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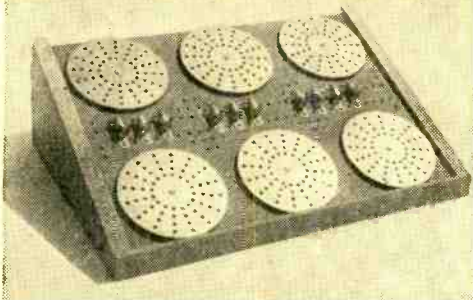
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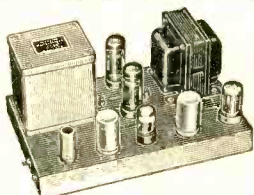
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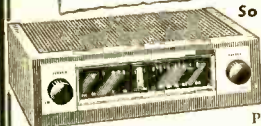


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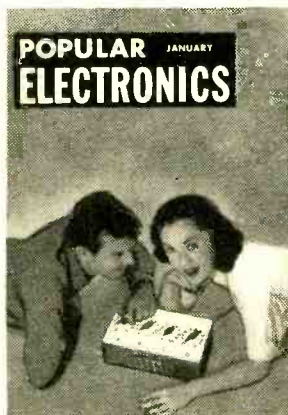
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Our January cover shows two of our favorite readers playing a game of "Nim." This is the contest where two players attempt to outwit one another by picking up matchsticks from four piles, the object being not to be left with the last one. Of course, we're doing it electronically—and showing you how the binary coding system used in gigantic computers can be put to practical application.

There are many other construction projects in the January issue, with some interesting ones on hi-fi. You'll like the anti-phase amplifier and the article on adding a tuning meter. Oh, yes, Kohler will be back!

IN THIS MONTH'S

RADIO & TV NEWS

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Electronic Fencing "Touché" Indicator

Antenna Applications in Two-Way Radio Systems

Stereo Balance and Gain Control

New Hi-Fi Reluctance Phono Cartridge

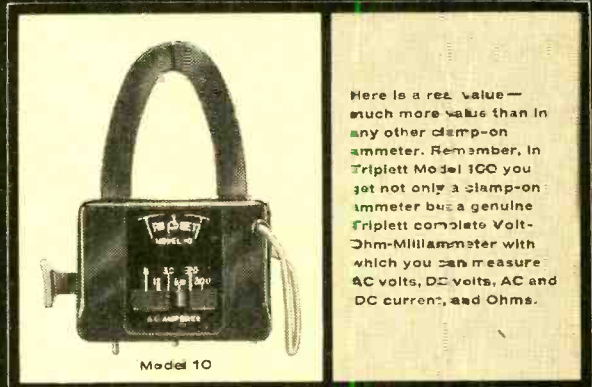
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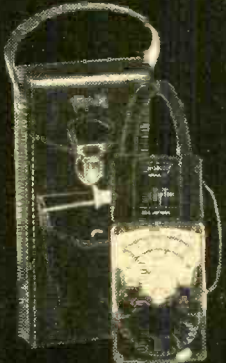
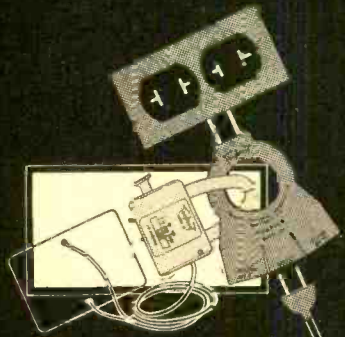
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3rd news: All four parts are available conveniently packaged in one handy, durable, high-quality carrying case. This complete package is known as Triplett Model 100 and is priced at \$61.90 net.

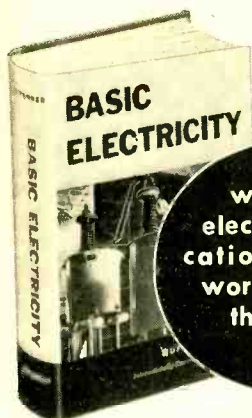
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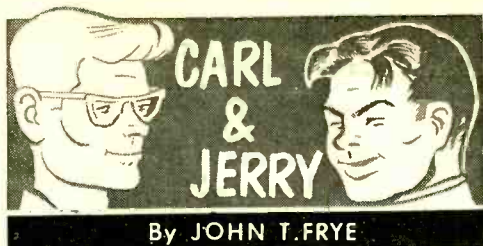
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"Watch this one," said Mr. Bixby, the store manager, with a smile of anticipation as a pretty little dark-haired, hazel-eyed girl tiptoed cautiously toward Old Santa.

"Well, well," Santa boomed, scooping up the little girl and placing her firmly on his broad knee, "if it isn't little Carol! Aren't you the pretty one today! I've been thinking about you, and I know exactly what you want: a big new doll just like the one you saw out there in the window. Somehow I've got a feeling you're going to find that cuddly doll right in front of your tree Christmas morning . . . but, Carol, you must promise me something."

"Oh, I will, Santa, I will!" the wide-eyed little girl said fervently.

"Well, you mustn't hit your brother over the head with this doll and break it as you did your other one," Santa said with a twinkle in his blue eyes.

"I won't, Santa Claus; honest I won't," Carol promised as Santa set her back on her feet.

"And, Carol," Santa called as she was leaving, "you can tell your pretty mother for me that I'm glad she likes my voice."

Carol and a flustered, bewildered-looking mother made a quick exit from the store as Mr. Bixby turned chuckling to the boys.

"THEY JUST can't figure it out," he said. "When you boys first suggested the idea to me, I never imagined it would work so well. And it is actually so simple. With that hearing-aid earphone concealed by his whiskers, no one would ever suspect Santa was listening on a little transistorized receiver. By the way, that miniature transistorized wireless phono transmitter is camouflaged so well even I can't locate it. Just where is it?"

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across his alcove, and he disappeared from sight. An instant later, though, Jerry saw him beckoning from the open door of a storage room.

"I was wondering if you boys could turn up the volume on that receiver a bit while I'm out to lunch," he suggested. "The store is getting noisier, and it's a little hard to catch what the children say at times. Just boop it up a trifle, please."

CARL AND JERRY proceeded to the curtained-off alcove; and Jerry picked up the receiver, placed the earphone in his ear, and reached into his pocket for a screwdriver with which to adjust the volume. Suddenly he paused and started listening intently. Then he walked over and parted the curtain a little so that he could see the spot where the hidden transmitter was located. Carl, looking over Jerry's shoulder, saw a little boy of four or five leaning back against the railing while another boy of ten or eleven, obviously a brother, knelt in front of him talking earnestly. Jerry removed the earphone from his ear and turned up the volume of the receiver so that Carl could hear the conversation between the two boys out in the store.

"But, Timmy," the older was saying, "we
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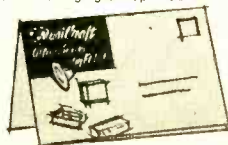
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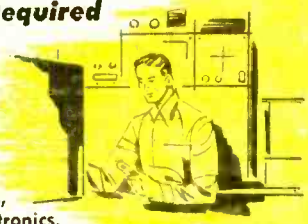
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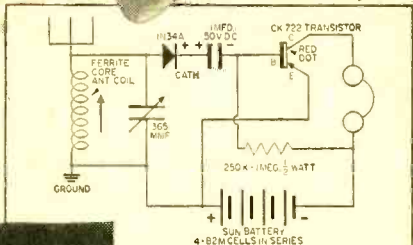
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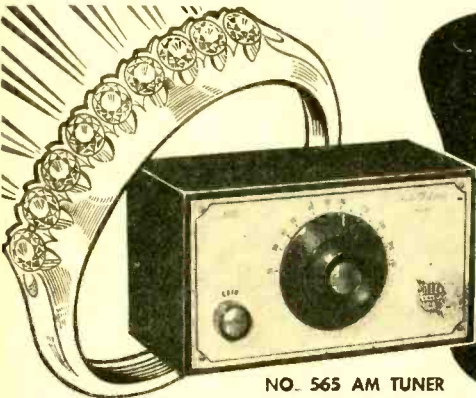


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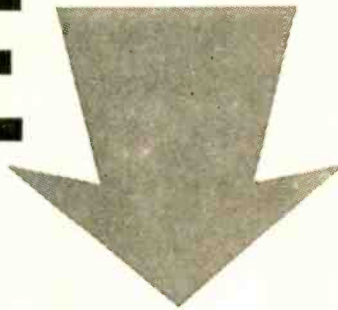
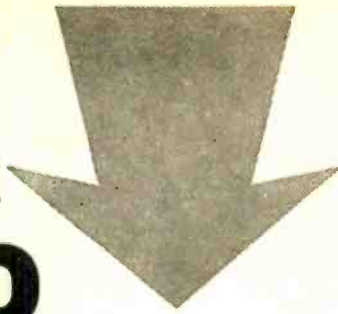
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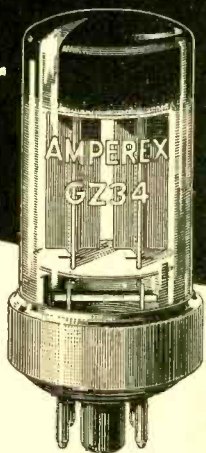
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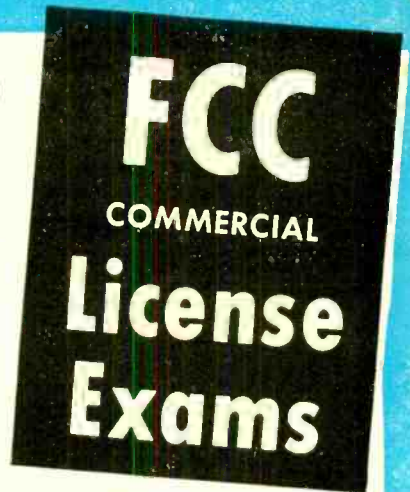
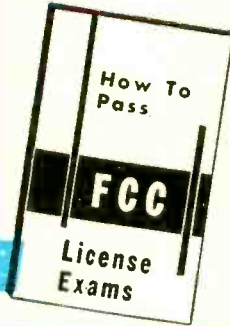


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Carl and Jerry exchanged glances, and

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"Okay, okay!" Mr. Bixby said hurriedly, clearing his throat; "but you mustn't be selfish about this. Let us help a little, too. The store will sell you the train at our cost price, and that'll leave enough over to buy a nice present for Ronnie."

The boys quickly agreed to this proposal, and Santa took his place on the throne. The curtain was pulled back, and Timmy started toward him at once, swinging through his crutches.

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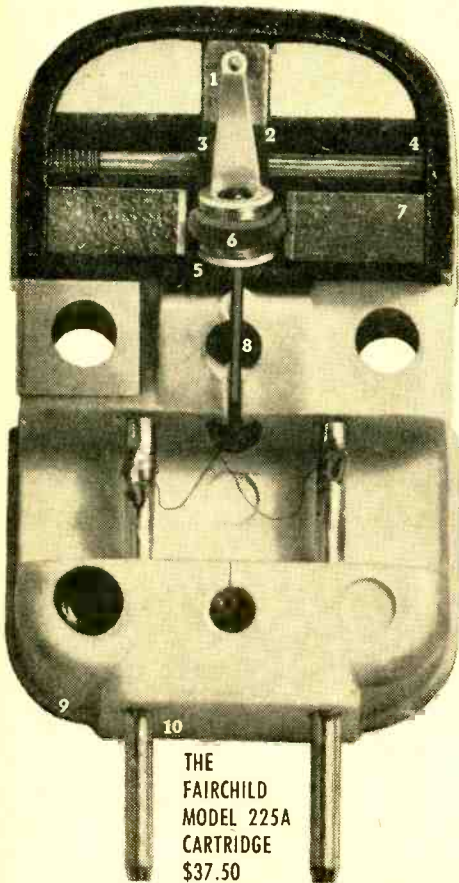
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Carl & Jerry (Continued from page 16)

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One of the boys was short and plump and dark, the other with glasses was tall and blond and athletic; but on the face of each was exactly the same happy, contented, "Christmassy" smile.

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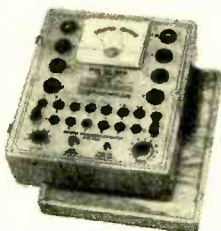


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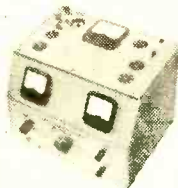
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R. VAN DEN BERG
Singapore, Malaya

In order to work on an American ship, you would require a Federal Communications Commission ticket. Only U. S. citizens—with very rare exceptions—can get such a ticket. That goes for airlines, too.

■ Is it possible to make a transistor metal locator cheaply?

PHILIP SHAW, JR.
Redondo Beach, Calif.

Not only would it be more expensive to do so but you would probably sacrifice sensitivity as well because of oscillator power requirements.

Can We Help?

■ In a recent issue you described some of the possible uses of an electronic paging system. You also mentioned a company called "Page Boy, Inc." This kind of a system seems to have possibilities in the Naval shipyard in which I am now serving, and I would be very grateful if you could give me the names and addresses of some of the companies that make the equipment.

PETER COSSETTE
Cmdr. R.C.N.
Victoria, B. C.

Two of the manufacturers of this equipment are:

Page Boy, Inc. Stromberg-Carlson
1724 E. 12th St. 1710 University Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y. Rochester, N. Y.

■ On page 92 of the October issue you mention a "Bambinophon." Who sells it?

G. JENTZEN
Washington 10, D.C.

■ I saw your article about the "Bambinophon" and was wondering if it was for sale in this country.

VERNE ARMSTRONG
Raymond, Minn.

■ Saw the story on the transistor tape recorder for the small fry. Where can I get it?

MICHAEL AXELROD
Uniontown, Pa.

As far as we know, the "Bambinophon" recorder is available only from:

Dr. Windhaus & Co.
35 Graf Adolph Str.
Dusseldorf, Germany

■ In the August issue you describe a Metz portable

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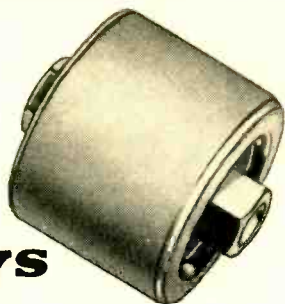
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radio. Where would I be able to get one of these?

LEIGH IERLAU
Atlanta 9, Ga.

The manufacturer is:

Melz Apparatefabrik
Fuerth/Bayern, Germany

■ While glancing through your July 1956 issue, I noticed an article called "Closed-Circuit Television—New Communications Tool." In it you mention a system called "Visicall." Could I have the name and the address of the manufacturer?

H. D. LESHER
Vegas Video Sales Service
Las Vegas, Nev.

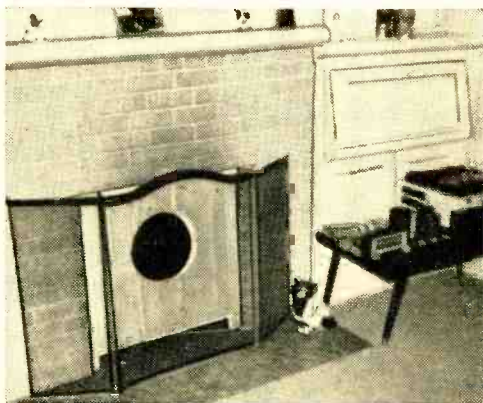
The manufacturer is:

Sperti Faraday, Inc.
Adrian, Mich.

Dep't. of Conflagration?

■ The photo shows a "horn" built into my fireplace. When I don't use the fireplace for heat, I use it for hi-fi. Santa can use the door.

I find it gives amazing results, costs very little, and you can even use the fireplace screen for grille cloth. Please note that the flue should be plugged



with newspapers. But be sure to unplug it when you light it up—the fireplace, that is.

HOWARD L. WILBUR
San Diego, Calif.

Sounds like a spark-ling good idea.

Pats On The Back

■ In the September issue I read and enjoyed the article "Radio Keeps You in Touch." I took special interest in the section on mobile radios. I would like to have one of these units in my car but have one question: how would you go about getting service if you were to leave the vicinity where you originally had the equipment installed?

J. F. RICHMOND
Joppa, Maryland

If you are talking about phone company installations, you would have to get a new installation from your phone company if you moved out of a particular area.

■ Could you please transmit to me all relevant in-

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ANDREW NAGY
Hamilton, Ontario

All data on this device represents a well-modulated trade secret.

The Women Again

■ In the August magazine, Dave Kavanaugh wanted to know if women did not read POP'tronics. I don't know about "the women," but I read every issue from "kiver to kiver." I'm also a charter member and have every issue that has been published. I only wish you would publish it more often and put more in it to help hams pass their exams for the various licenses.

RUBY H. LYERLY, KØGKV
St. Louis, Mo.

■ In answer to reader Dave Kavanaugh's letter, women do read P.E.; at least this one does. I like your column for the Novice Hams.

CAROLYN THOMPSON
Marblehead, Mass.

■ I will join Margaret Le Fevre (October issue) as another of your estimated 3-4% feminine readers. My husband and I first heard of POP'

tronics a year ago and subscribed immediately. I first read *Carl & Jerry, Short-Wave Report*, and *Among the Novice Hams*; then any other articles I can understand. Herb Brier's current series of lessons is exactly what I need as I have had difficulty finding textbooks simple enough for a beginner to understand.

RUTH S. CONGRAM, KN9JCN
Monticello, Ind.

The girls are swamping us. Any more questions about women?

Back Issues

■ I am trying to locate a copy of the May 1955 issue. It is not available from your Circulation Department and I have been wondering whether any of your readers could supply me with this issue. I am willing to pay any reasonable price, including postage.

CHARLES DUNLOP
1902 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Ill.

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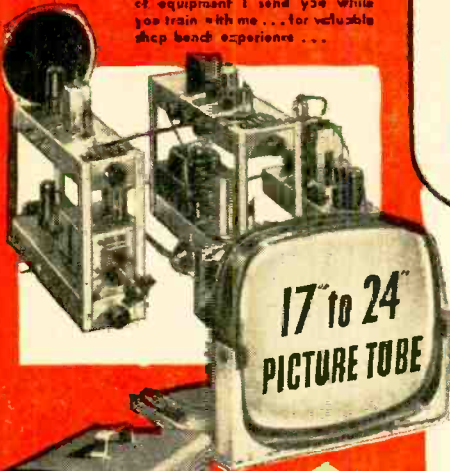
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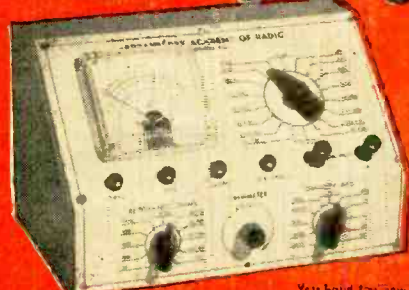
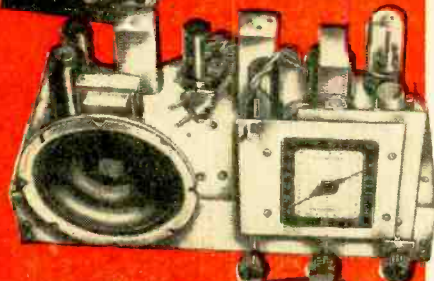
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office and automobiles. If possible I would like to obtain the addresses of companies that manufacture equipment of this type. Class A Citizens' Band radios sound promising and should be adequate.

L. A. PARKS, JR.
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Manufacturers of this type of equipment are:

Motorola	General Electric
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Chicago 51, Ill.	Syracuse, N. Y.
Radio Corporation of America	
Camden, N. J.	

■ You list radios for the Citizens' Band. Could you tell me who sells them?

HAROLD B. COMER
Elkton, Va.

For Class B:

Vocaline
Coulter St.
Old Saybrook, Conn.

and perhaps:

Cletron, Inc.
Cleveland 3, Ohio

More on the "VHF Ear"

■ I built the "VHF Ear" (July '57). It works quite well with the 16" piece of stiff copper wire but I was wondering if a longer antenna would bring in a better signal?

DAVID GETCHELL
Rockville, Conn.

No, it would not. The 16" wire is resonant. You would lose sensitivity with a larger antenna.

■ I took a vacation in Texas this year and flew via American Airlines. I really had fun with the "VHF Ear" except when my wife was nagging me: "Let me hear" . . . "I want to listen" . . . The reception was perfect. We landed in El Paso and had a four-hour layover. It really went fast because we were listening on the "Ear."

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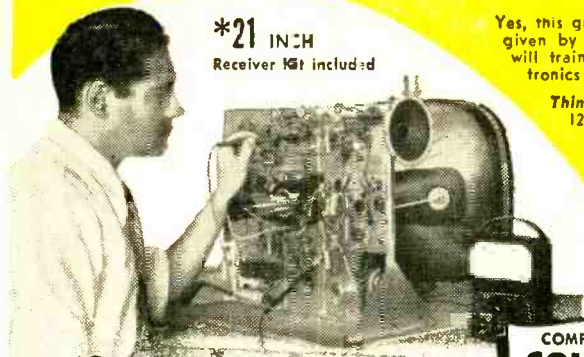
Meter Your Enlarger Exposures (October, 1957, page 77): Referring to the schematic and pictorial on page 78, the lead from switch S2 should be connected to pin #1 of the OA2 tube, not to pin #5. This change is necessary to "isolate" PC1 during the first step of the calibration procedure. Pins #1 and #5 are joined internally in the OA2 tube by a jumper, so that removing tube opens circuit. —30—

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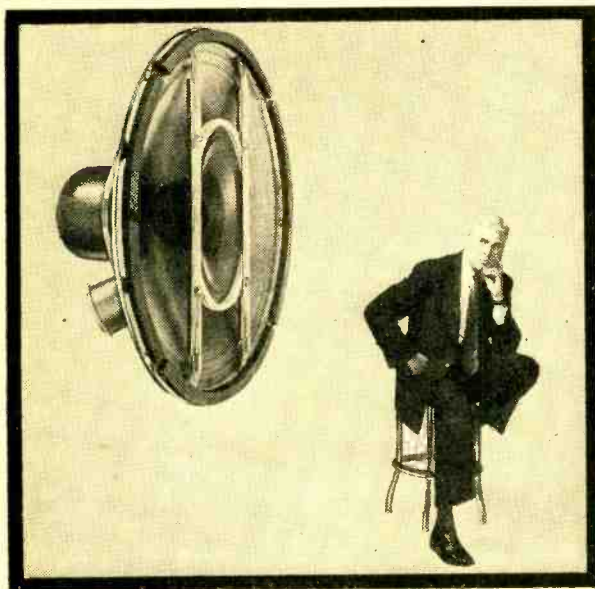
to look over B-A's "special purchase" items starting on page 132.

Lafayette Radio (165-08 Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N. Y.) features many exclusive imports in the electronic and photographic area. In addition, there are Lafayette's own high-fidelity components, available in both kit and factory-wired form. And of course, there's a special section devoted to transistor kits and components for the POP'tronics readers with that particular passion.

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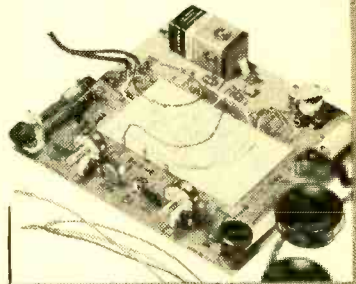
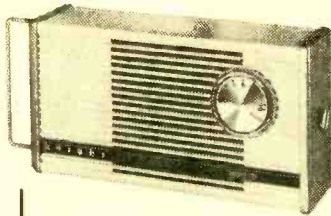
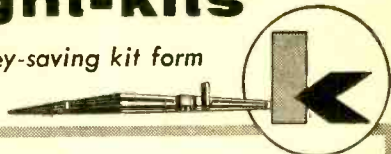
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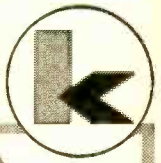
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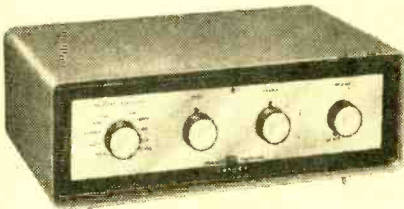
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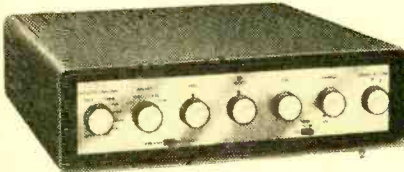
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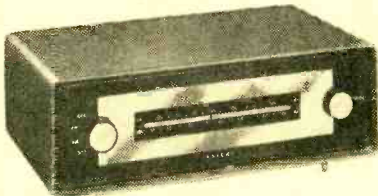
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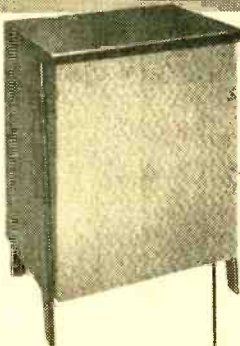
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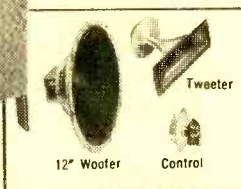


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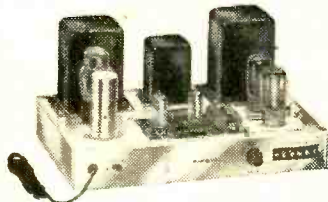


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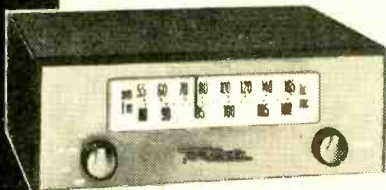
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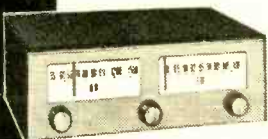
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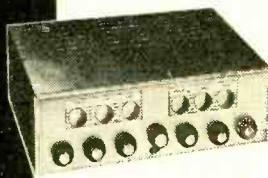
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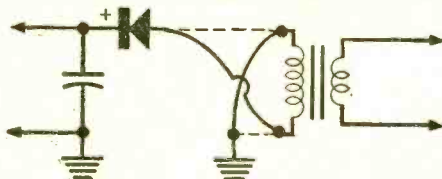
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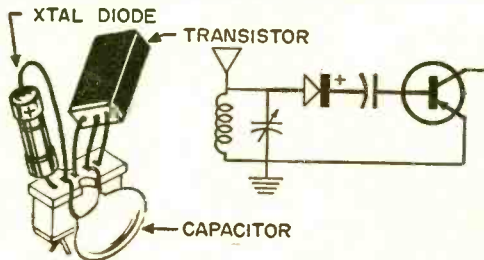
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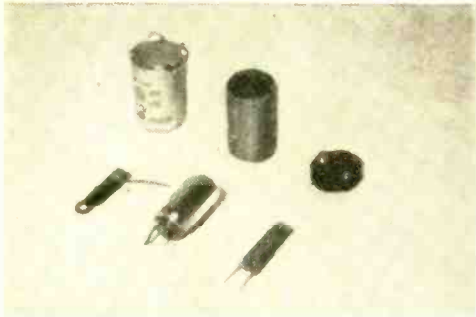
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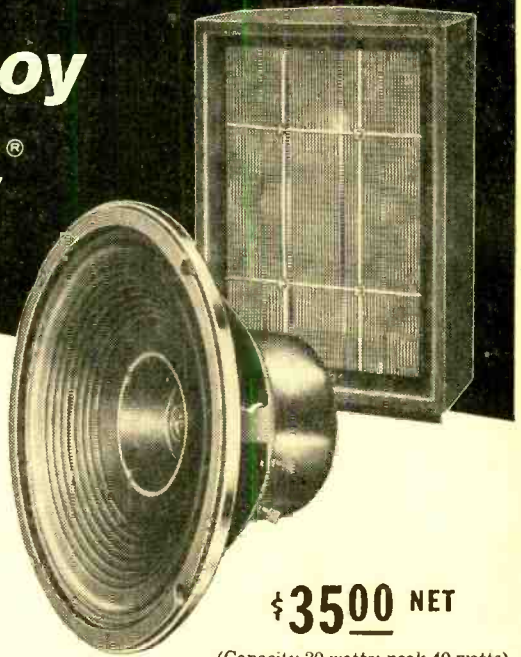
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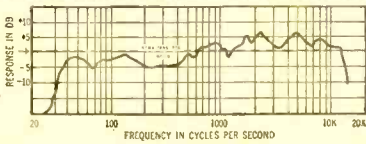
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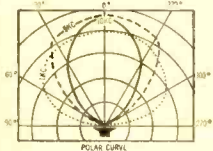
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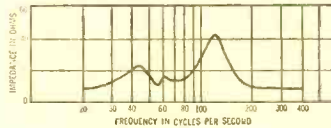
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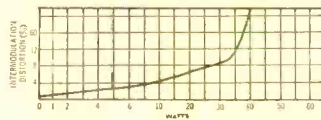
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Construction. Layout and wiring are not especially critical. For convenience a turret socket was used to mount the oscillator tube, *V1*, and its components, but a standard socket and tie points will do as well.

Miniature coaxial jacks, of the type found on most hi-fi amplifiers, were used at *J1* and *J2* for the output and input con-

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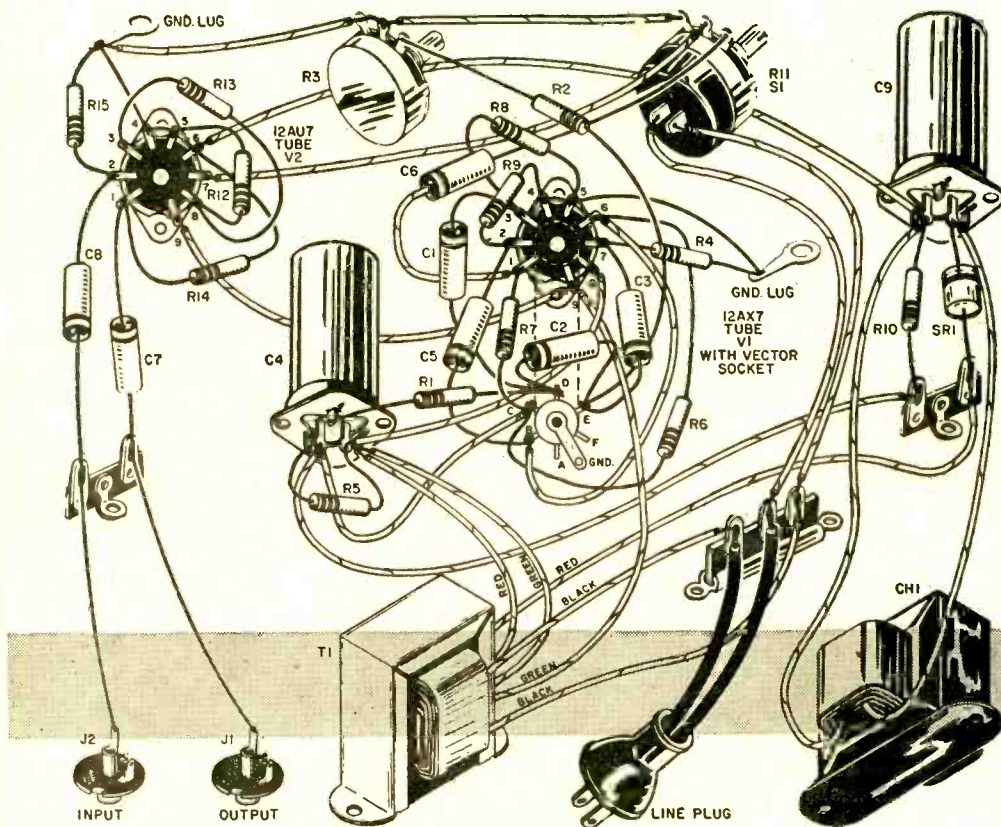
nections, respectively. If your setup requires something different, any conventional type of jack may be employed.

Keep the power supply components well separated from the oscillator and modulator components, to prevent hum pickup—and orient the tube sockets for reasonably short lead connections. Make sure that the 6.3-volt heater leads are dressed snugly against the chassis and that they are well separated from grid terminals and leads.

A miniature amplifier foundation (Bud No. CA-1754) was used for a chassis (any other setup of suitable size can be substituted).

The Bud chassis measures 5" x 7" x 2", and its over-all height with the grille cover in place is 6". The finish is black crackle—but if some other color appeals to you, it's a simple matter to go over the chassis with a couple of coats of plastic spray.

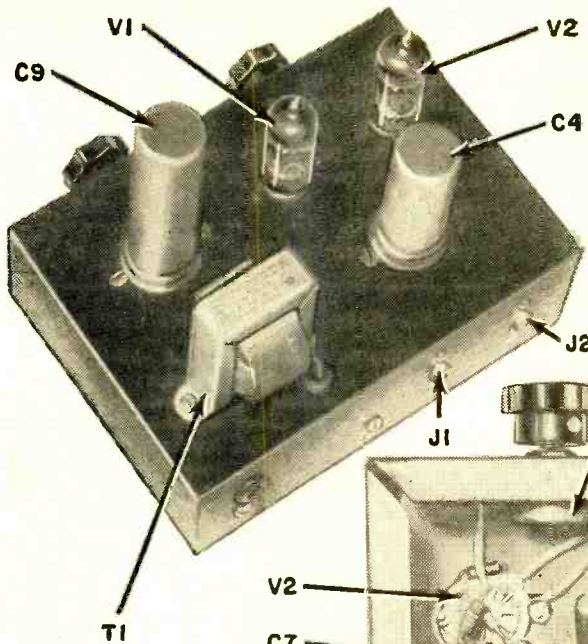
In some instances, it may be possible to mount the vibrato circuit proper on the same chassis with the musical instrument amplifier. This can be done provided that there is room, and that the power transformer in the amplifier can supply the 0.6-ampere additional filament current de-



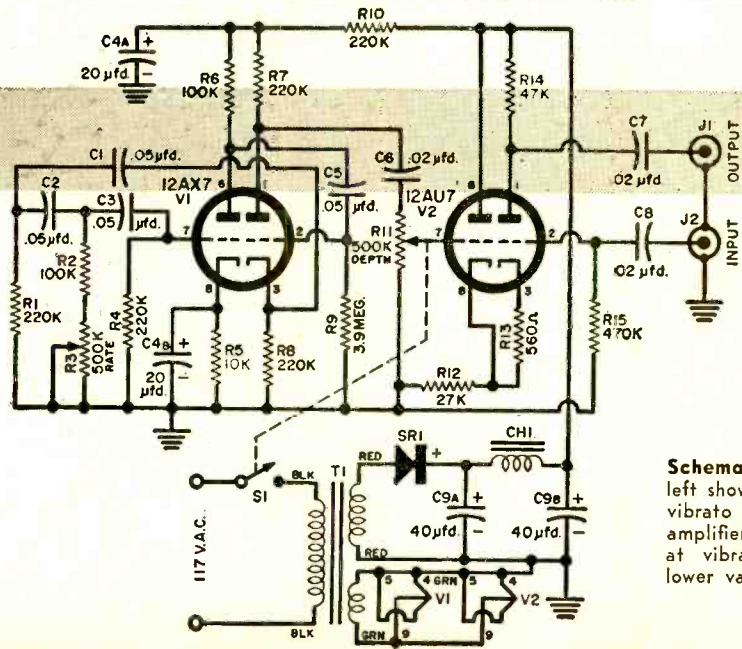
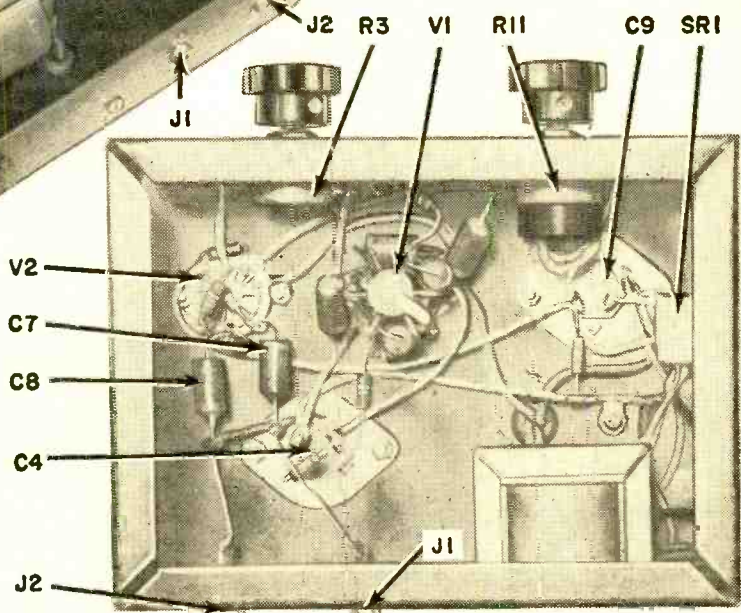
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- C1, C2, C3, C5—0.05- μ f.d., 200-volt, metalized paper capacitor
- C4a/C4b—20/20- μ f.d., 150-volt, dual electrolytic capacitor
- C6, C7, C8—0.02- μ f.d., 200-volt, paper capacitor
- C9a/C9b—40/40- μ f.d., 250-volt, dual electrolytic capacitor
- CH1—3.5-henry, 50-ma. filter choke
- J1, J2—Miniature phono jack
- R1, R4, R7, R8, R10—220,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor
- R2, R6—100,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor
- R3—500,000-ohm potentiometer (Rate control)
- R5—10,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor
- R9—3.9-megohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor

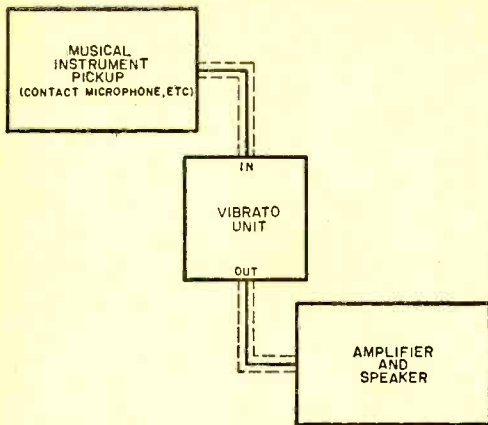
- R11—500,000-ohm potentiometer (Depth control)
- R12—27,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor
- R13—560-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor
- R14—47,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor
- R15—470,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor
- S1—S.p.s.t. switch (on Depth control)
- SR1—20-ma., 130-volt selenium rectifier
- T1—Miniature power transformer, 125 volts at 15 ma., 6.3 volts at 0.6 amp. (Stancor PS-8415)
- V1—Type 12AX7 tube
- V2—Type 12AU7A tube
- 1—Miniature amplifier foundation chassis or equivalent (see text)
- 1—Turret-type miniature 9-pin tube socket
- 1—Miniature 9-pin tube socket
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Top and bottom views of the vibrato chassis are seen at left and below. Twist the lugs of the can-type filter capacitors so that the filters are tight to their metal mounting plates.



Schematic and pictorial at left show the simplicity of the vibrato construction. If your amplifier tends to "thump" at vibrato frequency, try a lower value capacitor for C7.



Block diagram shows correct interconnection of the three basic components of the revised setup. Use shielded microphone cable between units to prevent electrostatic hum pickup. If there seems to be excessive 60-cycle hum present, try reversing line plug of either amplifier or vibrato unit.

manded by the two vibrato circuit tubes. The plate voltage requirement is approximately 175 volts.

Hooking It Up. The vibrato is intended to be inserted or connected between the musical instrument and its amplifier. All you have to do to use it is unplug your musical instrument from its amplifier and plug it into the *input* jack of the vibrato. Then connect a jumper cable of convenient length between the *output* jack of the vibrato and the *input* jack of the amplifier.

The *Rate* control determines the rate or frequency of the vibrato effect, i.e., the

HOW IT WORKS

The schematic shows that the vibrato consists of two parts: (1) a very low frequency audio oscillator, and (2) a modulator. The low-frequency oscillator is of the phase-shift type which uses resistors and capacitors $C1, C2, C3, R1, R2$ plus $R3$, and $R4$ in three RC sections to obtain feedback in the proper phase to produce oscillations. The rate or speed of the vibrato, i.e., the frequency of the oscillator, is determined by the resistance and the capacitance used in the RC sections. Thus, $R3$ is the *Rate* or speed control of the vibrato.

$V1$'s second triode section serves a dual purpose: (1) it provides a low source impedance for the RC feedback loop (taken from the cathode), and (2) it acts as a buffer to isolate the oscillator from the connection to the modulator (taken from the plate).

The low-frequency oscillator signal is fed through the gain or *Depth* control, $R11$, to the control grid of one section of the twin-triode modulator, $V2$. At the same time, the output signal from the musical instrument is fed through to the control grid of the second section. The two signals mix in $V2$, with the result that the gain or amplification of the musical signal is made to increase and decrease, smoothly and periodically, at the rate of the low-frequency oscillations. Output from the modulator is taken through $C7$ and coupled to the input of the musical instrument's conventional amplifier.

Plate current demand is very small, so a miniature power transformer, $T1$, and a miniature selenium rectifier, $SR1$, more than meet the requirement.

speed at which the rise and fall in amplitude occurs. Proper setting of this control depends upon the type of instrument with which the vibrato is used and the type of music being played. Component values given in the parts list permit the unit to be adjusted over the most useful range of speeds.

The *Depth* or vibrato-frequency gain control determines the amplitude of the

POSSIBLE TROUBLES AND CURES

No Vibrato Effect: Check all wiring for errors. Make sure input and output plugs are making good contact in the jacks. Look for faulty components. Check the tubes. Make sure the 12AX7 tube is in the oscillator socket, the 12AU7 in the modulator socket, and not vice-versa. Check interconnecting cables for a poor solder joint or broken wire.

Distortion: Most, if not all, vibratos cause a certain amount of distortion. However, the effect should not be objectionable. Reduce the setting of the *Depth* control slightly to see if it improves the condition. If so, check the musical signal voltage at the input to the modulator. An input greater than 0.7 volt r.m.s. may cause distortion. Check the value of components around the modulator. Look for a possible defective component. And check the modulator tube.

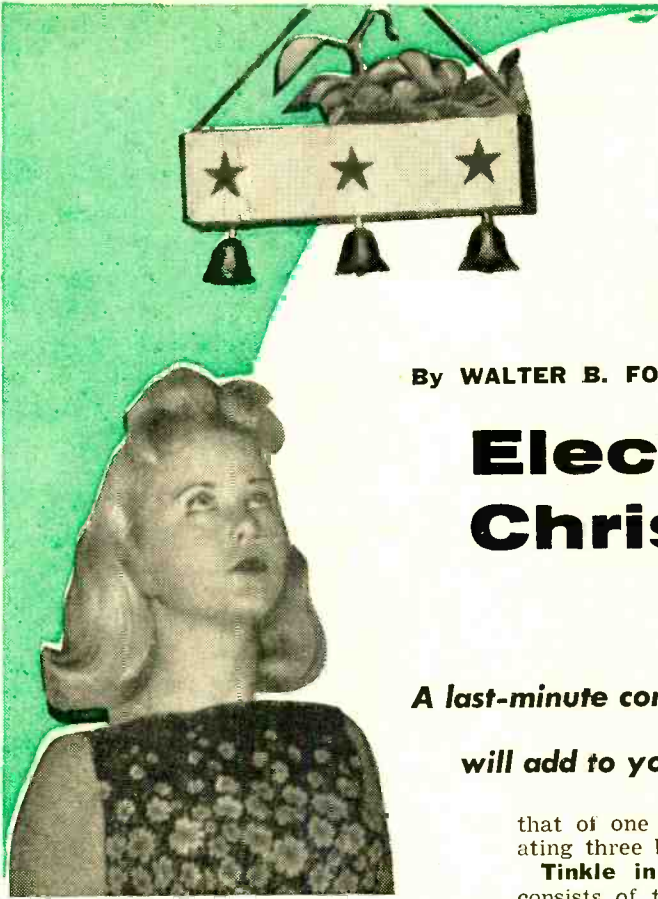
Thumping in Speaker: A thumping noise at the vibrato rate may be due to low frequencies pulling the voice coil or cone out of linearity. This isn't likely to happen unless you have an amplifier with exceptionally heavy bass response. A high-pass filter cutting off at about 100 cycles inserted between the vibrato and the amplifier may be necessary in such cases if all else fails.

Hum: Hum can come from a variety of sources such as a poor layout of components, excessively long leads or poor lead dress, a defective modulator tube, faulty filter choke or capacitors, unshielded interconnecting cables or cables with the shield ungrounded to chassis, using the unit close to power wiring carrying heavy a.c. currents, etc. All of these possible troubles can be easily corrected.

vibrato effect. The more this control is advanced, the more pronounced the vibrato effect becomes. Proper setting depends upon the strength of the musical signal fed to the modulator as well as on the type of instrument and the selection being played.*

Probably the best method is to adjust the *Rate* and *Depth* controls for the most pleasing effect. You can get some idea as to proper settings by listening to recordings in which a vibrato is used. Many beginners tend to use too much vibrato, or to use it too frequently. Much can be learned by listening to professionals. —30—

* Maximum musical signal voltage should not be greater than approximately 0.7 volt, to prevent overloading the unit. Optimum operation occurs with a musical signal input from the contact microphone between 0.5 and 0.7 volt.



By WALTER B. FORD

Electronic Christmas Bells

A last-minute construction job that will add to your yuletide cheer

SO YOU'VE got the lights strung on the tree, and the yuletide decorations in the windows, and just about everything else you can think of is in place to add to your Christmas cheer, but you're still not satisfied. You want something a little different from your next-door neighbor's.

Ah, well, if you're really determined, POP'tronics, in the spirit of Christmas giving, offers this inexpensive little tinkler for you to build in a few hours of your spare time before the holiday rolls upon you. You'll be surprised at the excitement it will cause—particularly if you hang a bit of mistletoe from it as a lure for the gals.

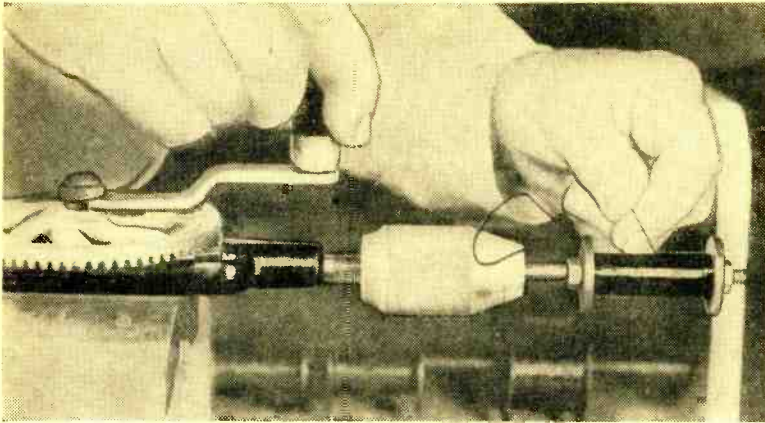
While the unit contains three bells, you may use more or less, as you desire. Note that separate transformers are used for each bell, rather than a single transformer. Since it is best to break the circuit in the primary to prevent TV interference and also to have each bell operate independently, a flasher button and a separate transformer are the best combination. And, fortunately, there are suitable transformers available which may be purchased in lots of three at a price comparable to

that of one transformer capable of operating three bells.

Tinkle in Oscillation. The bell unit consists of three solenoids in which steel plungers attached to bell clappers move up and down, causing the clappers to hit the sides of the bells. Due to the action of the flasher buttons in the primary circuit of the transformers when the circuit is closed, the plungers oscillate up and down several times before coming to rest. This action produces a very pleasing tinkling.

Each solenoid is wound on a form 2" long with an inside diameter of about $\frac{1}{4}$ ", as shown on page 47. Cardboard, plastic, fiber, or other insulating material may be used for the form. Or a piece of $\frac{3}{8}$ " wood dowel with the center drilled out may be used for the tube through which the plunger operates. Wind each solenoid with 18 layers of No. 26 insulated magnet wire. If a lathe is not available for winding the coils, a hand drill placed in a vise will make a very satisfactory substitute. The plunger consists of a piece of soft steel rod, drilled and tapped for a 6-32 machine screw to a depth of $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

The bells are mounted on a wood base, 2" wide and 12" long. These bells are the type usually sold in dime stores. They have a diameter of 2" and a height of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". There are other bells which may be used



If you don't have a lathe for winding solenoids, you can do a good job with a hand drill placed in a vise. See text for the proper coil size.



See how the hole drilled near top of bell (above) allows the clapper chain to move with little friction. Wiring details for tinkler are given below.

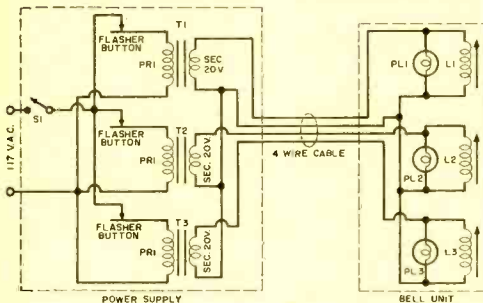
if the mounting dimensions are varied accordingly.

Preparing the Bells. Remove the handles and clappers from the bells and drill $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes through the bells on one side, near the top, so that a piece of light bulb socket chain will pass through hole freely. Before securing the bells to the wood base, drill $\frac{9}{32}$ " holes through the wood base through which the solenoid plungers will move. These holes should be located so that they will be directly over the $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes in the bells when the bells are secured to the wood base. Glue the solenoids to the wood base, then secure the bells in position with $\frac{3}{8}$ " spacers and wood screws. The spacer will allow the necessary space for the plunger to move in and out of the solenoid.

Insert a machine screw on which a nut and washer have been placed in the threaded end of the steel plunger, as shown in the drawing. Solder a piece of light bulb socket chain about 1" long to the opposite end of the plunger. Solder pieces of spring brass in which No. 34 holes have been drilled to the ends of the plungers, so that the clappers may be attached to the ends of the chains. Attach miniature light bulb sockets to the wood base directly in front of the solenoids. Connect the solenoids and sockets according to the wiring diagram.

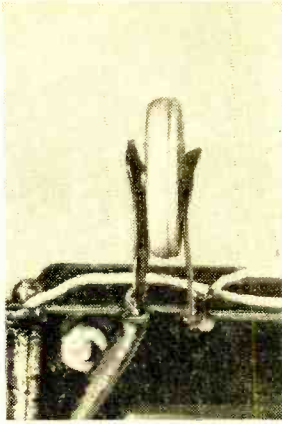
Make a metal housing for the unit with $\frac{1}{2}$ " holes drilled directly over the plungers. The face of the housing may be made of cardboard through which a suitable greeting, such as "Welcome" or "Merry Christmas," or figures may be cut and illuminated from within by means of colored light bulbs or colored cellophane backing. The unit constructed by the author uses green and red stars with a very pleasing effect.

The Power Supply. The power unit consists of 20- or 24-volt transformers and small flasher buttons. All of the trans-

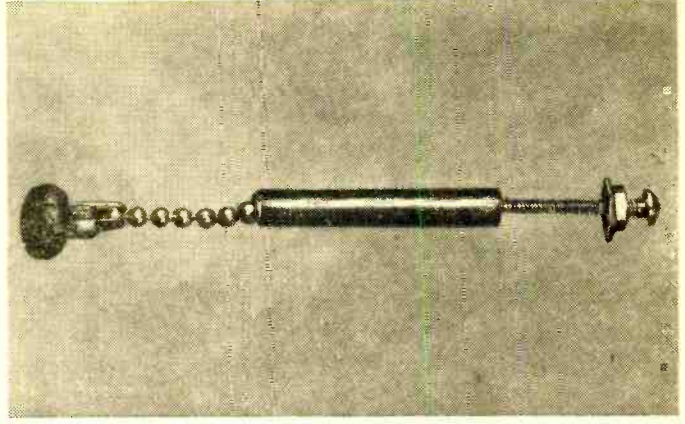


BILL OF MATERIALS

- L1, L2, L3—Solenoid (see text)
- PL1, PL2, PL3—Miniature light socket with 20-volt bulb
- S1—S.p.s.t. toggle switch
- T1, T2, T3—Bell-ringing transformer (Olsen Radio Warehouse, Akron, Ohio)
- 3—Flasher buttons
- 1—Length of 20-gauge, four-conductor cable
- 1—1-lb. spool of No. 26 insulated magnet wire (4 ounces for each coil)
- 3—Small hand bells (see text)
- 3—Pieces of soft steel rod, round, $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter, $1\frac{3}{4}$ " long
- 1—4" light socket chain
- 1—Four-terminal socket (optional)
- 1—Four-terminal plug (optional)
- Misc. wood base, sheet metal, screws, etc.

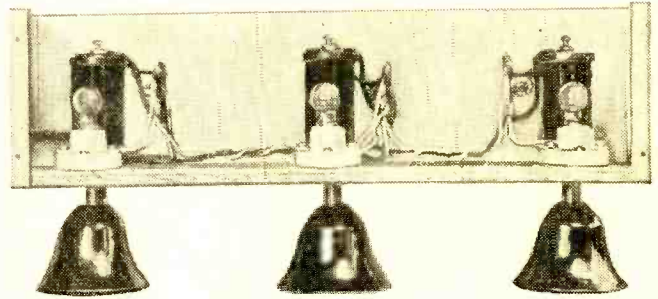


Side view of flasher button as it is held between spring brass brackets on one transformer.



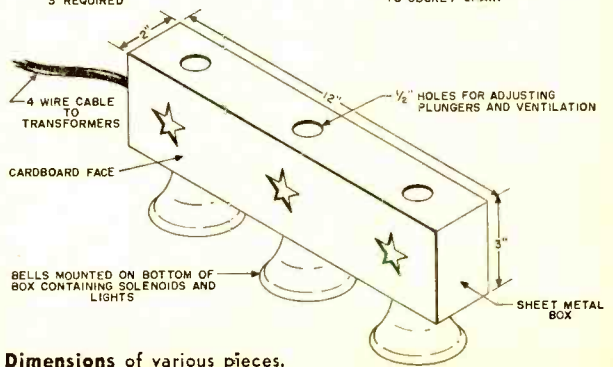
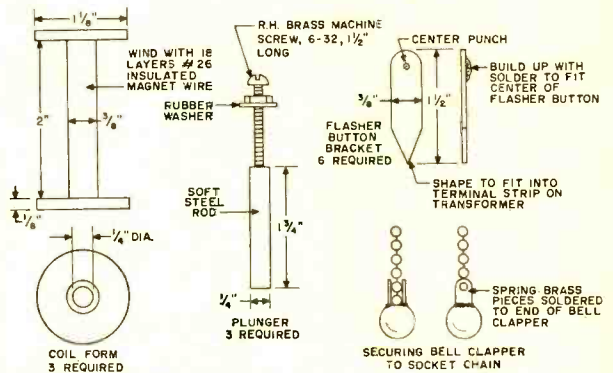
Completed solenoid plunger with bell clapper secured to end of chain. Clapper may be removed easily to allow plunger to be inserted into the solenoid. Note how length can be varied by nut and washer.

Bell unit with front removed to show solenoids and miniature lights. Terminal strips at right of coils prevent breakage of the solenoid leads.



formers may be controlled by one switch, or each by a separate switch. The flasher buttons are mounted on the transformers by means of three-terminal tie points and spring brass brackets, as shown on the drawing. A four-wire cable completes the circuit to the solenoid unit. A four-wire socket and plug at either end of the cable will provide for more convenient handling of the unit. The power supply should be enclosed for safety.

With the flasher buttons in place and 20-volt lamps in the sockets, the unit is ready for preliminary adjustment. Connect the power supply to 117 volts, a.c., and adjust each plunger and each length of socket chain for the desired sound from the corresponding bell. If you want a different tone from each bell, you can slot the edge of the bell with a hack saw. Adjust the plunger by turning the nut on the machine screw up or down.



Dimensions of various pieces.

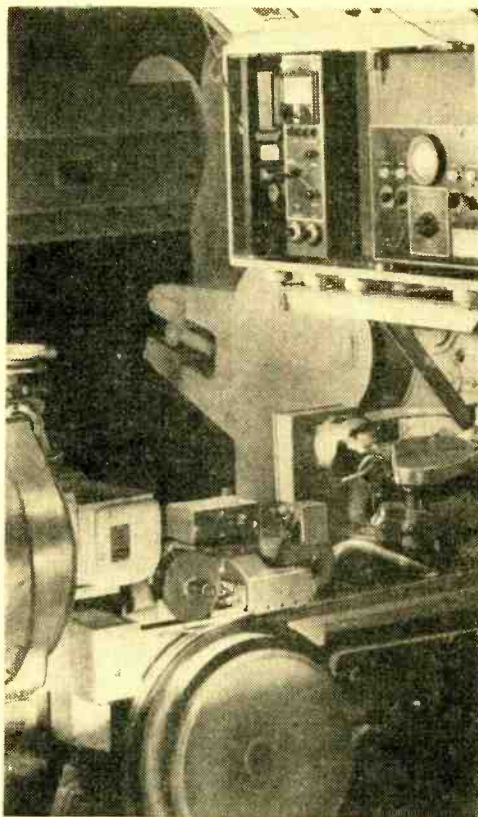
The Fine ART of MEASUREMENT

A NEW ERA has dawned in the fine art of measurement. AccuRay, a device which uses atomic rays as a control, can measure with unheard-of precision any material that goes through a roller or a pipe. This means that metal, paper, rubber, plastic—you name it—can be processed with a fineness that by 1961 will save industry a billion dollars a year. How it works is amazingly simple.

The machine usually consists of two arms. The "hot" arm is mounted beneath the moving material to be gauged, the other above it. In the lower arm is a radioactive isotope pellet, whose rays penetrate the sheet and are detected by a counter in the upper arm. The thickness of the sheet, or tube, determines the amount of radiation getting through.

Let's assume that the process is going along smoothly, and that the sheet is being rolled at precisely the correct thickness. Suddenly, the tension of the rollers changes imperceptibly—a common occurrence—and the thickness is changed by a fraction of an inch. In that instant, the number of rays reaching the counter changes, either up or down, according to whether the sheet is thicker or thinner. In a fraction of a second, the counter flashes a warning to the control to which it's linked, and the rollers are adjusted back to their original tension. This is automatically indicated on a recorder hooked up to the device, so that a permanent record of accuracy is kept.

One of the most publicized uses of AccuRay is in the control of cigarettes. Here the long tube of tobacco-filled paper passes between the jaws of the machine (above). If there is a variance of a fraction of a degree



in the amount of tobacco in the tube, AccuRay rejects it automatically, and has the cigarette machine reset to give the proper weight of the tobacco in the following cigarette tube.

Another important use of the device is in the making of tires. Heretofore it has been difficult to get a precisely balanced tire, since the weight of the rubber as it was being rolled varied by more than the tolerance needed. With AccuRay, this changed—tire rubber is being held to accurate tolerance, and tires are being made both cheaper and better.

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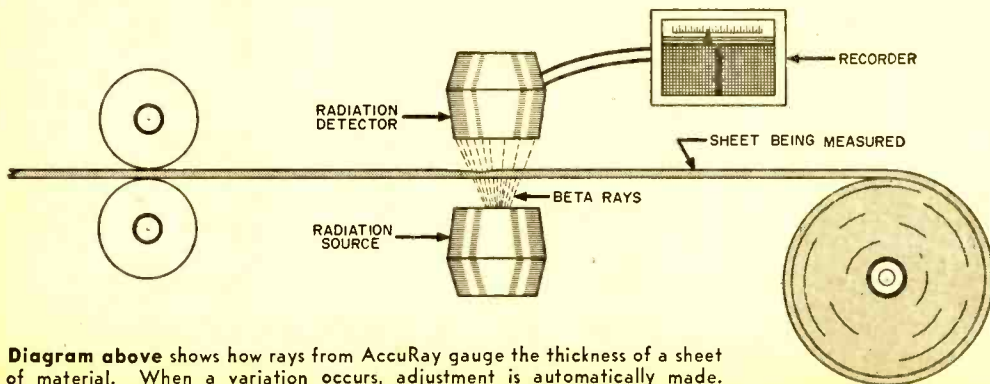


Diagram above shows how rays from AccuRay gauge the thickness of a sheet of material. When a variation occurs, adjustment is automatically made.

Printed

Circuits

Come of Age

By ALLEN LYTEL



PRINTED circuits have come of age. Today they are an integral part of almost all electronic equipment. Look at the nearest device: if it has been made in the past year, the chances are that in it you will find printed circuits or components.

Some of the newest uses for printed circuits are in the instrument cluster connections in an auto dashboard (see photo above). Guided missiles have compact, reliable controls which use printed circuits, and so do midget tape recorders, jet planes, hearing aids, electronic organs, and hundreds of other devices.

The most common type is an insulating board* with a pattern of conducting wires (below right). A photo or printing process transfers the design to the copper-clad base and an etching process removes the excess copper, leaving the circuit. In other methods, the conductors are built up on the insulated base. Next step is the placement of components, handled mechanically. In one machine all heads are controlled simultaneously, and as the board is positioned, all the capacitors and resistors are inserted in one operation. In another machine, they are inserted one at a time as the board moves down the line. After the components are inserted, all parts are dip-soldered in place in a single operation.

The use of printed circuits has led to the development of modules. These are complete circuits such as audio amplifiers, cathode followers or pulse generators.

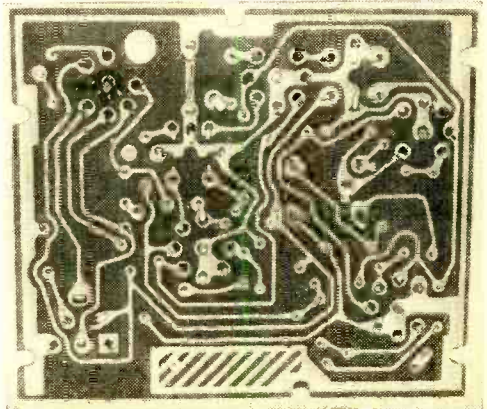
Modules are built on a single board as a unit, acting as a standard circuit which can be used in different end products. Figure 1 on the next page shows an experi-

mental TV receiver built of 17 modules which hold 153 of the 195 components (resistors, capacitors, etc.) exclusive of the tuner. Other modular construction is of the type in Fig. 2. These are plug-in boards as used in many computers and industrial controls. Tube and tubeless types with diodes are shown.

These modules can be made up of smaller units. For example, several resistors and capacitors can make up a package—a “super component”—and can be used on a printed-circuit board (Fig. 3). In another way of treating the same situation, the components are encapsulated in phenolic material (Fig. 4).

The newest development is flat Tape Cable (Fig. 5) which eases the task of interconnecting printed wiring (see October issue of POPULAR ELECTRONICS, p. 72).

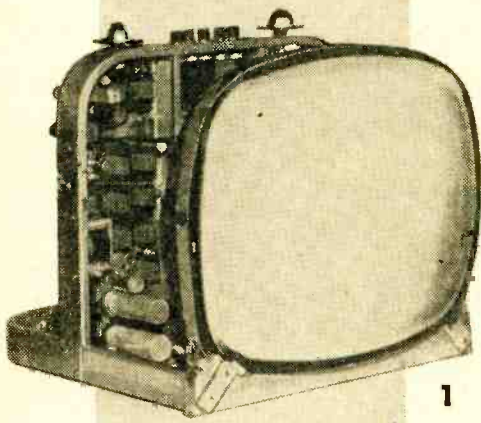
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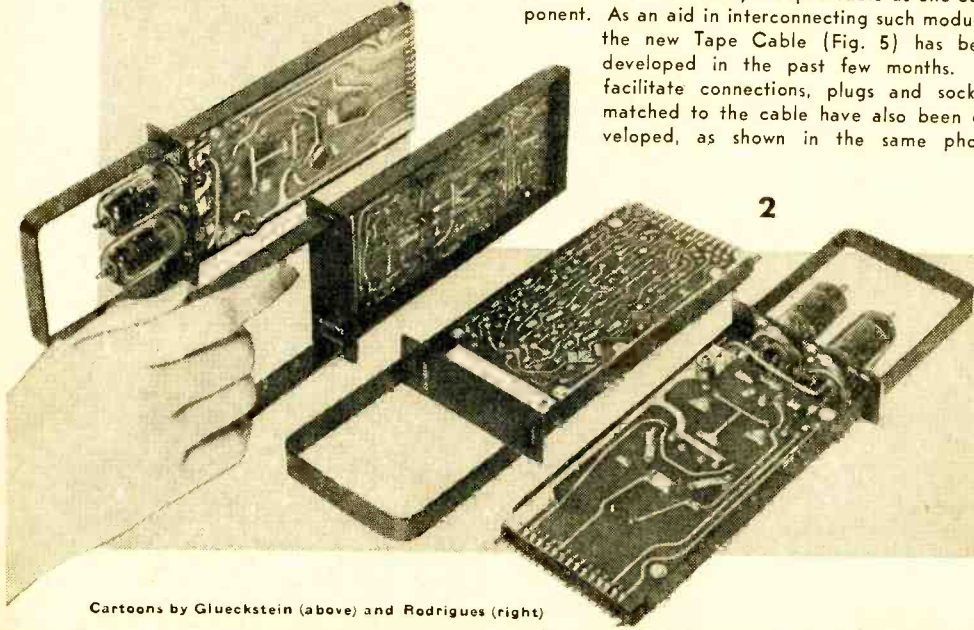
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"If this works you'll make hearing-aid history—"

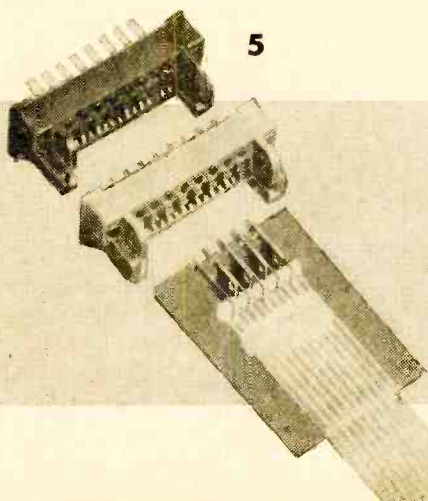
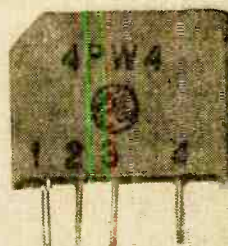
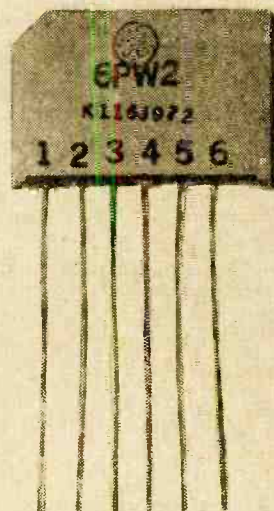
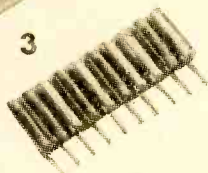
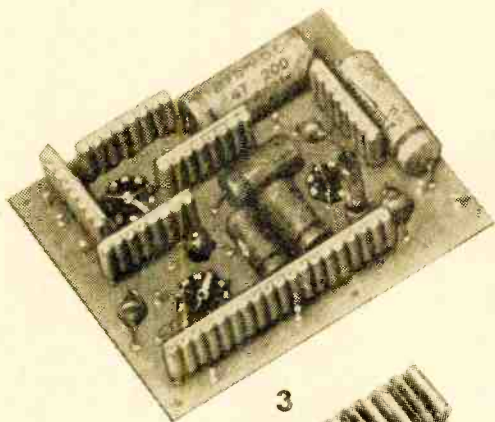
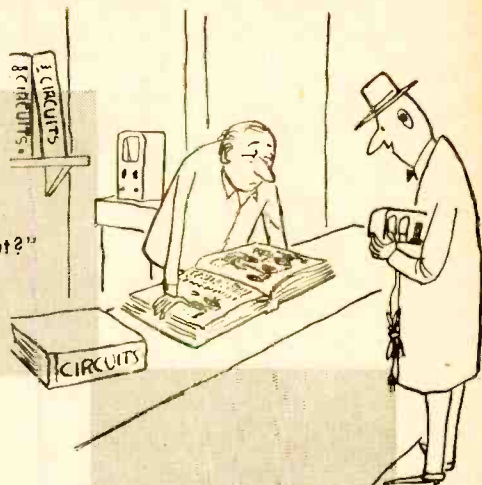


Outgrowths of the simple printed circuit shown on the preceding page are the modules on these two pages. An excellent example of modules put to use is in an experimental television receiver (Fig. 1) which has 195 components plus the tuner. Of these, 153 parts are mounted in 17 modules, some of which can be seen in the photo. Industrial control modules are shown in Fig. 2. These are plug-in boards, both tube type and tubeless with diodes. Such modules can be made up of even smaller units—the so-called "super component"—as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 (at right). In Fig. 3, leadless resistors and capacitors are made up into a single pre-wired unit (small photo) which is then mounted on a small printed-circuit board (larger photo). Note how this arrangement saves space. Another way of doing the same thing is shown in Fig. 4. Here groups of components are encapsulated in phenolic cases. Units like this are found in most of today's television receivers. Each assembly is replaceable as one component. As an aid in interconnecting such modules, the new Tape Cable (Fig. 5) has been developed in the past few months. To facilitate connections, plugs and sockets matched to the cable have also been developed, as shown in the same photo.



Cartoons by Glueckstein (above) and Rodrigues (right)

"Those the printed circuits you hear about?"





Transistor Topics

By LOU GARNER

AND a Merry Christmas to you . . . together with the sincere wish that your Christmas Stocking will be brimming full with exactly what you would like old St. Nick to bring—be it a new car, new test equipment, or a whole cartload of transistors and miniature components.

In the past few weeks our mail has included a lot of letters asking about high-frequency operation of transistors. There's nothing especially mysterious about transistors at high frequencies. The circuits themselves are quite similar to those used at, say, AM broadcast-band frequencies (550 to 1500 kc.) except, of course, for the values of components in the tuned circuits. But the important thing is to have the proper type of transistor.

High-Frequency Operation. Tetrode transistors (see our May 1957 column) may be used up into the hundreds of megacycles. The highest frequency tetrode available at this writing is Texas Instruments' Type 3N25—this is a *p-n-p* unit with a cutoff frequency of 250 mc. General Electric, too, offers a whole series of tetrode transistors—the highest frequency unit is the 3N30, an *n-p-n* transistor with a cutoff frequency of 120 mc. RCA is currently offering the highest frequency *triode* transistor, the 2N384;

this is a *p-n-p* unit with cutoff frequency of 100 mc. which may be used as an oscillator up to 250 mc.

In general, r.f. transistors will serve as *amplifiers* up to, or slightly past, their nominal "cutoff frequency" (at which their gain is approximately 70% of that achieved at low frequencies), and as *oscillators* well above cutoff frequency. Take the RCA transistor as an example. With a cutoff frequency of 100 mc., this unit will provide 15 db gain at 50 mc. in a common base amplifier circuit. It provides unity gain at 250 mc.

The lowest priced high-frequency transistor as far as the home experimenter is concerned is probably Philco's Type AO-1 *surface barrier* transistor. With a rated cutoff frequency of 30 mc., the AO-1 is offered at slightly under \$2.00 by leading mail order supply houses.

All of these transistors are suitable for receivers and *low-power* transmitters. Unfortunately, no manufacturer is currently offering medium or "hi" power transistors for use at high r.f. values.

Readers' Circuit. One- and two-transistor receiver circuits are extremely popular with home builders. Almost all such circuits featured in past columns have used either detector-amplifier or simple regenerative-detector arrangements. These circuits, at best, have limited sensitivity and, usually, just fair selectivity.

This month, however, we have a most interesting "maximum performance" two-transistor receiver circuit. Submitted by

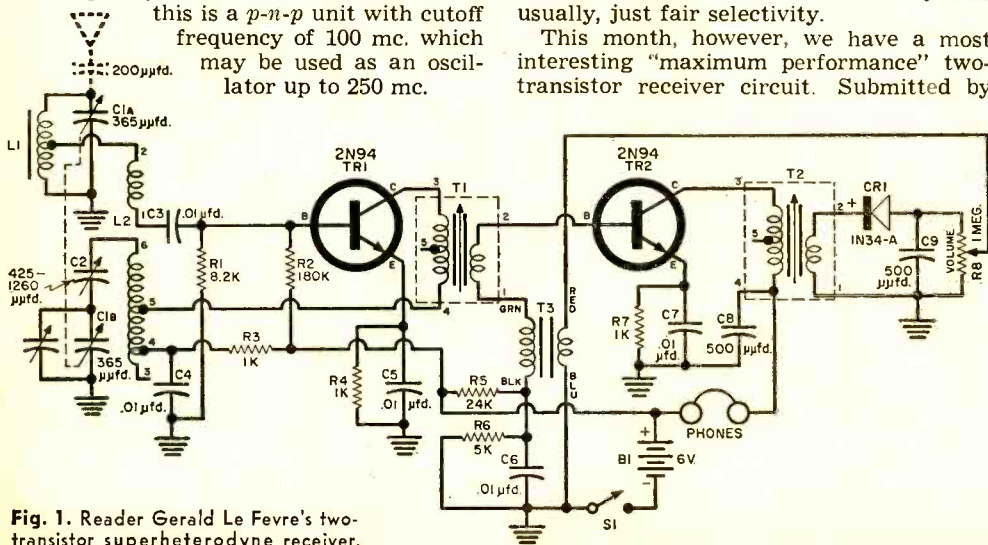
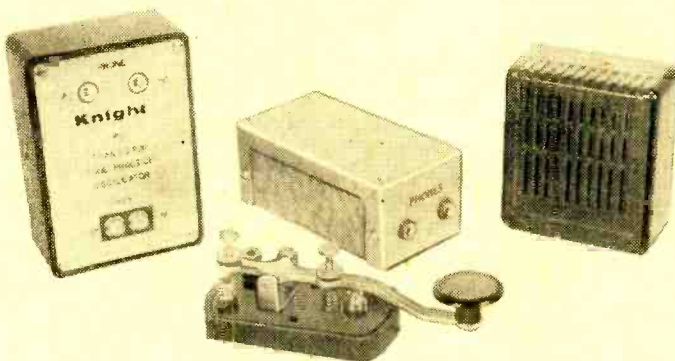


Fig. 1. Reader Gerald Le Fevre's two-transistor superheterodyne receiver.

Gerald Le Fevre, of York Rd., Pavilion, N. Y., as his "favorite," this receiver has a *superheterodyne* circuit. In addition, it uses a reflex arrangement, permitting one transistor to serve both as an i.f. stage and as the audio amplifier. Coils $L1$ and $L2$ are Miller Types 2000 and 2020 respectively.

Referring to Fig. 1, you will see that a Sylvania Type 2N94 r.f. transistor serves as a combination mixer-local oscillator. The i.f. output signal developed across the primary of transformer $T1$ is coupled to the i.f. amplifier stage, a second 2N94. $T1$ is a Miller 2041.

The amplified signal then goes from i.f. transformer $T2$ (Miller 2042) to a 1N34A diode, which serves as the second detector. The resulting audio signal, appearing across



Transistorized code practice oscillators are currently available in kit form from, left to right, Knight (Allied Radio), WRL Electronics and Lafayette Radio. See page 122 for details on all of these units.

volume control $R8$, is "reflexed" back to the i.f. stage through audio coupling transformer $T3$. Finally, the amplified audio output signal is applied across a pair of headphones. ($T3$ is an Argonne AR-100.)

Base bias for the first stage is supplied by voltage divider $R1-R2$, operating in conjunction with emitter resistor $R4$, bypassed by $C5$. Base bias for the second stage is supplied by voltage divider $R5-R6$ and emitter resistor $R7$, bypassed by $C7$. $R6$ is bypassed by $C6$; other r.f. bypass capacitors are $C4$, $C8$, and $C9$. Operating power is supplied by a standard 6-volt battery, $B1$ (such as a Burgess Type Z4).

Construction should pose no problem for the experimenter who has assembled other simple transistor receivers. Gerald assembled his unit on a 4" x 4" chassis, but suggests that a small Masonite board will serve

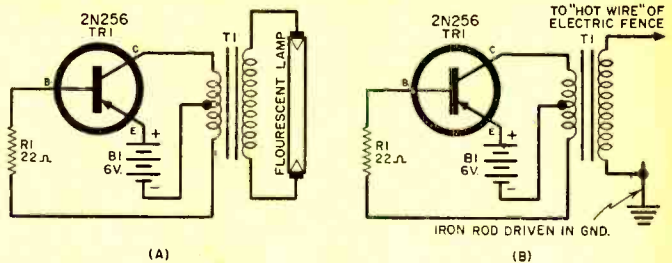


Fig. 2. Two simple uses for a transistorized high-voltage "generator," suggested by reader Charles Rakes: (A) night light; (B) electric fence.

as well. A Miller #2112 two-gang unit serves as tuning capacitor ($C1a/C1b$). All resistors are $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt units, while all fixed capacitors may be small disc ceramics or paper tubulars.

If you assemble one of these receivers, be sure to keep your layout as "clean" as possible, with all signal leads short and direct. Watch the *battery polarity* . . . remember that the 2N94 is an *n-p-n* transistor! Moderate-impedance (2000 to 4000 ohm) magnetic headphones should be used.

You shouldn't need an external antenna for stronger local stations. However, for additional pickup, try connecting an antenna to the "hot" side of the ferrite antenna coil ($L1$) through a 200- μ fd. ceramic or mica capacitor.

To align the unit for best operation, use a standard r.f. signal generator. With a modulated r.f. signal, peak the i.f. transformers for maximum output at 455 kc. Adjust the oscillator trimmer capacitor (across $C1b$) for tracking at the high-frequency end of the dial (around 1500 kc.) and the padder capacitor ($C2$) and oscillator "slug" (in $L2$) for tracking at the low-frequency end of the band (about 600 kc.), "rocking" the tuning capacitor as you do so. If an antenna trimmer capacitor is provided (across $C1a$), adjust this for maximum output above 1550 kilocycles.

High-Voltage "Generator." Reader Charles Rakes, of 4419 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo., has submitted a pair of interesting applications for a high-voltage "generator" designed around a low-cost power transistor. Referring to Fig. 2, a CBS-Hytron Type 2N256 power transistor is connected as a modified "Hartley-

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POWER TRANSISTOR *Signal Tracer*



Internal and external views of tracer are shown on these two pages. The power transistor (TR4) should have its shell well insulated from chassis ground. The speaker is a special job requiring no output transformer when used with the 2N255 transistor.

WITH the possible exception of a volt-ohm-milliammeter, the signal tracer is perhaps the most useful test instrument in the home workshop. However, a.c.-operated signal tracers have always been handicapped by their sensitivity to 60-cycle pickup. And battery-powered models, using vacuum tubes, have the disadvantages of high-battery drain, tube fragility and low audio output.

The "de luxe" model tracer shown here incorporates four transistors and a self-contained 6-volt battery and has almost 1 watt of audio available at the output of the CBS 2N255 power transistor!

Construction is simplified by using a standard aluminum chassis as a cabinet. A small individual subchassis for parts mounting is cut from a scrap piece of aluminum and bolted directly on the speaker. The power transistor is insulated from the

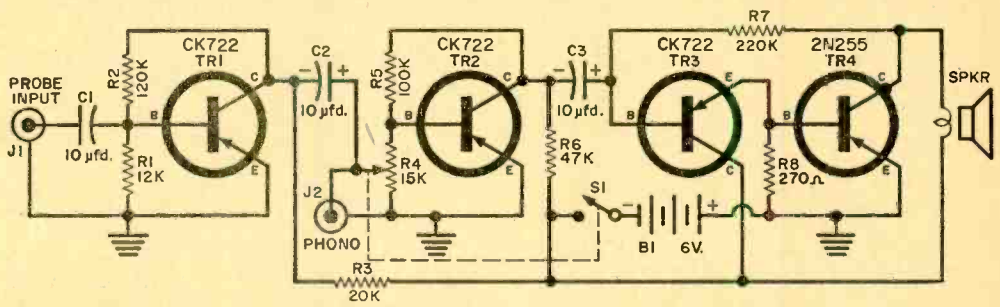
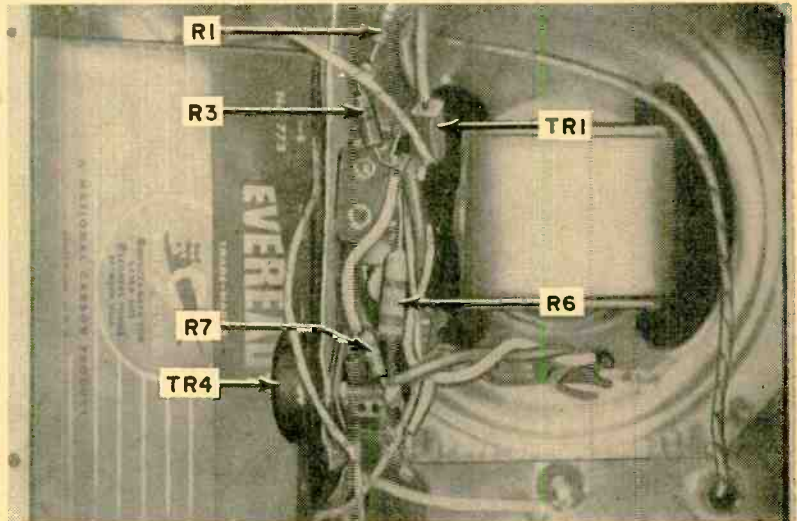
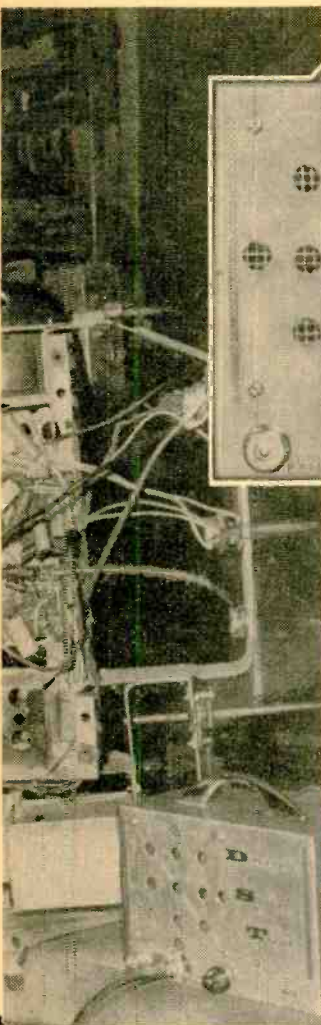
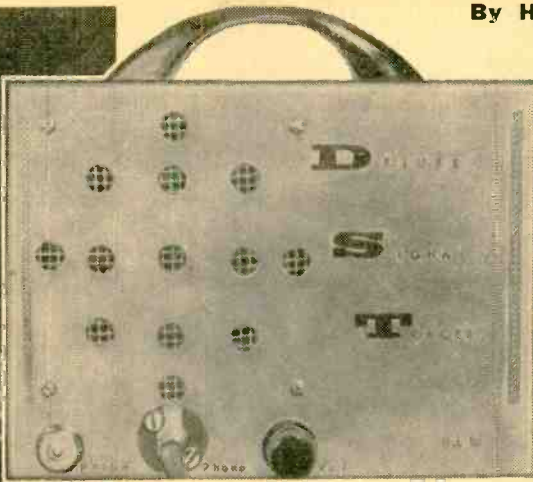
chassis and plugged into a 9-prong miniature socket. All other transistors and parts are soldered directly into place as the circuit is wired.

Spaghetti is placed on the collector and base leads of each transistor to prevent shorts to other components or to the chassis. Parts placement is not particularly critical, but try to keep the input components away from the output circuit.

Note that this model tracer has two separate input jacks labeled respectively "phono" and "probe." The "probe" jack (*J1*) is the input for the r.f. detector lead. This probe contains a crystal diode which demodulates the r.f. signal and allows the transistor audio amplifier to build up the signal to audible level.

When testing in audio stages where less gain is required, use the "phono" jack input. This jack (*J2*) is fed by a shielded

**Transistorized tracer
avoids noise problems
of most older models**



PARTS LIST

- B1—6-volt midget battery (RCA VS068)
- C1, C2, C3—10-µfd., 50-volt elec. capacitor (Amphenol 75-PC1M)
- J1—Chassis-mounting microphone connector
- J2—Phono jack (RCA type)
- R1—12,000-ohm, ½-watt carbon resistor
- R2—120,000-ohm, ½-watt carbon resistor
- R3—20,000-ohm, ½-watt carbon resistor
- R4—15,000-ohm volume control
- R5—100,000-ohm, ½-watt carbon resistor
- R6—47,000-ohm, ½-watt carbon resistor
- R7—220,000-ohm, ½-watt carbon resistor
- R8—270,000-ohm, ½-watt carbon resistor
- S1—S.p.s.t. switch (on R4)
- TR1, TR2, TR3—CK722 transistor (Raytheon)
- TR4—2N255 transistor (CBS)
- Spkr.—4" PM speaker, 45-ohm voice coil (Operadio—DuKane Corp., St. Charles, Ill.)
- 1—7" x 5" x 3" aluminum chassis with back plate (Bud AC-429)

HOW IT WORKS

Signal tracing is a "dynamic" test in that the equipment under test is in operation and has a signal going through it. The tracer is used to follow the path of the signal from input to output. The signal in the case of a broadcast receiver is a tuned-in station or an r.f. oscillator. For amplifier tracing, you can use an audio oscillator or phono player as a signal source.

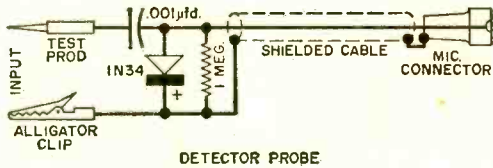
The input signal is coupled to the base of the first audio stage by a 10- μ f. capacitor (*C1*). The collector of *TR1* is coupled to the base of the second audio stage through a 15,000-ohm volume control, *R4*. A phono jack (*J2*) installed at this point enables pickup from a crystal phono pickup head.

A 270-ohm resistor (*R8*) is used as an emitter load resistor, common to both *TR3* and the output stage, *TR4*. The collector of *TR3* is tied directly to the 6-volt power supply. As the output impedance of a 2N255 transistor is approximately 48 ohms, a 45-ohm voice coil speaker provides the proper collector load.

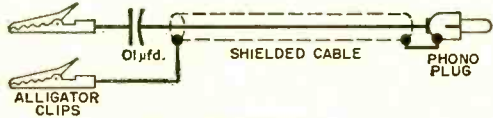
cable terminated on one end by a standard type phono plug and on the other by an isolating capacitor. For audio applications, such as crystal phono cartridge testing or hi-fi amplifier servicing, this input is best.

Using the tracer for trouble-shooting is simplicity itself. First turn the radio receiver on and tune it to a strong local station. Connect the signal tracer's ground lead to the receiver's chassis or "ground." Then turn the signal tracer on, adjusting gain control *R4* for full volume. Starting at

the receiver's antenna, the probe may be touched to the "input" and "output" of each stage to check individual stage operation. If the program is heard at one stage but not at another, check the circuit between. Defective radios, hi-fi amplifiers, p.a. sys-



DETECTOR PROBE



AUDIO PROBE

These special probes should have all elements well shielded. The detector probe components can be built into a small tube shield. All capacitors should be 600-volt miniatures. Thin-lapel microphone-type cable can be used for utmost flexibility.

tems, TV receivers and intercom circuits should present no problems for this little transistorized signal tracer. -30-

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Arthur L. Branch

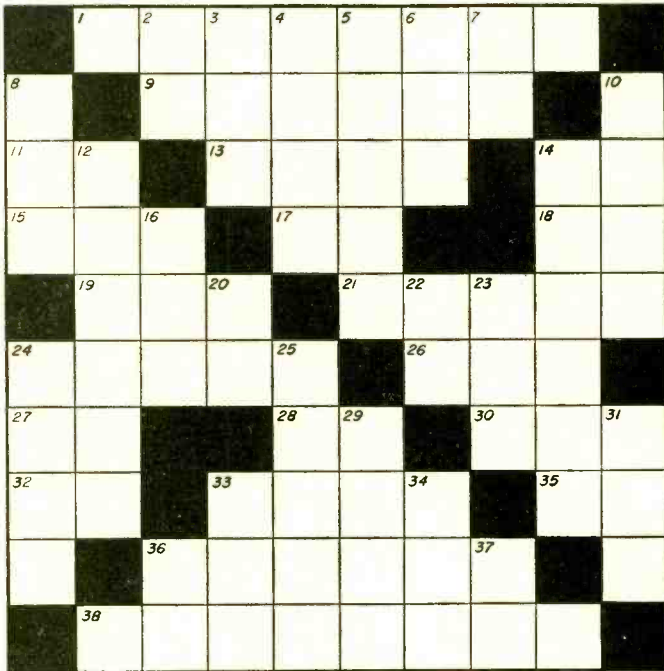
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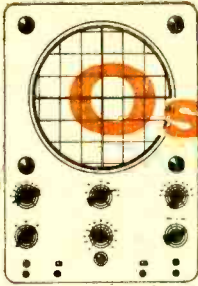
- 1 Multiple of the fundamental frequency.
- 9 Types of tubes used as detectors.
- 11 Rectifier output current: Abbr.
- 13 To make a curve (graphically).
- 14 Chemical symbol for cobalt.
- 15 Resistance unit.
- 17 Suffix denoting one who does.
- 18 Unit of time: Abbr.
- 19 Exclamation.
- 21 Charge developed in a vacuum tube.
- 24 A short circuit may be caused by a _____ in the wires.
- 26 Sick.
- 27 Middle Eastern country: Abbr.
- 28 Chapter: Abbr.
- 30 Snake-like fish.
- 32 The: Fr.
- 33 Effective a.c. voltage equals voltage. - mean - square
- 35 Continent: Abbr.
- 36 Kind of bird.
- 38 Devices used to pick up radio signals.

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- 2 Public notice.
- 3 Tear.
- 4 A burrowing animal.
- 5 Scents.
- 6 Total profit.
- 7 Exists.
- 8 Fuss.
- 10 Part of a transformer.
- 12 Stored electrical energy.
- 14 Periodic changes in current values.
- 16 Conductance unit.
- 20 Like.
- 22 The correct formula for inductive reactance is: $X_L = 2\pi FL$.
- 23 Beverage.
- 24 Device used to convert chemical energy into electrical energy.
- 25 Mark with a scribe.
- 29 Part of a loudspeaker.
- 31 Relation of the current to the voltage in an inductive circuit.
- 33 Rodent.
- 34 2000 pounds.
- 36 Practical nurse: Abbr.
- 37 Cathode-ray tube's pin connection: Abbr.

(See page 117 for solution)





Oscilloscope Traces

Radio-Frequency Measurements

*Wherever signals go "on the air," these tests will
tell you their nature*

By HOWARD BURGESS

WHENEVER some science fiction movie or TV show is intended to appear "ultra-scientific," or when a sponsor wants to clinch his sales pitch with some phony-technical display, chances are that an oscilloscope will be shown with a modulated wave pattern jumping around on the screen. Such 'scope traces are, as it were, the popular image of scientific work.

Perhaps this particular trace has gained its popularity because it is so useful. It can be immensely valuable to anyone working with a modulated carrier. The carrier need not be one of a high power transmitter. It can originate from a wireless record player, a serviceman's signal

Checking the carrier frequency of a portable transmitter by the techniques described here will assure its proper functioning when it is taken into the field.



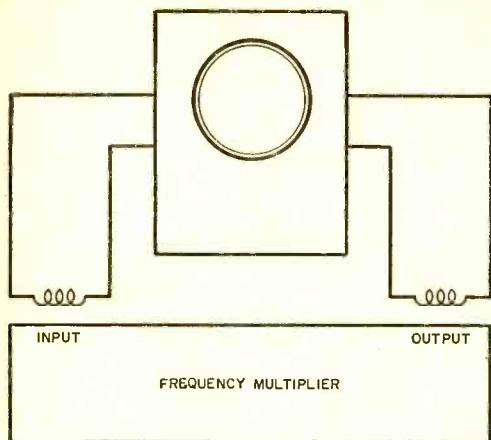


Fig. 1. The oscilloscope is coupled to the input and output of a frequency multiplier stage in order to check its operation.

traces can be obtained to well over one hundred megacycles.

One use of the oscilloscope which generally requires this type of connection is the checking of frequency multipliers in transmitters. Many of the modern transmitters, both amateur and commercial, have one or more frequency multiplier stages following the crystal oscillator. If the output of the transmitter is to be on the correct frequency, each multiplier stage must increase the frequency by the desired number of times.

Counting Loops. The output frequency of each stage can be checked with a good calibrated wavemeter if one is available. A double-check, and in many cases a better test, can be made with an oscilloscope. This method makes use of the Lissajous

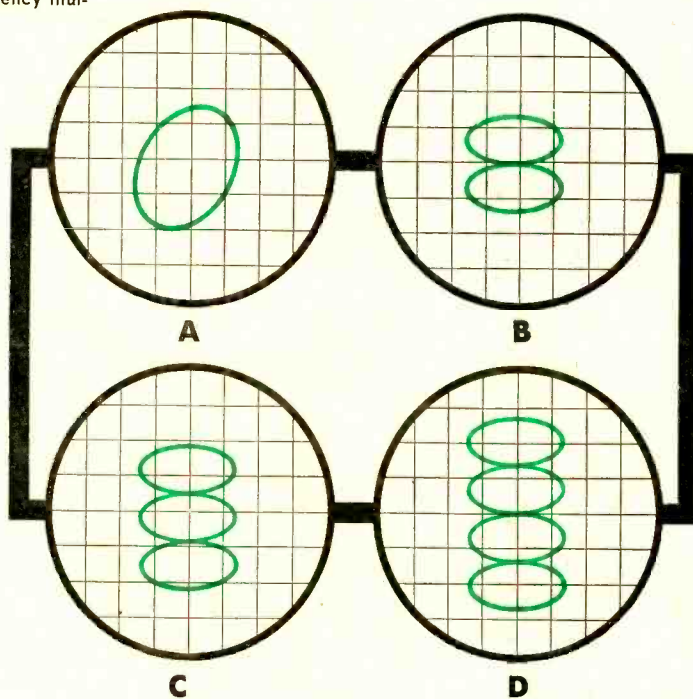


Fig. 2. Scope patterns created by an r.f. stage in the hookup described in Fig. 1: (a) without frequency multiplication; (b) with frequency doubling; (c) with frequency tripling; (d) with frequency quadrupling. These patterns provide a quick check for frequency multiplier stages.

generator, a transmitter for opening garage doors or controlling models, or a ham transmitter.

Direct Connection. Very few amateurs own an oscilloscope with an internal amplifier able to pass the higher radio frequencies. However, in most cases this problem can be solved by feeding the r.f. signals directly to the deflection plates of the oscilloscope cathode-ray tube. Most oscilloscopes have these connections brought out to a small terminal board in the rear of the 'scope's cabinet. With the signal fed directly to the cathode-ray tube,

pattern which is formed when two signals of different frequencies are applied to the vertical and horizontal plates of the tube. (See POPULAR ELECTRONICS, March, 1957, page 63.) If one set of deflection plates is coupled to the input of the multiplier stage under test and the other set of deflection plates is coupled to the output of the same stage (Fig. 1), the pattern formed will indicate the number of frequency multiplications taking place in the stage.

The pattern most likely to be formed will be found among those shown in Fig. 2. They range from a multiplication factor of

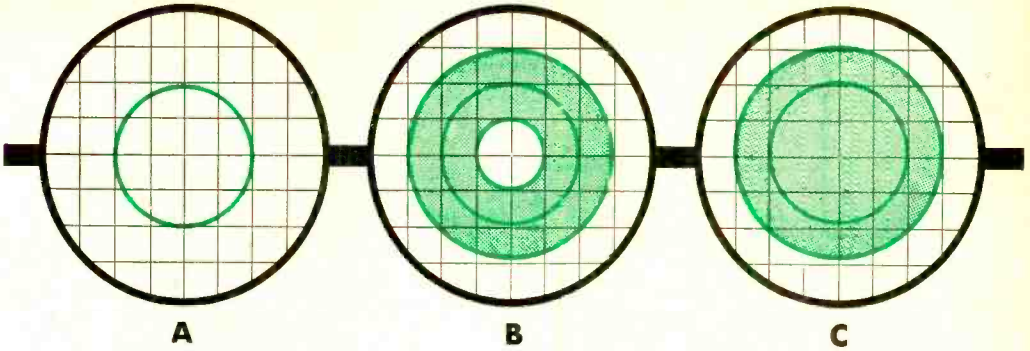


Fig. 3. The circular patterns produced by r.f. on the 'scope screen are shown here for three different cases: (a) no modulation; (b) 50% modulation, and (c) 100% modulation of the carrier frequency.

1 (shown at A) to factor of 4 (at D). For those who are not familiar with this type of trace, examination of the figure will show that the multiplication factor is found by dividing the number of loops in the width of a pattern into the number of loops in its height. All of these patterns are one loop wide. In many cases the loops will not be as rounded and clear-cut as shown here; however, it is the *number* of loops and not the *shape* that matters in this case.

Modulation Check. Anyone that works with electronic equipment for any length of time sooner or later finds himself con-

fronted with modulation problems. Even the experimenter who is not a licensed amateur would like to be able to check the modulation of stations that he hears. If precise checking isn't necessary, the simple test to be described will be adequate. The setup in Fig. 5 will usually do the job.

The horizontal input to the 'scope is coupled to the plate of the last i.f. amplifier of the receiver through a small blocking capacitor. This added load will probably require a slight amount of retuning of the last i.f. transformer. The sweep generator in the 'scope must be turned off. Now connect the vertical input to the horizontal in-

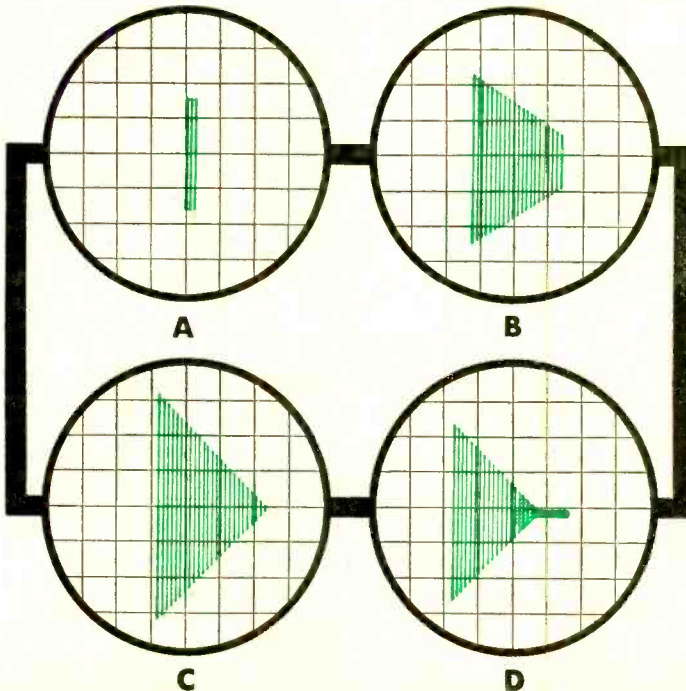


Fig. 4. The trapezoidal pattern of r.f. as it appears with: (a) no modulation, (b) 50% modulation, (c) 100% modulation, and (d) overmodulation of the carrier frequency.

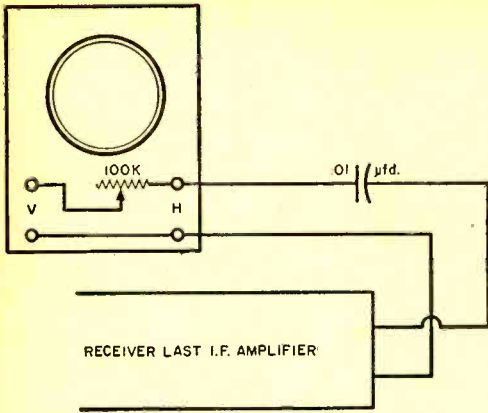


Fig. 5. This simple circuit will usually produce a circular pattern at an i.f. frequency.

put through a 100,000-ohm potentiometer. Then, with a good strong signal tuned in on the receiver, adjust the vertical and horizontal gain controls of the 'scope and the variable resistor until a circle is produced on the screen.

Circle Check Pattern. If the signal is not being modulated, the circle will be a sharp, well-defined pattern. As soon as modulation is applied to the carrier, the circle will alternately expand and contract to form a pattern similar to a doughnut. As the percentage of modulation is increased, the hole in the center will gradually close until it is completely closed at 100% modulation. If more than 100% modulation is present, a bright dot will form in the middle. The circle should move out the same distance that it moves in toward the center.

Caution: Before alienating your transmitting friends by criticizing the signal they send out, make sure that the receiver you used for this test is in good condition. A properly modulated wave, upon passing

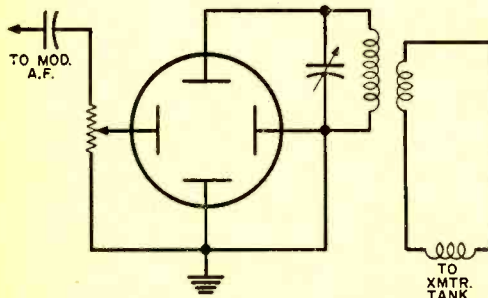


Fig. 6. Coupling the oscilloscope to produce a trapezoidal pattern on the screen.

through a poorly adjusted receiver, can appear either over-modulated or under-modulated.

This system can also be used to check the output of signal generators which are operating on frequencies too high to be fed directly into the oscilloscope. Phono oscillators and similar gadgets can be checked for percentage of modulation in the same manner. The oscillator is tuned in on the broadcast receiver and the 'scope connected to the i.f. system of the receiver as outlined above.

Trapezoid Check Pattern. Another modulation pattern which is formed in a manner similar to the circular trace is that of the trapezoidal figure. This type of measurement requires a direct power take-off from the transmitter tank and a sample of the audio used to modulate the transmitter. Because of this, it is not suitable for measuring the modulation of distant stations. The circular pattern serves that purpose.

However, for continuous monitoring of a transmitter, the trapezoidal pattern is the simplest to obtain since it requires no amplifier or sweep circuits. Connections are made directly to the deflection plates of the cathode-ray tube of the oscilloscope as shown in Fig. 6.

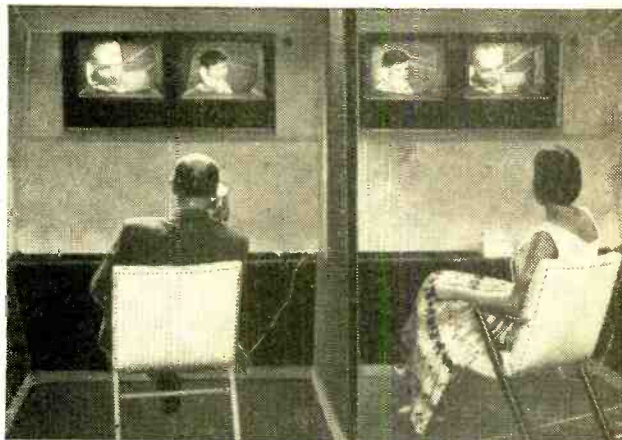
When the transmitter is not modulated, the r.f. carrier will produce only a vertical line. When modulation is applied, it furnishes the sweep to form a triangle as in A of Fig. 4. If transmitter is modulated less than 100%, the triangle will not be filled out, as at B. Too much modulation will form a pinched-off pattern, as at C, with a bright trailing line. If the sloping sides of the triangle are curved rather than straight, the transmitter under test is distorting due to nonlinear operation.

General Hints. There are many other r.f. measurements that can be made with the oscilloscope which may be discussed in future articles. Whenever the 'scope is used for r.f., it is a good idea to keep leads short, with as little shielding as possible. And don't jump at conclusions. You will see a good many "queer" traces during your first investigations but, with growing experience in interpretation, important clues about the condition of your radio-frequency equipment will be clearly revealed to you.

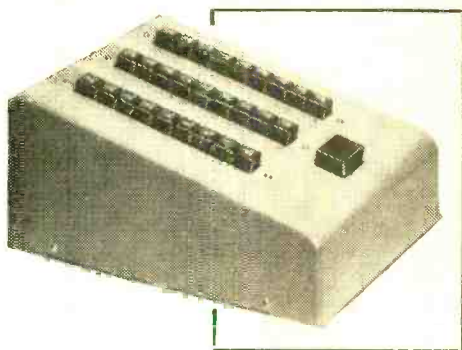
You will find that familiarity with radio-frequency traces will come in handy on many occasions. Whenever signals are actually sent out "on the air," it is necessary to check r.f. stages both at the transmitter and at the receiver, as well as to monitor the degree of modulation wherever the signal itself is more complex than simple c.w.

What's New in Europe?

THE "telephone of the future" bowed in at the Radio, Television and Phonograph Exhibition in Frankfurt, Germany, in August. Built by Deutsche Philips of Hamburg, it was displayed in two adjacent booths (right), which presented what the company conceived as the "normal" phone conversation of the future. Each booth was equipped with a built-in, automatic TV camera focused on the speaker. Each of the "receivers" had two screens, which showed both parties as they appeared on the phone.



Another development, introduced by Nederlandse Industrie Radio Artikelen, Emmen, Holland, is the "Tele-Tracer." This is a paging device for hospitals, offices, factories and other such enclosed areas. Essentially a short-range transmitter and receiver combination, the "Tele-Tracer" consists of a console (right) with 27 keys, each of which activates a different receiver. The receivers are each about the size of a cigarette package (below) and are carried in the pocket. When the key sending to a specific receiver is depressed, the receiver signals with a low buzz, indicating to the person carrying it that he is being paged (below, right). Each receiver weighs only five ounces, and uses transistors so that the batteries will have a long life.



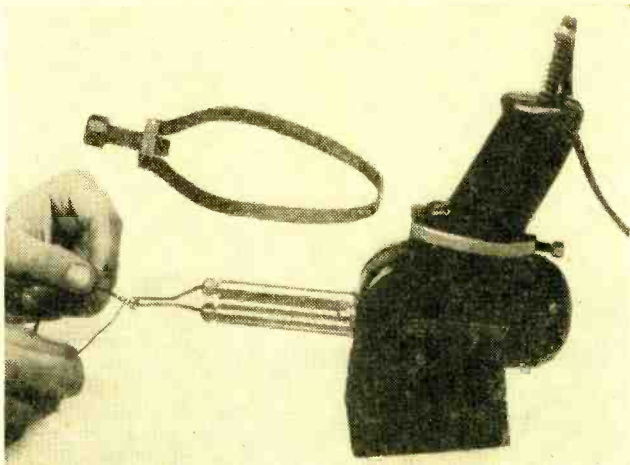
This system is particularly suitable for doctors, who would be relieved of the necessity of watching for light or bell signals and the disturbance of p.a. paging. A special cabinet holds the receivers when they are not in use. Each receiver rests in a numbered slot. When the slot is empty, it is an indication to the signaler that the person assigned to that number is in the building and may be signaled; when the receiver is there, the person is out. —30—



An Extra "Hand" Comes in Handy for Soldering

While the gun is doubtless one of the most popular types of soldering instruments, it has one big drawback — one hand must be used to hold the trigger. But on some jobs you need both hands. What to do? Build a triggering bracket for your gun and gain an extra hand.

Bend a thin copper strip, $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide, around the grip and the trigger. About a half-inch should extend in back of the grip. Then solder the two ends of the strip to a $\frac{1}{4}$ " nut. The bracket can now be slipped in place and a bolt a quarter- or a half-inch long screwed into the nut. As the bolt is tightened, its base pushes against the back of the grip and tightens the band around the trigger. (See photo above right). Adjustment of the bolt will give either a high or low heat position; a bolt with a knurled head makes adjustment easier. And if you don't have a copper strip, you can use a similar strip from a can. Finally, take a 6" piece of 2 x 4 and notch it to fit the contour of the gun. This will hold the gun in place and you can use both hands for soldering.



One note of caution. Soldering guns are *not* designed for continuous operation. Therefore, the gun should not be left on for excessive periods of time. When it has been in use for a long enough time, you can easily slip the band off by loosening the nut. Good soldering practice is to keep the trigger depressed only long enough to make the connection, usually not over two minutes. Keeping it pulled longer than that may burn out the gun. —Wayne Crawford

Old Gooseneck Lamp Makes Adjustable Mike Stand

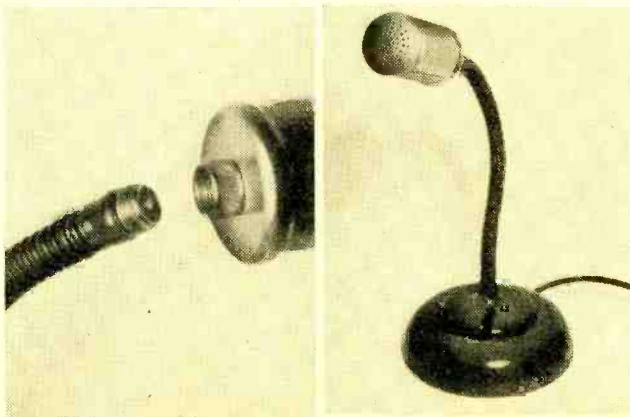
Instead of getting a perpetual crick in the neck when you're on 'phone, make an adjustable stand for your mike and DX in comfort. It's simple, and costs pennies.

Scrounge around for an old gooseneck lamp—the type with a flexible neck—and remove the socket and wiring. If it doesn't just screw off, you may have to use a hacksaw. Then remove the hardware from an Amphenol 75-PC1M chassis unit and drive the unit into the top of the gooseneck. The diameter of the threaded shank may have to be reduced a bit with a file before you drive it in. Use a block of wood between the chassis unit and the hammer head to prevent mashing the head threads when you drive it.

If your mike is the type that feeds the mike connection through the mounting socket, you will first have to solder the center conductor of the mike cable to the eyelet in the chassis unit. Then feed the cable through the gooseneck

and out through the base of the old lamp.

The shielded sleeve of the mike cable can be soldered directly to the metal base of the lamp, since the metal gooseneck completes the circuit and provides shielding. If you have a lamp whose neck is provided with $\frac{1}{8}$ " pipe thread as connection for the socket, the mounting is simplified. Just connect the two with pipe coupling, and you've got your mike stand. —Carl Dunant



Do You Have a

BUZZZ

A RASPING NOISE accompanied the horizontal bars that cut the TV picture to ribbons. Having just settled down to catch the fights, I wasn't very happy when the interference—although intermittent—continued.

Giving up in disgust, I turned the sound down. Only then could I hear a faint whirring noise from somewhere in the house.

"Your motor's showing," I stated bluntly upon confronting my wife at her sewing machine.

Unperturbed, she finished the seam. "I'm sorry, dear," she replied. "This dress just has to be finished tonight." Examining the seam intently, she added: "Now you know what the rest of the family puts up with when you're working in the basement!"

She was referring to the combination shop and rumpus room I'm trying to build down there. The project hasn't been too popular with the family since I can only work at it in the evenings. My portable electric saw really bugs up the TV picture.

Knowing that she was bound to have the last word, I decided to see if my neighbor, Sam Egan, could help. An electronic technician by trade and hobby, Sam usually had an answer for my electrical problems.

I found Sam occupied with a repair project in his combination shop and garage.

"Are they selling do-it-yourself appliance kits now?" I quipped. A jumble of electric mixer parts, like fugitives from a junk box, covered the bench before him.

"No such luck," Sam replied. Jerking a thumb at the little motor on the bench, he explained: "I'm tired of putting up with the interference this mixer causes. Just about the time I'm trying to pick up something on my receiver, the kids decide to mix a malt or something."

"Know just what you mean," I sympathized. "But why tear down the mixer? I was hoping you could help me out with a plug-in filter for that sort of thing."

"Can do," agreed Sam. "But in a case like this a dirty commutator makes the job just that much harder for a filter."

I watched with eagle eye while he cleaned the commutator and brushes with carbon tetrachloride. "Brush-type motors are the

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● **Bathroom Sink?**

Don't see a psychiatrist

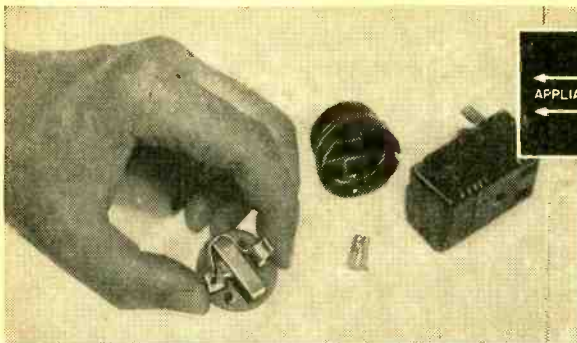
— install line filters

By **JOE W. ROCKE**

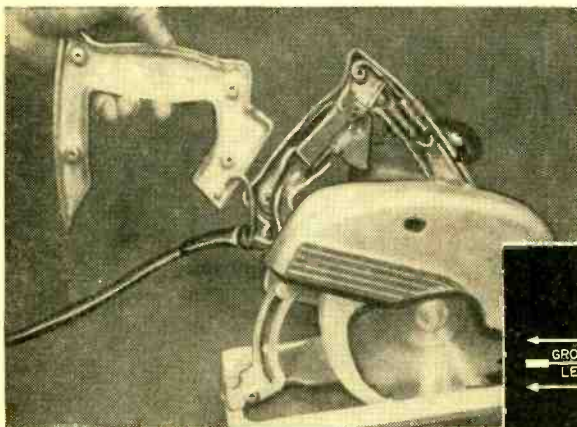
worst offender when it comes to causing interference," he explained. "A dirty commutator aggravates the slight arcing inherent in these motors." Selecting a piece of fine sandpaper, he began polishing the commutator.

"Why sandpaper?" I asked. "Wouldn't emery cloth do a quicker job?"

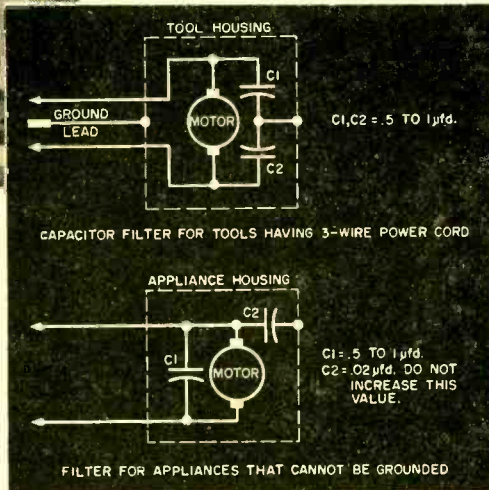
"Sure—it would—and ruin your motor in



Commercial plug-in filters (left) reduce interference from electric razors and small appliances, but almost as effective is a 0.1- μ fd. capacitor wired across terminals of small motor (above). Filtering action is most efficient if capacitor can be put in appliance housing.



Place filter in housing of tool, if possible, and insulate with spaghetti (left). Third (ground) wire must be connected to ground as below. For appliances without ground wire, connect C2 to frame (bottom drawing). Check with neon tester from housing to ground to make sure a.c. plug is polarized for shockless operation. Reverse plug if lamp lights.



the process. Emery grains are conductors, and they may short the commutator.

"Poor electrical contact at the commutator," he continued, "causes variations in current flow through the motor. This in turn creates sharp electrical surges that travel through the household wiring system. The result is a lot of hash in radio reception."

"Then putting a motor in top shape is the first step in tackling a motor interference problem," I mused.

"It helps," Sam admitted. "But it doesn't always eliminate the need for a filter. Of course, not every motor causes interference," he hastened to add.

Sam sketched a circuit on a scratch pad and handed it to me. "There's a basic filter circuit," he stated. "It's small enough so that the capacitors can usually be installed right in the motor housing."

Studying the circuit, I mused: "Looks simple enough. How about lending me some junk box capacitors so I can try it on my power saw?"

Sam shook his head. "Nope," he answered, "but I'll give you new ones."

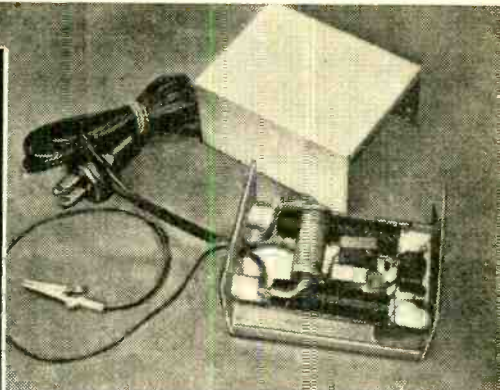
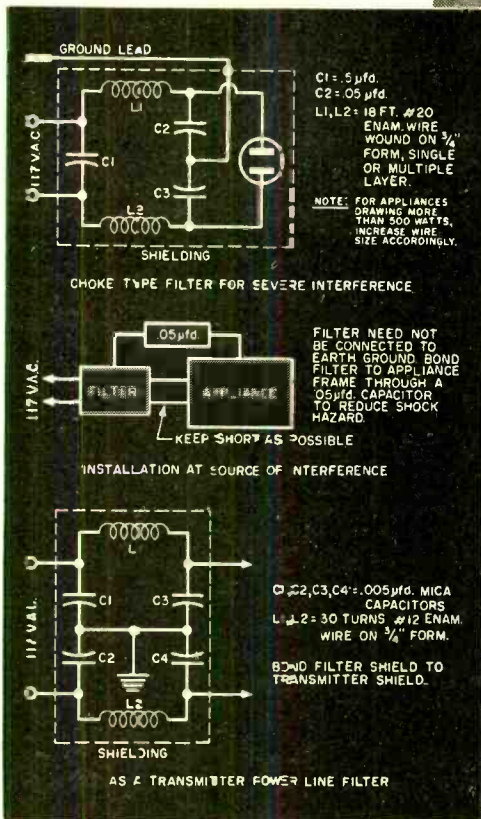
"What's wrong with used ones?" I protested. "Afraid they aren't accurate enough?"

"You never know when an old capacitor might short," he advised. "No use in risking a burn out or shock hazard because of a questionable capacitor."

Digging through his stock of parts for new capacitors, Sam continued: "Capacity values aren't critical. Sometimes it's necessary to try different ones before hitting the right combination. Severe interference problems may require capacities as high as one microfarad."

He pointed to the voltage rating on a capacitor. "Working voltage is the important thing. The higher the voltage rating, the greater the safety factor. Capacitors selected for filters should have a rating of at least 600 volts."

"How about plug-in filters?" I asked.



SOURCES OF POWER LINE INTERFERENCE

Small Brush or Interrupter Type Motors (razors, sewing machines, grinders, etc.)

- Symptom:** Light buzzing noise, all frequencies; dots and light bars in TV picture.
- Cure:** Capacitor filter installed in motor housing, or plug-in filter at convenience outlet.

Large Brush Motors (power tools, vacuum cleaners, etc.)

- Symptom:** Moderate to severe interference, all frequencies; light to heavy horizontal bars in TV picture.
- Cure:** Clean brushes and commutator, check motor condition; install heavy-duty capacitor filter in the motor housing.

Tungsten Lamps (old-style clear-type having "W" type filament)

- Symptom:** Moderate to severe radio and TV interference spread over a large surrounding area.
- Cure:** Replace lamp with modern type. (This kind of interference is more common than one might think.)

Oil Furnace

- Symptom:** Moderate to severe interference in radio and TV.
- Cure:** Check furnace motor; check and clean relay points; install induction (choke) type filter on ignitor.

Blowers, Air Conditioners (belt-driven units)

- Symptom:** Light to severe scratching or intermittent popping in radio and TV audio.
- Cure:** Bond all metal parts thoroughly. Static electricity is the culprit, so apply light coatings of graphite to belt.

Office Equipment (cash registers, adding machines, etc.)

- Symptom:** Moderate to severe interference at all frequencies.
- Cure:** Install choke type filter in power cord as near source of interference as possible.

A choke will help stubborn cases of power line interference (above.) Wind the inductor on a 3/4" diameter dowel or spool (multiple- or single-layer winding may be used) and put it with the capacitors in a grounded metal box.

"You know, the kind that plug into the wall outlet."

"They may tame mild cases of interference. But signals generated by a motor can be radiated by the power cord, too. Filtering interference at its source is the most effective method."

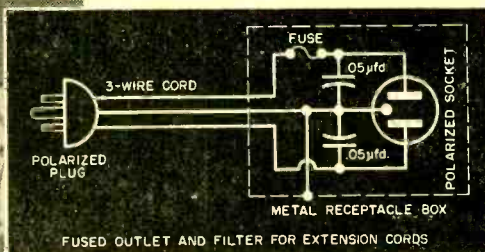
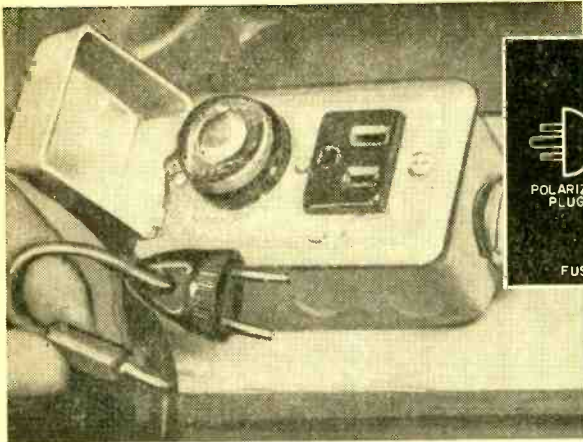
The side door banged as Jim Nelson popped into the garage. Jim, a teenager interested in electronics instead of hot rods, spent all the time he could hanging around Sam's shop.

"My ham rig's been restricted," he announced. "... at least while the family's watching the evening programs!"

"Interference, no doubt," remarked Sam. "Thought you had your transmitter pretty well shielded."

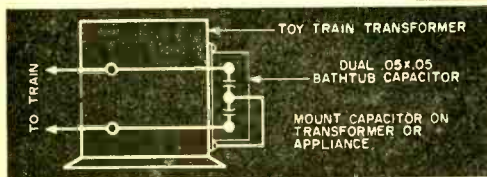
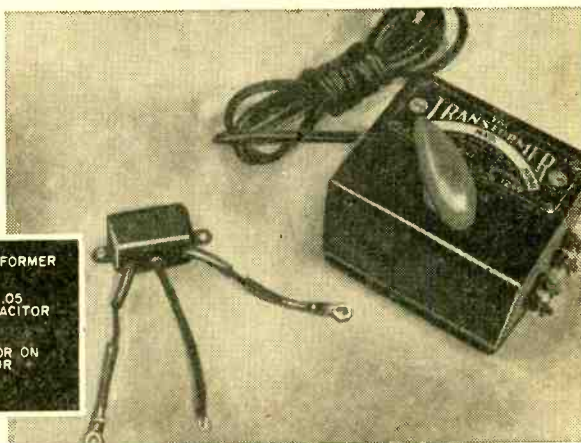
"It is," agreed Jim. "That's what has me stumped. It doesn't bother the neighbor's radio or TV."

"How about the power line to your trans-



Fused outlets give protection if filter capacitor shorts. Ideal with extension cords, fused polarized outlets (as shown at left) ground filter and tool. To make extension cord assembly (above), use 3-wire line cord. Equip line cord and power tool cords with polarized plugs.

Bath tub capacitors provide filter with ready-made shield (right). Connected across the low-voltage terminals of a toy train transformer (right and below), they will cut interference in radios and television sets while the children are playing with their electric trains at Christmas time. These capacitors also simplify installation when there is no room inside the appliance housing.



mitter?" Sam then asked. "Is it filtered?"

Jim looked puzzled. "No," he replied. "I know that an unshielded microphone lead might cause r.f. leakage, but I didn't think the power cord could give any trouble."

"It can," Sam replied. He sketched what seemed to me a rather complicated circuit. "A low-pass inductor filter should do the trick. You can wind the inductors on a piece of wood dowel."

I chimed in. "How would a gimmick like that work as a filter for the TV line cord?"

"Good, with slight modification," Sam answered. "But remember it's only a power line filter. It won't help if the interference is being picked up by the antenna."

Jim had a faraway look in his eye. "I could install it right in the transmitter housing," he mused.

"No," contradicted Sam. "There may be harmonic coupling from the tank circuit."

This was all over my head, but the possibilities of the circuit impressed me. I didn't hesitate to ask how to install the filter.

"The important thing is to shield the filter," Sam explained. "It can be mounted in any type of metal box. Even a can will do the trick. Installation depends upon whether it is used at the source of interference or to prevent power line interference from entering a receiver."

"What's the difference?" Jim inquired. "In either case it can only filter out disturbances carried by the power line. Isn't that so?"

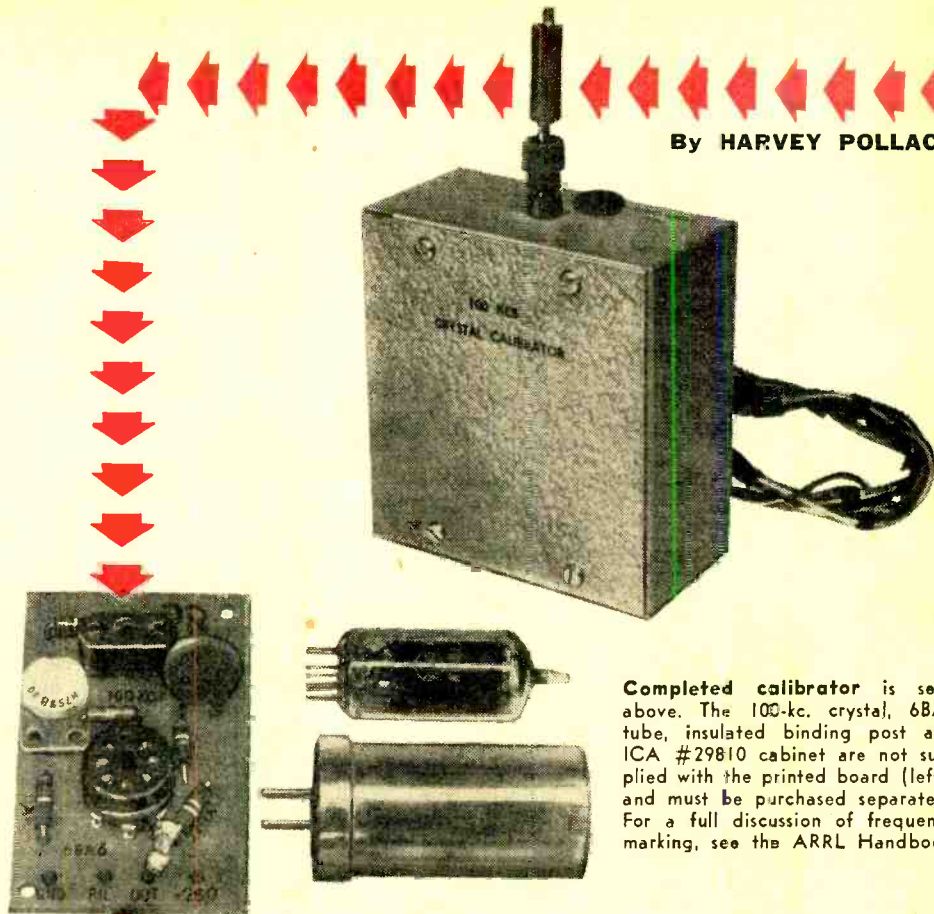
Sam nodded. "Installation becomes critical only when eliminating interference at the source. The filter has to be installed as close to the source of interference as possible, and the filter shield must be bonded to the device being filtered."

"Any possibility of shock hazard?" asked Jim.

"That can be minimized by using a .05-mike capacitor to bond the filter shield . . . which is a good idea if the filter is used with household appliances. The larger ca-

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By HARVEY POLLACK



Completed calibrator is seen above. The 100-kc. crystal, 6BA6 tube, insulated binding post and ICA #29810 cabinet are not supplied with the printed board (left), and must be purchased separately. For a full discussion of frequency marking, see the ARRL Handbook.

Mark That Frequency

How to use a printed-circuit crystal calibrator to

simplify short-wave listening

TINY ENOUGH to fit into the palm of your hand, this highly stable printed-circuit crystal-controlled oscillator can inject 100-kc. markers into your receiver right up into the 21-mc. band. Due to the printed wiring, construction time is so short that you can start assembly after dinner and have it working before bedtime.

The oscillator is available in kit form, including the board and components, from Petersen Radio Company, 2800 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Total cost of the project should come to about \$8.00. The 100-kc. xtal is extra—but you may have one in the junk box that would do nicely.

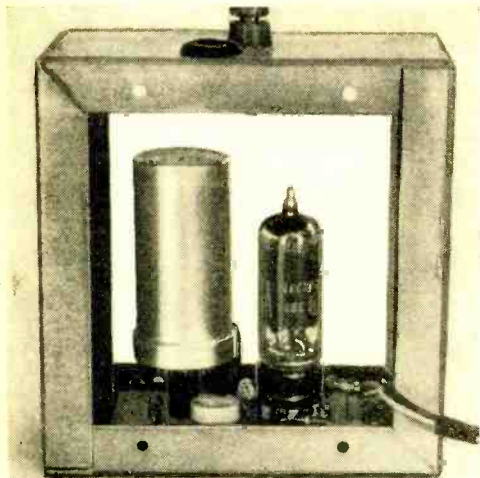
Unpack the parts carefully when you

receive the kit, and check each component to make certain that it corresponds with the value printed on the circuit board.* Insert the crystal and tube sockets and all other components in their places, sharply bending each pigtail.

Spot-solder each of the leads at the point where it comes through the board and trim it off flush with the board. Don't

* There is an unmarked capacitor connection between the 220,000-ohm resistor and the *OUT* terminal. However, this is no problem. After the 470- μ fd. capacitor is installed, the only small tubular capacitor left is the unmarked one. All the other markings are clear.

Note that the circuit diagram accompanying the Petersen 100-kc. crystal is *not* the schematic of the printed circuit.



Plug the 6BA6 tube and 100-kc. crystal into printed-circuit board and mount in cabinet as shown.

use extra flux, and try to prevent the flux in the rosin-core solder from running along the surfaces between connections. Solder a color-coded lead about 1½ to 2 feet in length to each of the terminals marked *GND*, *FIL*, and *250*. Connect a 4" lead to the *OUT* terminal.

Drill the holes in the cabinet to match the two mounting holes in the printed-circuit board. Drill two extra holes paired off so that two more screws can be inserted to provide a 4-point base on which the case can stand without tipping. Now line up the printed-circuit board in the bottom of the case and drill a ½" hole directly over the ceramic trimmer screw. A screwdriver or aligning tool will later go down through this hole for trimmer adjustment. A ⅝" hole is drilled in the center of the top of the case for the binding post.

Two ¼" spacers under the printed-circuit board hold it clear of the case. Solder the *output* lead to the lug on the

binding post. Drill and grommet a ⅜" hole about 1" from the edge of a side-plate and pull the three color-coded power leads through. Install the crystal and tube and screw down both side-plates.

The oscillator is designed to operate from your communications receiver's auxiliary power output socket. But because the oscillator is wired for a *common* ground and filament, you must determine which of the following hookups is found in your receiver.

(1) If one leg of the heater of each tube in your receiver is grounded, no

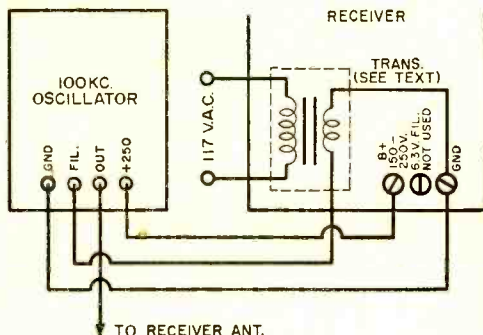


Fig. 2. Primary of added filament transformer can be connected across the primary of the original power transformer as shown or across the power line immediately after the receiver's on-off switch.

changes are necessary. Connect the power leads as shown in Fig. 1. Any B-plus voltage from 150 to 250 volts will do.

(2) The hookup in Fig. 2 is suggested for the following conditions: receivers which are designed for a.c./d.c. operation; receivers in which the *center-tap* of the 6.3-volt transformer is grounded; and receivers in which there is *no* ground in the filament circuit. Note that a separate, small, inexpensive 6.3-volt heater transformer (such as the Stancor Type P-8190) is required for proper operation.

Connect the 100-kc. calibrator to the receiver power supply and couple the output terminal to the antenna post. Then turn on your receiver and tune it to WWV (2.5 mc., 5.0 mc., 10.0 mc., 15.0 mc.). Listen for "ticks" separated by precise 1-second intervals.

With your BFO *off*, you should be able to hear a beat-note between the harmonic of the 100-kc. oscillator and the WWV signal. Using an aligning tool or plastic-handled screwdriver through the grommeted hole at the top of the case, carefully rotate the trimmer until exact zero beat is obtained. You may now be quite confident that the injected 100-kc. markers are right on the nose!

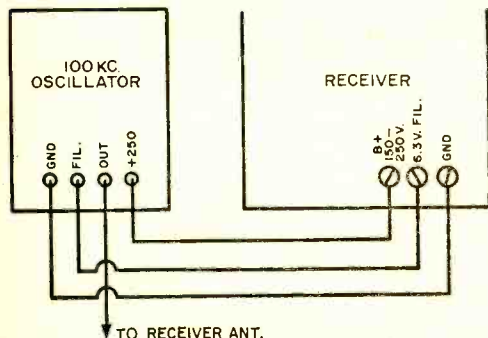
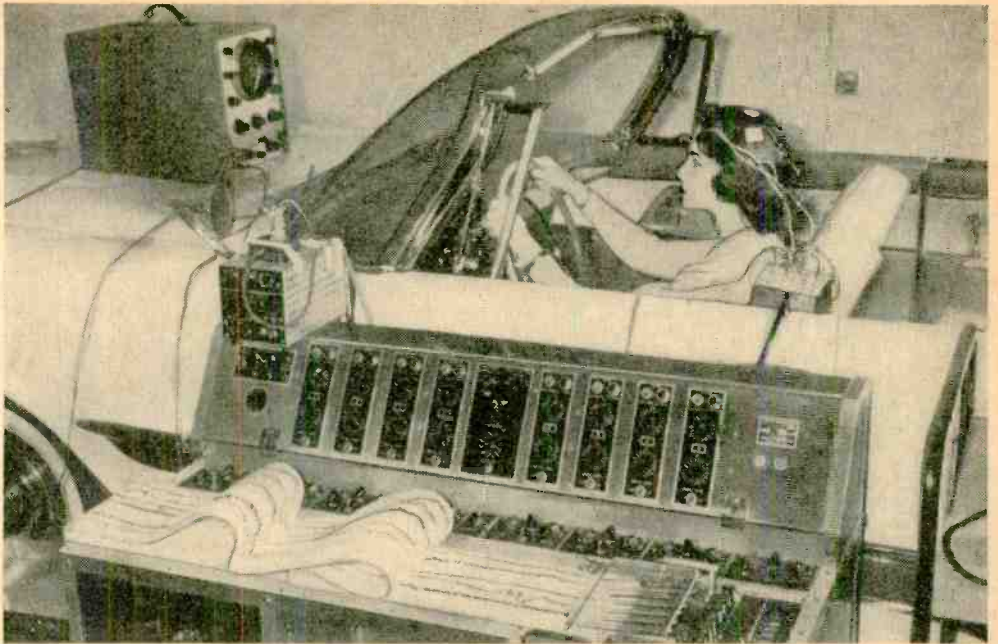


Fig. 1. Hookup used when the calibrator can be wired directly into the short-wave receiver circuit.



The Mysterious EEG—And You

Every time she thinks—and even when she doesn't—those wires coming out of the lady's head (above) record her brain wave pattern. Although the car's standing still, she's "driving" down a busy highway. The purpose of the "trip" is to test driver alertness on the "EEG" (electroencephalograph) parked next to the car.

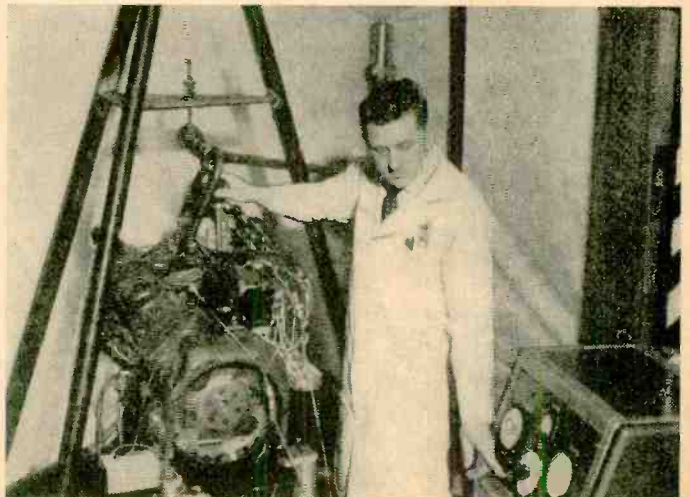
The "EEG" is a device which graphs electrical impulses from the brain. Also recorded are pulse action and the tendency to perspire. From this data, reaction time can be learned. In tests made by Chrysler engineers, the subject turns the steering wheel to keep a moving beam of light in

line with a stationary beam on the screen in front of the windshield. Tape recordings of traffic noise and engine sounds played through a speaker in front of the car make the tests as realistic as possible.

An advantage in using the "EEG" to measure driver alertness is that it does not interfere with the driver's natural tendency to become drowsy in long simulated driving tests. Many of the previous methods which were used tended to keep the drivers awake, Chrysler engineers found, and thus defeated their purposes. The tests show alertness drops after one-and-a-half hours of steady "driving."

Balancing Act

A new electronic unit for balancing auto engines has been developed by General Motors. The Pulse Synchronized Unbalance Indicator (right) detects and corrects unbalance at lower limits than was possible before. At any running speed, PSUI takes the engine's "pulse" so that the unbalance can be corrected both at the flywheel (see photo) or at the fanbelt pulley wheel at the front end. It's done by putting on counterbalance slugs.

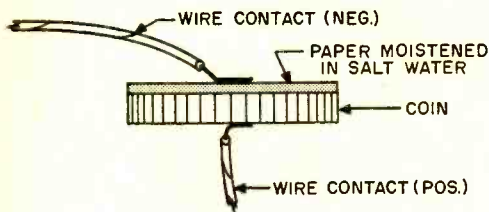


Hear That Jingle? There's a Battery in Your Pocket

In these days of rising costs, it's hard to get something for nothing. However, Uncle Sam makes you a present of a free battery every time you change a dollar bill.

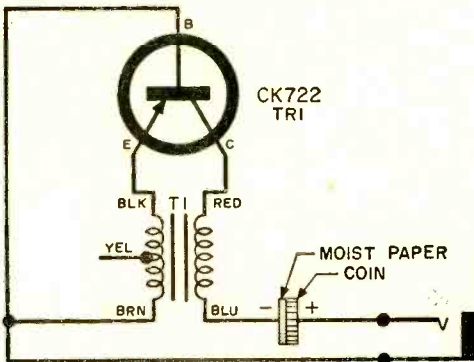
Take an ordinary piece of white paper and moisten it with warm salt water. Hold it in place on one side of a silver coin with a rubber band, and you've got a battery powerful enough to drive a small transistor oscillator (see schematic at right) or receiver. Transformer *T1* is an Argonne AR-103. The contacts of the coin should be made according to drawing below. Use 2000-ohm headphones.

For best results, the coin should be clean and shiny. The negative end can be



held to the wet paper with a rubber band. This type of battery will remain effective as long as the paper is damp.

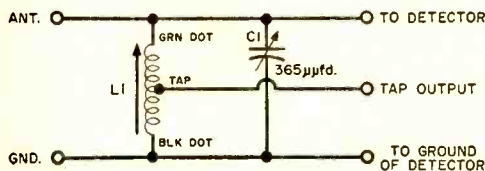
A dime will deliver 0.5 volt at a load of 50 μ a., enough for the oscillator. A quarter will give a bit more voltage at double the current, and a half-dollar will deliver 0.7 volt at 125 μ a. Place cells in series for higher voltage.
—William I. Orr



Build a Handy Broadcast-Band Tuner Assembly

You'll find this handy broadcast-band tuner ready for instant action, whether you experiment with germanium diodes, transistors, vacuum tubes, or all three. It consists of a ferrite antenna coil (Lafayette Radio MS-299) center-tapped to match it to the comparatively low impedance of a common-emitter transistor stage and a 365- μ fd. variable capacitor. Five Fahnestock clips allow quick connections for antenna, ground, detector or detector/amplifier. (See the schematic and photos below.)

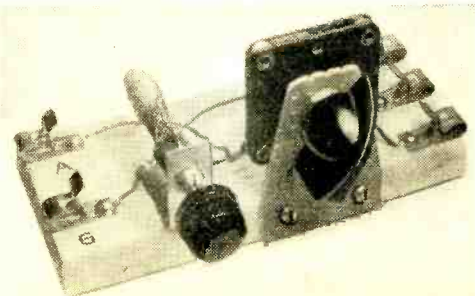
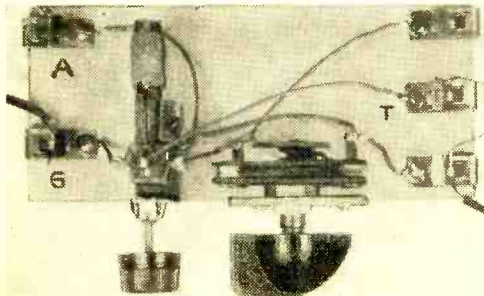
The coil is mounted on a wood base by



means of the metal bracket which comes with the coil. Simply bend the bracket at right angles and use two round-head wood screws about $\frac{3}{8}$ " long. The capacitor is held by a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" piece of Bakelite or similar material and fastened with screws to the edge of the wood base, as shown in the right-hand photo. A standard or miniature type tuning capacitor can be used.

All wiring is point-to-point. The wire leads are soldered directly to the ends of the clips before the clips are fastened to the base with screws. A midget setscrew knob is fastened to the end of the threaded shaft of the ferrite coil, while a larger knob with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole should be mounted on the shaft of the capacitor. The clips can be marked with ink for handy identification.

The base may be of any size you desire, although I found 5" x 2" x $\frac{1}{2}$ " very convenient in this case.
—Art Trauffer



Quieting

Fluorescent Lamp

Interference

OCCASIONALLY you find incompatible elements in a home. Aunt Emma's repeated sneezing at Fido or father's allergy rash after mother's last supper surprise can be problems. But we are not expected to do anything about them, except sympathize. However, when the living-room radio kicks up a storm because it can't get along with the kitchen fluorescent fixture—then they turn to us with a "What are you going to do about it?" look in their eye. Well—we can do something about it!

What Is the Noise? It's honest-to-goodness radio interference by big-as-life radio waves—coming from the lamp itself. To add insult to injury the graph on the next page shows that the "hash" is apt to be concentrated right in the AM broadcast band—where we least want it.

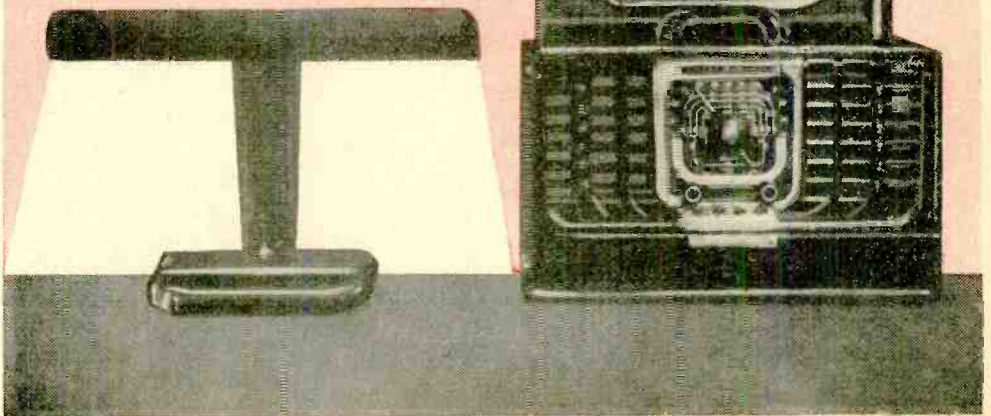
The waves are generated by a very tiny arc which occurs when electrical circuits are made or broken. In the fluorescent lamp, the making and breaking of the mercury arc 120 times each second (double the 60-cycle line frequency) is the cause of all the trouble.

The noise heard is usually one of two types. First of all, there is a sharp crackling noise heard at starting. Crackling is normal, and typical of the noise created by almost any switched circuit; this we can ignore. The second is the steady buzz (or

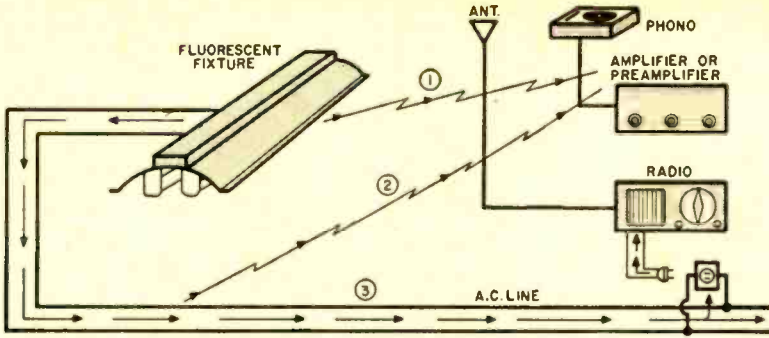
Some words of wisdom on the cause and cure of fluorescent lamp noise

By **EUGENE F. CORIELL**
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Locating a radio alongside a fluorescent lamp is asking for trouble. The radio is probably flooded with all three types of interference described in this article.



Paths of r.f. noise from lamp to radio or amplifier: ① direct radiation, ② a.c. line radiation, and ③ a.c. line conduction of the noise.



even sometimes a *roar*) heard when the lamp is in operation. The buzz reaches your radio or hi-fi gear in three ways:

(1) It can be radiated either *directly* from the lamp or *indirectly* by "bounce" from a nearby metal object.

(2) It can be radiated from the a.c. line supplying the lamp.

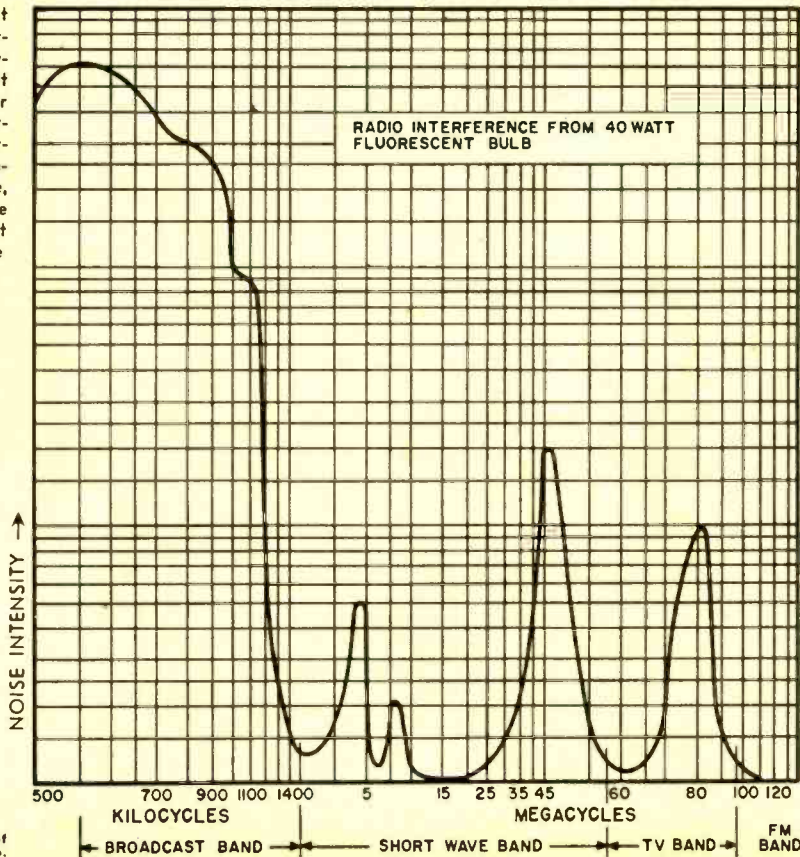
(3) It can be conducted along the a.c. line to your equipment power plug.

Direct radiation interference when the radio is over 15 feet away from the light fixture is unusual. However, when the

local station is weak or when reradiation is taking place, noise can be a problem over much greater distances. Occasionally, you may even get complaints from your neighbors in the next apartment.

Identify the Source. The first thing to do is to make sure the noise is coming from a fluorescent light and not from some other appliance. Turning off all lamps and other devices and turning them on again one at a time should point out the noisy one—or ones. (Since noise of this type does not generally "add up," locating and eliminat-

The graph at right shows the interference frequency coverage for a 40-watt bulb only. Other sizes manifest different areas of interference. The 72" "Slim-line," for example, has a noise null at the top of the broadcast band and its noise peak at about 5 mc.



Graph courtesy of General Electric Co.

ing one source may allow interference from some other device to take center stage).*

Now, that we have located the culprit, should he be eliminated at the source of the crime—the radio, or in his home ground—the fixture? Ideally, interference should be corrected at the source; however, as this is not always the easiest approach, let's try a few of the simpler possibilities.

(1) Reverse the power plug of the radio, amplifier or, if possible, the lamp.

(2) Remove the bulb and rotate it 180° or swap it end-for-end. Unfortunately, either of these tricks may give only temporary relief.

(3) Install a new bulb. Older ones are more likely to be noisy. If a new bulb is not available, try one from another lamp.

(4) If either the radio or the lamp can be moved, you might find that even a few feet will make considerable difference.

Radiation or Conduction? From here on in, things are apt to be more time-consuming and possibly more expensive. Let's find out whether the interference is being *radiated* or *conducted*. Short out the radio antenna lead to the ground post or chassis. On loop-equipped sets, short out the two loop terminals. In audio gear, remove all input cables from the amplifier or preamplifier (record player, tape recorder, tuner cables) and short-circuit each input to chassis.**

If the noise stops, the interference is probably being radiated. If it continues, it's being conducted along the power line. If the hash is cut down somewhat, radiated interference has probably been masking weaker conducted interference which can be heard now that the radiated variety has been shorted out. When we know the type of noise we are dealing with, we're free to try the remedies below.

Radiated Interference. Having determined that the interference is of the radiated variety, there are various approaches we can try. Any one of them or any *combination* may prove effective.

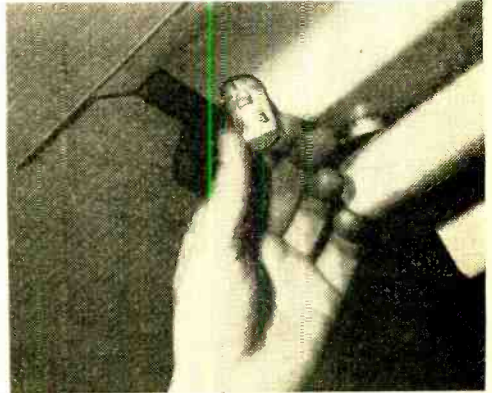
(1) Shorten the a.c. cord of the affected equipment, thus reducing the antenna action of the cord.

(2) Make sure any metal shields provided for GT/G glass-type tubes are installed properly.

(3) For sets equipped with a loop antenna, try an outside antenna using a low-capacity shielded lead-in.

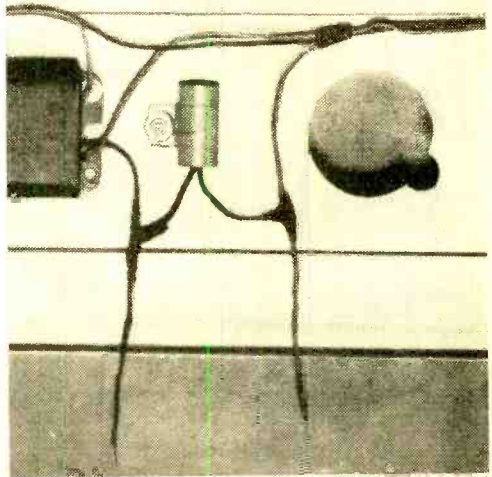
(4) For hi-fi gear not already connected to an external ground, try bonding *each*

chassis to a water pipe by a heavy wire.* If you find that the external ground causes more noise than it cures, try removing the bonding wire from one chassis at a time. This will break any ground loop that might result from any two chassis being connected both by the cable shields *and* the bonding wire. You can also try replacing



Some cases of interference can be eliminated by simply replacing the starter (above).

Difficult cases require the installation of a filter mounted in the fixture itself (below). This type of filter is most effective with the line-conducted variety of interference.



the first preamp tube (12AX7, 12AT7, 6SC7); if the old one is gassy, it may be rectifying the r.f. "hash" to audibility.**

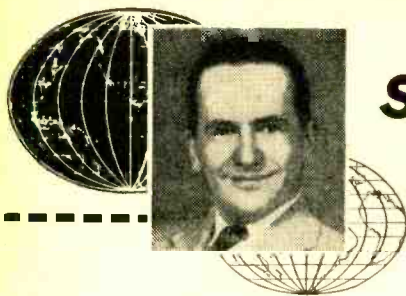
Conducted Interference. If the shorting test described above does not kill the
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* For quieting electrical appliances in general, see the book "How To Locate And Eliminate Radio And TV Interference" by Fred D. Rowe, published by John Rider.

** A simple phono shorting plug can be constructed by soldering the plug's center pin to its shield.

* The wires should be run individually from each chassis to the pipe. The chassis grounds should *not* be interconnected to each other at any point except the pipe.

** See "First Steps in Servicing Hi-Fi Equipment" in POPULAR ELECTRONICS, June, 1957.



Short-Wave Report

By HANK BENNETT

RADIO JAPAN is the name of the International Broadcasting Service conducted by the Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), the only public service broadcasting organization in Japan. Its aim is to give the listener a correct picture of the country and an inside view of the current situation in Japan. Programs of news, native and classical music, art, culture, politics, and customs are transmitted to 13 different areas of the world in 15 languages.

Two frequencies are used simultaneously for each of the 13 transmissions. This insures easy reception by listeners in remote parts of the world in relation to Japan. The simultaneous transmissions originate from the Yamata and the Nazaki transmitting stations respectively—the former being equipped with a 50-kw. and a 100-kw. transmitter, and the latter with a 50-kw. transmitter. Upon installation of a 100-kw. unit at the Nazaki station, most—if not all—of the programs of *Radio Japan* will be switched to the higher power.

The following frequencies are employed according to the four seasons of the year: 6069, 6080, 7180, 7242.5, 9675, 9695, 11,705, 11,725, 11,780, 15,135, 15,225, 15,235 and 17,785 kc. *Radio Japan* classifies the seasons as Summer (May-Aug.), Winter (Nov.-Feb.), and Equinox (March-April

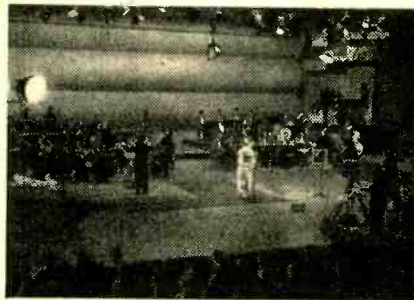
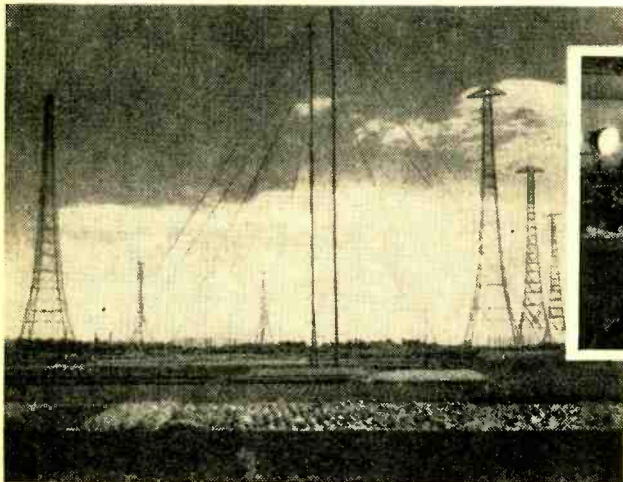
and Sept.-Oct.). Though the change-over of channels is made in full consideration of various conditions, it is kept to a minimum to avoid inconveniencing listeners. Frequencies difficult to receive are being replaced whenever the occasion arises.

Complaints are frequently received from listeners to the effect that the duration of programs is too short. Every effort is being made to rectify this condition and *Radio Japan* hopes to be able to meet listeners' requirements in the near future. Antenna-wise, they are well equipped, employing the following types: a doublet HFT-100 kw., all-wave type AWW, AWH-50 kw., and rhombics for 50 and 100 kw.

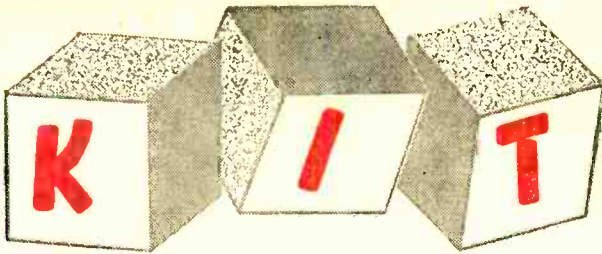
Radio Japan is represented by the call letters "JOA" (Nazaki) and "JOB" (Yamata). Both of the stations are 70 kilometers north of Tokyo and the facilities are owned by the International Telephone and Telegraph Company. The studios are housed in the NHK main building in downtown Tokyo. Programs are sent by land wire to the transmitting stations.

Reports of reception are welcomed from listeners everywhere. The correct address is: Nippon Hoso Kyokai, 2-2, Uchisaiwai-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. Verification will be in the form of either a card or a letter.

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Radio Japan's Nazaki transmitting station is at left. Above, a popular song show is broadcast from its Radio and Television Hall. The singer is Miss Chiyoko Shimakura.

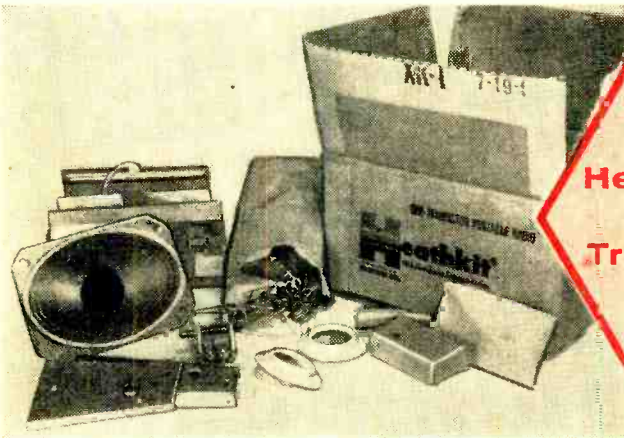


BUILDER'S KORNER

THE AVERAGE PERSON thinks of transistors *only* in connection with miniaturized equipment. There's no technical reason, however, why the other advantages of transistor operation—light weight, ruggedness, low power require-

entire AM broadcast band using a super-heterodyne circuit.

There are six transistors and two diodes. The transistor line-up includes a 2N252 converter, a 2N253 first i.f. amplifier, a 2N254 second i.f. amplifier, a 2N238



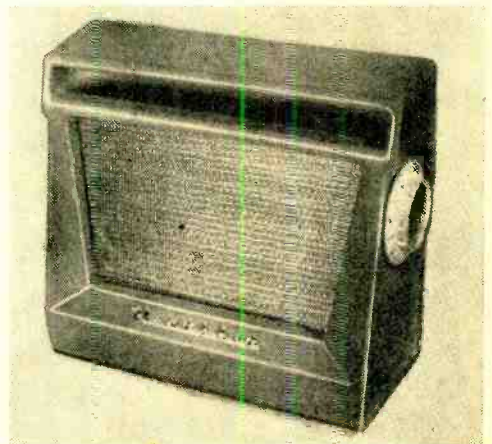
**Heathkit Model XR-1
Transistor Receiver**

ments, long service life—can't be extended to the design of "full-sized" equipment. An important step along this line has been taken by the Heath Company (Benton Harbor 20, Mich.) with the introduction of a *standard-sized* transistorized radio in kit form—the Heathkit Model XR-1 Transistor Receiver.

Designed for use as a "universal" AM receiver, the Model XR-1 serves equally well as a table model set in the home or as a lightweight and rugged portable for use at the beach, on outings or on picnics. Its shock-free design insures complete safety in the kitchen or bathroom, while its ample volume, sensitivity, and tone quality are equivalent to those of a.c. line-operated receivers. As a construction project, the XR-1 will not exceed the ability of the rank beginner, nor be an insult to the more advanced worker.

Putting It Together. The Model XR-1 mounts into an unbreakable plastic case measuring approximately 9" x 8" x 3 3/4". Over-all weight, including batteries, is slightly under five pounds. With a built-in rod type antenna, the XR-1 tunes the

first audio stage, and a pair of 2N185 transistors in a Class E push-pull audio output stage. One diode serves as a second detector and, in addition, supplies the a.v.c. control signal to the first i.f. amplifier;

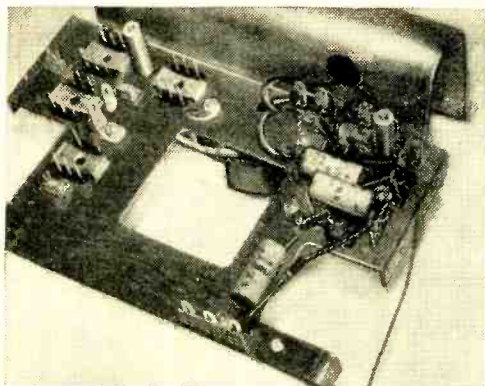


The completed XR-1 mounted in its unbreakable plastic case. It serves as a table model or portable.

the other diode is connected between the converter and first i.f. amplifier stages and provides protection against strong signal overloads. The i.f. value is 455 kc.

A detailed step-by-step instruction manual includes both pictorial and schematic diagrams. In addition, "wall-size" prints of the pictorials are supplied which make the job even easier.

Actual assembly is broken down into more or less independent stages, thus allowing the builder to take an occasional



Circuit wiring is done in stages according to the electrical breakdown of the receiver's circuit.

"break" during construction. First, of course, most of the basic chassis hardware is mounted, including terminal strips, transistor sockets, audio and i.f. transformers, and the local oscillator coil.

The circuit wiring is done in stages according to the electrical breakdown of the receiver's circuit. Thus, following the manual, you'll wire the stages in this order: audio output; audio driver; then i.f. amplifiers. The r.f. oscillator and antenna circuits are wired as part of the final assembly step.

Assembly time will vary considerably with the individual worker. However, if you like to take things slow and easy, with frequent "breaks," you still should be able to complete the kit in less than a week, working a couple of hours each night . . . or over a week-end.

Special Features. Heath has taken special steps to make the alignment of the XR-1 as painless and as simple as possible. No r.f. signal generator or other special test equipment is necessary. A plastic alignment tool is furnished as part of the kit. And all coils are pre-adjusted at the factory so that relatively little re-adjustment is needed for peak performance. Chances are you'll be able to pick up most local stations on your first try.

A 4" x 6" PM loudspeaker easily handles

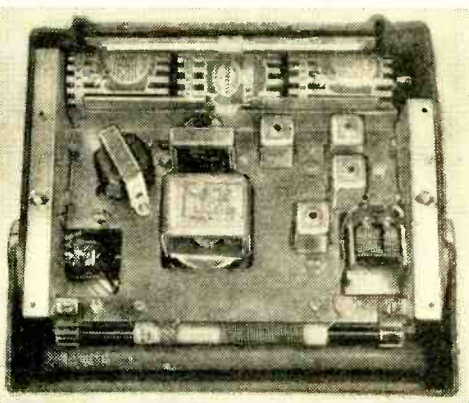
the output of the Class B power amplifier stage. Good tone quality is insured not only by the comparatively large speaker (for a transistor receiver) but by a built-in special baffling arrangement.

One of the most important features is the use of standard flashlight batteries in the receiver's "power pack" and the long life (500 to 1000 hours) obtained from the batteries under normal operating conditions. Operating power is supplied by a 9-volt power pack, made up of six size "D" flashlight cells.

Your reviewer calculated the cost of operating this receiver, assuming that you pay "list" prices for your batteries (instead of the somewhat lower "net" prices), and compared this cost to that of operating a standard line-operated table model radio receiver. At average electric power rates, it costs no more—if as much—to operate the XR-1 as it does to operate a "conventional" a.c. or a.c./d.c. receiver.

Comment. The XR-1 assembles without difficulty and the test model worked when first turned on. Almost all local stations could be picked up with good volume even before alignment.

Construction could have been made a little easier if one or two modifications were made in the order of assembly. In a few instances, one part interfered some-



Rear view of the completed XR-1 with the fiberboard back removed. Flashlight batteries in the receiver's "power pack" are easily replaced.

what with the installation of another part. And a minor point: the fiberboard back doesn't match the color of the cabinet.

As far as the performance of the completed receiver is concerned, it is equal to—if not superior to—any of the transistor receiver kits we have seen to date. In fact, the XR-1's tone quality, sensitivity, selectivity, and output volume are as good as those of most of the commercially built transistor receivers.

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USING INDUCTORS

"I know what an inductor is—I think—but I'm pretty hazy as to its use in an electronic circuit. And while we're talking about inductors, exactly what's the difference between a solenoid and a toroid, which I understand are two forms of inductors?"

PICTURE a complicated highway interchange with no directional signposts, traffic lights, or highway police, and you have a pretty good idea of what an electrical circuit would be like without "oppositional" components that guide, cajole, and coax electrons to follow prescribed paths. Resistors, capacitors, and inductors—occurring singly or in various combinations—comprise the fundamental oppositional elements that direct electronic traffic so skillfully even in complex circuits.

Ordinary resistors are indiscriminating components; they oppose d.c., a.c., high frequency, and low frequency alike. A given current of *any* type passing through a specific resistor causes the same voltage drop. Capacitors are different; they oppose changes of voltage in any circuit of which they form a part but do not react significantly to rapid current variations.

Inductors vs. Capacitors. An inductor may be viewed as the exact opposite of a capacitor. Made up of turns of wire in the form of a coil, an inductor opposes current rather than voltage changes, especially when these variations occur at a high frequency. This characteristic makes the

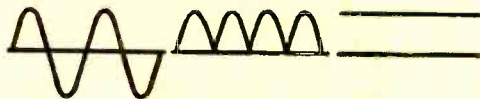


Fig. 1. Rectifier changes a.c. to pulsating d.c.

inductor a useful complement to the capacitor in a power supply filter circuit.

A full-wave rectifier circuit changes alternating current to pulsating direct current (Fig. 1). This "hill and valley" formation of pulsating d.c. is usually not suited for operating d.c. electronic equipment until the "valleys" are filled in.

Consider the filter circuit shown in Fig. 2. As the pulsation appears across the

capacitor *C*, the latter charges to the peak voltage (points labeled *A*) of the input wave. When a valley appears (points labeled *B*), the capacitor attempts to discharge through the inductor *L* into the load, which may be any device that uses direct current.

Since such a discharge would constitute a sudden surge of current, the opposition that inductor *L* offers to such an abrupt

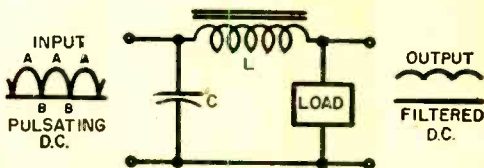


Fig. 2. Filter smoothes pulsating direct current.

change forces *C* to retain most of its charge until the next peak appears to bring it back to full charge again. In this way, *L* assists *C* in maintaining the circuit voltage constant, an action necessary to change pulsating current into pure d.c. In this circuit, *L* is termed a *choke*.

Opposition Factors. The opposition an inductor or choke presents to varying currents depends upon two factors: (1) how fast the current varies (frequency), and (2) the physical construction of the coil—the number of turns, turn spacing, coil diameter, and kind of core. A filter choke of the type just described has hundreds of turns of fine wire, an iron core, and is said to have a high *inductance*. Just as

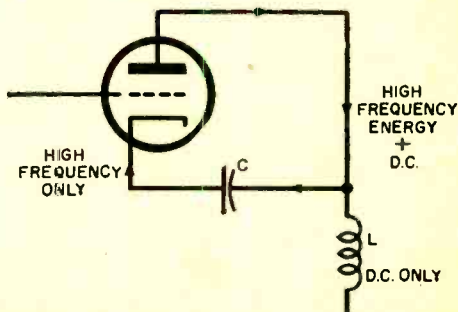


Fig. 3. "L" blocks high frequency, "C" passes it.

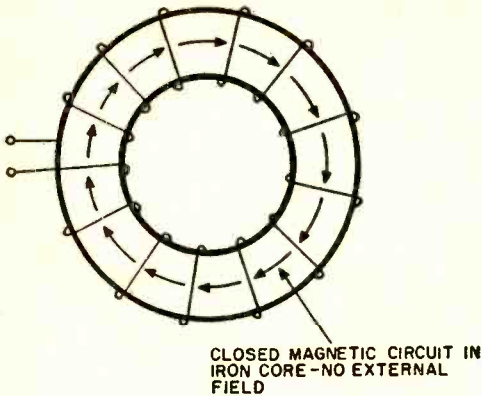


Fig. 4. The toroid has a doughnut-shaped core.

resistance is measured in ohms, e.m.f. in volts, and current in amperes, inductance is measured in *henrys*. The symbol "L" signifies inductance. Smoothing chokes usually run from 10 to 30 henrys.

Any time a circuit condition calls for choking off a rapidly varying current, an inductor of the correct size used in conjunction with a properly chosen capacitor can do the job. For example, suppose an electron tube is generating a current of high frequency, say 1,000,000 cycles per second (1 mc.). This tube is fed d.c. voltage and current from a power supply, but the high-frequency current is not to be permitted to flow backward through the supply.

Connecting an inductance and capacitor as shown in the partial schematic (Fig. 3) fulfills this requirement by permitting the d.c. to flow through the inductor but opposing the high-frequency current back-flow through the inductor. The capacitor provides an easy path for the high-frequency current to return to the tube—a necessary arrangement to assure a complete circuit for this energy. An inductor like this has relatively few turns wound on a ceramic or plastic core; its inductance might range from 2 to 10 *millihenrys* (0.002 to 0.01 henry). Because the frequency is so high, not much inductance is needed to place a barrier in front of the incoming varying current.

In summary, an iron core coil of many turns has a high inductance and is especially useful as a choke in low-frequency circuits; high-frequency hookups call for low-inductance coils of few turns on non-magnetic cores.

Toroids and Solenoids. Over the years, toroids have been used desultorily by many of the larger overseas communications companies for the special filter applications in which they perform particularly well. The last decade has seen a steady

growth in the number of circuits and devices in which toroidally wound coils have come to be preferred over solenoid types.

The word *toroid* describes a method of coil winding—Fig. 4. Turns are placed around a doughnut-shaped core which forms an absolutely closed magnetic circuit as illustrated. A solenoid, on the other hand, is generally defined as a coil fabricated on a straight core, sometimes iron, and other times air or non-magnetic solids like plastics or fiber—see Fig. 5. Certain types of transformers have two separate solenoid coils on a common core.

What is the secret of the toroid's sudden rise to prominence? Known for many years to be vastly superior to solenoids in certain important respects, toroids were avoided by designers and manufacturers for two reasons. Suitable core materials were not available, especially in applications involving the higher audio frequencies and the radio frequencies. And automatic machines for winding turns around a

OPEN MAGNETIC CIRCUIT—STRONG EXTERNAL FIELD

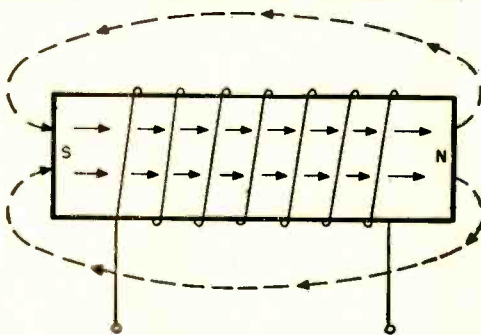


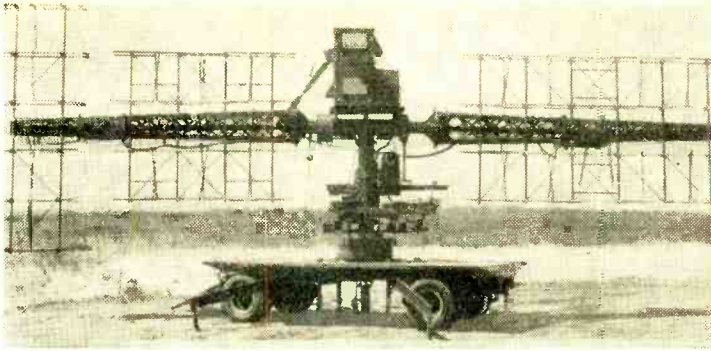
Fig. 5. Solenoid is wound around straight core.

doughnut core were virtually unobtainable at any price.

Neither of these problems exists today. High-speed automatic toroid winders form these inductors just as quickly as solenoids; and modern core materials like Permalloy dust, the ferrites and mu-metal make them practical for use at the higher frequencies.

The "open" magnetic circuit of the solenoid forces its lines of force to travel through the surrounding open space to link with the core at both ends, whereas the "closed" path of the toroid core confines the field to the molecules of the core so that there is little or no external field. Two very significant advantages arise from this behavior: first, it makes possible higher inductances with fewer turns of wire, and second—probably much more important—it does away with the need for careful shielding. Where there is no external field

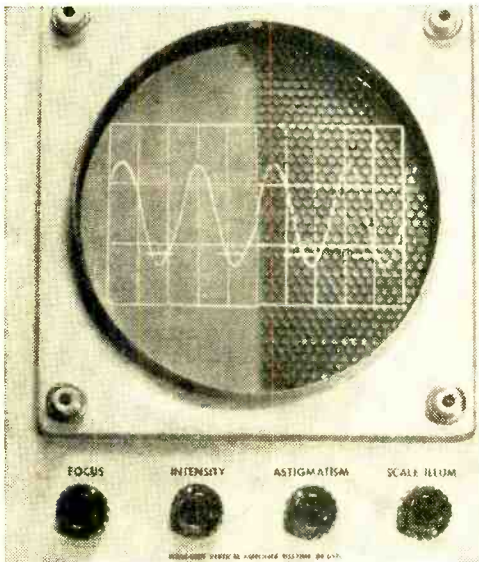
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Father of Radar Gets His Reward from Patent Office

The U. S. Government finally recognized the daddy of radar by granting a patent to Col. William R. Blair (Ret.), above, right, who conceived the pulse-echo method of direction finding prior to 1930. It was developed during the 1930's at the Signal Corps Laboratories in Fort Monmouth, N. J. In 1937 a prototype, SCR-268, radar system (above, left) was demonstrated for the Secretary of War and Members of Congress. Plans for this set were turned over to manufacturing companies so that they could build radar equipment for the U. S. Army.

Due to the high degree of secrecy surrounding the development of radar, a patent application was not filed by the Army Signal Corps until 1945, and since then the Patent Office has had the matter under consideration. This radar patent is considered to be as important to the military as the first U. S. patent issued on the telephone was to commercial communication.



Scope "Shadow-Screen"

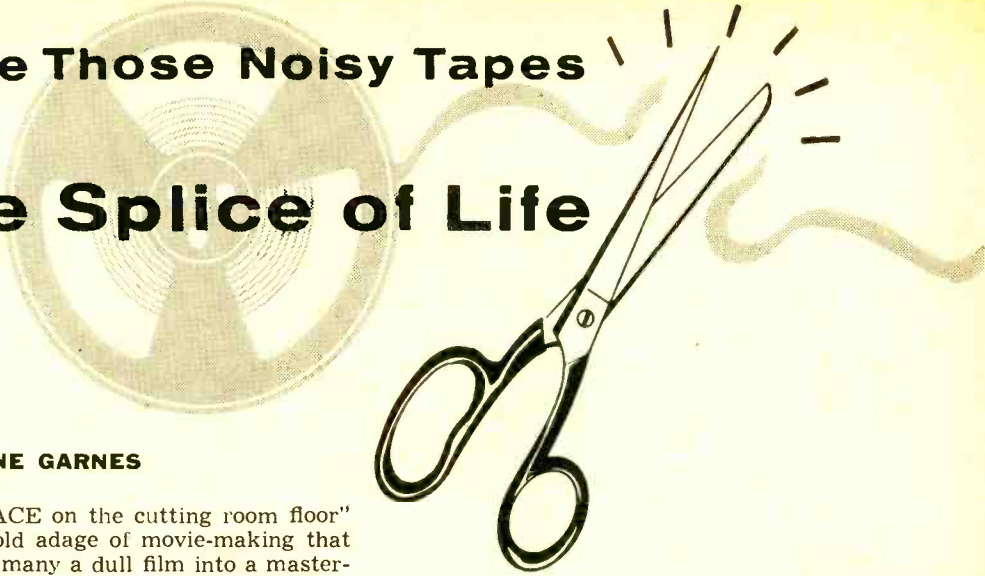
The oscilloscope Shadow-Screen manufactured by Van-Dec Products, Laguna Beach, Calif., is said to end the need for subdued light or an oscilloscope hood. It consists of hundreds of small, hexagonal openings that serve as individual shadow boxes, shutting off glare. The shape of the openings permits observation from any point within 45° of face-on position. Note contrast in photo above.

Open Sesame

Genie Lift-A-Dor (not the luscious lady below, but what she's holding) is a new R/C system for opening garage doors from your car. If you should ever want to put the car away with *her* around, you'll find that a simple touch of the button she's holding will unlock the door, open it and turn on the garage lights. Another push will close and lock the door, and turn out the lights. Made by Alliance Manufacturing Co., Inc., Alliance, Ohio, the device works on a limited-range low frequency which prevents false activation by stray signals.



Make Those Noisy Tapes The Splice of Life



By **EUGENE GARNES**

THE FACE on the cutting room floor" is an old adage of movie-making that has turned many a dull film into a masterpiece. Like the movie-maker, the tape recorder fan can turn his noisy, stumbling reels into gems by some judicious cutting.

It's easy, and you should wind up with a perfect splice, as shown in Fig. 1(A). Figures 1(B), 1(C) and 1(D) show how it *shouldn't* be done.

All you need is a splicing block (\$2 or so), single-edge razor blades, $\frac{3}{4}$ " splicing tape and a good scissors (Fig. 2). Ordinary cellophane tape is not satisfactory as it will creep with age and cause sticking. Stable, pressure-sensitive adhesive is used with professional tape equipment. Be very certain that neither the blade nor the scissors is magnetized, since that can cause an audible thump in playback. A head demagnetizer will also demagnetize tools.

The popular diagonal splice will give a strong, durable junction which should last the life of the tape. This is used to remove fairly large sections. The vertical splice

**A little careful editing
can save a valuable reel**

gives a weaker bond, is used when short syllables are to be removed. It is made in the same way but with a vertical slice.

The mechanical segue, which is a smooth "dissolve," akin to the dissolve from one scene to another in the movies, is a form of diagonal splice. It provides a smooth transition point rather than an instantaneous one. With a long diagonal cut, 12" or so, the head begins to contact less and less of one tape's pickup surface, reducing the volume accordingly, and more and more of the other, increasing its volume in the same proportion. Result, a smooth dissolve.

Follow the drawings on the next two pages for perfect results . . .

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Fig. 1. Right (A) and wrong (B, C, D) splicing.

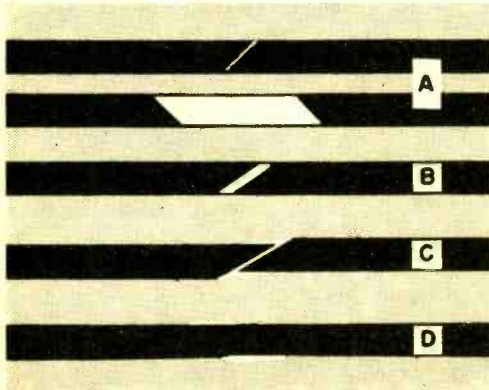
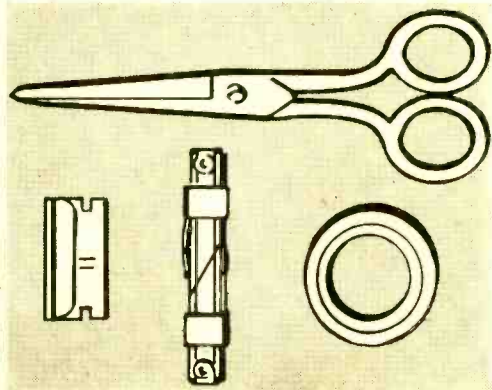
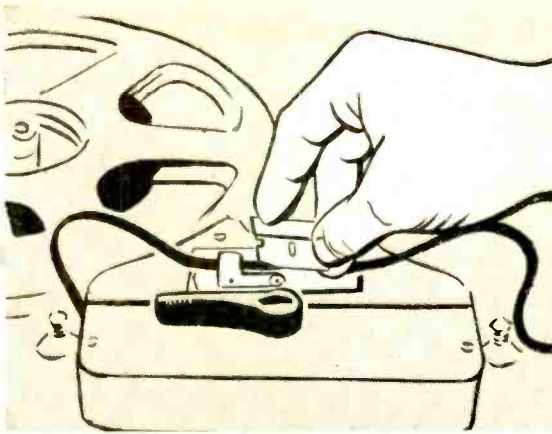


Fig. 2. All you need to make a perfect splice.





The next step is probably the most important in the whole operation. Very carefully adjust the tapes so that the ends butt perfectly. You should get an exact fit, since both were cut in the same groove of the cutting block. If you don't get a perfect match, you might find that you're suffering momentary loss of sound or sticking during playback, such as in (B) of Fig. 1, at left. Or if the diagonal cuts are out of line, as in (C), you may get the same poor results. Now cut a piece of splicing tape about two inches long and press the sticky side down directly over the joint with the ball of your thumb. Don't disturb the alignment of the tapes as you press down. Also, make sure the sides of the splicing tape are parallel to the diagonal cut. With care, press the splicing tape on firmly, working away from the center. Now pick up the recording tape by the ends of the splicing tape and place it on a flat surface. Again apply firm pressure over the entire splice area to insure that the tape edges are bonded to the adhesive. Remove the recording tape in the same way, and use scissors to trim off excess splicing tape, cutting slightly into the recording to prevent future sticking on the edge of the tape. Be careful not to cut too far. And try to make the cut as even as possible, so that it doesn't resemble Fig. 1(D).

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The tape is placed plastic (shiny) side up in the splicing block which will grip the tape in any one of a number of ways used by different manufacturers. The tape is then carefully cut with a sharp razor blade by following the diagonal slot milled into the splicer. This should result in a perfect, clean cut. It might be better if you experimented a few times with some scraps of tape to achieve just the right technique, before you start in on your first good tape. If you find your cuts are on the ragged side, check your razor once more. If it's dull, use another one. Use a quick, one-stroke slice and don't hesitate

in mid-stroke. After you've cut your good tape, the section containing the desirable material remains in the block. The section to be deleted is removed. Next, the section of tape to be joined to the first is placed in the block from the opposite end. In exactly the same way, you should then cut this piece. Now you will have the two diagonal cuts of the pieces to be joined facing each other, ready to be spliced. The next step is taping the ends together.

HOW TO EDIT

When working closely with material such as interviews, you must be able to jockey the tape back and forth while in contact with the playback head and yet not have the driving mechanism engaged. All professional machines provide this feature. You can get the same result with many home machines by cocking the *Forward* control about halfway between off and "full on." This is generally impossible with push-button machines, however.

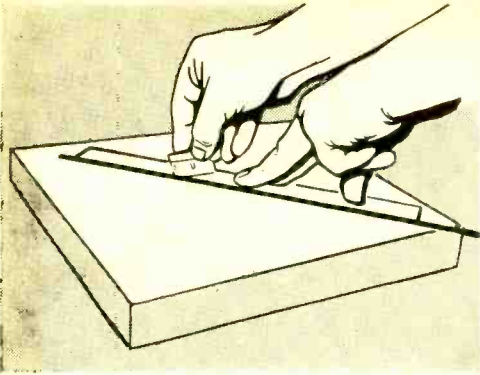
Now let's assume that we wish to edit an "Ah" from the start of a phrase. We "see-saw" the tape, beginning just ahead of the "Ah" up to two or three words of the phrase. After doing this a few times, we get the feel of the phrase, with a pretty good idea as to where to make the cut. By jockeying the tape slowly, the individual sounds that make up the words can be recognized and the undesirable sound pin-pointed.

If there's a definite break between the wanted and unwanted sounds, it should be easy to make a clean vertical cut there. However, if the sounds run into each other, as in the case of "Ah, yes," where there is no perceptible break, we have to jockey the tape slowly to determine where the "Ah" leaves off and the "yes" begins. If it is difficult to locate the exact spot, it may be wise to cut a little on the "Ah" side. Then if that's not satisfactory on playback, you can peel the tape and cut another 1/16-inch or so, resplice and check again, until you get exactly what you want.

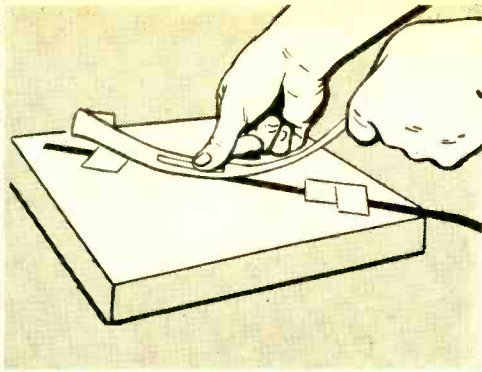
In the above case a diagonal splice is recommended, since it will give a very rapid fade-in. This helps to create an effect not unlike that of the voice, which needs a few microseconds to reach full normal output when starting from a quiet state. In editing excess syllables, of course, the vertical splice must be employed.

When non-professional equipment not designed for editing is used, the playback head may not be visible, making it impossible to do close work. In such a case, place a reference mark on the head cover, directly above the head gap, and work from that.

There are certain limitations. You can edit only single-track tape, or dual track tape where only one track has been recorded. Stereo tape can be spliced provided that it is of the stacked-head type.



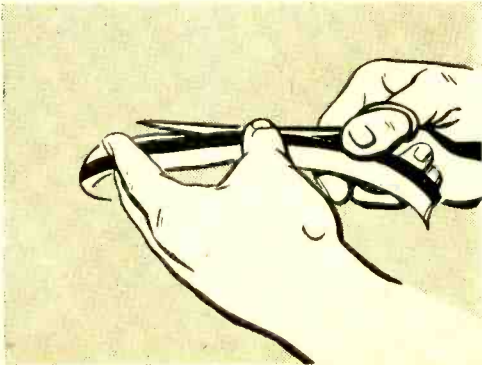
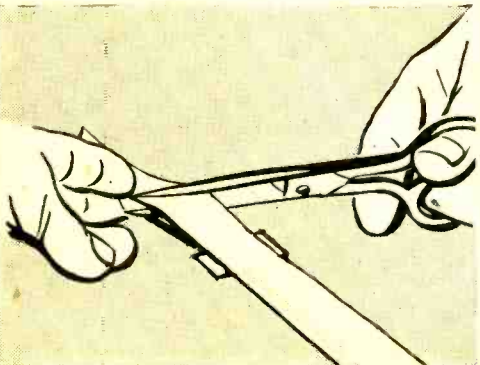
Now that you've made your first diagonal splice, you might want to try a mechanical segue. The procedure is essentially the same as in the previous steps. Put the first section of tape on a flat surface, preferably a wooden cutting block. Carefully place a ruler on the tape for the long diagonal cut—a 12" length might be good for your first try. Cut the tape cleanly in one stroke. Then place the second piece of tape in the same position, and measure off the exact same length. This time, however, make the cut in the opposite direction, so that the two cuts match. The next step is shown at right.



The first piece of recording tape is held in position by squares of masking tape applied at each end of the cut. Very carefully line up the second piece of tape so that the diagonal cuts butt and match. Anchor the second piece of tape in position with additional masking tape. Next, cut a 14" length of splicing tape and place it over the splice area. Apply the tape at the center of the splice only and work the splicing tape toward each end, being careful not to separate the butted cuts. You can check on this since the splicing tape is translucent. If they separate, you must start over.

Before reaching the ends of the splicing tape, cut off about a half-inch diagonally. This will allow for smooth passage during playback. Complete the application of splicing tape, pressing it out all the way to the ends. When you reach the masking tape supports, it will be safe to remove them, since the already applied splicing tape will offer sufficient support. Make certain, however, that you don't disturb the butt as you pull off the masking tape, or you'll have to begin all over again. Press it down firmly.

Pick up the spliced tape and cautiously trim the excess splicing tape, cutting slightly into the recorded tape. This completes your mechanical segue, which—if properly made according to the preceding steps—will result in a smoothness equal to the most skillful mechanical segues of professional engineers. This method is best for slower tape speeds, 7½ and 3¾ ips being ideal. At the latter speed a 12" splice will give a four-second segue, while at the former speed the segue will last for just about two seconds.





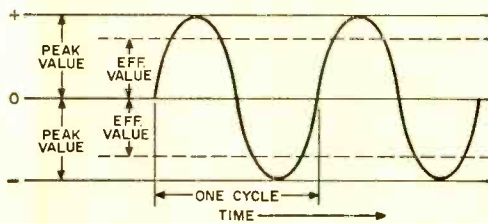
Among the Novice Hams

By HERB S. BRIER, W9EGQ



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in obtaining their ham licenses

IN DISCUSSING the theory behind questions appearing in the FCC amateur license examinations (October and November issues), so far we have made no distinction between *direct current* (d.c.) and *alternating current* (a.c.). This is because everything that we have learned up to now is equally true for either type of current. Nevertheless, there are many important differences between the two which must be understood before you can learn much about radio. Anyone who learned how to do long division in school has enough on the ball to master sufficient a.c. and d.c.



$$\text{PEAK VALUE} = 1.41 \times \text{EFFECTIVE VALUE}$$

$$\text{EFF. VALUE} = 0.71 \times \text{PEAK VALUE}$$

Fig. 1. The difference between the effective and peak values of an alternating current. A direct current has the same effective and peak value.

theory to qualify for an amateur license. So let's get started.

The Two Currents. Direct current, as its name implies, always flows in the same direction—from the negative terminal of the power source to its positive terminal. To most of us, flashlight batteries, portable radio batteries, and storage batteries are the most familiar sources of direct current.

Alternating current, however, starts at zero, builds up to a maximum value in one direction, decreases to zero again, builds up to a maximum value in the opposite direction, and again drops to zero. The whole *cycle* repeats itself over and over many times per second as the terminals of the a.c. generator become alternately positive and negative. The electric power delivered to our homes by the power company is 60-cps alternating current.

Figure 1 shows how a.c. peak and effective voltages differ. The part of the *sine* curve above the base line indicates that the voltage and the current are building up in one direction (positive), and the part below the base line indicates that they are building up in the opposite (negative) direction. The arrow pointing to the right represents the passage of time.

Obviously, if an a.c. generator is connected across a load, such as a light bulb, the current flowing through the load will increase and decrease in step with the voltage. Consequently, maximum power can flow into the load during only a small portion of each cycle. With d.c., however, full

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When Al, KN9IDZ, finishes an operating session, he folds up the desk leaf and closes the door of his built-in wall cabinet, concealing his equipment.

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Do Your Tapes Sound "Real Pro"?



By WILLIAM H. O'BRIEN

***A little care for your home recorder
helps it sound like a studio model***

YOU'VE propped up your tape recorder before the high school band, being careful about mike placement to avoid the tonal fog spread over the bright blare of the brass by the acoustics of the old gym. Or, recording your Wednesday night chamber music group, you monitored for balance between the instruments and for the intimate detail that distinguishes such music. Yet, despite all this care in your recording setup, the tapes somehow don't sound like professional products. Perhaps you accept this lack of quality as inevitable, blaming it on the quality of your small home tape recorder.

The reason for better quality in the professional's end product is not only the equipment utilized but the way he goes

about the job, so you might be doing your machine an injustice. Your home tape recorders are capable of far more "professional-sounding" results than you obtained in the past. Devote the same care to your machine that a professional lavishes on his and you may be surprised how closely your taping resembles professional sound.

We won't tell you here how to make a recording. Choice and placement of microphones, acoustic preparation of the recording room, etc., are another story. We are concerned with only one thing: how to assure peak performance of your recorder before you even start to spin the reels.

Pad, Clutch and Tension. The first step is a professional-style pre-recording check of the machine's operation. Take a

close look at the pressure pad holding the tape against the recording head. If it is not pressing firmly enough against the head, high frequencies will be lost. Pressing too tightly, the tape will slow down. Gently but firmly is the rule. Don't be afraid to adjust the pad.

Now let's check the clutch take-up for tension. An overly tight clutch can spoil a recording by "overpowering" the capstan. The clutch starts to pull the tape instead of the capstan, producing noticeable wow and flutter.

Here is a simple test for clutch tension which can be used on most small home tape recorders. Place a pencil against the tape at a point just beyond the capstan. If the tape readily "bows" out, you have correct tension. If not—if the tape skews out of line only by exerting pressure—there is too much tension on the clutch.

The most inexperienced amateur should not hesitate to adjust the clutch. In all likelihood, your home tape recorder has a setscrew or nut to loosen or tighten the

Great improvement in the quality of home recordings can be attained by following the same equipment maintenance routine employed by professional engineers in sound recording studios.

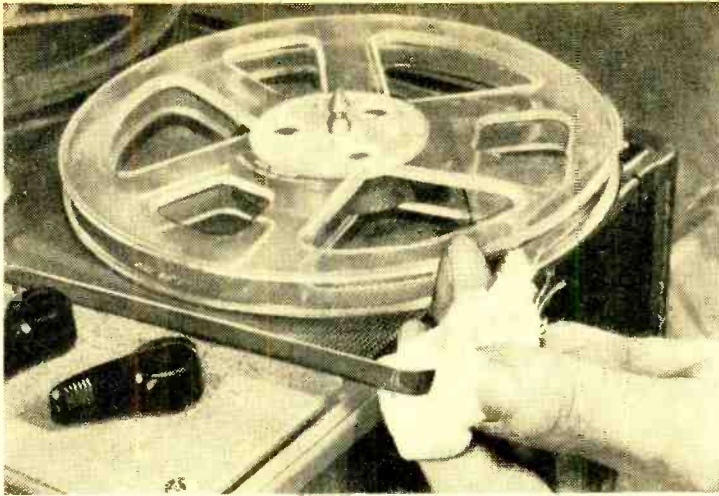


Cleaning the pressure pad of the recorder, the pressure roller and the capstan is a simple remedy for slow-running machines where dirt creates a mechanical hindrance.

felt clutch pad and spring device. Make the necessary adjustment, using the "pencil test."

"Greasing" the "Skids." Smooth operation of the clutch, as well as correct tension, is essential for maximum performance of your machine. It's a good idea to lubricate the felt clutch pad. Remove the

part containing the pad from the clutch assembly and saturate it with silicone lubricant. Long Life lubricant is one brand used by professional tape recording engineers. The saturated felt pad should be left out all night; the fluid will evaporate, leaving the silicone behind to form a smooth surface on the pad, reducing fric-



Running tape through a pad soaked with lubricating fluid removes abrasive particles that accumulate on heads and guides, causing wear and impairing quality of recordings.



Recording heads may be cleaned with a special cleaning fluid which dissolves binder and oxide deposits that build up near the magnet gap. Despite its solvent quality, the fluid doesn't attack metal or plastic parts of the recording head.

tion to a minimum and eliminating any tendency for jerky action.

Caution: Under no circumstance use any kind of lubricating oil or similar product (common machine oil) on the clutch, unless the manufacturer of your recorder expressly specifies it for use. The heat produced by the machine in operation causes petroleum products to break down and, instead of lubricating, create friction.

Clear Heads. Magnetized heads have a bad habit of erasing the very high frequencies on your recorded tapes. It is a good practice to demagnetize the recording and playback heads of your machine before every use. Head demagnetizers are manufactured by a number of companies and can be purchased for approximately \$10. Before using the demagnetizer, cover the pole pieces of the recording head with a double layer of Scotch Brand cellophane

tape. This will protect the head from scratches or other damage. The cellophane tape also acts as a "buffer" between the head and the demagnetizing field, helping to maintain even distribution of the field, and enables you to withdraw the demagnetizer in such a way as to assure complete demagnetization. Make two or three passes up and down the length of the pole pieces with the demagnetizer, moving it slowly and steadily and gradually raising it upward and away from the head. Be careful to avoid any abrupt motion, or the head will not be completely demagnetized. It is not necessary to demagnetize the erase head of the machine.

Smooth Travel. Correct speed and even tape travel are of primary importance in getting peak performance from your tape recorder. When playing back record-

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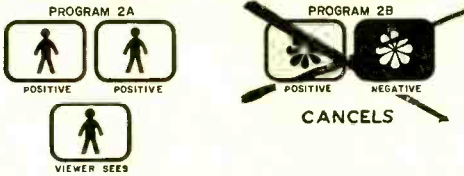
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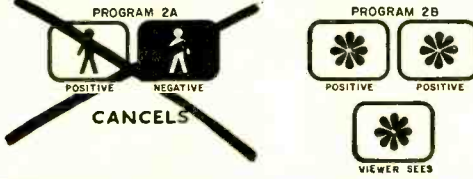
- 2 To receive program 2A—receiver is tuned to channel 2, and receives 2A only because negative-positive images of 2B cancel each other out.



- 3 To receive program 2B Bi-Tran decoding signal reverses negative image on 2B to positive, and reverses one positive image on 2A to negative:



- 4 RESULT channel 2A cancels out and viewer sees 2B



A completely different approach to "pay-TV" has been revealed to the FCC by Blonder-Tongue Labs., Newark, N. J. The system would double up the existing TV channels—in effect, create new channels—by sending two programs over each one.

As shown at left, each program would consist of two signals—in one case two positives, allowing the picture to be seen, and in the other a positive and a negative, which would cancel each other. The latter would be the "pay" portion. When a viewer wished to see it, a coding signal, coming in over a telephone line, would switch the "pay" signals to positive, and the "free" signals to positive and negative, allowing the "pay" picture to be seen and canceling the "free" one. At the same time, this information would be transmitted back to the telephone exchange, and the toll added to the telephone bill.

In addition to pay-TV, Blonder-Tongue believes that the system would be useful to the Armed Forces for transmitting secret information, and would serve as an aid to educational telecasting.

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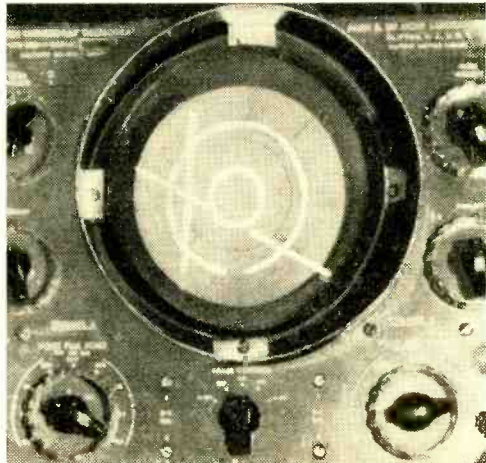
Nominations are again open for General Electric's annual Edison Amateur Award. Anyone may submit nominations on behalf of radio amateurs who have performed outstanding public service during 1957. Top award will be \$500 and a trophy, with runners up getting plaques.

Letters must include the amateur's name, address, call letters, and full description of the public service. They must be post-marked not later than Jan. 3, 1958, and mailed to the Edison Award Committee, General Electric Co., Owensboro, Ky. All of the nation's amateurs are eligible.

Aircraft "Peeping Tom" Checks on Pilot's Accuracy

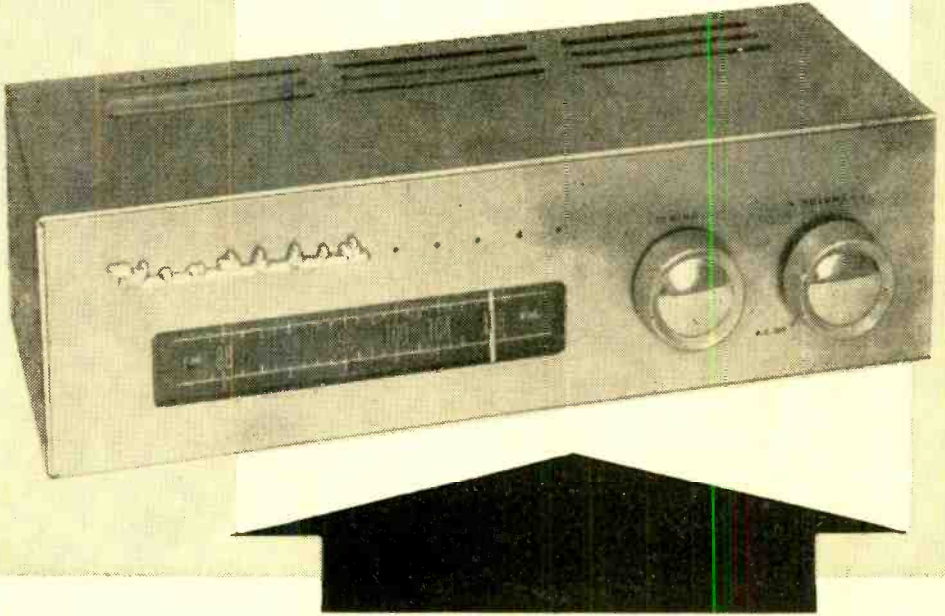
The Air Research and Development Command has come up with a telemetry method which allows a ground observer to view the action in an airborne single-seat jet interceptor—to "look over the pilot's shoulder" as it were.

For many years the only accurate method of evaluating a pilot's performance was to have an instructor watch his actions from a second seat in the aircraft. When the picture on the student pilot's radarscope is telemetered—by means of a series of high-frequency radio signals—it will be reproduced on a ground scope (see photo at right). The instructor will thus be able—through voice communication—to instruct the pilot from the ground. This telemetry method will also aid the instructor in measuring the pilot's capabilities.





You Can Up-date Your Heathkit FM-3



Tuners are basically temperamental—but a few simple modifications will serve to keep this one “on the nose”

IF YOU OWN an FM-3 tuner, you can now incorporate in it the design refinements of the FM-3A. A kit of parts for the purpose is available directly from the Heath Company, Benton Harbor, Mich. Designated as the C-FM-3, it contains numerous capacitors, resistors, a new front panel (with dial calibration), an additional pilot lamp and holder, a new dial drive system, and wire and hardware to complete the conversion.

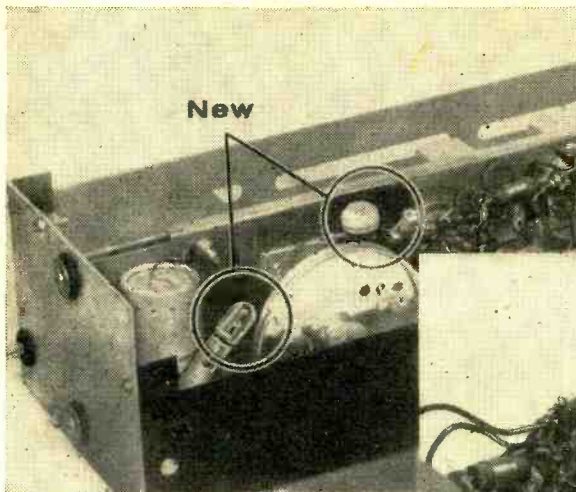
This kit will improve the performance of the FM-3 from several standpoints. The improved mechanical drive results in much easier tuning. Automatic gain control action is made more effective by applying the control voltage to an additional i.f. amplifier stage. The edge-illuminated glass dial enhances the unit's appearance. Parts are provided to stabilize drift, if this has

By DONALD L. STONER

been a problem with your FM-3 tuner. And decoupling components will reduce regeneration and noise.

It is advisable to have the original FM-3 construction manual at hand for reference as you work. It will facilitate the conversion.

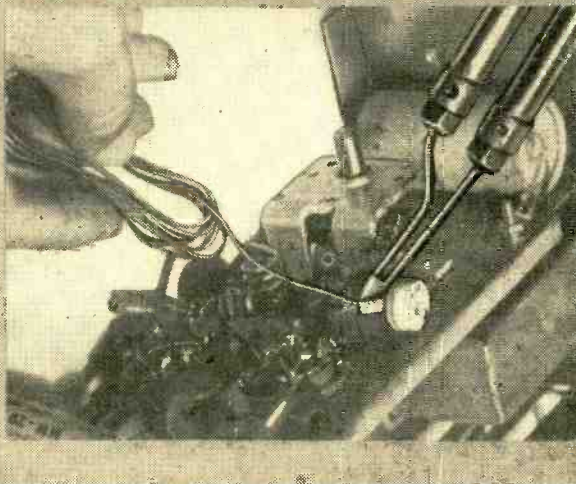
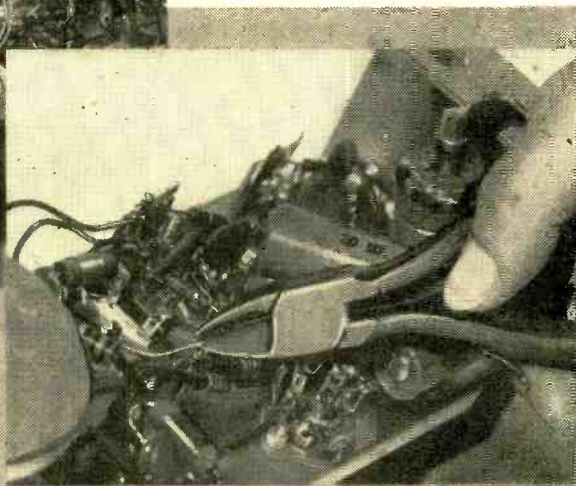
Reduce Drift and Hum. A new oscillator trimmer capacitor is supplied as well as a temperature-compensating capacitor to solve your drift problem. If you have no such problem, skip this part of the conversion. Any change in a circuit which is working perfectly may tend to cause trouble rather than make for further improvement. Drift characteristics may be considered normal if warm-up drift time



The modifications are completed with the new parts shown in the photograph at left. But the only change in the external appearance of the unit is the edge-lit dial.

Apply a.c. voltage to one additional stage in the i.f. amplifier simply by clipping and moving one wire. This results in more effective automatic gain control action, especially on strong stations.

It's a tight squeeze and a soldering gun comes in handy. Solder the trimmer capacitor securely to prevent mechanical instability.



is ten minutes or less. The tuner should be perfectly stable after this period of time.

If tunable hum has been a problem for you, it can be minimized by installing an r.f. filter at the output of the power rectifier. This consists of a 0.001- μ fd., 1000-volt disc ceramic capacitor connected between the rectifier cathode (pin 7) and ground.

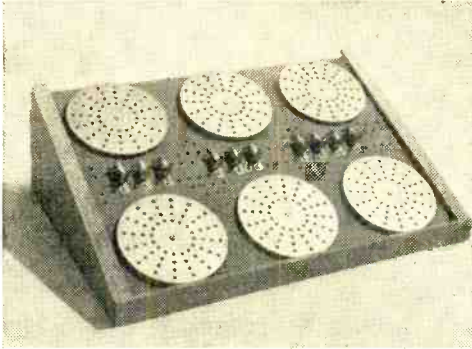
The final steps of the conversion consist of reorienting the large pulley, installing the new dial plate (a long black plate that provides a new background for the dial), installing a new dial drive shaft, and re-

stringing the dial with a new cord and a white pointer.

Check Alignment. After completing the modifications, check the r.f. alignment. The only adjustment that might be incorrect is the oscillator frequency. With the dial set to the frequency of a known station, adjust the new oscillator trimmer until the station is received properly. The r.f. trimmer can be repeaked for maximum signal strength although it will not be off very far if your receiver was previously aligned.

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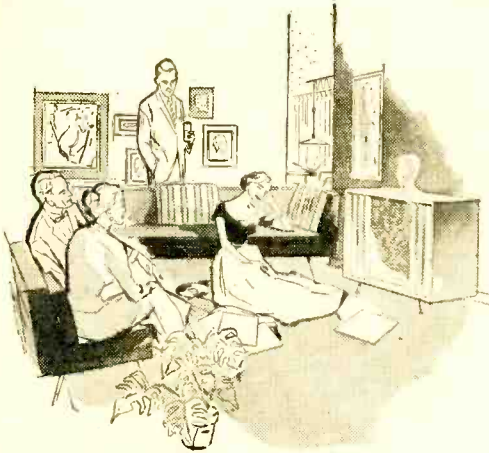
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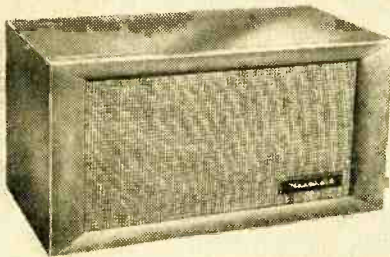
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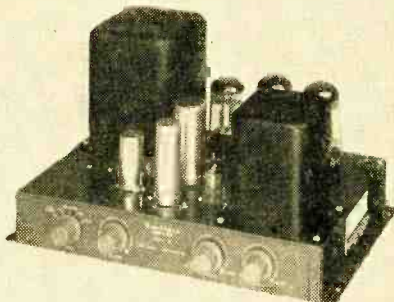


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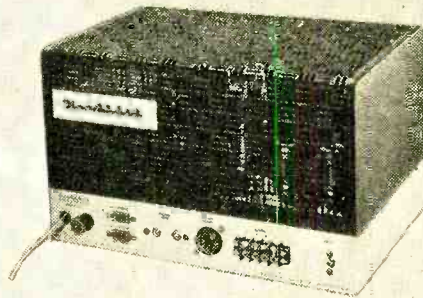
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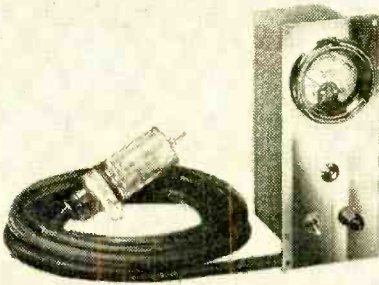
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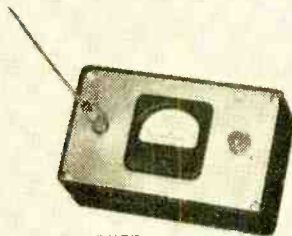
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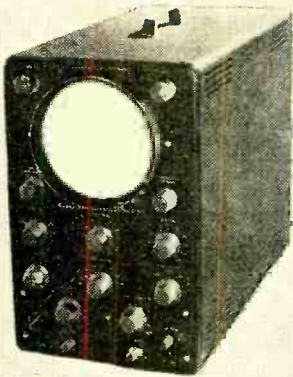
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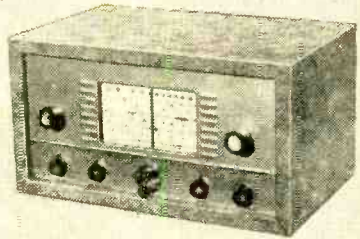
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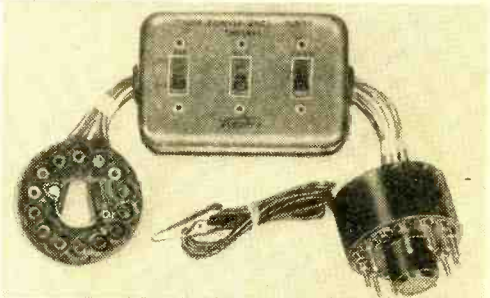
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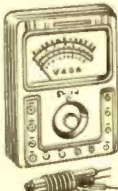
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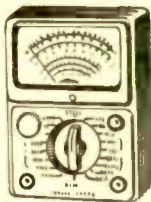
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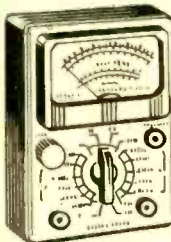
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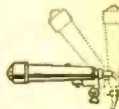
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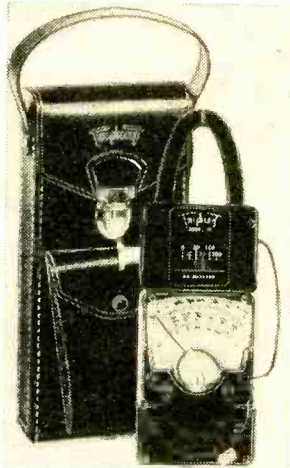
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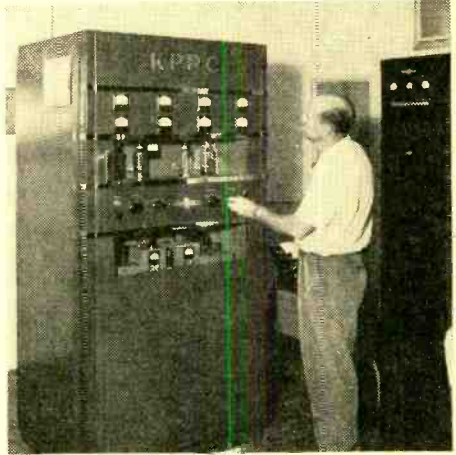
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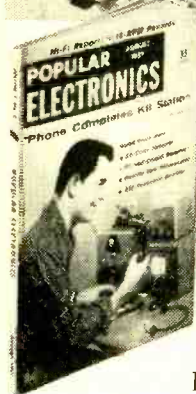
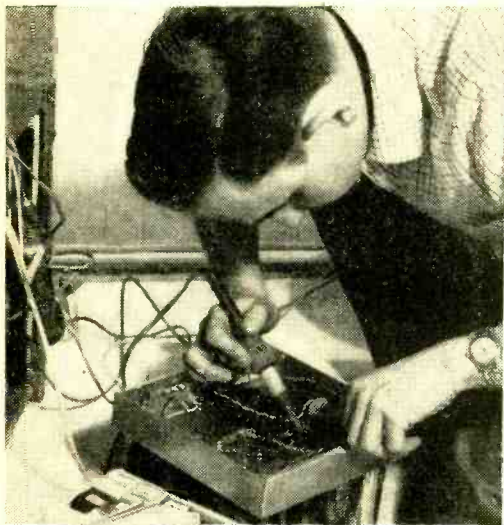
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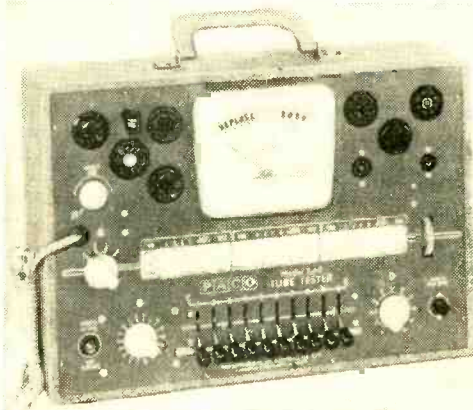
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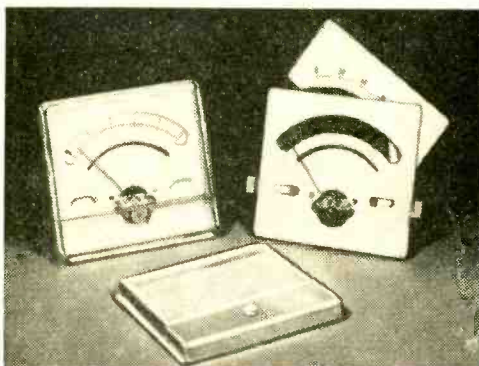
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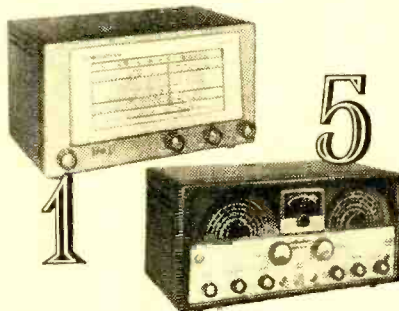


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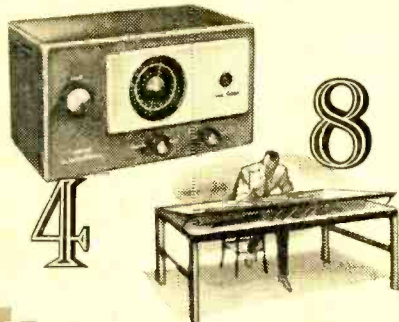


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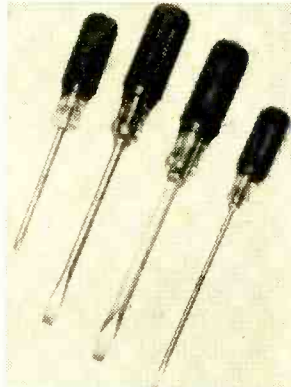
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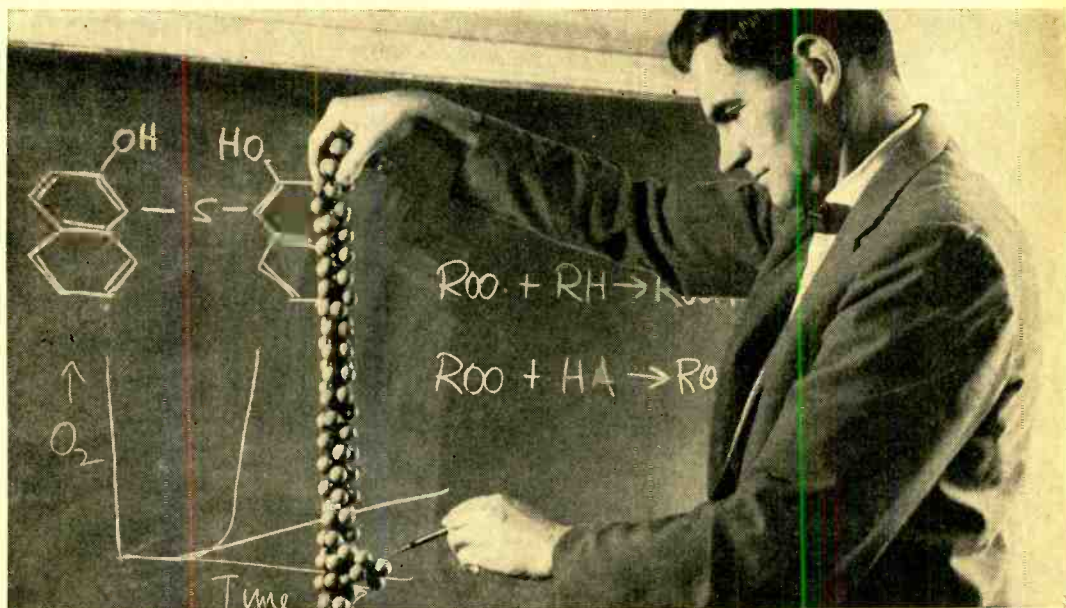
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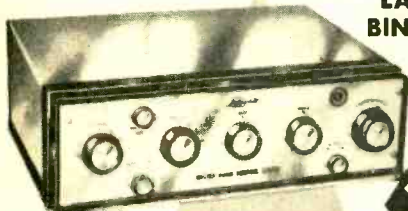


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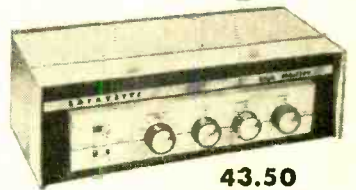
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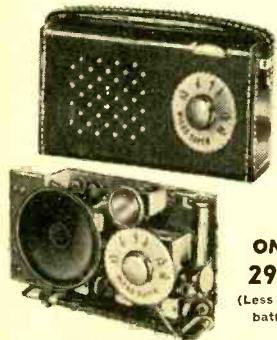
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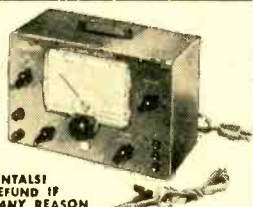
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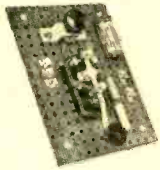
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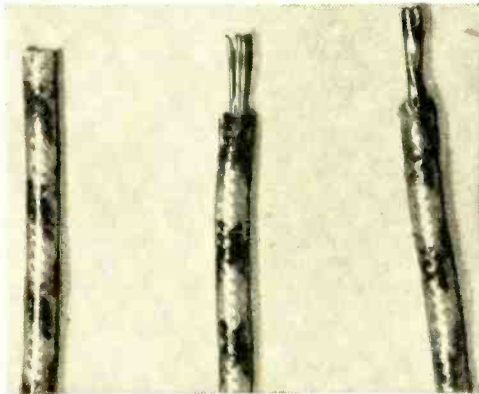
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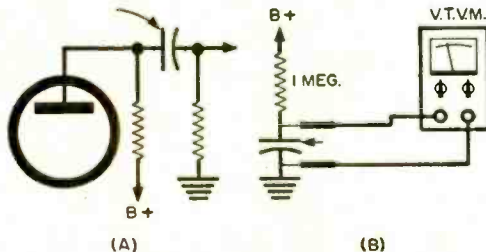


wires to length needed; (2) strip a small amount of insulation (usually $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ ""); and (3) twist the strands together and "tin" with solder.

—E.G.L.

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One of the most troublesome and difficult-to-locate defects in a radio or amplifier is the leaky coupling capacitor (A). An ohmmeter test will usually show infinite resistance, meaning that the capacitor is good. Intermittent operation or distortion occurs, however, because the capacitor breaks down during operation and



allows high voltage from the plate to the grid of the following stage.

A sure way to check a capacitor (B) for an intermittent short is to connect it to a power supply through a 1-meg. resistor as shown. If the capacitor is okay, the voltage read by the vacuum-tube voltmeter will be slightly lower than the B+ voltage. An intermittent capacitor will cause the reading to rise and fall, while a good capacitor can be squeezed and leads moved with no meter reading shift.

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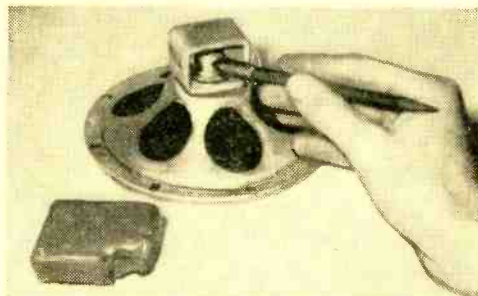
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from each instrument and install a recessed male TV cord connector. From then on, when instruments are not in use, the cord can be detached. —W.F.M.

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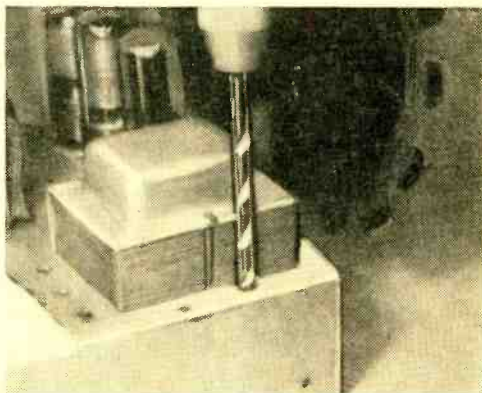
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The life of power transformers and other heat-handling components used in radio-electronics gear can be prolonged by drilling a series of 1/4" holes in the chassis around the component. This allows air to flow up through the chassis. The bottom



plate, if present, should also be drilled. In some cases the chassis can be raised above its shelf with wooden strips to encourage air flow beneath the bottom plate. The added ventilation will lengthen the life of the component and others nearby.

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ings made on the same machine, correct speed is not particularly important. But when playing back tapes recorded on professional equipment which maintained exact speed, a speed variation in your machine will seriously impair fidelity by noticeably changing the pitch of music and voice. To get full enjoyment from the many fine pre-recorded tapes now on the market, you will naturally want to obtain accurate reproduction.

Here's how you can check the speed of your machine the way the professionals do with a timing tape manufactured especially for this purpose. Such tapes display a printed pattern which repeats itself with complete assurance every 15 inches. At 7½ ips, the pattern will appear once every two seconds; at 3¾ ips, every four seconds. Count out 56 consecutive 15-inch segments of the timing tape. Then, with a red wax crayon, make a mark at a point three segments in from each end. This leaves 50 segments between the two red marks. Thread up the timing tape, setting the first

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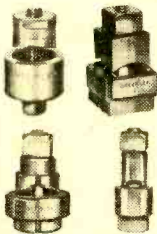
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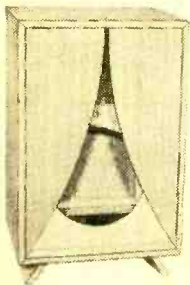


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red mark right next to the capstan, and start the machine.

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A slow machine probably means that the capstan is slipping. Correct by cleaning the capstan with Long Life cleaning fluid. Once the capstan and rubber pressure roller have been thoroughly cleaned, the machine should speed up to its correct rate. The bottom photo on page 86 shows how to clean the capstan and pressure pad.

A machine consistently running at excessively slow or fast speeds should be returned to the manufacturer.

Tape Treatment. All of the major brands of tape will give completely satisfactory results on home tape recording equipment. Just the same, recording tape does need some special attention if you are aiming at maximum performance. Here's why that's so.

All magnetic recording tape is manufactured in wide rolls and then slit into ¼ widths, giving it jagged edges. Passing through the machine, these jagged edges cause a build-up of binder and oxide deposit to accumulate on the heads and guides. Like a fine rouge abrasive, these particles gradually wear away the laminated metal of the head. The harmful effects aren't noticeable at once. A single roll of tape will not do any immediate damage, but in time a definite loss of recording quality will result.

Fortunately, it is easy to prevent this type of damage by removing the abrasive particles from the edge of the tape. Saturate a wad of cotton with the same fluid that you used to lubricate the clutch. Squeeze out excess fluid until the cotton is wet but not "drippy." Holding the cotton between your thumb and forefinger, grasp the tape lightly and run its entire length at fast forward or rewind as shown on page 87. When you've finished, take a look at the cotton. You'll be amazed at the amount of oxide and particles that has been removed.

Be sure to rewind the tape after completing this treatment. It is under tension from being wound while under the pressure of your fingers and, if stored in this condition, it will be damaged.

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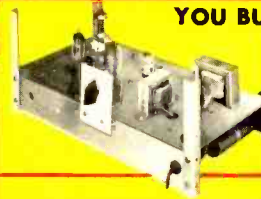


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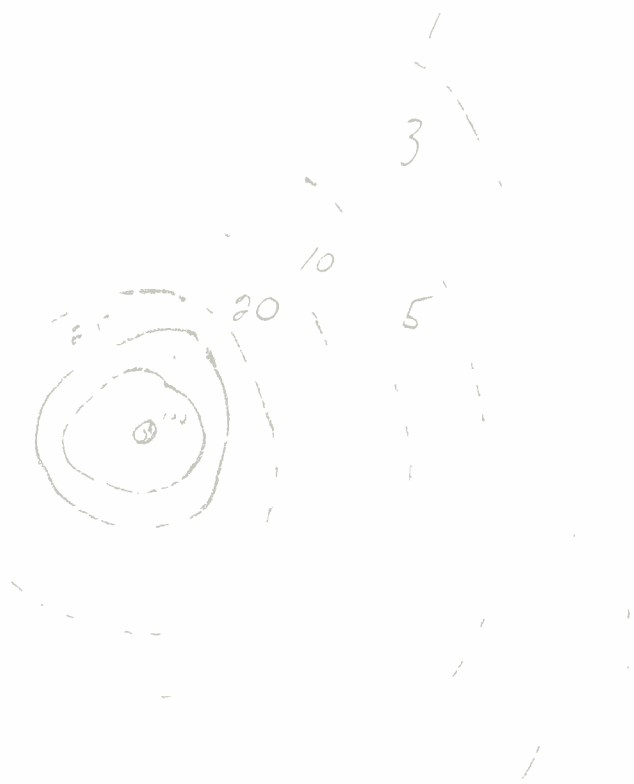
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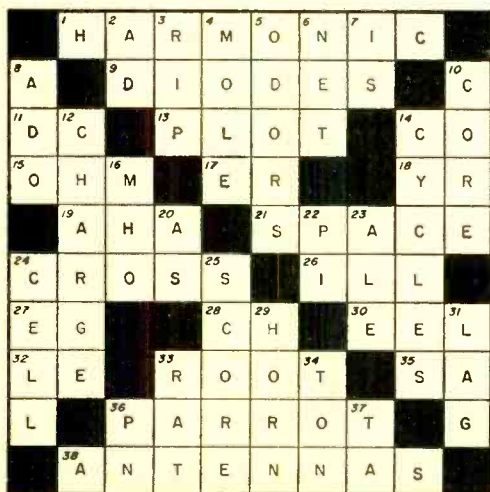
uniform layer of silicone to reduce friction and promote more intimate contact between head and tape with less noise and tendency to "drop out."

Tape Thickness and Reel Size. Two factors often overlooked by the home recordist are tape thickness and reel size. Professional engineers favor tape with the oxide coat on 1-mil backing. Thinner than standard tape (1½-mil backing), it is more compliant and makes closer contact with the head; yet it is not so thin that it will stretch or break, as occasionally happens with the extremely thin ½-mil tapes.

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The maintenance and operational procedures described here require a great deal of time. However, by employing these techniques, you will obtain better, more professional results and derive greater pride and satisfaction from your hobby.

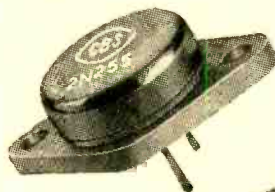
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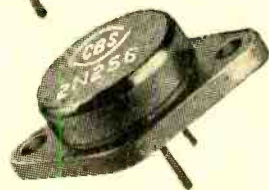
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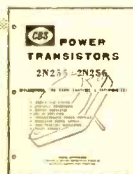
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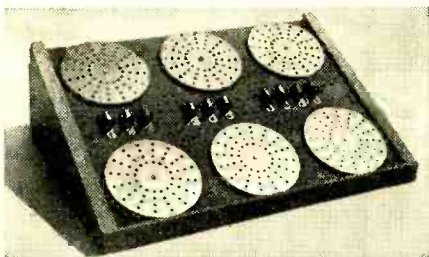
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Fluorescent Lamp Interference

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interference, the noise is probably being conducted along the a.c. wiring. Try these steps:

(1) Plug the radio or hi-fi rig into an a.c. outlet on a different circuit, to take advantage of a possible noise-weakening effect of the longer wiring path.

(2) Check for open line filter capacitors in the radio or amplifier. The capacitors eliminate some types of line noise (but not others) and are connected from either or both sides of the line to chassis. If no line filter is present, add one from one side of the line to chassis. To avoid the possibility of a nasty shock, keep the value of the capacitor about 0.02 μ fd. and use a 600-volt, good-quality component.

Remedies at the Lamp. If we decide to attack the problem at the lamp, it may have to be removed from the ceiling. But first, check the starter. Occasionally, even though the starter operates, its r.f. grounding capacitor may be open. If the starter seems okay, then we've got to open up the "patient."

(1) Check the "innards" of the fixture for loose metal parts and components. Make sure that the lamp assembly itself is well grounded through its mounting or suspension system. And tighten the clamps on the cable or pipes entering the fixture. The mechanical hum or buzz which you may sometimes hear when you are close to the lamp should not be confused with the r.f. interference. The hum is internal vibration of the ballast, and aside from tightening the ballast's mounting bolts, the only practical way to eliminate excessive hum is replacement.

(2) Install one of the metal-cased filter

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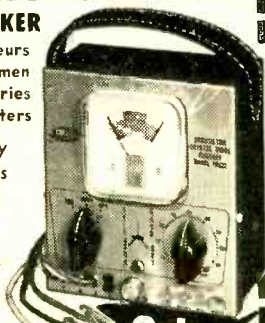
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assemblies designed for mounting in the fixture as shown on page 73 (bottom photo). Such filters are readily available and will often do the job when all else fails. The filter case must be grounded to the fixture frame through the filter mounting flange. And as a last resort for really "rough" cases of radiation—install a copper-mesh screen across the bottom and ends of the lamp reflector. This serves as a shield against bulb radiation and should be grounded to the fixture. The finer the mesh, the better the shielding but, of course, the greater the light loss.

We know that *all* fluorescent lights do not cause interference. However, a survey of three radio-equipped offices in a skyscraper, for example, showed severe lamp interference in all three rooms. While the simple remedy in each of these cases was a shielded lead-in from a short outside antenna, there are instances where a lot more work is required. But, with a supply of filters, a systematic approach and a little elbow grease—the noise problem can be eliminated! —30—

Do You Have a Buzz . . .

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capacity jobs employed in such cases can present a shock hazard."

"Does this hold true even if the filter is being used at a convenience outlet?" I asked.

Sam shook his head. "No. All you have to do is connect the filter shield to a good, solid ground."

Jim suddenly let out a whoop. "I heard that!" he exclaimed. "What if a capacitor shorts?"

"That's always a possibility," Sam said. "So how about using a fused filter?"

He plucked an extension cord from beneath the bench, displaying the outlet receptacle. "These fused outlets make the job easy," he said. "They provide fuse protection, a good idea for portable power tools, while the metal box provides a filter shield."

Pointing to the polarized receptacle, he continued: "The outlet provides a sure ground when wired to a 3-wire cord. The third wire is the ground lead. It eliminates shock hazard and serves as a filter ground when portable power tools are plugged into the outlet."

"Hey," I protested. "One thing at a time. All I wanted was a simple little filter for the wife's sewing machine!"

"Sure," came Sam's quick reply, "but you'll find that one filter leads to another before you're finished!" —30—



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type" oscillator. Base bias is determined by *R1*.

In operation, the a.c. voltage developed across the "primary" winding by the oscillator is stepped up by the secondary and used to operate a small (15-watt) fluorescent lamp (A) as a soft "night light," or power an "electric fence" (B) to keep livestock from straying.

Construction of the basic circuit is relatively simple and the wiring is completely non-critical. *R1* is a 22-ohm, 2-watt carbon resistor. *B1* can be any standard medium or large-sized 6-volt battery (such as a Burgess F4P1 or 2F4).

The combination oscillator/step-up transformer (*T1*) is made from a discarded vacuum-tube audio output transformer. The secondary (low-impedance) winding is partially unwound and center-tapped. It is then rewound and becomes the "primary" winding in the oscillator circuit. The original primary winding (high-impedance) then becomes the high-voltage secondary winding, providing the necessary boost.

Code Practice Oscillators. Back in April, we reviewed currently available transistorized superhet receiver kits. As a result, we received quite a number of requests that such "reviews" be a regular feature of the column . . . so here goes with a review of transistorized code practice oscillators.

Of the various code practice oscillator (CPO) kits now available, the KT-72, offered by Lafayette Radio (165-08 Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N. Y.), is the least expensive. Catalog price is \$2.99 (plus postage), including both batteries and a standard hand key. This kit assembles on a small piece of perforated Masonite. The oscillator is designed for headphone operation only.

Allied Radio Corporation (100 N. Western Ave., Chicago 80, Ill.), offers a nice CPO which assembles into an attractive black plastic box. It operates from a single penlite cell (included). The kit number is 83Y 239 and the catalog price is \$3.95 (plus postage), less hand key and 'phones. This unit is also designed for headphone use only.

WRL Electronics (Council Bluffs, Iowa) offers a CPO with an easy-to-wire etched-circuit wiring board which assembles in a sturdy aluminum case. Two penlite cells (included) power the circuit. WRL's kit sells for \$4.95 (plus postage), and is for headphone operation. The hand key and headphones are available as optional accessories.

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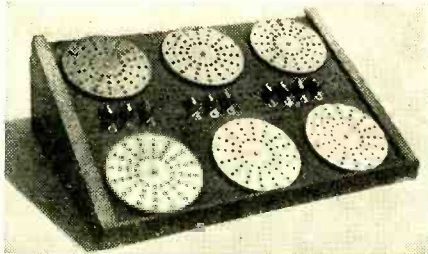
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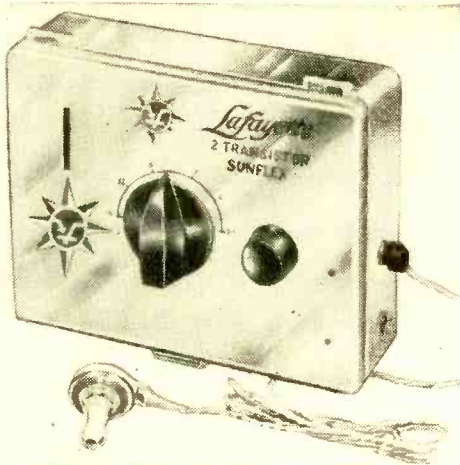
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Sun Batteries. While a "sun battery" is not, strictly speaking, a transistor item, it is often used in conjunction with transistorized equipment and, therefore, is of interest to *Transistor Topics'* readers.

The International Rectifier Corporation (1521 East Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif.), will shortly release a new *silicon* solar cell with a lower cost per watt than previously available units. For full specifications, price and availability information, write directly to the manufacturer.

Lafayette Radio's latest catalog offers a "Heliodyne" *silicon* battery at \$6.65 (plus postage). A multicell unit, this solar battery will supply up to 2.0 ma. at 3.2 volts in full sunlight. This is ample power for most small one- and two-transistor radio receivers or amplifiers, and is considerably more than that supplied by standard selenium cells of comparable size and cost.

In addition, Lafayette has announced a new two-transistor radio receiver kit, the "Sunflex," designed especially for solar battery operation. It uses a highly efficient reflexed, complementary symmetry circuit which permits two transistors to give the performance of three. Able to operate on standard penlite cells as well as a solar battery, the KT-132 Sunflex receiver kit sells, less earphone and solar battery, for \$11.95 (plus postage).

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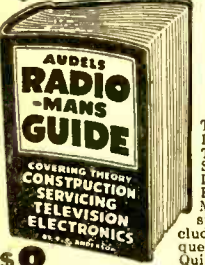
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Short-Wave Report

(Continued from page 74)

The following is a resume of the current reports. All times shown are EST and the 24-hour system is used. At the time of compilation, all reports were correct. Station frequencies and/or schedules may change with little or no advance notice.

Argentina—LRA, Buenos Aires, 9690 kc., carries an Eng. newscast at 2325-2340; s/off at 2343. They verify but it takes a long time to receive an answer. (286)

Belgian Congo—OTM, Leopoldville, has moved slightly from 9380 to 9385 kc. and is powerful around 0000-0030 with classical music. (166)

Belgium—Brussels continues to be well heard with its *World Fair Radio* program on Sat. at 1815-2000 with news, music, and talks in Eng. on 9745 kc. This is parallel to 15,335, 11,850, and 9705 kc., and relayed by Leopoldville (Belgian Congo) on 9655 kc. (61, 279, and 298)

Brazil—PRA8, R. Clube de Pernambuco, Recife, 6015 kc., has been noted at 2115 with classical music. This is the first time it has been reported. (275)

PSH, *Agencia Nacional*, Rio de Janeiro, is being tuned on 10,220 kc. from 1715 s/on to 1800 s/off with music and native language. This is a hard one to log! (10)

British Guiana—Here are three reports on ZFY, Georgetown.

The 5981-kc. outlet is being noted at 0455-0517; news in Eng. at 0500 is followed by a religious program. (JM)

The 6035-kc. outlet is tuned with very good signals from 0415 daily (from 0440 Sundays) in English. On some days it may suffer QRM from New Caledonia (*Radio Noumea*) on the same channel. (104)

One of the rarely heard xmtrs is on 9440 kc. It was noted recently from 1815 to 2145 s/off with talks and music, interrupted by news of election returns. (275)

Burma—An unidentified station noted on 9543 kc. is believed to be Rangoon. It is heard with "Radio Newsreel" at 1000 followed by a mixture of Eng. language and native music to 1030. Very little is readable and the 11,764-kc. outlet is not even heard. (39)

Dominican Republic—Another station reported for the first time is HI1R, *Voz de Fundacion*, San Cristobal, on 6175 kc. It is heard at 1900-2005 in Spanish; the IS is four gongs. (76)

Ecuador—An unidentified station tuned at 0000-0100 with L. A. music and Spanish anmts on 5566.5 kc. is believed to be HC4BQ, *Radiodif Feliz voz de Simpatia Manabita*, Manta. QRM, QRN, and aero stations on the channel make reception difficult. (23)

Egypt—The Egyptian B/C Service, Cairo, is easily heard at 1830-1900 in Portuguese and at 1900-1930 in Spanish to South America on 9790 kc. (104)

The outlets on 17,915 and 17,778 kc. are noted at 1400-1520 in Eng. and French to Europe with usually strong signals being received. (RB, GC)

Ethiopia—Radio Addis Ababa has an Eng.

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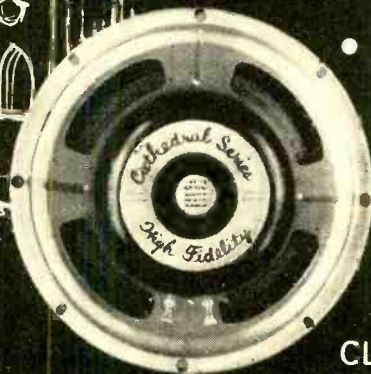
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Formosa—The Voice of Free China, Taipei, is heard on 15,235 kc. at 0005-0030 in Eng., followed at 0030 in Cantonese. This broadcast has been noted so far as being on Tuesdays only. (EC)

BED67, Taipei, 15,345 kc., is heard with "The Little Dragon" at 0700-0730 in Eng. Pop records continue to 0805 but the broadcast is often jammed. (23, 59)

France—Paris is conducting a test pgm to South America at 1755-2100 with L. A. records and frequent anmts in French, Spanish and Portuguese on 9492, 9680, 11,845, and

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15,365 kc. They are asking for reports. (RB, NR, 10, 59, 104, 150)

French Equatorial Africa—R. Brazzaville has been found on 11,745 kc. from 1745 to 1755/close with Eng. pgm, anmts and ID in French. QRM was noted from Moscow on 11,740 kc. and Japan on 11,750 kc. When this channel is used, the 5970-kc. outlet is not heard, and vice-versa. (61)

Germany (East)—Radio DDR, Berlin, is heard daily on 9730 kc. at 1730-1800 in English. (289)

Haiti—Radio Commerce, Port-au-Prince, has changed from 9485 kc. to 9545 kc. for 4VC and is scheduled in Eng. on Sundays at 1700-1730. They also have Eng. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays on 4VB, 5980 kc., at 2100-2115. (104, 226, 308)

India—Delhi on 15,105 kc. is being heard at

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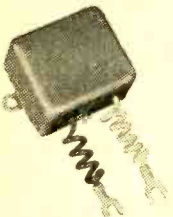


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1450-1645 in Eng. to Australia and New Zealand. This test pgm carries Oriental music and is dual to 11,710 and 17,860 kc. The 11,710-kc. outlet is better at times. (59, 101, 234)

Another Delhi outlet, 15,090 kc., is fair to good at 1445-1545 in Eng. to Europe and England with news, talks, and native Indian music. (61)

Indonesia—Those who have not received a verification from YDF6, Djakarta, 9710 kc.,

SHORT-WAVE ABBREVIATIONS

A—Approximate frequency
anmt—Announcement
BBC—British Broadcasting Corporation
c.w.—Morse code
Eng.—English
ID—Identity, identification
IS—Interval signal
kc.—Kilocycles
kw.—Kilowatts
L.A.—Latin America
N.A.—North America
pgm.—Program
QRM—Station interference
QRN—Atmospheric interference.
R—Radio
s/off—Sign-off
s/on—Sign-on
xmsn—Transmission from station
xmtr—Transmitter used by station

can try a second report after nine months. The reply to that is averaging about two weeks. YDF6 can be tuned at 0600 to Australia and at 0930 to the U. S. A. with news at 0945. (286)

Iran—Radio Teheran, 9680 kc., has Eng. at 1500-1530 (news at 1500), dual to 15,100 kc. The 1400 xmsn is in Turkish, Russian, and Arabic. (286)

A late report indicates that the 15,100-kc. xmtr has moved to 17,700 kc. and is being noted at 1330-1530. (CH)

Italy—Rome can be heard on 9575 and 6010 kc. at 2125-2145 to N.A. in Eng. with news and music, and on 15,400 and 11,905 kc. at 1915-1935 in Eng. to N.A. and at 1935-1955 in French to Canada. (CH, 61, 298)

Jamaica—Voice of Jamaica, Kingston, has been found on 17,493 kc. at 1645-1700. They verified by airmail in eight days. (226)

Japan—Radio Japan has changed from 17,825 kc. to 17,855 kc. and is being well heard generally to Eastern N.A. at 1800-1900. The parallel channel, 15,325 kc., is not heard in many areas. (26, 59, 226, 240)

Jordan—Hashemite Radio, Ramallah, has Eng. on 6060 kc. at 0630-0700 daily. (WC)

Kenya—R. Mombasa, ZHW6, Kisumu, has changed from 4923 kc. to 4965 kc. It was also noted, apparently testing, on 4985 kc. (MW)

Lebanon—Beirut has been noted on 8007 kc. from 1610 with instrumentals, and from 1647 with Arabic music. (166)

Liberia—According to a verification, ELWA, Monrovia, transmits as follows: to Ghana and French West Africa at 0145-0415 and 1445-1645 daily and at 0215-0545 and 1445-1815 Sundays only on 4835 kc.; to N.A. at 2000-2130 on 9650 and 21,535 kc. European listeners can also try for ELWA on 710 kc. at 0145-0415 and 1315-1645 daily, and at 0215-0545 and 1145-1815 Sundays only. Another

xmsn is reported on 15,200 and 21,535 kc. at 1815-1945. (AF, SF, RM, JW, MW, 176)

Malaya—The BBC Far Eastern Station, Singapore, is being heard well on 21,655 kc. from 1100 to 1150/close, relaying programs from BBC, London. It operates dual to 17,890, 15,310, and 9690 kc. The schedule is 0915-1150. (61)

Monaco—3AM3, 6035 kc., and 3AM4, 7140 kc., Monte Carlo, are excellent at 0030 s/on but fade by 0330. All programs during this time are in French. These stations are also noted with religious programs in Eng. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 1705-1735. (104, 289)

Netherlands—Hilversum has changed frequency and is now using 6025 kc. rather than the 19-meter outlets. The daily pgm to N.A. begins at 2130, lasts about 40 minutes. (298)

Netherland New Guinea—Radio Omroep Nieuw Guinea, Biak (formerly Hollandia) is

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International Shortwave Club (ISWC)—This club issues a monthly bulletin covering the short-wave broadcast and ham bands. Complete details on membership requirements and dues can be obtained from ISWC, 100, Adams Gardens Estates, London, SE 16, England.

DX-Club—As mentioned in the September column, a new club, mainly for ham band DX'ers, has come into being. Dues are \$2.00 (\$3.50 to foreign countries except Canada and Mexico). They have recently issued their first bulletin and it contains 4½ pages of interesting items for ham DX'ers. Complete information is available from Allen Kelly, President, Route 3, Box 354-A, DeRidder, La.

heard daily at 0400-0730 on 7190 kc. in Dutch. (WC, 275)

Nicaragua—A station that is off the regular s.w. bands is Radio Atlantico, Bluefields, on 7753 kc. This all-Spanish station is usually heavily QRM'ed by c.w. stations of the various services but the ID is easily read. It is heard from 2200 to 2300 s/off. (286)

Portugal—Lisbon is widely reported and can be tuned as follows: on 9636 kc. at 2240-2300 s/off to N.A.; on 17,895 kc. in Portuguese at 1215-1300 with news at 1230; on 21,495 and 17,880 kc. in Eng. at 0815-0915 with news, talks, and classical music; on 15,100 kc. in Portuguese at 2000-2300 and on 11,840 kc. at 2115-2300. (CB, 59, 61, 104, 210)

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being noted from 2315 with all programs in French. The 40-meter amateur stations provide much QRM. (286)

Saudi-Arabia—Jidda is being tuned on 11,850 kc. at 0600-0620. It is also scheduled, but inaudible, at 1200-1300 on 6100 kc. (11)

Sierra Leone—*Freetown Calling* has been heard on 3316 kc. at 0145 s/on. Eng. news is presented first; then the broadcast continues in native language. The signature tune is played on a native instrument. They verify by letter. (FW)

South Vietnam—*Radio Saigon*, 7290 kc., is heard well at 0830-0900 with native music and Vietnamese and French language. This

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is a daily xmsn in the Home and Overseas Service. (61)

Spain—*Radio Nacional Emissora* (RNE), Madrid, has been found on 9590 kc. from 2225 with Spanish music. (59)

RNE has also been noted on the very low frequency of 2510A kc. from 2340 with the regular N.A. Service. Has anyone else heard it here? (275)

Radio Alerta, Valencia, 6950A kc., is noted at 1500-1600. Do not confuse this with the regular RNE stations. (11)

Spanish Guinea—Bata, Rio Muni, 7698 kc., was noted from 1650 with vocals in Spanish. It appears to be under-modulating. (166)

Sweden—Stockholm has moved from 15,240 kc. to 11,705 kc. to the Middle East, and from 17,840 kc. to 11,880 kc. to the Far East. (10)

Switzerland—Frequency and schedule changes of *Radio Switzerland*, Berne, are as follows: to the United Kingdom and Ireland at 1345-1530 on 9656 and 7210 kc.; to South-

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Uruguay—CXA71, Montevideo, is testing on 9515 kc. Tuesdays and Fridays at 1930-2130 with Eng. anmts and N.A. & L.A. pop music. This is apparently the forerunner of regular broadcasts to come later. Reports go to *Radio Sarandi*, Montevideo. (TB, DF, 59, 149, 240)

Vatican City—The Vatican Radio can be tuned in Eng. at 1000-1015 and 1315-1345 daily on 7280, 9645, 11,685, and 15,120 kc. and at 1100-1130 Tuesdays only on 11,685 and 21,515 kc. (ST)

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Standard a.c. meters are calibrated to measure the effective values of alternating currents and voltages, rather than their peak values. Cathode-ray oscilloscopes show the peak values as well as the actual shape of the a.c. wave. Peak-reading vacuum-tube voltmeters also indicate the peak values.

Advantages of Each. The big advantage of alternating current over direct current for utility power is the ease with which it can be sent long distances from the generating plant to the consumer. It can be generated and distributed to strategically located substations at very high voltages—approaching a million volts in some installations. This means that every ampere of current represents thousands of kilowatts of power. As it is the amount of current to be carried that determines the size of wire that must be used in a transmission line, this high-voltage distribution permits carrying a maximum amount of power on a given size of conductor.

* Also called the root-mean-square (r.m.s.) value after the mathematical method of computing the effective value.

At substations, the extremely high voltages are stepped down in huge transformers to a few thousand volts and transmitted to neighborhood "pole" transformers, where they are reduced to a safer 117 or 235 volts before the power is delivered to the individual customers. Such voltage division is possible because passing a.c. through a heavy-duty type transformer very slightly affects the amount of power available. It simply changes the ratio between the current and the voltage. Thus, when the voltage is stepped down, the current available is increased, and vice versa.

In contrast to a.c., once d.c. is generated at a given voltage, it is impossible to change that voltage with something as simple as a transformer. You can reduce both d.c. and a.c. by passing the current through a resistance, but this just wastes the unused power. To raise or lower d.c., you can use the current to drive another motor-generator (or dynamotor) to generate the desired new voltage. You can also convert it to a.c.—step it up or down to the desired value—and then convert it back to d.c.

Both systems are used to power mobile radio equipment from an automobile storage battery. In vibrator-type power supplies, for example, the vibrator, which is

actually a vibrating switch, reverses the connections between the battery and the primary winding of the power transformer 100 to 200 times a second, thereby converting the d.c. from the battery to a.c. in the transformer, although not the sine wave a.c. shown in Fig. 1. This a.c. is then stepped up to the desired voltage in the transformer and reconverted to d.c. to power the radio.

The higher power requirements of mobile transmitters are often taken care of by dynamotors driven by the battery and delivering 400 to 1000 volts, d.c.

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Frequency and Wavelength. Electrical waves travel through space with the speed of light—186,000 miles or 300,000,000 meters per second. Consequently, the distance that a radio wave will travel in the time it takes for it to go through a complete cycle is equal to the distance traveled divided by the number of cycles, or: wavelength in meters = 300,000,000/frequency in cycles. As radio frequencies are usually given in kilocycles (thousands of cycles) or megacycles (millions of cycles), the formula is often written: wavelength_{meters} = 300,000/freq._{kc} or wavelength_{meters} = 300/freq._{mc}. Conversely, freq._{cycles} = 300,000,000/wavelength_{meters}.

Substituting a few figures in the formulas reveals that a 3750-kc. signal has a wavelength of 80 meters, a 7000-kc. signal has a wavelength of 42.86 meters, and a 15-meter wave has a frequency of 20,000 kc.

This relationship between the frequency and the wavelength of a radio signal is of great practical importance in designing

transmitting antennas, which must be of a certain length* for best results for a given frequency. Also, it is important that anyone planning to take an amateur examination be able to determine frequency when wavelength is given, and vice versa, because all classes of amateur examinations contain questions requiring knowledge of this kind.

News and Views

Dickie, KN4RJM, has made 11 contacts in eight states in his first six days on the air on the 40-meter Novice band. He is surprised at his good luck, because his antenna is only a 65' piece of wire 13' high with one end connected directly to his Heathkit DX-20 transmitter. Dickie plans to put up a new doublet, 22' high . . . **Gary, WN6NLF**, has kept his DX-20 transmitter and Hallicrafters S-38D receiver hot in his first month on the air. His record is 49 contacts in six states. He transmits on a folded dipole antenna and receives on a 10' vertical antenna. All work has been on the 40-meter Novice band . . . **Paul, KN1CZU**, operates on the 80- and 40-meter Novice bands with a DX-20 transmitter and an old Hallicrafters Sky Champion receiver. He would like to know just how old the receiver is. In two weeks on the air,

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Paul has worked seven states, five confirmed.

Bill, KN2UNQ/K2UNQ, ran out of time on his Novice license but has now received his Technician license and is about ready to try again for his General. His Novice record was 45 states worked, 34 confirmed, and five foreign countries. His transmitter is a WRL Globe Chief-90, running 75 watts, feeding off-center-fed antenna, and his receiver is an S-38D . . . **Tom, WN3LHE**, runs his "Sandwich Box" transmitter described in the March, 1956, issue of POPULAR ELECTRONICS from the accessory socket on the back of his Heathkit AR-3 receiver. Running about three watts of power into a 40-meter dipole antenna on 7152 kc., this combination has worked 13 states in one week of operation. His best report was RST599 from Florida. . . . **Al, KN9IDZ**, likes to operate around 4:30 a.m.! It must be a good hour, because he has worked 22 states in less than a month of operating time. He transmits on a Heathkit DX-35 running 65 watts and feeding a 40-meter dipole antenna, and he receives on an S-38D.

John, KNØJLR, operates on 80 meters only with his DX-35. But he has made over 300 contacts in 27 states, Canada, and Costa Rica in four months on the air. Receiving is taken care of by a National NC-100A and a Heathkit AR-3 with a QF-1 Q-Multiplier. John offers to schedule anyone needing an Iowa contact, with a QSL card guaranteed, and will help anyone obtain his Novice license.

. . . **Don, K5BJN**, has had his Conditional license for two-and-one-half months. Adding his Novice score to his new stuff worked makes him WAS (Worked All States), most of Canada, Philippines (DU7), Japan (KA2), Costa Rica (TI2), Hawaii (KH6), New Zealand (ZL) and others for 45 DX contacts. He uses a Johnson Viking II transmitter, a 136' Windom antenna, and a National NC-57 receiver. Don operates mostly on 40 and 20 meters now, but he does get on 80 and 15 at times. He will schedule anyone needing an Arkansas contact. . . . **John, KN4MOL**, a Novice since February, is waiting for his General Class license to come through. He has made over 200 contacts in 26 states, all confirmed, as well as England, Scotland, and Puerto Rico, although he has not received QSL's (confirmations) of these foreign contacts. KN4MOL uses a DX-35 transmitter, a Na-



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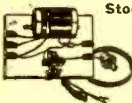
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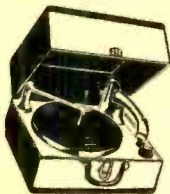


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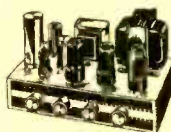
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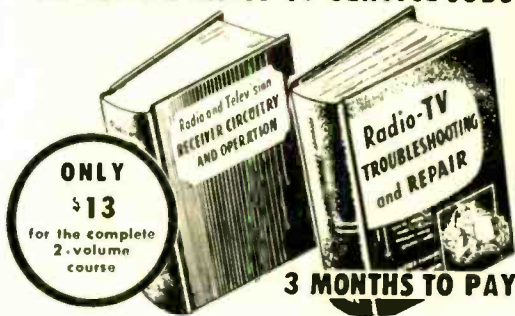
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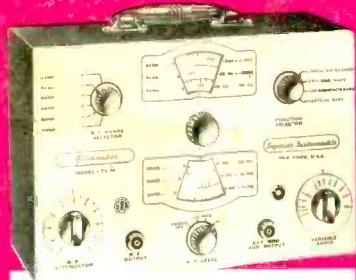
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