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Imagine what this super-powerful electronic antenna can do! Weak signals become strong and clear-dim pictures bright and contrasty. Old-style tuners pull in snow-free pictures better than 1961 models on ordinary antennas.
You can do many things with this new antenna that are impossible with any other. You can drive up to 6 TV sets in deep fringe, 10 TV sets in normal areas without an additional amplifier. You can put TV outlets in every room of the house and all sets will have better pictures than any single set with a regular antenna.

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Where desirable, the Powertron can be remoted up to $1 / 4$ of a mile and still deliver a perfect signal.
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 MODELS TO WINEGARD COLOR'CEPTORChart shows Gain and Power Increase over Color'Ceptor (CL-4) Antenna

| Model |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DB Gain } \\ & \text { Over CL-4 } \end{aligned}$ | Power Increase Over CL-4 | Voltage Gain Over CL-4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P-44 | Powertron | 14 DB | 25.1 Times ( $2500 \%$ ) | 5.01 Times |
| P-44X | Powertron with Pack | 15.8 DB | 38.4 Times (3800\%) | 6.20 Times |
| SP-44X | Super Powertron | 19.1 DB | 81 Times (8100\%) | 9.0 Times |
| T-4 | Teletron | 1.0 DB | 1.26 Times ( $26 \%$ ) | 1.12 Times |
| T-4X | Teietron with Pack | 2.8 DB | 1.9 Times (90\%) | 1.38 Times |
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## Editor's

 Memo

Whether you are running a small business or directing the operations of an industrial giant, the old truism that you must spend money to make money certainly applies.

Spending money usually divides into two categories. One is internal expenditure to improve your product or service, or improve the efficiency of making such product or service available to customers.

The second category is external expenditure, which usually relates to sales and promotion costs. The sales minded person (particularly when he is trying to sell a promotion idea to financial management) may typically hold the view that a promotion resulting in only a few new customers will more than pay the cost.

The question then arises about how much of available funds should be used for internal improvement, and what percent to promote the company's services so that the improvement is not light hidden under a barrel.

The division between internal and external expenditure depends on the optimum point. That is, the proportion which will earn the largest return. For example, if you spent all of the money for internal development, chances are you would not get enough extra customers to justify it. Conversely, all the money spent on promotion (including ads, direct mail, window display) could bring more customers than you can handle efficiently. A happy compronise is in order.

The concept of spending money to make it is applicable in businesses requiring a large personal following. The story is told of a man sitting in front of a resort hotel. A generous fellow, he would always offer a cigar to whomever he spoke. A vacationer at the hotel asked him how many cigars he gave away.
"I give away about 20 cigars a day, and have been giving them away for over 25 years," the man said.
"What do you pay for them?"
"Three for a dollar."
"My goodness," the vacationer exclaimed. "Why at that rate, for 25 years you spent more than $\$ 60,000$ just giving away cigars. Imagine, you could own this whole hotel if you saved your money instead of giving away cigars."

The other man looked at him and asked, "Do you own this hotel?"
"No, I don't," he answered.
"It just so happens," said the cigar giver, "I do!"

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- See "Service Industry Votes on TV Licensing" in this issue.-Ed.


## Ear Radio

Editor, Electronic Technician:
I would appreciate it if you can send me information on the "ear radio" in the Random Noise section of ET, Oct. 1960 issue, page 31. Where can I purchase it?
J. Scaglione

Jersey City, N.J.

- Micro-Ceiver, Inc., 24 North Van Brunt St., Englewood, N.J. is the manufacturer-Ed.


## We Missed

Editor, Electronic Technician :
I happened to be re-reading the Sept. 1960 issue of your magazine. Page 90 has a review of stereo cartridges. And lo and behold the fair name of Fairchild was missing in your evaluation and data tables. For shame. But you should be encouraged. The magazine, as you can see, is used as reference.
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"ELECTRONIC DEMOCRACY" with network systems enabling American citizens to vote directly on bills before the Congress could possibly be one result of the new technology of the 1960 's, according to Stahrl W. Edmunds, Manager of Hughes Aircraft Marketing Analysis. Ballots could be cast through a home voting transmitter tied into a central broadcast, control and data processing center. The predicted boom of the 1960 s will depend largely upon consumer acceptance of new electronic technology, according to Mr. Stahrl, such as an "electronic chef" which would employ a computer's memory to duplicate dishes from haute cuisine and an automatic budgeteer enabling all bills to be paid through the bank by inserting a punch card into a scanning machine attached to the telephone line. An actual electronic vote tallying system, which reads and counts the votes marked on paper ballots at a rate of 600 minute, has been officially accepted for use in Los Angeles County. Developed by the Norden Division's Data Systems Dept., the new system is not a voting machine but a device to read paper ballots at high speed and count votes marked on each ballot.

## ELECTRONIC CENTRAL OFFICE



Voices of telephone customers in Morris, III., are carried through neon gas tubes that make up the "switching network" shown above. Part of an electronic central office, the tubes are used to connect one telephone with another, a task that until now has been performed by relays. At left an installer of the Western Electric Co. removes a tray of the tubes while a Bell Labs, engineers observes. Dots of light at the right are tubes being used at the moment to set up telephone connections.

"Of course I'm a serviceman."

ELECTRICAL SIGNALS representing coded messages have been sent over 100 miles from a transmitting station buried in a mine shaft of the Pacific Coast Boron Co. According to engineers of Space Electronics Corp., conducting experiments for the Air Force in the subsurface propagation of electromagnetic signals as a possible communications link between buried sites, this is the greatest distance ever achieved by this technique. A transmitting station below the earth sends out signals from a buried antenna pointed in the direction of the receiver. From the antenna, electromagnetic waves are generated which can travel in several directions, including upward to the earth's surface. The channel formed by the discontinuity between earth and air enables effective transmission. The transmitter and receiver can remain safely buried, suggesting military and commercial applications immune to ice and snow storms, hurricanes and tornadoes, vandalism and other hazards.

SPACE MAIL TEST conducted by Adler Electronics for the Post Office, beamed the message "Shop and Mail Early" by microwave at the Echo satellite orbiting 1000 miles above the earth. The signal was "bounced" off the passive reflector and picked up at the Holmdel, N. J. station of Bell Telephone Labs. by a sensitive tracking antenna. A wire line carried the letter to the Postmaster's Office in Newark, N.J. where it was converted to its original form by a facsimile transmitter. The system is capable of simultaneously transmitting $u p$ to 50 letters in a three minute period.

FTC charges Budco, Metropolitan Electronics Distributors, K.M.K. Corp., Theta Electronics, Tube Mfg. Corp., Kriss Electronics, National Television Tube, National Tube Corp., Televideo Corp. of America, and Ultravision Manufacturing Corp. with misrepresenting the quality of TV picture tubes they manufacture and distribute, principally failing to note that all parts actually were not new. Signing consent order, which does not constitute admission of violation of the law, are Budco, Metropolitan Electronics Distributors, K.M.K. Corp., Theta Electronics, Inc., and Tube Mfg. Corp. Kriss Electronics, National Television Tube, and National Tube Corp. are granted time to file an answer to the complaint. Televideo Corporation of America did not answer the complaint or appear at the hearings, thus the examiner's order was issued against them in default. Ultravision Manufacturing Corp. answered the complaint that their tubes are known not to be new tubes, and not represented as such.

MISTRAM, Missile Trajectory Measurement System, is being developed for the Air Force by G-E's Defense Systems Dept. to check with extreme accuracy the guidance performance of missiles launched down the Atlantic Missile Range. Key to the precise measurement system is use of the interferometer principle which, if it can successfully be enlarged to the scale of a giant radar network will represent a major advance in the field.

TRANSISTOR located in the abdominal cavity of eight year old Larry Graves, Boston, will give him a good chance for a normal life. The transistor sends electrical impulses to the heart through stainless steel wires to keep the heart beating at a normal rate.
"THE ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTING INDUSTRY -Where It Stands Today" was discussed by Wm. A. Duvel, Vice Pres. of National Credit Office, Inc., at the Electronic Industry Unity Conference, Oct. 24th. "For the past ten years sales of these distributors have grown steadily with about an average increase of $10 \%$ each year," stated Mr. Duvel. "It was slightly more than this in 1959. For example, in 1955 total distributor sales were $\$ 525,000,000 \ldots \$ 815,000,000$ in 1959. The trend towards concentration of sales among the larger distributors has continued in 1960 and may be accelerated as more distributors 'go public', which provides financing for growth and expansion. In the last year, 12 distributors have 'gone pub-lic'-the majority were already sound financially."

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Jan. 22-26: 1961 Southwestern Electronic Conference, Fort Clark Guest Ranch, Brackettsville, Texas.

Feb. 26-28: Pacific Electronic Trade Show, Great Western Exhibit Center, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mar. 20-23: IRE International Convention, The Coliseum and WaldorfAstoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.

Apr. 19-21: 13th Annual Southwestern IRE Conference \& Electronics Show, SWIRECO, New Memorial Coliseum and Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas

Apr. 26-28: 7th Region Technical Conference \& Trade Show, Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Ariz.
$500,000,000$ th RECEIVING-TYPE ELECTRON TUBE was produced at the RCA Electron Tube Div. plant in Indianapolis, Ind. John L. Burns, RCA Pres., commented "If we could place end-to-end the half billion tubes produced here during the past 23 years, they would cover a distance of 23,674 miles, or nearly reach around the earth."

## INSIDE THE TIROS II SATELLITE



Interior of Tiros II TV infrared observation satellite developed by RCA for NASA, shows: (1) Wide-angle TV camera; (2) Narrow-angle TV camera; (3) TV tape recorders; (4) Infrared radiometer; (5) Infrared electronics; (6) Electronic clocks; (7) Relays for magnetic stabilization system; (8) Contral box; (9) Infrared horizon scanner; (10) Cameras circuits; (11) Recorders; (12) Telemetry switches; (13) Antenna diplexer (covering batteries); (14) Automatic signal generator; (15) Fuse board and current regulator.


## "Out front" feature reflects nothing but quality

All the latest developments for faster, easier servicing on the new Sylvania TV's I've shown you so far are behind the set . . . back on the "service side." But big, important news is taking place "out front," too. You know what I mean . . . Reflection-Free TV!
Here's the newest, most exciting development in the industry! For the first time, your customers can place their sets anywhere and enjoy a TV picture free of all those irritating, mirrorlike reflections from lamps, windows or bright objects. You'll have to see for yourself that ReflectionFree TV is nothing short of sensational, but this comparison will give you a good idea.


ORDINARY TV reflects light from windows, interiors.
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This unique method of producing a true, reflection-free screen is possible only with another successful "first" from Sylvania . . . the Bonded Shield picture tube. A fine mist of glass particles fused on the Bonded Shield faceplate creates an amazing, reflection-free "satin finish." Today, only Sylvania offers the new, reflection-free screens in both $19^{\prime \prime}$ and $23^{\prime \prime}$ tubes ...but you can bet the industry will follow, just like they did when Sylvania introduced the $23^{\prime \prime}$ squared screen!

## SERVICE TIP OF THE MONTH

Symptom (Effect)-Squegging (horizontal oscillator "takes off" at some odd frequency) accompanied by a squealing sound.
Cause - Antenna picks up radiated pulses from scanning system which disrupts AFC network.
Cure-Increase the value of the cathode resistor of the horizontal oscillator from 1000 ohms to 1200 ohms or slightly higher.


BELDEN MFG. has elected LES. A. THAYER as Vice Pres.-Sales.

SIMPSON ELECTRIC has named LEROY E. TICE as Chief Field Engineer.

ARCO ELECTIRONICS has been listed on the American Stock Exchange with the symbol AEL.A.

PYRAMID reports the appointment of JOSEPH W. YUHAS as Mgr. of the Distributor Div. in Darlington, S.C.

CLAROSTAT has named DOUGLAS HAYNES as Production Manager and JACOB J. REPETTO as Marketing Mgr. of the company.

B \& K MFG. has announced 300 servicemen from the Chicago area attended a Television Servicemen's Seminar sponsored jointly by ALLIED RADIO CORP., Nov. 2nd.

DR. W. R. G. BAKER, pioneer in radio and development of television, has died. Dr. Baker was Pres. of the Syracuse University Research Corp., after retirement as Vice Pres. of G-E.

BLONDER-TONGUE reports the newly created position of Field Sales Mgr. has been set up in three regions: JOSEPH GIBBS, Mid-West; PAUL PUSECKER, East; and JACK WELLingTon, West Coast.

INSTITUTE OF RADIO ENGINEERS announces the IRE 1961 awards to be presented at the Convention banquet next March 22nd, Wal-dorf-Astoria, New York City, among them the following: RALPH BOWN, Founders Award; and ERNST A. GUILLEMIN, Medal of Honor.

CBS ELECTRONICS announces realignment of its marketing and sales organizations with the following appointments: ROY JUUSOLA, Mgr. of Marketing Services, a new post; LEE BALLENGEE, Mgr. of Equipment Sales, electron tube operations, now is responsible for all government and military marketing, will report to MICHAEl CALLAHAN, Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; KENNETH WAL. DRON continues as Mgr. of Government and Industrial Marketing; LOU NIEMANN, Dir. of Government Relations, a new post with headquarters in Wash. D.C.; RICHARD SAXTON, Dist. Mgr., government and industrial sales with headquarters in Dayton; JOHN HAUSER, Gen. Mgr., distributor sales, a new post; ROSS YEITER, Sales Mgr., Semiconductors; and DONALD CHRISTIANSEN, new post of Mgr . of Publications.
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Like many other service technicians, Jimmy Hull knows there's dependable quality throughout Mallory's wide line of components. For instance, the Gem tubular capacitor: unequalled in coupling, buffer, filter, and by-pass service . . . moisture-proof case . . . locked-in leads . . . conservative ratings . . . reliable, long life. In handy "Five-Packs" that keep stock clean, leads kink-free. Whatever your need, see your Mallory distributor-for the widest line of quality Mallory components at sensible Mallory prices.


Put an end to call-backs with these quality Mallory products...


## my customers' satisfaction"'



Jimmy Hull owns and manages Hull's Radio \& TV Service, Evansville, Indiana, serving an area within 60 miles of the city. An early wireless operator, Jimmy has been in service work from crystal sets to color TV. Before opening his own business, he spent eight years as Sears, Roebuck \& Company's only radio service man within 100 miles of Evansville.


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SRE ..."Bantam" metal tubular 'lytics hermet-ically-sealed in aluminum cans with cardboard insulating sleeves. Smaller than the PRS but capable of handling full size loads to $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
AFH...twist-prong 'lytics featuring $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ operation . . . improved sealing . . . high-purity aluminum foil construction throughout ... rugged prongs and mounting terminals. Tops for filter audio bypass applications in TV-radio and amplifier equipment.
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## AEROVOX CORPORATION

DISTRIBUTOR DIVISION
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CENTRALAB has announced the appointment of J. B. HOLTZ as Marketing Mgr., New Products, a new position.

PHILCO announces the appointment of JACK FRIETSCH as Product Mgr, for all electronic product lines in the Consumer Products Div.

RAYTHEON Distributor Products Div. awarded prizes to 23 radio and TV service dealers who won the "Mailbag Sweepstakes" for its Bonded Dealers. First prize, a complete two-unit Ray-Tel Citizens Band communication system, was won by ALLIED ELECTRONICS, Coos Bay, Ore.; second prize, a Fathometer depth sounder, was won by RANDALL's RADIO \& TV, Hobe Sound, Fla.

CHANNEL MASTER has launched a radio promotion, "Radio Reaches Everywhere," designed to demonstrate that with transistor radios, listeners are everywhere. The initial contest in Washington, D.C. awarded Channel Master radios for the best completions of the statement, "The most unusual place I ever listened to WGMS was. . ."

GENERAL ELECTRIC Radio Receiver Dept. announces a new subscription service for servicemen which will include comprehensive service manuals on each new G-E radio and portable phono, plus each issue of "Radio Service Shop" and "Techni-Talk." Subscriptions are handled through the Technical Publications Section at $\$ 2.50$ per year. Also announced is the "Price Finder Index" available at G-E Servicecenters and authorized service stations at $\$ 2.95$. The Distributor Sales Operation announces the appointment of JOHN C. FITZMAURICE as Metropolitan New York Sales Mgr. for electronic components.

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## The Business Picture

The overall business picture in the electronic servicing industry has been following the trend of business generally. For example, steel production has been down, and so has electronic replacement business.

One cause of this moderate dip has been cautious capital investments by industry. In some areas unemployment has become serious. Generally speaking, buying has been cautious, with inventories kept to a minimum.

From what the economists and business experts say, we don't expect too much of a change during the next couple months. However, the fact that dealers' shelves are not overstocked, the fact that consumer spending continues strong and construction is expected to rise, makes us look forward to an upturn in the electronic service industry a few months hence.

It looks like 1961 will be a better year than 1960 by a small margin.

## The Licensing Vote

Readers will recall that our October 1960 issue contained a "ballot" for service dealers and technicians to vote for or against the licensing of TV servicing. The compilation of these ballots represent a survey of the electronic service industry's national attitude.

The results are published in this issue in the article, "Service Industry Votes on TV Licensing." It shows that the industry favors licensing, but by a small margin.

Of notable interest is the statistical analysis of licensing attitudes on the basis of association membership, earnings, hours worked, experience, population distribution, and even politics.

We believe this study to be the first of its kind
to cover such a wide cross-section of the industry, including 45 states, Puerto Rico and Canada.

It has been enlightening to us, and we hope you will find it interesting reading.

## Loyalty . . . Or Else

On numerous occasions we have stated our unqualified support of independent service dealers who insist that their parts distributors should sell wholesale to the trade only. The injustice of a distributor bypassing his own dealers to sell directly to the consumer is self evident. We will not belabor this point with repetition of our oft stated unambiguous statements on the subject.

But there is another side to the coin. That is the obligation of a dealer to go out of his way to patronize a distributor who sacrifices his retail sales to serve dealers more effectively.

One case has come to our attention where a distributor did just this. After establishing a profitable business of selling to both dealers and hobbyists, this distributor gave up his retail sales with the expectation that the dealers in the area would flock to him. As a matter of fact, a great many did. But there are still too many who have failed to reward with their patronage the distributor working for them. If service dealers hope to win more distributors to their side-and it can be done in most areas where electronic distribution chaos does not reign-then they had better get on the ball. If going out of your way is too much of an inconvenience, don't expect distributors to go out of their way to support your economic fight.
In all fairness, we must heap praise on the many dealers who have shown their support in dollars and cents for distributors cooperating with them. But for those other fellows who yelled loud and long that distributors were cutting their throats, and then neglected to support a distributor who was ready to cut his own throat to work with them, such dealers have our scorn.

## TV MANUFACTURERS

## GENERAL ELECTRIC

## Chassis M6-Production Changes

(See Electronic Technician Circuit Digest \#580, August, 1960)
On chassis bearing code 024 M6 and above, capacitor C405 connection is changed. The capacitor is now connected from the 5 U 4 GB rectifier's plate (Pin 4) to filament (Pin 2), instead of from Pin 4 to ground.
...code 019 M6 and above, capacitor C264 (across Pins $3 \& 5$ of the 6AX4 damper tube) is changed from $300 \mu \mu$ f to $315 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$.
. . . code 017 M6 and below, resistor R266, in series with the 6DQ6B horiz. output tube's 100 ohm screen resistor, is 12,000 ohms, 2 watt. Chassis with code 018 M6 and above, as shown in Circuit Digest \#580, remains 13000 ohms, 2 watt.
code 031 M6 and above, R156 (68k resistor in the grid circuit of the 6 BZ 6 2nd i-f tube, V4) is deleted and a buss wire is used in its place. The same chassis that are equipped with a WT86X98 VHF tuner, have a $68,000 \mathrm{ohm}$ resistor added in series with the age line and the VHF tuner. This resistor is physically mounted on the tuner top deck, and is connected from a terminal strip to the tuner agc input terminal.

## HOFFMAN

## Limited Remote-Control Range

If the CRT aquadag coating loses its ground connection for any reason, reduced remote-control range may result on sets so equipped. If this problem arises immediately after the chassis has been removed from the cabinet for repair, dag connection should be checked. Grounding facilities for the various models are specified as follows:
$17^{\prime \prime}$ sets: Grounding strap with a clip on one end is attached to the tuner bracket and CRT mounting assembly. Always replace the strap when returning the chassis to its cabinet.
$21^{\prime \prime}$ sets: A wire strap, in addition to the clipstrap previously mentioned, runs from the chassis and makes contact with the dag on top of the CRT.
$23^{\prime \prime}$ sets: The top-of-the-chassis wire strap is the only dag ground used in these sets. When replacing a chassis, the wire is easily unnoticed and can be accidentally pushed out of the way. Always lift the wire so it can drop in position against the dag coating.

## MAGNAVOX

## Model IMVI34-Hi-Voltage Failure

When a loss of high voltage is encountered, check resistor R57 (13.5k, 5 watt) near the 6DQ6 tube socket. The resistor may be contacting the CRT anode lead, thereby causing HV failure. On later models the anode lead has been rerouted to prevent this condition.

## PHILCO

## Chassis ilN5I, ilN5IA, IIN53Incorrect Tuner Tube Labeling

Philco is currently using two slightly different tuners with the subject chassis. Tuner \#76-12000-1 uses a 6X8 tube as local oscillator-mixer. Tuner \#76-12000-4 uses a 6CG8A. The tube label on the inside of all cabinets currently in production indicates the tube as a 6 X 8 . This is incorrect if the tuner is a . . . 4 tuner (it should be a 6CG8A). These two tubes are not interchangeable; base connections are different. Therefore, be certain to replace the local oscillator-mixer tube with the same tube you remove from the socket.

## RCA

Chassis KCSI 30-Inadequate Vertical Range
Inadequate vertical hold range may be observed in


RCA KCS 30 chassis using early-type vertical linearity controls may have inadequate vertical hold range. If replacement becomes necessary (triple control is required), a late-type control should be used. The resistor shown here should then be replaced by a jumper.

## TECHNICAL DIGEST


some sets having early type vertical linearity controls. The control is included in a unit (PC501) which also contains height and age controls. Early triple-type controls are stamped 973927-1. Circuits using this early control should have a 680 K or 560 K resistor connected between point 9 of PC501 and pin 7 of the 6DR7 tube. If a jumper is encountered here instead of a resistor, the resistor should be installed. Later chassis contain a triple control numbered 973927-4 which does not require a resistor. This chassis should have a jumper between the points indicated in the diagram. If replacement of early type triple controls becomes necessary, the late type control should be used. If a resistor is present it should be replaced by a jumper.

## 23' $\mathbf{2 V}^{\prime \prime}$ Series-Tilt Caution

When servicing a receiver of the $23^{\prime \prime}$ series, the servicing caution label attached to the cabinet's interior must be observed if the chassis is being removed from the cabinet. Removal of the chassis in these sets disturbs the weight distribution, leaving the CRT's weight at the front of the cabinet, without a counterbalancing weight. This presents the possibility of the cabinet tipping forward. It can be prevented by removing the rear casters of sets so equipped, or blocking up the front legs of sets without casters before removing the chassis.

## SYLVANIA

## Chassis 550-1,-2,-3,-7,-8,-9 Code 05Drive Line Elimination

To eliminate possibility of a drive line being vis-
Sylvania modification to eliminate visible drive line.

ible, the following modification was accomplished: (1) Removed C435 ( $0.001 \mu \mathrm{f}$ ) capacitor. (2) Added R436 (18K) resistor.

## Model 19TO1-Self-Interference

Some of these receivers will exhibit a black or white horizontal bar through the picture when the set's built-in antenna is used. This is caused by radiation from the power supply being picked up by the antenna circuit.

This condition may be corrected by the follow-


Modification for Sylvania Model 19101 TV receivers that exhibit a black or white horizontal bar through the picture when the set's built-in antenna is employed.
ing modifications: Reroute the red lead to the input capacitor and the B+ choke as shown. Add a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor if necessary. Do not allow the speaker lead slack to bunch up near the power supply. Keep the extra lead length tied under the speaker lance.

THIS NEW MONTHLY SECTION complements the basic schematic data published in Circuit Digests. It brings you the latest revisions, circuit modifications, and service data from manufacturers of TV and radio receivers.

# Understanding "Magic-Eyes" 

## How FM Tuning E Tape Record-Level Indicators Work

## Herman Burstein

- In addition to meters, there are two basic electronic devices employed as level and tuning indicators. They are the magic-eye (electron ray) tube and the neon lamp. Both are used in tape recorders as record level indicators, and the magic-eye tube, in various forms, is employed as a fine tuning indicator in radios, particularly $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{m}$ broadcast receivers.

The tape recordist must use a record level indicator or thread his way between two perils: recording at a high, excessive distortion level, or recording so low that a poor sig-nal-to-noise ratio results. The f-m listener can tune stations to receive
optimum fidelity; less distortion, maximum bandwidth. How well the indicator performs depends upon its type, accuracy of calibration, connection methods, stability, bias pickup, and the operator's skill.

## Tuning Eyes

Essentially, a tuning eye tube has a wilemite coated screen which fluoresces when a beam of electrons strike it. By connecting a signal from a receiver or tape recorder toits grid, the tube can be used to indicate relative carrier or audio levels. "Magic-eye" tubes are available in various forms, presenting circular, rectangular, and other fluorescent patterns.

Fig. 2-Schematic and indicating pattern of 6BR5 (EM80) type tuning indicator tube.


The circular-patterned 6E5 tun-ing-eye tube has been one of the most popular types for years, though newer type indicators are rapidly becoming popular. The shadow area in the 6 E 5 reduces when a signal is fed to the tube's grid. The eye is just barely open when maximum permissible recording level has been reached, as illustrated in Fig. 1B. When used as a tuning indicator the same condition prevails when the radio receiver is tuned to maximum carrier level of a broadcast station, except that strong signals close the eye more completely than shown in Fig. 1B. Excessive signal is indicated by a thin line or overlapping, as shown in Fig. 1C.

Another popular type indicator is

Fig. 3-"Micro-ray" type 6FG6 (EM84) indicator tube pattern with basing diagram.

the 6BR5 (EM80). Its simplified basing connections and indicating pattern is shown in Fig. 2. Still another frequently used type is the 6FG6 (EM84), shown in Fig. 3. It is sometimes called a "microray" indicator and presents two rectangular bars that vary in length with signal variations. Maximum audio signal or carrier level is indicated when the two bars lengthen and come together in the center area.

One versatile tube, the 6AF6-G, is frequently found in combination $A M / F M$ receivers. One of its two indicating sections is employed for AM tuning and the other for FM.

The older type 6AL7 tube functions on the same basic principles as other type indicators, although its pattern indications vary widely with circuit applications.

Practically all top grade FM and combination AM/FM radio receivers manufactured today are equipped with some form of fine tuning indicator-either meter or "magic eye" tube. Tuning meter circuits vary as widely as do magiceye type tuning indicator circuits. Most highly accurate FM tuning adjustments are performed with a meter driven by an FM discriminator output signal. A one tube triode amplifier is generally required to boost the metering signal. This is sometimes done in a double triode meter amplifier/cathode follower F-M tuner output stage, or in a circuit variation as shown in Fig. 4. A center zero indicating meter is frequently employed for tuning FM, with maximum (right) meter needle reading indicating proper tuning for AM signals. The meter shown in Fig. 4, however, indicates maximum reading when the $\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{M}$ station is properly tuned.

A 6FG6/EM84 tuning-eye tube circuit, driven from an FM receiver's 1st limiter grid input, appears in this issue's Circuit Digests.

## How They Work

In the simplified 6E5 schematic of Fig. 1, note that positive voltages are applied to both the plate and fluorescent screen. Also observe that the rod-like ray control electrode opposite the fluorescent screen is connected internally to the tube's plate and remains at the same potential. Since the control electrode
is nearer the cathode than the fluorescent screen, it exerts a stronger pull on the electrons with a given positive potential.

Signal voltage applied to the tuning eye tube's grid varies, and hence the amount of current passing through $\mathrm{R}-1$. In turn, the voltage drop created varies the plate and control electrode voltage. For example, when an f-m receiver is tuned closer to a station's center frequency, electron flow increases from the tuning eye tube's cathode to its control electrode and fluorescent screen. The screen is lighted all around except directly opposite the control electrode which absorbs those electrons directly in its path. This leaves a thin shadow on the fluorescent screen, as the "eye" closes. When less signal is applied to the tuning eye tube's grid it becomes less negative, and more current flows through R-1. The plate and control electrode now becomes less positive than the fluorescent screen. Electrons are deflected away from the electrode at wide angles on their way to the fluorescent screen. Less of the screen is lighted and the "eye" now opens wider.

Since receiver avc voltage varies with the carrier signal in AM receivers, tuning eye tubes can be operated by feeding avc voltage to the indicator tube's grid. Maximum avc voltage corresponds to maximum carrier signal, thus the tube's eye closes when the receiver is tuned to the center of a station's carrier.

In f-m receivers the tuning eye tube's grid is generally driven by a signal from the limiter grid input or discriminator output. In AM/FM receivers, one grid of the 6AF6-G tuning eye can be driven by an a-m i-f output signal and the other grid by the f-m limiter output. A number of slight circuit variations prevail in different designs.

## Record Level Circuits

A typical magic-eye record level indicator circuit, using a 6E5 tube, is shown in Fig. 5. The magic eye tube's grid is driven by an audio voltage from an appropriate stage of the recording amplifier. A voltage divider, consisting of $R-1$ and $R-2$, employ values of resistance calculated to cause full closure of the eye at a maximum permissible re-


Fig. 4-Tuning indicator meter inserted in $1 / 2$ 6BQ7-A r-f amplifier circuit of $f$-m receiver.


Fig. 5-6E5 magic-eye tube circuit used in a tape recorder for record level indicator.
cording level. A significant change in one of these resistors will result in faulty record level indicationleading in turn to excessive distortion or noise.

When connected in this circuit, however, the "eye" flickers rapidly in following the signal and it is difficult for the recordist to interpret indications. Therefore a number of tape recorders employ a "floating action" circuit. In this arrangement the "eye" remains closed briefly at peak readings. It closes quickly but does not open rapidly enough to prevent the human eye from observing its action.

## Neon Lamp Indicators

The neon lamp can also be used to indicate relative levels-although it is not as accurate as a magic-eye tube. The neon lamp is not employed as a receiver tuning indicator.

A typical neon lamp indicator circuit appears in Fig. 6. About 65 volts a-c or 90 volts d-c is needed to ignite the lamp-although appreciably less is often sufficient. Audio voltages of this magnitude may or may not be available. They are some-
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# Service Industry Votes on TV Licensing 

CHART CODE


# Service Dealers and Technicians Across U.S. Favor Licensing by Small Margin 

Electronic Technician Research Dept.

- Do TV service dealers and technicians favor or oppose regulation of the service industry through licensing laws?
To find the answer to this hotly debated question, Electronic Technician undertook a national survey by including a "ballot" in the October 1960 issue. Readers could vote by filling in the ballot form and returning it to the magazine, thereby providing a national sampling of opinion.

As the returns poured in, tabulations were made to determine the number of votes which would have to be counted to assure an adequate
sampling. By the time the first 600 replies were analyzed, a definite and essentially unchanging pattern was established. Additional ballots were counted, and no further modification of the percentages was noted, so the count was cut off after the first 701 ballots, in order to bring the results to you promptly.

To our knowledge, this is the first study of licensing attitudes to include such a broad national crosssection, including samples from 45 states in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Canada.

For easy reading, the results are presented on the bar charts shown here. As it is indicated on the chart code, a solid bar represents the votes of shop owners, while the hatched bar that of employed tech-
nicians. Furthermore, à black bar represents votes favoring licensing, while a color bar stands for votes against licensing.

Total Replies
As shown on Chart I, $53.1 \%$ were in favor of licensing, while $46.9 \%$ of all replies were against. It should be noted that the large number of shop owners, $80.9 \%$ of all replies, reflect the large proportion of this occupational group among Electronic Technician subscribers. $19.1 \%$ of all replies came from employed technicians.
In all the charts shown, the numbers represent percentages of the 701 replies tabulated.

Association Membership
Chart II points up two interest-

ing facts. First, a majority of people professionally engaged in the TV-electronic service industry, $73.1 \%$, are not members of service associations.

Second, while non-members are generally more inclined to oppose licensing, association members are overwhelming in favor of such licensing.

## Hours Worked

Chart III presents the differences in attitudes on licensing based on the number of hours worked per week. There is a definite sentiment against licensing among those people who work under 45 hours a week in TV servicing. This may reflect either or both of two conditions: these people may be operating a part-time business, or they may have excellent working conditions where a shop owner puts in a short week.

On the other hand, those working over 45 hours are very strongly in favor of licensing.

## Weekly Earnings

Chart IV shows that the minority earning under $\$ 75.00$ per week firmly opposes licensing. This may reflect part-time business. However, as earnings increase over $\$ 75.00$, particularly over $\$ 100.00$, sentiment turns strongly in favor of licensing, possibly tying in with the same people who are working longer hours.

## Experiencs

Chart V offers an interesting examination of licensing attitudes based on years in TV-radio work. It appears that irrespective of years of experience, there is a pref-

erence for licensing. Relatively, the preference is strongest among those people with the fewest number of years in the business.

## Population Distribution

Chart VI divides those in favor and against licensing on the basis of the population of the towns in which the respondents work. In population areas under $1,000,000$, there is a stronger preference for licensing, while in the big cities over $1,000,000$, the opposition has a very slight edge.

## Politics

Respondents were asked to volunteer their preference for Nixon or Kennedy for the presidency. The vote was 3 -to- 2 in favor of Nixon. The percentages were almost identical among those favoring and opposing ljcensing.

## Comments

A great many comments were volunteered by people casting ballots. We have selected comments from those state and local areas in which licensing is in effect in order

to show how service dealers and technicians have reacted to such laws.

## INDIANA:

"Licensing was once in this area. However, the ones that wanted to be licensed raised prices to a point that they lost customers by the dozens. Three were put out of business."

## LOUISIANA:

"In our first encounter with licensing, the technicians were of the opinion that this should cure a great part of their evils. Especially problems with part-timers. We found at the inception of our licensing law that everyone and his cousin had applied and received a license. However, now our second year of state licensing is almost behind us and we begin to see a marked change. Many not actually engaged in television servicing have not renewed their license. It is gradually becoming a technician's law. Here's to a rosy future."
"They take your money and that's all you hear from them. Everyone in this community can buy parts, TV sets and anything else wholesale."
"It has not been in effect too long but (Continued on page 45)



# Guide To Servicing 

Transistor Radio "Dogs"

## Simple Routines To Shorten Repair Time Of Non-Routine Defects

Louis E. Garner, Jr.

- While the majority of transistorized receiver defects will yield readily to routine tests and conventional service methods, the occasional "dog" can be a real heartbreaker.

Too often, an otherwise simple job bècomes tough when . . . (a) it fails to yield to preliminary tests, (b) an error in technique or meter reading is overlooked and accepted as accurate, (c) tube-oriented thinking draws an invalid conclusion from test results, and (d) a "short-cut" based on limited experience fails. In each case, a frequent result is that the technician becomes bogged down in a series of repetitious tests which are essentially simple variations of the same technique.

The answer to the "dog," of course, is the use of more sophisticated techniques as soon as it becomes apparent that a job is more than "routine."

## Receiver Operation

The schematic wiring diagram of the Continental Model TR-300 receiver is given in Fig. 1. While the circuit variations encountered in transistorized receivers are great, the TR-300 has most of the elements found in transistor AM Broadcast-Band receivers, and thus


Fig. 2.-A large bypass electrolytic can be shunted across the receiver's power pack to help isolate some types of defects.
is ideal for reference purposes. Since servicing "dogs" is simplified by a thorough knowledge of receiver operation, let's refer to the set's schematic. This receiver uses eight p-n-p transistors in a conventional superhet arrangement. The common-emitter configuration is employed in all stages. Operating power is supplied by a single 9 -volt dry battery, controlled by an SPST switch ganged to the set's Volume control, R15.

A separate local oscillator, TR1, is used, with its output coupled through C5 to the mixer's (TR2) emitter electrode. The i-f signal developed by the mixer is coupled through T 1 to a two-stage i-f amplifier, TR3-TR4. A neutralized circuit arrangement is used in the i-f amplifiers, with C13 and C17 serving as feedback capacitors. A variable base bias for ave is obtained
from the second detector and coupled back through R10 to the 1st i-f stage, TR3. The mixer, TR2, and 2nd i-f amplifier, TR4, are operated with fixed bias, supplied by voltage dividers R1-R2 and R12-R13, respectively.

The amplified i-f signal obtained from TR4 is coupled through T3 to a conventional diode detector, D , with the demodulated audio signal appearing across the diode load resistor, Volume control R15, coupled through C23 to a two stage audio amplifier, TR5-TR6. The second audio stage, TR6, is coupled through T4 to the Class AB pushpull power amplifier, TR7-TR8. The push-pull stage, in turn, is coupled to and drives the PM loudspeaker through impedance matching output transformer T5. The small base bias required for Class $A B$ operation is supplied by a temperaturecompensating network which includes voltage divider R25-R26 and thermistor TH.

Ignoring power supply defects for the moment, complaints of poor sensitivity, improper tuning, poor selectivity, and oscillation (squeals or motorboating) are often the result of defects in the r-f or i-f sections, TR1, TR2, TR3, and TR4. Complaints of poor quality sound (accentuated highs or lows), garbled sound (distortion), low power output (lack of volume), and so on, generally are due to defects in the
audio section, TR5, TR6, and TR7TR8. Intermittent troubles, weal operation, and failure to operate (dead) may be caused by defects in almost any part of the receiver.

## Initial Tests

Normal servicing technique follows a relatively simple routine. First, confirm the customer's complaint. Second, check the power supply (battery); here, a quick check of overall set current requirements may give a good clue. Excessive current, for example, may be caused by a leaky transistor or one or more leaky or partially shorted capacitors. A lower than normal current may be caused by an "open" transistor or by a circuit defect which removes base bias from one or more stages. Third, isolate the defect to a specific stage, watching for common defects which can cause the complaint. Conventional Signal Tracing or Signal Injection techniques may be used for stage isolation, followed by stage voltage (or current) tests to isolate the defective part. Fourth, check the transistors.

When trouble is encountered with this "standard" test routine, it's a good indication that you've run into a "dog." Therefore, it is best to shift tactics.

For example, one of the first steps in checking a tube-operated receiver is to check the tubes. This is generally the last step when checking transistor-operated sets, for transistors are less likely to "burn out" when used properly.

However, a clue from the customer or from the set's operation might indicate that a quick check of the transistors should be one of the first steps. If the customer has inadvertently installed the wrong battery in the set . . . or connected a battery with improper polarity, one or more of the transistors may be damaged. Similarly, leaving the receiver in a closed car during an exceptionally hot day may result in transistor damage. In either case, checking the transistors may speed isolation of the defect.

Use caution in your tests, however. Don't assume blithely that the results of a single test have completely eliminated a possible source of trouble. R-f transistors, for ex-
ample, may check good in some testers, yet may fail to operate as local oscillators or converters.

To see how common defects may give misleading test results, let's take a closer look at our typical receiver. Since a high percentage of customer complaints are caused by weak batteries, it is common practice to check a set's battery before using more advanced tests. Too often, however, this check is a rather cursory one . . . the battery voltage is checked under "load," or a "new" replacement is tried in the set. If the complaint isn't cleared up, it is assumed that the trouble lies elsewhere.

But sometimes such a conclusion leads one astray, for in most transistor sets battery voltage is not as important as the power supply's internal resistance. This is particularly true in midget sets where a battery by-pass (C29, Fig. 1) has been omitted to save space or to reduce costs. Since most transistor circuits will continue to operate on much lower (or higher) than their "rated" voltages, a battery may check "good," even under a moder-
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Fig. 1.-Schematic of a Continental Model TR-300 transistor portable has most of the elements found in transistor-operated AM broadcast units.


# Servicing TV Remote Controls 

## Operation E Repair Of Wireless <br> Remote Transmitters And Receivers



Fig. 1-Westinghouse V-2409 TV chassis, illustrating remote control receiver assembly, including relay and motor, in outlined area on extreme left.

Fig. 2-Motorola rod-type transmitter assembly showing lubricating points.


Fig. 3-Sylvania's battery-powered transistorized "wireless" remote transmitter.


## Bernard Green

- Controlling a TV set from a distance has been a desirable feature since "big picture" TV required audiences to sit beyond reach of the channel selector. The luxury of not getting up to change channels, volume, or what-have-you is obvious. Consequently, it's not surprising to find remote control a prominent optional feature on most television sets; wireless remote control, that is.

Wireless remote controls are simply transmitter/receiver combinations with a mechanical assembly doing the physical work. The transmitter is diminutive in size, permitting it to be held in the hand of the user; the receiver is in the main chassis cabinet, frequently secured directly to the main TV chassis as shown in Fig. 1. It employs a mo-tor-drive mechanical assembly to control television operation when activated by the transmitter. Depending upon the particular device, functions may include: changing channels, volume, brightness, or any other adjustments.

## Remote Transmitters

Remote wireless transmitters, illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, can be divided into two basic categories: electronic and mechanical. (1) The electronic transmitters are batteryoperated transistor circuits that generally radiate inaudible signals generated by oscillatory circuits. (2) Mechanical devices radiate inaudible ultrasonic signals by mechanically striking metal rods through push-button release of a hammer; similar to the action of hitting a tuning fork. Some "mechanical" devices use a plastic-type bellows that emits a high frequency
harmonic when squeezed by hand. [In rare instances, even compressed aerosol type liquid dispensers can activate the remote mechanism if its frequency happens to coincide with the receiver's tuned frequency.]

Both types, mechanical and electronic, transmit usable remote frequencies far beyond human hearing capabilities, and are variously called: "supersonic," "ultrasonic," etc. These frequencies are picked up by the remote receiver's receiving element; either an antenna or a microphone.

Troubles in a mechanical transmitter are limited to defective springs, incorrect seating of metal rods, and other such mechanicaltype problems. They are generally incurred through dropping or otherwise misusing the device. The bel-lows-type transmitter can develop an air leak.

The electronic transmitter shown in Fig. 3 is presented circuit-wise in Fig. 4. This is the more conventional type transmitter to an electronics man. Although circuit designs vary with the manufacturer, they all employ some form of oscillator circuit, whether Hartley, Colpitts, or other design, and a signal radiating element. A battery, frequently a cadmium-mercury type, and a transistor contribute to a transmitter's small size.

Fig. 4's circuit is a simple Hartley oscillator using a PNP transistor and powered by a nine-volt battery. PB600 is the pushbutton that activates the transmitter.

## Remote Receivers

Remote receivers are mounted on the TV set's main chassis or in the same cabinet, with connecting cables to the main chassis. The motor assembly is physically close to the tuner, as indicated in Fig. 1. Since the remote receiver and transmitter are designed to complement each other, it's not surprising that as many circuit variations exist among receivers as transmitters.

Essentially, receivers pick up the signal sent by the transmitter. The complexity of a wireless receiver's remote circuity depends on a transmitter's control functions. A different frequency is often needed for each function of the transmitter. Consequently, additional receiver


Fig. 4-Schematic diagram of the Sylvania transistorized remote control transmitter using one PNP transistor. Base view of transistor and typical operating voltages are included.
circuitry is needed to direct these signals.

Looking at the block diagram of Fig. 5, you'll suddenly be aware that television sets with wireless remote controls are beginning to resemble industrial controls, though more simplified. That is, electronic circuity is mated to mechanical contrivances to physically control movement. The three relays and motor depicted in Fig. 5 are naturally more elaborate than shown.

The transmitter that operates the receiver illustrated in the block diagram has four basic functions: move channels up or down, move the volume-on-off control up or down. The remote receiver must receive signals from the transmitter, amplify, and direct these signals to
control the TV set.
The transmitter employs four signals to control four basic functions: a 41 KC or 39 KC signal, or either of the signals modulated by approximately 170 cps . A transducer, in this case, a crystal microphone, receives the transmitter's signal and converts it into an electrical signal. The signal is amplified by three 40 KC stages.

If a CW signal is received, it is detected and causes a relay amplifier tube to conduct; K1 if it is a 39 KC signal, K 2 if a 41 KC signal. Either relay energizes the motor drive: K1 causes the drive to rotate channels in a channels-up direction; K2 in a channels-down direction.
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Fig. 5-Block diagram of components in remote control receiver employed on Westinghouse TV.



## Installing

 Citizens Band RadiosFig. 1-Outside security guard contacts base station inside plant with Citizens Band Radio transceiver installed in automobile.

## Transceiver Mounting Techniques E Interference Suppression

## Allan Lytel

- Increased use of Citizens Band Radio at fixed stations, on autos and pleasure boats, has opened an expanding source of revenue for the experienced electronics specialist. Far too many radio-TV technicians, particularly those experienced in auto radio installation work, are not pursuing this substantial sales, installation, and service plum.

The Citizens Band radio user has a large number of reasonably priced units available to him-provided by many different manufacturers (see Electronic Technician, May 1960, page 38).

## Installations

Many technicians already have had experience securing auto radio shells to the side brackets provided by auto manufacturers. The CB radio unit is only a little more complex to install. A CB transceiver may come with an unassembled platform, a brace to be secured, or the technician may find it necessary to improvise as he often does on regular auto radio receiver installations. A conventional completed installation is pictured in Fig. 1.

A typical mounting plate and
dash board assembly is shown in Fig. 2. This type may be assembled, as follows: Place the transceiver up-side down and remove the four rubber feet. Turn transceiver right side up, spread case at bottom and remove. Part A is placed on top of cabinet and four $31 / 4$ holes are drilled. Using \#8 x $1 / 2$ " screws, bolt part A to the case, placing screw heads on inside of case.

Use \#8 x $1 / 2^{\prime *}$ screws and bolt strap C to part B. Position part B under dash, and drill two $3 / 10^{\prime \prime}$ holes. Use \#8 x $1^{\prime \prime}$ screws and bolt part $B$ under dash, as shown. Fasten part $C$ to fire wall or a brace under dash using $1 / 4 \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ screw. Replace chassis in case.

This set can be removed by simply pulling it forward from its cradle and can be reinserted by lining it up and pushing forward until it is against the case rear. By adding a back support to the dash board mount (in the form of a battery braided cable) the installation is strengthened and a ground to the fire-wall is made.

In the event a mounting bracket or platform is not included with the set, a piece of aluminum about four inches wider than the transceiver can serve as an improvised mount. Preparations include mark-

Fig. 2-When two easily mounted plates are properly attached and the CB chassis installed, the entire unit can be quickly removed or replaced by sliding in and out of the under-dash mounted cradle.

ing the exact positions on the metal form for drilling two holes, followed by drilling two similar holes in the dash board mounting site. By securing the unit to the mount and then fastening the entire assembly to the dash board, a permanent installation can be made.

## Small Craft Installation

Mounting a CB radio aboard a small craft is essentially similar to the aforementioned procedure. Four convenient mounting locations are illustrated in Fig. 3, while a completed installation is shown in Fig. 4. As shown: a unit may be mounted under the dash, behind the cockpit, under a seat, or against a bulkhead. Naturally it is important to install the water-craft unit in a protected location, convenient to the operator and near the vessel's battery power. Protection is necessary from rain as well as spray. Long cables and hard-to-reach operating controls are results of poor installation planning and should be avoided. The chassis assembly may be removed in most instances and its case is drilled and fastened for permanent installation.

Since the small craft hull is usually wood or fiberglass, a grounding plate below water line is required. Most larger pleasure craft (24 to 30 feet) are already provided with a metal hull plate as grounding protection from static electricity. This can be used for equipment grounding.

In the event the vessel does not have a metal hull plate a sheet of \# 20 copper three to four square feet ( $11 / 2^{\prime} \times 11 / 2^{\prime}$ ) or larger, may be secured to the vessels hull below the water line. It is recommended that a low impedance, thin copper strap be connected between this plate and the ground terminal of the equipment. Engine frame should be grounded to this plate also.

In certain types of boats, especially those with outboard motors, it may not be desirable or practical to install a hull plate. In this event a large copper sheet should be laid in the bottom of the boat and bonded to the motor. Equipment should then be grounded to this plate with copper strapping. Lead covered cables are ideal from battery to equipment. Remember-leads should be as short as possible. The


Fig. 3-Four typical positions for mounting CB transceiver on small boats.
transceiver should be properly fused in its battery supply line, and cable wiring from battery to instrument should be at least \#6 size.

## Antenna Installations

In all radio receiving and transmitting applications the antenna is a prime consideration. Efficiency of the equipment cannot be any better than the antenna to which it is attached. This applies to auto, boat, and base station. As we already know, the FCC has certain limits on CB antenna heights. They must not extend higher than $20^{\circ}$ above the mounting base. Furthermore, if installed on a regular antenna mast or tower they cannot extend beyond the top of this tower.

The omnidirectional vertical "whip" type antenna is generally employed on mobile units. It may be base loaded to increase its electrical length and decrease its physical length. The omnidirectional vertical ground-plane antenna is ideal at a base station. Generally the antenna should be mounted as high as possible, within FCC regulations, and clear of all metal objects.

There are a number of antenna site choices on auto or truck. On the roof, front cowl, rear deck lid, rear bumper bar, or clipped to the rain gutter. For optimum results the truck antenna mounting site is on the upper portion of the rear cab assembly. Automobile antenna sites are generally on the rear bumper or rear deck. Primary objectives in choosing the mounting site include keeping the antenna away from
metal, and mounting the antenna securely.

The truck cab mounting base is a symmetrical platform with a spring support that holds the antenna and asorbs road vibration. Mount this plate in the same manner as the antenna cowl by cutting a hole the same diameter as the antenna base, then applying pressure by tightening the nut attached to the inner section of the antenna mounting against the metal frame. If needed, sheet metal screws may be used to secure the antenna mounting to the cab after the nut is tightened. The antenna fits at a $90^{\circ}$ angle into the mount.

Conventional front cowl mounts, usually seen in auto radio installations, are not generally used in CB radio. The CB antenna mount is either a roof, rear bumper or rear deck type. These are usually spring mounts, the spring absorbing vibration developed as the vehicle moves along the roadway. Roof mounted antennas are of the base loaded type since the regular types extend too far upward.

Should the antenna be mounted to an area close to the vehicle's body, with half its height obscured by the vehicle's steel structure, pickup and radiation will suffer. Rule of thumb directs the installation technician to mount an antenna as high as possible with as much space as possible between it and the steel body of the vehicle.
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Fig. 4-Small boat transceiver mounted behind cockpit is operated by helmsman.


# Transistorized Wrist-Watch 



Fig. 1-lllustrations of Accutron showing principal components. Drawing at left shows dial side with tuning fork assembly and basic elements of the electronic circuit. Drawing at right shows the rear of the mechanism with its indexing components, power cell recess, and funing fork frequency regulator.

- An electronic wrist-watch, called "Accutron," using principles employed in controlling Satellite radio transmitters, has been introduced by Bulova Watch Co., Inc. Replacing the "tick" of a standard watch is the "Accutron's" microsonic hum. The transistorized timepiece employs a tuning fork, electromagnetic coils, transistor circuitry, in place of the usual balance wheel and hair spring mechanism.


## Operation

The timekeeping operation of the tuning fork and indexing assembly is an electro-mechanical function. A power cell, transistorized electronic circuit, and electromagnetic assembly control tuning fork vibrations (see Fig. 1). The button-sized 1.3 volt mercury cell is said to keep the timepiece running for at least one year. Power needed to operate the unit is about 0.000008 watts.

The transistor in the electronic circuit is used as a relay, delivering a current pulse for each cycle of tuning fork ( 360 cps ). Electromagnet drive coils are used to deliver this pulse to the tuning fork.

The "Accutron" watch also contains a resistor, capacitor, and sensing coils, as shown in Fig. 2.

Three functions are served by the coils and magnets: (1) Drive the tuning fork by converting pulses of current delivered to the coils to mechanical energy. (2) Control the amplitude of the tuning fork by sensing the alternating voltages induced during each cycle. (3) Control the instant during the cycle when the driving pulse is to be delivered to the coils.

Assembly line production principles are employed in manufactur-

Fig. 2-Electronic circuit of the "Accutron" acts as an on-off switch. Drive pulses, delivered through a transistor, are applied to sensing coils to maintain the tuning fork vibration rate at 360 cycles per second.

ing these timepieces. Plant electronic equipment, besides typical voltmeter, ammeter test equipment, includes the following:

Berkley Instrument
Model 5444 Counter
Berkley Instrument
Model 550 Counter
Radio Frequency Labs.
Model 1500 Magnet Charger
DuMont Labs
Model 401 Oscilloscope
Strobolac Watch Rate Tester
American Time Products
Watch Master
The "Accutron" is designed for normal performance within $20^{\circ}$ to $120^{\circ}$ Fahrenheit. Servicing these units is limited to replacing the battery or module units. The coil assembly and tuning fork unit can be removed separately and replaced as separate units.
Accuracy is said to be approximately 10 times greater than fine hair-spring balance wheel movements. The electronic timepiece will be available in prices from $\$ 175$ to $\$ 2500$ (for the platinum model). Most of the dozen men's models are in the $\$ 250$ to $\$ 400$ range. ${ }^{-}$

# NEW COMPONENTS 

## Fuseking FUSES

Announced is a complete line of dual element cartridge fuses in 250 v and 600 v range. Featuring unique mechanical construction, the thermal cut-out element provides most reliable control of overload currents. The snap-open jaws of the heat sinks are activated when heat from any source approaches $300^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The thermal cut-out element also provides exceptional time-delay performance, useful in preventing needless blows from harmless overloads such as motor starting surges. Monarch Electric Div., El-Tronics, Inc., Jamestown, N. Y.
For more data, circle 1-41-1 on coupon, p. 50

## Stancor TRANSFORMERS

Two new exact replacement flyback transformers for use in Olympic TV sets are now available. Stancor HO315 is an exact replacement for Olympic part No. TR-3599-5, used in 42 chassis and 296 models, $\$ 9.45$. HO-316 replaces Olympic part No. TR-5598/ B, used in 4 chassis and 14 models, \$8.95. Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., 3501 W. Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill.
For more data, circle 1-41-2 on coupon, p. 50

## Centralab CONTROLS

Announced, as additions to the firm's line of exact replacement controls, are five new units for Motorola radios. They have applications in 1957, 1958 and 1959 Chevrolets, and in 1959 Pontiacs, as well as several Universal applications covering the period between 1954 and 1959. Catalog numbers are: M/U-2, M/U-6, M/U-7, M/U-8 and M/U-9. Centralab, 900 E . Keefe Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wis.
For more data, circle 1-41-3 on coupon, p. 50

## Standard Coil TUNER PARTS

Model 31 T 3890, for shop and field use in conjunction with Section II of the Standard Cross Reference Guide, contains replacement parts for Standard tuners manufactured from 19471957. These parts make up $90 \%$ of the replacement parts most commonly used in field service. Included free: popular special springs; detent springs and roller assembly; detent ball assemblies; etc., and a special i-f alignment tool for late model Standard TV and FM tuners. \$27.99. Standard Kollsman Industries, Inc., 2085 N. Hawthorne Ave., Melrose Park, III.

For more data, circle 1-41-4 on coupon, p. 50


## Amperex TUBES

Offered free, with the purchase of an assortment of radio and TV replacement tubes, is a B. F. Goodrich ice bucket. Normally sold at $\$ 11.95$, bucket holds one gallon of ice or hot or cold food and keeps for up to 24 hours. Tubes, packed inside the bucket, are: 2ER5; 4ES8/ECC189; 6AQ8/ECC85;


6AT6/EBC90; 6AV6/EBC91; 6BA6/ EF93; 6BL8/ECF80; 6BM8/ECL82; 6BQ5/EL84; 6CA4/EZ81; 6CA7/ EL34; 6ER5/EC95; 6EH7/EF183; 6EJ7/EF184; 6ES8/ECC189; 6FG6/ EM84; 6FY6; 5V3/EZ80; 6X4/EZ90; 12AT7/ECC81; 12AU7/ECC82; 12AX $7 /$ ECC83; 6267/EF86; and 7025. Amperex Electronic Corp., 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L. I. N. Y.
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## Pyramid CAPACITORS

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# Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers 

## Synchroguide Causes Poor Width

An RCA TV (Canadian Model 21TC142A) came in the shop with low brilliance and very poor focus. A high voltage check revealed only 7.5 KV second anode voltage, yet the set had a full picture.

After checking and doublechecking, I found that someone had wired a $.01 \mu \mathrm{fd}$. capacitor across the width coil. The manufacturer's


Fig. 1-Poor width and low high voltage was caused by a defective 1112 synchroguide coil.
schematic didn't indicate a capacitor across this point. Removing the added component did three things: (1) high voltage shot up to 10.5 KV , (2) raster shrunk on both sides about two inches, (3) CRT focus could be properly adjusted with the focalizer.

The cat was now out of the bag: whoever serviced the set before probably had a width problem and could not find the source of trouble. In despair he added a capacitor to the width circuit to fill the screen, but reduced brightness level.

Now the problem with the set was how to get more width. The schematic shown in Fig. 1 indicates -20 volts at the 6 BQ 6 's grid, and +17 volts at the tube's cathode. The latter voltage was close enough $(+15)$ but the grid was running at -7 volts. After disconnecting coupling capacitor C178 at the tube's grid, I fed in a horizontal pulse from my test equipment. Full
width was restored and the high voltage returned to 15 KV . This obviously pointed the trouble to the synchroguide circuit. However, I felt that since the picture locked in the trouble couldn't be in the afc section. To double check, I scoped the waveforms of the oscillator section and measured the d-c voltages. All were close to those shown in the schematic.

After checking and substituting all questionable capacitors and resistors in the circuit, I concluded that the trouble had to be a defective synchroguide coil. As these coils were separate components (L112 and L113), I first obtained and replaced the L112 coil. Full width returned to the set and the horizontal drive measured -20 volts; the high voltage was satisfactory at 15 KV .

The d-c resistances of the two coils were nearly identical and the faulty one produced a perfect waveform. A check with the customer confirmed our theory that her set had shown a dull, out-of-focus picture since it was last serviced.Lambert C. Huneault, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

## Arcing Resistor Causes Spurious Pulses

A call was made on a Magnavox CT297 that had a bad case of horizontal jitters. The picture would be sharp and clear, wiggle a little from side to side and then go sharp and clear again. At times, when the jittering became severe, the horizontal frequency would fall out completely and then suddenly snap in again. When a new set of afc tubes failed to help, the chassis was brought to the shop.

On the bench I used a scope to observe waveforms, starting at the horizontal output tube and working back toward the tuner in an effort to localize the source of the jittering. Regardless of which test point
(see Fig. 2) I scoped there was a jumpy wave form. Even the composite signal at the video output tube showed signs of "noise" spikes. VTVM readings on the 6AL5 afc tube revealed some erratic voltages. From this point I went to the 6AU6 reactance tube and finally to the 12AU7 oscillator. Capacitors were clipped out and replaced; off-value resistors were substituted. Still the jittering persisted.

Back I went to the scope. I tried to determine which of the erratic wave shapes was the most erratic. With the scope probe attached to the first sync amplifier plate, I turned the set on and noticed the scope trace skittering rapidly up and down until the tubes warmed up. The trace then settled down. Turning the set off, placing the


Fig. 2-Horizontal jitter was due to an arcing 8200 ohm voltage divider resistor.

VTVM probe at the same point, I found the voltage varied with the skittering effect until the set warmed up. Following this up further, I finally found the 8200 ohm $\mathrm{B}+$ voltage divider resistor was arcing internally, accounting for the spurious pulses appearing throughout the entire video, sweep and sync systems.-Frank A. Salerno, Long Island City 5, N. Y.

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Fig 1-A heat sink with excellent dissipating capacity is made by filing grooves in alli-gator-clip jaw tips and soldering in two heavy copper strips, shaped as shown.
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## TV Licensing

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"The Detroit area has such, but many problems have presented themselves. One association has been working to get licensing through the State legislature but has thus far been unsuccessful."
"Has been beneficial, but is not a cureall."
"People don't know enough to ask for a licensed technician. I'm throwing away $\$ 25.00$ a year for my dealer technician license."
"It is a shame what they can get away with. If the customer complains, oh, we are licensed and know what to do. It's just a shield for them."
"It has increased quality servicing, discouraged others not qualified. Reduced complaints to a minimum. Provides more servicing and profits for the shop owners."
"We have licensing now, but they are not pressing the situation. I do not see any difference in the situation with or without licenses."

## MINNESOTA:

"Quite good. It does not eliminate all night or home operators, but at least part of them."

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"We have a license law, again challenged by a bunch of opportunists and a very small minority that have either been frightened or actually threatened into opposing the bill. Jobbers are pushing the anti fight."

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## оніо:

"In our area, it is not working out to everyone's satisfaction."
"It is working out miserably."

## OREGON:

"Some technicians like it, some don't. It hasn't added any money to their pockets. Patrons still buy wholesale. Licensing costs $\$ 20$ a year-for what?"

## TEXAS:

"License costs $\$ 5.00$ in Texas, plus $\$ 5.00$ for $\$ 500$ Bond. After one year, it is working out well. It seems to me, it would be better to require an examination to obtain the license."
"Licensing in the state of Texas has not prevented anyone from working at TV repair. It merely is a racket to
bleed a little more tax from the people."
"The law passed here in Texas is the best for all technicians. Business is better for me, and almost everyone else that I talked to agrees with me."
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## Citizens Band Radios

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## Interference Problems

Built-in noise limiters of CB receivers will not always eliminate ignition noise, generator whine, etc., caused by car, truck, boat, or tractor engines. Special precautions are frequently necessary to obtain satisfactory reception through this interference. Before it can be eliminated or reduced, however, its source must be identified.

Ignition noise persists only when the ignition switch is on. It will not be present when the ignition switch is off-even if the engine is still turning over. It may or may not vary with engine speed.

Generator noise will be present when the motor is turning overeven if the ignition switch is off. Removing the generator drive belt will kill it.

Wheel static will be present when the clutch is disengaged, with the ignition switch off, and the vehicle coasting. At speeds over about 15 mph on a smooth dry road it will have a steady popping sound.

Voltage regulator hash has a raspy, irregular noise.

There are no fixed formulas available for eliminating interference. Two or more types may also be encountered at the same time. General procedures are as follows:

## For ignition noise:

1. Substitute resistor spark plugs for present plugs or install 10 k ohm spark plug suppressors on plugs.
2. Check all high tension connections for arc gaps-especially the "pinch fit" terminal connectors commonly used.
3. Replace old high tension wiring if it appears to be leaky.
4. Reroute low tension wiring that may be cabled with or included in high tension wire conduit.
5. If necessary, a 10 k ohm suppressor resistor should be inserted at the center tower, and a 5 K ohm suppressor at each spark plug tower of the distributor.
6. In extreme cases install shielded ignition wire between coil and distributor, and distributor and each plug.

## For generator noise:

1. 0.1 to $0.5 \mu \mathrm{f}$ coaxial type capacitors should be installed from the generator armature to the frame mount or the generator case. Make all connections as short as possible. A $001 \mu \mathrm{f}$ coaxial capacitor from armature directly to the case may help.
2. A parallel resonant circuit made with 8 to 11 turns of \#10 enameled wire on a 1 inch diameter form, shunted with a $3-30 \mu \mathrm{f}$ compression type mica trimmer, may be inserted in series with capacitors employed in step 1. Connect at armature point. Trimmer is adjusted for minimum noise.
3. Check commutator for wear and replace brushes if interference persists.
For regulator hash:
4. Install a 0.1 to $0.25 \mu \mathrm{f}$ coaxial capacitor between battery terminal of the regulator and the battery as near the regulator as possible. Securely ground the capacitor case.
5. Connect an identical capacitor between the generator terminal of the regulator and the generator.
6. Connect a $0.002 \mu \mathrm{f}$ mica capacitor, with a 4 ohm carbon resistor in series, between the field terminal of the regulator and ground. Keep leads short.
7. If necessary shield the lead between the generator and regulator with double braid shielding.

For wheel static:

1. Install front wheel static collectors in the dust cap of the front axle. Use collectors specifically designed for the car, truck, etc. If not available, use the universal type.
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3. If necessary, install rear wheel static collectors. These may have
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Interference from boat engines may present some special problems. Complete grounding with all metal parts bonded together is a good start. Especially if noise is originating from propeller shaft or stuffing box. Plastic shell motors may require shielding with bronze screening. Inboard motors may require complete bonding and shielding precautions.

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| New sets | 6,400,000 |
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| \$ volume at retail | \$1,300,000,000 |
| Sets scrapped | 3,300,000 |
| TELEVISION SETS IN USE |  |
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| Total IV sets in U.S. | 56,200,000 |
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| New sets (including 1.4 million FM) | 15,000,000 |
| \$ volume at retail | \$ 510,000,000 |
| RADIO SETS IN USE |  |
| U.S. homes* with sets | 54,100,000 |
| Secondary sets in above homes | 59,800,000 |
| Sets in business places, institutions | 14,000,000 |
| Automobile sets . . . . . . . . ..................... | 44,100,000 |
| Total radio sets in U.S. (including 16,600,000 FM) | 172,000,000 |

## ANNUAL RETAIL BILL FOR SERVICING

| 178,000,000 replacement receiving tubes | \$ 330,000,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7,400,000 replacement picture tubes | \$ 280,000,000 |
| Antennas, components, parts, instruments | \$ 930,000,000 |
| Labor | \$1,400,000,000 |
| Total servicing bill | \$2,940,000,000 |
| INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS |  |
| Industrial electronies, factory sales | \$1,820,000,000 |
| Industrial electronic \& communications maintenance | \$ 620,000,000 |
| TV-ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS |  |
| Major service outlets | 64,100 |
| Parts jobber business accounted for | 64\% |
| TUBES MANUFACTURED |  |
| Picture Tubes |  |
| Number made (including rebuils) | 13,200,000 |
| \% used for replacement | 56\% |
| Receiving Tubes |  |
| Number made | 415,000,000 |
| \% used for replacement <br> (Continued on page 52) | 43\% |

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| Year | Sets Manufactured | Total Sets in Use | TV Stations <br> on Air |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1946 | 10,000 | 8,000 | 5 |
| 1947 | 250,000 | 230,000 | 20 |
| 1948 | $1,000,000$ | $1,000,000$ | 44 |
| 1949 | $3,000,000$ | $3,800,000$ | 100 |
| 1950 | $7,500,000$ | $10,500,000$ | 107 |
| 1951 | $5,600,000$ | $15,750,000$ | 108 |
| 1952 | $6,300,000$ | $21,800,000$ | 123 |
| 1953 | $7,300,000$ | $28,000,000$ | 350 |
| 1954 | $7,300,000$ | $33,000,000$ | 440 |
| 1955 | $7,80,000$ | $39,000,000$ | 485 |
| 1956 | $7,300,000$ | $4,900,000$ | 512 |
| 1957 | $6,800,000$ | $47,240,000$ | 521 |
| 1958 | $5,100,000$ | $50,300,000$ | 546 |
| 1959 | $5,900,000$ | $53,100,000$ | 570 |
| 1960 | $6,400,000$ | $56,200,000$ | 588 |
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Home Hi-Fi Service (75\% of outlets)
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Phonographs $\$$ volume at retail
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In the circuit illustrated in Fig. 4, a positive-going magic-eye tube grid voltage causes electron flow from cathode to grid, because the cathode is at ground and therefore negative bias does not exist on the grid. In effect this current flow means that the magic-eye tube has low impedance during positive signal swing. When the signal is nega-


Fig. 6-Neon lamp circuit employed as record level indicator in a tape recorder.
tive-going, however, effective resist ance between cathode and grid is infinite because no current flows. Thus the magic-eye tube's load impedance varies with positive and negative audio signal swing. This condition would cause serious distortion except for the intervening impedance of R-1 (Fig. 5). This resistor prevents the tube's varying impedance from disrupting total load impedance.

A similar problem occurs in the case of the neon lamp. When the lamp fires, its effective resistance is about 100,000 ohms. When extinguished its effective resistance is infinity. R-1 (Fig. 6) prevents audio circuit loading.

Indicator circuits usually include a filter to prevent a-c bias current (for the record and erase heads) from reaching the indicator and producing a false reading. The filter consists of C-2, R-1, and R-2 (Fig. 5), and C-2 and R-1 (Fig. 6).

## Advantages \& Disadvantages

Compared with meters, the electronic indicator has the advantage of much lower cost. And the neon lamp is even less expensive. Functionally, electronic indicators have an advantage in reading true peak signal levels. Because of mechanical reasons a meter cannot respond fully to the sudden, large transients that occur in music and speech. A minor advantage is less space requirements.

Electronic indicator characteristics are generally less uniform and stable compared to meters-particularly a VU meter which is designed for audio purposes. Varying tolerances in magic-eye tubes and neon lamps can cause significantly different recording level indications. For example, one NE-51 may fire at 65 volts a-c, and another at only 45 volts. When a magic-eye tube or neon lamp is replaced, maximum permissible recording level may change several db , resulting in greater distortion or a lower signal-to-noise ratio.

The experienced recordist knows that different kinds of music or speech, depending upon complexity, frequency content, transients, etc., must be recorded at relatively different levels to avoid undue distortion. A meter provides db readings and permits closer adjustment of recording level. The magic-eye tube allows only a rough adjustment, and the neon lamp is even more limited.

Another disadvantage of electronic indicators is their greater driving voltage requirements. Whereas 1.23 volts can drive a VU meter to " O " VU, between -6 and -8 volts are needed to completely close the eye of a 6 E 5 , for example. A neon lamp requires at least 65 volts $d$ - $c$ to ignite-averaging about 80 volts d-c.

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## TV Remote Controls

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## Servicing

Servicing an electronic remote transmitter is fairly simple. The most frequent trouble encountered is caused by defective batteries, battery contacts, and switches. The transistor and circuitry can be repaired in a manner similar to servicing the oscillator section of a transistor radio.

Be sure to remove batteries when making continuity tests to avoid damaging transistors.

A quick check of a transmitter's output can be made by employing a wide-band oscilloscope and an ordi-
nary radio receiver antenna attached to the vertical and ground terminals of the scope. Bringing the transmitter close to the antenna and depressing one of its buttons should result in some visual display. This display indicates output; either modulated or CW, as the case may be.

A scope across the output transducer, which may be a crystal, will enable the technician to observe the output, also. Of course, the easiest method to check output-and fre-quency-of a suspect transmitter is to use another transmitter known to be good.

Alignment problems are rare, though they do occur. In at least


Fig. 6-Simpson's model 407 crystal-controlled TV remote alignment generator.
one instance, alignment is neces-sary-even if the transmitter is operating properly. This requirement could occur if a neighbor's transmitter is interfering with your customer's wireless remotecontrolled set. In this case, shifting the carrier within the manufacturer's specified center frequency tol-

erance will correct the situation. Alignment of both transmitter and receiver is required.

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Remote receiver servicing requires more than just repairing basic electronic circuitry. The service technician must, in addition to understanding the "block circuitry," as shown in Fig. 5, separate mechanical difficulties from electronic ones.

Isolating the defect may depend on sight and sound, as well as instruments. For example, depressing


Fig. 7-Relay, rocker arm, and switch assembly on Motorola remote control receiver.
the transmitter button can evoke a "click" from the receiver's relay (the technician would naturally be close to the receiver), indicating that the electronic receiver is operating properly, but perhaps a disengaged or frozen shaft is causing the difficulty.

A frequent mechanical offender is the remote receiver's relay or switching mechanism, (see Fig. 7). Checking contacts here can often locate the reason for improper mechanical operation. Actuating the control manually may check this suspected area. (Since 110 volts are carried by some contacts, use insulated tools when effecting manual tests).

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## California

RTA, San Jose, reports the following officers were elected to the Santa Clara and Santa Cruz County chapters of CSEA: Pres., M.L. Peterson; V.P., Don Brown; Sectreas., Clyde McCool.

APA, Los Angeles, reports the California Assembly Interim Committee on Government Efficiency and Economy has voted favorably on a petition to license appliance and TV servicemen. APA is said to have testified that 6,000 sales and service organizations, representing $\$ 300$ billion annual sales and service, are being hurt by sales and service activities of tax paying sundowners and backyard garage operators. It is expected that the 1961 State Assembly will adopt legislation on appliance and TV licensing.
ages totaling $\$ 320,000$ have been filed by eight persons, against TESA, Kansas City and TESA of Greater Kansas City. Six local service dealers and two employee technicians are plaintiffs in the cases. The suits were said to result from a circular allegedly accusing plaintiffs of opposing the Kansas City licensing ordinance.

## Ohio

TESA, Columbus, Ohio has elected the following officers: Pres., Vern LaPlante; 1st V.P., Paul Lecoy; Treas., Vic Felton; Sec'y., Gregory Barkoukis.

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FRTSA, Harrisburg, advises that their most recent meeting, attended by more than 100 technicians and servicemen, including association delegates, voted unanimously to approve a draft licensing bill. This new measure is expected to be presented early in the State Legislature's 1961 term.

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## Indiana

IESA, Indianapolis, reports that the Southwestern Indiana Electronic Technicians Association, serving Dubois County, have become members of the State organization. Charles Lamberson was elected president of the group.

## Michigan

TSA, Detroit, queried an editorial appearing in TEAM News alleging that "The Detroit License Ordinance, 110 F , is an admitted failure," by asking: "Who admits failure?" TSA pointed out many good reasons why service dealers of Detroit did not wish to add to their difficulties by repealing the ordinance. TEAM was requested to allow Detroit's service dealers to judge and/or amend the ordinance if their collective experiences indicated the necessity.

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## Vaco SCREW DRIVER

"Piggy-Back" screw driver offer, 4 tools in 1, includes: plastic handle, with $1 / 4$ " hex socket; reversible blade with one end a $3 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ regular blade and the other end a No. 1 Phillips bit; and midget instrument-type screw driver included free. This midget driver handle fits into the $1 / 4$ " hex socket "piggy-back" style for extra precision control in hard-to-get-at places. "Pig-gy-Back" set fits most screws and nuts. The free midget driver permits expert work. Complete set, $\$ 1.60$. Vaco Products Co., 317 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11, III.
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## Xcelite TOOL CASE

Announced is a new executive-type service case. With a 40 -tool capacity, this smart-looking, top grain leather case is capable of carrying practically every tool required for radio, TV and electronic repairs. Leather thongs hold tools neatly and firmly in place, yet permit quick, easy removal. Felttype lining protects tool finishes and handles. Case is reinforced against rugged use. Black or brown models available. Xcelite, Inc., Thorne Ave. and Bank St., Orchard Park, N. Y.
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## CDE CAPACITORS

ESS-7515, designed especially for printed board mounting, is a compact, cardboard-sleeved, plug-in type capacitor. It provides an exact electrical and mechanical replacement for eight original standard 150 WVDC capacitors commonly used in printed circuit

radio and TV receivers. These are $\mu \mathrm{fd}: 50-30 ; 70-30 ; 75-30 ; 60-40 ; 80-40$; $50-50 ; 10-50$; and $80-50$. In addition, the versatility of the unit makes it an ideal replacement for many other combinations of capacitance within its ratings. $\$ 2.00$. Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, 333 Hamilton Ave., South Plainfield, N. J.
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## Quam-Nichols SPEAKER

Announced is the new model 410A2, $4^{\prime \prime} \times 10^{\prime \prime}$ replacement speaker. It features a 1.4 oz. Alnico $V$ magnet; 6 watts power handling and is reported

to meet the requirements for a large replacement market. This size speaker is in use in many Buick, Cadillac and Pontiac auto radios, as well as in other sets. Quam-Nichols Co., 226 E. Marquette Rd., Chicago 37, Ill.
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