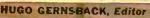
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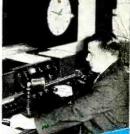
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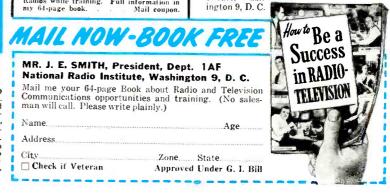
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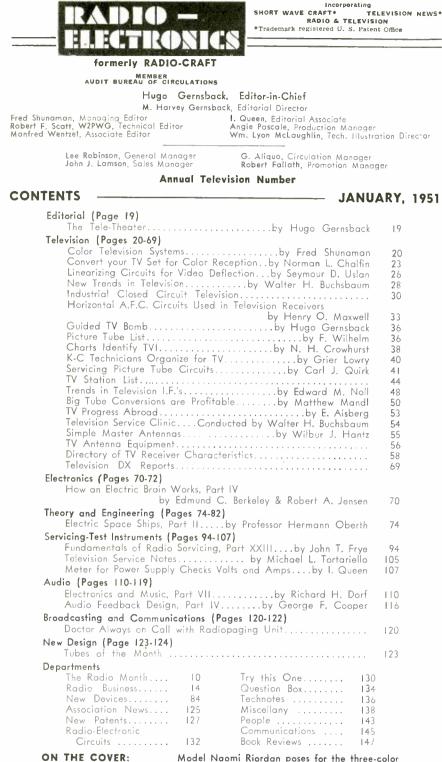
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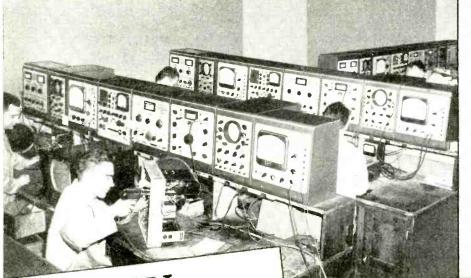
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Mr. Gernsback, right, accepts a scroll honoring his part in the first regular TV broadcasts from Emilio M. Pacifico, AIEE student branch chairman at NYU.

York University in recognition of their contributions to the development of television. The occasion was a demonstration by the students showing how television looked in 1928 when Gernsback's station WRNY began the first regular broadcasting of images in New York. The students used equipment similar to that made for the original station by Pilot Radio Corporation.

The scroll which Mr. Gernsback received was inscribed "Members of student branches of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at New York University College of Engineering present this scroll to Mr. Hugo Gernsback, publisher, RADIO-ELECTRONICS, in recognition of his pioneering contribution toward the success of an historic television demonstration which took place on the same site twenty-two years ago in Amphitheatre, Philosophy Hall, University Heights, when station WRNY inaugurated regular daily television broadcast service." Robert Hertzberg, one of the technicians who helped with the original broadcast and now a writer well known to readers of technical magazines, was master of ceremonies.

ILLEGAL TV. the first case discovered by the FCC, was reported recently. Broadcasting intermittently from September 1 to October 19, the station was constructed and operated by the Tube Division of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., at Emporium, Pa. The station picked up broadcasts from channel 13 station WJAC-TV in Johnstown, Pa., and rebroadcast them on channel 7.

The transmitter was located on a mountain top near Emporium and was built at a cost of about \$7,000. Sylvania officials said they needed such facilities for their work. They did not apply for authority for the station because they knew the FCC could not grant it at the time (due to the television "freeze") and believed they were not interfering with any other service.

The townspeople of Emporium agreed that the Federal authority must be obeyed, but were somewhat irked at the closing of the station because it left them with no TV service other than erratic fringe reception.

BRAIN DIAGNOSIS with sound waves was disclosed at a recent joint meeting of the IRE and the AIEE. Low-intensity ultrasonic waves are passed through the brain and are picked up on the other side of the patient's head with a detector. The waves are attenuated as they pass through cerebral tissues, but they pass undiminished through the cerebral fluids. The result is a "map" showing the fluid-filled parts of the brain. This technique is superior to X-rays which pass through tissue and fluid with nearly the same strength.

Stomach diagnosis of disease, including cancer, was reported at the annual clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons. Using improved apparatus, the technique measures the electrical potential difference between the empty stomach and some other part of the body. Certain stimuli, such as the ingestion of milk, are then applied to the stomach, and the response is observed. The change in electrical potential is different for different pathological states.

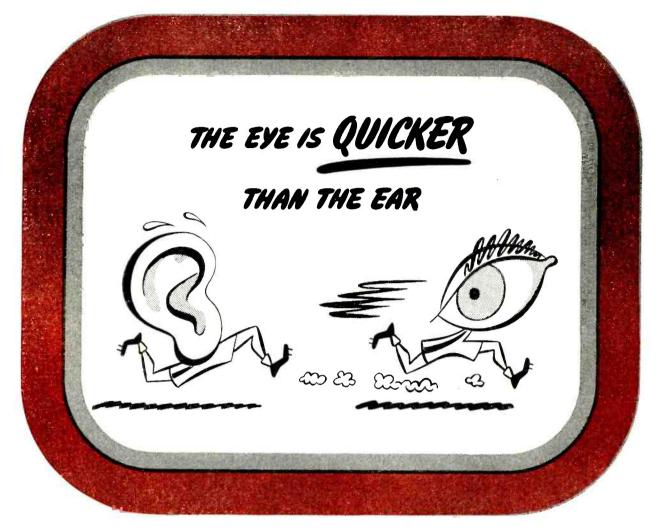
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is Ivan S. Coggleshall, traffic manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co.'s overseas communications. The new vicepresident is C. F. Rybner, professor of telecommunications at the Royal Technical University of Denmark in Copenhagen.

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The proposal would limit the number of hours a station could take from any one network, and this would depend on the number of stations serving the same area.

SHIP COLLISIONS will be reduced by a new method of radar computation developed by Capt. Edward C. Holden, U.S.N.R. Failure of radar officers to determine accurately the course and speed of radar targets and evaluating the targets mentally was partly responsible for the 363 ship collisions during the year ending July 1.

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HIGH DEFINITION system for blackand-white television was submitted to the FCC by the General Electric Co. Robert B. Dome, G-E engineering consultant, stated that the system will provide upward of 50% increase in horizontal detail when incorporated in transmitters and receivers. Reception by present TV sets would not be affected.

The system provides for the sending and receiving of fine and super-fine detail alternately. Since all precision equipment is at the transmitter, receivers using the system would be relatively low in cost and easy to adjust and maintain, although several more tubes are needed than in present sets.

CLASSROOM TV. now in its third year in Philadelphia public schools, has been so successful that thirty states and four foreign countries have asked the Philadelphia school board how to start educational programs of their own.

The city's three commercial stations broadcast unsponsored, school-planned programs to 200,000 students who look in on 16-inch or larger sets provided by the Home School Council. There are now 40 sets in various elementary and high schools in the city and 60 more in suburban areas.

The children themselves participate in some of the programs which take up four hours a week of school time in half- to one-hour programs. Among the billings are Encyclopaedia Brittanica movies, a "science is fun" program, and others dealing in city government, local, national and world affairs. **ROBERT B. DOME,** electrical consultant for the General Electric Co. will be awarded the Morris Liebman Memorial Prize for 1951 by the Institute of Radio Engineers for his contributions to intercarrier TV reception, wide-band phase-shift networks, and various innovations in FM receiver circuits.

Alan B. MacNee, brilliant young assistant professor of electrical engineering at the University of Michigan, will receive the Browder J. Thompson Prize for his paper "An Electronic Differential Analyzer," published in the November, 1949, *Proceedings of the IRE*. This award is given annually to the author under thirty years old for that paper recently published by the IRE which is the best combination of technical contribution and presentation of the subject.

The Harry Diamond Memorial Award, given to persons in government service, will be presented to Marcel J. E. Gotay of the Fort Monmouth Signal Corps Laboratories for his contributions to the Signal Corps research program, and for work with the infra-red-radio gap.

Willis W. Harmon, associate professor at the University of Florida, will receive the Editor's Award, established to stimulate good English in technical papers, for his paper "Special Relativity and the Electron", published in the November, 1949, *Proceedings of the IRE*.



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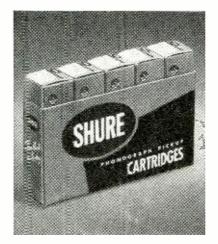
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Jensen Industries, Inc., is issuing a colorful new nylon-needle counter display card. The display holds 12 needles with sapphire or osmium tips. The needles



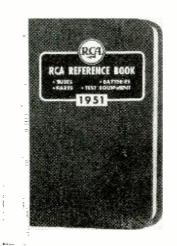
come in three sizes: standard for 78 r.p.m.; microgroove for 45 and 33¹/₃ r.p.m., and all-purpose for all three speeds. Display and needles are available through distributors or directly from the company.

Shure Brothers, Inc., has a new cardboard sleeve which holds five phonograph pickup cartridge cartons. The



sleeve permits neat arrangement and easy stock rotation. The company believes this is the first cardboard container sleeve ever devised for pickup cartridges.

RCA Tube Department has shipped the



1951 edition of its pocket *Reference Book* to tube and parts distributors for issue to service dealers, engineers, technicians, and purchasing agents. The book contains electronic information as well as a diary, calendar, memo, address book, and world atlas. A feature of the new edition is an article on TV trouble shooting by John Meagher, RCA Tube Division's TV specialist.

Electrovox Co., Inc., has introduced a new aid for phono servicing—a pocket manual with a summary of all phonographs by year, model number, cartridge, and needle. It lists cartridges with drawings and installation notes. Finally the manual includes a selection of 13 basic needles which cover about 90% of replacement demand. Complete with the needles, the condensed Walco Master Control Index, for service technicians is priced at \$10.

Production

Radio Business

The **RTMA** reported that TV sets in October were produced at an all-time high rate of 203,462 per week, making a monthly total of 813,851. For the first ten months of 1950 production reached 5,777,610 TV sets.

The 10-month total on radio production in 1950 was 11,481,823. A breakdown of this figure shows 6,624,484 home radios, 3,357,544 auto radios, and 1,499,795 portables.

Servicing Business

RCA Service Co. president, E. C. Cahill, recently stated that an additional 10,000 service technicians will be required to install and service the 2,000,000 TV sets produced and sold in the last few months of 1950. He pointed to the incredible growth of the industry, the length of time required to train competent TV technicians, and the drain of defense and government agencies as the three main problems facing the servicing industry. RCA, he explained, is attempting to combat the increasing shortage of technicians by expanding its training program.

The number of homes with radio sets was 41,500,000 as of July 1950—more than 95% of all U. S. homes. About four out of ten homes own more than one set. The total number of radio sets in use is estimated at about 85,000,000. They are served by more than 2,000 AM stations and 500 FM stations.

New Plants & Expansions

Raytheon Manufacturing Co.'s new pilot plant in Quincy, Mass., is now in production. Operated by the company's receiving tube division, the plant manufactures miniature and subminiature tubes for military requirements.

Workshop Associates, Inc., Needham Heights, Mass., moved to a new factory. The new plant will triple the TV antenna production capacity.

Radio Receptor Co., Inc., purchased a 90,000-square-foot factory building in Brooklyn, N. Y. The new four-story concrete building will be used in addition to the company's present 50,000-square-foot plant to step up production of radio and electronic components.



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- 14 Model BT-2 has recessed pilot light to show when booster is on.

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Radio Business

The Technical Appliance Co., Sherburne, N. Y., manufacturer of TACO antennas expanded its manufacturing facilities to provide for 50% greater production and new and larger quarters for the engineering department.

Financial Reports

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	nths 1950	1949					
American Phenolic Corp.							
Earnings	\$722,710	\$410,750					
Sales	722,710 8,857,700	\$7,358,615					
Belden Manufacturing Co.							
Earnings	\$1,121,043	\$275,596					
Sales	not given	not given					
El	ectric Auto-Lite						
Earnings	\$9,984,391	7,330,652					
Sales	\$170,597,077	\$167,975,049					
Gabriel Co.							
(Parent Co	ompany of Wai	d Products)					
Earnings	\$611,513	278,270					
Sales	not given	not given					
General Bronze Corp.							
	mpany of Brac	h Mfg., Co.)					
Earnings		\$355,606					
Sales		\$7,800,333					
	Radio & Electro						
Earnings	2,514,374	\$312,499					
Sales		\$9,498,804					
Muter Co.							
Earnings		\$34,486					
Sales		not given					
National Union Radio Corp.							
Earnings		75,309 (loss)					
Sales		\$5,653,082					
Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.							
Earnings		\$1,911.597					
Sales	\$105,778,320	\$73,041,240					
Radio Corporation of America							
Earnings	\$33,384,637	\$14,095,186					
Sales	\$395,741,391	\$275,673,666					

Dividends

Gabriel Co., parent company of Ward Products, voted a 10% stock dividend and a quarterly dividend of 15ϕ on common stock.

General Electric Co., announced a special dividend of \$1 per share payable Dec. 6.

Hytron Radio & Electronics Corp., declared a special dividend of 10ϕ on common stock. The company also recalled all outstanding preferred stock for conversion to common shares.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., declared an extra dividend of 40ϕ plus the regular 40ϕ interim payment.

Business Briefs

RTMA officers, committees, and directors met in New York Nov. 14-16 to discuss major problems facing the industry. A public relations program on color, u.h.f. proceedings, a code of advertising ethics, military procurement, and the proposed excess profits tax were among the subjects considered.

... Capehart-Farnsworth Corp., donated a complete television transmitter unit to Indiana Technical College of Fort Wayne, Ind.

... Stromberg-Carlson has eliminated built-in antennas from current TV sets. ... Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories demonstrated its two-way, closed-circuit TV conference system by staging a dealer meeting covering an area from St. Louis to Boston.

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Letter, August 12, 1950, from Dir. Radio Div. State Highway Patrol, "We have two vacancies in our radio Communication division. Starting pay \$200; \$250 after six month's satisfactory service. Will you recommend graduates of your school?"

Letter, August 24, 1950, from radio-television sales and service company, Ohio, "We are in need of o good television man. The pay will be good, also good surroundings to work in. Please let us hear from you."

Telegram, Sept. 7, 1950, from Chief Engineer, Broadcast Station, Georgia, "Have immediate opening first phone engineer. Prefer one with usable voice, experience not necessary. Prefer man from small town. Beginning pay \$48 for 48 hours."

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Gets Job With CAA "I have had half a dozen or so offers since I mailed some fifty of the two hundred employment applications your school forwarded me. I accepted a position with the Civil Aeronautics Administration as Maintenance Technician. Thank you very much for the fine cooperation and help your organization has given me in finding a job in the radio field." Dale E. Young, 122 Robbins St., Owosso, Mich.



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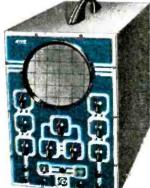


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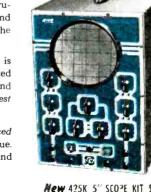
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The Tele-Theater

... The next great television development ...

__By HUGO GERNSBACK

ELEVISION in the home is only one of the many phases of a still new art. Commercial television is now in the ascendency, and no man can predict how far it will go.

Theater television is a term which has been misunderstood by many, even in the television industry. Television in the theater does not necessarily mean the showing in motion picture houses of newsworthy events such as baseball games, football matches, etc., as they take place.

There is, however, a very important TV phase, which, many years ago the writer termed "tele-theater." In this purely commercial aspect of television the plays are not shown in the home, but only in the theater—to persons who paid their admission,

In the United States the legitimate theater is actually represented in only a few of our larger cities. Even in these the hit New York shows are not always to be found. This makes for a unique and deplorable situation with visitors to New York storming the hit shows only to be turned away because no seats are available, frequently not even at a cost of \$50 to \$75 for a pair of tickets to such hits as South Pacific, etc.

By means of television, however, it will soon be possible to bring to every city and town in the United States every top-flight drama and show. No one will dispute the fact that New York is the theater's recognized center. By means of television every possible live show will be televised throughout the country at an admission price within the reach of everyone.

With color television now assured within the next few years and by using projection television, it will be possible for an audience in Sioux Falls to witness a New York musical as if the viewers were in New York.

This idea is by no means new. When television was in its infancy, the writer covered this subject under the title of "The Tele-Theater" in the January-February, 1932, issue of TELEVISION NEWS, of which the following is a condensation:

"The great inroads which the motion picture has made on the legitimate stage are becoming more serious right along and, if something is not done soon, we may have nothing but motion pictures left because, from year to year, it becomes more unprofitable for producers to put on legitimate performances. The reason for this is, of course, that it is impossible to give a "legitimate" performance for 50ϕ —a price which could compete with the motionpicture houses. The prices for the drama in New York, for a good orchestra seat, are from \$3.50 up, and for musical comedy shows from \$6.60 up.

"What, then, is the solution? I propose the following remedy, which I believe is sound, and I am certain that it will come about in the not too distant future. *Television* is the key to the situation.

"Recently, when the Sanabria giant television screen was about to be exhibited at the Broadway Theater in New York City, I was asked by the management to supply some new ideas to attract the public at large and secure favorable publicity for television.

"I suggested, at the time, that an attempt be made to connect the stage of another theater to the one at the Broadway Theater, and televise a distant performance on the Broadway screen. This suggestion was adopted, and the Broadway Theater, by means of a television transmitter, picked up the images of the actors on the stage of the Guild Theater, and showed this performance on the television screen of the Broadway Theater. *This, then,* was the first time in history that two theaters were connected together by means of television. The results were quite satisfactory. What has been done on a small scale here, will be done on a tremendous scale in the very near future, by the instrumentality which I call the 'Teletheater'.

"Imagine a special building, erected in the City of New York, for the sole purpose of supplying the entire country with its daily theater program—not, mind you, motion pictures, which are a "canned" product,—but an *actual* theatrical performance.

"In order to do so, I visualize a building which will have a series of stages, grouped around a central shaft or pit. The idea behind the multiplicity of stages is that I propose to move the actors rather than move the scenery. At the present time it is necessary for the actors to go behind or before the curtain, when scenes are shifted. This is awkward and always takes up an amount of time for which the public in the future will not stand.

"In the central pit we have the stage director at the top of a skeleton steel structure with his assistant technical directors. Stage No. 1 is lit up and the orchestra located immediately beneath the director starts to play. Below the orchestra is a "battery" of television cameras. Microphones are located in wings in strategic positions. The television cameras are connected to a wire network radiating to all parts of the country, just as the wire network transmits radio broadcast programs to the different radio stations in the country now.

"In Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, and hundreds of other points, we will have local theaters where, for 50c, audiences can nightly see the latest Broadway production. Instead of only 1,500 or 1,600 people seeing the "Follies", 5 or 10 million people will view them nightly, for one week, or for as long as the local theater feels it commands an audience. Immediately the undertaking becomes tremendously lucrative, because millions now support a production; whereas before only hundreds did so, at prices which only the well to do could afford.

so, at prices which only the well to do could afford. "In the tele-theater, we will, of course, have both sight and sound, and the audience will actually see and hear their favorite actors at the exact time when the production is being performed in New York. And it will even be possible to have the actors enjoy the applause, because microphones in the tele-theater can pick up the applause of the audiences and convey it back to New York. Thus the actors will have the satisfaction and incentive of the applause which is now missing—so much to their detriment —in motion pictures.

"Naturally, there will be a number of tele-theaters in the larger cities, all supplied by the great theaters in New York; so that, if you wish to go out in the evening, you need not see a musical show if you do not wish to do so. You may, instead, see a comedy or straight drama in another tele-theater in your own town, because New York City will telecast a multiplicity of productions the same evening.

"To satisfy remote points such as the West Coast, duplicate performances must be put on later in New York, on account of the time difference. Thus, for instance, a man in San Francisco will be seated at 8.30 o'clock (his time), which is 11.30 P.M. in New York, when the second performance for Western points starts."

None of this is more fantastic than television is itself you may be sure that it will all come about in the foreseeable future. 20|-

COLOR Television SYSTEMS

F THE three main systems of color television that have been battling for FCC and public recognition, the tentatively approved CBS *field-sequential* system is most prominent today. The FCC has stated, however, that the door is not irrevocably closed against other systems, so interest remains strong in the runners-up. These are the *line-sequential* system of Color Television Incorporated (CTI) and the *dot-sequential* system developed by RCA.¹

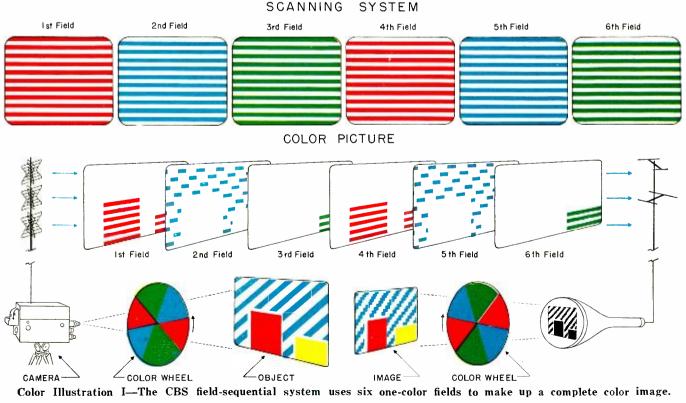
The pros and cons of these systems have been discussed with so much heat and so little moderation that the radioman is not quite sure of any one of their technical features. The public at whom this barrage of facts and nearfacts has been directed—is hopelessly confused. The terms "compatible" and "incompatible" have been bandied about to such an extent that many laymen believe that it would be possible to get color pictures without modifying their present sets, if only a "compatible" system of transmission were used. At the other extreme is a sizeable number who believe that present sets will become useless as soon as color television starts.

Let us review some of the technical facts to help clear up the nonsense. We have one system using relatively simple mechanical apparatus and two systems using more complex electronic equipment to produce roughly similar results. All three systems use standard black-and-white tubes with colored gelatine filters to insert the color into the images.

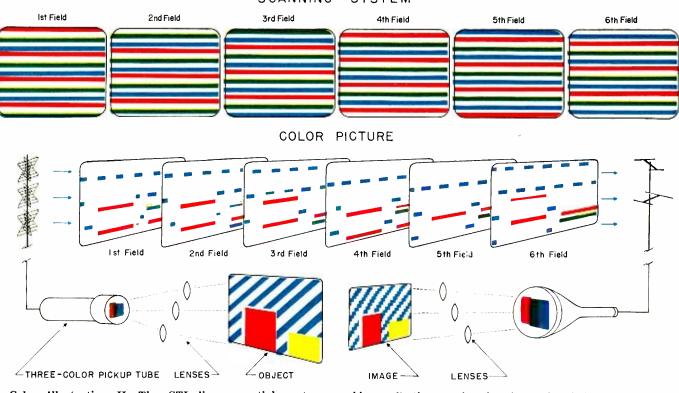
RCA has, it is true, demonstrated a single tube which produces the three colors with its own phosphors.² This promises a color system without filters and with only one instead of three kinescopes as used in the present RCA setup, but whether a three-color tube can be mass-produced economically enough to be used in home receivers remains to be seen. At least three types of three-color tubes (RCA, Geer, and Du Mont) have been patented; none have yet been proven to be (or not to be) practical. chanical system." It is made even more puzzling when CBS spokesmen remark in passing that their system could also work with electronic color tubes. The fact is that the adaptability of any of the systems is a function of the speed of switching from one color to another. Equipment that can be used by the fastest-switching one can be used by the other two, but not vice versa! Colors are switched more than ten million times a second in the RCA system, 15,750 times in the CTI system, and only 144 times per second by the CBS method. Therefore either CBS or CTI could transmit and receive with equipment suitable for the RCA method. CBS could also use equipment of the type required by CTI's line sequences.

However, should CBS decide to rid itself of the stigma of a "mechanical system" and go electronic, it would have to accept some of the disadvantages as well as the advantages of the more complex systems. An excellent field-sequential system could be built up with three cameras and three kine-

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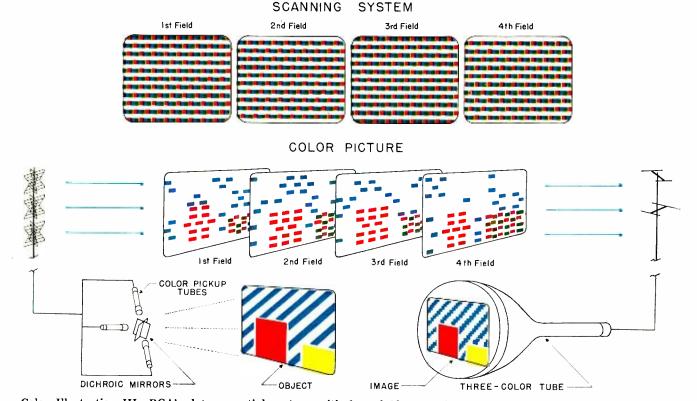




Color Illustration II-The CTI line-sequential system combines all three primaries in each of its six fields.

scopes, but it would be much more costly than the color wheel. A fieldsequential system could undoubtedly use a three-color tube if such were available, but would be up against the same problems of color crawl, etc., as is the dot-sequential system, and similar complex and expensive methods would have to be used to solve them.

With the color-wheel system now used by CBS (Color Illustration I), receiving and transmitting equipment differ little from that used for blackand-white. ^{1.3} Color is supplied by transparent discs divided into red, blue, and green segments which rotate in front of camera and kinescope. The discs must be synchronized so that each segment



Color Illustration III—RCA's dot sequential system, with four fields per picture, has a complex interlace of dots. JANUARY, 1951

is in position while the corresponding color field is transmitted. Thus, during a red field, a red filter ahead of the camera lens permits it to "see" only the red light from the scene, and the blue and green are not photographed. At the same instant, a red filter in front of the kinescope colors the partial image for the viewer. The same thing happens during the blue and green frames, and the eye receives the red, green, and blue primary images in such rapid succession that it sees a picture in full color.

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Instead of black-and-white's two interlaced fields per frame, with 30 complete pictures per second, CBS pictures are composed of two interlaced color frames of three fields each. There tial. Instead of transmitting a whole field or frame in one of the primary colors, the color is switched at the end of each line. Proponents of CTI's method claim that flicker is reduced enough by line switching to permit the system to be compatible. However, the 525 lines of the standard system introduce a problem. Since 525 is a multiple of 3. the same line in each field would always be scanned in the same color. A system had to be designed to skip lines regularly, so that all parts of the picture would be scanned in three colors. By skipping, line 1 (for example) in the first field may be scanned in red, in the third field in green, and in the fifth field in blue. (Even-numbered lines would be scanned in the second,

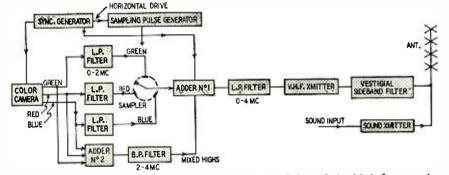


Fig. 1-RCA dot-sequential transmitter, showing mixing of the high frequencies.

are 144 fields per second, with 24 complete pictures. It was necessary to cut the number of lines from the standard 525 to 405 to transmit the 144 fields within the regular 6-mc channel. This is the reason for Columbia's *incompatibility*.

Main advantages of the CBS system are its simplicity and low cost. Since the only modifications required are the above-mentioned changes in the scanning frequency and the addition of a color wheel, the CBS system requires no extensive or complex new equipment. Transmitters and receivers for color—or for color and black-and-white —can be constructed or modified at a fraction of the cost of adapting for either of the other systems.

The chief disadvantage of CBS color is its incompatibility. Because of the different line frequency, a standard receiver tuned to a CBS color broadcast will see nothing, either in black-andwhite or color. Another disadvantage is its lower definition, either in black-andwhite or color. Its 405 lines cannot reproduce fine detail as well as systems using standard 525-line pictures. When used with a mechanical color wheel, picture size is limited to about 12 inches.

Other disadvantages are *flicker* and fringing. Its sponsors claim that the high field rate (144 per second) has fairly well eliminated flicker. Fringing —the breakup of color at the edges of rapidly moving objects—is still something of a problem.

The CTI system

The system demonstrated by CTI (Color Illustration II) is line sequenfourth, and sixth fields.)

CTI uses three lenses and three color filters ahead of its camera tube, so that three images, identical except for color, are formed on the mosaic. Instead of being speeded up as in the CBS system, the horizontal sweep is slowed down to one-third standard, so that a single sweep will give three lines, one in each primary color. Three cameras could of course be used. In that case a switching system would select lines successively from each of them.

The CTI receiver may consist of three kinescopes, each with a color filter and lens ahead of it. The lenses are so placed as to superimpose the three images on a screen, where they appear as a full-color picture. It may also be a single tube, with the three color rasters side by side on it, and the same optical mixing system.

CTI's great advantage is its compatibility. It uses the old 525-line interlaced system. The disadvantages are complexity (as compared to CBS) and another peculiar to a line-sequential system. This is line flicker or line crawl, in which the lines seem to be crawling up or down the picture. It can be avoided to some extent by the complex color interlace in which six fields are required for a single color picture. The number of complete pictures is thereby decreased to ten per second, which seems slow. Sponsors of the system say that the line-by-line color switch prevents this from producing objectionable flicker.

RCA dot-sequential color

Probably more has been said about the RCA (Color Illustration III) dotsequential system than both others combined. It is the most complex, the hardest to understand, and offers the greatest possibilities for future development of any of the three systems. Instead of breaking the color up into its primaries by fields and lines, the RCA system breaks each line up into dots of primary color. Each color is scanned or "sampled"⁴ 3.6 million times per second, and a stream of colored dots appear on the viewing screen. These combine to form a color picture much as do the dots of a color plate used in printing books or magazines. The dots of color printing do not fill the whole area, however, whereas those of RCA color television overlap about 50%. The small size and rapid succession of dots reduces problems of flicker and fringing to where they can be ignored.

Four fields are required for a picture. Two are the standard line interlace; the other two trace over the same lines, but the color dots are displaced so that a dot in field 3 is halfway between two dots of field 1 and one in field 4 halfway between those of field 2. This, plus the 50% overlap, insures that all parts of the scene are scanned in all three colors. There are 15 pictures a second, since the standard 60-field system is used.

RCA's great advantage is compatibility, but it has another-that of greater definition than its rivals. The high frequencies from each of its three color cameras are mixed together, and the low frequencies are sent through the color sampler which transmits the signals to produce color in the received picture. Fig. 1 shows how this is done. Mixing the highs causes the fine detail of a scene to be reproduced in each of the colors, no matter what its original color. Therefore large bodies (which are reproduced by the low-frequency signals) are transmitted in color, while points, edges, and outlines are actually in black and white.

Strange as it sounds, this actually works. If, for example, two adjacent sides of a building appear in deep green, and the fine corner line that separates them appears as black or white (depending on whether it is in sun or shadow) the eye is satisfied. Indeed, there is reason to believe that the eye does not perceive color in fine detail, and the mixed-highs principle may produce pictures closely resembling what the eye sees in nature.

Disadvantages of the RCA system are the complexity and cost of the equipment and its operation. Colors are switched more than 10 million times a second, instead of 144 times as in the CBS system or the 15,750 times of the CTI system. The difficulty of keeping the apparatus in perfect adjustment is enormously increased. Color drift was one of the early problems of this system, and produced some interesting (but to the engineers hair-raising) effects. Thus bananas on a plate might apparently age, turning from yellow to brown as they were being carried to or from the center of the picture.

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Simple changes in the sweep circuits often suffice to convert to CBS color. Circuits for converting popular makes of receivers are described in this article.

HILE the industry makes up its mind whether to go along on color TV as authorized by the FCC, you can still enjoy the CBS broadcasts on your own receiver by making simple changes in the sweep circuits.

Don't misunderstand me... you can get an enjoyable picture for your own use, but it may be unwise to offer to convert a customer's set on a commercial basis. To get a picture of exactly the same brightness, size and with the same scanning linearity as the original 525-line picture is an engineering feat of the first order, and may call for replacing important parts in many receivers.

A 7-inch electrostatically deflected set will be easiest to convert. Larger sets with r.f. power supplies are often simple to handle. TV receivers with flyback high-voltage systems will call for complex circuit switching. For a commercially acceptable job, it would probably be necessary to replace the flyback transformer and yoke in many of these.

The frequencies of the deflection oscillators in present black-and-white (monochrome) TV transmissions are 60 cycles per second for vertical and 15,750 cycles for horizontal sweep frequencies. For the CBS field-sequential color TV broadcasts these oscillator frequencies must be changed to 144 cycles for vertical deflection and 29,160 cycles for the horizontal line generator.

The hold control resistance must be adjusted to a smaller value in the multivibrator or blocking oscillator used to generate the sweep frequencies. The ratio of change will be the reciprocal of that between the monochrome and color sweep frequencies. For verti-

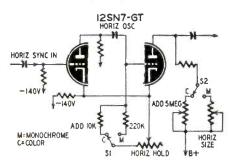
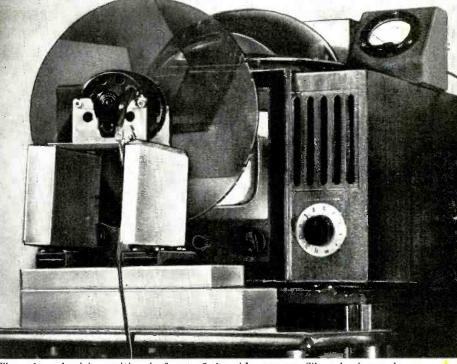


Fig. 1--Converted 7-inch sweep circuit.

cal this will amount to a value of 1/2.4 of the total frequency-determining resistance of the sweep oscillator in the



The color wheel in position in front of the video screen. The wheel may be any place between viewer and receiver, but should be near the receiver for best results.

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black-and-white receiver. For horizontal the new value for color will be 1/1.851 times the black-and-white value. With these fractions you will be able to determine the values for any receiver different from those in the circuits illustrated.

In most of the circuits there is a

limiting resistance connected between the frequency-determining grid of the sweep oscillator and the hold control. This connection is broken and a switch inserted. In some of the very early receivers there is only a hold control and in some cases no change is necessary other than the proper adjustment

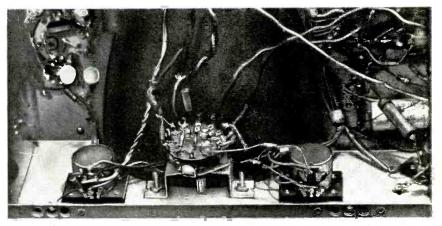
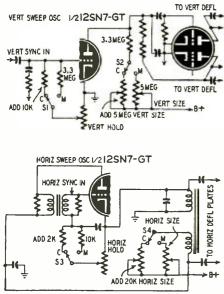


Fig. 2-How the changeover switch was installed on the Teletone TV 149 chassis.

of the hold control. Whether new resistors are switched into the circuit or an adjustment is made directly, the higher sweep frequency usually comes from the oscillator at a lower amplitude than



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Fig. 3—The sweep circuits of a Motorola VT 71 adapted for color reception.

the original black-and-white sweep frequency. This will result in a smaller image and will require adjustment of the size control each time a change is made from monochrome to color reception, or back again. This problem is overcome by switching separately adjustable size controls (see Fig. 11) at the same time as the hold control values are switched. In some cases it may be advisable also to arrange to switch in separate linearity adjustment controls if they are present in the receiver.

Reference to the several circuits that accompany this article will clearly show the methods that have been developed by the author for making the color images broadcast by CBS visible in

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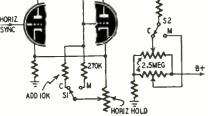


Fig. 4—The Hallicrafters T54 sweeps with alterations for receiving color.

black and white on an existing receiver. These, in effect, are circuits the manufacturers would have had to include in sets to meet the bracket standards originally proposed by the FCC last fall.

Several circuits similar

A general similarity in the circuits of the 7-inch TV sets simplifies adaptation for color. Fig. 1 shows the Teletone TV 149 deflection circuit in which the horizontal and vertical oscillator circuits are identical with only the values of some components changed to establish the vertical or horizontal oscillator frequency. For this reason only one of the circuits is shown with the switching data that is required.

The photograph (Fig. 2) shows the placement of the switch on the chassis of the TV 149. It is a four-pole, doublethrow unit which in one position retains the original circuit components and in the second position gives the color values their place in the circuits.

Fig. 3 shows the wiring arrangement for adapting the Motorola VT 71 7-inch TV sets so that they can receive the CBS color transmissions in black and white. Note, here, that there is no deflection amplifier in the horizontal sweep circuit. The horizontal blocking oscillator is very cleverly arranged to

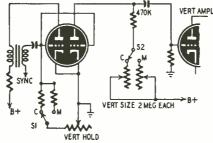


Fig. 5—A converted blocking oscillator of the type used in 630 chassis.

deliver push-pull deflection voltages directly to the cathode-ray tube plates. The vertical system resembles the Teletone previously described. The hold control is in the grid as in the Teletone circuit. The size control is in the plate load circuit. A four-pole, double-throw switch will cover this adaptation as for the Teletone.

In case insufficient horizontal voltage is supplied, however, it may be necessary also to switch the output transformer (Motorola No. T-6) with one that will tend to resonate with the two 900- $\mu\mu$ f capacitors at the new frequency. The daring experimenter might even consider switching another pair of coils in parallel with the present ones to cut down the inductance.

The Hallicrafters T54 deflection oscillator circuits as shown in Fig. 4, are basically identical with the Teletone. There is a slight variation from the Teletone in size control placement. Horizontal size control in the T54 is connected in potentiometer fashion instead of as a rheostat. It is part of a B-supply bleeder system. The vertical size control is in the grid of the vertical deflection amplifier. The latter connection necessitates an extra switch position, as can be seen in the circuit diagram (Fig. 4) thus requiring a 5-pole, double-throw switch. The horizontal color size control is connected in parallel across the original control and is equal in resistance to it. No serious change in operation takes place as a result of halving the total resistance value. For those who prefer to retain the original operation, a sixth position can be added to the switch. With it, the connections for switching of the horizontal size controls can be made in similar manner to the vertical, by breaking two of the connections to the controls.

The circuit shown in Fig. 5 is the type of blocking oscillator used in the vertical deflection system of many receivers. The commercial variations of the RCA 630 TS use this circuit. RCA's own 630 uses a 6J5, and the discharge action is accomplished in the cathode circuit instead of a second triode, as shown. The 9T246, a similar arrangement, is seen in Fig. 6.

Other receivers

As previously indicated, the 7-inch sets and those with r.f. power supplies are easily adapted to meet the requirements of receiving the CBS color programs in black and white. Sets that have the flyback type of high voltage supply working from the horizontal deflection system will require more complex switching arrangements. Particularly, sets with horizontal a.f.c. systems fall into the more-difficult-toconvert category.

There is shown in Fig. 7 the switch-

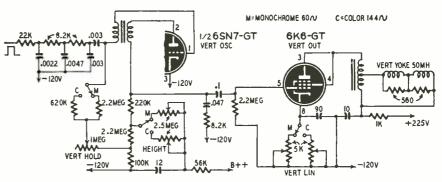


Fig. 6—Vertical deflection circuit of the RCA 9T246. To receive color, the vertical sweep frequency must be 144 cycles and the horizontal 29,160 cycles.

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ing of components of the horizontal a.f.c. system employed in the 630 TS type of set. For this alone, three switch points are required: discriminator freadjusting capacitance quency is changed, horizontal oscillator reactancetube frequency adjusting capacitance is changed, and the values of horizontal drive R-C network are changed. The right side of Fig. 8 shows the rest of the horizontal system changes that will be required for the 6BG6-G and flybackoutput transformer system. Fig. 8 shows a typical Synchroguide system as adapted to the 29,160-cycle sweep frequency switching for color from the black-and-white 15,750-cycle sweep. Fig. 9 is a new horizontal output transformer with separate taps for the monochrome and color horizontal output connections to the deflection coils. The changes are necessary because, when the original system is used, there is a deterioration in horizontal output linearity and sweep amplitude in the color position. The new transformer has more turns for the color secondary connection to the horizontal deflection yoke than for the monochrome connection.

The transformer is wound on a square ferrite horizontal output transformer core, with a gap of .015 inch in each leg. The primary (1-2) is wound with 800 turns of No. 28 single-silk enamel insulated wire. The high-voltage winding in series with it consists of another 800 turns of 10-44 litz or No. 36 single-silk or single nylon enamel wire. The secondary is also wound with this wire. Position of the windings is the same as on the transformer it replaces, as is the method of winding. It will be practically impossible to wind such a transformer by hand, but they may become available commercially in the near future.

The modifications indicated in Figs. 6, 7, 8 and 9 were worked out by CBS engineers, to whom thanks are due for supplying the information.

The color converter

If the above changes are made, you will be able to receive color broadcasts in black and white. To see them in color you will need a rotating disc. The most effective disc diameter should be a little more than double the width of the picture to be received. Six sectors are arranged on the disc with the three colors in this order: Red, Blue, Green, Red, Blue, Green. This is shown in Fig. 10. This disc must rotate at a speed of 1,440 r.p.m. before the screen of your set. For three segments (120° each) motor speed would be 2,880 r.p.m. A standard 1,800r.p.m. phonograph motor would have to be geared or friction-driven to lower the speed. Several methods of synchronization are possible. One of these would be to drive the motor with a 48-cycle oscillator synchronized by some frequency-dividing circuit deriving its sync pulses from the 144-cycle vertical sweep system of the receiver when set for color TV.

When observing the test pattern transmitted by CBS in New York, you

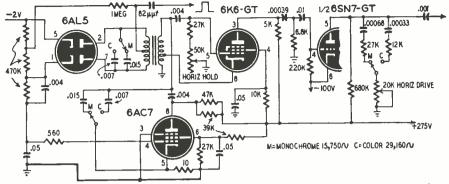


Fig. 7—Circuit showing how the components are switched for color reception in the 630 type receiver. This is the horizontal a.f.c. section of the set.

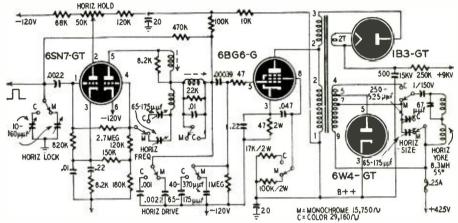


Fig. 8—The horizontal deflection and high-voltage circuit of the RCA 9T-246 type receiver showing the modifications that are made to receive color.

will find it moving in a circular path at a rate of about one revolution in 20 seconds. This was done to prevent the test pattern from burning into the image orthicon on the color camera.

Several plastics suppliers make available colored sheet plastic suitable for color discs. Eastman Kodak is expected to put out a set of color television filters in the near future.

Good results can be obtained with Wratten No. 26 for the red; No. 47 for the blue, and No. 58 for the green. Approximately equivalent Plexiglas numbers are: No. 159 or 160, red; 263, blue; and 260 or 2004, green; and Lucite: No. 10539, red; No. 7456, blue; and No. 3526, green.

A commercial disc is on the market at a cost under \$20. This is the Celomat unit and has a manual speed adjustment. It will hold synchronization for reasonable periods but does require frequent re-adjustment. It is intended that vou look at the screen of your adapted TV set through this device where it is nearer to you than to the set. The larger the screen, the further away you will be. Used in this way the color disc has a particularly humorous deficiency. After getting the Celomat device into synchronization, so that flesh tones are of the proper hue, if you move to the left or right of the viewing position in which you first adjusted synchronism these tones turn to a predominantly blue or green tint. Possibly this effect can be used to add proper eeriness to mystery shows.

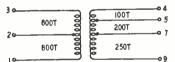


Fig. 9-Horizontal output transformer tapped for black-and-white and color.

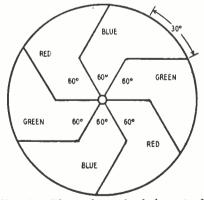


Fig. 10—The color wheel layout. It must rotate at a speed of 1,440 r.p.m.

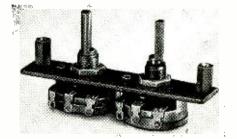


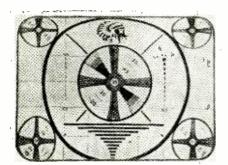
Fig. 11-The adjustable size controls.

Linearizing Circuits for Video Deflection

NDISTORTED television pictures require linear scanning. For both horizontal and vertical linear scanning, the displacement of the electron beam in the picture tube must be linear with time. That is, the beam is displaced at a constant rate of speed. This insures the picture elements being spread uniformly over the entire screen.

Correct scanning is produced in electrostatic-type tubes by applying a sawtooth voltage to the deflection plates; and in electromagnetic tubes a sawtooth current must flow through the deflection coils.

In either case, if the deflection is not



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2-b. Note that the repetitious charging point does not start at the very bottom.

The capacitor charge curve is most nearly linear at the bottom rising portion. If the point of discharge occurs at a low voltage compared to the available charging voltage, then the linearity of the sawtooth waveform is improved. However, the charge and discharge conditions within the receiver are such that a certain degree of nonlinearity always exists—enough to cause distortion in the reproduced picture.

Certain other circuit operations, besides that of the sawtooth-producing circuit, may cause a linear curve to become appreciably nonlinear.

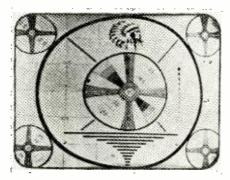


Fig. 1-a, left—Poor vertical linearity causes compression at top of picture. Fig. 1-b, right—Poor horizontal linearity causes compression at the side.

linear, that is, if the rising part of the sawtooth is curved, the reproduced picture is distorted. This distortion is illustrated by the test patterns of Fig. 1. Pattern 1-a shows nonlinear vertical deflection and 1-b shows nonlinear horizontal deflection. The defective scanning causes cramping and flattening at the picture top or side.

Capacitor charge

In practically all cases, a charging capacitor in the deflection circuit (usually of the blocking oscillator or multivibrator type), produces the sawtooth waveform. The charging-voltageversus-time characteristic of a capacitor appears in Fig. 2-a. This curve is nonlinear. To produce a deflection waveform, the capacitor must be repeatedly charged and discharged at the same point in each case. The point of discharge usually occurs somewhere along the curve, as indicated in Fig. *Managing Editor, John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York. Co-author: Encyclopedia on Cathode-Ray Oscilloscopes and Their Uses; FM Transmission and Reception; and other electronic texts. To correct these defects, special circuits are used to "linearize" the deflection signals before they are applied to the picture tube. The circuits provide correction by presenting some frequency discrimination to the nonlinear waveform or by causing the waveform to be subject to the characteristics of some deflection amplifier.

Three important types of correction circuits used in television receivers are: nonlinear amplifiers, damper tube circuits, and auxiliary time-constant circuits.

Nonlinear amplifier

If the defective sawtooth wave can be fed through an amplifier that has a nonlinear characteristic just the opposite to that of the wave itself, we can straighten out the wave. Wave A of Fig. 3 is the input nonlinear sawtooth fed to the amplifier and B the output sawtooth signal. By operating the tube over the correct part of its transfer characteristic, the output sawtooth can be made very nearly linear. The nonlinear amplifier is usually of the remote-cutoff or variable-mu type. The bias on the tube must be correctly adjusted for the input sawtooth to operate over the proper part of the transfer characteristic. In most television receivers using this method of linearization, the bias on the tube is made variable for adjusting linearity. A typical circuit appears in Fig. 4. R1 and R2 are the cathode bias resistors and C1 is the cathode bypass capacitor. By making resistor R2 variable, the bias on the tube can be changed and the correct operating point selected.

Such types of linearizing circuits are found most often in the vertical deflection circuit of television receivers where the tube usually is the vertical output amplifier. Adjustment of the linearity control in this circuit also affects the vertical size of the picture because a change in bias also changes the amplification of the tube.

Damping tube circuits

In kickback horizontal output systems a ringing or oscillation is produced during the retrace period of the electron beam. This is caused by the horizontal output transformer, deflection coils, and associated circuit capacitances breaking into oscillation. Oscillation may continue long enough to affect the linear rise time of the deflection waveform. To reduce this effect, a damper tube is used as shown in Fig. 5.

Immediately after the retrace period of the deflection waveform, a high positive pulse is applied to the plate of the damper tube and causes it to con-

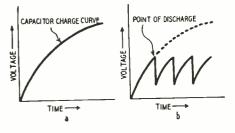


Fig. 2-Charging curves of a capacitor.

duct heavily. This strong conduction loads the oscillatory system, and damps the undesired oscillations. Besides loading the oscillatory circuit, the damper supplies additional voltage to the plate of the horizontal output amplifier as it rectifies the positive pulse.

Although the damper tube prevents continued oscillations, enough energy is stored in the magnetic field of the

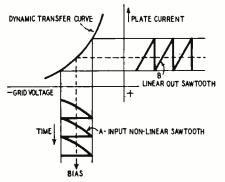


Fig. 3—Transfer characteristic of tube compensates for the nonlinear sawtooth.

oscillatory circuit to keep the tube conducting until this energy is dissipated. This energy dissipation makes the resultant current flow through the deflection coils linear, as indicated from points A to B in Fig. 6. After point B the current is no longer linear, but tapers off rapidly from points B to C.

Now the horizontal output amplifier takes over. The amplifier does not conduct during the retrace period of the beam and remains at cutoff during most of the time the damper tube is conducting because a negative pulse from the sweep oscillator is applied to its grid.

The amplifier starts to conduct when the deflection current, due to damper conduction, starts to become nonlinear. Current in the amplifier causes a continuation of current flow in the deflection coils. This initial current flow is nonlinear as from D to E in Fig. 6, and somewhat opposite in shape to that from points B to C of the same figure. After point E, the deflection current flow is linear. At point F, the retrace begins and the action starts again.

The circuit of Fig. 5 is so arranged that the nonlinear deflection current of the damper tube and of the amplifier (currents B to C and D to E in Fig. 6)

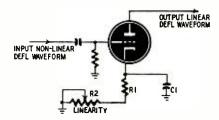


Fig. 4—Linearizing circuit that works on the tube's transfer characteristic.

are opposite in shape and produce a resultant current that is linear. The total trace from A to F is then linear. As an additional function, the damper tube together with the amplifier produces a linear trace and is a method of linearizing the deflection waveform.

We mentioned that the supply voltage on the amplifier plate is increased due to the kickback of the oscillator system. This increased voltage is applied to the plate of the amplifier by C1 and C2 because these capacitors become charged by the kickback voltage. This kickback voltage is pulsating and, although C1, C2, and L1 smooth out these pulsations, a certain amount of ripple voltage still exists. This ripple voltage is used to control the linearity of the resultant current.

By making L1 of Fig. 5 variable, the phase of the ripple voltage on the plate of the amplifier can be varied with respect to its grid signal. This means that the initial flow of amplifier plate current can be changed. Varying this inductance helps the nonlinear current (D to E in Fig. 6) produced by the amplifier to be exactly opposite to the nonlinear current (B to C) pro-

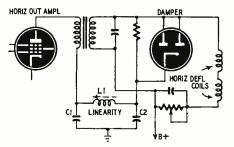


Fig. 5—A damper tube in the horizontal output helps to linearize the sawtooth.

duced by the damper tube. In this way any nonlinearity in the dashed part of the trace is kept to a minimum.

Time-constant circuit

Another way to correct linearity is to use an extra time-constant circuit to offset the one in the circuit producing the sawtooth waveform.

The additional time constant introduces a frequency discrimination to the nonlinear sawtooth waveform to straighten it out. The graph of Fig. 7 shows what is theoretically wanted. Curve A in part "a" of this drawing is the nonlinear trace of the sawtooth waveform. Curve B is the shape of the curve introduced by the time constant. Its shape and location on the graph must be such that when combined with the nonlinear sawtooth, the result is a straight line, as indicated in Fig. 7-b.

The complete circuit appears in Fig. 8. V1 is the discharge tube of the deflection circuit, and V2 is an amplifier to which the corrected waveform is fed for amplification. Components R1 and C1 are the grid resistor and coupling capacitor of tube V2. The sawtooth producing capacitors are C2 and C3 and the resistor through which they charge is R2. Components R3 and C4 are the additional time-constant circuit that corrects the linearity of the sawtooth waveform. Capacitors C2 and C4 are usually equal and C3 is approximately one-half their value. The corrected sawtooth deflection signal is taken across capacitors C3 and C4.

To understand how correction occurs, we will assume capacitors C2, C3, and C4 are being charged from B-plus. Capacitors C2 and C3 charge through R2 alone, but C4 charges through R2 and R3. When the discharge tube starts conducting, all the capacitors begin to discharge. Since C2 and C3 are directly across V1, they discharge very rapidly. However, C4 discharges slowly because the discharge current also flows through R3 which has a high value

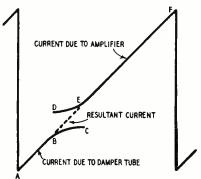


Fig. 6—Damper tube current and amplifier current produce the resultant sawtooth current in the circuit of Fig. 5. compared to the resistance of the discharge tube.

By the time V1 stops conducting, C2 and C3 are practically all discharged, but C4 has only given up a small part of its charge. C2 and C3 begin to charge again, but C4 continues to discharge because its previous charge is high compared to the voltage across C2. The discharge of C4 causes an additional charge on C2. In other words, the

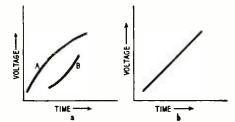


Fig. 7—Curves A and B add together to produce the linear voltage at right. charge on C2 from the B-supply is an increasing voltage but the charge duc to C4 is decreasing. When the total charging voltage on C2 equals that on C4, the latter stops discharging and starts charging through R2 and R3.

Across C3 we have the nonlinear deflection voltage represented by curve A in Fig. 7-a. Across C4, however, is a voltage which includes the action of C2 charging from two sources, plus the later charging action of C4. The result is a curve shaped similarly to that shown in Fig. 7-b.

So that R3 and C4 present the correct time constant to linearize the waveform, R3 is variable.

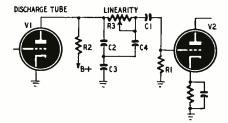


Fig. 8—A circuit for linearizing the sweep wave with an R-C time constant.

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New Trends in Television New Trends in Television Larger picture tubes, fast-acting a.g.c., and the gated beam discriminator are some of the features found in many of the latest TV sets

ODAY'S television receivers have come a long way since the 441-line, 5-inch sets to be found in some 5,000 homes in 1940. Their quantity and quality has advanced with seven-league boots. Present 525-line standards and greatly improved techniques combine to give the American people entertainment of a quality and at a price that everyone can afford and enjoy.

Since 1946, when television receiver production first started on a large scale, each year has brought improvements in design and price reduction, both important for mass acceptance of television.

The outstanding aim of the television industry during the past months has been to bring television to the lowincome groups. Most of the new designs stress low cost without sacrifice of quality and the most pronounced improvement in this respect is the use of large-screen, wide-angle picture tubes. Five years ago the largest directview picture tube was a 20-inch, allglass monster which required a tremendous cabinet and cost several hundred dollars. Today's 19AP4 (Fig. 1)

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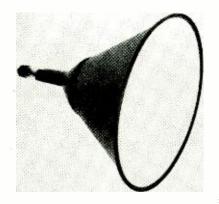


Fig. 1—The 19AP4, a large-screen picture tube used in many 1951 receivers.

fits into most cabinets and costs less than \$50 at the manufacturer's level. Its shorter length is due to a wider deflection angle which in turn requires more deflection power. To get sufficient brilliance on such a large screen the second anode voltage ranges from 12 to 15 kilovolts.

A real cost reduction is possible with the new rectangular picture tubes. Fig. 2 shows a Hytron 16RP4, and Fig.

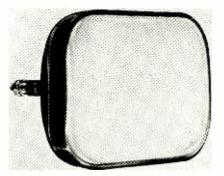


Fig. 2—Rectangular tubes such as this 16RP4 are popular in the new receivers.

3 gives an idea of the dimensions of such a tube compared with a 16-inch round picture tube. While the price of the rectangular tube is not substantially below that of the round type, the manufacturer can use a smaller cabinet, save on shipping and storage space, and use a less expensive mounting harness. The actual difference in cabinet prices at wholesale level ranges from \$5 to \$8, a considerable saving for the manufacturer.

Other new picture tubes are the 14inch rectangular, giving a 12-inch picture, and the new 17-inch metal-envelope rectangular tube. Reduced weight and prices are the advantages expected from the metal 17-inch, which goes into mass production this month. Rectangular 20-, 21-, and 24-inch tubes are also scheduled for 1951, but so far only the 20-inch is being delivered. Du Mont has announced a 30-inch tube having a deflection angle of 90 degrees.

Most of the new picture tubes have either a "black face" or etched screen which reduces glare but also requires more brightness. This increased brightness is obtained by using a higher anode voltage, usually from 12 to 13 kilovolts. A higher anode voltage again increases the deflecting power needed to cover the screen. Last year several manufacturers solved the problem of higher voltage and more sweep by using powdered-iron flyback transformers with a voltage doubler in the highvoltage section and two horizontal output tubes in parallel. Aside from being expensive, this system uses more B-plus and filament power, requires more chassis space, and dissipates more heat.

Deflection circuits

New, high-efficiency flyback systems were developed during the past year which furnish the required deflection as well as the higher anode voltage without using more power or using more tubes than the original flyback for the 10- and 12-inch tubes. As a matter of fact, most of the newly developed horizontal output tubes operate with less B-plus power than the old 6BG6-G. Such new tube types are the 6AV5-GT, 6AU5-GT, 6BD5-GT, 6BQ6-GT, and 6CD6-G, the first three of which use no top cap for the plate connection and are of the same physical size as the 6SN7-GT or 6K6-GT.

These high-efficiency flyback circuits depend on a special transformer which has high permeability and a high-Q core made of a ceramic material called Ferrite. The windings and the core material of these transformers keep dissipation losses at the horizontal sweep frequency very low. Several manufacturers are now using these transformers together with wide-angle deflection yokes. A circuit using this high-efficiency flyback system is shown in this issue in the article by Matthew Mandl.

To economize on the vertical deflection system, three new tubes were developed and are used in most 1951 receivers. The 6S4 is a miniature triode used as a vertical output tube. The 12BH7 and the 6BL7 are both double triodes, the former using a nine-pin miniature base and having a tapped filament for either 6.3- or 12-volt operation. The 6BL7 looks like a 6SN7-GT but is a more rugged version, capable of dissipating more plate power. Several manufacturers use a simple autotransformer with these new tubes to couple the vertical output tube to the deflection yoke.

The deflection yoke used with the new wide-angle picture tubes is different in two respects. First its physical length is reduced to avoid neck shadow (see "Television Service Clinic," RADIO-ELECTRON.CS, December, 1950). Second, its Q must be high or it will ruin the high Q of the ceramic-core flyback. Most yokes use a Ferrite or similar material ring instead of the powdered inon or iron wire of older type deflection yokes.

Some of the 1951 receivers use no flyback transformer at all. Highimpedance deflection yokes and special air-core autotransformers for highvoltage stepup are used in a few models, while some use paralleled output tubes in circuits familiar from 1949 and 1950. The deflection yoke inductance (horizontal coils only) is 8.3 mh for 10- and 12-inch tubes. The new, highefficiency circuits use either a 10-, 12-, or 18-mh winding, while the so-called high-impedance yokes have about 30-mh windings.

Fast-acting a.g.c.

Among the more important advances in TV designs is the perfection of a better fast-acting automatic gain control (a.g.c.) system which can compensate for airplane flutter and is almost immune to noise. Referred to as "gated" or "keyed" a.g.c., this system has been described before in RADIO-ELICTRONICS, but now it is being used in so many 1951 television sets that it deserves another brief description.

The circuit shown in Fig. 4 is typical of most of the fast-acting a.g.c. circuits now in use. In this particular circuit a special winding in the width-control coil supplies the keying pulse.

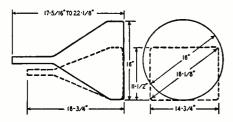


Fig. 3—While picture size is about the same, the rectangular tube has smaller overall dimensions than the round tube.

Keyed a.g.c. operates only on the amplitude of the horizontal synchronizing pulse and is in operation only while that pulse appears on the a.g.c. tube grid. The a.g.c. filter, therefore, need filter out only about 15 kc and can have a much faster charging and discharging rate than in an ordinary a.g.c. system. The rapid changes in signal strength due to airplane flutter are fully compensated as rapidly as they occur.

Noise riding in with the picture signal can hardly affect the a.g.c. bias. Only those noise elements riding in with the synchronizing pulses can have any effect on the bias. Since the synchronizing pulses occupy only 5% of the total signal, only 5% of the total noise can get through. If the top of the synchronizing pulse is clipped at the first video amplifier, the system will be almost entirely independent of noise.

The 6AU6 a.g.c. tube in Fig. 4 has a constant bias of about 5 volts due to the voltage drop across R1, one of the plate resistors of the first video amplifier. This bias cuts the tube off completely unless a strong positive signal appears on the grid. The plate of the tube is at ground potential, while the cathode is 150 volts positive. No current flows in this condition; but when a 300-volt flyback pulse from the width coil winding appears on the plate, it

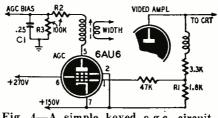


Fig. 4—A simple keyed a.g.c. circuit.

becomes positive and current could flow through the tube. But the bias cuts the tube off unless, at the same instant, a positive synchronizing pulse appears on its grid. Depending on the amplitude of that synchronizing pulse, more or less current flows through the a.g.c. tube.

If a strong station is received, the synchronizing pulse on the grid drives it more positive, permitting more current to flow. This plate current through the a.g.c. tube goes to ground through R2 and R3, setting up a voltage negative with respect to ground. If more current flows, a large negative bias is developed which reduces the gain of the r.f. and i.f. amplifiers and therefore the amplitude of the synchronizing pulse at the video amplifier. A balance is reached almost instantly, giving a constant and steady picture over a wide range of weak and strong signals. C1 and R3 form the a.g.c. filter, and the relation of R2 and R3 determines how much of the total bias is being applied to control the r.f. and i.f. stages.

Keyed a.g.c. is used in Admiral, Andrea, Westinghouse, Air King, Stewart-Warner, Silvertone, Teletone, Stromberg-Carlson, and other well-known receivers. When properly adjusted, this circuit is not only trouble-free but relieves the set owner of having to adjust contrast and brightness for different stations.

Gated beam discriminator

Used in one or two 1950 models, the gated beam discriminator is becoming rapidly the most popular FM detector for low- and medium-priced TV receivers. The two main advantages of this circuit are its economy and its excellent performance in AM rejection and limiting.

The operation of this circuit (Fig. 5)

is based on the internal structure of the tube. Only a narrow beam of electrons travels from cathode to plate. The electron beam is formed by the accelerating grid Ga which is at a constant

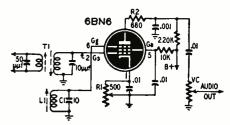


Fig. 5-Gated beam FM detector circuit.

d.c. potential. The FM signal is injected at the usual grid Gs and R1 establishes a self-bias in the cathode circuit. The key element is the tuned circuit L1-C1 which forms the return path of the fourth tube element, the gating or quadrature grid Gg. This tuned circuit resonates at the center frequency and must have a very high Q, at least 150, at that frequency. At resonance, maximum voltage is developed across a parallel tuned circuit, or maximum signal is absorbed by it, so that practically no electrons reach the plate at the resonant frequency. This is especially true in the case of the 6BN6 tube used here, where the internal structure is different from ordinary pentodes.

As the input frequency deviates from the resonant frequency of the gating grid circuit, more electrons reach the plate. In other words, the plate current varies as the input frequency varies, and an audio signal is developed across the 220,000-ohm plate load resistor, depending only on the frequency change of the FM signal.

Especially useful in intercarrier systems, the gated beam FM detector eliminates the need for a 6AU6 i.f. amplifier and limiter, the usual ratio detector transformer, and a double diode with a triode audio driver tube. When properly designed, the output of the 6BN6 circuit shown in Fig. 5 is sufficient to drive any standard audio output amplifier such as the 6V6, 25L6, or 6K6-GT.

The cathode bias potentiometer R1 is adjusted for maximum AM rejection; in other words, for minimum buzz. L1 is tuned to the center frequency (4.5 mc in intercarrier sets) just like T1. While T1 is tuned for maximum audio output, L1 is adjusted to give minimum output voltage when a 4.5-mc unmodulated signal is fed in through T1. This adjustment is as critical and touchy as the ratio detector adjustment in earlier circuits. Once adjusted, the gated beam detector stays aligned and operates properly for a long time.

During the past year only very few large manufacturers have used the gated beam FM detector circuit, but as more 6BN6 tubes become available and as component suppliers tool up for the gating coil, more sets will use this system in 1951. Zenith, Teletone, and many others include the gated beam detector circuit in their intercarrier receivers.







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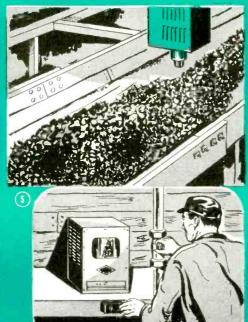
COLOR increases utility of this rising new medium HILE the battle over color television broadcasting rages, another type of color television has been taking over without fanfare or opposition. The field being conquered peacefully is industrial closed-circuit television. Already established in monochrome, it is finding color a valuable adjunct.

The term "industrial television" has been interpreted to mean roughly all non-entertainment uses of the new medium, including its employment at fashion shows and in banks. In a number of applications, industrial television supervises operations too dangerous for human beings. It makes possible certain types of advertising displays and saves manpower in work requiring observation at a number of separate points.

Possibly the most publicized application of closed-circuit color television is televising surgical operations. Since internes can learn operating techniques only by watching skilled surgeons, making the operation visible to larger num-

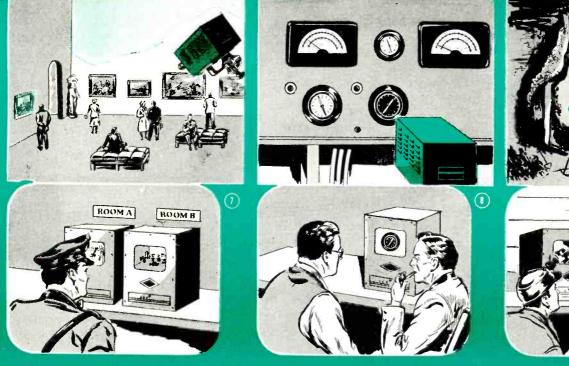












bers is important. The equipment shown on the cover was part of an installation by Du Mont at St. Clare's Hospital, New York City, where it was used during a large meeting of doctors and surgeons, who viewed a number of important operations which otherwise could have been seen by only a few.

Certain tests on machines, such as high speed motors (and now, jet units) used to be made in concrete pits, with engineers watching over a wall. In case of an explosion or a motor flying apart, the engineer's ducking speed was more important than his technical knowledge. Now these tests can be made with a camera focused right on the most important feature of the test; either on the meters as in Image 1 or on some critical part of the equipment itself.

Large department stores have already found use for television in making their displays visible to a larger number of people as well as to bring colorful displays to the attention of customers in other parts of the store or to windowshoppers, as indicated in Image 2. Gimbel's of Philadelphia and Gertz' of Jamaica, New York, have done considerable experimental work with store televisers. The scene on our cover also shows how closed-circuit industrial-type television could be used by a model to demonstrate clothes or to advertise other items.

Time is occasionally lost in a bank while a signature is being identified, and under some circumstances good will and a valuable account is lost as well. Image 3 shows how this can be prevented. The clerk can call for a copy of any signature, which can be flashed to him in a matter of seconds. The same equipment can also be used to make records available for inspection at a number of points. The records can then be kept in a central depository.

Some types of inspection, while not perilous in the sense of Image 1, bring hazards of fumes, heat, gases or splashing melted metal which make the inspector's work difficult and unpleasant, if not immediately dangerous. Image 4 shows how the pouring of metal in a mold can be viewed from much closer range than was possible under the old system of stationing a man 50 feet from the operation. Working in comfort at closer effective range, the operators can do a much better job of controlling the work.

Where material is borne along a chute there is always the danger of clogging or piling up. In the case shown in Image 5, coal is moved with the help of water. One person viewing the operation on a television screen and increasing or reducing the flow of water can replace two or more men, who would otherwise be placed at various points along the chute to watch for pile-up.

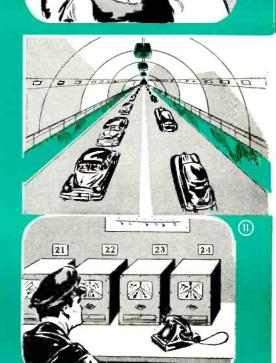
The television camera can be a more efficient watchman than any human, for it can be made to operate with infra-red light. Thus it may maintain a perfect watch in a "dark" area, throwing a bright and detailed image on the screen. Image 6 is a burglary that didn't quite come off as planned.

Another type of property protection in which television can be particularly useful is that of watching objects in a museum or art gallery as in Image 7. It has a double advantage over direct supervision. The would-be thief cannot see the guard and cannot tell when he is not under direct supervision. Neither can the thieves create a diversion to draw the guard away from a given spot.

Image 8 is another instance of television used for meter reading. In certain cases direct viewing of a number of meters is more advantageous than a telemetering system, and in others optical viewing is required by law, as in the case of water-gauges on steam boilers. Industrial television equipment is the answer.

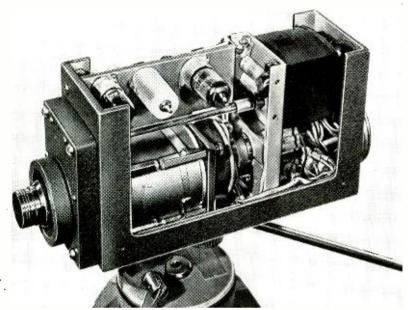
The portability of the camera is a





factor in its versatility. It can be used for a short-time job with little expense, as in the meter-viewing project, where setting up a telemetering system would be practical only in a permanent installation. In many cases of disaster, a tant phenomenon to be observed.

The closed-circuit feature of industrial television has one great advantage. Since there is no broadcasting through space, there is no need of regulating bandwidth. So the industrial color tele-



Closeup of the RCA Vidicon, a compact TV camera especially for industrial use.

camera can be placed where humans are not safe, due to obstructions, gases, danger of falling material, etc. Image 9 shows how an industrial television camera might be used in a mine disaster.

Nuclear research and work with radioactive material call for remote control operations in enclosures where no person may enter once the process has started. A television viewer to watch flow of materials, gauges, reactions, and in some instances to control mechanical robots, is of course the natural solution to the problem, as shown in Image 10.

Another version of the "chute" problem is seen in Image 11. Vehicular tunnels pose a problem of traffic control which requires policemen at a number of points along the tunnel. Monoxide gas makes the job dangerous and unpleasant, and accidents pose a hazard, as in the recent case where a guard in a New York tunnel was crushed when a truck got out of control. With the help of television, one man can do the work of a number, and do it in safety and comfort.

In many of these applications, color is quite unnecessary and is not used. In others, it is essential. For example, the effect of the fashion show of Image 2 would be reduced tremendously in black-and-white. Compare the models' dresses with the one on the cover, for example.

Image 4 is another good example where color is extremely useful. In many applications dealing with great heat, temperature is often estimated by color of metals or gases.

The same is true in observing chemical reactions, as in Image 10. Often the color of a solution is the most imporviser can use as wide a band as convenient. The Du Mont system illustrated on the cover uses 18 mc, the equivalent of three 6-mc channels, with a mechanical wheel for color.

Hampered to some extent by its very originality and the fact that it presents previously unheard-of solutions to industrial problems, industrial television got off to a slow start, but has been making steadily increasing progress during the past year. There are now four main brands on the market: Vericon, with its new Vericolor; RCA's Vidicon; the Utiliscope handled by Diamond Power Specialty Corporation; and the Du Mont 18-mc color equipment.

Of these, the Vericon, made by Remington-Rand, and originally described in RADIO-ELECTRONICS March 1949, has recently added color, using the CBS color disc and a considerably wider band than the older monochrome equipment. Previous users of the equipment have been quick to realize the additional value of color and two large Vericon installations in college medical schools are now switching to Vericolor.

The RCA Vidicon has been used up to the present as a monochrome system, though its designers have pointed out that by using three Vidicon cameras to pick up the three primary colors, it can be adapted to color transmission.

The Utiliscope system is possibly the oldest of those described, and has a number of installations in various types of industry, some of which have been described or shown in photos in past issues of the magazine. No statement as to a proposed switch to color has been received from them as yet.

The Du Mont system uses standard equipment modified to operate at 180 fields per second. Unlike the other systems, it was designed primarily fer color. Yet, where color is not needed, it is also available as a monochrome system. For example, the country-wide meeting of Schenley representatives, which was the first closed-circuit program to be "broadcast" was in blackand-white. This meeting consisted of 18 separate groups totalling more than 2.300 persons in cities as far apart as Boston and St. Louis. Transmission over long lines was the reason for use of monochrome in this case, as the frequency limits of the lines would have made color broadcast difficult.

Thanks are due to Diamond Power Specialty Corporation for the ideas underlying the larger num-ber of the illustrations on pages 30 and 31.

COLOR TELEVISION SYSTEMS

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This problem has been solved with a synchronizing system in which timing pulses are transmitted to provide exact dot registry.

Many engineers point to these very problems, and the ones that still exist, as one of the strong points in favor of RCA's system. This admittedly crude development already produces images which some feel are equal to those of any system, and cannot lag far behind by anyone's reckoning. Yet the system is new and at the beginning of its development, whereas others are well in sight of the end of theirs. To say that a system shows great room for improvement may not always be praise, but it is a significant factor when planning for the future.

In typical RCA receiving equipment, three kinescopes are used, one for each of the primary colors. The separate colors are mixed with the aid of dichroic mirrors, which are transparent to two of the primaries and reflect the

third. The viewer sees a full-color picture on what appears to be the screen of the green tube, though actually the red and blue components are reflected from the mirrors. As stated before, a single three-color direct-viewing tube has been demonstrated, but is still in the developmental stage.

Besides the three methods described, a number of other incipient color television systems-not developed to the point of demonstration-have been proposed to the FCC. None of them are likely to replace one of the present systems as the final answer to color television, but the possibility cannot be excluded.

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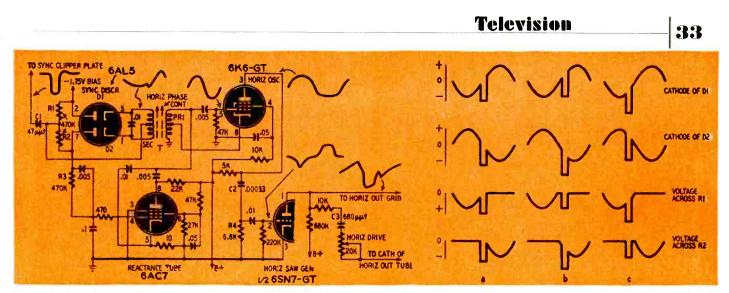


Fig. 1, left—The Stromberg-Carlson TV-12 employs this version of the popular RCA synchrolock a.f.c. circuit. Fig. 2, right—Waveforms show how sync pulses are superimposed on the sine wave output of the 6K6-GT horizontal oscillator.

Horizontal A. F. C. Circuits Used in Television Receivers

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BECAUSE the horizontal deflection generator is easily affected by weak signals, noise, and some forms of interference, the horizontal sync may be lost because of instability, maladjustments, and minor defects in the antenna, tuner, and video i.f. Several types of automatic frequency controls have been developed to hold the horizontal oscillator in sync with the horizontal scanning generator at the transmitter.

In the receiver, the horizontal deflection signal may be generated by a sine-wave oscillator, multivibrator, or blocking oscillator, and the frequencycorrecting voltage may be produced by several types of discriminators and phase detectors. To enable the service technician to give faster and more efficient service, we will discuss the theory of a.f.c. systems and deflection generators in this article.

The Synchrolock

Perhaps the best known of all a.f.c. systems is the RCA Synchrolock used in many versions of the 630-type chassis and in many other sets having 28 or more tubes. The circuit in Fig. 1 is used in the Stromberg-Carlson model TV-12. Other versions are used in the Freed-Eisemann 1620C, Zenith 28F20, and in sets of other makes and models. Component values and tube types may vary, but the circuit operation remains the same.

The 6K6-GT is a Hartley-type horizontal oscillator operating at a natural frequency of 15,750 cycles. A 6AC7 reactance tube, connected in parallel with the tuned circuit, acts as a shunt reactance which can control the resonant frequency of the L-C network. The magnitude of the shunt reactance is determined by the bias voltage and transconductance of the 6AC7. With a fixed negative bias of approximately 2 volts, a change of 0.5 volt will change the oscillator approximately 100 cycles. The frequency shifts in one direction when the bias increases and in the other when it decreases.

The horizontal oscillator develops a sine-wave voltage across the secondary of the discriminator transformer T so that the cathode of one diode is negative at the instant that the other is positive. Negative sync pulses are fed to C1, R1, and R2 which have a time constant which develops sharp pulses at the center tap of the secondary winding. These pulses are applied in phase to the cathodes of the 6AL5 sync discriminator. The amplitudes of the sine wave and pulses are constant. The mixture of sine wave and pulse causes D1 and D2 to conduct when their cathodes are driven negative and voltages are developed across R1 and R2, respectively. These resistors are connected so the algebraic sum of their voltages is produced be-

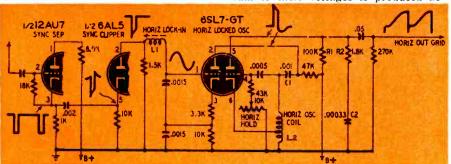


Fig. 3—Another circuit using a sine wave oscillator. Negative pips from the syne clipper are used to control the frequency of the horizontal oscillator.

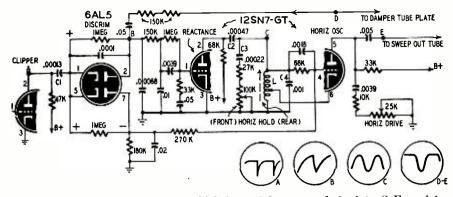


Fig. 4-The Gruen a.f.c. circuit which is used in many of the late G-E models.

tween ground and the junction of R2 and R3. A network consisting of the 470,000-ohm resistor R3 and the .005and 0.1- μ f capacitors filters the control voltage and applies it to the control grid of the 6AC7.

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When the oscillator is in sync, the pulses arrive at the instant the sine wave on the cathodes is crossing the zero axis, as shown at a in Fig. 2. The voltages across R1 and R2 are equal and opposite, and the net voltage is zero.

Consider what happens when the oscillator shifts frequency so the negative sync pulse arrives when the cathodes of D1 and D2 are negative and positive, respectively. (See c in Fig. 2.) During the first half of the cycle, D1 conducts and the voltage across R1 corresponds to the voltage on the cathode of D1. At the same time, the sine wave is positive on D2 and will conduct only for the duration of the pulse which has sufficient amplitude to drive the cathode negative. The voltage across R1 being greater than that across R2, a positive voltage will be applied to the grid of the 6AC7. The reactance tube draws more current, its effective reactance increases, and the oscillator frequency decreases.

The drawings at b show how a negative corrective voltage is produced when the oscillator is running too slow.

The output of the oscillator is coupled to the horizontal sawtooth generator often called a discharge tube—through a differentiator consisting of C2 and R4. The tips of the differentiated pulse cause the sawtooth generator tube to conduct and discharge the sweep-generating capacitor C3.

The horizontal drive control adjusts

the shape of the sine wave applied to the grid of the output tube and is therefore capable of affecting the linearity and size of the picture as well as the high voltage in circuits using flyback power supplies.

In the 630 and most other sets, the sync pulses are positive and the plate and cathode connections are reversed on the discriminator diodes.

Motorola circuit

Another circuit which uses a sinewave oscillator is employed in the Motorola TS-30A and similar chassis. In this circuit (Fig. 3), the negative sync pulses appearing at the cathode of the sync separator are differentiated by the .002-µf capacitor and the 10,000-ohm resistor in the cathode return of the sync clipper. The diode passes the negative pulses and clips the positive pips. The negative pips, which correspond to the leading edges of the sync pulses, are used to control a 15,750-cycle sine-wave oscillator consisting of L1, the two .0015-µf capacitors, and half of the 6SL7. This oscillator is locked in with the sync pulses.

The negative half of the sine wave across L1 drives the oscillator grid to cutoff and produces a positive pulse in the plate circuit. This plate waveform is differentiated by C1 and L2 to make a pulse which triggers the grid of the blocking oscillator consisting of the other half of the 6SL7. The time constant of the 500-µµf capacitor and the resistance in the oscillator grid return determines the frequency of the blocking oscillator. The sawtooth which drives the horizontal amplifier is developed by the charging and discharging of C2 through R1 and R2. The voltage across R2 and C2 produces a negative spike which drives the output tube to cutoff during the retrace period.

Note that this circuit does not provide a corrective voltage to hold the blocking oscillator on frequency. Instead, it is triggered by a pulse derived from a sine wave. The locked-in sine-wave oscillator acts as a buffer to prevent noise pulses from riding through and affecting the performance of the blocking oscillator.

The Gruen system

The Gruen a.f.c. circuit used in the G-E 12T7 and other late G-E sets is shown in Fig. 4. This circuit uses a 6AL5 balanced discriminator, and a 12SN7 reactance tube and sine-wave oscillator. The oscillator is controlled by the inductance of the tapped coil L and the capacitance of C2, C3, and C4. The reactance tube acts as a resistance in series with C2 across the tank coil.

In this circuit, the discriminator produces a d.c. voltage having an amplitude and polarity determined by the phase difference between the sync pulses and the negative pulses at the plate of the damper tube. The negative sync pulses are applied to the cathodes and the pulse from the damper tube is integrated into a sawtooth by the 680-µµf capacitor.

The peak-to-peak voltage of the sawtooth on the plates is approximately half that of the sync pulses fed to the cathodes. When the diodes conduct because of the presence of sync pulse or sawtooth alone, the voltages across the 1-megohm load resistors are equal with opposite polarity, making the discriminator output zero.

The sync pulses charge C1 to approximately 60 volts and bias the cathodes positive by this amount. As long as this bias is on the cathodes, the sawtooth cannot cause conduction because its peak value is too low.

If the oscillator is in sync with the pulses from the transmitter, the pulses arrive at the instant that the retrace portion of the sawtooth crosses the zero axis and the voltages across the load resistors are caused by the portion of the sync pulse which is above the bias developed by C1. These voltages cancel

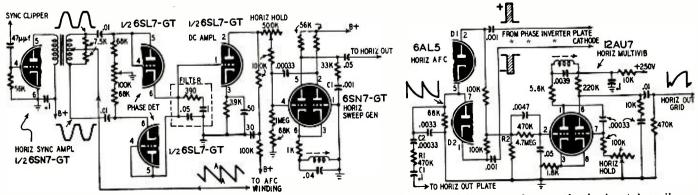
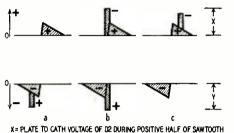


Fig. 5, left—The d.c. amplifier boosts the discriminator output to insure positive control over the horizontal oscillator. Fig. 6, right—A phase inverter does the work of the transformers which the discriminators in Figs. 1 and 5 use.

each other and therefore no d.c. voltage comes out of the discriminator.

When the oscillator is fast or slow, the sync pulse falls on the retrace of the sawtooth. Now, the sawtooth will add to or subtract from the sync pulse on the diodes and cause a difference in the voltages across the load resistors. The algebraic sum of the voltages—positive if the oscillator is fast and negative if it is slow—is filtered and fed to the grid of the reactance tube.



X = PLATE TO CATH VOLTAGE OF D2 DURING POSITIVE HALF OF SAW TOOTH Y = " " " " DI " NEGATIVE " "

Fig. 7—Waveforms showing how the circuit of Fig. 6 controls the frequency.

If the correction voltage is positive, the plate-to-cathode impedance of the reactance tube will be lower and the capacitance of C2 will have a greater effect on the tuned circuit and lower the oscillator frequency. A negative voltage increases the plate-to-cathode impedance of the reactance tube, the effect of C2 is reduced, and the oscillator speeds up.

The .0039- μ f capacitor and the series resistance to ground produce the sawtooth deflection voltage as do R1, R2, and C2 in Fig. 3.

A G-E circuit

The a.f.c. circuit in Fig. 5 is used in the G-E model 901. Here, an unbalanced discriminator or phase detector, d.c. amplifier, and multivibrator are used. A sawtooth from a special winding on the

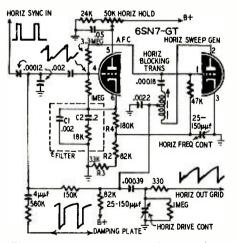


Fig. 8—An a.f.c. circuit of the pulsewidth type which is used in some sets.

horizontal output transformer is applied to the center-tapped secondary of the a.f.c. input transformer. This voltage—in phase at the ends of the secondary—is compared with the sync pulses which are out of phase across the halves of the winding. The diodes conduct equally when the sync pulses coincide with points A on the sawtooth and the net d.c. voltage is zero.

If the sync pulse falls at any other point, the voltages across the diodes are unequal and a positive or negative corrective voltage is produced. After being filtered, the voltage is amplified by a d.c. amplifier and then applied to a grid of the multivibrator-type oscillator. The filter has a time constant which averages voltages over a frame rather than over individual lines, thus making the circuit less sensitive to noise and interference pulses.

The coil and capacitor in the cathode returns of the 6SN7 are shocked into a ringing condition which produces a sine wave. The charge-and-discharge capacitor C1 converts the sine into a sawtooth required for deflection.

Westinghouse a.f.c.

Another interesting circuit is used in the Westinghouse H-223. In Fig. 6, the sync pulses from the sync separator are fed to a phase inverter which develops equal pulses of opposite polarity at its plate and cathode. The positive pulse is fed to the plate of D1 at the instant that the negative pulse is fed to the cathode of D2. A square-wave pulse from the plate of the horizontal output tube is applied to the cathode of D1 and plate of D2 through an integrator (C1, R1, and C2) that converts the signal to a sawtooth which is alernately positive and negative. Note that the voltages on the cathode of D1 and plate of D2 are in phase while the sync pulses on the plate of D1 and cathode of D2 are 180 degrees out of phase.

Fig. 7 shows the operation of this circuit. At a, the arrival of the sync pulses coincides with the leading edge of the negative-going sawtooth. The sum of the negative cathode and positive plate voltages on D1 being greater than the positive sawtooth acting alone on the plate of D2, a negative d.c. voltage appears across R2. The negative sync pulse is not shown at a because it is canceled by the negative sawtooth on the plate of D2.

At b, the pulses are centered over the trailing edge of the negative-going sawtooth and the leading edge of the positive-going sawtooth with the result that the voltages developed during successive halves of the sawtooth cycle are equal and opposite and the net voltage across R2 is zero.

At c, the pulses arrive on the trailing edge of the positive sawtooth, D2 conducts more heavily than D1, and a positive correction voltage is produced.

The sawtooth deflection voltage is generated by the 10,000-ohm resistor and .00033- μ f capacitor just as in the other charge-discharge circuits we have discussed.

Pulse-width system

Fig. 8 is one of several versions of the pulse-width a.f.c. system. This circuit, used in the G-E 810, operates in much the same manner as the RCA Synchroguide. A single 6SN7-GT is the a.f.c. tube and blocking oscillator. The grid of the a.f.c. tube is biased to cutoff by the negative voltage applied to it through the 3.3-megohm resistor connecting it to the oscillator grid.

Positive pulses from the plate of the damper tube are converted to modified sawtooth waveforms and fed to the grid of the a.f.c. tube along with positive sync pulses. Neither voltage has sufficient amplitude to overcome the bias on the a.f.c. tube but their amplitudes can be combined to cause conduction.

When the oscillator is in sync (see Fig. 9), the leading half of the pulse is on the leading edge of the sawtooth and its trailing edge corresponds to the trailing edge of the saw. Thus the pulse is only half its normal width. The pulse falls higher on the sawtooth and more of it is clipped when the oscillator is fast. If the oscillator is slow, the full width of the pulse may fall on the leading edge of the sawtooth.

C1 and C2 charge during the time that the a.f.c. tube is conducting. The voltage on them is determined by the duration of plate-current flow. A portion of the voltage across these capacitors is applied as bias to the grid of the blocking tube. If the oscillator is slow,

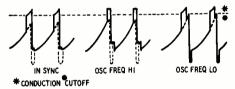


Fig. 9—Waveforms showing pulse width differences of the circuit of Fig. 8

the voltage across the capacitor will be more positive than when the oscillator is in sync, the oscillator speeds up until the grid bias returns to its normal value.

Troubleshooting hints

Troubles in a.f.c. circuits can be numerous and may be caused by minor changes in the values of many components. These few hints are useful when servicing a.f.c. circuits:

1. Always check the damper tube in circuits where the feedback voltage is taken from the plate of the horizontal output or damper tubes.

2. Check the feedback windings for open circuits and shorted turns in circuits like Fig. 5.

3. When replacing resistors and capacitors in the a.f.c. circuit, always use units having tolerances equal to or closer than those of the original. Check the parts list and diagram to be sure.

4. Check all tubes which are even remotely connected with the horizontal deflection circuit. Sync separators, d.c. restorers, clippers, amplifiers, and clamps can affect the operation of some circuits.

We plan to follow this article with another describing some of the tricks and short cuts which can be used in adjusting and servicing horizontal a.f.c. systems.



ELEVISION-CONTROLLED weapons are by no means a novelty. Indeed the first televisioncontrolled plane was proposed by the writer in 1924*.

It became a reality in World War II, when 34 of our B-17 and B-24 bombers, with automatic pilots and TV cameras in their noses were guided by radio right into the mouths of V2 hangars in occupied France.

Flying high over the English Channel our radio control planes guided the bombers accurately into the small openings of the hangars. Each bomber contained 2,400 pounds of TNT and Torpex which exploded on contact, atomizing the bomber as well.

During World War II our Navy and Air Force had also experimented with actual television bombs.

These tests took place at Lake Muroc, Cal. The bomb used had a TV camera in its nose and was steered by a bombardier who corrected the drop by changing the pitch of the fins on the bomb as it fell. But this bomb was not very effective as its direction could not be changed except during the first few seconds of its fall.

* See "The Radio-Controlled Television Plane" by H. Gernsback, in *The Experimenter*, page 22, November, 1924.

Guided TV Bomb

BV HUGO GERNSBACK

Improved television bombs of this type will certainly be used in future wars. As a guided weapon, such a bomb has a great many advantages which cannot be overlooked in future conflicts.

At present, bombing at very great heights is more or less a hit-or-miss proposition. Far too often only one or two out of ten bombs are effective. Particularly when aimed at a comparatively small target most bombs are ineffective. All bombs are subject to "drift": first because of the motion of the plane from which they fall, and second because of winds over the target. The bombardier is supposed to correct for such drift, but at best his aim is only approximate. Targets such as bridges, railroad tracks, etc., are particularly difficult to hit and usually a large number of bombs must be wasted to make a strike that will actually demolish such objects.

Moreover, the bombardier has to count on overcast weather and erratic flying when pursued by fighter planes or attacked by antiaircraft fire.

All this makes for a large waste of bombs. It is true that toward the end of World War II guided bombs came into use, but even these were not accurate in overcast weather, during fog, etc., even when radar was used.

If, however, radar and television are combined in such a manner that the bombardier can have the target outlined on his radar screen, then during the last stages of the television bomb fall (after it has cleared the clouds), the bombardier then can actually see the target and can make a better strike.

For this reason the television bomb will not only prove a formidable

weapon but will sharply reduce the waste of expensive bombs.

A television bomb for many reasons will have to be a large one, usually of the blockbuster or the large incendiary type. In its nose it will contain a television camera operated either by special powerful batteries or a small electric generator. Such a generator can be powered by an air turbine operated by the airstream as the bomb falls through the air, generating enough current to operate the television transmitter.

The television bomb has special fins and a tail, both of which can be moved by compressed air, stored in a tank in the bomb, to guide the bomb's fall accurately. The bomb is steered from the bomber by radio remote control in the usual manner of guided missiles. Thus the television bomb is a regulation guided weapon except that the television bombardier can watch on his television screen the EXACT progress of the "falling" missile. By radio control he manipulates the bomb's flight accurately toward any target selected. On his television screen the bombardier can watch the bomb's progress through the thickest clouds, rain, fog, or snow up to the instant of the hit.

Nor is the extra cost of equipping such a missile with a television transmitter excessive. Large bombs of this type often cost up to fifteen thousand dollars and over.

As the television bomb is far more accurate than the regulation type, the few hundred dollars spent on a television transmitter is insignificant when the cost of the wasted bombs, normally expended on a target, is taken into consideration.

Picture Tube List

By F. WILHELM

Listing the physical and electrical characteristics of all magnetically deflected picture tubes, the chart opposite is prepared especially as an aid to planning conversions to bigger tubes. For this reason, the over-all size, deflection angle, type of focusing, and typical operating conditions are pushed toward the front where they won't be overlooked when making comparisons between tube types.

Special notes:

Type numbers of rectangular tubes are in light face

Capacitance of inner and outer coatings of some glass tubes may vary widely because of differences in the width of the band and the conductivity of

in the width of the band and the conductivity of the coatings Some manufacturers give only the diagonal de-flection angle of rectangular picture tubes. Because the horizontal deflection angle is somewhat less than the diagonal some 70° yokes will overdrive the tube. For this reason, the horizontal deflection angle is given for all types of tubes. The 7AP4, 9AP4, 12AP4, and 12PC4 have 2.5-volt,

2.1-ampere heaters, all others have 6.3-volt, 600-ma heaters. Footnotes:

- 1—Projection tube with aluminized screen. 2—Suffix A indicates a masking aperture. 3—Aluminized screen.
- 3—Aluminized screen.
 4—Screen made from special nonreflecting glass.
 5—Data published by Thomas Electric and Svlvonia. specify a single magnet. Du Mont and Tung-Sol specify a double magnet.
 6—Current in RMA focus coil No. 109, all others for RMA focus coil No. 106.
 7—Some manufacturers use clear glass on face. NG—This tube does not have accelerator (Ho. 2)
- NG—This tube does not have accel grid.
 MS—This tube does not have accel grid.
 MS—Medium, 5 pins.
 MSOB—Medium shell octal, 8 pins.
 SSD5—Small-shell duodecal, 5 pins.
 SSD7—Small-shell duodecal, 5 pins.
 SNP4—Special socket for 3NP4.
 Dim. A—12/x x 19-11/16 inches.
 Dim. B—12-17/32 x 9-23/32 inches.
 Dim. C—143/4 x 11-17/32 inches.
 Dim. A—15-21/64 x 12-9/64 inches.
 Dim. G—16-1/16 x 123/64 inches.
 Dim. H—17 x 13-3/32 inches.

Type of cathode-ray tube	Diameter of tube face (inches)	Over-all length of tube (inches)	Construction of envelope	Deflection angle in degrees (Horizontal)	Method of focusing	Type of ion trap, if used	Capacitance (uuf) between in- ner and outer conductors when tube has outer coating	Typical anode voltage (kilovolts)	Typical accelerator or grid No. 2 voltage	Contro: grid or cathode voltage for extinction of undeflected spot. Values are positive for cathode and negative for grid	Maximum anode voltage (kilovolts)	Maximum grid No. 2 volts	Focus current in ma (See Note 6)	Anode terminal	Type of socket	Color of face	Base wiring diagram (Figure No.)	Type of cathode-ray tube
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Eliminating arithmetic, charts simplify detection of radiating TV sets

NTERFERENCE with television reception can be caused by a variety of interactions between local oscillator or i.f. and other television channels. Articles have from time to time described methods of identifying the interference, but the tracking down to source involves repeated arithmetical calculations that become somewhat arduous. Use of the charts here presented will not only facilitate the calculations, but also help in getting a better visual understanding of the problem.

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This kind of interference can be divided into two groups: Group 1, interference originating in the same receiver, and Group 2, that originating in another receiver. The solution of Group 1 problems is relatively simple, because all the causes of trouble are at the same site; but Group 2 can be more difficult, as cooperation with the owner of the interfering receiver is necessary, unless pickup from it can be eliminated by antenna orientation.

Interference from i.f. harmonic

Under Group 1, the simplest range of possibilities consists of stray coupling from the i.f. stages back into the r.f. section. It is harmonics of the i.f. that cause trouble, either sound or picture i.f. producing harmonics that can stray into the r.f. stages to interfere with either sound or vision channel. Charts 1 and 2 assist in identifying these possibilities. Chart 1 is for the lower band, channels 2 through 6, and Chart 2 for the higher band, channels 7 through 13. The horizontal dotted lines indicate carrier frequencies, the thick horizontal lines the boundaries between adjacent channels. Thin lines divide sound and vision on the same channel.

Use of the chart is simplicity itself. The diagonal lines indicate where the various harmonics fall. For instance, a receiver has the common video i.f. of 25.75 mc. Locating that point (threequarters of the way between 25 and 26 on the bottom line) and laying out a vertical line from that point, we cross the 3rd harmonic line in channel 5 very near the picture carrier. Obviously i.f. 3rd harmonic is suspect if channel 5 is being interfered with.

Conversely, if interference is experienced on channel 3, only i.f.'s between 21 and 22 mc would be likely to cause it. If the set's i.f. is higher and there is no other nearby receiver, the trouble is likely to be from some other cause.

Because the vision channels occupy most of the available spectrum, interference is most likely to appear in them, but there are also narrow ranges of i.f. at which interference may appear in a sound channel. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th harmonics can cause interference in the lower band. Second harmonics of i.f.'s between 27 and 30 mc can (ause interference on channel 2. Just below 30 mc the interference will be in the sound channel. Third harmonic can cause interference on channels 3 to 6, according to value of i.f., and the 4th can cause interference on channel 5 or 6. As detailed in Chart 2, the 6th to 10th harmonics can cause trouble in the higher band. Harmonics of the sound i.f. can cause serious picture interference, too.

Image interference

Still considering Group 1, the next possibility is the old second-channel (image) trouble, and other channels that can produce the i.f. by mixing with harmonics of the oscillator instead of its fundamental. Presence of harmonics indicates that the oscillator waveform is poor. All these sources of interferBy N. H. CROWHURST

ence usually show up when the interfering channel is strong in comparison with the received channel.

Chart 3. use of which is demonstrated in the key at the right-hand bottom corner, will help in tracking down possible interfering channels for any chosen i.f. and oscillator frequency combination. As represented by the arrow heads showing direction of reference, b is the received channel. (In this particular set the oscillator frequency is below r.f. carrier frequency.) Oscillator frequency is found by connecting with a straightedge the vision carrier in the received channel on the scale at the extreme left of the chart with the i.f. in the section marked osc. LOW, and interpolating on the OSCIL-LATOR FUNDAMENTAL scale. The secondchannel (image) frequency is indicated at a on the key, using the same i.f. in the section marked osc. HIGH. Second and 3rd harmonics are located on their respective scales by aligning the zero at the bottom of the TELEVISION CHAN-NELS scale at the left, with the oscillator frequency already interpolated. From these points, reference through the same i.f. value on the other I.F. REF. scales, as indicated on the key, will show at points c, e, f and h possible channels that can interfere.

For example, interference may be received on channel 4. The receiver i.f. is the familiar 25.25 mc, with the oscillator working on the high side of the fundamental. Drawing a line from channel 4 through OSC. HIGH intersects the fundamental scale just above 90. A line is drawn from zero on the TELEVISION CHANNELS scale through this point, intersecting the 2nd and 3rd harmonic scales. From these latter points lines are drawn through both high and low 25.25 of the I.F. REF. (interference can

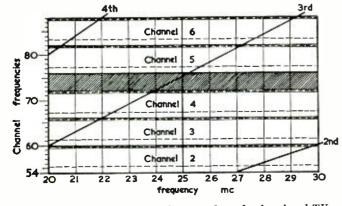


Chart 1-I.f. harmonic interference chart for low-band TV.

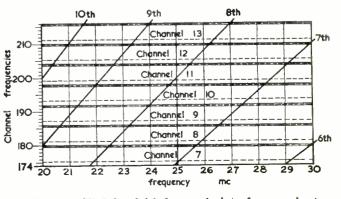


Chart 2-High-band i.f. harmonic interference chart. RADIO-ELECTRONICS for

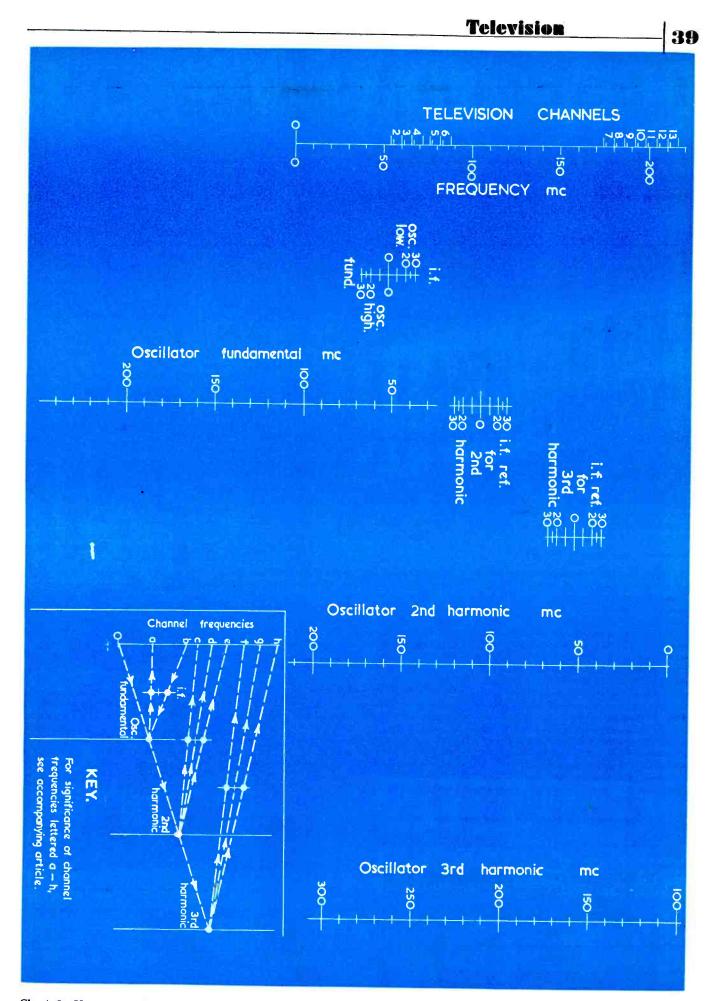


Chart 3-Nomograph for tracking down interference with any combination of intermediate and oscillator frequency. JANUARY, 1951

be produced when the oscillator harmonic is either 25.25 mc above or below another station) to the TELEVISION CHANNELS scale. Point c is found to be between the television bands, but point e falls directly on channel 13. Points f and h fall above the television bands. The 2nd harmonic of the oscillator is 25.25 mc below channel 13, and this channel is the probable source of interference. Note that an image of the

K-C Technicians Organize For TV

Over 20,000 receivers were in operation within seven weeks after television came to Kansas City, Mo. (the highest count in any area in the same period). This debut was unmarred by unruly technical problems or discontent among the set owners.

Video owes its smooth introduction to Kansas City largely to the foresight of four men who saw the service problems which confronted service companies in other cities and prepared the way for TV by forming a plan to mold a nucleus of qualified technicians to make installations and do service work.

These men are: Robert Samson, executive secretary of the Electrical Association of Kansas City; C. W. Donaldson, president of the Donaldson Radio and Electric Co.; Avery Fouts, service manager of the Jenkins Music Co.; and C. L. Foster, vice president of the Central Radio and Television School. Under their guidance and with the cooperation of other dealers and distributors, a new organization called the Television and Radio Technicians was formed.

Functioning under the wing of the Electrical Association, the primary objectives of this new organization are: 1. To improve the status of the radio

service industry through education and association.

2. To prepare for television with an approved course of study.

3. To operate an employment agency for dealers and distributors seeking reliable technicians.

4. To keep membership in TRT open to industry members who measury up to its technical and ethical standards.

A special arrangement was made with the Central Radio and Television School to train 60 selected radio repairmen in a streamlined 42-week night fundamental (drawn from the fundamental scale through osc. Low) would fall between the television bands, and could also be ruled out as a cause of interference

If the oscillator is on the high side of the video carrier frequency, then the direction of reference indicated on the key will be reversed-a might be the received channel and b the secondchannel frequency.

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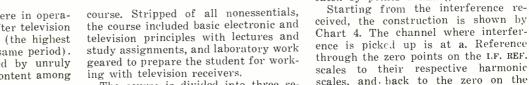
mesters which cover both lectures and workshop activity. Students go to school two nights a week, with one night devoted to lectures and the other to the laboratory work. Before graduating, each student must demonstrate his fitness in practical work and prove his knowledge before an examining board.

cover the cost of the course, and 11 of the 14 wholesalers in the area underwrote the course by contributing \$125 apiece. The small balance in tuition is paid by the students.

never complete, TRT also runs a weekly clinic for practicing technicians as well as students in the school. Meeting each Thursday night from 6:30 to 9:30, the technicians bring in their tough problems, discuss them, and exchange suggestions. If a problem is too difficult for the clinic to cope with, one of the school's engineers is called in to help.

Regular once-monthly meetings are held for all members of TRT. At these sessions the executive committee sounds out the members on how the organization can improve its program, especially academically. Meetings also include at least one talk by experts in the field.

Publicity is another part of its program. Promotional tie-ups with electrical shows are arranged. A monthly newsletter, decals for shop windows. leaflets, display ads, lapel pins, and tool box emblems help to bring the setup to public's attention.-Grier Lowry the



The course is divided into three se-

Distributor aid was enlisted to help

Believing that one's education is

erally two or three of these will be eliminated as being outside TV channels or having no service in the area.

Suppose, for example, that interference is being received on channel 12. and a receiver with a 25.25-mc i.f. is suspected. Let channel 12 be a and draw lines through the 2nd and 3rd harmonic zeros to intersect the 2nd and

Oscillator radiation interference

ference radiated by the local oscillator in another receiver set for reception

of another channel. Chart 3 may be

used for working out such possibilities,

using the zero points on the I.F. REF.

scales for 2nd and 3rd harmonics. As shown on the key, b or a might be the

channel to which the interfering re-

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TELEVISION CHANNELS scale, gives two

possible oscillator frequencies on the

OSCILLATOR FUNDAMENTAL scale. Refer-

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show four possible points on the fre-

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by b, c, d and e, for the channel re-

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Finally, in Group 2 comes the inter-

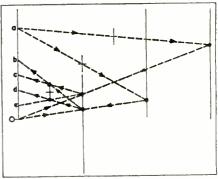


Chart 4-Example of the nomograph's use.

3rd harmonic scales, then back to zero on the TELEVISION CHANNELS scale. The two possible oscillator frequencies intersected are a little above 102 and 68 mc. Drawing lines from these points of intersection through osc. HIGH 25.25, we find that the receiver could cause such interference by 2nd harmonic radiation when tuned to channel 5. represented by d in Chart 4. Point e is below the television band.

The author received considerable information and assistance from the August and September, 1950, copies of Philco Service Merchandiser and RCA Data Sheet 1950 T11 (Supplementary information on Models T100, etc.) and wishes to express his appreciation to the publishers of these issues and to the compilers of the television interference articles contained in them.



Joe W. Allen receives first television training diploma from instructor Foster.

RADIO-ELECTRONICS for

Servicing Picture Tube Circuits

By CARL J. QUIRK*

THE most expensive single item in a television receiver is usually the cathode-ray tube. This—plus the current shortage of these tubes—discourages the average service shop from carrying spares. The many different types used in postwar television receivers further complicate the situation.

Therefore it is very important that the television service technician know how to isolate troubles that might be caused by a defective picture tube. He must know the various picture tube circuits currently in use. He also must understand the adjustments that directly affect the cathode-ray tube and know how to make these adjustments.

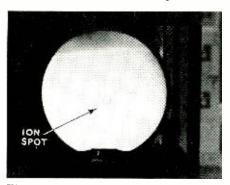


Fig. 1—An ion burn appears as a small round spot at the center of the raster.

The technician who does not have the "know-how" to diagnose picture tube troubles is at a distinct disadvantage if, for example, he is called upon to service a 19- or 20-inch set located in a difficult position (on a wall) in some public place, as a wrong guess that the picture tube is defective will result in a great deal of unnecessary work without fixing the receiver.

In one case an apparently inexperienced service technician diagnosed a condition as a faulty picture tube. The set owner (unimpressed by his apparent ability) called in another and more experienced serviceman. The second technician found a defect in the cable supplying filament power to the cathode-ray tube.

Since the magnetically deflected and focused tube is most common today, this article will deal primarily with defects of this type tube. There will be a few references to electrostatic tubes and certain interesting defects that could exist only in sets with these tubes.

Some of the following troubles are obviously caused by picture tube failure of one sort or another. There are, however, several conditions that could be the fault of some other component or circuit in the receiver. The important thing is to determine whether the picture tube is at fault or a contributing factor.

lon spots

The round dark spot that appears in the center of the raster in Fig. 1 is an ion burn or ion spot. Such a spot can exist in any electromagnetic-type tube that does not use some means for preventing it.

As shown in the figure, the spot is at the center of the screen and is about the size of a fifty-cent piece. These ion spots—or ion burns as they are sometimes called—are a result of gas ions forming a cluster on the screen of the cathode-ray tube. With magnetic deflection the amount of deflection is inversely proportional to the mass of the object deflected. Ions are many times heavier than electrons and so are not normally deflected. Thus they form the cluster at the cathode-ray tube face, with the resultant ion spot.

A certain amount of misinformation concerning ion spots has found its way into the field. The following presentation of facts concerning ion spots may help to offset some of it.

Ion spots do not occur in electrostatic deflection tubes. (In electrostatic tubes the ions and electrons are deflected equally.)

Ion spots do not occur in metalbacked (aluminized) tubes. Due to the low velocity at which ions travel as compared to electrons, they do not penetrate the metallic layer as do electrons.

Ion spots do not result from the afterglow that occurs on many sets immediately after they are turned off. (In many cases technicians have advised their customers to turn the brightness to maximum before shutting off the set. This eliminates the bright spot at the center of the screen which was thought to produce the ion burn.)

The ion spot is more noticeable if the high accelerating voltage is lower than normal. (This reduces the velocity of the electrons and keeps them from penetrating the ion cluster.) In other words, if the ion spot is visible at 8 kv and the high voltage is raised to 12 kv, it may no longer be present. However, this is not practical, since the higher voltage reduces picture size.

An ion burn is visible only when a raster is present. Thus, if the screen is actually burned due to a sweep failure, the burn is visible whether or not the raster is present.

Ion burns do not normally exist in tubes using ion traps. However, there have been a few cases of ion burns in such tubes.

A correct conclusion that the reader will undoubtedly come to from the above information is that in an electromagnetic tube that does not use an ion trap, nothing can be done to prevent the condition from occurring. If the condition is annoying, the only cure is to replace the picture tube. Picture tubes using a straight gun with no means for trapping the ions are no longer manufactured. Instead a replacement tube with provision for ion trapping is used. For example, the 12RP4, which has a bent gun, replaced the 12JP4 that used a straight gun. The bent-gun-type 15DP4 replaced the 15AP4, a straight-gun tube.,

lon traps

Ion spots may be eliminated by one of two methods. (This applies to the design of the tubes since there is no field cure other than a tube replacement.)

Use a tube with a metal-backed screen. These tubes, the 12KP4 for example, have a phosphor screen with a very thin aluminum coating on the back surface. As long as the accelerating voltage is high enough, the electrons will pass through this very thin metallic backing. The ions, however, because of their mass, travel much slower and cannot penetrate the metal-

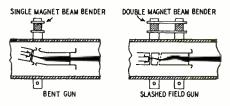


Fig. 2—Two types of electron gun that use magnetic traps to prevent ion burn.

lic backing; consequently no ion spot occurs.

The second and more popular method of overcoming the ion-burn problem is to use either a bent electron gun or what is known as a slashed-field gun.

Fig. 2 illustrates what is meant by a bent gun and a slashed-field gun. From a service technician's viewpoint the important difference between them is that the bent gun, as normally used, requires a single magnet for proper beam bending, while the slashed-field gun, as normally used, requires a double magnet for beam bending.

Cathode-ray tubes with slashed-field guns often use a double electromagnet. The magnet has a large coil and a small coil. The small coil should go forward on the neck of the tube, and the large coil toward the rear. If the

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magnets are reversed, the raster, if any, will be very weak.

If a double permanent magnet is used, the weakest magnet is toward the front of the tube.

lon trap adjustment

Adjustment of the ion trap magnet (or beam bender, as it is sometimes called), although simple, is exacting. Follow the procedure exactly as outlined below. In some cases, even though the procedure is followed carefully, the desired results may not be obtained. Factors that may account for this condition are listed after the procedure. Originally established for adjustment of single-magnet beam benders, this procedure may be used equally as well with the double-magnet beam benders.

Make all initial ion trap adjustments at the lowest possible setting of the brightness control. The correct position for the ion trap magnet is shown in Fig. 3. With the base end of the gun pointing up as shown, slide the magnet over the neck. The north pole should be to the left adjacent to pin No. 12 and the south pole to the right adjacent to pin No. 6. The magnet should be placed about ¹/₄ inch in back of the bend in the gun for the first adjustment.

Rotate the ion trap magnet about an eighth of a turn each way and slide it

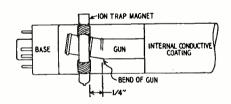


Fig. 3—The correct starting position for the trap magnet when adjusting it is about 1/4 inch behind the gun's bend.

back and forth along the neck, stopping at the point of maximum brightness. Keep reducing the brightness as the system is brought into line to avoid damage to the tube. After alignment at low brightness, make a final adjustment with the brightness control set to where the raster just starts to "bloom". At this point the raster begins to expand rapidly or to defocus.

If no raster appears and all other conditions are normal, the magnet polarity may be reversed. Rotate the magnet through half a turn around the neck. Then make adjustments as before; if there is still no raster, try another magnet.

Do not leave the tube on any longer than necessary when making preliminary adjustments. If the electron beam is operated at high intensity before being brought into line with the ion trap magnet, it may damage the internal structure of the tube. For the same reason, it is important that the final adjustment of the magnet be made for maximum screen brightness. Failure to do this may result in burning the limiting aperture or the release of gas into the tube.

Sometimes it is possible to get two

brightness maximums when moving the ion trap magnet back and forth along the neck. The correct position is the one closer to the base of the tube. The second maximum is usually found when the magnet is close to the case of the focus coil. The magnetic shunting effect of the focus coil case on the ion trap magnet changes the field strength so that a brightness maximum is obtained in this incorrect location. Tubes should not be operated at the second maximum since spot centering is disturbed and there is a possibility of tube damage.

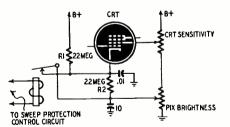
If the above procedure does not produce the desired results, investigate these possibilities:

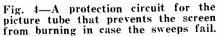
The magnet may be bad. If it has been dropped, it may be completely demagnetized. To check, simply bring the magnet into contact with some magnetic metal and note if there is any attraction.

If the magnet has some magnetism, it may not be strong enough. If this is the case, a very dim raster will be present, accompanied by a bluish or greenish glow from within the electron gun. This glow indicates the electron beam is striking the limiting aperture disc instead of passing completely through the aperture. This condition may damage the tube.

The magnet may be too strong. This is not meant to imply that a magnet increases in strength with age. Recently Du Mont redesigned the bent gun used in their Teletrons to obtain better over-all focus. This redesign reduced the magnetic strength necessary for proper beam bending. All Du Mont Teletrons using the new design gun bear the letter X, Y, or Z immediately following the serial number.

Using an accelerating voltage of 12 kv in each case, the magnet strength necessary for the old tube was 58 gauss compared to 42 gauss for the new tube. Thus, if a 58-gauss magnet is used with a new tube, it is necessary to move the





magnet back toward the base of the tube until the raster appears. In some cases it may be necessary to place the magnet on the base of the tube. If necessary, a magnetic shunt (a paper clip in an emergency) may be used to reduce the magnet strength so it can be put on the neck of the tube instead of the base.

No raster, normal sound

When this occurs, the owner of the television receiver invariably wants to

know if his picture tube has gone bad. Check to see if the filament of the picture tube is lit. If not, the cause may be one of the following:

The cable connector attached to the base of the CRT may be defective. Press the cable socket against the tube base to make sure that the connection is good. Carefully jiggle the leads in the cable that supply the filament power.

Check the filament continuity of the picture tube. Obviously, an open filament means that a new cathode-ray tube is necessary.

If these two checks reveal no defects, measure the voltage at the cable terminals. If the picture tube is operated in parallel with the other tubes in the receiver and they are all lit, then the trouble must be due to defective wiring. In some receivers a separate transformer or a separate winding on the power transformer is used for the cathode-ray tube filament. In these sets the trouble could be due to the separate transformer or the winding of the power transformer being defective.

Check for the presence of adequate high voltage. The best method, of course, is actually to measure the high voltage with a meter. Certain electronic-type voltmeters have high-voltage probes that can be used for measurements up to 30 kv. If a meter is not available, the presence of high voltage can be checked by drawing an arc from the high-voltage lead with a pencil or a well-insulated screwdriver. The highvoltage lead should not be shorted to ground as it may damage the power supply. Simply bringing the insulated screwdriver in light contact will cause arcing if high voltage is present. Obviously, if there is no high voltage or if the high voltage is very low, the picture tube is immediately eliminated as the cause of the trouble, as it is very seldom that two troubles occur simultaneously.

Check the ion trap adjustment. This possibility, of course, depends upon the conditions under which the receiver is being checked. If the receiver is being operated for the first time in the field or if it has been moved from one place to another, then the ion trap could be at fault.

Check for leaky sweep coupling capacitors in receivers with electrostatic tubes. It is possible that a coupling capacitor between the sweep amplifiers (vertical or horizontal) and the deflection plates in the cathode-ray tube is leaky. This puts excessive d.c. on the deflection plates and positions the beam so far off center that it strikes the side of the tube and produces no raster. The range of the centering circuits is usually insufficient to return the beam to its normal path. This condition may easily be mistaken as being caused by a bad cathode-ray tube.

Measure the d.c. voltage between the grid and the cathode of the cathoderay tube. Most cathode-ray tubes will cut off if the difference in potential between grid and cathode of the cathode-ray tube is 50 volts or more (grid negative with respect to cathode).

If the difference in potenial between the grid and cathode is more than -50volts and cannot be lowered by the brightness control adjustment, obviously something is wrong with the circuit and not the picture tube.

Such a condition could possibly occur in some of the early post-war TV receivers. Among the many features found in these sets is a sweep protection circuit. The function of the protection circuit is to prevent the possibility of burning the screen if either horizontal or vertical sweep circuits should fail. If one or both sweeps should fail, the voltage at the cathode is raised so that the beam is cut off.

The portion of the circuit at the picture tube is shown in Fig. 4. A voltage-divider circuit consisting of R1 and R2 is connected from B-plus to the cathode and through the brightness control to ground. With the receiver operating normally, the relay is energized and shorts out R2. The brightness of the tube is then adjusted as usual by the brightness control.

If, however, one of the sweeps fails, the relay coil is de-energized and R2 is re-inserted into the circuit. Under this condition the voltage at the cathode rises to a high value. Since the resistance of the brightness control is so much lower than R2, it has little effect.

If the service technician is not aware of the sweep protection circuit and does not check the grid-cathode voltage, he might think the picture tube is bad.

Distorted raster

Distortion of the raster as shown in Fig. 5 is caused by a tube defect often mentioned in the literature but seldom found in the field.

The photograph is of a 19AP4 metalcone tube, a portion of which was magnetized. The raster is pulled up in the left corner at point A and to the side at point B. Points A and B constitute the poles of a bar magnet, the bar consisting of a section of the metal cone.

This magnetization of the metal cone is a result of close contact with a strong magnetic field. The most likely strong magnet to be encountered is the magnet of a PM speaker. Obviously, if a metalcone tube is placed on a workbench, it should not come in contact with a speaker field or any other source of magnetization.

If this condition occurs, the cone may be demagnetized by placing the magnetized portion in a strong a.c. field. The magnetized part can be located with a compass.

An a.c. field capable of demagnetizing the cone may be produced with a focus coil. Remove the case of the focus coil and apply a.c. to it through a Variac. The Variac is used to prevent excessive current flow through the focus coil with resultant overheating of the coil.

To demagnetize the cone, energize the coil and move its flat side over the magnetized area. Do not interrupt the a.c. while the coil is near the cone. The cone should be well out of the field of the coil before the coil is de-energized.

Unstable sync

Indications of unstable sync vary according to the type of sync circuits used. If the horizontal sync circuit is a simple blocking oscillator, the picture will tear horizontally. Strips of the picture will tear out to the right. This condition is characteristic of the blocking oscillator circuit when no special a.f.c. circuit is used to control its frequency. It is also possible that the picture will jump vertically, indicating loss of vertical sync.

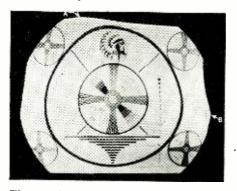


Fig. 5—A metal tube may distort the picture if its envelope is magnetized.

On sets using a horizontal a.f.c. circuit, the picture will try to pull out of sync horizontally, but the effect will not be the same as that for the simple blocking oscillator. The vertical sync will also be affected.

If this condition is a result of gridcathode leakage in the picture tube, advancing of the brightness control will eliminate the sync instability. The reason for this will be explained later.

In some of the troubles listed previously, the visual indications were such that the picture tube was thought to be at fault before any checks were made. With this trouble, the cathoderay tube is usually the last thing considered and even then the technician may not be certain exactly how the cathode-ray tube affected the sync.

Fig. 6 is a circuit of the type in which the above-mentioned symptoms would be caused by the C-R tube.

The sync take-off point is at the picture tube grid. The 6AL5 functions both as the d.c. restorer and sync takeoff tube. The composite video signal is applied to the 6AL5 cathode, and at this point the video signal is black negative; that is, the portion of the signal that corresponds to black in the picture extends in a negative direction. The sync pulses also extend in the negative direction.

In normal operation, this black negative signal drives the cathode negative and permits the diode to conduct. However, this tube conducts only during the most negative portion of the sig.nal; i.e. during the sync pulses. In this manner the sync signals are removed.

Let us assume that leakage exists between the grid and cathode of the picture tube. When adjusted for beam cutoff, the brightness control is so adjusted that the potential of the cathode is about +50 volts. However, with the leakage path between the grid and the cathode, some of this voltage appears at the 6AL5 cathode. In some cases this voltage may be as high as +30. This voltage biases the 6AL5 so that the applied signal must overcome this voltage before the tube will conduct. Thus, most of the sync is lost and the horizontal and vertical sweeps are unstable.

Advancing the brightness control will restore the sync to a stable condition, but this will result in very poor contrast due to excessive brightness. Increasing the brightness results in running the cathode toward ground and thus reduces the voltage at the cathode. If the cathode voltage is zero, the 6AL5 will have no bias due to the grid-cathode leakage.

The circuit shown here was used in the Du Mont RA-103D Teleset. A number of other receivers in the field use a similar circuit arrangement. Similar indications can be expected in any other receiver if there is a d.c. circuit between the grid of the picture tube and the sync separator tube.

No brightness control

If the brightness control fails to affect brightness there may be a heatercathode short or leakage in the picture tube. In many receivers, the brightness control is located in the cathode cir-

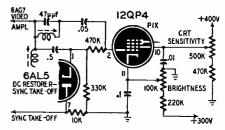


Fig. 6—Grid-cathode leakage may cause sync instability in circuits like this.

cuit and one side of the filament goes to ground. For this reason, a heatercathode short will short out the brightness control. Fig. 6 shows such a circuit.

This condition sometimes can be cleared by lightly tapping the base of the cathode-ray tube. It is also possible to burn out the short by applying d.c. between the heater and cathode.

A positive solution (other than replacing the tube) is to use a separate filament transformer to supply the cathode-ray tube heater.

Disconnect the filament circuit from ground and its usual filament supply and connect it to the secondary of a 6.3-volt, 0.6-amp transformer. The transformer will permit tying the heater to the cathode. With the filament isolated from ground, the brightness control functions normally.

These troubles do not include all the possibilities involved in picture tube circuits. The service technician should acquaint himself with other possibilities that might exist. Often a little brainwork will save the cost of a new picture tube.















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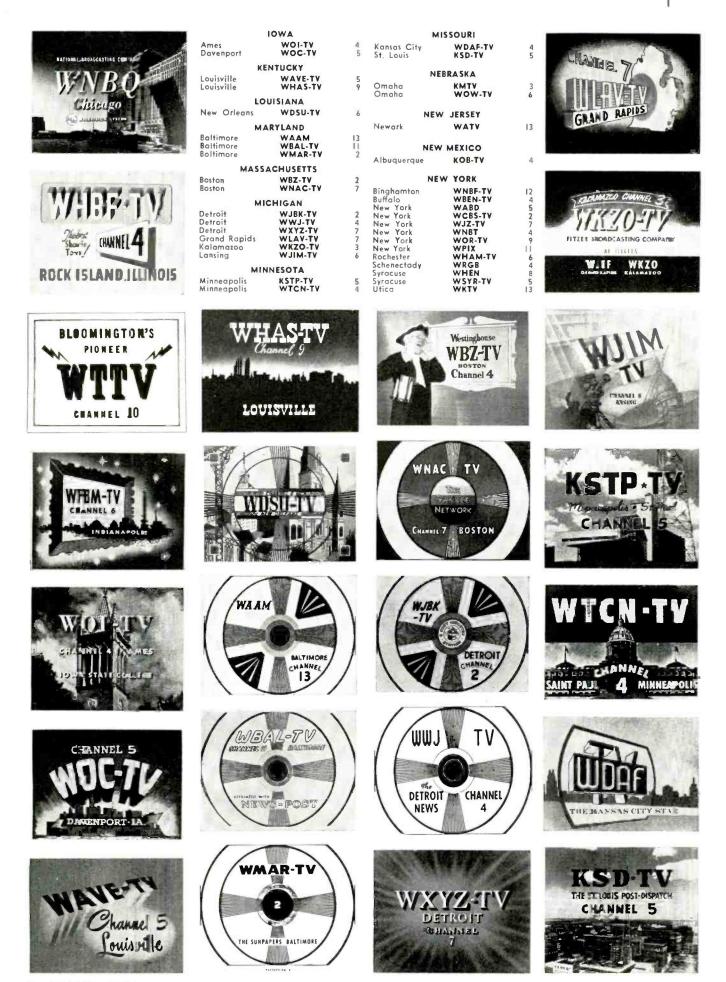












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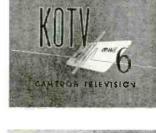
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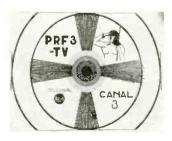


















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Trends in Television I.F.'s

HE television receiver i.f. system must receive and amplify the desired television signal while closing the door on all undesired signals.

Two types of i.f. systems are used in today's receivers—intercarrier and dual channel, (Fig. 1). Dual-channel systems have separate i.f. sections for picture and sound, which are segregated at the mixer output or in first and second following i.f. stages. Picture and sound intermediate frequencies are, respectively, local oscillator minus received picture carrier frequency and local oscillator minus received sound carrier frequency.

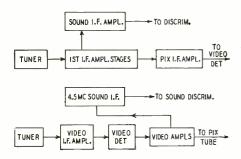


Fig. 1—The two i.f. types compared.

In the intercarrier system, the amplifier tubes that follow the mixer amplify and pass both picture and sound i.f. signals—building up the picture carrier to a higher level than the sound carrier. The picture carrier dominates at the video detector and the sound signal appears to it as a sideband of 4.5 mc. The video detector interprets this intercarrier beat between two carriers. The sound component of 4.5 mc is pulled from the composite video signal at the video detector or first video amplifier output and goes to a 4.5-mc i.f. strip.

Intercarrier system

The intercarrier system has a number of potential advantages:

1. Oscillator drift problems are minimized. Thus oscillator tuning should not be critical because the sound frequency in the 4.5-mc i.f. strip cannot vary with local oscillator tuning but is fixed at the original frequency separation of picture and sound carrier frequencies at transmitters. Thus tuning can have as its major objective—a good picture. Correct sound follows along with this adjustment for best picture.

2. The i.f. system can be simpler, less expensive, and (in some respects) easier to align. For example, sound-channel trap is not needed as sound is not blocked from the i.f. circuit. Absence of traps reduces the susceptibility of the system to phase distortion.

However, intercarrier units have been plagued by high noise levels in sound output. This *intercarrier buzz* level is so much a function of correct alignment,

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tuning, and even contrast setting that the good possibilities of the intercarrier method are obscured. The major source of intercarrier noise is the interaction, in fact, the modulation of the sound by picture information. This noise can be minimized (usually it cannot be eliminated) with a superior limiter circuit or gated beam limiter-discriminator, and very careful alignment (particularly the secondary of the discriminator transformer). Note that signal interference in an FM system (the source of interference is picture signal and its relative levels with respect to 4.5-mc FM sound) not only introduces amplitude modulation of sound but FM and phase-modulated noise components. Thus a good limiter is not the complete answer. Response patterns of typical dualchannel and intercarrier systems are presented in Fig. 2.

Note that in the intercarrier stages of many models there are no adjacentchannel picture or sound traps. As a result interchannel spillover is very prevalent in those areas where adjacent channels have been allocated or in fringe areas where stations come in from various directions and levels.

Alignment of the typical intercarrier circuit is critical, because position of the picture carrier at 50% level is important from the standpoint of resolution and low-frequency response. Likewise it is very important to position the sound carrier down in the shelf to obtain a high sound level as well as low buzz.

In a video i.f. system, gain is a function of bandwidth and the number of stages. If to economize we reduce the number of stages, the necessary gain is obtainable only with a sacrifice in bandwidth. Speaking generally, resolution up to 4 mc can be obtained with four i.f. stages; 3 to 3.5 mc with three stages; and 2.5 mc with two stages. It is ironic that a few of those manufacturers who criticized the CBS color system because it is limited in geometric or horizontal resolution, market a black-white receiver decidedly inferior to the color resolution. Certainly there is no excuse, economic or otherwise, for an i.f. response down 6 db only 2.5 mc away from picture carrier frequency.

Interstage coupling circuits

Several basic interstage coupling circuits are used in the late model television receivers — stagger single- or double-tuned transformer, overcoupled, and bandpass (Fig. 3). Stagger-tuned types are still the most common, although the bifilar type of winding is widely applied. More gain per stage can be obtained with the double-tuned type of transformer although alignment is slightly more difficult.

The bifilar type of stagger-tuned

transformer has a number of advantages over simple stagger-tuning.

1. There is more effective isolation between output of one stage and input of next. No coupling capacitor is needed and a leakage problem is eliminated. 2. The grid time-constant is very short (no coupling capacitor) and strong noise bursts cannot charge the capacitor. This means that the signals have an open path and noise does not

block or lower gain of the i.f. stages for an interval after each noise burst. A bifilar winding consists of two sep-

arate windings positioned very near to each other and wound in the same direction. The usual form of bifilar winding in i.f. strips is a primary and secondary interwound (turn of primary, turn of secondary, turn of primary, etc., down the coil form). Turns are close-wound and often use thin triple insulation to prevent any d.c. leakage. Very close proximity produces almost perfect 1:1 coupling. Thus windings act as single inductor with the same resonant characteristics as a single-winding staggertuned stage—only one resonant adjustment is necessary.

The most important advantages of the stagger-tuned type of i.f. circuit are simple alignment procedure and far less trouble with regeneration, as each resonant circuit is tuned to a different frequency. A few receivers use two or three stagger-tuned i.f. stages and a single overcoupled stage. This expedient helps in obtaining a wider and more uniform response curve when just a few i.f. stages are employed.

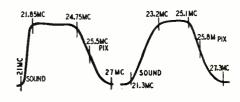


Fig. 2-Response curves of both systems.

There is a definite trend toward higher-frequency i.f. systems to minimize some of the more trying tuner problems. Wider frequency spacing between signal carriers and local oscillator means better tuner selectivity. Consequently, there is weaker oscillator feedback to the antenna system, a better image rejection ratio, and no local oscillator interference is caused on other channels. Although local oscillator frequencies are moved outside of the television band with the higher intermediate frequencies, radiation can still cause interference to other services. The FCC feels this radiation can be held down to 15 microvolts per meter at 100 feet. RMA believes receiver manufacturers can hold it down to 50 microvolts

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without too high a cost factor. In spite of these opinions, our present receivers often radiate signals in the *thousands* of microvolts per meter at 100 feet.

Mixer to i.f. amplifier coupling

On the modern TV chassis there is always a substantial physical spacing between the mixer output of tuner and the first i.f. amplifier tube. An appreciable length of line must span the gap. This line is subject to capacitive losses to ground and stray pickup unless it is a low-impedance link. Low-impedance links, as typified by RCA and Zenith in Fig. 4, also minimize feed-through of spurious signals from the tuner as only resonant signals will be transferred. Only a resonant signal sees a low impedance via the link.

Any capacitance added by the link, although this might be rather high on long links, has an insignificant effect on the low-impedance connection. The added capacitance does not cause loss of signal, merely reducing somewhat the impedance of the link. It lowers reactance of the mutual element that controls coupling between the two tuned circuits. This can be compensated for in the design of the coupling arrangement.

A.g.c. system

In the modern receiver an a.g.c. system becomes an integral part of the i.f. unit, maintaining close control over the gain of the i.f. system. This control is fast acting and sets the bias level according to the strength of incoming signal. Thus a constant-level signal reaches the video amplifier. For reasonable differences in station signal levels it should not be necessary to change brightness-contrast settings when switching channels. However, the tuned circuits of the various stages are influenced by the biasing of the various i.f. tubes. Input capacitance of these tubes -because of the influence of Miller effect-varies with stage gain, which in turn is a function of biasing and a.g.c. As the receiver is switched from station to station, bias levels change according to signal strength. This changes resonant frequencies of tuned circuits (shift in input capacitance) and i.f. amplifier response becomes a function of received signal strengths.

Miller effect

Miller effect in an i.f. stage causes a change in input capacitance whenever the operating bias and gain of that stage is changed. As bias is decreased and stage gain increases, input capacitance of the tube also increases. Thus the resonant frequency of the tuned circuit with which this capacitance is associated also decreases, (Fig. 5-a). Resonant frequency increases with an increase in stage bias.

An opposite frequency-bias relation can be set up by using an unbypassed cathode. In such an arrangement effective input capacitance decreases with a decrease in bias and increases with more bias. For example, if bias is in-

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creased, gain of stage falls and there is a weaker signal across the cathode resistor. Under this condition, the ratio of signals e_x to e_k is increased and the input capacitance has influence over a greater percentage of the total applied signal e_{star} (the sum of e_x and e_k must always equal applied signal votage). This means effective input capacitance has increased. See Fig. 5-b.

Since our original bias has been increased, the higher input capacitance causes a decrease in the resonant frequency of tuned circuit—an opposite effect to Miller effect. With a bias decrease a greater percentage of the applied signal appears across R_k and input capacitance becomes less influential. Resonant frequency will then increase.

It is reasonable to expect that if we choose a proper value of R_k and insert a modifying capacitor from grid to cathode, as in Fig. 5-c (reduced capacitance change due to Miller effect) two opposite influences could be repressed and the resonant frequency changed very little with a shift in bias.

We can carry this idea a step further and expect that, with proper control of R_k and C_k , frequency could be made to shift in either way with bias change.

Philco controlled i.f. system

Philco has employed these vacuumtube input relations to improve their i.f. system (RADIO-ELECTRONICS, Sept. 1950, page 74). It is a fact that in normal signal areas a good picture and good sound occur at the same setting of the fine tuning control with a properly aligned receiver. However, in a weak signal area and with a properly aligned receiver, best picture and best sound do not occur at the same setting. This is because the signal is weak and the picture carrier sets down 40-50% on the response curve. If fine tuning is varied until the picture carrier is up on the

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flat-top of the response curve, picture synchronization is improved and the picture has better contrast. At this setting, however, sound is lost because the sound carrier frequency has been raised above the frequency of the sound i.f. or, in the case of intercarrier, is off the response curve entirely.

In the Philco compensated i.f. amplifier a special resonant shift is incorporated (Fig. 6) to raise the level of the picture carrier when a weak signal is received while leaving it at normal amplitude level for strong signals. This is done automatically without any shift whatsoever in the basic i.f. carrier frequencies, and therefore, no loss of sound when the receiver is tuned for the best picture on a weak signal.

A modifying capacitor is used to obtain a controlled amount of frequency shift due to Miller effect. In addition, an unbypassed cathode resistor of the proper value to dominate the Miller effect change by a definite amount is used. Thus when bias along the a.g.c. line decreases upon reception of a weak signal, cathode circuit action causes input capacitance to decrease and raises the tuned-circuit resonant frequency to a value higher than 25.5 mc. This boosts the amplitude level of the picture i.f. carrier frequency of 26.6 mc. In fact the relative amplitude level of picture carrier when a weak signal is received is roughly double that on a weak signal.

In the same i.f. unit Miller effect is accentuated by grounding the cathode of a few of the i.f. amplifier tubes. In these cases it was found helpful to decrease the resonant frequences of some of the higher-frequency tuned circuits to raise picture and sound carrier levels when weak signals are received, dropping the 27.-mc tuned circuit lower to raise picture carrier level and dropping the 23-mc lower to improve sound carrier level at 22.1 mc.

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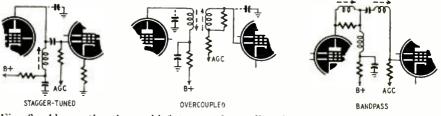


Fig. 3-Above, the three chief types of coupling in television i.f. amplifiers.

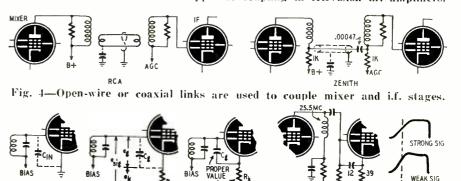


Fig. 5-How Miller effect is controlled. Fig. 6-This i.f. chases the signal.

Big-Tube Conversions are Profitable

Replacing small TV tubes with big ones makes money for the skilled technician By MATTHEW MANDL*

ANY small set owners cannot afford the larger receivers. This means there is a ready market for the competent technician who can install a larger picture tube and make the necessary circuit changes for good performance. In fact, many alert service organizations are already busy with this profitable venture. The cost, compared with the price of a new set, is low enough to attract customers, yet affords a good margin of profit for the technician.

Three factors must be considered for any conversion: the cabinet size, the tube type, the necessary circuit changes. The size of the present cabinet and of the desired screen are very important. for any circuit can be modified to accommodate tubes from the 12- to 19inch or larger size. If the existing cabinet must be used, then the tube size will be limited to the next larger one unless the cabinet is exceptionally roomy. If, however, the customer is willing to pay for a larger cabinet, tube size is no problem.

Of course some receivers have a very crowded cabinet which would not accommodate any larger tube. In such cases a new cabinet or installing the larger tube in a separate cabinet are the only alternatives. A separate cab-

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inet for the tube alone is not recommended because it leaves a dead screen on the original receiver and requires interconnecting cables. A new cabinet is preferable-one that will hold both the

Cabinet changes

old chassis and the new tube.

The technician must estimate the maximum usable tube size. The front dimensions of the cabinet will generally set the limit. Most 10-inch tubes have a face diameter of 101/2 inches and a length of about 171/2 inches. Some of the

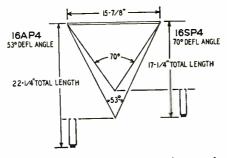


Fig. 1-Using a large deflection angle reduces the length of the picture tube.

old cabinets will take 12-inch tubes easily, for the difference in width is only a couple of inches and some types (such as the 12KP4 and the 12QP4) have the same length as the 10-inch types.

also be used, because they are actually about an inch shorter than the 10-inch types. They are shorter because they have a greater deflection angle. If the beam is swept over a wider angle, the tube can be made much shorter for a given screen size. This is shown in Fig. 1, which compares the 16AP4 and the 16SP4.

Both tubes have a face diameter of 15% inches, but the 16AP4, which has a deflection angle of 53 degrees, has an overall length of 22¼ inches. The 16SP4, however, is only 17¼ inches long because the larger deflection angle (70 degrees) allows shorter construction. (Fig. 1 is for comparison only, since deflection starts at the gun and not the tube base.) Thus, the 16SP4 is actually shorter in over-all length than most of the 10-inch types!

If the new tube is longer than the original tube, it may protrude through the back of the cabinet if the extended part is protected by a metal shield. Make this shield from heavy gauge tin or sheet metal. Cut a hole in the back



Fig. 2-Basing diagrams for kinescopes RADIO-ELECTRONICS for

Photo A—Use a metal shield to protect the end of the picture tube if it pro-trudes through the back of the cabinet Photo R_A new voke and focus coil l'hoto A—Use a metal shield to protect the end of the picture tube it it pro-trudes through the back of the cabinet. Photo B—A new yoke and focus coil assembly bracket may be needed to raise the larger tube higher off the chassis.

panel of the cabinet to fit the neck of the tube, and bolt the shield on to prevent tube damage as shown in Photo A. This is a sensible procedure, for it is a waste of space to use a deeper cabinet merely for the tube neck alone. Several commercial receivers use this arrangement to decrease cabinet size.

The front of the cabinet will have to be cut out more to provide sufficient opening for the tube face. Some of the older receivers have a removable mask and this simplifies the procedure. With others, a larger opening must be cut and a new mask fitted over it. Panel masks to accommodate all tube sizes (both rounded edge and rectangular) are available from wholesale houses at low cost.

Since the larger tube will set the neck higher above the chassis, a new yoke and focus coil assembly bracket must be installed in place of the small one. These are also available from various wholesale houses, and come in several heights for the type tube used. An assembly bracket for a 16-inch picture tube is shown in Photo B.

The tube type

Tubes with deflection angles up to 65 degrees can usually be interchanged without changing the deflection yoke. If the new tube has a greater deflection angle and it is to replace one having a smaller deflection angle, a wide-angle deflection yoke must be used. This is important to consider for it means that some tubes not only require circuit changes, but parts replacement as well.

All 10- and 12-inch picture tubes have deflection angles of 50 to 56 degrees and can be replaced with larger tubes without yoke change if the larger tubes do not have deflection angles in excess of 65 degrees. Table I lists a representative group of these tubes. This list does not contain any rectangular types, for these all have a 70-degree deflection angle.

Table II lists tubes with deflection angles greater than 65-degrees and this includes the 19- and the 22-inch rectangular types. All tubes (both Tables I and II) have socket connections as shown in Fig. 2-c except the 10DP4, the 10MP4, and the 12VP4 which are shown in Fig. 2-a and 2-b. The 10DP4 uses electrostatic focus.

The new tube should have the same type ion trap magnet (beam bender) as the old tube, particularly if the coil type is used. Replacing the double field coil type with a tube requiring a single magnet means the old beam bender must be fastened to the chassis and a singlemagnet type purchased for the new tube.

Another consideration is the outer conductive coating which, with the inner graphite coating and the glass dielectric, acts as the second filter capacitor of the high-voltage system. If the new tube has no outer conductive coating, a 500-µµf high-voltage filter capacitor must be wired into the high-voltage power supply circuit to avoid ripple.

With some tube types being scarce,

however, it may be necessary to use one requiring the beam-bender change and capacitor addition. While these units are not costly, they do involve a little more time for the conversion process.

Tubes with gray filter face plates reduce ambient light reflections. This may be an added selling feature, but is not of prime importance in tube conversion. If all other factors fall into convenient replacement and availability, the gray filter face plate is of secondary importance.

Circuit changes

As a rule, 10,000 volts will operate 12-inch tubes; 12,000 volts is enough for 16-inch tubes; and 14,000 volts is adequate for the 19-inch tubes. Since most 10-inch receivers have high-voltage supplies which furnish about 9,000 volts, few changes are necessary when these are replaced with 12-inch tubes.

Often a 9,000- or 10,000-volt supply can be boosted by slight circuit changes to operate 16-inch tubes such as the 16AP4 or the 16CP4 which have low deflection angles. A number of such changes are possible with the kick-backtype high-voltage system as shown in

Fig. 3 without having to replace the horizontal output transformer.

Measure the potential with a highrange v.t.v.m. (or one with a high-voltage probe) to determine what voltage is

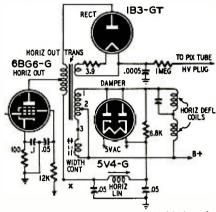


Fig. 3-The kickback type of high-voltage supply used on older 10-inch sets.

available. If it is only about 7,000 volts, a voltage-boost doubler system will be necessary. If 9,000 volts or more are available, two or three thousand more can usually be secured by the proce-

	Table I—Small-Angle Tubes										
Туре	Length (Inches)	Face Diameter (Inches)	Defl. Angle (Degrees)	Envelope	Type Beam Bender						
12LP4 12QP4 12TP4 12UP4 12VP4	83¼ 71/2 83¼ 85/6 8	2-7/16 2-7/16 2-7/16 2-7/16 2-7/16	54 55 54 54 54 55	Glass Glass1 Glass1 Metal1 Glass1	Double Single Double Double Double						
15CP4 15DP4	211/2 201/2	15½ 15½	57 57	Glass ¹ Glass ¹	Double Single						
16A P4 16C P4 16D P4 16E P4 16F P4 16F P4 16J P4 16L P4 16M P4	221/4 211/2 2034 1938 201/4 211/4 2034 221/4 2134	15 % 15 % 15 % 15 % 16 % 16 % 16 % 16 %	53 52 60 60 62 60 60 52 60	Metal ¹ Glass ¹ Metal ¹¹ Glass Glass Glass Glass Glass	Double Double Double Single Double Double Double Double						

1 Require second high-voltage filter capacitor. Glass types have no outer conductive coating.

		Table II—Large-/	Angle Tubes		
Туре	Length (Inches)	Face Size (Inches)	Defl. Angle (Degrees)	Envelope	Type Beam Bender
14BP41 14CP41 14DP41 14FP41	16-13/16 16 ³ / ₄ 16 ³ / ₄ 16 ¹ / ₈	9-11/16 x 121/2 9-23/32 x 12-17/32 9-23/32 x 12-17/32 9-11/16 x 121/2	70 70 70 70 70	Glass Glass Glass ² Glass ²	Double Single Double Single
16GP4 16KP41 16RP41 16SP4 16SP4 16FP4 16UP41 16VP4 16WP4 16XP4 16YP4	17-11/16 183/4 19 183/4 17-5/16 181/8 181/8 17-3/16 173/4 183/4 17-5/16	157_{6} $117_{2} \times 143_{4}$ $117_{2} \times 143_{4}$ $117_{2} \times 143_{4}$ $117_{2} \times 143_{4}$ $117_{2} \times 143_{4}$ $117_{2} \times 143_{4}$ 157_{6} 157_{6} $117_{2} \times 143_{4}$ 157_{6}	70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70	M etal ² Glass Glass ² Glass Glass Glass ² Glass ² Glass ² Glass Glass	Single Single Double Double Single Single Double Single
17A P41 17BP41 17CP41	185/8 191/4 19	2 /4 x 153/8 5-21/64 x 12-9/64 6-1/16 x 123/8	70 70 70	Glass ² Glass Metal ²	Single Single Single
19AP4 19DP4 19EP41 19EP4 19FP4 19GP4	21 ¹ / ₂ 21 ¹ / ₂ 21 ¹ / ₈ 22 21 ¹ / ₄	85% 87% 7 x 3-3/32 87% 87%	66 66 70 66 66	Metal ² Glass Glass Glass ² Glass ²	Single Dauble Double Double Single
20BP4	283/4	20	54	Glass ²	None
22AP4	221/8	21-11/16	70	Metal	Single

Rectangular types—deflection measured diagonally. Require second high-voltage filter capacitor. Glass types have no outer conductive coating. Letter A added to the above type denotes gray filter face plate, except for I6GP4 and rectangular types which all have filter face plates.

dures detailed in the following paragraphs. Try a new 6BG6-G and a new 1B3-GT tube, because low emission from either type in an old set could drop the high voltage below normal.

One method which gives increased sweep and voltage is to place a capacitor across the secondary of the horizontal output transformer. Try values from .01 to .035 μ f, for some values work better than others in different circuits. Put the capacitor across points marked 1 and 2 in Fig. 3, or across 2 and 3. The width coil can be removed entirely, and the tap at 2 removed and placed at point

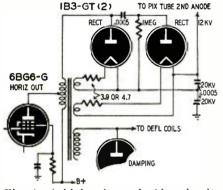


Fig. 4—A high-voltage doubler circuit. This supply delivers as much as 13 kv.

3. Try a capacitor of about .035 μ f between these new points (1 and 3). This often increases sweep over 1 inch and raises the voltage more than a thousand. There is usually sufficient latitude in vertical and horizontal sweep (height and width controls) to blow the picture out to proper size for the 12- or 15-inch tubes (and occasionally for the 16-inch also).

A smaller value of screen dropping resistor in the 6BG6-G horizontal output tube will give additional sweep and high voltage. However, if the regulation of the low-voltage supply is poor, the added screen current may drop the plate voltage and actually drop the output. Experiment with different values for the screen resistor to get the desired

amount of increase in the high voltage.

Returning the negative side of the 500-µµf high-voltage filter capacitor to terminal 1 of the horizontal output transformer in Fig. 3 instead of to ground will increase the high voltage a little, too. Another way to increase both sweep and high voltage is to return the plate of the horizontal discharge or oscillator tube to the boosted B-plus (X in Fig. 3) through a decoupling and dropping R-C circuit. Returning the plate of the vertical output tube to this point will increase the vertical drive if more is needed. Decreasing the value of the plate resistor of the horizontal discharge tube will also help.

The 6BG6-G can be replaced with a type 6CD6-G for more sweep and higher voltage. These tubes are interchangeable as far as socket connections and operating voltages are concerned. However, the 6CD6-G takes a 2.5-amp filament current compared to 0.9 amp for the 6BG6-G. When making the change, be sure the power transformer can take the added drain, or else install an additional heater transformer.

If the original high-voltage system delivers only 7,000 volts, it must be rebuilt. Fig. 4 shows a voltage doubler circuit with a horizontal output transformer having two filament windings for the rectifier tubes. This system does not actually deliver double the original voltage, but a lesser amount depending on the load. With 7,000 volts initially, however, 12,000 or 13,000 volts will be available for tubes as large as the 19inch variety. With good emission 1B3-GT tubes, and a 6CD6-G horizontal output tube, the high voltage will be enough for the 19-inch tubes.

For 16-inch tubes, which need only 12,000 volts for high brilliancy, the voltage of the doubler can be reduced by using 250- $\mu\mu$ f capacitors in place of the 500- $\mu\mu$ f units. This will decrease the regulation somewhat and drop the potential. A bleeder consisting of ten 10-megohm resistors in series can also be placed across the high-voltage

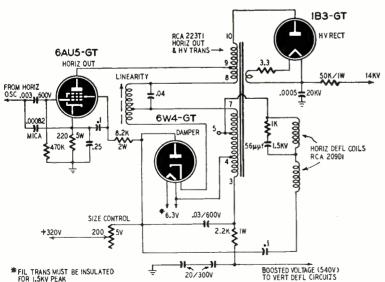


Fig. 5—High-voltage circuit for tubes with large-angle deflection and using up to 14 kv. This supply uses as specially-designed ferrite core transformer.

output for a slight reduction if the voltage is a little too high for the 16-inch tubes. Using ten resistors assures smaller voltages across the individual units, with less danger of flashover.

Another way to increase the high voltage as well as the horizontal sweep is to use a combination horizontal deflection-output and high-voltage transformer, such as the RCA 223T1, in the circuit shown in Fig. 5. Autotransformer action supplies high voltage to the rectifier tube, and the transformer has a separate winding for the rectifier filament.

This circuit, when used with deflecting yokes such as the RCA 209D1, provides ample deflection for 70-degree tubes and it has a high-voltage output of about 14,000.

Excessive high voltage will prevent full deflection and will result in a smaller picture. It also increases the electron beam velocity and the deflection coils cannot sweep the beam fully. For this reason it is important that the high voltage be measured to make sure it does not exceed the nominal value for the tube used.

Some kits on the market furnish complete hardware and other components necessary for conversion. A complete doubler kit runs less than \$15 and many dealers stock these for conversion from 10- to 16-inch tubes. When converting from 10 to 12 inches, however, the yoke and horizontal output transformer need not be changed, and only a few minor alterations are necessary to get satisfactory results.

Wide-angle 70-degree deflection yokes and other components such as larger horizontal output transformers are sold separately and come in a variety of makes and prices. A knowledge of the parts available on the market coupled with conversion know-how is a sure avenue to greater profits for the technician.

Ion trap and focus coil

When installing some types of tubes, it may be necessary to make changes in the focus circuit to provide more or less current through the focus coil. If more current is required, install a bleeder resistor between the low-voltage side of the coil and ground. Adjust the resistance of the bleeder so the sum of the focus and bleeder currents equals the focusing current required for the new tube. When the tube requires less current, a suitable resistor should be connected in parallel with the coil. The resistor is adjusted so the excess current flows through it instead of through the coil.

Adjust the ion trap or beam bender as soon as the new tube is installed. Turn down the brightness so the picture is barely visible. Move the trap back and forth while rotating it slightly from side to side. Position it for the brightest raster. Turn up the brightness to average and adjust the focus coil for sharpest lines. Touch-up the position of the ion trap for brightest raster.

TV Progress Abroad

By E. AISBERG*

L1) Europe's 10 millions of square kilometers are divided among more than two dozen countries, inhabited by a total of 500 million people. With an area only 20% smaller, the United States forms a single country of 150 million inhabitants.

Here lies the fundamental difference between the development of television on the two sides of the Atlantic. In the United States, a single standard has been adopted over the whole vast territory. We have seen the magnificent advance of television which has resulted from the possibility of producing great numbers of television receivers at a moderate price.

The situation is far different in Europe. There are four principal standards, without counting variations. Television, from a practical point of view, exists only in two countries, France and Great Britain, which already had television service before World War II.

Great Britain maintains its standard of 405 lines. Its programs are transmitted from Alexandra Palace at London and from the newly inaugurated Sutton Coldfield station near Birmingham, which is connected with London by radio relays. A third transmitter is being erected at Holme Mass (near Huddersfield) and will probably be completed by the middle of 1951. The number of television receivers is now greater than 400,000, and they cannot be manufactured fast enough to satisfy the increasing public demand. The success of English television is due to the excellent quality of the programs and relatively low cost of receivers.

In France, after the liberation, television transmissions were resumed from Paris, using 455 lines. Later, after numerous discussions, the definite standard of 819 lines was adopted. Owners of television receivers were reassured by a law guaranteeing 455line transmissions till 1958. Meanwhile, high-definition 819-line transmissions have commenced from Paris as well as from the new transmitter at Lille, which is linked to Paris by radio relays working on 30-centimeter waves. Another transmitter is being assembled at Lyons.

The number of televiewers increases very slowly in France, chiefly because of the high price of receivers—a price which puts them out of reach of the medium-income portion of the population. In addition, the programs are not always interesting. They are composed largely of film—too often old and of mediocre quality.

The total budget devoted to television

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in France is very small. The technicians and actors are performing veritable prodigies and making real sacrifices to assure regular and more or less satisfactory television service. Remember that in France (as in England) no advertising is permitted on television or radio, and its resources come entirely from taxes.

It is difficult to estimate the number of French television viewers exactly. A large number of them prefer not to declare their equipment officially, thus avoiding the tax of 2,500 francs per annum. The closest guess is about 20,000 viewers.

There are as yet no regular television programs in European countries other than England and France (and possibly Russia). These countries had been marking time pending the adoption of a European standard. Studies to that end have been made by a commission of the Consultative Committee of Radiocommunications and comprising 60 delegates representing 15 countries. At the final meeting held in London May 8, 1950, the following stage had been reached:

"Systems based on 405, 525, 625, and 819 lines were examined. The delegates of France, the United Kingdom, and the United States have confirmed that their countries will continue to use their present standards.

"France and the United Kingdom maintain their previous proposition envisaging the unification of the standards used by the Paris and London transmitters.

"Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland have declared themselves in favor of the 625-line system and have addressed an appeal to their colleagues inviting them to reconsider their position."

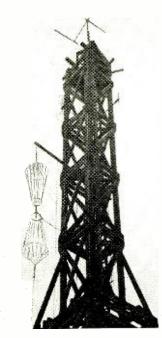
Why does 625 lines appear to be the future European television standard? It is, to all intents and purposes, the same as the American standard. In Europe, all the electric power systems operate at 50 cycles. To avoid interference from the 50-cycle hum, all European television systems use 25 images per second, each composed of two interlaced fields.

Thus, the number of lines traced per second in the European standard is:

 $625 \times 25 = 15,625$ lines per second. The U. S. standard, with 525 lines 30 times per second, is:

 $525 \times 30 = 15,750$ lines per second.

We see that the two standards are practically identical. With the same bandpass the European system will have a little better vertical and the same horizontal definition as the American.



View of the 819-line transmitter tower.

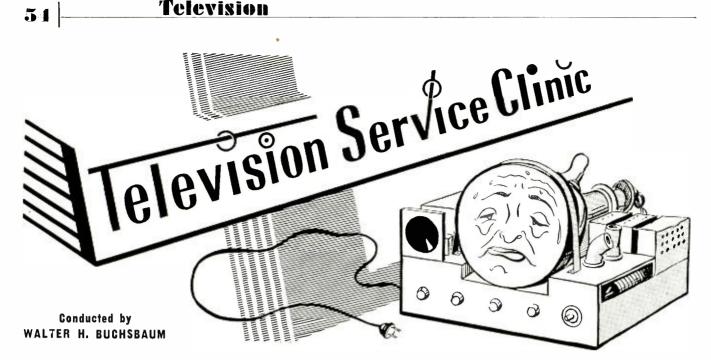
Now that the new European standard's close at hand, several countries are thinking of installing television transmitters. In the forefront are Belgium, Switzerland, and Italy. The situation in Belgium is especially peculiar. In that bilingual country every problem takes on a political aspect. The normally technical question of standards has aroused partisan passions; the Walloons favor the French standard of 819 lines, while the Flemings defend resolutely that of 625!

It is probable that the first European 625-line transmitter will be installed in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Because of its privileged geographical situation, Luxembourg is a sort of European radio center.

Like the transmitters of Monaco and Andorra, two tiny principalities on the frontiers of France, Radio Luxembourg is a private station supported by advertising. Now it is proposed to add to Radio Luxembourg a 625-line television transmitter, with an antenna supported by towers 300 meters high, which will radiate 50 kw of power.

What will be the range of such a transmitter? Only the future can tell. Meanwhile, it appears—as the result of an inquiry we have conducted in several European countries—that the range of television transmitters often exceeds the theoretical range determined by the height of the transmitting and receiving antennas. Instances where the range reaches 150 or even 300 kilometers are not rare. Numerous Belgians receive the programs from Paris as well as those from London.

One cannot count on such exceptional ranges under normal conditions of wave propagation. But, before all Europe is served by a tight network of television transmitters, no doubt plenty of water will have flowed beneath the bridges of the Seine!



IRST of all we want to wish all our readers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are greatly flattered by the numerous inquiries regarding our book Television Servicing, as well as by the increasing stream of letters to this column. All letters are answered directly and those of general interest are answered on this page as well.

Because of the steel shortage many TV manufacturers are turning away from power transformers to use a circuit with two selenium rectifiers in a voltage-doubler arrangement. While this circuit has been used for several years in less expensive, small-screen receivers, it is now in use for 16- and 17-inch rectangular picture tubes. Operating the horizontal flyback circuit from such a source means that only 250 volts B-plus are available where previously 360 to 400 volts were used. Special flyback transformers, invariably the ceramic-core type, are used to provide sufficient high voltage and deflection.

Fig. 1-Voltage doubler cricuit of the type used in transformerless receivers.

The circuit in Fig. 1 shows a typical selenium doubler circuit. The output at the filter is 250 volts with 117 volts a.c. input. If the line voltage is low, the output may drop to 230 or even 210. The low line voltage will cause a reduction in width and high voltage, or brightness. Unfortunately many homes suffer from low line voltage in the evening hours when the load on the power generators is greatest. In some locations a.c. line voltage as low as 95. While most transformer types of receiver have some leeway, the majority of selenium-type TV sets will not perform properly at such low values.

One solution is to install a constantvoltage type of transformer or a suitable variable transformer and run the receiver from that source. The cost of

either runs from above \$20 to \$50 and many set owners object to this additional expense. But if you have any old power transformers around, a simple and effective arrangement can be made. Any power transformer having a 117volt primary and a 6.3-, 5- or 12-volt filament winding can be used.

Connect the a.c. power line to the 117-volt primary winding as shown in Fig. 2. Now make a temporary connection of the filament winding and measure the voltage across 1 and 3. If it is less than the voltage across 1 and 2, reverse the filament winding. Where a 6.3- and a 5-volt winding are used, connect them in series, checking to make sure their voltages add. Mount this auxiliary transformer in the TV cabinet away from the picture tube, possibly in some corner or in the bottom section of a console. Solder all leads and tape them securely before mounting the transformer.

If low line voltage occurs only at certain times of the day, a simple toggle switch can be mounted on the back of the cabinet as shown in Fig. 2. When the picture gets small and dim, the owner throws the switch to connect his set to the higher tap on this autotransformer. The switch must be returned to the normal position when the set is turned off or when the line voltage goes up.

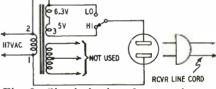
Almost any transformer can be used, but the windings not used should be disconnected and their leads securely taped. Since the secondaries are not drawing rated current, the primary current can be higher than in other applications and any transformer designed for several amperes of filament current and about 100-ma secondary current will be suitable as an autotransformer.

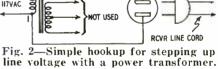
Negative picture

Turning the brightness control up on a Bradford (Du Mont) TV set produces a negative picture. Also, I use a lazy-X-type antenna and would like to know

if a Yagi will give me more gain on channel 6 .- J. F. S., Marion, Ohio.

Replace the 1B3-GT in the highvoltage supply. Check the high voltage,





which should be 12 ky with an average picture. Replace the picture i.f. amplifiers and the r.f. amplifier. It is also possible that the 19AP4 tube has become weak. Before replacing it, try readjusting the ion trap or using a new ion trap.

Any Yagi, if tuned for a single channel, will give more signal on that channel than a dipole and reflector (lazy X). Orienting the Yagi is rather critical since it has a narrow beam in one direction only.

Unsteady picture

The picture on a 630 TS receiver is unsteady and shifts to the sides and goes out of sync completely. I have tried adjusting the synchrolock, but with no success .- J. G., Philadelphia. Pa.

I suggest you replace the 6AL5 and the 6K6 horizontal oscillator tubes in the high-voltage cage, or the 6AC7. Any of these would cause your trouble. The synchrolock adjustment may fail if the capacitors shunting either winding are defective.

No vertical sweep

Except for a bright horizontal line, the screen of an Admiral 16-inch 16R12 receiver is blank.—C. P., Jr., Auburn, Me.

The defect must be in the vertical sweep section, as there is no vertical deflection at all. A defective tube or capacitor is the most likely cause, although a defect in the vertical deflection coil in the yoke or in the leads running to the yoke will also cause this trouble. Replace the vertical output and oscillator tubes, and measure plate voltages and check the continuity of the windings of the vertical output transformer.

Big-Tube Conversions

We receive numerous queries on converting small-tube television receivers ta use bigger tubes. Since each set has its peculiarities, a general answer covering a large number of madels is usually insufficient. We have therefore prepared a number of brochures, each describing in detail the conversion af one of the more common models. Send us the name and model number of the set to be converted, *plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope*, for the brochure desired. If we have none for your particular job, an individual reply will be sent. Address:

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Weak reception

I get very weak reception on the low band. The set is a 19-inch Du Mont and the antenna is an Amphenol 114-026. The lower half of the dipole is cut away because the antenna is for 300-ohm ribbon line and the set has a 72-ohm input.—W. B., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A folded dipole is intended for a 300ohm line and your set is designed for 72-ohm input. You should use a single dipole.

Poor reception on the low band may be due to location, orientation, or height of the antenna. Misalignment of the Du Mont tuner, especially poor tracking on the low band, will cause weak pictures. Alignment may be done according to the manufacturer's instructions with an oscilloscope and a sweep generator.

The r.f. bandwidth of this set should be 6 mc and the picture i.f. bandwidth 3.8 to 4 mc.

No brightness

The brightness control on an Admiral 10-inch receiver gives me difficulty.— F. S. B., Jr., Chicago, Ill.

Insufficient brightness may be caused by:

1. Low high voltage. Replace the 1B3-GT, check the 1-megohm resistor on the 1B3-GT socket, replace the high-voltage capacitor.

2. Brightness control shorted. Disconnect the capacitor from the control arm to ground to check. A misadjusted ion trap will also cause lack of brightness.

3. Weak picture tube. Although this is the least pleasant trouble, this is what I suspect. 10BP4's usually get weak after about 18 months of service. If all the above tests fail, I suggest you replace the 10PB4 as the next step in checking the receiver.

Simple Master Antennas

By WILBUR J. HANTZ

Many problems arise in large apartment houses where each TV receiver requires a separate antenna. Two of the more prominent problems are reluctant landlords and inadequate roof space. The landlord who will allow a number of stacked arrays on the roof is still rare. However most landlords can be persuaded to permit the installation of at least one master antenna system.

An efficient master antenna system is a challenging problem. Some of its most important requirements are:

- 1. A constant impedance match to the receivers;
- 2. Adequate isolation between receivers to prevent interaction and oscillator radiation;
- 3. Prevention of reflections and standing waves;
- 4. Not too much signal attenuation.

If the signal strength is high in the immediate area, all these conditions can be met by using a simple resistive network between the receivers and the antenna as shown in Fig. 1. Some dealers use this system for their TV showroom. The input impedance of most receivers being 300 ohms, the resistor values are so chosen that a constant impedance of 300 ohms is always

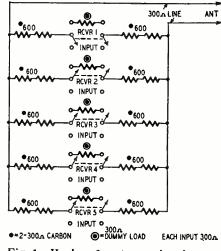


Fig. 1—Hookup for strong-signal areas.

presented even though some of the receivers are turned off. If the five receivers of the figures were connected directly to the transmission line minus the matching resistors, the total impedance presented to the line would be 1/5 of 300 ohms or 60 ohms, which would cause all kind of headaches. In Fig. 1, d.p.d.t. toggle switches are used to switch in either the receiver or a dummy load. Each branch presents a constant impedance of 1500 ohms to the antenna.

The resistive pad inserts quite a loss and cannot be used where the signal strength is too low. Here, the proper approach to the problem is to use a booster amplifier between the network and the antenna. Commercial boosters generally provide outputs of either 75 or 300 ohms which will match most TV receivers. In Fig. 2, the matching sys-

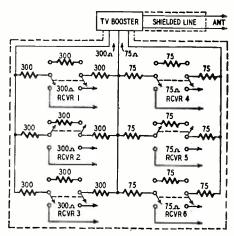


Fig. 2—A more sensitive system. Two boosters or a special booster permits matching both 75- and 300-ohm lines.

tem provides either 75 or 300 ohm outputs. Carbon resistors of the ¼-watt variety are used. In this installation, shielded line should be used both from the antenna to the booster and the receivers. The matching network can be located at the booster if desired.

If other impedance values are needed than indicated, it is just a matter of using Ohm's law for parallel impedances because most TV receiver inputs can be considered as resistive.

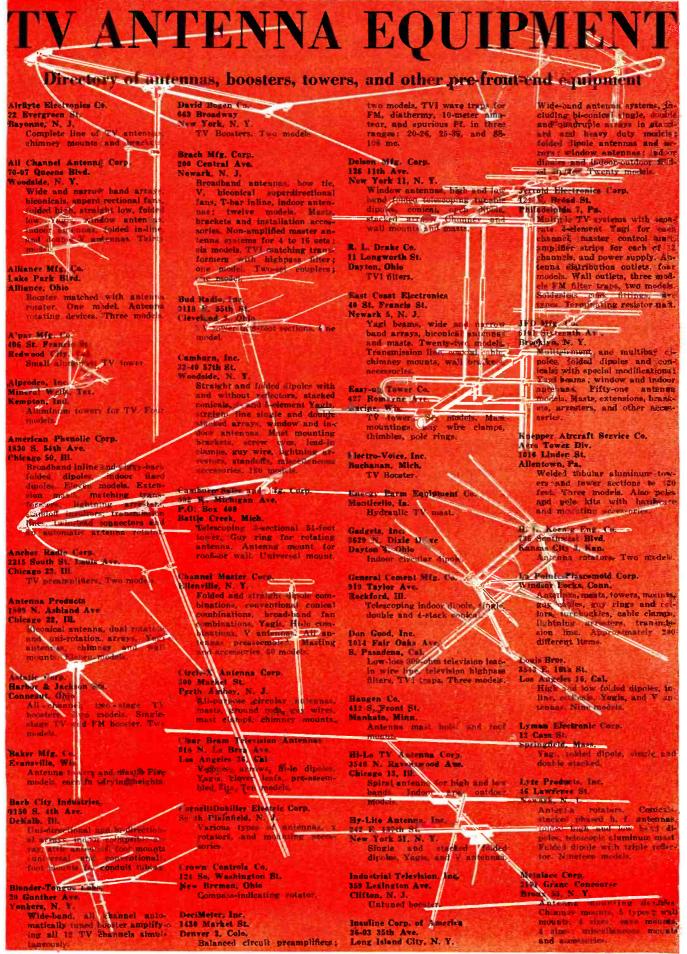
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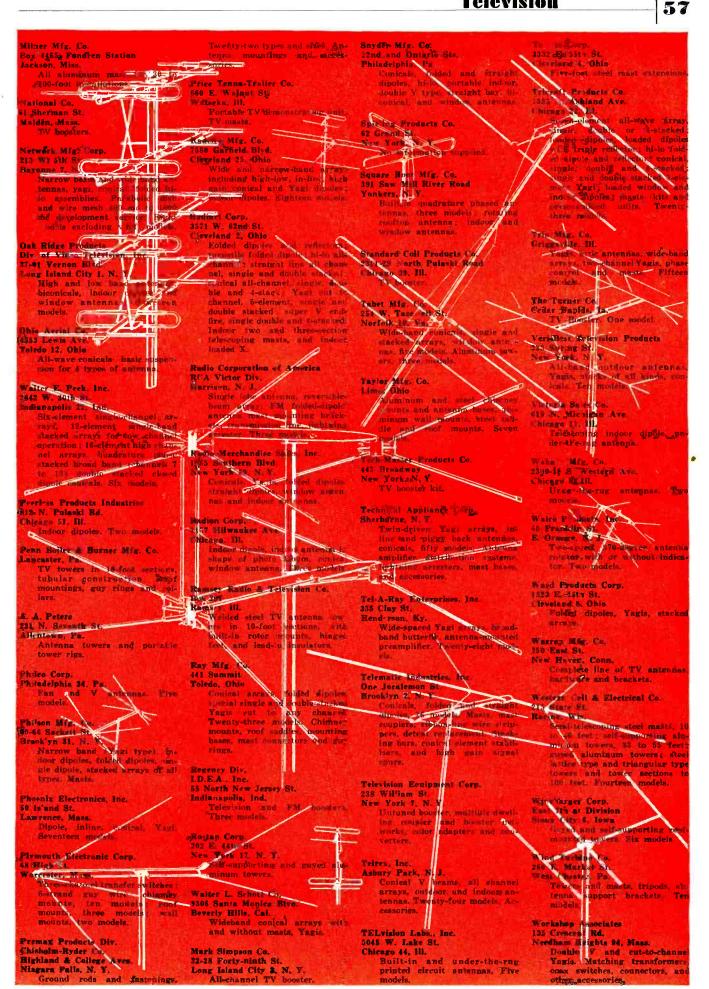
Improved picture quality from televised motion picture films has been made possible by a new filter technique developed at the Eastman Kodak Company. The filters prevent the red and infra-red radiation of the projection beam from falling on the iconoscope mosaic.

One filter recommended by the Eastman company consists of a 6 mm layer of Pittsburgh heat-absorbing glass No. 2043 plus a 3 mm layer of Corning No. 9780 or 9788. This combination reduces light with wavelengths greater than 590 millimicrons to less than 10% on the iconsocope mosaic.

The improvements in the reproduced TV pictures are: reduced overall haze or veil; better contrast and resolution and increased brightness or tone range; reduced edge flare; reduced high light saturation; and increased video signal. When the filters are used, the light on the mosaic is reduced by 30%, but the master monitor shows a 20% increase in video signal.

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Television DX Reports

E admire the courage of some of our readers who live in areas not yet blessed by the presence of a television station and who must depend entirely on dx for their reception. Some of these write us about their installations and how they manage to get fairly consistent pickup over rather long distances. One such letter comes from Maurice

Dubreuil of Lavaltrie, Quebec, who not only has a fine antenna installation, but has also constructed some elaborate boosters.

"My receiver was built from a Philmore kit." writes Mr. Dubreuil. "It is an RCA 630TS model, realigned to pass only 2.5 mc. I have changed the 6AG5's for 6BC5's and am working all r.f. and i.f. tubes at about 20% more voltage than the original design calls for.

"Building the receiver was easy, but the boosters were a headache. I have tried all commercial boosters that I could get my hands on, but could only get a little sound once in a while, so I started fooling around with building some.

"My first booster was a tuned-plate

6AK5 working into a 6J4 followed by nine 6AK5's. It worked pretty well, but gave a lot of noise. The one I am using now has a 6J6 neutralized pushpull input feeding a pair of 6AK5's in push-pull. This works into a 6AK5 buffer which has no gain and then to two more 6J6 stages. Results with this booster are very good.

"For antennas I use two doublestacked Yagis cut for channel 4 and channel 5 (my boosters are good only on these channels), and a Vee-DX RD13A for all other channels. The antennas are on a tower 80 feet high, and I intend to put up a 150-foot tower soon. With this equipment I get daily reception from WRGB, channel 4, in Schenectady and WSYR-TV, channel 5, in Syracuse, both more than 260 miles distant."

Mr. Dubreuil also reports that he picked up WMBR-TV in Jacksonville and WTVJ in Miami, Florida, quite regularly during warm nights in July and August. The distance to these stations is about 1,200 and 1,500 miles. He has also received KOB-TV, channel 4, in Albuquerque, New Mexico which, according to our atlas, is over 1,850 miles. Other channel 4 stations that Mr. Dubreuil has picked up during the summer are WLW-T in Cincinnati, Ohio; WTAR-TV, Richmond, Virginia; and WMCT, Memphis, Tennessee. Channel 5 stations are WOC-TV, Davenport, Iowa; KSTP-TV, St. Paul, Minnesota; KSD-TV, St. Louis; WSAZ-TV, Huntington, West Virginia; and WAGA-TV, Atlanta, Georgia.

While this installation is perhaps a little more elaborate than most dx'ers would care to use, it does show that dx can be had fairly consistently with good equipment. We thank Mr. Dubreuil for sending us the details of his TV receiving setup, and also thank all the the others who have sent us the dx reports which are listed in the two tables below.

Occasionally we get reports of dx from Europe where television is now becoming more common. One report is of an Italian in Turin who received the British station at Sutton Coldfield, a distance of 1,300 kilometers. Now that a common set of European standards is being accepted by many countries, we should be getting more reports of dx from abroad.

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STATION	REPORTED BY	RECEIVED	AGE	STATION	REPORTED BY	RECEIVED	AGE	STATION	REPORTED BY	TIME RECEIVED	AGE
KMTV Channel 3 Omaha, Neb.	W. L. Thompson	10/27, 1:55 pm	1,200	WLW-T Channel 4 Cincinnati, Ohio	L. A. Canning	8/12/49	1,025	WRGB Channel 4 Schenectady,	F. C. Meyers	7/16	1,160
KNBH Channel 4 Los Angeles, Cal.	C. G. Hailey	6/24	1,260	WMAR-TV Channel 2 Baltimore,	F. C. Meyers	7/16	1,050	N. Y. WSPD-TV Channel 13 Toledo, Ohio	E. Gustafson	10/21, 7-8:30 pm	475
KPHO-TV Channel 5 Phoenix, Ariz.	E. Gustafson	6/21, 5 pm	1,250	Md. WMCT Channel 4	C. T. Tripp	7/20, evening	1,000	WTAR-TV Channel 4 Norfolk, Va.	F. C. Møyers	7/6, 6 pm	1,100
WBTV Channel 3 Charlotte, N. C.	L. A. Canning	7/20	1,150	Memphis, Tenn. WNBT Channel 4	F. C. Meyers	7/21	1,160	WTCN-TV Channel 4 Minneapolis, Minn.	R. J. Walker	6/11	1,500
WBZ-TV Channel 4 Boston, Mass.	R. J. Walker E. Gustafson F. C. Meyers	6/11 6/30. 6 pm 7/16	1,100 1,050 1,300	New York, N. Y. WNBW	F. C. Meyers	7/21	1,050	WTMJ-TV Channel 3 Milwaukee,	L. A. Canning	8/5	1,200
WCBS-TV Channel 2 New York,	F. C. Meyers H. L. Robins	7/16, 2 pm 10/15	1,160 1,010	Channel 4 Washington, D. C.				Wis. WTTG Channel 5	F. C. Meyers	7/31, noon	1.010
N. Y. WJAR-TV	L. A. Canning	10/30	450	WOAI-TV Channel 4 San Antonio,	R. J. Walker	6/11	1,100	Washington, D. C.			
Channel 11 Providence, R. I.	a		100	Tex. WPTZ	F. C. Meyers	7 22	1.110	WTVJ Channel 4 Miami, Fla.	C. T. Tripp	7/21, 6:45 pm	1,440
WLAV-TV Channel 7 Grand Rapids, Mich.	E. Gustafson	10721, 7, 8:30 pm	475	Channel 3 Philadelphia, Pa.				W XEL Channel 9 Cleveland, Ohio	E. Gustafson	10/22	600

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L. A. Canning	Halifax, N. S.	Marconi Northern Electric	National Masco	2-bay conical conical	W. L. Thompson	Saugus, Cal.	Radio Craftsman	Electro- Voice	rhombic with 2,500 ft open line
E. Gustafson C. G. Hailey	Keokuk, Ia. Robstown, Tex.	Cossor Motorola 12VF4 Motorola 9VT1	Jerrold	stacked Yagi ch. 5 Yagi conical	F. C. Meyers H. L. Robins C. T. Tripp R. J. Walker	Belleville, Kan. Tampa, Fla. Dannemora, N. Y. Daytona, Fla.	Admiral 32X15 Skyrider 513 DeWald Du Mont	Astatic Anchor	4-bay array stacked array ch. 4 Yagi 5-element beam

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How an Electric Brain Works

Part IV—Long division with relays—our little electric brain learns how to divide and to convert decimal numbers to binary and back again. Simon is getting an education

By EDMUND C. BERKELEY* and ROBERT A. JENSEN

REVIOUS articles of this series have shown how an electric brain made of relays can add, subtract, and multiply.

Now we shall carry out division. As before, we shall consider the process in *binary notation*, the scale of two.

As a second topic, we shall consider how to make a relay calculator convert a number from decimal notation to binary notation, and back again. There is every reason in the world why the machine itself should convert any decimal number, say 23, into the corresponding binary number (in this case 10111, one-oh-one-one, or one 16 plus no 8's plus one 4 plus one 2 plus one 1).

Addition, subtraction, and multiplication turned out to be very simple in binary notation as compared with decimal. The same is true with division: binary division is simple as can be.

Suppose we divide 1101 (one-one-ohone, or 8 plus 4 plus 1, or 13 in decimal) into 10000101 (one-oh-oh-oh-oh-oneoh-one, or 128 plus 4 plus 1, or 133.

We do this in the same general way as we do in decimal division, except that we act as if we knew only the two digits 1 and 0:

01010 (Quotient) (Divisor) 1101)10000101 (Dividend) 0000

 10000
 (1st Partial

 1101
 Remainder)

 0111
 (2nd Partial

 0000
 Remainder)

 1110
 (3rd Partial

 1101
 Remainder)

 0011
 (4th Partial

 0000
 Remainder)

 0011
 (4th Partial

 0000
 Remainder)

 011
 (Remainder)

Only two multiples of the divisor are used, one times the divisor, and zero times the divisor—and the latter is of course zero in every digit. No other multiples of the divisor are needed. If we simply compare the divisor with the partial remainder at any point in the division, we can tell whether the digit of the quotient is 1 or 0.

Circuits for division

As before, to keep the circuits simple, let us ignore a number of fine points, such as: fractions; the *binal* point (the analogue in the scale of two of the decimal point in the scale of ten);

*Author: Giant Brains

positive and negative numbers; size of numbers; etc. Suppose that we have an eight binary digit dividend, and a four binary digit divisor.

The circuit is on the opposite page. In part 1, terminal T1 is energized at the start, and holds up the relays storing the dividend through their hold contacts. (All current-carrying circuits and relay contacts in the energized state are in red.) The actual number which these relays store, of course, depends on something that happened before the time at which we begin. In the same way, the divisor is stored in relays of part 2 of the circuit, and terminal T2 holds them up.

Now different things have to happen at different stages during the division. So we want to have some relays that will tell us at what stage we are during the process of the division. This is the function of the K relays of part 3 of the circuit. The stages that they detect and report are 0,1,2,3,4. The time chart in Fig. 1 shows that stage 0 lasts from time 1 to time 8, stage 1 from times 9 to 16, stage 2 from times 17 to 24, etc. At stage 0, we attend to the first quotient digit; at stage 1, we attend to the second quotient digit; etc. The red parts of the circuit apply to the first stage of the division only.

We have to start off the divisions by selecting some digits, which we can call a *partial remainder* (see part 4). At stage 0, this is the first four digits of the dividend; but at later stages this is the result of a subtraction together with "bringing down" one more digit of the dividend. The circuit of part 4 shows that at each stage of the division, we have just the partial remainder that we desire stored in the E relays. We have to look ahead to part 8, of course, and take on faith that the G relay contacts in part 4 will express the result of a subtraction that we want.

The next thing that we must do is decide whether the divisor "goes" into the partial remainder, or whether it "doesn't go". To make this decision, we must compare two numbers and decide which is the larger. The divisor "goes" and yields 1 as a digit of the quotient if, and only if, the partial remainder is larger. A circuit that does exactly this is shown in part 5. The red contacts show the original partial remainder (stored in the E relays) and the divisor (A relays). We see that there is no path for the quotient relay Q to be energized, and so the first "quotient digit" is 0.

Before we go any further, we want to store that quotient digit, so that we shall know the whole quotient when we get through with the division. This duty is performed by the circuit of part 6, which shows how the digit quotient is routed, according to the time it is obtained, into the right C relay.

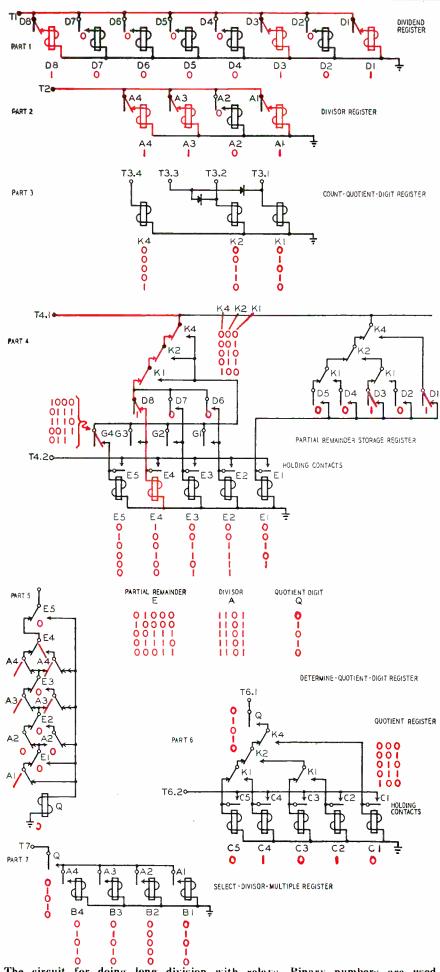
We now want to determine the multiple of the divisor that depends on the quotient digit and the divisor. This is the function of part 7 of the circuit, which will give us the divisor itself if the quotient digit is one and zero in all digits if the quotient digit is zero.

In part 8 of the dividing circuit, the subtraction of the divisor multiple from the partial remainder is indicated schematically, because actual circuits for subtraction were discussed previously.

The timing of the circuits, up to the end of the first two quotient digits, is shown in the timing chart of Fig. 1. The same conventions are used here as in the time chart for multiplication in the previous article. Successive time

TERMINAL	RELAYS	FUNCTION OF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1I	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ті	D)	-	0-	-		-			-	_	-9-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9
T2	A		-	H	-	-9-	-	-	18-	-	-	H		-9-			-0-	-		Н
T3.I	Kł			ò			Ŷ				-X-	ŕ			-9-					
T3.2	K2			Π		Π	Π												-x-	- Ŷ
T3.3	K1,2					Π														
T3.4	K4	4		Π		Π														
T4.1	E	D,K,G		H	- 8-							H	- e-							H
T4.2	E	E			-*-	-ò-	H		H	-0-			H-	-ò-	H			8		
T5	Q	A,E		Π		1	÷9-	-	-ò-					1	-0-		-è-	Ш		
T6.I	c	K,Q			4	-	1	18-							+	10-				Ш
T6.2	E	c						-×-			-			-		-		H		H
T7	8	A,Q		Π					-×-	0							-*-	+Ŷ-		
TB	G	E,8		0					T	1	-	16						-1-	-	+e

Fig. 1—Timing chart which shows the sequence of operation for the first two stages of the division with binary numbers performed by the circuit of Fig. 1. RADIO-ELECTRONICS for



The circuit for doing long division with relays. Binary numbers are used for the process, and the circuits that carry current are shown in red. JANUARY, 1951

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intervals 1,2,3,4, are shown from left to right. In the first column, the different terminals are shown from top to bottom; in the second column, the names of the relays which the terminals energize; in the third column the names of the relay contacts through which the relays are energized. Each horizontal line begins when its terminal ceases to be energized. There are some vertical lines showing X's and O's. X marks the relays energized at a certain time, and the O's mark the contacts through which they are energized.

Now, you may say, it is all very well to be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide in binary notation, but how do we go from decimals to binaries?

In fact, even before we ask this question, we have to ask: how will the machine take in a decimal number? In other words, how will the machine accept it, record it, and store it?

Ordinarily a calculating machine (or some auxiliary part of it) will have a keyboard, containing keys numbered 0,1,2 up to 9. Often the keyboard will have a different column for each column of the number to be inserted in the machine. To put in a number like 59%, we press down the 5 key in one column, the 9 key in the next column, and the 3 key in the third column.

In many calculating machines, the result of pressing down a key, say 3, is to turn some little counter wheel 3_{10} of one complete turn. But in our machine we want the result of pressing down the 3 key to be the energizing of certain relays, so that we can use the information later in the machine.

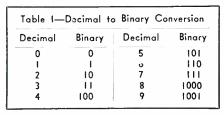
We would reasonably desire to convert any one of these ten decimal digits 0 to 9 into a pure binary number according to Table I.

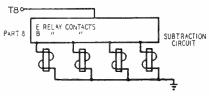
Fig 2 is a circuit which will do this (using 15 rectifiers and 4 relays).

For example, if we pross the 3 key, relays A2 and A1 are energized, but not relays A8 and A4, and so the information produced in the relay register is 0011, which is the binary number three.

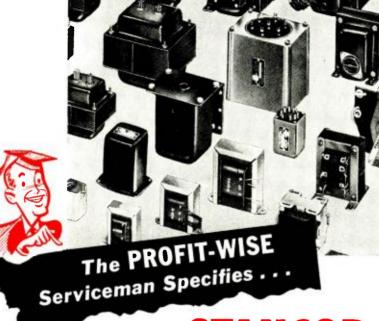
In this way the decimal number 593 can be converted into 0101 1001 0011 stored in 12 relays. This form of representing a de inal number by a "code" for e ch digit is *coded decimal* notation.

Now how do we go from 0101 1001 0011 to what this number is in pure binary notation? 593 of course is 5 times 10 times 10, plus 9 times 10, plus





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0101 times 1010 times 1010 plus

1001 times 1010, plus 0011.

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It will be neater to program this operation with:

5 times 10, plus 9,

all times 10, plus 3.

Thus for a ten-digit decimal number, we shall only need nine multiplications.

Binary to decimal

Now suppose that we have the opposite problem. Given a binary number, we want to find the corresponding decimal number. We divide this number by 1010 (one-oh-one-oh, or 8 plus 2, or 10 in binary) and find the remainder, which will be less than 10, and store it. Then we take the quotient. and divide that by 1010, and store the new remainder. And so on.

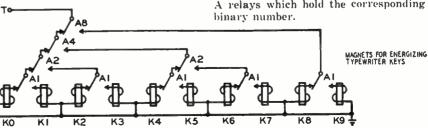


Fig. 3-Circuit for converting 4-digit binary system digits to decimal digits.

For example, suppose we desire to convert the binary number 10000101 into a decimal number.

 $\begin{array}{r} 1101\\ \hline 1010 & 10000101\\ \hline 1010\\ \hline 1101\\ \hline 1010\\ \hline 1101\\ \hline 1010\\ \hline 1101\\ \hline 1010\\ \hline 111, \end{array}$

11, which is 3 in decimal, and becomes our first decimal digit.

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1010) 1101 1010

11, which is 3 in decimal, and is our second decimal digit

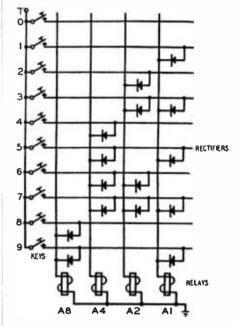


Fig. 2---(ircuit for converting a decimal digit to a 4-digit binary number. 0

1010) 1, our dividend being also our remainder, and becoming the first decimal digit.

Our relay electric brain has division circuits and registers where we can store remainders; and so we can convert from binary into decimal. In this case we obtain the coded decimal form 0001 0011 0011 which is the same as 133.

How do we get this out of the machine? For example, suppose we have ten typewriter keys, bearing the characters 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9. We wish to impulse these keys in order. The circuit in Fig. 3 will do this. When terminal T is energized, the appropriate K relay is energized, depending on the state of the A relays which hold the corresponding binary number.

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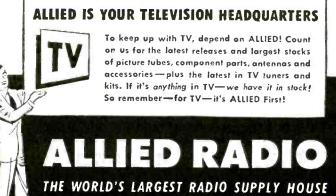
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ELECTRIC SPACE SHIPS

Part II—Using the sun's energy

By PROFESSOR HERMANN OBERTH

N this second article of this series we shall discuss the details of a spaceship and its power plant—the energy source being the sun's rays. A large mirror concentrates solar heat on a specially constructed boiler. The vapor produced by the boiler drives a turbine, and the turbine in turn drives a special electric generator which provides both the propelling force and control for the ship.

The parabolic mirror 1 (see Fig. 1) reflects the sunlight on the boiler 2 which drives the dynamo. (Whether this should be a dynamo or an influence machine of the Wommelsdorf type depends on the behavior of the electrodes in outer space, a factor which cannot yet be predicted. My present feeling is that the Wommelsdorf machine is most suitable.)

The side of the boiler toward the mirror has a dark surface, while the side away from the mirror has a reflecting surface to reduce heat loss. The elements marked 3 are supporting rods. Like the mirror, these can be very lightly built (by earthly standards) because of the extraordinarily slight aceleration.

An exhaust pipe 4 leads the vapor in a spiral to the shady side of the mirror where the vapor condenses. Another pipe leads the condensed vapor back to the boiler. (I purposely avoid using the terms water and steam because other The author's concept of a string of the electric spaceships on a flight through outer space. Because there is no gravity, the saucer-like ships can be made extremely light by earthly standards, although they cannot land on a planet.

liquids are better suited for this machine.)

The two electrode couples are marked 5. and are of the type described in the first article. These can be rotated about axis 6. Since the mirror itself can be rotated about its own axis and the direction of this axis is that of the sun's rays, the recoil can be made to work in any direction in space. With the couples in the position shown, acceleration takes place in the direction of the arrow.

The slight acceleration which the recoil imparts to the apparatus is not enough to separate the vapor and the liquid from each other, and even this slight acceleration is available only after the boiler begins to function. Furthermore, the liquid can collect on the side facing the mirror only when the acceleration is toward the sun; otherwise the empty wall would be heated.

A rotating boiler

We can overcome this difficulty as well as gain other constructional advantages by allowing the entire cylindrical boiler to rotate about its own axis. Fig. 2 is a sketch of the boiler. Here I is the boiler and 2 is the working liquid which, because of the rapid

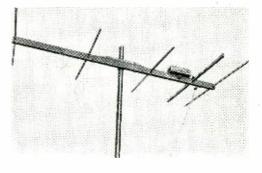
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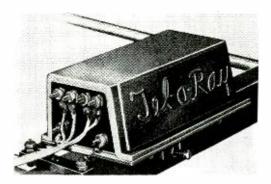
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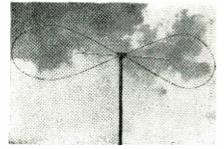
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rotation, collects on the boiler walls. The vapor collects in the middle of the boiler and flows to the turbine 3, which I have taken to be a two-stage machine. The guide vanes of the turbine are rigidly connected to the boiler wall.

The vapor then enters pipe 4 which leads it to the shadow of the mirror, where it is condensed, and the liquid returns through pipe 5. From 5 the liquid enters funnel 6 which is rigidly attached to the boiler and rotates with it. Centrifugal force then drives the liquid out of 6 and into the boiler 17 which is permeable to both heat and light, and the rest of 16 is made of reflecting sheet metal. The outside of the boiler is black. The space between 1 and 16 or 17 is, of course, filled with vapor at the temperature of the boiler and at the same pressure as the exhaust vapor at 4.

Completely sealed

No rotating parts of the machine pierce the outer wall at 4, 5, 16, or 17. The machine can therefore be effectively sealed off against losses of the

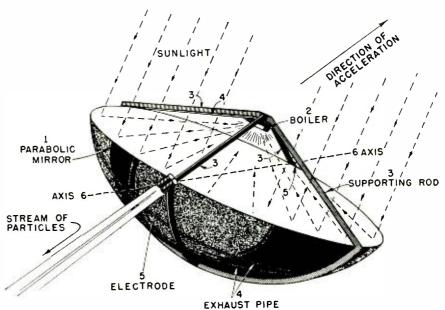


Fig. 1-Drawing showing the essential parts of the solar-powered spaceship.

through the tubes marked 7. Valves to prevent backflow of the liquid are marked 8.

The rotating vanes 10 of the turbine are mounted on shaft 9 which rotates within the boiler but in the opposite direction. The rotor runs at a hypercritical velocity and therefore acts as its own counterbalance.

The source of current, here taken to be a Wommelsdorf machine (an improved influence machine invented in 1922), is indicated by 13, and 12 is a special coupling unit. The space within this machine is at the same pressure as the boiler for better efficiency and simpler construction.

The construction of the machine would be greatly simplified if the vapor within the boiler could flow freely in and out through 11, but this is not possible if water is used as the working fluid. The stator of the current generator 13 rotates in the same direction as the boiler, while the rotor turns with shaft 9. Slip rings are marked 14 and 14', while 15 and 15' are current collectors. The potential difference between these will be in the order of several thousand volts, but it is possible to insulate the rings very effectively in gravitationless space.

In Fig. 2 we also have 16, a casing which contains the whole machine. On the side toward the mirror is a window working liquid—a most necessary measure.

In this machine three rotations are possible with respect to shaft 9:

a. Rotation of the shaft and of the rotors;

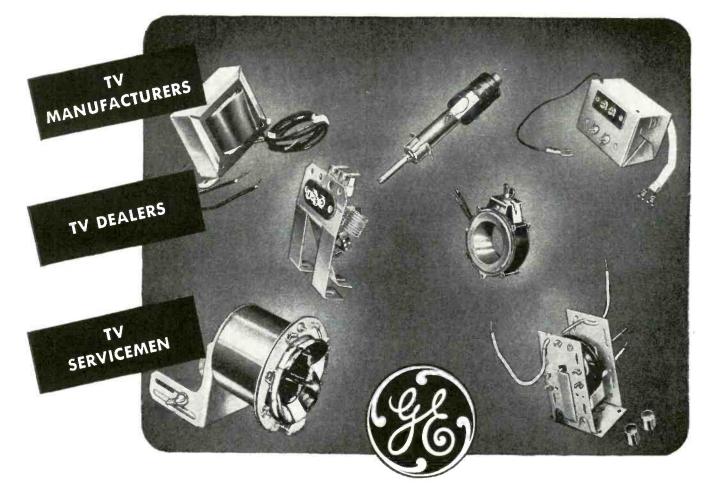
b. Rotation of the boiler together with the stators;

c. Finally, the casing 16 together with all the other equipment, rods. mirror, electrodes, etc., can be brought to rotate about the boiler shaft.

In fact, because of the friction in bearings 18 and 19, the boiler must eventually impart its rotation to the rest of the device, while the turbine rotors 3 and the rotors of the current generator 13 absorb the opposite momentum.

I have therefore provided for another influence machine 20, whose stator is rigidly connected with the outer casing 16 while its rotor is similarly fastened to the shaft of the boiler. Depending on which direction the current flows through this machine, it will exert a turning moment on 16. Thus it is backed up, so to speak, on the boiler and accordingly turns the rest of the machine in the right position.

It would be advantageous to connect several such mirror engines with cables which, because of the small current, can be quite thin. The artist's drawing shows a string of such engines. In the



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foreground, to the right is the shelter or cabin for the space travelers. Ordinarily they occupy two chambers, connected by a long cable, which rotate about the common center of gravity. In this way the illusion of weight arises. Near the center of gravity is a pair of electrodes which draws its power from the mirror engines through the common cable. One can also imagine a switch point placed between the two electrodes to connect the influence machines either in parallel or in series.

Power and efficiency

We must now say something about the propulsive power and the efficiency of the electric spaceship.

The machines naturally perform better the stronger the sunlight. For example, in the vicinity of Venus they could accomplish twice as much as in the neighborhood of the earth. But of course the exact value of the solar constant outside the earth's atmosphere is unknown. Since the appropriate measurements are not available, I would guess it to be about 2.2 gram-calories per square centimeter per minute, and for our purpose this is close enough. Converted into the corresponding values for square meters and meterkilograms per second, the radiation falling on each square meter is 156 mkg/sec. We can assume that the boiler can use about 30% of this energy, which might appear to be quite high, but we are justified in assuming a high operating efficiency here. The influence machine would, in turn, convert about 95% of this into electrical energy, which, expressed in m-g/sec per square meter of the mirror surface, comes to

44.5 m-g/secm².

We can assume that without the fuel the apparatus weighs 400 grams per m². This appears to be very small, but because of the slight requirements which they must meet from a statics point of view, these machines do not need to be heavier. Naturally one can take as much propellant for such a machine as is desired.

The first problem which could be solved-which, incidently could be solved with liquid propellants only at great, unnecessary expense-would be the construction of a station circulating about the earth at a distance of 42,100 km (about 25.300 miles) above the center of the earth or 35,700 km (about 21,420 miles) above its surface at a velocity of 1,723 m sec (3.850 miles an hour). Such a station would always hover above the same point on the equator if its orbit were in the equatorial plane. Otherwise it would describe a figure eight, as seen from the earth, which would bring it over the same point of the equator twice a day.

Such a station would be extremely valuable for television as well as for many other, particularly military, uses.

The next problem for the electric spaceship would be a flight around the moon.

The electric spaceship could also carry out interplanetary flights, and indeed, this could be done in several



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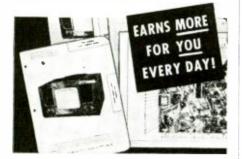
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months, whereas it has been estimated that such voyages would have to be reckoned in terms of years if liquid propellants alone were used (cf. Hohmann: *Die Erreichbarkeit der Himmelskorper*. [The Attainability of the Celestial Bodies]).

In any case this spaceship could not land on one of the larger celestial bodies—it is far too weakly constructed for that. For this purpose it would have to carry a space boat which would be powered with atomic energy or with liquid propellant, while the spaceship itself circled about the celestial body like an observer's station without further expenditure of fuel.

Besides these two possibilities powering the space boat with fuel or with atomic energy—there is a third, at least for visiting celestial bodies which have no atmosphere, like the moon.

Corpuscular radiations contain very little matter. At high potentials they have only a very slight impact force. its acceleration can be much greater and its construction heavier and more compact.

Mathematical Analysis

From our estimated solar constant we might expect a kinetic energy of 8.8 to 14.6 mkg sec m². If we wish to give the propellant a velocity of 10 km/sec, then 1 gram of the latter contains kinetic energy equal to 5,100 m/kg. It therefore follows that at a distance of 150 million kilometers from the sun, energy can be radiated at a rate of 8.8 : 5100 = 1.7 mgr sec to 14.6 : 5,100 = 3 mgr/sec per second per square meter of the mirror surface. If the electric spaceship carries 2 kg

(1kg = 2.2 lbs.) of matter per square meter of mirror surface, this would suffice for a period of acceleration of from 670,000 sec. or 8 days to 1,170,000 sec. or 14 days.

The total increase in velocity would be:

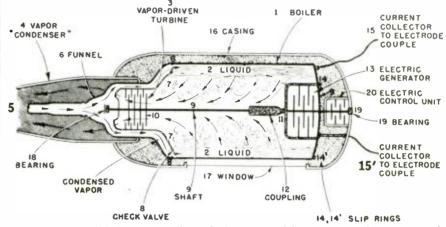


Fig. 2—A simplified cross-section of the vapor driven power plant proposed for the spaceship. The entire unit can be sealed against losses of the vapor.

but they do have a high energy content. We can also assume that, given high enough velocities, the particles would travel a great distance in parallel paths.

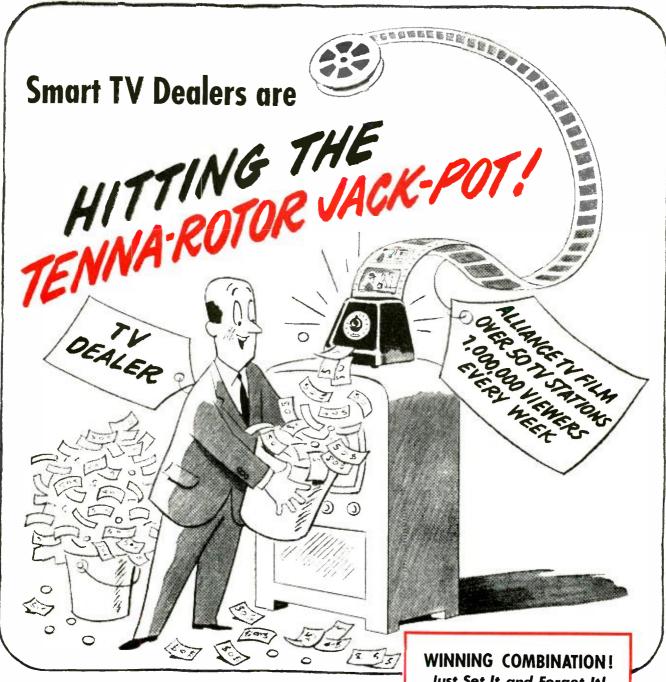
Equally charged mass-particles repel each other, but currents traveling in the same direction attract each other. Moving charged particles are electric currents. If we can impart a high enough velocity to streams of particles, it is reasonable to assume that the particles would no longer tend to fly apart. Of course this will have to be tested first on a station in cosmic space, for I would not care to extrapolate blindly the results obtained from Geissler tubes and cyclotron streams to the corpusclar streams from an electric spaceship. I assume that this would certainly succeed with electron streams, but whether it would work with positive rays is something I do not care to affirm.

The spaceboat could receive in a Faraday cage the corpuscles streaming toward it and with this help generate an electric wind whose reaction is sufficient for landing on Mercury, the moon, or Ceres. Since it is also much lighter than the spaceship and does not have to carry the latter's machinery with it, $v_1 = 10 \ln \frac{2,400 \text{ gr}}{400 \text{ gr}} = 17,918 \text{ m/sec}.$

I have added the subscript i to v because the spaceship would attain this velocity only in gravitationless space. If it started out from a station rotating about the earth, it would have to exceed the velocity of the station. In so doing, the original circular orbit (in the sense indicated by the Keplerian laws of planetary motion) would first have to pass over to an elliptical orbit; however, the ellipse would not be completed, but in each instant it would develop into an ever wider ellipse, so long as the machine operates.

Accordingly the spaceship ascends in a spiral path, the differential equation of which cannot be integrated in a closed expression. And its velocity actually diminishes in the process at the same time that its total energy, because of the increment of potential energy, increases. Thus v_1 indicates only the so-called ideal velocity. I would also like to point out that of this 17 km/sec only about one-half or 9,000 m/sec can be used for propulsion, while the remainder must be used to check the velocity in the vicinity of the goal.

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consumption, increase of velocity, and the duration of the acceleration:

 $m = m_{\circ} + m' t$. (1)where m is the mass of the electric spaceship, mo its initial mass, t the time, and m' the quantity of fuel or propellant expelled during each second. Obviously the spaceship expels the same quantity of propellant in each second, since its distance from the sun does not change so rapidly, and, to save time, the machines are allowed to run at the highest number of revolutions per minute so long as they must operate. From (1) and the equation for velocity increase (see Part I) we obtain the increase in velocity between the times t, and t.:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{c} \ln \frac{\mathbf{m}_a - \mathbf{m'} \mathbf{t}_1}{\mathbf{m}_a - \mathbf{m'} \mathbf{t}_2}$$
(2)

From this we get:

$$t_2 = \frac{m_o}{m'} (1 - e^{-v/c}) + e^{-v/c} t_{1*}$$
 (3-a)

If we substitute m_{μ} for $m_{e} - m' t_{\mu}$ and t for $t_2 - t_1$ we get.

$$t = \frac{1}{m'} (m_o - m_t). \qquad (3-b)$$

It is obvious that all the energy derived from the source of current will not be used for the acceleration of the propellant. A large part of it is lost in the charging processes going on. Moreover, not all the corpuscles fly off at the same speed, so that here too a certain amount

It would take us too far afield, and would also be pointless in view of the uncertainty of the estimates referred to above, to describe exactly how I arrived at the values used. But I estimate that the kinetic energy of the expelled particles constitutes about one-fifth to onethird of the electrical energy supplied. While this may seem a rather low efficiency, it is no problem as we have an unlimited energy source from the sun.

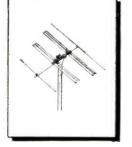
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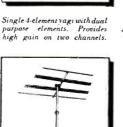
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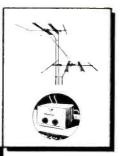
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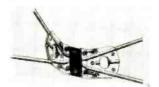
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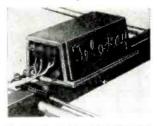
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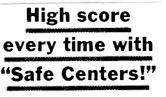
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Part XXIII—Signals in Space

N THE last chapter we wrote as though the transmitted radio wave traveled a simple, straightforward path from transmitting antenna to the various receiving antennas. That is not the case! Nothing about this wacky radio business could ever be that simple, direct, and easy to understand!

Fig. 1 shows what really happens. Some of the waves from the transmitter at A travel along the surface of the earth like the one designated G. These

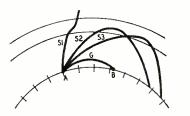


Fig. 1-How radio waves act in space.

"ground waves" induce currents in the earth immediately beneath them, and the resistance of the earth to the passage of these currents cause them to die out rapidly, particularly at the higher frequencies. On the broadcast band these ground-hugging waves account for practically all the daytime reception. They are good for about 50 miles at the high-frequency end of the band and up to 200 miles at the lowfrequency end.

Then there are the "sky waves" that travel upward from the transmitter at various angles as shown at S1, S2, and S3. Some of these waves, like the one at S1, imitate the famed traveling salesman and keep right on traveling, never to be heard from again. Others, like S2 and S3, meet a "something" up there in the wild blue yonder that persuades them to turn around and come back to earth.



The components for an a.v.c. circuit.

By JOHN T. FRYE

The "something" that turns them back is a series of ionized layers above the earth's surface at various distances of from 30 to 250 miles. You will recall that an ion is really a positively charged molecule that got that way from having lost some of its negative charge in a collision with a fast-moving electron or through some other molecular mayhem. The gases in the upper reaches of the earth's atmosphere are being constantly bombarded by ultraviolet and cosmic ray radiation, and this bombardment ionizes many of their molecules. Since these gases hover at various heights according to their weight, and since the bombardment is more effective as the atmosphere becomes rarer, it is not surprising that the ionization is in layers, each layer being more intensely ionized than the one below it.

Did you ever see a stick lying half in and half out of a pool of clear water and notice that the stick seemed to be sharply bent right at the point where it enters the water? We learned in

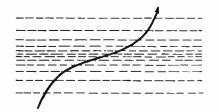


Fig. 2-Wave path in an ionized layer.

high school physics, of course, that it was not the stick but the light rays reflected from it that were bent.

Just as a light ray changes course when it passes from one medium to another, so are radio waves bent when they pass through an intensely ionized layer. The wave behaves as though it hated ions and wants to avoid any concentration of them. This is shown in Fig. 2. Notice that as the radio wave enters the ionized layer from below, it tries to shy away from the more deeply ionized center portion of the layer; but once it is forced to pass through this center portion, it reverses its direction of curvature so as to escape from the layer as soon as possible.

The actual amount of bending depends upon three things: the angle with which the radio wave strikes the layer, the frequency of the wave, and the intensity of ionization of the layer.

If the wave strikes the layer nearly at right angles, as shown at A in Fig. 3, there is very little bending. As this angle decreases, the bending becomes more pronounced, as illustrated at C and D. A low-frequency wave bends or "refracts" much more than one of higher frequency. If a wave of a given frequency strikes the layer at an angle that just permits it to be bent back to earth, one of a little higher frequency will pass on through the layer. Often a wave will penetrate a lower layer only to be turned back by the increased ionization of the layer above it, as pictured at B.

The whole subject of what happens to a radio wave in the ionosphere is a most interesting and complicated one, but we do not need an exhaustive explanation of the various phases of that esoteric matter. For our purposes we need know only that sky waves can be bent back to the earth in the ionosphere; that most broadcast-frequency sky waves are absorbed in this region during the day time but are returned to earth at night; and that the exact spot to which a wave returns depends upon several highly variable factors.

And now we are ready to take up *fading*. As the curtain rises on this drama, we see two portions of the same radio wave perched on the transmitting antenna just prior to taking off. The ground wave is saying to the sky wave, "You take the high road and I'll take the low road, and I'll be there before you." It is this choice of paths by which the signal can go from the transmitter to the receiving location that causes the trouble.

If the receiver is near the trans-

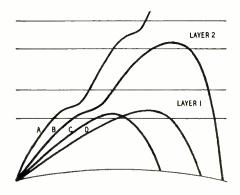


Fig. 3—The amount of bending depends on the angle at which the wave strikes. RADIO-ELECTRONICS for



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mitter, reception is dominated by the powerful ground wave and is not affected by any sky waves that may or may not be returned from the ionosphere. As the distances from the transmitter increases, the ground wave grows weaker and weaker until finally it cannot be heard at all. At this point and beyond, the station cannot be received in the daytime. At night the waves "reflected" from the ionized layers permit signals to be received.

At a point where the sky wave and the ground wave are received about equally well, we have an area or belt of very bad "fading," or fluctuation in the intensity of the received signal. Since the two portions of the same signal arrive over different paths and cover different distances, they may arrive with a difference in timing or "phasing" that will cause their two separate intensities either to be added together or to buck one another. In the first case, the resulting signal will be

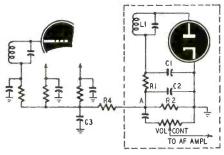


Fig. 4-A detector circuit with a.v.c.

stronger than the one from the ground wave alone; in the latter the two portions may so effectively cancel one another that nothing can be heard. Furthermore, since the path the sky wave travels is constantly changing with shifts in the height and ionization of the refracting layer, the signal intensity may vary constantly between these two extremes.

You might think that once the receiving station was beyond the reach of the ground wave, fading would be at an end, but such is not always the case. You have to remember that the wavebending ionosphere is as unstable as a bucket of smoke and the path pursued by a radio wave through this ionosphere is constantly changing. At one time the receiver may be getting the full intensity of the refracted wave, while a few minutes later this center of intensity may have shifted to a spot several hundred miles away, and the receiver will be sitting in the weak fringe of the earth-returning wave.

What is even worse, the sideband frequencies of the wave may travel different paths in the ionosphere because of their slightly different frequency, and when they arrive at the receiver the phase of these intelligencecarrying sidebands may be altogether different from what they were at the transmitter. As a result, the music or voice may be very badly garbled by the interaction of these out-of-phase sidebands. This very annoying brand of (Continued on page 100)



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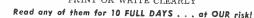
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The cure, once found, was simple. Automatic volume control was the very poor name selected for it. I say "poor because it is evident that any attempt to hold the volume at a constant levelmaking the whisper of the flute as loud as the bellow of the tuba-would result in distortion. What really was done was to make the r.f. sensitivity of the receiver inversely proportional to the intensity of the signal. As the signal intensity goes up, the receiver sensitivity goes down, and vice versa. The end result is that the signal delivered to the detector is practically independent of variations in the strength of the received signal.

This control is secured by varying the bias voltage applied to the r.f., mixer, and i.f. stages. As the negative bias on the grids of these tubes is increased, their ability to amplify is decreased, and the sensitivity of the receiver is reduced. Since we want this bias voltage to rise and fall with the strength of the received signal, the best place to get such a control voltage is from the signal itself.

Fig. 4 shows how this is done. The portion of the diagram inside the dotted lines is that of the diode detector shown and discussed in the chapter on

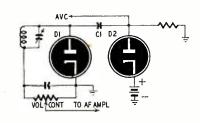


Fig. 5-A basic delayed a.v.c. circuit.

detector action (August, 1950, RADIO-ELECTRONICS). You will recall that the rectifying action of the diode causes three different types of current to flow downward through L1: first, the pulses of rectified r.f. carrier that were filtered out by the combination of R1, C1, and C2; second, the audio fluctuations that appear across R2; and third, the d.c. voltage produced by the one-way movement of electrons through R2 to ground. This last voltage is the one we are interested in.

The d.c. voltage drop across R2 is produced by rectifying the carrier envelope; so it stands to reason that it will be directly proportional to the amplitude of the carrier. If this amplitude increases, point A will become more negative with respect to ground; if it decreases—which is another way of saying the intensity of the signal goes down—point A becomes less negative.

Before this controlling voltage can be applied to the grids of our r.f. and i.f. tubes, however, we must comb out of it the a.f. variations still present at point A. This is done by means of a resistor-capacitor filter R4-C3.

The values of this resistor and capacitor are carefully chosen and should not be changed. When a capacitor charges and discharges through a resistor, as happens here, the time required for the voltage to build up and fall depends upon the values of the two components. The larger they are, the more time is required. What we want here is a combination that will be too slow to follow the voltage variations caused by the lowest audio frequency but fast enough to let the sys-tem have time to "recover" in the time required to tune from one station to another. Otherwise, when tuning from a strong station past a weak one, the sensitivity of the receiver might not have time to adjust itself upward after leaving the strong station, and the weak station would not be heard. The usual time constant is 0.1 second.

This negative voltage is fed to the various grids of the controlled tubes through isolating resistors that prevent coupling between the grid circuits. Tubes controlled by a.v.c. are the "remote-cutoff" type, the ones whose amplifying properties respond smoothly to wide variations in bias voltage. These tubes also are provided with a certain amount of minimum fixed bias —such as cathode bias—so that the plate current does not become excessive when no a.v.c. voltage is being produced.

In an ordinary a.v.c. system, the controlling action starts on even the weakest signal and begins to reduce the gain of the receiver when increased sensitivity would really be a help. "Delayed a.v.c.," as diagrammed in Fig. 5, shows the basic circuit for overcoming this problem. One diode D1 of a duo-diode is used for detection in the usual manner. The i.f. signal is also applied, through C1, to D2. The cathode of D2 is positive with respect to ground, which makes the plate negative with respect to the cathode. As long as the peak amplitude of the i.f. signal applied to D2 is less than this bias voltage, there will be no rectification, and consequently no a.v.c. voltage will be developed. As soon as the peak i.f. voltage rises above this bias voltage, rectification begins and the a.v.c. voltage is developed just as before. A battery is used for bias in the diagram, but the cathode may be tapped in at some point on a current-carrying resistor to get the correct bias.

Automatic volume control troubles are almost entirely due to failures of the capacitors, resistors, or diodes that make up a.v.c. circuits. Since the voltages are fed to the grids of the tubes through high-ohmage resistors, even a slightly leaky capacitor will shortcircuit the a.v.c. voltage.

A possibly worse trouble is on intermittently leaky capacitor, which will produce its own type of fading. Where the complaint is "fading" or "intermittent," it is often a good idea to replace all capacitors in the a.v.c. circuit and to replace or make sure the resistors are not changing their ohmage.

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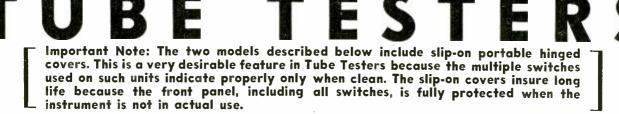
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Television Service Notes By MICHAEL L. TORTARIELLO

Speedy television receiver servicing depends on the ability to locate the trouble quickly from the symptoms in the set. This article presents a number of troubles and their cures for some of the more popular TV receivers.

RCA

9Т270

All tubes light, sound O.K., picture goes from bright to dim. Upon becoming dim, the picture increases to about 1¹/₃ normal size and high voltage goes from a normal 12,500 to about 9,500.

Inspection revealed that one of the 1B3-8016 high-voltage rectifier tubes in the voltage doubler also varied in brightness. The trouble was a defective 3.9-ohm resistor in one leg of the filament circuit of the high-voltage rectifier.

9TC272

Sound O.K., no horizontal sync, no raster on screen. Adjusting the horizontal hold did not remedy this condition.

C-159, a .01- μ f capacitor in the horizontal oscillator, was leaking badly. Replacing it with a new .01- μ f, 600-volt capacitor fixed the trouble.

9T275

Picture and sound O.K., but when a large white or black object or large lettering appeared on the screen, there was a disturbing smear.

Checked second video amplifier tube circuit, a 6K6-GT, and found an open L109, a 180- μ h peaking coil. The smear disappeared when this was replaced.

Westinghouse

II-600T16

A common fault in this set is the simultaneous burning out of these resistors: R-401, a 400-ohm wire-wound focus control; R-407, 560 ohms; and R-410, 110 ohms. This trouble is caused by an internal short in the 6Y6-G high-voltage oscillator tube. Replace the tube and the resistors.

H-613K16

Sound O.K., no raster, no high-voltage on picture tube.

Checking the high-voltage rectifier and the 6Y6-G high-voltage oscillator showed that the 1B3-8016 rectifier did not light. The same tube in another set worked O.K. Further check showed that two turns of wire on the high-voltage oscillator transformer which supplies filament current for the 1B3-8016 had slipped a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch away from the primary. This made the coupling between the two windings too loose for normal operation. Fastening the windings in their proper place with household cement cured the trouble.

H-600T16

Sound O.K., thin vertical line on picture tube. The 12AU7 horizontal multivibrator showed a normal sawtooth. Checked output of three 7A5 horizontal output tubes and found no signal and no B-plus. Tested R-406, a 5,000-ohm wirewound variable width control, and found it burned out. Also one of the 7A5's was shorted.

H-605T12

Sound shaky, raster normal, video signal very erratic.

When the outdoor antenna was disconnected from the set, channels 2 and 4 worked normally with a short piece of wire attached to one of the antenna posts. Tubes in the front end were tested and the 6AG5 mixer tube was found gassy. Set worked normally on all channels when this was replaced.

H-600T16

No sound but noticeable hum from speaker, picture showed a crease about 2 inches from the left side.

Audio amplifier checked O.K. with an audio oscillator, but no sound was reaching the audio system from the 6AL5 ratio detector. C-211, the .01- μ f a.f. coupling capacitor, was found shorted. Replacing this corrected the audio trouble and also eliminated the crease in the picture.

After about three or four months of use, the cathode-ray tube in these sets develops a brownish-yellow spot near the center of the screen. This is caused by a charge remaining on the two 500µµf capacitors in the high-voltage circuit after the set is shut off. This trouble can be eliminated by disconnecting the lead from the 500-µµf capacitor that goes to pin 7 of the 1B3-8016 highvoltage rectifier tube. The manufacturer has already made this change in the late models.

Muntz

Model 169

Sound O.K., picture has normal brightness but opens to full width of screen and then shrinks to about 3 inches wide. This repeats about every 15 seconds.

A leaky 0.2- μ f capacitor in the screen circuit of the 6BG6-G horizontal oscillator and output tube causes this trouble. Replace this capacitor.

Ansley

Model 703

Sound O.K., no raster, and no high voltage at the cathode ray tube.

The two 1B3-8016 high-voltage rectifiers and the 6BG6-G horizontal output tubes checked O.K. High voltage was present at terminal 3 of the horizontal output transformer. The trouble was finally pinned down to the high-voltage doubler rectifier circuit where the 500µµf capacitor connecting the two plates of the tubes was found shorted.



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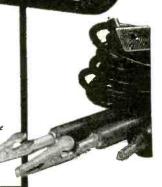
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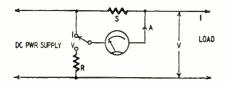
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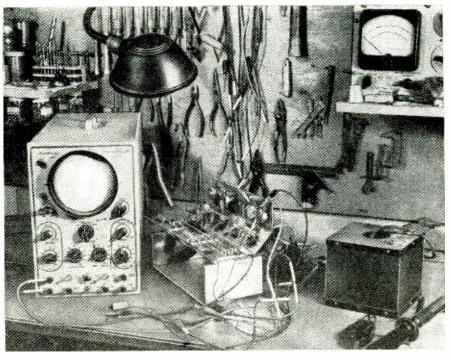


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Experimental setup of oscillator in Fig. 1-c used for making oscillograms. Special Unichassis in center is made for experimental work and simplifies breadboard wiring. Experimental power supply appears at the right in the photograph.

Electronics and Music

Part VII-Designing tone generators for electric organs

By RICHARD H. DORF*

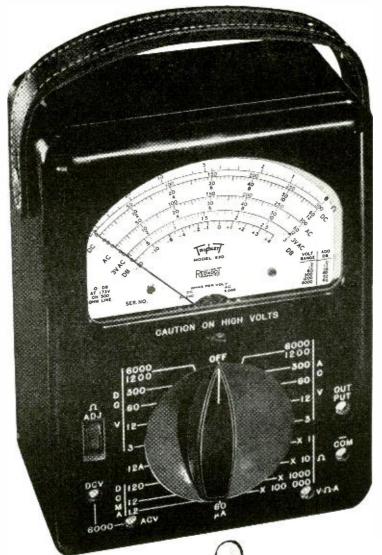
ONSTRUCTING a polyphonic electronic musical instrument is a big job compared to building many other electronic devices. Sixty separate tone frequencies must be available for even a single-manual, fiveoctave instrument. So the number of components will not be small. And after the bare tone frequencies have been provided, the tones must be shapedvaried in quality-and volume-controlled. Keying delay should also be provided; vibrato or tremolo is needed; couplers may be desired between manuals; octave couplers may be wanted; manuals (and pedals) and a console must be secured or made; and so on.

Building an electronic organ is not a job for the novice, nor is the design for such an instrument a decision to be taken in five minutes. But strangely enough, initial generation of the necessary tones, which is what this article deals with, is the easiest part of the job.

There are only two basic requirements. The first is to provide as many tone sources as necessary and the sec-* Audio Consultant ond is that each should be of the correct pitch. These requirements indicate that (initially at least) the designer may consider all of the many oscillator circuits brought forth up to date.

Depending on what the designer has in mind, several other conditions may have to be met, and they may be no less important than the basic ones. The tones must be keyed somehow, and it may be desirable to key the oscillators themselves without running into "chirp' or clicks. A keying delay should be included somehow. The oscillators themselves may have to provide it. The desired waveform may be anything from a sine to the most complex and the oscillators rather than following tone-shaping circuits may have to provide it. Frequency stability may be important unless there is some provision for synchronization. And other points may crop up, not the least of which may be the necessity of keeping costs and space requirements down.

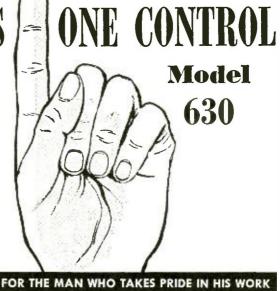
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nized so that they will "lock in" with each other. But synchronization has two disadvantages. First and most important to the tonal effect, it eliminates the chorus effect described in the first article of this series since all the oscillators operate in phase. Second, if sine waves are desired, very few oscillators will be found which can be synchronized and which will produce sine waves. Oscillators naturally lock in, of course, when both are at the same frequency, but synchronization is a touchy matter when sine-wave oscillators are required to lock with a harmonic or subharmonic.

Fig. 1 illustrates six representative feedback oscillators, all of which are suitable for electronic organs (though not all have been used in commercial instruments). Fig. 1-a is the tuned-grid (plate tickler) oscillator, in which the

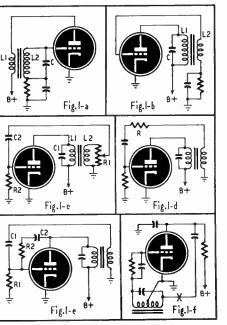


Fig. 1-Six oscillators suitable for producing tones for electronic music.

grid circuit is tuned and a secondary winding on the inductor feeds back energy from the plate. As in all feedback-transformer arrangements, the connection polarity of primary and secondary must be correct for positive feedback; if the circuit does not oscillate, reverse the connections to primary or secondary (not both).

Fig. 1-b diagrams the tuned-plate (grid-tickler) oscillator, which is exactly the same as that of Fig. 1-a except that the plate circuit is tuned. In this case the values of the tank inductor and capacitor play the greatest part in determining frequency, though the tube characteristics, plate current, tank current, and other factors do influence it. The paralleled resistor and capacitor in each circuit is the grid leak. Values are very noncritical and experiments to find correct values may be begun around 50,000 ohms and .01 µf. If the time constant (product of R in megohms and C in microfarads) is too long. the oscillator may not start or may go on and off at intervals.

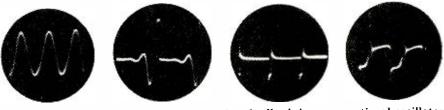
The amplitude of the positive feedback is a very important factor in determining output waveform and frequency stability. It is controlled within limits by the grid-leak arrangement because the increase in grid current which accompanies an increase in feedback amplitude automatically increases the negative bias and lowers the amplification of the tube. The grid leak controls amplitude only within a fairly narrow range, however.

In the two oscillators of Figs. 1-a and 1-b the principal factor controlling feedback is the turns ratio of the transformer. Ideally it should be wound so that the voltage reaching the grid due to the tube output is exactly the same as the voltage at the grid which produced that output. A feedback oscillator is almost a perpetual-motion machine in that it supplies its own input. (The fact that external plate and filament power supplies are necessary, however. prevented the first oscillator inventor from rushing to Washington with a final solution to the perpetual-motion riddle)

If the feedback is too great, the output waveform distorts and frequency stability suffers. Increased above a certain point, the feedback causes relaxation oscillations with a roughly sawtooth waveform having sharp, needlelike peaks at each apex. The frequency is then extremely sensitive to the slightest changes in supply voltage or heat movement of the tube elements and is not useful for electronic music unless synchronized because of the excessive frequency drift.

The usual noncommercial constructor shies away from winding his own coils for these oscillators and prefers to use available ones. That is made possible by the circuits of Figs. 1-c, 1-d, 1-e. and 1-f.

Fig. 1-c is a tuned-plate oscillator like that of Fig. 1-b. The transformer. however, is a standard interstage unit: L1 is usually the higher-impedance winding, tuned by C1. Normally the voltage across L2, which usually has a stepdown ratio of only a very few times, is much too high for proper feedback.



These oscillograms show what happens when feedback in a conventional oscillator is too great and when the time constant of the grid-leak is too long. The perfect sine wave results when feedback is reduced to the optimum value by any of the methods illustrated in Figs. 1-c through 1-f, or by using a suitable transformer.

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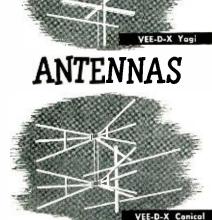
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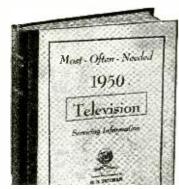
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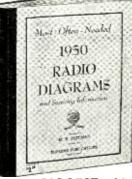
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The same trick may be done in a slightly different way by using the circuit of Fig. 1-d. Here resistor R is a series limiter. This, incidentally, is a well-known form of resistance stabilization ordinarily used to stabilize frequency. It is also useful here, of course, to compensate for the fact that the transformer turns ratio is not ideal.

Fig. 1-e illustrates a method of combined stabilization and feedback correction original with the writer (although it was probably original with other workers at prior times). As usual with the standard interstage transformer used, the positive feedback is too great for stable sine-wave oscillation. The positive feedback is produced in the usual way.

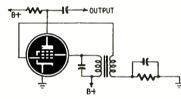


Fig. 2—This stable audio tone generator uses the electron-coupled circuit.

The excess of positive feedback is remedied by adding negative feedback. An oscillator of the feedback type may be considered simply as a perfectly standard amplifier which produces its own input. The amplitude of oscillation depends on two things: the amount of coupling between plate and grid, and the amplification of the tube. The previous circuits have been stabilized by varying the coupling. In Fig. 1-e the feedback voltage is lessened by reducing the amplification of the tube. R2 is a simple negative feedback resistor from the plate to the grid. C2 is a blocking capacitor which should have a low reactance compared to the resistance of R2.

After the circuit is connected, R2 is varied (use a 10-megohm potentiometer) until the circuit just oscillates. The positive feedback voltage is then correct. In addition, since the amplifier is operating with a fair degree of negative voltage feedback (the degree of permissible negative feedback depending on how much too large the transformer secondary voltage is), it is itself stabilized to a large degree against changes in amplification caused by fluctuations of supply voltages. Since, in an audio oscillator of this kind, changes in plate current and

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amplification, rather than changes in tube-element capacitances cause most of the undesirable frequency irregularities, stabilizing the amplifier helps matters considerably. An additional effect of the negative feedback is to lower the tube's effective output impedance, reducing the importance of any tube output capacitance that may affect the frequency, especially in the higher octaves.

Fig. 1-f is a standard Hartley oscillator, which is usable for electronic music. Since, however, most tapped inductors ordinarily available are center-tapped (often primaries or secondaries of push-pull transformers), there will be too much feedback. This can be reduced by inserting a resistor at point X.

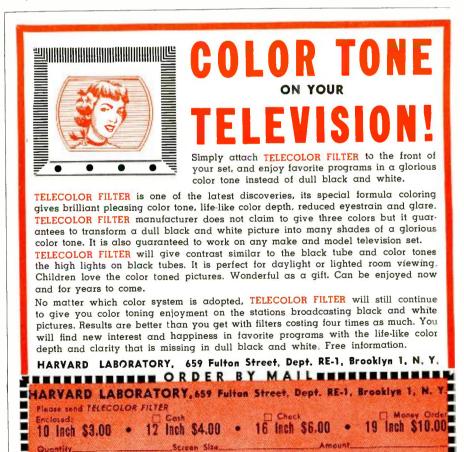
Output may be taken from the plates of any of the oscillators shown in Fig. 1 without a great effect on frequency, provided the impedance of the load is high and its shunt reactance low. For maximum freedom from loading effects, however, especially where the load is keyed or otherwise altered during operation, electron coupling is desirable. Almost any feedback oscillator may be used in an electron-coupled circuit. The method illustrated in Fig. 2 is to use a pentode tube and employ the screen as the oscillator anode. The circuit of Fig. 2 is exactly the same as Fig. 1-a with those exceptions. The screen does not, of course, draw much current, but the electron stream passing through it to the plate is modulated by the oscillations. The plate output, taken across a standard load resistor, is of the oscillation frequency and may be passed on to following stages. The output capacitor is uncritical, values between .01 and .05 μ f being suitable.

Changes in the load which would affect the plate current have little effect on the oscillator circuit, and reactive loading of the plate has almost none at all. The screen supply voltage should be somewhat less than that supplied to the plate and should, of course, be under the maximum specified by the tube manual. It may be obtained from a tap on the power-supply bleeder resistor. The tap should be bypassed to ground.

The discussion of vacuum-tube oscillators for polyphonic electronic musical instruments will be continued in the next issue.

STABLE TONE GENERATOR

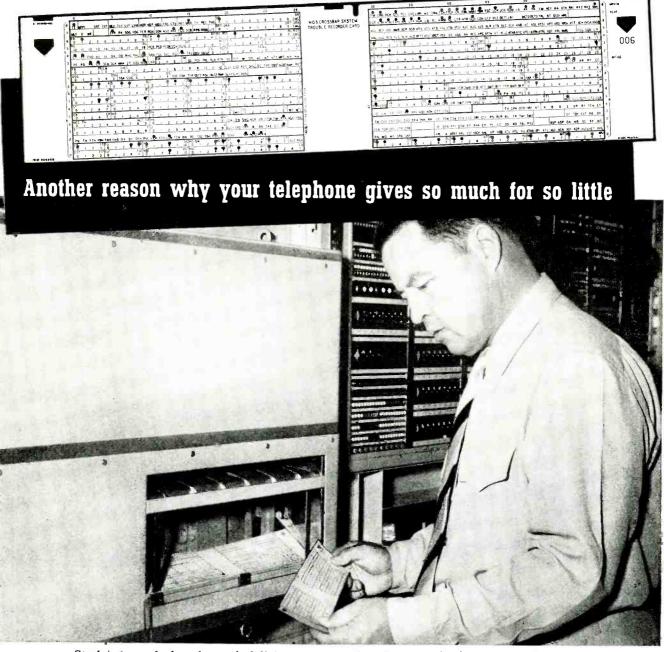
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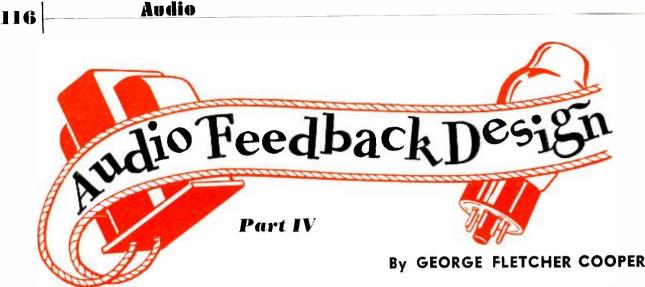
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We shall start off with the assumption that the gain of the amplifier is to be 50 db (316 times), that the output power is to be 10 watts, and that the

which is about 12 in voltage gain. A miniature pentode, such as the 6AU6, will do this very nicely. So, for that matter, will a 12AT7 triode.

The so-called seesaw circuit gives a gain of about 40, which means an input of rather less than $\frac{1}{2}$ volt without feedback, or 5 volts with feedback, will be needed. This is at the grid; and if we use a transformer stepping up from 600

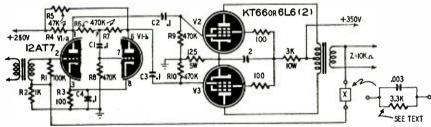


Fig. 1—Circuit of the amplifier whose design is described in this installment.

distortion is to be below 1%. It really is not worth while pressing the distortion below $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1%, because the transmitter distortion is more than this if we take a broadcast signal, while disc distortion is a good deal more than 1%. The response should be uniform from 30 to 15,000 cycles.

To get 10 watts we may use, as Mr. Williamson does, 6L6 or KT66 tubes, but we shall use them as tetrodes with a lower plate voltage. This will save quite a lot in smoothing capacitor costs. I will use figures for the KT66, but the 6L6 values will not be significantly different. Since the distortion requirement suggests that we aim at 20 decibels of feedback, the over-all gain without feedback must be at least 70 decibels, or approximately 3,000 times.

First, then, how many stages? A KT66 has a mutual conductance of 6,150 µmhos (5,200 µmhos for 6L6) and an optimum load of 2,200 ohms (2,500 ohms for 6L6). This gives a gain of just over 26 times for the two tubes. An input transformer, for I have assumed that we use one, will give about 20 db gain, or 10 times (This is not, of course, a power again). We need, therefore, an additional gain of 3,000/260 times, ohms to 100,000 ohms, we shall require roughly 0.3 volt at 600 ohms for the input.

The output stage

My main difference in approach from Mr. Williamson is in the design of the output transformer. He keeps the direct current balanced and uses a large inductance. I use the smallest possible inductance and then allow an air gap to avoid dependence on the d.c. balance. It seems easier that way. We begin with the design of the output transformer.

To make life easy, I have assumed that the load impedance is 10 ohms. The lowest frequency is to be 30 cycles, and we want the output transformer to be as small as possible. If the inductance is made too low, however, we shall get distortion in the transformer and the load as seen by the tubes becomes reactive. A fairly sound working rule is to allow the response to drop by 3 db: this rule has the additional merit that it is simple. The reactance must therefore have on its low-impedance side a reactance of 10 ohms at 30 cycles, or $2\pi \times 30$ L = 10, or L = 50 mh.

The optimum load for each tube is 2,200 ohms (2,500 ohms for 6L6), so

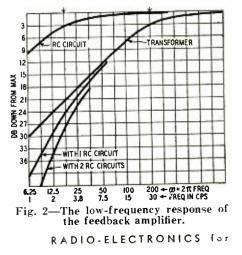
that the transformer must have a ratio of 440 to 1, center-tapped, in impedance, or 21 to 1 in turns. The high side inductance is equal to $440 \times 50 \text{ mh} = 22 \text{ h}$ (25 h for 6L6). The air gap must be chosen so that the inductance is not altered appreciably by a current of 20 ma. This is the unbalance current which may be obtained if the two tubes are at opposite ends of the tolerance range. The only effect of a drop in transformer inductance will be an increase in distortion at the lowest frequencies.

The circuit

Before going any further we need to draw the circuit diagram, as far as we know it. This is shown in Fig. 1. Since we have only two stages, there is theoretically no possibility of low-frequency instability: if we want to add another stage to obtain a high-impedance input, we must watch this in the design. The first step is to decide on the value of C2 and C3.

For class-A operation, R9 and R10 can be made 470,000 ohms. This value will be chosen, because the larger R9 and R10, the smaller C2 and C3 for the same R-C product. The output transformer is designed to have a characteristic frequency R/L of 30 cycles which brings its response 20 db down at 3 cycles. The reader can check this for himself, but it is exactly the same as saying that the response falls 6 db per octave.

To provide 20-db feedback. the response must be down 26 db, at least.





If we take the frequency at which $\omega CR = 1$, we have 45 degrees of phase shift, so that for two similar R-C terms (one from the preamplifier stage which we may add), there is a 90° phase shift at $\omega = 1/RC$. The transformer gives 90°, too, so that we must make 1/CRless than 2 π x 3 cycles, to allow 26-db feedback at the 180 degrees point. This means a capacitance of at least 0.1 µf must be used. Let us go ahead with this value, and if necessary use a slightly more sophisticated preamplifier stage.

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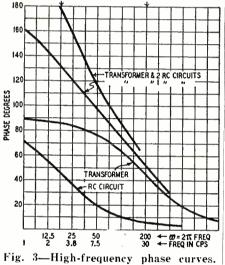
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The two tubes seesaw about the fulcrum P. That, at least, is the usual way of describing the operation of the circuit. There is, however, another way of looking at it. The output from V1-a is applied, through the voltage divider R6-C1-R8, to the grid of V1-b. R7 provides feedback to make the gain in V1-b sufficient for pushpull operation.

Looked at like this it is easy to see that the phase shift produced by C1-R8 is greatly reduced by the feedback, which is of the order of 20 db. I should like to go into this more fully, because the usual analysis of this circuit tends to conceal this rather important fact.

The suspicious reader may have noted that I have not mentioned C4 yet. If the two triodes are really operating in pushpull, the current in R3 should not contain any alternating component, and C4 has no decoupling function. It is indeed, a safety term, put in to deal with any tendency of the stage to act as a cathode-coupled multivibrator at very high frequencies. I have not found it necessary, but if there is excessive capacitance across R6, C4 might save the situation.

High and low response

The over-all response curves are shown as Figs. 2 and 3. It will be seen



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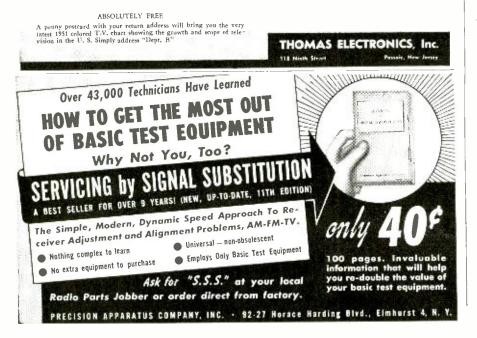
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that with two R-C circuits there is 21 db of feedback for the 30-degree phase margin, and that under these conditions the gain margin is just over 6 db. Because these margins can be easily increased by increasing the capacitances, we need not worry about the lowfrequency response.

The high-frequency stability is, as always, a problem. The values chosen for R4 and R5, with the total interstage stray capacitance and the tube impedance, about 1.200 ohms, give $R \times C = 40 \times 10^{12} \times 10,000$, a characteristic frequency $\omega_0 = 2 \pi f_0 = 2,500,000$. The interstage circuit should therefore be flat up to about 400,000 cycles.

The exact design of the output transformer now comes under consideration. With a factory under my office, I can get any transformer I want. The reader will probably prefer to buy one ready made, or at least use the parts he already possesses. The only thing to avoid is the influence of the output transformer at high frequencies. To do this we shall add a few small components and then determine the limits to be imposed on the transformer.

Feedback resistor

Let us assume that we do not want any frequencies above 14,000 cycles, or at least that the response can roll off there. We shall begin by calculating the feedback resistance, which is in the little box marked X in Fig. 1. Our gain requirements are that 0.25 volt at 600 ohms at the input must give 10 volts across the 10-ohm output.

Assuming a 1 to 10 stepup in the input transformer, we have 2.5 volts across R1. Since we need only 0.25 volt from grid to cathode, across R2 we must have 2.25 volts. Immediately, therefore, R2 Rx = 2.25/ (10-2.25) = 1/3.4. Let us take R2 = 1,000 ohms, and Rx = 3,400 ohms. We use a standard value here, 3,300 ohms. To produce the required roll-off at 14,000 cycles connect a capacitor in parallel with this resistor. The capacitor must have a reactance of 3,300 ohms at 14,000 cycles, so that the capacitance will be .003 µf.

This capacitor is very important, because it produces a phase shift rising to

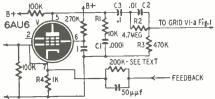


Fig. 4—The preamplifier that may be used in place of the input transformer. 90 degrees and in the opposite sense to the phase shift produced by the transformer. The result is that, without the preamplifier stage, the system must be stable so long as the transformer has no awkward resonances. The practical implications are that we design the transformer for the right low-frequency inductance and use the simplest possible balanced structure. This is necessary if we are to avoid these odd resonances due to partial leakage inductance. Having done this, we can very profitably load down the two halves of the primary with capacitance to make the frequency response drop off above 14,000 cycles. Something of the order of .003 to .005 μ f is indicated here, but I have not shown these components.

Does this seem rather vague? It is not really, because now the reader should have acquired some sort of "feel" for these circuits. Gardeners talk about people who have the green finger! The most important thing in this work seems to me to be to acquire the "feedback filter": I dare not give it a color because they all seem to be political nowadays. The important thing is to be able to sketch the phase characteristic on the back of an old envelope, and then to correct it.

My own amplifier, built to this general design, gives about 0.3% distortion at 1,000 cycles at 10 watts output, and 0.5% at 30 cycles and 6 watts output.

A preamplifier stage

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The circuit diagram of a possible preamplifier stage is shown in Fig. 4. The interstage network is made up of two parts: R1 and C1, for high frequencies; C2, C3, R2, R3 for low frequencies.

I want to discuss this type of interstage circuit in detail some time—a little further along in this series. The basic idea is to provide a step in the amplitude response, and this enables more feedback to be used. We saw this, in a simple way, in connection with the cathode and plate decoupling circuits.



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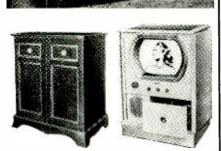
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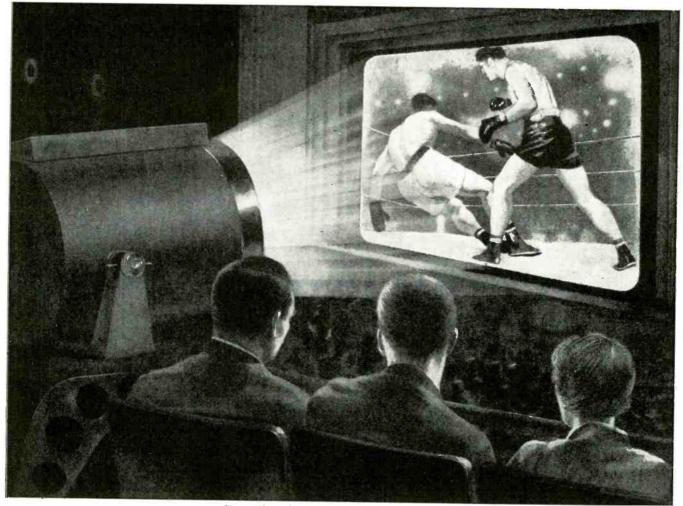
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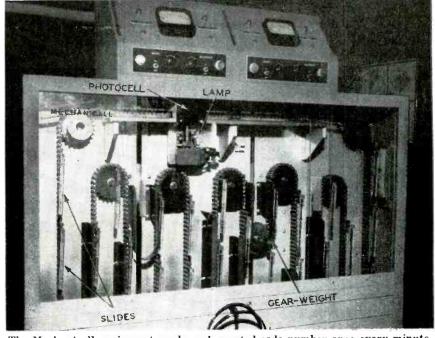
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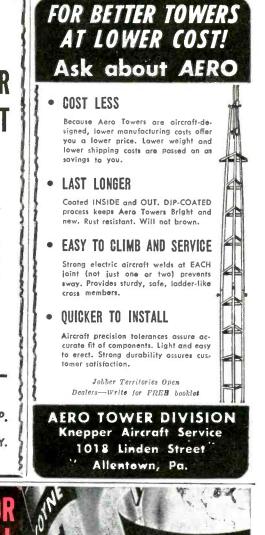
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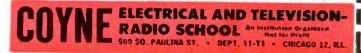
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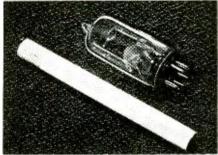
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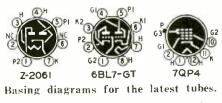
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A temporary organizing committee was formed, with Dave Krantz, of the Federation of Radio Servicemen's Associations of Pennsylvania (FRSAP), as chairman, Max Liebowitz, of the Empire State Federation of Electronic Technicians Associations (ESFETA), as vice-president, and Norman Chalfin, secretary of the Associated Radio-Television Servicemen of New York (City) (ARTSNY), as secretary.

The next meeting was set for January 28, in Washington, D. C. Messrs. Salinger, of the TV Associates, Washington, D. C., and Fisher, of ARTSNY, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the meeting. Invitations will be sent to all known radio and television technicians' associations to send delegates to that meeting, at which the permanent foundations of the new organization will be laid.

The New York meeting, at which 31 delegates were present, was the outgrowth of a move to form a national federation initiated at Binghamton, N. Y., a little more than a year ago by ESFETA, and of parallel action on the part of other associations. Delegates in attendance represented a majority of the New York and Pennsylvania Federations, plus two delegates from the Radio Technicians Guild of Massachusetts, one from Trenton, New Jersey, and one from TV Associates of Washington, D. C.

N. Y. HAS LECTURE SERIES

Winter lecture series of the Empire State Federation of Electronic Technicians was inaugurated in late October with a lecture in New York City by John F. Rider. The second N. Y. C. lecture, on November 2, was by Walter H. Buchsbaum, Editor of the Television Clinic in RADIO-ELECTRONICS.

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N. J. TELECONTRACTORS FORM NEW ASSOCIATION

To protect the public from poor television servicing, 14 service organizations of northern New Jersey have formed the Television Contractors Association of New Jersey. Managing di-rector of the group is Walter Ferry, former sales manager of D. W. May, G-E, and Westinghouse.

TCA members will be certified and their work will comply with local codes and industry standards. The group will start a campaign to educate the public to the advantages of doing business with members. Set owners are invited to register all complaints with the TCA. If the complaints are justified, the TCA will use legal means to force the offending service contractor to comply with the contract. The suit will be in the name of the person making the complaint, but the association will bear the cost.

Membership in the TCA of New Jer-sey is open to all TV contractors who have a place of business operating on a full-time basis. The initiation fee is \$50 and additional assessments will be made at a later time.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO HEARS HUGH A. WHITE

The North Central Ohio's Radio and Television Technician's Association heard Hugh A. White, sales service engineer for the Radio Tube Division, Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., at a meeting sponsored jointly by the Association and the Burroughs Radio Co.

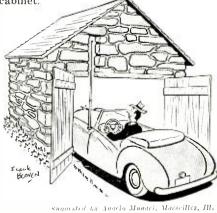
Mr. White discussed six problems of television receiver servicing: comparison of similarities and differences in radio and television receivers; test patterns and their use in frequency analysis; electrostatic and electromagnetic deflection sweep circuits; direct and indirect synchronizing circuits; and the use of test patterns for testing TV sets. He concluded his talk with a question period.

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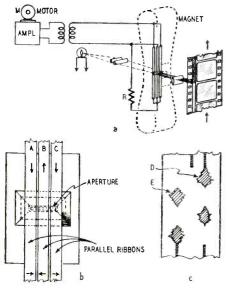
The meaning of the third sentence in the first column of the "Television Service Clinic," in the December issue, was altered through transposition of words. This sentence, beginning on the eighth line, should read-In many cases a switch from a 10- to 12-inch picture tube can be made without changing the cabinet.



PUSH-PULL FILM RECORDING Patent No. 2,511,199

John G. Frayne, Pasadena, Calif. (assigned ta Western Electric Ca., Inc.)

This is an improved recording system for class B_s bilateral push-pull tracks. In a class B variable size track, the film positive is almost completely opaque during silent periods. This reduces noise level. The bilateral push-pull feature requires two parallel tracks. Each track records and reproduces alternate half-cycles of the fundamental frequency.



A single aperture is used in this new system. A steady light source is focused through the aperture to expose the moving film. See part "a" of the figure. The beam is modulated by metal ribbons arranged to vibrate in front of the aperture. The center ribbon is in a plane just in back of the other two so it can move without clashing with them. The ribbons are in a strong magnetic field and the current from an a.f. amplifier flows through them.

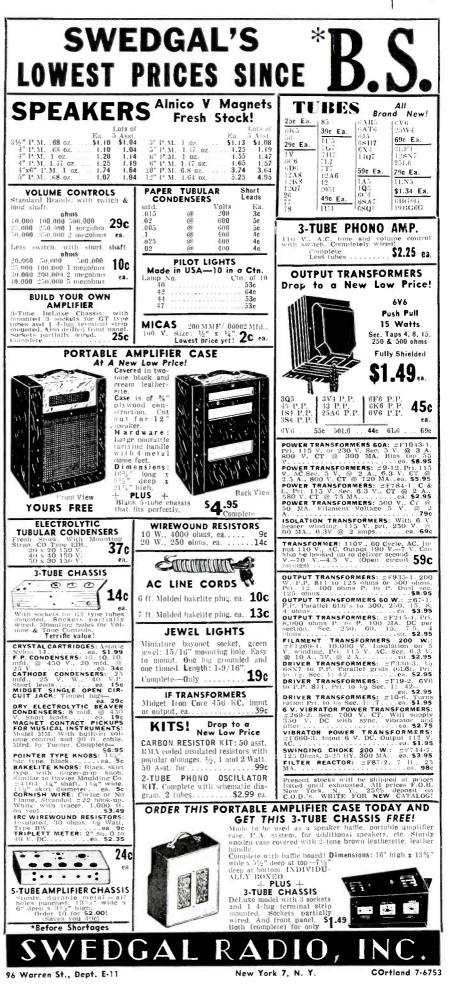
Normally the ribbons are adjacent to each other so that almost all light is masked off. At some particular instant while sound is impressed on microphone M, currents may flow through the ribbons as shown by vertical arrows in part "b" of the figure. There is a reaction between the magnetic field and these currents which sets the ribbons in motion. At this particular instant the ribbons may tend to move in the direction of the horizontal arrows (part "b"). Ribbons "A" and "B" overlap and mask off all light from the track on the left. "B" and "C" separate and expose the track on the right. As these ribbons vibrate they produce an area such as "D" in part "c" of the diagram.

During the next half-cycle, ribbons "B" and "C" overlap and mask off the light beam. At the same time "A" and "B" move apart and produce an area such as "E" at "c". Complete modulation results when each ribbon moves a distance equal to one-fourth of the aperture length.

Resistor R equalizes the ribbon currents so that the audio signal current flowing through ribbon "B" will have the same value as the current in the other two ribbons, but flow in the opposite direction.



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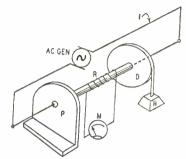
New Patents

TORQUE MEASUREMENT

Patent No. 2,511,178 Herbert C. Roters, Roslyn, N. Y. (assigned to Fairchild Camera & Instrument

Corp.) This invention is based on a magnetostrictive effect. The rod R made of a magnetic material such as nickel alloy is fixed to a plate P. At the other end of the rod a disc D is arranged to carry weight W а

The rod is magnetized by a.c. flowing through it. This current is indicated as I. If the weight is taken off, there is no torque on the rod. Under this condition I produces magnetic lines of force which are circular around the rod. Since there is no component of magnetism parallel to the rod. no flux cuts the coil of wire and the meter M shows no deflection.



When a torque is present, the circular magnetism is distorted and the flux lines become helical around the rod. This is known as the inverse Wiedeman effect. This magnetic component parallel to the rod induces a.c. into the coil and M deflects. The induced current is directly proportional to the torque on the rod.

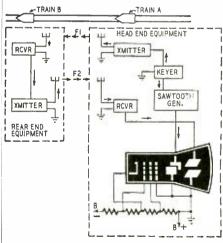
This effect is useful in many ways because it permits measurement of a force which does not produce actual motion.

RAILROAD SIGNALLING SYSTEM

Patent No. 2,509,331 Paul M. Brannen, Duquesne, Pa.

(assigned to Union Switch & Signal Co.) Adding to the safety of railroad travel, this invention is an imp ovement over the usual block signal system because it indicates actual distance between trains. The illustration shows two trains A and B running in the same direction on the same track.

The first car of A is equipped with the appa ratus shown on the right. A keyer modulates the transmitter. It also controls the sawtooth generator which provides the horizontal sweep for the oscilloscope. The transmitter radiates pulses at a high frequency Fl.



The last car of train B is equipped with a receiver and transmitter as shown on the left. The pulses from A are picked up and passed on to the transmitter which re-radiates them on a second high frequency F2. Train A picks up the signal which appears as a pip on the oscilloscope. As in radar the exact distance between trains is indicated on the screen.

This equipment has been found effective at dis-tances up to about 3,000 yards.

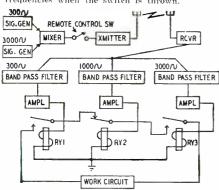
New Patents

SECRET REMOTE CONTROL

Patent 2,513,342

Charles J. Marshall, Dayton, Ohio. (assigned to the United States of America os represented by the Sec'y of the Army) Remote circuits are here controlled by radio to insure secrecy and prevent operation due to false or interfering signals. As an example, bombs may be released from several airplanes simultaneously by a squad leader. It is obvious that the circuits must be guarded against random noise or enomy transmitter signals.

The transmitter and receiver may be conventional equipment. The transmitter is located at the control point. It is modulated by two audio frequencies when the switch is thrown.



At each receiving location separate narrowband filters are tuned to the modulating frequencies. Their output is amplified and connected to relays RY1 and RY3. A third channel, tuned to 1,000 cycles, feeds RY2. Note that this relay is normally *closed*.

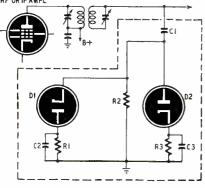
When the control switch is thrown, RY1 and RY3 contacts are closed. If no 1,000-cycle signal is present, R2 remains closed. The work circuit, for example a bomb release, is operated. If random noise or a voice signal is intercepted, it is quite likely to include 300, 1,000, and 3,000 cycles. In that case all three relays will operate. Since the RY2 contacts will open, the work circuit does not function.

NOISE SUPPRESSOR Patent No. 2,512,637 Richard E. Frazier, Dayton, Ohio. (assigned to the United States of America as

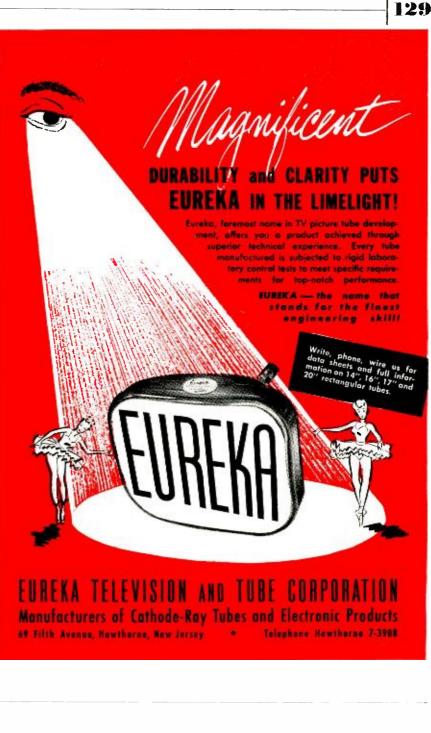
represented by the Sec'y of War) As the noise amplitude increases, this suppressor, shown within a dotted box becomes increasingly effective. The diodes may be within a single the endown of the normal between the training of the second

ingly effective. The diodes may be within a single tube envelope or they may be twin metallic rectifiers. The suppressor is connected across an r.f. or i.f. circuit. C1 is chosen for low reactance at signal frequency. R2 is relatively large. The time constant

quency, R2 is relatively large. The time constant of the combination R1-C2 and R3-C3 is much higher than the period of the signal. **RF OR IF AMPL**



The input polarity determines which of the diodes conducts. With normal r.f. (or i.f.) signal both diodes conduct. C2 and C3 charge to an average potential and slowly discharge through their respective resistors. The capacitor charge is opposite and nearly equal to the constant signal input so there is little loss by shunting through the tubes. In the presence of a noise pulse, either D1 or D2 conducts more heavily. Temporarily the input exceeds the average capacitor potential and the input is effectively shorted to ground.









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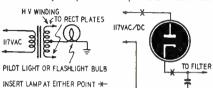
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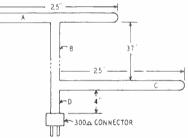


screw type is best in most equipment but an ordinary flashlight bulb will give sufficient protection. Simply wire the socket in series with the center tap of the high-voltage winding of the power transformer in series with the plate or cathode of the rectifier in a transformerless receiver. The drawings show where the bulbs may be inserted.-Eric Leslie

BUILT-IN TV ANTENNA

Constructed of 300-ohm ribbon line and designed for installation in TV receiver cabinets, this all-channel antenna is described in U.S. patent No. 2,514,-992, issued to Charles R. Edelsohn.

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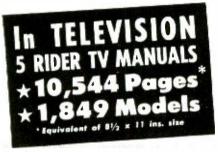
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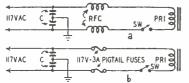
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B-D with a half-wave shorted stub C inserted in one leg. The stub, being one-half wavelength at the frequency of dipole A, has no effect on the performance of the transmission line or antenna at that frequency.

On the low band, the combined length of stub C. the 37-inch line B, and antenna A form a folded dipole for the low band channels. Section D of the transmission line is not symmetrical so it should be kept short. A length of 4 inches is satisfactory.

HALLICRAFTERS 745 TV SET

Early production models of the Hallicrafters model 745 and similar sets use the a.c. input circuit shown at "a" in the drawing. The r.f. chokes in the a.c. line are wound with wire of approximately No. 24 gauge. The voltage drop is approximately 2.5 volts across each choke. This loss in line voltage affects the performance of the set when line voltage is low. Furthermore, these chokes burn out or open when circuit troubles cause excessive



primary current. A shorted damper tube, low-voltage rectifier tube, filter capacitor, or coupling capacitor to the horizontal output tube can cause this trouble.

Performance under low line-voltage conditions is improved and the power transformer protected against shorts and overloads by replacing these chokes with 3-ampere Slo-Blo pigtail fuses as shown at "b."—*Hubert L. Frazier*

VIBRATING TV ANTENNA

The reflector of my TV antenna would vibrate when the wind was high. This vibration could be felt all over the house and caused an annoying poise.

l eured the trouble by tying a piece of wire from the ends of the reflector to a point on the boom behind the radiator. This did not affect the picture and the antenna seemed to pick us less noise.— *Arthur Schweitzer*

(Using wire as a tie-down may affect the performance of some antennas. If it does, try using prestretched nylon cord or rope.—Editor)

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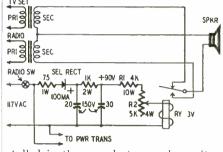


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Tonal quality of the average table model TV set is often unsatisfactory because of the size and placement of its speaker. This circuit shows how the a.f. output of a TV set can be coupled into a console FM or AM radio to take advantage of the larger speaker and better baffling. The circuit is arranged so the speaker is coupled to the set that is in operation.

Replace the output transformer in the TV set with a husky universal type. Select the secondary taps to match the impedance of the large speaker or use those which provide the best tone. A small a.c.-d.c. type power supply is in-OUT TRANS (2)



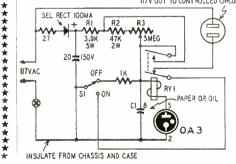
stalled in the console to supply excitation current for the change-over relay. This supply develops approximately 90 volts d.c. R1 and R2 drop the voltage to between 2.5 and 3.5 for the 3-volt relay. Any small s.p.d.t. relay requiring not more than 90 volts can be used by making appropriate adjustments in the values of R1 and R2.

If you pick up a surplus relay, be sure to check its resistance and find out how much current it draws before installing it. Some low-voltage jobs have a low-resistance coil which may draw an ampere or more. Make sure that the current drain can be met by the power supply.

The diagram shows that the speaker connects to the TV set through the normally closed contacts of the relay. The relay is energized and the speaker switches over when the console set is turned on.—Olaf W. Bailey

SIMPLE TIMER CIRCUIT

This darkroom timer is simpler than most electronic timers. With the controlled unit plugged into the receptacle. throw S1 to OFF to remove any residual charge on C1. Throwing S1 to ON removes the 1,000-ohm short circuit from C1 and at the same time energizes the output receptacle through the normally closed contacts of the relay. C1 begins to charge up through R1, R2, and R3. When the voltage across C1 reaches 100 117V OUT TO CONTROLLED CIRCUIT



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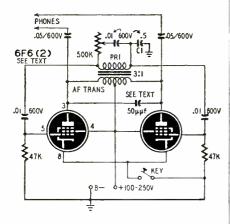
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or so, the 0A3 fires, allowing C1 to discharge through the relay and pull in its armature. The normally open contacts lock the relay closed by shorting R2 and R3, leaving only R1 in series to limit the current to approximately 30 ma. The normally closed contacts are then open, and the output receptacle is de-energized. The cycle is repeated by throwing S1 to OFF and then to ON each time the controlled unit is to be operated. S1 may be a push button if desired. RY1 must be a lowresistance (several hundred ohms). low-current relay with a light armature for fast operation. If a relay with the indicated contact arrangement is not available, a s.p.s.t. sensitive relay may be used to control a more rugged relay with the necessary contacts. The 1,000ohm resistor prevents a spark at the contacts when the switch is thrown to OFF. R2 limits the maximum current through R3. The values of R3 and C1 shown cover a range of approximately 3 to 30 seconds, but other values could be used for different times. C1 must be fairly large so that the relay will close positively when the 0A3 fires. Richard H. Houston, W3MAX

NOVEL CODE OSCILLATOR

This code oscillator uses a modified multivibrator circuit which gives it a richness of tone easy to listen to throughout long practice sessions. C1 governs the range of frequencies covered by varying the setting of the 500,000-ohm potentiometer. The frequency and signal voltage go up as C1 is made larger. When it is 0.5 uf, the range is approximately 700 to 1,000



cycles. The 50-µµf capacitor is shunted across the secondary to improve the tonal quality at low frequencies.

The audio-frequency transformer can he any interstage unit that has a step up ratio of three to one and a center tap in the secondary. The frequency will vary somewhat with the size transformer used, but C1 can be selected to give the desired pitch.

The selection of tubes is not critical. The diagram shows pentodes which may be 6L6's, 6V6's, 117L7's, 50L6's, and the like. You can use triodes such as 6C5's, 6SN7's, etc., by omitting the connection for the screen grid. In fact, you can use one triode and one pentode. The circuit will work just as well.-Arthur Manning



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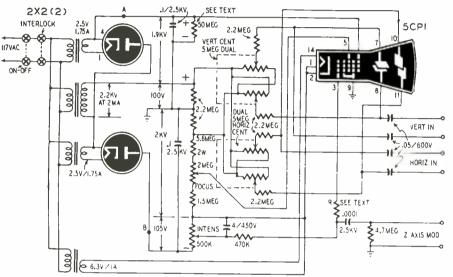
BASIC OSCILLOSCOPE

?. Please print a circuit of a 5-inch oscilloscope, minus amplifiers, and with provisions for intensity modulation. I have a 5CP1 C-R tube, 2X2 rectifiers with heater transformers, and a 2,200-volt, 2-ma high-voltage transformer. I want to use as many of these parts as possible.—J. A., Amcs, Iova.

A. This basic oscilloscope circuit is taken from tentative data on the 5CP1 supplied by RCA. If the voltages supplied by the 2X2's are higher than those shown on the diagram, insert suitable dropping resistors at points A and B. The 50-megohm resistor in the positive supply may consist of five 10-megohm, 1-watt resistors connected in series. The filament transformers for the 5CP1 and the 2X2's should be insulated for 2.5 ky or higher.

Take care not to exceed the maximum positive and negative voltage ratings for grid No. 1 when intensity modulation is used. Resistor R limits the positive excursions. Its value should be at least 2,000 ohms for each volt of positive signal voltage.

Dangerous voltages exist in the C-R tube circuits. Pull the line cord, throw



the line switch to OFF, then short the terminals of both high-voltage filter capacitors before working on the set,

ANTENNA MATCHING SYSTEM

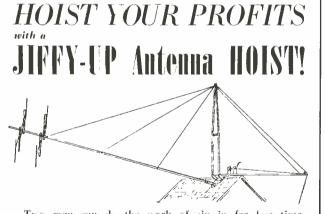
? I have an all-channel antenna which does not work well on channel 13 so I want to connect a channel-13 antenna in parallel with it. How can I connect these 300-ohm antennas so there is no interaction between them? Shouldn't a 150-ohm line be used?--S. R. M., New York, N. Y.

A. Mount the antennas 18 to 24 inches apart. Connect them together with a 48-inch piece of 300-ohm line. Tap this line 12 inches from the high-frequency antenna and connect a 300-ohm lead-in at this point. Connect a 12-inch open stub (made from 300-ohm line) across the terminals of the larger antenna.

Being approximately a quarter wavelength long at channel 13, this stub will short circuit any high-frequency signal on the low-frequency antenna.

The 36-inch line between the longer antenna and the antenna terminal block acts as a three-quarter wavelength stub shorted by the longer antenna so it presents an infinite impedance to high-frequency signals arriving at the lead-in from the smaller antenna.

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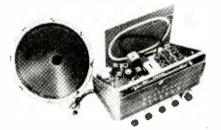
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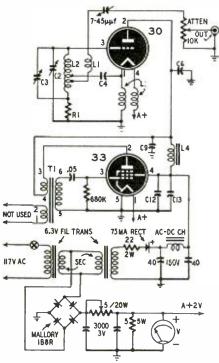


Question Box

BC-222 CONVERSION

? I have a BC-222 radio set which I wish to convert to a signal generator. Please prepare a diagram showing how this can be done. I would also like to have an a.c. power supply.—C. M. E., Graham, N. C.

A. The diagram shows how the unit can be converted to an a.c.-operated signal generator. Components shown with codes are those found in the BC-222. Parts having values given must be added. The tone of the modulator



can be varied by using other resistances in place of the 680,000-ohm resistor in the grid circuit of the 33.

The power supply consists of two 6.3-volt, 3-ampere filament transformers connected back-to-back. The secondary voltage of the input transformer is rectified by a Mallory type 1B8R rectifier or its equivalent. Adjust the 5-ohm resistor so the filament voltage is 2 volts under load. The filaments in this circuit must be d.c.operated so the generator output will not be hum-modulated.



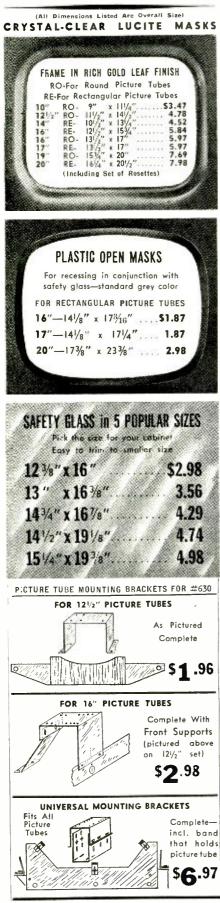
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VIDEO I.F. ALIGNMENT

The test pattern from a local TV station can be used as a convenient signal for aligning the video i.f. circuits of a receiver having separate video and sound i.f. amplifiers.

The vertical and horizontal linearity of the receiver should be good. Turn on the receiver and allow it to warm up before beginning the adjustments. Make sure the set is adjusted for sharpest focus, then adjust it for normal contrast. Beginning at the converter output, peak each i.f. stage for best separation and resolution of the lines in the vertical wedges of the test pattern. A complete alignment of the system will result in maximum picture definition and horizontal detail with minimum distortion and smear .-- Olaf W, Bailey

(If the set has a.g.c., disable it, replacing it with a negative bias of about 3 volts. Bias should be adjustable. A 10,000-ohm potentiometer across a 4.5-volt, C-battery will do the job nicely. -Editor)

WESTINGHOUSE H-600T16

Weak sound accompanied by picture shrinkage is often caused by weak 5U4-G low-voltage rectifiers. Replace one or both to restore the set to normal operation.

If the sound is O.K. and there is no raster on the screen, look for the trouble in the high-voltage circuit. You will probably find that the 6Y6-G is shorted or weak.

A bad or weak 12AU7 vertical multivibrator tube will cause a bright horizontal line to appear on the face of the picture tube. Try replacing this tube.-Michael L. Tortariello

FARNSWORTH MODEL 651P

The set came in with the complaint that the picture had insufficient height. Advancing the height control caused poor vertical linearity. The trouble was traced to the 1-ohm, 60-cycle, 3volt capacitor which bypasses the vertical centering control. The set was restored to normal by replacing this capacitor .--- James J. McNamara

CROSLEY 10-401, -404, -412

Neck shadow on the picture tube in these models and in the 10-414, -416, and -418 may be caused by reversed polarity of the focus coil. Wrong polarity causes the fields of the focus coil and the ion trap to interact to produce neck shadow and make centering difficult.

If this fault is suspected, reverse the current through the coil by interchanging the focus coil leads at the points where they are soldered under the chassis. If centering is easier and neck shadow diminished, and if the angle the focus coil makes with the neck of the tube is nearer 90°, this is the correct connection. When the coil is connected correctly, the current will produce a north pole on the face of the coil nearest the tube socket .- Crosley Service Dept.

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the picture which shows up as a horizontal V pointing toward the center of the picture or a faint milky-white area between the center and left side of the picture, is caused by the horizontal hold control being out of adjustment.

To clear this trouble, turn the horizontal centering control until the lefthand edge of the picture is visible. Adjust the horizontal hold control until the fold-over just disappears. If the extreme top of the picture starts bending or jitter is noticed, adjust the hold control for minimum fold-over with acceptable stability. To find this setting, it may be necessary to readjust the horizontal lock control.

Center the picture with the centering control. Do not at any time use the hold control to center the picture. Sentinel Service Dept.

LATE PHILCO TV SETS

Before tearing into the circuit in an effort to find the cause of insufficient picture height, try replacing the 5U4-G rectifier. When the emission drops off the picture height shrinks. - Milton Margolis

ADMIRAL 20X122 TV SETS

The built-in antenna fits rather loosely in the cabinets of some models thus causing the picture to distort when anyone walks across the floor or shakes the set. Cure this by taping the antenna firmly to the cabinet with a good adhesive.-Bruce A. Brown

G-E 12T7 TV RECEIVER

Excessive contrast which cannot be reduced to normal with the picture control is probably caused by a shorted capacitor between the first and second sections of the sync amplifier and clipper stage. This is a .01-uf capacitor connected to pin 1 of the 6SL7. If it opens, the horizontal and vertical sync circuits will fail.

Excessive contrast and a shaky picture will result if the 220-auf capacitor at pin 5 of the 6SL7 is open. If the .02-µf capacitor at pin 4 of the 6SL7 is open, bright lines will appear at the top and bottom of the picture.-General Electric Data

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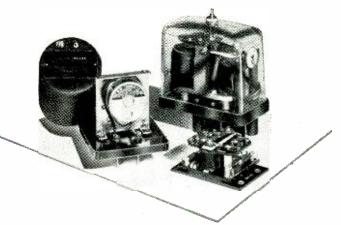
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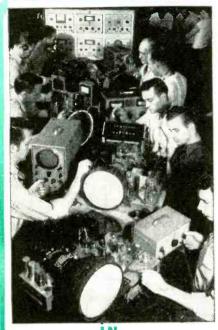
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With this issue the Help-Freddie-Walk Fund reached a total of \$3945.73. This fund, as our readers know, is for two-year-old Freddie Thomason, the Arkansas radio technician's son born with neither arms nor legs.



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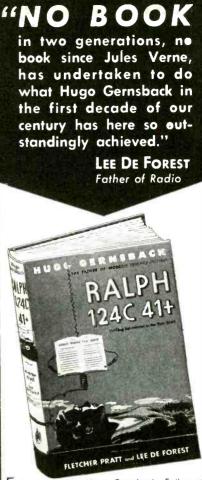
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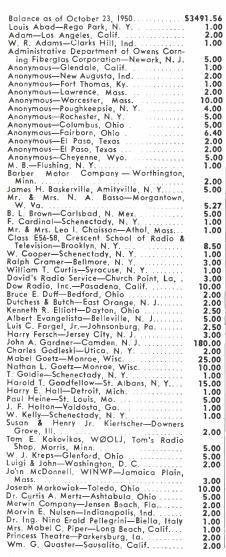
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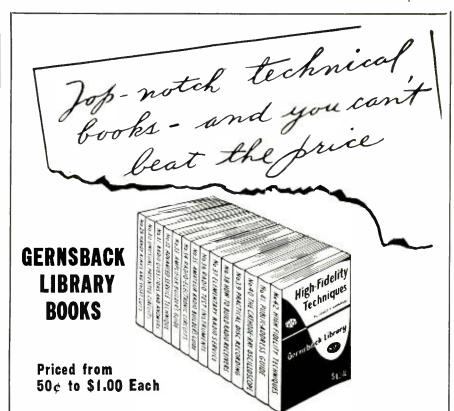


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Correction

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M. A. Acheson, former chief engineer of the SYLVANIA RADIO TUBE DIVISION.

was transferred to the staff of E. Finley Carter, vice president in charge of engineering in New York. R. P. Clausen, former assistant chief engineer, succeeds him as chief engineer. Sylvania also an-

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nounced the appointment of Walter R. Seibert as controller. Mr. Seibert was formerly assistant to the controller.

W. S. Parsons, vice president in charge of sales at the Centralab division of GLOBE-UNION, INC., announced the following promotions: Wickham Harter to

sales manager of mechanical-electronic products, including the sales activities of the variable resistor and switch divisions; **Douglas Thatcher** to sales manager of ceramic-electronic



products; and Robert A. Mueller to sales assistant to Mr. Harter.

Dr. Irving Langmuir, recently retired associate director of the GENERAL



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more often than once in two years. Dr. Langmuir also holds the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, the Faraday Medal of the British Institute of Electrical Engineers and many other awards.

Glen McDaniel of RCA was appointed Chairman of the RTMA Defense Profits Tax Committee, which will consider effects of the proposed excess-profits tax on the radio-TV industry. Other members of the committee are: Max F. Balcom, SYLVANIA; J. E. Cain, P. R. MALLORY; B. L. Graham, DU MONT; Herbert C. Hamilton, HYTRON; Raymond Herzog, EMERSON; Edward L. Hulse, GENERAL ELECTRIC; W. Myron Owen, AEROVOX; M. G. Paul, PHILCO; Ernest Searing, IRC; Robert C.



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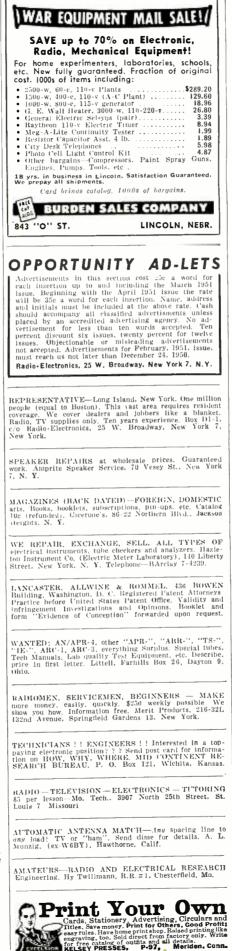
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Lawrence C. F. Horle, prominent in the standardization of radio enginering and equipment, died in St. Barnabas Hospital, Newark, N. J., at the age of 58. Mr. Horle was best known for his work in the field of standardization of terminology and ratings. He was a past president of the IRE and more recently chief engineer and director of the data bureau of the RMA (now RTMA).

Personnel notes

... Charles Edward Wilson, president of GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., was named by President Truman to the 24-man National Science Foundation for the encouragement of basic research.

... Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff was appointed national chairman of the 1951 Red Cross Fund Campaign.

Larry F. Hardy, president of PHILCO'S radio and television division, was elected chairman of the RTMA Public Relations Committee.

... Charles W. Creaser and Kenneth S. Brock were appointed special products sales manager and commercial sales manager of WORKSHOP Asso-CIATES, INC.

... Shannon C. Powers was named general sales manager of RUSSELL ELEC-TRIC CO., a subsidiary of RAYTHEON MANUFACTURING CO.

... C. M. Breckenridge was appointed assistant to the controller of the SIMP-SON ELECTRIC CO.

... Owen K. Lindley and James H. Sweeney were named sales managers for electronic heaters and germanium diodes in the commercial equipment division of GENERAL ELECTRIC.

Dr. Vladimir K. Zworykin, vice president of RCA LABORATORIES, was awarded the 1950 Progress Medal of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, the society's highest award, for contributions in a new field.

John Wood and William Newitt have joined the engineering staff of ELECTRO-VOICE, INC.

... Hulbert C. Tittle was promoted to assistant chief engineer of the Radio & Television Division of SYLVANIA ELEC-TRIC PRODUCTS in Buffalo, N. Y.



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I wish to give you my heartfelt thanks for all you have done, especially your recent editorial, "Manufacturers rs Service Technicians," and hope that you will continue.

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SEPARATE MEN FROM BOYS? Dear Editor:

Those technicians who argue that there are too many articles on TV in your magazine make me think of those who argue against the code test as a requirement for an FCC license. If these groups of people would expend one-tenth the energy in studying TV or code that they waste in fighting it, they would get off much easier and know a lot more to boot. Moreover, they would be increasing their earning power and enabling themselves to stay in the electronics field instead of being "washed out" and relegated to repairing electric irons and 117-volt cords.

On the other hand, it may be just as well. TV, code, etc., may be the instruments by which the men in electronics are separated from the boys!

PETER N. SAVESKIE

Baton Rouge, La.

CORRECTION

The value of resistor R7 was not given on the diagram of the remote amplifier on page 26 of the October, 1950, issue. This resistor is a 150,000ohm, 1/2-watt unit. The value of R8 is incorrect on the diagram. The correct value is 50,000 ohms, 10 watts.

We thank the author, Mr. R. G. Finkbeiner, for this correction. The author of the article "A High-

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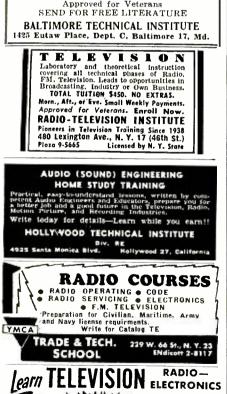
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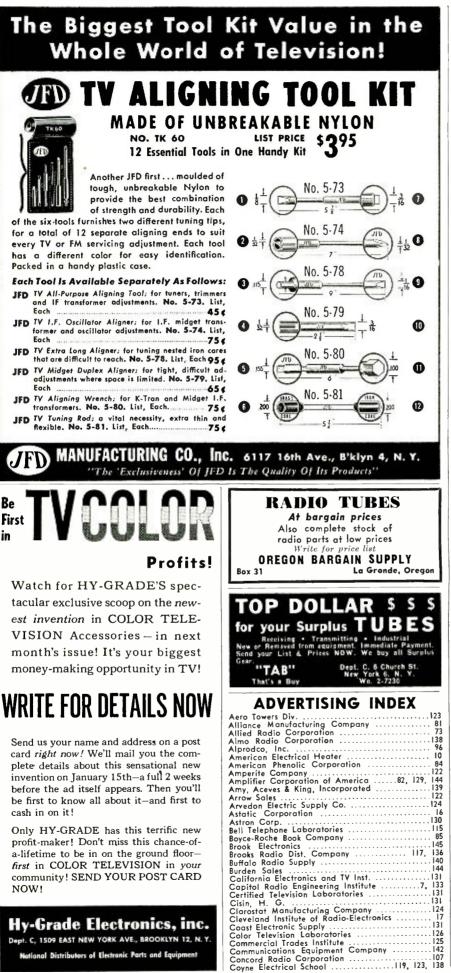
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