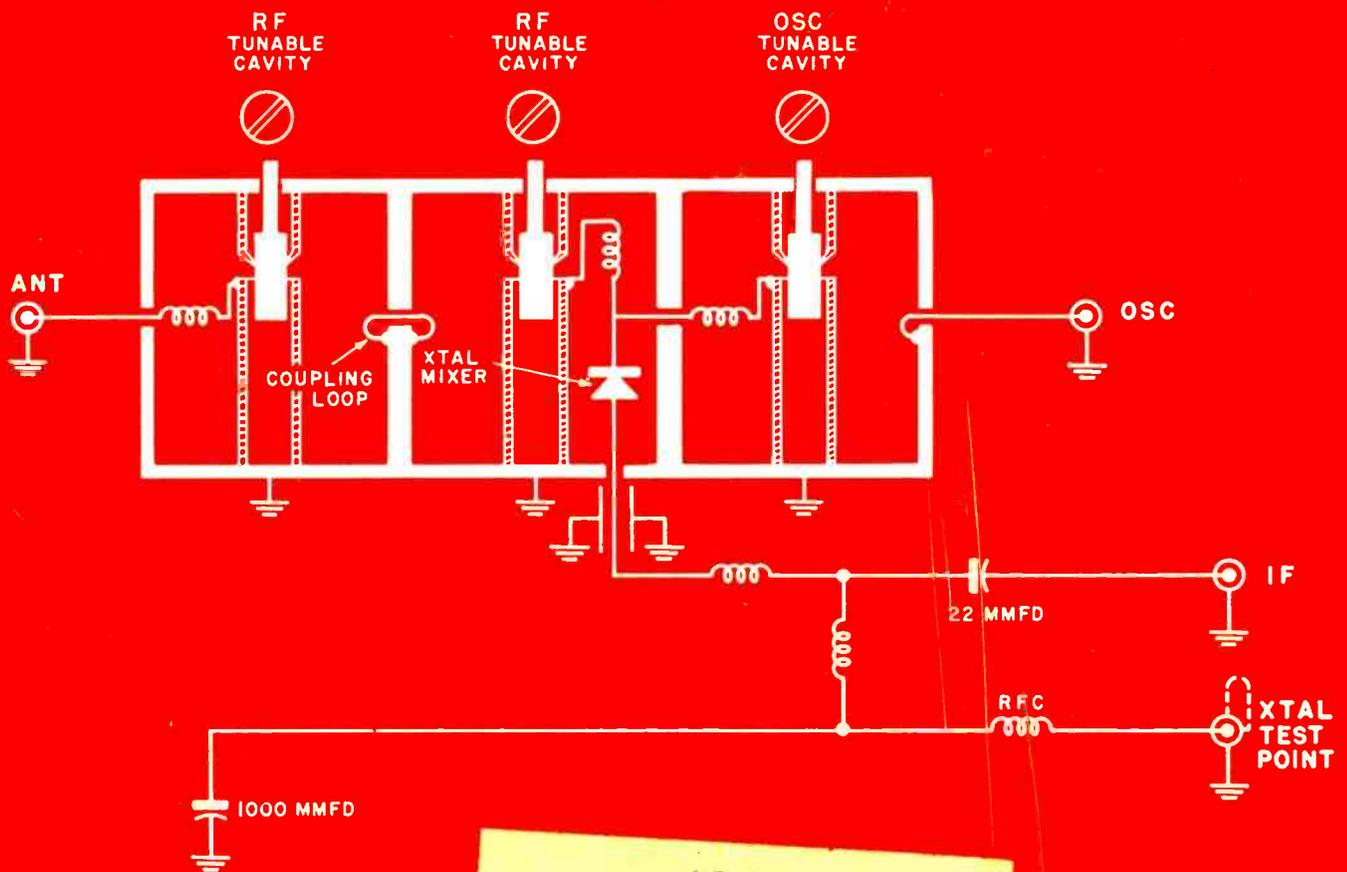


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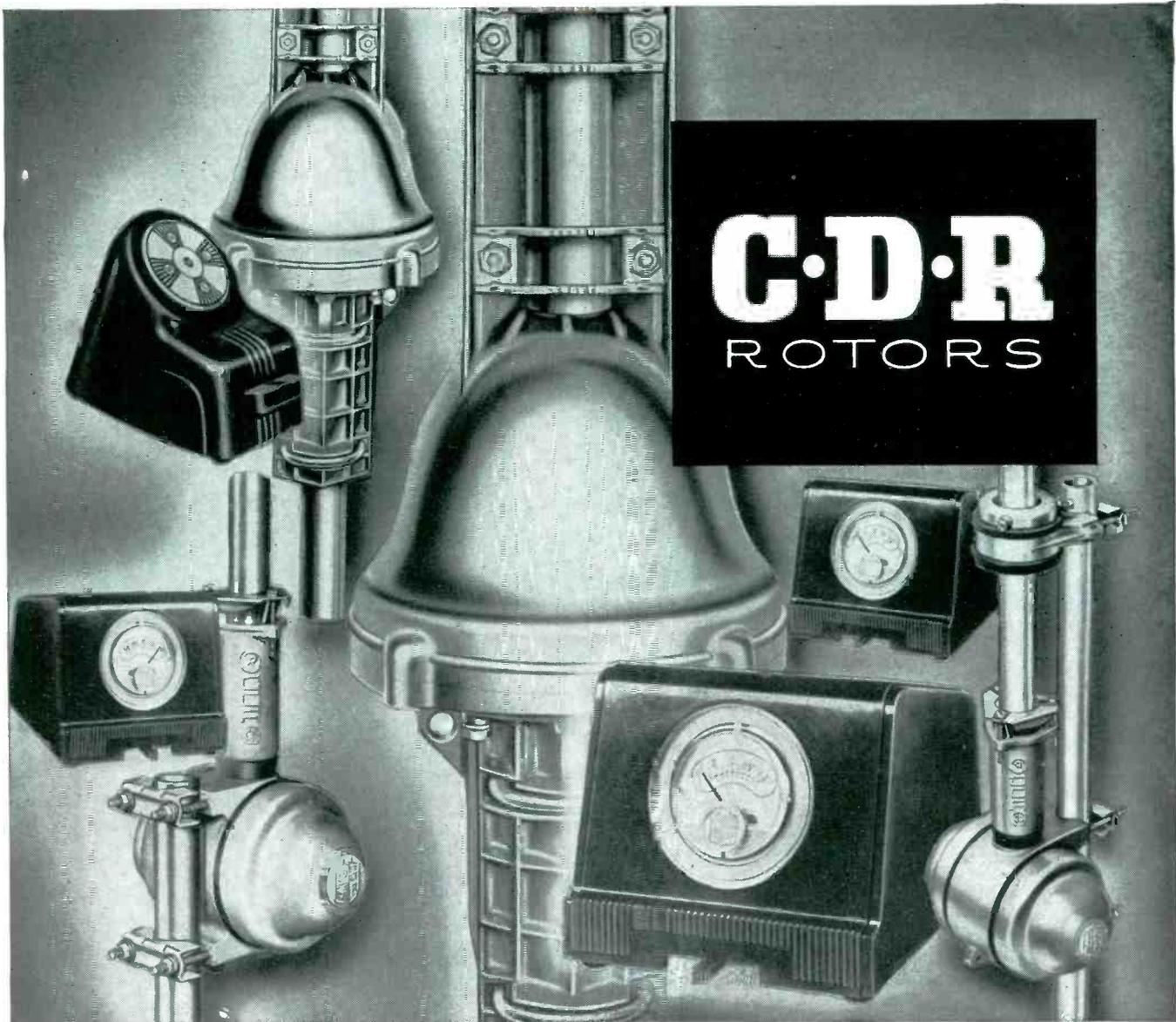
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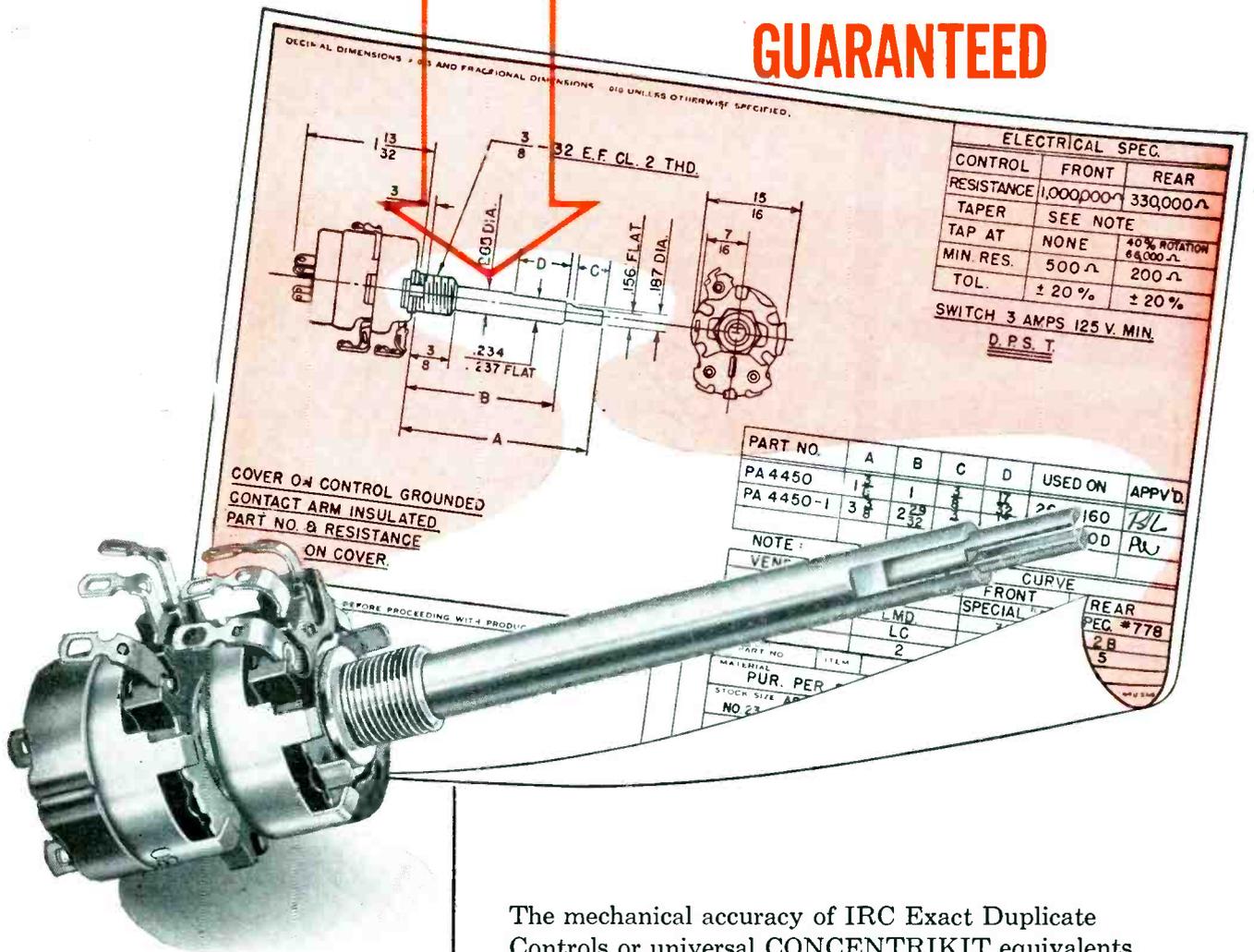
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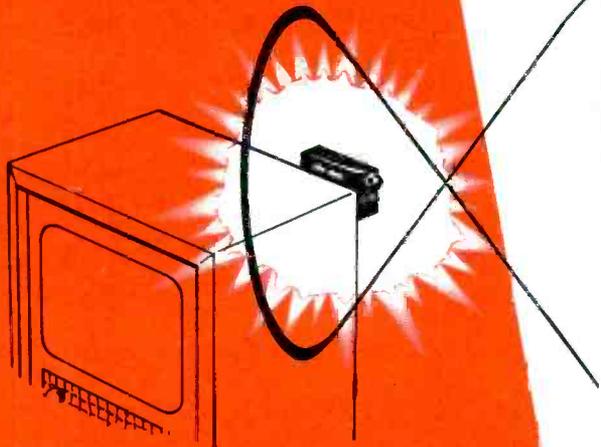
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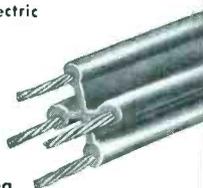
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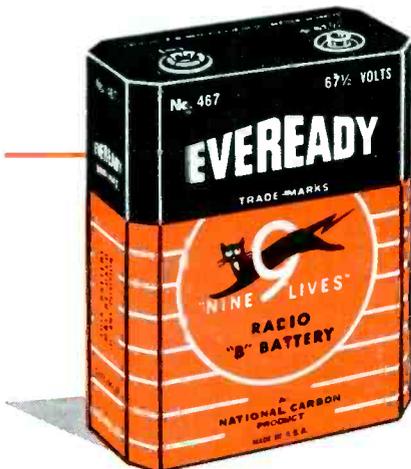
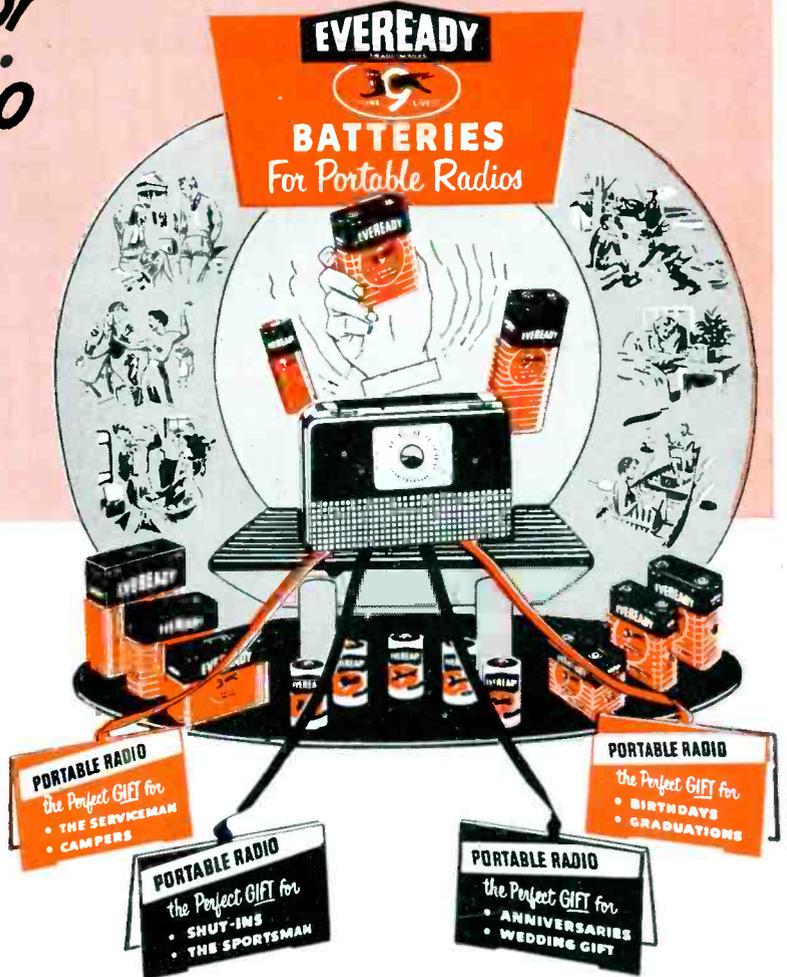
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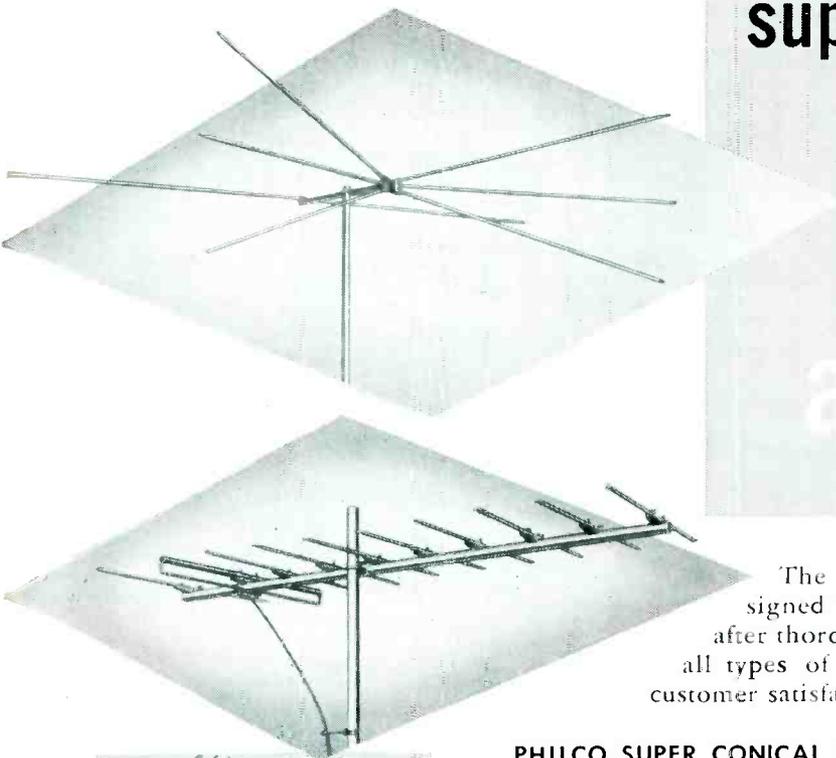
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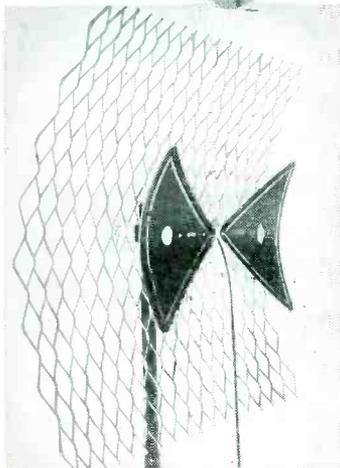
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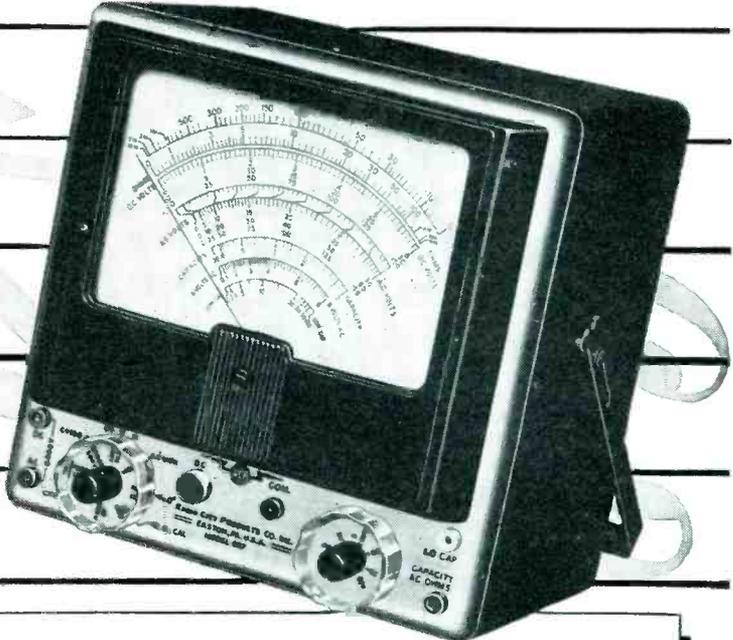
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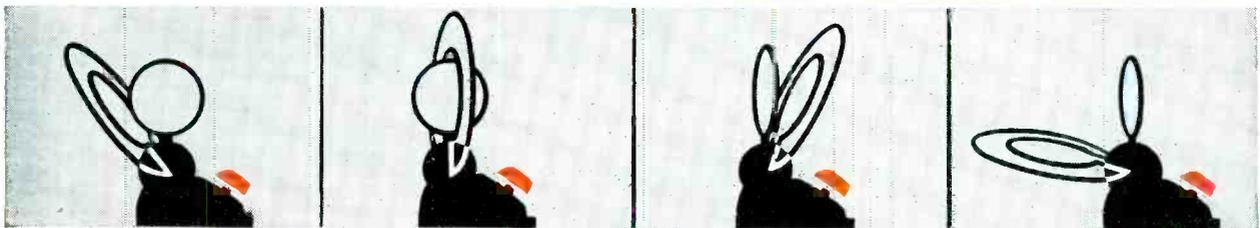


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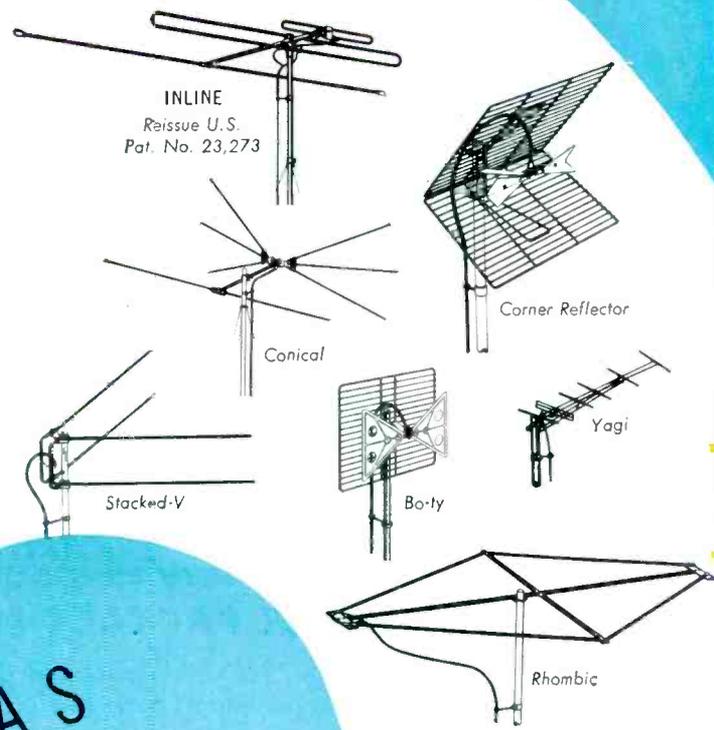


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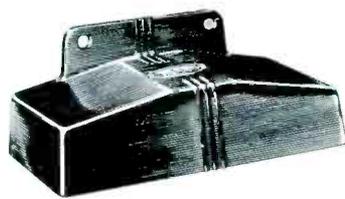
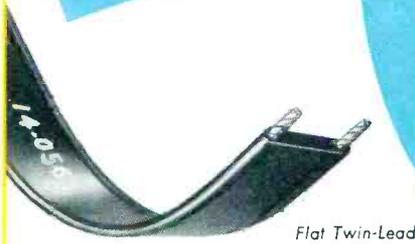
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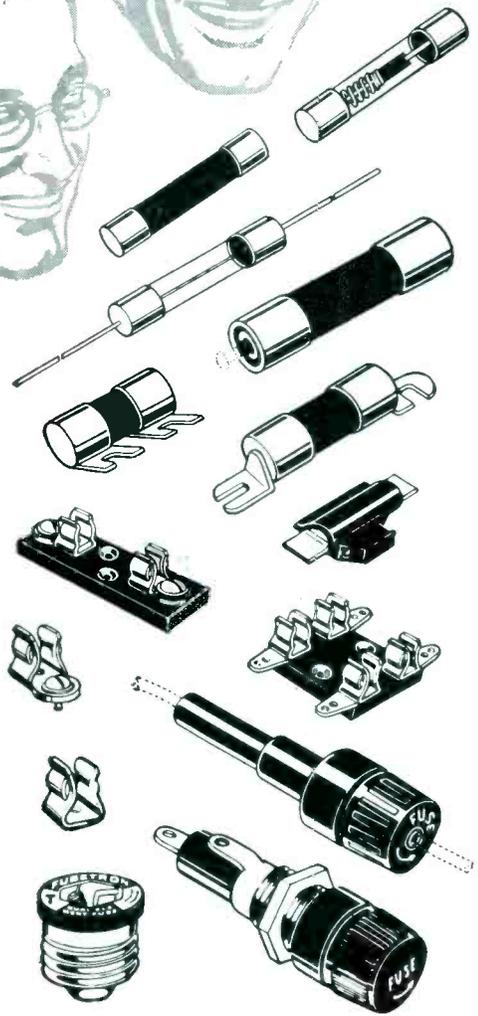
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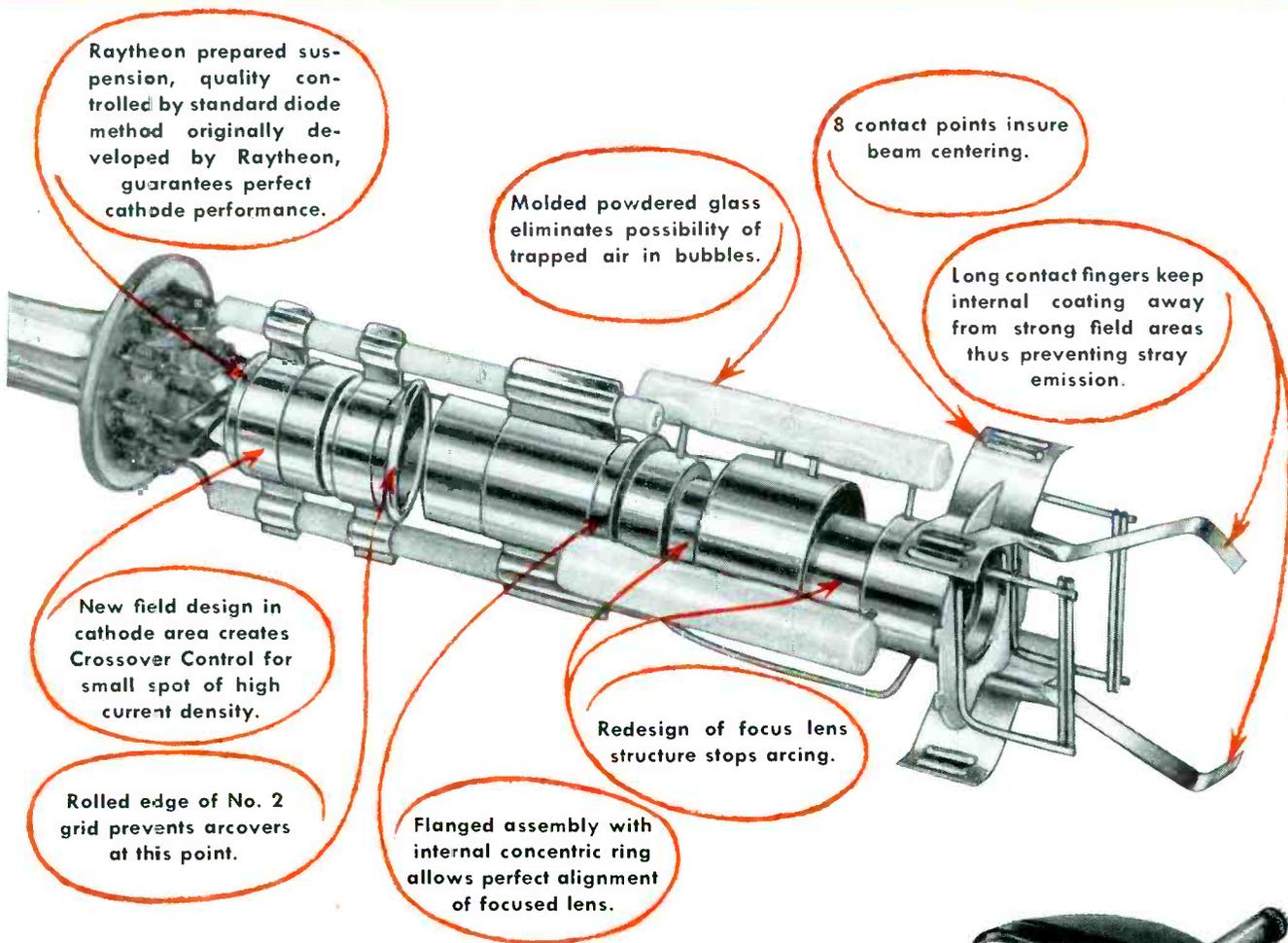
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FEW INDUSTRIES have had so charmed a life as ours. Since the epic moments of the sprawling breadboards and gleaming galenas, the record of progress has intrigued the world of business and science. On all fronts—research, production, sales and service—we have seen a succession of smashing successes, year in and year out.

Yet, notwithstanding this outstanding achievement and the continuing opportunities that prevail, there have been a number who have found themselves unable to reap the rich rewards tendered. Competition is too keen, too rugged, has been their bleat.

For those who are capable, willing to work hard, discount the clock, and really drive, competition never has been or never will be a frightening specter. Instead, competition has served to fire their spirit and urge to find out how a better job can be done. Often, this has meant working far into the night, perhaps sending out postcards and letters reminding customers that their receivers or antennas or audio systems are due for a check up. Perhaps, too, it might be necessary to pound the pavements, ring doorbells, and visit with the folks in the community to reacquaint them with services now available. But these earthy tactics have always proved effective; they have won business and friendship, and scored success for thousands and thousands of shop owners.

And many—operating in concert—in a city or community, have also found that they can swing along in campaigns to keep the shops busy. Some years ago, a group in the East proved that such a plan was a dynamic approach. Their procedure was through a *preventive maintenance* program involving a state-wide promotion. The results were terrific, not only for the boys in the shops, but for the distributors, with skyrocketing sales scored for capacitors, controls, assorted components and tubes.

Set owners were bombarded with post cards, local newspaper advertisements, bulletins, and on-the-air announcements, telling consumers that: Wise folks don't wait until they're flat on their back to see a doctor. Show the same wisdom with your radios—call your Service Man today. . . . A timely call to an expert Service Man will save money in the long run. . . . Don't neglect small symptoms; serious trouble can develop.

Today, the *pm* plan has particular merit, too, especially for audio and the new packaged hi-fi phonos. Owners of the new modern phonos are more quality conscious than ever, and insistent on consistent flawless performance. The wide-range phonos, now being marketed, bristle with components that are ripe for a preventive maintenance program. Changer mechanisms, speaker cones, tone arms, needles, variable controls, tubes, and even the fixed items,

whose efficiency can begin to dip as operating conditions affect their tolerances and values, all require attention. Yesterday, the phono was a wheezing antique; today, it has become a glorious source of fine music, with millions in use, and millions more to come.

Elsewhere, the *pm* idea, coupled with installation and service, can also be applied very effectively. Auto radio and particularly TV, for instance, are still quite alive.

The old and extended fringe areas¹ are now a mighty busy place for Service Men. Powers are still being upped; channel shifts are still being made; transmitting towers are being moved, and new stations are going on the air. There's plenty to be done and many problems (as co-channel and adjacent-channel interference)² to solve, in these areas to insure top-notch results; required are new antennas, new leads, boosters, converters, traps, stubs, and assorted mounting hardware.

The American resorts are also bustling with opportunities for TV *pm*, service and installation. It has been reported that half of the country's winter and summer sport and rest hotels now provide TV for their guests, and that within the year the proportion will rise to six out of ten. Currently, sixteen per cent of all of the resorts have TV sets in individual guest rooms. While provision for receivers increases with proximity to transmitters, it has been found that even in the case of hotels more than 60 miles from the nearest telecaster, three out of ten now have TV in private rooms or community centers.

Commenting on today's prospects for Service Men, who might want to specialize in preventive maintenance, or general servicing and installation, one association spokesman declared recently that their records show that more and more enterprising men are still going into business, and doing a good job of it. Associations are playing a major role in helping these newcomers, he commented, as well as the veterans. Today, one should keep pace with the rapid developments of industry. Associations offer that opportunity through sales and service clinics.

In another expression on the value of the association, particularly today, the prexy of one group said that an association is a little democracy in operation, and a democracy is everybody's business. The time spent in association work is well worth while; more net dollars can be earned because of the increased technical and business knowledge gained at conventions and roundtable discussions. Men who belong to associations are men of action, this prexy emphasized, and their ledgers show this very effectively year in and year out.

Those who are alert to the problems of the day, are aware of the solutions that obtain, and how they can best be applied—through skill, tenacity, and especially the will to serve one's community conscientiously. These men thrive on keen competition. — L. W.

^{1, 2}See reports on fringe installation practices and the use of stubs and traps to curb interference, this issue, pages 18 and 38.

Installing High Masts and Towers In Fringe Areas

by JACK DARR

In-The-Field Report on Techniques Found Most Practical To Insure Substantial Year-Round Durability

THE ADVENT of *super-power* from many new and pre-freeze TV stations, providing usable signals for towns and cities previously considered completely beyond a pickup zone introduced a sparkling antenna era for Service Men. Now, it became possible to install antenna systems with profound assurance that very satisfactory results would obtain.

Towers, high-gain antennas and boosters became the answer to problems in shadow areas, valleys, and low spots.

It was found that properly-installed towers played a key role in these fringe assignments. In view of the importance of towers and the time consumed in their installation, pre-testing was found to be invaluable. As a result, *test-towers* have become popular items in the fringe-kit; they are essential in deciding definitely on the actual height necessary for good signal in any given location. With a rig of this type, the height of an antenna may be varied and the actual signal level checked at various heights. A field-strength meter must be used for this test, for the eye is not quite accurate enough to judge picture variations. If the location chosen is somewhat noisy, a TV receiver should be used to differentiate between noise and signal.

There are certain basic principles which must be observed if an installation is to withstand adverse weather conditions, high winds, icing, etc.

Perhaps the most important point in

fringe area antenna installation is material selection. The antenna itself, of course, must be chosen with care; it must not only be of a high-gain type, but its physical construction must be such that it will be able to stand the strains put upon it. Broad-band yagis have given good results in the southwest. Where two antennas are required for more complete coverage, *piggy-back* arrangements have been very effective. When a rotator is used, both antennas are lined up in the same direction; if they are fixed, each antenna is aligned to the individual station.

Because of the height and inaccessibility of the taller antennas, every installation precaution must be taken. To illustrate, the leadin selected should be installed with extreme care so that it provides trouble-free performance. The line itself should be extremely tough, capable of withstanding mechanical, electrical and physical roughage. Standoff insulators, mounting bolts, guy wires and every piece of hardware, no matter how small, must be very carefully chosen not for cost first, but for high quality. All metal parts used in the installation, such as bolts, lag screws, mounting plates, turnbuckles, etc., should be heavily cadmium plated to enable them to withstand rust. Mast stock should be of the weatherproof type, either

zinc-coated or plastic weatherproofed. Guy wires used should be heavily galvanized.

In many fringe areas, using multi-element yagis, rotators are also used, to enable reception of more than one station. These should also be very carefully selected for durability and serviceability, as rotator failure can necessitate complete removal of the entire installation.

The extra load imposed upon the mast and entire installation by the antennas and rotators have made it necessary to use much heavier stock in the structure. For instance, it has been found that telescoping 30' or 40' towers, using 1" stock as the top section, are too light. Because of the heavy load, there is always the possibility of a tower buckling under high winds. It has been found that three-cornered aluminum towers are preferable for any installation over ten feet high. These towers not only provide the added strength, but one can climb them with ease, and make any repairs and adjustments. Usually these towers are built in six-foot sections, and as many as needed can be bolted together to obtain the desired height. Bases, top sections, etc., are furnished with them, to simplify mounting on any type roof or on the ground.

If necessary, a two or three-section telescoping mast can be mounted within the tower, to give added height. This practice is not recommended for heights of over thirty feet, due to the difficulty of servicing. It is much

Above: Dual fixed antenna installation on 30' tower, using high and low-band yagis. Note safety rope around waist of installer leaning out to adjust antenna elements.

Right: Crankup tower developed for demonstration application. Tower is telescopic, and can be raised from base height of 20' to a maximum of 40', for checking signal strengths at various levels. (Crank is just below left window.) It can be set up in less than a half-hour using temporary guying with ropes.

Below: Close-up of antenna shown at right; a piggy-back model used with rotator for test and demonstration work. Low-band antenna covers channels 4, 5, 6; high-band unit covers from 7 through 13.



better—safer and stronger—when the antenna and other equipment are mounted on the tower-top itself, on a mast as short as possible. If this must be done, however, one should obtain a thirty-foot telescoping mast, remove the small inner section, and use the center section of 1½" stock, as the top section. This will make the installation much stronger.

Guy Fittings

Special guy-fittings (*rings*), provided for these towers, should be used. These rings slip into place when the tower is being assembled, and serve to strengthen the guying. Guy-wire *thimbles* should be used over the rings, to prevent excessive flexing. The towers should be guyed approximately every twelve feet; to illustrate, a tower 24' tall should be guyed at the top and at the center. If the guy-anchorage is strong enough, both guys on a side may be anchored to the same one. If there is any doubt as to guy strength, separate anchorages should be used. Guys on these, as on all others, should make a 120° angle from the mast, vertically, so that the strain is equally distributed in all directions.

Prevailing winds must always be taken into consideration in installation. In most localities, prevailing winds blow from one direction. One guy wire set so that it points directly into the wind, giving it a straight pull, has been found to be stronger than a pair of guys mounted so that the wind could blow into the open angle between the two guys. An example of what happened when the angle of the guy wires was improperly chosen, was strikingly illustrated in one installation. Here a 30-footer was fastened with *ten* guy wires, not one of which broke, but the incorrect angle of the guy wires caused the tower's downfall. The installation simply did not have enough guys in the right place!

In anchoring guy-wires, an anchor-plate, with three holes, and an attachment for the turnbuckle has been found very satisfactory. These should be fastened to the roof with lag-screws, heavily cadmium-plated to withstand rust. The screws should be mounted at the eaves of the house, to avoid leaks, and set so that at least one or more screws go through into

a roof-rafter. One method, for locating rafters under the roof, found very effective, involves first the measurement, at the edge of the roof of the back to the house-wall. This measurement is then transferred to the rooftop, adding about two inches. This will put you approximately over the plate, or upper 2 x 4 framing member. And, with the spread of the holes in the plate, it will be found that at least one of the lagscrews will go into the rafter. Although most modern roofs are covered with a solid *decking* of 1" lumber, the anchors will hold better if they go into the heavier frame-members. If the ends of the roof-rafters are exposed, this job will be much easier.

Mast Bases

The mast-bases used for supporting the bottom of the tubular masts are generally mounted across the ridge or peak of the roof, although they are so built that they can be mounted on a flat or sloping surface. Brass wood-screws (1" or 1½", No. 10) can be used to secure the bases to the rooftop. The short screws will not go completely through the decking (to avoid leaks), but are heavy enough to hold the base in place. A small can of plastic roofing cement is helpful; the

cement can be used to cover the screw-heads after installation.

The leadin wires can be run down the roof to the eaves, down the wall, then through a frame wall into the house, using a polyethylene *wall-thru* unit made for this purpose.

If the house is of rock or brick construction, penetration of the wall becomes somewhat more difficult. If it is absolutely essential, a hole may be bored through the wall with one of the masonry bits, and a longer *wall-thru* used. Easier still, the leadin may be taken under the house, through a ventilation opening, run under the floor to a point behind the TV set, and brought up there. This will make a very neat installation, although it is harder to complete. Depending upon the interior arrangement of the house, the leadin may be brought in through

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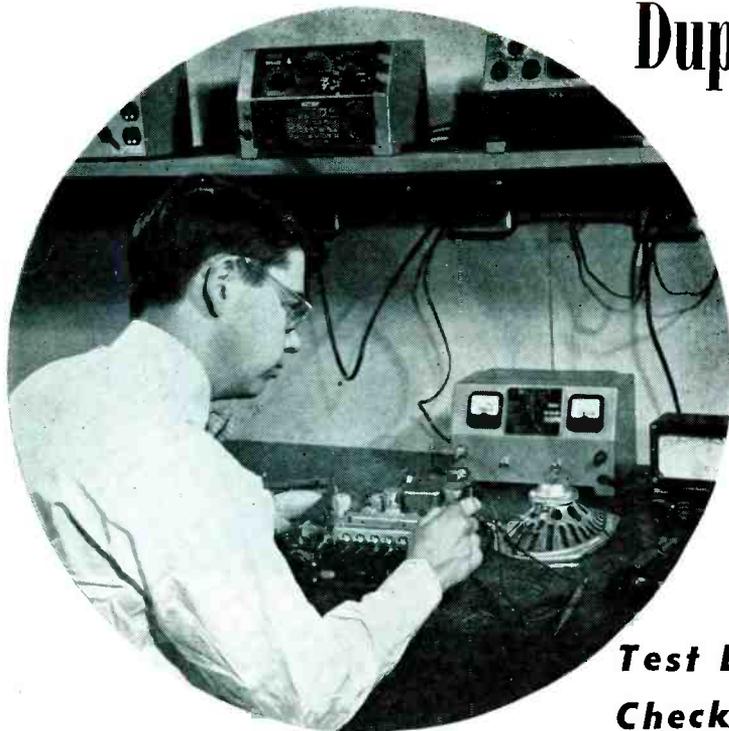


Duplicating Field Operating Conditions At The Auto-Radio Bench

by J. A. VITT

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Test Equipment Required. Receiver Checking. Typical Problems and Cures



ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT of the many problems facing those who service auto radios involves the duplication, at the test bench, of the fluctuating input voltage condition encountered when the receiver is being operated by the car's electrical system. Motor-off to motor-on conditions can result in a voltage variation of as much as 25% from the nominal input to the receiver; the actual input voltage depends upon such things as condition of the battery, adjustment of the voltage regulator, and contact resistances of the various connection points in the electrical system, among other allied factors.

The importance of duplicating actual operating conditions at the service bench cannot be stressed too much, because frequently troubles such as no-start vibrators, oscillator failure, regeneration in *rf* and *if* circuits, high-voltage breakdowns, and audio circuit arcovers show up only when the equipment is operated under these extreme voltage conditions. In the case of a receiver which operates normally with an input voltage of 6.3, with its power supply designed to provide an output voltage of 250, the output will drop sharply to about 200 *v* if the input voltage to the receiver should fall to 5.2, a decrease of only 1.1 *v*. At the other extreme, the power supply output voltage will surge to about 300, if the input voltage to the receiver should rise from 6.3 to 8 *v*. Receivers operated from 12-*v* electrical systems are affected similarly.

On the basis of these facts, it is obvious that the Service Man whose

bench is equipped only with a fixed source of low voltage *dc*, such as that obtainable from the common storage battery, will not be able to duplicate voltage conditions found in his customer's car. As a result, he will be severely handicapped in locating various troubles.

To service auto chassis with a maximum of convenience and efficiency, the bench should be equipped with a variable low voltage *dc* power supply, which is not only capable of duplicating actual operating voltage conditions, but which can, as well, be used to service the newer 12-*v* receivers.

Such a power supply should have: A panel control permitting adjustment of output voltage at least from 4 to 16; a continuous load current rating of at least 5 amperes at any voltage below 16; a continuous load current rating of at least 10 amperes at any voltage below 8; an intermittent current rating sufficient to allow actuation of the largest tuning mechanism likely to be encountered; and a separate voltmeter and ammeter to permit simultaneous measurement of both output voltage and current.

The circuitry of a supply designed to meet these requirements is shown in Fig. 2. Equipped with a full-wave selenium rectifier stack, this supply has a nominal load current rating of 10 amperes at any voltage from 0 to

approximately 8 volts, and a load current rating of 6 amperes at any voltage from 0 to 16. Intermittently, this unit will furnish 20 amperes on the low-voltage range and 12 amperes on the high-voltage range; these intermittent ratings are necessary to provide sufficient output to drive high-current tuning mechanisms encountered. Separate volt and current meters are included, as well as an automatic self-resetting circuit-breaker; replacement of a secondary fuse is thus unnecessary if the output leads become shorted together accidentally, or if some malfunction of the receiver under test should cause an excessive current drain on the power supply.

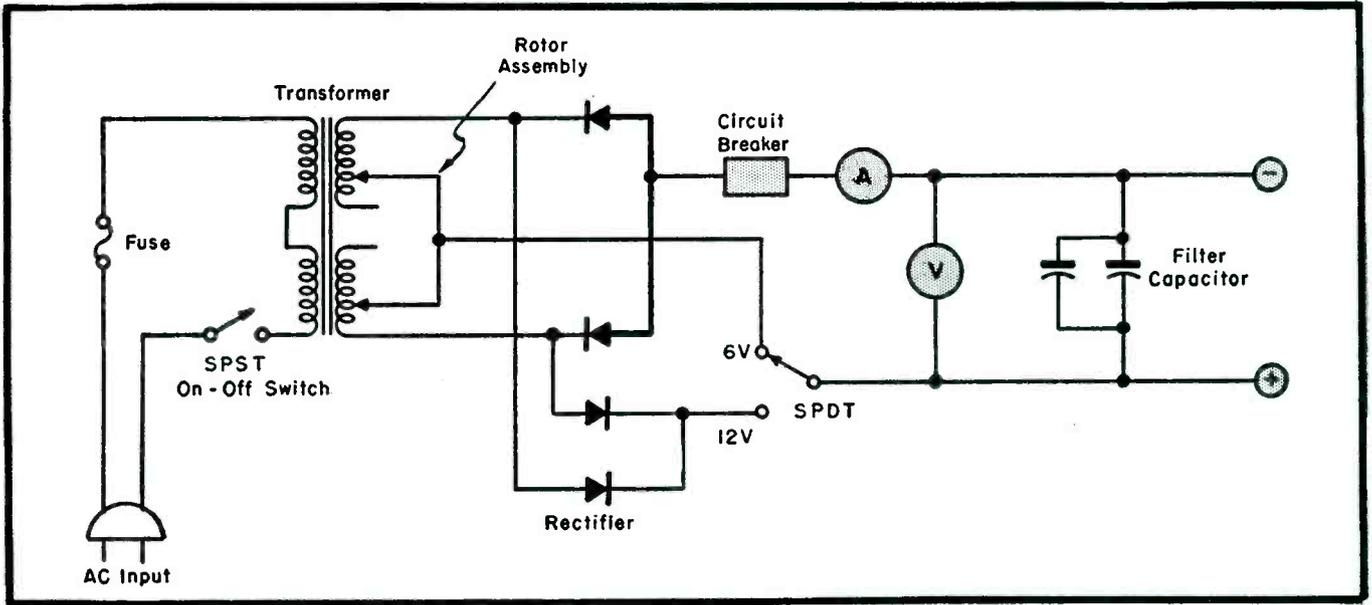
When setting up a receiver for test, the power supply should be connected to the receiver in the same polarity as that which exists in the automobile electrical system. This is important in those cases where a self-rectifying vibrator is used, because, with this type of vibrator, the wrong input polarity will cause a reversal in polarity of the high voltage which exists across the filter capacitors in the power supply. To avoid improper connection, many Service Men follow a listing of the battery grounds encountered in the various makes of automobiles and trucks; such a chart is shown in Fig. 3.

For all normal tests, such as sensitivity and output measurements, calibration, etc., the input voltage to the receiver should be its nominal operating voltage, 6.3 or 12.6 *v*, because, usually, the original engineering per-

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Above: Checking an auto radio with a variable low-voltage *dc* power supply, designed to duplicate actual operating 6 and 12-*v* conditions.

(Ground chart, schematic and photo, courtesy Mallory)



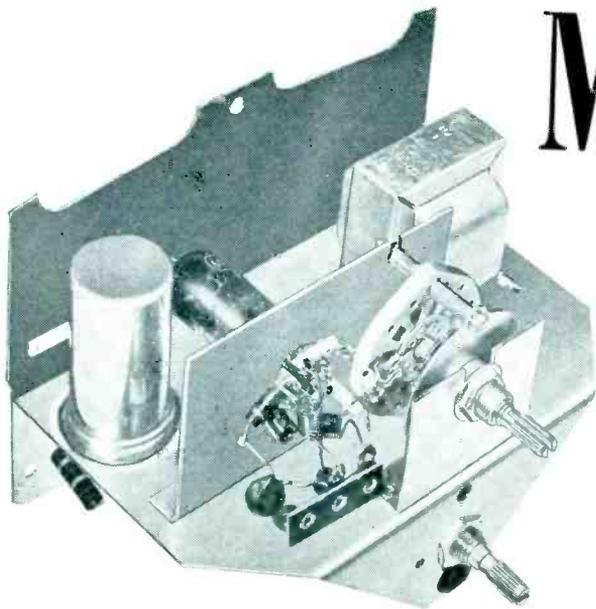
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Fig. 2. Circuit diagram of variable dc power supply.

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Fig. 3. Automobile and truck battery ground chart.

Year	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Auburn	Pos.	Pos.
Austin
Autocar	Pos.										
Brockway	Pos.							
Buick	Neg.														
Cadillac	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Neg.							
Chevrolet	Neg.														
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Crosley	Pos.						
DeSoto	Pos.														
Diamond T	Pos.							
Dodge	Pos.														
Duesenberg	Neg.
Ford	Pos.														
Ford (English)	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Frazer	Pos.							
GMC	Pos.							
Graham	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Henry J.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Hillman	Pos.										
Hudson	Pos.														
Hupmobile	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
International	Pos.							
Jaguar	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Kaiser	Pos.							
Lafayette	Pos.						
LaSalle	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Lincoln	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Pos.									
Lincoln Zephyr	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Mack	Pos.										
Mercury	Pos.											
MG	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Nash	Pos.														
Oldsmobile	Neg.														
Packard	Pos.														
Pierce-Arrow	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Plymouth	Pos.														
Pontiac	Neg.														
Renault	Neg.
Reo	Pos.								
Studebaker	Pos.														
Terraplane	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.
Willys	Neg.														



Modified Tuned Line UHF CONVERTER

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THERE IS A universally-accepted design axiom that satisfactory *uhf* reception is only possible when the entire system in a converter has a low noise figure, or in other words, a high signal-to-noise ratio. One must, of course, also consider equipment size and economy factors, too, in the end-product. With these views as a basis of planning, a program calling for the design of an ultrahigh converter was initiated recently, resulting in the evolution of a compact unit,¹ featuring modified tuned lines, and simplified circuitry.

The converter serves not only to permit the reception of new *uhf* stations, but also acts as a complete control device for the TV receiver. Its control knob serves a triple function of *off-on* switch for the receiver, selector for *vhf* reception, and in its third position, conversion of *uhf* to *vhf*, employing the TV set as an *if* amplifier. It employs a transformer in its power supply, which isolates the circuit from the power line.²

An analysis of the input, crystal diode mixer and output circuits with the switch in its third or clockwise position, shows that the *uhf* signal from either a separate *uhf* antenna or from the matching network of an *u/v* antenna, are fed through a filter (F_1) to the diode where it is mixed with oscillator energy to produce an *if* signal which is then fed to the receiver.

The input filter (F_1) is of the symmetrical *T* design and provides high attenuation of all signals at frequencies lower than the *uhf* spectrum. The cutoff frequency of this filter is ap-

proximately 400 mc; thus any transmission below 450 mc will be rejected, and little interference will be experienced from local TV stations in the *vhf* band or from FM broadcast or other transmissions. The crystal (X_1) is a low-noise type similar to the 1N72, which is suitable should replacement ever be required.

Oscillator energy, coupled to the crystal through a .33-mmfd capacitor (C_2) provides a heterodyne action which creates a signal across inductors L_3 and L_4 , of such a frequency that any channel (2 to 13) of the *vhf* receiver may be chosen by the user. In many converters, the inclusion of a tuned output stage limits reception to a single channel on the receiver or at most, to one of two adjacent channels.

Oscillator Circuit Tuning Element

The oscillator circuit features a simple tuning element. It employs a 6AF4 miniature triode in a modified Colpitts circuit. Cathode and heater are raised above ground potential by the heater chokes, L_1 and L_2 ; thus the interelectrode capacitance network between grid, plate and cathode, provides a positive feedback link to sustain oscillation. By proper choice of circuit constants and component characteristics, this oscillator system exhibits the desirable and necessary features of short warmup drift, low-frequency shift with line voltage change and a high order of long time frequency stability.

The tuning element, at first inspection, would appear to be a ceramic

wave change switch. Indeed, it does employ all of the elements of such a switch except the usual indexing feature, rotation being continuous except for a stop at the ends of the tuning range. Its similarity to a range change switch ends at this point, however, since the rotor shoe assemblies, together with the contact terminal clips, constitute a high Q tuned line. The silver shoes on either side of the ceramic rotor are approximately 330° in length and are connected together at one end by a rivet through the rotor which is soldered to both shoes. Terminal contact clips located at adjacent positions on either side of the stator engage the rotor shoes. As the shaft is rotated, the effective length of the tuned line is altered to change the frequency of the oscillator.

Ultrahigh converters, which change the *uhf* frequency with its video and sound information to a *vhf* channel, must employ the lower frequency side beat between oscillator and carrier. This is necessary in order that the placement of the picture carrier be on the correct side of the video *if* band pass characteristic. This is especially true in dual channel type of TV receivers which employ a separate sound channel. On such receivers, unless the converter oscillator is operating on the low frequency side, no sound can be heard due to the placement of sound takeoff traps. In an intercarrier type receiver, it is possible to obtain a spurious picture if the converter oscillator is tuned to the high-side difference point. In this case, however, the picture carrier is placed at what would

¹Regency RC-53.

²Unit is listed by Underwriters Lab.

Analysis of Unit With Crystal Mixer and 6AF4 Oscillator Which Permits Use of VHF Channels 2 to 13 in Conversion



[Left and Right]

Fig. 1. Front and internal views of uhf converter.

normally be the sound end of the video *if* pass band and the sound carrier then occurs near the position which is occupied by the video or picture carrier in normal operation. If the video pass band of such a set is, by accident or intent, perfectly symmetrical, very little difference in picture quality will be observed. Such, however, is seldom the case since a symmetrical pass band of this shape would place the sound carrier too high on the characteristic and thus result in an objectional *buzz* due to white-level picture content. In this converter, which allows any *vhf* channel to be used as the *if*, it is possible to adjust the tuning knob in such a manner as to ob-

tain these *spurious* responses. This will not occur, however, if the tuning dial is set to the correct channel number, since the other response point will be found at a spot far removed from the correct channel number on the dial.

To employ any channel from 2 to 13 as *if*, the oscillator must cover a range of approximately 380 to 700 mc, in order to accomplish conversion of *uhf* carrier frequencies from channels 14 (471 mc) to 83 (885 mc).

The oscillator in this unit has a warmup time to final frequency of less than five minutes and has a long time

frequency stability in the neighborhood of 200 kc.

Most converters, now available, employ a germanium crystal detector or mixer. There are a number of factors which influence optimum conversion of *uhf* to *vhf* with minimum noise production, with these crystals in the circuit:

(1) The noise produced in the conductors of the antenna due to thermal agitation.

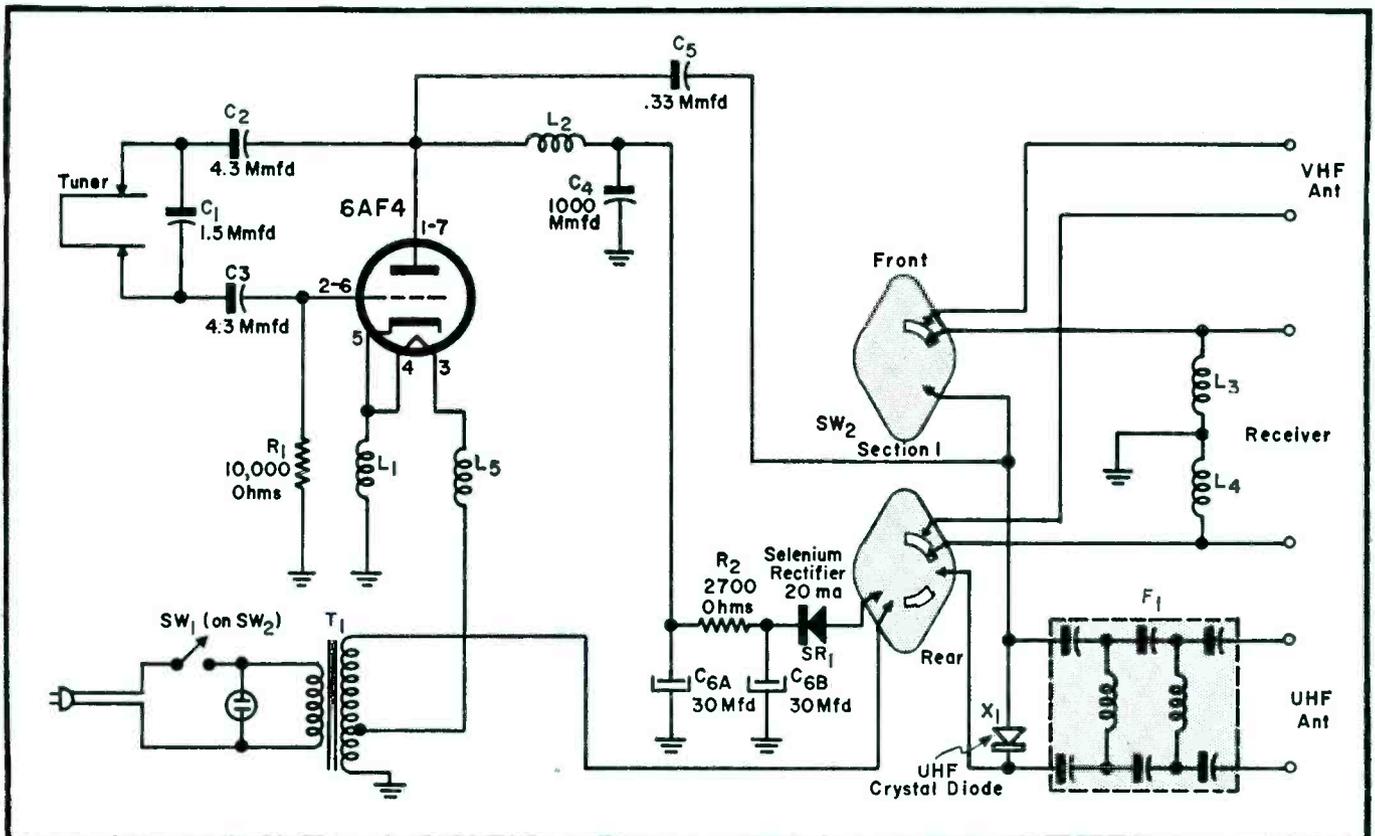
(2) Losses in input tuning circuits, tuned lines or cavities.

(3) Efficiency of match between the antenna and the crystal detector.

In the case of tuned inputs, this in-

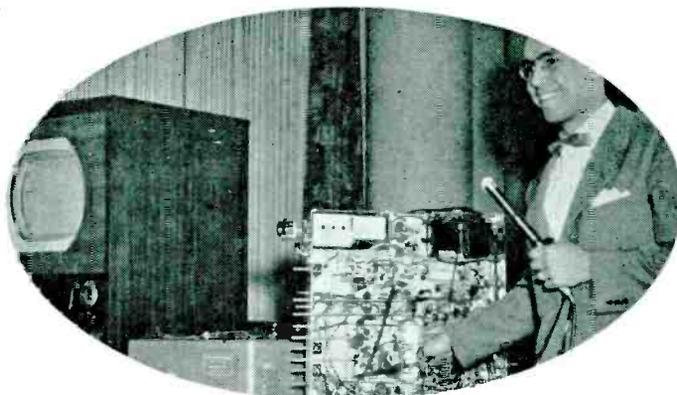
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Fig. 2. Circuit of the hi-Q modified tuned-line uhf converter.

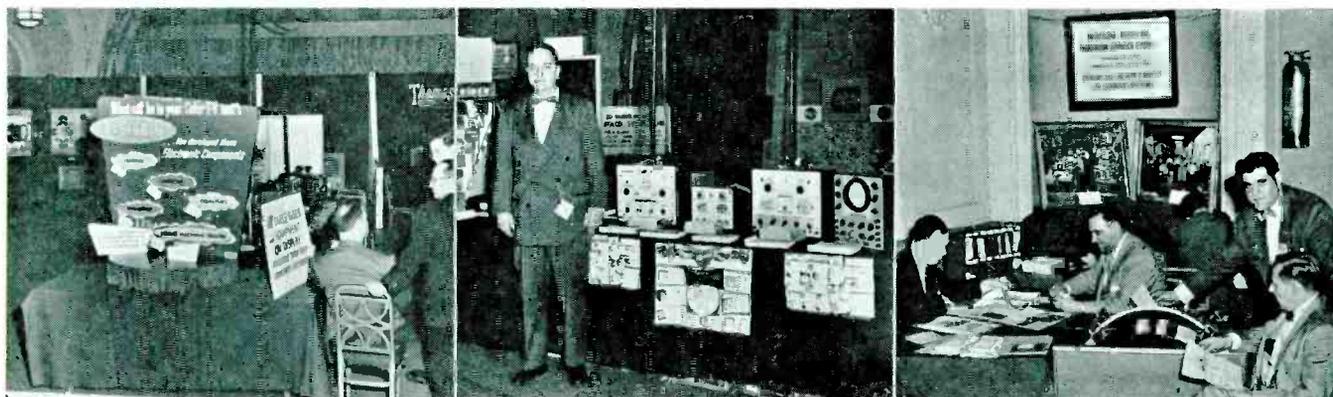


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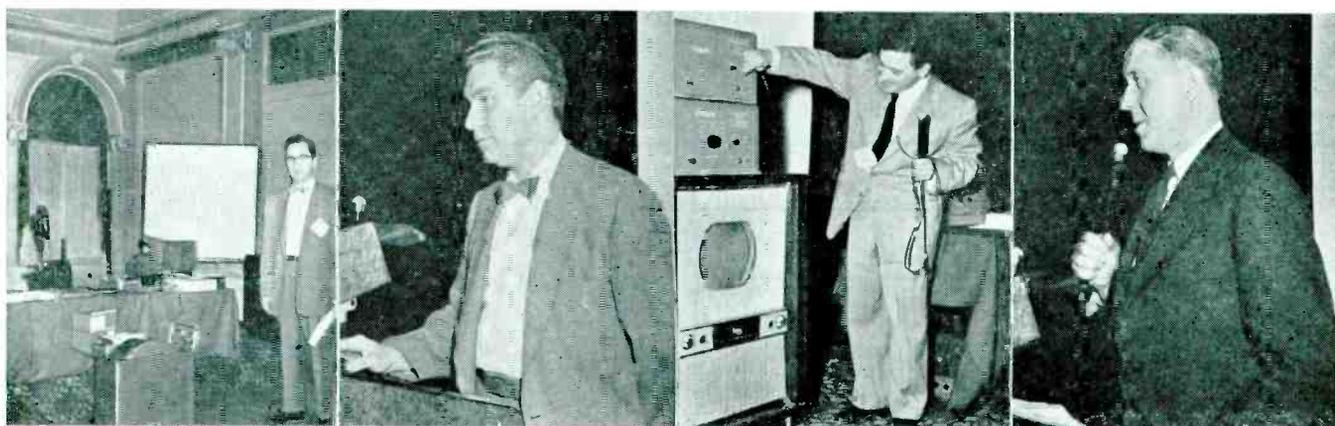
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Right: William Nelson (Sylvania), discussing color-chassis troubleshooting techniques at symposium, using two receivers and test gear.



Left: General view of exhibition hall, where over twenty receiver, component and instrument manufacturers displayed assortment of color equipment. Center: John Stinson (Hickok), with lineup of test equipment. Right: In booth of Markem with display of business files and records designed for color and b-w TV service shops. At right (standing), Laurence Kanover, who discussed systems during symposium.



Left to right: Abraham B. Cohen (University Loudspeaker), Robert Dressler (Chromatic Television Laboratories), John Gilmore (Kay Electric), and Fred Miller (G.E.), who discussed audio systems, single-gun tubes, color-test instrumentation and color chassis circuitry, respectively. Below, left: Frank Bolnick (left) and Morton S. Klein (right) (CBS-Columbia), with color receiver and CBS-Hytron color picture tube. Center: Burt Levy with lineup of test gear, analyzed by chief engineer Robert Ricketts. Right: Display of receivers and instruments in Sylvania booth.



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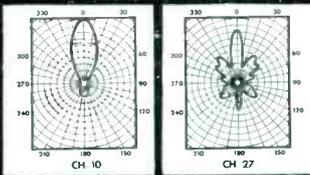
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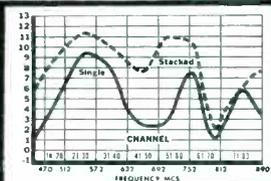
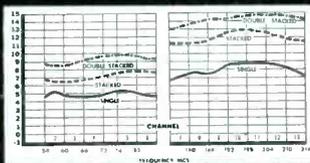


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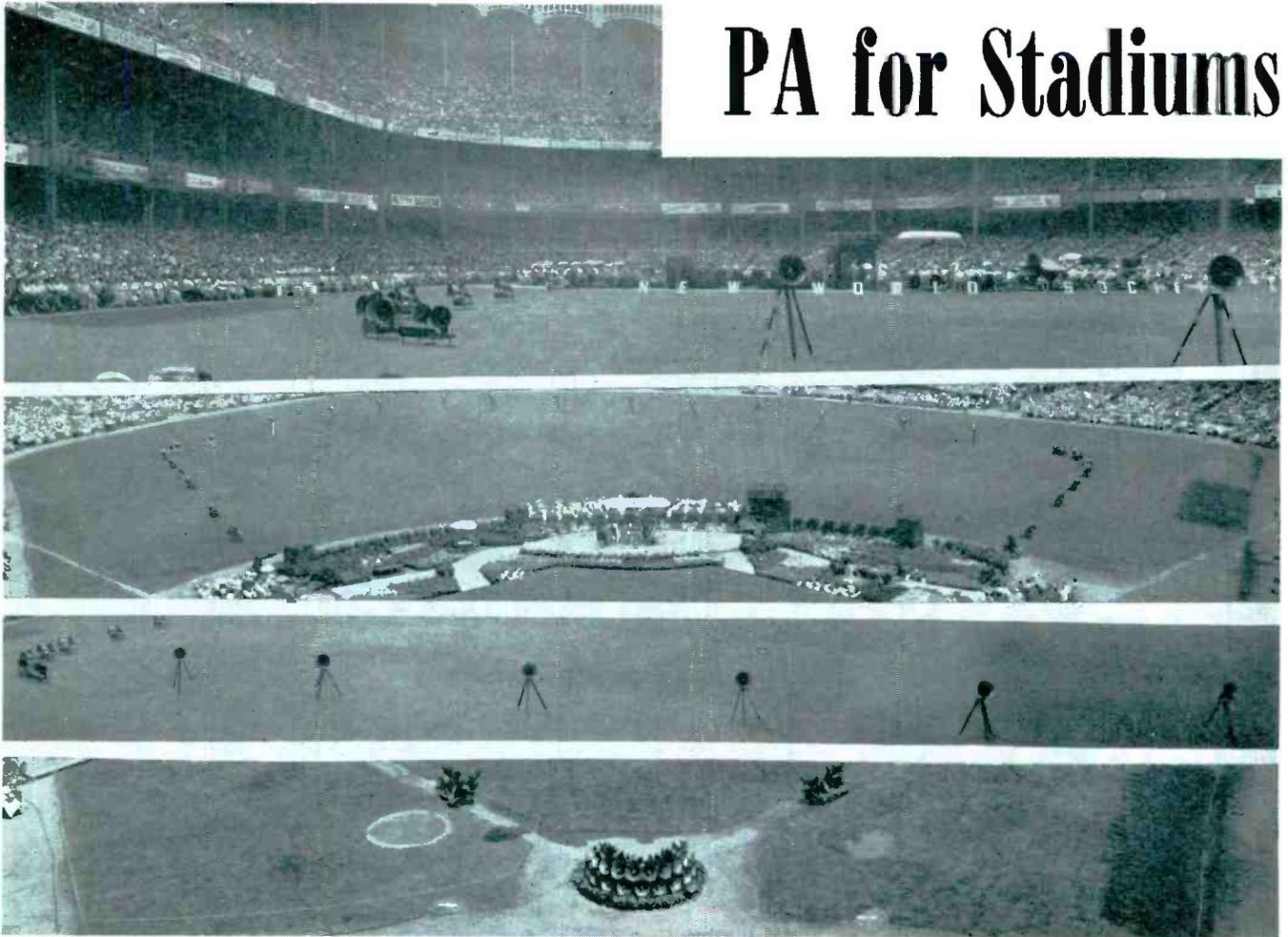
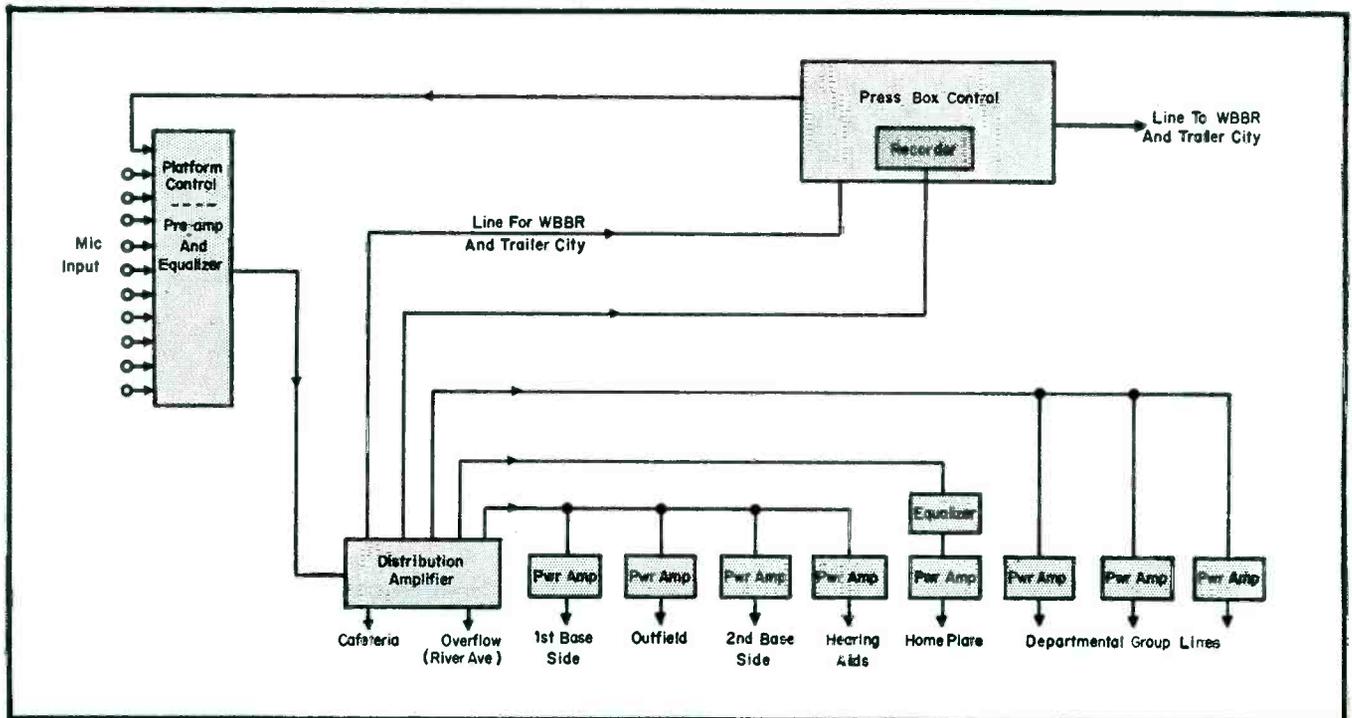


Fig. 1. A composite view of pa speaker clusters and individual reentrants at Yankee Stadium in New York City during recent convention.

(Below)

Fig. 2. Control arrangement for public-address feeds and air-program lines from stadium in New York City.



Design and Installation Account of Huge Public-Address Setup Developed to Feed 81 Reentrant Horns Supplying Audio to 120,000 Persons

by **NORMAN CROWHURST**

PROVIDING UPWARD of 120,000 persons with audio, via a *pa* network is bound to pose many problems. For a recent convention¹ at the Yankee Stadium, in New York City, it was evident that the existing equipment, good as it is for the normal requirements, would be quite inadequate. In normal usage, the *pa* system is supplementary to the program, which all the spectators can see for themselves. For this specific program *pa* was needed as a vital link, and it was essential that every person present, inside and outside the stadium, hear every word clearly.

Program Requirements

The programs consisted sometimes of talks presented from the platform centered on second base, and often extended to pick-up conversations, group singing, and orchestral music, distributed over a considerable area of the in-field. The stadium's own high-level system, with loudspeakers back of the bleachers, was found to be inadequate.

Acoustic-Echo Problems

Apart from acoustic feedback problems, it was essential to avoid excessive echo effects, which can be due either to actual reflection of sound from wall and other surfaces, or to an area being served by two speaker units in such a way that appreciable phase difference occurs.

Reentrant Horn Arrays

To insure complete trouble-free performance, first a nest of 21 high-pressure reentrant horn units² was centered on home plate, arranged to resemble an outsize multicellular unit. These units served sections of a stand around home plate, and well into the straight parts, covering all three decks with

uniform sound level. From here units mounted in pairs were spaced out along straight lines parallel with the stand configuration, one of each pair being directed to the upper stand, while the other served the lower and mezzanine floors. This installation involved 48 more units.

Finally a group of 12 units, mounted on tripods, were arranged around the outfield to serve the bleachers and those who were allowed to sit on the outfield itself during the latter part of the assembly.

Ring Source of Sound

This complete array of 81 units thus formed a large outward-facing ring source of sound, quite free of undesirable phase differences. The ring was close enough to its audience to allow the level from individual units to be kept fairly low, so that natural echo effects were nowhere sufficient to cause any confusion of sound, even when listening to speakers with *difficult* voices.

Control Arrangements

The control arrangement for the stadium installation is shown in Fig. 2. Input from various microphones, distributed over the program area, were mixed and equalized by means of a multi-channel preamp located in a small tower camouflaged as part of a scenic display. Up to thirteen microphones were used for some program items.

Mixer Feed

This mixer also received a program line from WBBR for relaying programs from the broadcast studios over the stadium installation at certain times. A line from this control point led the program to a distribution am-

plifier located in the dugout control point. This provided independent program outlets to feed various lines and power amplifier groups.

Audio Distribution

Two lines fed programs for tape recording and the link to the WBBR transmitter, the control point for these being located in one of the press boxes. Power amplifiers in the dugout control took care of distribution to various sections of the stadium system already described, to hearing aids for persons hard-of-hearing in one of the mezzanine sections, and to loudspeakers located in the various departments around the building.

Receiving End Controls

Further control points were necessary, of course, at the receiving ends of these lines, to take care of program level there, and to provide facilities for local announcements, when necessary. The various control points were linked by intercom telephone.

Foreign-Language Assembly

In addition to all this equipment for the main programs, it was necessary to install foreign-language assembly setups in sections of the stadium; thus at certain times eight separate *pa* systems were in operation simultaneously. Other supplementary *pa* systems served for local announcements at strategic points.

Assortment of Equipment Needed

The installation required upwards of three miles of wire, besides the lines rented. The vast amount of equipment (amplifiers, microphones, loudspeakers, and specialized control equipment) actually belonged to various groups who were attending the convention.

Since several kinds of units were used, variation in program quality was avoided by grouping units of the same type together on the same distribution outlet, and providing equalization where necessary to minimize quality differences.

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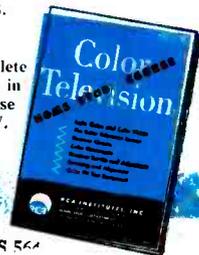
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Analysis of Antenna-Top

UHF Converter

TV MASTER ANTENNA and community TV systems almost universally use antenna or roof-mounted equipment to achieve greatest gain. In *uhf* installations the antenna-mounted approach has been found to be particularly effective in view of the low-db signals available in many areas and inherent system noise problems. The need has prompted the development of special gear, such as dual-section *uhf* converters with antenna-mounted *uhf* heads and separately-mounted local-oscillators and power supplies.

The circuits employed in one system¹ (diagrammed in Fig. 1 and on the cover) feature a double-cavity-tuned *uhf* input, crystal mixer stage, and a crystal-controlled *uhf* oscillator. The converter was designed to produce a specified *uhf* channel from any specified *uhf* channel.

The head is weatherproof constructed and mounts on the antenna

mast near the *uhf* antenna terminals.

Tube complement includes a 5654 crystal oscillator tripler, 5654 buffer, 6AF4 doubler or tripler, 6AF4 doubler, and a CK710 mixer crystal.

There are three tunable cavities in the head, all similar in size and shape, being cut from rectangular brass and spot welded together. A tubular brass shaft is mounted through the center of each cavity. A conductive tuning slug inside each shaft is insulated from the conductive shaft by a thin wall of Teflon dielectric. Cavity tuning is by means of a screwdriver adjustment at the top of each cavity.

Ultrahigh signals introduced into the coax type cavities cause current flow along the inner conductive surfaces, resulting in the setting up of magnetic fields; a field effect which can be compared to the action of an inductor. An electrostatic field is set up between the shafts in the cavities

¹Jerrold 453-H and 450-H.

and their Teflon-insulated conductive slugs, creating an adjustable capacity. Thus each cavity can be considered as an ordinary *lc* tank circuit.

Signal Flow

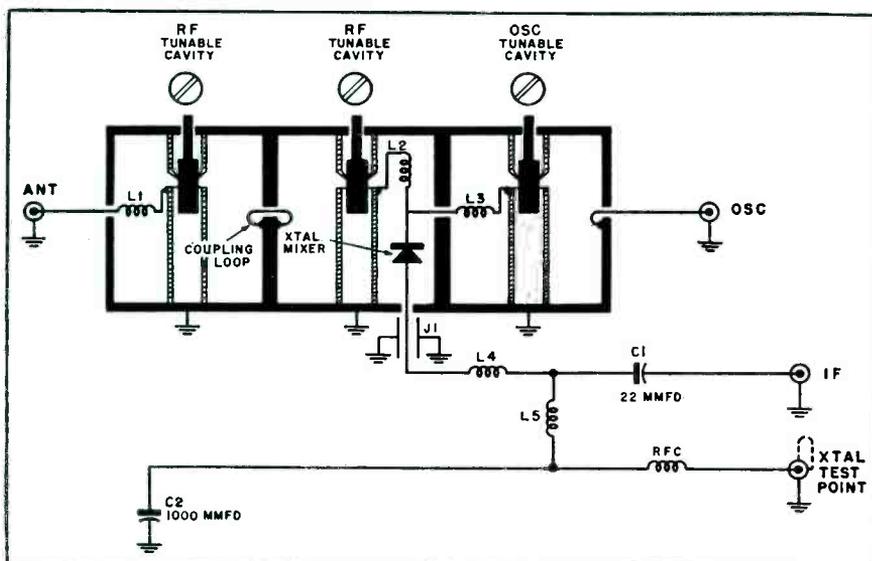
The *uhf* signals are fed to the cavity by a coupling inductance, L_1 , which also matches the low-impedance transmission line to the high impedance cavity. The coupling inductor therefore prevents excessive loading down of the cavity, which has an unloaded Q of about 800. Inductor L_1 has a self-resonant point below the *uhf* band which gives it the characteristics of a parallel *lc* circuit operating above resonance. Thus, the *uhf* coupling property of L_1 is capacitive, providing good response with little choking effect on the input signal.

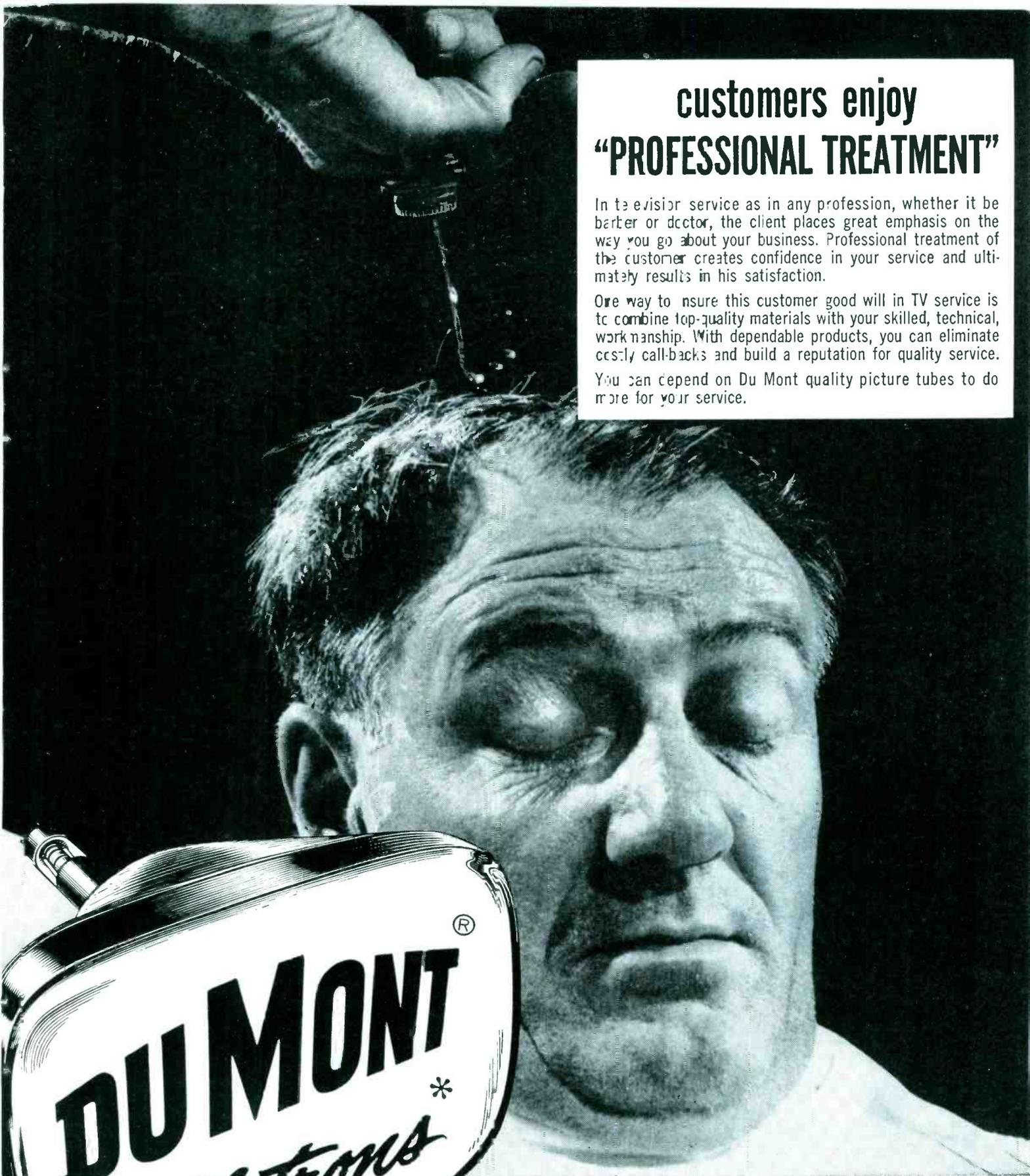
The first tuned cavity resonates sharply over the desired channel. Resonating *rf* energy is induced into the coupling loop, mutually coupling the signal into the second *rf* cavity, which is also tuned to resonate over the desired channel. Together, the cavities are a double-tuned circuit that produce a 10-mc bandwidth enclosing the selected channel.

Coupling inductor L_2 feeds the *uhf* channel to the crystal mixer. Also, at this point in the circuit, the local oscillator frequency is injected from the oscillator cavity into the crystal mixer through inductor L_3 . The output of the mixer is the difference frequencies between the local oscillator frequency and the inclusive frequencies of the *uhf* channel. (The local oscillator frequency is lower than the lowest frequency of the *uhf* channel, to maintain picture and sound carriers in their proper relationship at the mixer output.) The resulting frequencies at the mixer output are *if* to

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Fig. 1. Schematic of antenna-mounted coax converter for *uhf*; see cover.





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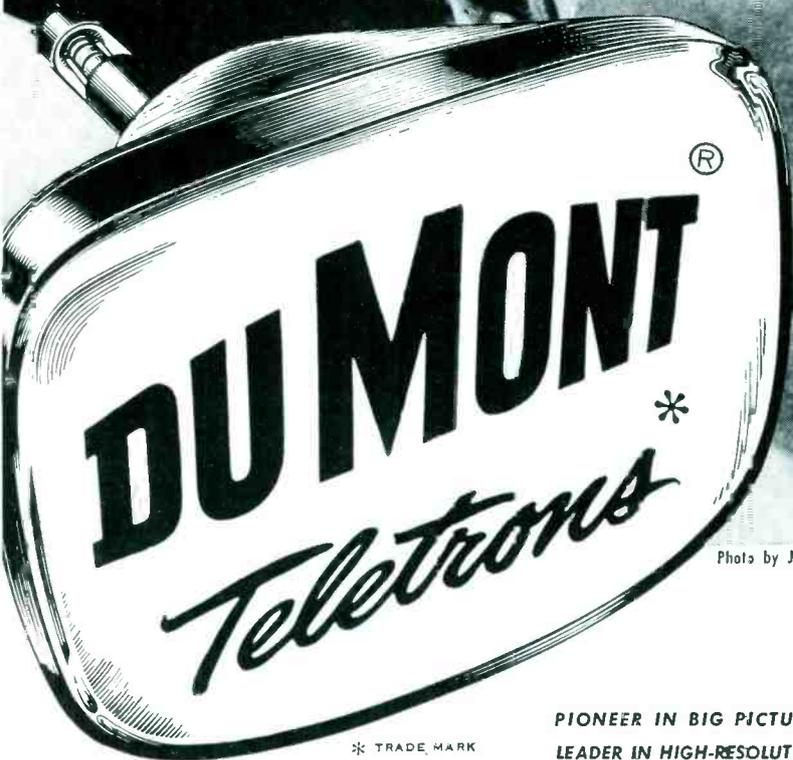


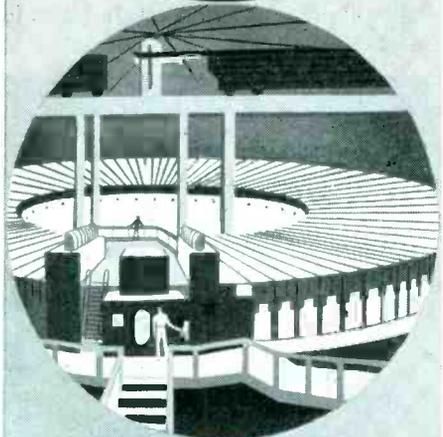
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the *uhf* band, but appear as normal *vlf* to any *vlf* preamp or amplifier.

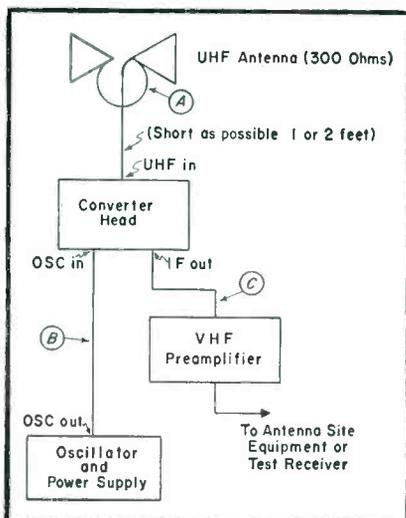
The mixer output is applied to a *vlf* bandpass network via a feed through jack *J*, whose capacity is an integral part of the network. This output network acts as a *uhf* filter, rejecting any *uhf* or oscillator signals that pass through the crystal. The *vlf* output is obtained at the *if* terminal of the head. (A test point is provided for metering crystal current. Network *C*₂ and *r/c* filters *rf* from the test point.)

All *uhf* circuit elements are physically placed inside cavities. The resultant shielding effectively has been found to confine the field around each element, reducing oscillator and spurious signal radiation.

The oscillator is controlled by an overtone crystal. A frequency is multiplied through three stages of amplification, two of which utilize a 6AF4 in grounded-grid circuits. All stages are protected by cathode bias, in case of crystal failure which would remove grid drive and grid leak bias.

The oscillator output is delivered to the *osc* connection on the head through a length of coax transmission line. The oscillator cavity in the head is single tuned to the *osc* frequency. No coupling inductor or critical matching is necessary in feeding the oscillator cavity because of the isolation afforded by the transmission line. The oscillator is said to have sufficient output to drive through 100' of RG59/U coax.

Fig. 2. Block diagram illustrating typical installation of *uhf* converter and oscillator. At A is a balun; 1/2 wavelength coax—3897/line. (To determine the mid-frequency of any *uhf* channel, the following formula can be used. From channel number subtract 14; multiply result by 6 and add 473. As an example, to find the mid-frequency (f) of channel 61: 61 - 14 = 47; 47 × 6 = 282; 282 + 473 = 755). At B is 100' of RG59/U or equivalent length of RG11/U at *uhf*. Preamp may be located at top or base of tower, depending on signal strength and line loss; C.



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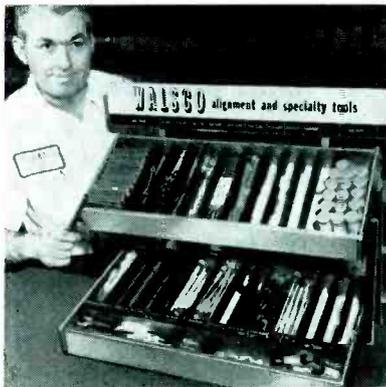
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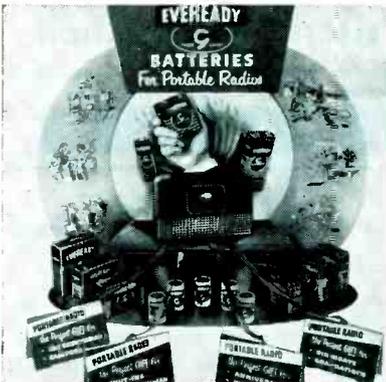
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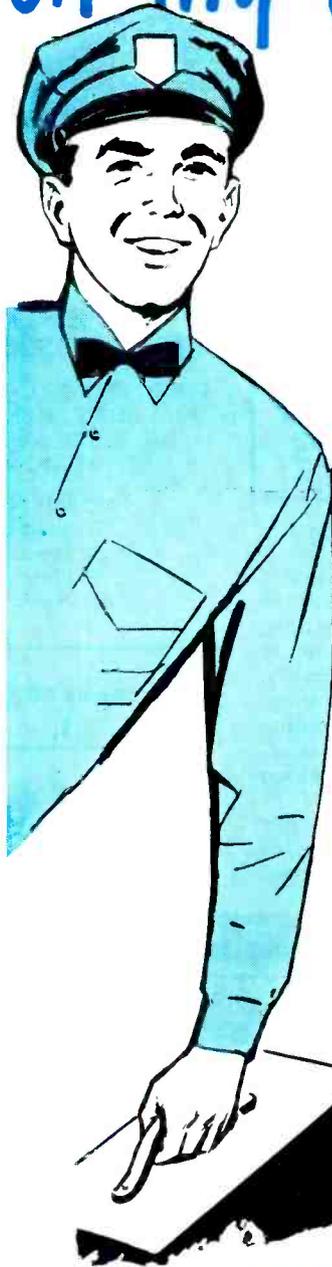
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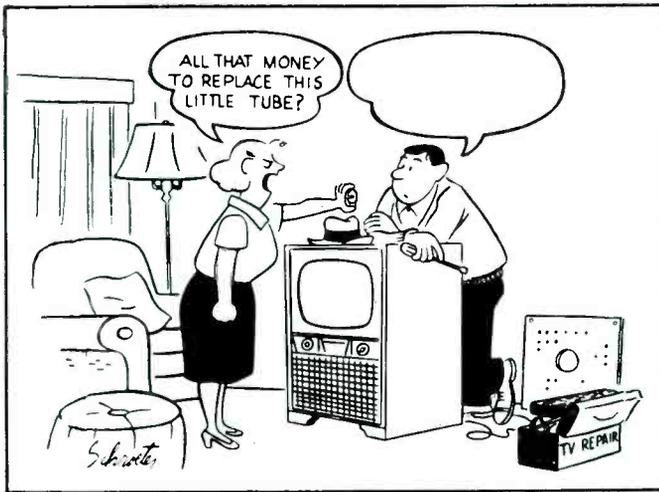
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PICTURE TUBE DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE B-W/COLOR DESIGN ROW--Wider angles, shorter lengths, and increased screen areas of picture tubes, subjects of intense research ever since the early b-w days, have now entered a new development-design cycle. The greater picture-size-to-tube-length ratio of the 90° tubes (originated over a year ago) are now beginning to impress scores of setmakers, who feel that the tube offers the all-important feature of compactness in chassis and cabinet design. . . . One manufacturer has indicated that the 90° tube, it plans to use, provides over a dozen more square inches of picture area than the 70° type now being used. And, another firm is planning to promote a 90° tube as a 270-square inch model. . . . The disadvantage of higher-cost components required to drive the wider-angle tube is being discounted by many, who say that the cost is a negligible factor when compared to the smaller chassis and cabinet size features that obtain.

IN COLOR TV, the use of photographic techniques to process dots on the picture-tube screen, has again come to the forefront as a solution to the production of larger tubes. . . . A leading picture-tube manufacturer has developed a 1,300,000 color-dot electrostatic-convergence 19" model, which is said to provide 185 square inches of viewing area, with the color phosphors applied directly (through a photo method) to a curved faceplate. The size of each phosphor-dot in this tube is claimed to be approximately twelve one-thousandths of an inch. Positioned immediately behind the faceplate is an electron shadow mask featuring a curvature identical to that of the faceplate. . . . The length of the tube has been shortened by the use of a 60° deflection angle; size of the tube is 12-9/16" by 16-9/16". . . . Three beams are used, but the beams have been spaced closer, permitting the use of a common convergence control. . . . The beam-to-beam spacing in this new tube is said to be 70% of that used in current 15" models, a design made possible by the use of an electron gun utilizing grid parts of smaller diameter than the half-inch size common to b-w TV. By making use of a high resolution G₁-G₂ design, company engineers said that it was possible to shorten the electron gun and utilize the same proportion of the lens diameter as used in the older, larger-diameter gun design. . . . Comparing the available pix area of the newly-developed tube with other types, the company's prexy said that the planar-mask 19" model, now coming off the line, offers 160 square inches, while the single-gun 21" and 22" rectangular models offer 155 square inches. The 15" tricolor tube, featured in current models, provides 88.5 square inches of viewing area. . . . The new tube, it was said, will appear in a line of color sets scheduled for late fall release.

100 STATIONS SCHEDULED TO CARRY COLOR THIS FALL--Discussing the present status and immediate prospects of color TV, the prexy of a network said recently that by fall of this year at least 100, and perhaps more, stations will be equipped and ready to carry polychrome programs on a consistent weekly basis. . . . And, within a year, it was reported, up to 200 stations will be equipped to transmit network color, and about a dozen or so will be able to originate local color programs at that time.

14 MILLION MORE WILL HAVE TV IN THREE YEARS--Approximately \$5-billion worth of TV receivers will be sold within the next three years to about 14 million now without TV, the vice prexy of a setmaker forecast recently. There is no doubt, he said, that of the four-million families living in electrified homes, 95% will have TV within three years. This means, he added, that over 42-million families will eventually have sets, compared with today's 28-million, not counting the new families being formed at the rate of 800,000 a year. . . . In a review of replacement requirements, it was pointed out that within the next three years, set owners will purchase nearly seven million new sets, and the annual replacement business, when TV reaches its final penetration of 97 or 98%, will total at least 6-7 million sets a year.

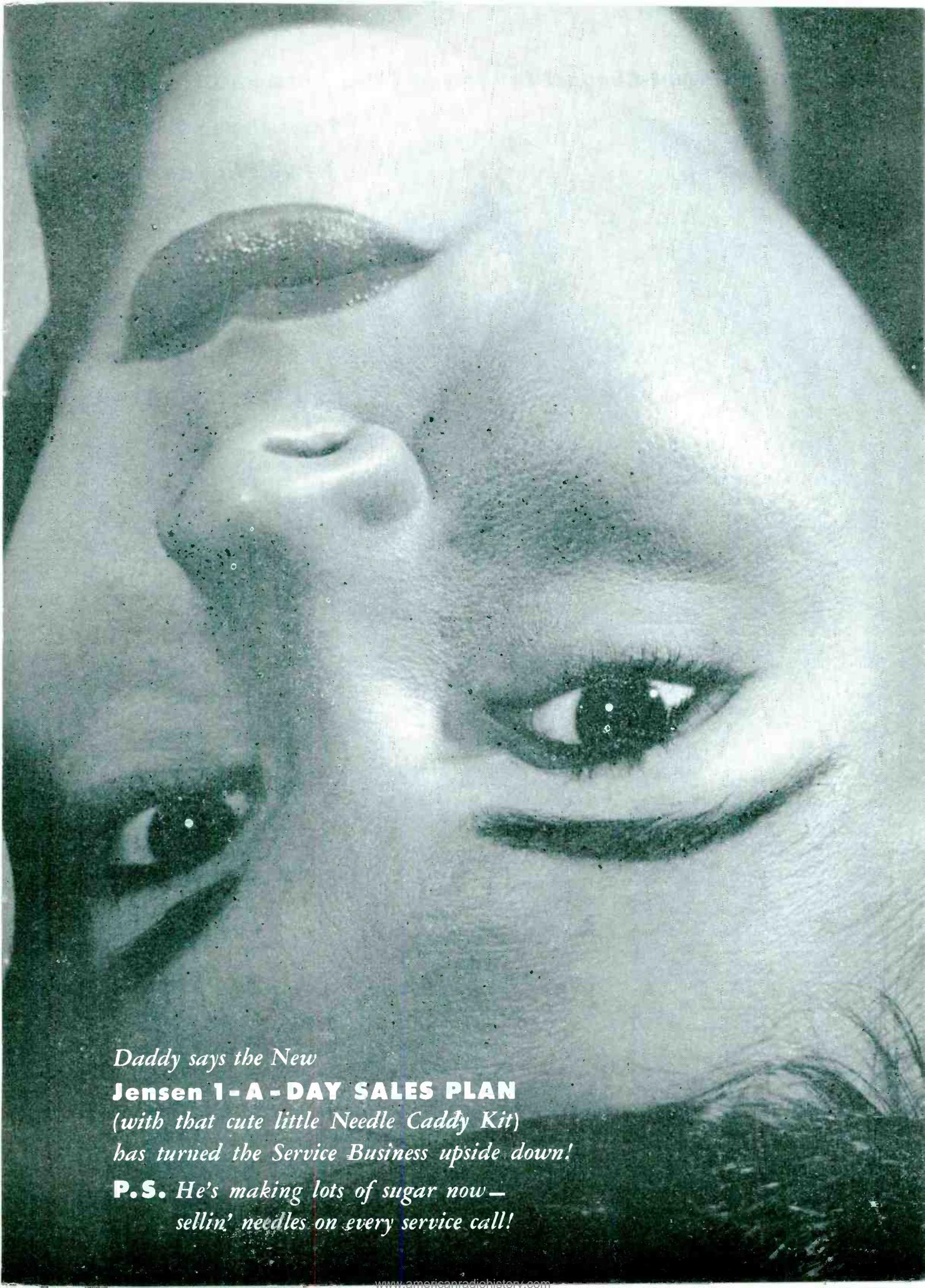
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BOOSTER TO IMPROVE UHF COVERAGE TO BE TESTED--Experimental field tests of a method designed to extend coverage of ultrahigh broadcasting to shadowed areas will soon be launched in Jackson, Miss., in cooperation with WJTV, operating on channel 25. . . . The system, utilizing a low-power auxiliary transmitter, will be installed near Vicksburg, about 37 miles from the main transmitter. Use of the booster is expected to provide grade A service for the station's signal in that area, where because of geographic elevation problems reception now is completely shadowed.

AMERICAN STANDARD ON LETTER SYMBOLS ON ACOUSTICS RELEASED--A new standard, listing more than 100 symbols for terms used in the measurement of acoustics, is now available. . . . The new symbols, which will soon appear in text books and most technical publications, including SERVICE, cover such factors as acoustical power and response; antiresonant frequency; mechanical and rotational compliance; decay constant; flare coefficient in a horn; linear displacement; magnetic field strength, flux, flux density and leakage coefficient; acoustical, electrical, mechanical and rotational power; sound pressure (average, excess, instantaneous, maximum and peak); reluctance; resonant frequency; acoustical, electrical, mechanical and rotational response; total acoustical absorption in a room; and velocity potential. . . . Preparation of this important standard was begun in '49 by a group chairmaned by Harry F. Olson.

ST. LOUIS SERVICE ASSOCIATION REELECTS PREXY--Vincent J. Lutz was recently reelected president of the Association of Television Service Companies of Greater St. Louis. Others named were: Laverre Grimm, first vice president; Barney Lewis, second vice president; Clyde Goodwin, treasurer; Morton Singer, secretary, and Buck Gaynor, sergeant-at-arms.

COMMISSION EXPECTS TO INTRODUCE RADIATION REGULATION--RETMA's drive to stop interference, detailed last month in these columns, may soon have the official support of the FCC, who are now taking steps to amend the present rules to regulate all radiation. . . . Manufacturers had been warned earlier that if they did not take voluntary steps to provide shielding in sets that would stop radiation, government action would obtain. Now, the Commission proposes to follow the certification plant outlined by RETMA, with the actual work of certifying to be done, it is hoped, by manufacturers. The regulation, it was said, will probably be placed into effect in the early summer. . . . Two categories of radiation were described by the the Commission---incidental and restricted. Incidental-radiation units were catalogued as those in which the production of radiation was unintentional, such as in electric power lighting or ignition devices. In the restricted-radiation class were included carrier-current communication systems, laboratory signal generators, beat-frequency oscillators and oscillators in receivers, low-power rf generators, and remote-control gear using radio energy, such as garage-door openers and record players. Incidentally TV and FM sets have always been bluntly described by the FCC as little transmitters, requiring design control. The Commission also reported that it was concerned about interference caused by coax-cable distribution lines of some community-TV systems, where radiation has been smearing pictures in the homes of non-subscribers. . . . The edict will not only affect those who make apparatus, but those who use it. To illustrate, it will be up to those who use electronic systems for control to see to it that their equipment does not play havoc with any local sets. Prompt remedial action will be imperative, here, too, the Commission warns. So, it appears as if everyone will have to be on guard to the peril of radiation.--L.W.



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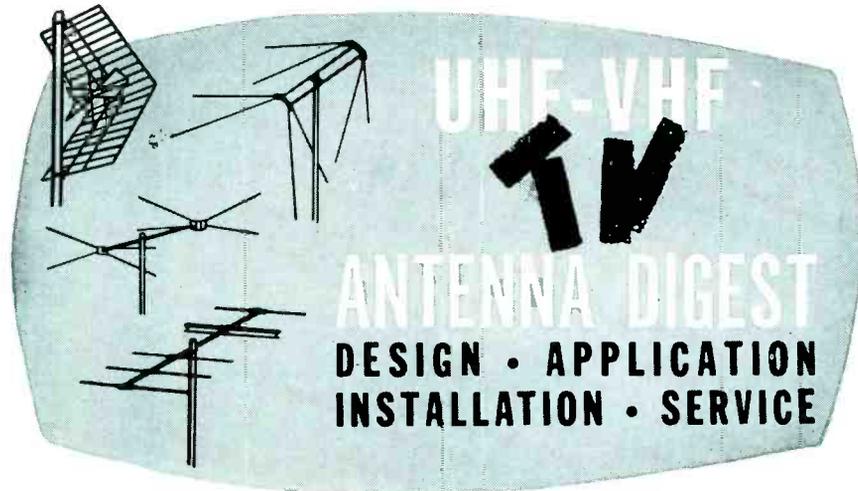
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Cures for Adjacent-Channel Interference Via Antenna Orientation, Transmission Line Traps, Hi-lo Channel Stubs



Transmission Line Traps Hi-lo Channel Stubs

by

RALPH G. PETERS

AS PRIMARY SIGNALS become available in areas that were formerly fringe, and those who had sets installed for DX pickup continue to look for this extra coverage, receivers may be required to reject the adjacent local channel signals which, in extreme cases, may exceed the *distant* signal by 50 or more times.

Adjacent channel interference is usually most bothersome when the undesired station is on the *lower* channel. Here, the interference is due principally to the lower channel sound carrier, resulting in a visible changing beat in the picture. Adjacent channel interference from the *higher* channel rarely affects the desired FM sound channel, while such picture interference as may exist may often be reduced, or eliminated by careful ad-

justment of the fine tuning control (intercarrier sets).

Many remedies may be applied to reduce or eliminate this type of interference. One method, found to reduce interfering channel signal strength at the receiver, requires orientation of antenna for weakest signal from the undesired adjacent channel. An excess of signal strength is available so that the undesired adjacent channel signal may be attenuated considerably without affecting reception. An increase in the height or location of the receiving antenna may also be of advantage in obtaining a stronger signal from the desired station. This will reduce the ratio of the interfering signal to the desired signal, thus reducing the interference.

An antenna with good front-to-back and front-to-side ratio must be selected so that orientation or rotation of the antenna effectively nulls out the undesired signal.

Transmission-Line Traps

Transmission line traps¹ taped to the 300-ohm leadin and tuned to the interfering adjacent channel should be used. These traps consist of a $4\frac{3}{8}$ " piece of 300-ohm line shorted at one end and a 10-160 mmfd variable ceramic capacitor connected across the open end. These traps, because of their narrow bandwidth and high attenuation, are particularly effective in reducing adjacent channel sound interference.

A similar trap for the high *vhf* channels may be made by using a 2.5-13 mmfd variable ceramic capacitor and the same line length as mentioned. If the desired picture carrier is affected,

a $\frac{3}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{8}$ " piece of cardboard may be inserted between the trap and the transmission line to reduce the coupling, which will improve trap selectivity.

Care should be taken in tuning this trap as it is easy to pass by the correct tuning point.

Strong Signal Area Problems

In very strong signal areas, cross modulation of the two channels may exist in the *rf* tuner, exhibiting a condition that appears as adjacent channel interference. In this case, the use of a stub may prove effective. Caution should be exercised if a number of channels are to be received, as the stub may affect reception on these other channels. Provision may then be

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Fig. 1. Illustration of stub constructed of 300-ohm twin lead, cut to frequency of undesired signal. An open quarter-wave stub on low channels and a shorted half-wave stub on high channels will provide maximum attenuation. For channel to be attenuated (pix), L=88.5" (channel 2); 80" (channel 3); $72\frac{7}{8}$ " (channel 4); $63\frac{1}{2}$ " (channel 5); $58\frac{7}{8}$ " (channel 6); $27\frac{3}{4}$ " (channel 7); 27" (channel 8); $26\frac{1}{4}$ " (channel 9); $25\frac{3}{8}$ " (channel 10); $24\frac{3}{8}$ " (channel 11); $23\frac{7}{8}$ " (channel 12), and $24\frac{1}{4}$ " (channel 13). Resistor is a 47-ohm composition type which has been found to result in a 2.5:1 reduction; a small value resistor results in greater attenuation. With the ends shorted, an 8:1 attenuation can be obtained on the high channels. Stub lengths can also be determined from the following formulas: For a half-wave stub, $l = 4900/fmc$; for a quarter-wave stub, $l = 2450/fmc$.

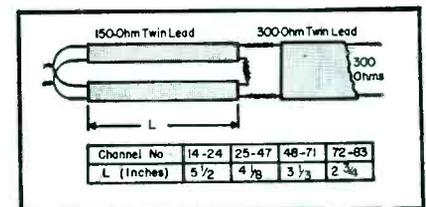
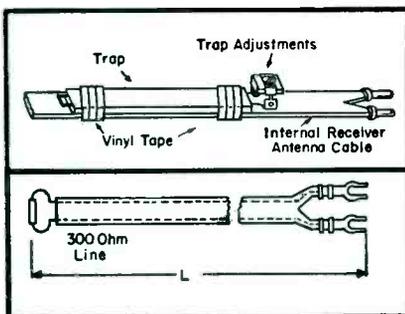
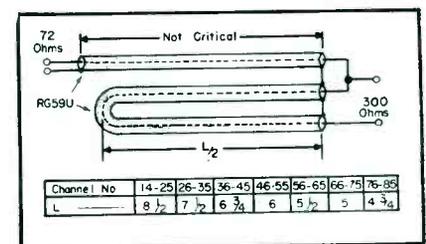


Fig. 2. Twin-lead balun makeup and length chart.

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Fig. 3. Construction of coax balun and length chart (in inches).



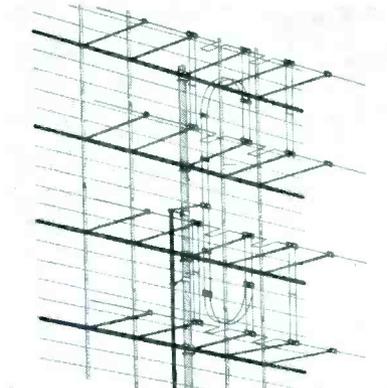
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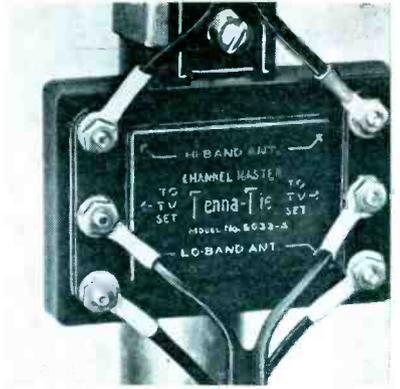
Review of New Tuners, Converters, Antennas, Arresters and Hardware



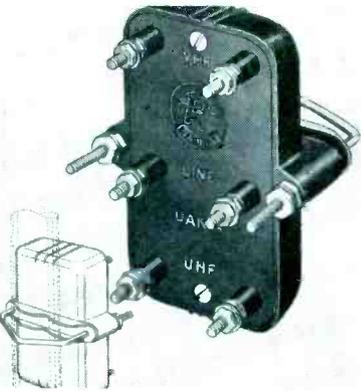
Concealed uhf all-channel converter designed to fit completely inside a TV set. All that can be seen of finished installation is a plastic selector dial and switch. Converter also offers a choice of mounting positions; at left, right or top of cabinet. (Model 188; P. R. Mallory and Co., Inc., 3029 E. Washington St., Indianapolis 6, Ind.)



Fringe-area antenna with a Fro-Bac screen designed, it is said, to deliver a high front-to-back ratio. Field tests disclosed, it is claimed, that screen almost completely eliminates venetian blinds. Screen comes preassembled with antenna. Is of all-aluminum construction. (Model 400-SA; Finney Co., 4612 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.)



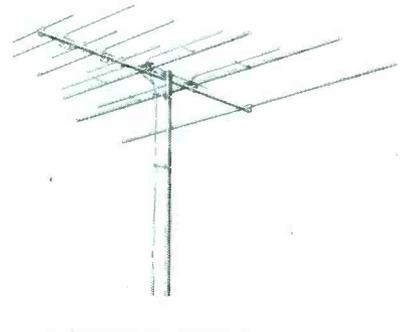
Inter-action filter designed to join high and low band vhf antennas for use with a single transmission line. Incorporates separate high and low pass filters, replacing the parallel resonant circuit previously used, so that lead lengths, it is said are no longer critical. Designed with a cut-off frequency of approximately 125 mc. (Model 9033-A; Channel Master Corp., Ellenville, N. Y.)



Filter network said to function as a low loss filter. Has a polystyrene case with molded standoffs, and positive gripping to fit almost any mast. For segregating vhf and uhf at the set. (Model UAK-4; Radiart Corp., 3455 Vega Ave., Cleveland, O.)

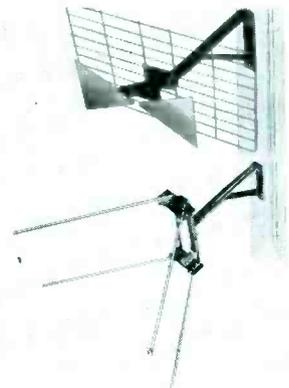


UHF booster with two 6AN4s in a push-pull grounded grid, neutralized circuit. Booster covers approximately one third of band. Capacity tuning. (Senco; Service Instruments Co., 422 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.)



VHF antenna featuring a multi-resonant dipole with electro-lens focusing (consisting of first five elements) which it is said serves to focus signal on the driven or collector elements. (Interceptor; The John Winegard Co., 3000 Scotten Boulevard, Burlington, Iowa.)

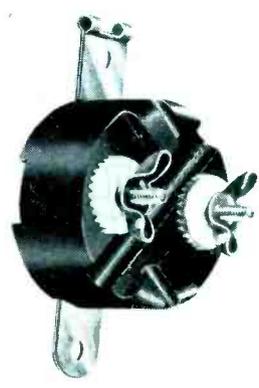
TV window-mounted antennas for uhf and vhf. Bow tie style (top), for uhf reception, features wishbone free air insulator. Antenna will swing in any direction. Stacked V-antenna (bottom) can be used for uhf and vhf. Adjustable approximately 120° (vhf) to 160° (uhf) when mounted against a wall or flat surface. (Models 9056 and 9057; Telco Window-Tennas; Television Hardware Mfg. Co. (Division of General Cement Mfg. Co.), 919 Taylor Avenue, Rockford, Ill.)



A uhf tuner developed for concealed installations; metal-cased tuner mounts at rear of TV set, and slide-rule tuning dial protrudes slightly above top, while tuning knob and selector switch are accessible at right rear. Unit incorporates coax-cavity continuous tuning over the entire uhf band and preselection. (Hiway models HT-1, HT-2 and HT-3; Granco Products, Inc., 36-17 20th Ave., L. I. C. 5, N. Y.)



Arrester which handles all types of lead-in; open, flat, jumbo, oval or perforated. Mounting strap is an integral part of unit. No separate strap or bracket is required. Can be mounted on wall or any pipe up to 1½". One end of mounting strap is designed to grip No. 8 ground wire generally used. Other features are flame-proof mahogany phenolic bodies and all brass hardware. (Mark VII, LA-75; Radion Corp., 1130 W. Wisconsin Ave., Chicago, Ill.)



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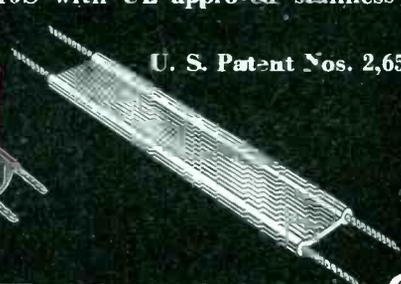
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At COLOR TV SYMPOSIUM

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Members of the information-please forum of symposium, left to right: John A. Hickey, Raytheon; J. A. Milling of Howard W. Sams, who served as a moderator during a session; the editor, Harry Ehle, IRC; Al Haas, CRTSA; Everett Boise, CBS-Hytron; and Max Baum, Brook Electronics. Others on the panel included J. Popkin-Churman and Robert Dressler. Among problems reviewed were standardization of picture tubes, color TV test patterns, hi-fi standards, warranty standards and TVI.

Left to right: W. L. Roberts (Westinghouse), Robert K. Hunsicker (Wicks Engineering), Edward M. Noll and John F. Rider, who were also featured speakers at symposium, and covered the following subjects: luminance signal in the color set, testing and monitoring of color signals, color-set frequency considerations and fundamentals of color, respectively.



Rep Talk

MESSAGE CENTER to be manned by The Reps at the Parts Show, May 17-20, will be located on the fifth floor lobby of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Extra telephones in the information booth, direct-call services, and a complete file of show registrants will also be available at the center. Phone extensions for service are 870 and 871. A hospitality suite in room 14 on the fourth floor will also be maintained for the convenience of out-of-town visitors. . . . Nine members will now serve on the national board of governors of the Reps, each to serve three years successively. . . . *Meyer Zykoofsky*, Mexico City, is now a member of the Reps, bringing total of members-at-large to six seniors and three associates. . . . *R. M. Campion, Jr.*, has been elected president of the southwestern chapter. Others elected include: *Lloyd S. Lund*, vice president; *Hal F. Corry*, secretary; and *John B. Buenther*, treasurer. . . . *Russ Diethert* has moved to larger quarters at 2030 W. Montrose Ave., Chicago 18. . . . *Frank C. Nickerson Co.* is now at 901 Bernina Ave., N.E., Atlanta 6, Ga. . . . *Wayne Beitel* has a new address: 139 W. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. . . . Other reps who have moved include: *Robert H. Vermilya*, to 1258 Fitzgerald Ave., San Francisco 24, Calif.; *Norman Kathrinus*, now at 4356 Duncan Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo.; *Ted Felleisen*, to 5839 Montrose Ave., Chicago 34; and *Kaelber and Mack*, now located at 1 Park Ave., Manhasset, N. Y. . . . *A. H. Patton Co.*, 709 Walton Ave., Atlanta, Ga., has been appointed rep for Synder Manufacturing Co., in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. . . . *Frederick I. Kantor*, 4010 Saxon Ave., New York 63, N. Y., has been named rep for Brooks Laboratories. *Leonard Zlowe*, formerly associated with The Burndy Engineering Co., has been appointed a sales engineer for the firm. . . . *Don Sullivan*, formerly with the publicity department of Furness Lines, has joined Art Cerf and Co., 744 Broad St., Newark, N. J., as dealer contact man in the metropolitan New York area. . . . *Franklin Y. Gates Co.*, 200 S. Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah (Colorado, eastern Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming), and *J. P. Sukup and Co.*, (Michigan), are now reps for the Hall-dorson Transformer Co. . . . *Jack F. McKinney Co.* (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi), and *Land-C-Air Sales Corp.*, (Upstate New York, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C., and Virginia), have been appointed reps for Berlant Associates. . . . *Electro Sales Co.*, Syracuse, N. Y., has been named rep for National Electric Products Corp., in New York, excepting metropolitan New York City and Westchester county.

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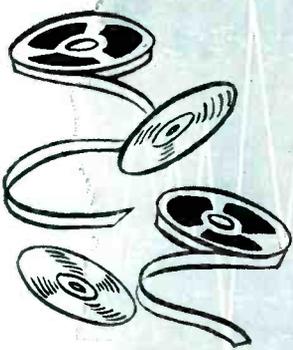


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Powering Tape Recorders in Autos With Inverters †

THE USE OF TAPE or wire recorders in cars, while en route, for spot reporting or aural filing of sales information, once considered a pure novelty, has been found to be a very practical and sensible approach. Dictating on the roll, has become so sound an idea, because of the development of sturdy, highly-efficient magnetic recording and power conversion equipment.

One setup, evolved by a roving reporter, features use of a multiple-speed tape recorder,¹ capable of accepting up to two hours of dictation on a single reel of plastic tape. This sits securely in place in the center of the front seat, on a plywood wedge, to keep it level. To prevent the recorder from plunging to the floor, in the event a sudden stop is needed, a leather belt around the machine passes between the folding seat backs and is secured to the frame of the seat below. The microphone, on an 8' cord, is simply suspended from a sun visor above the steering wheel, where it swings a few inches away from the lips of the driver-writer. When some one else is driving on more extended

trips, the microphone can be held in one's hand. In either case, the recorder has been found to operate smoothly over any sort of road, and can be simply lifted out of the car whenever necessary.

Power is supplied by a special tape-recorder inverter,² which mounts under the dash. Supply cords from the inverter to the battery pass through a half-inch hole, already present in the firewall of the car, which in this case, is a '53 Olds 88. One cord is grounded to the engine block, and the other permanently attached to the positive plug of the battery, by means of a clamp pin and a hole drilled through the lead battery post. The car features a 12-v battery system, which has been found to put more *muscle* in the electrical service, and which is recommended highly for meeting the extra load of hours of dictation.

A switch on the inverter itself provides the necessary 110-v output to operate the recorder, while a four-position knob varies the output as required, for dictating when the engine

is off, or when in transit. The power system has been found to provide a smooth supply, at 100 watts or better, more than adequate to keep the recorder turning at the lowest power output setting.

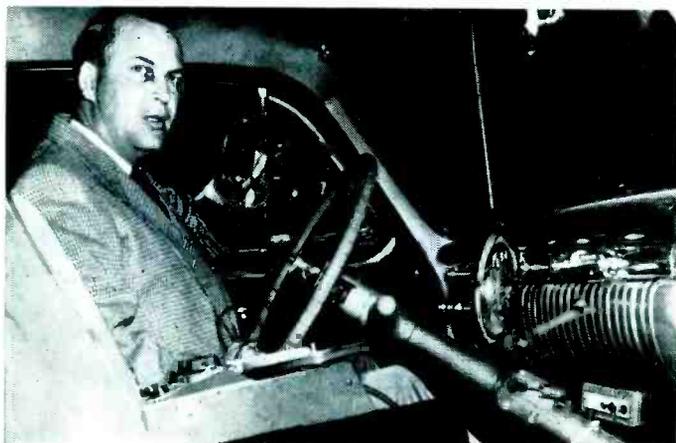
Not only has the tape recorder and the inverter been found to do away with note-taking, but it is ideal for the preparation of *question and answer* articles. To write such a story, the subject is asked to step into the car, where the questions and answers can be recorded *on the spot*. Where it is not possible to conduct the interview in the car a portable mike with a 50' extension has been used, and the conversation recorded on the tape unit.

This tape-inverter-equipped *rolling office* has played an important role in many news beats. During the recent Greenlease kidnap-murder case, the car setup was used to record the events as rapidly as they occurred. A 24-hour vigil was put in at the police station, and reels of tapes were prepared. To save delay, tapes were air-expressed to newspapers and magazines.

Perhaps the most important application of the inverter-recorder combination to on-the-spot reporting was the devastating tornado which laid Waco, Texas, flat in seven minutes last May. The flying rubble missed the recording car, fortunately, and it was possible to keep the recorder available for use. While rescue teams cleared away brick and stone piled five feet deep in the middle of the street, the engine was kept running for hours at a time to provide power for the inverter. Once again, shipping

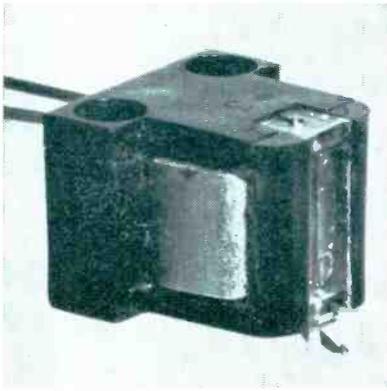
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†From notes prepared by **Robert A. Latimer**.



Roving reporter Robert Latimer in his tape-recorder/inverter equipped rolling office. (Courtesy ATR)

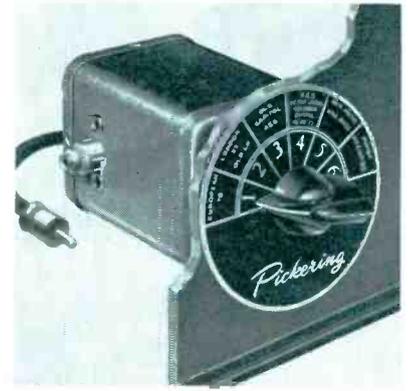
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Phono pickup of the electrodynamic type, said to be built like a D'Arsonval meter movement. Tiny loop of fine wire, wound on a Permalloy armature, is mounted between pole pieces of an Alnico magnet. To one end of supporting shaft is attached a light arm about 3/16" long, the free end of which holds a sapphire or diamond stylus. As the latter rides grooves of record, it moves from side to side, causing armature to move radially within the field of the magnet, and inducing varying voltage in the coil. (Electro-Sonic Labs, Inc., 3215 36th Ave., L. I. City 1, N. Y.)



Wireless microphone whose output on 2-mc is picked up on a 9-tube FM set, and then fed to standard amp and speaker system. Mike weight is 16 ounces; diameter 1 3/8" and length 12". Transmitter tubes include three CK526AX (rf) and two CK512AX (af). Operating area said to be 500 to 5,000 square feet, depending on signal-to-noise requirements. Can be in form of a circle, rectangle, square, etc. In installation, copper wire is strung around operating area, and fastened to the malding, ceiling, wall or baseboard. Copper wire, No. 30 or heavier, can be used. (Vagabond 88; Shure Brothers, Inc., 225 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill.)



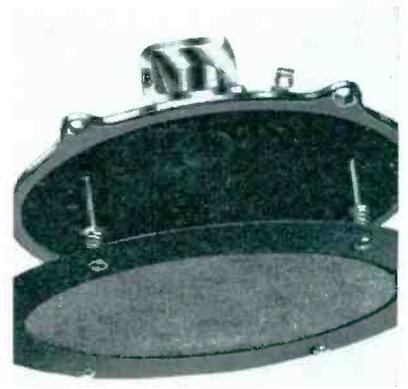
Record compensator with a new position designed to match the orthophonic-AES recording curve recently adopted by RCA-Victor, Columbia, Capitol and Decca. Other positions are: European 78; London 33-old LP (for most makes of 33 1/2 records made before June '53); Capitol-old AES; maximum highs-maximum bass; and noisy records. (Model 132 E Compensator; Pickering Co., Oceanside, L. I., N. Y.)



A 12" coax speaker, with a 2" voice coil operating 12" diaphragm from an enclosed magnet structure using 1 1/2 pounds of Alnico V. Coupled through a 5900-cps high pass filter network are a Dural diaphragm and a 1" voice coil. Has a nominal impedance of 12 ohms. Power capacity is 20 watts. (Model 122AX, Stephens Manufacturing Corp., Culver City, Calif.)



AM-FM chassis, which incorporates a 10-watt amplifier. FM unit features afc and a Foster-Seely limiter-discriminator. Multi-purpose tubes are used throughout. Additional features include a preamp for variable reluctance phono pickups; treble and bass controls; jack for a tape recorder and an electronic tuning eye. (Model P-717; Freed Electronics and Controls Corp., 200 Hudson St., N. Y. 13)



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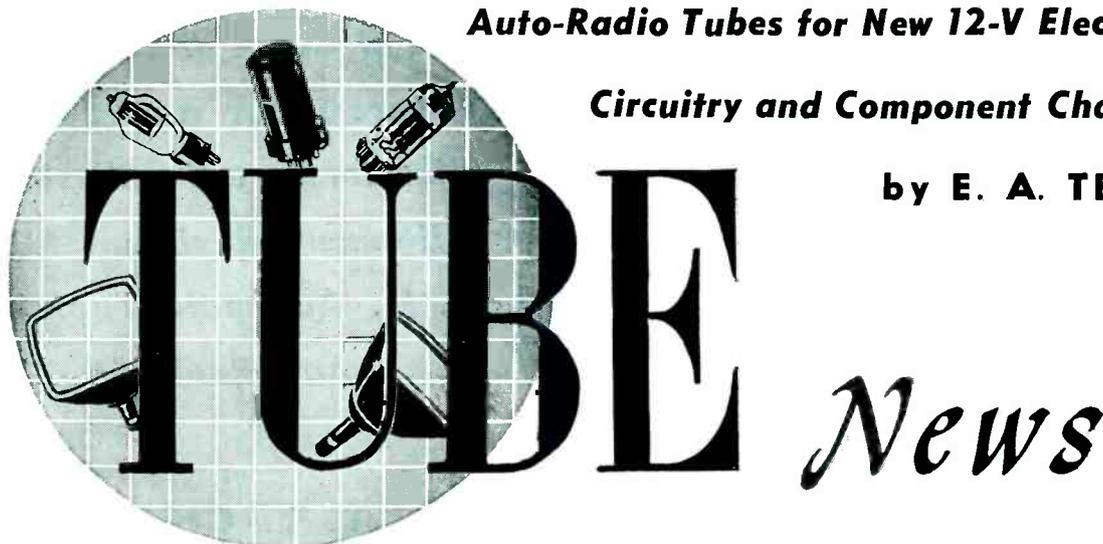
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Auto-Radio Tubes for New 12-V Electrical Systems:

Circuitry and Component Changes Involved

by E. A. TEVERSON



News

THE TREND TO ELECTRICAL refinements (headlight dimming, window control, polarized lights, air-conditioning, etc.) on modern cars and their attendant increase in power demand from the automobile's electrical source, has prompted automotive design engineers to turn to the 12-v system to reduce copper losses in the interconnecting wires.

One might suspect that the simplest way to reduce copper losses would be merely to increase the size of the wires connecting the loads to the power source instead of increasing the voltage level of the system. There are several reasons why a wire-size increase does not represent a practical solution. In the first place with increased wire sizes, cables connecting electrical devices to the power source would become very bulky. Second, since copper is an expensive material, the attendant increase in cost of the wiring would become high. Third, copper has not always been plentiful, because of military requirements; thus manufacturers of civilian products have had to restrict the use of copper. Fourth, the effects of contact resis-

tance at connectors is reduced with a higher voltage, lower current system.

To clarify why an increase in the voltage level of a system results in less copper losses, let us study a typical installation, where we have a load requiring 210 watts at 6 v. The current required would be 35 amperes. Let us further assume that the total resistance of the wires connecting the load to the power source is .02 ohm. The voltage drop in the wire would be (35) (.02) or .7 v. Now if we increase the voltage level at which the 210 watts of power is produced, the current would be reduced; 210 watts of power at 12 v requires a current of only 17.5 amperes and the voltage drop in the wires is reduced to .35.

It is apparent that if the current in a circuit increases, due to increased loads for instance, the voltage drop in the interconnecting wires will increase. Although these voltage drops might seem insignificant, they represent a reduction in the voltage

actually applied to the various electrical devices; the result is decreased operating efficiency.

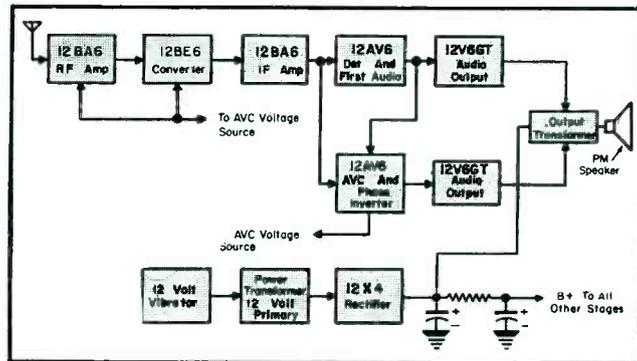
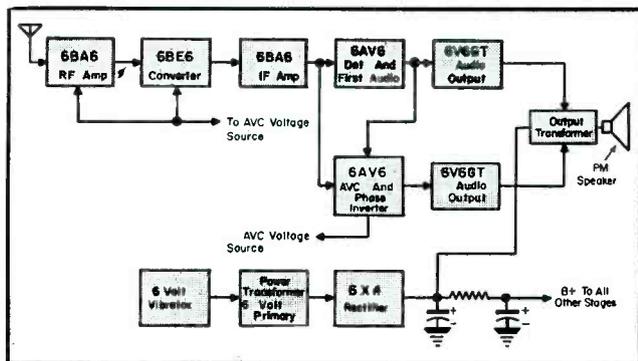
6 to 12-V Conversion Changes

The changes necessary to operate a present design 6-v auto radio from a 12-v source manifest themselves in the vibrator, power transformer, the heater characteristics of the tube lineup, and perhaps the input filter (hash suppressor) from the battery. The vibrator will have to be changed because it will now be *breaking* 12-v instead of 6. The power transformer will have to have a 12-v primary winding instead of the 6-v winding. The hash choke in the hot A lead could be wound with more turns on it for the 12-v system. The added resistance would keep the heater voltage in the same proportion as with the 6-v system. As far as tube lineups are concerned, complete lines of 12-v tubes are now available to replace the 6BA6 rf amplifier, 6BE6 converter, 6BA6 if amplifier, 6AV6 duo-diode triodes serving as second detector/first audio

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‡From report prepared exclusively for SERVICE by G. L. Quint, technical publications section, Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

Figs. 1 and 2. At left is a block diagram of a typical auto-radio using 6-v tubes. Same receiver using 12-v tubes is diagramed at right.





Use of 'Scope in Checking Interrupter and Sync Vibrator Power Supplies†... Alignment Revisions for G. M. Automatic-Tuning Auto-Radios

by T. L. GILFORD

RELIANCE ON THE 'SCOPE, permitting accurate judgment of vibrator-powered equipment performance, is rapidly becoming accepted as a sound auto-radio service practice.

Through the 'scope and waveform analyses, it is possible to anticipate the remaining life of a vibrator in service; ascertain the cause of excessive *hash* noise in the receiver; examine new vibrators for proper operation; detect bad buffers or shorted transformers; observe excessive secondary or load

currents; and determine the cause for poor output voltage.

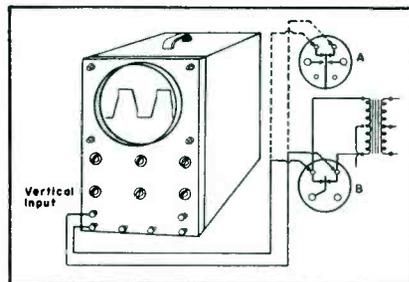
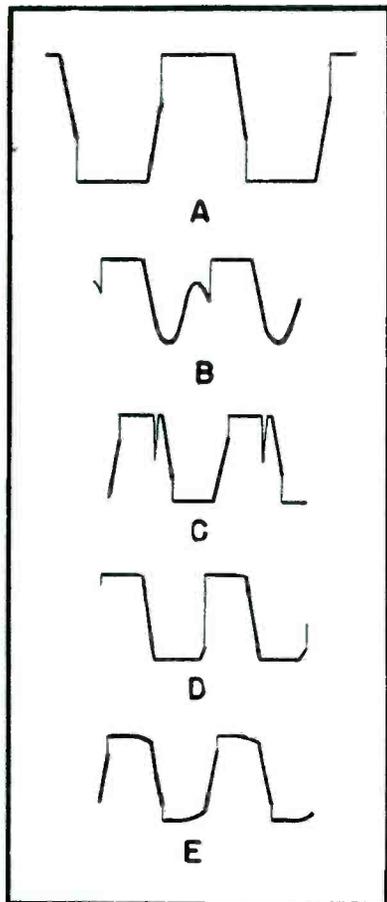
One must remember, of course, that vibrators are electromechanical devices of considerable complexity, and each unit in proper operation will show some variation in waveform. This fact must be kept in mind when interpreting waveforms.

Vibrators designed for six-volt equipment are normally designed and tested for a low-voltage starting (5 v or better); good waveform at nominal 6 v, which results in high voltage

output and low generated hash level; and operation at overvoltage for normal mechanical performance, and in sync units, absence of arcing.

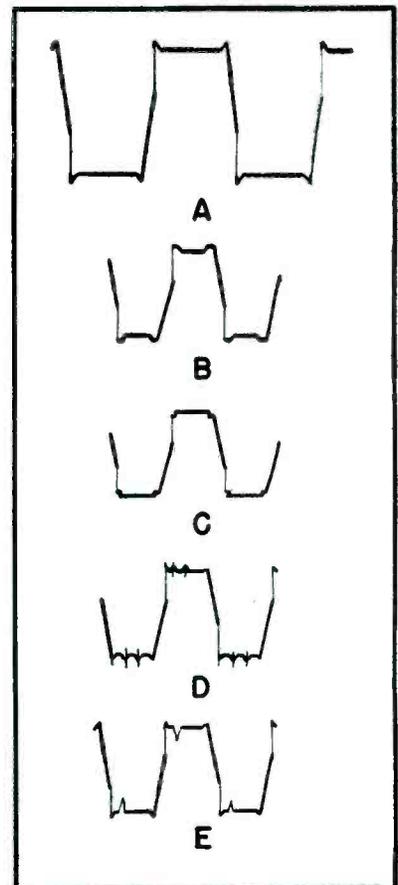
New vibrators can be tested for good performance before insertion. Contact dirt, from shelf life and oxidation, can be observed and run off before placing the component in service.

Vibrators should be marked with *date in service* for a correct measure of performance. With these data on the unit, hours of service can be read.
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(Above)

Fig. 1. Typical connections of 'scope to check reversible sync (A) and interrupter (B) vibrators. Primary contact connections will vary for different types of vibrators; correct connections usually appear in vibrator replacement manuals. One must not ground 'scope to equipment under test.



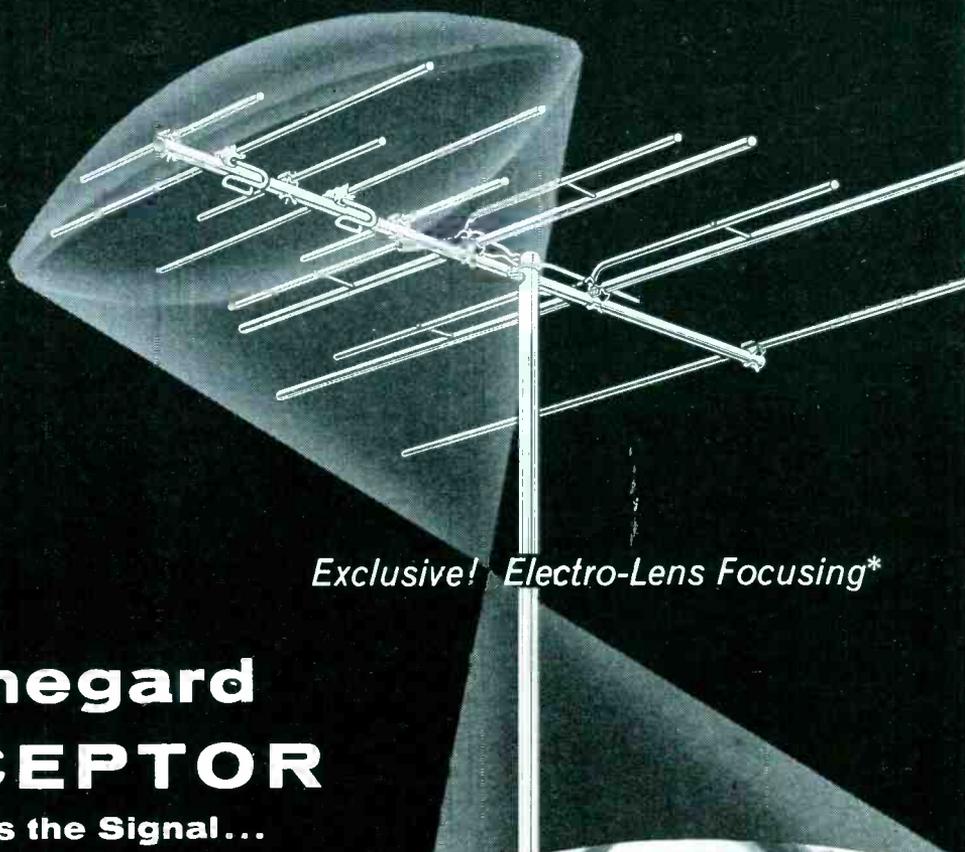
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Fig. 2. Vibrator (interrupter-type) waveforms. An ideal waveform is illustrated in A; single-stepping in B; contact bounce, C; unbalanced closure, D; and arcing at contacts, E.

(Left)

Fig. 3. Sync vibrator waveforms. Ideal pattern is shown in A; wide-secondary spacing, B; too close secondary spacing, C; secondary contact bounce, D; and primary bounce, E.

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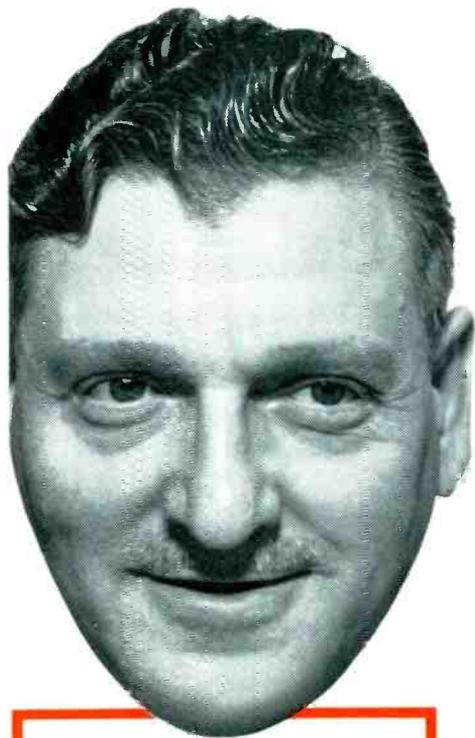
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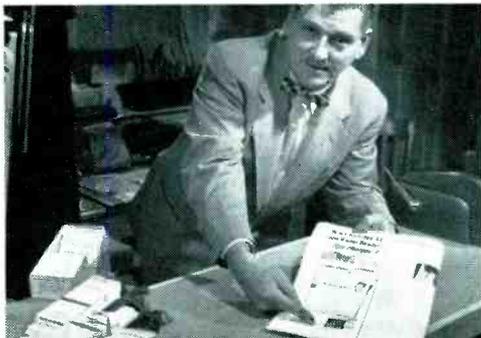
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Service Engineering field and shop notes

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ELECTRONIC PHOTOFLASH equipment, which has zoomed to popularity during the past months, is destined to become quite a factor on the calendar of the Service Man. For these guns feature circuits and assorted components, familiar to every Service Man, which he can readily service and maintain.

Transformer Units

To illustrate, rectification of *ac* voltages in this equipment is generally accomplished through the use of a vibrator or tube. In most cases, a high-voltage transformer is used, and the *dc* voltages obtained, charge a large capacitor to the required high voltages. These voltages are then discharged through an electronic flash-tube.

Application of Selenium Cells

Selenium rectifiers have been used to replace the vibrator or vacuum-tube rectifiers. Recent lab designs and tests have indicated that *transformerless* power supplies are feasible. A voltage quadrupler circuit incorporat-

ing selenium rectifiers makes it possible to charge a large-energy-storage capacitance efficiently. In such a setup, four selenium rectifiers rated at 35 milliamperes, 130 *v ac* can be utilized.¹

The rectifier cells, encapsulated in a plastic case, offer insulation insurance. Embedding the assembly in plastic or wax has made it possible to miniaturize the size and weight of the power supply and provide safety from shock hazard and protection against adverse atmospheres. It has also been found that the power supply output can be shorted indefinitely without injury to the components.

Typical Design

In Fig. 1 appears a typical transformerless 400 to 600 *v dc* power supply designed for photoflash equipment use.

If 250 *v dc* are required the circuit shown in Fig. 2 can be used. As indi-

[†]From notes prepared for SERVICE by Alfred M. D'Urso, rectifier division, Sarkes Tarzian, Inc.

cated in both of these schematics the charging time of the photoflash capacitor C_1 can be varied within large limits. The charging time is a function of the capacitance of C_1 and C_2 .

The curve in Fig. 4 (p. 52) allows rapid calculation for values of C_2 when the value of C_1 has been determined.

Charging Values

The curve in Fig 5 (p. 52) indicates the typical charging time for values of C_1 .

When the *dc* voltages required are in the order of 1,000 *v* and up, it becomes more economical, because of the cost of the capacitors used in C_1 and C_2 , to employ selenium rectifiers in a half-wave transformer type circuit.

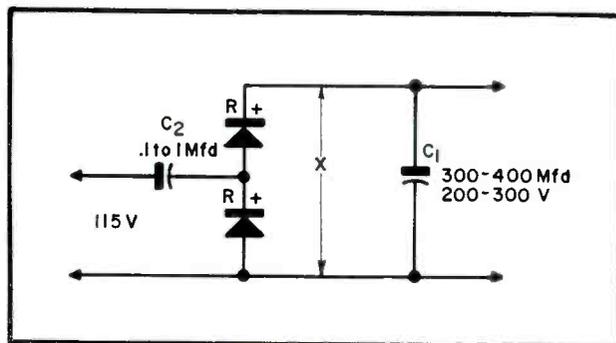
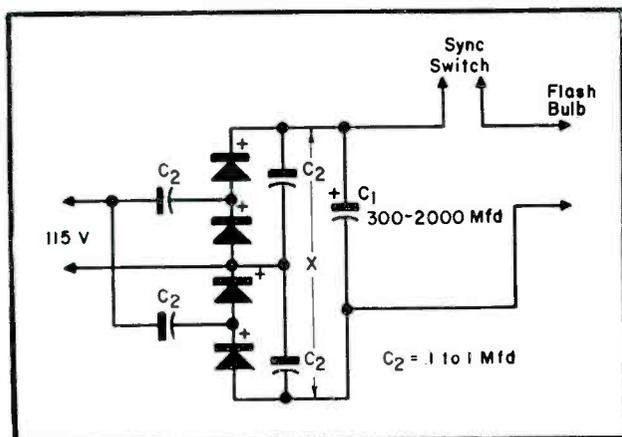
The cost of the transformer, in this case, has been found to be offset by the would-be cost of the capacitors necessary to obtain very high voltages.

Fig. 6 (p. 52) illustrates an example of a half-wave transformer type circuit (Continued on page 52)

¹Sarkes Tarzian model 35 rectifiers.

(Right)

Fig. 5. Plot illustrating typical charging time for values of C_1 .



(Left)

Fig. 1. Circuit of photoflash power supply, providing 400 to 600 *v dc*. To vary the output voltage, C_2 can be changed, or a small resistance can be added at X; value here can be 5000 ohms, 1-watt. To decrease charging time, C_2 should be increased. Both sides of the supply are off ground; they should not be connected to the chassis.

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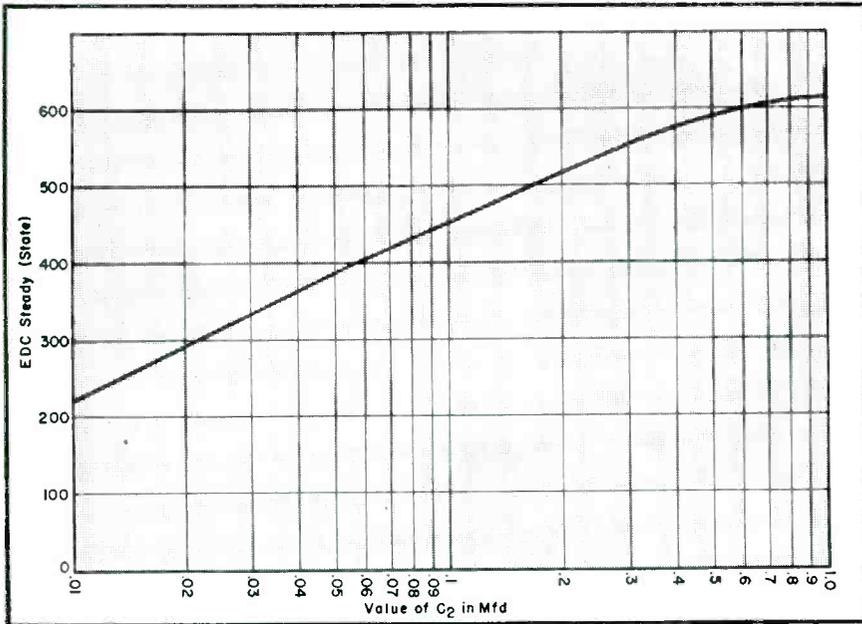
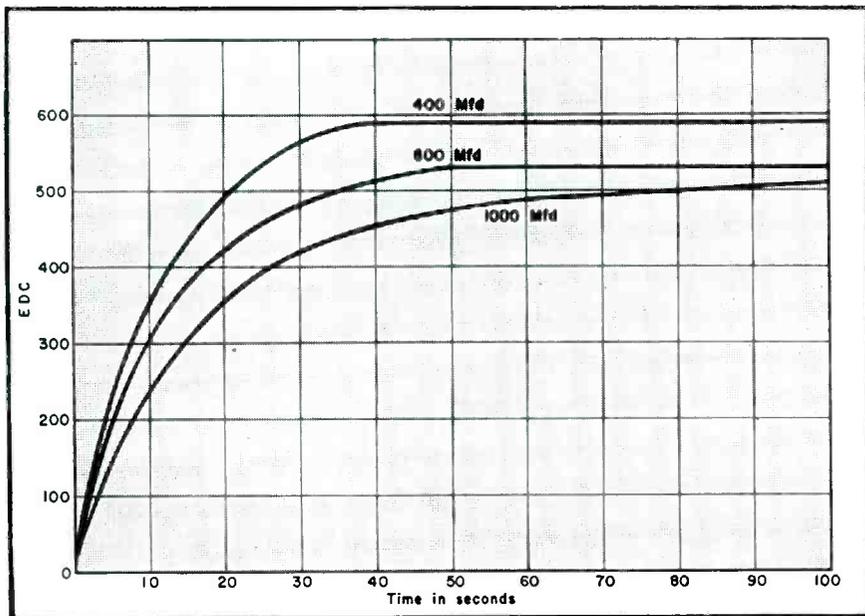


Fig. 4. Curve permitting rapid calculation of value of C_2 , when value of C_1 has been determined.

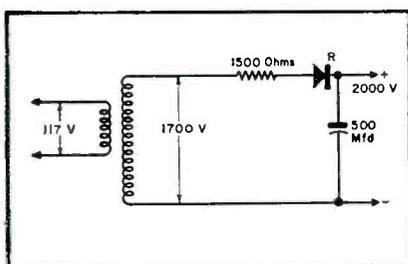
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Fig. 5. Plot illustrating typical charging time for values of C_1 .



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Fig. 6. Half-wave selenium-cell power supply using a transformer.



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Fig. 7. Selenium-cell power supply circuit which can be used as a replacement for tube system in an electronic photoflash.

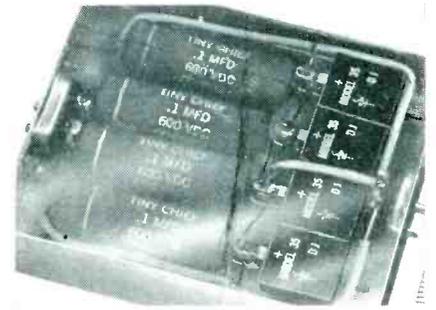
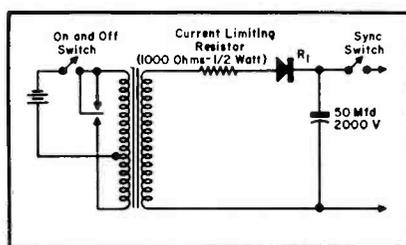


Fig. 3. Embedded selenium-cell power supply, featuring use of epoxy resin, which is said to moisture-proof complete assembly.

employing a selenium rectifier rated at 5 ma, 1,700 v ac.²

Conversion Possibilities

Expensive modern portable photoflash power-supply units incorporate selenium rectifiers to change the high voltage ac to dc, but many of the older portable units contain gaseous tubes, which are fragile, sometimes unreliable, require a longer charging time and have a relatively short life. Conversion of these older portable photoflash power supplies can be accomplished through the substitution of selenium rectifiers in place of the gaseous rectifiers.

Fig. 7 illustrates a typical tube replacement circuit employing a selenium rectifier³ rated at 5 ma, 1,300 v ac⁴.

Manufacturing Trend

The recent trend among photoflash-equipment manufacturers has been towards a power supply voltage ranging from 400 to 600 v dc, based on consideration of capacitor design and circuit simplification.

²Sarkes Tarzian model 026-130 H-Q.

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⁴For varying output voltages the following Sarkes Tarzian selenium rectifier models may be substituted in place of R_1 ;

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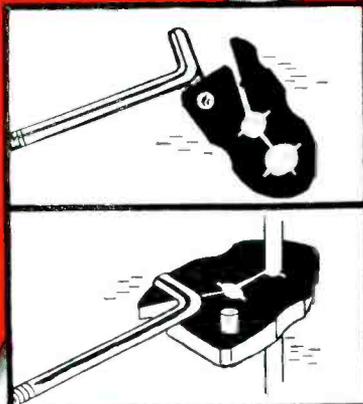
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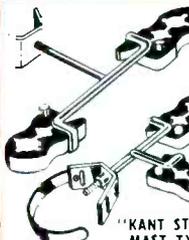
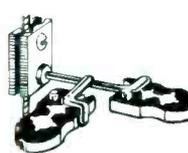
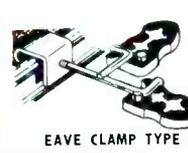
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COLOR TV developments

SINCE COLOR-TV RECEIVERS contain a number of special circuits in addition to those conventionally found in b-w receivers, many more operating controls are required. To illustrate, on the front panel of the Admiral color chassis, there are two sets of controls. One, known as the main operating controls, visible at all times, include the channel selector, fine tuning, on off, volume, contrast and color intensity.

A second set of controls accessible from the front panel, concealed behind a decorative door, include the horizontal hold, vertical hold, brightness and color fidelity.

For the tri-gun color picture tube there are a special group of controls for purity, focus, vertical centering, horizontal centering, *dc* convergence, horizontal and vertical dynamic convergence, rim coil (or field neutralizing), blue, green and red screens, and green and blue grids.

In adjusting these controls one must consider many factors. For instance, once the station is selected, fine tuning controls are normally rotated until the signal is properly tuned in. But color receivers have a special problem in this respect. If the usual b-w instructions of tuning for best picture are followed, then it is possible that when the viewer reaches what the operator considers to be the best picture, no color will be present on a known color broadcast. This is so because many think of good pictures in terms of contrast, and in striving for high contrast, they will adjust the fine tuning control until the video carrier is on the flat portion of the response curve and not at the 50 per cent point. With this condition, the high end of the signal spectrum where the color information exists, is

[See photo-story on symposium, this issue, pages 24 and 40.]

by D. J. MARISEN

pushed down the opposite side of the response curve. This will usually attenuate the color signals to such an extent that not enough will get through to activate the color killer and the other associated color circuits. As a result, no colors are produced.

Set users must receive some definite, easily recognized indication of when a color set is correctly tuned. This would be the point at which the visible 920-kc beat pattern (between the 4.5-mc sound carrier and the 3.58-mc color subcarrier) on the picture-tube screen is minimized.

The contrast control performs the same job in a color receiver that it does in a b-w set. That is, it increases the intensity of the picture elements, both color and b-w, as the control is rotated clockwise. It should be set for a pleasing picture, being neither too low where the picture appears watery

and washed out, nor too high, where the colors will appear too intense.

The *color-intensity* control is really the first new control, and it is concerned only with color. Sometimes it is referred to as a *saturation* control because clockwise rotation will cause all of the colors in the image to become brighter and more intense. Conversely, turning the color-intensity control to the left will gradually reduce the saturation of the colors, leading eventually to the complete loss of all color when the control is completely counterclockwise. The proper setting of this control is as much a matter of personal taste as the contrast-control setting is in b-w receivers. However, too low a setting will result in a picture which contains an overly intense set of colors. The horizontal and vertical hold controls perform the same function in color receivers that they do in b-w chassis. The brightness control governs the over-all picture brightness or illumination and should be set for good visibility in a particular room illumination level. At present, color-TV receivers require a lower room illumination level than we are accustomed to with b-w receivers, because of the lower light output obtainable from current color picture tubes. There is generally a certain amount of interplay between brightness and contrast controls and frequently when one control is varied, the other must be adjusted, too.

The *color-fidelity* adjustment is for color-correction. That is, if it is found that the proper colors are not being reproduced, rotation of the color-fidelity control in a normal receiver will remedy the situation by altering the colors to the correct hues. The need for such a control stems from the fact that the proper colors are developed only when the phase of the

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‡Based in part on information appearing in *Admiral manual*, Introduction to Color Television, and *talk on color circuitry* presented by **Frank F. Hadrick** (above), director of Admiral color-TV service training, during Philadelphia color-TV symposium conducted by *ye editor* and co-sponsored by the Council of Radio and TV Associations of Philadelphia.

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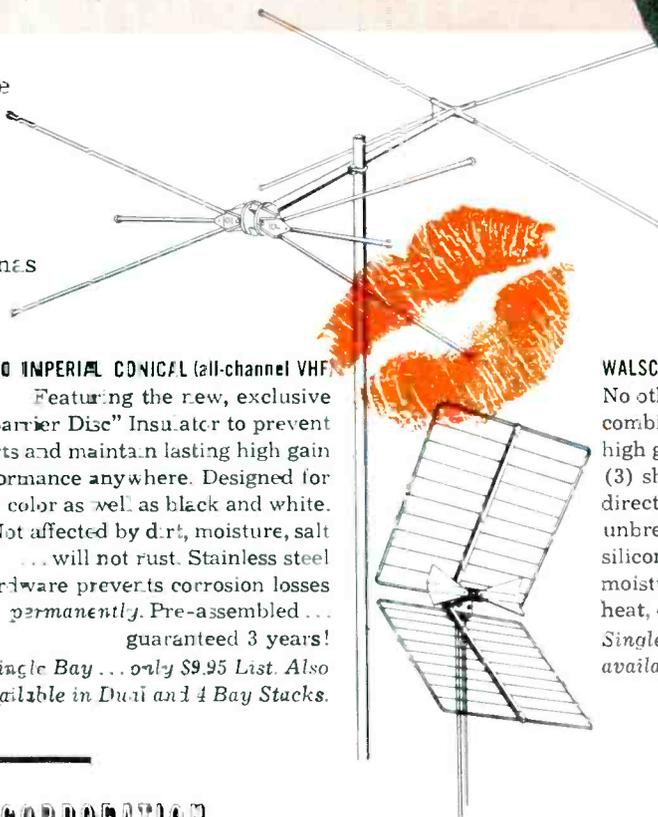
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UARTS, Salt Lake City, Utah

IN THE CURRENT issue of the bulletin of the Utah Association of Radio and Television Servicemen, Inc., appears a sparkling editorial on a plan to create confidence in the TV set owner.

The boys point out that independent service must march together, and to do this each city must have its own service association which in turn will join other similar groups to form state groups. Every service operator, be he big or small, wherever he may be located, it is noted, will have representation at every level . . . and he must be willing to work with his local and national group . . . spend a few dollars for dues . . . and pitch in and help.

The association's annual convention will be held August 13 and 14, and the annual picnic will be held on July 11 at Spruce Picnic area.

Wilfried Rossburg delivered a series of color TV lectures recently to all UARTS chapters. . . . Evan Stevens has been appointed to the board of directors.

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FTTG, Miami

H. R. MARIEN, JR., executive director of the Television Service Association of Michigan, Inc., and editor of the organization's TSA News, has resigned. He is now executive director of the Florida Television and Technicians Guild, Miami.

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TSG, Dayton

THE Television Service Guild, Dayton, Ohio, recently celebrated its second anniversary.

Nominations for officers for '54-'55 have been made, and include: Stan Copp and George Buchard, for president; Harold Sampson and Albert Houser, for vice president; Verlyn Baily and Alfred Redolfi, for second vice president; and Louis Schmit and Ralph Snyder, for treasurer. Office of secretary is by appointment.

TEN YEARS AGO

PRICE CEILING ruling, listing specific prices for tubes, based on prices that prevailed during March, '42, was issued. Ruling also stipulated maximum service charges for tube testing; no charge for tubes brought to shop; \$.50 charge for tubes tested when a portable, table model radio or phono was brought in; and \$1.00 if chassis had to be removed to test or replace tubes. . . . Sprague Specialties Co., North Adams, Mass., changed its name to Sprague Electric Co. . . . Andrew G. Nelsen was named manager of lamp sales in the middle-western district for Westinghouse. . . . Leon L. Adelman was named rep for Solar Capacitor Sales Corp. in metropolitan New York City. . . . Ricardo Muniz was appointed engineering director of Espey Manufacturing Co. . . . John M. Smith, former manager of manufacturing for RCA, was named vice president in charge of manufacturing of P. R. Mallory and Co., Inc. . . . C. L. Pugh was appointed rep for Sprague Products Co. in Ohio, West Virginia and Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Edward R. Place joined the information staff of RCA. Place was a former assistant to the director general of the War Production Drive. . . . Charles H. Goddard was appointed product manager of fluorescent fixture sales for Sylvania Electric.

Right: During meeting of association delegates at Eastern Conference, left to right: Max Leibowitz, representing ARTSNY and NETSDA; J. Palmer Murphy and Harold Rhodes of the Radio and TV Servicemen of N. J., Inc., who served as secretary and chairman of the conference.

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Largest delegation, from Pittsburgh, who attended recent Eastern Conference and color-TV symposium in Philadelphia: members of the Radio and Television Servicemen's Association of Pittsburgh, Inc. First row, left to right: Philip J. Polito; Mrs. John Cochran; Mrs. Philip J. Polito; Mrs. Kenneth E. Biggs, and Stephen Mykita. Second row, standing, left to right: J. A. Shafer; William L. Mitchell; John F. Cochran, president; B. A. Bregenzler, newly-elected chairman of Eastern TV Service Conference; J. Aubrecht, and G. C. Biggs. Third row, standing left to right: C. McKelvey; F. P. Skolnik; T. Gina; T. D. Flannery, and T. Krasinski.



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SARKES TARZIAN, INC., Rectifier Division, 415 N. College Ave., Bloomington, Ind., has published a 72-page *Selenium Rectifier Handbook*, which describes different types of selenium units and their application. Types covered include: power, *hv*, radio and TV, and embedded seleniums. A revised replacement guide is also included. Priced at \$1.00.

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WARD PRODUCTS CORP., 1148 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, has prepared a catalog describing automotive antennas, designed for installation from the outside.

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JOHN F. RIDER PUBLISHER, INC., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N. Y., has released a 32-page Spring book catalog, listing books, Tek-Files and manuals. Included are pages reprinted from four different books.

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P. R. MALLORY AND CO., INC., Distributor Division, P. O. Box 1558, Indianapolis, Ind., has prepared a cross-reference guide, covering radio and TV components, which includes the use of manufacturers' part numbers. Arranged alphabetically, parts detailed are: dry-electrolytics; TV and radio controls, including carbon and wire-wound single-section types, universal-section and preassembled dual units, and L and T pads; radio and TV selenium-rectifier stacks, and communications and auto-radio vibrators.

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RADIO RECEPTOR CO., 251 W. 19th St., New York 11, N. Y., has released a 24-page catalog, *177*, describing selenium rectifiers. Illustrated with voltage curves, circuitry, and product applications, catalog features tabulation of power rectifiers up to 260 *v* input and 30 *a*, magnetic amplifier applications, and hermetically sealed, high-temperature and embedded stacks.

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SHURE BROTHERS, INC., 225 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill., has issued a magnetic recording head replacement chart, which lists replacement for tape heads used in original equipment. Chart includes illustrations of recording heads, dimensions, technical data, and numerical listings.

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THORDARSON-MEISSNER, Seventh and Belmont, Mt. Carmel, Ill., has prepared a catalog, *400-L*, covering a line of transformers and reactors, and featuring a TV replacement section, and output transformer chart.

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COLUMBIA WIRE AND SUPPLY CO., 2850 Irving Park Rd., Chicago 18, Ill., has published a 36-page catalog, describing various types of wires now available.

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BELLEVUE TUBE MILL, INC., P. O. Box 4465, Philadelphia 40, Pa., has released a revised catalog, which describes electro-welded TV antenna masts, and butt and lock seam tubing.

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JONES AND LAUGHLIN STEEL CORP., 3 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh 30, Pa., has issued a 16-page booklet, describing TV masts made of *electricwelded* steel tubing. Strength, corrosion-resistance and assembly of these masts are discussed, with several case histories of Service Men cited.

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ELECTRONICS: A TEXTBOOK FOR STUDENTS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING. . . BY THOMAS BENJAMIN BROWN: Designed primarily to help one grasp the fundamental principles and concepts in electronics, emphasis in this book is placed on the physical analysis of electron tubes and circuits, rather than on a detailed study of many types. Featuring graphical methods of presentation, text offers analyses of negative-feedback and cathode-follower circuits, and multi-stage amplifiers, as well as Eccles-Jordan (flip-flop) circuits. Consideration is also given to non-linear functions performed by electronic circuits. The modulation processes, which include detection and frequency conversion, are treated so as to highlight common relationships. One chapter, devoted to *uhf* electronics, covers special tubes, such as klystrons, magnetrons and traveling-wave tubes.—545 pages, 6" x 9", priced at \$7.50; John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

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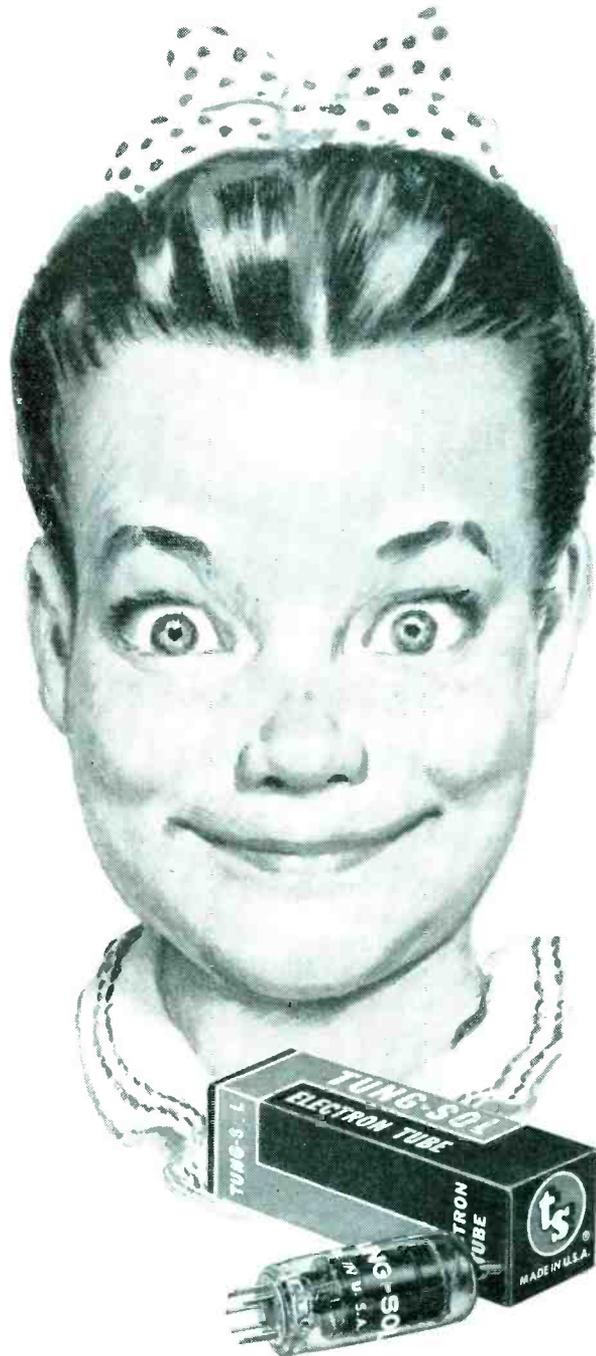
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HIGHLIGHTS OF COLOR TELEVISION. . . BY JOHN R. LOCKE, JR.: Purpose of this booklet is to provide a quick review of color television at a level understandable to those who are familiar with b-w TV. Includes an explanation of colorimetry, the NTSC color signal, transmitting systems, and the color receiver, including the color bar test pattern, matrixing, color subcarrier generation and sync detection.—44 pages, 5½" x 8½", paper bound, priced at \$.99; John F. Rider, Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N. Y.

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INTRODUCTION TO COLOR TV. . . BY MILTON KAUFMAN AND J. THOMAS: A thorough report on color-TV is offered in this book; from the organization of the color committee (NTSC) through color transmitting and color receiving systems. Detailed explanations cover different color processing circuits in receivers, *I-Q* and color-difference signals, and the functioning of matrixing and synchronous detection. Also included are descriptions of the adjustments on the receiver, and two schematics of different color-TV chassis.—140 pages, 5½" x 8½", paper bound, priced at \$2.10; John F. Rider, Publisher, Inc.

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Auto Radio

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formance specifications were arrived at using these voltages. Once the receiver has been thoroughly tested at its nominal input voltage, it should be tested at 20% less and 25% more than the nominal voltage. With reduced input voltage, the power supply should be switched off and on several times to make certain the vibrator will start properly.

Of the two meters with which the power supply should be equipped, the voltmeter will probably be used more. However, when properly employed, the ammeter can be of considerable value in helping to locate certain troubles in the receiver.

For example, let us assume that a receiver brought into a shop has been found to have a blown fuse, but appears to function satisfactorily once the fuse has been replaced. When this condition is encountered, future trouble will probably occur if further investigation is not made, because a blown fuse is an excellent barometer that there is something wrong with the set. In this case, the proper procedure is to adjust the input voltage to the receiver to its nominal value and, using the power supply ammeter, observe the amount of input current being drawn by the receiver. If the current exceeds by more than one ampere the value established by the set manufacturer as normal, additional tests should be conducted before the receiver can be considered repaired.

The receiver should not be allowed to operate for any considerable length of time at excessive input current, because the vibrator would gradually reach a temperature which would cause its contact arms to lose temper, and the contacts would very probably stick. The result would not only be further damage to the vibrator but another blown fuse as well.

A few checks which can be made to determine the reason for a blown fuse are:

- (1) Power supply filter capacitors for short circuits.
- (2) Bypass capacitors, especially those in screen grid circuits, for leakage or shorts.
- (3) Rectifier tube, if used, for short circuit.
- (4) Secondary buffer capacitors for opens or shorts.
- (5) Hash suppression capacitors connected in the secondary circuit.
- (6) Tubes: Output tubes are especially likely to develop short circuits. Bias voltage of the output tube should also be checked. Low bias will cause abnormally high *B* current, the end result being shortened vibrator life.

In addition to blowing fuses, another common ill of the auto receiver is lack of *B* voltage. This condition can be caused by several things, but at least the difficulty can be localized without any loss of time. If the vibrator is operating, the *B* lead should be disconnected at the output filter and the voltage measured from that filter to *B*. If there is still no voltage, then obviously the trouble is in the power supply itself. Possible causes of this condition are: (1) Shorted filter capacitor. (2) Shorted buffer capacitor. (3) Shorted rectifier tube. (4) Shorted *B* voltage bypass. (5) Grounded filter choke. (6) Shorted transformer secondary. (7) Ground in wiring.

If the *B* voltage should be low, some possible causes could be: (1) Low battery voltage. (2) Corroded fuse clips. (3) Weak rectifier tube. (4) Defective buffer capacitor. (5) Defective filter capacitor. (6) Worn vibrator. (7) Miscellaneous causes such as shorted cathode resistors and bypass capacitors, defective tubes, etc.

One of the most severe problems with which the Service Man must cope is that of intermittent receiver operation. This can be caused by defective antenna connection or insulation, defective wiring, defective tubes, loose power supply connections, etc.

Unusual mechanical noises can sometimes be of considerable irritation to the set owner. Among the most usual causes of this difficulty are: Vibrator is too close to another power supply component; vibrator is nearing the end of its useful life; loose case screws or loose parts in the receiver proper. Electrical hum, on the other hand, could be caused by defective filter capacitors; microphonic tubes, microphonic variable capacitors, loose chassis screws, or poor grounds.

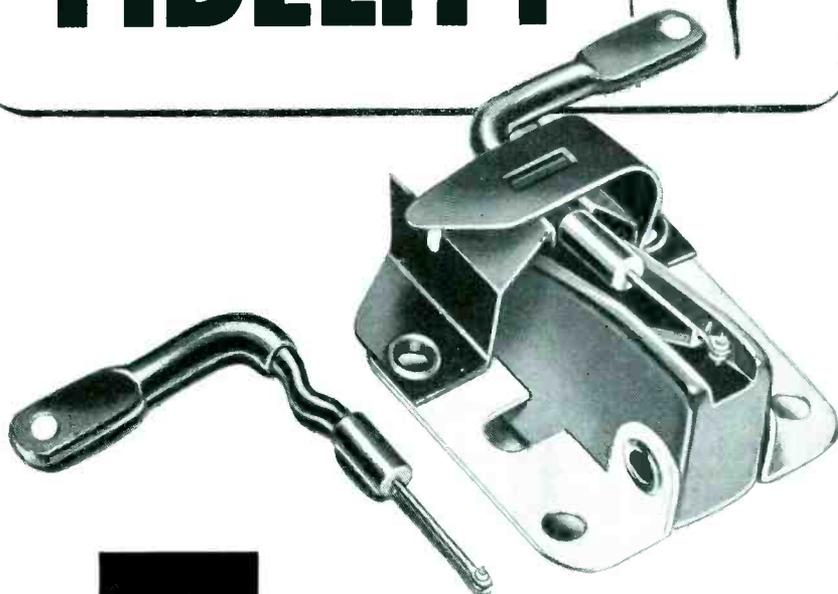
When replacing defective components in the auto receiver, it is important to adhere to the characteristics of the original part as closely as practical. If this is not done, the results can sometimes be rather unfavorable. This is especially important when replacing buffer capacitors, except where the vibrator supplier states that a capacitance value different than the original should be used. As a matter of fact, the importance of using the correct value of buffer capacitance cannot be over-emphasized because the wrong value can reduce the life of a vibrator by as much as 50%.

Regardless of what trouble the Service Man may locate in the radio set, or how quickly he may locate it, the service job cannot be considered complete unless high quality replacement

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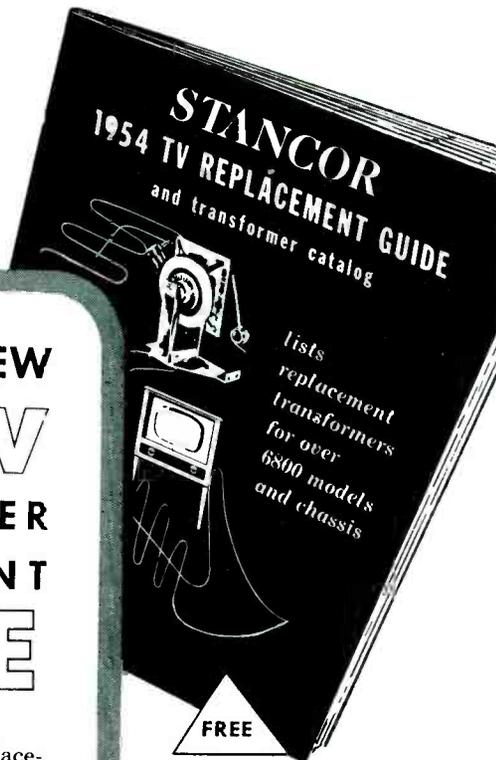


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(1) Thermal agitation noise in the antenna system is an all-present evil independent of the type or efficiency of the receiver and is determined only by the antenna resistance and the temperature. This noise can be minimized by using a high gain antenna.

(2) Input tuning circuits, in many cases of the cavity or tuned-line type, provide adjacent channel selectivity, but introduce signal losses depending upon:

(a) Circuit Q or efficiency.

(b) Accuracy of tracking of cascading circuits.

(c) Efficiency of coupling to the antenna and to the detector load. Even with high Q circuits and with coupling systems which are optimum, a loss of at least 6 db per circuit is experienced. Since these losses occur before the detector, they reduce the signal and thus effectively increase the system noise since the important thing is to maintain a high ratio of signal to noise. In the Regency converter, losses encountered between the *uhf* antenna terminals and the detector have been minimized.

(3) The antenna impedance of 300 ohms, which remains sensibly constant over the *uhf* band, is an ideal source impedance for driving the crystal (a low impedance device). In other converters employing tuned-input circuits, it is often difficult to maintain optimum coupling of the low impedance antenna to the high-impedance tuned circuit over the entire range.

(4) The noise produced by the crystal itself is the major problem in any converter. This is true not only in the initial selection of type and supplier but also in individual differences between crystals. The crystal chosen for this converter has a low noise characteristic. To keep the noise level at its lowest value, it is important that the energy injected from the oscillator biases the crystal to a proper point of operation. This occurs when the injection current is between .5 and 3 ma.

(5) In the Regency circuit, the output load on the crystal at intermediate frequency, is that of the antenna circuit of the TV receiver on the particular channel chosen for operation. Input tuners are designed to work from a 300-ohm *vhf* antenna. This constitutes an efficient output load for the crystal.

Absolute noise figures have been found to be somewhat meaningless in view of the extreme difficulty of correlating measurements between labora-

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parts have been used. Of course, it would be foolish to replace a standard commercial filter capacitor with one designed for rugged military service, for example, but the Service Man should definitely choose his replacement parts with care. Callbacks are embarrassing, and result in a loss of time and money. And what's more important, when the customer brings his set in for a repair-because-you-didn't-do-it-right-the-first-time job, he leaves his good will at home.

UHF Converter

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volves match of antenna to the tuned circuit and match of the tuned circuit to the crystal.

(4) Noise produced by the crystal itself. This is influenced by the type of crystal, its individual noise characteristic and the point of operation on its input-output characteristic as determined by the level of local oscillator energy injection.

(5) The efficiency of impedance

tories. On this model noise has been measured to be in the range of crystal noise itself or 14 to 18 db.

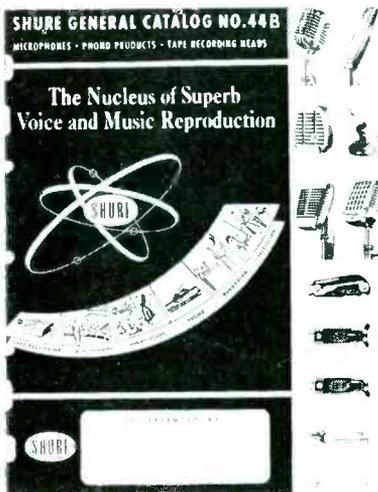
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Failure to cover the entire frequency range would probably indicate a defective 6AF4 oscillator tube.

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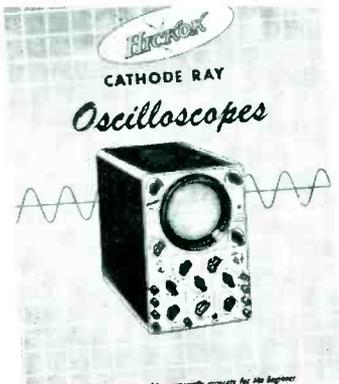
Continuity and voltage tests will be sufficient to determine any other operating defects.

AUDIO-SCOPE CATALOGS



Recently issued revised general catalog with illustrations and data on microphones and accessories; magnetic tape and wire recording heads (with replacement chart); crystal and ceramic pickup cartridges (with replacement chart); and crystal phono pickups and needles. (Catalog 44B, Shure Brothers, Inc., 225 W. Huron St., Chicago, Ill.)

Handbook (24-pages) containing explanation and illustration of the basic characteristics of the 'scope, how it works and tips on its more general uses. Also lists technical features and performance specifications of models ranging from 3" portable 'scopes up to large bench models. (The Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10521 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, O.)



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necessary for switching the stub in or out of the circuit.

UHF Baluns

For some installations, a 300-ohm balanced input or output impedance must be transformed to 72 ohms unbalanced, or a 72-ohm unbalanced impedance to 300 ohms balanced. This can be accomplished by means of a balun. As an example, if a coax line is used in an installation, a balun can be employed at the antenna terminals to effect a match to the transmission

line. A balun can also be employed at the receiver input if the 72-ohm line impedance is to be matched to the 300-ohm receiver input impedance.

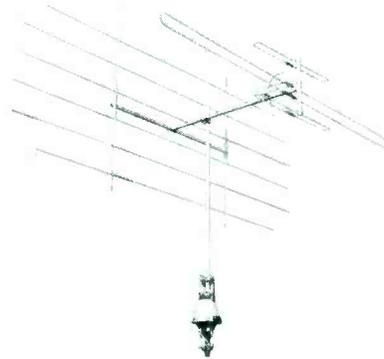
A twin lead balun can be made from 150-ohm twin lead. Two equal lengths are required with dimensions as shown in Fig. 2 (p. 38). It is best used indoors, unless sufficient weather protection is afforded.

For many *uhf* uses, the coax balun (Fig. 3—p. 38) is widely used because of the availability of RG11/U or RG 59/U coax cable. The loss is about 1.3 db at channels above or below the chan-

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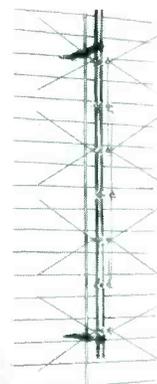


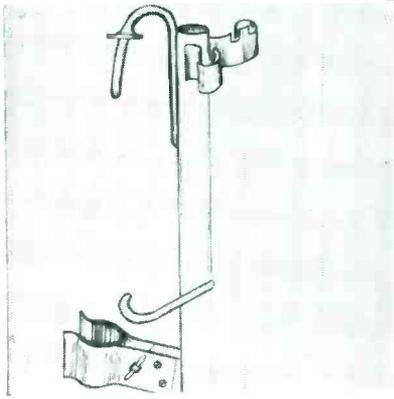
Antenna rotator with a cartridge type removable drive unit. In-line mast collar construction, 390° traverse and finger-tip piano-control console. Unit is said to provide stop-watch tuning accuracy. Optimum stall torque has been balanced with an accumulative end stop. Housing is constructed of die-cast aluminum, as is the drive unit's housing. Antenna installation is left operative in one direction when the motor is removed. Control console operates on the two-tap system; one tap indicates present direction of the antenna and second tap of small rocker arm turns mast to the desired position. (Rotenna; JFD)



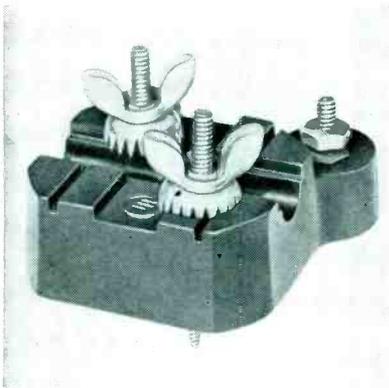
All-channel antenna with an aluminum fold-out design screen reflector. Dipole and boom assembly are of seamless tubing. Dipoles fold out and are supported and reinforced to minimize sag and sway. (Ultramatic; Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., 333 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, N. J.)

Four stack bowtie/reflector *uhf* antenna, pre-assembled except for tightening four wing nuts. Has a swingout lock-tite reflector assembly which uses support brackets, as an integral part of the mast clamp assembly. Bossed phenolic terminal blocks. Available in single and two-stack styles. (UBT series; Trio Manufacturing Co., Griggsville, Ill.)



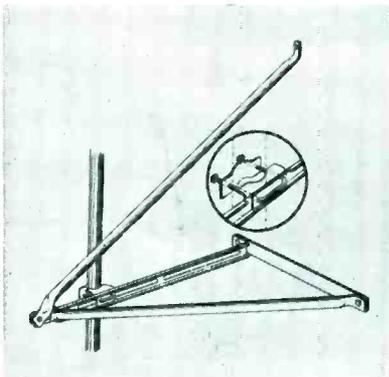


Antenna installation tool designed to permit addition of uhf and yagi antennas to a previously-installed antenna without taking down, climbing or placing a ladder along side of the main mast. From base of the main mast, it is said, installer can raise the tool and attach the additional antenna at any point desired up to 28'. Antenna can be attached either with a slotted extension mast for top mounting, or an auxiliary clamp which can be attached to any portion of the pole. Leads are supported by push-on-lock stand-offs, which are attached remotely with the tool. (Broth Manufacturing Co., 612 Penn Ave., West Reading, Penna.)



Lightning arrester designed to accommodate either uhf or vhf transmission lines. Features a self-tapping screw as part of the unit. Piercing type contacts are utilized. All electrical circuits use solid brass components. Has UL approval. (UL-5; RMS, 2016 Bronxdale Ave., New York 62.)

Adjustable 18" wall bracket made of embossed steel and hot-dip galvanized mounting consists of two 18" brackets with slotted, embossed tracks. Embossed steel back supports said to lend strength to combat horizontal stress caused by wind resistance of antenna; embossed steel support legs lend strength in a vertical direction. (ST-18A; South River Metal Products Co., Inc., 377-379 Turnpike, South River, N. J.)



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nel to which the line is cut, and about .6 db at the resonant frequency. The coax balun is especially suitable for outdoor installations, because of its reduced susceptibility to weather and atmospheric conditions.

Tube News

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amplifier, and phase inverter/*avc*, 6V6GTs as push-pull audio output stages, and a 6X4 rectifier. The total heater current requirements of such a lineup would be in the order of 3 amperes. The same receiver, after appropriate changes in the input (hash) filter, vibrator, and power transformer, would take as direct replacements the following 12-*v* equivalents: 12BA6 *rf* amplifier, 12BE6 converter, 12BA6 *if* amplifier, a 12AV6 as second detector and first audio amplifier, a second 12AV6 as a phase inverter and *avc*, two 12V6GTs as push-pull audio output stages and a 12X4 as a rectifier. The total current drain of this lineup is in the order of 1.5 amperes.

Cadillac, in their Synchro-Matic models 7263525 and 7263545, use the tube lineup indicated, except that in the rectifier system is an OZ4 cold-cathode tube and a 12AU7 is used as a trigger tube to operate a signal-seeking tuner. By using the OZ4 as the rectifier, a heater-power current saving is achieved, since the normal 300 to 600 *ma* or so that is needed to heat the cathode in the heater-type rectifiers is eliminated. The 12AU7 trigger tube heater requires only 150 *ma* in the 12-*v* system, and thus, the addition of this tube does not increase the heater current requirements.

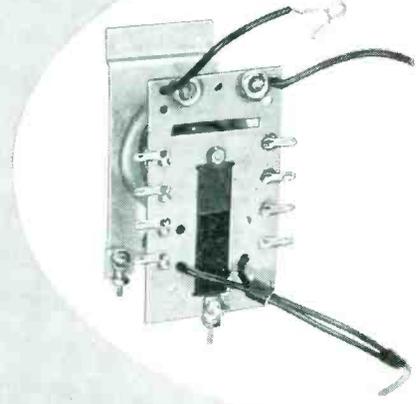
The Oldsmobile 12-*v* auto radio model 1982990 uses a 12BA6 *rf* amplifier, 12BE6 converter, 12BA6 *if* amplifier, 12BF6 detector, *avc*, audio amplifier/split-load phase inverter, two 12V6GTs as push-pull audio output stages and an OZ4 rectifier.

All of the 12-*v* types mentioned are electrically identical with their 6-*v* prototype, except for heater voltage and current requirements, and will function in the same manner in identical circuits for which the 6-*v* version was used.

Other 12-*v* types which may be used are the 12BD6, a remote cut-off *rf* pentode for use as an *rf* or *if* amplifier, and 12AQ5,* for use as an audio power amplifier. The 12AQ5 is a

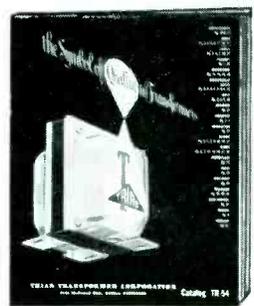
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miniature type similar to the 6V6GT. The 12CM6,* a 9-pin miniature, also similar to the 6V6GT, is especially suited for audio power-output applications. Two types, which could serve the function of the first audio amplifier or phase inverter, are the 12G4, a miniature type similar to one-half of a 6SN7GT, except for bulb size and heater characteristics, and the 12H4,* which is identical to the 12G4 except for a center-tapped heater, making it suitable for use in 6 or 12-*v* systems.

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ily calculated. It is possible to anticipate vibrator failure from normal wearing through service life data and waveform analyses.

Any standard type 'scope having an internal sweep circuit can be used for checking.

Vibrator waveforms are best observed across the primary contacts of the vibrator. This connection applies to both general types of vibrators, the interrupter (non-sync) and the sync. These primary vibrator contacts should be connected to the vertical input of the 'scope.

In a typical 'scope setup, the vibrator contact connections should be made to the vertical input of the 'scope and the vibrator power supply turned on. Then the sync selector circuit should be set to internal. The sweep frequency range should then be set in the range of approximately 30-100 cps. Initially, the *sync* control should be off. The fine sweep-frequency control should be adjusted until two full square waveforms are stopped on the screen. The *sync* control should be now increased until the waveform is stationary on the screen; this normally is set at a low level.

Variation of all other controls to center and focus the picture can be made to suit the Service Man.

Interrupter (Non-Sync) Waveforms

The non-sync type of vibrator has contacts operating at the primary low voltage only. Rectification is by other means; the waveform is indicative of steady load conditions.

An ideal wave (shown in *A*, Fig. 2 —p. 46) will show no bounce during the contact closures. Broken lines on the diagonal are indicative of good buffer action. A new vibrator with proper buffer will show these breaks. As contacts wear the contact closure is

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reduced and the buffer closure will increase toward a solid line.

Single stepping (*B*, Fig. 2—p. 46) is a normal condition of poor starting. A vibrator that will show single stepping on starting voltages of 5.5 *v* or more is either defective or worn. In service it will fail in a short period through fuse blowing or poor output. Proper vibrator operation requires full reed-contact operation.

Contact bounce (*C*, Fig. 2), is indicative of a worn vibrator, or if a new component, one with poor adjustment. Result will be lower output voltage and a very high *hash* level. An extreme bounce as shown should not be construed with a dirty contact condition, as occasionally found in a new component. Dirty contacts show as very small amplitude bounces in the contact waveform. A short period of operation will normally correct this new vibrator condition.

Unbalance closure (*D*, Fig. 2), is the result of poor adjustment or in some instances, a bad buffer. Circuit should be checked with another vibrator. If the trouble is the vibrator it may give partial service, but would normally be a poor emergency risk. This is the typical vibrator which will *stick* after short service.

Arcing at contacts (*E*, Fig. 2), can be due to either the vibrator or circuit. This can be ascertained by a second vibrator observed in the circuit. When a circuit problem, the buffer should be checked first; then the rectifier, filter or external circuit should be checked. When the cause is the vibrator component, it should be discarded.

Sync Waveforms

The sync vibrator has both a primary contact at low voltage, and secondary contacts at high voltage. The second set of contacts close slightly after the primary, and provide output rectification. The 'scope picture observed across the primary contacts

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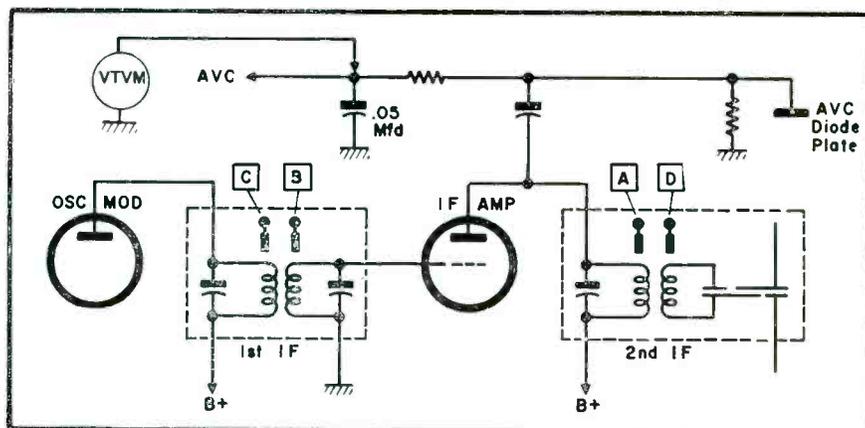
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Fig. 4. The if circuitry of the G.M. automatic-tuning auto radio, illustrating sequence of slug and if adjustments (A, B, C and D). AVC represents indicator voltage.



show this secondary contact operation in the form of a small voltage drop when the contacts connect the load.

An ideal wave (A, Fig. 3—p. 46) will show no bounce during contact closure. The peaks or horns at the beginning and end of each closure are the secondary rectifier contacts closing later and opening sooner than the associated primary contacts. Here too we have the broken buffer closure line noted for interrupter vibrators. As the vibrator wears, this line becomes longer with decreasing break. This ideal waveform shows perfect timing of contacts which results in high output and low hash level.

Wide secondary spacing (B, Fig. 3), will result in a lowered voltage output and a higher level of hash. This normally will not result in service failure. The lower voltage output and hash level should be measured for acceptability.

Close secondary spacing (C, Fig. 3), will result in contact arcing and fuse blowing in operation. A vibrator with this lack of horns or tips should be removed from service. Care should be taken when this waveform appears for a sync vibrator. If the secondary load is off (i.e. the set is not warmed up) or there are other circuit troubles, the waveform will appear as an interrupter vibrator. This can be detected by checking with a vibrator of known good condition.

Secondary contact bounce (D, Fig. 3), will result in lower voltage output and high hash level. In a vibrator in for service, this is an indication of imminent failure due to too low-voltage output. It is normally caused by reduced secondary contact pressure from wear. One should be careful not to interpret dirty contacts, as found on some new units, with small amplitude ripple as a true contact bounce.

Primary contact bounce (E, Fig. 3), will result in same operating problems as secondary bounce.

53 SST And FST Alignment Revisions*

The recommended procedure for aligning the four *if* slugs in the '53 G. M. automatic tuning radios, has been modified and three changes included. The first change involves the sequence of the slug adjustments. The second revision indicates that now one should not peak the secondary of the second *if* to maximum, but to minimum. The third change calls for a different connection of the output meter or *vtvm*; it should be connected to the filtered side of the *avc*.

The reason that the secondary of the second *if* must be peaked to minimum, (Continued on page 70)

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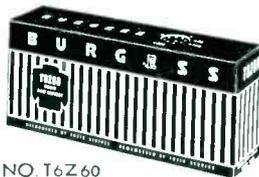


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not maximum, is illustrated in Fig. 4 (p. 68). The *v₁* indicates the rectified *if* voltage, taken off of the primary of the second *if*. As the second *if* secondary is peaked to the *if* frequency, more energy is coupled to the secondary and less voltage will be indicated at the primary. The *ifs* are aligned to get maximum voltage at the detector.

Since the maximum voltage at the detector is reached when the secondary (adjustment *D* in Fig. 4) is adjusted to resonance, the *v₁* reading will dip showing maximum transfer of energy from the primary.

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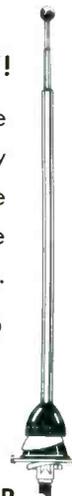


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AEROVOX OPENS TWO CALIF. PLANTS

Two plants, housing divisions and a subsidiary unit, have been opened by the Aerovox Co., New Bedford, Mass. One unit, the Cinema Eng. Co. (a division), is at 1100 Chestnut St., Burbank, and both Acme Electronics, Inc., a subsidiary, and the Pacific Coast division, are at 2724 South Peck Road, Monrovia.

At the Cinema Engineering plant, James L. Fouch is general manager and Arthur C. Davis, divisional director. Hugh P. Moore, as president of Acme, is in charge of the Monrovia plant. A. E. Quick is west coast sales manager for Aerovox, and Morgan Harris Acme sales manager.

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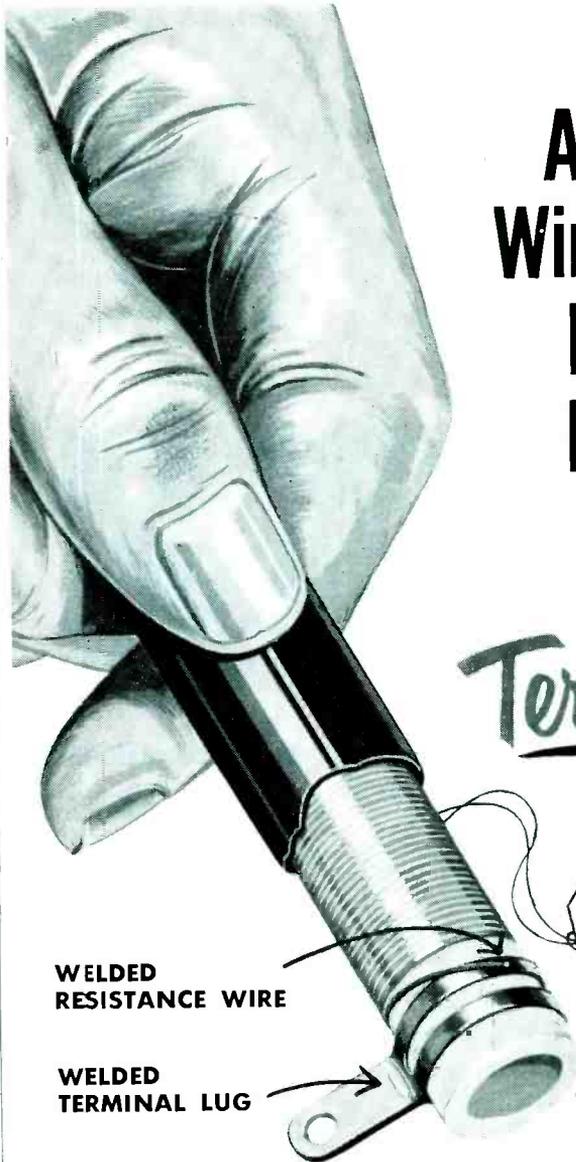
A wall-outlet plate counter-display merchandiser, 11"x14", is now available from Javex, P. O. Box 646, Redlands, Calif.

Merchandiser, which also may be used on the wall, features an ivory plate, complete with plug and lead.

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TELREX RECEIVES CANADIAN CONICAL PATENT

A basic patent application on conical antennas has been granted by the Patent Office of Canada to Telrex, Inc., Asbury Park, N. J. Early in '53 patent application had been granted in England.



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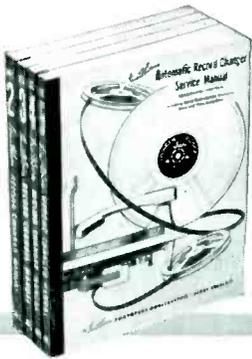


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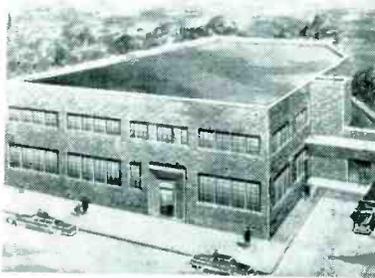
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Plant, which will occupy a plot of ground running through from 84th to 88th Sts., south of Cooper Ave., will provide expanded facilities for Precision, as well as Pace Electrical Instruments Co., Inc., wholly-owned meter manufacturing subsidiary. Building is a 2-story, air-conditioned structure with a 48' set-back shipping and receiving dock.



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Buxton Industries, Pasadena, Calif., has moved into a new plant at 88 North Fair Oaks Ave., where it is said they will have more than triple their old plant area.

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**SHURE MIKE-SENSITIVITY
CONVERSION CHART**

A microphone sensitivity conversion chart, which shows relationship between open-circuit voltage response, open-circuit power response and RETMA sensitivity rating, is now available from Shure Brothers, Inc., 225 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill.

Chart serves as an aid in the interchange of values of the three most commonly used systems. Change in open-circuit voltage sensitivity during impedance transformation can also be determined.

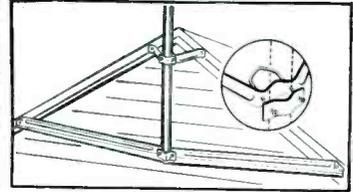
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**BURGESS FLASHLIGHT-BATTERY
DISPLAY**

An N-size (flashlight) battery, in a new display package, has been introduced by Burgess Battery Co., Freeport, Ill. Battery designed for use in toys and miniature novelty lights is said to have a nine-month shelf life. Uses an airtight polythene seal.



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Doug McRae, Simpson rep, introducing Bob Middleton, field engineer for Simpson, at Wichita Falls, Texas, TV service meeting sponsored by Mooney Radio Supply. Middleton (insert) demonstrated a traveling injector, a new invention designed to facilitate checking of antenna impedance with sweep generator and 'scope. Demonstrations were made via closed-circuit TV, and 'scopes placed at intervals in meeting hall. Traveling injector is said to scan a simple delay line for hot spots and cold spots, providing an accurate test of impedance relations at either end of the delay line. In case of mismatch, the device provides information concerning whether terminating impedance is high or low.

TRIO PURCHASES FALCON

Falcon Electronics Co., Quincy, Ill., has been purchased by the Trio Manufacturing Co., Griggsville, Ill.

Entire Falcon operations in Quincy will be moved to Trio plant in Griggsville.

Roy Wade, formerly Falcon general manager, has been appointed general sales manager for Trio.

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DUKANE SOUND-SYSTEM KIT

A photo paste-up kit, to help visualize the many possible arrangements of console and panel assemblies of a school sound system, has been announced by the DuKane Corp., Commercial Sound Division, St. Charles, Ill.

Kit contains 220 modular illustrations of panels for intercom, automatic record changer assembly, radio and all other units commonly assembled in control consoles. Photographs and cut-outs are pre-glued.

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CARTER DYNAMOTOR CALCULATOR

A 3"x6" slide-chart calculator, that may be used to compute efficiency and regulation of dynamotor power supplies, has been released by the Carter Motor Co., Dept. 23, 2644 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

Chart indicates the input watts when the input amps and input voltage are known; knowing the input watts and output amps and voltage, the percentage of efficiency can be deduced. No-load output voltage may also be learned, if the full load voltage and per cent regulation are known. A Fahrenheit-Centigrade conversion scale is also included. Priced at 25¢.

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CBS-HYTRON SOLDER DISPENSER

A solder dispenser loaded with 20 refills, and a plastic tube of 80 additional refills is being given free to Service Men, with each CBS-Hytron tube order for 75 receiving or 3 picture tubes, up through May 31.

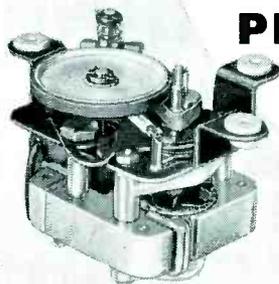
Unit, a one-hand tool, holds 72" of solder.

In operating, unit is pointed vertically downward, a length of solder is placed into position and a knurled wheel rotated to begin feed. Then an inch of solder can be rolled out. When through, wheel is turned away from operator, drawing unused solder back into dispenser.

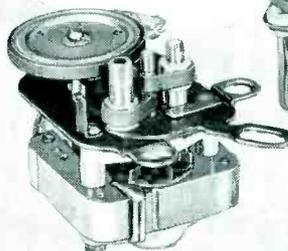


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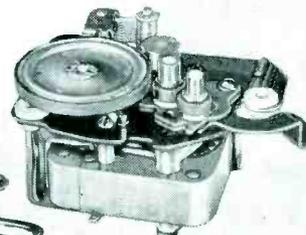
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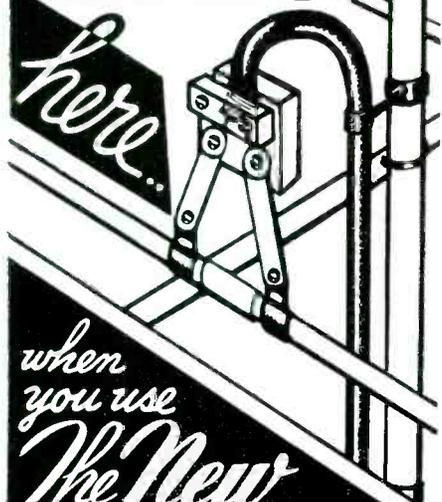
STREAMLINED GUY-STRAND PACKAGE

Octagon-shaped package containing No. 18 guy strand for radio and TV masts. On one side of carton is a removable, perforated, circular panel, 6" in diameter, through which strand pays out. Each carton contains a 500' or 1000' coil of wire. (Special Products Department, Copperweld Steel Co., Glassport, Pa.)

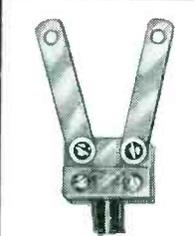


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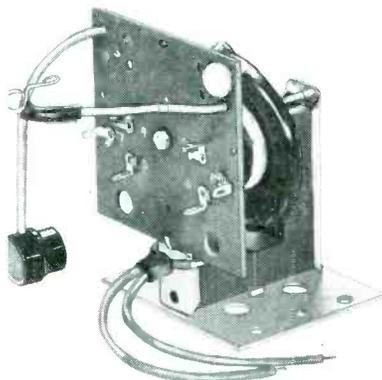
TV Parts... Accessories

HALLDORSON WIDTH-LINEARITY COIL AND EMERSON FLYBACKS

A dual-winding, permeability-tuned coil, *RF800*, has been announced by the Halldorson Transformer Co., 4500 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

Unit, with one winding with a range of 3.5-31 mh and another with 2-8.5 mh. center-tapped, combines in one unit width control and *age*, or horizontal phase detection functions. In addition, it is said, other simple horizontal width or linearity-control applications can be satisfied by one or the other of the two inductance ranges (further augmented by the tap on one winding). Coil is insulated for 5000 v.

Two flybacks, *FB414* and *FB415*, for over a 100 Emerson TV chassis, are also available. Units are described in bulletin 117 which lists all Emerson models and chassis covered.

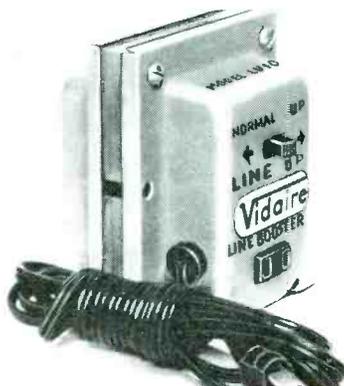


Halldorson FB-414/415

VIDAIRE LINE-VOLTAGE BOOSTER

A line-voltage booster, *LU-10 Line-Up*, designed to boost ac line 10 volts, has been announced by Vidaire Electronics Manufacturing Co., 576 W. Merrick Rd., Lynbrook, N. Y.

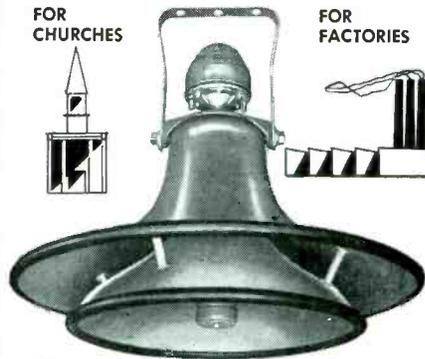
Unit is rated at 350 watts. Has a single switch for 10 v boost or normal.



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RCA COLOR-TV TEST INSTRUMENTS

Three types of test equipment, for color-TV receivers, have been announced by the RCA tube division, Harrison, N. J.

Equipment includes: service-type color-bar generator *WR-61A*, which produces a multiple-color test pattern of ten color bars for adjusting color phasing and matrixing circuits; portable dot-bar generator, *WR-36A*, designed specifically for making convergence adjustments in color receivers and live-inch dual-bandwidth scope, *WO-78A*, for observing color-burst signal and for checking operation of color-burst circuit.

Also available soon will be an accessory piece of test equipment, a video multi-marker, *WG-295A*, designed for use with a video sweep generator. Unit is said to facilitate pin-point alignment of color receivers by providing five simultaneous absorption-type markers accurately pre-set to color-TV frequencies.

Dot-bar generator produces a pattern of white dots on the screen face when convergence is accurate, and an overlapping pattern of red-green-blue dots when convergence adjustments are required. Instrument also provides a choice of horizontal bars, vertical bars, or a cross-hatch pattern for guiding linearity adjustments in color and b-w receivers.

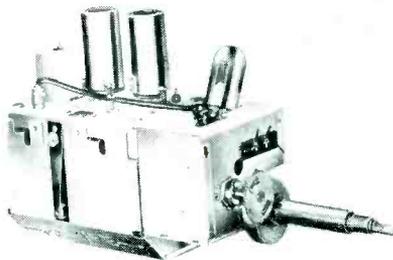
Scope is said to feature a flat response to 4.5 mc. Video multimarker will provide five simultaneous absorption markers pre-set to color frequencies for Q, I and band-pass filters, color subcarrier, and sound-trap alignment.

GI UHF-VHF TUNER

A combination all-channel *vhf-uhf* tuner, 80, featuring a 13-position turret-type *vhf* tuner, model 78, and a continuously-tuned *uhf* unit, model 79, is now available from the General Instrument Corp., 839 Newark Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

Unit is said to be designed so that the *vhf* section can be purchased and installed separately in sets; the *uhf* section can be added later in the field. Tuning mechanism consists of a tri-concentric shaft arrangement: innermost shaft tunes channels 2-13 by turret-detent action, as in conventional *vhf* sets; middle shaft operates the *vhf* fine tuning and all *uhf* tuning; and the outside shaft operates the dial. In the 13th position, mechanism is switched internally and automatically to *uhf*, and channels 14-83 can be tuned continuously on vernier section of knob. Tuner also features *over-travel* for coverage of *uhf* stations at both ends of dial, detent action with lower torque for channel resetability on the *vhf* section, and a dual-speed drive mechanism for simplification of tuning of the *uhf* section.

Tuner, less than 7" long and 3½" wide, was designed especially for smaller cabinets and larger picture tubes. All power, antenna and *if* connections are made through terminals.



GI Uhf/Vhf Tuner

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ANCHOR PICTURE-TUBE BRIGHTENERS

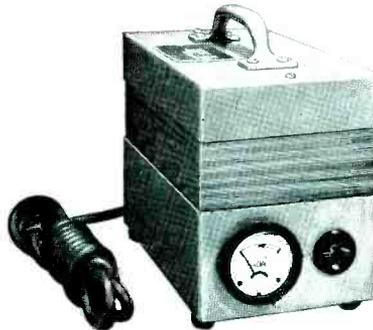
A line of picture-tube brighteners has been introduced by Anchor Wire Products, 2712 W. Montrose Ave., Chicago 18, Ill.

Featured in the line is a universal brightener, *UB 160*, that is claimed to increase voltage up to 7.8 *v* in either series or parallel-wired (filament) chassis. Unit incorporates an isolation-type transformer, which when set to 6.3 *v*, will it is said, relieve internal cathode to filament shorts of picture tubes.

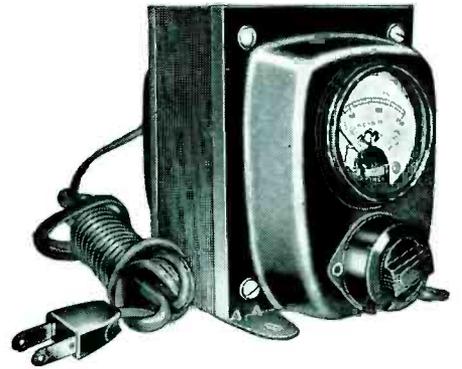


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EICO PROBES

Five probes, three for 'scopes and two for *vtvms*, in kit or wired form, have been developed by Electronic Instrument Co., Inc., 84 Withers St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y.

'Scope probes include: model *PD*, a direct probe, for TV waveform tracing in low-Z or low-frequency circuits, which it is said eliminates stray pickup and signal reradiation; *PLC*, low-capacity probe, for TV waveform tracing in high Z, high-frequency or wideband circuits, that is claimed to eliminate distortion from overloading or frequency discrimination; and *PSD*, a demodulator probe.

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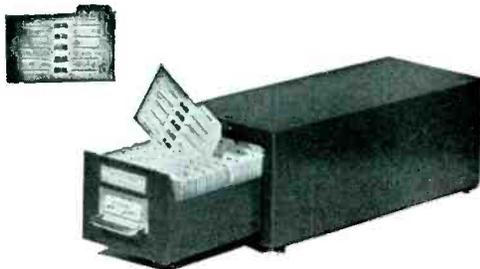
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Harold J. Schulman

HAROLD J. SCHULMAN has been named director of service for CBS-Columbia, 3400 47th Ave., Long Island City, N. Y. Schulman, formerly director of service for Allen B. DuMont Labs, will have supervision of all service and field engineering activities. He is also chairman of the RETMA service committee.

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FRANCIS D. EDES has been elected assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Raytheon Manufacturing Co., and will headquarter in the TV and radio division plant in Chicago.

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JOHN BENTIA has been promoted from vice president to executive vice president of the Alliance Manufacturing Co., Alliance, Ohio.

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MIRYAM SIMPSON, of Masco, has been appointed president of Music Artists Inc., a group which will present a series of ten *pop* concerts in Carnegie Hall. High-fidelity equipment will be placed in the lobby of Carnegie Hall to demonstrate reproduction of the concerts being played in auditorium.



Miryam Simpson



John D. Vickrey

JOHN D. VICKREY, formerly assistant manager for Lee Electric, has joined the engineering department of the International Rectifier Corp., El Segundo, Calif., as sales and application engineer for selenium rectifiers. . . . ALLEN S. NELSON, recently parts department manager of Admiral's Los Angeles distributor, has been appointed manager of distributor sales.

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SAUL KOTCHEVER is now with the Parkside Wire Co., Chicago, Ill., in a sales capacity.

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GEORGE S. BOND has been named ad manager of P. R. Mallory and Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind. Bond has been with Mallory since '37.

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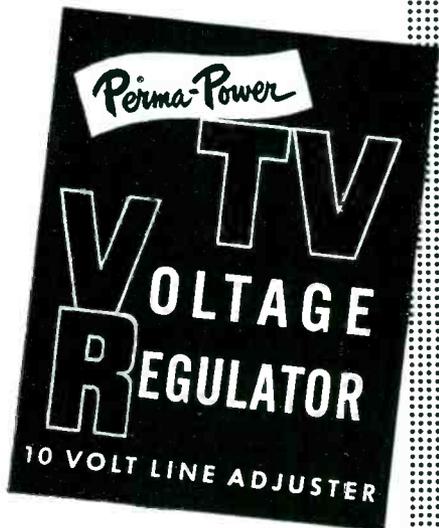
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HODGE C. MORGAN has been named general sales manager of the television and broadcast receiver division of the Bendix Aviation Corp., Baltimore, Md. Morgan will be responsible for all merchandising activities of the division.

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CURTIS F. FALLDINE and CARL J. ANDERSON were elected treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the Acme Electric Corp.



Carl J. Anderson



Curtis F. Falldine

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CLARENCE FELIX, general manager of government products, has been named vice president of the Crosley division, Avco Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. Felix will continue to manage government products.



Clarence Felix



Lynn C. Wimmer

LYNN C. WIMMER has been appointed director of public relations of Burton Browne Advertising, Chicago, Ill.

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GORDON LE MAY, formerly assistant sales manager for Telematic Industries, has been appointed assistant sales manager for Radio Merchandise Sales, New York, N. Y.



Gordon Le May



John M. Kellie

JOHN M. KELLIE has been elected treasurer of the National Union Radio Corp., Hatboro, Pa.

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PATRICK CALOBRISI and CARL FINZER are serving as instructors at the color school for distributor personnel set up by Motorola, Inc., Chicago, Ill. Calobrisi and Finzer helped to equip the school and edit the courses. School has a complete color experimental lab, flying-spot scanners and color transmitters.

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LOUIS W. SELSOR is now distributor sales manager for the Jensen Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.

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ABRAHAM HYMAN has been named head of the TV antenna development section of the Brach Manufacturing Corp., Newark, N. J.

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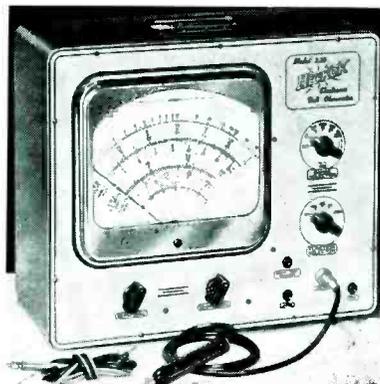
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HICKOK VOLT-OHMMETER

A multi-range volt-ohmmeter, 225, designed around a 9" internal pivot meter, has been introduced by the Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10521 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio.

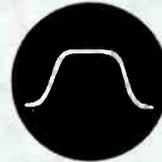
Instrument features a built-in audio tone for continuity checks, peak-to-peak scales, *dc* zero center scale, and a single probe for both *ac* and *dc* measurements through use of a slide switch.

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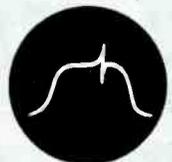


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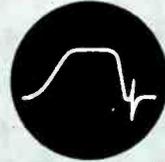
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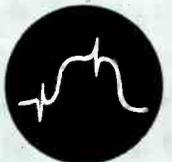
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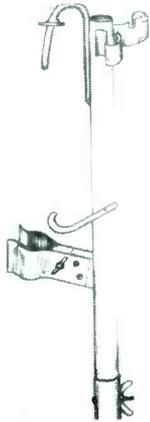
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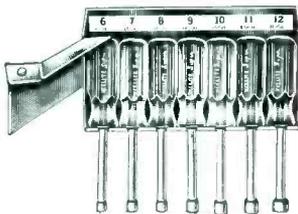
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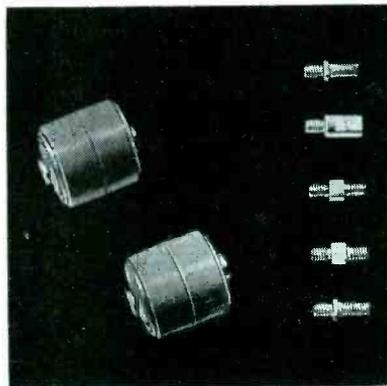
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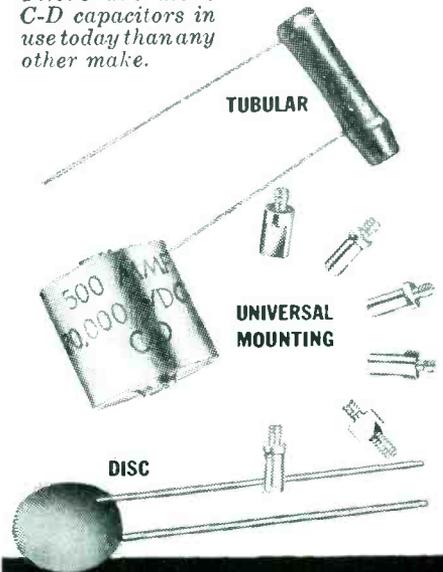
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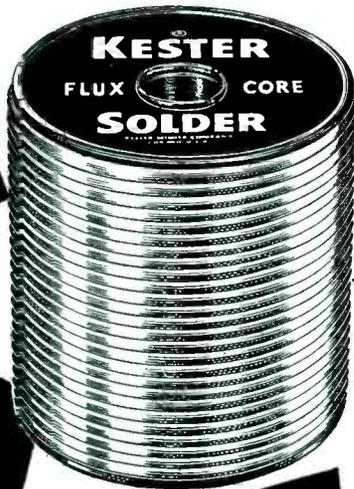
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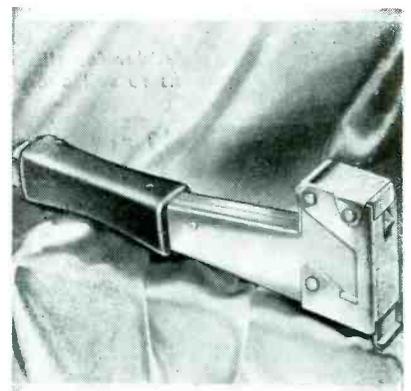
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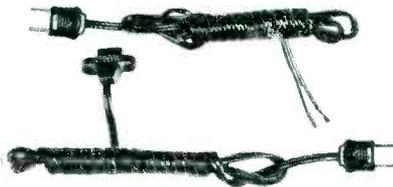
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reinserted color subcarrier is identical with that used in the transmitter. While the color system does contain an automatic-control system to maintain the frequency and phase of the generated 3.58-mc color subcarrier at the proper point, there is enough phase variation present so that a manual adjustment control, such as the color-fidelity control, is desirable. Phase shifts can occur before the color burst reaches the automatic-control system, or after the generated 3.58-mc color subcarrier leaves its oscillator, or before it reaches the I and Q demodulators. Any phase shift of this nature will result in the wrong colors being developed on the screen. It is the purpose of the color fidelity control to compensate for such changes.

The purity control is a pot which governs the amount of current flowing through the purity coil, which was designed to insure that each electron beam strikes only one type of color dot. Thus, the beam from the red gun should strike only red phosphor dots; the beam from the green gun should hit only green phosphor dots, etc.

The focus control accomplishes what its name indicates, i.e., helps to focus

the three beams on the phosphor-dot screen. Focus in the tri-gun color tube now being used is achieved electrostatically. Hence, the focus control varies the voltage applied to grid 3 of the picture tube.

Vertical and horizontal centering controls enable one to orient properly the picture on the screen. Each control achieves its purpose by altering the

flow of dc through its respective windings of the deflection yoke.

For dc convergence another pot is used; this varies the dc component of the voltage applied to grid 4 of the picture tube. It is the function of the convergence electrode to cause all three beams to pass through the same hole in the shadow mask at the same time. This action is achieved by de-

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J. Frank (center), vice president in charge of sales, and Irving Ser (left), assistant sales manager, Astron Corp., East Newark, N. J., discussing new ad program on capacitors and filters with Ed Conti, Conti Advertising, recently named to handle account.

veloping the proper electrostatic field between grid 4 and the aquadag coating on the inner surface of the glass bulb. The *dc* convergence control is rotated until the proper convergence is achieved, principally in the center of the screen. The next two controls, horizontal and vertical dynamic convergence, then serve to apply sufficient parabolic voltage to grid 4 of the color tube to provide the proper beam convergence for areas away from the center of the screen.

The rim coil control, also a pot, varies the current through the rim coil until the distorting effect of any earth and stray magnetic fields on purity has been neutralized. The effect of these magnetic fields or that of the coils is not too strong and, in some instances, the rim coil is not employed.

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typical b-w TV receiver consists of an examination of information on the picture tube screen and, at the same time, noting what is heard from the loudspeaker. If both sound and video are affected, then it can reasonably be certain that some component common to both signal circuits is at fault. In an intercarrier receiver, this would include the *rf* section, video *if* stages, second detector, and sometimes one or more video amps. At all these points, both signals travel side by side through the same circuits.

On the other hand, if just one of the signals is affected, while the other appears to be normal, chances are the trouble is situated in one of those stages through which the affected signal travels alone. For the sound signal, this would include the sound *if* amps, FM detector, or the audio voltages and power amps. For the video signal, this would include video amps, vertical or horizontal sweep systems, sync separator section, *hw* power supply, or the picture tube itself.

This analysis can be carried over to a color-TV receiver. From the antenna to the point in the video *if* system, where the sound signal is diverted to its system, all signals travel together and what affects one will, in general,

affect both. Thus, distorted sound (or no sound) coupled with a distorted picture (or no picture) should be investigated by working between the sound separation point and the antenna. This would include the *rf* and video *if* sections.

Beyond the separation point, the video signal containing both monochrome and color components continues onto the video second detector where the *if* is removed and only the video frequencies, 0-4 mc, remain. At this point, or shortly thereafter, the color portion of the signal is separated from the rest of the signal and directed into its channel; the chrominance circuits.

Here, then, is a second separation point and one which is new in color-TV receivers. If a color signal is being received, then what happens in the color section of the receiver is important. On the other hand, if the telecast is in black-and-white, then only the monochrome signal will be important. This signal goes on to the matrix. From here, and in the absence of any color signal, each of the red, green and blue circuits leading to the picture tube contains the same signal, and thus each electron beam is

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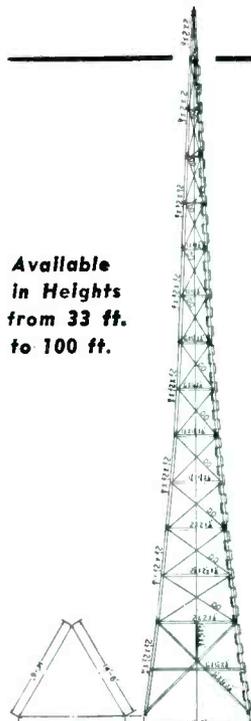
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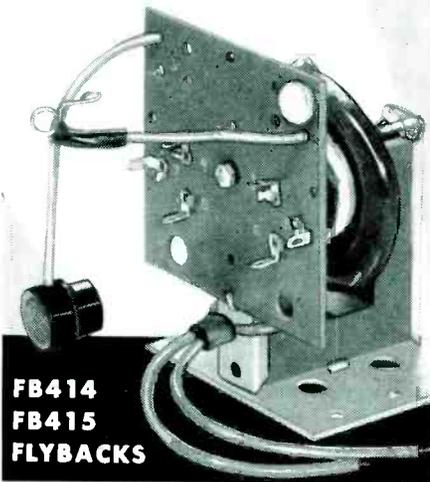
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similarly active, resulting in a b-w picture.

Suppose the picture is not fully black-and-white? What could cause this condition to exist?

If the purity coil or the convergence (*dc* and dynamic) controls are misadjusted in any way, then the three beams will not be passing through each shadow mask hole together and at the proper angle. As a result, any one beam may either be striking the wrong color dot or it may be approaching at such an angle that more than one color dot is hit. In either event, the wrong colors will be produced and colors will be seen on the screen.

A second reason for the appearance of colors on a b-w picture may stem from the chrominance section. Ordinarily, this section is rendered inoperative when a b-w signal is being received. This is achieved in most instances by cutting off one or more tubes in the chrominance section through the application of a highly negative voltage from a special color killer network. However, if something should cause the color-killer circuit to become defective, the chrominance channel will pass signals (spurious or black-and-white) and this will lead to color appearing on the picture screen. The color specks will be random, giving the picture a mottled appearance.

Electron Gun Trouble

There is still another condition that may lead to the appearance of color on a picture tube screen when a b-w broadcast is being received. This will occur when one of the electron guns in the picture tube is defective, or the circuits directly associated with that gun are not operating normally. Under b-w conditions, the matrix is receiving voltages only from the *Y* or brightness path. The *Y* voltage, in this network, is fed in equal measure to separate amps entitled green, red and blue amps. Each path also contains a *dc* restorer. Should anything happen to prevent either an amp or the *dc* restorer of any path from operating normally, the visual effect will be a change in the amount of voltage which that system is supplying to its electron gun. Since the appearance of white on the color screen depends upon each electron beam striking its dots with a certain intensity, any change that disrupts this condition will produce a coloring of the picture tube on the screen.

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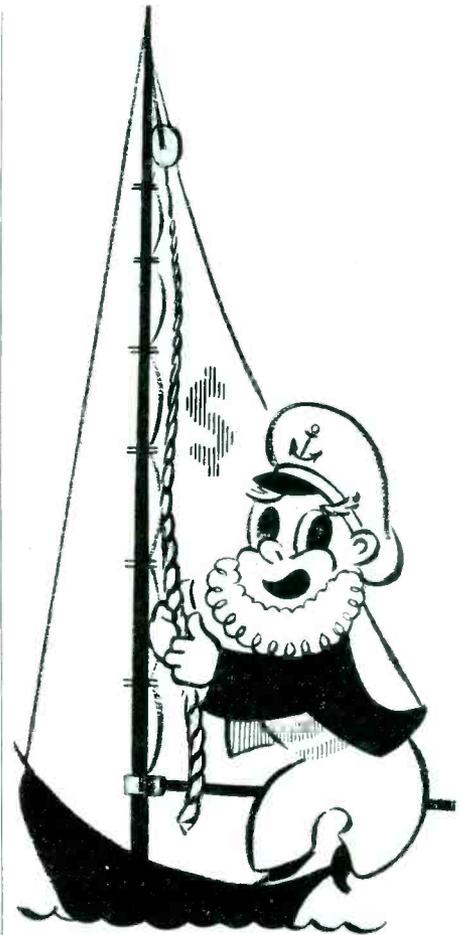
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562 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y. A. D. Adams is secretary. . . . *Jerome J. Kahn* has been retained by John H. Chatz, principal trustee of Crescent Industries, Inc., to spearhead reorganization of the company and to establish sales, production and promotion policies. . . . Some 150 Service Men and dealers, coming from a radius of 50 miles (in the Saratoga-Schenectady-Pittsfield area), gathered recently in the auditorium of the Fort Orange Radio Distributing Co. to listen to *Harold Kahn*, field engineer of Granco Products, Inc., lecture on *uhf* propagation and reception. . . . A poster-size folder, describing the CBS-Hytron *certified quality service* program, has been released. Folder contains description of national-magazine ad program, multi-use tags, window posters, sales aids, catalogs, and decals. . . . The west coast is doing an annual volume of \$700,000,000 in TV, radio and special-purpose electronic manufacturing, according to *Lawrence M. Perrish*, president of Pioneer Electronics Corp. A recent survey by the Los Angeles chamber of commerce disclosed that the number of electronic manufacturers in the L. A. area alone has increased 900% since '52.



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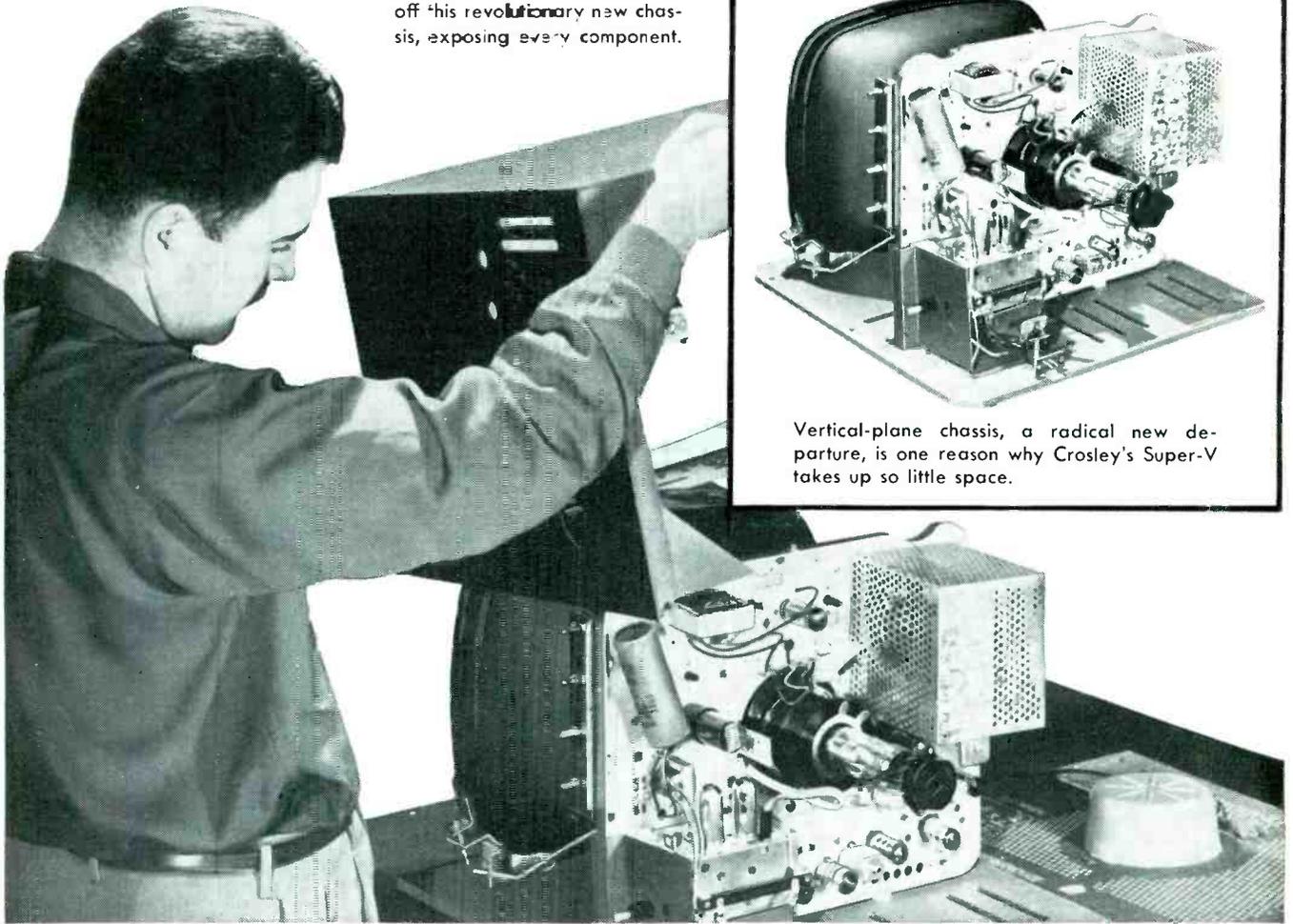


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