's four drive screws removed. Two screws holding the HV cage to the HV transformer bracket are then removed. Bend the cage towards the front of the chassis and replace the defective resistor on the yoke socket.



Horizontal ringing in a Philco 11N51 chassis was due to a changed-value 1000 ohm yoke resistor shown in the insert. The resistor is physically located on the rear of the yoke socket, which is secured to the high voltage cage. Chassis must be removed to change it. The resistor could change value because of bad yoke female contacts P3, PX, or P8.

## WESTINGHOUSE

### Chassis V-2374, 5, & 7 Series—5CL8A Tube

If trouble occurs in the "sound" or "vertical" circuit of these chassis, and a 5CL8A tube replacement is necessary, *do not substitute* a 5CL8. The replacement should either be a 5CL8A or 5FV8 tube.

A 5CL8, when used in place of a 5CL8A in these chassis, can cause severe hum in the sound and/or vertical foldover.

# NEAR— The National Emergency Alarm Repeater System



Fig. 1—The NEAR system receiver plugs into a standard double wall outlet just like a lamp. Manufactured at the AC Spark Plug Div. plant in Flint, Mich., it emits a loud warning buzz when activated.

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## Introduction To NEAR

**Q. What is NEAR?**

A. The National Emergency Alarm Repeater system developed to alert as many people as possible to a danger within one minute.

**Q. Will this system supplant sirens?**

A. No. Sirens provide outdoor alert coverage in many areas. NEAR provides indoor coverage, especially needed in suburban and rural areas.

**Q. How does it operate?**

A. A three-inch box, plugged into a standard wall outlet, emits an alarm when activated by a 240-cycle voltage transmitted over the regular 60-cycle power lines.

**Q. What will it cost?**

A. In mass produced quantities—between \$5.00 and \$10.00. Average power consumption cost is \$0.50 per year.

**Q. Is it ready for production?**

A. Yes, though a certain amount of tool-up time is required. Installed nationwide, with a "crash" program, the system could be operative in two years.

**Q. Who will control its operation?**

A. The Federal Government through the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

• It's just a little black box that plugs into any standard electrical outlet—yet it holds the solution to a serious national defense problem: how to issue an alert warning *inside* millions of American homes, schools, factories, and offices, as a supplement to outdoor sirens. Many outdoor sirens don't reach suburban and rural areas.

The "little box" shown in Fig. 1 is one of the basic components in the NEAR system (abbreviated title for the National Emergency Alarm Repeater system recently developed). It is the receiver or alerting device that warns listeners of an enemy attack. The device is activated by a special signal carried through the regular community power system.

The search for such a system started in 1952. The final choice had some stringent goals: (1) Absolute reliability. (2) Available to everyone, 24 hours a day. (3) Economical. The NEAR system, of course, closely fulfills these requirements. In addition, the system can conceivably be used for local warnings, such as tornadoes, floods, or any other type of disaster.

### Operation

Different transmission methods were explored, including: telephone lines, radio, and power lines. The latter method, power lines, was selected. Investigation revealed that electric power lines reach 96% of the population (99% in critical defense areas), while telephones cover only 73% of the population. Although millions of families own radios, only a small percentage (8%) have it on at a given moment.

Saturable reactors at power stations are used to generate a fourth harmonic of the regular 60 cps current. The ensuing 240-cycle signal can be transmitted over regular power lines without interfering with the flow of commercial power.

To send a signal throughout the nation a master station and a network of repeaters must be used. Between 400 and 600 signal-generating stations, strategically placed, can cover the United States. This cost is approximated at 50 million dollars.

Following the coded signal, each

generator will produce the necessary signal to activate home receivers. The "little box" receiver responds to the 240 cps signal by emitting an audible alarm loud enough to be heard throughout a typical two or three bedroom home.

### NEAR Receiver

A NEAR receiver simply plugs into a standard wall outlet in the same manner as an electric iron or toaster. An orange glow from a neon lamp indicates that the a-c line voltage is being applied and is normal. Mechanical support of the receiver, insuring that it doesn't fall out of the outlet, is accomplished by securing the unit to the outlet's cover plate with a screw.

The receiver, shown in Fig. 2 with its cover removed, must have adequate sensitivity to detect a one-volt, 240-cycle signal for more than ten seconds. To compensate for some loss of sensitivity due to aging of components, the receiver is made to function on 0.6 to 0.8 volts. The one-volt threshold signal represents a signal-to-ambient noise ratio of about 5 to 1, thereby aiding in the prevention of false triggering. (A time-delay of 10 seconds between detection of the 240-cycle signal and actuation of the alarm is sufficient to detect false spasmodic signals, such as lightning and other similar transients.)

The 240-cycle NEAR signal is

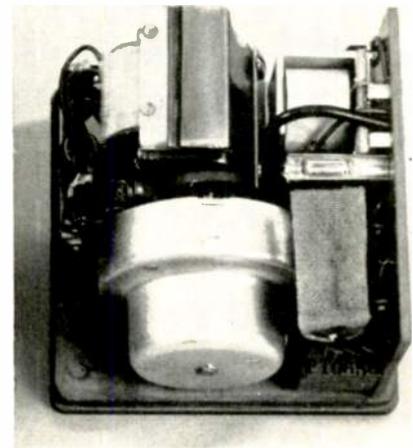


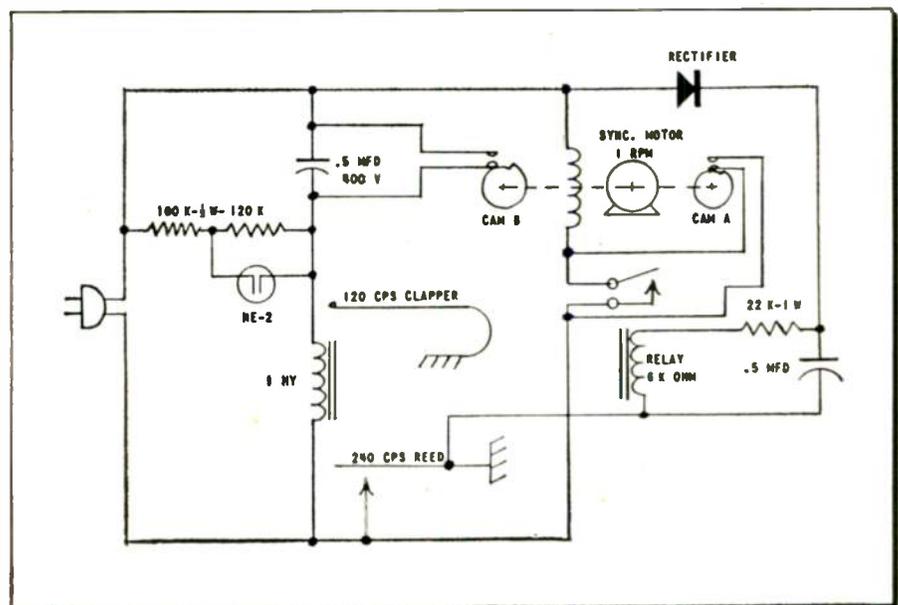
Fig. 2—NEAR receiver with cover removed.

partially detected by the L-C series-resonant circuit connected across the a-c line (see Fig. 3). This circuit draws approximately 2.5 watts when on stand-by. It is estimated that operation of the receiver will only cost the average family \$0.50 per year (less than an electric clock's cost).

When a signal voltage appears, the magnetic flux of the inductor causes a mechanically-resonant reed to vibrate. The vibrating reed intermittently closes a contact. Power is taken from the 60-cycle line through the reed contact, is rectified by a diode, causing a sensitive d-c relay to close. The closed

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Fig. 3—Schematic of a NEAR receiver. The capacitor-inductor across the line resonates to 240 cps.



# Troubleshooting TV Hi-Voltage Rectifier Circuits

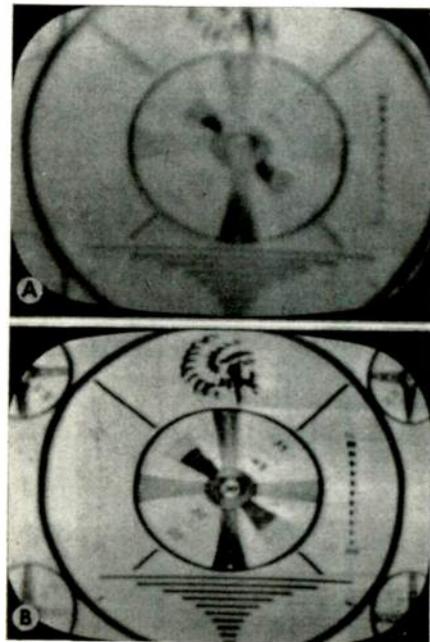


Fig. 1 (A)—Out-of-focus "blooming" picture caused by fault in HV rectifier circuit. (B)—Normal picture after fault is corrected.

## Techniques For Locating & Correcting "Blooming," Decreased Brightness, Unstable Picture, And Other Rectifier Faults.

PERRY SHENEMAN

• High voltage rectifier faults are frequently the direct cause of decreased brightness, blooming, poor focus, excessive size, poor picture quality, in addition to a complete loss of raster. Furthermore, an occasional "tough dog", poor sync, unstable picture, or "noisy" sound problem can arise directly from HV rectifier circuit faults. A "blooming", expanded, out-of-focus picture caused by a HV rectifier defect is shown in Fig. 1A, compared to a normal picture shown in Fig. 1B.

High voltage appearing in the rectifier circuit employed in TV sets is a combined chain-result of various preceding and associated circuits. Failure or below average operation in any of these circuits can naturally be reflected in a decrease or complete loss of high voltage. Hi-voltage rectifier circuits, however, have their own par-

ticular problems, distinct from those arising in preceding or associated circuits.

Disregarding infrequently used voltage doubler and tripler circuits, most TV sets manufactured today employ a simple half-wave hi-voltage rectifier circuit, basically similar to that shown in Fig. 2. Rectifier tube types used may be the 1B3, 1G3, 1J3, 1K3, 1X2, or 1AX2. Color sets generally have a 3A3 rectifier with some form of voltage regulator.

In addition to a special hi-voltage tube socket and well insulated 2nd anode cable, other components may include a tube heater current-limiting resistor (R-1 Fig. 2), filter capacitor (C-1 Fig. 2), and a filter resistor in series with the 2nd anode lead (R-2 Fig. 2). Current limiting resistors may vary from approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 ohms, rated from 1 to 2 watts. Depending upon circuit design, the filter resistor can be from 1k to 2 megohms, with similar or higher wattage rating. Hi-voltage filters are usually 500

$\mu\text{f}$  capacity, rated to withstand 20kv or higher. When no filter capacitor is provided in the rectifier circuit, or when additional filtering is desired, the inside and outside CRT colloidal graphite aquadag coatings may provide filtering. In this case it is important for the CRT's outside dag coating to be well grounded.

Preceding and associated hi-voltage circuits provide from 12,000 to more than 20,000 a-c volts to the hi-voltage rectifier plate. As we already know, frequency of this pulsed voltage is the same as the horizontal sweep rate—15,750 cps.

### Preliminary Tests

Recognizing that CRT brightness varies with electron beam velocity, and that this speed is primarily determined by the amount of voltage applied to the CRT's 2nd anode (inner dag coating), we are well on the way to solving our rectifier problems. Obviously, the symptoms previously mentioned are all

related—or varying in degree. Thus, a simple, systematic, straight-forward approach is easily possible.

When servicing sets in the home, some technicians use a neon lamp attached to a length of plastic rod for a rapid check to determine the presence or absence of high-voltage. The gas within a low wattage neon lamp (NE-2, NE-51, etc.) will light up in close proximity with r-f. If the high voltage circuit is operating, the lamp will glow at the damper tube's high side, plate cap of the horizontal amplifier, high voltage rectifier, and anywhere around the output and rectifier tubes, and along leads connected to these points.

After making this test with the neon lamp, however, the technician has only proven the *presence* or *absence* of r-f in the circuit. Actual voltage being applied to the CRT 2nd anode is still unknown.

Another practice is to draw an arc from the high voltage rectifier cap and CRT 2nd anode. This, like the neon lamp test, provides no precise information concerning actual anode potential. Furthermore, if a spark is jumped to chassis from the 2nd anode lead, abnormal stresses are placed on the high voltage circuit and may cause breakdown of good components. In addition, this is a dangerous procedure.

When carried out with caution, however, considerable information can be obtained by drawing an arc from various points with a screw driver having a well insulated plas-

tic handle. For example, suppose rapid checks indicate that some r-f exists at the fly-back output—but no raster appears on the CRT screen after the brightness control is turned up. A screw driver tip is placed very near the HV rectifier plate cap. If only a small arc jumps to the screw driver, or no arc jumps, and only a small spark appears at the cap when it is touched momentarily with the screw driver tip, the next step is to remove the fly-back lead clip from the rectifier plate cap.

The screw driver tip is now placed near the metal fly-back lead clip. If a husky arc can now be drawn, the rectifier tube should be changed. If no arc and very little spark appears with the lead removed, the trouble is not in the HV rectifier section.

If the raster still does not appear after the rectifier tube is replaced, the tube should be removed and if it feels at all warm the filter capacitor can be defective. The 2nd anode cable can be leaking to ground, especially around any spring-wire dressing support or at a metal feed-thru point. Metal CRT's sometime leak to ground. Leakage can also occur between inner and outer dag coatings by (a) heavy carbonized dust accumulation at the CRT 2nd anode connection, or through contaminated rubber cup, and (b) in rare cases through glass impurity flaws. If the rectifier tube is not defective the set would generally be taken to the shop where it can be given ade-

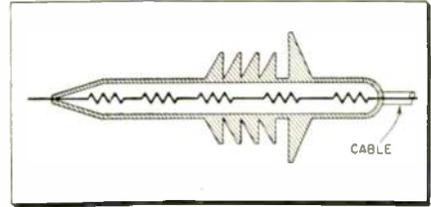


Fig. 3—Simplified cut-away view of a d-c multiplier probe for HV rectifier output measurements. Probes may be designed with a ratio ranging from 5 to 100-to-1 for VOM's, and 30 to 100-to-1 for VTVM's.

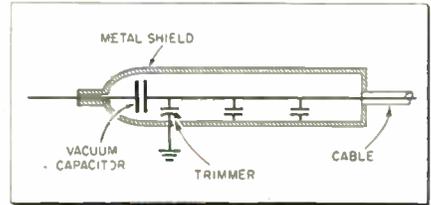


Fig. 4—An a-c HV probe can be used to measure input voltage to a HV rectifier and for observing a-c HV waveforms on scope. Usually designed with a 100 to 1 ratio, series capacitors divide voltage between them. Probe is not suitable for accurate voltage measurements at low a-c frequencies.

quate attention with equipment not normally carried into the home.

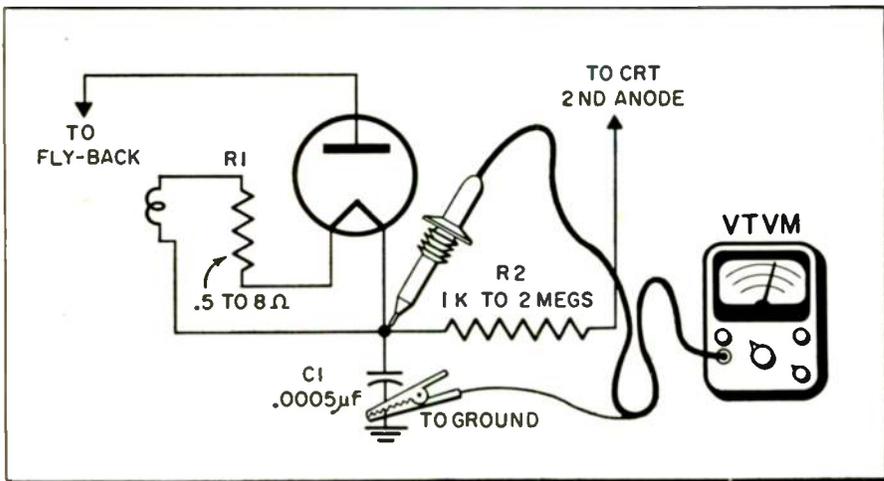
### Advanced Techniques

Capacitive-divider a-c probes are available for voltage measurements at the HV rectifier plate (or flyback output), or for observing HV waveforms on a scope. A simplified schematic of an a-c probe is shown in Fig. 4. These probes are generally constructed with a ratio of 100 to 1, or higher. The low input capacitance employed in the probe is a HV vacuum type. A trimmer capacitance is included for calibration purposes.

D-c potential across the output side of the filament of the high voltage rectifier tube and B minus or ground, will vary from approximately 10kv for small screen portables to beyond 20kv for color sets. To quickly locate the cause of HV-rectifier faults it is absolutely essential to measure the anode voltage if valid and useful information is to be obtained. Measurements must be made under load, with the 2nd anode lead from the rectifier circuit connected to a CRT. If not, adequate equivalent load must be provided. Voltage information can

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Fig. 2—A d-c high voltage probe is used with a VTVM or VOM for measuring voltage at the HV rectifier output. 2nd anode voltage should be measured with connector attached to CRT.



# Understanding Audio VU Meters

*How They Work, Applications,  
And Interpreting Meter Readings*

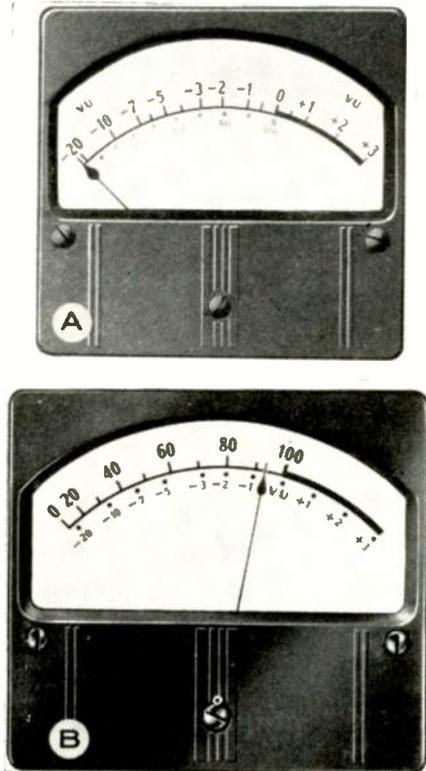


Fig. 1 (A)—Type "A" VU meter has an enlarged volume units scale. (B)—Percentage scale is emphasized on the type "B" VU meter.

HERMAN BURSTEIN

• Audio level indicating meters in tape recorders were almost entirely confined to professional instruments until recent years. Now they are being employed in an increasing number of semi-professional instruments as well as in quality "home" types suited to high fidelity applications.

Two types of audio indicating meters are generally used in tape recorders, as shown in Fig. 1. The type A scale (Fig. 1A) features a VU (volume units) or db scale above, and percentage of modulation scale below. The type B scale (Fig. 1B) is marked with the percentage scale above and VU or db unit scale below. The meter contains a 50 microampere d-c movement and a full wave copper oxide rectifier.

The "0" point on a VU meter scale is an arbitrary reference level. One milliwatt of power through a 600 ohm resistance will cause a VU meter connected directly across the resistance to read "0" VU. However, the VU meter is intended to be used in series with a 3,600 ohm resistor, as shown in Fig. 2. An addi-

tional 3,900 ohms is represented by the meter movement, the rectifier, and a resistor within the meter housing. Thus, total load presented by the meter circuit is 7,500 ohms. When used in series with a 3,600 ohm resistor, 2.5 milliwatts of pow-

er in a 600 ohm line are needed to drive the meter to "0" VU. This translates into a driving requirement of 1.23 volts.

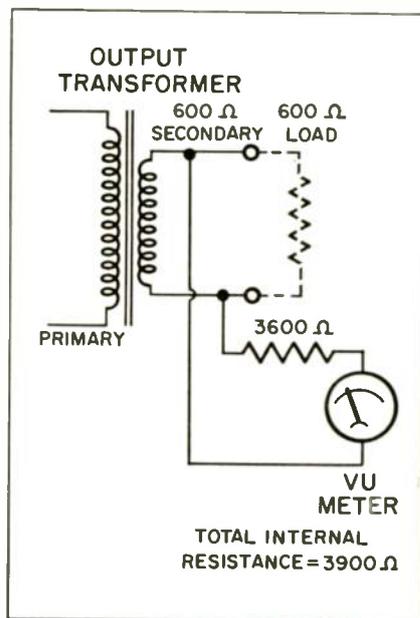
## Advantages

Audio level indicating meters have a number of distinct advantages over visual indicators. For example, the meter can accurately indicate, plus or minus, the recording level producing maximum permissible distortion. It allows proper adjustment of recording level from a particular sound source to obtain the best combination of high signal-to-noise ratio and low distortion. The meter also provides a means of riding the gain constantly, if desired.

The VU meter is a relatively uniform product, and if replaced the new meter provides essentially the same indications. It remains stable over operating time; is highly sensitive and therefore has low driving requirements.

In addition to serving as a record level indicator, it can also be used to check the record head a-c bias level. This is a decided advantage since excessive bias reduces distor-

Fig. 2—Standard method for connecting a VU meter level indicator is across a 600 ohm line with 3,600 ohms in series.



tion but attenuates treble response, while too little bias has the opposite effect. Optimum bias value is fairly critical, especially at speeds below 15 ips. When a switching arrangement is used (see Fig. 3), the VU meter can measure bias through the record head. Voltage is measured across a resistor in series with the record head, and a calibrating resistor is employed so that optimum bias corresponds to a specific point on the meter, usually "0" VU. The meter can also be switched, as in some professional tape instruments, to measure oscillator current through the erase head.

Playback levels, often important in professional applications, can also be measured with the VU meter. As we already know, if the output level is too low in these applications, there may be interference from adjacent audio lines carrying higher level signals. A high level playback may also produce crosstalk on other audio lines, or cause distortion or unnecessary compression in associated line amplifiers.

When connected as shown in Fig. 2, the VU meter exhibits certain characteristics which enables the practiced operator to properly interpret and rely upon its readings. For example, when a sine wave of 2.5 milliwatts is suddenly introduced in the line, overshoot would normally be between 1 and 1.5%. The pointer should read 99 on the percentage scale within 0.3 seconds. Frequency response will generally be within  $\pm 0.2$  db, between 35 and 16,000 cps. Harmonic loading distortion should not exceed 0.2%. The meter can normally withstand 10 times normal voltage overload for half a second, and 5 times normal overload continuously.

High sensitivity of the VU meter is obtained by using a special magnetic alloy. If the meter is mounted in a steel or iron panel, some of the magnetic flux of this alloy is shunted, upsetting the calibration of the meter. When mounted on a steel or iron panel, a VU meter must be specially calibrated by the manufacturer on the basis of panel thickness.

### Applications

When the VU meter is driven as it was meant to be—across a 600

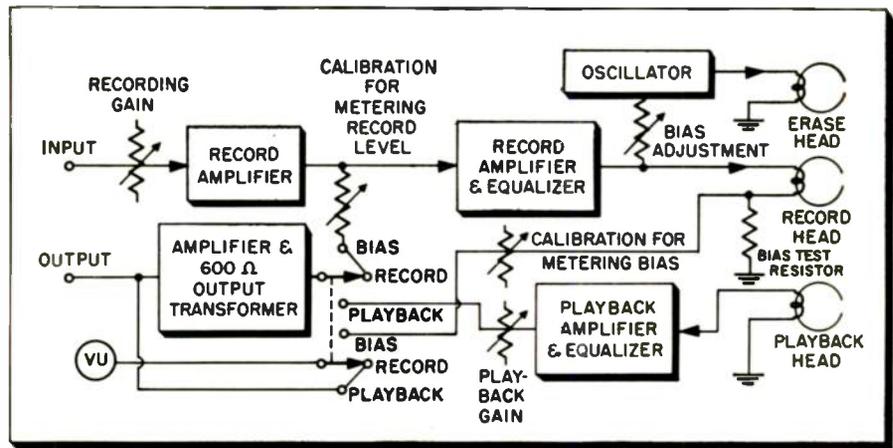


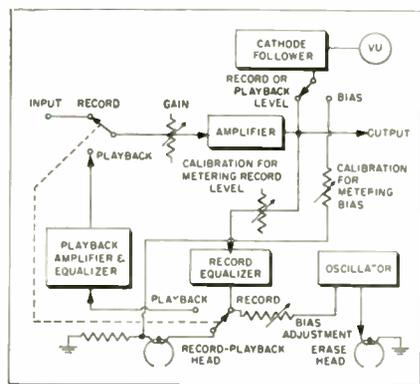
Fig. 3—Switching arrangement in a tape recorder having separate record and playback heads provides a method for measuring record head bias, and record and playback levels. Some switching arrangements allow erase head bias measurements.

ohm line in series with a 3,600 ohm resistor—its dynamic characteristics (overshoot and response time) are preserved. This is of particular importance to the recordist.

In some tape recorders the VU meter is employed as shown in Fig. 3. It can be switched to a 600 ohm output transformer for measuring either recording level or playback level, or it can be switched to measure bias current through the record head. With a stage of amplification, the 600 ohm transformer can be connected to the record amplifier through a calibrating resistor. The VU meter then serves as a level indicator. It can also be connected to the playback amplifier to measure output level.

In another arrangement a separate A-B switch is used to connect the output jack to either the incoming or the playback signal. Thus the meter can be employed to measure recording level while the playback signal is available for monitoring.

Fig. 4—VU meter in a single record-playback head type recorder is driven by its own cathode follower. Meter does not load signal.



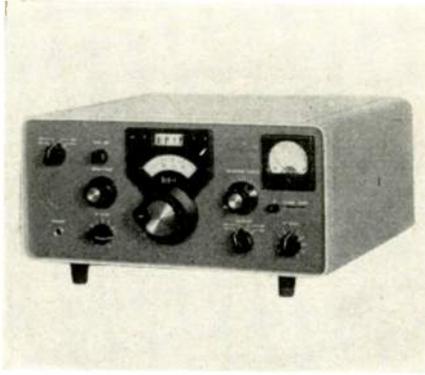
A number of other arrangements are used. In some circuits the VU meter is not placed directly across the output, as in Figs. 3. Instead, it is driven by its own cathode follower, as shown in Fig. 4. The advantage here is that the meter does not load the signal.

If the VU meter plus the 3,600 ohm external resistor are placed across a circuit having appreciably more than 600 ohms output impedance, excessive loading distortion will result. Although the external resistor could be increased, more driving signal would be required.

It should be noted at this point that the copper oxide rectifier used in the VU meter (and other comparable movements) displays a certain non-linear characteristic: Its impedance varies with polarity and instantaneous signal voltage. The resulting fluctuation in load impedance can have a significant effect on the signal voltage unless this impedance is more than ten times that of the signal source. Otherwise, distortion and signal attenuation can result. By isolating the VU meter from the circuit with a cathode follower providing required drive, minimum loading can be obtained.

When serving as a record level indicator, in most cases the VU meter is connected to the audio signal at a stage prior to record equalization, as illustrated in Fig. 3, rather than after equalization. In most quality instruments, equalization conforms to NAB standards—involving a large amount of treble boost and little or no bass boost.

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Collins Model 51S-1



Gonset Model G-63



Hallicrafters Model SX-110

# The Communications Receiver As A Service Instrument

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• It is surprising to learn that the multiband communications receiver, used extensively by laboratory engineers, factory technicians, ad-

vanced hobbyists and hams, is seldom found in the radio-TV service shop. Properly used, the communications set is a versatile test instrument. What's more, the unit can be invaluable in keeping more conventional instruments "up-to-snuff."

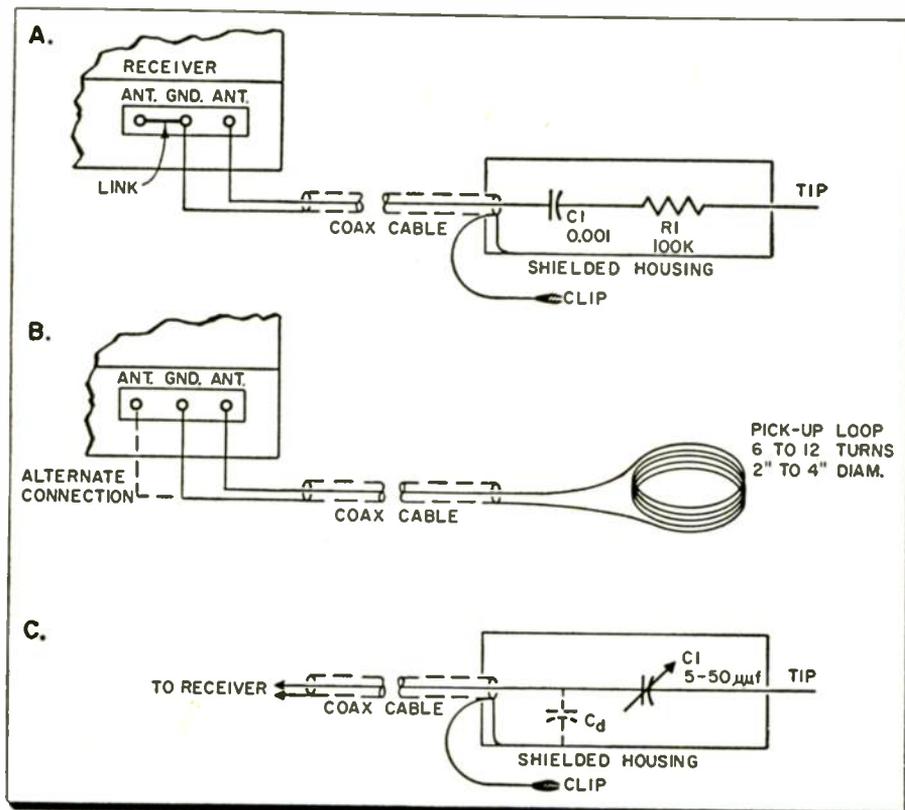
Fig. 1 (A)—General purpose r-f probe employed with communications receiver for stage-by-stage signal tracing. (B)—Pick-up loop probe used for multi-band location of interference. This unit is also ideal for probing radio transmitters for spurious and harmonic radiations. (C)—Special probe for checking high level r-f circuits. Invaluable for making stage-by-stage checks in two-way mobile and other type transmitters.

Like most electronic equipment, the communications receiver is manufactured in a variety of shapes, sizes, styles and price ranges. Sometimes, the name "communications receiver" is tagged to receivers which are not much more than ac-dc broadcast-band sets with a few extra tuning bands, a mechanical "bandspread" control, earphone jacks, and a built-in beat frequency oscillator (B.F.O.). The true communications set is a much more sophisticated instrument.

For maximum service shop utility, the set should have certain basic specifications. A suitable receiver probably will cost about \$140.00 to over \$300.00 if purchased new as a factory-built instrument, and between \$100.00 to \$200.00 in "kit" form. Used receivers, if in good condition, are frequently quite satisfactory and sell from about 30% to 50% less.

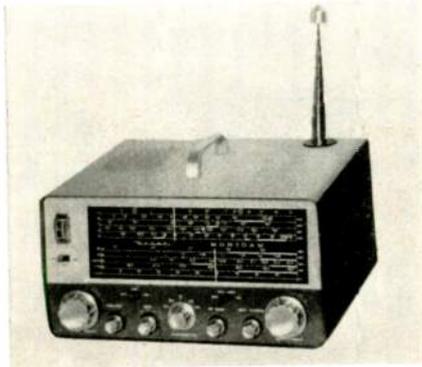
## Receiver Specifications

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Hammarlund Model HQ180



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National Model NC-270

## Unit Can Serve As A Frequency Standard, Interference Locator, And Signal Tracer

is not too critical, its tuning range should extend from the lower end of the AM broadcast-band (540 Kc) to (at least) 28 or 30 mc. Coverage should be continuous in three to five overlapping bands.

Good sensitivity and selectivity are important features. A good "rule of thumb" is about 2 microvolts (or better) for a 10 db s/n ratio on the short-wave bands, although somewhat less sensitivity may be tolerated on the broadcast-band (540 to 1620 Kc). An image rejection of at least 20 db is desirable. In most cases, the set's sensitivity and selectivity specifications will vary over its tuning range . . . the values given should be considered as minimums.

Circuit-wise, a tuned r-f stage ahead of the mixer should be considered a must. The majority of better receivers will have at least two i-f stages, followed by a diode detector and a two or three stage audio section. A separate BFO should be provided. Since good stability is an essential requirement, the set will probably be equipped with a separate temperature compensated local oscillator, and possibly, a voltage-regulated B supply.

A built-in S-meter and a crystal-controlled calibrator (100 Kc) are extremely worthwhile optional features. Useful from an operational viewpoint, but not too necessary in bench work, such features as variable selectivity i-f's, Q-multiplier, calibrated bandspread, crystal i-f

filter, and an automatic noise limiter (ANL) will be found in some receivers.

If the technician is unfamiliar with communications receiver operation, he'll find that an hour or two spent studying the set's instruction manual and familiarizing himself with the purpose and function of each control will pay rich dividends in future work. With as many controls as a typical oscilloscope, the better receivers are capable of superior, poor, or indifferent performance, depending on the skill of the operator.

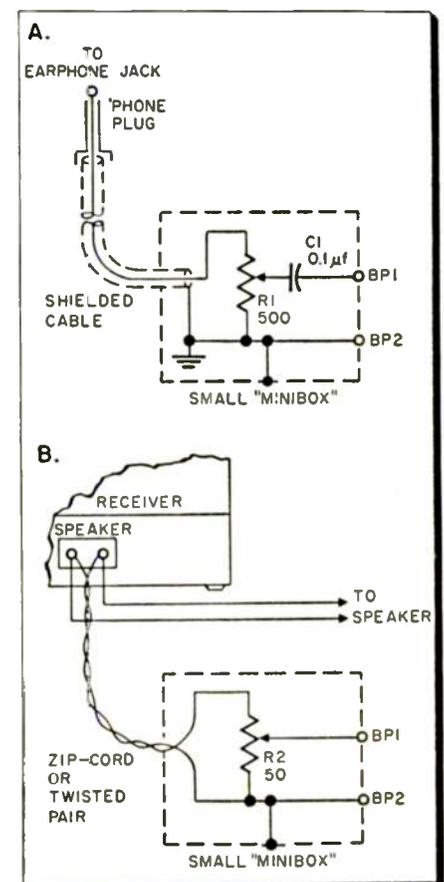
The more common controls include the power switch (OFF, ON, STANDBY), function switch (PHONE, CW, CAL., SSB), BFO Pitch (or Tone), Bandswitch, main, tuning, bandspread tuning, r-f gain, a-f gain, and antenna tuning (or trimmer). The use of these controls should be obvious from their titles, although the "STANDBY" position of the power switch may be new to workers unfamiliar with communications practice. When on "standby," the receiver's filaments are kept on, but plate and screen voltages are not applied to the tubes. This offers two advantages . . . (a) the set is ready for instant operation without additional "warm-up" and (b) component temperatures are kept constant, assuring stable operation and minimum drift.

A variety of additional controls will be found on some receivers. The type and number will depend

on special circuit features (such as a "Q" multiplier, an ANL circuit, etc.) included in the set's design. These special controls will vary considerably from one set to another and, therefore, cannot be covered conveniently in a general discussion. However, the function and use will be discussed in detail in the set's instruction manual.

In most service work, the set will be kept on standby during working  
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Fig. 2 (A)—Sound take-off adaptor for signal transfer from receiver's phone jack can be used in hi-fi and other audio applications. (B)—Similar sound take-off adaptor for use at set's speaker terminals.



# The BBB's Candid View

## The National Better Business Bureau's President

KENNETH B. WILLSON  
President

National Better Business Bureau

• The Better Business Bureaus keep national statistics of the complaints and inquiries which they receive, breaking them down into categories such as apparel, food, jewelry, etc. In 1959, the third largest volume of complaints involved sales and service of major electronics consumer products. (The home improvement field—storm windows, roofing, etc.—had the largest volume of public complaints; second largest concerned household appliances.) Approximately one out of every ten complaints registered with the Bureau in 1959 was against electronic consumer products.

Considering the enormous volume of radios, TV receivers, phonographs, tape recorders, auto radios in use today, the complexity of these products and the inevitability of the need for servicing, the poor rating in our complaint pic-

ture is understandably related to the nature of these products.

### Consumer Complaints

The criticisms and complaints received cover a wide range of factors; many overlap. They may be organized into three divisions: (1) consumer complaints, (2) service dealer complaints against manufacturers, (3) . . . against parts distributors. Consumer complaints are as follows:

**Misunderstanding of Warranties:** A great many consumers simply do not comprehend why they are obligated to pay a serviceman to tell them why an in-warranty set or product has broken down. They comprehend even less why they must pay him to repair it. People feel if their new product has some factory built-in defect they should not be penalized by being asked to pay for it. This is the primary cause of all home electronics and appliance complaints received.

What this amounts to is manufacturers failing somewhere along the line to communicate to their customers that a warranty is not an unconditional guarantee. Even though the terms of warranties may be specifically stated in advertising and sales literature, many complain about any costs involved—largely, I believe, because they do not understand or remember those terms.

**Excessive Charges:** Reports and stories from consumers of having been "robbed" by servicemen are far from infrequent, and servicemen themselves complain in volume about their unethical minority. On a number of occasions, Better Business Bureaus have made investigations of the integrity of cer-

tain dealers after receiving a multiplicity of public complaints charging dishonesty. Such investigations invariably have confirmed that the servicemen complained against in volume were over-charging or loading the bill with extensive repairs and replacement parts.

The honest serviceman is also subject to complaints of over-charging by consumers who do not understand the economies of running a service business, and the complexity of electronic equipment.

Thus, such complaints of excessive charging, whether justified or not, are often accompanied by the charge of dishonesty. This is an albatross which accompanies the serviceman on every service call.

**Inefficient Service:** The Better Business Bureau has many complaints about the inefficiency and/or incompetence concerning servicemen who call at homes. Consumers report, after extensive probing these men can't figure out what's wrong with a set, and insist it has to go to the shop for repairs. Often, even the qualified serviceman who cannot properly diagnose or correct a fault without using his bench equipment, is complained against by a public which does not understand the difficulty encountered in servicing.

When failure to diagnose and fix a fault in the home is followed by an extensive list of repairs and replacements in the shop, public complaint of inefficiency is joined by that of excessive charging.

**Other Complaints:** There are a few other scattered causes of public complaint to Better Business Bureaus against the servicing of home electronics products, such as: the use of defective parts and re-



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

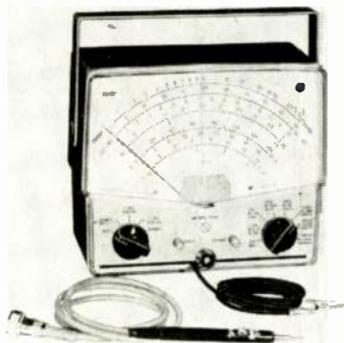


# New Products

## Triplet VTVM

Model 850 features superior voltage measuring capabilities plus resistance range to 1000 megohms; 5v full scale range on d-c; meter connected in cathode circuit of 12AU7 for stability; scales, 7" long at top arc for easy reading; frequency range, 15 cps to 3 megacycles; separate scale for peak-to-peak readings; single unit probe with built-in switch for a-c/d-c/ohms; 11 megohm input resistance on all d-c voltage ranges; a-c impedance, minimum .83 megohm. Triplet Electrical Instrument Co., Bluffton, Ohio.

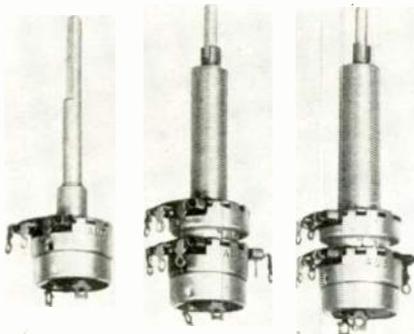
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## Centralab CONTROLS

Models A/U-1, A/U-2 and A/U-3 exact replacement auto radio controls are announced. The three units are exact replacements for Automatic Universal radios, dating from 1942 to the present time. Models A/U-1 and A/U-2 are exact replacements in the Automatic Universal radios used in 31 lines of foreign automobiles now being used in the United States. Model A/U-3 covers applications in 1957, 1958 and 1959 Fords. Centralab, 900 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wis.

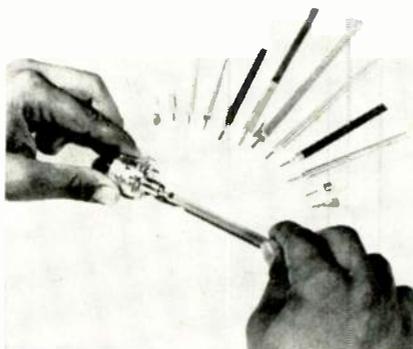
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## Clarostat SWITCH/CONTROL

C47S push-pull switch/control, with Pick-A-Shaft shafts, is a standard Clarostat series 47 with a push-pull switch rear unit. It permits preset volume settings independent of on/off function. The replacement of this type assembly has long presented a problem as each manufacturer employed a shaft of different length or configuration. The new unit permits the selection of the appropriate electrical assembly, and then that of the proper shaft. Assembly of unit and shaft can be made in seconds. Clarostat Mfg. Co., Dover, N. H.

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## Mercury RECTIFIER TESTER

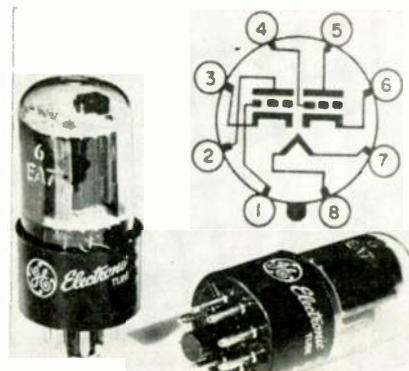
Model 600 in-circuit rectifier tester checks all power rectifiers (selenium, germanium, silicon, copper oxide, etc.), without disconnecting the rectifier from the circuit. Also checks all rectifiers out-of-circuit as effectively as in-circuit for quality, shorts, fading, opens, arcing and life expectancy. For in-circuit testing, the test leads are simply clipped across the rectifier right in the circuit, and the test switch is depressed for an instant reading. \$27.50. Mercury Electronics Corp., 77 Searing Ave., Mineola, N. Y.

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## G-E TUBE

Type 6EA7, a new low-high plate dissipation double triode tube, is designed for vertical-deflection oscillator and amplifier applications in TV receivers. It is an octal "GT" type and contains both a high-mu triode (section 1) and a low-mu, high-perveance triode (section 2). Section 1 has

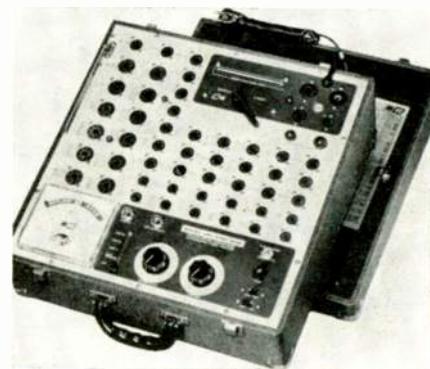


a design maximum rating of 350 plate volts with peak negative grid voltage of 400 and plate dissipation of 1.0 watt. Section 2, design maximum plate voltage rating, 550v d-c, rated at 10 watts plate dissipation and 175 milliamperes of peak cathode current. General Electric Co., Receiving Tube Dept., Owensboro, Ky.

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## B&K TUBE TESTER

New model 685 dynamic mutual conductance tube tester features the speed of multiple-socket testing for existing tube types, plus punch-card testing for new tubes. Checks all tubes most widely used in TV receivers, plus popular home and portable radio



tubes, including the nuvistor, also many industrial tubes and two-way radio tubes. It is compact and easily portable 17" x 17" x 7½". Includes 25 blank Dyna-cards, hand punch and tube card information service. \$199.95. B&K Mfg. Co., 1801 W. Belle Plaine, Chicago 13, Ill.

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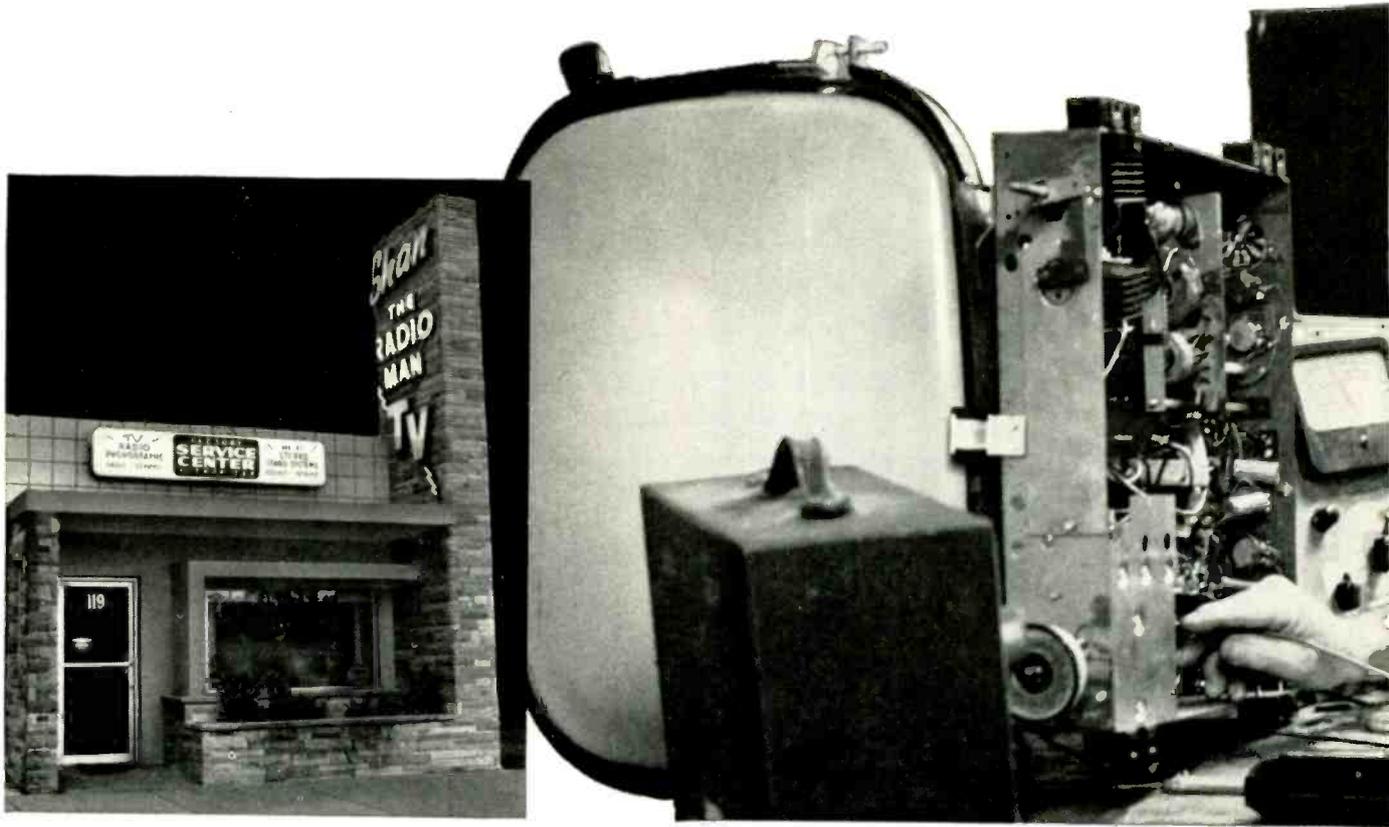
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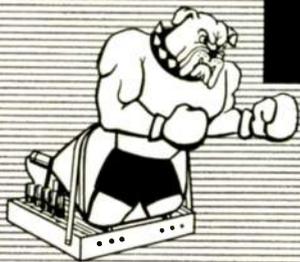
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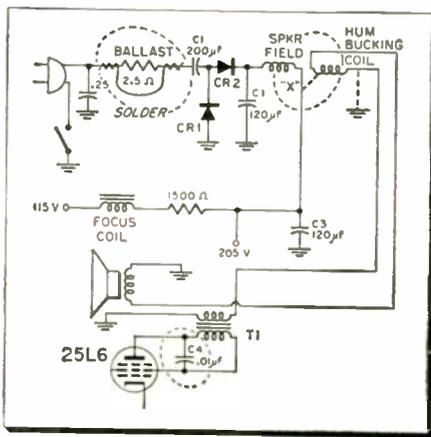


Fig. 1—Solder jumper across ballast tube caused damage to selenium rectifier and filter capacitor when dynamic speaker shorted.

a loud hum in the sound. To complicate matters, this was a case where voltage measurements were impractical, an ohmmeter being the only practical tool.

After checking resistances at different points along the power (this set uses a ballast tube) and B+ lines, I discovered the hum-bucking coil (in conjunction with the speaker field) was shorting to ground—but only when the set was on. This placed a direct ground at point "X," as shown in Fig. 1. Note that the secondary of T-1, the output transformer, and the hum-bucking coil in series are grounded. This short

placed C-1 and CR-2 directly across the line, causing high current to be drawn. Careful investigation revealed why the ballast tube didn't blow. A piece of wire solder was twisted across the ballast tube terminals. In effect, there was no ballast!

After replacing the ballast tube, input filter, and speaker, I still had no audio. Further checks showed that C-4 across the primary of T-1 was shorting. Replacing this capacitor restored the sound.—George J. Rupp, Baltimore, Md.

#### Motorboating Radio

A Philco portable radio, model E676, recently came into my shop with a defective selenium rectifier. Replacing this part corrected the difficulty. Thinking the repair was completed, I turned the set on for a final check. At low volume the sound was normal. But after advancing the control, "motor-boating" became apparent in the sound. After considerable troubleshooting—checking bypass capacitors and filters, nothing proved defective. Attempting to eliminate this new problem, I found that installing a jumper wire between the low end of the volume control and the control mounting bracket, as shown in Fig.

2, stopped the motor-boating. The radio now sounded good. While re-assembling the set, I noticed the

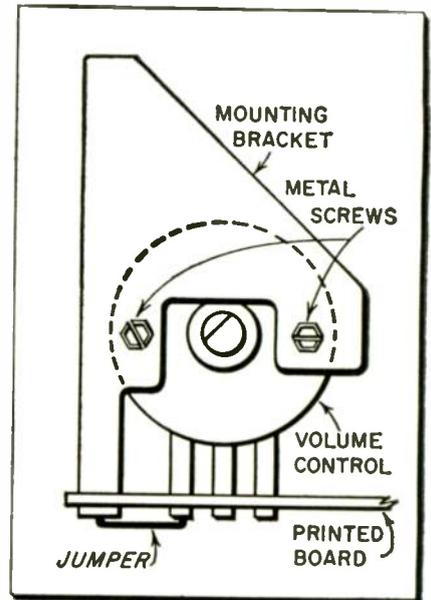


Fig. 2—Motorboating in PC radio is caused by open ground-return on volume control when bottom plate is removed to service set.

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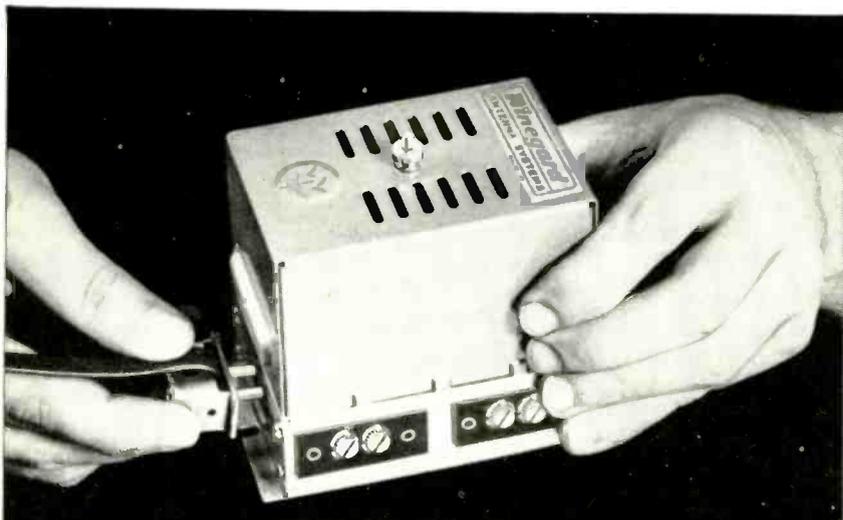
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16-PC6	455 kc Output I.F. <sup>o</sup>
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16-PC8	455 kc Output I.F. - battery radios
16-PC9	455 kc Input I.F. - AC-DC radios
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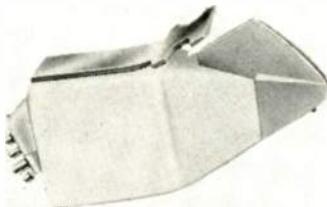
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### Stanton CALIBRATION STANDARD

Announced as now available for general use, model 381 ultra-linear pickup originally developed for the professional level of the recording and broadcasting industry. In addition to the standard high impedance model (47,000-100,000 ohms), low impedance models of 250 or 500/600 ohms are



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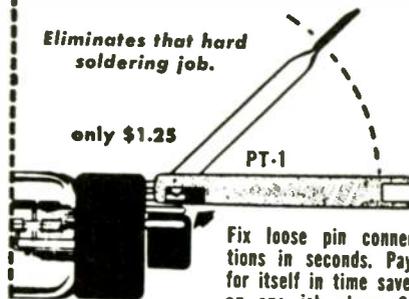
On page 20 of the Oct. 1960 issue, a description of Jerrold Electronics' new Model DSA-202 mast-mounted preamplifier for TV and FM contains a typographical error. It was incorrectly stated that the unit covers the UHF channels. The correct statement is that the DSA-202 provides 20 db gain for all VHF (very high frequency channels 2 to 13) TV channels.

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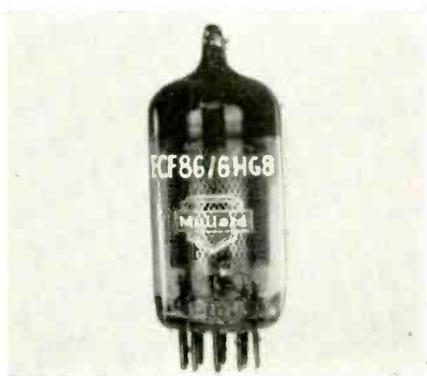


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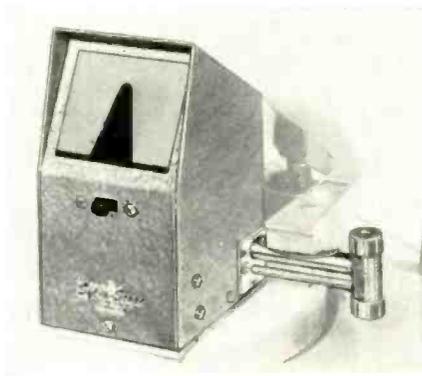


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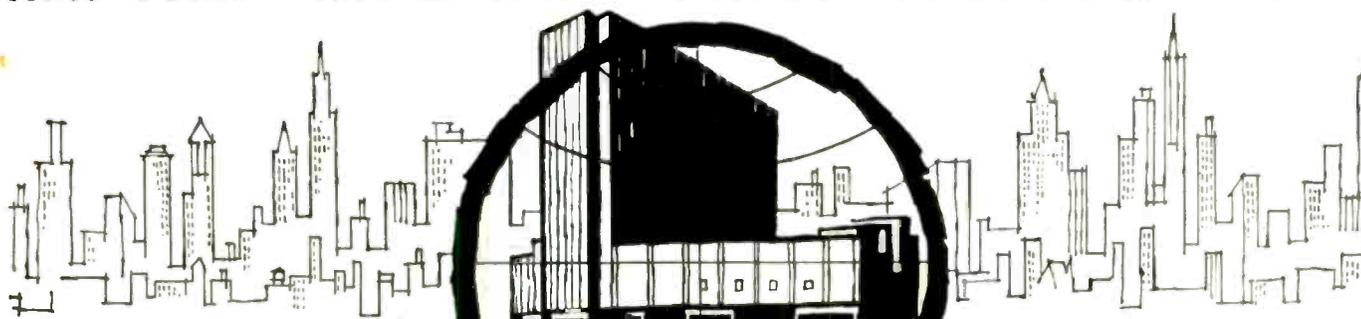
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## Tips for Home and Bench Service

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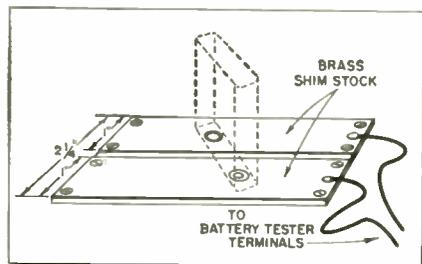


Fig. 1—Two strips of brass shim stock attached to board provides a test adaptor for rapidly checking clip-type batteries.

outline of the working mechanism, as shown in Fig. 2.



Fig. 2—Chalk marks on record player mounting pins can be transferred to a brown paper or cardboard template to be used for accurately cutting equipment mounting bases.

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### Base Template

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outline of the working mechanism, as shown in Fig. 2. (tor) is placed in series with the vertical windings to prevent an increase in winding resistance with a rise in temperature. Compensation for this temperature increase is necessary to maintain a stable vertical height and linearity.

Thermistors, having a negative coefficient of resistance, decrease in resistance with an increase in ambient temperature. It is placed in series with the vertical windings, as shown in Fig. 3, and positioned in proximity with the vertical coils. As these windings heat, resistance of the thermistor and the yoke's vertical coils oppose one another and the effective overall resistance naturally remains relatively constant.

Although few thermistors fail, an improperly functioning thermistor can affect vertical height and linearity. Consequently, technicians

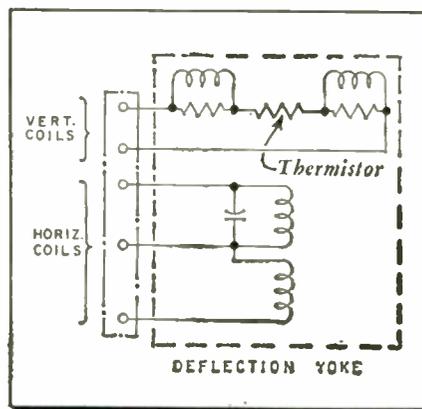


Fig. 3—A thermistor has been installed in series with the vertical windings of an RCA deflection yoke to stabilize vertical height and linearity. If it becomes defective it can affect vertical height and linearity.

### Thermistors in TV Yokes

Deflection yoke vertical windings in RCA TV receivers employ a thermistor in addition to regular damping resistors. The thermistor (a temperature compensating resis-

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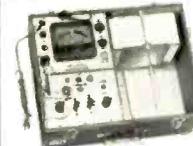
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## High Voltage Rectifier Circuits

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be obtained accurately and safely with a VTVM or high resistance d-c voltmeter fitted with a d-c multiplier probe, as shown in Fig. 3.

Commercial high voltage probes both a-c and d-c types, are standard accessories for most VTVM's, VOM's, etc. If a high voltage probe is not available, however, the re-

sistance needed to increase an instrument's range can be easily computed. Probe resistance for any d-c meter, either a VTVM or moving coil voltmeter, may be computed when the internal resistance of the meter, the volts range to be used, and the maximum volts to be measured is known. The meter current is first determined in microamperes at full scale:

$$\text{Meter current in } \mu\text{amps} = \frac{\text{meter range (full-scale v.)}}{\text{meter resistance (megohms)}}$$

VTVM's usually draw 40 to 90 microamperes at full scale, whereas moving coil type d-c voltmeters draw from 10 to 50 microamperes at full scale. D-c input resistance of service VTVM's generally range from 10 to 20 megohms, and the VOM's range varies from a few thousand ohms to beyond 150 megohms—depending upon the voltage scale being used.

Total required resistance is determined as follows:

$$\text{In megohms resistance} = \frac{\text{maximum voltage to be measured}}{\text{meter current } (\mu\text{amps})}$$

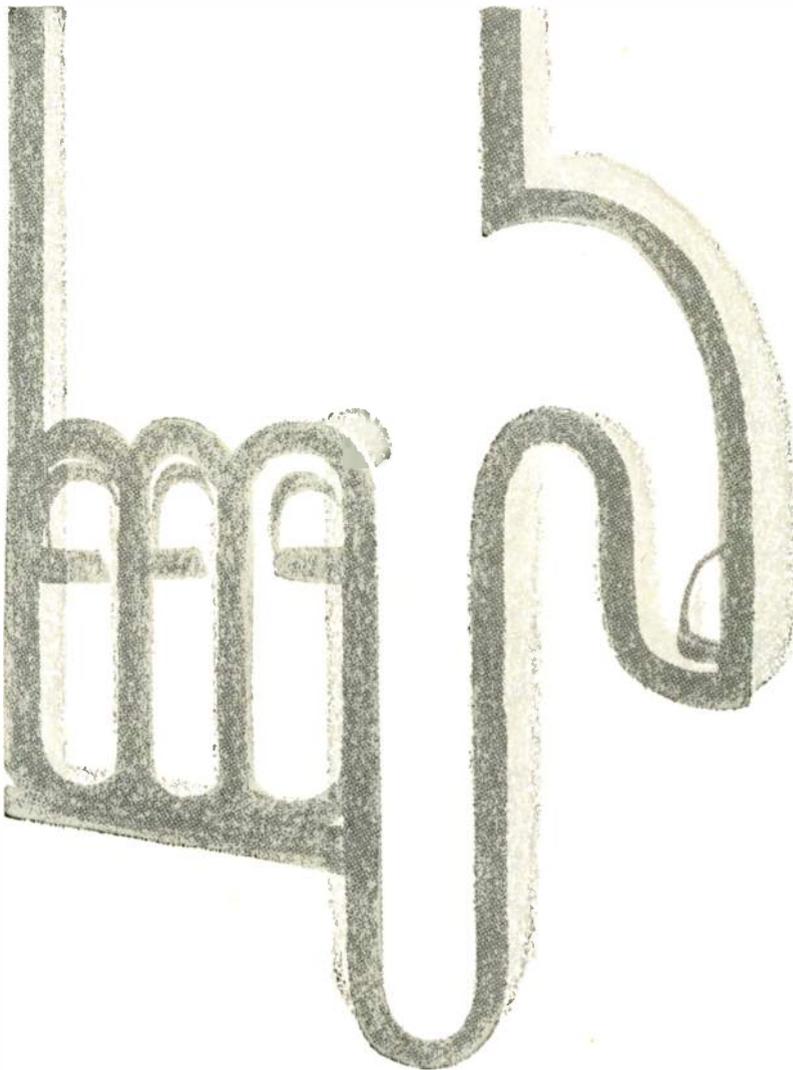
Probe resistance equals total resistance minus the meter resistance.

A probe may be checked by setting the brightness at a low level and connecting the probe to the 2nd anode. If the brightness increase is negligible, resistance of the probe is probably satisfactory. However, if brightness increases during the test, the probe resistance is probably too low. If the brightness decreases, of course, resistance of the probe is too high. The probe should have little effect on lowering the anode voltage. Because of the inherently poor high voltage regulation of monochrome television sets, however, indicated voltage may read somewhat lower than that obtained under no-load conditions. It should be pointed out here that all probes employed in HV measurements should be adequately insulated for the technician's protection.

### Voltage Measurements

If voltage at the CRT 2nd anode measures normal, the trouble is not in the high voltage rectifier circuit. If the voltage is low at the CRT 2nd anode connection, the next point of measurement should be at the HV rectifier tube's heater. If the voltage is normal here, this indicates an open or defective anode series resistor. Some sets do not include this resistor. If it is employed in the circuit it can overheat, go very high in resistance, and result in a large voltage drop.

Of course, another approach is possible here. After measuring the 2nd anode voltage under load, it can be measured under no-load conditions by removing the lead



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from the CRT. If the voltage at the anode connector rises appreciably from load conditions, somewhat similar conclusions can be drawn except (assuming rectifier tube is good) the current limiting resistor in the tube's heater can be defective. Likewise, conditions previously outlined for CRT and 2nd anode cable leakage could also be the cause.

If a current limiting resistor is used in the set it will usually be located beneath the HV-rectifier tube socket and will normally be soldered across two socket contacts. When this resistor is replaced the same tie points should always be used. Because of its position the resistor is often overlooked by technicians. The resistor is critical and should be replaced with the exact value specified by the manufacturer.

When several high voltage rectifier tubes burn out within a short period of time the cause is generally excessive filament voltage. This sometimes occurs when a "nearly exact" flyback transformer is substituted. It is not practical to measure rectifier filament voltage without special equipment, and attempting to judge proper temperature of a high voltage rectifier heater by the amount or color of light it gives off can be misleading. A better way is to disconnect the heater wires at the socket and wire in a 1.5 volt dry cell. Operation of the circuit should then be observed under these conditions to determine if the tube heater again burns out. Since the dry cell is at high d-c potential, it naturally must be well insulated. Filament voltage may be reduced by separating the filament winding (if more than one turn is used) or placing heater turns in a weaker field of the fly-back—depending upon design. If a heater winding is replaced on a fly-back because of age, etc., make certain the original position and amount of wire is duplicated.

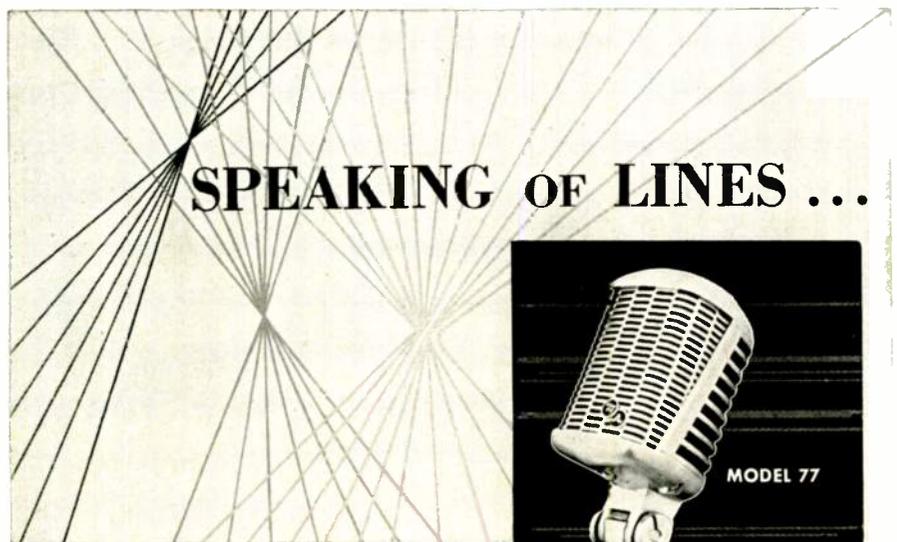
Defective HV filter capacitors, variously called "hy-caps," "cart-wheels," "door-knobs," etc., are in a special class—perhaps because shops are seldom equipped with an instrument capable of providing a precise test of the capacitor's condition. When leaking under load the capacitor can cause interference to picture, sound, and disrupt

sync stability, in addition to normal HV failures. The only sure test is a substitution.

### Component Replacement

Many highly qualified technicians seldom realize how critical the HV "cage" can be. Tolerances are narrow in most respects—including lead dress, parts placement, solder joints, etc. Sloppy replacement of a fly-back, filter capacitor, rectifier tube socket, etc., can result

in unnecessary call-backs. Parts placement should conform precisely with that of original components. All leads should be short and run as direct as practical. HV leads should be dressed away from lower potential points whenever possible. Ties should contain one full turn of pre-tinned wire with no surplus bare wire extending away from the tie point—insulation snug to the tie. Solder should cover all strands of the wrap—being built up in a slightly curved



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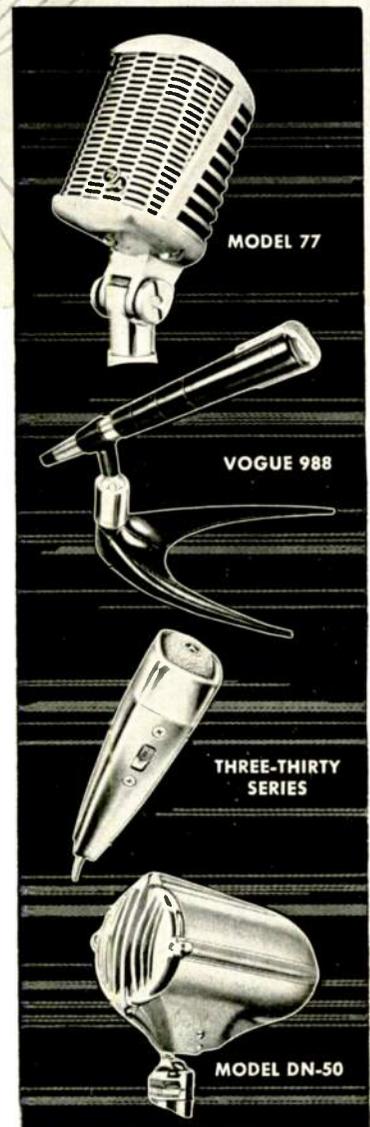
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flattened mound, and perfectly smooth. Sharp turns and edges should be avoided.

With the exception of the CRT, the high voltage cage will probably accumulate more dust than any other section of a TV. When parts are replaced the entire area should be thoroughly cleaned; a compressed air blower is useful here. After replacements are made the area should be sprayed with an appropriate insulating plastic. Cleaning and spraying will discourage corona and arc-over.

Before working on the HV-rectifier section the CRT 2nd anode and filter capacitors should always be discharged to ground. Many technicians carry a 2 or 3 foot length of well-insulated grounding clip-lead in the tube caddy for this purpose. On series string sets make sure the discharge is made to main chassis or a true ground point—not just to any metal part of the chassis. This rule should also be observed when grounding a meter's common lead. If not, components or test instruments may be damaged.

A TV set should never be returned to a customer with the cage or housing removed from the HV section. In addition to being a hazard, considerable interference can be picked up by other sections of the set from an improperly shielded HV section.

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## BBB's View

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manufacturers included a cordial dislike for "captive" service organizations.

### Service Dealers vs Distributors

**Unavailability of Replacement Parts:** A cause of both public and service industry complaint to the Better Business Bureaus is the unavailability of replacement parts, and the inordinate delay often occasioned in getting them. Considering the variety of products and models produced and the many parts they contain, it is understandable that a problem may exist. But this doesn't satisfy an irate customer or a frustrated serviceman.

**Distributor Sales Practices:** Many servicemen complain bitterly about the willingness of some distributors to sell to anyone who comes in the door at the same prices charged to established dealers and servicemen. According to the complainers, this also leads to public belief it is being gouged by the marked-up prices necessarily charged by the established trade. This practice is a sore point with servicemen. They feel the industry whose products they service should not tolerate a system of parts distribution which tends to pull the rug out from under their economic feet.

Servicemen complain from coast to-coast their industry is plagued by too many ill-trained, ill-equipped, part-time servicemen who operate from their garages, attics, basements or hats. They siphon off a lot of business with lower charges, due to lower overhead, allegedly abetted in some cases by their failure to report income to local and federal tax authorities. •

## An open letter to George W. Riggle

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# Audio NEWS LETTER

SARKES TARZIAN announces a new magnetic recording tape div. to produce high fidelity tape. Fred Lucas is div.'s new sales mgr.

JENSEN MANUFACTURING appoints Severson & Assoc. sales reps for loudspeakers in Ill., Wisc., and Porter & Lake counties in Ind.

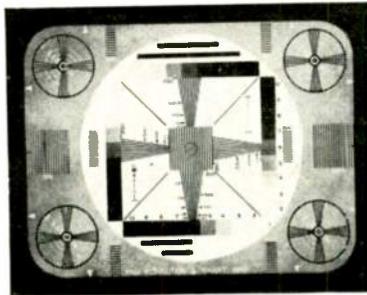
GARRARD'S Type A changer-turntable with dynamically balanced arm is priced at \$69.50 less cartridge. Table weighs six pounds.

ROBINS INDUSTRIES publishes 4-page illustrated brochure describing their complete line of record and tape-care accessories.

H. H. SCOTT introduces the Model 310D Broadcast Monitor FM Tuner with new electro-relay interstation quieting circuit. Sensitivity is 2  $\mu$ v, IHFM.

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A. BERNARD SMITH LABS., 2969 Ludlow Rd., Cleveland 20, Ohio, announces a new type of phono cartridge, the "photoSonic 120," priced @ \$47.50. Power supply and preamp cost is not included. Limited production is set for year end. Unit uses photocells and a light beam modulated by the record groove to pick up sound. Stylus, for tracking only, requires 0.5-0.9 gram. Ratings are d-c to 100 kc flat response, V&H compliance 20, output 4 mv @ 5 cm/sec, claimed to be completely non-inductive.



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"You are looking at the second power transformer I've installed in that set," answered Joe. "With everything normal it still smells after running for a couple of hours with the cabinet buttoned up. I thought the little fan on the phono motor might move enough air if I had the vent to direct it out of the cabinet. Well, it seems to help, but I can't put the back on, and you can hear the motor when the room is quiet. Looks like I need a power transformer that will give more watts without being one iota larger."

Neither Bill nor Joe had noticed Al, the parts salesman, enter, which was unusual, because Al was usually very noticeable, and today he was still exhibiting effects of the weekly sales meeting brainwashing.

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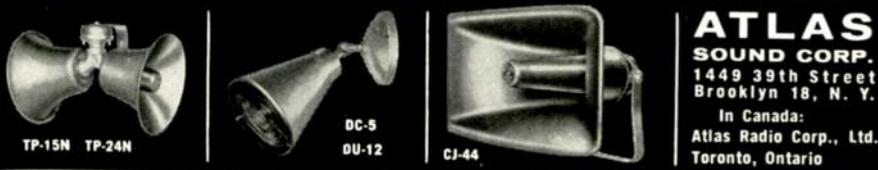
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## Communications Receiver

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hours, and turned on only when actually needed for tests. For the majority of jobs, the receiver's controls are first set up for normal "phone" reception. Special circuit features, such as the BFO or crystal calibrator, are used only for certain test procedures, as we shall see later. Tuning is accomplished with the main tuning dial with the bandswitch set to an appropriate range. The r-f gain control is turned full up, and the a-f gain control set for a comfortable listening level. Where several technicians share the same shop area, earphone rather than speaker operation may be preferred.

### Service Applications

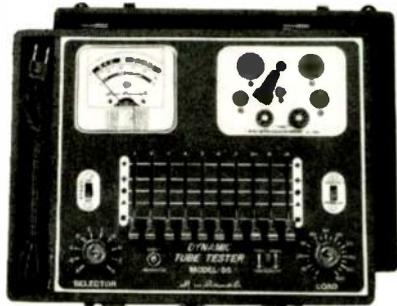
The communications set's potential as a service instrument comes into focus if we think of the unit as a highly selective, very sensitive, tuned r-f detector. Depending on control settings and circuit connections, then, the receiver can serve variously as a signal comparator, a tuned signal tracer, or as a signal source. Used in the first capacity, it is suitable for comparing two r-f signals over a wide range of frequencies and thus can serve for checking and recalibrating other test equipment, such as the shop's signal generator. As a high-gain signal tracer, the receiver can be used to check signals in the r-f and i-f stages of standard sets as well as the output of another set's local oscillator, indicating frequency as well as relative signal levels. In addition, it is useful for tracking down and isolating sources of interference. Finally, as a signal source, it can provide a known i-f signal and tone, pulse, or voice (music) signals for checking audio equipment or the audio sections of other receivers. In a pinch, it can provide substitute filament and B plus voltages for circuit tests.

### Accessories

A few inexpensive probes and other accessories are necessary for use with the basic receiver. Several

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r-f probes are illustrated in Fig. 1, and two sound take-off adaptors are shown in Fig. 2. Standard, readily available components are used and circuitry employed is not critical if standard wiring practices are observed. A few hours free time is ample for assembly of all the units.

The general purpose probe shown in Fig. 1A is made from a 24 to 36" length of coaxial cable, with a  $0.001 \mu\text{f}$  paper, mica or ceramic capacitor and a  $100\text{k}, \frac{1}{2}\text{w}$  isolating resistor assembled in a small shielded housing. A short length of aluminum tubing may be used for the probe body. This probe is used for stage-by-stage signal tracing in other receivers. The series resistor prevents undue circuit loading when checking across tuned circuits.

The probe shown in Fig. 1B is used primarily for tracking down sources of interference. A small coil, wound from enameled magnet or standard hook-up wire, is attached to the free end of a length of coax cable. Wire size, number of

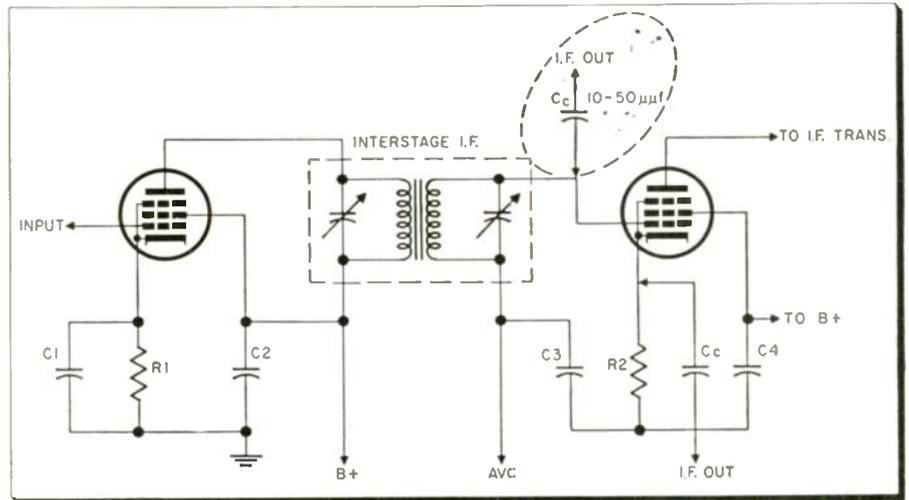


Fig. 3—A signal for injection and alignment purposes can be obtained from the communication receiver's 2nd i-f grid by employing a small capacitor as shown in dotted circle.

turns, and coil diameter are not critical.

The unit shown in Fig. 1C is an r-f probe for checking high level circuits. Basically, it is a capacitive voltage-divider to reduce input signal levels to prevent overloading the receiver's first stage. The probe is valuable for stage-by-stage

checks of small transmitters, CB transceivers, and two-way mobile radio gear. Components include a small padding capacitor, C-1, a shielded housing, and a length of coaxial cable. The instrument's attenuation characteristics are determined by the ratio of C-1 and the set's input impedance in paral-

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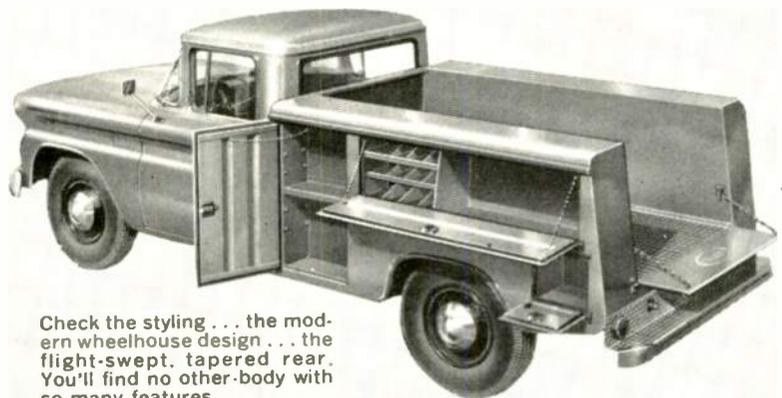
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lel with cable and wiring distributed capacities ( $C_d$ ). Attenuation may be increased by reducing C-1's capacity and vice-versa.

Each of the sound take-off adaptors shown in Fig. 2 are made with a length of connecting cable, an appropriate potentiometer, a small minibox, and a pair of binding posts (BP-1, BP-2). The circuit arrangement shown in Fig. 2A is used for sound take-off through the set's 'phone jack. The circuit at 2B is preferred when the signal is to

be taken from speaker terminals. C-1 is desirable when the signal is coupled into "hot" circuits—for example, a tube's plate.

### Equipment Calibrator

As a shop test equipment calibrator the communications receiver is highly valuable. This is especially true if CB and mobile type transmitters are checked and repaired. For example, a signal generator or frequency standard can be checked by coupling it to

the receiver's antenna post through a small "gimmick" capacitor (2 to 10  $\mu$ f). A regular antenna is connected to the set. The receiver is tuned to a known station and the signal generator or frequency standard is tuned until a zero beat is obtained, as heard in the set's loudspeaker (or 'phones). Broadcast stations may be used for checking lower frequency ranges, WWV for the higher bands. Frequencies below the broadcast band may be checked by using harmonics.

As a typical instance, suppose there are local stations at 600 and 900kc. The 600kc station is tuned in. The signal generator's calibration can then be checked by zero beating the 4th harmonic of 150kc, the 3rd of 200kc, the 2nd of 300kc and, of course the fundamental at 600kc. In a similar fashion, the 900kc station may be used for checking the signal generator's accuracy at 225kc, 300kc, 450kc, and 900kc. With several local stations, it is no trick at all to obtain a large number of check points.

When the receiver has a built-in crystal calibrator, this can be adjusted to zero beat with WWV, say at 5mc, and then harmonics of these highly accurate check points can be used to check equipment well into 30mc or higher every 100kc. By employing the sound take-off adaptors, WWV can also be used with the receiver as a source of tone or pulse signals for checking audio equipment. The pulses are especially valuable for checking the transient response of audio amplifiers and for adjusting resonant speaker baffles in hi-fi work.

### Signal Tracer

The communications receiver is an excellent high-gain tuned signal tracer and can be used both for stage-by-stage checks in other receivers and for tracking down r-f interference.

The probe shown in Fig. 1A should be used for signal tracing. The communications receiver is tuned to the fundamental or harmonic frequency of the signal to be traced. For example, if a 455kc signal is being injected into the receiver being tested, the communications receiver is tuned to 910kc.



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Relative signal levels can be determined by noting the S-meter reading or the setting of the r-f gain control. The meter can also be used to peak i-f's in the receiver under test.

Multi-stage transmitters can be checked out and adjusted by using the probe shown in Fig. 1C. Adjust C-1 to avoid overloading the receiver. If adjustments are made without modulation, use the receiver's BFO to provide an audible signal.

R-F interference from motors, household appliances, or other sources can be tracked down using the inductive probe shown in Fig. 1B. Once the source is located, line filters, shielding, or similar techniques may be used to eliminate the trouble. Frequency of any radio station causing interference, either at its fundamental or on harmonics, can easily be identified with the communications receiver.

In an emergency, for example, if the shop's signal generator breaks down, the communications receiver may be used as a source of r-f signals at its i-f value by "tapping" off a signal from its second i-f stage, as shown in Fig. 3. A small coupling capacitor, C<sub>1</sub>, minimizes loading and prevents d-c shorts.

Audio signals for checking hi-fi gear, pa systems, intercoms, record players, and similar equipment, may be obtained by tuning in an appropriate station and using one of the sound take-off adaptors shown in Fig. 2. Voice or music signals may be obtained by tuning in local broadcast stations—tone and pulse signals by tuning to WWV.

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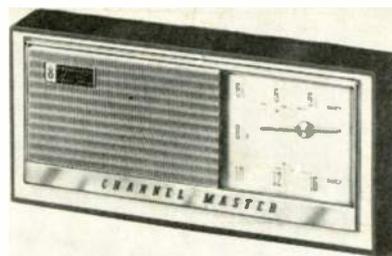
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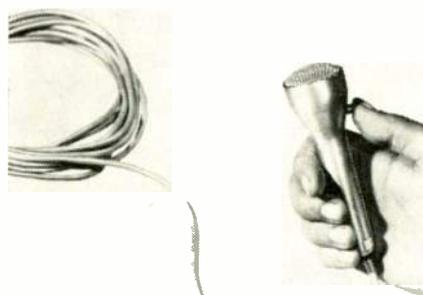
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## NEAR

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contacts of the relay completes the synchronous motor circuit and the timing motor starts.

If the signal stops in less than 10 seconds, the relay contacts open and the timing motor is reset to the starting point by a return spring. If the signal duration is longer than 10 seconds, cam A on the motor closes contacts, permitting the motor to control the alarm cycle. The alarm is actuated by the action of cam B, which periodically shorts the 0.5 capacitor, applying full line voltage across the inductor. This causes the clapper to sound the alarm, which is presently a loud, distinctive buzzing. The total alarm period is 50 seconds. After this time has elapsed, cam A opens, returning the receiver to stand-by operation. An alarm having an 85

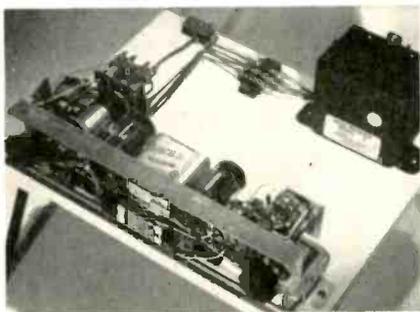


Fig. 4—A breadboard hook-up of a G-E compactron radio with a NEAR receiver illustrates how the civil defense-sponsored device can turn on a home radio.

db loudness at 10 feet, with silent periods at irregular intervals, is being established. A special receiver with a visible alarm can be designed for the deaf.

### Other Applications

Simple modifications can be made to enable the NEAR receiver to activate a radio or lamp. A prototype NEAR-radio hookup for a civil defense alarm that would automatically turn on a home radio is shown in Fig. 4.

Another device operating on the NEAR 240-cycle signal can be selectively coded for 40 separate functions through various combinations of signals. Many utility applications are apparent: control of street lights, selected warning of

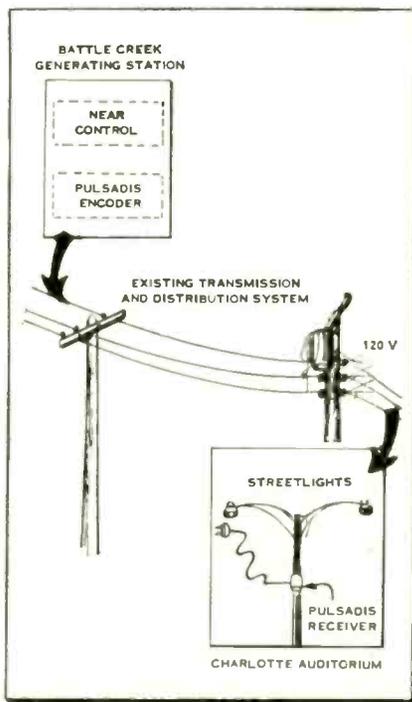


Fig. 5—Sangamo Electric Co.'s coded receiver can be employed for selective warning and utility application, such as controlling street lighting.

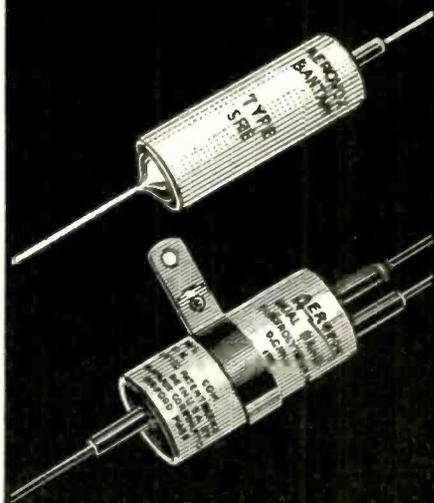
various echelons of government and military personnel, etc. (See Fig. 5.) A timing motor drives coded discs with attached pointers through a timed cycle. The coded discs are keyed according to the desired signal.

The NEAR system was demonstrated in Charlotte, Michigan, October 11, 1960 by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. The system, though not presently operational, is undergoing tests similar to the Charlotte one. When it does become operational, the listener, upon hearing the alarm, should tune a radio to the CONELRAD frequency—640 or 1240—for official directions. •



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## Audio VU Meters

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The post-equalization connection has the advantage of indicating the actual amount of signal applied to the tape at all frequencies, so that the meter warns of possible distortion throughout the audio range. In view of the large amount of treble boost employed, usually exceeding 20 db at 15,000 cycles (7.5 ips),

treble distortion is not unlikely.

The pre-equalization connection creates the following conditions: (1) Isolating the VU meter from the record head helps prevent bias current leaking to the meter—producing misleading indications. (2) High frequencies of excessive amplitude can damage the VU meter if recording level is accidentally set too high after pronounced treble boost. Transients are particularly dangerous. (3) Incoming signal metering should precede equalization to be properly compared with the playback signals.

Can the pre-equalization connection satisfactorily warn against distortion? It can essentially. Record treble boost operates largely above 3,000 cycles. Treble boost in this region is primarily compensated by audio energy decline with frequency increase. Moreover, for a given amount of distortion, more signal can be applied to the tape at high frequencies than at mid-range and bass. Hence an unequalized signal reading tends to accurately indicate the safe amount of signal being applied to the tape.

The VU meter's chief disadvantage is its greater cost and its mechanical lag. The pointer does not indicate true peak magnitudes. Furthermore, the meter is subject to damage by heavy magnetic fields. For example, if a bulk eraser is brought near it.

As shown in Fig. 3, a variable calibrating resistor is employed so that the meter will read "O" VU at the proper recording level.

Meter calibration is usually based on a recording level that produces 2% harmonic distortion. 3% is probably the most frequent reference. As previously indicated, the VU meter reads average rather than peak level because mechanical inertia prevents its pointer from following sharp transients. These transients may exceed the average level by as much as 10 to 20 db, although 6 to 8 db is probably more typical. Transients cause very severe, though brief distortion.

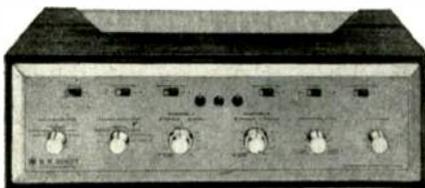
When calibrating a VU meter it is desirable to make allowance for its mechanical lag. Ordinarily, 6 to 10 db allowance is provided by setting the meter ahead this amount. This is done by adjusting the calibrating resistor. A sine wave signal (usually between 250 and 1,000 cycles), and between 6 and 10 db below the signal producing 3% harmonic distortion, is employed. The meter's reading is adjusted to "O" VU under these conditions. To illustrate further, a manufacturer may set the meter to read "O" VU for a recording level producing 1% harmonic distortion. Since a level about 6 db higher produces 3% distortion, there is a 6 db allowance for mechanical lag with reference to 3% distortion.



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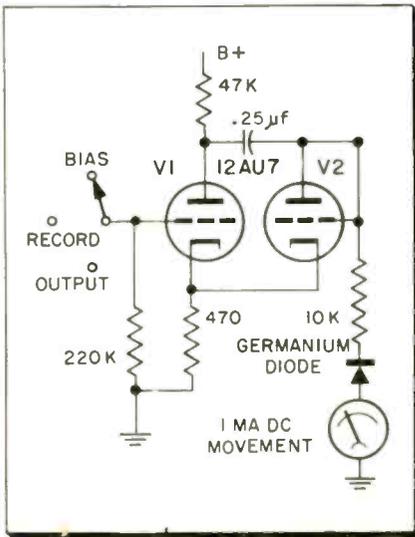


Fig. 5—Some meters with VU type scales have 1 ma basic movements—essentially VTVM's.

ting record level. Various types of speech and music have different relationships between peak and average level. Allowing the pointer to hit "0" VU may result in over-recording in one case but not in another. Furthermore, a given amount of distortion is less objectionable in some kinds of sound than in others, and this factor must also be taken into account in setting recording gain.

When the meter is used as a record level indicator, precautions must be taken to prevent bias current from reaching it and producing false readings. One measure for preventing this has already been suggested: by connecting the meter circuit prior to the equalization stage. Filter traps can also be used. A low-pass filter permits audio frequencies to reach the VU meter but substantially attenuates the much higher bias frequency—generally from 50,000 to 75,000 cycles. A parallel resonant trap also presents very high impedance at the bias frequency but allows audio frequencies to pass easily.

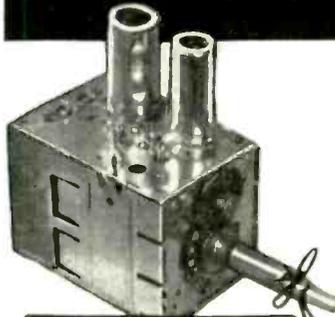
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**101 KEY TROUBLESHOOTING WAVEFORMS.** By Robert G. Middleton. Published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc. 128 pages, soft cover. \$2.00.

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CSEA, Fresno, reports the first state journeyman's certificate has been presented to George Tauchimoto, after completing apprenticeship training in the program sponsored by Santa Clara valley and Santa Cruz chapters. The Association also announced circulation of a labor pricing "blue book" to all service and sales shops in the area. It was noted that the list suggests an additional labor charge of \$5.75 on open-type printed circuit chassis and an additional \$10.00 labor charge on concealed types.

## Florida

TSDA, St. Petersburg, has become a NATESA affiliate. This is the third Florida association to join the national association.

## Illinois

NATESA, Chicago, announced that the more appropriate words "your dealer" will be substituted for "any drug or hardware store" in a customer instruction sheet furnished by Admiral for their transistor radio battery replacement suggestion. The association had previously called this matter to the manufacturer's attention.

## Missouri

TESA, St. Louis, advises that Fred Richman has been elected as a director of NATESA. The association also reported their invitation to distributors for a joint meeting to discuss mutual problems has not been accepted after a period of months.

## License Forum

TEAM, St. Louis, is sponsoring a Certificate and Bonding program for television service dealers and technicians. The plan is jointly supported by the St. Louis Better Business Bureau, and the St. Louis University's adult education department. The TV-radio service dealer and/or his technician employees must furnish proof of over 2,000 hours service experience in order to qualify. A service technician must be employed by a bonded dealer to be certified. Surety bond of \$500.00 must be obtained by the service dealer and is renewable annually if

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## New York

TESA, Jamestown, has elected the following officers: Pres., Richard Hiller; V. P., Harold Cline; Sec., Howard M. Moore; Treas., Philip Pilato.

## Voluntary Bonding Program

ESFETA, Albany, recently held the second and final open forum on licensing. Prior to this meeting, twenty-four letters were sent to distributors, throughout the state, who oppose licensing. Only five replies were received. Two replies, from Brooklyn, N. Y. distributors, stated they had erroneously been listed as opposed to licensing. Of the three that returned letters stating they opposed licensing, one was from the national president of NEDA and the other from NEDA's Empire State chapter president. No response was received from the remaining nineteen distributors.

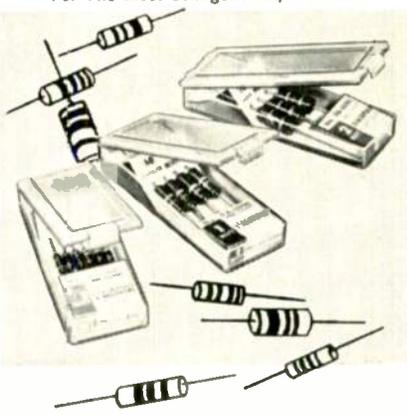


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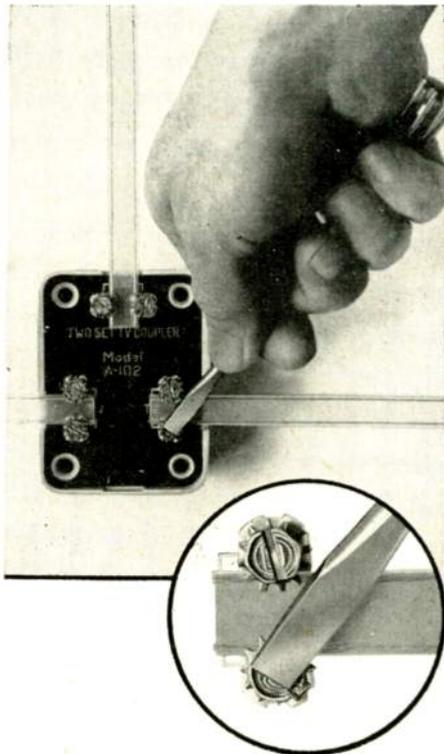
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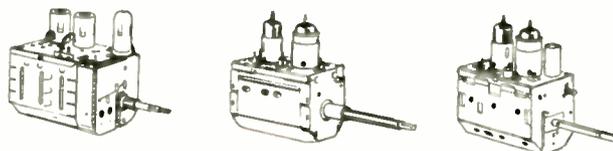
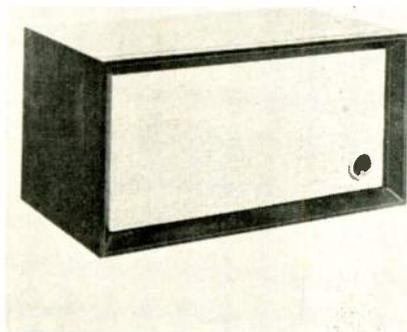
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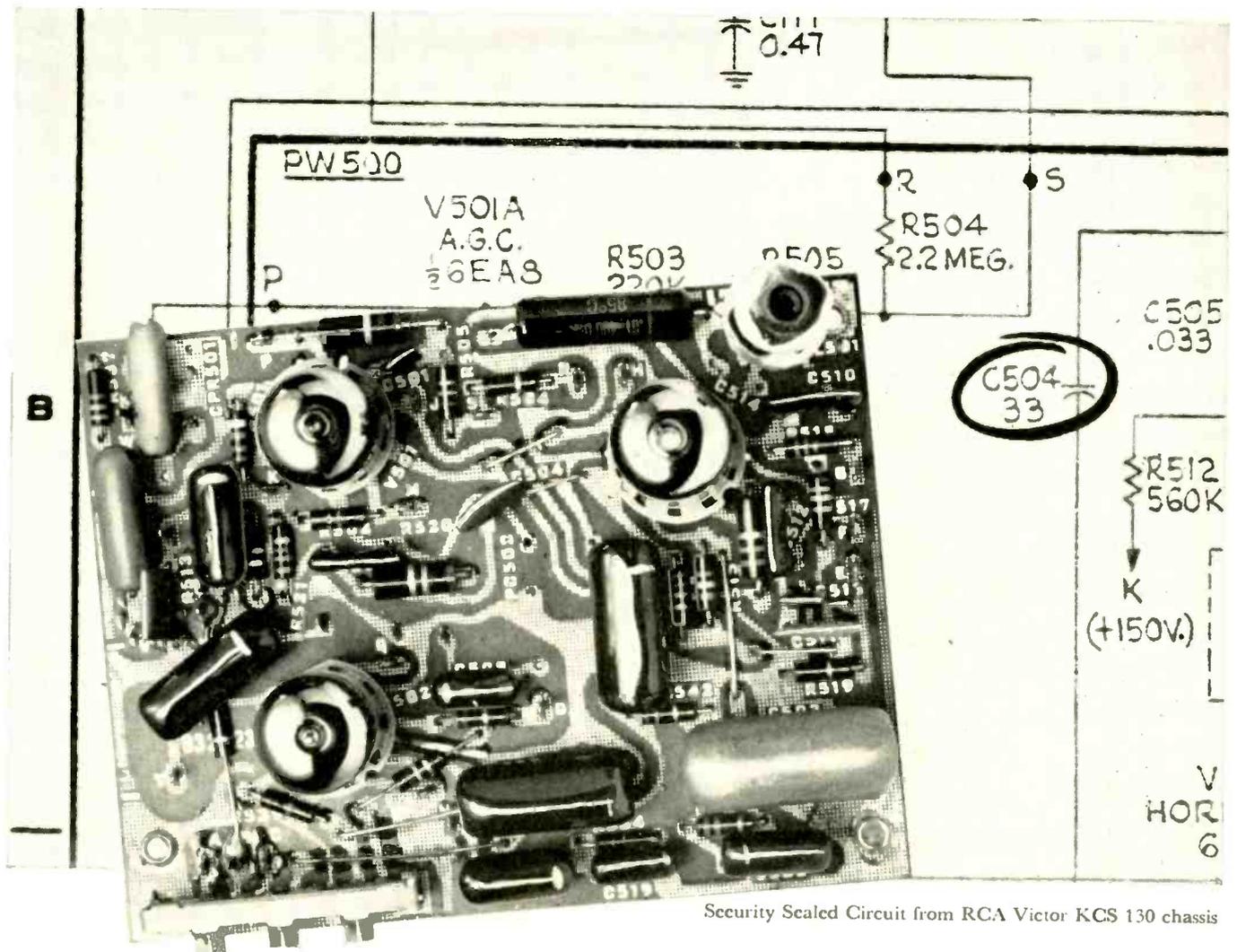
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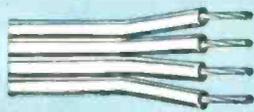
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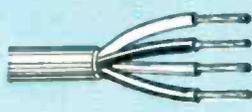
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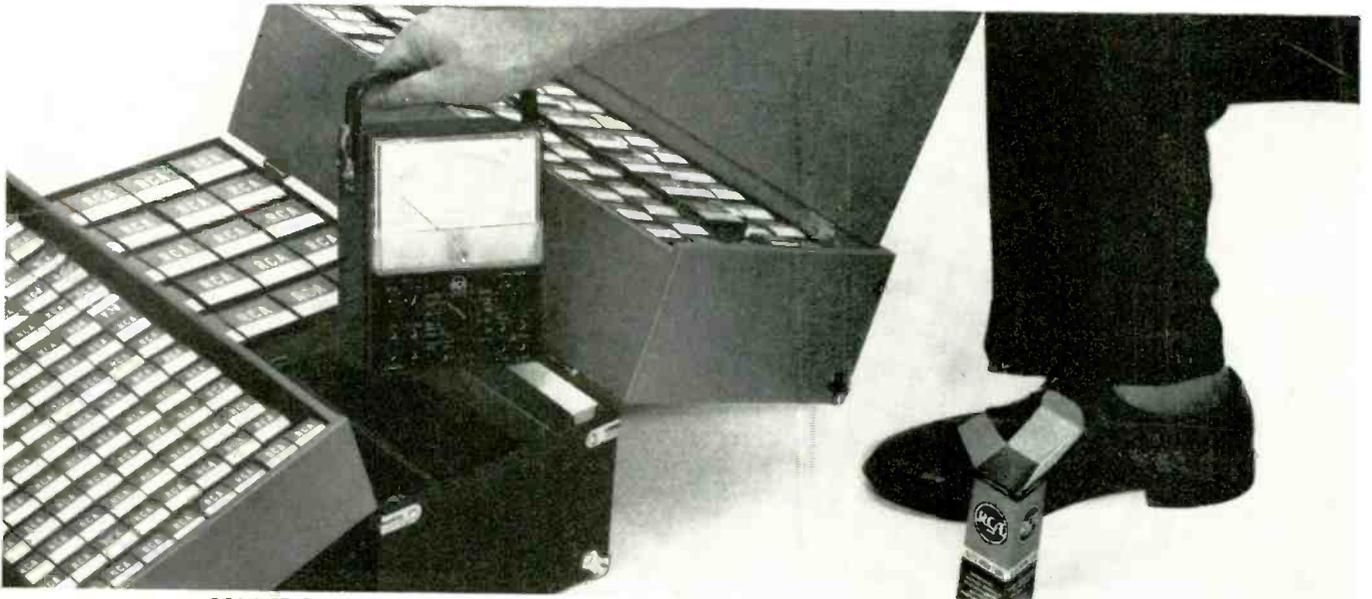
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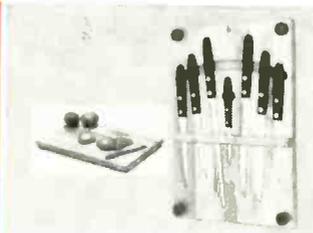
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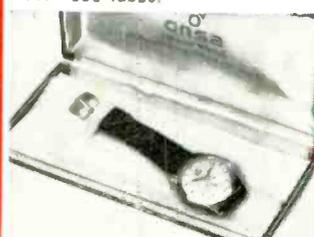
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