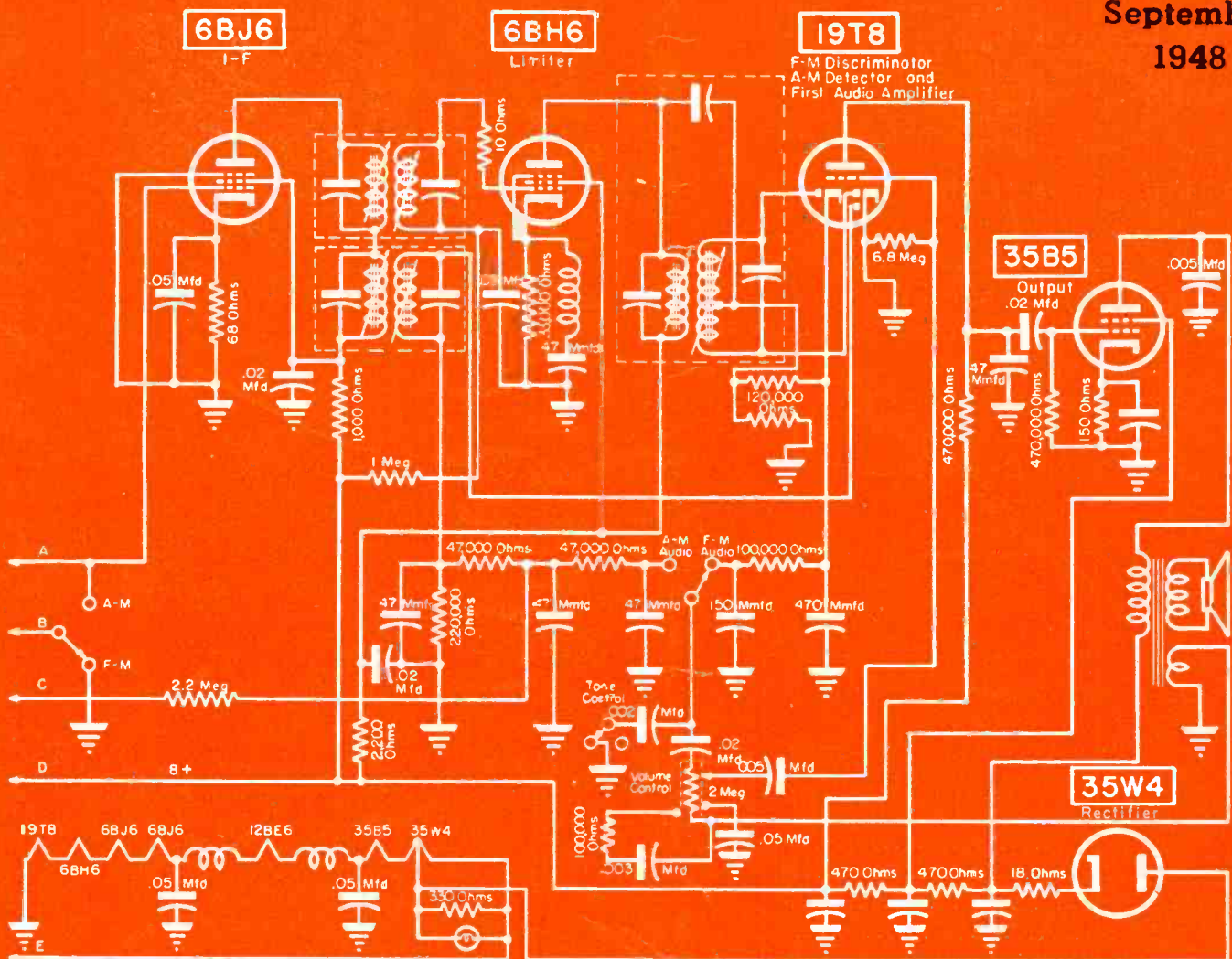


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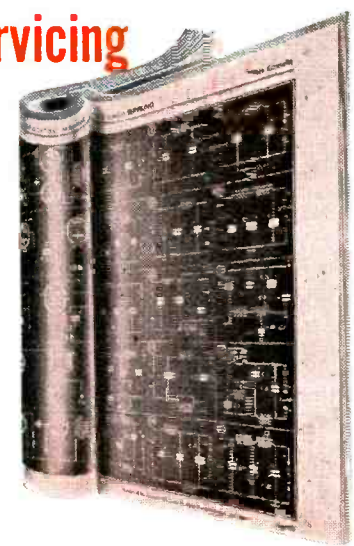
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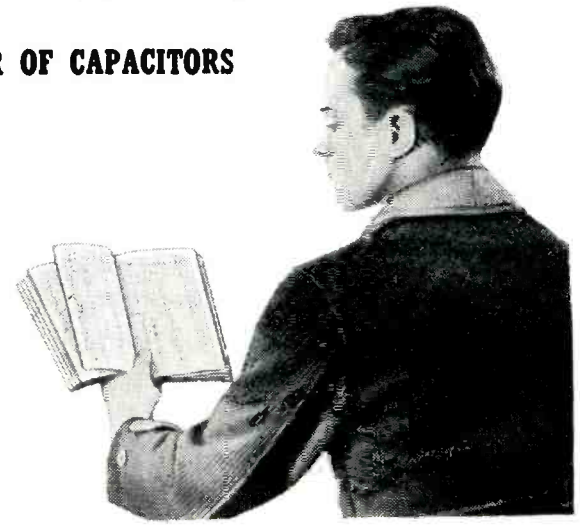
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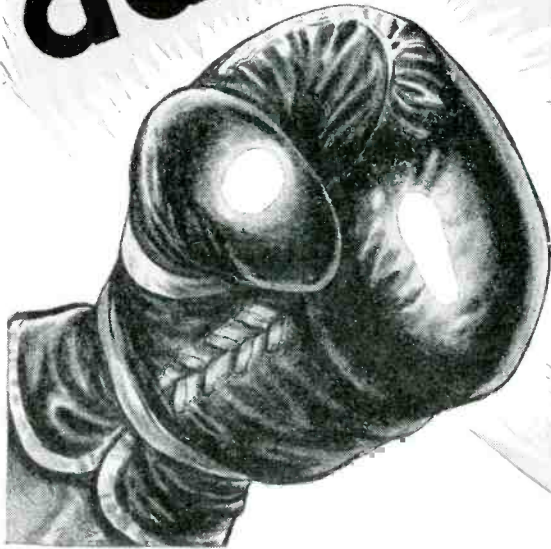
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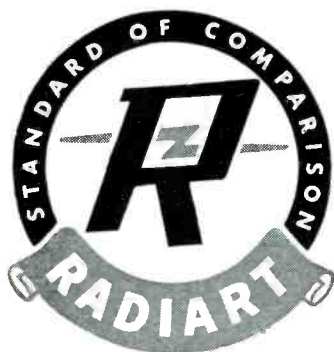


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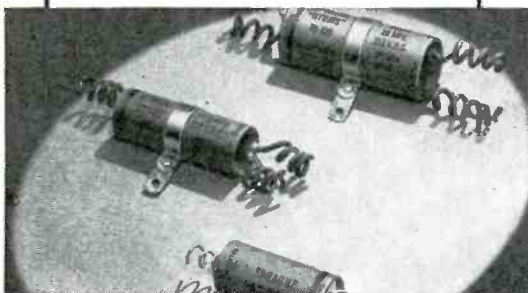
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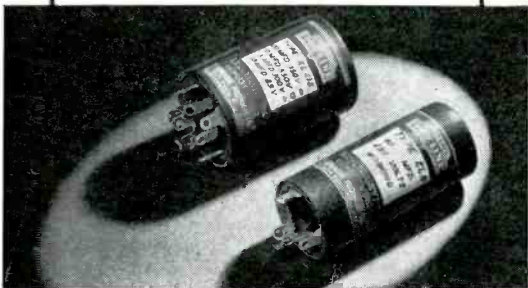
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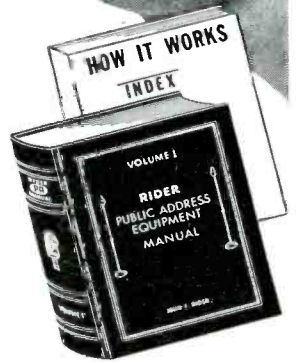
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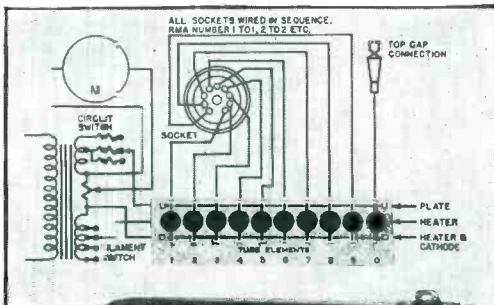
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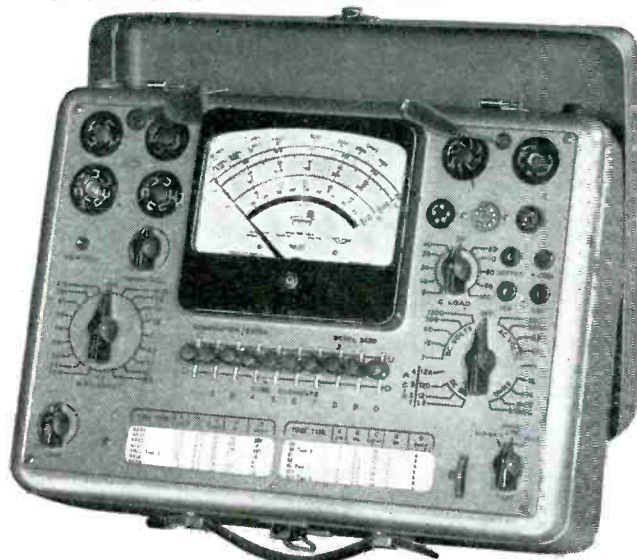
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### Outdoor TV Antennas

THE INDOOR-OUTDOOR TV antenna debate has become quite a hectic affair prompting many strongly-worded comments from industry specialists, stressing the need for outdoor installations particularly for high-band television.

The experts have declared that although indoor antennas will operate satisfactorily on the low bands, in line-of-sight high-signal areas, performance falters on the high bands. Commenting on this problem in this issue (page 10) Ira Kamen declares that . . . "Most indoor antennas fail to operate satisfactorily at the high frequencies due to increased signal loss, a result of the narrow bandwidth of indoor antenna construction, and the high attenuation and reflection of the transmitted h-f signals caused by building materials."

In another stand on the subject, involving a purported statement by a Chicago real estate agency official that "indoor television antennas are adequate in 95 per cent of the Chicago areas," Gardiner G. Greene of Workshop Associates declared that this is certainly not the case. He noted that television might be satisfactory with an indoor antenna in an apartment on one side of the building, while on the other side, a strong outdoor system would be absolutely necessary.

"Indoor antennas," he said, "are sensitive to a person moving about, turning on of the lights and to other motions, all of which may fade the tv picture. Maximum reception is possible therefore, in a great majority of the cases, only with an adequate outdoor antenna."

In another review of the problem, Jerome J. Kahn of Standard Transformer Corporation and an RMA director, said that the industry faces a serious condition in what appears to be a concerted drive by the nation's real estate boards to discourage tenants from erecting outside television antennas.

Kahn declared that this is a problem which can be solved only on a nationwide basis.

"First, the industry must bring into the open what is obviously a careful organized campaign against antenna installations," he emphasized, "and then we must either meet the objec-

tions of the real estate groups which have instigated this opposition and provide assurances of installations which will protect their property or otherwise put an end to this covert but serious obstacle to television sales."

### TV Receiver Shipments Climb

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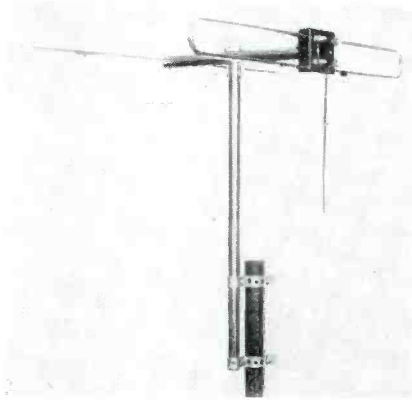


Fig. 1. A h-f attachment with a divider network which isolates the attachment from the l-f antenna. (Courtesy Vertron.)

Channel	Starting Length of Stubs	
	Open	Shorted
2,3	45"	90"
4	40"	80"
5,6	35"	70"
F-M	30"	60"
7-13	16"	32"

Fig. 2. Table of lengths of stubs used to eliminate cross modulation and f-m interference.

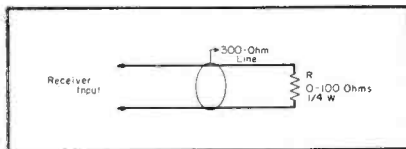


Fig. 3. Connection of resistor to control attenuator effect of stub.

Fig. 4. Typical r-f interference pattern on picture-tube screen. (Courtesy Belmont Radio.)

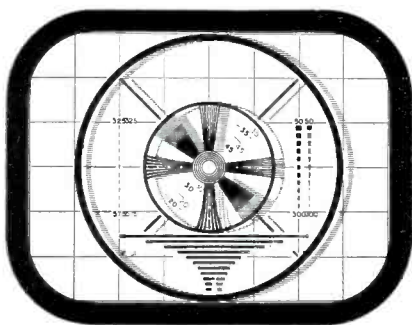
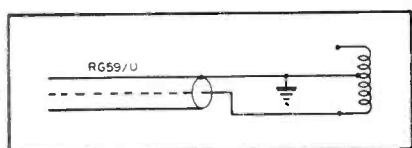


Fig. 5. Circuit illustrating the connection of coax cable to 300-ohm tv receiver inputs.



THE HIGH-FREQUENCY TV channels have introduced many new installation problems.

These new problems may be divided into four categories:

(1) Inefficiency of satisfactory low-frequency tuned indoor and outdoor antenna systems on the high-frequency channels.

(2) Mal-effects at the 7-13 channels of stub filters and other devices required in antenna circuit to solve channel 2-6 tv interference or cross-modulation problem.

(3) Tv receivers with inefficient front ends on the high-frequency channels or excessive local oscillator interference reradiation on the high-frequency channels.

(4) Fundamental deficiencies in earlier tv receiver designs.

Analyzing those antenna systems which are not efficient at high frequency channels, we find:

(a) Three-element arrays (dipole, director and reflectors) when adjusted for operation on the 2-6 channels, are very inefficient at the high frequency channels because of their very narrow bandwidth.

(b) High-Q folded dipoles, adjusted for the low frequency channels, also have a very narrow bandwidth. These antennas have narrow dipole tubing which raises their Q. Large size tubing used for folded dipoles lowers the Q and broadbands the antenna.

(c) Straight dipoles, adjusted for the low frequency channels, matched into 50-75 ohm coaxial lines, are very inefficient at the high-frequency channels because of the severe mismatch of the antenna to the low-impedance coaxial line at its off-resonant frequencies. The solution, of course, where high-frequency reception is required from a single antenna array, is the use of a high-frequency attachment, installed in accordance with the technique outlined in the previous installment<sup>1</sup> of this series. Best adjustment is usually obtained with a high frequency attachment that has a divider network which isolates the attachment from the low frequency antenna, as

shown in Fig. 1. These attachments (with or without divider networks) should be installed above the low-frequency arrays, so that ground capacities have a minimum influence in the high-frequency element.

## Indoor Antenna Problems

Most indoor antennas fail to operate satisfactorily at the high frequencies due to increased signal loss, a result of the narrow bandwidth of indoor antenna construction and the high attenuation and reflection of the transmitted high-frequency signals caused by building materials. There is also considerable consumer resistance to installing more than one indoor antenna to cover all the tv channels.

The advent of the high-frequency channels has also minimized the effectiveness of indoor antennas in multiple dwellings. Adjustable window mounted antenna rods described in a previous article<sup>2</sup> are the most practicable units for multiple dwellings where roof-top antennas are not permitted, or where a master antenna system has not been installed.

Coaxial cable, used in antenna system, has considerably more loss at the high-frequency channels than in the low-frequency band. In all tv installations, where coaxial cable runs of RG59/U exceed 100' and the high-frequency channel signal is weak, the installation of RG11/U will provide a noticeable improvement.

Tv installers should avoid surplus cable unless adequate test facilities are available to check cable attenuation. Many reels of cable, on the surplus market, have an attenuation characteristic much higher than the present commercial standards for new coaxial cable.

## Interference Eliminators

In most cities, the low frequency channels were the first ones placed in operation. Many devices were installed as interference eliminators in the antenna circuits of these l-f channel receivers. The most common device installed to eliminate interference from strong adjacent tv channels and f-m station signals which appeared in tv patterns was the stub, a piece of 300-

<sup>1</sup>Kanien, August, 1948, SERVICE.

<sup>2</sup>Kanien, July, 1948, SERVICE.

# TV Antenna Installations

**Antennas And Installation Procedures Which Afford Best Results. Solving Major H-F Installation Problems Facing Service Men, Involving L-F Tuned Indoor And Outdoor Antennas, Stub Filters Used For Curbing Interference In The 2 To 6 Channels, Local Oscillator Interference, Resistors At H-F, Interfering Frequencies And Metal Backs of Receivers Which Act As Antennas.**

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ohm twin-lead which could be used open or shorted to attenuate an unwanted tv or i-m signal.

In Fig. 2 appears a table of *stub* lengths. It will be noted that the lengths are called *starting lengths*. This term has been applied because it is usually necessary to reduce the lengths specified an inch at a time with sidecutters until the *stub* filter is at its most efficient length. In the case of the strong adjacent tv channel, where channel 2, for example, appears behind a channel 4 pattern, a 45" (open) or 90" (shorted) piece of transmission line is reduced in length until the channel 2 signals are eliminated from the channel 4 pattern.

The larger shorted type of *stub* is preferred where the attenuation must be controlled. For example, the interfering adjacent tv station should not be so severely attenuated that it cannot be used when the station selector of the tv receiver is tuned to that channel. Attenuation levels can be controlled if a 100-ohm  $\frac{1}{4}$ -watt resistor is installed in the *stub* filter circuit; Fig. 3.

All adjustments on these *stubs* must be made in the location where the *stub* is to be finally installed. Surroundings have a considerable influence on the *stub*. It is better to lay on the floor underneath or behind the tv receiver and cut the *stub*, than to push the receiver away from its installed position for a more comfortable adjustment which may not be satisfactory when the receiver is returned to the installed position.

While these *stubs* do their job well at the low-frequency channels, f-m and the high-frequency channels, many of the *stubs* adjusted for low-frequency channels seriously degrade the pictures on the high-frequency channels. The only way to solve this problem is to connect the *stub* to the tv receiver through a high-frequency anti-capac-

ity transfer switch. The switch will remove the *stub* from the antenna circuit, when the receiver is tuned to the high-frequency channels.

As a general procedure, when installing h-f attachments at the antenna end, the receiver should be checked to make certain the receiver input is free of *stubs*. A *stub*, which loads the transmission line, can produce ghosts in the picture. The *stub* can be inserted after the h-f attachment is installed, a check being made to determine its effect on the new h-f channel or channels.

When a wide-band array is installed and a new h-f channel goes on the air, reception should be checked without *stubs* at the receiver input.

In the h-f channels, we are faced with another unusual factor:

A resistor is not a resistor at the h-f tv channels.

Resistance values change more than 25% (decrease) from their d-c reading at 200 mc. A resistor's lead inductance (need only be an inch or so) at 200 mc may have a considerable effect on a value of less than 100 ohms. Many matching pads are not what they are supposed to be because of these h-f effects. When buying resistors for coaxial matching and attenuation pads, it is a good idea to specify that the resistance value be furnished for 50 to 200-mc operation. All leads from the resistors should be kept as short as possible when assembling resistive pads.

#### **R-F Gain Problems**

Many of the tv receivers installed to date have considerably less sensi-

tivity at the h-f channels due to reduced r-f stage gain. Lack of adequate test equipment in 1946 made it difficult for some manufacturers to measure the gain of their tv receivers at the h-f channels and as a result, many receivers which have 50-75 microvolt sensitivity at the 2 to 6 channels require more than 250 microvolts on channels 7 to 13. New design practice in tv receivers is to make the sensitivity at channels 7 to 13 greater than for channels 2 to 6 because antenna and transmission line losses are higher at the h-f channels and therefore less input signal is available.

Reradiation from the local oscillator of most tv receivers is considerably higher at channels 7 to 13 than at the 2 to 6 channels. This reradiating signal starts from the tv receiver local oscillator, couples into the r-f input, climbs the transmission line, and radiates from the antenna. Interfering signals have been picked up over 1000' from an offending tv receiver on the h-f channels. The interfering signal manifests itself in straight or slanting lines on the tv pattern, as shown in Fig. 4.

Adjacent tv receivers have been found to block each other when one receiver is tuned to channel 7, another is operating on channel 6 and still another is operating on channel 11. The local oscillator in the receiver *tuning in* channel 7 is transmitting a signal on channel 11. To solve this serious problem, the industry is considering a change in i-f frequencies, so that the local oscillator will always radiate in a frequency range which will be above or below the adjacent tv channels in any specific area. Most 1949 models will have less reradiation on all tv channels. FCC chairman Wayne Coy has warned the

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# Electric Power Required For Sound Systems

**Major Sound Factors . . . Location (Room Acoustics, Echoes And Reverberation), Types of Program (Indoor and Outdoor), Acoustic Power Requirement, Acoustic Noise Level And Loudness Efficiency . . . Evaluated In Series of Curve Charts, Serving As Extremely Useful Guide For the Sound Man. Typical Examples Offered.**

by E. L. KENDALL

INFORMATION FROM WIDE, practical, application experience has made it possible to prepare data\*<sup>1</sup> which relates the acoustic levels required and the electrical power capabilities for sound systems for indoor volumes and outdoor areas.

For the determination of required electrical power requirement, the following factors must be taken into account:

- (1) Location to be covered (indoors or outdoors).
- (2) Type of program material to be reproduced.
- (3) Acoustic power capacity required.
- (4) Acoustic noise level in the location to be covered.
- (5) Loudness efficiency of the loudspeakers being used.

## Location

If the location is an outdoor one, the distance to be covered must be known; Fig. 2. The necessary angle of coverage with respect to the point of location of the loudspeaker or loudspeakers must also be known. If the location is an indoor one, the volume to be covered must be known; Fig. 1. (The information which follows will be ade-

quate for the volume to be covered if the reverberation time at 512 cycles per second is within the limits of one-half to twice the average times for reproduced sound.)

**Room Acoustics:** The purpose of a sound system is to supply sound throughout a room at the proper volume and quality. It should never be considered as a remedy for the acoustic defects of a room. Although there are cases where a sound system helped improve listening conditions in a room which was poor acoustically, there are other cases where the increased loudness of sound made it more difficult to understand. It is therefore important that careful consideration be given to the acoustic conditions of a room in which a sound system is to be installed.

(The determination of the proper acoustical treatment for a room is a job for an expert. The following data are intended as an aid in judging the acoustical condition of an existing

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*<sup>1</sup>Data are offered as an interim method of determining required electrical power, pending more exact information.*

room, no attempt being made to include all the data required in making recommendations for necessary improvements.)

**Echoes:** When a surface of a room is so situated that a reflection from it is outstanding and is heard by the listener an appreciable length of time later than the direct sound, it will appear as a distinct echo and will be disturbing. If the surface is concave, it may have a focusing effect and concentrate reflected sound energy at one locality. Such a reflection may be several db higher in level than the direct sound and its arrival at a later time will be particularly disturbing.

In such cases there are three possible remedies. The offending surface can be covered with absorbing material to reduce the intensity of the reflected sound; it can be changed in contour and thus send the reflected sound in another direction; or some improvement may be obtained by changing the loudspeaker to a new position. The best method of solving any particular problem will depend on local conditions.

**Reverberation:** One of the most common acoustic defects encountered in an

auditorium is that of excessive reverberation. Reverberation is the persistence of sound due to the multiple reflection of sound waves between the several walls of the room. Some of the sound energy is absorbed at each reflection; the rest remains in the room as audible delayed images of the original source. The longer the time interval between reflections (the larger the room), and the lower the absorbing efficiency of the reflecting surfaces, the longer will be the time that this residual sound will persist. The result is an overlapping of the original sound and its images.

### Reverberation Problems

This reverberation causes a general confusion which is detrimental to speech intelligibility. At the same time, it increases the loudness of the sound in the room, which is beneficial to intelligibility. Consequently, there is an optimum amount of reverberation for any room, determined by a balance between the loss in intelligibility due to confusion and the increase in intelligibility due to the increased loudness. In the case of music, a certain amount of reverberation is required to give pleasing quality and brilliance. Reverberation which would be ideal for music is somewhat in excess of that which would be best for speech and, since most auditoriums are used for both speech and music, a compromise is usually made.

Reverberation in a room is expressed quantitatively by the *reverberation time*, which is the number of seconds required for a sound to decrease 60 db from its initial value, after the source has been stopped.

In general, the time will be different for different frequencies, and the reverberation time for a room is usually given for a frequency of 512 cycles.

The reverberation time at other frequencies is just as important as at 512 cycles. In fact, it is fully as important to have the proper relation between reverberation time and frequency, as it is to have the optimum reverberation time at any one frequency. The desirable relation between reverberation time and frequency varies with room volumes.

### Type of Program

**Indoors:** The greatest sound pressure level is required for the reproduction of concert music. For this type of reproduction, *curve A* of Fig. 1 should be used. For the average sound system used to reproduce speech, vocal music, dance music and the like, *curve*

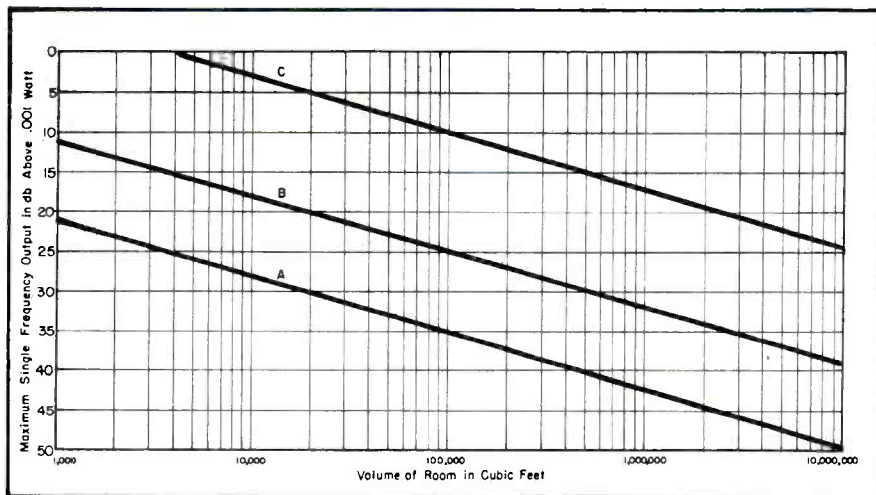


Fig. 1. Acoustic power requirements, indoors. The *A* plot shows the maximum requirements for concert music; *B*, normal public address requirements for music; *C* normal requirements for speech.

*B* should be used. For a system intended to reproduce speech only, *curve C* should be used.

speech program material in outdoor applications.

### Acoustic Power Requirement

#### Outdoor Programs

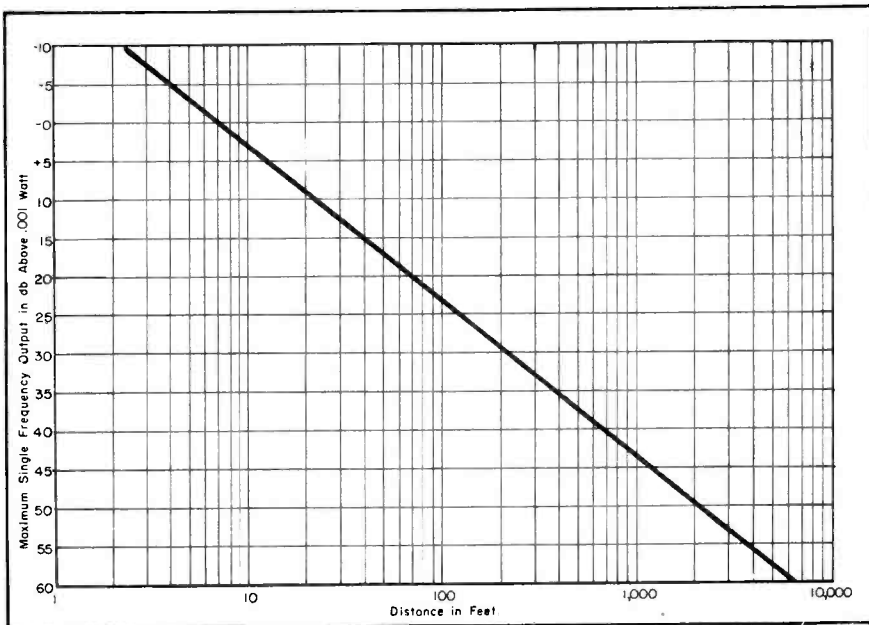
More power is ordinarily required to produce the desired sound pressure levels outdoors because the sound is not reinforced by reflections from walls and ceiling. The levels required are based on the maximum distance from the loudspeaker at which the sound is to be heard. For outdoor applications, the curve in Fig. 2 should be used. The coverage angle is 30° for the information contained in this figure. Speech levels are used, as music is ordinarily incidental to

The acoustic power requirement of a sound system is the maximum rms acoustic power which the system is required to reproduce on a steady tone without exceeding the distortion and power handling ratings of the components of the system.

The required acoustic power requirement for the conditions of use stated, is obtained from Figs. 1 or 2. In using these data, the following considerations also enter:

- (a) A loudspeaker arrangement is assumed which will distrib-

Fig. 2. Acoustic power requirements, outdoors.



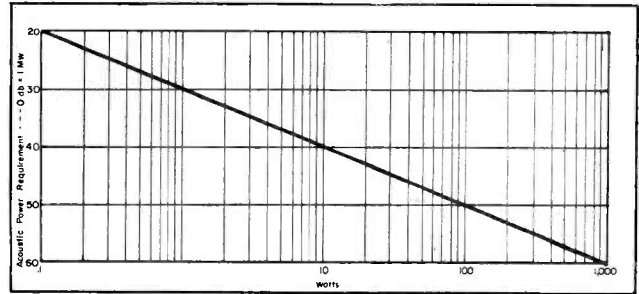
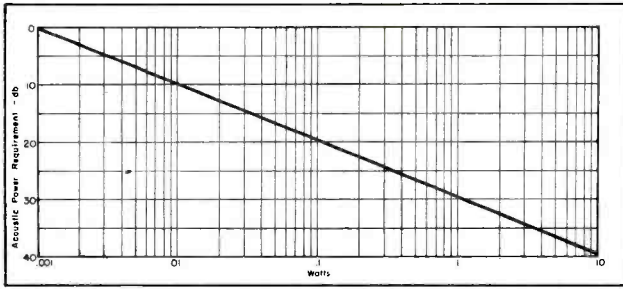


Fig. 3 (left) and 4 (right). Amplifier power capability characteristics are illustrated in these plots.

ute sound properly throughout the space (room or area) to be covered.

- (b) The use of the information given is not recommended for rooms of odd shapes, such as very long, narrow rooms.

Systems providing the acoustic power capacity indicated on Figs. 1 and 2 will produce average sound pressure levels approximately, as follows, on steady tones at the rated power:

Curve A (Fig. 1), Concert music indoors, 105 db.

Curve B (Fig. 1), Average music indoors, 95 db.

Curve C (Fig. 1), Speech only indoors, 80 db.

Curve (Fig. 2), Speech outdoors, 80 db.

#### Acoustic Noise Level

The information contained in Figs. 1 and 2 is based on the assumption that the locations being covered are quiet locations. Should the acoustic noise level be higher than 70 db, the required acoustic power capacity of the sound system must be increased by the number of db that the noise is higher than 70 db for curve in Fig. 2 and curve C in Fig. 1. When music is to be reproduced and the noise level is higher than 70 db, the same considerations apply. In addition, each case is a special problem involving subjective factors such as distraction of listeners due to the wider dynamic range existing in music than in speech. Therefore, no general rule can be applied safely.

#### Loudness Efficiency of Loudspeakers

The loudness efficiency of a loudspeaker is the figure which when applied to the electrical power capacity of a sound system gives the acoustic power capacity. Thus it is the loss factor to be used in converting from

electrical to acoustic power. The following efficiency values should be used:

Type of Loudspeaker	Tentative Efficiency Values	
	Percentage	Db Loss Factor
Small direct radiators (10" and smaller)	2%	17 db
Large direct radiators (12" and over)	5%	13 db
Horn type loudspeaker	15%	8 db

In addition, it will be necessary to add a correction for outdoor coverage if the actual coverage angle of the loudspeaker used is other than 30°. This correction in db is:

$$\text{db} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{S^\circ}{30^\circ}$$

where  $S^\circ$  = the horizontal angle of coverage of the speaker being used in degrees.

#### Typical Examples

To illustrate the application of the foregoing data in determining required electrical power requirement, two typical examples are offered:

**Indoor example—Known...** Room dimensions: 80' long, 40' wide, 20' high. (Volume 64,000 cubic feet.)

Direct radiator loudspeaker to be used, 12" diameter.

Reverberation time at 512 cps, 1.2 seconds.

Noise level, 65 db.

Speech and dance music to be reproduced.

Then... From Fig. 1, curve B:

The acoustic power capacity for 64,000 cubic feet is 23.5 db above .001 watt.

Noise level is 65 db. Therefore no additional capacity is required on this account.

For 12" direct radiator add 13 db. Then the electrical power ca-

capacity required for the amplifier is 36.5 db above .001 watt. Therefore, amplifier power capacity required is 4.5 watts (36.5 db above .001 watt).

#### Outdoor Example

**Known Factors...** Distance from loudspeaker to be covered, 200'. System primarily for speech reinforcement.

Included angle to be covered, 70°. Horn type loudspeakers to be used. Horizontal coverage angle of each, 40°.

Noise level, 72 db.

Then... From the curve in Fig. 2: the acoustic power capacity for 200' distance is 29.2 db above .001 watt.

Noise level is 72 db. Therefore, 2 db must be added (72-70) to 29.2 to obtain required acoustic power capacity or 29.2 + 2 is 31.2 db above .001 watt.

For a horn type loudspeaker 8 db must be added. Then the electrical power capacity required for a single horn type speaker is 39.2 db above .001 watt.

The horn being used covers 40° but the curve is based on 30° coverage. Therefore a 1.3 db correction is required ( $10 \log_{10} \frac{40}{30} = 1.25+$ ) or electrical power capacity of 40.5 db above .001 watt.

Finally each speaker covers only 40° but an included angle of 70° is to be covered.

Therefore, two speakers are required, so twice the electrical power capacity or 43.5 db above .001 watt is required.

Therefore, amplifier power capacity required is 22.5 watts (43.5 db above .001 watt).



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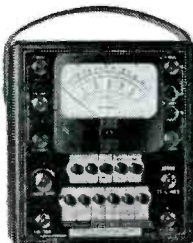
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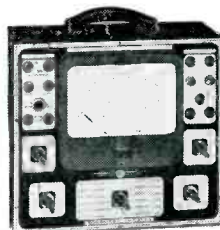
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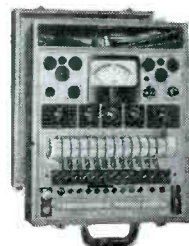
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Fig. 1. Typical characteristics of a dynamic noise suppressor. A, B and C indicate conditions of maximum expansion, intermediate suppression and maximum suppression at the h-f end. D, E and F illustrate corresponding l-f curves.

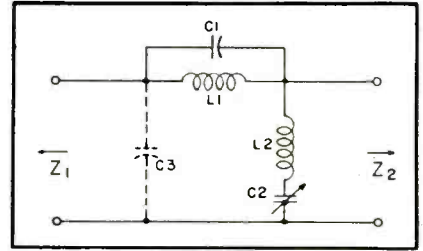
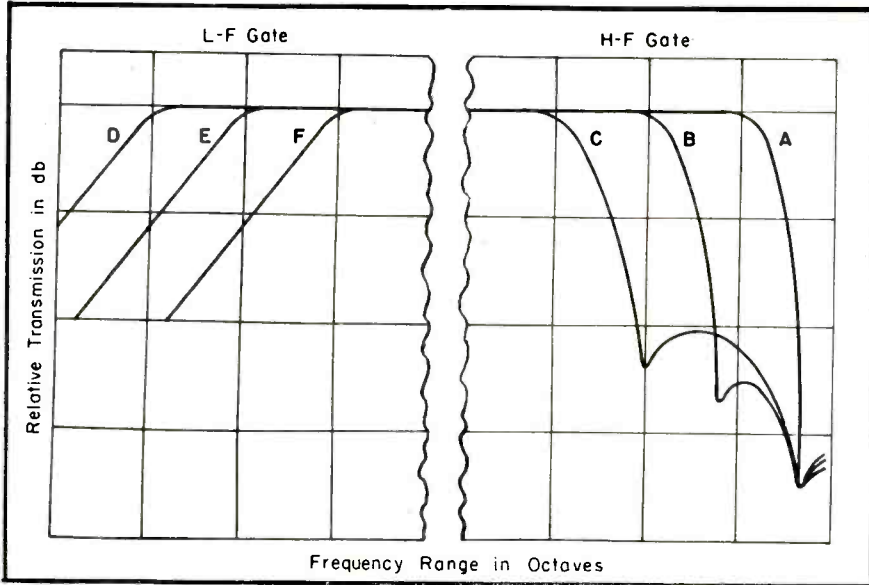
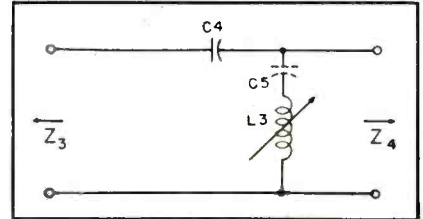


Fig. 2. A typical h-f gate circuit. C2 represents a reactance tube.

Fig. 3. A low-frequency gate circuit.



# Dynamic Noise Suppressors

## Classification of Noise Reducing Systems For Recordings . . . Gate Circuit Characteristics . . . Application Data.

by **HERMAN HOSMER SCOTT**

Herman Hosmer Scott, Inc.

THE PAST FEW YEARS have seen recorded music not merely re-establish, but actually exceed, its former popularity. This has naturally resulted in a great increase in interest in all systems for improving the reproduction of phonograph records.

The reduction of noise in phonograph music is particularly important since even the best records have noticeable noise levels, and the worst are intolerable if played on wide-range equipment. Many systems have been proposed for reducing phonograph noise.

### Classification of Noise-Reducing Systems

Noise-reduction systems may be classified in two ways: They all consist of some means of varying the transmission of a system in accordance with some characteristic of the signal. When the response of such systems

under different signal conditions are plotted, a family of curves will be obtained; and the systems range between two extreme classes, those in which the variation is vertical as, for instance, the volume expander, and those in which the variation is horizontal as, for instance, the *dynamic noise suppressor*.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, systems may conveniently be classified as *horizontal* or *vertical* or, of course, some intermediate type.

Another classification concerns the instantaneous amplitude characteristic, and convenient terminology may be borrowed from amplifiers. A class *A* system is one, except for any filtering action, in which the output wave-form is a replica of the input wave-form. A class *C* system is one non-linear with respect to a single cycle of the applied wave-form. Such systems tend to attenuate low-level signals or

<sup>1</sup>Scott system.

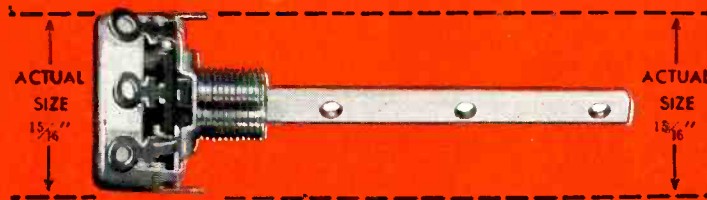
noise because of the kink in the amplitude characteristic. Such a device, however, introduces harmonic and intermodulation distortion, some but not all of which may be removed by means of filters. Important intermodulation products remaining are  $2f_1-f_2$ ,  $2f_2-f_1$ , etc. The *dynamic noise suppressor* is a class *A horizontal* system.

In order for a noise-reduction system to be entirely effective, it is desirable to control the transmission characteristics in accordance with some features of the signals not present in the noise. This is possible only in class *A* systems where the control function which usually resides in grid biases, etc., may be divorced entirely from the controlled circuits. In a class *C* system, the transmission in a controlled range is a function of any voltage in that range whether noise or signal; hence a class *C* system does

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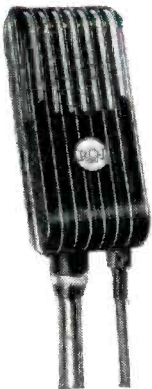
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# The Reactance Modulator

**Analysis of Circuit, Employing Capacitive Change, Being Widely Used In F-M Receiving and Test Equipment.**

by **DOUGLAS H. CARPENTER**

THE REACTANCE MODULATOR is one of the most common and least understood methods of accomplishing frequency modulation. This method has found universal acceptance in sweep generator design, and, of course, is the means of providing *afc* in receiving equipment.

The circuit to be described in this article employs a capacitive change, although other types (inductive/push pull inductive-capacitive) have found application in special circuits.

Illustrated in Fig. 1 is a simple two-element oscillator. If we change the setting of the capacitor,  $C_1$ , the frequency of the oscillator must also change. If we connected the shaft of the variable capacitor,  $C_1$ , to a motor the capacitor would be rotated and the oscillator frequency changed, or fre-

quency modulated, at the rate of the driving mechanism. Although this method serves only as a basic illustration, it was actually used in earlier equipment. The reactance modulator simply substitutes for the variable capacitor, and causes the frequency of the oscillator to vary when a modulating voltage is applied.

The first requirement in replacing the capacitor by an electronic system is that it *looks* the same electrically when shunted across the oscillator tank circuit. This, of course, means that it must cause the current to lead the voltage by  $90^\circ$ , the same as a pure capacitor.

Fig. 1a represents the reactance modulator circuit, where we note that

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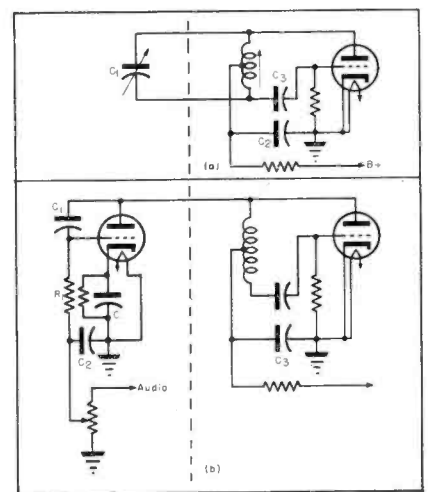


Fig. 1. In (a) we have a circuit of a simple triode oscillator with  $C_1$  representing the tuning capacitor across the inductance.  $C_2$  places the tap at r-f ground potential, and  $C_3$  is used to isolate the control grid from  $B+$ . In (b) the tuning capacitor of the (a) circuit has been replaced by its electronic equivalent, a reactance modulator.

Fig. 3. A plot illustrating how a sine wave modulating voltage applied to the grid, causes a variation of plate current and changes in oscillator frequency. Here we note that the highest frequency is determined by the peak of the negative portion of the modulation sine wave.

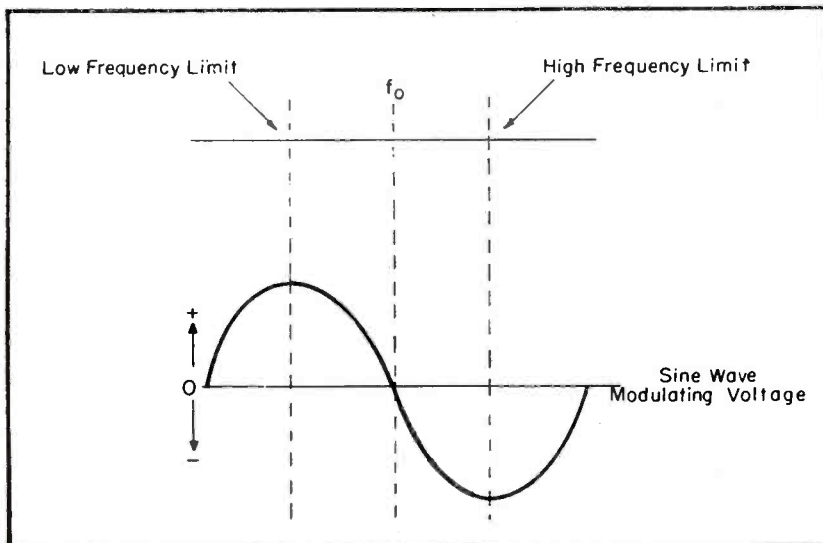
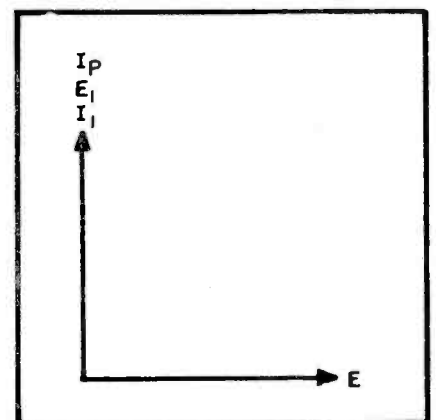


Fig. 2. A simple vector illustrating the relationship of voltage and current.



# TV Sync And Inter-Sync Systems

## TV Receiver Pulse Techniques Analyzed, With Operational Data on Rectangular Pulses and Time Constants.

TELEVISION PICTURE information is not transmitted continuously but is interrupted at intervals for insertion of the rectangular sync and blanking pulses. These pulses which are being transmitted, approximately 20% of total frame time, are the pulses which lock the transmitting and receiving tube scanning beams together and prevent the appearance of spurious signals on the tv image during the synchronizing period.

Before the sync pulses can be used to synchronize the horizontal and vertical sweep generators, two operations must be performed. First the sync pulses as an entirety must be segregated from the composite television signal and then vertical and horizontal components of the sync must be shaped for proper application to the sweep oscillators and to prevent interaction between vertical and horizontal components. A composite signal from which the sync can be extracted is generally taken off in the video output stage or at some earlier stage in the video amplifier. In some receivers a separate sync detector is employed. The picture and blanking

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components of the composite signal are then removed leaving only the composite synchronizing signal. The synchronizing signal itself then is shaped into vertical and horizontal components.

Synchronization of the horizontal and vertical sweep of the tv receiver is also performed by rectangular pulses similar to the blanking pulses but of shorter duration. Instead of using the synchronizing pulses in the same form in which they are received, these pulses are shaped in accordance with their application, as vertical or horizontal synchronization. The three synchronizing pulses, equalizing, horizontal, and vertical, are respectively two-and-one-half, five, and approximately twenty-five microseconds in duration. Actually the vertical sync block consists of six spaced vertical

sync pulses to form a total duration of approximately 190 microseconds. The leading edges of the horizontal and vertical sync pulses synchronize the horizontal sweep; the pulse width or duration of the vertical sync block locks in the vertical sweep. The leading edges of the equalizing pulses also synchronize the horizontal oscillator and sustain the rigidity of the interlace.

### Rectangular Pulses

The rectangular sync pulse, Fig. 1 consists of a base frequency and a number of low-order and high-order harmonics, which are vested in the leading and trailing edges of these pulses and constitute fast changes in voltage per unit time while the low-order harmonics are vested in the duration or flat-tops of the pulse which represent a slow change in voltage per unit time. For example, the leading and trailing edges of the sync pulses, horizontal, equalizing, and vertical, must rise from minimum to maximum in approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  microseconds and must fall from maximum

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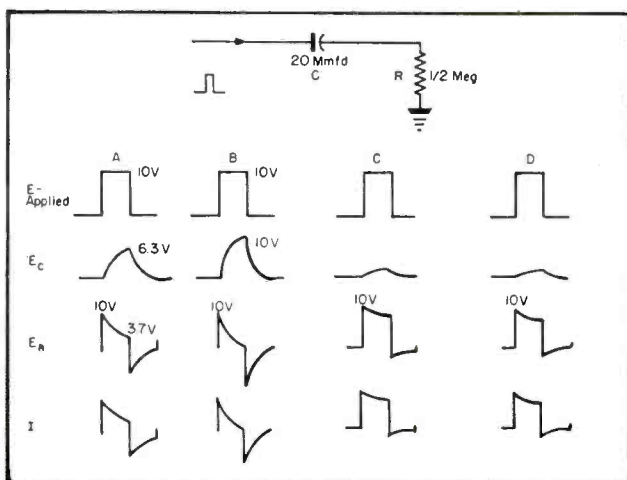
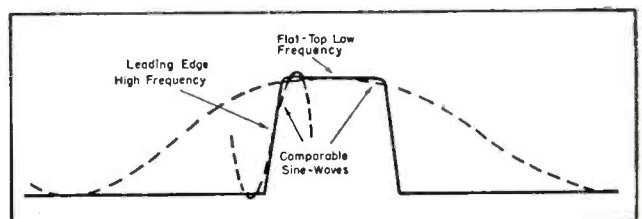


Fig. 2. Time constant and coupling pulses. At A we have a 10 microsecond pulse; B, 50 microsecond pulse; C, 2 microsecond pulse and D, 50 microsecond time constant. (For circuit shown,  $t_{\text{usec}} = R_{\text{meg}} \times C_{\text{mfd}}$  or  $t = .5 \times 20 = 10$  microseconds)

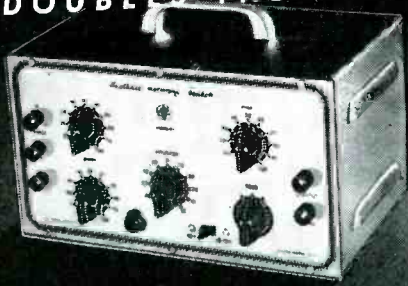
Fig. 1. High and low frequency sections of a pulse.





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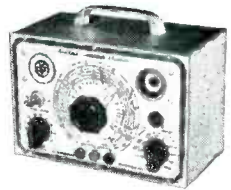
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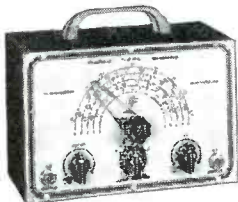
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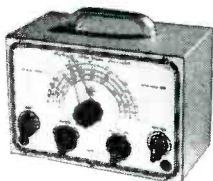
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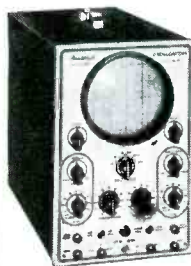
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ED FISK, chairman of the publicity committee of the Radio Technicians Guild of Rochester, reports that programs for the fall, winter and spring of '49 have been prepared.

On September 14 there was a talk by a Better Business Bureau rep.

October 9 will see a fall banquet at Locust Lawn, Ionia, N. Y. On October 12 Al Saunders will talk on tv for Howard W. Sams.

The November 23 meeting will be sponsored by J. F. D. Mfg. Co., with Al Freidman addressing the boys.

The annual Christmas party will be held on December 10 at Potter House, Fairport, N. Y. Sam Shirer of Philco Corp will give a talk on December 14.

The '49 program includes a continuation of the tv school with classes scheduled, thus far, for January 9, February 13, and March 13.

At the annual picnic, held at Durand Eastman Park, about 24 members attended with their families and friends.

## ARSD, Columbus, Ohio

J. P. GRAHAM, editor of the *Associated Radio Service Dealers' News* has forwarded an interesting report on their July meeting and other ARSD activities.

The forthcoming television school was discussed by Fred Colton at the

meeting. The technical committee was requested to initiate a television class following the reception of the current Sams' television lesson.

Four new members were received at the meeting: Emswiler Electric Co., 85 E. Long St., Ober-Lee Electric Co. 2120 N. High St., Seddon & Son Appliances, 3250 N. High St., Clyde Stapf Radio Service, 1420 E. 19th Ave., and Danna Young Radio Service, 1501 Cleveland Ave.

Former ARSD president has been appointed *Authorized Distributor of Delco Radio Parts*.

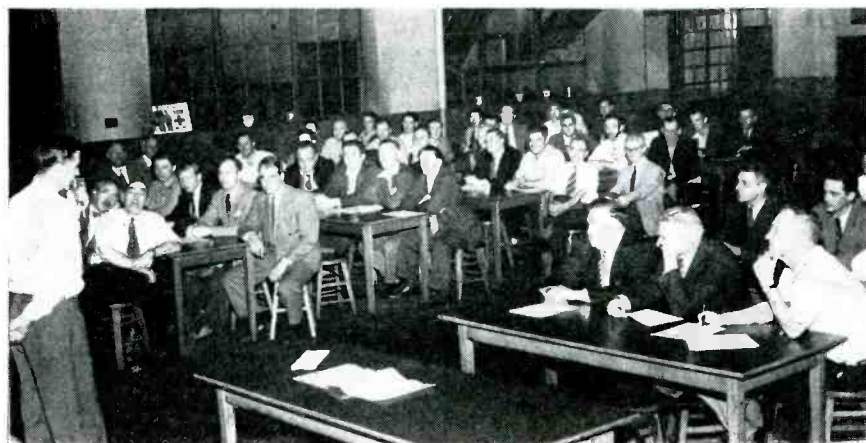
Ray Horney of Central Radio has become a grandpop.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dykes played host to Dave Sears, John Graham and their better halves recently, when the three couples went to Cincinnati in Charles' new auto, to visit the 50-kw tv transmitter and studio of WLWT. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Julian were already at the transmitter. They had come down a day ahead and Jim really paved the way for a visit behind the scenes, which revealed that the studio and installation cost over \$600,000. The main studio 30' by 40' by 100', is one of the largest in the world. The tower is 571' high, including the antenna, and is 1,400' above sea level.

Graham reports that the tube situation in Columbus is peculiar. He says that every mail brings ads from

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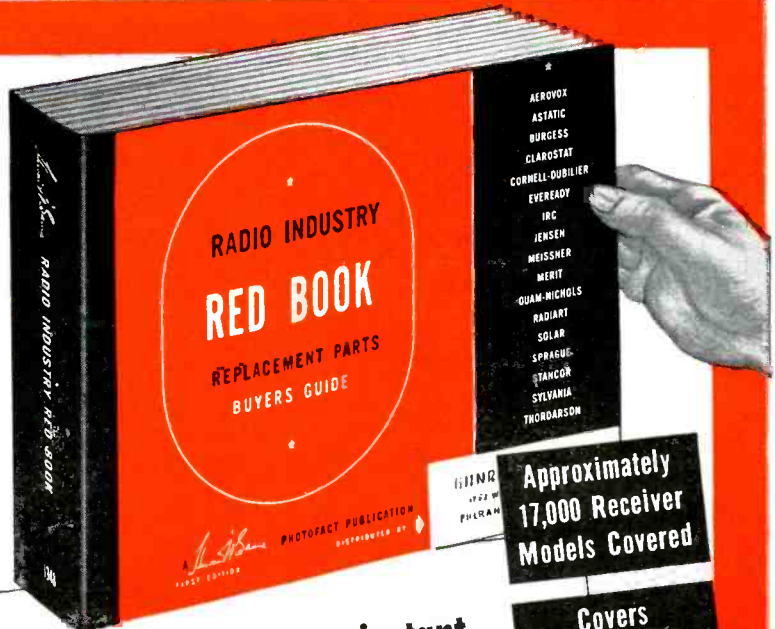
F. M. Miller of General Electric discussing television before members of the Mid-State Service Men's Association of Pennsylvania at a recent meeting in the William Penn High School.



THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF RSA announced that 48 chapters had been approved. . . . Ed Donnelly, treasurer of the Binghamton Chapter, was married. A series of technical meetings were in swing at the Chapter. Subjects discussed included "Scope Alignment of AFC Circuits," "Mathematics for The Service Man" and "Methods of Cost Accounting for Service Men" . . . J. Cummins, service manager of Appliance Wholesalers, demonstrated alignment of high fidelity receivers at the meeting of the Buffalo Chapter. . . . A test equipment show and round table discussion was sponsored by the Chicago Chapter at the Stevens Hotel, with John F. Rider, Walter Weiss, O. J. Morelock and Paul Jackson serving on a panel. . . . The Cleveland Chapter held its annual picnic at Hagg's Grove, Palma, Ohio. . . . Round table discussions of "Cathode Ray Tube Applications in Service Work" were scheduled for the fall meetings of the Danville Chapter. . . . Walter Weiss of Hickok was scheduled to give a talk on test equipment before the Decatur Chapter. . . . Walter Jones of Hygrade Sylvania spoke before the Detroit Chapter. . . . A Service Men's jamboree was held by the Duluth Chapter. . . . A G. Mohaupt of the Radio Training Association addressed the Freeport Chapter on "Applications of the All-Wave Signal Generator in Modern Service Work" . . . Mohaupt also addressed the Fremont Chapter on the same subject . . . The Green Bay Chapter organized in July at the Radio Doctors elected George Thelen, chairman; Harry Dole, secretary; and Fred Olsen, treasurer. . . . Ralph Galasso was elected president of the Tri-County Chapter, Johnstown, Pa. D. L. Kaufman was elected vice president; George Martin, treasurer; and Ken Vaughan, secretary. . . . Cecil Rich was appointed chairman of a committee on by-laws of the Lansing Chapter. Other members of the committee were Ed Bloom, Earl Budd, Ralph Keyes and Max Huntoon. . . . The Radio Dealers' Association of Minneapolis joined the RSA. Group was under direction of executive secretary, Harry Cory. . . . The first annual outing of the Radio Service Men of New Jersey was held at Farchers' Grove, Union, New Jersey. . . . John F. Rider discussed the uses and advantages of the Chanalyst at a meeting of the Westchester Chapter.

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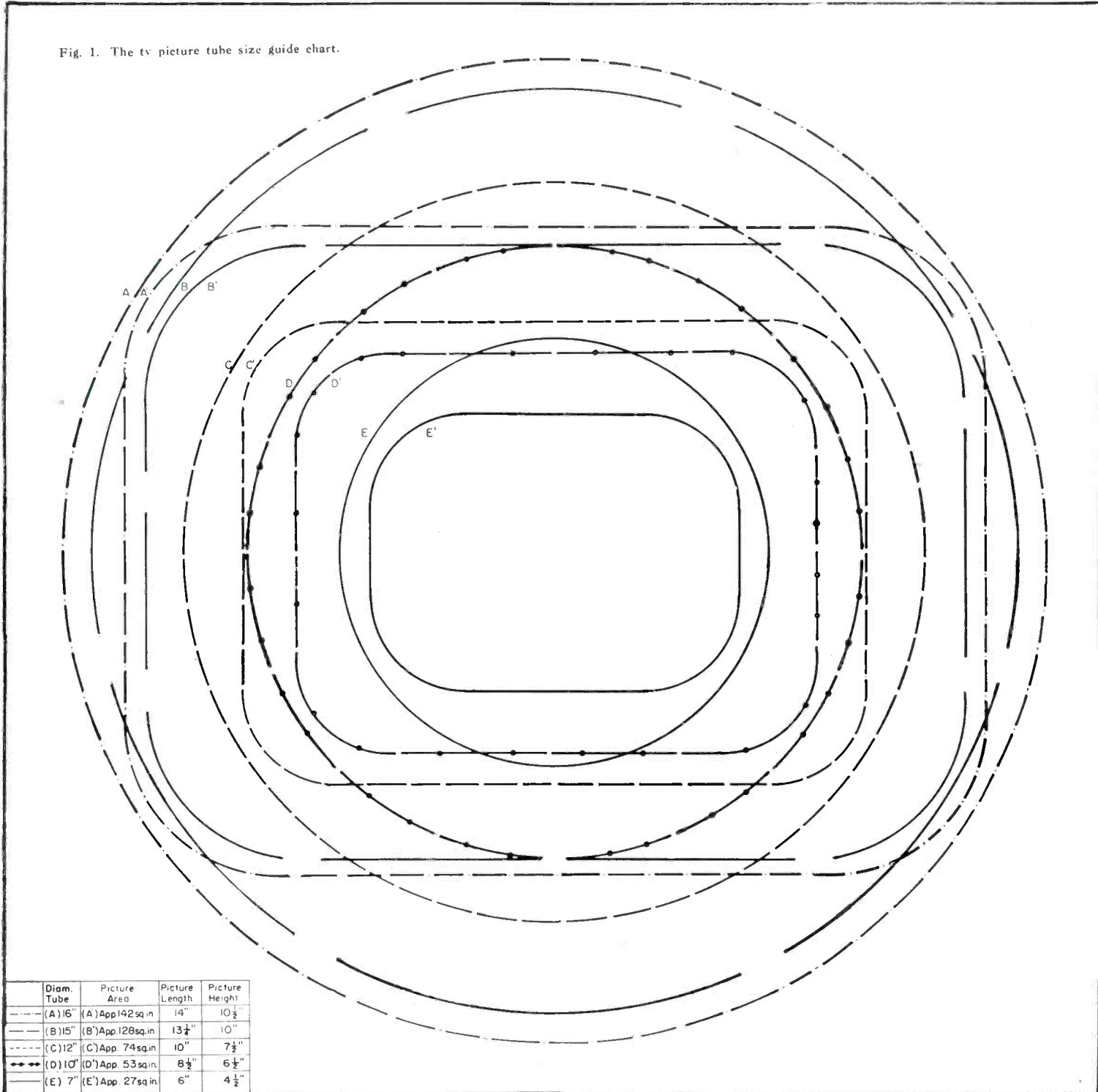
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Fig. 1. The tv picture tube size guide chart.

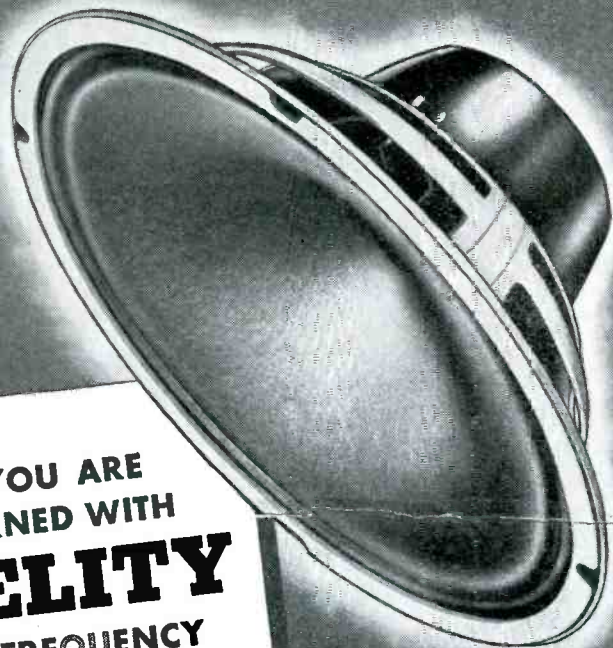


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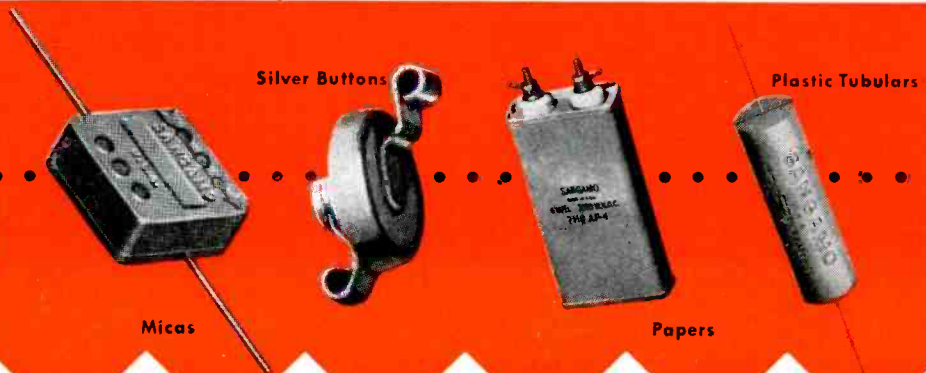
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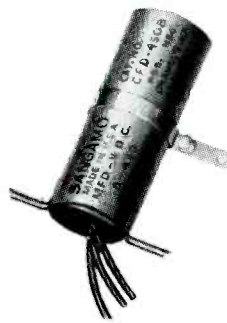
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## Servicing Helps

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connected across the power line, which was found to be open. Replacing it with a similar capacitor but rated at 600 volts was found to be the cure. The sensitivity can be boosted by disconnecting the antenna, which is molded into the line cord, from the a-c plug. This disconnect also eliminates the danger of a short, should the capacitor in series with the antenna lead ever short and the line plug be reversed in the outlet.

### Grunow Model 701 (Chassis 7A)

*Intermittent operation:* This is often caused by the two .1-mfd/600-volt capacitors mounted in a can under the r-f coil shield can. These will open intermittently, and even though only one is at fault in most cases, it is best to replace both to avoid callbacks. A good way to check these capacitors is to heat them up with an electric heater, and with the set on, pry on the leads. The faulty unit will show up.

### Packard—Philco Auto Radio Model P-1835

*Set dead and blows fuses:* If wax drips from the chassis it is certain that the buffer capacitor is shorting out against the chassis. Before replacing the buffer it is wise to check to see that no damage was done to either the transformer or the vibrator. The faulty unit should be replaced with a .005-mfd/1,600-volt capacitor and mounted so that it will not drop against the chassis again.

### Philco Model 938 K Auto Radio

*Weak and sometimes dead:* The volume control will often cause this and must be replaced with Philco part No. 8306 because of the special shaft used. On replacing the control, the set was found to play well until it was jarred, resulting in oscillations. The cause was an intermittently open .05-mfd/400-volt capacitor, No. 7 on the schematic, and connected from the *avc* bus to ground.

*Motor tuning will not always bring in stations correctly:* To remedy this, it is necessary to note whether the wire that grounds one side of the push button switch contacts is grounded. If not it must be soldered to the lug which is riveted to the case. Many Service Men will leave the wire un-

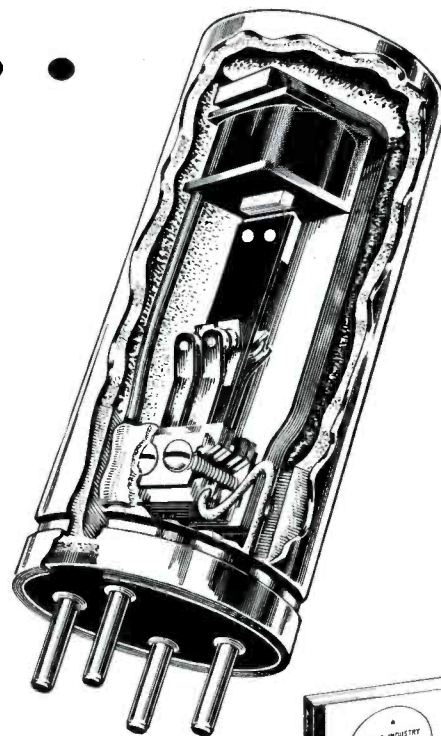
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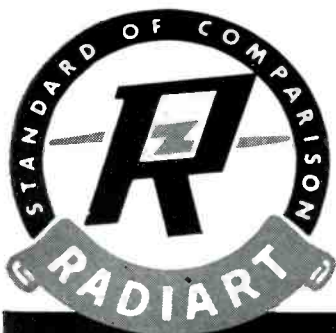


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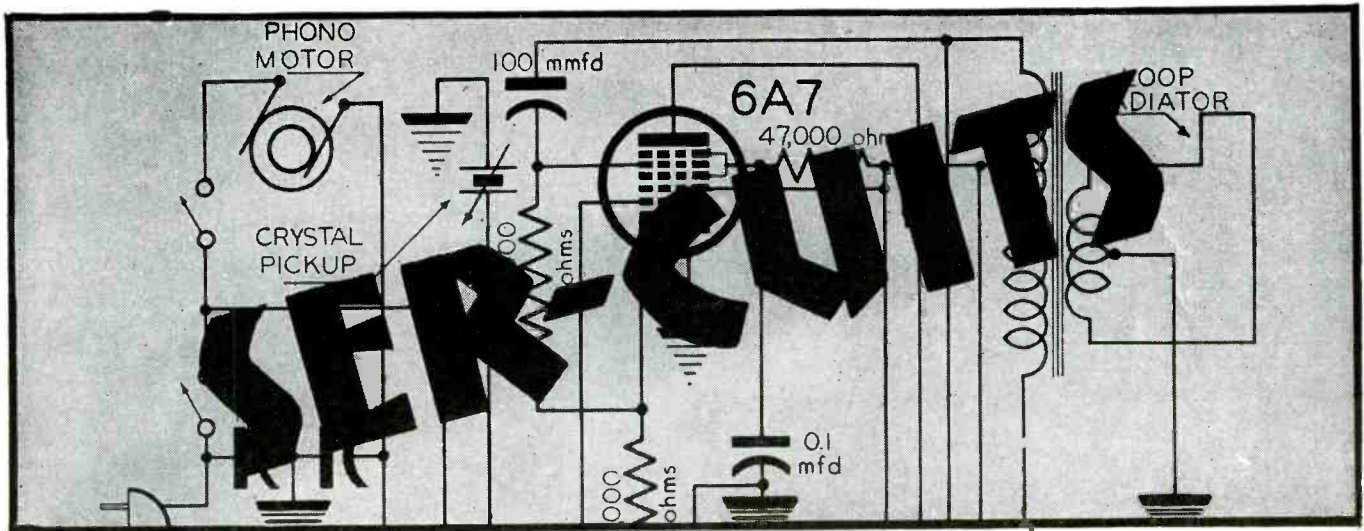
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## Circuit Features of the G. E. YRS-1 Single Sideband Selector And G. E. 901/910 TV Projection Receiver.

RECENT ADVANCEMENTS in single sideband practice<sup>1</sup> have resulted in the development of several interesting circuits. An excellent example of this type of circuitry appears in the G. E. YRS-1 single sideband selector.

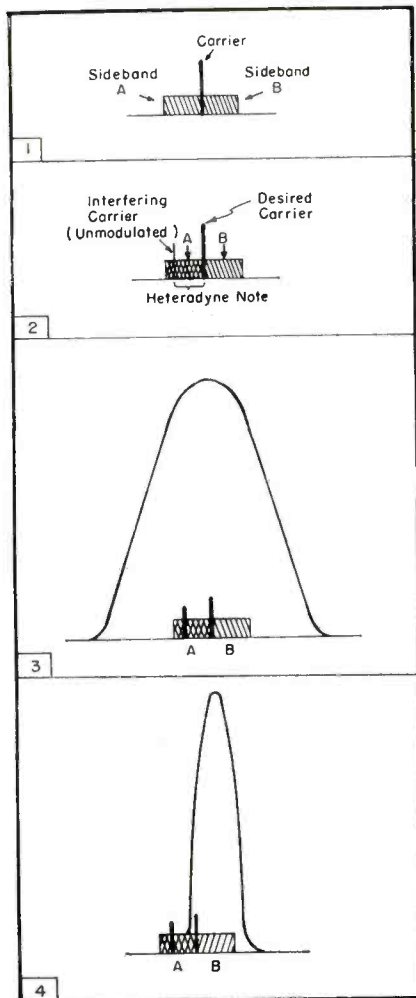
When connected and aligned to a superhet-receiver having an i-f of approximately 455 kc, this device permits single sideband reception of either modulated or unmodulated signals. Either sideband can be accepted or rejected to cope with existing interference conditions, this selection being made manually by means of push buttons. The unit can also be used for carrier-reinforced double sideband reception, a condition which reduces distortion caused by selective fading. A fourth operating condition permits the receiving system to function in the normal manner.

Although rejection of an undesired sideband range is accomplished by a system which provides the effect of extreme selectivity, the quality of modulation contained in the accepted sideband is not impaired in any manner and is generally restricted only by the i-f pass-band of the particular receiver in use. This is because the audio frequency response of the unit is

<sup>1</sup>IRE Report, COMMUNICATIONS; March, 1948.

Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Fig. 1 illustrates an a-m signal with symmetrical side bands A and B. In Fig. 2 we see the result of an interfering carrier on the signal. Fig. 3 is a typical selectivity curve imposed on the heterodyned signal of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 illustrates an extremely sharp straight-sided response curve.

in excess of 70 to 7000 cps, whereas the overall frequency response of the



average communications receiver falls off considerably above approximately 5000 cps due to sideband cutting in the intermediate frequency amplifiers.

To illustrate the unit's operation, let us consider an amplitude modulated signal as shown in simple form in Fig. 1. The modulation process creates two sidebands, A and B, which are symmetrically located on either side of the carrier and represent the modulating component. If an interfering carrier of almost the same carrier frequency is superimposed, as shown in Fig. 2, the result will be a heterodyne whose frequency will be equal to the difference frequency of the two carriers. Normally, if the amplitudes of the two carriers are approximately equal, the resulting heterodyne will be of sufficient amplitude to partially or completely mask the intelligence contained in both sidebands of the desired carrier, because conventional communications receivers cannot discriminate between the two carriers and may demodulate sidebands A and B against the interfering carrier. This is illustrated in Fig. 3, where a typical selectivity curve has been imposed on the heterodyned signal of Fig. 2. It will be observed that the curve is sufficiently broad to encompass both sidebands. Even if the receiver is tuned slightly off the carrier in an attempt to discriminate against the heterodyne, the flaring of the skirts of the curve

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## A REPORT TO YOU

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### Ser-Cuits

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indicate that an appreciable portion of the heterodyne will still be passed.

If the receiver possessed an extremely sharp, essentially straight sided response curve, as shown in Fig. 4, fairly good separation of the sidebands would be possible. Such selectivity, while desirable from the standpoint of communications, might seriously restrict the audio fidelity because the higher and lower audio fre-

quencies would be clipped off along with the heterodyne. This is the reason signals lose intelligibility when a crystal filter is switched into the i-f amplifiers of a communications receiver.

#### Selector Features

The *single sideband selector* combines the advantages of the broad response curve for audio fidelity, and the sharp response curve for selectivity, without the disadvantages of either. This is accomplished by special de-

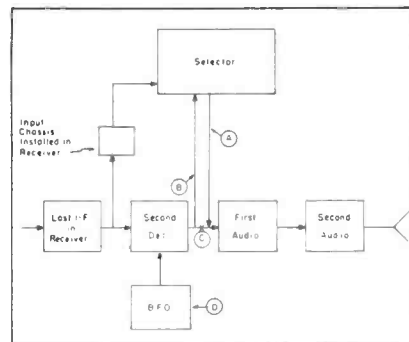


Fig. 5. Block diagram of a typical installation of the selector in a communications receiver setup. Points A and B indicate the a-f in and out positions, while C indicates the point at which a break is made for installation of the selector. The beat frequency oscillator shown at D is not used when the selector is in the circuit.

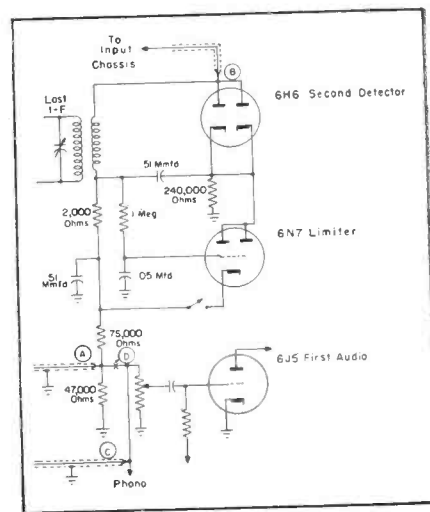
selector circuits which split the received signal into two components, which when shifted in phase and added or subtracted, reject undesired interference in one sideband or the other. This makes possible the reception of signals which normally would be unreadable because of heterodyne interference.

#### Fourteen Tubes in Unit

There are 14 tubes in the selector: a pair of 6SJ7s as a reactance tube and oscillator, a pair of 6H6s as detectors, four 6SL7GTs as phase shifters, a 6AK6 in a high-impedance input stage, a 6V6GT as a d-c valve, another 6SJ7 as a voltage regulator amplifier, a 6C4 for a-i, 5Z4 rectifier and VR-105 voltage regulator.

As shown in block form in Fig. 5, the selector functions as a complete second detector and beat frequency

Fig. 6. How a selector is connected into the circuit of the Hammarlund SP400X, points A, B and C indicating where the connections are made and D showing where the break is made in the circuit to provide for the installation of the selector.



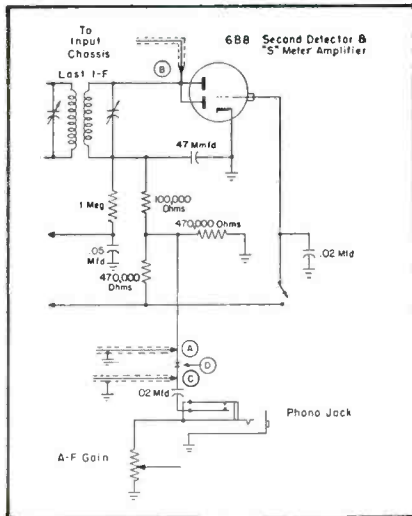


Fig. 7. Circuit of the Hallcrafters SX28A with indications where a selector can be connected (points A, B and C, and the break at point D.)

oscillator and these circuits are, therefore, not used in the receiver when the selector is switched on. Since the receiver's *bfo* is normally turned on and off from the front panel, it is not necessary to make changes in this circuit. The i-f voltage from the last i-f stage in the receiver is fed into the selector, where detection and phase shifting takes place, and the resultant audio voltage is then fed back into the input of the receiver's audio system. Although the receiver's second detector is not called upon to deliver audio voltage when the selector is used in the *sideband and locked oscillator* positions, in some cases it does supply receiver *avc* voltage and operate the *S* meter. The connection between the receiver's second detector and audio system must be broken, as shown, otherwise, audio output from the second detector will feed into the audio system at all times and render the selector useless.

To minimize circuit loading of the last i-f stage in the receiver, a small chassis containing a high impedance input stage for the selector is installed in the receiver at a convenient location which results in minimum lead length to the i-f voltage point. This input chassis employs a miniature tube. Regardless of the location of the input chassis in the receiver, the coaxial lead connection to the i-f voltage point has to be cut as short as possible to minimize capacitive loading of the i-f transformer secondary.

The i-f voltage for the input stage can usually be picked off most conveniently from the diode plate of the second detector and in most cases this connection can be made from the top

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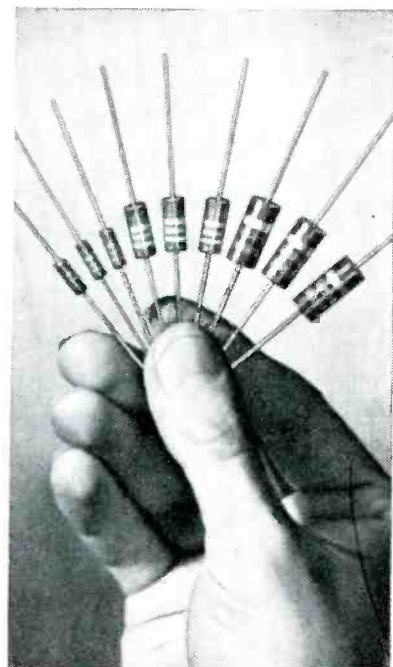
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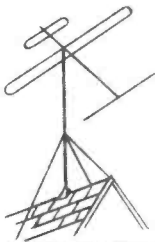
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### Ser-Cuits

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of the receiver chassis by means of a small lug attached to the proper pin of the second detector tube. The connection between the receiver's second detector and audio system can usually be broken most conveniently at the audio volume control. In each connection, the shielded outer braid on the cables should be grounded to the receiver chassis to prevent hum pickup. The length of these audio leads is not critical.

The efficiency of the selector in re-

jecting unwanted sidebands and in passing desired sidebands depends, to a great extent, upon correct alignment of the i-f channel in the receiver. If the alignment of the i-f channel is questionable, it is recommended that these stages be carefully realigned. In any event, it is necessary to check the tuning of the secondary of the last i-f transformer and compensate, if necessary, for any additional capacity introduced by the input stage. Some receivers such as the Hammarlund SP400X employ fixed-tuned secondaries and in such cases no adjustment is possible or required. If a complete

i-f alignment is attempted, visual alignment employing a scope and a sweep frequency generator is preferred. If such instruments are not available, alignment can be carried out with the conventional amplitude modulated signal generator and output meter. Some types of receivers employ variable bandwidth i-f channels which, in the *broad* or high fidelity position, yield a double-humped and sometimes unsymmetrical response curve. *I-f alignment should not be carried out at this bandwidth setting.*

The unit requires a substantially stable receiver. The most troublesome source of instability in many receivers is the tunable oscillator which heterodynes the incoming signals to the intermediate frequency. Instability in this oscillator may fall into one or more of the following classifications:

(1) Moderately slow drift in frequency, usually stabilizing within two hours of operation. This drift is caused by temperature readjustment as the receiver reaches a stable operating temperature.

(2) Erratic jumps in frequency. This may be caused by line voltage changes, sudden release of stress due to thermal changes as the receiver warms up, poor sliding contacts on the oscillator tuning capacitor, or poor voltage regulation in the plate power supply. Poor voltage regulation may cause the frequency of the oscillator to change with the setting of the manual (r-f) gain control or with *avc* action.

(3) Frequency modulation of the oscillator at power line frequency or harmonics.

G.E. 901/910

In response to many requests circuit data on the recently produced G.E. projection type tv receiver, models 901/910, are offered this month.

There are 43 tubes in this model: 6AU6 tv r-f amplifier; 7F8 tv converter-oscillator; four 6AC7s in first, second, third and fourth video i-f amplifiers; 6H6 video detector/d-c restorer; 6AG7 video amplifier; 5TP4 projection-type picture tube; 6SH7 clipper; 6SN7GT horizontal sweep amp/vertical sweep generator; 6SL7-GT horizontal phase det/vert. sync amplifier; 6SL7GT horizontal phase det/d-c amplifier; 6SN7GT horizontal sweep generator; 6SN7GT horizontal inverter/cathode follower; 6L6G vertical sweep output; 6SG7 tv audio i-f; 6SV7 tv audio limiter; 6H6 tv audio discriminator; 6AG5 radio r-f amplifier; two 6AK5s as radio oscillator

and converter; 6SG7 radio first i-f amplifier; 6SV7 radio second i-f amplifier; 6SV7 radio a-m detector/f-m limiter; 6AQ7 f-m discriminator/audio cathode follower; 6SL7GT audio amplifier; four 6V6GTs for audio output; 6AL7GT tuning indicator; 6SC7 phono preamplifier; three 5U4G rectifiers; two 6BG6Gs in horizontal sweep output; 6A7G for horizontal damping; and four 1B3GT high voltage rectifiers.

**Tv R-F Amplifier, Converter and Oscillator**

The r-f amplifier makes use of a 6AU6 connected as a triode grounded-grid amplifier. The antenna is connected into the cathode circuit so as to provide a substantially constant input impedance of 300 ohms to the antenna at all frequencies.

The r-f amplifier is coupled to the converter tube by a wide band transformer. The windings are self-tuned by the distributed and tube capacities to provide optimum gain. On channel 2, the transformer is triple tuned to prevent the image frequencies of the 88 to 108-mc f-m band from interfering with these two channels. The triode converter is one section of a 7F8 dual triode tube.

The oscillator makes use of the remaining half of the 7F8 and is inductively coupled to the converter grid by locating the oscillator coil on the same coil form as the converter grid coil. The oscillator is a modified Colpits oscillator, the oscillation being produced by the cathode-to-grid, and the cathode-to-plate interelectrode capacities of the oscillator tube. A choke provides a d-c path to ground to the cathode of the oscillator but maintains the cathode off-ground at the r-f frequencies. The oscillator operates on the high frequency side of the r-f signal on all bands.

**Tv Video and Sound I-F Amplifiers**

The video i-f amplifier consists of a four-stage band-pass amplifier using four 6AC7s. Transformers are over-coupled and then loaded with resistance to give adequate band pass frequency characteristics. A winding added to two of the transformers is tuned to trap out the adjacent audio and tuned for audio take off respectively. One trap is tuned to 21.9 mc to provide rejection of the adjacent channel audio i-f, while the three other traps are tuned to 21.9 mc to provide rejection of the same channel audio. A series trap is also used to tune out the associated audio interference.

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# Table A-M/F-M

(See Front Cover)

THE REFLEX CIRCUIT, a feature of many old-time receivers, is being revived in current receiver design, particularly in a-m/f-m table model types. An example of this circuitry appears on the cover this month and in Fig. 1.

In this receiver, the G.E. 210/211/-212, a 6BJ6 acts as both an r-f amplifier and first i-f amplifier. The r-f signal is fed into the grid of the 6BJ6 through the secondary of the first f-m i-f transformer, amplified by the 6BJ6 and tuned at the converter grid by an inductance-capacitor-resistor combination. In the converter the r-f is changed to 10.7 mc i-f and fed into the primary of the first f-m i-f and again inserted into the grid of the 6BJ6 which now acts as an i-f amplifier. The i-f signal is then fed from the plate of the 6BJ6 through a choke into the second i-f transformer. To eliminate any i-f signal from the antenna circuit to prevent interference, a 10.7-mc wavetraps is used in the f-m antenna circuit. A 3-mmfd capacitor and inductance in the f-m antenna circuit are designed to peak at 98-mc with strays to increase the f-m r-f sensitivity. At the f-m r-f frequencies, the capacitor in the primary circuit of the first f-m i-f offers little

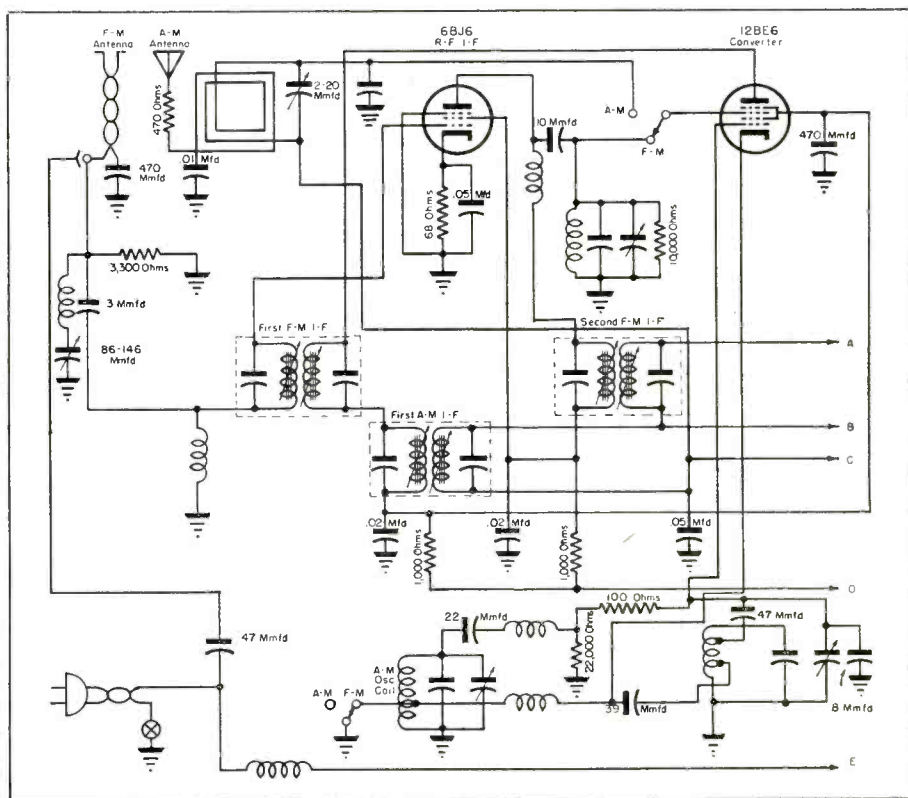
series impedance to the r-f signal. A 10-mmfd capacitor and inductance in the primary circuit of the second f-m i-f and switching input to the grid of the 12BE6 converter form a high pass filter to pass the f-m r-f signal into the converter grid and shunt the f-m i-f frequency into the primary of the second f-m i-f transformer.

The f-m oscillator coil is actually a section of a 300-ohm line shorted at one end to form a one-turn loop.

A coil and a 47-mmfd capacitor in the cathode circuit of the limiter tube are series tuned to 10.7-mc to effectively ground the cathode for i-f. A 33,000-ohm resistor in the cathode circuit of the 6BH6 limiter provide a highly degenerative condition for any amplitude modulation applied to the limiter grid. The cathode bias developed by this resistor is approximately 50 volts, which makes it necessary to insert onto the grid of this tube from B+ 50 volts, through a one-megohm resistor.

In this receiver a 12BE6 is used as an oscillator-converter, 6BJ6 as i-f amplifier, 6BH6 as a limiter, 19T8 as a f-m discriminator/a-m detector/first audio amplifier, 35B5 as a power tube and a 35W4 as a rectifier.

Fig. 1. R-f/i-f, converter and reflex circuit of the G.E. f-m/a-m receiver.





# Noise Suppressors

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not suppress noise above a certain definite amplitude, nor can it discriminate to any degree between noise and signal.

In order to minimize, so far as possible, any undesirable effects caused by the superposition of noise on the signal in the loudest passages, the bandwidth should be limited at any instant only to that required by the signal. This is possible only in a *horizontal* type of noise suppressor.

Two difficulties often encountered in noise-reduction systems are *fuzz* and *swish*, the former being caused by the superposition of noise on the signal, during loud noise, and the latter representing the hangover of the noise after the notes. Obviously the *horizontal* type of noise-reducing system is much less susceptible to these effects than the *vertical* type, since the actual pass-band is limited at any instant only to that required by the music; while in the *vertical* type, the transmission in a wide range of frequency band increases or decreases as a unit. With class *A* systems, the transient characteristics can be adjusted to prevent opening of the system on loud *clicks* and to provide the best compromise between *swish* and loss of high-frequency reverberation. This is not possible in the class *C* system which operates instantaneously.

From a theoretical standpoint then, the *horizontal* class *A* system provides the best potentialities for high noise removal with a minimum effect upon audible quality.

## Gate Circuits

Fig. 1 shows typical characteristics for a *dynamic noise suppressor*. *A, B* and *C*, represent, respectively, conditions of maximum expansion, intermediate suppression and maximum suppression at the high-frequency end. *D, E* and *F* are corresponding low-frequency curves. Of particular importance is the steepness of the cutoff in the high-frequency gate since high-frequency noise is random in its characteristics and, accordingly, tends to be proportional to bandwidth. A typical scale for this figure would be 10 db per horizontal line, although in some suppressors the attenuation may be greater. It is not necessary to have the low-frequency gate as sharp, but the curve should be

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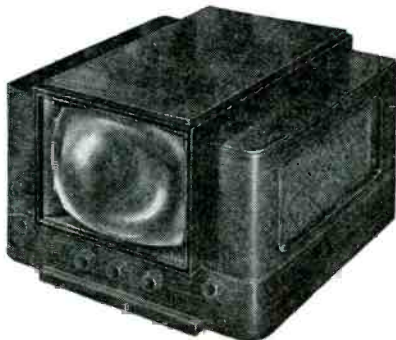
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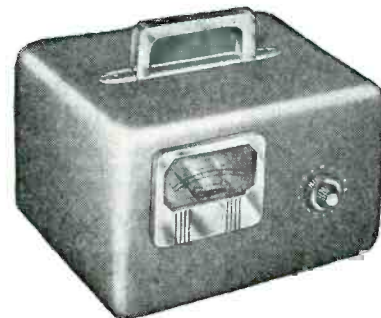
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# Noise Suppressors

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steeper than can be obtained with a simple  $rc$  or  $lr$  circuit.

### H-F Gate Circuit

A typical high-frequency gate circuit is shown in Fig. 2 in which  $C_2$  is actually a reactance tube. Such a circuit resembles a combination of a series-derived and a shunt derived filter, having one point of high attenuation controlled by the resonances between  $C_1$  and  $L_1$ , and another point of high attenuation controlled by the resonances between  $L_2$  and  $C_2$ . This latter point of high attenuation shifts back and forth with the cutoff frequency as  $C_2$  is varied, thus providing a sharp cutoff with a higher degree of attenuation immediately above cutoff. The capacitor,  $C_3$ , is used to restrict transmission at extreme high frequencies well above the normal operating range and may, in more elaborate versions, be replaced by a second reactance tube. The shape of the cutoff under conditions of maximum suppression is controlled to a considerable extent by the impedance,  $Z_1$ , and under conditions of maximum expansion by the impedance,  $Z_2$ ; hence it is possible to obtain dynamic band-pass characteristics having substantially identical or practically any desirable shape over a wide range of operating conditions. A similar circuit as used for the low-frequency gate is shown in Fig. 3,  $L_3$  being actually a reactance tube.

### Reactance Tubes

In actual practice the reactance tubes in the gate circuits are controlled by means of rectifiers which may be diodes enclosed in the same envelope as the reactance tubes or other tubes in the circuit. The high-frequency gate is controlled mainly by energy below the control range, and the response of this control circuit has a characteristic similar to that of the normal human ear. Since musical tones at extremely high frequencies are always harmonics of lower tones, this feature may be used to distinguish between noise and music. The opposite is true for the low-frequency gate where the response to low-frequency fundamentals is controlled

mainly by harmonics of those fundamentals present in the music. The sensitivity characteristics of the low-frequency control circuit are similar to those for the high-frequency control circuit, but have less sensitivity at a somewhat lower frequency. The general result is a system having a pass-band tending to conform to the instantaneous requirements of the music and maintaining tonal balance under conditions of high noise suppression.

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## Reactance Modulator

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the total oscillator voltage is applied across the series circuit  $C_2, R_1$ . The reactance of  $C_2$  is made small at the oscillator frequency so the low end of  $R_1$  may be considered at r-f ground. The reactance of  $C_3$  is also small, so that the reactance modulator is actually across that portion of the tank coil between center tap and plate. The reactance of  $C_1$  is made about ten times as large as the value of  $R_1$  at the operating frequency, so that  $R_1$  has no effect on the phase change across the series combination.

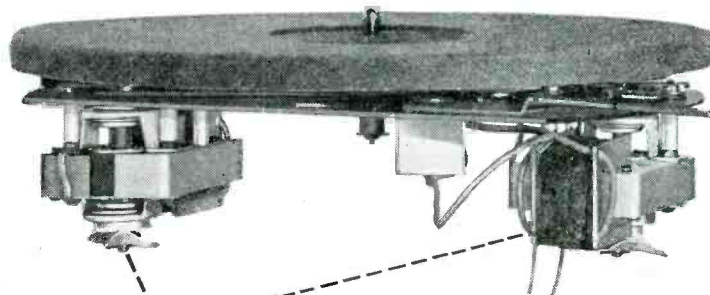
When the oscillator is operating the voltage generated between the plate and the r-f ground point ( $C_3$ ) is, in turn, applied across the series combination  $C_1, R_1$ . Since  $C_1$  has an impedance ten times that of  $R_1$  at the oscillator frequency, it will cause the current to lead the voltage by  $90^\circ$ . This current causes a voltage drop across  $R_1$ . This voltage being created by the leading current must, of course, be in phase with it. Since the plate current of the reactance modulator must be in phase with the grid voltage, it follows that this must also be  $90^\circ$  ahead of the oscillator voltage. Since we have satisfied the requirements of a  $90^\circ$  phase shift, we have simulated electrically the shunt of a fixed capacitor across the oscillator circuit. It is now only necessary to vary the magnitude of the effect to vary the frequency of the oscillator. The relations of voltage to current are shown in the simple vector of Fig. 2.

The amount of apparent capacity change, or the amount of frequency shift of the oscillator may be described as a change in the capacitive reactance across the circuit. Since we know that capacitive reactance is determined by the ratio of voltage to current, we can vary the magnitude or the effect of our simulated capacitor by changing either of the values in the simple formula  $XC = EAC/IAC$ . Since the voltage in our case is fixed we may vary the current to derive the frequency change required. If, for instance, it is possible to vary the bias on the reactance modulator grid, it becomes possible to change the value of total plate current and thus the apparent value of capacity across the oscillator tank circuit.

The universal method of accomplishing this apparent capacity change is to apply a sine wave modulating voltage to the reactance modulator grid. In the resting, or no modulation condition, the bias on the reactance modulator is determined by that sup-

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plied by the voltage drop across  $R_1$ , supplemented by the steady cathode bias. This is carefully adjusted to bias the tube to the center of the straight portion of the plate current characteristic. When a sine wave modulating voltage is applied to the grid, the amount of plate current is varied and the oscillator frequency changes accordingly. If we consider Fig. 3 this is apparent. The zero line represents the state of no modulation or the resting frequency of the oscillator. As the sine wave varies from zero to the positive direction, more current flows in

the reactance modulator plate circuit. As determined by the simple formula, the capacitive reactance has decreased because the voltage is fixed, and the current has increased. If the capacitive reactance has decreased it is the same as if the capacity had been increased. The effect on the oscillator is therefore to lower its frequency. The oscillator reaches its lowest frequency at the crest of the positive excursion of the modulating sine wave. As the sine wave varies from positive to negative less plate current flows in

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the reactance modulator plate circuit, and the opposite effect is true. The capacitive reactance in this case is increasing, and the effect on the oscillator is as though the capacity were decreasing. The oscillator frequency therefore varies from its lowest to highest frequency. The highest frequency is of course determined by the peak of the negative portion of the modulation sine wave. This is shown graphically in Fig. 3.

The amount of frequency change that can be obtained by the reactance modulator method is determined by a number of conditions. The ratio of the amount of apparent capacity change to the value of fixed capacity in the oscillator circuit must be taken into consideration. It is desirable to use only the distributed capacity of the circuit to determine oscillator frequency when the capacitive system is used. For this reason most commercial circuits slug tune the oscillator coil with no fixed capacitance where maximum frequency swing is desired. The reactance modulator tube itself must be of a high transconductance type so that a large plate current change may be realized.

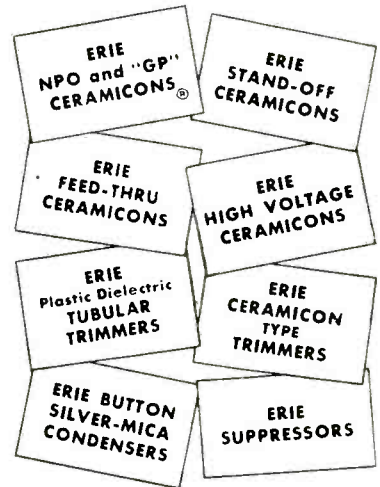
### Sweep Rate

It is interesting to note that the rate of frequency change of the oscillator or the *sweep rate* is twice the rate of the modulating voltage. The *sweep rate* may be described as the number of times per second that the oscillator carrier is varied through any given point in its excursion. The oscillator frequency may be varied from the lowest to highest frequency points as the modulating voltage changes from the positive to negative crest. If we consider the center or resting frequency point as the reference the carrier has been swept through this point once. The time involved, so far as the modulating voltage is concerned, is one-half cycle. The same thing happens in the opposite direction as the modulating voltage varies from negative to positive. The total time consumed is one cycle of modulating voltage for both sweeps. The *sweep rate* therefore is always twice the modulating rate when a sine wave is used.

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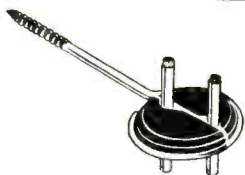
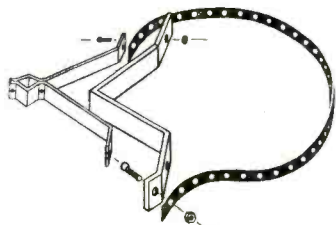
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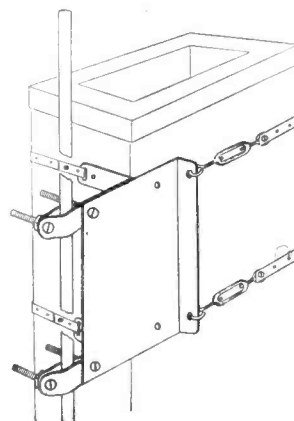
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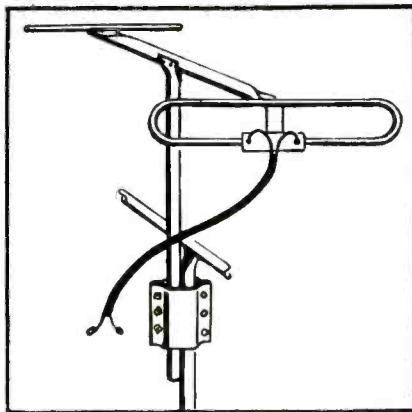
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A h-f tv antenna adapter, type 445, comprising a half-wave folded dipole with reflector as well as a quarter-wave connecting link with the existing antenna, has been announced by Technical Appliance Corp., Sherburne, N. Y. The matching network is said to be so designed that instead of the usual loss that occurs when loading one antenna with another, a gain is actually the result over the low band.

Antenna adapter is supplied with an aluminum tubular mast extension which mounts to the mast of the existing low-frequency antenna assembly, by means of a coupling clamp.



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### TELEVISION INDUSTRIES TV UNITS

A picture i-f and sound i-f strip, and front-end unit have been announced by Television Industries Co., 540 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

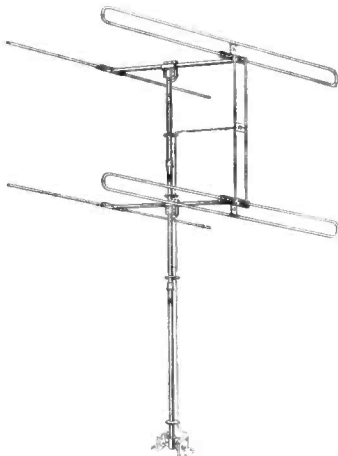
Available also are Du Mont inputuner, Bausch and Lomb projection lens, r-f power supply, deflection coils, etc.

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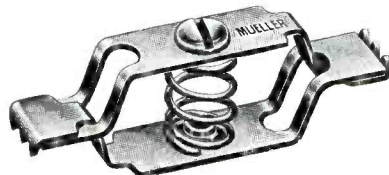
### WARD STACKED ARRAY

A stacked array, model TV S-6, has been announced by Ward Products Corporation, 1523 E. 45th St., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

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### RCA VIDEO PICTURE MAGNIFIER

A television picture magnifier has been announced by the RCA Tube Department.

An oil-filled plastic lens, it enlarges the images received on a seven-inch or ten-inch picture tube to the approximate equivalent in size and brilliance of those produced by a 15" picture tube.

Picture magnifier (model 203P2), measures 14 1/2" high, 17 1/2" wide, and has an optical aperture 12" by 15".

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### TELEVISION ASSEMBLY PROJECTION KIT DEMONSTRATION

A projection kit, providing a 20"x26" picture, was demonstrated during August by Television Assembly Co., 540 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn 6, N. Y., at the St. Moritz Hotel, N. Y. City.

The kit features a 5TP4 tube, Bausch and Lomb F/1.9 lens, Eastman-Kodak screen, pre-wired and pre-tuned i-f picture and sound strip (pat. pending) and pre-wired DuMont inputuner.

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### JFD TV/F-M ANTENNA INSTALLATION SERVICE

A tv/f-m installation department has been announced by J. F. D. Manufacturing Co., Inc., 4110 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn 19, New York.

The department will offer free advice to all Service Men in the analysis and solution of their tv/f-m antenna installation and reception problems.

Inquiries should be addressed to the JFD TV/F-M Antenna Installation Service Department.

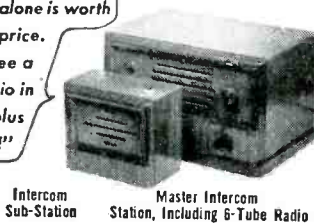
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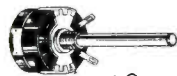
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## New LP Products

### WEBSTER ELECTRIC MICROGROOVE PICKUP

A lightweight *Featheride* tone arm and crystal cartridges for reproduction of microgroove records have been announced by Webster Electric Company, Racine, Wisconsin.

The tone arm, of stamped aluminum construction, is balanced to maintain 7-gram tracking pressure for LP requirements.

Crystal cartridge, model F12, is for use with LP records, playing at 33 1/3 rpm. Another model, F11, is a double needle, combination cartridge that plays either microgroove or standard records.



F11



F12

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### DJOTONE LP NEEDLES

*Star Sapphire* and *Shockproof Nylon* needles, with a one mill radius for the LP records have been announced by the Duotone Company Inc., New York.

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### ASTATIC LP PICKUPS

A pickup, FL-33, and crystal replacement cartridge, LP-33, for use with the long playing microgroove discs have been developed by The Astatic Corporation, Conneaut, Ohio. Crystal cartridge has a permanent sapphire needle with .001-inch tip radius. Is readily interchangeable with a companion cartridge LP-78 for playing conventional 78 rpm records.

LP-78 cartridge has a needle tip radius of .003". FL-33 pickup has a needle pressure of five grams, output of approximately .5 volt, and frequency range of 30 to 10,000 cps.



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### PICKERING MICROGROOVE CARTRIDGE REPRODUCER

A pickup, model D-140S, designed for the microgroove, fine-line slow-speed, recordings, has been announced by Pickering and Co., Inc., Oceanside, Long Island, N. Y. Sharp diamond stylus radius is .001".

Cartridge tracks the recordings with a stylus pressure of 5 grams, or approximately 1/6 of an ounce.

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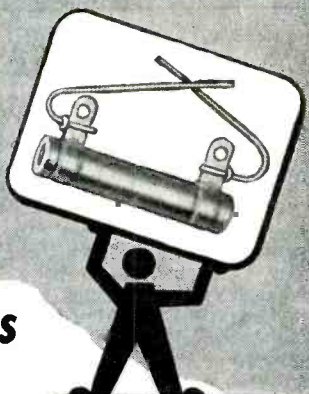
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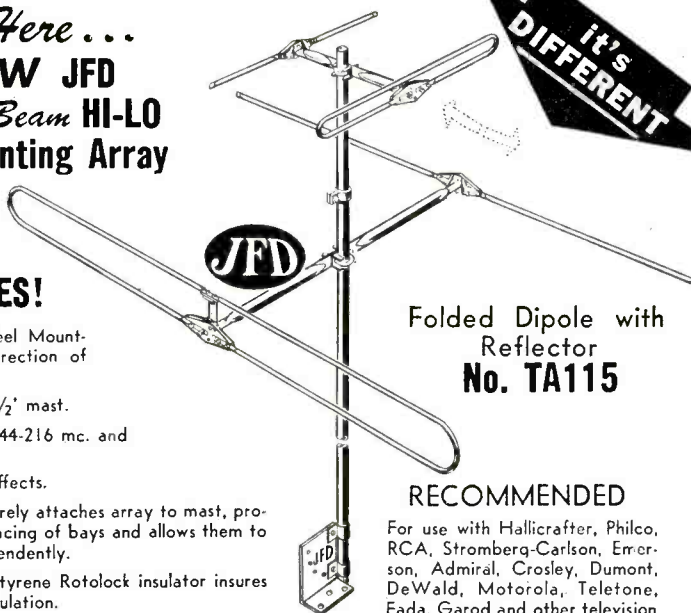
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### ELECTROVOX MICROGROOVE RECORD NEEDLES

Needles, with sapphire and osmium alloy tips, for the microgroove long-playing records have been announced by Electrovox Company, Inc., 66 Franklin St., East Orange, N. J.

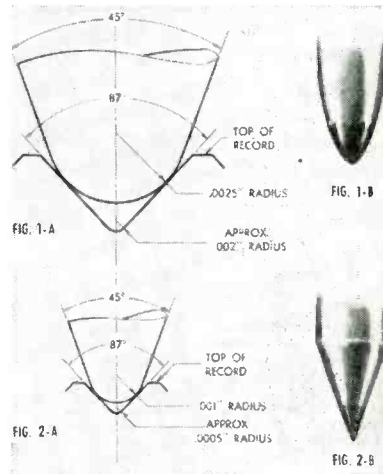
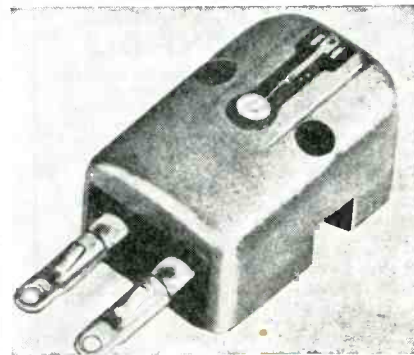


Fig. 1A. Diagrammatic view of conventional needle in record groove. Fig. 1B. Conventional needle point. Fig. 2A. Diagrammatic view of microgroove needle in record groove. Fig. 2B. microgroove needle point.

### G. E. LONG-PLAYING RECORD CARTRIDGE

A variable reluctance cartridge, designed for the *lp* records, has been announced by the receiver division of G. E. The cartridge, which features a low mass stylus assembly and high compliance, is one-third smaller than previous models.

The stylus of the cartridge is a sapphire, measuring one mil in diameter as required by the new microgroove recordings.



### TRANSPARENT MIRROR TV SET



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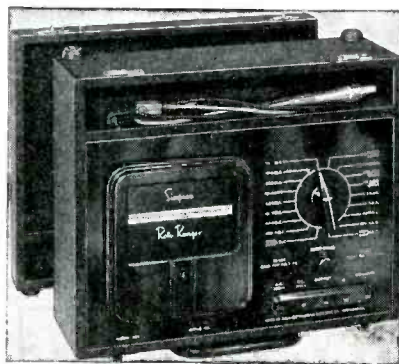
## New Instruments... Components

### SIMPSON ELECTRIC ROTO-RANGER VOLT-OHM-MILLIAMMETER

An a-c/d-c volt-ohm-milliammeter, equipped with the *Roto-Ranger* principle, model 221, has been announced by Simpson Electric Co., Chicago, Ill. In operation, as the selector switch is moved to the range desired, the proper scale for that range is brought into place behind the meter window.

Measures a-c diode balancing circuits, grid currents of oscillator tubes and power tubes, bias of power detectors, a-c diode currents, rectified r-f current, high mu triode plate voltage, etc. D-c sensitivity is 20,000 ohms per volt.

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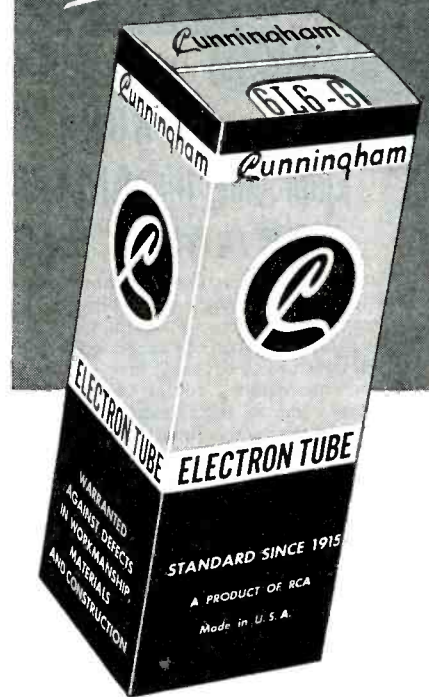
### ACADEMY ELECTRICAL PLUG CAP

A *Lifetime Automatic Attachment Plug Cap* which is said to require no stripping or slitting has been announced by Academy Electrical Products Corp., 4849 Broadway, New York 34, N. Y.

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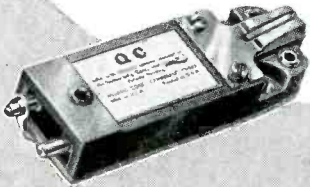
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The manual will contain 2024 pages describing products produced since 1938. Price of the manual, which is loose-leaf, is \$18.00. Accompanying the manual will be a *How It Works* book describing the theory of the special circuitry found in numerous p-a systems.

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**RCA TRIPLE PINDEX TUBE BASE REFERENCE**

A tube-base reference booklet *Triple Pindex*, which permits simultaneous study of any two or three tube base diagrams out of over 475 types, has been prepared by the RCA Tube Department.

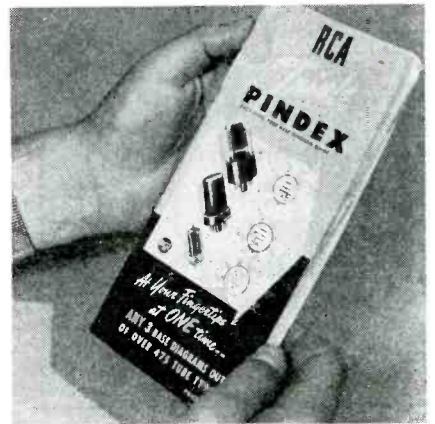
Guide contains three complete and separate base-diagram booklets, joined in a single cover with a spiral wire binding. All three diagrams are available on the same three-in-one page.

Listings are arranged in alphabetical-numerical order, according to tube types.

Diagrams may be located as entries are found in a dictionary or a telephone directory. Uncommon tube types are listed on a back page of the book, together with a key to appropriate diagrams in the book.

Booklet measures a handy 4" by 8".

*Triple Pindex* is available from RCA tube distributors at a price of 75 cents.



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**MUELLER CATALOG**

An 8-page catalog describing *Universal* battery and test clips, ground clamps, battery charging jumpers, etc., has been prepared by the Mueller Electric Co., 1583 E. 31 St., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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**TRANSVISION EXHIBIT**

An exhibit of tv kits, cabinets, components and accessories, was held by Transvision, Inc., at the Waldorf-Astoria in N. Y. City during August.

On demonstration were 10", 12" and 15" tv kits, projection models, custom-built cabinets, field strength meters, remote controls, enlarging lenses, antennas, and Sightmaster *Sight-Mirror* tv receivers.

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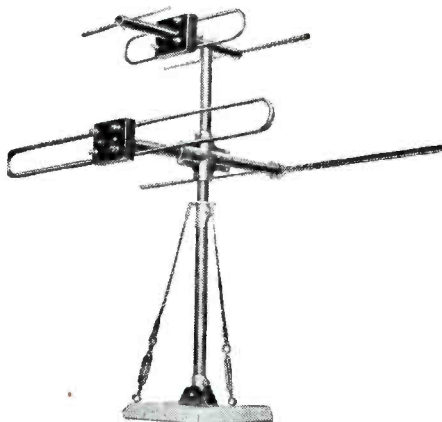
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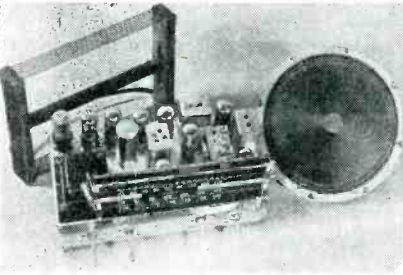
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## SECOND HYTRON WINNER

The second Hytron contest award (for entries made during June) was won by Gerard P. Diaz, 12 W. 7th St., Parkville, Mo. He received a RCP 665-A Billionaire and a 705-A signal generator.



Gerard P. Diaz, who won the June prize in the Hytron Service Men's Contest; Merle Applebee, Burstein-Applebee Co., 1012 McGee St., Kansas City, Mo., Hytron jobber and W. T. McGary, Hytron field representative.

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## RADIART COUNTER CARD

Counter cards to help promote the Radiart antenna line have been prepared by the Radiart Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.



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## WCEMA SHOW NEWS

A thirty-two page booklet of exhibitors at the West Coast Electronic Mfg. Association show at the Los Angeles Biltmore, (Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2) with a list of officers, is available to out of towners from George Davis, show manager, at 1406 South Grand Ave., Room 216, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

## CORRECTION

IN THE *Electronic Baby Light* circuit, which appeared in the August issue of *SERVICE*, the grid resistors in the 6SC7 stage should have been 10-megohm units, and the grid resistor in the 6J5 stage should have been a 1-megohm resistor.

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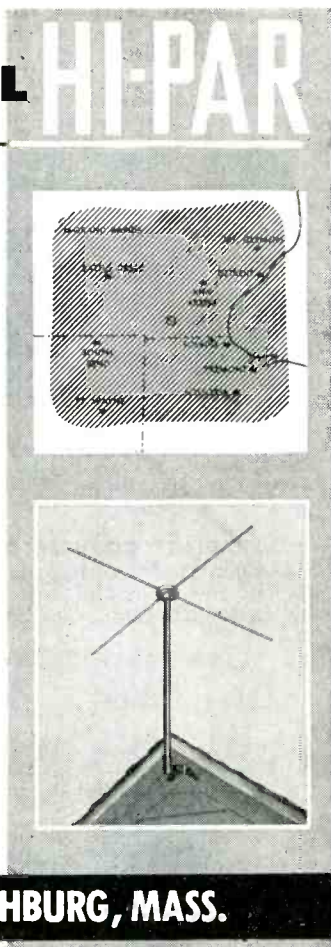
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## Servicing Helps

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soldered after working in the control head, which results in poor tuning. Another cause of the same condition is pitted contacts in the push-button switches. A little cleaning and lube will cure trouble here.

Incidentally, if the complaint is weak and distorted reception on these models, the speaker plug should be checked to see that it has not loosened.

### Philco Model 41-608

*Weak on phono and radio, accompanied with distortion:* Replacing the 12-mfd/400-volt section of the filter will cure the trouble. After replacement it will be noticed that the phono exciter lamp will show a marked increase in brilliancy.

During this type of service call it's usually a good idea to replace the exciter lamp, photo cell, and mirror assembly in the phono pickup. The customer will probably be more than happy to cover the additional expense on hearing the improved phono reproduction.

### Sonora Model WAU 243

*Set is inoperative:* Tubes are cold but check okeh. This is caused by a burned-out 82-ohm, 2-watt resistor, which is in the filament string. The power rating of the original was much too small and in replacing a 5-watt resistor should be used. An even better method is to solder a jumper across the terminals to which the resistor was connected and substitute a 50L6GT for the 35L6GT. This trouble will be experienced soon after the set has been in use.

<sup>1</sup>Submitted by John W. Findarle.

## Association News

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out of town distributors of standard tubes, offering big discounts on these tubes, any quantities from one on up. Yet in Columbus, if you want one special tube (a slow mover) you must take the *experimenters* short discount, even if during the same month your tube purchases may amount to several hundred tubes.

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## H-F TV Antennas

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industry that unless the situation improves the FCC will control reradiation by directive.

Balanced 300 ohm-lines appear to have a poorer signal-to-noise ratio at the h-f channels than coaxial line. It thus appears that the balanced line is unbalanced because the two halves of the common 300-ohm input coil cannot be made with equal characteristics in the 200 mc band. Some manufacturers have already discovered this condition and are designing their 1949 models for unbalanced coaxial cable inputs.

It is possible to connect coaxial cable to the r-f input of a tv receiver as shown in Fig. 5. Care must be taken in soldering the coax to the r-f input as the r-f coil is delicate and opens easily. A solder gun or 40-watt iron will usually do the job, without damage. The spotlight feature of one type of solder gun is of greater value in making this coax connection in table model tv receiver chassis.

Television receivers with metal backs or grills, which are fastened to wood cabinets, have been in trouble at the h-f channels. The metal backs are resonant at the h-f channels and act as antennas which induce direct signal pickup into the tv receiver input that may be out of phase with the signal from the external antenna. This direct signal pickup manifests itself as a *leading ghost*.

While removing the metal backs from the tv receiver alleviates this condition, the fire hazard possibilities increase unless wood or asbestos board take place of the metal.

The Service Man's field reports on h-f channel reception will greatly influence the 1949 design of tv receivers.

## Sync Systems

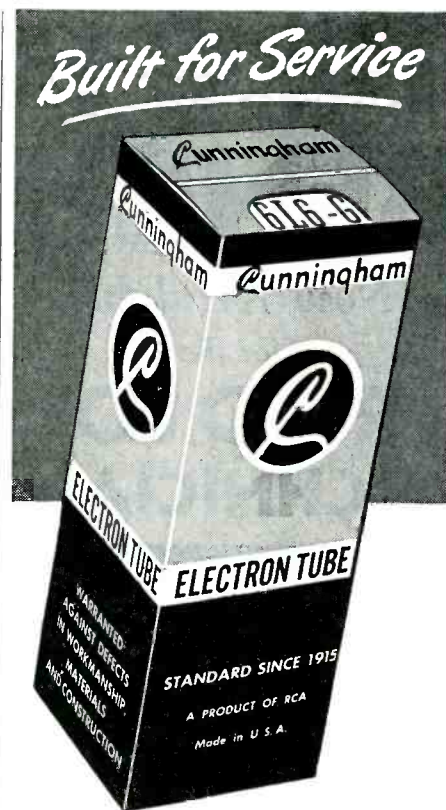
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to minimum in the same time. A comparison with a sine wave tells us that the frequency of any sine wave, which must rise from minimum to maximum in  $\frac{1}{4}$  microseconds, is a 2-mc wave because the period of a 2-mc wave is  $\frac{1}{4}$  microsecond and therefore this 2-mc wave rises from minimum to maximum in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a microsecond. This approximation tells us the frequency response requirements of any stage which must pass the leading and trailing edges of the television synchronizing pulses.

### Uses of Squared Pulse

The flat top of a pulse represents a low frequency because it is a sustained voltage level which must be held constant for the duration of the pulse. Therefore, the duration of the pulse determines the low-frequency response requirements, because the longer the pulse the longer the time interval the voltage must be held at a level value. To sustain an absolutely flat flat-top the period of a comparable sine wave would have to be many times longer than the duration of the pulse, because the pulse itself is a constant voltage level, while the comparing sine wave rises and falls sinusoidally and only maintains its peak value for a small percentage of the total period of the sine wave. It is evident, therefore, that the frequency response requirements of any stages which must pass the pulse with fidelity is dependent on the steepness of the leading edge of the pulse for its high-frequency limit and the duration of the pulse for its low-frequency limit. It is also this very characteristic of a pulse which permits segregation of components of the pulse into horizontal and vertical sync.

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## JOTS AND FLASHES

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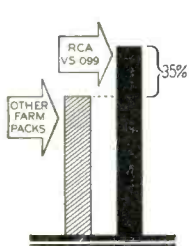


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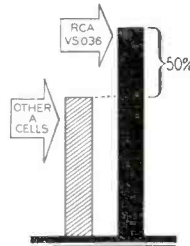
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