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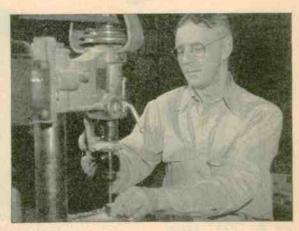
Though the war news is good ... and getting better every day ... the men and women of Meissner's famed "precision-el" haven't let down. As you can see, in the photographs on this page, they devote the same concentration to their work now as they did when the going was tough. This stick-to-it-iveness is one more reason for Mt. Carmel's rapid rise to prominence as one of the centers of an exacting industry, electronics.



They Listen to a news broadcast during their lunch hour. Then it's back to work with a determination to equal military victories with new production records on the home front... without loss of Meissner quality.



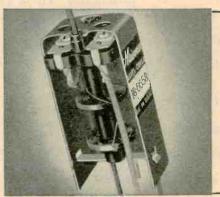
"Precision-el" at Work. They're building Meissner quality into this vital electronic war material. After victory that same pride in a job well done will give new meaning to Meissner's slogan, "Precision-built by Precision-el."



His Skilled Fingers have mastered many of the secrets of electronics. After victory, he and many of Meissner's "precision-el" like him will pass this knowledge and tradition of precision to a new generation.



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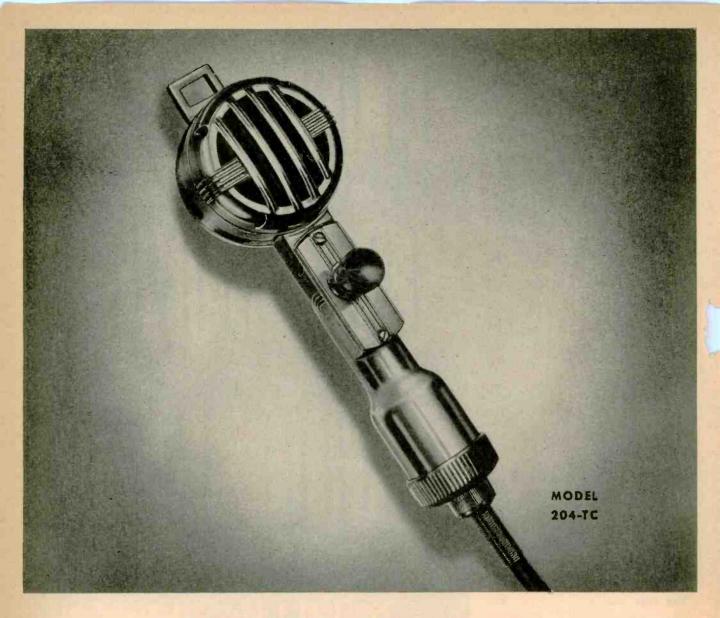
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TECHNICAL DATA

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FREQUENCY RESPONSE: 200-7500 Cps.

OUTPUT LEVEL: Into 50 ohm input; 44 db below 6 milliwotts for 100 bar signal.

SWITCH: Type "L" Press-to-talk. Vertical toggle with snap action.

CORD: 6 feet long. Rubber jocketed.
2 Conductor and shield.

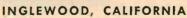
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SHIPPING WEIGHT: 2 pounds.

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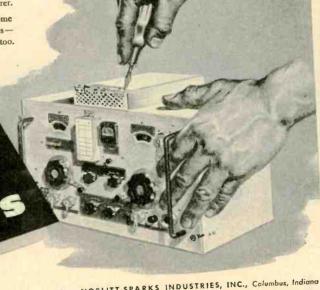
Top Flight Craftsmen — with years of radio experience before and during the war - will build the ARVIN Radios you've ordered from your distributor, just as soon as possible, as explained to your customers in the magazine page reproduced below, from a current issue of The Saturday Evening Post . . .

Top Flight Craftsmen

WILL BUILD YOUR ARVIN RADIOS-LATER

These are the skilled hands of an Arvin Top Flight Radio Craftsman. All the radios they are producing now go to warprecision-built fighting-radios like the one you see here. But some fine day they'll make Arvin Top Flight Radios for your home.

- ▶ For many years before the war, Arvin craftsmen made good, dependable home radios - more than 500,000 the last peacetime year. In days to come, they'll use their skill and long experience to build even better radios-and a broader line of models for you to choose from.
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- ▶ The day is coming when you can radio-furnish your home completely and economically with Arvin Top Flight Radiosupstairs, downstairs, all through the house and outdoors, too. You'll hasten the day by buying more War Bonds.



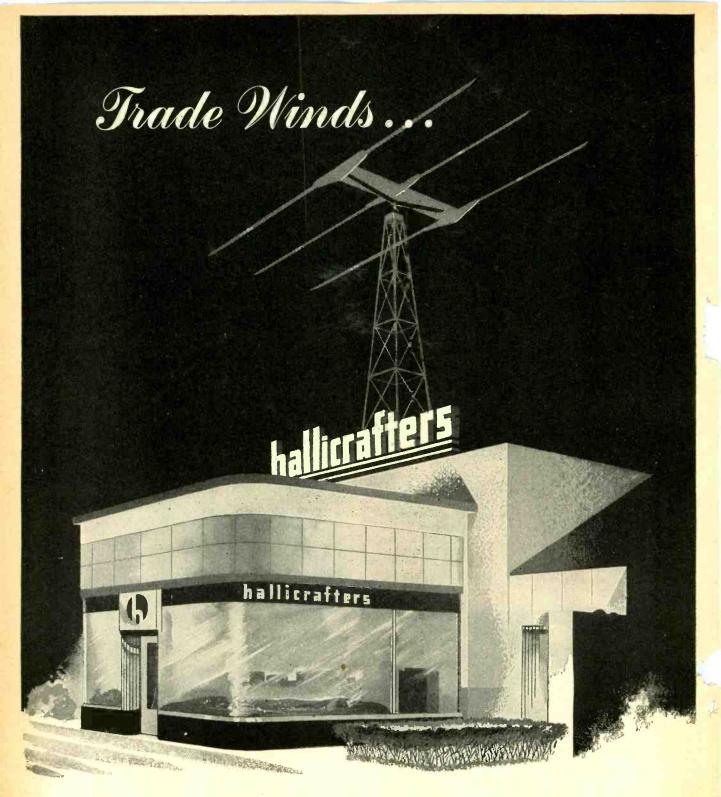
Products to come from NOBLITT-SPARKS INDUSTRIES, INC., Columbus, Indiana "ARVIN Radios, Metal-Chrome Dinette Sets, Metal Outdoor Furniture, Electric Heaters, Appliances, Laundry Tubs, Car Heaters and Other Equipment for Homes and Cars.











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developments in the field of high frequency receivers and transmitters for use on land, at sea and in the air, will assume a very important place in the total radio picture. Radio distributors now testing the trade winds will keep a weather eye on Hallicrafters – for exclusive developments ready to fit into the widely expanding markets.

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Yes, metal tubes save trouble from the word "go." Even when you're just testing tubes, metal types are easier to take out and put in... without fooling with clumsy shield cans.

We hope it won't be long until plenty of RCA

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Preferred-Type metal tubes are available again. And they'll be welcome as replacements for unshielded glass types. For, the time metal tubes save in servicing means more money to you... bigger, better profits and more satisfied customers.



When new sets start rolling, look for RCA metal tubes in them. Sell your customers the sets you know are easier to service.

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Paging Horace Greeley

RADIOMEN will note with interest the U.S. Census Bureau's recent report on wartime civilian and military population shifts. Between April 1940 and July 1944 nearly 4,000,000 people entered the South and West zones, 3,000,000 having shifted from the North trading area. Specifically, California's population increased 1,839,602, (a 26.6% rise), while New York State lost 846,252 and Pennsylvania 653,092.

Retailers of commodities and technical services are affected by population shifts. Those who are located where population has dropped nat-

urally have lost a certain amount of potential. And dealers located where big population gains are recorded may assume that they will have more prospects for their wares.

Experts have studied the matter to ascertain whether the shifts, many of which are due to wartime exigencies, will affect markets postwar. It is agreed that a vast number of migrators, having seen new spots, have come to like 'em well enough to stay put. Big cities in America will lose. Re-phrasing that World War I song hit, "It'll be easy to keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Broadway and the many gruesome battlefields".

The Customers Always Write

IN a recent issue of "RSD" we ran an article describing how radio service dealers could easily and profitably modernize auto radios belonging to law enforcement officers so the sets would bring in police signals as well as broadcast band programs. That the suggestion "clicked" is proven by the heavy volume of mail saying, "Thanks".

Our mail also indicates that many honorably discharged war vets, who prior to induction were

not engaged in radio, now plan to or have already come into the field either as dealers or technicians. So, while the replacement parts and tube shortage remains acute — perhaps the trained technician manpower shortage will ease up a bit. Set owners may soon have to wait only three weeks to get a set repaired. You can tell your customers, if they gripe, that despite priorities over 10% of New York City's police cars now roost idly in depots because their radios are on the blink and can't be made to operate because of some sort of shortage.

The "BIG DAY" Approaches

DURING February and March we traveled 14,000 miles, covered 41 States, much of Mexico and South America to learn what's going to happen when war pressure eases up sufficiently to allow resumed production of civilian commodities such as radios and electrical appliances. That big day is fast approaching.

We find that the public is avidly anxious to buy all types of radios and appliances. Besides wanting new items the public wants to have its defective units repaired, too. All manufacturers know, from their field representatives, how terrific the potential market is. And manufacturers expect to be able to meet the demand for tubes, parts, sets and appliances without great diffi-

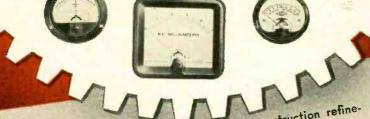
culty. Many set makers are confident that they will be able to reconvert so quickly, they will be able to have civilian items on the production line before war orders are finished. Some even expect to make deliveries to distributors within 60 days after being given the green light.

Radio-appliance manufacturers are skilled merchandisers. They make mistakes on occasion but they seldom miss opportunities like that which lie ahead. If service dealers plan as soundly as manufacturers, sailing will be smoother for all.

S.R. Loward

MARION INSTRUMENTS





War requirements, plus our own design and construction refinements, now provide industry with instruments of heretofore unknown ments, now provide industry with instruments of heretofore unknown highly spements, now provide industry with instruments of heretofore unknown ments, now provide industry with instruments of heretofore unknown are geared to use our highly spements. As new needs arise, we are geared to use our highly specialized, yet diversified, knowledge in solving any measurement problem.

Solid Alnico magnets

Beryllium copper frames

Sintered soft iron pole pieces

Very high torque movements

Our engineering department welcomes inquiries—
especially those demanding extra-critical instruments for special applications.



In & around the Trade

Being a condensed digest of production, distribution and merchandising activities in the radio and appliance trade.



Two-way Motorola FM radio employing a wavelength of 118.65 mc. is now in use by Cleveland's Yellow Cab Company, to direct and control operations of fleet. One hundred additional cabs will be equipped pending permission by the FCC. Remote control station in dispatcher's office transmits messages to cabbies on the go. Power of 15 watts is used for both mobile and fixed transmitters.

Short-Cut Service Methods

Service dealers and industrial engineers who attended the meeting held recently in the newly opened Jamaica, L. I., branch of Harrison Radio Co., witnessed a number of demonstrations of modern test equipment operation.

RCA's L. A. Goodwin, Jr., gave a talk on present day problems of test equipment procurement and availability to servicemen. A. Liebscher spoke on



James L. Fouch, Jr., president Universal Microphone Co., makes his annual report at San Francisco meeting of the executive council of the West Coast Electronic Manufacturers Association.

modern radio service testing technique. He showed for the first time in public a new meter made with a one piece plastic front and designed for use with the RCA VoltOhmyst.

Another "first" was the exhibition of the new Type 170-A Audio Chanalyst, a complete sound system portable test bench. Employing the Dynamic Demonstrator and the Radio Chanalyst, a new method of bridging a test signal around defective components was demonstrated. Short-cut methods of dynamic testing were discussed. This, in keeping with the theme of the meeting, illustrated the possibilities of speeding trouble shooting with modern test equipment.

West Coast EMA

At its recent meeting, Mr. L. W. Howard was elected vice-chairman of the Los Angeles Council of the West Coast Electronic Manufacturers Association. Mr. Howard is vice-president in charge of engineering and sales, Peerless Electrical Products Co., 6920 McKinley Avenue, Los Angeles 1, California. Other officers elected were Mr. Howard Thomas of Packard Bell Co., chairman, and Mr. James L. Fouch, Jr., of Universal Microphone Co., treasurer.

Meck Anticipates

John Meck Industries, Inc., of Plymouth, Indiana, announce that they have now reached 100% occupancy of the buildings which they own there. Up to the present, manufacture of electronic war materiel has only occupied 60% of the floor space. By continuing in war production and occupying the remaining 40%, the company expects to be able to set up production lines which can be converted within 60 days of the resumption of unlimited civilian production and will be able to turn out 2000 home radio sets

The Chicago expediting office is now located at 35 East Wacker Drive under the direction of Fred Arnold. At the end of the war, this office will beome the firm's Chicago sales office and showroom.



Five Sparks-Withington plants receive Army-Navy "E". Presentation by Maj. Gen. W. H. Harrison, Chief Signal Corps Procurement, to Harry G. Sparks, president of the company.

New Guide Book Features "Must" Parts

Concord Radio Corporation of Chicago and Atlanta (formerly Lafayette Radio Corporation) has just published a comprehensive 68-page Guide Book of special interest to every user of radio parts and electronic equipment. Issued in a period when new products and improvements on old products are born almost every day, and when availabilities are never the same from hour to hour, the Concord Guide Book is exceptionally valuable in bringing the parts and equipment buyer up to date on what is new and on what is obtainable quickly.

This book features hundreds of "must" items available immediately in single units or in large quantities. It lists and offers standard lines of condensers, resistors, transformers, tools, testers, tubes, and other essential com
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V-E DAY

Put yourself in the shoes of that friend of yours who is now a combat infantryman fighting Japs. How is he going to feel To All Hytron Employees:

Sure, he is going to be pleased and proud that the Nazis have got the thrashing they asked for -- but his joy in that victory is going to be overshadowed by the grim realization that he has a long, hard fight shead. on V-E Day? that he has a long, hard fight ahead.

All of us at Hytron will have a tough job ahead, too, after Victory in Europe. The production demands of the Navy alone for the Jap war are staggering. The tubes we are producing will go far toward making possible the bombing raids, the will go far toward making possible the bombing that will bring bold fleet actions, the many invasion thrusts that will bring Japan to her knees.

GI Joe will have no time out for celebrations. He doesn't want that now. He wants to finish the job, so that he may come home and join with us all in a real celebration. Japan to her knees.

The management feels that we, too, have no time to spare -will have none to spare until final Victory is won. Hytron plants will not close down on V-E Day.

Those boys overseas expect us to keep on backing them up; the management believes you want to do just that. On V-E the management believes you want to do just that to our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just that our the management believes you want to do just the want to our the management believes you want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to do just the want to our production efforts for final want to

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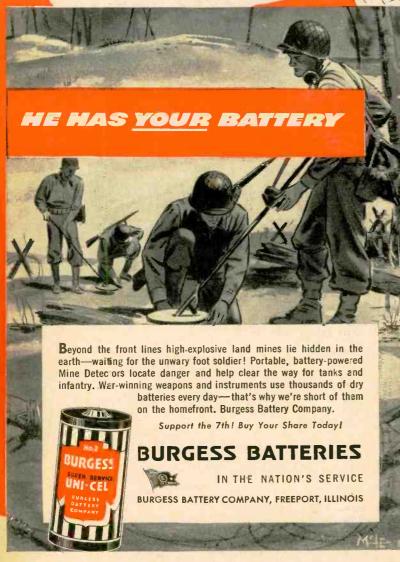
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HOMER 6. SNOOPSHAW says:

"Customers won't need a 'detector' to find the war battery story in this Burgess ad! These ads in 45 magazines and 1,629 weekly newspapers show homefolks how batteries serve Americans overseas!"





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In Trade

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ponents and equipment. A special feature is the 16-page "Special Values" Section.

Radio dealers and technicians can get copies by writing to either of the company's two shipping points—901 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 7, Illinois; or 265 Peachtree Street, Atlanta 3, Georgia.



Thomas F. Joyce Joins

Raymond Rosen of Raymond Rosen & Company, specialty wholesale distributors of Philadelphia, Pa., announces that Thomas F. Joyce has acquired an interest in the company and will act as general manager. He was formerly general manager of the radio, phonograph and television department of the RCA Victor Division of the Radio Corporation of America.

In making the announcement, Mr. Rosen said: "We are particularly pleased that Tom Joyce has become a member of our firm. With the unfortunate death of Albert Slap, one of the founders of the business, it became necessary to have someone to take over Mr. Slap's responsibilities. That is what Tom Joyce is to do. He has had a long and extremely successful experience in all phases of the industry's merchandising activities. He played an important part in the comeback of the record business and the return of the phonograph to public favor. His activities in laying the groundwork for the early postwar large scale commercial development of television have received national recognition.

In commenting on his new association, Mr. Joyce said: "I am happy with my new business association, with Raymond Rosen and Joseph Wurzel, whom I have known for the

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In various sections of the country, servicemen have been active in a movement to have legislation passed for the licensing of radio servicemen. This, they feel, will tend to preserve their prestige in the eyes of the public, and keep radio repairing standards high by assuring that only those servicemen who are qualified be permitted to set up shop.

Many servicemen maintain that such legislation will be of even greater necessity as we approach the postwar years. (Sylvania's survey shows that within 5 or 6 years after the war, the number of radio sets in America will reach 100 million. All of these millions of units are expected to be more complex in construction and will require more of the expert service radio servicemen have been rendering.)

As reports are received referring to impending or passed legislation, this column will carry the information. Meanwhile Sylvania Electric will welcome additional information regarding this movement from radio servicemen or organizations.

Address Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Emporium, Pa.

SURVEY SHOWS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN SERVICEMEN

Future Bright Because of This Widespread Trust and Postwar Increase In Sets

"Does the radio serviceman do a good job?" He most certainly does!

This is one of the outstanding facts revealed by the nation-wide, impartial survey conducted by one of America's leading market research organizations, at the request of Sylvania Electric's Sales Research Department.

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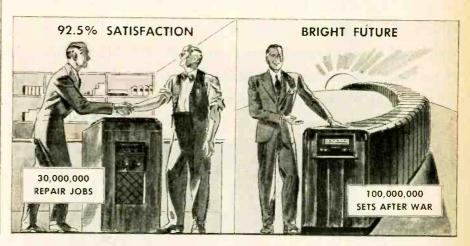
92.5% of the thousands of set owners questioned expressed full satisfaction in the jobs radio servicemen are doing—a highly significant fact when it is considered that repair men are responsible for approximately 30,000,000 repair jobs per year. In addition, of these thousands interviewed, 89.3% said that the serviceman's charge for work is entirely equitable.

These facts show that (1) servicemen have the confidence of the American public; (2) servicemen have obviously exhibited good business sense, have charged "fair" prices—resulting in further establishing a nation-wide feeling of assurance in their work.

POSTWAR OUTLOOK GOOD

There is every evidence, then, that the future of the radio serviceman is bright. After the war there will be more radios to repair (5 to 6 years after—75 million home radios; 25 million auto sets). More shops and more men will be needed (perhaps 30,000 shops in all, employing 90,000 men)—to handle 50 million repair jobs per year!

(Future issues of Sylvania News will report further on this survey.)



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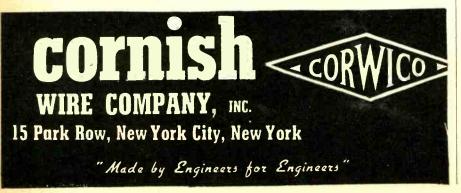
MAKERS OF RADIO TUBES; CATHODE RAY TUBES; ELECTRONIC DEVICES; FLUORESCENT LAMPS. FIXTURES. ACCESSORIES; INCANDESCENT LAMPS



FTER the last enemy lays down his arms... then must follow the fabulous changeover whereby industry diverts production for War into production for Peace.

A critical and an exacting phase!

We at CORWICO are already planning for the transition. Soon millions of tons of basic materials formerly required by our armed forces can be diverted to peacetime uses...including, you may be sure, the fine CORWICO Wires that civilians have so patiently gone without for so long.



In Trade

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past 15 years. While I have had several offers from manufacturers to join their organizations in an executive capacity, all of which I deeply appreciate, the offer made to me by Raymond Rosen & Company makes possible an ambition which I have always had—to be in business for myself.

"Raymond Rosen & Company has played a vital role in building up independent dealerships in Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and Southern New Jersey. It has ambitious plans for strengthening these independent dealerships during the postwar period and in helping qualified ex-service men to establish themselves in territories where dealerships are open. In my new work I will feel that I have been successful if I make a contribution to the success of a program which is so vital to our country—the success of the independent dealer."

From a modest beginning in 1926, the organization grew to the point where, before the war, it was the largest wholesale specialty distributing company in Pennsylvania, and one of the largest in the United States. Among the nationally known lines handled by the company are: Kelvinator and Leonard Refrigerators; RCA Victor Radios, Phonographs and Television Receivers; Victor Records and RCA Sound Systems; Bendix Home Laundry; Eureka Vacuum Cleaners; and American Kitchens.

Railroad Radio

Recent frequency allocations announced by the Federal Communications Commission have paved the way for widespread use of radio communications by the nation's railroads, according to John W. Hammond, communications sales manager of the Bendix Radio division of Bendix Aviation Corporation.

"In allocating wide bands of frequencies for use in end to end train communications," Mr. Hammond said, "the FCC has recognized the successful results of tests conducted for the past year or more with the Baltimore and Ohio, Burlington, Santa Fe and other railroads throughout the nation."

Present indications point to future use of radio communications by 40 or more railroads representing more than 60 per cent of the nation's total mileage. Tests have shown that radio in train operations and terminals can contribute substantially to efficiency and lower costs in transportation.

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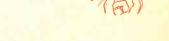
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Ability to produce and merchandise a line successfully calls for wide range of models of all types of radio receivers at fair prices—with delivery timed for best peak selling by dealers.



Joseph Gerl (left) with Ralph Walker at dealer conference called by Sonora distributor Walker-Jimieson in Chicago, Article is based on speech there.

Pointers on

Franchise Selection

by JOSEPH GERL, President Sonora Radio & Television Corp.

T appears that the public will want to buy about 20 million sets as soon as they are available. This figure is based upon nationwide surveys which indicated that within the four years civilian radio production has been stopped, approximately 20 million sets have become obsolete.

It will take a little over two years from the day civilian production is resumed, to meet that vast demand. In that two year period however a new demand for current replacements for another 10 million sets will arise. In the next three years therefore, it appears as if you will be able to sell at least 30 million sets. That means 3 out of 5 radio sets in use will have to be replaced. With such demand for 30 million new sets over the next three years, a sellers market will be created—the like of which has never been seen in the radio industry.

The fact that there will be a demand for millions of radios in the early post war years does not necessarily insure any company or any distributor or any retailer that any

particular brand of radio set will be a leader in the market. Competition will still be an important factor, and quality of merchandise at a reasonable price will still be the guides which the consumer will undoubtedly follow.

Styling and Engineering

The radio business is as style conscious as the ladies' hat business. Every year we must design from 50 to 75 different cabinets with an immense variety of dials. The long-term radio manufacturer must be wary of the many so-called novelty cabinets that have been the graveyard for many radio manufacturers, and have been the source of considerable loss to many dealers. There are few radio manufacturers with sufficient background and experience to enable them to avoid the production of such monstrosities.

Technologically, the radio business is more complex and subject to more changes than the automobile, refrigeration or aviation industries. From

the crystal and cat's whiskers set, to the battery, to the regenerative, to the tuned radio frequency, to the neutrodyne, to the superhetrodyne, to the electric set, to the dynamic speaker, to foreign bands, to phonograph combinations, to record changers, to frequency modulation sets, to wire recording, and now to television marks the rapid shifts in the radio industry.

The radio manufacturer must keep

A SELLERS MARKET

We will not only be called upon to replace old sets with news sets, but advertising has created a tremendous demand for frequency modulation and television. New advertising will create another yearning for recording on wire. All this will swell and augment the desire of the American public for products of our industry.

pace with all these new developments. One false step, one wrong turn, one mistaken delay, and his loss is great while the merchandise becomes a drug on the dealers' shelves. Here again an alert engineering organization is of great importance.

Delivery and Timing

The third factor in the radio business is its seasonability. The manufacturer must design his new sets in January, introduce them in June, build and ship in July. August, September and October, and must have passed on to the trade the bulk of his production by November. He begins production of his spring line again in January. Between these seasons he must lay off a number of personnel, and then must recall them in time to produce the new models.

Any false move in this complicated timing means a loss. Delivering the merchandise too late in the season may mean the liquidation of a good share of the radios at a loss, perhaps of millions of dollars at the end of the season. It is vital therefore that a radio manufacturer must have an intimate sense of "know-how" and understanding of the seasonal characteristics of the industry, to design and produce and deliver his production at the right time and at the right place.



A "point-of-sale" franchise certificate is presented by Crosley distributor Harry Alter to radio and appliance dealer Art Mellich, owner of the General Radio Service Company, Chicago. Looking on: salesman Jim Brandt (left), and sales manager H. C. Huebner (right), both of the distributor's staff.

Advertising and Merchandising

Finally, one of the most essential secrets of sucess of the radio industry lies in a manufacturer's general merchandising policies—how to present and advertise his products to the general public. A manufacturer may be adept at production, he may be a wizard at timing, but if he falls short in merchandising he will soon be a

hasbeen. And experience to build a successful merchandising policy in the radio industry is not acquired in the washing machine business, nor in the electric stove business, or the refrigerator business, or the airplane business. The ability to produce and sell radios successfully come only from long painstaking experience in the radio business.

PRE-TEST RADIO

By "lending their ears" to continuous tests being conducted here by Bendix Radio division of Bendix Aviation Corporation, hundreds of typical radio listeners, ranging from farm workers and business executives, to bobbysock swingsters and symphony patrons, are helping to point the way to new postwar improvements in radio receiver tonal quality.

The tests now being conducted with the carefully selected groups indicate that all types of radio listeners readily recognize differences between new wider range musical reproduction and the former limited range radio reception, according to Leonard C. Truesdell, general sales manager for home radio. Here's the way it is done:

1. Using two instruments, one a pre-war type of receiver and the other a new wide-range receiver, five selections are played for each test group, alternating between the two receivers.

"BUY-APPEAL"

- 2. A vote is taken after each selection for tonal range preference.
- Following the playing of all five selections a vote is taken on tonal range preference for the entire program.
- Both instruments are set at peak bass and treble range for the first part of the test and at equal volume levels.
- 5. In the second part of the test one selection is played with both volume controls set at low volume markings.

Voting is done on forms which are marked by each individual participating in the tests. Truesdell explained that the tests were being conducted to determine listening reaction to new reception developments which will incorporate greatly improved tone quality and a wider range of musical notes in postwar radio sets, in connection with the company's forthcoming line of AM and FM radios and radio-

phonograph combinations.

The tone tests are being conducted by Bendix engineers and marketing and survey specialists as part of a nation-wide program to determine public preferences in radio receivers as well as radio cabinet designs, Truesdell said. "Scientific pre-testing" of all product design and performance features will continue to be a major activity at Bendix Radio. "In styling all of our cabinet designs," Truesdell said, "we will take into careful consideration the likes and dislikes of consumers, by learning from them just what their style preferences are.

"In order to leave nothing to chance, or to the dictum of a few we have retained the expert staff of Opinion Research, Inc., to conduct radio cabinet style clinics throughout the nation. Simulating actual retail show room buying conditions, the style clinics pretest overall cabinet styling and a variety of detail features. The clinics also tabulate and relate preferences as they are affected by costs, thus providing both the manufacturer and the dealer with extremely valuable advance information concerning 'Buy Appeal.'"



Sam "Red" Eisenhower at far end of long bench. Woman doubles in office and on light repairs; full-time man in front. Below: Detailed job-ticket.

Today he has a new bench, 20-feet long, along one wall at which four people can work without crowding, and he also has an auxiliary bench along another wall. At the end of this bench he has facilities for repairing auto radios and has a drive-in right at that spot as well. The service bench is lighted with long strips of fluorescent lighting which has also helped to increase work output.

"We have been able to turn out twice as many radio repairs since we've had the new arrangement," says Mr. Eisenhower. "We can all work longer hours and more efficiently when we aren't crowded or irritable. This arrangement permits one service man to work on two or three chassis at one time without too much lost motion."

Mr. Eisenhower is, by the way, a sixth cousin of General Ike Eisenhower

"Home Front" Eisenhower IS RADIO DEALER

General "Ike" Eisenhower's 6th cousin makes his service bench longer, stretches profits.

by W. SCHWARTZ

WO ideas have helped Sam Eisenhower, owner of Radio Hospital, Rockford, Ill., solve his service problems during a difficult period.

The first of these is the setting aside of one day a week for pickup of heavy radios and one day for their delivery. The second was to enlarge his radio work bench to provide more working room. This resulted in practically doubling the repair work output.

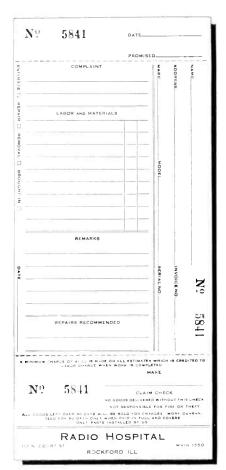
"When I realized that we would have to get along during the war period with the profits we could make from service work," said Mr. Eisenhower. "I decided to limit pickup and delivery of radios for servicing."

Monday is "pickup-day"; and deliveries are made on Saturday. There is neither pickup nor delivery on smaller

models, except in case of invalidism, etc.

"We have been very pleased the way this definite policy worked out," says Mr. Eisenhower. "Everybody knows about it, and it saves us much explanation and arguing with customers who try to get special consideration. It is a fair policy, too, and our customers have cooperated very well."

Mr. Eisenhower studied his service facilities and came to the conclusion that he needed more room in the service department. He observed that with many radios lying about during wartime for lack of tubes and parts, and with the greater volume of business, he and his full-time service man and part-time service man spent too much time looking for extra space or looking for tools.





Survey below is recall of 1941 conditions: over half of service dealers stocked 250 tube types, averaging almost 3 brands per shop. Photo above is 1941 recall of "normal" local service shop tube stock, for resale and service. (Precision Radio Service, North Dakota). In letter to RSD, owner stated: "... In from of shop are plenty of new radios for the customer to inspect while the old set is being repaired..."(!) Added to service equipment shown are portable units: vibrator tester, battery tester, station setter, tube tester and analyzer, etc.

Radio Servicing —

HROUGH widespread acceptance of record players, FM and television a sound past and an extremely bright future for the radio service industry which in postwar years will sell 60 million tubes through 30 thousand shops, employing 90 thousand men, were revealed as a result of a national survey of set owners and repair men by Sylvania Electric Products Inc., as announced by Frank Mansfield, director of sales research. Among the other findings of the survey were that the public is almost unanimous in its high opinion of the radio serviceman; that before the war servicemen completed some 30 million repair jobs per year, selling 30 million tubes in the process.

There are approximately 24,700 radio service establishments in the United States today, employing 60

TECHNICAL FACTS OF RADIO SERVICE AND REPAIR

- 1.40% of all radio repairs can be made with either tubes alone, with mechanical or electrical parts alone, or labor alone, in the following proportions:
 - 52% of all repair jobs require tubes
 - 63% require electrical parts (see text)
 - 31% require mechanical parts
 - 44% involve labor only
- 2. Radio service and repair outlets in prewar sold 30,000,000 tubes annually, but tube inventory poses a difficult problem for them. Many feel that too many types have been required in the past and they blame the set manufacturers.

While 54% of all service dealers stock 250 tube types, 38% stock 300 and 20% stock at least 400—fully 94% of those interviewed said there should be fewer. 89% thought there should be less than 200; 79%, less than 150; and 65% thought 100 types enough.

Despite this feeling the study indicated that the average outlet stocks about 3 brands of tubes. Distribution of these brands by service outlets, and in order of importance, are: RCA, Sylvania, Philco, Tungsol, National Union, Raytheon.

Brand preference was not attributed to price or consignment consideration except by 9% of the outlets interviewed, 58% stated that quality and performance were the prime reason for brand preference.

RADIO SERVICE KEY TO NEW SET SALES POSTWAR

N the opinion of Harold W. Schaefer, assistant manager, Westinghouse home radio division, postwar radio service business will offer a challenging combination of expanded opportunities and new responsibilities. There is the all important job of installing new FM and television sets. In these installations, more than in any other postwar activity, the radio service dealer can be of lasting benefit to the radio industry.

Such installations, properly made, will contribute much to the general and rapid acceptance of these newer radio developments, while unsatisfactory installations will retard acceptance by fostering doubt as to their worth and reliability.

Postwar, FM and television will make more exacting demands on both the manufacturers and the radio service men. Because they operate at much higher frequencies than AM radio, the technical problems of each are greatly increased. This is particularly true of television, since the definitions

of sight are greater than those of hearing.

Manufacturers will have to use higher quality materials and employ cleaner production techniques if they are to build the kind of receivers required by these scientifically-stepped-up services. Radio dealers and their service men, on the other hand, will have to keep abreast of improving installation and maintenance methods. This will require additional investments of time and money to acquire the necessary "know-how" and equipment. But despite costlier operations, both will profit because of vastly expanded demand and opportunities.

Proper antenna installation is the one greatest contributing factor to good FM and television reception. Strict attention to these installations will save the postwar service man a great many headaches, and they should be of little trouble even in view of the contemplated shift from 42-50 mc band to the 84-102 mc band.

In many locations the regularly

built-in set antenna will provide excellent reception. However, in less favorable places it will be necessary to go to outside dipole antennas and, in particularly unfavorable spots, to beam antennas. Every television receiver must have a good antenna system. Often this will require special filters to eliminate electrical interference, or particular placement to cut down reflections.

In the past, because of the relatively few television receivers in use, each antenna became a custom installation. In the future, as postwar production places millions of new television receivers in use, this special treatment will be impossible—and antenna installation will become the everyday job of the radio dealer's service men.

Other jobs facing the postwar television service man will include handling as high as 30,000 volts used on projection cathode ray tubes and the larger diameter kinescopes, and testing and checking the complex optical system employed with projection tubes.

a Growing Opportunity

Latest survey shows postwar radio service business potential 60 per cent greater, through widespread public acceptance of record players, FM, television.

thousand people with specialized skills unknown twenty-five years ago. The survey indicates not only that the public is well satisfied with wartime radio service but that over 90% of all repair men today frequently have to modify circuits due to wartime scarcities. In spite of the complexity of the modern radio receiver, nine out of every ten changes made by servicemen are successful.

Better Service Equipment

Servicemen generally attribute the

need for service to the failure of seven specific components, in the following order of importance: tubes, condensers, power supplies, tuning systems, IF coils, RF coils, and filters. But while tubes are most frequently needed for radio servicing they are not affected by humidity which was cited as a major cause for radio servicing in an average of 44% of the sets serviced throughout the nation. Humidity as a cause of trouble varies in importance in different parts of the country. Measured in terms of sets

serviced, it has been reported as follows: Pacific States 22%; East North Central States 28%; South Atlantic States 61%; and Gulf States 87%.

Mr. Mansfield predicted that there will be 75 million home radios and 25 million automobile radios in use 5 to 6 years after the end of the war. (See "100,000,000 Radio Receivers Wanted", in April issue.) This will mean that there will be an increase of about 5,500 radio service establishments and an increase in employment of about 50%. Stressing the need for more and better equipment for radio servicing he also predicter that this trend will become more urgent with the widespread acceptance of record players, FM and television. To meet these future tube replacement needs he estimated that 60 million tubes annually will be required as compared with 34 million in 1941.

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE RADIO SERVICE FIELD?

There are about 24,700 Radio Service Establishments in the U.S.

They employ a total of about 60,000 radio experts. In less than 25 years this great industry has grown from nothing.

These technicians, found today in nearly every town and village of our country, have mastered the intricacies of one of the most complex developments of modern times—Radio.

WHAT VOLUME DO THEY SELL?

30,000,000 Repair jobs per year.

30,000,000 Tubes—of which 20 million are sold as a part of service.

Millions of condensers, transformers, resistors, vibrators and countless other ports—sold as a part of service.

DOES THE RADIO TECHNICIAN DO A GOOD JOB?

HE MOST CERTAINLY DOES!

92.5% of set owners say he does a good job.

89.3% say charges for work are "fair."

90.4% of radio technicians are making repairs by changing circuits. And these changes are successful in 90.6% of these cases.

THESE MEN KNOW THEIR BUSINESS.

HIS JOB IS COMPLEX

40.5% of the repairs can be made with one of the following: Tubes, Labor, Mechanical Parts or Electrical Parts.

35.6% require two of these factors.

17.2% require three.

6.7% require all four.

MANY REPLACEMENT PARTS ARE REQUIRED

52.2% of the jobs require tubes.

62.9% require electrical parts.

31.1% require mechanical parts.

43.9% involve labor time.

AND THE INVENTORY PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT

IN TUBES ALONE—

54% of radio technicians carry 250 types in stock.

38% carry 300 types.

20% carry over 400 types.

THEY FEEL THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY TUBE TYPES

89% say "There should be less than 200."
79% say "Less than 150."
65% say "Less than 100."

And they lay the blame for the complexity on set manufacturers.

THEY STOCK AN AVERAGE OF 2.8 BRANDS

61.6% stock RCA

47.2% stock Sylvania

45.6% stock Philco

27.7% stock Tung-Sol

17.4% stock National Union

14,8% stock Raytheon

WHY DO SETS FAIL?

The most frequent causes mentioned were—(in order):

Tubes

Condensers

Power Supply

Tuning System

1: F. Coils

R. F. Coils

Filters

THE AVERAGE SHOP IS WELL EQUIPPED NOW

But the need for more and better instruments is recognized by servicemen everywhere. More and better training will be required to handle:

> RECORD PLAYERS F. M. TELEVISION

SIXTY MILLION TUBES WILL BE NEEDED ANNUALLY

(Against 34,000,000 in 1941)

More and more of these tubes will be sold as a part of service. Less of them will move through cutrate outlets.

The distributor can look forward to double his 1941 business in the post-war period.

AFTER THE WAR . . .

There will be more radio receivers to repair. 60 million sets now in use. Five to six years after the war — an estimated 75 million home radio receivers and 25 million auto radio sets. They will be more complex — require more service. More shops and more men will be needed. Perhaps 30 thousand shops in all, employing 90 thousand men, to handle some 50 million servicing and repair jobs per year.

HOW TO RECALIBRATE SERVICE TEST EQUIPMENT

PART 2

Burden of repairing and recalibrating privately owned test equipment rests with radio service dealers themselves as manufacturers engage in full-time war work.

by ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, Aerovox Corporation

Wien Bridge. A simple Wien bridge set up as an audio frequency meter (see Figure 6) may be used to measure audio frequencies in terms of known values of resistance and capacitance.

For its useful operation, this circuit depends upon the fact that the bridge may be balanced for only one input frequency at a time. When R₁ is made equal to twice R₂ and C₁ equal to C₂, R₄ and R₅ will always be equal at null and the input frequency will equal:

$$f_r = \frac{1}{---}$$
(1) 6.28RC
Where R is in Ohms and C in Farads

If it is desired to make the bridge continuously variable and to have it cover the entire audio range, R₄ and R₆ should be the two halves of a dual rheostat. The entire range 20-15,000 c.p.s. may be covered if R₄ and R₅ are each 500,000 ohms and C₁ and C₂ each 0.0133 mfd.

In operation, the unknown frequency is presented to the bridge through the input transformer, T, and the R₄-R₅ combination adjusted for null in the headphones. A sharper null is obtained

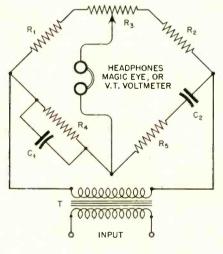


Figure 6

by then adjusting the potentiometer, R_a . A dial attached of R_4 - R_6 may be graduated directly in cycles per second. This calibration may be performed by accurately measuring the resistance of each setting of R_4 and R_6 , accurately measuring the capacitance of C_1 and C_2 , and making computations as indicated by Equation (1). The best calibration of the bridge will be

one made against a good, freshly-calibrated oscillator, however. Increased accuracy of adjustment may be realized by using a high-impedance ac vacuum-tube voltmeter in place of the headphones.

Piano. Audio oscillator dial frequencies may be referred aurally also to notes struck on a critically tuned piano. Notes are chosen whose frequencies correspond to easily-read points on the oscillator dial. Examples are middle C with a frequency of 256, the next highest A at 440, etc., etc.

The oscillator is tuned to the piano note by adjusting the former to "zero beat". This consists of making a final setting to eliminate all waxing and waning between the two tones until they reinforce each other cleanly.

Multivibrators. If the experimenter owns a reliable secondary frequency standard, such as a 100-kc. crystal oscillator, multivibrators may be provided to yield audio calibration frequencies which are subharmonics of 100 kc. The multivibrator output is delivered to one set of oscilloscope plates (see Figure 5), while the audio oscillator output is presented to the other set; and calibration is carried out by means of Lissajou's figures, as explained earlier in this article.

For working data on practical multivibrator circuits, the reader is referred to the article *Theory and Operation*

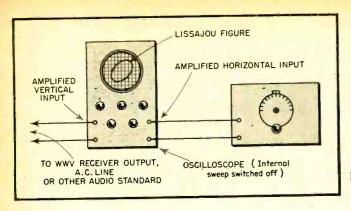


Figure 5

of Multivibrators in the November 1940 issue of the Aerovox Research Worker.

DC Voltage

Drop Across Precision Resistor. When a reliable current-indicating meter (ammeter or milliammeter) is available, together with an accurately known resistor, standard voltages for meter calibration may be produced as voltage drops set up across this resistor by known values of current through it.

A simple circuit for the production of standard voltages is shown in Figure 7. The precision resistor, R₂, is connected to a battery in series with a theostat, R₁, and the current meter M₁. The voltmeter to be calibrated (M₂) is connected across the precision resistor.

As R₁ is adjusted, various values of current flow through the precision resistor and are indicated by the current meter. These currents produce voltage drops, equal to the current meter reading multiplied by the ohmage of the precision resistor.

$$(2) E = IR2$$

Cells. Various cells and batteries, when new, may be employed as practical dc voltage standards. A dry cell from fresh stock may be depended upon to deliver 1.4 to 1.5 volts. A storage cell or battery is much more dependable, however, since 2.06 volts per cell will be delivered by the common lead-acid type as long as the specific gravity of the electrolyte, as tested with a hydrometer, is between 1.300 and 1.200 for most makes.

Bias Cells. Where there will be no practical current drain, as in testing a high-impedance-input dc vacuum-tube voltmeter (like the VoltOhmyst), bias cells, singly or connected in series, may be used to supply calibrating voltage. However, it must be borne in mind that the manufacturer's tolerance on these units is plus or minus 10%

and the 1-volt cell therefore will deliver between 0.9 and 1.1 v.

AC Voltage

AC Line. The ac power line is readily available for use as a calibrating voltage source. By means of a calibrated potentiometer, lower voltages than that of the line may be secured.

Nearly every shop has some means of measuring line voltage with fair accuracy. But in cases where even this is lacking, the line voltage may be assumed to be of the average value common to the community (i.e., 110, 112, 115, etc.) and calibrations made on this basis.

Variac Dial. Experimenters possessing a Variac will find that the direct-reading voltage dial on that device is sufficiently accurate for most practical calibrations of service ac voltmeters where the line voltage is 115.

On the dials of the smaller-model Variacs, RMS voltages between 10 and 130 may be read directly at intervals of 5 volts and may be estimated closely at intermediate 2½-volt intervals.

If higher voltages than the Variac dial-limit are required, a step-up transformer of known turns-ratio should be connected to the Variac. Dial voltage readings will then have to be multi-

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

It is suggested that, whenever possible, all of the servicemen and experimenters in one locality share the expense, labor, and skill necessary to acquiring standards and making calibrations. The calibrating equipment thus becomes group property available to any member desiring to calibrate his equipment. In this way, we believe each individual may benefit by the immediate availability of good standards and that strain on equipment manufacturer and customer alike may materially be reduced.

plied by the turns ratio to indicate the volages delivered by the transformer secondary.

Direct or Alternating Current

Precision Resistor. Calibrating currents of known value may be obtained for checking ammeters, milliammeters, and microammeters by applying a series of known voltages across a series circuit embracing the meter under test and a single precision resistor. The circuit is shown in Figure 8.

The source of voltage, P, is a battery for dc calibrations and is a transformer winding for ac testing. The test circuit includes precision resistor R₂ and the current meter under test, M₁. The precision resistor must be non-inductive if ac calibrations are made. Voltage applied to this circuit is obtained through potentiometer, R₁, and its various levels are indicated by voltmeter M₂. The calibrating current values are then determined by dividing the reading of the voltmeter by the value of the precision resistor:

$$(3) I = \frac{E}{R}$$

Resistance

Standard Resistors. Ohmmeters and resistance bridges are calibrated best by means of resistors of known value. There is no alternative. The serviceman or experimenter should keep on hand several closely-rated resistors which will allow him to check a number of points on his ohmmeters or resistance bridges. In some localities, one individual keeps the standards which may be borrowed, when needed, by any of several other technicians.

Calibrating resistors should be carefully stored, preferably in a cool dry place and in a topped jar containing a sprinkling of calcium chloride, Silica Gel, or similar dessicating agent. The resistors need not be expensive precision units if these cannot be afforded, but may be service-type resistors carefully selected at the supply house and carefully stored between calibrations.

Capacitance

Standard Fixed Capacitors. Standard capacitors will be required for checking microfarad meters, capacitance bridges, capacitance-testing oscillators, and similar instruments. Unfortunately, no substitution is possible in this case.

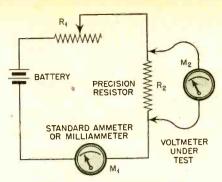
A sufficient number of calibrating capacitors should be provided to allow checking of several points in each range of the instrument. It is not im-

perative that these capacitances be integral values, as long as their true values are known. It is also not necessary that the units be expensive precision standards. Accurately-measured silvered mica capacitors will suffice for all service equipment testing. Larger values may be supplied by oil and electrolytic types.

Several test capacitors of suitable value may be connected around a rotary selector switch to provide an easily switched decade type capacitance standard. For ruggedness, the assembly may be enclosed in a small metal box.

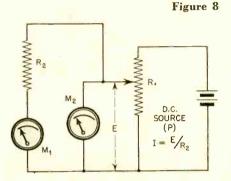
Standard Variable Capacitor. A good adjustable standard for small capacitance values is a case-mounted variable capacitor with a maximum setting of 1000 mmfd., having a dial direct reading in micro-microfarads.

The variable unit may be of the ordinary experimental and radio instrument type, having a total of 43 or so plates. But for best stability, it should have rigid mechanical construction and ceramic insulation.



VOLTAGE DELIVERED TO M2 = READ-ING OF M4 MULTIPLIED BY VALUE OF R2

Figure 7



The capacitor must be calibrated beforehand at as many dial points as practicable. If the experimenter does not have access to a bridge or other source for calibrating this variable standard, a reasonably accurate capacitance calibration may be made in terms of frequency in the following manner:

A single-layer coil is connected in parallel with the capacitor to provide a resonant circuit, and this coil is coupled to the output of a freshly calibrated oscillator or signal generator. At any capacitor dial setting, the resonant frequency of the coil-capacitor combination is located with the oscillator. The capacitance at that setting may then be calculated from the equation:

(4)
$$C = \frac{I}{39.4f^2L}$$
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Where f is the resonant frequency in megacycles and L is the inductance of the coil in microhenries

The operation is repeated at a number of dial settings until an adequate direct-reading dial is obtained.

WORKING P-A

The "Radio Bulletin Board", a special program of world-news, war-news and plant-news, sponsored by the Operadio Manufacturing Co., St. Charles, Ill., and broadcast twice daily over radio station WMRO, Aurora, has proven to be an effective method of creating better employee and community relations. The broadcasts are scheduled for Operadio's morning and afternoon rest periods, six days a week. Picked up by radio, the programs are immediately relayed to workers in the two Operadio St. Charles plants through the Plant-Broadcasting system, manufactured by the company.

The popular newscasts, which have been a part of Operadio's personnel program for two years, are made up of late press releases, employee items, news of former workers now with the Armed Forces, and general company information. Each broadcast runs a total of 10 minutes. The "personal mention" feature has proven popular and a steady flow of news items are regularly received from "reporters" in all departments. Entirely new broadcasts are presented each morning and afternoon.

At scheduled intervals throughout the day, the Operadio Plant-Broadcast-

ing system also carries scientifically planned work music programs. Careful time-studies of workers' reactions have shown that work music relieves fatigue, reduces accidents, and minimizes absenteeism. Both Operadio plants also use the Plant-Broadcasting system extensively for "voice-paging" executives and officials.

The programs can be credited with establishing better public relations, since listeners in all communities serviced by WMRO regularly listen to the Operadio-sponsored news reviews.



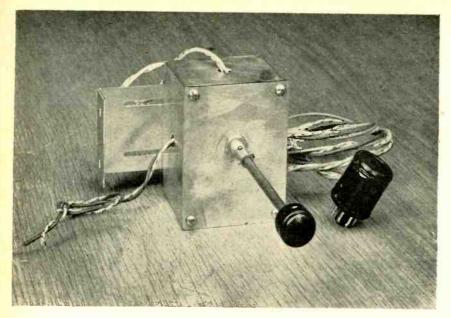


Figure 1

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Fig. 1: The one-tube converter with mounting bracket, power take-off plug, etc.

Fig. 2: Experimental threetube unit demonstrated before FCC.

Fig. 3: 1-tube unit installed in typical prewar FM receiver.

Fig. 4: Inside view, with type 787 tube, band pass inductances, adjustable condensers.

Fig. 5: Control switch of 1-tube unit fitted into prewar FM set.

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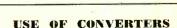
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HEN the Federal Communications Commission first announced its intention of moving FM from the pre-war position between 42 and 50 megacycles to the higher band where it would be free from long distance interference and would have adequate room for expansion, opponents of the move argued that all existing FM receivers would be made obsolete as it would be impractical or impossible to adapt them to the new frequencies.

The Hallicrafters Company of Chicago, manufacturers of high frequency

radio and electronic equipment, now reveal details of two FM converters which were the subject of much discussion at the recent FCC hearings in Washington. These converters, one a three-tube model which includes a power supply and the other a one-tube device, will enable pre-war FM sets to receive stations in the proposed new FM band from 84 to 102 megacycles.

The three-tube model which was demonstrated by the FCC in Washington uses a type 7V7 mixer, a type 7A4 oscillator, and a type 6X5GT/G rectifier. The output of the converter is fed into the antenna connections of the FM receiver which is tuned to 42 megacycles. The converter oscillator is arranged to track 42 megacycles below the mixer frequency and the entire device simply acts as the front end of a superheterodyne, using the FM receiver as an IF amplifier. Devices similar to this have long been used by the amateurs to



installation

No claim is made by Hallicrafters that the use of the converter is the best way to receive on the proposed new FM band. A converter provides a simple, inexpensive way to keep prewar sets in use when FM frequencies are changed. Statements to the effect that the public will suffer great financial loss because of obsolescence of some 500,000 or so present receivers are not accurate, it is explained.

The single-tube converter is designed for use in primary service areas where signal strength is high and the principal considerations are appearance and convenience. The three-tube converter includes its own power supply and is intended for use where signal strength is low and high performance is the prime necessity.

Figure 2



receive VHF signals on standard communications receiver.

The experimental three-tube model is far larger than necessary as it was built into a chassis and cabinet that happened to be available in the laboratory and is in no sense a finished product. This model could be built for an estimated \$11 f.o.b. Chicago, whenever the priority situation permits. This price assumes quantity sales to a single customer and does not include any Federal or State excise taxes.

Of far greater appeal to the present FM set owner, however, and holding more promise for dealers, is the new one-tube model which can be placed inside the cabinet of practically any FM set. This new development makes use of a single type 7S7 tube and all tuning is done with the

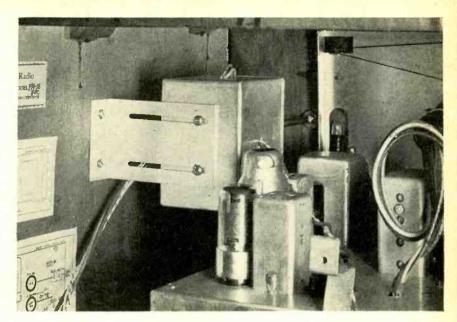


Figure 3

Obsolescence

regular receiver dial. It can easily be installed by any service man and only requires that one hole be drilled in the front of the receiver to accommodate the control switch. A universal mounting bracket is provided and power is taken from an adapter plug which is placed under one of the receiver's output tubes.

With this one-tube model the RF input goes to a band-pass filter instead of the usual tuned circuit and the oscillator section is operated at a fixed frequency. The panel switch has three positions, one connects the antenna directly to the receiver to permit normal operation while the other two connect different values of capacity in the band-pass and oscillator circuits of the converter. The FM receiver is used as a variable IF and with two fixed frequencies of the oscillator selected by means of the control switch covers the new range of 84 to 102 megacycles in two bands.

Hallicrafters' experimental FM station, W9XHB, is now in operation on 100 megacycles and it is planned to demonstrate the new converter to the public in the near future. The price of this one tube model, f.o.b. Chicago, based on quantity sales is \$5.60. This will permit retail sales at well below \$10, which was the figure originally given in the company's testimony.

New Antennas

Among many comments and opinions expressed in the trade are the following, by W. R. Jones, manager of general engineering for radio receiver tubes with Sylvania.

According to Mr. Jones, another "in" for the service dealer is the possibility that antenna installations in many instances will have to be altered to a considerable extent in order that satisfactory signal strength may be obtained. It is quite probable that if antenna installations become hand-tailored jobs, dealers may find themselves in great demand for this sort of work.

It is also possible that the manufacturers who originally marketed the receivers for the present FM band will supply converters to their customers. Moreover, service dealers who are willing to learn the necessary "knowhow" can provide custom-built converters to meet specific requirements. If this is done it should net the service dealers an additional source of income. Should the customer purchase a converter offered by receiver manufacturers, the dealer who sets himself up to become an expert in the FM field can probably obtain the contract for installing this converter and seeing that it operates properly.



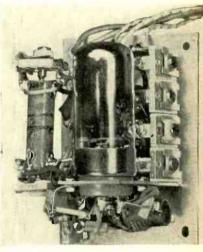
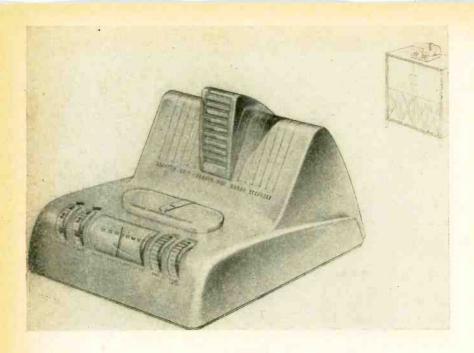


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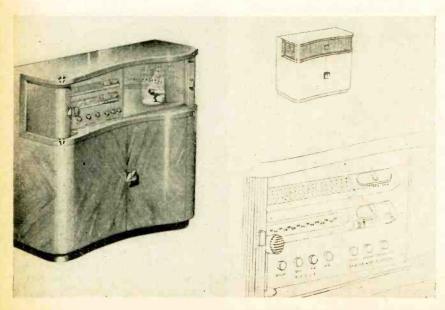
At left: Possible post-war wire recorder adapter would fit on top of existing radio receivers. Microphone has integral base for use outside the adapter unit.

Below: Possible post-war radio-television combination console with integral wire recorder (insert shows the control panel). Speaker and magazine storage are in bottom of cabinet. Both drawings are conceptions by Product Designers, Chicago, and are not actual production models.

Wire Recorder Development

Home radio recording units anticipated within a year after war's end; industrial machines sooner

by LEWIS C. STONE
Managing Editor



HE Armour Magnetic Wire Sound Recorder and Reproducer records sound magnetically on a spool of wire nearly as fine as a human hair, and having rewound the wire, can play it back with high fidelity immediately. The recorded wire requires no processing before playback. The record is permanent, not deteriorating with age or use so far as can be determined. Vibration, motion, or position of the recorder or reproducer do not affect the performance.

Authorities in electronics say that the Armour method will revolutionize sound recording and reproduction. Modifications of this basic principle result in recording instruments of various kinds, some of which record only, some of which reproduce only, and others of which both record and play back.

Recordings may be made for any one of a number of purposes including entertainment and education, communication, dictation and transcription, signal controls, and as a record of proceedings or interviews, or the taking of testimony.

Applications for licenses to manufacture the wire recorder have been received from manufacturers in the

United States and in many foreign countries. New licenses are being granted with increasing frequency as the development progresses sufficiently to warrant it. Following are licenses in this country, as of February of this year:

Automatic Electric Company, Chicago

C. G. Conn, Ltd., Elkhart, Ind. E. H. Scott Radio Laboratories, Inc., Chicago

General Electric Co., Bridgeport, Conn.

Lewyt Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y. J. P. Seeburg Corp., Chicago

Radiotechnic Laboratory, Evanston,

Raytheon Manufacturing Co., Newton, Mass.

Stromberg-Carlson Co., Rochester, N. Y.

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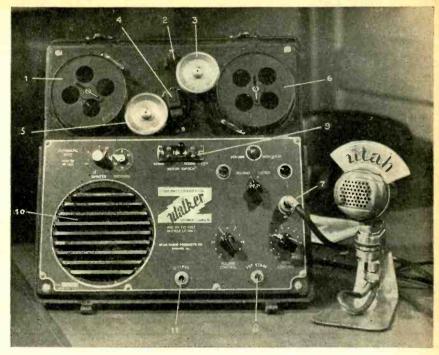
A number of companies operating under the license will, in the post war period, concentrate in four fields. One model will take down all programs aired by radio stations, providing a 24-hour day library broadcast. Another model for home recording for non-commercial entertainment will enable owners to record any home activity or transcribe a radio program for immediate playback. Third, a selfcontained battery operated recorder will be offered for the street interview type of program and other field work. The fourth type will be in transportation communication. These machines will all start and stop automatically, and require no attention while operating.

Will Supplement Discs

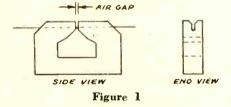
In a statement announcing the Stromberg-Carlson model, Frederick C. Young, vice-president in charge of engineering and research, declared that his company "looked upon the wire recorder as a supplement to records rather than a substitute. Although wire recording is itself not entirely new, having been used to a limited extent since the beginning of the century, the work of the Armour Research Foundation gave research in the medium a new and added impetus."

How It Works

The wire recorder employs a .004 inch diameter magnetic steel wire, which is sent from one reel to another through a series of guide pulleys, pass-



For both recording and reproducing, the wire travels from spool (1), through a demagnetizing coil (2), around the pulley (3), through the recording or sound head (4), around the lower pulley (5) and finally winds up on the right hand spool (6). The microphone may be attached to the connection at (7) or a radio receiver plugged into the jack (8). The motor switch (9) controls the direction of wire travel so that the wire either passes from spool (1) to spool (6) in recording or reproducing, or reverses to wind up on spool (1) preparatoy to recording or reproducing. (10) is a five-inch speaker built into the recorder; however, a large speaker may be used by connecting it to the jack (11). Volume, tone controls and automatic timing and stop device also included.



ing through a magnetic recording head which charges the wire and sound waves are transformed into electronic impulses which pass through a magnetic field. As the wire is moved it receives a series of magnetic impressions which correspond to the original sound vibrations. When the magnets are connected through amplifiers to a speaker and the wire passes through the magnetic poles, the sound is reproduced.

Although the inside mechanism of the machine is composed of hundreds of scientific gadgets, the working part is merely two spools each about three inches in diameter and resembling the reel spools of a small movie projector. Over 11,000 feet of wire finer than a human hair are wrapped around these spools and one spool will record a sixty-minute program. When the desired recording is to be made, all that

is necessary is to press a button and set the timing arrangement. The rest is automatic.

In the recording head the wire passes through a small slot cut along the side of a laminated core (Fig. 1). A .002-inch gap is cut in the core in a plane at right angles to the axis of the slot. The magnetic flux traverses the wire longitudinally at this gap.

Electrical compensation to correct for frequency response is incorporated in the amplifier preceding the recording head and is used during the recording progress.

When the recording operation is finished, the record can be played back immediately without processing. The wire is simply rewound on the first reel by reversing the motor.

To play back, the wire is run through the recording head in the same direction as when recording the sound. The recording head acts as a pickup and reproduces the sound.

Sound can be removed from the wire as easily as it was recorded. A demagnetizing coil, also in the path of the wire and placed so that the wire reaches that point before entering the recording head, can be energized by throwing a switch. As the wire



"Handbag model" selfcontained battery operated wire recorder fits into lady's purse.

SPECIFICATIONS

Standard Model 50 Record, Playback, and Erase Unit. This is the original model now being manufactured exclusively for the Armed Services.

Dimensions: 13 inches wide, 12½ inches high, 9½ inches deep.

Weight: 35 pounds, complete with accessories.

Type of Case: Cast aluminum, with carrying handle.

Finish: Black crackle paint.

Dimensions of Spool: 334
inches in diameter and 144
inches wide.

Wire on Spool: Approximately ½ pound, 11,500 feet, .004-inch recording wire.

Recording Time per Spool; 66 minutes at a wire speed of 2½ feet per second or 33 minutes at a wire speed of 5 feet per second. Can be adapted for spools containing three times these lengths of recording.

Input A: High impedance dynamic, ribbon, or crystal microphone.

Input B: AM or FM tuners, phono-pickup, 500 ohm line zero level.

Output: 10 ohm for speaker voice coil or headphones.

Monitoring speaker: 5" P.M., self contained. (Automatically cut out by inserting phones or external speaker).

Tubes: Five receiver-type tubes.

Dynamic Range: In dynamic range (soft to loud) the background noise is 40 db below maximum signal strength.

Frequency Response: Armour Magnetic Wire Sound Recorder, Model 50, as built for the Navy, has a flat frequency response from 200 cycles per second to 3000 cycles per second, considered adequate for speech For music, this model could be changed to give a flat frequency response from 75 cps to 10,000 cps. Wire recording can give flat frequency response as high as wanted—even beyond 15.000 cps, considered the limit of human hearing. Frequencies, as high as 80,000 cycles (supersonic), have been recorded.

Power supply: 115 volts, 60 cycles a-c. Can be used on 50 cycles at slight reduction in speed; on 220 a-c with a transformer; on 110 d-c with a converter; or on a storage battery with converter.

Power consumed: 40 to 60 watts.

passes, any message already on it is blanked out by a high-frequency electro-magnetic field which leaves the wire in a magnetically neutral state. Simultaneously, as the wire enters the recording head, a new message can be recorded.

Possible Uses

Here are some of the important applications projected for postwar industrial, educational, commercial, and entertainment uses:

- 1. Home and field recording in radio receiving sets;
- 2. Recording and playing professional records in radio-phonograph combinations or automatic phonographs;
- 3. Speech training, lectures, language and other courses; commercial and vocational training, and music training and appreciation, wire books and reviews for schools, colleges, institutions, industries, homes, blind, and illiterate world populations;
- 4. Office and remote dictation; and transcription;
- 5. Police calls and reports;
- 6. Transportation communication—land, sea and air;
- 7. Sound with slide pictures or motion pictures;
- 8. Broadcasting and remote pickup;
- 9. Court reporting;
- 10. Signal Systems;
- 11. Transmission of graphics;
- 12. Advertising;
- 13. Church and industrial music;
- 14. Organs and organ music.

The development of the magnetic wire sound recorder is one of the more recent of the many projects undertaken by the Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. Since its establishment in September 1936, the Foundation has served more than 1,500 companies, governmental agencies and associations of manufacturers on a not-forprofit basis in scientific fact-finding and development. It is supported through payments, gifts and appropriations by the industries, agencies, and individuals for whom its services are performed.

The Armour magnetic wire sound recorder and reproducer was invented by Marvin Camras while a student in electrical engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology. It was developed and perfected at the Foundation, where Camras is now on the staff as associate physicist.

EFORE the war many a radio dealer carried on a thriving business in "Trade-ins"—old time sets taken in as part payment on new ones. A little re-touching and the trade-in could be disposed of with comparative ease. True, such trade-ins might remain on the dealer's floor for a spell, but what of that? Eventually all could be disposed of.

Today the picture is different. Radio dealers wish to pick up real old time chassis with but one thought in mind -to wit, cannibalizing them clean and salvaging all usable repair parts. If comparatively modern sets can be located they can be sold-almost on the spot to patrons whose original radio has gone sour and who must await a needed tube or other replacement. These are potential customers for a "used" set which can serve as a downstairs radio until their original set is fully repaired. The set can later be relegated to a position in the household as a "secondary" receiver.

But how to acquire a reservoir of old and semi-modern radios—that's the \$64 question!

Bernards, of Syracuse, has a system. They run advertisements in local newspapers—on the sport page or adjacent to it—directed at men or women about to leave for the service. Ads point out to such prospective services that their present radio has a cash value—cash they may find useful to them to last until the final payday. After the war they can purchase a new radio. And at present they haven't any valid use for their set.

Many of these individuals are "family men" who will not market their radio since the family will use it for the duration. But in a majority of such cases a second radio is usually on the premises—perhaps a real old-timer, of which they are happy to rid themselves.

The company does not confine its efforts to oral presentations, but uses a window which is a mixture of war photos and of radios revamped and ready for sale—radios taken in during the past few weeks. The theme is, "Take part in a brand new salvage drive—bring in a radio you aren't using—so that someone else may be able to hear the latest war communique concerning their loved ones."

Bernard's makes a cash offer upon inspection, the sum fluctuating, depending upon model number, condition of set and all other valid circumstances, and makes it a rule not to require the customer to leave a radio for appraisal. It's "spot cash" and that ruling has brought unusually favorable results.

Many times, if the customer is asked

WAITING FOR "SALES DAY"

Wartime shortages brought out best "merchandising" efforts of dealers, demonstrating their readiness and ability to swing into new set, sales at once.

by CHARLES BECK

to leave a set for inspection he changes his mind about its sale and the entire proceedings strike an almost unsurmountable snag. The firm does not bargain, however—its original price is its "top figure." It feels that "bargaining" is a time-consumer and, incidentally, reduces the reputation and dignity.

It is reported that the time and funds spent in executing a campaign such as this in the acquisition of "old radios" is worthwhile not only from the "parts" standpoint but from the "goodwill" generated by having available radios to sell in an emergency when a store customer is badly in need of them.

Baum's, Rochester, N. Y., advises that electric clocks make an excellent sideline for repairing—the radioman can put two hours a day on 'em and relax from his strictly radio-repairing chores. There's the same labor charge and, of course, no home calls or deliveries are needed for this line of war service.

Granger, Rochester, N. Y., reports that many cases of "noise due to electrical interference" turn up. This type of activity (checking source of electrial interference) requires a tremendous amount of time on the serviceman's part. Women can be trained exclusively for "noise-checking"; but gas cannot be obtained to do all the home-calling since nothing can be accomplished at the shop. At present noise-checkers take the bus to the customer's house and patiently analyze the neighborhood on foot.

Sound Equipment, St. Paul Street, Rochester, N. Y., covers the p.a. field

and specializes in servicing of theatre and commercial sound installations. They advise that tubes are especially hard for them to handle because when a commercial client needs a tube he needs it in a hurry. And replacements for amplifiers are no cinch. Labor presents little problems in p.a. because high-schoolers like to cover dances and public events—handling the installations, etc. It also advises that many commercial sound systems break down because inexperienced help do not handle such systems properly—overloading it or otherwise damaging it.

Agdelburgh Radio Service, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., uses a bicycle to make home calls with every day from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. His shop opens from 11:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M. Using a bicycle does not require tire or gasoline consumption—the speed is approximately as great as the car in crowded city streets—but of course no sets can be transported from home to serviceshop. However, the majority of sets can be serviced in the home.

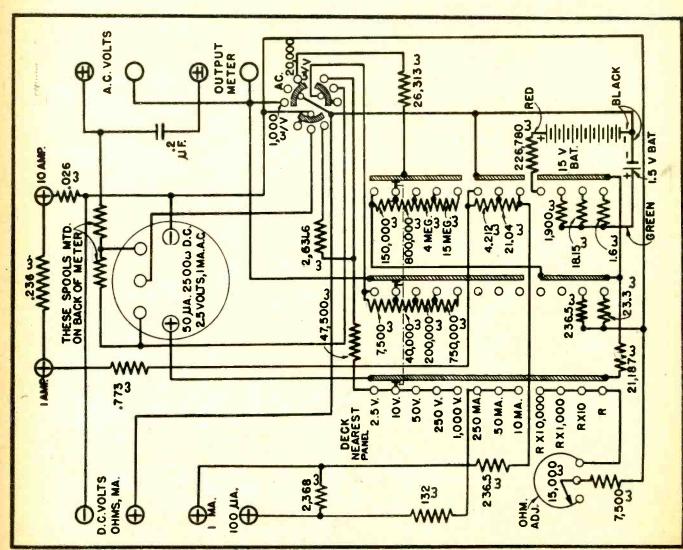
Rexall Radio, of Utica, N. Y., has had to cut out tube checking as a separate function except on one day—Monday. All tubes are checked free on Monday—on all other days a charge of 25c is made. This is to encourage all patrons wanting tube once-overs to bring 'em in the first of the week.

La Corte, of Schenectady, N. Y., has a local theatre announce over its p.a. system the days of the week the serviceshop is open. In return for this announcement between every show the serviceman repairs the theatre p.a. unit whenever same needs attention.

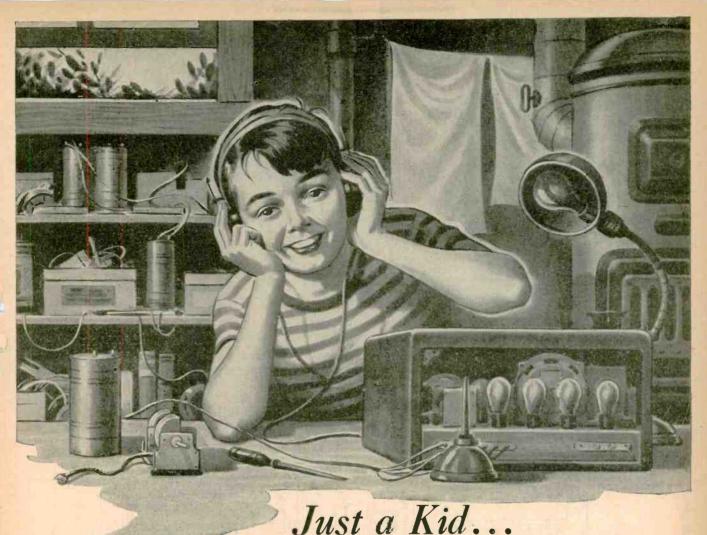
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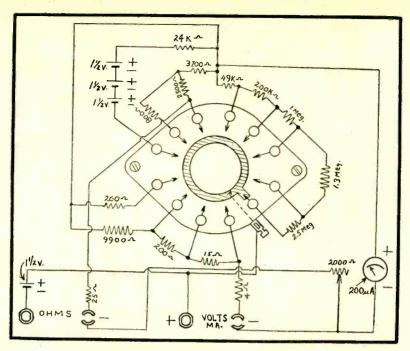
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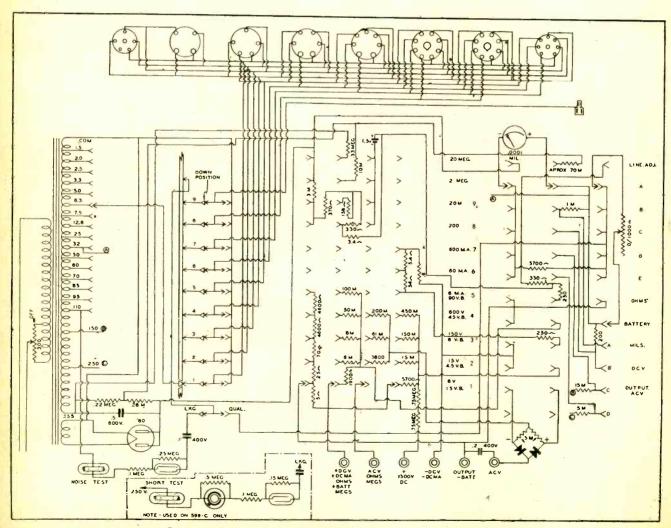


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Stewart C. Allen, 2505 Pacific Dr.,

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WANTED — Small tube checker, up to 50 volts. L. Droutman, 315 — 9th Ave., New York, N. Y.

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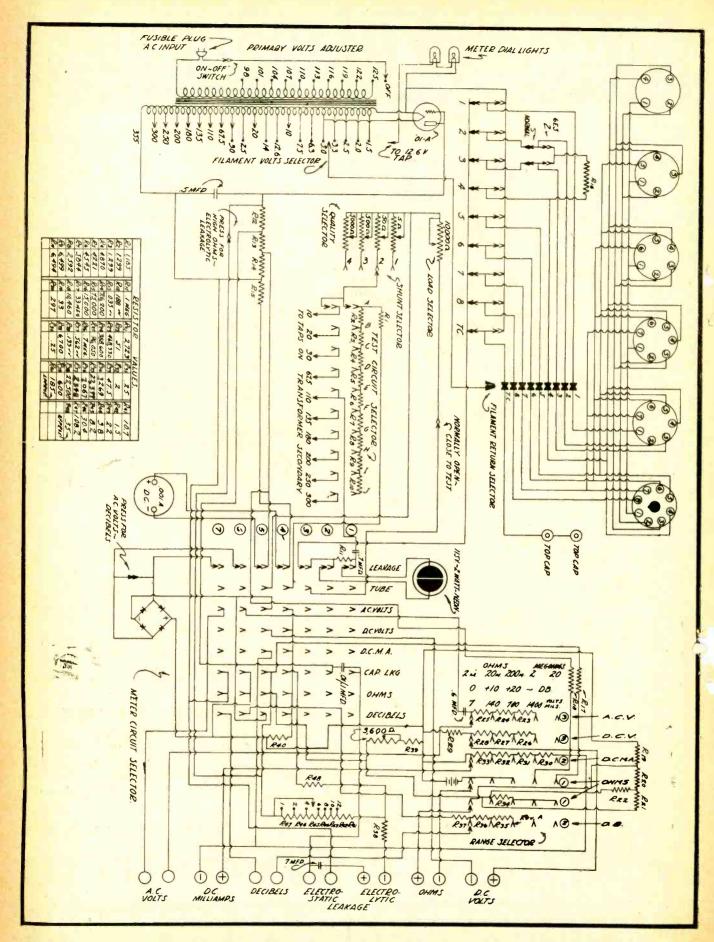
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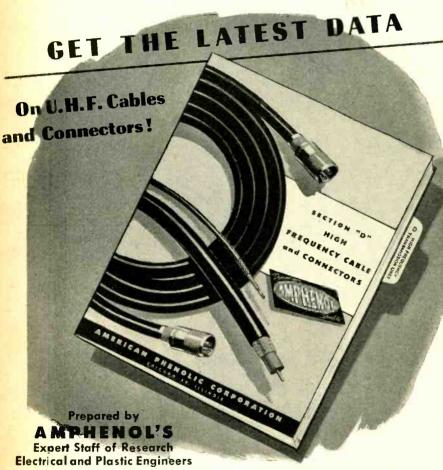
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PREFERS ASSOCIATION

Why should we be licensed? All radio establishments are required to have a city license to do business. The so-called screw-driver man has already seen his day-radio receivers are becoming too complicated and will be more so in the future.

Let us forget him, and concentrate on having a strong association or organization to bind the radio servicemen together and to work toward the upbuilding of the trade, for in that way and that way only, will they ever be recognized as professional men and receive the remuneration due them.

How many times have you fellows wished you could show the manufacturers how to build their radios? How many times have you cursed and worried over a two by four midget, that should have never been built? How many times have you searched for an outlaw schematic in vain? And how many times have you known of distributors selling critical tubes and batteries to non-service establishments, such as auto-parts dealers? And why do we have to keep in stock a thousand tubes, to have one of a kind?

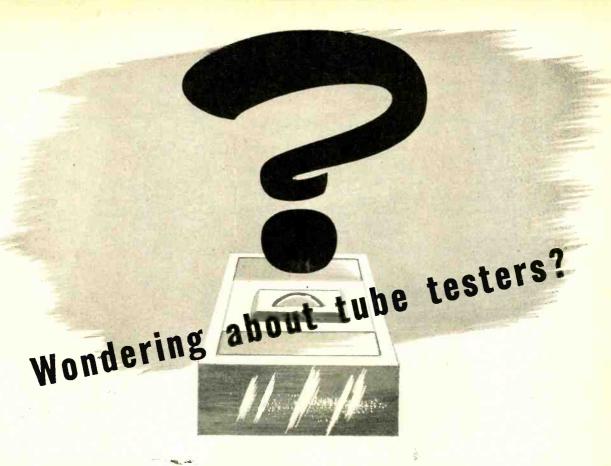
I would like to hear from those interested in forming an association

G. E. Renfroe, Ga.

LICENSE NO PROTECTION

I am a licensed electrical contractor, doing radio business. All this license stuff is bunk—it has proven to me to be a political football, involving graft for someone . . . Nature eliminates the unfit, and licenses do not protect

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Sensational? Yes . .

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SURVEY

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NO REGIMENTATION

I was a licensed master painter for vears and I know now what a racket that was. I've done radio work for many years, sold radios and do all my own service work. But I didn't

have a technical education. I learned through practical work and self-study. We have enough regimentation. A license is just another tax on business.

Schmutzler, Wis.

INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

I am greatly in favor of licensing, for these reasons: Since many other technicians or professionals must show their capability why not the radio technicians? Also it would increase the confidence of the general public, since it would be assured of the service technician's competency to undertake the job of repairing radio or television

With radio, television and other electronic equipment and services becoming more complicated every day, licensing will become a must for the safety of all concerned.

Let us hope that licensing will win

H. G. Quade, Texas

NO GUARANTEE OF GOOD

I am voting against licensing. Certain tradesmen such as plumbers are licensed because the public health or safety is involved. Does anyone suggest that public health and safety are involved in radio repair and servicing? If so, we had better license kerosene lamp trimmers and cigarette smokers.

As for the idea that licensing will stop the "gyps"-well, look around. We have recently seen a large percentage of doctors involved in an insurance kick-back scheme; the Readers Digest survey on opticians, auto repair shops, etc. These professional men are the men with high ethical standards, held up as a shinning example. Phooev!

No; whether a man "gyps" or not depends on the man and the opportunity, not on a license or skill. Did you ever see plumbing and electrical work installed by licensed men that was so slipshod it was dangerous and in contravention of the building and sanitary codes-in spite of the fact that there was supposedly an inspection after installation.

One of your recent correspondents had the right idea when he said that a lot of the present radio service men started with a screw driver, and if the young ones coming up have the ability to start that way-why more power G. Chappel, New Jersey. to 'em!

LEAVE IT TO CUSTOMERS

We need no licensing laws or commission. If a man can repair a radio let him work at it. If he cannot do it well, the customers will soon find it out and he will vanish from the industry . .

V. V. Keasler, Jr., Texas.

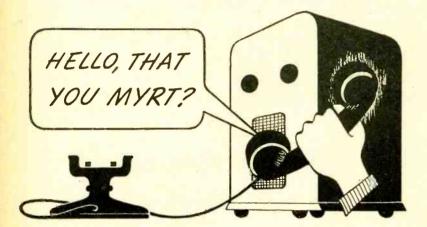
SHOP LICENSE ENOUGH

If one had not first been an amateur how in the world would one have become experienced enough to be classed as a professional radio technician?

I have found that no amount of study, without practical experience, is worth much . . . The only licensing required for the radio service trade is the shop license, the same as any other store.

J. R. Houston, Pa.

RIDER VOLUMÉ XIV COVERS 1941-42



One of the first programs I carried as a new radio, four long years ago, was that of "Fibber McGee" saying "How's every little thing?" Of course he was talking to "Myrt" and not to me, though I felt fine at that time.

But if he asked me now! After the way I've been worked since 1941 I'd lay down and quit if it weren't that I have my war job to do. And there are no newer receivers to take my place. But I'm not the only one-most of my contemporaries are wheezy, or lying quiet in repair shops right now.

It's a good thing Rider Manual Vol. XIV came out recently. It enables radio servicemen to diagnose the ills of we 1941-42 receivers quickly, easily and accurately. That gets us out of shops and back into homes where we're needed.

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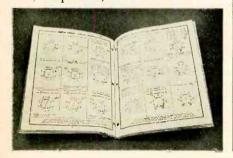
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Newest of Sylvania Electric's technical bulletins on Tube Substitutions is the 30 page "Aids To War-Time Servicing" that servicemen throughout the country are finding most helpful in these days of radio tube shortages.

The manual is another Sylvania contribution to assist servicemen in meeting the present acute shortage of many tube types. In addition, it contains several charts of diagrams showing adaptor circuits commonly required.

This bulletin is available free on request from your Sylvania distributor, or from Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Emporium, Pa.



Sylvania Expands Service Aid with New Radio Tube Substitution Manual

Full Data Contained in New 20-page Bulletin Superseding Earlier Guides



Recognizing, early in the war, the difficulties that would result from tube shortages. Sylvania Electric immediately took steps to aid servicemen in tube substitution problems. Early in 1942, Sylvania published—and distributed free to servicemen—a 4-page bulletin, "Correlation of Tube Types for Substitution."

MORE EXTENSIVE DATA

This bulletin proved so helpful to servicemen that Sylvania continued this service in the Technical Section of Sylvania News, and then decided to re-issue the information in more comprehensive form. An enlarged, more fully developed "Radio Tube Substitution Charts for War-Time Servicing" appeared in 1943. This was a

6-page bulletin containing information based in part upon the WPB civilian radio tube program, permitting complete presentation in one convenient folder.

Now, newest and largest of these Serviceman Service charts is a 20-page manual entitled "Aids to War-Time Servicing" presenting the latest in Sylvania Tube Substitution Charts and containing 4 full-page charts of 9 diagrams each describing adaptor circuits.

CONSISTENT POLICY

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PRODUCTS

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Beat Frequency Audio Oscillator

A new beat frequency audio oscillator, Type AO2, is announced by the Specialty Division of the General Electric Company's Electronics Department. The unit has been designed to simplify the measurements of audio amplifiers and radio receiver fidelity, according to E. E. Williams, sales manager. It may be used also for the testing of loud-speakers and for frequency measurements or calibration.

Using full vision and making possible direct calibration, the unit provides a stable sine wave, continuous variable frequency from 25 to 15,000 cycles per second. The panel control knob regulates the output level from zero to full power output.

A Type 6E5 Electron-ray Tube is



used to indicate zero beat while adjusting the panel control knob to obtain the proper relationship between the two high frequency oscillators. The maximum output of the device is 120 milliwatts on the "cathode follower" type output impedance coupling circuit. A specifications sheet on the unit is available on request to the G-E Specialty Division, Schenectady, N. Y.

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In Trade

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Bendix Dealer Plans

With its nation-wide distributor roster nearly 100 per cent complete, Bendix Radio during April and May will present merchandising and dealer organization plans to distributors at a series of district meetings, according to Leonard C. Truesdell, general sales manager for the company's forthcoming line of home radios and radiophonograph combinations.

Truesdell will outline to distributors the company's program and policies for distribution, dealer selection, territorial sales objectives, advertising and merchandising. W. P. Hilliard, general manager of Bendix Radio, will describe the engineering and manufacturing background of the company to distributors. Other speakers will include H. W. Royer, product manager for the radio and radio-phonograph line; Earl I. Hadley, new appointed advertising and sales promotion manager; and Paul J. Reed, assistant advertising manager.

LITTLE KNOWN SUBJECT

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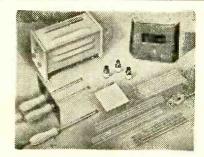
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Electric Welder Set

The new portable "Weldprod" unit, announced by Welder Products Company, developes a heat up to 7000 degrees F. Electric arc welding is done by means of a metallic arc attachment, in conjunction with fluxed rods. Flame welding can be handled with the electric flame torch which operaties by means of a carbon arc. It can be used for repairing iron. steel, cast iron, brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, etc. Also for melting, burning, cutting (on the lighter metals). case hardening, hard surfacing and tempering. Will handle metals up to one-quarter inch in thickness.

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Stromberg-Carlson Wire Recorder

An improved model of the wire recorder, one of the wonder developments of wartime communications research, was demonstrated recently by engineers of the Stromberg-Carlson Company's research laboratories. The recorder is produced under license of the Armour Research Foundation.

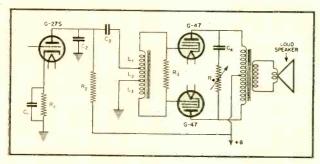
Frederick C. Young, vice-president in charge of engineering and research of the Rochester, N. Y., radio-telephone firm, declared that "the laboratory model's ability to record and play back music with so markedly high a fidelity has removed one of the chief obstacles to the instrument's early future application to the home radio receiver." It was the first time that the device had been coupled with ultrahigh quality amplifiers and loudspeak-

A magazine containing recordings

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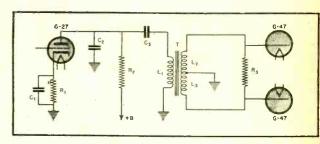


Figure 1

Figure 2

MAJESTIC 210 CIRCUIT REVISION

Under present conditions many parts which are unobtainable must be replaced with equivalent parts, or the circuit must be so modified that a substitute part can be used. The original audio circuit of the set is shown in Fig. 1 and the revised Majestic 210 circuit in Fig. 2. The advantage of using the blocking condenser C3 is that d.c. is kept out of the primary winding of T, preventing core saturation due to a high plate current of d.c. and permitting better frequency response accordingly. Also, a better balance is possible with respect to the signal voltages applied to each output tube grid, using the replacement transformer. The plate load resistor R2 and bias resistor R1 need not be changed since the d-c voltage is the same on G-27 as it was originally. The capacity of C3 may be .25 mfd, at 400 volts.

Submitted by Willard Moody

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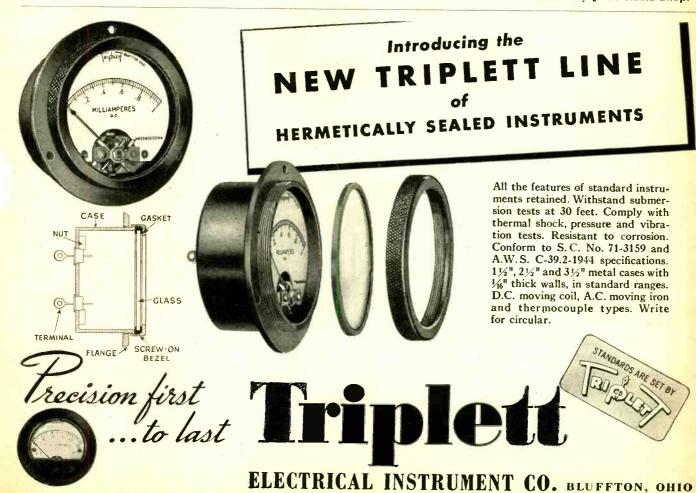
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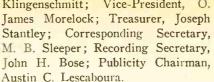
Submitted by Jim's Radio Shop.



Radio Club Officers

At a recent meeting of its directors, The Radio Club of America, Inc., announced the reelection for the 1945 term of the same officers who served the previous year: President, F. A.

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Tubes and Parts

The Electronics Distributors Industry Advisory Committee convened with officials of the Radar-Radio Division of the WPB in Washington recently. The many problems that have confronted the parts jobber in recent months were placed on the agenda and through the efforts of the committee, were submitted for immediate and thorough consideration.

Tubes

In view of the continued shortage of radio receiving tubes, the WPB is making every effort to get all existing tubes into service and obtain the maximum volume of new tube production. To this end, the WPB with the cooperation of other bureaus of the government, is seeing to it that information as to surplus radio receiving tubes is made available to the manufacturers and distributors so that any actual surplus supplies may reach dealers and service men for civilian supply. There is no immediate prospect, however, that the civilian tube supply situation will improve materially; rather it is expected to remain about the same as in late 1944, approximately one and a half million tubes a month.

Regarding the availability of tubes and electronic equipment following the end of the European War, it was said that although certain military requirements may fall off, much of the electronic equipment used in Europe would either have to be tropicalized made moisture and fungus proof-or replaced by new equipment for use in the Pacific theater. In either event, it would appear a continued burden will remain upon the manufacturers of military equipment.

Transformers

Transformers were reported as becoming critical again, due largely to increasing military demands, closer control by WPB is anticipated, although available production capacity is believed greater than military needs.

Most applications submitted to WPB for scheduling of transformers for civilian use have been approved, giving the delivery a fixed date. Methods were discussed for simplifying this scheduling procedure, such as a small order exemption on rated orders.

This latter suggestion, as presented by the Advisory Committee, seems to have found favor with the WPB offi-

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cials and if the Committee proposal is adopted, the obstacles arising from form 1682 will have been done away with.

Surplus

Lists of available excess or surplus electronic materials may be obtained at all WPB regional offices immediately upon publication each month. WPB, through its Component Recovery Section, desires to aid dealers and distributors in need of parts to fill rated orders. Materials in inventory after the expiration of a 45 day period become available for civilian supply. Any distributor may request release of excess material, and if not taken on rated orders in the 45 day period, release is usually approved.



Hot Jazz Albums

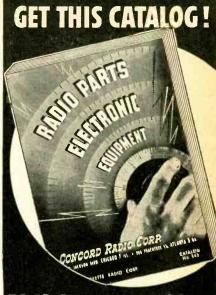
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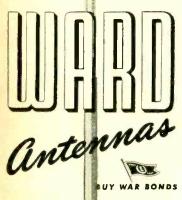
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Stromberg-Carlson Changes

In a program of company-wide expansion, Wesley M. Angle, president of the Stromberg-Carlson Company from 1934 through the war years, is chairman of the board of directors. Dr. Ray H. Manson, former executive vice-president and general manager, is president, succeeding Mr. Angle. Lee McCanne, previously secretary and assistant general manager. is vice-president and general manager.

Universal Appoints

Cecil L. Sly, vice president and sales manager for Universal Microphone Co., becomes Director of Sales, a newly created post.

Dee Breen resigns as western division sales manager of the El Monte, Cal., plant of Littlefuse, Inc., to become sales manager for Universal.

United Transformer

Under the major expansion program at the United Transformer Corporation, 150 Varick St., New York 13, N. Y., Samuel L. Baraf has taken over the merchandising activities as director of sales and merchandising. Simultaneously, Ben Miller joined as general sales manager.

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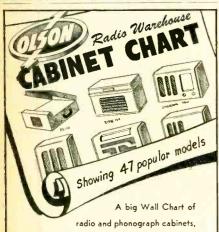
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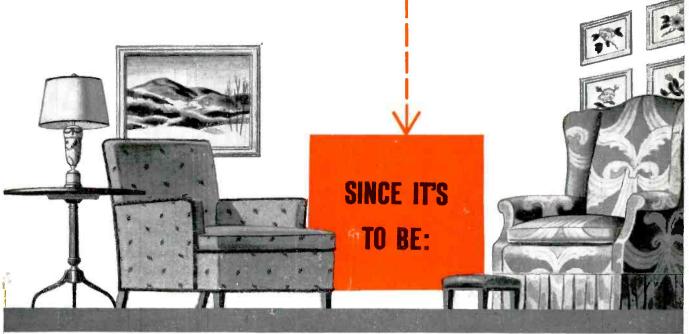
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