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But production models for immediate dclivery to the public were not generally available back in March. The only exception was the announcement by Westinghouse that color television sets were now in production and were available for sale and delivery to the public. We decided to request the loan of a receiver from stock for test purposes at the consumer level. Our request was immediately granted and Model 840 CK 15 arrived promptly at our home in Grecnwich, Conn. in its sealed carton via truck.
This location is 35 airline miles from the television antennas atop the Empire State Building in New York City. Our antenna is a 2-bay conical, vintage of 1951. It feeds a 2 -channel coupler. One channel feeds a 24 -inch monochrome receiver. The remaining channel was connected to the color set after curiosity prompted the decision to personally uncrate the set and connect it before the manufacturer's technician could arrive to handle the installation, the same as would be done for a customer (apologies to Westinghouse). Somewhat hurriedly we read the tuning instructions and turned on the set. Controls and tuning procedures were found to be about the same as on standard monochrome receivers. All seven channels were in good alignment and monochrome reception was highly acceptable. For comparison, the 24 inch black-and-white receiver was placed near the new color set. As expected, there was an immediate reaction due to the small color screen compared to the large screen to which we had become accustomed. However, experience later showed that one can become acclimated in a hurry providing he draws his chair closer.

No colorcasts were available during the first three days of viewing. We became quite accustomed to the slight sepia tone as viewed on the color screen from black-and-white telecasts and this actually becomes pleasing to the eye. The technician from Westinghouse had arrived and checked all con-
trols, utilizing the color test patterns from WNBT. Three days later found us tuning in our first color television at home. It was "The New Review," $C B S$, and from the standpoint of subject matter was a poor example of color possibilities. Skin tones were yellowish and lip makeup was excessive. A slight adjustment of the flesh control partly corrected the jaundiced appearance of the actors. We experimented with the convergence control for the first time and, possibly due to aging of components, was found to be slightly out of register.

Our impatience for more color programming mounted as the days slipped by. We realized that we would have the loan of the receiver for but a limited time and that all too few colorcasts were scheduled. It seemed that we could enjoy about one hour per week of mediocre subjects, including the Scholz-Andrews fight. This editor doubts if any prospect for a color set could be sold from this example. Our enthusiasm for color reached a climax on March 28 when $N B C$ set up their color cameras at New York's Botanical Gardens. This production was excellent from both color and production standpoints. It is a real thrill to enjoy the sparkle and life produced by various plants and flowers when seen in their true colors. A three-dimensional effect and an added depth to the picture results from color television. Small objects which are not even noticed on monochrome are readily identifiable. It has been noted that picture quality (at least at this writing) of color signals on the monochrome set were not as compatible as one would expect. For example, reception of color on a color set is found to be in good focus while the same signals received on the monochrome set always appear fuzzy and contrast excessive.
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The hearing news was applauded by ultra-high operators and the recentlyformed u.h.f. association. Senators were also quite keen about the investigation, feeling that now it would be possible to probe thoroughly all of the ways that might be used to develop the upstairs channels, so that they could become solidly united with the lowband system. One of the key problems under survey is the affiliation of networks with the newcomers, particularly in mixed markets. Other points being considered are power, availability of less low-band channels than highband, differences between systems as to cost and operation, multiple-station acquisition, and the use of v.h.f. profits to build up the ultra-highs.
Reviewing the role that they'll play in the hearings, counsel for the u.h.f. association said: "Since the first of the year, a number of u.h.f. stations have been forced to suspend operations because of economic and regulatory problems beyond their control. Until the FCC and the television manufacturers, as well as the networks, approach the problem of u.h.f. in a more realistic and intelligent fashion, the great expectations of the industry cannot be fully realized. We hope to cooperate with the subcommittec by making available facts and witnesses."
To boost interest in the high bands, several plans have been offered. The Commission has proposed that the present rule be modified to allow one owner to operate seven stations, in-
stead of five, with two of the stations using the high bands. Senator Edwin Johnson, former chairman of the main committce, differed with the Commissioners, declaring that use of the higher bands should be made more attractive to multiple-station operators. He proposed, in a bill, that no one should operate more than five low-band stations; but they could control four v.h.f. and two u.h.f. stations, or three v.h.f. and four u.h.f. stations, or two v.h.f. outlets and six high-band units, or a single low-band and eight ultra-high outlets, or no low-band and ten stations on the higher channels The measure also provides that anyone with a veryhigh permit, issued before the enactment of the bill, who yields the permit within five years of its enactment, would be entitled to a couple of ultrahigh permits, with one of them serving substantially the same area as the abandoned v.h.f. permit.
The problem of power, also a critical factor, prompted the Commission to propose that the minimum power for the high-channels be raised from one to five kilowatts to assure the best possible technical service. The lower powers, now in effect, were authorized because no high-powered gear was available when the ruling was placed on the books. Stations already authorized for low power would not be disturbed, but all new applicants would be obliged to use high power immediately, unless they could show that such high-power equipment was not available. Operators have complained that it was not possible to get high-kilowatt transmitters; now the manufacturers say that such transmitters will be available. Some of the broadcast makers have promised that before the year is out, 1000-kilowatt units will be available.
The affiliation problem has provoked many, and one broadcaster saw to it that the Senators knew the score. In a sizzling letter to a group of the legislators, including Senators Johnson and Potter, Farris E. Rahall, owner of several TV stations, said that some of the stations were operating a monopoly, refusing neighboring stations a tiein with networks, because they felt that their stations offered sufficient coverage. He cited the case of a station in Philadelphia which insisted that a network use their facilities


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only, and there was no need to provide service to any other station in the vicinity. The complaining telecaster pointed out that engineering studies revealed that actually the network station had inadequate coverage in the questioned area, some sixty miles away. Declared Rahall: "If Congress or the FCC is going to permit power stations . . . to dictate to the networks, we can expect approximately 35 TV stations to claim coverage of the U.S. population, which I think establishes monopolistic operations."

Urging support for Senator Johnson's riew that networks and power stations should be denied their requests for additional stations, Rahall added that in his opinion the Commission committed an error in permitting power increases to the low-band stations. He felt that such boosts could be compared to the establishment of a number of 50 -kilowatt AM broadcast stations.

DIRECTIONAL ANTENNAS were offered as an answer to some of the high-band problems, some believing that such an antenna could be used as a means of gaining more coverage.

When questioned why such antennas were not authorized in the rulings issued on freeze-lift day, a member of the Commission said that an industrygovernment ad hoc committee had studied the proposal and felt that offset carrier frequency operation would help more in reducing co-channel spacing and minimize interference, too.

The fix that u.h.f. stations are in now, appears to have changed this attitude. Even Commissioner George Sterling declared publicly that broadcasters who use the high bands would find help in the beam antenna. At an IRE meeting recently, he said that the rules actually define . . "a directional antenna as one that is designed or altered for the purpose of obtaining a non-circular radiation pattern. Directional antennas may not be used for reducing minimum mileage separation requirements, but may be employed for improving service."

Detailing the design characteristics of a directional antenna, the Commissioner said that such an antenna . . "designed for changing the position of the major radiation lobe from the horizontal plane to any other vertical plane is considered a directional antenna for the purposes of licensed power and power limitations. Thus, an antenna designed for beam-tilting would not be considered an omnidirectional antenna in respect to these matters, even though the horizontal radiation pattern is not directional. As a result, such stations would be licensed for the power in the horizontal plane, and would be limited to the maximum powers authorized in the rules in any vertical plane."
The Commission was aware, Sterling added, that . . . "beam tilting may result in a licensed effective radiated power which is less than the maximum radiation. This condition would occur


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where the power radiated toward the more distant portions of the service area is reduced by beam tilting for the purpose of increasing the signal strength at relatively close locations."

The Commissioner noted that his colleagues were willing to listen to proposals for changes. "To the extent the Commission might relax its directionalizing rules to aid u.h.f. stations in obtaining better coverage because of their power limitations," Sterling continued, "consideration must be given to the number of people that would gain service, as compared to those who would lose service or have it degraded as well as the remote pos. sibility of co-channel interference."

TOWER SHARING, which has had a phenomenal success in New York City, will soon become a factor in Dallas, where two stations, operating on channels 4 and 8 , will become neighbors on a common antenna, 1521 feet above the flatlands of Texas.
The stations, WFAA-TV and KRLDTV, told the Commission that the antenna site is actually 828 feet above mean sea level, but the effective antenna height above average terrain for each antenna would be 1685 feet. KRLD-TV said that they plan to use a six-bay antenna and operate on 100 kilowatts, while WFAA-TV reported that they would use a 12 -hay job and an output of 316 kilowatts. The antenna structure was described as a tri-angular-guyed tower, with fifteen sets of double-guy wires for support, and the longest guy leads extending to over 1000 feet from the base. The installation will cost over one-million dollars, and will include transmitter buildings for each station, which will house all of the necessary radiating gear.
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He was formerly associated with Radiart Corporation, the Astatic Corporation, and Brush Development Compomy. He will now make his headquarters in Cedar Rapids.
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ABRAHAM HYMAN has been named head of the recently expanded TV antenna development section of Brach Manufucturing Corp, . . . Telectro Industries Corp. has appointed NATHAN GROSSNER to the post of chief engineer and sales engineer of its transformer division ...E. DUDLEY BELL is the new general manager of Solar Manufacturing Corp. . . . Westinghouse's tube division has named FRANKLIN P. HINMAN acting manager of manufacturing for the division, and HARRY F. PULLEY acting manager of the division's Elmira, N.Y. plant . . . SEVERIN JONASSEM, industrial designer, has recently accepted a position with Philco in the TV product development department. For the past nine years he has operated his own studios in New York The appointment of GEORGE J. DESPOSITO to the executive staff of Pyiamid Electric Company has been announced by the company. He will be administrative assistant to the executive vice-president . . . EDWARD JAHNS has been appointed vice-president in charge of production at the Recordio plants of Wilcox-Gay Corporution . . . GEORGE S. BOND is the new advertising manager of $P, R$. Mallory \& Co., Inc. He has been with the firm since 1937 ... Radio Crajtsmen, Inc. has promoted EDWARD S. MILLER to the
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J. GERALD MAYER, Washington, D.C. attorney, has been elected executive vice-president of Micamold Radio Corporation.

GRAEME W. STEWART has been appointed advertising and sales promo-
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Radio amateurs can detect this radiation from the sun during periods of sunspot activity, and even television screens are affected by it, but few people know that the sun and some other celestial objects are radiating short radio waves continuously.

The first observations of this steady radiation were made in 1932 by an American radio engineer, Jansky, who was investigating the level of noise picked up by a sensitive receiver on a frequency of 20 mc . He found that a directional antenna gave a greater noise signal when pointing at the constellation of Sagittarius, in the brightest part of the Milky Way, than in directions away from this high concentration of stars. Ten years later, a radio amateur, Reber, built a parabolic reflector antenna 30 feet in diameter, in his own yard, and used this to make a map of received signal strength on frequencies up to 500 mc . over a large part of the sky.

Then came one of the most startling
discoveries, again first hinted at by J. S. Hey. Workers in Australia and England found that the radio waves picked up by Jansky and Reber came, not only from the Milky Way but also from some quite definite points in the sky, as though individual stars were transmitting to us. But there were no bright stars at these points, and it was not until 1952 that these "radio stars" were identified with visible objects in the sky; even then the objects were so faint and inconspicuous that it needed the 200 -inch Hale telescope at Mt. Palomar to find them. Many astronomers have become interested in this new science as an extension of astronomical techniques, and radio-astronomy is now being put to use in many parts of the world extending our knowledge of the solar corona, interstellar gas, nebulae, and even of our own ionosphere. In this article we shall be concerned less with the results than with the methods, since the problems of technique are of great interest and are not well known.
The two main problems facing the radio-astronomer wishing to study radio waves from some object or region in the sky are simply stated. First, the power available in his antenna is usually not greater than about $10^{-16}$ watt. Second, the beam width of his antenna is usually vastly greater than the angular size of the object, and the radiation picked up may well have come from many other objects in this region. Both these difficulties, of signal strength and resolving power, clearly call for large antenna systems and the radio astronomers are, in fact, build-
ing large antennas for this work. In Manchester, England, there is now under construction a very remarkable parabolic reflector antenna. This will be 250 feet in diameter, and it will be so mounted that it can be directed towards any part of the sky. The reflector will be made of wire mesh, and the accuracy of its surface will be such that it can be used on wavelengths as short as a half meter or less. But many observations can be made with much smaller antennas by using the principle of the radio interferometer.

If two similar antennas spaced several wavelengths apart and both directed towards the sun, are connected to the same recciver, as in Fig. 6A, it is possible to distinguish the radiation received from the sun against a background of radio waves from the stars behind it, although this background may be several times more intense than the solar radiation. The records of total power received from such a radio interferometer as the sun moves slowly across the sky would be like those in Fig. 3, showing some actual records on various wavelengths. In each the sinusoidal variation of signal is due to the sun passing in and out of the interference zones of the spaced antennas, whereas the steady signal, most evident on the longer wavelengths, is from the extended source of the Milky Way background. An improved method of recording recently used makes a record of only the sinusoidally varying signal, giving the intensity of the solar radiation without any confusion from the background radiation. The method of achieving


Fig. 2. Array of full-wave dipoles at 3.7 meters. This array is one-halt of on interferometer for detecting radio stars. See text for full details.


The 600 -inch "radio telescope" installation a! the Nava! Rese=rch Laboratory which is being used to study radio "signals" from the sun, moon, and stars. Scientists use this research tool to extend man's knowledge of the universe and to assist in forecasting the conditions for radio communications work.
this, known as phase-switching, will be described after we have examined more closely the problem of detecting these exceedingly small signals.

The character of the signals received from the sun and the stars is exactly the same as that of "receiver noise." If we connect the input of a receiver first to an antenna and then to a dummy load, the difference in signal may be demonstrated as a change in
the output of a detector circuit, but this change may be only a few per-cent of the output, most of which is due to the receiver noise. It is necessary to record this difference without including receiver noise, and this is achieved in the schematic of Fig. 6B. The use of a phase-sensitive detector enables a long time constant to be used in the output circuit, and the smoothed output records the difference between the
two levels of noise. An improvement is again made in Fig. 6C, where the antenna noise is continuously compared with the noise generated in a controllable local source, in practice, a noise diode. The output from the local source is automatically adjusted to equality with the antenna noise, and a record of the current in the diode gives a direct record of antenna noise unaffected by the characteristics of the receiver. The records in Fig. 3 were made in this way.

These methods of detecting small noise signals have been widely used in the measurement of the total noise power received at an antenna. But in radio astronomy it is often necessary to select only that part of the noise which is coming from a small source in the sky. perhaps a radio star or a sunspot, and to disregard a large proportion coming from a diffuse background of other sources. A new method of detection is then used.

In the schematic of Fig. 6D a pair of antennas is connected in a radio interferometer with a device for reversing the phase of the signal from one antenna periodically. The lobes of the interferometer radiation pattern then shift by a half lobe width, due to the phase shift, and the signal from a source smaller than the lobes of this pattern will change periodically by an amount depending on its position in the pattern. Again a phase-sensitive detector is used to measure this periodic change in output. In Fig. 4 we see the recorded output of such a phaseswitching receiver connected to a large interferometer operating at a wavelength of 3.7 meters, shown in Fig. 2, The output is centered on zero. and the groups of oscillations each record the passage of a radio star through the antenna receptivity pattern as the earth rotates. This method of recording radio stars has been used in the accurate location of some of the most intense radio stars. A record from the intense radio star in Cassiopeia using part of the same interferometer is shown in Fig. 5.

The interferometer in Fig. 2 is locat-



Fig. 4. Part of interferometer recording showing the presence of several of the minor "radio stars."

Fig. 5. Section of record with high sensitivity showing intense source in Cassiopeia. See text for details.

ed along an east-west line so that each radio star is detected as it crosses the meridian, a line from the zenith to the south point. The time of this crossing, found from the record, gives the position of the star in the sky. The timing may often be carried out to an accuracy of ahout 0.1 second, but unfortunately the actual position of the star camot be determined quite as accurately as this. For one thing. the position of the interferometer axis must be known, and with the antennas of Fig. 2 this cannot be defined to better than about 2 minutes of arc. The interferometer in Fig. 7 was specially built for such work, and the line joining the bearings of the two parabolic reflectors was determined to $10 \mathrm{sec}-$ onds of arc. These reflectors are two of the antennas of the "Wurzburg" rac'ar set much used by the Germans during the war. They are 27 feet in diameter, and the two are mounted 900 feet apart, 200 wavelengths at 1.4 meters, the wavelength used in the most accurate direction finding experiment yet made. With this interferometer, a radio star in the constellation of Cassiopeia was located within an area only 10 seconds by 30 seconds of are. The position was given to astronomers at Mt. Palomar, who found with the 200 -inch telescope a new type of nebula exactly in the right place.

This new branch of science is certainly providing new tools for the astronomer in his survey of the heavens. but it may also prove to be a useful approach to some studies of the ionosphere. When Hey first detected radiation from a radio star, he distinguished it from the background because the signal was fluctuating in a peculiar way. This effect we now know to be very similar to the scintillation, or "twinkling," of ordinary stars. It is caused by refraction in irregularities in the earth's ionosphere, through which the radio waves pass, and by studying the fluctuations in signal it has been found that the irregularities are in the upper part of the F-region, inaccessible to pulse-sounding methods. It appears that the top of the F-region occasionally becomes corrugated, to an extent of about one per-cent of its total depth, the wavelength of the corrugations being about 5 km . The whole structure is drifting across the earth at a speed of several hundred miles-per-hour, and the effect on the ground is similar to the moving pattern of sunlight on the bottom of a swimming pool when waves disturb the surface. The cause of this ionospheric disturbance is still unknown.

Another useful way of investigating the ionosphere has been suggested. As the rarlio waves from a radio star pass through the ionosphere they may be refracted in such a way as to make the star appear in the wrong position. The amount of this displacement may be measured, and depends primarily on the total number of electrons in a vertical column right through the ionosphere. Pulse-sounding methods are not suitable for this measurement, and


Fig. 6. (A) How two similar antennas, spaced several wavelengths apart, are used to detect radiation from the sun. (B) Use of a phase-sensitive detector to eliminate receiver noise. (C) Improved version of the circuit shown in (B) in which the antenna noise is continuously compared with the noise generated from a controllable local source, a noise diode. (D) A pair of antennas connected in a radio interferometer with a device for reversing phase of the signal from one antenna periodically.
it is likely that understanding of the ionosphere, still full of mysteries, will be helped by these new experiments.

The most exciting discoveries of radio astronomy have been in the search for sources of radio waves in our galaxy and in extragalactic nebulae, and this search is being pursued with great vigor in several places. The new Manchester antenna will be used in this work. Recently some details were published on a new antennal at the Ohio State University designed to carry on the search. There is, however, a large interferometer antenna now in operation at Cambridge, England, which may well be called the largest radio-telescope in the world. Its parabolic reflectors cover an area close to
50.000 square feet. Results from a survey of radio sources in the Northern sky should be available in a fow months' time. No description of this instrument has yet been published, and a picture of one of the reflectors in Fig. 1 is the only one available as yet. It is hoped that this instrument will provide some further clues to the solutions of the great problems "What are radio stars?"; "How many are there in our galaxy ?"': "Do other galaxies have radio stars like ours?"-questions we may hope to have answered in only a few years from now.

## REFERENCE




Fig. 7. Parabolic reflectors used in an interferometer for accurate direction finding.



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#### Abstract

Part 2. Tells how TV interference gets into the set, how it may originate in the set, and how to calculate the frequency of the TVI pattern on the picture tube.


1N LAST month's article the five most common types of interference normally encountered in TV receivers were identified. As listed, these are: unmodulated, frequeney modulated, video modulated, burst modulated, and mixed modulated. The next step is to determine how these interference signals get into the circuits of the TV set-and where they come from.

Most service technicians are aware that a superheterodyne receiver, whether radio or TV, has numerous responses. These responses can be considered as "slots" or "gates" in the frequency spectrum associated with a desired channel or frequency. It is through these "gates" that the undesired signals will enter to cause trouble.

Video Gute-The video passband of a TV receiver is normally between 0 and 4 me. Any strong signal whose frequency lies within these limits may be picked up after the video deteetor. Standard radio broadcast stations are the main source of sueh trouble.
I.F. Gute-'This is the i.f. passband of the receiver which, for all practical purposes, is about 3.5 mc . to 4.0 mc . wide. The opening provided by this "gate" is determined by a design specification of the receiver known as i.f. rejection. There are some cases, how'ever, when two very strong signals will enter the receiver and beat together in the r.f. stage or mixer to produce an i.f. signal. Such a condition is not affected by the i.f. rejection of the receiver. Another source of interference in the i.f. range is the harmonies of the receiver's oseillator, particularly the second harmonic. This beats with the video or sound earriers of other channels to produce an i.f. signal in the set.
3. Lower Adjacent Chamel-This is the 6 mc . immediately below the de-
sired chanmel in frequeney. The opening provided by this gate is determined by the adjacent channel sound rejection. Interference that enters this way is usually due to another TV station operating in this ehannel.
4. Desired Chamel-This is the frequency range of the station to which the set is tuncd. Those interference signals which enter through this gate are generally the most difficult to eliminate since there is no filter that can differentiate between a desired signal and an undesired signal having the same frequency. Such interferences normally require elimination at the source or possibly the use of extremely directional antennas. One of the most common sources of this "onchannel" interference is the local oscillator of a neighboring receiver. Another source is the set itself, where harmonics of the video i.f, or sound i.f. fall into the channel to produce annoying interferences. This may also result from co-channel interference, the result of another station operating on the same channel.
5. Upper Adjucent Chamel-This is the 6 mc . above the desired channel. Most commonly, the interference entering this gate is caused by the video carrier of a TV station oceupying this upper channel. This interference exhibits itself as a back-and-forth motion from which it derives its name of "Windshield-wiper" effect.
6. Imuge Bund-Most TV reccivers operate the oscillator on the high side of the ineoming signal. The image band is located above the oscillator by an amount equal to the i.f. The opening provided by this "gate" is dependent upon the image rejeetion of the receiver.

## Internal Sources of TVI

Any TV receiver is a potential gencrator of interference to itself. The
number of possible sources of interference in any set depends upon its circuitry. For example, an intercarrier set will not include all of the interference sources of a split-channel set. First, let us consider ihose sources of interference which are common to both intercarrier and splitchannel receivers.

1. Video Detector. Harmonics of the video earrier i.f. which are produced in the video detector stage are either radiated back into the tuner, or find their way back through the set wiring to beat with the video carrier, As a rule, this presents a problem only when the harmonic falls directly into the channel being viewed, For example, the 3 rd harmonic of a 25.75 mc , video i.f. is 77.25 me., which is the video carrier of channel 5 . The 4 th harmonic of a 45.75 mc . video i.f. is 183 mc., which can beat witl the video carrier of channel 8 to produce a 1.75 me, interference.
A relatively common interference seen in many TV sets is the very fine herringbone pattern commonly referred to as "grain." Technically, it is a 4.5 mc . FM beat. The pattern (it must be watched closely) varies with the sound modulation of the desired channel.

This interference originates at the video detector as a result of the heterodyning of the sound i.f. and the video i.f. carriers. Theoretically, if the sound i.f. amplitude at the video detector were very low, the beat would not exist. Its presence is usually more prevalent in intercarrier sets than in split-channel receivers because in the former, the sound carrier runs higher in amplitude at the video detector.

Most TV sets use a 4.5 mc , trap in the video amplifier circuit to attenuate this undesired signal. Fig. 2 shows a 4.5 me. trap in a Du Mont RA-306 chassis.

Sound in picture is another effect originating in these circuits when the sound carrier is too strong. This condition can, in many intercarrier sets, be tuned out by the customer who will still get usable pictures and sound,
llowever, this is not true for a splitchannel set, where the sound would be lost with a small amount of detuning. Fig. 3 illustrates a normal overall response curve which shows the position of the sound carrier. An intercarrier set should have an average sound attenuation of 30 db with respeet to the video carrier. In terms of voltage, the ratio of the video carrier amplitude to the sound carrier amplitude is about 13 to 1 . If, however, the ratio of video to sound is only 3 to 1 (approximately 10 db ) or less, the sound will be quite evident in the picture. In such a set, it will be necessary to detune and raise the video carrier to provide adcquate attenuation, with the resultant loss of fine picture detail.
2. Horizontal Output Circuit. Bark hausen oscillation occurring in this circuit will produce a "burst-type" interference, characterized by one or two vertical dark lines on the left side of the CRT. In addition, the 15,750 cycle sweep voltage generated in these circuits may interferc with both the sound and viden signals to produce "buzz" and horizontal bars.
Intercarrier receivers have some additional sources of interference which do not apply to split-channel sets. Due to the relatively high level of the $4.5-\mathrm{mc}$. signal in the vidco detector of intercarrier sets, a beat is produced with the harmonies of the vidco i.f. carrier. Because of the 4.5me. signal, the interference will vary in accordance with the sound modulation of the program being viewed. For example, the 2 nd harmonic of a 25.75 mc . video i.f. plus 4.5 mc . results in a frequency of 56 mc . which, in turn, beats against the video carrier of channel $2(55.25 \mathrm{mc}$.) to give an interference of 0.55 mc . The 2nd harmonic of 45.75 mc . (video i.f. of 41 mc . i.f. sets) plus 4.5 ?c. inay beat with the video carrier of channel 6 : 83.25 mc .) with a resultant interferenec of 3.75 mc . Other interference relationships ean be determined in a similar way for high harmonics. Fig. 1 shows the pattern eaused by a 1.5 me. beat of the type deseribed here.
It is, of course, also possible for the various harmonics of the sound i.f. ( 21.25 or 41.25 mc .) to interfere with the video carrier of a received channel. The interference would be recognizable as FM whose pattern would vary with the sound modulation of the desired channel.
Another possible source of FM interference, particularly in splitchannel receivers, is the sound discriminator and, in some cases, the sound limiter. If the level is high enough, harmonics of the sound i.f. are generated and find their way back into the front end to produce "inchannel" interference.

## Calculating the Frequency

Throughout the discussion thus far, the interference has been referred to as a beat or heterodyne pattern on the CRT screen. To an experienced ob-
server, a merc look at the pattern will be sufficient to permit him to determine the beat frequency with sufficient accuracy. A completely inexperienced observer may not know quite how to start.

One might ask, "What difference does it make what the frequency of the beat is?" Actually, it makes no difference, if the source is obvious. On the other hand, as so often happens, there are a number of possible sources. One method of determining which is the one causing the trouble is to determine the beat frequency. For example, suppose a TV set has an interference pattern on channcl 12, and it is suspected that a harmonic of the video i.f. originating at the video detector is the source of the interference. Let us assume that the set uses a 25.75 mc . video i.f.

Now, the 8 th harmonic of 25.75 mc. appears at 206 mc . and can beat with the video carricr of channel 12 located at 205.25 mc . to produce a $0.75-\mathrm{mc}$. signal. If, however, we had no idea what a beat of 0.75 mc . looked like, we could only guess that this was what was appearing on the screen and, in many cases, we would find that prescribed cures for this type interference had no effect. Obviously, the reason they had no effect was because the interference was caused by some other source.
The most usual type of unmodulated interference pattern consists of dark vertical or diagonal lines as shown in Fig. 4. Now, if we were to take one scanning line and concern ourselves with each segment of this line that was dark due to this interference, we would find that the dark segment was caused by the positive half cycle of the interference signal. This assumes that the signal is applicd to the cathode of the CRT which is the most conmon practice at this time. Obviously, the negative half evele of this signal occurred during the light portion immediately following the blacked-out segment. Since the length of the horizontal scanning iine represents a specific length of time, it follows that the greater the number of these dark segments that occur during one line the greater the frequency of the beat at the CRT cathode.
Since the horizontal scanning frequency is $15,750 \mathrm{cps}$, the time con-

Fig. 4. Beat pattern caused by unmodulated r.i. signal above 15.750 cps . These lines can also appear vertically.



Fig. 2. A 4.5 mc . trap is commonly used between the video amplifier and CRT to eliminate this signal from the picture.


Fig. 3. Typical over-all response curve for an intercarrier set. Note that the sound carrier is at a trapped frequency.
sumed by one complete scanning line including trace and retrace is $1 / 15,750$ seconds or 63.5 microseconds. Howcver, since about 10 microscconds of each scanning line time is lost in blanking and retrace, the visible length of the scanning line represents approximately 54 microscconds. Therefore, to find the frequency of the beat on the CRT, merely divide the distance between two dark lines by the visible length of a scanning line, multiply this by 54 , and divide the result into 1 . This gives the beat in megacycles. This particular method is quite cumbersome, but probably the most accurate. There is, however, a much simpler way.

Assume that there is a pattern of 10 vertical or diagonal dark interference lines on the screen of the CRT. This means that each scanning line is modulated 10 times. Each scanning line, however, represents one cycle of a 15,750 cps signal. Therefore, the frequency of the beat must be 10 times 15,750 , or $157,500 \mathrm{cps}$. Although not as accurate as the method previously mentioned, this is much simpler and as accurate as necessary for most cases. Merely count the number of lines, either vertical or diagonal, and multiply this number by 15,750 for the fre(Continued on page 77)

Fig. 5. Horizontal bar interference. Interference signals below $15,750 \mathrm{cps}$ at the CRT cause this type of pattern.


# remote controls 

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> Simple and economical to build, these units are source of income for marine radio technicians.

「HE main disadvantage of the marine radio service business is its periodic slumps. You may have a fleet of a hundred or a thousand boats normally in port-but, come the Fourth of July, and they're gone for a week. You don't have to sit twiddling your thumbs waiting for them to come back, if you fill in with building some of the radiotelephone remote-control units described in this article.

On most boats, the main equipment will have been installed in a cabin below, where it is protected and is close to battery and ground connections. The result is that when the boat is under way and the skipper is at the helm above, as shown in Fig. 1, he is as mute as a mackerel. A regulation handset cord will stretch only four feet, so if he wants to talk on the phone he must stop boating. The obvious solution to his problem (and he will be happy to hear of it) is a re-mote-control unit at the helm.

Unfortunately, the enginecring of many of the smaller manufacturers has not advanced to the point of providing remote control, and the manufacturers who do make remote units design them to be used only with their own gear. Consequently, many boatmen go without or do with makeshift adaptations.

Here is a unit which can be used
with any marine radiotelephone on the market employing relays and an elcetronic push-to-talk circuit. It can be connected to any properly adapted set, and will provide all of the features essential for communication. Construction is simple-extensive facilities are not necessary.

The basic requirements of such a unit are to provide loudspeaker reception of whatever traffic is on the air,

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram and parts list for remote control unit to be used in conlunction with marine radiotelephone. The socket is for handset shown in Fig. 3.

$R_{1}-30 \mathrm{ohm}, 4$ w. wirewound pot (Mallory M30 PX or cquiv.)
$P_{1}$-4.contact plug (Jones P. $30+$ CCT) SO $\mathrm{O}_{1}$-4-confact socket (Jones S-304-FP) $S_{1}-$ S.p.d.t. toggle switch
Spkr.--5", 4 ohme v.e. speaker
I-Tcrminal strip (Jones \#4-141)
1-Speaker cabinct (ICA \#3988)
$1-25 \mathrm{ff}$. length of 3 counductor, with shicld. rubber-covered cable (Belden \#8423 or cquiv.)
a volume control, a means for transferring the audio from the speaker to the handset carpiece, a microphone circuit, and a control circuit. In addition to the control unit a telephone handset with a push-to-talk switch is needed, but a simple arrangement can be made to use the handsct for the radiotelephone at both the main and the remote positions.

The circuit shown in Fig. 2 fulfills all of these requirements. It will be noted from the parts list that components are standard items, available at any parts house. The cost of materials should come to about $\$ 12$ per unit.

Operation is most easily illustrated with a radiotelephone having the handsct circuit of Fig. 3. In this transceiver, handset connections are brought to a 4-contact socket on the panel, and the handset has a mating plug. The ground is a common return, not only for receiver audio, but also the relaykeying circuit and microphone. Voltage for the microphone is provided by the voltage drop across a heavily bypassed portion of the modulator cathode bias resistor, while voltage to actuate the antenna and power-switching relay is obtaincd from the low-woltage d.c. input.

Since these circuits are all of very low impedance, no crosstalk or noise pickup results, and the ground wire and the other three wires are twisted together in the handset cord. It is perfectly feasible to extend the handset circuits a considerable distance without noticcable loss or objectionable distortion.

Connection between the radiotelc-
phone and the remote control is made by means of 3 -conductor and shield, rubber-covered cable, with the shicld acting as the common return. In the make-up of this cable the transcciver end is soldered into the plug, but the remote end connects into a terminal strip. The reason for not soldering this end right into the circuit is that in most installations the cable must run through numerous bulkheads or lockers. It is much easier and neater to bore round $5 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ holes to snake the bare cable end through than to gnaw out square holes to pass the plug.
Mounting and construction details for the remote control box are shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Fig. 6 shows most of the parts needed.
Some work is required on the radiotelephone if it does not have the panel socket and handset plug mentioned previously. All this will amount to is connecting a short cable and socket to the set's handset strip, and a plug to the handset cord. Handset or remote connections are then made by plugging into this cable socket.

Some radiotelephones will be found to have handset audio supplied by condenser coupling from the plate of the receiver power-amplifier tube. In this case remove the condenser and rewire to the circuit of Fig. 3, a matter of changing a couple of connections. In sets with "floating" input. one side of the battery-input circuit is used for the handsct common. On these, disconnect the ground return of the voice coil and the ouput transformer, and connect these returns instead to the common handset circuit. Note that nothing in the remote unit should be grounded or connected to the cabinct.

Operation of the unit is simple. At the main position the desired frequency is selected with the receiver on "loudspeaker." Gain is set for a healthy signal level, then the speakerhandset switch is thrown to "handset." The handset is removed, the remote cable plugged in its place, and the handset taken to the remote station and plugged into the control. At this point, reception may be had in either the speaker or the earpiece by throwing the switch on the control unit. and with audio set to a comfortable ievel by the volume control. Since most marine-phone modulators work "wide open," with maximum possible gain at all times, no control of microphone level is provided. The transmitter filaments must, of course, be on if instant transmission is desired.

A profitable offshoot from this is the wiring of boats for remote speakers connected to the broadeast radio. It is astonishing to learn the number of people who buy yachts to get away from the annoyance of telephones and radios-and then spend most of their time aboard the boat telephoning and listening to the radio!

Keep track of parts cost and manu. facturing labor. A 100\% markup is about standard and will cover over.


Fig. 3. Typical handset circuit of a marine radiotelephone. The remote unit plugs into the socket shown for the handset and the handset plugs into the remote unit.


Fig. 4. Front of remote speaker unit showing details for mounting components.
head and give a fair profit. Be as efficient as possible, then do not feel at all bashfull if the price comes to more than peanuts these units customarily sell for from $\$ 40$ to $\$ 50$, plus installation.
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Fig. 5. Rear view of front panel of remote speaker showing position and wiring layout for the various components.

Fig. 6. Components for a marine radiotelephone remote control are standard.




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Fig. 1. Over-all view of the "modified" Heath Model VC-l voltage calibrator.


## A simple circuit change insures stable operation of this

test unit in areas where voltage fluctuations are common.

MANY owners of small oscilloscope voltage calibrators, cither of the kit type or "home grown," find that these instrument adjuncts are

robbed of much of their uscfuiness by line voltage fluctuations. This trouble, already severe in many areas, is increasing because loads are growing faster than distribution systems. Fortunately, relatively minor and inexpensive changes in most oscilloscope voltage calibrators will make them dependable to within less than one per-cent at any setting.
The conventional oscilloscope calibrator consists of a source of sine waves, usually the power line; a biased diode, to clip the sine waves into semi-square waves; and a power

> Fig. 2. Original Heathkit voltage calibrator circuit with additions shown in heavy lines. In addition to new input and out. put terminals. new feet. handle. and shatt lock on the variable 50.000 ohm resistor. circuitwise the changes consist of the ad. dition of a line plug and fuse, a pilot light. resistor $R_{1}$, and regulator tube. V.,
supply, to bias the diode. One of the more popular circuits is shown in Fig. 2. This is essentially the circuit used in the Heathkit Model VC-1 calibrator. (Heavy lines show the alterations made.) In the original circuit, the clipping level is constant only when the d.c. supply voltage is constant, and this voltage depends upon the line voltage.
The d.c. supply voltage, and hence clipping level, can be stabilized in a voltage calibrator of this type by the addition of a voltage regulator tube, a modification costing only a couple of dollars and requiring perhaps an hour of labor. The resultant instrument quite closely resembles, in circuit and performance, the Du Mont voltage calibrator, an instrument most of us would like to own if we could afford it.

Operation of an unregulated voltage calibrator is quite simple. Sine waves, derived from the power supply through a resistor and an isolating condenser, are impressed across two halves of a dual diode. The cathode of the first diode is biased positive with respect to ground so that it will not conduct until the positive voltage (Contimued on page 85)

Fig. 3. Top view showing how OB2 regulator tube is mounted.


Fig. 4. Bottom view shows parts added to original circuit.


## "ULTRA-LINEAR" OPERATION OF GVG TUBES



EVER since the introduction of "Ul-tra-Lincar" circuitry. ${ }^{1}$ there has been a steadily growing interest in amplifiers utilizing this type of output stage coupling. The basic arrangement has become popular in ardent audiophile circles and has also found commercial and industrial applications where extremely low distortion is required.

Essentially, the "Ultra-Linear" circuit is illustrated in Fig. 2, The screens of beam power output tubes are connected to taps on the primary of the output transformer; or if it is desired to operate the screens at a different a.c. potential than the plates. to a tertiary winding on the output transformer. Either arrangement requires a transformer with the correct ratio of sereen load to plate load if optimum results are to be obtained. and a mismatch will lead to incfliciency and/or increased distortion.

The "Ultra-Linear" arrangement has been mistakenly referred to as a feedback circuit. This is not correct since negative feedback would produce a reduction in gain which does not occur with the "Ultra-Linear" circuit. It would be just as incorrect to refer to a triode as a tetrode with feedback as it is to analyze the "Ultra-Lincar" circuit as a feedback circuit. Instead it must be considered as a new and different type of tube structure which is neither triode nor tetrode.

The circuit provides some of the advantages of both triodes and tetrodes, and it overcomes some of the disadvantages of each of these types. For example, it is more efficient and provides more power output than triodes. Its capabilities in this respect parallel the capabilities of tetrodes. However, it has low internal impedance, almost as low as triodes and about one-tenth that of tetrodes; this provides good
loudspeaker damping. Lastly, and most important of all, it has a more lineni input-output relationship at most power levels than either triodes or tetrodes which means that its distortion is lower than other methods of operation. This alone justifies the use of the circuit in those cases where low distortion is the guiding criterion.
"The "Ultra-Linear" circuit has achieved popularity in deluxe amplifier arrangements such as conversion of the Williamson circuit.: It has been widely used with tubes of the KTrifi. 807. and 5881 type for circuits in the 20 to 30 watt power bracket-for circuits of truly outstanding chatacteristics suitable for the most critical usage. Naturally, 20 or 30 watts is a lot of power for living room use-just as 200 horsenower is a lot of power for a deluxe automobile. However, there are definite advantages to high powcred amplifiers which are operated at a fraction of their potential output just as there are definite advantages to high powered cars which are run at a fraction of their capabilities.
Nevertheless, not all of us want. or can afford, 200 horsepower cars; and not all of us feel the need for, or wish to spend the money for, amplifiers of 20 or more watts power rating. Many audiophiles and music lovers are very happy with amplifiers in the 10 to 15 watt power bracket. The popularity of this range is demonstrated by the sales success of thousands of Williamsontype amplifiers as well as tens of thousands of lower cost amplifiers using 6V6 tubes providing 10 to 15 watts of power output. Undoubtedly, the greatest number of amplifiers in home use utilize the type 6V6 tube in one of several popular circuit arrangements. all of which have essentially similar performance characteristics.
The possibilities of using the "Ultra-

## One of the best designs in

 recent years covering an audio amplifier using 6V6 tubes. The author, in this case, has converted a Grommes unit to illustrate his design idea.Linear" arrangenent with 6V6 tubes in medium-powered amplifiers has been imeestigated carefully, It has been found that the tube is well suited for this mode of operation since its dynamic input-output characteristic can he linearized by proper selection of a tapping point for screen connection.

The characteristics of the 6 V 6 are not at all similar to the 61.6 family, and the connection arrangement which is optinum for 6 V 6 's is quite different from that which can be used with the large tube types. As a tetrode, the 6 V 6 permits 10 to 15 watts of output depending on plate supply voltage and bias. These ratincs are based on the point where clipping of a sine wave becomes visible-which happens when the grids start to go positive, and the driving source cannot furnish power to the tubes.
If the same tubes are triode connected (by strapping the screen to the platel, power output, using the same criteria, is reduced to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to $31 / 2$ watts. When the "Ultra-Linear" connection is used, the power output depends on the position of the screen taps. If a $50 \%$ tap is used, power is reduced to about one-half of the tetrode capability. If a greater than $50 \%$ tap is used. power is reduced toward the triode limitations. At a tapping point of about $24 / \%$, power output is within $90 \%$ of the tetrode condition, and distortion at all levels up to maximum is minimized. This point, therefore, has been selected as the optimum operating point for "Ultra-Linear" use.

It would be possible to take an even lower tapping point and obtain slightly more power output than the tetrode connection, but the distortion at low levels and the internal impedance both begin to increase as the tap is brought closer to the zero per-cent point which


Fig. 2. Basic "Ultra-Linear" arrangement.


Fig. 3. Various feedback arrangements from voice coil of the output to the cathode of an early slage. See text for discussion.
is coincident with conventional tetrode connection.
Thus the "Ultra-Linear" operating point has been set at a compromise level in which the factors of maxi-
mum power output. distortion at various levels, and internal impedance have all been weighed against each other. It must also be mentioned that listening tests at various tapping points with no feedback around the amplifier validate this selection of the tapping point. This was done without feedback on the assumption that the best amplifier without feedback would also be the best after the application of feedback. In these listening tests, the triodes fell behind because they could not handle the power (after all, 3 watts is insufficient for musical peaks), the tetrodes were somewhat screechy and boomy (too much internal impedance for satisfactory speaker damping), and the $24 \%$ point sounded natural and smooth even without connection of the amplifier feedback loop.

Use of the "Ultra-Linear" circuit inrolves utilization of an output transformer with the correctly placed taps. A special transformer, the Acrosound TO-310, has been designed specifically for this application; and its parameters were selected so that it would not limit the ultimate capabilities inherent in the circuit. For example, its bandwidth has been set at $\pm 1 \mathrm{db}$ from 10 cps to 100 kc . so as to provide the low phase shift and good transient performance desired in the most critical applications. Similarly, its distortion characteristics complement those of the "Ultra-Linear" circuit and permit low distortion at both high and low levels from 20 cps to over 20 kc .

Fig. 4. The Grommes 100BA power amplifier converted to "Ultra-Linear" operation.


## Circuił Considerations

There are many 6V6 circuits which have become popular, but by far the most commonly used is that in which a twin triode phase inverter is used to drive a pair of 6 V 6 's; and feedback is carried from the output winding of the output transformer to the cathode of one of the triode sections. This basic configuration is simple, practical, economical, and adequate. The a.c. grid-to-grid voltage requirements of the 6 V 6 output stage are not stringent, and the phase inverter supplies ample drive without the need for an intermediate push-pull stage such as is used in the Williamson-type circuit. Since there are only two stages, the problems of utilizing feedback are simplified (as there is less phase shift in the circuit), and the designer can use less elaborate circuitry and components while preserving a satisfactory margin of stability.
Generally the phase inverter tube is a high mu triode such as the 6SL7 or 12AX7 in order to obtain as much gain as possible within the two stages. Actually, except for gain considerations, the specific type of inverter is of comparatively little consequence-circuit performance is determined almost completely by the mode of operation of the output tubes with respect to bias, supply voltage, and impedance match; the quality of the output transformer: and the proportion of feedback. The voltage amplifier stage contributes relatively little, as compared to the contribution of the output stage, to the over-all quality of the amplifier.
Conversion of these circuits to "Ul-tra-Linear" operation can be done by substituting an output transformer which has properly placed taps for connection to the 6V6 screens. Generally, this substitution will make an immediate decrease in distortion.
If the original amplifier used a screen dropping resistance, this is removed for "Ultra-Lincar" operation; and the screens are connected to the tapping points on the primary of the output transformer. It is important to observe polarity and to connect the screen to the same primary side of the transformer as that from which the plate is energized. Otherwise an oscillitory condition will be provoked. Similarly, polarity must be observed between upper and lower output tubes, or the feedback from the secondary side of the transformer may be in the incorrect phase and cause regeneration.
When the screen resistor of the original circuit has been removed, the screen bypass condenser must also be disconnected. This can be readily put to good use by paralleling it across one of the filter condensers of the power supply for extra filtering and lowered power supply impedance.

The only other changes which need be made involve the feedback resistor and feedback compensating condenser which shunts this resistor (or in some circuits bypasses it to ground). .The ratio of series resistor to shunt re-
sistor in the feedback path determines both the total gain in the circuit and the proportion of feedback. For example, with a 6SL7 phase inverter and feedback from the 16 -ohm tap of the Acrosound TO-310 transformer, the power amplifier will have 17 db of feedback and require a maximum input signal of 3 volts to drive it to full output when the ratio of feedback to cathode resistance is 5 to 1 . If the ratio is changed to 7.5 to 1 , the am plifier will be driven with a 2 volt in put, but the feedback is cut down by 3 to 4 decibels. Similarly, a $12 \mathrm{AX7}$ has about $50 \%$ more gain than a 6 SL 7 . If this tube is used with a 7.5 to 1 ratio of resistance. the amplifier can be driven to full output with 2 volts of signal while still maintaining 17 db of feedback. In the original construction, it is recommended that the 12 AX 7 be used so as to obtain this in. creased sensitivity. However, in con verting an existing amplifice, the con structor can leave the 6SL7 tube in the circuit and can adjust for the required sensitivity by varying the feedback resistor. If necessary, he can sacrifice a portion of the feedback in order to maintain sufficient gain for the preamplifier stages which are being used.

In many commercial amplifiers, the power amplifier section must be sufficiently sensitive to be driven by 1 volt of input because of the relatively low gain of the carlier stages. If this is the case, it is necessary to diminish the feedback (by increasing the feedback resistor). However, the most nodlern preamp designs are intended to supply about a two volt input such as is found on Williamson-type amplifiers. Any of these preamps will handle the converted 6 V 6 amplifier and still permit 14 or more $d b$ of feedback. This is sufficient feedback to reduce distortion. hum, noise, and internal impedance to low values suitable for top quality applications. Thus the more common frontend arrangements will serve with the "Ultra-Linear" 6V6 amplifier while preserving an adequate proportion of feedback. When the 12AX7 is used, the designer has an additional 3 or 4 db of latitude in his choice of gain versus proportion of feedback.

In some amplifiers which are of the public-address type rather than the high-fidelity type, inadequate feedback is used which is limited to 6 db or less. Conversion of these amplifiers with the increased feedback which results from a 5 to 1 resistor proportion will produce insufficient gain. In those cases, there must be cither a sacrifice of feedback or the addition of more gain in the early stages. However, in these amplifiers the original quality is generally so poor that the substitution of the "Ultra-Linear" output arrange. ment will make a decided improve. ment in performance even if only 6 dh of feedback is used. The relative improvement in a low grade amplifier is even greater than is achieved by converting a fairly good amplifier which has a high proportion of feedback.

When feedback in excess of 12 db


Fig. 5. Bottom view of converted Grommes amplifier showing new output transformer
is used, there is some possibility that the amplifier response will peak in the ultrasonic region even though the response without feedback is flat over a very wide range. This peaking can be elininated with a consequent improvement in transient response, by adding a network to change the phase of the feedback voltage in the peaking region. One simple arrangement is to add a small condenser across the feedback resistor. A suitable condenser value in the type of circuit under discussion is one which makes the product of the feedback resistor in ohms and the condenser in microfarads equal to unity. Several typical circuits using a 5 to 1 resistor proportion are illustrated in Fig. 3. In these arrangements, the feedback connection is brought to the cathode or pair of cathodes of the phase inverter stage. All of the arrangements have the same proportion of feedback and the identical phase correction.

## Circuit Conversion

These conversion considerations are exemplified in the conversion of the Grommes 100BA amplifier, Fig. 1, the circuit of which is shown converted in Fig. 4. This amplifier is typical of many which come both with and without preamps in the $\$ 40$ to $\$ 60$ price bracket. Both former values and converted ones are indicated on the schematic. There are only three electronic parts changes in addition to the new output transformer.

Physically, it takes only two additional holes for mounting the output transformer-the remaining holes line up without alteration. The transformer fits rather snugly but inasmuch as it contributes no heating, its proximity to other parts causes no difficulty,

Any power supply which is satisfactory for the original circuit is also suitable for the "Ultra-Linear" con-
version since the "Ultra-Linear" circuit is less critical as to supply regulation than the telrode circuit. In the Grommes 100BA no filter choke is used, and the converted circuit works just as well without one although a single 100 ohm resistor was added in converting in order to reduce the hum voltage.

The converted amplifier has extraordinary specifications for its size and price. In fact its specs read amazingly like those of a conventional triode Williamson amplifier. Frequency response is flat $\pm .5 \mathrm{db}$ from 20 cps to over 100 kc . at a 1 watt level, (By increasing the size of the cathode condenser of the 6SL7 the low end response can be made flat to below 5 cps.) At 10 watts, response is flat $\pm 1$ (db) from 20 cps to over 60 kc ,, and clean waveform is preserved from 20 cps to 30 kc . even at this high a level.

The transient response as evaluated by square waves is shown in Fig. 6. There is a minimum of transient distortion and phase shift at these two extremes of the audio band.

Intermodulation distortion is extremely low. It runs about $.1 \%$ at 1 watt, rises to $.4 \%$ at 8 watts, and to $.5 \%$ at 10 watts. It is still below $1 \%$ at 11 watts. These tests were made with 40 and 7000 cps mixed 1 to 1 and are based on equivalent sine-wave output. This is the conventional method of rating which is used for practically all commercial amplifier equipment.

The quality of a low cost $6 \mathrm{~V} 6 \mathrm{am}-$ plifier is normally not up to the top high-fidelity standards which have been set by the Williamsor-type amplifiers produced in recent years. However, it is now possible, by using the "Ultra-Linear" circuit arrangement and a top quality output transformer, to convert these run-of-the-mill amplifiers into ones whose quality is comparable with the best obtainable in the (Continued on page 117)

Fig. 6. Square.wave periormance ( $A$ ) at 20 cps and (B) at 20 kc . See text for details.


# SONIC LIQUID LEVEL INDICATOR 



> A safe, explosion-proof instrument for measuring liquid levels in tanks without floats or other moving parts.

TO MEET a long standing need for accurate gauges, free from floats and similar moving parts. The Bogue Electric Mamufacturing Co., has developed the SL-102 sonic liquid level indicator, shown being tested on this month's cover. Synchros, potentiometers, and other rotating data transmitters have been eliminated in the sonic system. The system does not use direct current within the tanks, and the liquid is not a conductor of electric current. The equipment is, therefore, safe and explosion-proof.

Sonic liquid level indicators are being used to gauge petroleum storage tanks and similar containers filled with corrosive and radioactive liquids.

The indicators may be arranged to deliver digital level data to commercially available tape printers for inventory purposes. The recorders may be operated up to several thousand feet from the indicators without the use of special equipment. When desirable, level information can be transmitted over greater distances using wire-radio transmission networks.

The SL-102 sonic system is completely automatic, and is capable of compensating for variations in sound velocity due to temperature and gravity changes within the liquid being measured, without any external equipment. It is also possible to read an interface level of two immiscible liquids in the same tank.

The system consists of an indicator and two transducers in each storage tank being gauged. The transducers, with proper protection, are installed at the bottom of the tank and are the only transmitting and receiving devices to come in contact with the liquid. Any number of tanks containing differing liquids may be read by one

SL-102 indicator with the aid of a switching relay, R-102. The accuracy of this instrument is $\pm 01$ foot.

The system consists of two sonic gauges, one measuring the surface level and the other the spacing between a series of acoustic reflectors placed along the sound path of a second transducer.
A pulse transmitted from the level measuring transducer is propagated to the surface of the liquid where it is reflected back to the transducer. The elapsed time interval is used to gate a timing oscillator, the frequency of which is directly proportional to the velocity of propagation of the pulse.
The period of each cycle of the timing oscillator is chosen to equal the time required for a sound pulse to travel 01 foot up and back through a particular liquid, so that the total number of cycles in the interval between transmission and return of an

Fig. 1. How the indicator system operates to gauge liquids in various storage tanks.

echo equals the actual level in hundredths of a foot. This information is translated to a liquid level reading on the decade counter of the indicator.

The transmitted pulse train at 400 kilocycles is transmitted at a rate of 20 times-per-second. Each pulse is 40 microseconds in duration. The calibrating pulse is identical to the indicating pulse. The reflectors, located at known distances in the stillwell of the calibrating systen, provide pulses to adjust the timing frequency to exactly correspond to the velocity of propagation in the particular liquid. The number of reflectors used will depend on the depth of the tank.
Transmitter A and receiver A, along with the time interval counters, are designated the "main" system and, in conjunction with the associated transducer, gauge the surface level. Fig. 1,
The second system, or the "calibrate" section, consists of transmitter B, which directs the sound pulse along the path fitted with accurately located reflectors, and receiver $B$ which amplifies the received echoes. The amplified reflector echoes are applied to the time interval counters where they calibrate the main system.
To support the acoustic reflectors in the calibrate section and to contain the sound energies within a small part of the tank, two stillwell pipe assemblies are installed in the tank. These stillwell pipes are acoustically treated internally with a material that is impervious to corrosive and non-corrosive liquids.
The transducers used with the system are made up of ammonium dihydrogen phosphate (adp) crystals. The crystals are encapsulated in a stainless steel container, measuring 5 inches in diameter. The crystals are protected by an acoustically transparent window of teflon that is impervious to corrosive liquids.

The indicator is housed in a table mounting cabinet, $151 / 2$ inches high, 19 11/16 inches wide, and 21 inches deep. The weight of the indicator is approximately 116 pounds. The unit is mounted on slide rails making it readily accessible for inspection and maintenance. The system operates from 117 volts, 60 cycles, single-phase power and consumes 270 watts.

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## By MILTON S. Kiver

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Part 4. Tuner, video i.f,, video amplifier, and sound
circuits of typical color TV sets described in detail,

|N LAST month's article we examined in some detail the block diagram of a color television receiver designed to operate with a tri-gun color picture tube. Now we are ready to consider the actual circuits which each of the blocks represented.
R.F. Tuner, The introduction of color in no way alters or modifies the r.f. section of the television receiver. Thus, the r.f. amplifier should still possess high gain and low noise; the oscillator still provides a signal which, when mixed with the incoming signal, will produce the desired difference or video i.f. frequencies. For the reception of v.h.f. signals, either a turret tuner or a continuous arrangement is employed. For u.h.f. reception, continuous tuning is the most common method although there is also available an 82 -channel turret tuner.
A typical v.h.f. turret tuner circuit is shown in Fig. 1, Cascode amplifiers are common in the r.f. stage, although some manufacturers favor single highfrequeney miniature pentodes. The oscillator tube is invariably a triode, usually half of the mixer tube. The latter may be another triode (i.e., $1 / 2$ of a 6J6) or pentode ( $1 / 2$ of a 6U8). This arrangement requires only two tubes for the entire tuner section.

In the tuner shown in Fig. 1, the cascode r.f. amplifier uses a 6BZ7 duotriode. One section of a 6 J 6 serves as the mixer while the other section functions as the oscillator, Balanced 300ohm and unbalanced $75-\mathrm{ohm}$ (coaxial line) input impedances are provided by a center-tapped primary winding. $L_{\text {inas }}$, All signals must pass through a high-pass filter designed to attenuate all signals below channel 2 .
The secondary winding, $L_{1097}$, is tuned by the input capacity (of the first
(riode unit) in series with alignment trimmer $C_{105}$. Loading of $L_{1018}$ by $R_{101}$ provides the required bandpass, particularly on the lower w.h.f. channels. The a.g.e. bias is applied to the first triode of $V_{111}$ through decoupling resistor $R_{\text {wes }}$.

Direct coupling is used between the first triode plate and the second triode cathode. This is normal in cascode circuits. With eathode feed to the second triode, $C_{\text {man }}$ is used to place the grid at r.f. ground potential. Since the two triode sections of $V_{101}$ are in series across a common plate supply, the cathode of the second triode is positive with respect to chassis ground. A di-
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vider across the " $B+$," consisting of $R_{10 s}$ and $R_{111}$, places the grid of the second triode at a sufficiently positive potential (with respect to its eathode) for proper operating hias.

The signal at the plate of the second triode of $V_{101}$ is inductively coupled into the grid eircuit of the mixer. At the same time, a voltage from the oscillator is similarly brought into the mixer eircuit. The mixer combines both signals to produce the desired i.f.
and then transfers this signal to the following i.f. stages.
The oscillator is of the ultraudion variety with a front panel fine-tuning control.

Video I.F. Section. The video i.f. system follows the r.f. tuner. This will consist, usually, of four and sometimes five scparate stages. Sec Fig. 2. In the conventional black-and-white television receiver, three i.f. stages was the number most frequently used, although four stages were found in some sets. The increased number of i.f. stages in a color receiver stems, in part, from the wider bandpass required ( 4.2 mc .) and from the greater precautions that must be taken to insure that the response curve will possess the right form.

The desired response curve for the video i.f. section is shown in Fig. 3. Of particular interest is the care with which the low frequency end of the curve must be shaped so that it provides the proper amplification for the color subcarricr and its sidebands. Note that the curve is flat down to approximately 41.65 mc . and then the "rolloff" is quite steep. The steep decline is needed to prevent the sound carrier from recciving too much amplification, producing a $920-\mathrm{kc}$. beat note at the video second detector which would appear on the screen as an interference pattern. Furthermore, too much sound voltage at the detector will produce a fine-grained $4.5-\mathrm{mc}$. pattern on the sereen and/or sound bars. The latter effect, of course, ean occur in all television receivers, whether they be of the black-and-white or color variety. The 920 -ke. interference, however, arises only when a color signal is being received.
Video i.f. systems in color receivers


Fig. 1. Typical r.f. tuner used with color TV receiver. This is a turret-type unit for v.h.f. only, however combination v.h.f.u.h.f. models are also used.


Fig. 2. The video i.f. circuits of one color TV receiver. Four stages are used here to assure a wider and more uniform bandpass than for black-and-white sets.


Fig. 3. Video i.f. response curve of a color TV receiver. Note the steep slope of the curve between 41.25 and 41.65 mc .
follow the same practice as for black-and-white receivers in so far as interstage coupling is concerned. Most common types of coupling are bifilar coils and/or single wound coils. For example, the circuit of Fig. 2 uses bifilar coils predominantly ( $T_{\text {sul }}, T_{\text {mat }}, T_{\text {min }}$, and $T_{\text {eos }}$, but two of the tuned circuits have single-wound coils ( $L_{1 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{s}}}$ and $L_{201}$ ).

The interstage coils are stagger-tuned, ranging from a low frequency of 41.4 mc . to a high frequency of 45.5 mc . Also present are five shunt traps, three tuned to the sound i.f. signal of 41.25 mc ., one to the video carrier frequency $(39.75 \mathrm{mc}$.) of the adjacent higher channel, and one to the sound carrier frequency ( 47.25 mc .) of the adjacent lower channel.

A number of sets resort to complex coupling circuits in one or more i.f. stages in order to obtain the desired attenuation at certain trap frequencies, such as the adjacent-channel video carrier, adjacent-channel sound carrier, and the sound carrier of the channel being received.

In one $R C A$ color receiver, a bridged$T$ circuit is inserted between the tuner and the first video i.f. amplifier. See


Fig. 4. Five stage video i.f. system employed by RCA in its color TV sets.
Fig. 5. Sound i.f. and audio circuits of a typical color television receiver.


Fig. 4. The network contains a trap tuned to the accompanying sound carrier, 41.25 mc . In order to reduce interference from this source (i.e., cross modulation), the sound carrier is attenuated as soon as possible in the i.f. amplifier. (The signal is not removed completely, however, since enough must be available for the sound systom. The latter ties into the video system at a subsequent point.)

A more elaborate bridged-T network, combined with an $m$-derived bandpass circuit, is employed between the first and second i.f. stages. This contains two rejection traps, one tuned to 39.75 mc. (video carrier of adjacent higher channel), the other tuned to 47.25 mc . (sound carrier of adjacent lower channel). A second such complex coupling network is found between the final i.f. stage and the video second detector. This, too, contains two traps, one for the accompanying sound carricr at 41.25 mc . and one for 47.25 mc .

It will be noted from Fig. 4 that the sound take-off occurs in the plate circuit of the final video i.f. amplifier. This does not necessarily denote a split-sound type of receiver, as mentioned earlier, but stems from a desire on the part of the set designer to avoid any interaction between the color subcarrier and the sound carrier that could produce (by mixing) a 920 kc . beat note. The sound carrier is permitted to travel with the video signal up to the plate of the final video i.f. amplifier and then it is diverted to a germanium crystal where it mixes with the video carrier 1 , produce a 4.5 mc . signal. In the meantime, the monochrome and color subcarrier signals proceed to the video second detector for their demodulation. By this arrangement, the sound signal can be strongly attenuated in the video detector thereby minimizing the development of a 920 kc . beat signal.

Automatic gain control is applied to the first two or three video i.f. stages in the same manner, and for the same reason, that it is applied in monochrome receivers. The r.f. amplifier also receives all or a portion of the same a.g.c. voltage.

Sound Chunnel. As indicated previously, the sound signal is diverted from the video path in the plate circuit of the final video i.f. amplifier. This signal and a portion of the video carrier are then mixed in a germanium diode to produce the desired 4.5 mc . intercarrier sound signal. Sce Fig. 5. This is followed by several $4.5-\mathrm{mc}$. i.f. amplifiers and then the signal is applied to a ratio detector. Here the audio intelligence is recovered from the FM signal. Further amplification by audio voltage and power amplifiers raise the signal to the proper level for operating a loudspeaker. Just how extensive this portion of the audio system is will be governed by the price range of the receiver. If a highfidelity system is desired, then the audio stages can be claborated, perhaps by the addition of push-pull output, phase inversion, feedback net-
works, etc. The system shown in Fig. 5 is commonly found in most TV receivers where cconomy and good sound is desired.

Luminance Channel. The video signal is demodulated in the video detector (Fig. 7), providing an output 0 to 4 mc monochrome signal plus the $I$ and $Q$ color sidebands. The color subcarrier, it will be remembered, was deleted at the transmitter.) The detector itself may be either a germanium diode (1N60 or its equivalent) or one section of a vacuum tube. There appears to be a definite swing toward the germanium crystal hut vacuum tubes are still widely used.
Beyond the detector, both the monochrome and color sideband signals are applied to at least one stage of amplification before they are separated In the circuit of Fig. 8, the output from the video second detector is applied first to the triode section of a 6U8, then to the pentode section. Both signals remain together only in the triode because at the grid of the pentode, a portion of the signal is fed to the bandpass amplifier, which is the input stage to the chrominance section of the receiver. Hence, separation of the monochrome and color signals might be said to occur at the output of the triode video amplifier.

The second video amplifier in Fig. 8 deals solely with the monochrome portion of the total color signal. This fact is further accentuated by the 3.58 mc . series trap which is present in the plate circuit of this stage. The trap attenuates any 3.58 mc . color subcarrier voltage which may he present here in order to prevent it from reaching the pic-ture-tube screen and producing a visible interference pattern. The presence of the 3.58 mc . trap limits the response of the luminance or monochrome channel to a somewhat lower value, usually 3.0 or 3.2 mc . Since most present monochrome receivers operate within this banc.width, both in their i.f. and video amplifier systems, any loss of detail will be no more apparent on color sets than on black-and-white sets.

At this point the reader may wonder why a special 3.58 mc . trap is requited when, in fact, no 3.58 mc . color subcarrier is being sent with the signal The answer rests in the fact that while it is true that at no time is there any voltage at precisely the 3.58 mc . frequency, the phase excursions of the Olor signal cause the carrier to move r.ick and forth from frequencies above 358 mc . to frequencies below 3.58 mc


Fig. 6. Video amplifier circuit using two pentodes and a 3.58 mc . trap in the first video plate circuit for recovering the 3.58 mc . burst signal for color synchronizing.

Furthermore, most of the color energy is concentrated in the sidebands around the 3.58 mc . frequency and if we remove the bulk of this energy with a trap, we minimize any tendency of the color signal to produce interference patterns on the screen.

Another fact to note is this: The frequency of the color subcarrier (and hence, the frequency of its sidebands as well) was purposely chosen so that all this energy would fall midway be. tween the clusters of energy of the monochrome signal. Any color signal reaching the screen of a monochrome recciver will tend to at least partially cancel itself out on successive frames so that its visibility is reduced. The same action occurs in a color set when the color signal reaches the screen ria the luminance channel. Hence, the combination of the 3.58 mc . trap with the frequency interlace principle act to reduce the visibility of any interference pattern from this souree to a considerable degree

Returning to the circuit of Fig. 8 , the luminance signal is finally applied to the matrix section where it comhines with suitable $I$ and $Q$ signals to provide the original red, green, and blue voltages.

Two additional representative vidco amplifier systems are shown in Figs 6 and 9. The circuit in Fig. 6 is taken from an $R C A$ schematic and employs a 1 N60 crystal diode as the video second detector. The output of this stage is fed to a 6CL6 video amplifier. Here both chroma and monochrome signals are amplified. The monochrome signal is then transferred to a second video amplifier and from this stage to the matrix network. The chroma signal is taken from the cathode circuit of the 1st video amplifier and transferred to the bandpass amplifier which stands at


Fig. 7. Two types of video second detec. tors found in color TV sets. (A) Germe nium diode: (B) triode vacuum tube with grid and plate connected to form a diode.
the head of the chrominance section. There are a number of things to note about Fig. 6. A 3.58 mc . resonant circuit in the plate circuit of the 1st video amplifier transfers the 3.58 mc . signal to a burst amplifier for use in the color sync section of the recciver. The same arrangement also attenuates the amount of 3.58 mc . voltage reaching the second video amplifier. The response of this latter amplifier extends to approximately 3.2 mc ., enabling it to impose additional attenuation on the color subcarrier.

Connection to the sync and a.g.c. circuits is made at the plate of the 1st vidco amplifier. Also, a 1.0 microsecond delay line is inscrted in the path of the luminance signal between the 1st and 2 nd video amplifiers. The delay line is terminated in a 1500 -ohm potentiometer which serves as a contrast (Contimued on page 128)

Fig. 8. Video amplifier circuit using a triode-pentode tube.


Fig. 9. Cathode follower video amplifier circuit for color TV.



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## Add a luxury touch to your mobile rig. This inexpensive


#### Abstract

control unit can be built and installed in a few hours.


"MAN, what luxury!'

That's what they say and that's how I feel when I put W2LJU/mobile on the air. The installation uses a bandswitching transmitter, bandswitching converter, and push-to-talk operation.
"So what? So lots of guys have bandswitching rigs and converters and push-to-talk."
"So this," I say, "I also have bandswitching loading coils on the whip at the rear of the car and remote control for them at the dashboard! I never have to get out from behind the wheel when changing bands. And, what's more, I can change bands and retune in a matter of seconds . . . while the car is in motion!"
"Man, what luxury!"
It all came about because I am basically a very lazy fellow, I think. Anything I can devise which adds to conrenience or minimizes the expenditure of effort, that's for me. I used to have to drive 45 miles each morning to get to my office in the country from my apartment in New York City. And, of course, I had to make a repeat trip each night in the return direction. Not knowing exactly what time I would get home to the city each night worked a bit of a hardship on the wife. When I would work into the city on my way home on 10 -meters, one of the gang would telephone the wife to tell her I was on my way and would arrive in so much time. Some of the fellows even provided a phone patch and

Details of coil cover. Drill a $3 / \mathbf{a l ~}^{\prime \prime}$ dia. hole in top piece, centered $13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ from forward edge. 2" from side edges. Cut 2" corner wedges in side pieces as shown to avoid scraping against car body as the whip assembly swings while car is in motion. Parts are joined with liquid cement.
the wife was posted about my trip home by direct $Q S O$ from the apartment where she was waiting supper to the car speeding along the highway. ria ham radio.
All well and good, but the fly in this delicious ointment was my penchant for passing the driving time by working the mobile on 75 -meters for QSO's with the gang in the country, 20 -meter mobile for DX at the half way mark of the drive which took me along the Hudson River with its wonderful conditions for working out, and 10 -meter mobile for civilian defense, short skip. and city contacts. When you're highballing along the road and making good time, it's pretty annoying to have to stop the car to change bands. How nice it would be to just push a button instead of having to get up from behind the wheel with the tool kit in hand (maybe it's raining or snowing to add to the misery), unscrew the loading coil, screw in the next one, put the tools away, get back behind the wheel, tune up the rig, start the car, and continue along the way. This can become pretty exasperating, especially should the band drop out right after you've gone through this major operation. It could mean stopping and getting out and going through the whole horrible routine all over again.

After suffering that procedure for quite some unpleasant time and reacting to each necessary band change like most people do to changing a flat tire, I designed and built the unit shown in the accompanying photos and diagrams. It makes bandswitching from the driver's seat completely practicable. The device costs only about $\$ 12$. exclusive of the loading coils which all multi-band mobiles have anyway, It can be constructed
and put in operation in an afternoon's time.

There are available from some of the radio parts houses and surplus outlets 6-volt, impulse-operated, ratch-et-type rotary switches. These have shafts and long side bolts which fit standard ceramic switch wafers. Because we have never seen two mobiles exactly alike, each representing the likes and economies of the individual owner-operator, the type numbers of the parts used in W2LJU/mobile are unimportant here. The technique used in achieving the end result is the important thing and sufficient data is given here to guide you in your own construction of a similar unit.
We obtained four ceramic wafers to fit the 6 -volt switch. They are of the 3 -pole, 3 -position, non-shorting type. The 3 -pole, 3 -position wafers were chosen because of their physical construction which enables continuous rotary action, resulting in the cycle of band selection repeating itself automatically at every fourth impulse. Three of the switch wafers are connected in parallel and used for the r.f. section, contacting the loading coils. The fourth wafer is used for the remote indicator section at the dashboard of the car. The remote indicator is an aluminum box (steel will do as well) 4 " $\times 4$ " $x 2$ ". Located at the upper edge of the box, for convenience, is the bandswitching control for the loading coils. It is a spring return, push-to-make, single-circuit switch. This switch remotely actuates the 6volt ratchet unit at the whip. A group of three pilot lights is mounted at the edge of the $4^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ control box which is most easily seen by the operator seated behind the wheel. These indicate which of the three bands the whip is loaded for. This technique of identification makes it quite impossible to have the wrong loading coil "in"
for any band when the pilot lights indicate which is the correct one.

The setup, as we said carlier; at W2LJU/mobile was for 75,20 , and 10. No coil is necessary for 10 , of course. Loading coils are required for the other two bands. Therefore, as seen in the photographs, the two loading coils are screwed together, the lower frequency, or 75 -meter coil, at the top side. As shown in the schematic diagram, the 75 - and 20 -meter coils are in series when operating on 75. For 20 -meter operation, the 75 -meter coil is shorted out. For 10 -meters, both coils are shorted out. The photos and diagram show the wiring technique used. The whole thing is simplicity itself and non-critical in setting up.

For weather protection, a housing was fabricated of $1 / 4{ }^{\prime \prime}$ thick sheets of clear plastic. Lighter weight and opaque plastics will probably do just as well and are less expensive. The housing is slipped over the coils and switching mechanism after they have been screwed into the whip mounting in the usual way. The housing is held securely in place by the pressure of the whip screwed down into the top coil. If your loading coils are of the high " $Q$ " type, it may be necessary to trim them a turn or two to restore resonance to that portion of the band in which you intend to do your operating. Adjustments can be made to the coils by unscrewing the whip, lifting the plastic housing, and screwing the whip back onto the coils. The housing has no electrical effects on the coils and can be replaced on the coils when the final adjustments have been made.

This specific setup has been in operation for over a year now in all sorts of weather from high summer heat to winter freezes, and spring rains. Except for taking the pictures for this story, the housing has not once been removed not even for maintenance. It


Schematic and parts list covering the remote control for mobile loading coils.
has never failed to give us loyal and efficient service. Measurements with a diode type field strength meter show no measurcable difference in power radiation between the conventional one-coil-at-a-time method and this remote control bandswitching arrangement. This device has been an identification for W2LJU/mobile and has aroused considerable interest among hams who have seen it. And every one says, "Man, what luxury". - 30 -

The dashboard remote indicator housed in a $4^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ aluminum box. The panel lights show for which band whip is loaded.


Close-up view of the switching mechanism, Surplus parts are used and the entire construction costs less than 12 dollars.

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## PHOTOELECTRIC COUNTER

Construction details on
a simple "on-off" unit
to count interruptions
in steady beam of light.

0NE of the most fascinating members of the new transistor family is the phototransistor, a photosensitive device of amazing sensitivity with built-in transistor amplification. These units have recently become commercially available, and offer extremely interesting and varied possibilities to the electionic experimenter.
The authors will describe one of the gadgets they have made with this unit; the reader's ingenuity can easily extend these basic ideas to a host of similar projects. The device to be described is a portable phototransistorized photoelectric counter:*
The counter, shown in Figs. 1 and 2, is contained in the proverbial "black box." Fig. 2 is the circuit diagram.
The phototransistor is most easily understood by considering first the photodiode. The photodiode is a germanium crystal which behaves like an ordinary crystal diode, except that the back current depends on the amount of light falling on the sensitive region. The characteristic curves for a typical germanium photodiode are shown in Fig. 4. Note that the voltage and current are in the "back" direction-the direction of high resistance of the rectifier. In the phototransistor, the current of the photodiode is multiplied by thansistor action inside the crystal. Fig. 5 illustrates a typical characteristic curve for a phototransistor, showing the increased current sensitisity.

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## RESET KNOB

interrupted. This drain on the battery after the counter has done its job represents wasted power. The condenser, however, delivers a measured amount of energy on every count, just enough to do the job, irrespective of how long the beam is interrupted.

If greater sensitivity is desired, a transistor amplifier can be added, as shown in Fig. 3. A CK722 transistor will extend the operating distance by about three times; a CK721 or 2N34 by about five or six times. Adjust the "dark-current balance" control until the relay contacts open with no light on the phototransistor.
If desired, a photodiode can be substituted for the phototransistor in the circuit of Fig. 3; the performance will then be about the same as that of a phototransistor without the extra transistor amplifier. Because of the variability in transistor characteristics, some CK722's may not work well in the circuit of Fig. 3; all CK721's and 2N34's should be satisfactory.

The phototransistor used in this device was an X-25, n-p-n grown-junction type, manufactured by Transistor Products, Inc., Boston 35, Mass. The transistor amplifier shown in Fig. 3 used a CK721, $p-n-p$ diffused-junction type, made by Ruytheon Mumufacturing Co., Newton, Mass.

The collecting lens was a fifty-cent condensing lens 2 inches in diameter and 2.75 inches in focal length, available on the surplus market.

The relay was a 630 ohm, 5 milliwatt, Adrunce sensitive relay which happened to be available. A less expensive choice might be one of the sensitive relays now on the surplus market, having a resistance of several thousand ohms, and a sensitivity of about 20 milliwatts. The experimenter can make the relay more sensitive, if desired, by carefully decreasing the spring tension and the contact gap.

The only limitations on the choice of battery voltage and the relay are that the "light" current should close the relay, the "dark" current should let it open, and the voltage and dissipation on the phototransistor should not exceed 25 volts and 40 milliwatts respectively. If the reader wishes to calculate the proper values, he merely lays off a load line on the characteristic curve of Fig. 5, similar to the one illustrated there. One point of the line lies on the voltage axis at the battery voltage, $E$, and another point lies on the current axis at a current of $E / R$, where $R$ is the relay coil resistance. The load line is a straight line connecting these two points, and the circuit operates at point $A$ in the dark, and some point similar to $B$ in the light, the exact point depending on how much light is available. The example shown in Fig. 5 is for a six-volt battery and a 1000 ohm relay.

The authors found that two flashlight cells in series were sufficient to power their unit.

The counter used was a 110 volt a.c. unit operated at 45 volts d.c. from a $50 \mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser. A lower-voltage


Fig. 3. Circuit of counter with transistor amplifier and dark-current cancellation.
counter would have the advantage that it could use the same battery that powers the transistor and relay. The proper value of capacitance is found by experiment. Use the value that turns over all counter wheels simultaneously, e.g., going from 9999 to 0000 .

## Performance

Reliable operation can be obtained at distances of 25 feet with a flashlight as the light source. The device shows excellent rejection of ambient light. due to its high angular discrimination. and can be operated easily in bright sunlight. With a transistor amplifier, distances well over a hundred feet can be obtained from a flashlight source. The reader is encouraged to test the distance achievable with an automobile headlight but he is cautioned to be very careful when aiming the unit at large distances and keep in mind the tremendous directional sensitivity of the unit.

This photoelectric counter is easy to build and can be an interesting weekend project. It can also serve as an excellent introduction to the fastgrowing field of transistors and photosensitive semi-conductor devices.

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Fig. 7. Optical system with an off-axis light source and image.


# Camparison Methods for DETERMINING VOLTAGE 



Fig. 1. Bench setup showing arrangement of transmission line for v.h.f. work

## A simple method for matching a load to a transmission line or for determining if a load is correctly matched.

ACOMBINATION of high-quality television test equipment such as a sweep generator, a high-gain oscilloseope, and a demodulator probe or detector provides a quick and accurate means for matching impedances, determining voltage standing-wave ratios, and measuring line attenuation. The technique described in this article is based on the observation and measurement of voltage standing-wave ratios to determine impedance matches. A good match between a component or circuit under test and a transmis. sion line results in a v.s.w.r. approaching one. If the v.s.w.r. is not close to one, the circuit or component may be replaced by pure resistive loads having various values until the v.s.s.r. obtained with the original setup is duplicated; the impedance of the component or circuit may then be determined by direct measurement of the substitute resistive load.

## The Comparison Method

The complete physical arrangement of a suitable combination of test equip-

Fig. 2. Pattern produced by shorted line.



Fig. 3. Test equipment arrangement for determining impedance match by v.s.w.r.
ment is shown in Fig. 3. The output cable of the RCA WR-59C sweep generator is coupled to one end (input end) of the transmission line. The sweep generator must have good linearity and a constant output voltage over its frequency range. The input of an $R C A$ WG-291 demodulator probe or a simple detector is connected to the same end of the line. The output of the demodulator or detector is fed to the vertical input terminals of the $R C A$ WO-56A oscilloscope. The scope used in this method must have good linearity and good sensitivity.

If the impedance of the load and the characteristic impedance of the line are equal, the voltage which appears across the demodulator or detector is independent of the frequency. ${ }^{1}$ In other words, if there is a perfect match between the load and the line, the voltage does not change as the generator sweeps through its frequency range.

When the load impedance differs from the characteristic impedance of the line, however, the voltage across the detector or demodulator varies with a change in frequency. The amplitude of this variation is a function of the reflected voltage.
If the line is shorted at the output end, highest impedance appears across the input end of the line at frequencies at which the length of the line is an odd number of quarter-wavelengths. At these frequencies, therefore, maximum voltage develops across the demodulator or detector. Lowest impedance and minimum voltage appear at frequencies at which the line is an even number of quarter-wavelengths. Fig. 2 shows a typical pattern which may be observed on the oscilloscope. The number of voltage peaks in the waveform is directly proportional to the frequency swing of the generator and the length of the line.
This shorted-line method may be used to measure reflected voltage over a wide range of frequencies, provided that the vertical-amplifier gain control of the oscilloscope is adjusted initially so that the peak-to-peak amplitude of the waveform is equal to ten divisions on the screen of the scope. If the cable is then terminated by a load, the vertical distance between the maximum and minimum peaks of the waveform represents the rellected voltage. For example, a waveform having an amplitude of one division represents a reflected voltage equal to ten per-cent of the incident voltage over the range of frequencies covered.

Attenuation in the line may also be measured, provided the sweep generator has blanking of the sweep oscillator so that a zero base line can be observed on the scope. If there are no losses in the line, the reflected wave equals the incident wave, and the voltage minimum is coincident with the
zero base line. The distance from the zero base line to the voltage minimum therefore provides a measure of the attenuation due to losses in the line. Care must be used in this method to prevent the existence of any large degree of reactance at the shor't itself. To make an effective short for 300 -ohm line, it is convenient to strip back the line about onc-half inch and twist the leads together. For coaxial lines, it is better to strip back the inner polycthylene insulation about one-quarter inch and short the outside braid directly to the inner conductor.

When measurements are made at v.h.f., the transmission line should be 75 to 100 feet long. 300 -ohm line may be wound around a cardboard box, a packing carton. or any low-dielectric form. The spacing between the turns should be equal to or greater than the width of the line being used, as shown in Fig. 1. Coaxial cable may be placed in any convenient location without regard to spacing between turns.

For most applications in which the frequency is below 216 megacycles, the detector or demodulator used in the measurements may be an RCA WG-291 demodulator probe or a simple detector such as that shown in Fig. 5A. An alternate detector for balanced input is shown in Fig. 5B. Either of these detectors may be constructed on a whenolic board $1 / 1 ;$-inch thick.

The cntire test sctup may be checked by the connection of a ${ }_{4}^{1 /-w a t t}$ or $1 / 2$-watt carbon resistor, having the same value as the line impedance, directly across the termination or output end of the line. The line connection to the resistor leads must be made in the area directly adjacent to the body of the resistor. The pattern observed on the sereen of the oscilloscope should be similar to that shown in Fig. 6. It may be necessary to try several resistors having the same nominal value as the line before a good match is obtained because of variations in the resistance values and in the characteristic impedance of the line due to manufacturers' tolerances. When a good match has been obtained, the characteristic impedance of the line may be determined by measurement of the resistor.

## Use of Comparison Method

The application of this method to the determination of impedance matches can best be illustrated by an example. If it is desired to deternine the mat ch of a 300 -ohm transmission line to a television tuner, the tuner is connected as the load in the arrangement shown in Fig. 3. In this case, because the effect of the match is limited to a bandwidth of 4.5 megacycles, a television calibrator such as the RCA WR39 C is used in conjunction with the sweep generator and the oscilloscope. The calibrator is loosely coupled to the input end of the line. Sec Fig. 7.
'The sweep generator is set to the same frequency as the television tuner. Fig. 8 shows typical traces produced on the screen of the scope, represent-


Fig. 4. Simplified block diagram shows the arrangement of test equipment for matching a transmission line to an antenna.
ing a good match and a mismatch. respectively. The efficiency of the match may be determined from the standingwave ratio, as follows:
Efficiency $=($ r.s.w.r. -1$) /($ v.s.w.r. +1$)$ where: r.s.u.r. $=E_{:} / E_{\mathrm{I}}$

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\begin{aligned}
& E_{z}=\text { peak of reflected wave } \\
& E_{1}=\text { valley of reflected wave }
\end{aligned}
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A similar arrangement may be used to determine the transformation ratio of a matching transformer. The primary of the transformer is connected as the load, and resistors are sthbstituted across the secondary until a $\tau$.s.u.I: of unity is obtained.

This arrangement is also useful in the matching of a transmission line to an antenna. In the case of a two-element array, for example, the sweep generator and demodulator are connected to the same end of the line as the receiver or transmitter, and the antenna is connected as the load. A good mateh is obtained by adjustment of the spacing between the two elements of the antenna to give a resur.i. as close to unity as possible. See Fig. 4.

The techmique described in this article is simple, and the instruments are readily avalable. Accuracy of the mothod is within ten per-cent of that obtained using a slotted-line technique. The engineer or technician willing to spend the fow minutes nocessary to set up the equipment will find this method extremely useful.

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Fig. 8. Tube loading effect across the antenna circuit of a TV tuner. (Top) The tuner presents a good match to the antenna over the passband as indicated by the two marks. This is the condition with the fila. ments turned on and " $B+$ " applied to the circuit. (Bottom) Trace with the power removed from the tuner and the reactive components of the tuner circuit less tube grid loading causing a mismatch. This shows that the input transformer is prop. erly designed for the type of tube used in this circuit. i.e.. the grid circuit applies a resistive component across the anienna transformer so as to effect a good match from the 300 -ohm input to the tube.


Fig. 5. (A) Detector circuit for use with test equipment shown in Fig. 1. (B) $A$ detector circuit for a balanced input.


Fig. 6. Oscilloscope pattern produced by a 300 - hm line terminated by 330.0 hm resistor.


Fig. 7. How a television calibrator is coupled to the input end of transmission line.



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Part l. A survey of the interference problem, eliminating

r.f. at the source, shielding, and grounding procedures.

RADIO-FREQUENCY interference with electronic equipment is a problem as old as radio. The various broadcast and communications services may interfere with each other and, in turn, may suffer interference from household appliances and industrial equipment. As a result, a large body of literature has accumulated on this general subject, augmented by comparatively recent work done to reduce interference in and to television receivers. In this latter connection, there is an excellent summary of corrective measures for $T V$ in a recent Remington Remd publication'.
The present article discusses r.f. interference with audio equipment. This is a phase of the general problem which has received little attention in the literature, at least in this country, and which is becoming increasingly important with the rapid growth of the audio field. The gear subject to r.f. interference includes broadcast audio facilities. tape and disc recorders, motion picture sound systems, high-fidelity home music layouts, public address equipment, intercoms, and other installations operating in the audio spectrum. Some of the remedies listed herein are peculiar to audio systems; others include standard shielding and grounding practices and other general interference suppression techniques.
It should be noted that a well-designed and carefully installed professional plant, such as a recording or broadcast audio facility, should experience little trouble with r.f. interference from transmitters, even in the presence of strong radio frequency fields. However, not all installations approach the ideal, and not many non-professional audio devices, such as home tape recorders and music systems, are designed $u$ "ith "built-in" automatic inter-
ference protection. It is hoped these articles will be useful for affected gear in both categories.

The r.f. interference may be heard in the earphones or speaker as the actual transmission of a broadcast or communications transmitter, or as various noises such as clicks, pops, whines, "hash," etc. The familiar radio elements-radiation fand/or conduction), detection, and amplification-are present when this occurs. The fact that the audio gear may have no front end or tuner as such is, alas, no bar to the excellent reception of unwanted r.f.

Radio frequency energy is generated not only by transmitters, but also by motor and generator brushes, household light switches, relay contactors, heating appliance thermostats, and sometimes by the innocent-appearing lamp bulb. The ares and sparks of some of these devices are essentially oscillatory discharges which create wavetrains of many frequencies. Other possible sources of r.f. noise include the older type of diathermy machines, induction furnaces, and r.f. test equipment. Microphone cables, phonograph cartridge leads, d.c. power supply wiring, and a.c. power lines act as antennas which pick up r.f. from the sources mentioned and re-radiate or conduct it to associated audio equipment. The a.c. lines may also conduct r.f. directly from source equipment to audio facilities. The tendency of rarious kinds of conductors to collect radio frequency energy is shown by the fact that it is possible, under certain critical conditions, for the long wires carrying the firing current for blasting caps to collect enough r.f. to detonate the cap and set off the explosive charge. ${ }^{2}$ Getting back to audio, r.f. may also be picked up by inductive elements like amplifier input trans-
formers. Somewhere in the system, rectification takes place in a nonlinear element. The demodulated energy is then amplified along with the wanted signal. There are two main ways of eliminating or reducing this trouble. One is to prevent it at the source--in other words, the prevention of radiation and/or conduction. The other way is to get rid of the interference after it arrives at the audio gear.

## Elimination at Source

The first step, of course, is to identify the source of the interference. This may take some doing unless the offending agency is a broadcast station or other generator whose signal is recognizable. For pin-pointing other sources of r.f., the characteristics of the offending sound may offer clues. A whining noise which occasionally changes pitch suggests a motor or generator with speed varying under changing loads. "Hash" may be due to fluorescent lights or to small a.c./d.c. appliances like shavers or fans. Clicks and pops at irregular intervals may be caused by light and power switches. Other characteristics such as time of day, frequency of the interfering voltage, and rate of repetition may further narrow down the possibilities. In smaller buildings where this is practicable, all lighting and power circuits, except the a.c. feed to the audio gear, can be turned off and restored one by one until the noise reappears. The famil:ar tracing technique of using a receiver with an electrostatically shielded loop antenna as an exploring coil sometimes brings results. ${ }^{3}$ So does a wavemeter and also an ingenious and easilybuilt neon bulb gadget called an "r.f. sniffer," ${ }^{4}$ in the presence of fairly strong fields. Having located the origin of the trouble, it may be possible to reduce or eliminate the difficulty by one or more of the following measures, which are standard "suppression-at-the-source" techniques used for r.f. protection of various types of electronic gear.

1. Supply a.c. power to the offending equipment through r.f. filters, or use bypass or feedthrough condensers. This prevents radio frequency energy from being carried away from the source equipment by the power lines which
may conduct it or re-radiate it to audio systems. Fig. 1 shows a filter of this type.
2. Induction heating furnaces and some r.f. test gear may require shielded rooms to prevent excessive radiation, even when properly operated and individually well shielded.
3. Keep the negative brush lead on d.c. motors as short as possible. ${ }^{5}$
4. Check with utility company on the possibility of insulators on nearby high-tension lines causing interference. Even if the insulator is not cracked, any roughness on its surface may cause breakdown of the air over that area and cause corona discharge. Low-voltage circuits from the same or adjacent poles may pick up the radiated disturbance and conduct or re-radiate it to audio gear in the building served. ${ }^{5}$
5. Check for "stuttering" thermostats or defective contacts in heating appliances, and chattering power relays that fail to close their contacts firmly.
6. Switches for lighting and power circuits can cause interference by their arcs. This is especially true of heavily inductive circuits. These may be suppressed by $R C$ or $L C$ filters. ${ }^{\text {. }}$
7. Connect condensers from motor and generator brushes to ground or frame, keeping condenser leads as short as possible to reduce radiation. Note that condensers so used may constitute a shock hazard on ungrounded devices. Safety considerations generally limit the size of the condenser to $.1 \mu \mathrm{fd}$., and the degree of suppression obtainable by this means is therefore limited accordingly. 6.7 The local electric code authority can be of help on this point.
8. Incandescent bulbs of the roughservice type, old style tungsten lamps with " $W$ " filament ${ }^{8}$, and even miniature panel pilot lights: may generate very annoying disturbances.
9. Neon bulbs used in oscillator circuits may cause r.f. interference.
10. Fluorescent lamps are a familiar source of trouble and can sometimes be suppressed by a small plug-in type filter inserted in the wall socket supplying the lamp. A typical unit of this type is the Cormell-Dubilier "Quietone" IF-6. In aggravated cases, chokes, condensers, or filters like the Mallory Z8A may be installed in the internal circuits of the lamp. It may also be helpful to move the ballast reactor closer to the lamp to shorten the internal wiring and thereby reduce radiation. ${ }^{6}$ It should be noted that fluorescent lamp interference is of ten unpredictable. Not all lamps of an identical type will give trouble, and a particular unit may interfere at some times and not at others. It has been the writer's experience that fluorescent lights should not be used in broadcast and recording studios, although there are numerous installations in which they are used successfully.
11. Neon signs are potential causes of trouble if their high-voltage leads have poor connections and/or are not well shielded. All metal portions of the
sign, the transformer housing, and the wiring shields should be bonded together and grounded. ${ }^{6}$
12. Mercury rectifier tubes can be silenced by condensers between the positive terminal and ground, and by r.f. chokes in the positive lead.
13. When the number of interfering sources and the number of affected audio installations warrants the cost, the use of the Aerovox type ANL37 interference analyzer may simplify selection of the proper type of filter for a.c. power lines.
14. In case of interference from the stepping relays of private automatic telephone exchanges, the telephone company should be asked to install filters.
15. For detailed data on locating and suppressing r.f. interference sources, the reader is referred to G. L. Stephens' excellent volume ${ }^{6}$ from which some of the prevention-at-the-source material in this article was obtained.

## Suppression at Audio Gear

While it is certainly desirable to eliminate interference at the source, there are numerous occasions when this is difficult or impossible, as for example, in the case of a broadcast transmitter. Remedies must therefore be applied to the affected audio equipment. These include treatment of audio and power lines, modification of circuits, substitution of special components, and most important of all, careful analysis of the shielding and grounding of the entire audio system. In this connection, it bears repeating that r.f. interference from transmitters should be no problem in a professional audio facility if it is carefully designed and installed in accordance with the best broadcast and/or recording standards. The following data includes design and installation precautions of good engineering practice as well as what might be called "bruteforce" remedies. The distinction between the two approaches, and the applicability to non-professional equipment of the various measures described, should be obvious from the text.

Faced with an existing r.f. interference problem, the first thing to do is to find out what element in the system is acting as the antenna or the pickup


Fig. 1. Filter used to prevent high-frequency industrial equipment from feeding r.f. to a.c. supply line. May also be used in the a.c. leads of audio gear to keep out r.f. conducted along the power line. Inductance values refer to the Ohmite Z.20, 5 ampere power-line choke, in which two $7 \mu \mathrm{hy}$. windings are on a single ceramic core. Suppression range includes the b.c. band and extends upward to 15 or 20 mc . Whether condensers are to be on the line side or the load side of the chokes should be determined by trial. Circuit by Ohmite.
coil-the audio wiring, the power cables, or circuit components. An audio pair can be checked by determining whether the interference ceases when the pair is disconnected from its destination across which an equivalent load resistor has been shunted. Inductive elements acting as pickup coils-transformers, filters, and equalizers-can sometimes be located by circuit tracing with a crystal or diode probe feeding a high-gain amplifier. The r.f. pickup and rectification may occur in the same element, or each phenomenon may take place at a different point. In the latter case. the effective point of rectification will be farther along toward the system output. This point may be determined by applying the input of a test amplifier with a shielded audio probe successively to various circuit or chassis components and wiring joints, working back from the system output until the interference disappears. This procedure should be used with caution, to make sure the application of test leads to high impedance circuits does not of itself cause noise, hum, and other interference. Having determined the circuits and/or components involved, the measures described herein may be applied. These are grouped under the headings "Shielding and Grounding" (in this article), "Lines and Cables," "Amplifiers and Power Supplies," "Prevention of Rectification," and "Miscellancous Remedies" (in Part 2).
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Fig. 2. (A) The r.f. voltage appears between ground and long " $B$-" leads and is coupled to preamplifier proper through stray capacities such as C. (B) Remedy is to ground low side of input transformer secondary to preampinfier chassis and remove ground from power supply to prevent ground loop. Circuit from the book "Elements of Sound Recording" by Frayne and Wolfe, John Wiley \& Sons.



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THE preface to this column has been used as a sounding board by me, for many purposes. Quite often I let off steam about this or that subject which I feel is not in the best interests of music and high fidelity sound. Sometimes I damn and othertimes, I praise. In all of this I hope I have been at least entertaining and informative, and perhaps, even helpful. You know, help is a funny thing. Some people can't get enough of it, others resent the whole idea, still others east a eynical and jaundiced eye towards anyone who presumes to offer help. Well, as I've said before, some people like vanilla and some like chocolate. Since the basic premise of this column is to be helpful, I'll try to meet this obligation to the best of my ability.

Recently I enjoyed a conducted tour of the Pickering magnetic cartridge plant in Occanside, Long Island. It was a most interesting experience to say the least. I was amazed at the amount of precision work that goes into the manufacture of a magnetic pickup. As is common in most electronic manufacturing plants, most of the delicate work is performed by women. The dexterity of some of these women was fascinating to watch as they wound minute coils, or positioned styli. My reason for mentioning this visit, is beeause of something I learned which may be helpful to those of you who happen to use Pickering cartridges. It seems that there has been a change in the output voltage in recent models of the 120 and 140 series pickups. A little over a year ago, it was found that the 70 millivolt output of the original model cartridge would cause some distortion when used with some of the newer models of front-ends and preamps. This is due to the fact that the phono channels on these units have a gain of over 48 db . To correct for this, the output of the 120 and 140 series eartridges was dropped to 50 millivolts. The output of the new 260 turnover unit is 30 millivolts and presents no problems. So, if you are the owner of a late model preamp and an "older" Pickering cartridge, try putting a resistance across the terminals and see if it sounds any different to you. It is certainly not a serious problem, and one which is easily solved. I shall try to
find out the serial number which ended the use of the higher output coil in the pickups, and pass it on to you.

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 Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra conducted ly Antai Dorati. Mereury "Olympian" MG50030, AES curve. Price $\$ 5.95$.I'm going to make some pretty strong statements in this review, so I'd like a few things understood. (A) I do not own any stock in Mercury Records. (B) I am not married to the daughter of the chief recording engineer, nor am I a cousin of Antal Dorati. (C) I am under no compulsion or duress and the material contained herein is the product of my own free will.

Having thus unburdened myself, I can proceed with the business at hand. To wit: I think this is the greatest recording since the invention of the phonograph! Yes, you heard me right! Of all the countless thousands of recordings I have heard, this is positively the last word. Let us examine this marvel and see wherein lies its greatness.
It would be difficult to single out one particular element as the significant contribution to its superiority. Any "favorite" or "best" recording is, of course, a reflection of an individual's taste in repertoire, conductors, and performance, and the technical qualifieations. It also goes without saying that "one man's meat is another man's poison." Even when a majority of so-called "experts" agree that such and such a recording is the "best," there will be legions of dissenters for one or another reasons. A person can be told about a certain Becthoven 5th. that has the finest performance and sound. But if that person doesn't like the Beethoven 5th, what cares he for the recording's other qualities? Or this person may love the Beethoven 5th, but can't stand this particular performance or sound. And so ad infinitum. The ideal of course, is a magical amalgam of all three pre-requisites. As far as I am concerned this recording comes closest to realizing this ideal. I freely admit I'm prejudiced in favor of the

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work itself. I've been fascinated and thrilled with this controversial score ever since I heard it in Europe many years ago. What there is about the music that is so compelling is hard to put your finger on. Sure, it is programmatic. But its "primitiveness" stems more from the music itself than from the program ascribed to it. Indeed, with the advent of Disney's "Fantasia" we were shown an entirely new programmatic concept of the score. This is provocative music and it has its private meanings in everyone's private little world. In matters of performance, this version is almost totally different in concept than the other available recordings. Mr. Dorati has realized a particular ambition with this recording, having "pointed" towards conducting "Le Sacre" ever sinee he was signed for the Mercury "Olympian Scries." To this end, he has programmed "Le Sacre" as part of the regular conecert repertoire of the Minneapolis Symphony, for the past sereral years. All this careful planning and enthusiastic anticipation has resulted in a performance which is absolutely overwhelming in its impact. In a score which is notable in itself for the generation of excitement, this reading is a blood-tingling, nerve-shattering experience.
Throughout the work, Dorati $\mathrm{cm}-$ phasizes the rhythmic elements which is as it should be. From the Introduction to the "Dances of the Adolescents," and on through the "Game of Abduction" and "Spring Rounds." Dorati drives his men at an almost frenetie tempo. But for all this headlong pace and blazing intensity, the score remains completely articulate. There is no blur or fusion of important polytonalities or polyrhythms. The remainder of the reading from the "Pagan Night" to the final "Sacrificial Dance" is unbelievable. Dorati and his orchestra give an absolutely stunning display of virtuosity. The incredibly difficult polyrhythms of the "Sacrificial Dance" are negotiated without a single "flurp"! From a comparative viewpoint, Dorati's reading is most closely paralleled by that of Stravinsky himself. Strangely, the authenticity usually aseribed to composer-conducted readings, is not fully realized in the Stravinsky recording. Dorati has taken one further step in the direction of rhythm and balance which makes his reading altogether unique.
Now for the all important question of sound: Nothing in my entire experience with recorded music has ever impressed me so much. This is the cleanest. most distortion-frec, most beautifully balaneed sound in phonographic history! From every possible aspect, this recording wins hands down. Dynamic range? Unbelievably wide. Frequency response? Only the most advanced equipment will do it full justice. You will hear sounds in this recording. you probably thought were impossible to engrave on a dise. Stratospheric, piereing piccolos and flutes. (Contimued on puge 121)


「HE Crosley "Super-V' represents a completely new design in small, compact television receivers which compares in sensitivity and performance to the larger models. This article will discuss the changes, problems, and features of the "Super-V" chassis which are of interest and importance to the service technician.

A full complement of circuits are used in the "Super-V" receiver. Although only 15 tubes are used, six of them are double tubes and one is a multipurpose tube; thus, this chassis is equivalent circuit-wise to a receiver using 23 single tubes. The sensitivity of the "Super- $V$ " is high, eliminating nuisance calls and performance problems inherent in any receiver designed with a limited sensitivity.

One of the most striking differences in the "Super-V" from the service standpoint is the mechanical changes brought about by the radically new vertical chassis design. The chassis slips over the neck of the picture tube, much like a deflection yoke or focus coil, as shown in Fig. 1. A large circular opening in the center of the chassis provides adequate clearance for the neck of the picture tube, and permits the chassis to be mounted in a position in front of the deflection yoke in a plane parallel to the face of the picture tube. The tube sockets and circuit components are mounted on the chassis in the area surrounding the circular opening. This arrangement permits a small, compact design without crowding the components or eliminating essential circuitry. The chassis and picture tube are independently mounted on the wood baseboard, which is also used as the bottom of the cabinet.

The tuning, volume-on-off, contrast,

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"Super-V" 15-tube TV set with a vertical chassis.

horizontal hold, and vertical hold controls are located on the side of the cabinet. The brightness, vertical linearity, and vertical size controls are inside, on the chassis, as shown in Fig. 2.

The chassis layout in the "Super$V^{\prime \prime}$ is ideal from the tube-changing standpoint. All tubes are on the back
side of the chassis and are readily accessible by removing the back of the cabinet. It is possible to see right down into the tube-socket pin holes. Note: Turn off the set before removing any of the tubes.

The cabinet is designed to fit over the chassis and tube assembly like a bonnet, as shown in Fig. 6. It is held

Fig. 2. Rear view of the "Super-V" chassis with the back of the cabinet and the high.voltage cage cover removed. Note accessibility of tubes and adjustments.


to the chassis mounting board with four $5 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ hex head machine bolts which extend up through the bottom, two on each side, and three wood screws. One of the wood screws is located in the bottom front, the other two are in the rear corner blocks. To remove the cabinet, take off the back and antenna terminal board, remove or disconnect the speaker, and take out the mounting screws. The lightweight cabinet is easy to handle and, once it is removed, most of the circuit components
and the circuitry are exposed to view
" $B+$ " and Heater Circuits
The block diagram of the "B+" and heater circuitry used in the "Super$\mathrm{V}^{\prime \prime}$ chassis is shown in Fig. 4. A good general working knowledge of this block diagram is very important to any television service technician in tracking down symptoms and locating troubles in the " $\mathrm{B}+$ " and heater circuits. Starting with the a.c. power plug, note that one side of the a.c.
line passes through the interlock connector and through the "on-off" switch directly to the chassis, which is used for the common electrical ground. This makes the chassis "hot." Since, in most cases, one side of the power line is grounded, the chassis will be either at ground potential or 117-volts a.c. above ground, depending on which way the power plug is inserted into the a.c. outlet. To eliminate the shock hazard associated with this arrangement, take care when working on the chassis to

Table 1. Alignment procedure for the video i.f. and sound circuits of the Crosley 426 "Super.V" TV chassis.

| STEP | SIGNAL GENERATOR |  | OUTPUT NDICATOR | CONNECT TO | ADJUST | remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | frequency | CONNECT TO |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 24.4 mc . | Test point 2 on tuner through a. $01-\mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser | V.T.V.M. | Junction of $\boldsymbol{R}_{118}$ and $C_{11}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{101}$ for maximum | Limit generator output to give less than - 2 volt reading Put -3 v. on a.g.c. |
| 2 | 22.9 mc. | Same as above | Same as above | Same as above | $L_{103}$ (rear slug) for maximum | Use first peak from Tinnerman-clip end of coil |
| 3 | 21.9 mc . | Same as above | Same as above | Same as above | $L_{103}$ (front slug) for minimum | Use first null from coil form end. Adjust input level to give at least .5 -volt null |
| 4 | Repeat steps 2 and 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 25.5 mc . | Same as above | Same as above | Same as above | $L_{\text {loy }}$ for maximurn |  |
| 6 | 25.1 mc . | Same as above | Same as above | Same as above | $L_{101}$ (front slug) for maximum | Use first peak from Tinnerman-clip end of coil |
| 7 | 27.9 mc . | Same as above | Same as above | Same as above | $L_{101}$ (rear slug) for minimum | Use first null from coil form end. Disregard this step if 27.9 mc. trap has not been added |
| 8 | 25.1 mc. | Test point 1 on tuner | Same as above | Same as above | $L_{9}$ (brass screw) for maximum | Connect a 100 -ohm resistor in series with a $1000-\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser across $L_{101}$ |
| 9 | 25 mc. center frequency 10 mc. sweep | Raised tube shield of $\mathbf{V}_{8}$ (6J6) and chassis | Oscilloscope | High side of $\mathrm{R}_{120}$ contrast control and chassis | All i.f. slugs for curve below: | Set contrast control at minimum |
| This step is not required in the alignment procedure but is useful as an over-all i.f. check. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SOUND ALIGNMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | $\begin{aligned} & 4.5 \text { mc. } 400 \mathrm{cps} \\ & \text { a mplitude } \\ & \text { modulated } \\ & \text { (300\% or } \\ & \text { greater) } \end{aligned}$ | Pin 8 of $\mathrm{V}_{104}$ | Oscilloscope | Pin 11 of CRT through detector probe | $\mathrm{L}_{102}$ (rear slug) for minimum | Set tuner to unused channel |
| 11 | Tune in local TV station |  |  |  | $L_{100}$ for maximum sound output | Set "buzz control" ( $R_{132}$ ) one-quarter turn from clockwise stop |
| 12 |  |  |  |  | $L_{111}$ and $\mathrm{L}_{109}$ (front slug) for maximum sound output | If signal in area is too strong to obtain peaks, remove antenna temporarily |
| 13 |  |  |  |  | "Buzz control," $R_{132}$, for minimum noise \& $\mathrm{L}_{100}$ for maximum sound | Signal must be weak to allow noise (hash) to come through |



Fig. 4. Block diagram of the "B+" and heater circuits of the "Super-V" chassis.
keep clear of any externally grounded conductors such as antenna leads, water pipes, ground test leads, and other TV chassis.

The other side of the a.c. line passes through the interlock and branches out into two circuits. One goes through the "fusistor" to the half-wave voltage doubler rectifier circuit. The "fusistor" is used as both a fuse, which opens on a direct short or overload, and current-limiting resistor, which limits the maximum current which can flow through the input condenser, $C_{13 n}$, during the initial charging period, i.e., when the set is first turned on. This protects both the condensers and sclenium rectifiers. The bottom rectifier, $S R_{m,}$, conducts on the negative peak of the a.c. input and develops +135 volts across its terminals. (The amplitude of the rectified voltage is dependent on the " $\mathrm{B}+$ " load and is less than the input peak voltage. in
this case, $1.41 \times 117$ rolts or 165 rolts.) On the positive peak, the top rectifier, $S R_{103}$, conducts and develops an output of +135 volts. Since the two voltages are in series across the output condenser, $C_{100+}$, they add to produce a total of approximately 270 volts for the "B+" supply.

The output from the doubler circuit is passed through the filter, choke $L_{\mid m, ~}$ and condensers $C_{133 / 8}$ and $C_{1 m b}$, which eliminates most of the hum component. The +260 -volt supply provides the basic power requirements for all the " $B+$ " circuits in the receiver. Some tubes such as the sound detector, video amplifier, horizontal oscillator, and a.f.c. are operated directly off the +260 -volt "B + ". However, the tubes in the r.f., i.f.. and syne circuits must be operated on a lower voltage and are. therefore. connected (in a parallel string) in series with the audio output tube across the +260 -

Fig. 5. Schematic diagram of the v,h.f. turret tuner using a pentode r.f, amplifier. The test points indicated are used in the alignment procedure of Table 1 ,

volt " $\mathrm{B}+$ " circuit. In normal operation, the 25 L 6 output tube is selfbiased to a point which places approximately +150 volts at its cathode. This is the " $B+$ " voltage required by the other tubes. The a.c. coupling and interaction between the circuits is kept to a minimum by using the two $200-\mu \mathrm{fd}$. bypass filter condensers, $C_{1: 2 \pi}$ and $C_{\text {uoc. }}$.

The horizontal and vertical amplifiers, requiring a higher voltage than the 260 volts available from the " $B+$ " supply, obtain 480 volts from the " $\mathrm{B}+$ " boost circuit, as in most conventional receivers.

The other lead from the a.c. line is connected through the "tube life extender" resistor $R_{133}$, to the high side of the heaters which are, in turn, connected in a combination series-parallel circuit, as shown in Fig. 4. The "tube life extender" resistor limits the amount of current flowing in the heater circuit when the set is turned on. The current-limiting resistor is needed because the resistance of the tube heaters is much less when cold than when hot. The high resistance of the cur-rent-limiting resistor when it is cold is sufficient to limit the amount of heater current which can flow when the set is first turned on, thus effectively eliminating the high-current surges which would otherwise shorten the life of the tube heaters.

Tubes in the receiver should not be pulled out while the set is turned on. A glance at the heater circuit will show that some of the tube heaters are shunted by either a resistor or another tube. Therefore, should one of the parallel tubes such as $V_{\text {thi, }}, V_{1}$, or $V_{102}$ be pulled out while the set is on, the tube that is left is foreed to carry the entire load, placing an excessive strain on its heater. Should $V_{3} V_{1 m,}$ $V_{\text {inn }}$ or $V_{\text {ins }}$ be removed while the set is turned on, it will result in an excessive amount of current being forced through the associated shunt resistor, which may cause it to change value or otherwise destroy its usefulness. (Note: In later production receivers. the three 43 -ohn resistors have been replaced by one 126 -ohm, 10 -watt resistor.)

## Tuners

The "Super-V" employs a Standurd Coil turret tuner with a pentode r.f. amplifier: (See Fig. 5.) It can be field converted to receive u.h.f. by replacing unused v.h.f. strips with u.h.f, strips. This chassis is also available with a factory installed continuouscoverage u.h.f. tuner, shown in Fig, 7. which converts u.h.f. signals to channel 5 or 6 . The u.h.f. tuner is also available with a complete set of instructions for field conversion, and is recommended for fringe-area reception or wherever full channel coverage is desired.
The u.h.f. tuner employs the same double-conversion system used in previous models. It is, however, a new design and employs several interesting features. New pin-type u.h.f. an-
tenna connections are used because it was found that during the develop. ment and field testing of the w.h.f. tuner, conventional serew-type antenna terminals in a 300 -ohm balanced line represented a considerable discontinuity which resulted in a poor voltago standing-wave ratio. The conventional screw terminals are satisfactory for r.h.f. reception.

The oscillator in the converter oper. ates approximately 82.5 me . below the u.h.f. channel frequeney to which it is tuned, producing an $82.5-\mathrm{me}$. i.f. signal. This is pieked up on the "Super$V^{\prime \prime}$ by setting the wh.f. tuner on either channel 5 or 6

The u.h.f. variable tuning unit is composed of three silver-plated. semicireular rings which aet as one-quarter wave tuned lines: two for the r.f. preselector, one for the oscillator. The end inductors $L_{1}, L_{\text {i }}$, and $L_{\text {. }}$ isec Fig. 7, are formed by making a loop in the connceting lead on condensers $C_{1}, C_{\text {s. }}$. and $C_{\text {w... }}$ respectively. The converter is aligned on the high end of the hand hy adjusting the size and shape of these loops. The preselector is aligned on the low end by adjusting condensers $C_{4}$ and $C_{n}$. The oscillator is aligned on the low end by varying $C$.
A 6 T4 u.h.f. oscillator triode is used in a modified Colpitts grounded-plate circuit. The output of the oscillator is inductively coupled to the mixer cireuit by means of the loop formed in the lead which passes through the hole in the oscillator shield and connects the oscillator grid. pin 6, to the . 1 $\mu \mu \mathrm{f}$. blocking condenser, $C_{1 \text { I- }}$ Moving this loop toward $C$ increases the oscil-lator-to-mixer coupling, and moving it away decreases it.
There is, in some cases, an appreciable variation in the amount of crystal capacity between crystals of the same type. For this reason. it is usually best when replacing the 1 N82 erystal to try three or more different ones. Particular care should be exercised to make sure the crystal contaets are clean and that they make good contact in the socket clips. For best results, the crystal current should not fall below 0.4 milliampere or execed 5 milliamperes at any point in the tuning range as measured at the test point (T.P.).
The i.f. signal developed in the erystal mixer cireuit is amplified in the 6 BK 7 A cascode amplifier before it is coupled through the function switch. $S W_{1}$, to the v.h.f. tuner input. The double-tuned broadhand i.f. input transformer ( $T_{1}$ ) is aligned at the eenter frequency of 82.5 mc . The function switeh ( $S W_{1}$ ) is used both to switch the antenna connections and to control the " $B+$ " to the u.h.f. converter.
To facilitate the construction and testing of u.h.f. units with available u.h.f. signal generator cquipment, the u.h.f. tuner is designed with a 50 -ohm single-ended input impedance. In order to match this input to a standard 300 ohm antenna system, an impedancematching network called a balun is used ( $C A_{1}$ in Fig. 7.) Shown in Fig. 9A, it consists of two picees of 125 -ohm


Fig. 6. Chassis removal is rapid and exposes all tubes and components for servicing.
transmission line, each cut to a quar-tel-wavelength near the center of the u.h.f. band. The fwo sections are conneeted in parallel at the 50 -ohm (tuner) end and in series at the 300ohm (antenna) end, as shown in Fig. 9 B .

## Video I.F. and Amplifier

The three-tube video i.f. circuit is similar to the one used in other Crosley models. A broadband circuit cm ploying low-side capacitive coupling is used betworen the mixer and the 1st i.f. amplifier. (See Fig. 3.) The sories circuit formed by $L_{5}$ and $C_{11}$ consitutes
an effective filter which suppresses the oscillator energy present in the mixer plate circuit. This is an important factor in kerping oscillator radiation to a minimum so as to eliminate interference with other TV sets.

Service technicians in aroas plagued with adjacent channel interference will be interested in learning that a 27.9 me. adjacentchannel trap is available which can be rasily installed and adjusted without removing the cabinet. This trap is a small coil and condenser assombly conneseted towether to form a parallel1Confimued on proge 108।

Fig. 7. Schematic diagram of the continuous-type u.h.f. tuner available with the "Super-V" chassis either factory installed or for field installation. The dial cord stringing guide in the lower righthand corner should be followed exactly.


## 1954 TV RECEIVER SPECFIFCATIONS

Continuation of the list of mechanical and electrical specifications on new TV sets for service technicians, See next issue for additional listings.


[^4] safety glase. 6. Local-fringe a.g.c. adjustment. 7. High-fidelity sound. 8, Aluminized picture tube. 9. TV-radio-phono combination. 10, Euilt-in antenna. 11. 82-channel tuner. 12. Adjustable dial light. *Part of tube is used in anothor section.


WHEN this month's column was prepared, a few stations had not yet gone on summer schedules; in such cases, you may find summer schedules one hour eurlier than listed herein.

Albania-Radio Tirana, 7.852 A , noted with news 1400. (Pearce, England) Heard in English 1745-1800. (Eriksson, Sweden) More recently noted with English 1700-1730 closedown. (Cox, Dela.)

Algerit - Rudio Algerie, 6.160, is heard best in France around 1300. (La Radio Mondiale. France)

Andorva-Radio Andorra, 5.990A, has French, Spanish programs 0630-0900, 1230-1900. (ISWC, London) Measured recently as 5.988 at 1725. (Ferguson. N. C.)

Anglo-Egyptian Sulan-Rudio Omdurman, 4.995, noted 1340 with Arabic music; 1350 with Arabic news. (Pearce, England)

Angola - Anglado, Miss., reports CR6R0, 7.580 A , heard 1300-1400, and Radio Clube de Benguela, 5.042, at 1700. Luanda, 11.862 , noted daily from around 1300 to sign-off 1730 , good level in Minn. (Rowell) CR6RG, Rudio Diamang, 9.340, heard in Sweden around 1410. CWQRM. (Eterscep, Sweden) Noted in England 1330 with popular musicales and closing 1430 with "A Portuguesa." (Pearce)

Argentiuu-LRS, 11.880, Buenos Aires, noted 1600 announcing as Rudio Splendid; LRU, 15.290, heard afternoons EST announcing as Radio El Mundo. (Cody, Ireland)

Australia - VLI6, 6.090, Sydney, N.S.W., noted 0600-0700. (Pearce, Ill.) VLM4, 4.920, Brisbane, Queensland, heard 0600 with news. (Murphy, N. Y.; Chatfield, N. Y., others) VLC9, 9.615, is good level 1000-1115. (Waltz, Washington; Forster, Ill.) Good over VLA15, 15.200, 2155-2315 to West Coast North America. (Kirby, Mo,)

Austria-Blue Damube Netuork, 5.080, heard in Europe 0630-0700. (URDXC) And on 9.617 at 0430. (Pearce, England) Vienna, 6.155, is heard in Britain closing 1828 after identification in German. (URDXC)

Balearic Islands - Rudio Menorca now uses 7.415 around 1430. (ISWC, London) Heard near 7.405 at 1500 with music; gencrally closes after taking relay from Madrid 1600-1615. (Pearce, England)

Belgian Congo-OTC, 9.655, good to North America 1900-2200. (McCollum, Ohio; Foster, Ill., others)
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Belgium - ORU, 9.767, Brussels, noted in clear 1945. (Rideout, Wisc.; Foster, Ill.)
Bolivia-CP38, 9.442, La Paz, noted closing around 2128A. (Ferguson. N. C. 1

Bulgaria-Radio Sofia, 9.700, noted to North America $1800-1815,1900-$ 1930, 2000-2030. (Welch, Mass.) English heard 1500 on 7.256, 6.671. (Eriksson, Sweden)

Burma - Rangoon, 4.775 A , is good 0915-1015. (N. Z, DX Times) Weak in Calif. (Morgan)
Brazil-PRL4, 9.770. Rio de Janeiro, is heard occasionally around 2030 with much classical music. (Niblack, Ind.) PRL7, 9.720, Rio de Janciro, noted Sat. 2100 with announcements in English in musical session. (Anglado, Miss.) With news in Portuguese 2130. (de Neuf, N. Y.) Radio Clube de Pernambuco noted again on 11.865 from 1500 onwards. (Cody, Ircland) ZYR78, 11.925, Sao Paulo, noted $2200-2300$ when identified as "Radio Bandcirantes." (Northrop, N. C.) ZYK3, 9.565 , noted with "Brazil Calling" (English) 2005-2030. (Reidler, Pa., others)

British Guiana - ZFY lists 5.981, 3.255, at 0545-1145, 1445-2045 Sun.; weekdays 0515-1145, 1445-2045. (Pearce, England) Noted on 3.25 .5 with news 2000, closing 2115. (Bellington, N. Y.)

British Honduras - Radio Belize, $3.300,4.950$, noted around $1900-2130$ in English and (a little) Spanish. (Rowell, Minn.)

British New Guinea - VLT6, 6.130, Port Moreshy, heard 0450-0550 when is blotted out by CHNX, Halifax, N. S., Canada, coming on air. (Pearce, Ill., others:

Camada-CFRX, 6.070, Toronto, Ont., is good level around 1600. (Welch, Mass.) VE9AI, 9.540, Edmonton, Alta., is again audible in Texas around 0900 . (Stark) Canada noted over 6.08 at $0100-0145$ with news, music. (Garren, Calif.)

Cape Verde Istands - CR4AB, St. Vincent, has been heard in Britain on measured 7.092 at 1720. (URDXC) CR4AA, 7.398 A, noted opening 1500 ; 1545 news in Portuguese. (Pearce,
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 neans irequphey is abproximate.

England) Good signal around 1700. (Sutton, O.)

Ceylon-Radio Ceylon, 9.52 noted to South India around 1100. (Zalner, Md.)

Chile - CE1515, 15.150, Santiago, noted fair level 1830 in Spanish. (Hill, N. H.)

China-Radio Peking, 15.060, noted 0400 with news, strong level. (Bates, Okinawa) Noted by Balbi, Calif., then on $10.20,10.26,9.08,7.50,6.20,6.10$; 11.67 does not carry new's then; Shanghai noted by Balbi on 6.20, excellent signal around 0400 ; Balbi notes the 0930 news over 11.67 (not 11.69 as (unnounced). Ferguson, N. C., recently heard Peking in native at 2040 on $15.060,15.130 \mathrm{~A}$.

Colombiu-HJCO-HJKA, 4.99A, Bogota, noted with program sclecdule in Spanish 0000-0005 and then closing with anthem, good level; HJKD, 6.000, heard 2000 with bilingual musical program in English-Spanish, good level; HJFX, 6.054, Cali, noted 2200-2300 with music, some QRM. (Koch, Ore.) HJAE, 4.940, Cartegena, heard closing 0000 . (Murphy, N. Y.) Radio Maria, 4.824, Pasto, noted 2129-2205; when identifies, uses "Love's Old Sweet Song" as background music. (Roberts. Conn.) HJCT, 6.185A, Bogota, noted at good level evenings EST. (Strong. Md.)
Costa Rica-TIFC, 9.647, is good level to 2305 closedow'n. (Herd, Dela.) Due to power shortage, schedule is now 0600-1300, 1800-2300. (Cusher, N. Z.; Frazier, Texas)
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This veteran SWL is Bill Roemer, Bowling Green, KY. His well-equipped listening post includes a National HRO-50, a Hallicrafters S-19R, and DB22A (RME: Preselector, and a BC-221 frequency meter. During both World War II and the war in Korea, Bill did a splendid job of monitoring POW messages and then relaying them to the prisoner's families in the U.S.



Fig. 1. The tuning unit assembly and base of the tower. Access to bandswitch is through front door of the mailbox "cabinet."

> Construction and operational details on a compact, highly efficient antenna system for the 80,40 , and 20 m . bands.

EVERY amateur is faced with the problem of efficiently radiating the energy produced by his transmitter. The antenna described in this article operates well on 80,40 , and 20 meters, requires very little space, is reasonable in cost, and looks professional.

The antenna, a 44 -foot vertical, is mounted approximately one foot off the ground supported by standoff insulators on a wooden mount. Ground wire radials are buried just beneath the sod and terminate at the base of the mount. The tuning units are placed in an RFD mailbox beside the antenna.

Some of the important features of the antenna include the following:

1. Radiation of the energy at vertical angles which favor DX communications.
2. Excellent local coverage produced with vertical polarization.
3. Better communications with local mobile installations because they are all vertically polarized.
4. Buried coax line is used to feed the antenna on all bands. (RG-8U)
5. Harmonic radiation is reduced because of the low-pass filter action of the L-networks used to match the antenna and the transmission line.
6. The complete system can be erected on any small city lot.
7. The total cost is approximately $\$ 25.00$.
8. One final important feature-installation of the ground system is work, however the rest of the job is pure enjoyment.

An antenna height of 44 feet was chosen because this height will pro-
duce maximum radiation of energy, on 20 meters, at very low vertical angles. This was discussed in a previous article ("The Ground Plane Grows Up," May 1954, Radio \& Television News). Briefly, the antenna is .63 wavelength on 20 meters and is similar to an extended double-zepp, except in this case it is vertical and worked against ground. This type of operation has been used by some broadcast stations to obtain added coverage. Note the $20-$ meter vertical pattern shown in Fig.2A. There is a small high angle lobe caused by a phase reversal on a portion of the antenna. If the antenna was considerably longer it would become a poor radiator on 20 meters as the small high-angle lobe would develop into a large lobe and finally replace the lower lobe altogether. The antenna height is therefore limited by this feature.

Vertical radiation patterns are also included (Figs. 2B and 2C) for 40 and 80 meters. As can be seen from the patterns, 40 meter radiation is at a slightly lower vertical angle than 80 meters whereas 20 -meter radiation is concentrated at very low angles. The radiated energy from the antenna on all three bands is concentrated in each case where it will be most beneficial for DX work.
The ground system used with this type of antenna is very important because considerable losses can develop at this point. The outside braid of the coax transmission line is connected to the ground radials at the base of the antenna support where the ground
wires are terminated. The ground wircs, like spokes of a whecl, form radials from the base of the antenna. If the ground system is poor then losses are developed similar to those that would occur if a resistor were inserted in series with the transmission line. A ground stake is not satisfactory by itself, however it may be used in conjunction with the ground system described. The ground system should include as many radials as possible with lengths up to $1 / 4$ wavelength or greater. The author's installation includes 16 radials which vary in length from about 25 to 45 feet. They are made of number 16 galvanized iron wire which is inexpensive and does a good job. Copper wire is slightly better but much more expensive. The radials are buried about 2 inches below the surface. The wire was stretched between two temporary stakes in the position desired and then the ground sliced beside the wire (using the wire as a guide). Two large screwdrivers were used to push the wire down in the slit in the sod. After the wires are in place the sod was then tamped back to normal. The ground installation task was made casier by heavy watering the night before. The coax feedline which runs under the house was also buried and brought out in the operating room in a coaxial wall receptacle mounted on the baseboard.
The tuning network, Fig. 3, for each band is simply a series coil and shunt condenser called an L-network. The values used are dictated by the antenna impedance at the frequency of operation. The 80 -meter tuning unit consists of a large shunt capacity (1200 $\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$.) and a large series coil ( $10 \mu \mathrm{hy}$.) The 40-meter unit consists of a series coil ( $2.1 \mu \mathrm{hy}$.) and a shunt condenser ( $215 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$.). The 20 -meter coil has an inductance of $.6 \mu \mathrm{hy}$. but no shunt capacity is used. The measured impedance of the antenna on 20 -meters indicated that a shunt capacity of about $15 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. would be needed on the antenna side of the network; however
this is a very small value and in actual practice it was found unnecessary, possibly because the switch and wiring capacities to ground amounted to this value. The coils used were home constructed and self-supporting with the exception of the 80 -meter coil which was found on a standard $21 / 2$ inch form. Coil lengths, diameters, and number of turns are listed in the parts list accompanying Fig. 3.

Several methods can be used to obtain the necessary capacity for the shunt condensers. A receiving-type variable can be used on 40 meterssuch as a $250 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. unit. The author uses a $250 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. variable rated at 1500 volts because it happened to be in the junk box. The 80 -meter capacity presents a problem because of its large value. A good solution is to use a fixed mica condenser of $1000 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. and a $210 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. variable condenser in parallel to obtain the correct value. The current developed across the capacity is rather high because the reactance is low. This is not important with air dielectric condensers since they do not break down due to high current until the voltage rating is approached. Mica condensers, however, have definite maximum current limitations even though the voltage rating is not exceeded. This varies with the type of mica condenser, the frequency of operation, and its capacity. If you are using a full kilowatt purchase one of the large mica condensers made specifically for r.f. current. such as the Solar type XA, Aeronox 1994, or similar condensers, having a 5000 volt d.c. rating and a current capacity of about 9 amperes at this frequency. In the author's particular installation a similar condenser was used ( $1200 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$.), purchased at one of the local radio stores on their surplus table for $\$ .95 .1200$ $\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. is an odd value and probably is not available, however, the author has noticed numerous advertisements mentioning $1000 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. condensers as surplus items at a similar price. Although there seems to be no specific current ratings available for the smaller transmitting mica condensers such as the $C-D$ type 4 and 9 or Sangamo type A


Fig. 2. Vertical plane patterns of antenna at (A) $\mathbf{2 0}$, (B) $\mathbf{4 0}$, and (C) $\mathbf{8 0}$ meters.
and H ( 2500 d.c.w.v.), they are being used successfully in similar applications.

Mr. Grammer in his article, "Pi-Network Tank Circuits for High Power" (QST, October 1952), describes the use of these smaller mica condensers in a pi-network in the output circuit of a high power amplifier. His experiments indicate that this type of condenser is capable of carrying about 3 amperes r.f. current, thus, for powers up to about 150 watts, a single unit rated at $1000 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd} . / 2500$ d.c.w.v. would be satisfactory. He mentions the TV 500 $\mu \mu \mathrm{fd} . / 10,000$ d.c.w.v. type condenser works very well in this application; a pair of these in parallel could be used satisfactorily at higher powers. So much for the current limitations of mica condensers. Another method can be used to obtain the correct capacitive reactance (the one the author used). It consists of combining a fixed mica condenser with a small series coil. The coil reduces the capacitive reactance which is the same as increasing the capacity. Calculations had indicated the shunt capacity required on 80 meters would be slightly larger than is actually needed, thus a small coil was placed in series with the 1200 $\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. (measured $1195 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$.) condenser so the effective capacity could be raised. Turns were shorted out in the


Fig. 3. Antenna tuning unit. The 80 and 40 m . networks consist of a series coil and shunt condenser while the 20 m . net. work uses a coil. See text for details.
little series coil until the proper reactance was present. In the author's (Continued on page 88)

Fig. 4. A standard RFD mailbox is used to house tuning unit as it offers weatherproof protection and easy accessibility.


Fig. 5. Top cover of the mailbox may be raised to tune the unit or make adjustments. Normal access is through the door.



BARNEY, late as usual after his lunch hour, came charging into the service department only to be brought up short by the sight of Mac. his boss, wearing something that looked like a doctor's stethoscope. The gadget was plugged into a tape recorder; and the service shop owner, unavare he was being observed, was keeping time to the rhythm on the silently moving tape with a waving forefinger
"Well, well! If it isn't Old Doctor Kildare himself!" Earney shouted gleefully at the nape of Mac's neck, delighted at catching his employer off guard. "What's your prognosis, Doc10r?"'
Rather sheepishly Mac removed the apparatus from his ears, shut off the recorder, and turned on his assistant with a fierce scowl. "My prognosis," he announced menacingly, "is that if a certain red-headed Irishman does not knock off his practice of sneaking up behind people and yelling at them, he is not long for this world."
"What you got?" Barney wanted to know.
"It's a new idea in low impedance earphones. See this little housing on the back end of the phone plug?" Mac asked as he touched an object about the size of a small hickory nut sticking out of the "External Speaker" jack of the recorder. "Inside is a midget $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ inch, six-ohm speaker. The output of this speaker goes through this flexible plastic tube to a ' $Y$ ' beneath the chin, and from there anodyzed aluminum tone arms carry the sound to both ears. The whole thing only weighs an ounce and a quarter."
"What's the good of it?"
"Well, for one thing, it can be plugged directly into the external
spcaker jack of any tape recorder for personal listening, That's handy when you want to listen to a tape privately or when you want to crank up the playback level for listening to a highfidelity recording without disturbing others. Also it looks like a good unit to use when people want earphones connected to a radio. This will allow us to make a quick, easy, and safe installation. By employing a miniature closed-circuit jack, the secondary of the output transformer can be hooked across the phones when the plug is inserted, and returned to the set speaker voice coil when the plug is removed. Since there is no metallic connection between the earphones proper and the plug, there will be no danger of the wearer being shocked, even when the phones are connected to an a.c.-d.c. set.
"How's the quality?"
"The manufacturer advertises "response from 50 to 8000 cps or better.' That does not say, of course, within what db limits this response is had. However, take a listen yourself to this recording of the 'Studies in Percussion' track by Hal Reeves that I took off Capitol's "Full Dimensional Sound" test record. Keep an ear cocked especially for the triangle, the tambourine, and the bass drum."

Barney adjusted the tips of the tone arms in his ears and listened carefully for two to three minutes. Then he cut off the recorder and announced importantly, "I may not have a golden ear, but those phones sound good to me. That tambourine seemed as though it were being shaken right in front of my face, and I could almost see the bass drum's stretched hide quiver as it gave that last 'whump." "
"Not to change the subject," Mac remarked as he put the cover back on
the recorder, "but never think I failed to notice you were late getting back from lunch again. What was it this time? Did you get held up with flying saucer traffic, or was it really something unusual?"
"Nope; the drugstore was just full of high school kids, and I couldn't get waited on. While sitting there, though, I really saw a demonstration of the power of advertising. Remember a while back when vou couldn't turn on your radio or $T V$ set without having a guy on it tell you all about lanolin and sheep's wool and his particular brand of hair dressing? Well, one of those high school hot shots came in and told the druggist he wanted something for his hair. The druggist asked what brand he wanted, and the kid just went 'Ba-a-a-a-a' like a sheep. With. out saying another word the druggist reached up and pulled down the kind of hair dressing that bird on radio and TV was plugging. His message cer. tainly must have got across!"

Mac chuckled at Barney's graphic description of the drug store ssene as he said, "I'm glad you brought up the subject of advertising, for it's something I've been thinking about lately. If you're not in too great a hurry to get hack to work; we might talk it over a little,"
"I'll try to restrain myself," Barney murmured languidly as he collapsed on one end of the service bench.
"A fellow moved into our neighborhood recently," Mac explained, "and when he found I ran a service shop, he jumped on me all spraddled out. He says TV service adrertising is strictly for the birds and that it makes no consistent sense. To prove his point, he pointed out several ads in a metropolitan newspaper, One shop harped on the expensive equipment and the advanced technical knowledge needed to do modern TV service work. On the next page another shop boasted that practically all service work could be performed right in the customer's home in a very short time.
"This guy then went ahead to say that twice he had had to call a service technician $t 0$ repair his set. In each case the call was answered by a young kid who, as he put it, 'didn't look as though he were dry behind the ears yet.' This boy came in carrying a small tool hox, about two dozen lubes, and a single meter-probably a v.t.v.m. In both cases he looked in the back of the set, noted a burned out tube. replaced it, and was on his way. Where was the 'expensive equipment?' this fellow wanted to know. As for 'aclranced technical knowledge,' it required about as much of that as would be needed to find out which bulb was burned out in a floor lamp. According to the way my neighbor looks at it, that business about expensive and delicate instruments being needed to do TV work is a lot of hoocy. So is the talk about technical knowledge. The fact that most TV repairs can be made right in the home (Continued on page 118)


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MODELS 10.401, 10-404, 10-412, 10-414, 10 416. \& 10-418

Unstable horizontal sync.
If the horizontal oscillator drifts, causing the receiver to fall out of horizontal sync after operating several hours, check $C_{\text {tin, the }} .01-\mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser connected to pin 6 of $T_{1 m,}$, the horizontal oscillator transformer. This condenser, if it is of the molded type, may change capacity with temperature change sufficiently to cause the receiver to fall out of horizontal sync.

Replace the condenser with a . 01 $\mu \mathrm{fd}$., 600 -volt paper type, and realign the trimmer at the bottom of $T_{106}$.

Curvier buzz.
To reduce carrier hum which may accompany high contrast on some sets, change condenser $C_{1}$ (connected to pin 1 of $V_{1 v 9}, 6 \mathrm{AU} 6$ sound driver ), $100-\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$., 500 volts, to $47-\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$., 500 volts.

Also change resistor $R_{134}$ (in parallel with $C_{(z 2}$ ) from 220,000 ohms to 47,000 ohms, $1 / 2$ watt, and $R_{1.1 s}$ ( connceted to pin 6 of $V_{109}$ ) from 56,000 ohms to 27 ,00 ohms, $10 \%, 1$ watt.

Arcing between the 6BG6 and damper-tube plate lead.

When experiencing breakdown due to arcing between the 6BG6 and damper-tube plate leads, install $31 / 2$ inches of Fiberglas sleeving over the 6BG6 plate lead. This sleeving should be placed toward the terminal on the horizontal deflection transformer.

## MODELS 10-401, 10-404, 10-412, \& 10-418

Horizontal sweep sing.
This condition can be caused by vibration of the mounting bracket on the horizontal output transformer, $T_{10 \%}$. This mounting bracket occasionally vibrates at a subharmonic of the 15,* $750-\mathrm{cps}$ horizontal sweep frequency. This can be corrected by inserting small wedges between each end of the transformer and chassis, as shown in the accompanying diagram.


It is not necessary to remove the chassis from the cabinet to make this correction.

MODELS $10-404 \mathrm{MU}, 10-404 \mathrm{MlU}, 10-412, ~ \& ~$ $10-418$

Insufficient revtical size.
To obtain sufficient vertical sweep, make the following changes:

1. Change resistor $R_{171}$ from 5600 ohms to 4700 ohms, $10 \%$, 1 watt.
2. Change the vertical output transformer, $T_{\text {us, }}$, to an autotransformer by connecting the secondary winding in series with the primary, as shown by the dotted line in the accompanying diagram. (The diagram shows the cir-

cuit before changes.) To make this change, do the following:
a. Remove the red lcad of the primary winding of $T_{108}$ at the terminal board where it is soldered bencath the chassis. There is another lead to this lug which is red with a white traccr. Resolder the red lead to the adjacent lug to which two green leads are connected.
b. Remove the yellow lead of the $T_{\text {ans }}$ secondary winding and the yellow lead of the deflection yoke from the lug of the terminal board nearby where they are both soldered. Resolder these two leads to the lug where the red lead of $T_{10 s}$ was formerly connected.

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MODELS $11-442 \mathrm{MlU}$, $11-444 \mathrm{MU}$, $11-453 \mathrm{MU}$. $11.460 \mathrm{MU}, 11-470 \mathrm{BU}, 11-472 \mathrm{BIU}, 11-474 \mathrm{BU}$. \& 11 -483BU

Hum or buzz.
To reduce this condition, do the following:

1. Make certain that the electrolytic condenser, $C_{120}$ (one section of which goes from pin 6 of the 6AH6 video amplifier to ground), has a good ground connection by soldering the wire from the chassis to one of the ground lugs on the condenser.
2. Replace the shield in back of the contrast control if it has been removed.


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3. On sets equipped with a resistorcondenser unit, dress coupling condenser $C_{12}$ (at pin 2 of $T_{t 00}$, sound i.f. transformer), as far as possible away from the resistor-condenser unit.
4. If necessary, remove resistor $R_{14}$, 22 ohms. at pin $B$ of the ratio detector transformer.
5. Adjust the ratio detector transformer ( $T_{163}$ ) secondary for minimum hum or buzz while the set is tuned to a station. Only a slight adjustment is required. If the screw is turned too far, the result may be weak or distorted audio.
6. Check over-all alignment.

## ALL SETS

Elimination of corona or arcing at the picture anode button.
If corona or arcing is experienced at the anode button, it is probably due to the accumulation of dirt or to the effect of a corroded rubber suetion cover.
To eliminate this trouble, do the following:

1. Disconnect the anode lead from the tube.
2. Clean the area around the anode button with carbon tetrachloride or a scouring powder such as Bon Ami .
3. Add a protective coating such as Crosley appliance polish.
4. If the original anode connector is without a suction cover, thus permitting free accumulation of dirt. a new anode connector and lead assembly with a neoprene suction cover should be used to replace the original assembly.
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## SHAFT COUPLINGS

## By ARTHUR TRAUFFER

NEEDIN; some insulated complings for $1 / \frac{1}{\prime \prime}$ extension shafts, I dug into my radio scrap box and fished out some small hnols with set-serews in them. I filed the fronts of the knobs flat and ceniented the knobs together (front-tofront) using Duco cement.

The photograph below shows the resulting neat and serviceable insulated coupling installed on the condenser shaft. When cementing the knols together, be sure that the holes in the knobs line up perfectly so that there will be no eccentric motion of the extension shaft in relation to the condenser shaft.

If you prefer, yon can bore through the knols with a $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ drill and then cement the knols together bottom-tobottom. This may give you a better alignment of the knols. - 30 -

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## MORE OLD TIME OPERATORS REPORT

By C. HOWARD BOWERS

IT 15 very interesting to note that the majority of the old time wireless operators we lative contacted have prospered in their chosen field, and many have wound ub ats hiry wheels in their respertive commmonities. Tahe Sydney J. Fase, fer instance; the now mathes his home in Bewheley, Cal., lut is jelentified as one of the Jarger radio and television dealers in San Franciaco. Syd became interested in the fundimentals of wireless latich in 1909 and, with some other Jads, including Dirh Johnstone, Bol, Hatch, at al, they put in their spare tinme fearning the rode, as Syd himgelf descriles it, "Uy whistling through their bueh teeth!" Anyway, in huilding his first wireleas rig he was atided and abetted by Maradan Pratt, who is now the Aide for Commoniations to President Eisenhower. From there, his afforts mist have been colfective becanse by I9II Sudney, who was then sixtren, scoured his Crrificate of Shill from the U. S. Department of Commerce and Lalbor and soon after was at full fledged sea-going oprerator. He saty lie still has his original "tichet" which is endorsed by the skipper of the good ship" "Falcon" whielt he claims wats the firn sted stean sehoumer ever thilt, also loy shippers of the tankers "Olenm" and "Washtenaw"-two of the "fonlest smidling ernde oil carriers on the Pacifie Coas ! ' After that came the old l'arific Mail Liners "'San Jnan'" "San Jose" and "Arapuleo" from San Francisco to Ceoltral America.

An unge for more sehooling bronght onr ambitions subjeret ashore and in 1914 he grathated from the Californiat School of Merhanical Ats after spending the smmmer of that year as opratom aboard the Matson liner "Inrline" from I'acifie ports to Itonolula, T.IT. The seagoing urge still prevailed and voung Fass continued on to the gosod ship "(ieo. W. Elder" betwern West Coast ports and Central America.

In 191\%. Uncle San called Syd for Navy duty and he saw plenty of action in the Europerat Theater.

World $W$ War II was no exception and S.d was again in Navy uniform. Hewever, he has now retired as a Commamber after 33 years of Naval IResme serviec
and aliberal collection of "fruit salad" and "sarambled equrs".

During reeent vears he lias followed the nathat pattern-amateur ratioand now has one of the finest ham rigs we have sen in years. Wial a full hw. I'ansmilter, and a Collins receiver, il's no wonder his name frequently appears in ham magarines as hodiler of $D \times C C$ and WAC awinds-mo wonder! His eall is W6N7 and he has enowith QSL cards to shingle a roof-a warehonee roof, 'That's not all. He has a rice wife and a home in the college lown of Berheley, Cillifornab, across the lay from San Franciseo. A sucress story, if we ever heard onc! Contimued good luch, Mr. Fass.

UE HAD ${ }^{\prime}$ goe elear acroes the continent Wto catch up with another West Corast Old 'Timer. It's the story of John M. Bovle, RFD \# I, Alma, (eoorgia, as lold to his friend, Jach Williams, of the same rity.

John M. first sucenmbed to the wireleas bug in I9II in the davs when iron men and worden ships freduented San Francisco IIarbor and when I'acific Street 'twasn't a boulevard. He reports having sermed his Certifieate of Shill from IR. I3. Woolverton, Wireless Inspector at San Francioro in 1912. His first seagoing jol wats wireless operator aboard the Sehooner "Yocemite" sailitug between Paget Somnd and San Diego with slops at Portland, San Franeisco. and San ledros. Those were the good old davs when l. Malarin was chief operater for Marconi and every trip into San Francisere meant a trip to the Mereloant's Exchange Building to cheek with "L.. M."

One small vessel followed another until 1914 when he signed on the "S.S. Uncas" operated by the Tank Storage and Carriage Company of London and sailing deep water between San Franciseo and the Orient. It was casy thowe days to pich your own ron and in 1914-19is John ponomded brass for Standard Oil Company on varions tankers letween San Francisco, Chile, Peru, and Vanconver. In I9IG he switched to the Ward line and was so orcupied until the Army tapperl him on the shonlder in $191 \frac{1}{6}$ for a very important joblas Corporal in the


Signal Corps. He followed this duly in 1919 with a lour for Marconi on transpacific ships to China amd India. (We thought for a second he was going to slow down.) In 1920, John joined the U.S. Army Transport Service and was assigned to "USAT M1. Vernon" on a voyage 10 Germany. Hlowever, just after passing throngh the Panama Canal the vesael lost a prop and the trip termintaed at Portsmonth Navy Yard, where he was assigned other duty. Afler his one hiteh in the Army, John evened the score liy joining líe U.S. Coast Guard in 1914 as a Chief Radioman and served along the cast conet until paid off in 1931.

Up 10 now, our fast moving companion had traveled on evervthing that boasted a wireleos sel-well, not quite everything, for in 1932 he aceepted emplovinent with the U. S. Airwaye as operafor at various points inchuding Cheveland, l'ittshargh, Erie and-ves he's coming to a stop-Alma. Georgia. There most have been other attractions at Alma heoides being Chief Airway- Operations Specialiat for the now-called U.S. Civil Acronathties Administration, but onr wireldes ra-reer-man romelndee with. "Preaent comlmonication is a far crey from the old davs of 1912 ." To which we say. "Amen!" Onr congratulations, Mr. Bayle on a job well done!
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## TVI Troubleshooting <br> (Continued from page 39 )

quency of the beat. In the event that the lines are horizontal, as in Fig. 5. multiply the number of dark horizontal lines by 60 (since the vertical scanning frequency is 60 cps ) for the beat frequency.

Unfortunately, all beat frequencies cannot be determined quite this simply because if the beat is high. one megacycle or more, the number of interfering lines becomes difficult to count. In those cases, use a scale and count the number of lines that occur in one inch. Multiply this number by the number of inches in the picture width, and then multiply this figure by 15.750 cps to obtain the frequency of the beat. In the case of modulated interference signals, make the measurement during the periods of no modulation. With a little experience, it is possible to come very close to the correct frequency even in the presence of the modulation.

A technician may find that in a particular case of interference, the beat frequency changes as he turns the receiver fine tuning control. This means that the interference is "tunable." What does this mean in terms of receiver functioning?

When the fine tuning control is adjusted, the frequency of the oscillator is changed and the i.f. frequencies that correspond to the r.f. video and sound carriers are changed. At the same time, during this fine tuning adjustment, there is absolutely no change in the frequencies of the r.f. video and sound carriers, and in the difference frequency between the two carriers $(4.5 \mathrm{mc}$.). Also, the frequency of any outside interfering signal is not changed by any means within the receiver.




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## RADIO-TV Service Industry News

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 television technicians lecture bureauDERHAPS the most significant feature of the recent annual IRE Convention was the clearly evident passing of the vacuum tube from its place of dominance in the electronics industry. As one milled through the vast crowds that swarmed through the immense Kingsbridge Armory every day of the four-day show it was the widespread exhibition of transistorized devices that left the most striking and lasting impressions on many observers.

The rapidly growing magnitude of electronics as an industry was clearly evident in the tremendous volume of registrations at this year's show. And while major engineering attention was given to developments in color TV, transistors, and transistor circuitry, new electronic devices for applications in the medical, biological, and industrial fields indicated the broadening scope of the industry's activities.

In attending these engineering shows, your editors try to appraise these developments on the basis of their possible future effect. on the activity of independent service. As "coming events cast their shadows before," the introduction of basically new equipment usually presages changes in the operational structure at all industry levels. This will be especially true of the sertice field as more complex circuitry demands more skillful technicians, and trained service business management finds ways and means to provide topflight service and maintain a high level of customer confidence.

When black-and-white television was being readied for sale to the general public there were two schools of thought about its effect on the then radio servicing industry. One group held that monochrome TV would be much too complex for the average radio service technician to comprehend and that, as a result, manufacturers would be forced to set up their own servicing departments to handle the installation and maintenance of their receivers. The other group felt that TV would be absorbed by the radio service industry in time, and that servicing would be handled by thousands and thousands of individual technicians working from their homes and small, inexpensive business establishments.

Television did make some drastic changes in the structure of the independent servicing industry. It did not, however, fall into either pattern visualized by these two schools of thought. It established its own pattern and one that will be thoroughly capable of expanding with the needs of color TV and transistorized devices as they are sold commercially.

## Pattern of the Service Industry

For the past six months the Burcau has been receiving registrations for its planned National Electronics Scrvice Directory from service businesses all over the country, More than 15,000 of these registrations have been received and the information supplied on these thousands of registrations provides the clearest picture of the actual structure of what is known as the "independent service industry" that has ever been compiled.
At the present time a complete analysis of these registrations is underway. However, an analysis of a representative sample of these registrations has already been completed. Your editors feel that this sampling provides sufficiently accurate figures to illustrate the type of business structure that has been created to handle monochrome TV servicing.

It should be pointed out that the listings in the National Electronics Service Directory are restricted to fulltime service businesses so that the figures cited here represent the activities only of recognized, established service businesses.
The average annual volume of business handled by the service businesses represented in the sampling analysis is $\$ 33,463.41$. For comparison of the present servicing industry with the prewar radio service industry consider the Department of Commerce figures on the average volume of business done by radio service shops in 1939-\$6103.00 per year. This would indicate that the average shop today is doing five times the volume of business that the average radio shop handled in 1939.

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shops in 1939 was 1.3. Also, $22 \%$ of the businesses covered in the current survey are 1 -man shops; $56 \%$ employ from 2 to 5 technicians; $18 \%$ employ from 6 to 10 technicians; and $4 \%$ em ploy more than 10 technicians. Back in 1939 , more than $80 \%$ of the radio service businesses were 1 -man shops and the percentage that employed more than 2 men was insignificant.

This clearly indicates the growth in size of individual service businesses and a pattern of operation that utilizes the services of four men on an average.

The operation of service businesses has been carefully studied by practically all of the major receiver manufacturers. Any manufacturer who produces equipment that requires continuing service must be constantly cognizant of the availability of competent service wherever his products are sold to maintain consumer confidence in his brand.

Parenthetically, it should be pointed out that, to the best of your editor's knowledge, none of the major set manufacturers have any plans whatsoever for creating their own companycontrolled national servicing depart. ments to handle color TV installation and service. It has been proven that, in general, the most efficient, economical, and profitable method of handling consumer electronic service is through capably managed, competently staffed, independent service companies.

It is interesting to note that the analysis of service businesses showed $4 \%$ that employed more than ten technicians. It also shows that $4 \%$ handle air-conditioning installation and service. This would indicate that all large service organizations have turned to air-conditioning as a means of leveling off their service volume and maintaining their technical staffs the year 'round.

The survey indicates that most of the multiple-manned organizations have expanded their activities to include electronic devices other than home TV and radio sets. For instance, $70 \%$ handle wire and tape recorder service; $85 \%$ handle auto radio service, but only $13 \%$ are handling any work on 2 -way communications systems. Four per-cent of these businesses have engineering facilities and have prepared themselves to handle closed-circuit television when that phase of TV starts to expand.

## Effect of Color TV

It is possible to make a reasonably accurate projection of the future growth of an activity from an analysis of the need for the services it has to sell. In the case of color television receiver service it is quite obvious that considerably more service calls per set will be required than has been necessary on monochrome TV. The present national average of service calls per TV receiver is said to be somewhere around 2.9 calls per set in operation. The present estimate of the frequency of service that will be required on color TV sets is 12 calls per year. The in.


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restment per technician in test instruments for field service is yet to be determined, but for many color TV ills a man will have to have more than a v.t.v.n?.

There is no doubt that contract service will return with the sale of color TV receivers. However, manufacturers and distributors will be more cautious about the qualifications of the service companies they authorize to handle contract service than they were on monochrome TV. And they can be, for there are excellent service facilities available to them in capably managed independent TV service shops in every section of the country.

The present shops that are authorized by manufacturers to handle contract service on color TV receivers will expand their personnel and facilities to handle the volume of business they get. They will work with nonservicing dealers, of course, and even though they are factory-authorized service depots they will have to compete with other service companies for dealers' business.

TV service companies will avoid the mistakes that floored so many service businesses in the early years of TV. Over-expansion, unlimited dealer credit on contract monies, improper accounting and allocation of contract fees, and slip-shod handling of supplies and replacement parts these are the things that finally spelled disaster to many service businesses in the late forties and early fifties.

Many radio-appliance dealers will add their own service departments to handle color TV installation and service. Thirty-six per-cent of the businesses included in the analysis of service businesses are radio-TV appliance dealers with major service departments. These companies have found their service departments to be consistently profitable operations. An expansion of service departments by set retaile:s will open up many good opportunities for present small shop operators who cannot finance color TV equipment, to take lucrative jobs as service managers for major retailers.

On the basis of 12 calls per year per set, independent service businesses that handle color TV should expand from an average of 4.19 men per shop to about 15 men per company. The present independent TV service industry can easily support this expansion because the management skill and "know how" is already there-developed by monochrome TV.

## Selling Service

Regardless of how good a technician a man may be, if he doesn't get enough work week after week and month after month to pay all of his expenses, and provide a better-than-average income for his family. he will live constantly on the fringe of failure. The constant problem of any business is to maintain a consistent or growing volume of business. This is true of grocery stores. drug stores, department stores, and service shops.

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Service businesses compete for dollars that set owners would much rather spend for other things. Television service should be the easiest type of service to sell because the product itself can be "romanced" even from the standpoint of servicing. It is the focal point of interest in the home and any consistent program detailing the beauty of better pictures or more enjoyable sound would have a more receptive audience than service promotional literature on any other device in use in the home. Yet only a handful of TV service companies have done more than advertise that they have the facilities to service TV sets when a set owner needs TV service. The most successful service companies use direct-mail promotions in preference to all other forms of advertising because they have accumulated tested mailing lists.
One of the most aggressive cooperative programs for service selling is one sponsored by the G. M. Popkey Company, a wholesale distributing organization in San Francisco. They set up an organization which is known as the GMP Qualified TV Service Dealers. Any servicing dealer or independent service operator in northern California can become a member of this organization by agreeing to strictly adhere to the code of ethics and signing a pledge to maintain high ethical standards in the conduct of his business.

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Each member of the GMP Qualified TV Service Deulers signs the following pledge:
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In support of the GMP Qualified TV Service Dealers, the G. M. Popkey Company has sponsored a highly popular TV program. coordinated member advertising in local newspapers in support of this program, and just recently launched a TV service time payment plan that enables the members to sell service on a time payment basis with no down payment required and monthly payments as low as five dollars per month. The important feature of this plan to dealers is that the finance company handles the paper without recourse. Space does not permit a detailed outline of this plan but readers who are interested in having these complete details may obtain them by writing to TTLB Special Services, P. O. Box 1321, Indianapolis 6, Indiana. -30-


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impressed on the plate exceeds the bias value. The plate of the second diode is biased negative with respect to ground by an equal amount so that there is no conduction across that section until the impressed negative voltage excecds the bias voltage. When the voltage impressed across a diode section exceeds the bias voltage, diode conduction takes place, "shorting out" all voltage above the bias value, so that the peak value of the output voltage cannot exceed the bias voltage. In consequence of this connection, the sine-wave input is clipped, with the positive and negative peaks being equal and flat, and the peak-to-peak output voltage equal to the total hias voltage. This clipped sine-wave ("semisquare wave") output is then fed to a calibrated voltage divider through a calibration resistor, and from this circuit clipped sine waves of known peak-to-peak value can be coupled to the oscilloscope.

Rather extensive use of a simple unregulated oscilloscope calibrator of this clesign disclosed that, although it performed exactly as advertised, its utility was greatly restricted by vagaries of the local supply voltage. To improve the electrical operation, regulation of the bias voltage was necessary. At the same time, a few mechanical changes. largely a matter of personal taste. were found desirable. These included the addition of a strong handle on the case, to prevent droppage; replacement of the line cord by a plug; addition of neve rubber fcet; and addition of a pilot light, so that the calibrator would not be left on overnight. A change in binding posts. to match those used on other equipment was also made; and a fuse was added, so that the instrument would comply with the local clectrical code.

This circuit as shown in Fig. 2 with all alterations incorporated is now operationally equivalent to the best 60 -cycle calibrator now commercially available. The panel view of the modified calibrator is shown in Fig. 1. The handle, a Stanley \#3 door pull, is ideally suited for electronic equipment because it is large enough to fit a man's hand, and the mounting holes exactly fit a standard $10-32$ rack screw. During remodeling, all screw holes were tapped $6-32$, and the selftapping screws supplied with the instrument were replaced by 6-32 binding head machine screws.

Interior above-chassis view of the modified voltage calibrator is shown in Fig. 3. The socket for the regulator tube, an 0B2, is mounted in the hole formerly occupied by the calibration resistor (after some reaming); and the calibration resistor was moved to a vacant area between the rear of the multiplier switch and the dual diode. So that the instrument would
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not creep out of calibration, a Millen shaft lock was added to this contiol. Optinum panel location for the pilot light is on the vertical center line, just above the upper edge of the $Z$ shaped chassis. So that the pilot light bracket would seat firmly, a large washer, with the lower periphery llattened to clear the chassis and the upper to elear the cabinet, was placed between the panel and the pilot light mounting bracket. An Amphenol type 61- II plug was mounted in the center back of the chassis to replace the line cord. This also required enlarging the cord hole in the case.

Changes beneath the chassis were few, and consisted of adding a luse clip) (Fig. 41 in the a.c. circuit; mounting the dropping resistor for the regulator tube: attaching cable-clamp hold-downs over the two condensers; and recabling the wiring. The clamp ring of the a.c. blug was soldered to the chassis to prevent rotation or ereeping of the plug. Under-chassis appearance of the instrument is shown in Fig. 4.

These modifications necessitated readjustment of the calibration resistor. This was done in the following manner: The calibrator output was connected to the oscilloscope input, and both instruments were turned on and allowed to warm up and stabilize. A maximum reading of 100 volts peak-to-peak was desired. As peak-to-peak volts are $2.8: 8$ times the r.m.s. value obtained from sine waves, a sine-wave voltage input of 35.36 volts rim.s. is needed for calibration. With the multiplier switch of the calibrator turned to sigmul. this voltage fobtained fiom the filament supply of a tube-checker.) was applice across the input of the calibiatol: and a good a.c. voltmeter was shunted across it, to insure that the applied voltage, at the time of calibration, remained at 35.36 . The oscilloscope gain was then adjusted until the sinewave pattern was exactly two inches high (Any other convenient height may be used). The calibratol switch loas then set to X 10 , and the potentiometer to 10 , and, being sure that the oscilloscope gain has not been changed and that the input voltage to the calibrator is still 35.36 , the calibuation resistor of the calibrator' was adjusted until the semisquare wave pattern was exactly two inches high. After locking the calibrator shaft, and chocking the adjustment, the calibrator was put in its casc. It is now completely ready for operation.

This voltage calibrator berforms satisfactorily in actual use, and appears to be operationally as good as some commereial models costing more than thee times as much. Rather inferestingly: although it would not be economical to make an oscilloscope calibrator "from seratch." it is definitely cheaper to modify a kit calibrator than it is to buy a commercial model, if your time is worth $\$ 5.00$ per hour or less!

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unit this took place when all turns but one were shorted out. The single turn lowers the reactance to the same value obtained with a $1200 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser. While discussing the 80 -meter tuning network it might be well to mention that it is realized that the antenna can be brought to resonance and the feedpoint matched by using a slightly smaller inductance in the series position and substituting an inductance at the same point we are now using the shunt condenser. This eliminates the need for the large condenser, however, the network is no longer a low-pass filter and harmonics will receive little attenuation. By using the condenser, the system is properly matched and at the same time undesirable harmonics greatly attenuated.
An r.f. bridge was used to determine the values of resistance and reactance of the antenna on each band. This was necessary to provide information for designing the L-networks; however to duplicate the antenna system it is only necessary to have some form of standing wave indicator which can be placed in the transmission line so the tuning network may be adjusted to the exact value to produce a low standing wave on the line. It is only necessary to watch the standing wave indicator while making a small change in the shunt capacity of the L-network. After it is set at the lowest reading, the inductance is then adjusted slightly to improve the standing wave ratio even further, after which the condenser adjustment is made again. The two operations are repeated several times until the standing wave is reduced to a very low value. Since the network corrects for both reactance and resistance values of the tower it is possible to obtain an excellent standing wave ratio. It is better to adjust the system as described rather than trying to duplicate the original installation to the letter. Small variables such as proximity of the antenna to other objects or a slightly different base mount will make it necessary to make minor changes in the antenna tuning network settings.

You will notice that $C_{s}$, the condenser used on 80 meters, is positioned on the coax side of the coil, while $C_{2}$ ( 40 meters) is on the antenna side of the coil. This is because the antenna base resistance is lower than the characteristic impedance of the transmission line when used on 80 meters. Just the reverse is true on 40 meters. In each case the antenna impedance is made to look like 52 ohms at the coax side of the network. The amount the impedance is raised or lowered by the network is determined by the relationship between the coil, condenser, and antenna impedance.

The tuning network assembly is enclosed in an ordinary RFD mailbox, see Figs. 1, 4, and 5. Several different
containers were tried but the mailbox has proved most satisfactory since it is rainproof, sturdy, and easily accessible. The rivets along the side of the box were removed so the top cover may be hinged back from the tuning units when they are adjusted. When changing bands it is only necessary to open the front door. The mail box is mounted beside the antenna base and a piece of copper braid about 10 inches long connects to the antenna. The braid was made from a piece of the outer conductor of RG-8U coax. Any double-pole, three-position switch with low-loss insulation will work well. The type used for high-voltage meter switching or tank circuits is excellent. Standard inductor clips are used to tap the coils. The tower consists of a 30 -foot TV mast with two sections of thin-wall steel conduit added to the top to bring the total length to 44 feet.

The antenna has been in use for quite some time with satisfactory results. During the past "Sweepstakes" contest, while running 100 watts and using the antenna, 465 contacts were established in 69 of the 73 sections. The author is not attempting to say that this antenna will out-perform the wellelevated beam or a good rhombic but it works exceedingly well and fills a definite need for the average ham.

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## DIODE CHECKER By PHIL WEISS

I ERE is a simple and practical way to I check a germanium diode detector in a TV set without unsoldering any leads. This is important since germanium diodes cannot stand much heat and the leads are usually pretty short.

Make up a ginmick consisting of a good germanium diode in series with a 3900 ohm load resistor. Attach an alligator clip to each end of the gimmick.

In order to test a germanium diode in a set, clip the gimmick across the diode and its load resistor, as shown in the diagram, being careful to observe the same polarity. Now turn on the set and observe the video across each of the two load resistors with an oscilloscope. If both diodes are good they will have approximately the same output. A bad diode will give little or no output aeross its load resistor.

If the TV set does not develop any i.f. voltage at the input of the diode detector, a signal generator can be used. The generator should be set at some video i.f. frequency and modulated.

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## R.F. in Audio Systems

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## Shielding and Grounding

1. Analyze and lay out the grounding system with care. Run a very heavy conductor from a central grounding point in the studio, either to a cold water pipe as close as possible to the street main-or to a transmitter-type radial ground system. Do not ground to a.c. conduit. One network uses \#4 copper conductor in conduit for the ground lead and specifies a maximum d.c. resistance of .1 ohm over its length. Use a heavy conductor to bond all lack and console frames to the central grounding point which may be a heavy bolt in the bottom of one rack. Bond all amplifier chassis firmly to their racks.
2. Run a heavy ground bus up the inside of each rack and connect to it all cable shiclds and the low sides of any unbalanced circuits. The rack bus should be grounded to the rack frame at only one point.
3. Shields and unbalanced circuits should be grounded only at one end to avoid ground loops which are one of the main causes of r.f. interference. When a shicld or conductor is grounded at two points some distance apart, an r.f. voltage may appear across these points, since what appears as a dead short to d.c. may present an impedance to r.f.
4. Determine by trial whether or not to ground the center taps of balanced transformer windings and balaneed pads. Such grounding may do more harm than good from an r.f. or longitudinal voltage standpoint. ${ }^{10}$
5. The r.f. pickup may occur in a preamplifier in which the input transformer secondary low side is grounded to the "B-minus" terminal of a distant power supply, instead of to the preamplifier chassis. See Fig. 2. An r.f. voltage may appear between the "Bminus" lead and the chassis and be coupled to the preamplifier proper through stray capacitances. The remedy is to ground the transformer secondary low side to the chassis, and remove the ground from the "B-minus" lead at the power supply, to avoid a ground loop. ${ }^{11}$
6. Use cables whose shields are tightly woven, especially in low-level circuits. This condition is often expressed as a high percentage of shielding. It should be a minimum of $80 \%$, which means that the metal in the braid should constitute $80 \%$ of the braid arca.
7. In cases of severe r.f. interference. install a second shielding braid over the cable insulation. The added shield should be carefully soldered all around to the original braid. Whether this should be done at one or both ends should be determined by trial.
8. Use shielding covers on open-bottom amplifier and power supply chassis.
9. Shicld the glass tubes in low-level stages, and make sure the shell of



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metal tubes (generally \#1 socket pin) is grounded.
10. It may be necessary to shield not only the grid lead but also the plate lead and the plate load resistor in low level stages. The resistor shield should be of copper, brass, or other metal of high electrical conductivity.
11. Under extreme conditions of interference, build a shield of copper screening around preamplifiers, and a sheet copper shield around inductive elements like equalizers, and ground the shield. Larger sheet metal shields should have their edges turned over to form a flat surface on which to mount the cover. To maintain good contact for a removable cover, knitted wire mesh gaskets are available (Metal Textile Corporation. Roselle, N. J.). Such shiclds are obviously a "brute-force" expedient and should rarely be necessary in an audio installation.

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## MOUNTING CRYSTAL DIODES

## By CHARLES ERWIN COHN

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In the case of a resistor cositing five cents one can take surh a loss without too mueh grumbling, however a dollar diode is an entirely different matter and one always hopes to be able to salvage ant otlmerwise good unit.

Soldering new leids to the diome is not too practical for the previously mentioned problem of heat damage.

All of these considerations point to the desirability of a solderless mounting for crysial diodes. Fortumately, there are two convenient methods available. Where it is possible to mount on a panel or chassis, the diode can be slipped into an 8AC fuse clip, which is just the right proportions to hold it firmly after the loads lave been clipped off. Of course, this applies only to the Sylvania 1 N34 and similar types with the ceramic body and two metal end caps.

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## U.H.F. GRID DIP METER

Boonton Electronics Corp., Boonton, N. J. has announced a new u.h.f. grid dip meter, the Model 101B

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Palisade Electronic Corp., 1025 Palisade Ave., Palisade, N. J. is now offering a new erystal-controlled converter, the UHF-C2.

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r.f. amplifier, a 6AM4 is the mixer, a $6 C B 6$ functions as the 11 to 15 mc . i.f. amplifier while two 6J6's are used as

the crystal oscillator and frequency multiplier. The input and output fittings are coax.

The approximate gain of the converter is 25 db and the noise figure is 7 db. Sensitivity is 2 mierovolts. Bulletin UHF-4 covering this unit is available on request.

## SINGLE-SIDEBAND FILTER

Burnell \& Comprmy, 45 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y. is currently marketing a single-sideband filter for amateur receivers.
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Deseriptive literature, including a schematic and response curve, is available from Dept. $D$ of the company.

## RADIATION DETECTOR

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ment, and will measure radiation intensities from .02 to 50 roentgens per hour. It operates on ordinary flashlight and hearing aid batteries capable of giving over 100 hours of operation.

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## AUDIO OSCILLATOR

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## HEATH PREAMP KIT

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dividual level controls for each input. There are lwo outputs-one to the main amplifier which is variable from 0 to at least 2.5 volts r.m.s. from any normal program source and one to a recorder input providing a minimum of .25 volt r.m.s. from any normal program source.

Frequency response is $\pm 1$ db from 25 to $30,000 \mathrm{cps}$ and $\pm 1.5 \mathrm{db}$ from 15 to $35,000 \mathrm{cps}$. Low frequency compensation is provided by a four-position furnover control while the high-fre-

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unit virtually eliminates turntable rumble and record scratch or hiss without losing music audible to the ear. It is designed as an accessory unit for use with the company's 99 transcription amplifier or with its 214 remote control amplifier.

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tion permits tape recordings to be fed through the tuner and modified by the tuner's tone control system.

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## NEW MICROPHONES

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made in this system for inclusion of simultaneous sound recording or of recording of color television.

RADAR EQUIPMENT, which will tell how suceessfully broadcasts from longrange transmitters, such as the "Voice of America," are reaching their destinations, was announced recently by the Air Force's Air Research and Development Command Headquarters in Baltimore.
The new setup, coded Cozi (communications zone indicator) was also said to indicate approximately how strong the signals are when they get to their destination, and might also reveal whether an enemy was deliberately jamming that particular frequency with static and interference.

To test a signal, the indicator equipment transmits a radar beam from the station's own antenna. The beam follows the same path taken by the radio waves. The difference, however, is that the Cozi beam comes back and tells where it has been, and often, whether it has run into any interference at its destination. The radar device is made in two units, each about the size of a steamer trunk: one is the transmitter and the other the receiver. In testing, it is necessary to interrupt the broadcast momentarily, while the radar beam is sent out. A reading is obtained instantly, and broadcasting is resumed without any appreciable break or loss of time.

The Air Force said that they intend to make extensive use of Cozi to increase the efficiency and reliability of its world-wide communications system. Interest has also been displayed by Radio Free Europe, and by several commercial radio stations in this country and Canada. It was also reported that several large industrial and shipping groups were studying the praeticality of using the new radar system as a standard accessory for long-range, dircetional radio-broadcasting equipment.

INTERFERENCE has become one of the biggest jobs of the members of the FCC field engincering and monitoring bureau. With some 600,000 transmitters now authorized, it has become difficult enough to see that transmitters do not collide with another. But the field task has been magnified by the accidental or carcless release of emissions by a host of new devices and gadgets which use r.f. energy for various non-communication purposes.

In their annual report, the Commis-
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sion cited several odd cases of interference that came up during the year. Recently, many other unusual radiation cases have appeared. To illustrate, a resident of Chicago complained about the persistent annoyance to his and other TV receivers in the neighborhood. He was surprised to be told, after investigation, that the source was an electronic door-opening device on his own garage

Complaints of interforence which gave a Massachusetts city "pictureless TV' on one channel resulted in the cause being traced to test equipment in a local radio tube plant; one of the complainants.

A new TV station which went on the air in San Diego, California, was blamed for spoiling reception from other stations. Inquiry showed that the fault was receiver overloading through the use of high-gain antennas employed by viewers to extend their reception to Los Angeles. Set owners were instructed to use a quarter-wave stub to remedy the trouble.

An investigation extending over many months was required to solve an intermittent TV interference problem in Marion, Mass. The cause was finally proved to be spark-type discharges in the antenna system of a military installation located in that area.

A report from the Puerto Rico field office illustrated the down-to-earth human relations problems with which the Commission's engineers must deal in the course of their interference investigatory work. The case involved a complaint by a woman that a neighborhood ham station was interfering with the operation of a radio-phono. The amateur involved was elderly and in poor health, and his principal interest was his ham station which had been constructed and serviced for him by several fellow amateurs. Investigation of the ham gear revealed no trouble. And thus the FCC probers went to the home of the complainant. They found that interference was observed in an all-wave set only when it was in the phono position. It was further noted that the antenna consisted of a short length of insulated wire wrapped around a line cord of a very messy electric system. When the an-


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## NEW TV GRANTS SINCE FREEZE LIFT

Continuing the listing of construction permits granted by FCC since liffing of freeze. Additional stations will be carried next month.

| STATE | CITY | CALL | CHANNEL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FREQUENCY } \\ & \text { (me.) } \end{aligned}$ | POWER* <br> (Video) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabarna | Montgomery | WSFA | 12 | 204-210 |  |
| North Dakota | Grand Forks | KNOX-TV | 10 | 192-198 | 2.82 |
| South Carolina | Charloston | WUSN-TV | 2 | 54-60 | 54.2 |
| Toxas <br> Vormont | El Paso | KELPPTV | 13 | 210-216 | 49 |
| Washington | Sontpelior | WMVT ${ }_{\text {KREM }}$ | 3 2 | ${ }^{60-66}$ | 18.3 |
| Wisconain | Groen Bay | KREM | 5 | 54-60 $76-82$ | 100 100 |

NEW CALL LETTER ASSIGNMENTS

| Arkanatas | Hot Springs | KTVR | 9 | 186-192 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| California | El Contro | KELB | 16 | 186-182-488 |
|  | Stockton | KHOF | 13 | 210-216 |
| Florida | Clearwater | WPGT | 32 | 578-584 |
| Georgia | Macon | WNEX-TV | 47 | 668-674 |
| Massachusetta | New Bedford | WTEV-TV | 28 | 668-614 $\mathbf{5 5 4 - 5 6 0}$ |
| Minnesota | Hibbing | KHTV | 10 | 192-198 |
| Now York | Bloomingdale | WBLD | 5 | 16-82 |
|  | Syracuse | WHEN-TV | 8 | 180.186 |
| Oklahoma | Tulsa | KSPG | 17 | 488-494 |
| Pennsylvania | Sharon | WSHA | 39 | 620-626 |
| South Carolina | Spartanburg | WSPA-TV | 17 7 | 174-180 |
| Toxas | Tyler | KLTV | 7 | 174-180 |
| Wisconsin | LaCrosse | WTLB | 38 | 614-620 |

*ERP = (effective radiated power, kw.).
$=$ Call letters to be announced $\quad \dagger=$ Temporary call letters.
tenna was unwrapped from the line cord and the line plug reversed, the interference ceased.

Some time later, however, another report was received from the same complainant. This time the agitated lady claimed that whenever she put her hand near the radio-phono pickup to change records, the amateur's voice would break through. This phenomena, she raged, was making her nervous and affecting her health. The investigating engineer discovered that the latest apparition was due to pickup in the phono-pickup leads. So he devised a wavetrap which eliminated the woman's haunt, and the amateur could continue to operate his station, which ac-
cording to him . . . "made life worth living."

FOR THE FIRST TIME since the Commission began processing of new applications for TV stations, the boys are out of the woods, at least for all practical purposes.

Hearings are now being scheduled as quickly as the respective applications in a particular city are in a position to be designated for hearing. Technically, said the Commission, applications will hereafter be considered chronologically, and the temporary processing procedure and city-priority listings will be discontinued.

Notwithstanding the cleaned-up slate,

## NEW TV STATIONS ON THE AIR

(As of May 25, 1954)
The following new stations bring the lists published in previous issues up to date.

| STATE, CITY | STATION | CHANNEL | $\begin{gathered} \text { ГREOUENCY } \\ \text { RANGE } \\ \text { (IN MC.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { VIDEO } \\ \text { WAVELENGTH } \\ \text { (INFT.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { VIDEO } \\ & \text { POWER } \\ & \text { (IN KW.) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| California Sacramento | KBIE*TV | 46 | 662-668 | 1.49 | 207 |
| Florida Orlando | WDEO.TV | 6 | 82-88 | 11.8 | 100 |
| Maine Portland | WGAN.TV | 13 | 210.216 | 4.65 | 239 |
| New York Kingston | WKNY-TV | 66 | 782-788 | 1.26 | 21.4 |
| Tennessee Chattanooga | WDEF-TV | 12 | 204-210 | 4.79 | 105.2 |
| Wisconsin Madison | WHA.TV $\dagger$ | 21 | 512*518 | 1.92 | 10.7 |
| Canada <br> Hamilton, Ont. | CHCH-TV | 11 | 198-204 | 4.93 | 42.9 |

KETX, channel 19, Tylor, Texas; WACH, channel 33, Nowport Nows, Virginia; and WOSH-TV. channel 48, Oshkoeh. Wisconsin, have gone off the air.

The frequency of the video carrier $=1.25+$ channel lower freq. limit. Total number of TV stations now on the air in U.S. : 384 (135 of which are u.h.f.). $\dagger$ Educational. "From Station CP application.
comparatively few station grants are being issued, because of hearing extensions, and delayed interest of many, awaiting the outcome of the Congressional investigation.

At this writing, chamel assignments shown on page 98 have been made.
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT anniversaries, of concern to every scientist in this country was celebrated in mid-Spring. The date ... April 10 and the occasion, truly the birthday of American industrial progress. On that date, in 1790, George Washington signed the hill that established our patent system, which introduced a new era and sparked so many great incentions.
When Lee de Forest took the Edison effect, in a light bulb, and converted it into a tube he probably little realized that he would live to see the day of our modern electronic industry, built up through a chain of ingenious inventions, protected by patents.
Certainly. April 10 is a memorable date that all should remember.

## PACIFIC ARRL MEET

THE Santa Clama County Amatrur Ra-
 ision AbBL convention in San Jowe, California. July 3, 4, and 5.

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Cuba-CMAS, 5.780, heard relaying program from Hollywood recently 1745. (Cody, Ireland) Santiago, 8.955, noted closing in Spanish-English 0030. (Barnard, Calif.)
Cyprus-Limassol noted on 6.790 at 2304 with news in Arabic, good level; weaker on $6.125,6.170$ in parallel. (Cox, Dela.) Heard on 9.650 at poor level 1025. (Barnard, Calif.)

Czechoslovakiu-Rudio Prague, 9.504, noted 1400 with English for Europe. (Sawyer, Ont.) On 7.255 to North America 1930. (Esser, Sexton, Pa.; Haycock, N. J.) Has repeat 2305 over 9.550. (Greco, N. Y.)

Demmark-OZF7, 15.165, heard opening 0400 with Town Hall chimes, anthem. (Pearee, England)

Dominicun Republic-III2T, 9.727A, noted in Spanish 1815-1830 with good music. (Rugel, Kans.) HIG, 9.590 A , noted at good level in Spanish. (Barnard, Calif.)
Ecuudor-HC2LT has moved to 6.885 A from listed 6.795; generally good around 2200. (Hill, N. H.) HCJB, 11.915, noted 2100 with religious session in English, good level. (Sieks, Ore.) Heard on 9.743 A at 0000 with German session. (Calos, Calif.)
Egypt-Radio Cairo, 9.475, noted in news session 1330-1340. (Leake, N. J.; Golden, Mass.) Heard on 15.315 ending English news 0840, then continuing with Eastern music. (Ferguson, N. C.) Arabic Service noted on $12.030,7.060$ around $0000-0200$. (Cushen. N. Z.l At 1100 on 11.965 and near 7.035; another day at 1040 near 9.740; another day around 1400 near 7.060. (Pearce, England)

Ethiopia-Rudio Addis Ababa, 15.054 A , weekdays has news 1315 . (Pearce, England) Noted with recordings Sun. around 1400-1430 close, widely heard in USA. (West, Va.; Sutton, O.: Huttemeyer, N. J., others)

Fiji Islands-ZJV3, 3.980, Suva, noted 0615 with music. (Sanderson, Australia) Has newseast 0400. (Morgan, Calif.; Saylor, Va.)

Finlend-Helsinki, 15.190, heard opening 0430 with news in French, then news in English 0445. (Pearee, England) Should have news for America 0600 now.

France-Paris, 15.295 A , noted opening 0820A with "La Marseillaise." (Silverman, N. Y.) Is using 7.220 for "French by Radio" 0245. (ISWC, London) Noted on 15.100 around 10301045. (Stark, Texas)

French Africa-Brazzaville, 9.440 , good level in news 1745. (Grace, Conn.) Heard with English 1400 over 15.595. (Cox, Dela.)
French Guiana-Radio Cayenne, 6.232 A , noted around $1730-1830$ when closes with "La Marseillaise." (Swayer, Ont., others)

French W. Africa-Dakar, 11.894A, noted 1500 with news in Freneh. (Pearee, England) The 9.562 outlet is


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Germuny-Cologne, 15.275, noted closing 0830 with announcements in German, English, French in beam to Far East; said 11.795 was parallel. (Silverman, N. Y.) This transmission heard opening 0.530 on 11.795 . (Pearce, England) Noted some days around 1315 on 11.795. (Niblack. Ind.) Radio Liberation, Munich, now uses 6.055 , 6.175, 7.130. (ISWC, London) Home Service noted from NWDR, 6.075, Hamburg, at 1750 with classical music, announcements in German by man. (Bellington, N. Y.)

Greece-Athens, 9.607, has news in French 1230, in English 1245. Forces Slelion. Athens, near 7.420 . noted 0730 with Greck Songs, and closing 1700 with Greek National Anthem. (Pearce, England)

Gualcmala-TGTN. 5.970. noted with Spanish music 2230-2300. (Middleton, O. 1 TGNC. 9.668. is good in English session 2200-23.4. (Klein, Va.; Sexton, Pa.) And parallel over TGNC, 11.850. (de Neuf, N. Y.)

Gutelour-FGiIAA, 6.066A, BasseTerre. noted 1815 in French with QRM from XEXE, Mexico (Cox, Dela.) Poor lewel 1730 in heavy CWQRM. (Barnard, Calif.)
Haiti-Radio Citadelle, 4VWA, 6.153AV. Cap Haitien, noted 1900 when identified in French. (Niblack, Ind.) $4 \mathrm{VC}, 9.485$, is excellent around 1730 . (Middleton, O.) 4VEH is using 9.658A mornings and 9,675 (Sun., Mon.) evenings EST. (West, Va.) 4VCP operates on 6.365, has French news 1850. (Let Redio Mondiale, France)
Hanctii-VOA relay, 6.195 , good in oriental languages $0630-0700$. (Roberts, Conn.

Hollend-Hilversum noted on 6.025 at 1630-1710 at fair level in English. (Parsons, Pa.)
Howdurus-MRN. 5.885, good nightly, best around 2000-2100. (Pearce, Ill.)
Hong-Kong-ZBW3, 9.525, heard 0600 with BBC news relay, then music. (Sanderson, Australia) Heard opening 0400 now-one hour earlier than formerly. (Balbi, Calif.)

Hunguy-Budapest, 9.833, noted relaying Moscow from 1400. (Sawyer, Ont.) Heard on 6.248 with news 1500 . (Sutton. O.)

Icelemd-TFJ, 15.175, Reykjavik, is heard Sun. (only) at good strength 1115-1130. (ISWL, England)

India-AIR, 5.990, noted with news and music; on 9.555 at 1930 with news; at 2030 with news on 11.870. (Sanderson, Australia) English news sessions now are 1930-1940, 11.950. 9.755; 23102320, 15.130. 11.870; 0235-0245, 17.740, 15.380; 0835-0845. 11.960, 9.565; 10451055. 15.380, 11.920.

Indo-Chinct (Vietnam)-Radio Frime-Asic, 15.420. noted 0430 with Enolish program of music and ncws. (Sanderson, Australia)
Iren-EQO, 3.786A, Tcheran, is strong in New Zealand with French 1510, English news 1515-1530 close-


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Iraq-Baghdad is now on 11.705. (Cushen, N. Z.) Noted by Collett, N. Z., opening 2330 with chirping of bird identifieation; has severe interference from Moscow from 0045; closes 0205. (Radio Australia)
Israel-Tel Aviv, 9.010 A , noted in English 1615-1700 closedown. (Leake, N. J.) Heard with news 1515. (Welch. Mass.) Forces Stution. listed 6.725. noted nearer 6.705 at 1445 with dance recordings, closing 1500 with "Lights Out" (bugle). (Pearce, England)

Italy-Rome, 9.570 A , noted $1920-$ 1935 with news, steady level. (Howard, Fla.) With French 1935-1945A. (Grace, Conn.) Lately, 9.780 has been noted in parallel. (Ferguson, N. C., others! Heard opening 0540 to Far East on 17.800, 15.400, 15.120. (Pearce, England) Noted on 7.290 at 2150 with news. (Bigley, Pa.)
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Luxembourg - Radio Luxembourg, 6.090, noted around 1530 and later. (Sawyer, Ont.)
Madagascar-Radio Tananarive, 9.515 , noted at weak strength 2300 in French. (Cox, Dela.)

Malaya-BFEBS, Singapore, noted opening 0415 on 15.435, 11.820, news 0415. Heard on $7.120,9.690$ at 1045 with BBC sports relay. (Cooper, Morgan, Calif.) Heard on 11.820 at 0800 with BBC news relay. (Sawyer, Ont.) The 11.955 outlet is again heard to 0930 closedown. (Stark, Texas, others)

Radio Malaya, 7.200, Singapore, noted 0630 with musical selections, then stock quotations. (Sanderson, Australia) Kuala Lumpur, 6.025, is good level 0630. (Christic, Calif.) Forces: Stution. Singapore, noted on 5.010A at 0745 with native music, man in Fijian; weak level. (Morgan, Calif.)

Monaco-Rudio Monte Curlo, 7.349, noted daily around $1515-1730 \mathrm{~A}$ signoff; fair level, mostly French, sometimes with English. (Levy, N. Y.) Noted on 6.03A at 1815-1845 in French. (Winthrop, N. C.)
Mozambique-The English request session from 2300 is noted over 3.480 parallel 11.742A, 4.916A. (Morgan, Balbi, Calif.. others)

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Nicuragua-Saylor, Va.,says YNWW, Rudio Sport, has moved from 7.850A to 8.000 A , noted at 1800 and still going strong at 2300 .
Nigeria-Fairs, England, says Kaduna, 3.327, has increased power from 300 w . to 7.5 kw . and is audible in England around 1430. (URDXC)

North Korea-Radio Pyongyang, 6.250A, has Korean news and music around 0500. (Sanderson, Australia)

Noruay-The summer schedules of Radio Norvay include to North America, North Atlantic 2000-2100, 6.130, $7.210,9.610,1578 \mathrm{kc}$.; to North America West Coast, Pacific, East Africa $2300-0000,6.130,7.210,9.610,1578 \mathrm{kc}$.; on Sun. each transmission is extended by 20 minutes for "Norway This Week" (English). (Halvorsen, Norway)

Okinaua-VOA Relay Base is using 7.165A in parallel with 6.145 . (Balbi, Calif.)

Pakistan-Karachi's new 10 kw , outlet on 3.395 is strong with English news 1015. (Cushen, N. Z.) Heard on 9.645 at 2015-2100, good level. (N. Z. DX Times) Noted with news 1015 on 7.010; with slow-speed news $1310-1330$ on 7.010, 6.235. (Pearce, England) Noted on 9.645 at 1930 with English program of news, music; at 1600 on 6.235. (Sanderson, Australia)

Panama-HORT, 6.060A, Radio Balboa, Panama City, noted at excellent level 1930. (Niblack, Ind.)

Paraguay-ZPA4, Radio Stentor, 9.735 , is scheduled $1730-2200$, sometimes has bad QRM from HI2'T, Dominican Republic; heard in Germany. (ISWC, London) Radio Teleco, 11.85, lately has had fair signals as early as 1750; closes around 2105. (Gay, Calif.)

Peru-OAX4'T. 9.562, Lima, noted closing 0000, good level. (Koch, Ore.) Is nice signal around 2015. (Hill, N. H.) Radio San Cristobal, 6.216, Lima, heard to 0000. Radio Excelsior, 6.153V, OBX4G, Lima, noted at fair level around 2400. (Rastorfer, N. Y.)

Philippines-VOA Relay Base, San Fernando, North Luzon, heard at good level 1030 on 9.655 . (Churchill, Calif.) DZH8, 15.300, Manila, noted with news 2300. (Cooper, Calif.) Heard over 9.73 and 11.855 in English 1015-1030, both good level. (Koch, Ore.)

Pitcairn Island-ZBP now operates in English over $12.110,500$ watts, 00000100. (Scheiner, N. J.)

Poland-Warsaw, 11.740, noted with English 0730, good level. (Niblack, Ind.)

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Portuguese India—Radio Goa, 9.610, noted 1105 with popular musicals and songs in Portuguese; 1130 with request program in English. (Pearce, England)
Reunion-Radio St. Denis, 7.170, noted at poor level with heavy QRM 1015. (Barnard, Calif.)

Roumamia-Bucharest, 6.143A and 9.570, is heard irregularly with English for North America now both 2200-2230, 2330-2400 closedown. (Morgan, Balbi, Cooper, Calif.) Audible 1430 with English on $6.210,9.252 \mathrm{~A}, 6.145,9.570$. (Pearce, England)
Suo Tome-CR5SC, 4.807, noted opening 1600 with 3 strokes of gong. (Sutton, O.)
South Africa-SABC, 11.93, noted 1400 with news. (Pearce, England) Johannesburg, 4.895, noted with settingup exercises in Afrikaans 2345. (Cox, Dela., others) Heard on experimental 9.680 at 1135. (Calos, Calif.)

Spain-Rudio Murcia, near 7.105 , noted 1750 with Spanish recordings; closed 1800 with Nationalist MarchAnthem; Santa Maria, 7.210 , also audible with popular musicals 1745 and closed similarly 1800. (Pearce, England) After testing on 9.585 for a time, Madrid is back on 9.363 (permanently, says) with English still 1515, 1800, 2205A. (Parsons, Ray, Pa.; Strong, Md., many others)

Surinam-PZC, 15.405, Paramaribo, noted 1930 with dance music, announcements in Dutch. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Switzerlend-The 2030-2300 session 10 North America during summer is being radiated over 6.165. 7.210, 9.535.
Syria-Damascus, 7.235 . noted in French 1530-1630, English then to 1730 closedown. (Pearce, England)

Taizan (Formosa)-Taipeh's 15.235 and 11.725 outlets have had better signals lately with English 2300-2330, 0030-0100. (Gay. Morgan, Calif.) BED32, 9.778A, noted 0530 with Western music, then news in Chinese. (Sanderson, Australia) Heard in natice on 7.134A around 0530-0730. (Chatfield, N. Y., others)

Tengier-" "The Radio Voice of International Exangelism," Box 219, British Post Office, Tangier, listed frequency of 7.305 . call of WIET, schedule of weekdays 1500-1600, Sun. 0800-0900. (Cody, Ireland) Heard closing 1600 with announcements in English, Spanish, and asking for reports. (Pearce, England) Rehlame Radio, 7.305, is carrsing out further tests irregularly around $1400-1500,1700-1800$ : wants reports to Rosenorns Alle 58, Copenhagen. Denmark. (ISWC, London) This one noted 1440 with varied musicals. (Pearee, England) Has no regular schedule as yet. (Fledelius, Denmark) VOA relay of Radio Maroc, Freneh Morocco. on 15.205 at $0730-0930$ is widely heard throughout the world.
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Trinidad-VP4RD, 6.085, is good level 0545-0600 when often is blocked by YSC, El Salvador. (Pearce, Ill.) Just audible on 3.275 with news 2100 .

Turkey-Ankara is noted in Europe well with English on 7.285, 9.465 at 1600-1645. ("SWL", Norway) TAT, 9.515, noted in English 1815-19C0 to North America, good level. (Howard, Fla.; Welch, Mass.; Marsha, Pa.; Strong, Md.; Haycock, N. J., others) Technical University of Istanbul Radio, 7.030, noted 1425 with classical music.

Vatican-HVJ noted with English 1000, 1315 over $9.550,11.685$. (Eriksson, Sweden)

## Press Time Flashes

An interesting novel based on amateur (ham) radio is "Stand By for Danger'" by E. G. Mygatt, published by Longmans, Green and Co. and which has been running serially in "Boys' Life," the national Boy Scout journal; included at the end of the book is some valuable factual information on ham radio, carefully checked by ARRL. This is a fine book for teen-agers written out of the author's "intense conviction that, so far, ham radio has only scratched the surface possibilities of direct communication between young people the world over."
"SWL" is the house organ of Kristiansand S. DX Club of Norway.

WWK37, Box 3746, San Juan, Puerto Rico, heard 1900 with test transmission; QSL letter states that Radio Corporation of Puerto Rico, which operates this one, uses it only for overseas radiotelephone service, is not a broadcasting station. (Smith, N. Y.) By now, Israel's new 50 kw . transmitter should be on the air. (Klein, Va., others) At press time, Niblack, Ind., reported picking up Radio Ceylon on new 11.770 opening 2030, announcing 7.190 as in dual.

Summer schedule for the "Happy Station Programs" from Hilversum, Holland, Sun., are-0530-0700 to Europe, Asia, South Pacific, 17.775, 15.425, $15.220,11.950,6.025$; 1100-1230 to Europe, Near and Middle East, 15.425, $15.220,11.950,11.730,6.025$; 1630-1800 to Spain, Portugal, South America, $11.730,9.590,6.025$, and $2130-2300$ to USA-Canada, 9.590, 6.025.

A new Brazilian is Radio Clube Paranense Ltd., C. Postal 448, Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, operating on 11.935 from around 1530; call is PRB2, is 1 kw., soon to be increased to 25 kw . Will have regular transmissions as soon as equipment installation has been completed. (ISWC, London) Sunspot count predictions, as heard from Berne, Switzerland, are-June 3, July 3, August 3, Sept. 3. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Cushen, N. Z., flashes that Radio Tahiti now is scheduled 2300-0000, $6.135,7.027$ (Tahitian); 0000-0200,


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Revised summer schedules for Radio Japan are 0000-0100, $9.695 .11 .780 ; 0200-0300,15.135,11.780 ; 0400-0500,15.135$, 11.725; 0530-0730, 9.695, 7.180; 0745-0845, 9.695, 11.725; 0900-1000, 9.695, 11.725; 1000-1100, 9.695, 11.725; 1115-1215, $9.695,11.725$; 1230-1330, 9.695, 7.180; 1400-1500, 9.695, 7.180; $1800-1900,15.135,11.780$. Domestic stations include 7.2755, $1500-0500 ; 7.285,1600-0500 ; 4.910,1600-1715 ; 9.655,1725-$ $0.500 ; 15.225,2200-2300$, and $11.800,0500-0800$. (Wada, Japan)
At press time, Balbi, Morgan, Christic, Calif., furnished this latest data on Indo-Chinese stations-"Voice of Vietnam" has news 0930 over $9.625,6.17$; the 7.29 outlet carries native-type program then; all three close 1000; 9.625 noted at excellent level opening 0400. Radio France-Asie noted on 6.115 with news in French 1015, closing 1030; heard on 9.750 A with news $1100-1130$ closedown; on 11.830 with news 0900, closing 1120A; the 7.230 outlet is heard in French and/or native from around 0500 and closing around 0900.

A station heard on 7.935A weak to fair around 0600 in Korean and with music is believed Pusan, South Korea, back on the air after having been destroyed by fire some months ago. (Balbi. Calif.)

Eddic Startz of PCJ, Hilversum, tells me it is hoped that Rudio Nederland will have its first 100 kw . station in operation by the end of 1954, with three more to follow in 1955 and 1956.
A harmonic of CKCW, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. is widely heard at times around 7.300 A .

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Bifilar-wound interstage i.f. transformers are used to obtain maximum gain and bandwidth, and a low time constant in the grid circuits.

Diode detection is used in the "Su-per-V." The diode is housed in the same envelope with the pentode used for the 3rd i.f. amplifier.

The video amplifier grid resistor, $R_{119}$, is returned to a point which is approximately 2 -volts positive. This gives the video amplifier greater signal handling ability, and thus prevents the peaks of the negative-going sync tips from cutting off the tube at high-input levels. Without this positive-going bias, the sync tips are compressed (i.e., the ratio of the sync pulse to the total signal is reduced) in the plate circuit at high-signal inputs, causing unstable pictures or even a total loss of sync.

A double-tuned transformer, $L$ ins used to couple the $4.5-\mathrm{mc}$. sound i.f. signal from the video amplifier plate circuit to the sound i.f. amplifier grid. This type of coupling provides maximum selectivity and, at the same time, the primary scrues as an effective 4.5me. trap to keep the $4.5-\mathrm{mc}$. sound i.f. off the picture-tube cathode.

An electrostatically-focused picture tube is used in the "Super-V." It has many features which warrant its use. Its adjustment is not too critical, it provides even focus over the entire picture, and the focus does not change appreciably with changes in line voltage. It also does not rcquire a bulky focus coil or magnet.

A fixed voltage is applied to the focus element by connecting it to the +150 -volt circuit. If, at some future date, a replacement tube is installed which requires a higher or lower focusing potential, it can be readily obtained by disconnecting the focus

Fig. 8. Bottom view of the continuoustype u.h.i. tuner. Note the shielding.



Fig. 9. Details of the balun for matching the $50-\mathrm{ohm}$ input of the continuous u.h.f. funer to the 300.0 hm antenna line.
lead from the +150 -volt circuit and connecting it either to the +260 -volt or the +480 -volt boost circuit, or to the chassis.

The brightness control varics the bias on the cathode of the pieture tube. It is mounted on the vertical chassis just above the 25L6 audio output tube. (See Fig. 2.) In most locations, the brightness control does not have to be changed when tuning from one station to another. However, in cases where an external control is desircd, a special extension shaft, Crosley part \#158188, is available as an accessory item to adjust the brightness control without removing the back.

## Sync and Sweep

The sync-clipper circuit uses the triode scetion of the 6AN8, and features a double time-constant circuit in the input stage. This provides maximum noise immunity for a wide range of noise impulses. The components have been grouped together in the printed-circuit Couplate, $C_{\text {Isn }}$.

When a single time-constant circuit is used, high-noise impulses quickly charge the condenser (due to the low grid impedance of the tube when it is drawing grid current) to a peak value higher than the sync pulses. Thus, the bias on this tube immediately after a series of high-noise pulses is too high to allow the sync tips to cause the tube to conduct. The result is a loss of sync immediately following heavy noise pulses. To overcome this problem, a second time-constant circuit is used. consisting of the 330,000 -ohm resistor shunted with the $270-\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser. The 330,000 -ohm resistor slows the charging time of the $.01-\mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser so its charge is determined only by the repetitive sync pulses and not by random noise. The $270-\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser prevents attenuation of the horizontal sync pulses.

The 10,000 -ohm resistor in series with the input to the Couplute isolates the stray capacity in the Couplate from the video amplifier circuit. The $25-\mu \mu \mathrm{f}$. condenser from the sync clipper grid to ground is helpful in bypassing high-frequency video signals.

The output of the sync clipper is coupled in the usual manner to the triode section of a 6 U 8 sync amplifier. The output of the sync amplifier is coupled through the integrating network, $C_{133}$, to the vertical oscillator circuit and through the $20-\mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$. condenser, $C_{14}$, to the horizontal a.f.c. circuit.

Because of its inherent stability, the time-proven "synchro-guide" or pulse-

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width type of horizontal a.f.c. is used. This circuit is in most respects identical to that used in previous Crosley models. Should the horizontal hold control shift out of range, it can be brought back into range by adjusting the top core on the horizontal frequency coil. $T_{\text {mas }}$

The horizontal sweep circuit is similar to the type used in previous models. There are, however, several important differences. Note that no horizontal drive or width controls have been provided. These have been eliminated in the interest of simplicity.

Horizontal drive on modern TV receivers is relatively non-critical, providing sufficient drive is used. The circuit constants in the "Super-V" have been chosen to provide ample drive, therefore no adjustment is required. In rare cases, a build-up of tolerances in circuit constants and tubes causes overdrive, which shows up on the picture tube as a vertical white line left of center on the tube. To correct this condition, a $1 / 2$-watt, 22 -ohm resistor can be inserted in the 25 BQ 6 cathode circuit in order to provide a small amount of degeneration. This resistor is used on later production receivers.

The same situation exists regarding width controls. Present-day practice calls for setting the width so that it is ample for low line-voltage conditions, and accepting the slight overscan that results at higher line voltages. In the "Super-V"" the correct width at low line voltage is designed into the receiver. It may be noted, however, that a variation in width can be obtained by changing the value of the width condenser. $C_{158}$. Be sure, however, to use a condenser rated at 3000 volts or more. Increasing the value of this condenser makes the picture wider; decreasing it makes it smaller. To prevent horizontal foldover, do not add more than $60 \mu \mu \mathrm{fd}$.
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## Within the Industry (Continued from page 26)

at its new 422,000 square foot television set assembly plant in Batavia, N.Y. . . . EL MEC LABORATORIES has moved its entire plant and office to 730 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N.J. The new location provides approximately twice the space for engineering, development, and manufacturing as was available at the old location . . . BUXTON INDUSTRIES, manufacturer of a line of TV antennas, has moved into a new plant at 88 North Fair Oakes Avenue in Pasadena where almost triple the old plant area will be avail able . . . TELEMATIC INDUSTRIES, INC. has opened a warehouse at 6115 Denton Drive in Dallas to service the south west territory GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY has consolidated its Indiana receiving tube manufacturing operations at its Tell City plant and will close its feeder operation at Huntingburg. The processing formerly done at Huntingburg has been transferred to the new Tell City plant addition
AEROVOX CORPORATION has opened two new plants in California. One plant will house the company's CINEMA ENGINEERING CO. division at 1100 Chestnut St. in Burbank and the other will house both ACME ELECTRONICS. INC. and the Pacific Coast division of the parent firm at 2724 S . Peck Road, Monrovia

FEDERAL ELECTRIC PRODUCTS COMPANY has completed new executive and sales headquarters at its Newark, N.J. plant. The new addition provides approximately 12,000 square feet of space . . . PRECISION APPARATUS CO., INC. will move its manufacturing, engineering, and administrative facilities to a new plant in Glendale, Long Island by midsummer. The new two-story air-conditioned building occupies a plot of ground running from 84 th $S t$. to 88 th St. south of Cooper Ave. in Glendale . . . STRU. THERS-DUNN, INC. has moved to Lambs Road, Pitman. N.J. The firm was formerly located in Philadelphia ZENITH has opened a new high-fidelity salon at 333 N . Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

ERIC 8. T. KINDQUIST has been appointed vice-president and general
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He began his metallurgical career in the research lab oratory of Interna tional Nickel Co., later becoming a research engineer for $R C A$ at Harrison N.J. He received his degree in chemical engineering from Pratt Institute and has taken graduate work at N.Y.U. and Ohio State.

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NEW ANTENNAS
Bruch Mamufacturing Corp, of 200 Central Ave., Newark 4, N. J. has released its Model 556 "Delta-Vee" beam for v.h.f.-u.h.f. black-and-white and color reception.

Channel Master Corporation, Ellenville, N. Y. is offering its "Econo-Vee" Model 411 antenna to the trade. This fully preassembled antenna is designed to operate effectively in secondary and fringe u.h.f. areas as well as primary v.h.f. areas,

Fink Electronics, Inc., 518 E. 95th St., Chicago, Ill. has introduced an indoor antenna which the company claims is effective even with color TV. Known as "Diron," the new antenna covers all v.h.f. television channels plus the FM frequencies. It comes completely assembled and tested.

Insuline Corporation of America, Manchester, N. H. is offering a "Com-bo-Fan" which may be used to convert existing v.h.f. antennas to u.h.f. reception. The device is a fan-shaped, weatherproof, all-aluminum antenna giving high gain on channels 14 through 83 without affecting normal operation on the v.h.f. channels.
$J F D$ Mamufacturing Company, Inc., 6101 Sixteenth Are., Brooklyn 4, N. Y. has restyled its "Pace-Setter" series of conical antennas for channels 2 to 13. This new series features seamless aluminum cross arms, dowel-reinforcement at both ends for extra strength, wood-dowel reinforcement of the aluminum elements, and a double reinforced U-bolt mast clamp assembly.

Television Harductre Mfg. Co., 919 Taylor Ave., Rockford, Ill. is offering two new window-mounted TV antennas for applications where roof mounting is impractical or forhidden. The "bow tie" style is designed for u.h.f. reception while the "double $V$ " model can be used for u.h.f. and v.h.f. in primary and secondary signal areas. The "Window-Tennas" are now at distributors.

Tricruft Products Company, 1535 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 22, Ill, is now marketing a new indoor u.h.f. antenna, the Model 222 "Radome." This moderately priced unit covers channels 14 through 83 and measures $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ $33 / 8$ ".

## COLOR TV TUBES

CBS-Hytron, Danvers, Mass, is currently in production on two new tubes which have been developed specifically for color TV circuits.

The $3 A 3$ is a high-voltage, half-wave vacuum rectifier designed to be used in the high-voltage system of a color set. It may also be employed in any rectifier application where high peakinverse plate voltage and high-peak
plate current are required. Bulletin E-225 gives complete data on this tube.

The second tube is the 6BD4, a highvoltage regulator for anode and convergence supplies in color receivers. Bulletin E-226 gives complete specifications on this tuhe.

## LARGE COLOR TUBE

A new color television picture tube that produces a $20^{\prime \prime}$ ( diagonal) color picture, comparahle in contour and size to the standard 21" black-andwhite tube, is now under development at the Electronic Tube Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporution.

A significant advancement in the new tuhe is its larger screen size coupled with the use of a phosphor screen which has 20 complete color groups per inch compared to 17 previously used. This gives improved resolution and good color definition at normal viewing distances. The total viewing area is approximately 200 square inches.

## 'CHROMALYZER"

Telechrome, Inc., 632 Merrick Road, Amityville, Long Island. N. Y, has developed an elaborate test unit for checking and aligning home color receivers, the Model 636-B "Chromalyzcr,"

The new instrument provides all the standard color signals needed for service work. By push-button control, the unit produces eleven bars of blue, red, magenta, green, cyan, yellow, G-Y (greater than 90 degrees). R-Y, B-Y, Q, $I$, in addition to black, white, sync, and color burst.

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television stations to expedite installation or performance checks of color TV receivers in homes while black-andwhite programs are on the air.

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The color test signal is a narrow vertical yellow-green bar which is visible at the extreme edge of color receivers but is practically unnoticeable on black-and-white sets.

The device will be made available through the company's Enginecring Products Division.

## COMBINATION TUNER

General Instrument Corporation is now offering a combination all-channel v.h.f.- u.h.f. tuner, the Model 80.

The new unit is composed of a new


13-position turret-type v.h.f. tuner (Model 78) and a new, compact, con-tinuously-tuned u.h.f. unit (Model 79). The combination unit is so designed that the v.h.f. section can be purchased and installed separately in sets. If the manufacturer's market should change, he or his distributor can add the u.h.f. section in the field.

The combination tuner measures less than 7 long and $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide and was designed especially to meet the demand for smaller cabinets and larger picture tubes.

## NEW ROOF MOUNTS

Commercial Products, 201 Division Street, Toledo 2, Ohio has announced five new models of roof mounts for simplified installation of TV antennas.

Designed to be used with 'walking up" masts, the new units are in addition to the four already offered by the company.

A catalogue containing complete details on all nine of the mounts is available on request.

## ANTENNA ROTATOR

Crown Controls Company, Inc., New Bremen, Ohio has added a new unit to its line of antenna rotators.

A new design permits the entire mast assembly support to be preassembled, thus simplifying installation. The size of the mast support base has been increased to provide a wider, stronger support for antenna masts. It will accommodate masts from 34 " to $2^{\prime \prime}$ and up to 175 pounds in weight.

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The converter offers a choice of mounting positions, left, right, or inside top of the cabinet.

## CONTINUITY TESTER

Kapmer Hardware, Inc., 2248 Second Ave., New York 29, N. Y. is now offering a self-contained, all-clectric continuity tester, the Model 170-A.
The instrument indicates resistance from a fraction of an ohm to 5 megohms. A safeguard resistor limits the output to 1 ma. The testing procedure is simple and quick. One lead is clipped to one side of the circuit or resistance under test while the test prod is then touched to the other side. An indicator light tells whether the resistance is low, high, or open.

It can also be used for checking filaments of all radio and television tubes. The low output of the unit makes it impossible to damage even battery or hearing-aid tubes.

## TUBES FOR COLOR TV

The Tube Department of Generul Electric Company has announced the development of four new receiving type fubes which have been designed for color TV sets.

The new units include a 2 V 2 highvoltage rectifier; a 5 A 44 high-output, full-wave rectifier; a $6 \wedge R 8$ sheet-beam synchronous detector; and a 6BU5 high-voltage pentode for shunt regulation.

Complete information on these new tubes is available from the Tube Department at Schenectady 5. New York.

## TELEVISION ADAPTER

Textronix, Inc., P.O. Box 831, Portland 7, Oregon has announced the availability of a new television adapter, the Type 124.

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To make use of the time-marker output of the Type 124, the scope should have a positive gate output and a CRT cathode terminal.

## COMPONENT TESTER

Transvision, Inc. of New Rochelle, $N$. Y. has recently introduced a new


TV component tester which will check the following parts: flyback transformers and yokes, selenium rectifiers, and picture tubes as well as reactivating the picture tubes.

The new component tester will make positive checks on color tubes and extend the life of weak color tubes with low emission. Additional information on the unit will be supplied by the manufacturer on request.

## NEW "TENNA-TIE"

Channel Muster Corporation of Ellenville, N. Y. is now offering an improved version of its "Tenna-Tie," an inter-action filter which joins highand low-band r.h.f. antennas for use with a single transmission line.

The new unit now incorporates separate high- and low-pass filters, replacing the parallel resonant circuit previously used. With the new circuit, the installer may connect leads of any length between the antennas and the unit without affecting the efficiency of the filter. Lead lengths are no longer critical.

The new rersion is catalogued as Model No. 9033-A.

## COLOR TEST GEAR

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## CONTACT CLEANER

Workman TV, Inc. of Teaneck, N. J. has developed an electronic contact and tuner cleaner and lubricant which is being marketed under the tradename "Wissh"
The new formula is designed to perform the dual function of cleaning parts, points, and tuners as well as acting as a lubricant for the equipment. The product is now available at local jobbers.

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## Mac's Service Shop

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by a man who has not been shaving too long, using only a v.t.v.m., proves to him he is right."
"He has built up quite a case," Barney observed.
'On the surface, yes; but it has a lot of holes in it. As I told him, you do not need to have a long gray beard to be a TV expert because television itself, as we know it, is hardly ten years old. Youth, with its eagerness to learn about new things, is a natural for this brand-new field. Probably the age of the youngster who fixed the set would be about the same as that of the men who are designing, testing, and flying our modern jets; and the Air Force seems satisfied with the job they are doing.
"I also pointed out that when he called for service he was doubtless asked about the make, model, and symptoms of his receiver. Using this information, the technician called upon his technical knowledge and his rich fund of experience and probably made a very shrewd guess as to the likely cause of the trouble before he hung up the telephone. Then he consulted his service library, in which he would have invested a minimum of $\$ 400$. to determine exactly what tubes he would need to take along for that particular job. Finally, from his array of service instruments. in which he would have invested from $\$ 1000$ upwards, he selected the one best suited to determine whether or not the set could be repaired in the home if his original guess as to the cause of trouble proved wrong.
"The knowledge and equipment that a set owner sees displayed when a technician makes a home call is only a very small per-cent of that at his disposal," Barney threw in. "It's kind of like an iceberg that has nine-tenths of its bulk hidden below the surface supporting the one-tenth that is in plain view."
"Exactly," Mac agreed. "At the same time I must admit my neighbor has a point in there being inconsistency in service shop advertising. When one shop talks about the expensive equipment and extensive technical knowledge needed to perform service work and another stresses how quickly and easily it can be done right in the customer's home, this is confusing to say the least.
"The inconsistency lies in the fact that two different types of service operation are being described. Abrupt set failures are usually produced by faults that can be quickly detected and corrected by a skilled technician right in the home. On the other hand, all television sets are subject to a gradual deterioration in performance as the months go by. Tubes lose a bit of their emission; condensers develop slight leakage; resistors change value; dirt accumulates on the tube face and on


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the selector contacts; circuits drift out of alignment. The total effect of these defects is arrived at so gradually that quite often the owner fails to notice how much his reception has suffered. The only way in which the receiver can be restored to the kind of operation it had when it was new is for the receiver to be checked over completely, using expensive and delicate instruments that cannot be lugged around in a service truck. In other words, a receiver cannot practically be kept in first-class working condition unless it makes periodic visits to a service shop."

Mac paused for a moment and then went on. "What I am going to try to do in our advertising is to persuade our customers that this is so. To get the point across, I'm going to resort to analogy. For example. to reach the women customers, I plan to say something like, 'If you are a good housewife, you sweep and dust every day; yet you still give your home a general housecleaning at least once a year. Your TV set needs a complete going over once a year, too.' For the men I propose something like this: 'If a fan belt breaks, you stop in a filling station for a new one and are on your way: but every so often you leave your car at a garage for a complete check. Your TV set deserves a careful annual inspection also.' Then I'll go ahead to urge our customers to let us have their sets while they are on vacation. This, of course, will help fill in our slack summer season; but more important. it will give us plenty of time to go over each set completely. locating and correcting every defect, and to bench-test it thoroughly-something we can't do when the customer is yelling for it back every hour on the hour."
"Are you going to say this will prevent the customer's having set failures during the rest of the year?"
"No, because no one can honestly promise that. A tube heater can open up or a condenser pop at any time. Certainly the likelihood of failure will be lessened by these annual checks, but the principal advantage to the customer will lie in the fact that his set will be operating in tip-top shape. If a particular part fails, it can be replaced with confidence that this will be all that is needed to restore the set to perfect operation. We cannot guarantee uninterrupted reception with these annual checks, but we certainly will be able to promise good reception; and you know as well as I how many sets we see that produce some kind of a picture and some sort of sound but are a long. long way from providing the kind of reception they were designed to give."

Barney heaved a big sigh and slid off the bench. "And I was just looking forward to a nice long slow-business summer," he murmured.
"My deepest sympathy," grinned Mac. "You certainly are the most abused service shop assistant that ever soldered a lead!"
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Operation of "VTR" is based on a method which is introduced primarily to conserve tape velocity. In this way at least 15 minutes running time is possible from reels of reasonable size. Ten tracks are employed simultaneously for recording video information. An eleventh track records the necessary vertical and horizontal synchronizing signals while the twelfth carrics the sound channel. On playback, signals from the ten video tracks combine to producc a high-definition picture.

An alternating signal is recorded on each track. Both positive and negative halves of this signal represent bits of picture information. This alternating rate is 169 kc . Consequently each head records 339,000 bits per second and since there are ten heads the system is capable of recording $3,390,000$ bits per second, or vidco signal information up to 1.69 mc .

It is not necessary to employ bias in this form of recording since the minimum signal amplitude remains sufficiently high to result in lincar amplitude response.

On playback each of the ten video heads is excited by a strong carrier frequency rate of 169 kc . amplitude modulated in accordance with the original video information. By means of a full-

John T. Mullin, chief engineer of Bing Crosby Enterprises, explains new "VTR" system to TV and movie star Dan Duryea.

Close-up of the tape drive mechanism.

wave rectificr, each signal is converted at the output of its preamp from 169 kc . a.c. to d.c. with a strong 339 kc . component. This rate is used to control the sampling pulse generation and timing since it exists even at minimum signal levels.

The vertical and horizontal sync signals are recorded in track number eleven since they must be played back free from the results of sampling. If this were not done, the playback sampling rates would cause the horizontal sync to lock in incorrectly at certain places in the picture.

The sound is recorded on one track by means of a high-quality FM system. A carrier of 100 kc . is modulated through wide deviation from 50 to 150 kc . On playback this results in a better than 65 db signal-to-noise ratio measured below $1 / 2 \%$ harmonic distortion.

The machine occupies a floor area of $40^{\prime \prime} \times 26^{\prime \prime}$. It operates the tape at 100 inches-per-second. It can accommodate reels of tape providing more than 16 minutes of continuous recording, thus sufficient overlap time is allowed for starting a second machine where halfhour programs are re-broadcast.

In operation, tape unwinds from the left spindle, past the capstan drive and head assembly to be taken up on the right hub. Rolls of tape are essentially sclf-supporting. No reels are required for $1 / 20$ tape. For re-winding at high speed, a "tight winder" is employed. No equipment other than drive motors is conccaled in the cabinet.
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Certified Record Revue<br>(Contimued from page 58)

Ponderous crashing chords from trombone and tubas. Trumpets, in a very high and strident register. Almost all of the brass work in this composition is in the form of short, staccato bursts and will tax the transient response of your system. The percussion I still don't helieve! Thundering bass drum and tympani so sharp and clean, you can literally "fcel" the tautness of the drumskins! In the section called the "Evocation of the Ancestors" there is a series of tympani rolls followed by another staccato figure, which is quite fantastic. I guarantee this will make you sit bolt upright, and start you to wondering whether your speaker cone can withstand this assault! The strings are in this work too, and are clean and edgeless. However you don't seem to notice them as much in this composition, partly because there is so much else going on, and partly because they are used in pizzicato fashion so often and blend in with the other rhythmic elements. In the finale, the "Sacrificial Dance," the orchestra virtually explodes in as madly orgiastic sound as you're ever likely to hear again. So furious and complex is this last section that Stravinsky made some revisions in it in 1943 to make it easier to perform. Mr. Dorati has essayed the original version and the Minneapolis has responded with magnificent precision. Acoustically, the recording has just the right amount of reverb. Too much in a work like this could be disastrous. making the sound run together and completely destroying its distinctive texture. In spite of all these huge sonorities and what may seem to some like special effects, especially in the percussion, I can assure you that this dise was recorded with the usual "Olympian" technique, meaning the single Telefunken mike and the transfer from tape to disc via the Miller cutter. Well, that's it. I know this review has been longer than most, but it was necessary to justify my enthusiasms. The recording conformed perfectly to the AES curve and the surfaces on my copy were quiet.

## STRAVINSKY

## PULCINELLA

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While we are on the subject of Stravinsky, let's stay with him awhile and give "car to this latest version of his one act ballet with song," "Pulcinella." The notation "after Pergolesi" is usually added to the title, because of the derivative source of much of the score. However, it would be a gross error to convey the idea that this work is anything less than a major and distinctive effort by Stravinsky. It is true that there are certain passages which are

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little changed from Pergolesi, but the rest bears the unmistakable imprint of Stravinsky. He has freely transposed, embellished, introduced the rhythmic figures so typical of his other works, and changed harmonies. The result is something that sounds "18th Centuryish," but obviously is not.

If you are at all familiar with Stravinsky, no more than a few bars will serve to identify this as his music. The parts for voice do not bear any direct relation to the plot of the story and are in fact, more or less incidental. Brief as they are, they are nonetheless pleasant little airs and are sung admirably by the soloists involved. Stravinsky has handled the orchestra so well, that although there are no tympani or percussion instruments in the score, the strength of the rythmic means, especially in the strings, is such that you would swear this is percussion. A thoroughly delightful work, this is by far the best version on discs. The other versions are more fragmentary and are not particularly distinguished for their sound. Here, the knowing hand of Stralinsky is much in evidence. Under his direction this is a much more lively and spirited work than a hearing of the other dises would seem to indicate. The sound is splendid. Columbia has managed to combine the need for sharp, "close-to" recording, essential to the delineation of this work, with a good spacious acoustic perspective. Woodwinds are especially clean and crisp. If you have never been overly impressed with this work, try this version. It could well change your mind. Approximately 2 db of bass boost added to the NARTB curve made the recording sound better to me.

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This is a brand new recording of "Werther," superior in nearly all respects to the other effort on Urania. The opera itself is not heard very often these days, which seems strange to me as it has much to recommend itself over many "staples" in the current repertoire. Taken from Goethe's "The Sorrows of Young Werther," it is admittedly a gloomy work. Nevertheless, it is so cleverly written, that the characters in the secondary roles add a great deal of life and zest to the plot. At least they act as a balance to the virtually psychopathic Werther. Mounted in a snappy new setting by the "Met." and cast as well as has been done in this recording, I'm sure the opera would find new favor. It is in the casting where this recording shines, as the illustrious Tagliavini gives an exciting and moving portrayal of Werther. Pia Tassinari is in splendid voice as the beloved "Charlotte." Marcello Cortis is an effective "Albert" and Vittorio Neviani, a sympathetic "Sophie." The other roles are equally well sung; espe-

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cially noteworthy is Giuliano Ferrein as the "Bailiff." The ensemble work was good, but it is in this department that the Urania disc at least was its equal. Pradelli lends his considerable talent to the proceedings and his orchestra is always complementary and in balance with the vocalists. Sound is generally well above average, as far as operatic recordings go. Strings were smooth, woodwinds a little ragged, brass was bright and clean, but unfortunately at times became somewhat strident. Percussion good, except for occasional muddiness. Over-all, a thoroughly enjoyable recording, highly recommended to those of you who are looking for an opera a little off the beaten track. AES curve was adequate with a slight assist in the bass and a slight cut in the treble helping the balance.

## BARTOK <br> PIANO CONCERTO \#3 <br> I'ROKOFIEV

IIANO CONCERTO \#3
Julius Katchen, pianist with L'Orehestre de la Suisse Romande conducted loy Ernest Anseriuet. Jondon l.J.945. ffrr curve. I'rice 85.95.

This record would be distinguished if for no other reason than the coupling of these two great concerti. This has always seemed to me to be an eminently logical pairing, instead of the opposite-ends-of-the-poles repertoire both works have been saddled with Happily, there is much more musical substance here than in previous recordings of these concerti. The Bartok concerto has always impressed me as being one of the composer's most listenable works. Oh, it has all of the usual dissonances associated with Bartok, but its construction is so clever, that this element seems less apparent. In addition, since this is the last of Bartok's works and a product of his more advanced years, it is possible to detect more than a little "mellowing" in his musical philosophy. Of the two other recordings of this work, only the San-dor-Ormandy version on Columbia offers this new disc any competition. Julius Katchen is a better pianist than Sandor, and Ansermet's supporting reading more perceptive than Ormandy's. There is much to be said for Katchen's precision and ultra-careful phrasing, but it is this very quality that keeps this from being an outstanding reading. Sandor misses a few notes here and there, and in general is not the craftsman that is Katchen. But for all this, his reading is full of dash and fire and Katchen suffers by comparison. Soundwise this is a different matter. The Columbia piano had a tone that was on the hard side, and the orchestral accompaniment was restricted in range. This is not too surprising, since the Sandor recording appeared early in the LP catalogue, and I'm pretty sure it was a transfer from 78 rpm . Good sound for its day, but not equal to this present recording. The piano here is liquidly beautiful, very clean toned, little evidence of wow or flutter. The piano is used quite percussively in this score, and this quality is recorded with virtually no harshness


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The material presented is basic, simply written, and completely understandable. The layman or television student can derive almost as much benefit from the discussion as can the more seasoned technician.

The author's presentation is familiar to readers of this magazine and those using this text will find that same practical and enlightening treatment as characterizes his regular contributions to Radio \& Television News.
"INTRODUCTION TO COLOR TV" by M. Kaufman \& H. Thomas. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York. 137 pages. Price $\$ 2.10$. Paper bound.

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"SPECIALIZED HOME AND PORTABLE RADIO MANUAL" compiled by the Rider Staff. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York. 96 pages. Price $\$ 1.65$. Paper bound. Volume 8.
This volume is devoted exclusively to $R C A$ receivers and covers sets produced in the period June 1951 through December 1953.

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Shallcross Manufacturing Company, Collingdale, Pa. has issued an engineering bulletin which gives complete specifications and laboratory performance data on its " $P$ " type encapsulated precision wirewound resistors.

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Thordar:son-Meissner, Seventh and Bellmont, Mt. Carmel, Illinois has announced the availability of a new catalogue covering the Thordarson line of transformers and reactors and featuring a new, complete TV replacement section, a new out put transformer chart, and complete cross-reference data.

Catalogue 400-L may be obtained without charge from the company.

## ACOUSTICS STANDARD

The American Standards Association, 70 E. 45 th Street, New York 17. N. Y. has just completed and published a new standard for letter symbols for acoustics.

The standard presents symbols and terminology used in studies of acoustical, shock, and vibrational problems. Harry $F$. Olson of $R C A$ was chairman of the committee that set up the new standard.

Known as "The American Standard Letter Symbols for Acoustics, Y10.111953," the new publication may be obtained from the Association for $\$ 1.00$ a copy.

## TRANSISTOR CURVE TRACER

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## BATTERY PROMOTION

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## TEST EQUIPMENT

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## RIDER CATALOGUE

John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal Street, New York 13, N. Y. has announced the availability of its 1954 book catalogue.

The publication contains 32 pages and is a complete, up-to-date listing of the latest books, "Tek-File," and manuals published by the company. Copies of the catalogue are free and are available from the company's distributors and bookstores or direct from the publisher, Box RC-54.

## SOLENOID CATALOGUE

West Coast Electrical Mfg. Corp.'s AC Division 215, 233 W. 116th Place, Los Angeles, California now has available a new AC solenoid catalogue.

The new publication presents in easy-to-read form, solenoid design information, engineering drawings, solenoid performance charts, work and temperature curves.

This catalogue is available only on company letterhead request.

## MALLORY GUIDE

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## ANTENNA DATA

Tennalub. Quincy, Illinois has issued a two-color, four-page bulletin covering its line of TV antennas.

Pictured and described are units for all-channel applications. single-channel yagis, multi-channel yagis. and accessories to be used with the various antennas.

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## SCOPE HANDBOOK

The Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10.524 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8. Ohio is offering a 24 -page handbook on cathode-ray oscilloscopes to service engineers, technicians, experimenters, and students.
This free publication contains an explanation and illustration of the hasic characteristics of the oscilloscope. explains how it works. and provides tips on its more general uses. The handbook also lists features and performance specifications on models ranging from a $3^{\prime \prime}$ nortable unit to large technician bench models as well as the highly accurate industrial-electronic laboratory types.

## CONDENSER DATA

The Astron Corporetion, 255 Grant Avenue. East Newark. N. J. is offering a copy of its new condenser manual, AC-4. which contains detailed enginecring data and specification information on its complete line.

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In connection with Fig. 5 of "A Transisforized Light-Beam Communications System" (May 1954) there is a slight possibility of damaging the transistor if a pot is used for resistor $R$ and the pot is turned to zero. To avoid damage the authors suggest that a 47.000 ohm fixed resistor should be placed in series with a 1 megohm pot for $R$ thus eliminating any chance of transistor burnout. The maximum resistance which gives undistorted output should be used to conserve power and reduce transistor collector power dissipation.

In the article "The Audio Cathode Follower" which appeared in the April 1954 issue. the caplions for the photographs on page 51 were inadvertently interchanged. In addition, although not too clearly indicated. it was not the intention of the author to provide construction defails on the tone controls and preamp.

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