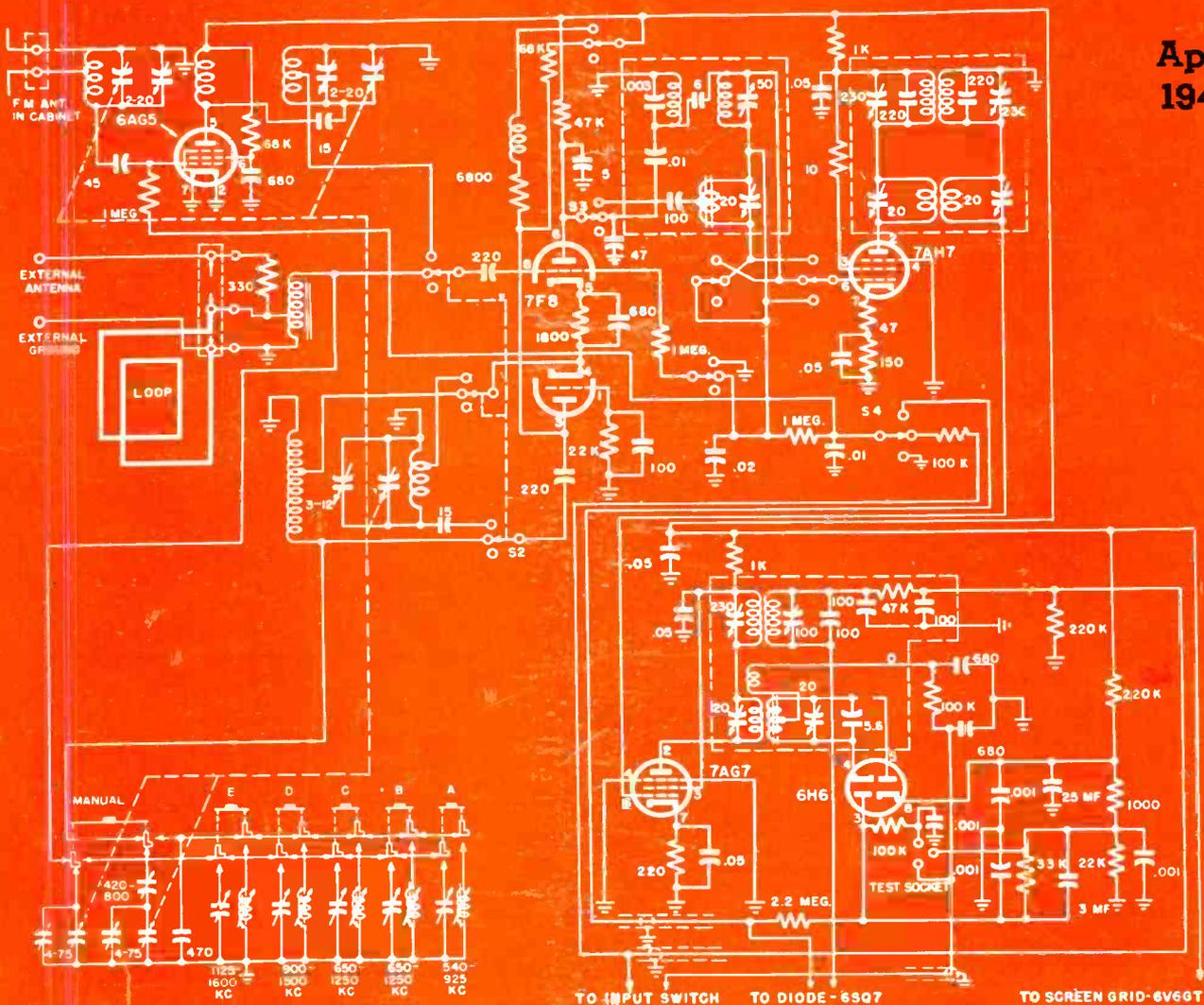


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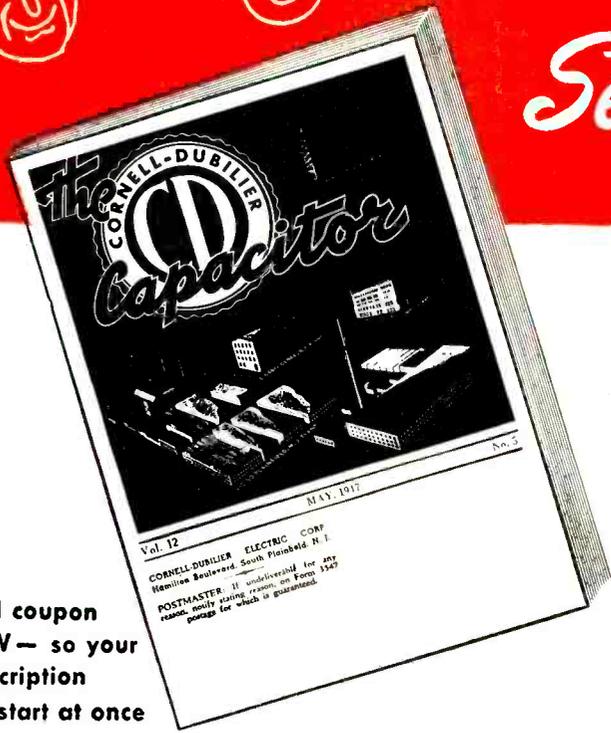


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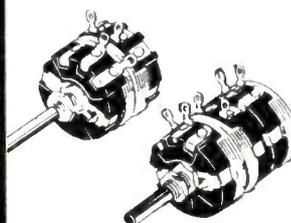


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In a letter from an Australian reader, we note that the Service Man there must really *know* his business. And to be sure he does, he must taken an examination before he can become an accredited Service Man. Examination requires an explanation of such factors as cross-modulation, band-pass filter, class B amplifiers, space charge, cathode followers, as well as formulas for impedance, inductive reactance, capacitive reactance, *Q* of an inductance and frequency conversion. The prospective Service Man is also asked to make up a diagram of a vacuum-tube voltmeter and explain its applications. He is also asked to explain the action of tone controls in such systems as selective inverse feedback. And in another part of the examination, the Service-Man candidate is asked to draw a complete circuit of a 35-watt power amplifier, showing three input circuits for high and low impedance microphones, and a radio set tuner or phono pickup. He is also asked to state the reasons for his choice of tubes and type of input system.

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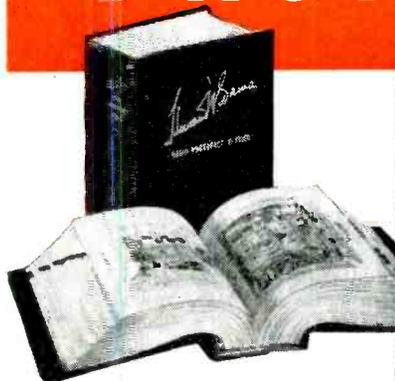
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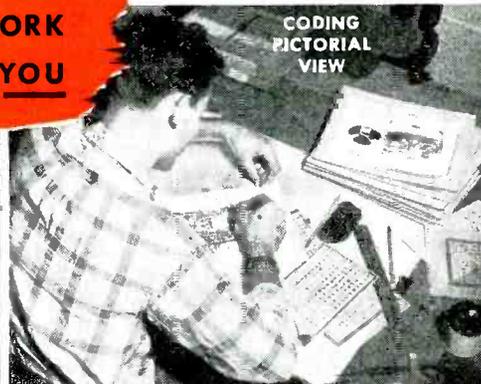
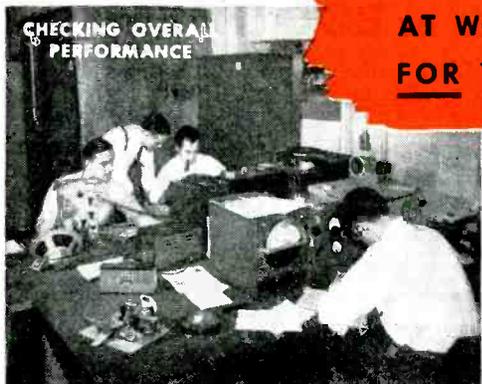
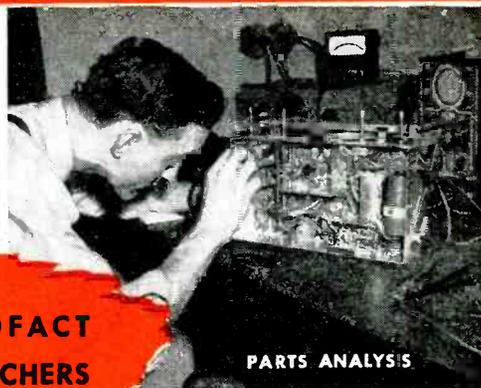
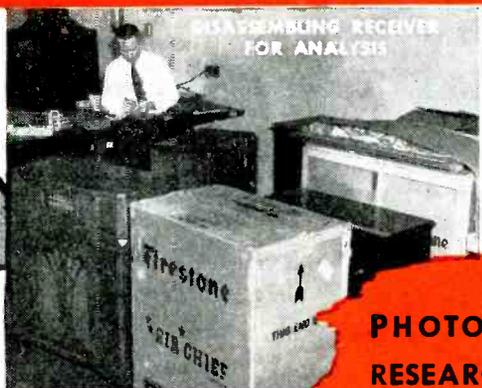
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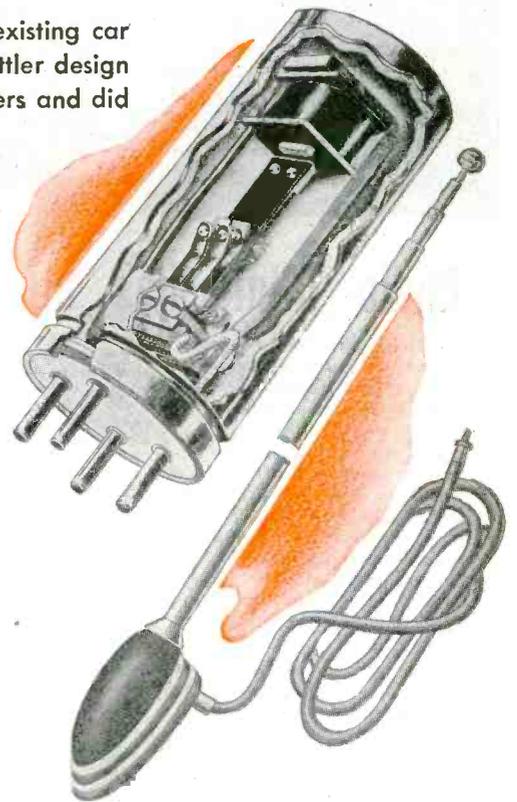
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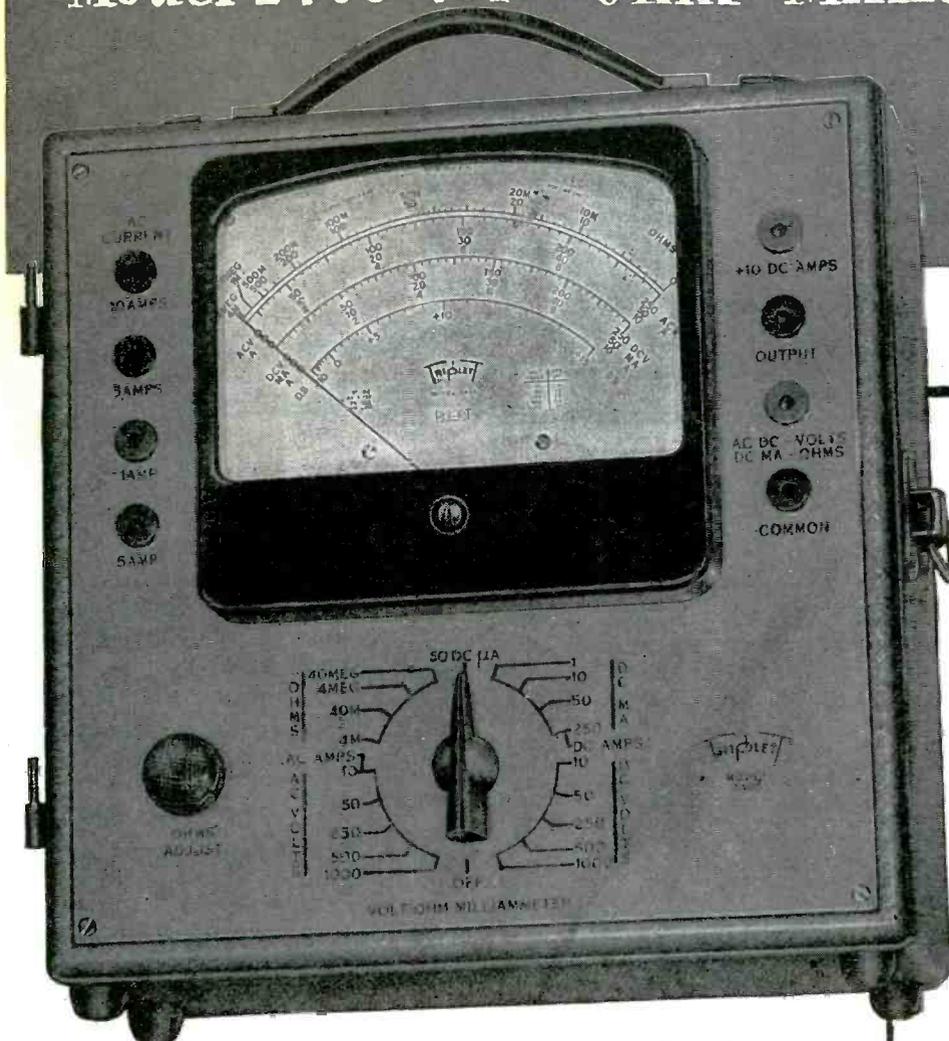
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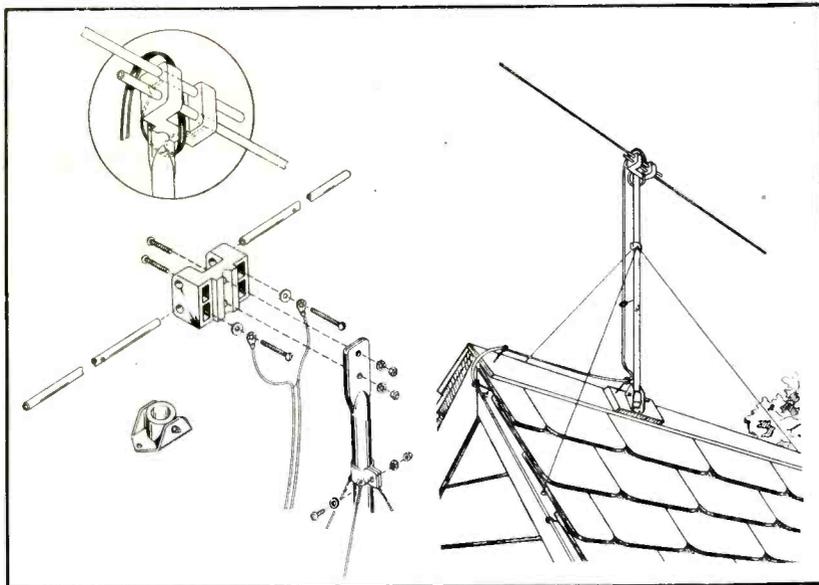


Fig. 3. View of an f-m dipole and its mounting. In detailed drawing at left appear the constructional features of the dipole antenna. (Courtesy Bendix Radio)

## OSCILLATOR COIL TRACKING

CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY is often experienced in getting replacement oscillator coils to track, particularly where the oscillator tuning capacitor is smaller than the r-f section. The problem is caused by the exacting design of the original oscillator coil. This involves such factors as the distributed capacity inherent in the coil. In the replacement coil it is usually quite difficult to duplicate the original characteristics exactly. Therefore, when replacing this coil, some compromise is necessary.

Best results are usually obtained when a coil with a slug tuner is used. This type has very low distributed capacitance, and may be compensated more easily.

Three points on the dial are usually used for alignment. These are a low, middle, and high frequency. Suggested

frequencies are 550, 1,000 and 1,500 kc.

The dial is first turned to 1,500 kc, and the oscillator slug is set for this frequency without adjusting the oscillator trimmer capacitor. The r-f trimmer, however, is adjusted. The dial is then tuned to 550 kc, and the deviation in frequency is noted. If the actual frequency at this point on the dial is found to be, say, 530 kc, then the inductance of the coil is too high. The inductance of the coil should then be reduced and the oscillator trimmer capacitance increased so that the receiver still tunes correctly at 1,500 kc. The process is then repeated until both 550 and 1,500 kc are both received correctly. A check should then be taken at 1,000 kc to check the accuracy of the tracking. A 3-kc error is not considered high.

If the foregoing procedure doesn't solve the problem, two other methods can be used. One involves the use of

## F-M ANTENNA INSTALLATIONS

WITH F-M RECEIVER production increasing daily, and models becoming available for immediate purchase, the Service Man will soon find himself with a crowded installation calendar. This will be particularly true for those installations in the rural or skyscraper areas where reception difficulties will demand a properly-installed external dipole antenna.

In preparing for the installation, several factors must be considered. For instance, since a high antenna will provide improved reception, a suitable high-mounting site should be sought. The site should be at least five feet from any object, such as roofs, chimneys, and trees. It will also be best if there is an open space between your antenna and the area of transmitting stations.

In addition, both antenna and trans-

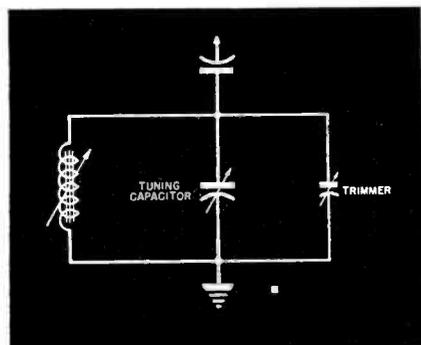
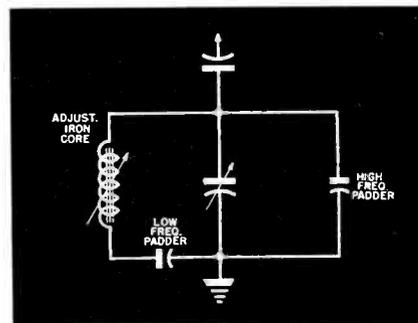


Fig. 1 (left). A typical adjustable-coil oscillator section of a receiver where coil-capacitor tracking is achieved by first aligning the coil with the tuning capacitor at the high frequency end, and then checking at the low-frequency end. Then the inductance is adjusted at the low-frequency end, and the trimmer at the high end.

Fig. 2. Where other methods fail, the inclusion of a series trimmer may help. This is inserted in series with the ground end of the oscillator coil. Trimmer, usually a very high capacitance on the order of 1200 mmfd or more, is adjusted at the low end of the dial.



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mission line should be kept away from metallic structures because their efficiency may otherwise be affected. (Since any transmission line is subject to some attenuation (weakening of the signal), the leadin must be as direct and short as possible. Surplus transmission line should not be folded or looped, but cut to proper length, and unused section discarded.)

Since direction is of utmost importance in f-m, the antenna must be so placed that the dipole members will be about broadside to the area of transmitting stations. However, where possible, the position giving best reception should be determined by experiment rather than merely placing broadside to the transmitting station. This may be done by temporarily connecting the dipole to an f-m receiver and listening to the desired stations as the antenna is rotated.

(Data Courtesy Bendix Radio)

## REPLACING ELECTRODYNAMIC WITH P-M SPEAKERS

THE IMPROVED TYPES OF P-M speakers recently announced have prompted wide application of the units in midget and console receivers.

The new types of p-m speakers are also excellent for replacements of the older electrodynamic types, since they provide a strong and more uniform field (for improved signal), eliminate hum troubles and minimize problems caused by heat in field coils of the e-m speakers.

In view of this trend, one manufacturer<sup>3</sup> has prepared data revealing how Service Men may use the newer p-m speakers in place of the e-m speakers; Figs. 4 and 5.

In Fig. 4 appears the conventional hookup for a field dynamic speaker with a 450-ohm field, and in Fig. 5 appears the replacement-speaker circuit. A 1,200-ohm resistor is used to replace the 450-ohm field. Where a capacitor is connected from plate of

output tube to ground, the capacitor should be run to rectifier cathode, not ground. The cathode self-bias resistor of the output tube should not be bypassed. Where there is a capacitor from grid of output tube to ground, or from plate of preceding tube to ground, the capacitor should be removed.

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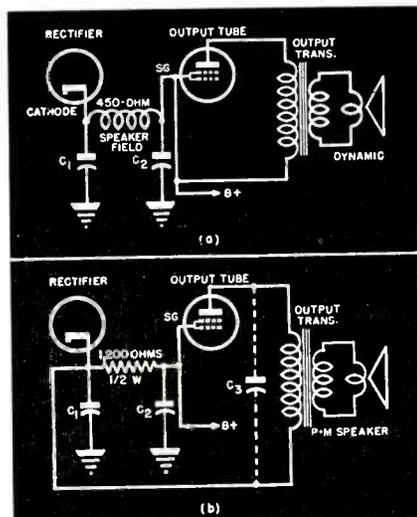
## IMPROVING V-C RESPONSE

(Firestone R-178)

ON FIRESTONE AUTO SET R-178 chassis (Stewart-Warner), and others of this series, it is often impossible to decrease volume sufficiently with volume control turned full counterclockwise. This is not due to a defective control, but rather to an open

Figs. 4a (above) and b (below). In a, we have a conventional hookup for a 450-ohm field dynamic speaker. A p-m replacement circuit is shown in b. C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>, in both circuits, are filter capacitors. Where there is a capacitor from the plate of the output tube to ground, the capacitor (C<sub>3</sub>) should be brought to the rectifier cathode. The cathode self-bias resistor of the output tube should not be bypassed. Where a capacitor has been connected from grid of the output tube to ground, or from the plate of the preceding tube to ground, the capacitor should be removed.

(Courtesy Wright, Inc.)



electrolytic bypass capacitor from the 6Q7 cathode to ground.

## INTERMITTENT GROUND

(Meck-1946 Models)

SOME OF THESE MODELS use a fibre and metal fastener to secure line cord to the chassis. The metal on this fastener often grounds resistor intermittently when cord or set is moved, causing noise. To remedy, move affected parts aside or remove fastener and knot line cord.

## DIAL-DRIVE RUBBER REPLACEMENT

(Knight EA10866)

TO REPLACE THE ODD-SIZED dial-drive rubber on this model, remove the old rubber, and put service cement on the inside of a 1/2" rubber screw-on foot or bumper, and force on tuning shaft.

## REMOVAL OF PILOT LAMP

(G.E. 100)

TO SECURE THE pilot lamp so that it does not work loose in shipment or operation, the factory was instructed to use a drop of glyptal cement between the base and socket. It has been found in a number of cases that the quantity used was excessive, making it practically impossible to remove the pilot lamp. If this condition is encountered, repeated applications of acetone or nail polish remover between the lamp and socket will soften the cement sufficiently to permit removal.

## OSCILLATOR ADJUSTMENT

(G.E. 250)

A QUANTITY OF RECEIVERS was shipped with the oscillator adjustment plug not locked after alignment, causing the low-frequency calibration to be considerably in error and reducing sensitivity at this end of the band.

The oscillator adjustment (adjacent to first i-f transformer), should be realigned as described in the service data sheet, ER-S-250, locknut should then be tightened.

Incidentally, it is important that the battery filler cap be sufficiently tight so that the washer is compressed, otherwise battery acid will leak out and damage the set. The washer should be replaced when the cap is removed. Service Men should note that possible thread burrs may prevent the cap from being tightened completely. A screwdriver should be used to tighten the cap.

# MOTOR *maintenance and repair*

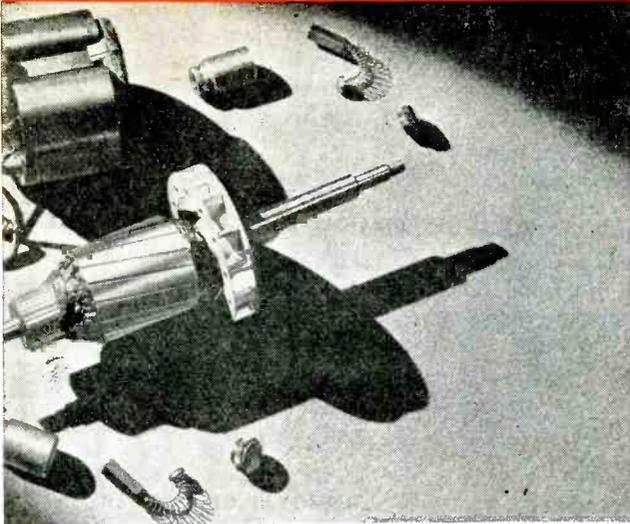


Fig. 2. Components used in a series motor that appears in vacuum cleaners, mixers, reamers, etc. (Courtesy G. E.)

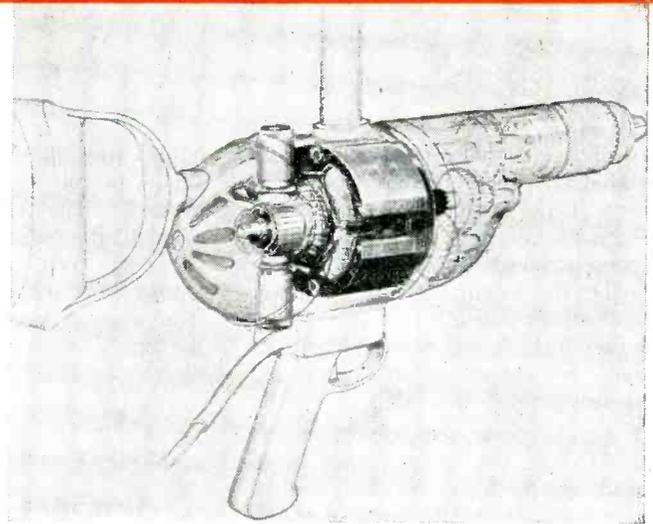


Fig. 1. A typical series-wound motor, as applied to a portable electric drill.

THE UNIVERSAL MOTOR which can be operated on either d-c or single-phase a-c at approximately the same speed, is the most commonly used type of household appliance motor. These motors have a high starting torque and a variable speed characteristic, and since they run at a dangerously high speed without a load, they are usually built into the device they drive.

## Construction of the Universal Motor

The main parts of the universal motor are: (1) frames; (2) field core; (3) armature; and (4) end plates or brackets.

The frame is a rolled steel, aluminum or cast iron shell and large enough to hold a field core lamination snugly. The field poles are generally held in the frame by means of through bolts. Very often the frame is constructed to form an integral part of the machine it supports.

The field core, shown with other components of the motor in Fig. 2, is constructed of laminations which are tightly pressed together and held together by rivets or bolts. Laminations are designed to contain both field poles of a 2-pole motor; Fig. 3.

The armature, shown in Fig. 4, consists essentially of a laminated core having either straight or skewed slots to hold the armature winding, and a

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commutator to which the leads of the windings are connected. Both the core and the commutator are pressed on the shaft. As in other motors the end plates are located on the ends of

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**Neighborhood Service Shops are rapidly becoming the repair center for small household appliances, such as food mixers, vacuum cleaners, drills, sewing machines, etc. With many of the appliance breakdowns caused by faults or defects in the electric motor, it is naturally important that the Service Man be very familiar with motor design and operation and the methods required to locate and repair the troubles.**

**We have thus arranged for a series of articles on this vital subject by Robert Rosenberg, author of the book, "Electric Motor Repair," the first installment appearing in this issue. Presented is a complete analysis of motor construction and operation, and methods and accessories used to locate and remedy the fault or defect.—Ed.**

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the frame and held in place by screws. The plates house the bearings, usually of the ball or sleeve types. \*

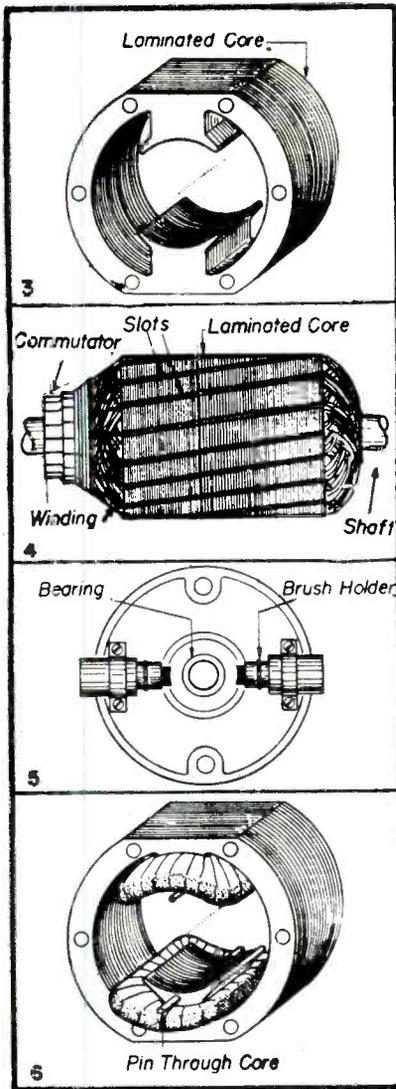
Many universal motors contain an end plate which is cast as part of the frame, and only one plate can be removed from this type of motor. Brush holders are usually bolted to the front end plate, as illustrated in Fig. 5.

## Universal Motor Operation

The universal motor is so constructed that when the armature and field coils are connected in series and current is applied, the magnetic lines of force created by the fields will react with the lines of force created by the armature and cause rotation. This is true regardless of whether the current is alternating or direct.

## Dismantling the Motor

Before a universal motor or any motor is disassembled, it is extremely important that the end plates and frame be marked so that it may be reassembled properly. This may be done by making one center punch mark on the front or commutator end and adjacent frame, and two center punch marks on the back plate and adjacent frame. It is also important to inspect the motor, before it is dismantled, for such mechanical troubles as broken or cracked



Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 6. In Fig. 3, we see how laminations are designed to contain field poles for a 2-pole motor. An armature is shown in Fig. 4. Brushholders bolted to front end plate are shown in Fig. 5. One way in which field coils are secured to a core is shown in Fig. 6.

field coils. The field coil windings consist usually of several hundred turns of small sized enameled wire.

In Figs. 6 and 7 appear several ways in which the field coils are secured to the core. When removed from the core, the coils have the shape shown in Fig. 8.

Quite frequently new field coils must be made because the old ones are burned or shorted. In making field coils the old coils are removed from the core and then the tape which binds the turns together is removed. The wire size and number of turns in each coil should then be recorded. The coil is then flattened, Fig. 9, to make a form for the new coil. A piece of wood is then cut to the dimensions of the inside of the coil to provide a form on which the new coil will be wound. To facilitate removal of the coil after it is wound the sides should be taped slightly. To hold the coil in position while winding, two sidepieces must be bolted to the frame, as in the assembly view of Fig. 10. The coil is wound by placing the frame in a small lathe, winding machine or other similar device, and winding the proper number of turns of the right size of wire on the frame. The coil should be tied up before removing, using the slits cut in the sidepieces as guides.

Flexible leads are spliced to the ends of the coil. The coil is then taped as in Fig. 11, with cotton tape, and painted and placed in the core. If the coil fits tightly, you must avoid scraping the corners of the core otherwise the wires may ground or break.

#### Connecting Field Coils and Armature

end plates, badly bent shaft, broken or burned leads. The bearings should also be tested for defects, as will be described later. It is also important to record whether or not the shaft of the armature can be turned without difficulty. After these tests have been made, the motor may be dismantled, being careful to first remove the brush springs and caps, and other parts which may have to be removed before the end plates are taken off. All parts should be placed in a container so that they will not be lost. When the bolts and screws, which hold the motor together, are taken off the end plates and armature should be removed, leaving the fields in view.

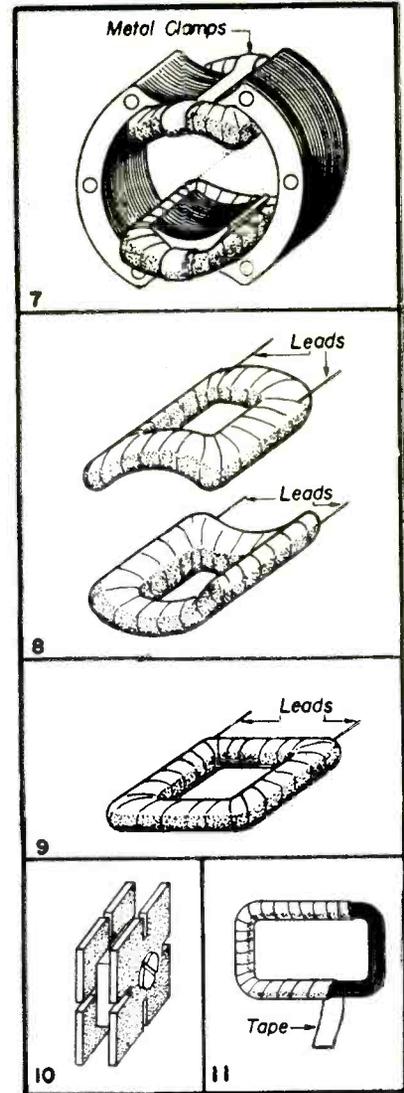
#### The Field Coils

Nearly all universal motors are two-pole machines and therefore have two

The field coils of a universal motor are connected in series for opposite polarity. This means that one pole must be *north* while the other must be *south*. There are several ways of determining whether correct polarity has been obtained.

In one method, Fig. 12, the coils are connected in series and a low voltage is applied. The head of a nail is placed against one pole. If the polarities are correct the other end of the nail is attracted to the next pole. If incorrect it is repelled.

In another test method a compass is used. The coils are connected in series as before and a low voltage direct current applied. A compass is placed near a pole on the inside of the motor or alongside the field coil. A notation is made of the pole to which the needle points. When the compass is moved to the next pole, the other end of the needle should be attracted. If the same



Figs. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. A method of mounting a field coil to a core is shown in Fig. 7. Shape of coils when removed from core is shown in Fig. 8. In Fig. 9 appears a flattened coil which serves as a form for a new coil. In Fig. 10 is an assembly view showing coil in mounting position with side pieces bolted to frame. A coil taped with cotton tape appears in Fig. 11.

end of the needle is attracted the leads of the pole have to be reversed.

As stated previously most universal motors are two-pole affairs. In these types both field coils are connected in series, and then in series with the armature, as shown in Figs. 13 and 14. These illustrations show that one line lead is brought from the armature and the other line lead from the field.

Another method of connecting the universal motor is shown in Fig. 15; the armature is connected between two field coils. The end of the first field coil is connected to one side of the armature, and the other side of the armature is connected to the next field coil.

#### Reversing the Universal Motor

In a universal motor the direction of rotation is changed by reversing the

flow of current through either the armature or field coils. The usual method is to interchange the leads on the brush holders; Fig. 16 shows a motor connected for one direction, and Fig. 17 for the opposite direction.

On many universal motors, especially those in which the brush holders cannot be shifted, reversing the rotation will cause severe sparking at the brushes, because most of these motors are made for specific application and are wound for operation in only one direction. The only way in which these motors can be reversed, without causing sparking, is to relocate the leads on the commutator. This necessitates a knowledge of armature winding which will be discussed in another installment.

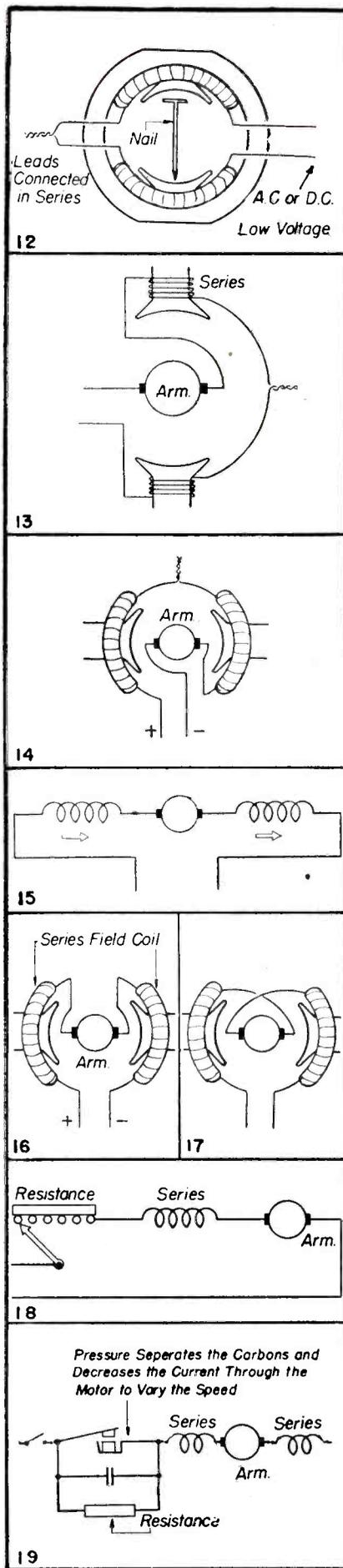
### Speed Control of Universal Motors

The speed of a universal motor can be regulated by inserting resistance in the motor, by using a tapped field or means of a centrifugal device.

**Resistance method:** The speed of small universal motors, such as those used on sewing machines, is varied by a small variable resistance connected in series with the motor; Fig. 18. The amount of resistance in the circuit is varied by means of a foot pedal and may consist of a carbon pile or resistance wire. Another type of speed control on small size universal motors consists of two small carbon blocks which are pressed tightly together for high speed operation. As these blocks are slowly moved apart the resistance is increased, less current is allowed to flow, and the motor slows down. An external switch separates the carbon blocks, and when the blocks are separated entirely, a fixed resistance remains in the circuit, as shown in Fig. 19. A capacitor is used to reduce arcing.

**Tapped Field:** The speed of some universal motors is controlled by tapping one field at various points, Fig. 20, thereby varying the field strength and consequently the speed. The field pole is wound in several sections with different sizes of wire and taps brought out from each section. In another method nichrome resistance wire is wound over one field pole and taps are brought out from this. The lowest speed is obtained when the entire winding is in the circuit, medium speed when parts of the field is out, and high speed when this winding is eliminated.

**Centrifugal Device:** Many motors, such as those used for home mixers have a large number of speeds. Selection is usually made by a centrifugal



mechanism located inside the motor, and connected as shown in Fig. 21. The switch can be adjusted by means of an external lever. If the motor runs above the speed set by the lever, the centrifugal mechanism will open two contacts and insert resistance in the circuit which, will in turn, cause the motor speed to decrease. When the motor slows, the two contacts close and short the resistance so that the motor runs faster. This process is repeated so rapidly that the variation in speed is not noticeable. The resistance is connected across two governor contacts. Since sparking will occur with the opening and closing of these contacts, a small capacitor is connected across them. This capacitor not only reduces the sparks but prevents pitting of the contacts.

### Testing the Universal Motor

It is essential that Service Men know how to test the armature and the field coils for defects. The defects usually found in the windings are grounds, shorts and opens. A winding is said to be grounded when it makes electrical contact with the iron of the motor and is usually the result of insulation failure.

In test for grounds, Fig. 22, test leads, consisting of a lamp connected in series with a 110-volt line wire, are used. One test lead is placed on the commutator, the other on the shaft. If the lamp lights a ground is indicated. To repair a grounded winding it is first necessary to locate the position of the ground and then eliminate it. Unless the grounded points are visible, it may be necessary to use a meter test set to locate the point of ground. It is usually advisable to re-wind a grounded armature.

A grounded field coil is located in much the same way. A test set is used with a lamp with one test lead placed on the frame of the motor and the other test lead on the field leads. If the lamp lights a ground is indicated. Fig. 23 illustrates positions

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Figs. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. In Fig. 12, we have a method of determining polarity. Figs. 13 and 14 illustrate series connection of a 2-pole a-c motor. Another method of connecting a universal motor, with the armature between two field coils is shown in Fig. 15. How to interchange leads on brushholders to change the rotation direction are represented in Figs. 16 and 17. Fig. 18 shows a variable resistor in series with a motor for speed control. Fig. 19 shows fixed resistance that remains in circuit when carbon blocks used for speed control are separated entirely.

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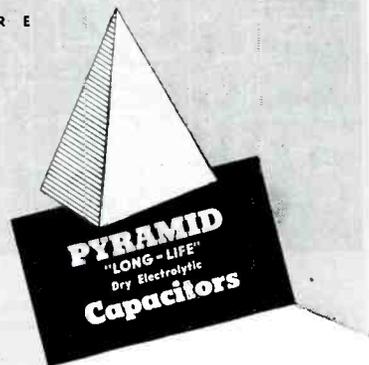
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 6SB7-Y single-ended metal pentagrid converter, with its high conversion trans-conductance, high oscillator transconductance and mica-filled phenolic base, has permitted the design of very effective conversion circuits which are particularly useful on f-m in the v-h-f 88 to 108-mc bands; Figs. 1 and 2.

The tube has also proved itself quite efficient at the lower frequencies for a-m and h-f international broadcast service, Fig. 3. In circuits of this type, a dynamic type of biasing is supplied by the oscillator section, which prevents d-c from flowing in the signal grid circuit. Here the cathode is not at r-f ground potential. Therefore the cathode current cut-off potential or the voltage on grid 1 necessary to cut

off cathode current will swing up and down with the cathode when considered with respect to ground. Cathode current flows during a portion of the oscillator grid cycle. However, during this time the potential of the cathode is positive with respect to grid 3. As soon as the cathode potential swings through zero and into the negative region, the oscillator grid cuts off cathode current, and so under this condition no current can flow to grid 3.

On the international s-w bands an appreciable phase shift can exist in long cathode or grid leads. If this phase shift is large enough, there will be a shift of the cathode voltage with respect to the oscillator grid voltage. Thus, biasing action is partially lost

and we have d-c flowing in the grid 3 circuit. Such current flowing through the avc resistance may develop a fairly high bias which will appear on all the tubes in the avc string resulting in a serious reduction in receiver sensitivity. It is important therefore that the cathode and oscillator grid leads are kept quite short at these higher frequencies.

In the v-h-f bands, the foregoing effect is much more pronounced. At these frequencies, even with the cathode tap of the oscillator coil connected directly to the tube socket, the signal grid current cannot be reduced to zero, even when extreme care is used to shield the input circuit from the output circuit. It has also been

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Fig. 1 (below). A typical self-excited 88-108-mc converter circuit for a 6SB7-Y, with an r-f stage. The  $C_7$ ,  $C_8$ ,  $C_9$ ,  $C_{10}$  and  $C_{11}$  symbols indicate bypass capacitors;  $C_p$ , padding capacitor; and  $C_t$ , trimming capacitor.

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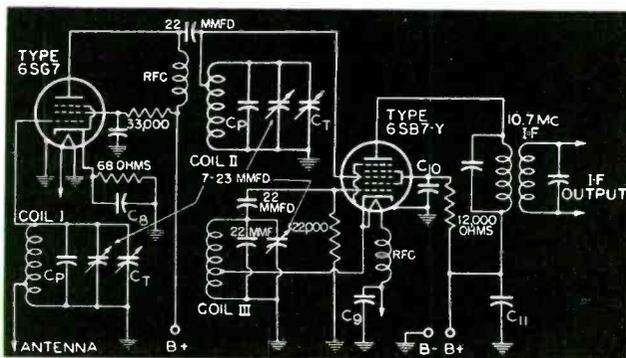


Fig. 2 (right, top). Converter circuit for a 6SB7-Y where the signal frequency is 108 mc and the oscillation frequency 118.7 mc.

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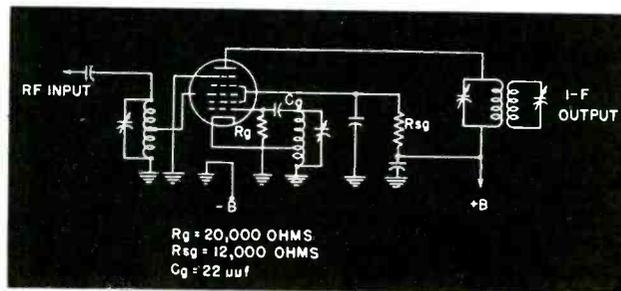
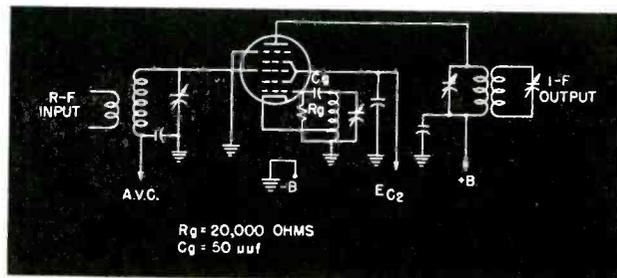


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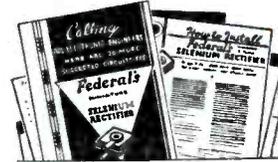
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## Cures for Troubles That Are Usually Encountered in Servicing Emerson 23, Majestic 400, 370 and 15, and Macy MB 58 Models

MOST NEWCOMERS TO SERVICE, who have trained carefully, have little trouble in servicing most of the prewar receivers, that is, those receivers which reached the retail market between 1938 and 1942. Practically all of these receivers employed similar circuits for conversion, detection, and audio amplification.

However, occasionally, a real old-timer of the early thirties, with odd circuits that are not too familiar, will be brought to the Service Shop. And the Service Man is usually faced with a bit of a problem.

Many of these receivers employ circuits which were either the forerun-

ner of modern circuits, or were discarded for better and simpler design.

### The Plate Detector

A favorite circuit of the first table-model receivers was the plate detector. The greatest advantage of this form of detection was its ability to amplify as well as detect.

In this type circuit the tube is biased to cutoff. Thus, only the positive half of the incoming r-f signal will cause plate current to flow. Bypassing this current through an audio system, these pulses are converted into an audio signal. An r-f filter network is usually employed in the plate circuit to filter out any residual r-f voltage.

Figs. 1a and b show typical plate-detector circuits in two oldtimers, Majestic 400, and Emerson 23, respectively. While both of the receivers shown are superheterodynes, this type of detection is most often employed in t-r-f receivers.

The salient characteristics of this type of detector are high bias voltage and low screen grid voltage. Cathode resistors will vary from 20,000 to 50,000 ohms, while screen grid resistors will vary from 1 to 3 megohms.

The plate bypass is very important, and will usually be found to vary in value from .00025 to .002 mfd. An

open plate bypass capacitor will usually cause squealing and whistling, while an incorrect value of screen grid or cathode resistor will cause low volume, distortion at high volume levels, or low sensitivity.

### Oscillator Circuits

Before the advent of the converter tube, the general practice was to use a separate tube as an oscillator in superheterodyne receivers. When the super-control pentode appeared, the autodyne circuit was used extensively, although

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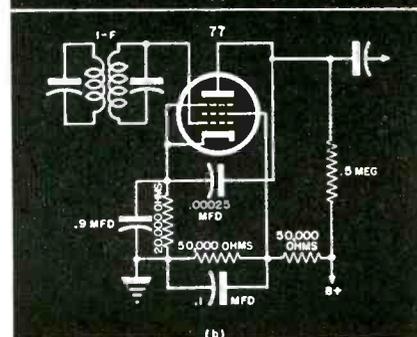
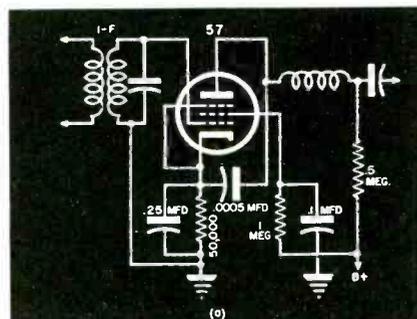
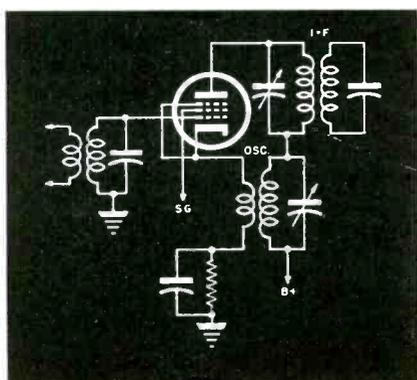
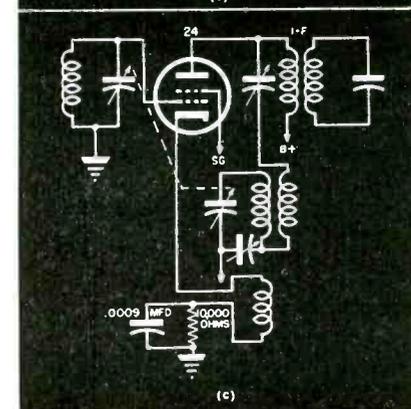
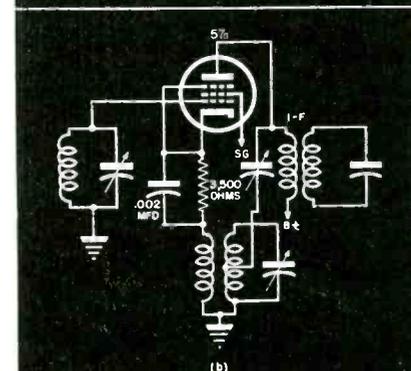
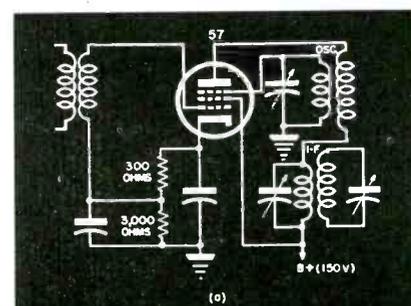


Fig. 1 (left). Two examples of plate detection. In a, detector circuit of the Majestic 400. The choke and .0005-mfd capacitor form a filter network for r-f, permitting only the audio component to pass into the audio system. In b, circuit used in Emerson 23. Here, the choke has been omitted and only the capacitor is used. Note the high value of cathode resistance used in both circuits.

Fig. 2 (top, left). Basic circuit of the autodyne circuit. This circuit was the forerunner of the modern converter. Many variations of this basic design were used in receivers produced around 1930.

Fig. 3 (right). Three variations of the autodyne. In a, the oscillator coil has been placed between the plate and suppressor grid. In b, the oscillator coil is connected in the plate and cathode circuits. In c appears an early version of the autodyne, employing a 24 tube. Note that in b and c the primary of the i-f transformer is untuned.



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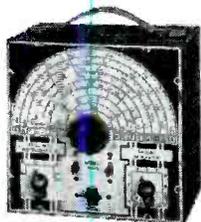
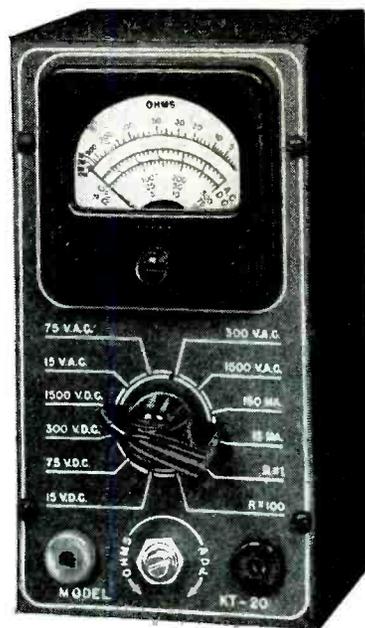
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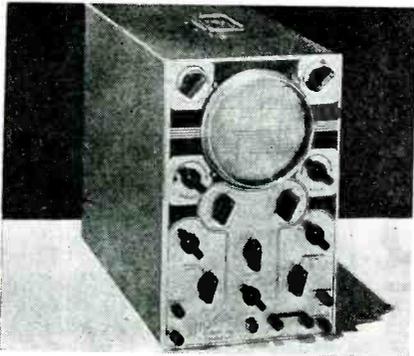


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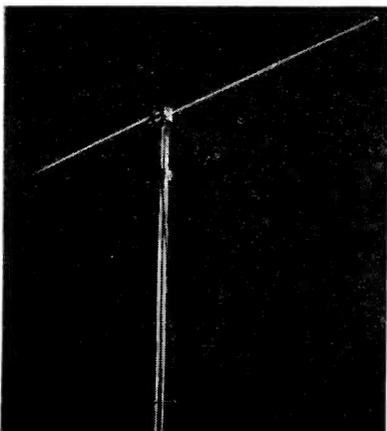
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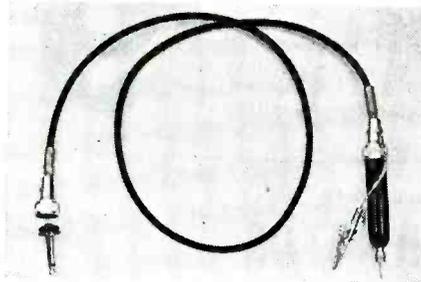


## RCA GERMANIUM CRYSTAL PROBE

A miniature germanium crystal rectifying probe, MI-8263, which adapts the volt-ohmyst and chanalyst for circuit testing of television, frequency-modulation, and other v-h-f applications, has been announced by the test and measurement section of the RCA engineering products department.

The probe employs the crystal to rectify applied a-c voltages which are then measured by the d-c circuit of the meter. The meter reading is proportional to the positive peak of the applied a-c voltage.

The probe body, constructed of insulating material, is reinforced at the end with a metal shield to eliminate capacity effects when held for testing. A detachable ground lead with an alligator clip is provided for use at the highest frequencies, where the lead length becomes an important factor in overall accuracy.



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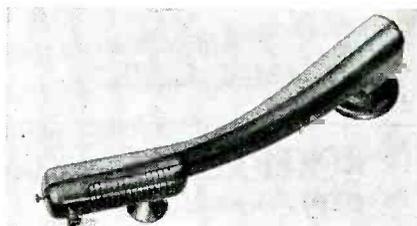
## FLUORESCENT-LAMP NOISE FILTER

A fluorescent-lamp interference filter, Aerovox IN-23, has been developed by the Aerovox Corporation, New Bedford, Mass. Connects across two lines of the fluorescent lamp. A slotted mounting bracket facilitates mounting and grounding on the frame of the fixture.

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## ASTATIC PICKUP ARMS

Two phono pickup arms, designed to accommodate a nylon cartridge, have been developed by the Astatic Corp., Conneaut, Ohio. Cartridge (1-J type) employs a nylon chuck and matched, replaceable, knee-action, nylon needle with jewel or precious metal tip. One pickup arm (Nylon-508) is intended for use with the new manually-operated electrical record players. Other type (Nylon-400) studio master, is a professional type reproducer for use with lateral transcriptions of all sizes.



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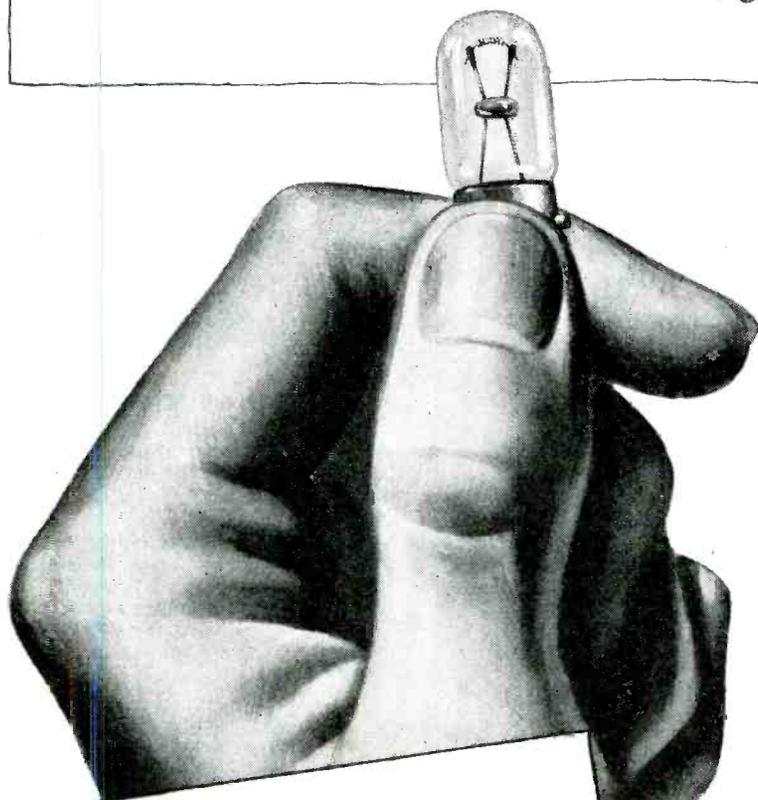
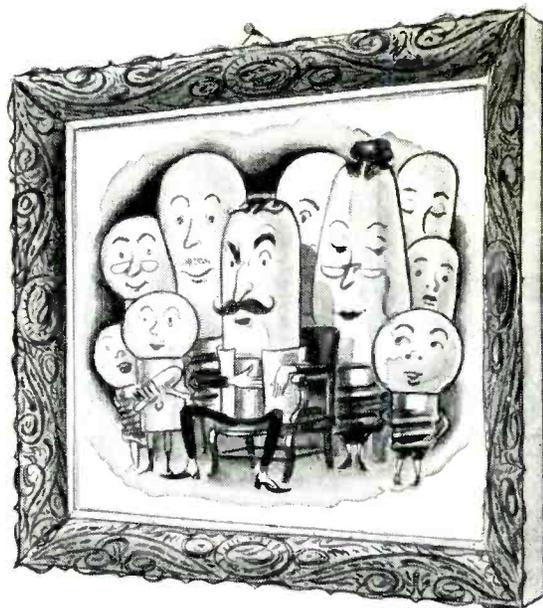
Dynamic microphone, model 630, using an acoustalloy diaphragm, has been developed by Electro-Voice, Inc., Buchanan, Michigan. Frequency response is said to be substantially flat, 40-9000 cps; output level, 53 db below 1 volt/dyne/cm<sup>2</sup>, open circuit. Acoustalloy diaphragm is said to withstand high humidity, extremes of temperature, corrosive effects of salt air, and severe mechanical shocks. Alnico V and armco magnetic iron ore utilized in mike in a non-welded magnetic circuit.

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#### G-C FLOCK FINISH SPRAY KIT

A blower spray gun that is said to distribute flock evenly and blow each fibre into the undercoat vertically has been included in a kit announced by General Cement Manufacturing Co., 919 Taylor Avenue, Rockford, Illinois.

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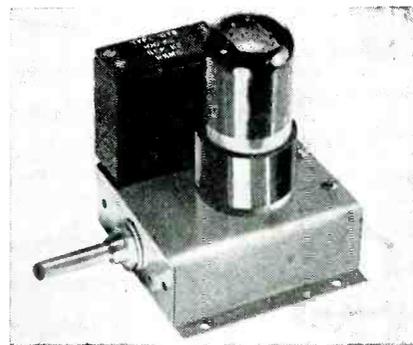
flock, 1 can ivory flock, 1 can thinner, 1 brush and instructions and 1 can brown undercoat.



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#### RADIO SPECIALTY OSCILLATOR UNIT

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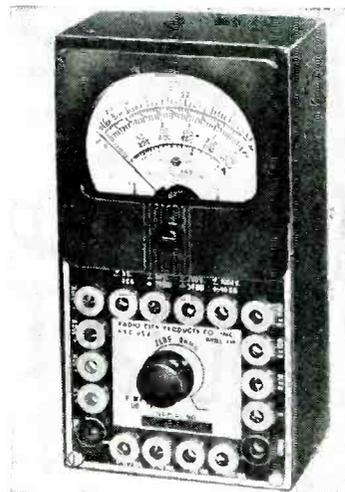
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#### RCP MULTITESTER

A multimeter, model 449A, with a d-c sensitivity of 5,000 ohms-per-volt, has been announced by Radio City Products Company, Inc., 127 West 26th Street, New York 1, N. Y.

Model uses a germanium crystal rectifier which permits a-c measurements from 30 cps to 50 kc. Has a 3" meter that is said to be accurate to 2%.

Also uses matched metallized voltage multipliers that are said to have a tolerance of 1%.



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#### CLARK 10-WATT P-A AMPLIFIER

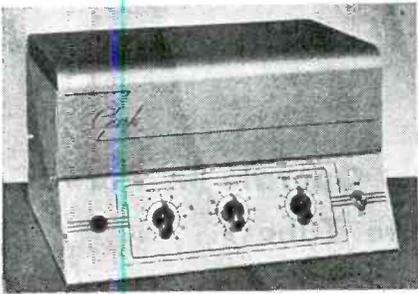
A 10-watt p-a amplifier has been announced by the Clark Radio Equipment

Corp., 4636 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

Features two controlled input channels of 500,000 ohms impedance; each accommodate a microphone and phono pickup. Tone control attenuates 18 db at 10,000 cps. Output is tapped for 4, 8, 16 and 500 ohms impedance.

Uses two 6SJ7, one 6J5GT, two 6V6GT, and one 5Y3GT. Response said to be flat from 50 to 10,000 cycles with less than 3% harmonic distortion at 10 watts output.

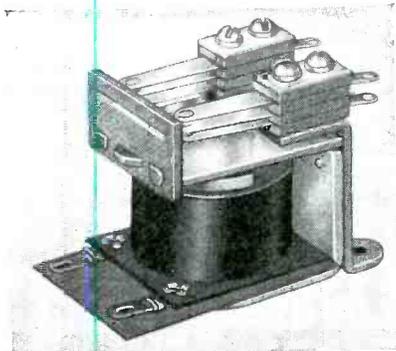
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#### GUARDIAN ELECTRIC MIDGET RELAY

A relay, series 600, comprised of two basic parts, a coil assembly and a contact assembly, with each basic part interchangeable, has been announced by Guardian Electric Mfg. Co., Dept. 600, 1617 West Walnut Street, Chicago 12, Illinois. For example, the contact assembly can be used with any of the standard series 600 or 605 coils whether the operating voltage is 3, 6, 12, 18, 24, 32, 50, 115, 230 a-c or 3, 6, 12, 18, 24, 32, 50, 110 d-c. The maximum contact current capacity is 8 amperes and power consumption is 6 va.

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Guardian 600 relay; 1 1/4" w; 2 1/4" l; 1 1/2" h.

#### INSULINE INTERFERENCE SUPPRESSOR SET

An interference suppressor set has been announced by the Insuline Corporation of America, 35-02 35th Avenue, Long Island City, N. Y.

#### REPUBLIC TELEVISION KITS

An 18-tube 7" picture-tube television receiver kit has been announced by Republic Television, Inc., 7 East Madison Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey.

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# TELEVISION RECEIVER

## R-F Amplifiers

How Wideband Amplifiers, Required for TV Receivers, Operate in Prewar and New Models Which Feature Miniature Tubes

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Temple University

R-F AMPLIFIERS OF TELEVISION receivers feature broadband high-frequency amplifying circuits requiring critical control of chassis layout, components and particularly tubes. Prewar r-f amplifiers did not offer too much gain because the available tubes were not able to effectively amplify the necessary wide bands. Today, however, thanks to miniature tubes with high  $G_m$  and low capacity, and improved circuit design, unusually high gain broadband amplification is possible.

### Tube and Circuit Capacity

Tube and circuit capacity is an important factor in broadband h-f amplification because the value of the dis-

tributed shunt capacity limits the size of the plate load resistor of the tuned circuits. Thus the higher the distributed capacity the lower the  $L$  to  $C$  ratio of the tuned circuit. Consequently, we must use a low value load resistor to broaden the characteristic of the tuned circuits. However, since the approximate gain of a broadband amplifier is equal to  $G_m$  times the value of the load resistor, any reduction in the value of the load resistor means a reduction in stage gain. Therefore, to keep the gain up we must keep the capacity down. In addition the mutual conductance or  $G_m$  of a tube, which is a measure of how effectively a tube converts a small change in grid voltage to a substantial change in plate current, must be set high to produce

an appreciable current variation across the small value of load resistor. That is the reason for the importance of the new type high  $G_m$  low-capacity in wideband television service.

### Use of Distributed Capacity

To keep the stage gain high most r-f amplifiers have no physical capacity shunted across them. Instead the tube circuit is resonated to the proper frequency with the distributed circuit capacity and is tuned over a limited range by some variable inductance arrangement. Thus most schematic diagrams of television r-f amplifiers appear to have no physical capacity and consequently no tuned circuits. This, of course, is not the case, since

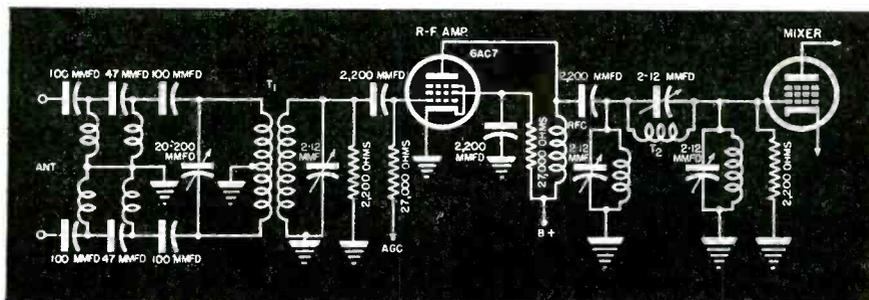
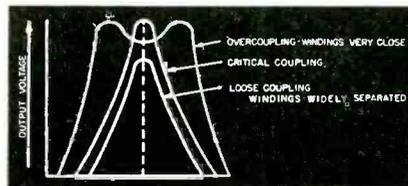


Fig. 2. The tv r-f amplifier of the G. E. 90.

Fig. 1 (below). Coupling response of three types of tuned circuits



each inductor resonates with the total distributed capacity of the circuit. With this arrangement circuit distributed capacity has a fixed value, which is low.

#### Close Coupling

Another circuit requirement of wide-band amplifiers is close coupling of transformers; when the primary and secondary windings are coupled very closely to each other, we have a double-humped characteristic that widens the band of frequencies; Fig. 1.

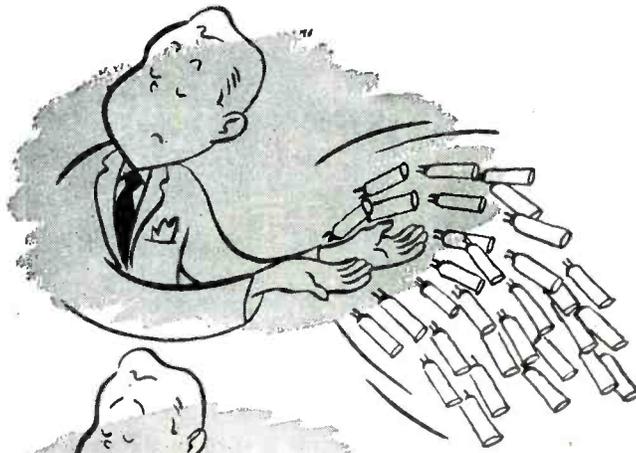
#### G. E. 90 R-F Circuit

In the r-f systems of some circuits, such as the G. E. 90 (Fig. 2), a balanced antenna and transmission system is coupled to the antenna input through a high-pass filter. This high-pass filter will pass those frequencies in the television channels but will reject or shunt those frequencies below approximately 40 mc. In particular, it will shunt out those frequencies around the i-f frequencies of the sound and picture channels of the receiver, because the receiver would be sensitive to all signals in that frequency spectrum which would reach the grid of the mixer tube. Thus the high-pass filter will shunt out any signals in the 7 to 15-mc range which may be strong enough to excite the antenna or transmission line. Many of the model 90 tuned circuits are tuned by very small trimmer capacitors. The antenna input coil is overcoupled and is broadened in response by a resistor which is only 2,200 ohms. The grid of the r-f amplifier is also connected to an automatic gain control circuit. Voltage output is developed across a plate inductor and from there is coupled to another tuned transformer.

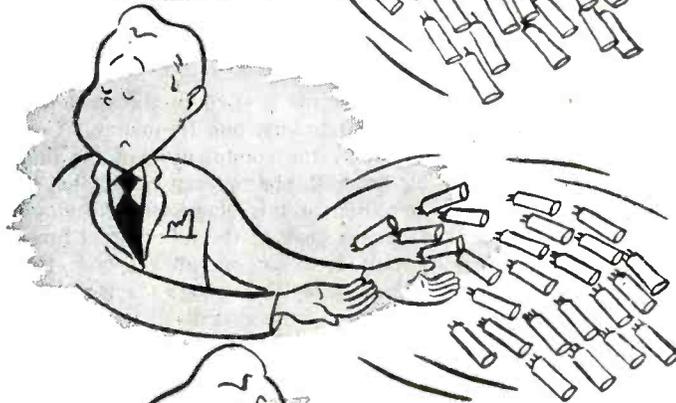
#### Mutual Tuned Circuits

It is also possible to overcouple between two circuits by means of some mutual element which, in this case, is a mutual tuned circuit connected between the high sides of the primary and secondary windings. This tuned transformer is also loaded down by a resistor to flatten the frequency response, the value of which is also 2,200 ohms. To obtain a maximum performance on all channels, a switching arrangement switches in an entirely

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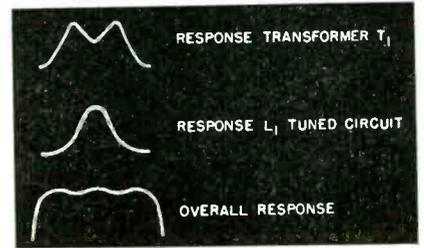
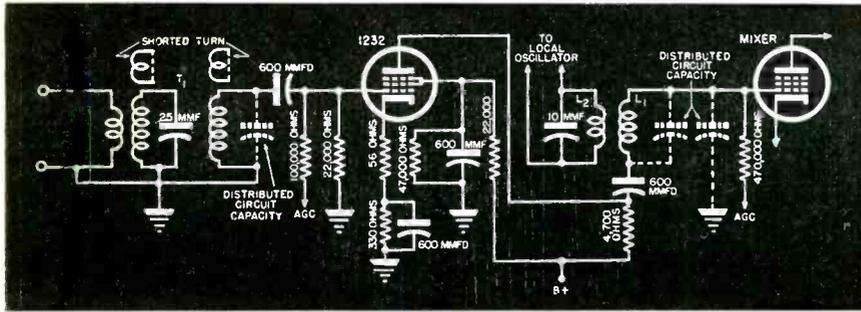


Fig. 3 (left). Philco 10TK r-f amplifier.

Fig. 4. Overall response characteristics of the r-f stage used in the Philco model.

different transformer for each channel. On any one channel, once the trimmer capacitors have been adjusted for a maximum amplitude, it is not necessary to tune the r-f stage, because it is inherently broad. And on any one channel, fine tuning is accomplished by varying the local oscillator frequency over a limited range. The r-f amplifier tube is a 6AC7 which, along with the 1232, were the best prewar tubes available for broadband, high-frequency service.

tuned circuit is used in the grid it is resonant to just one frequency. Consequently the combination of the double-humped characteristics of the r-f amplifier in this stage and the single resonant peak of the mixer grid tuned circuit form an overall response that is reasonably linear over the frequency spectrum of the channel; Fig. 4. Local oscillator signal is injected into the grid of the mixer through the mutual coupling between the oscillator tuned circuit and  $L_1$ .

### Philco 10TK R-F System

In Fig. 3 we have the r-f amplifier of the Philco 10TK television receiver. The antenna input coil in this receiver consists of a double-tuned transformer, in addition to a small untuned winding which matches the low-impedance antenna and transmission line to the transformer. Overcoupling of the windings is again used to pass a broadband of frequencies. No physical capacity shunts the secondary of this transformer, because it is resonated to the proper frequency with the distributed capacity of the input circuit, shown by the dotted lines. The frequency of the primary and secondary tuned circuits are changed by means of a small loop of wire, called a *shorted turn*, which can be moved toward or away from the high side of the tuned circuit. The inductance of the winding is varied by this shorted turn over a limited range. Automatic brightness voltage is also applied to the grid of this r-f amplifier. A portion of the cathode resistance is also unbypassed to broaden the band of frequencies passed and at the same time to reduce any tendency to oscillation. The plate load for the r-f amplifier is a resistor which is connected through a capacitor to coil  $L_1$  and then to the grid of the mixer. Here again,  $L_1$  resonates with the total distributed capacity of the circuit, as shown, at the proper frequency. Inasmuch as only a single

### Matching

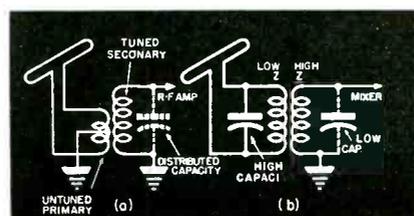
To obtain the highest gain and the best signal-to-noise ratio it is necessary to precisely match the antenna and transmission line system to the input of the r-f amplifier or, in the case in which the antenna excites the mixer to the mixer grid. Consequently, the input transformer would match the low impedance of the antenna and transmission line system to the high impedance of the input circuit of the tube. One simple method of matching antenna to grid input circuit is shown in Fig. 5a. Here the antenna is coupled to a low-impedance portion of the grid input circuit through a few turns of wire near the grounded end of the tube circuit. A higher gain method is shown in Fig. 5b. This cir-

cuit utilizes a tuned primary and tuned secondary. This is a method commonly used in the RCA television receivers to couple antenna to the mixer. In this system the impedance match is a function of the  $L$  to  $C$  ratios of the primary and secondary tuned circuits. The secondary has a high  $L$  to  $C$  ratio and therefore a high impedance to match the grid circuit of the tube, while the primary has a low  $L$  to  $C$  ratio and consequently a low impedance which matches the antenna and transmission line system. Thus, the secondary is resonated to the proper frequency by means of the distributed capacity of the circuit which, of course, is very low. The primary has an actual capacitor shunted across it. This capacitor has a substantial capacity and lowers the  $L$  to  $C$  ratio of the primary. In switching bands in the RCA receivers both the primary and secondary tuned circuits are replaced by other sets of primary and secondary tuned circuits.

### Dual Mutual Couplings

A third method is employed in Philco receivers, Fig. 3. This system has still higher gain and consists of two mutual couplings. First, the small antenna winding is coupled to the primary tuned circuit by means of a few turns located at the lowest impedance end of the primary tuned circuit. Primary and secondary windings are then overcoupled to obtain the double-humped broadband characteristic. Consequently, the coupling between the untuned antenna winding in the primary constitutes the impedance match, while the coupling between the primary and secondary windings is a control of the bandwidth of the tuned circuits.

Fig. 5. Antenna matching methods. At a is an antenna coupled to a low-impedance portion of the grid input through a few turns of wire near the grounded end of the tube circuit. At b we have a higher gain method using a tuned primary and secondary; system used by RCA.



### 300-Ohm Lines

Present television receivers are designed to match a 300-ohm transmission line. Prewar receivers were made with a 75-ohm termination. Thus, the new television receivers are

designed to match a 300-ohm antenna and a 300-ohm transmission line. Therefore the ideal antenna is a folded dipole, although a straight dipole can be used. Proper antenna match is important to obtain the strongest signal, the highest signal-to-noise ratio, and the proper bandwidth and picture resolution.

### Miniature Tubes

As mentioned earlier, the new television receivers employ miniature tubes in the r-f section because of their higher  $G_m$ , lower capacity and improved performance at these frequencies. The miniature tubes ideally suited for broadband high-frequency operation are the 6AK5, 6AG5, 6J4 and 6J6. A miniature which functions well as a high-frequency oscillator is the 6C4.

### 6AK5 R-F Amplifier

A typical r-f amplifier using a miniature 6AK5 is shown in Fig. 6. This type amplifier will be found in the newer tv receivers. Here a double-tuned over-coupled input transformer is also used with a physical capacitor shunting the primary for proper impedance match, while the secondary resonates to the same frequency with the distributed capacity of the grid input circuit. The output of the single tuned circuit can be coupled to the receiver input through a pick-up link and cable. A small amplifier such as this can be conveniently mounted on a small sub-chassis and mounted right on the main television chassis.

The 6AK5 has a mutual conductance of 5,100  $\mu$ mhos, a grid-plate capacity of .02 mmfd, a grid-cathode capacity of 4 mmfd, and a plate-cathode capacity of only 2 mmfd.

Inasmuch as we have to load most of the tuned circuits with slant resistance to broaden the bandwidth, we cannot fully utilize the high-impedance characteristics of the pentode. Consequently, for broadband high frequency amplification, a triode functions well as an r-f amplifier and has a better signal-to-noise ratio, because of the absence of other grids in the tube. However, if the grid and plate tuned circuit are used, there is always the danger of triode oscillation. This difficulty can be circumvented by using a grounded-grid amplifier in which the grid is grounded and acts as a shield between the input and output

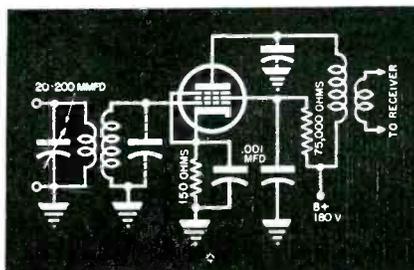


Fig. 6. R-f amplifier for a 6AK5 miniature tube.

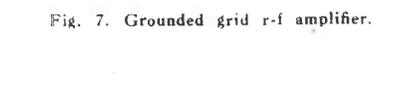


Fig. 7. Grounded grid r-f amplifier.

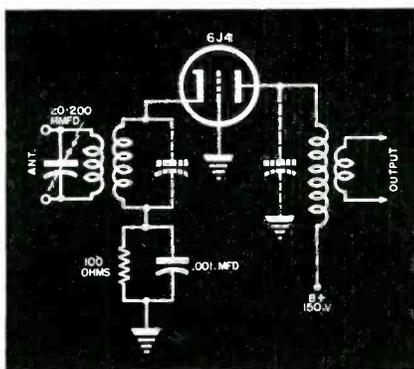


Fig. 8. Cathode-coupled amplifier which will be found in some of the new tv receivers.

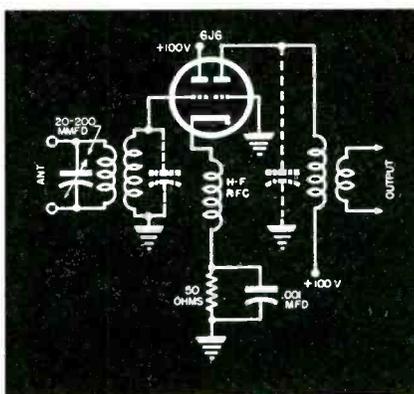
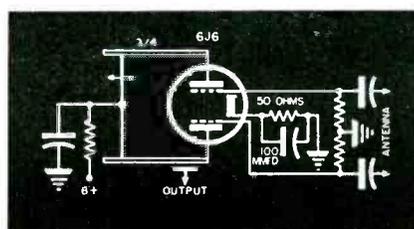


Fig. 9. A pushpull type of r-f amplifier.



circuits preventing oscillation; a grounded-grid amplifier using a 6J4 is shown in Fig. 7.

### Low-Impedance Virtues

Another advantage of the triode r-f amplifier is its inherently lower impedance which means it has an inherently broader bandwidth, making it unnecessary to load the two circuits as severely. One set of coils can be designed to cover a number of the television channels using this type of an amplifier. The advantages of the grounded-grid amplifier are simplicity of construction, few components, low capacity, broad bandwidth, high signal-to-noise ratio, and an appreciable gain.

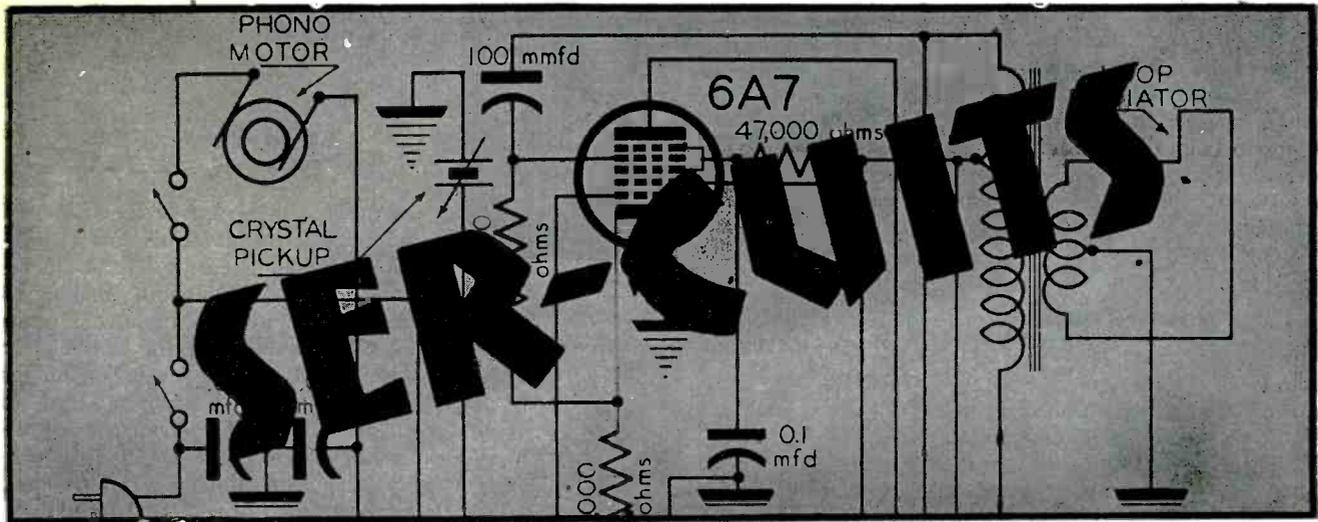
### Cathode-Coupled Stages

Another new circuit that will be found in the new television receivers is the cathode-coupled stage designed by Sziklai and Schroeder. The cathode-coupled stage has an extremely low input capacity because the first section used is a cathode follower. Generally a dual triode such as a 6J6 is connected in a cathode-coupled circuit, as shown in Fig. 8. The first section is the cathode follower input stage, while the second section is a grounded-grid amplifier. The cathode-coupled amplifier has approximately the same gain as a single pentode and uses approximately the same number of component parts. However, it does have a number of additional advantages, such as low input capacity and broad bandwidth, low tube noises and an extremely stable circuit under line voltage fluctuations. Signal is conveyed from the first section to the second section by the inductor which is common to both cathode circuits.

### Push-Pull R-F

Still another stable circuit at high-frequencies is the push-pull r-f amplifier; Fig. 9. In this circuit the plate-tuned circuit is a quarter-wave section of transmission line (shorted quarter-wave equivalent to a high  $Q$  parallel-tuned circuit). Advantages of this type of r-f amplifier are its stable symmetrical layout, low capacity, and excellent gain. Channel-switching can be accomplished by changing the position of the shorting bar.

[To Be Continued]



BUILDING AT HOME IS once more becoming popular, with attention now being focused on television receivers such as the one in Fig. 1 (page 32), which is now available in kit form; Transvision model.

The r-f section of this kit features a 6AC7 mixer and a 6C4 local oscillator designed for flat response on 6.5 mc for the tv channels.

In the video i-f section are three stages, each using a 6AC7. Audio intelligence is picked off of a second i-f transformer by a trap tuned to 21.9 megacycles, and fed into a sound i-f stage that uses another 6AC7.

A 6SQ7 demodulator-amplifier and a 6V6 power amplifier comprise the audio section, while video detection and amplification are achieved by a 6H6 and 6AG7, respectively.

A 6AC7 is also used as a sync separator, activating 6N7 multivibrators in both vertical and horizontal sweep cir-

cuits. The 6SN7's that follow are push-pull amplifiers.

Low voltage rectification employs a 5U4G, while a 2X2 (or 2Y2) rectifies the high voltages. The picture tube is a type 7EP4.

Fixed, double-tuned trap coupling used in the i-f section affords a satisfactory gain over a 3.5-mc bandpass. With this method, the trimmers can be used for tuning. In the second i-f can, for example, the 21.9 megacycle trap can be adjusted for maximum audio output, while remaining trimmers are set for greatest brightness.

The video circuits employ straightforward design, with low resistance in the detector circuits and a series-shunt peaking arrangement in both the input and output of the section.

In the audio section, demodulation is accomplished by means of slope detection.

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extra 350 volts, a special rectifier circuit was used. Generally, the low side of the high voltage rectifier is returned directly to ground. But since this procedure has the disadvantage of losing the potential available in the low voltage section, two rectifier circuits were connected in series. As a precaution against noise pickup, the low side of the high-voltage supply is tied to a 350-volt terminal point distant from the r-f unit.

#### G. E. 417

A new model 10-tube a-m/f-m/s-w receiver (G. E. 417) featuring a unique tuning system is shown in Fig. 3 (page 36); variable inductance tuning is used with guillotine type tuners.

This set has an a-m broadcast range of 540 to 1,600 kc and f-m ranges of 42 to 50 mc and 88 to 108 mc. It also has two short-wave ranges; 9.4 to 9.9 mc and 11.6 to 12.1 mc. Audio power output is 4 watts.

#### Tuning System

The tuning is accomplished by means of an *elevator* which consists of a rigid plastic horizontal plate raised and lowered by means of a windlass controlled by the tuning knob. From this plate are suspended three powdered iron cores which tune the broadcast r-f, converter, and oscillator coils; and three tuning *vanes* which tune three low-inductance circuits are employed in both f-m bands and both short-wave bands.

Tuners are designed primarily for the 88- to 108-mc band where special techniques are needed to realize high gain and circuit stability. Coils, tuned by variable capacitors, are usually inefficient at these frequencies; first, because of the low inductances required to reach these frequencies, and second,

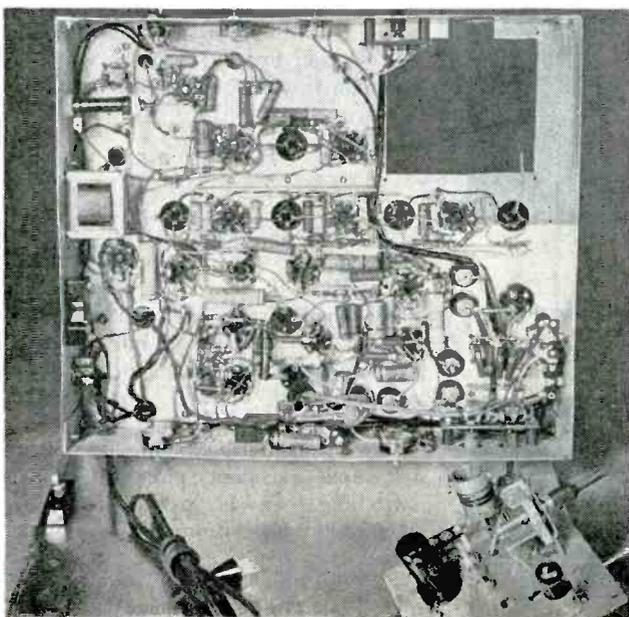


Fig. 1.  
Underside view of the television receiver.

because shunt capacity reduces the gain of the amplifier circuit and also restricts tuning range. Still another disadvantage of standard tuning arrangements at these frequencies is that common coupling is obtained through the shaft of a ganged tuning capacitor unless insulated single sections are used. Such sections are cumbersome, not to mention high cost. Further, common coupling of this type tends to cause oscillation or general instability. The guillotine units make it possible to use short leads in wiring, achieve isolation of sections, secure stable tuning and high  $Q$  circuits with small shunt capacity, and also make it possible to locate each tuner in the best physical and electrical position of the assembly. As the shunt capacity is small and the inductance is consequently at its highest corresponding value, the additional unavoidable inductance introduced in the wiring, bandswitch, etc., produces a minimum of circuit losses and unbalance.

#### Tuner Operation

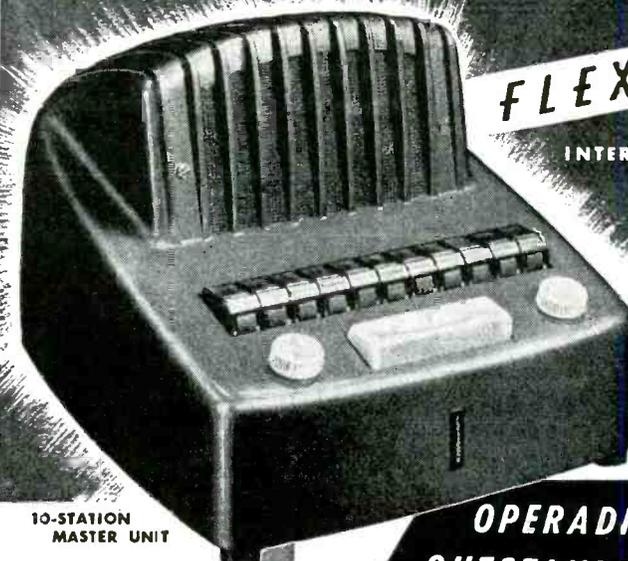
The guillotine tuner ( $T_2$ ,  $T_1$ , and  $T_0$  in circuit) consists of a heavy silver-plated two-turn square coil rigidly supported between two plastic posts. A flat, solid vane slides up and down between the two turns and is guided in grooves in the plastic posts so that it passes between the two sections of the coil without touching them. The posts are so molded and the coil so constructed that the whole assembly is held rigidly at a predetermined setting or spacing. The tuning vane is raised and lowered by the tuning elevator. When the elevator is all the way up, set tuned to lowest frequency, the vane is completely above the coil which then acts as a simple two-turn coil. As the set is tuned toward the higher frequencies, the vane moves downward into the field of the coil until finally it is all of the way in. The vane reduces the inductance of the coil since it acts as a shorted turn and thus reduces the inductance directly and also provides a barrier between the two turns of the coil which reduces the mutual coupling and thus reduces inductance.

#### S-W Bandsread Ranges

Bandsread tuning in the s-w ranges is obtained in the converter and oscillator circuits by inserting the guillotine tuners in series with a higher inductance so that the two inductances together form the  $L$  part of the short-wave tuned circuit. The small percentage change in inductance obtained in the tuner provides smooth, wide and

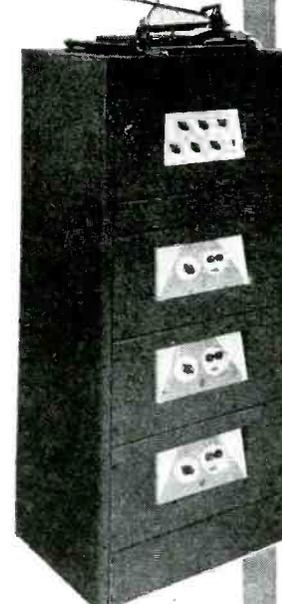
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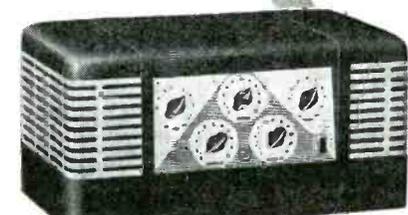
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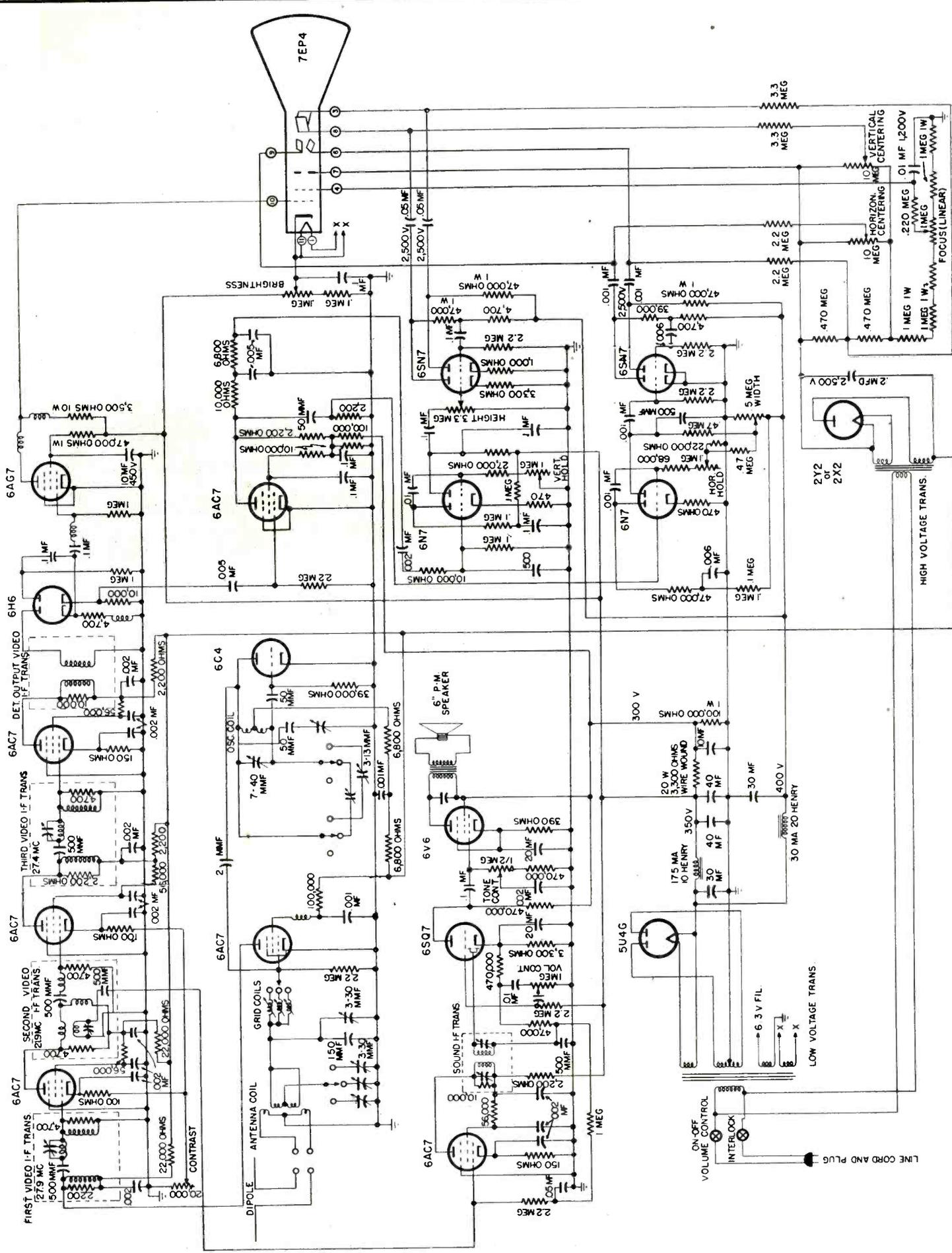
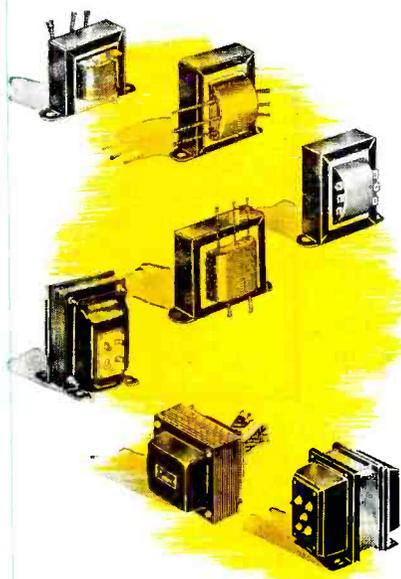


Fig. 2. Circuit of the Transvision television kit.

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stable tuning. The C part of the tuned circuit consists primarily of a shunt trimmer. Switching from one short-wave band to the other is accomplished by selecting a different shunt trimmer. The converter-grid circuit, as an example, includes  $L_7$  and  $T_8$  in series in both the  $SW_1$  and  $SW_2$  bands. Tuner  $T_8$  is in the ground end of the circuit and the signal is fed into the grid end through  $C_{10}$ . The shunt tuning capacity is either  $C_{60}$  or  $C_{57}$ , depending upon which of the two short-wave bands is used.

Additional oscillator coupling capacitors,  $C_{72}$  or  $C_{73}$ , are also added to compensate for the lower coupling through  $C_{67}$  when the higher shunt capacitors are in the circuit. In the r-f stage a section of the loop is used as the grid circuit. It is tuned for resonance by a shunt capacitor ( $C_{64}$  and  $C_{65}$ ) and a shunt inductance ( $L_{20}$ ). Because a tuned circuit of this type is inherently broad, tuning through the relatively narrow spread-band offers little advantage and is not applied.

### A-M Band Features

When manual tuning is employed (bandswitch in STD position), the receiver employs an r-f stage, converter, and oscillator, all of which are

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## COVER CIRCUIT

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connected from the high side of the primary to the grid end of the secondary, supplements the magnetic coupling in the a-m transformer.

The first i-f amplifier, using a 7AH7, delivers its output to two i-f transformers in series, similar to the old 4.3-mc i-f amplifiers in a-m/f-m sets. The impedance of the 10.7-mc primary is very small compared to the impedance of the a-m transformer and thus little loss is introduced. Conversely, a 220-mmfd fixed capacitor shunted by 230-mmfd adjustable capacitor in the circuit present a very low reactance to 10.7 mc, acting as a by-pass for the f-m i-f. Incidentally degeneration is introduced by an unshunted 47-ohm cathode resistor in series with a bypassed 150-ohm resistor.

A 7AG7 is used as a second i-f amplifier to deliver a-m signals to a standard 6SQ7 detector-audio-ave stage,

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followed by a 6V6 with its cathode circuit grounded through a voice coil for inverted feedback. The f-m signals are delivered to the 6H6 demodulator, then switched to a 2-megohm volume control of a 6SQ7.

The stability of this receiver is enhanced by the many individual filters; plate r-f choke and screen R/C filter in the 6AG5 r-f stage, r-f choke in addition to 6,800 ohms in the f-m oscillator plate, 1,000 ohms and .05-mfd capacitor in first i-f plate plus 10 ohms in the screen, and 1,000 ohms and .05-

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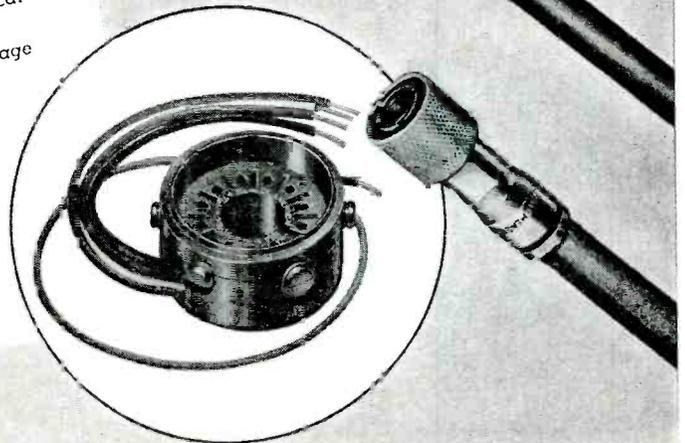
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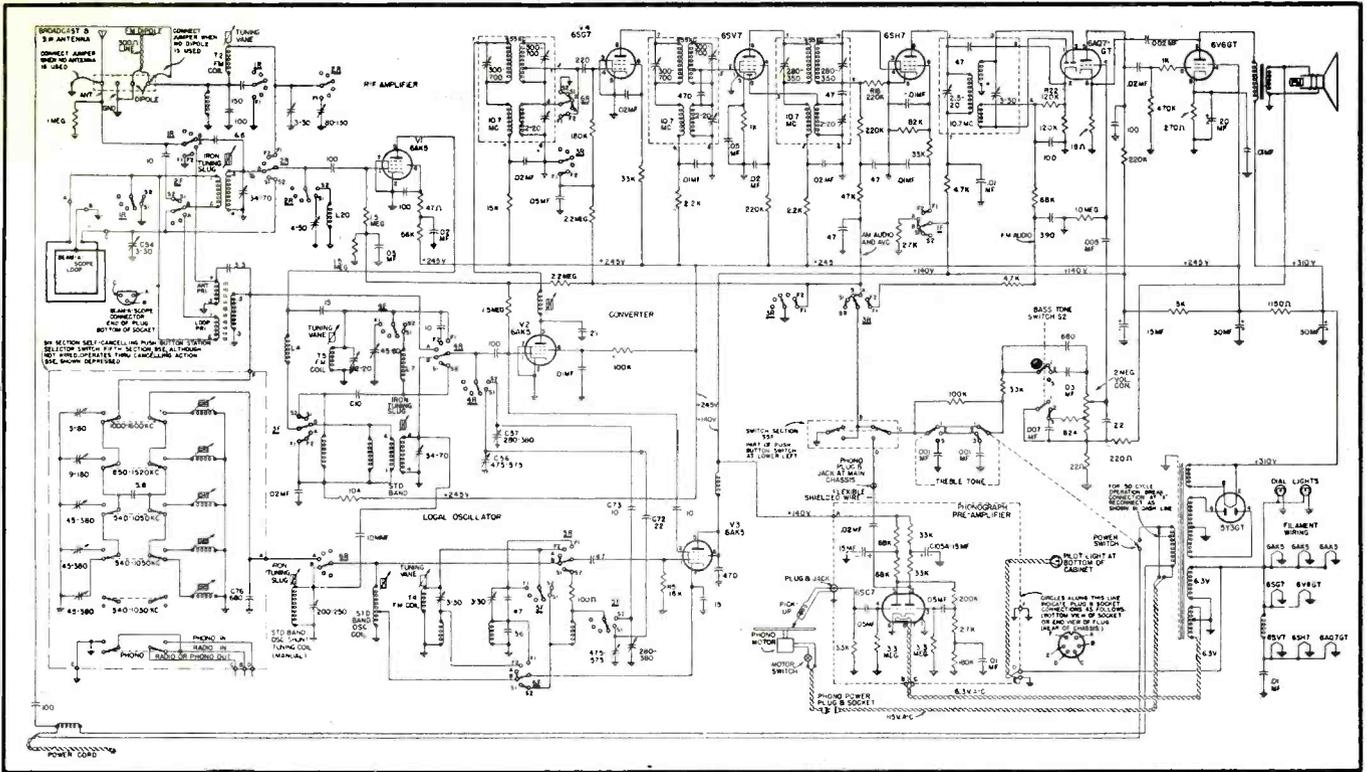
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tuned by iron slugs suspended from the tuning elevator. In the automatic position (bandswitch in auto position), the r-f stage is not used. Instead, a separate antenna coil and loop which couples the antenna and loop directly into the converter. A separate coil is used to make the tuning circuit independent of the dial tuning mechanism so that it may be used by trimmers in the push-button assembly. Switching from manual to automatic tuning is accomplished in the oscillator by using an oscillator coil which is tuned by a separate shunt inductance. In manual tuning, the inductance is one which is tuned by the tuning elevator. In automatic tuning, a fixed shunt capacity (C<sub>7a</sub>) plus one of a series of push-button selected coils tunes the oscillator.

The i-f amplifier consists of a composite 455-kc and 10.7-mc circuit. The electrical changes required to transfer

Fig. 3. Circuit of the a-m/f-m/s-w 10-tube G. E. 417 receiver, using guillotine-type tuners. Receiver covers 42-50 and 88-108-mc bands, as well as the 9.4 to 9.9 and 11.6 to 12.1-mc s-w bands.

between a-m and f-m service are made by a bandswitch.

### RCA QB11

A table model receiver designed for 6-volt storage battery operation with a normal drain of 3.35 amperes is shown in Fig. 5; RCA QB11. Frequencies covered are b-c, medium wave (2.9-9.5 mc), and three s-w spread bands.

The low drain tube lineup includes a 6SA7 converter, 6S7 i-f, 6T7 second detector avc-audio, 6J7 pentode driver

Fig. 4a (below). Voltage values for tubes used in G. E. 417.

Fig. 4b (left, below). View of the guillotine tuner used in the G. E. 417.

Fig. 5 (page 37, top). The RCA QB11 6-volt battery table model designed to cover the broadcast band and the 2.9 to 9.5-mc bands. Spread-band tuning is provided for the s-w bands.

Fig. 5a (right, below). Alignment data for the RCA QB11.

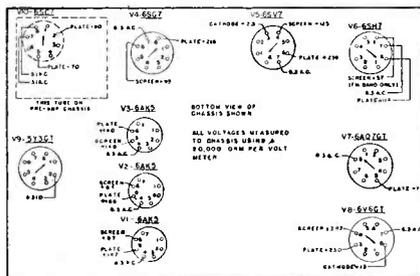
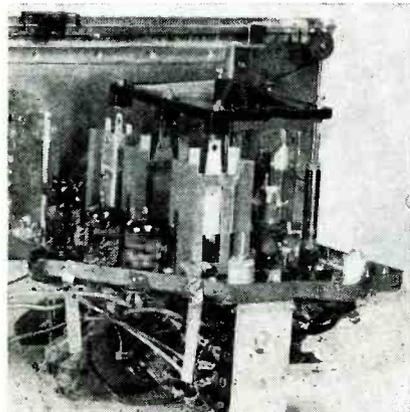
Fig. 6 (page 37, bottom). Westinghouse H110, 111, 137 and 138 two-band phono model.

and 6Z7G dual triode class B output. A synchronous vibrator eliminates the need for a rectifier.

### Westinghouse H-110, 111, 137 and 138

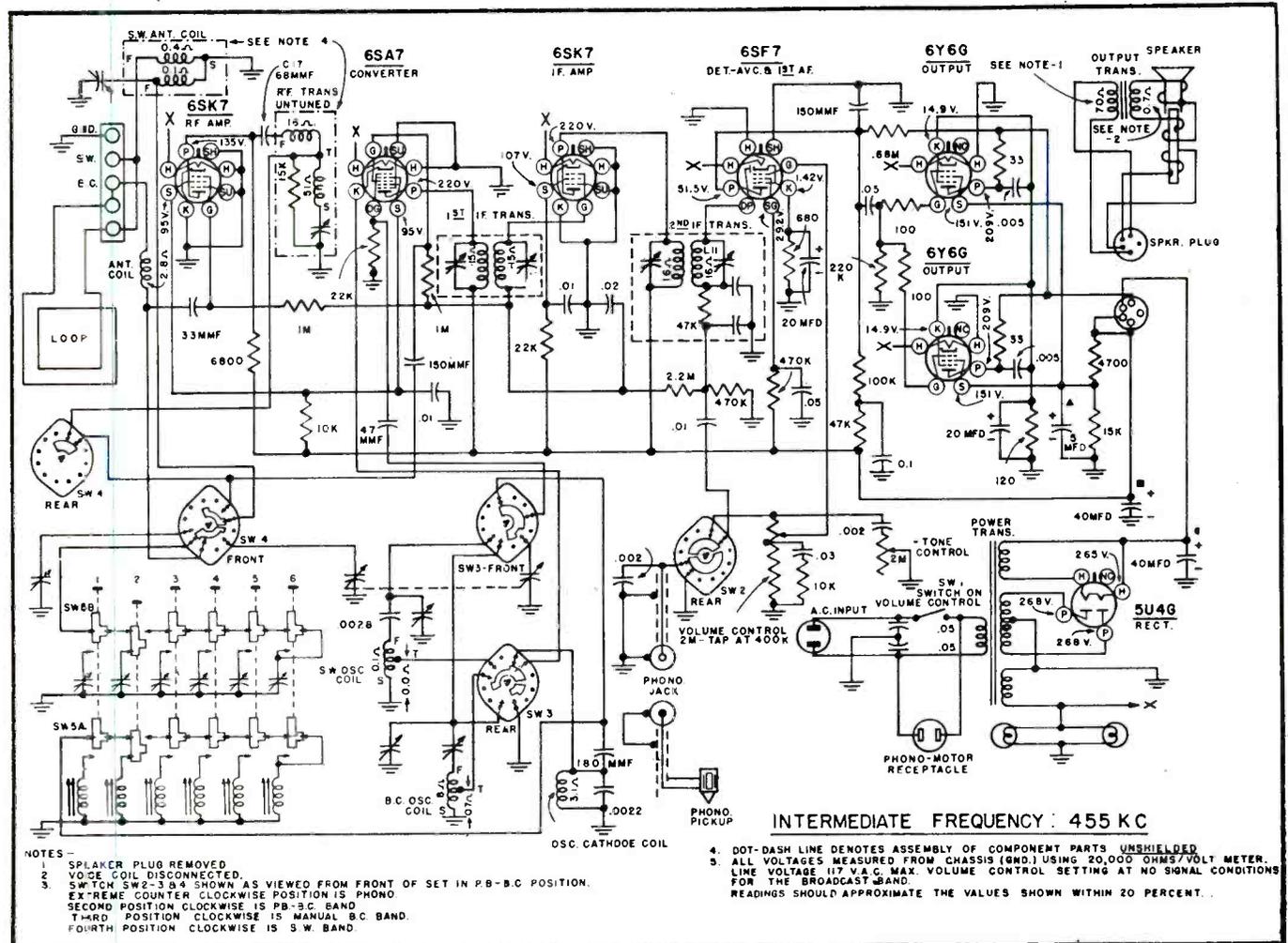
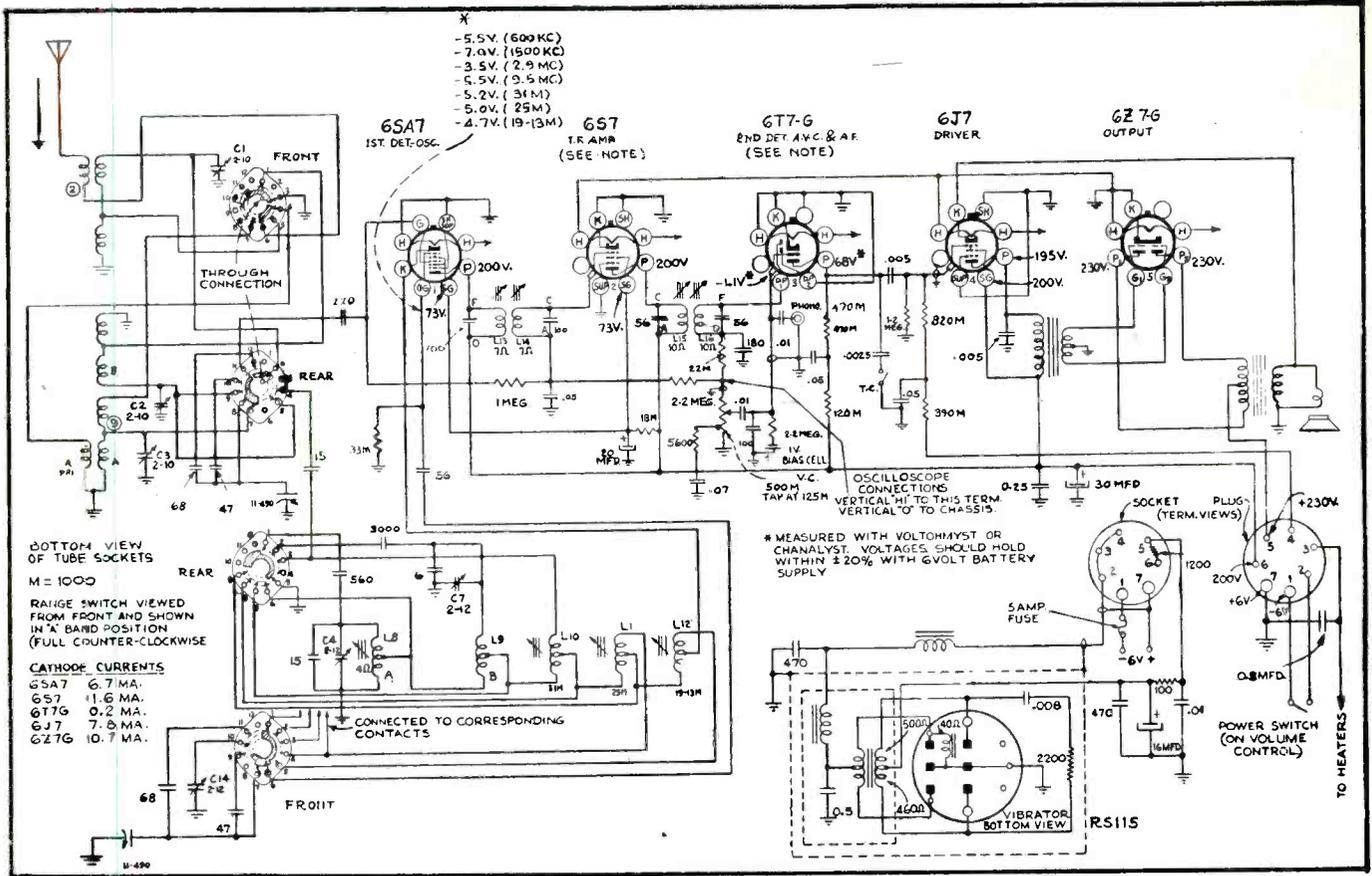
Two-band phono models featuring a 6SK7 r-f amplifier with an untuned converter for b-c and direct converter feed through the antenna transformer for s-w are shown in Fig. 6; Westinghouse 110, 111, 137 and 138. The low side of the loop antenna returns to ground through the primary of the s-w antenna transformer, acting as an internal s-w antenna. The high side of the loop is connected to a loop loading coil.

Oscillator pushbuttons are permeability tuned. A 6SF7 acts as detector-first audio supplying a pair of 6Y6Gs in parallel for power output.



Steps	Connect the high side of the test-osc. to—	Tune test-osc. to—	Range switch	Turn ratio dial to—	Adjust the following for max. peak output
1	1-F grid in series with .01 mfd.	455 kc	A	Quiet point near 180°	L10-L15 2nd 1-F transformer
2	1st Det. grid, in series with .01 mfd.				L14-L13 1st 1-F transformer
3		11.8 mc		138.5°	L11 (osc.) <sup>*</sup> C1 (ant.) <sup>*</sup>
4		15.2 mc	25M	17°	C14 (osc.) <sup>**</sup>
5	Ant. lead in series with 300 ohms				Repeat steps 3 and 4.
6		15.2 mc	19-13M	156°	L12 (osc.) <sup>*</sup>
7		9.5 mc	31M	156°	L10 (osc.) <sup>*</sup> C2 (ant.) <sup>*</sup>
8		9.5 mc	B	11.5°	C7 (osc.) <sup>**</sup>
9	Ant. lead in series with 200 mfd.	1,500 kc		26°	C4 (osc.) <sup>**</sup> C3 (ant.) <sup>*</sup>
10		600 kc	A	150°	L8 (osc.) <sup>*</sup> (Rock gang.)
11					Repeat steps 9 and 10.

\*If two peaks can be obtained, use the one obtained when the core screw is farthest out (counter-clockwise).  
 \*\*Use minimum capacity peak if two can be obtained. Check image to determine that C14 has been adjusted to the correct peak by tuning receiver to approximately 14.29 mc (29°) where a weaker signal should be received  
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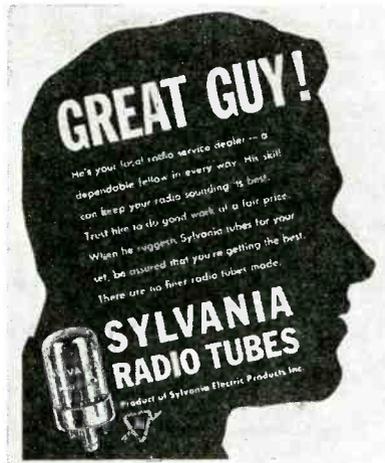
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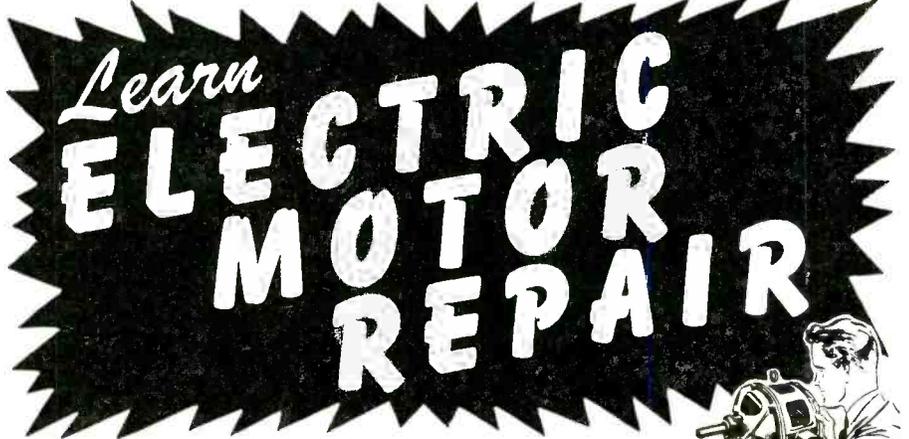
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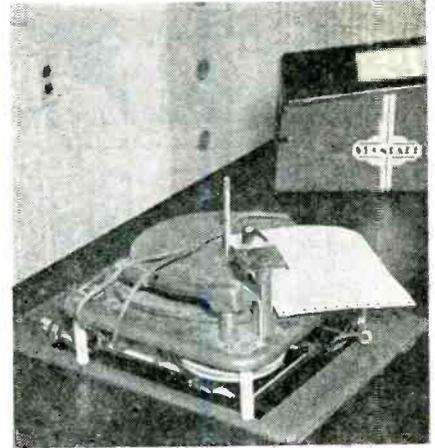
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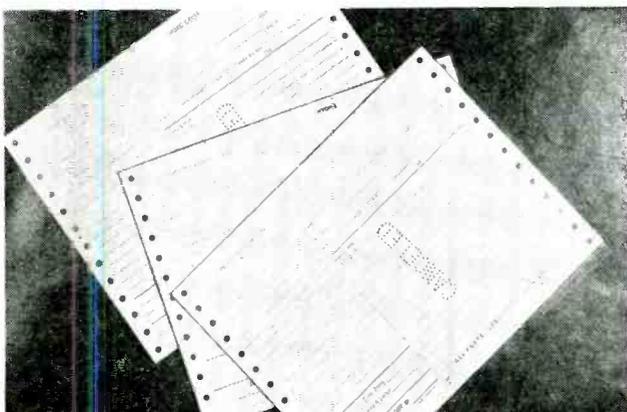
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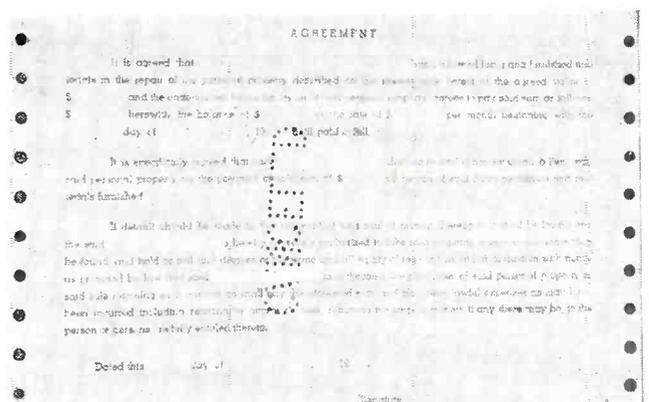
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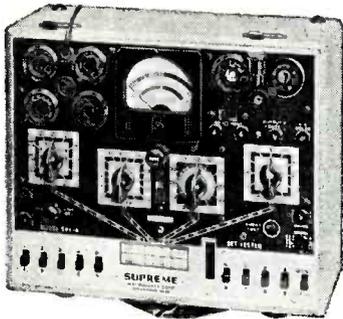
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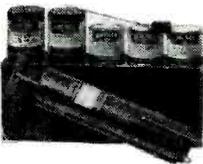
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## OLD TIMERS

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some early receivers used the screen grid tube for the same purpose. In this circuit (Fig. 2) the cathode returns to ground through the primary of the oscillator coil. This effectively places the control grid in the oscillator circuit through the primary, with the plate circuit of the tube passing through the secondary. Therefore, the oscillator voltage will appear across the input of the control grid. Thus, both oscillator and signal voltages will appear on the plate of the tube. Since the i-f transformer is tuned to the difference frequency, this will be the only signal voltage which will be amplified in subsequent stages.

Some typical variations of this circuit are shown on Fig. 3. In *a* we have the circuit used in the Majestic 370. Here the oscillator circuit is established between the plate and suppressor grid. It will be noted that the oscillator plate coil is untuned, and connected directly to the plate ahead of the i-f transformer.

The autodyne circuit used in the Macy MB58 appears in *b*. Here, the cathode is returned to ground through the primary of the oscillator coil.

Fig. 3c shows an autodyne circuit (Majestic 15) employing a 24 tube. Here the primary of the first i-f transformer is untuned. This was a general practice at the time due to coupling and feedback factors.

### Common Trouble

One trouble common to all receivers with these circuits is failure to oscillate over the entire tuning range, usually evident at the low-frequency end of the dial. The cause can generally be traced to the cathode resistor. Lowering the value of cathode resistance will usually cure this trouble. Sometimes, replacing the tube may effect a cure.

If the first i-f transformer needs replacing, it is wise to check the primary of the transformer being replaced. If it is untuned, it will be necessary to remove the tuning capacitor from the new transformer. Two other important factors are the coupling between primary and secondary, and the value of inductance in the primary where it is untuned. Extreme variations from original values may cause spurious oscillation, weak signal response, or even detuning.

**NEWS**

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distributors, and 367 representatives have stated they would attend.

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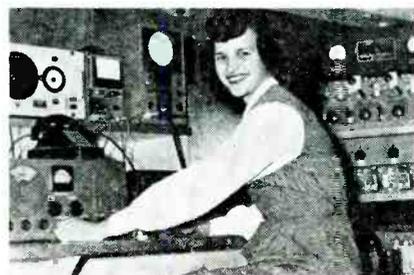


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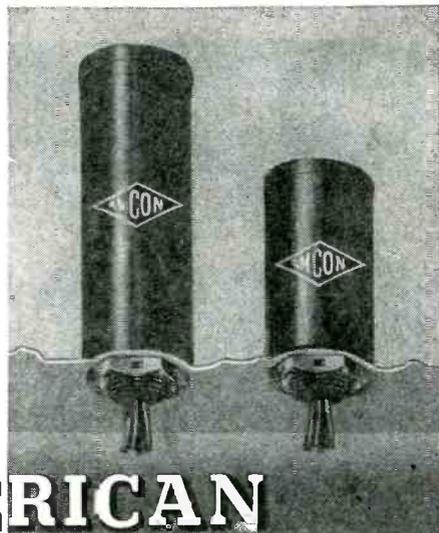
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## TUBE NEWS

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found that the oscillator frequency is affected considerably by the magnitude of avc voltage used. It is thus necessary to use the tube in a circuit of the type illustrated in Fig. 2. It will be noticed that avc is dispensed with on the converter signal grid. For maximum gain the grid circuit should be operated with considerably less oscillator grid current than the lower frequency circuit of Fig. 3. Incidentally, excessive regeneration sometimes appears when the signal grid is connected directly to the top of the input coil. This can be reduced by connecting the grid to a tap somewhere down on the coil.

In the circuit of Fig. 1 we have a typical self-excited converter with an r-f stage. In this circuit, coil 1, which is the antenna coil, consists of two turns of No. 14 wire, plus a 1¼-in. lead of No. 20 wire, with a tap at one turn; the interstage coil (coil 2) is identical to coil 1 except that the tap is at the 1¼ turn. Coil 3 is the oscillator coil and consists of 1⅞ turns of No. 14 wire, tapped at ⅝ turn. There is no added lead to this coil. All coils are ⅝ inches long approximately. The tap positions are approximate and are to be adjusted for stable operation. To prevent oscillation at the signal frequency, a non-inductive resistor of about 3 ohms can be inserted at the grid 3 terminal of the 6SB7-Y.

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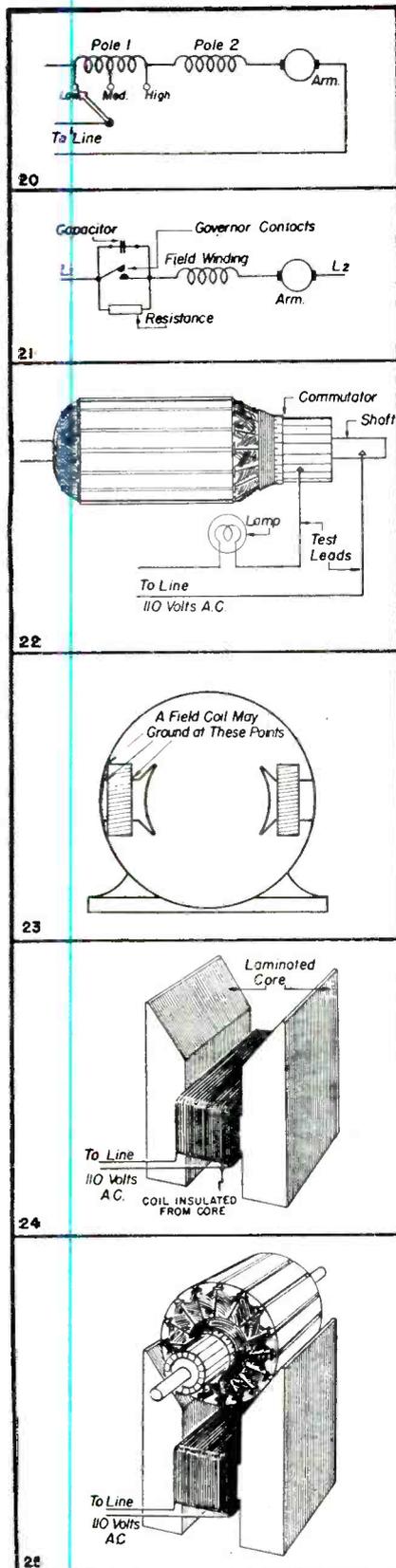
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## MOTOR REPAIR

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iron core. If the coil is seriously damaged, it should be rewound.

### Tests for Shorts

Shorted coils in an armature may be attributed to a breakdown of the insulation on the wire. This, in turn, may be caused by overload, shorted commutator, excessive heat, etc. In testing an armature for shorts a growler is usually employed, Fig. 24. This unit consists of a coil of wire wound around on iron core, connected to a 110 volt a-c line.

The growler iron core is generally H shaped and cut out on top so that

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Figs. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Fig. 20 illustrates a method of controlling speed by tapping the field. In Fig. 21 we have a centrifugal mechanism used for speed control. A method used for testing the armature for grounds is shown in Fig. 22. Fig. 23 illustrates the positions where grounds are most likely to occur. Fig. 24 illustrates a growler test device for checking of shorted coils in an armature. In Fig. 25 we have the H-shape core used to make up a growler.

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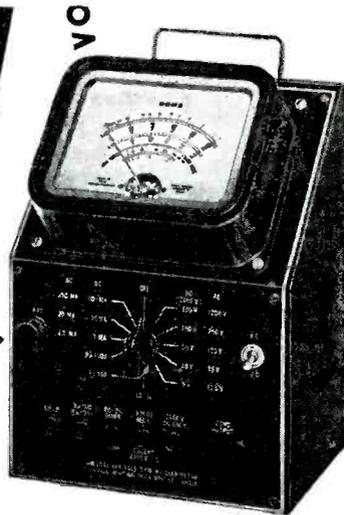


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the armature can fit on it, as shown in Fig. 25. When a-c is applied to the growler coil voltage is induced into the armature coils by transformer action. Thus to test for shorted armature-coils, the armature is placed on the growler and the current turned on. Then a thin piece of metal, such as a hacksaw blade is held over the top slot of the armature, as shown in Fig. 26, the blade being held so that it is directly over the slot and along the length of it. If the coil in this slot is shorted the blade will vibrate rapidly and create a growling noise. A stationary blade means, of course, that no short exists in the coil under test. The procedure is repeated for the next slot of the armature and continued for the entire armature. If any of the coils indicate shorts, you should check for dirt lodging in the mica between commutator bar. Dirt should be scraped out with a knife. If the armature coils are really shorted, it will be necessary to rewind the entire armature.

Shorted field coils can be tested by measuring the resistance of each field coil with an ohmmeter. The shorted field coil will obviously have less resistance. Another method utilizes a drop in voltage test. This is accomplished by applying a low voltage direct current to the field coils and then measuring the voltage across each. If one field coil has a lower voltage drop than the other, a short is indicated. Usually this requires re-winding.

### Test for Opens

Open circuits in an armature may be caused by a poor connection of leads in the commutator bars or by a broken wire in an armature coil. In either case, the condition will cause sparking at the brushes.

Poor connections and broken wires can often be detected visually. When this is not possible a growler may be used for this purpose. The armature on the growler should be set up in the usual manner, and the top two bars shorted with a piece of wire, as shown in Fig. 27. A small spark will indicate a complete circuit through the coil and absence of a spark will indicate that the coil is open. The open may be at the commutator bar or in the coil itself. If the open is at one point only it can be remedied by placing a small amount of solder between the two bars which indicate open.

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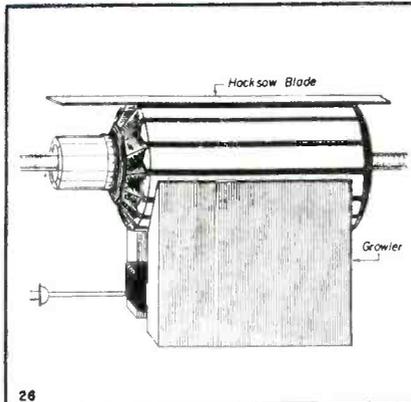


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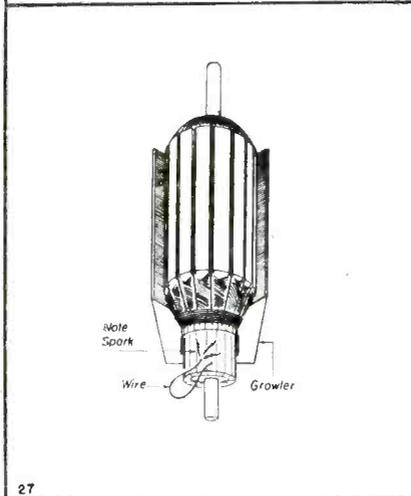


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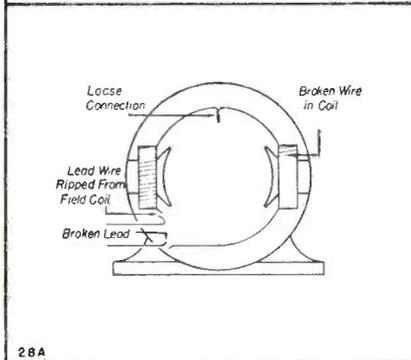
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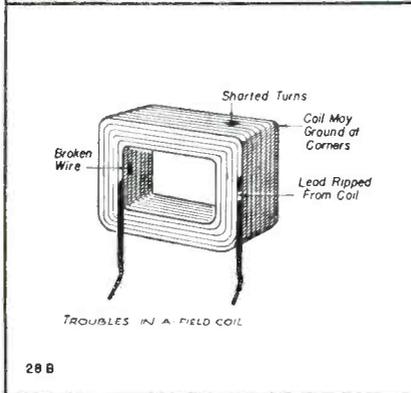
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Figs 26, 27, 28a and b. Fig. 26 illustrates how a small piece of metal, such as a hacksaw blade, is placed over the top slot of the armature when testing for shorts with a growler; blade will vibrate if short exists. A method of testing an armature for an open with a growler is shown in Fig. 27. In Fig 28a and b are illustrated points where opens may occur in field coils.



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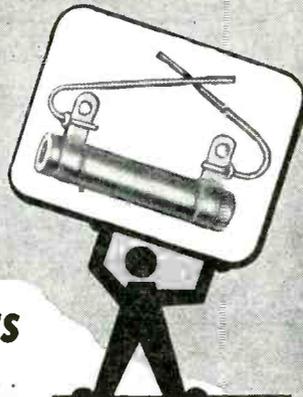
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28a and b illustrate several places where opens may occur. Sometimes the opens take place in the leads connecting to the fields. These leads are broken off easily if they are not tied securely to the coil. The open may also be in the lead extending out of the motor or, it may be due to a poor connection of the field poles.

To repair an open field, the coil must be removed from the core and the tape covering cut away. If the break is on the top layer of the coil, these few turns should be removed and a lead connected to this point. If the break cannot be located, the entire coil will have to be rewound.

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*B—Dirty or clogged bushes.* Carbon brushes should press against the commutator with a pressure applied by a spring, which is generally behind the brush. For the spring action to be effective the brush must be free to move in the brush holder. However there must be as little space as possible between the brush and brushholder. If too much room is allowed the brushes will chatter while the armature is turning. If the brush becomes so jammed in its mounting as to render the spring useless, the brush will not press on the commutator and consequently the armature will not turn.

*C—Open armature circuit.* This may result from numerous causes such as a poor brush contact, broken wire leading to the brushholder, two or more open coils in the armature and a dirty commutator. These faults are located either by visual inspection or by means of test lamp. A dirty commutator should be cleaned with a dry cloth and then sandpapered. If the commutator is undercut, the dirt between the bars should be scraped out with a hacksaw blade ground to fit the slot.

*D—Open field circuit.* An open field circuit will prevent the motor from

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starting. Sometimes the open takes place in the leads connecting to the fields. These leads break off easily if they are not tied securely to the coil. The open may also be in the lead extending out of the motor. These are located either by inspection or testing.

*E—Shorted armature or fields.* If there are many shorted coils in the armature, the armature may not rotate. In some motors the armature will revolve a half turn or turn over very slowly. A shorted armature coil manifests itself by heating and smoking. It should be tested by using the growler and if shorted, the armature should be rewound. A completely burned out field coil can be found by visual inspection, the odor of burned coils being quite evident. If the coil is partially shorted it will be necessary to test it by means of a drop test.

*F—Worn bearings.* When the bearings are so worn that the armature core rests on the field poles, the armature probably will not rotate. If it does it will be noisy in operation. To test for worn sleeve bearings you should try to move the shaft of the armature up and down in the bearings. Motion in this direction indicates worn bearings. If ball bearings are used you should try wobbling the bearing. If this can be done worn bearings are indicated. If both cases the bearings should be replaced.

*G—Broken wire in the line cord.* This quite often happens in household appliances. Sometimes the open can be found by visual inspection. More often it is necessary to test the cord for opens using the test lamp set.

*H—Dry bearings.* Due to laxity in oiling the bearings, the armature shaft will not turn freely in the bearing and consequently may cause a fuse to blow. To remedy, armature should be removed, shaft polished with fine emery cloth and the shaft oiled before reassembly. In addition the oil hole should be cleaned out so that oil may freely enter to the bearing.

(2) If the motor sparks, the trouble may be:

*A—Poor brush contact on the commutator.* Sparking at the commutator is a common occurrence and one of the chief causes is poor brush contact on the commutator. This may be due to worn brushes, clogged brushholder, insufficient spring pressure, loose pigtail connection, a rough, grooved or eccentric commutator, and a dirty commutator. All of these can be detected visually.

*B—Shorted field coils.* Quite often a shorted field coil will cause the motor to run at abnormal speeds and produce sparking at the brushes. Detection is by means of a field test and the remedy is, of course, to rewind the field.

*C—Open armature coils.* An open armature coil will cause vicious sparking at the commutator and will prevent the motor from running at normal speed. Examination will reveal badly burned spots on the commutator bars to which the open coil is connected. The open may be caused by loose leads on the commutator bars or by a broken wire in the coil. If it is the latter the two bars on either side of the burned spot should be jumped.

*D—Shorted armature coils.* This will cause the armature to run at lower

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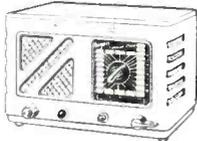
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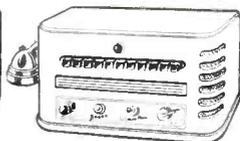
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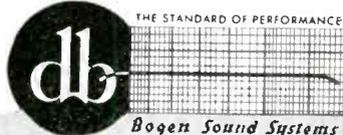
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than normal speed and may cause excessive sparking. Test for shorts with the growler.

*E—Worn bearings.* If the bearings are badly worn the motor will run slowly and spark. Smooth worn spots on the armature will indicate that the armature has been rubbing on the field cores. Worn bearings should be replaced.

*F—High mica.* High mica is usually due to faster wear of the copper bar than of the mica. Pronounced sparking accompanies this because the brushes cannot make perfect contact with the commutator. High mica is recognized by a blackening of the entire commutator and the mica will feel rough to the touch and higher than the bars. The remedy is to turn the commutator down on a lathe and undercut the mica.

(3) If the motor runs hot, the trouble may be:

- A—Worn bearings.
- B—Dry bearings.
- C—Shorted coils.
- D—Overload.
- E—Shorted fields.

(4) If the motor smokes, the trouble may be:

- A—Shorted armature.
- B—Shorted fields.
- C—Worn bearings.
- D—Wrong voltage.
- E—Overload.

(5) If the motor runs slowly, the trouble may be:

- A—Shorted armature.
- B—Worn bearings.
- C—Open armature coils.
- D—Overload.
- E—Wrong voltage.

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$$\text{Example: } \frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \div \text{ by } \frac{3}{3} \right);$$

$$\frac{28}{42} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \div \text{ by } \frac{7}{7}, \text{ then } \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

Extended equations involving more than single numbers in the numerator and denominator may be solved in a similar manner; the cancellation method. This procedure may only be used where all the terms in both the numerator and denominator are connected by *times* signs. If a single plus or minus sign appears, the method cannot be used.

When fractions are divided by fractions, the rule is to invert the denominator, and then proceed as though the problem were the multiplication of two fractions.

$$\text{Example: } \frac{1/2}{3/4} = 1/2 \cdot 4/3 = 4/6 = 2/3;$$

$$\frac{3/7}{6/14} = 3/7 \cdot 14/6 = 42/42 = 1$$

The equal sign is used to indicate that two numerical quantities are of the same value.

$$\text{Example: } 9 \cdot 2 = 6 \cdot 3; \quad 6 + 5 = 10 + 1; \quad 7 - 4 = 2 + 1$$

Where a mathematical problem involves the foregoing, numbers may be

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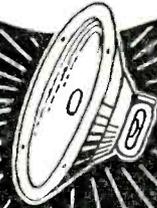
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transferred from one side of the equal sign to the other without changing the truth of the expression, provided that certain rules are followed. Where a plus or minus quantity is changed, the sign is reversed.

$$\text{Example: } 9-7=2, \text{ or } 9=2+7, \text{ or } 9-7-2=0$$

It will be noted that the minus sign of the 7 became plus when transferred to the right side of the equation, and that the 2 became negative when transferred to the left side of the equation.

When *times* signs are used, a *numerator* figure on one side of an equation becomes the denominator when transferred to the other side.

$$\text{Example: } 9 \times 2 = 6 \times 3, \text{ or } 2 = \frac{(6 \times 3)}{9}$$

$$8 \times 4 = \frac{16 \times 4}{2} \text{ or } 2(8 \times 4) = 16 \times 4$$

It will be noted now that when transferring a number from one side to the other, all the terms on the other side are divided by the transferred number. The rules also operate under more complex conditions.

Example:

$$(1) \quad 6(9+2)+7 = \frac{8 \times 6 \times 3}{4+2} + 49$$

$$\text{or } 6(9+2)+7-49 = \frac{8 \times 6 \times 3}{4+2}$$

$$\text{or } (4+2) \times \{6(9+2)+7-49\} = 8 \times 6 \times 3$$

$$(2) \quad 7+3 = \frac{8}{4} + 8, \text{ or}$$

$$4(7+3) = 8 + 4(8)$$

$$(3) \quad 6(7-3) = 6 + 4(7-5) + 10$$

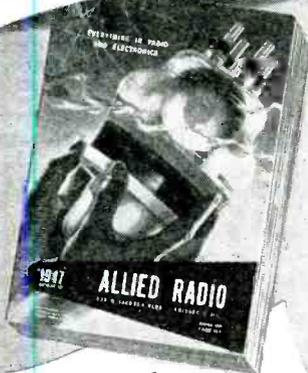
$$\text{or } (7-3) = \frac{6 + 4(7-5) + 10}{6}$$

It will be noted that in the second example, the figure 4 multiplied not only the terms on the other side of the equation, but also the figure 8 on its own side. This procedure is necessary when not all of the terms other than the numerator or denominator of the figure being transferred is first transferred. Actually all the terms in the equation are being multiplied by or divided by the same number, thereby keeping the ratio constant. For example, in the problem  $8/2 = 4$ , if both sides of the equation were multiplied by 2, the balance between the two sides would then appear as  $8/2 \times 2 = 4 \times 2$ . The two 2s on the left side of the equa-

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tion would cancel and the equation would reduce to  $8 = 4 \times 2$ . Therefore, all the terms in an equation must be affected in any such operation. If

the problem were  $\frac{8}{2} + 6 = 10$ , and it

was decided to transfer the figure 2, then the problem would become

$$\frac{8}{2} \times 2 + (6 \times 2) = 10(2). \text{ This}$$

would reduce to  $(8) + 12 = 20$ .

When fractions are involved, they may be converted to whole numbers by cross multiplication, which is an extension of the above method.

*Example:*  $2/5 = 4/10$  or  $2 \times 10 = 4 \times 5$ ;

$$4/16 = 7/28 \text{ or } 4 \times 28 = 7 \times 16$$

Where a combination of signs is used, care must be exercised in applying this rule.

*Example:*  $\frac{7 + 5}{3} = \frac{26 - 6}{3 + 2}$  or

$$(3 + 2)(7 + 5) = 3(26 - 6)$$

We note here that all terms involving plus or minus signs are enclosed in parentheses so as to constitute them as single terms.

Fractions in complex equations cannot be added together, unless they have a common denominator.

*Example:*  $1/2 + 1/4 = 2/8 + 4/8$ ;  
(the least common denominator here is 8.)

Each term may therefore be multiplied by appropriate figures so as to convert it to some new fraction whose denominator is 8. This is accomplished simply by multiplying the fraction by 8/8.

*Example:*

$$1/2 \times 8/8 = 4/8, 1/4 \times 8/8 = 2/8, \text{ etc. ;}$$

Substituting in the original problem,

$$4/8 + 2/8 = 2/8 + 4/8, \text{ or } 6/8 = 6/8$$

When adding fractions with a common denominator, only the numerator figures are added, the denominator remaining constant.

*Example:*  $1/8 + 2/8 + 3/8 + 4/8$

$$= \frac{1 + 2 + 3 + 4}{8} = \frac{10}{8}$$

Quite often, in mathematical operations, the figure 0 is encountered. Definite rules have been established as to the procedure to follow where a zero quantity is involved. These are:

$$6 + 0 = 6$$

$$6 - 0 = 6$$

$$6 \times 0 = 0$$

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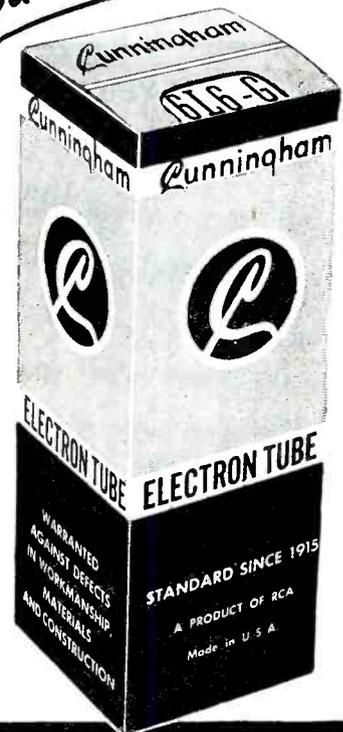


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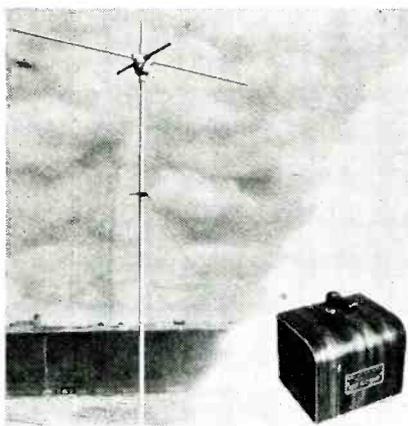
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capacities ranging from .00025 to 1.0 mfd, have been announced by Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass. A typical capacitor rated .005 mfd at 150 volts is 3/4" long x 3/16" diameter.

**KINGS ROTO BEAM ANTENNA**

A roto-beam tv antenna, which rotates clockwise or counter-clockwise in a complete 360° circle, is now being made by the Kings Electronics Co., 372 Classon Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y.

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**D & M PHONO OSCILLATOR**

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**JFD STEP-DOWN RESISTOR BALLAST**

A plug-in type step down resistor ballast, designed to convert 110-volt receivers and electrical appliances for use on 220-volt circuits, has been designed by the JFD Manufacturing Co., Dept. Y, 4117 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn 19, New York. Ballasts come with American, British and Continental male plugs; female sockets are American.

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# SERVICE MAN MATH

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$$\frac{6}{0} = 0$$

$$0 - 6 = -6$$

$$\frac{0}{6} = 0$$

Most of the preceding material can be used in the determination of unknown quantities, specifically, in using Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's laws. When so used, the unknown quantity is placed on the left side of the equation, and the known quantities on the right. For example, suppose the voltage drop across a resistor of 100 ohms is 10 volts, and we wanted to determine the current through it.

$$I = \frac{E}{R} \quad \text{where } E = 10 \quad \text{and } R = 100.$$

$$\text{Then } I = \frac{10}{100} \quad \text{or } I = \frac{1}{10} \text{ ampere}$$

The solution of resistive networks requires a knowledge of mathematics, too. For resistors in parallel, the formula is

$$R_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}, \text{ etc.,}$$

where:  $R_1, R_2, R_3,$  are the paralleled resistors

For resistors in series, the formula is

$$R_{\text{total}} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3, \text{ etc.}$$

where:  $R_1, R_2, R_3,$  etc., are the series resistors

An alternative formula for paralleled resistors is

$$R_{\text{total}} = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

However, this second formula can only be used for two resistors in parallel.

The formulas given may be used in combination to solve resistive network problems. For example, suppose two resistors of 10-ohms resistance were in parallel, and, in turn, in series with a 20-ohm resistor, and we wanted to determine the total resistance of the network. The equation would then be

$$R_{\text{total}} = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2} + R_3$$

where:  $R_1 = 10$  ohms,  $R_2 = 10$  ohms, and  $R_3 = 20$  ohms

# GET ALL THE FACTS

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order is taken. A basic contract form is in many cases preprinted on the back of the repair order itself and signed by the customer at the Shop when the pickup is made or before the work is done on the customer's premises. This, too, goes a long way towards reducing misunderstanding.

## CORRECTION

The coupling capacitor between the 12SK7 plate and 47,000-ohm grid resistor, in the front cover diagram of February SERVICE, is a 25-mmfd unit. The value had been omitted from the circuit.

## CIRCUIT MODIFICATION

A revised model of the Collins 75A, discussed in the circuits pages of March SERVICE, has been released. The new model uses a 6SJ7 in place of a 6AK5 for the crystal oscillator, and 6SG7 tubes in place of the 6SK7s in the i-f amplifier. No changes were made in the circuit design.

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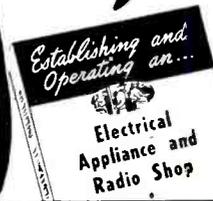
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