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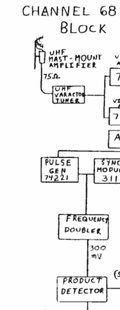

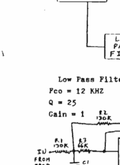

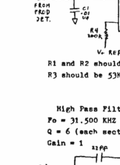

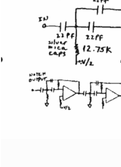

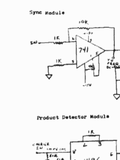

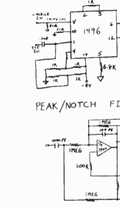

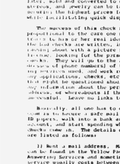

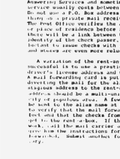

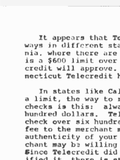

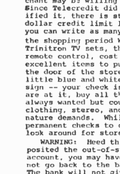

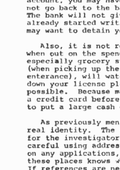

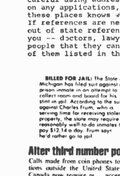

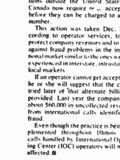

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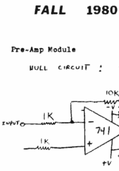
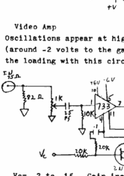
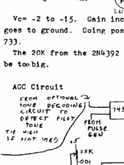


Vo= -2 to -15. Gain increased as voltage goes to ground. Going positive will destroy 733.

The 20K from the 2N3392 gate to source may be too big.





TAP UPDATE by TOM EDISON

It appears that Telecredit works in different ways in different states; for example, in California, where income are a lot of paper figures, there is a $600 limit over a two-week period that Telecredit will approve. On the other hand, in Connecticut Telecredit has not set a limit as of 6/79.

In states like California, where Telecredit has a limit, the way to rack up a huge amount of NSF checks is this: Always wander by a number of six hundred dollars. Telecredit will not insure a check over six hundred dollars; however, for a 50¢ fee to the merchant member, they will verify the authenticity of your driver's license, and the merchant may be willing to part with the material. Since Telecredit did not insure the check, only verified it, there is still the original six hundred dollar credit limit left. What this means is that you can write as many $600 and over checks during the shopping period Wednesday through Sunday. Sony Trinitron TV sets, the top of the line sets with remote control, cost about $635 with tax and make excellent items to purchase. Remember to look on the door of the store to see if they display the little blue and white Telecredit sticker which says -- your check is welcome here. And while you are at it, buy all the neat little things that you always wanted but could never afford: jewelry, clothing, stereo, and whatever else your acquisitive nature demands. While waiting for the personalized, permanent checks to come in, it is expedient to look around for stores to buy at.

WARNING: Heed this well. After you have deposited the out-of-state checks to sweeten up the account, you may have over a grand on deposit. Do not go back to the bank and try to make a withdrawal. The bank will not give you the money. Even if you have already started writing checks against deposit, they may want to detain you . . . . for weeks.

Also, it is not recommended using your own car when out on the spending spree. Some merchants, especially grocery stores and department stores (when picking up the color TV's at the service entrance), will watch you when you leave and write down your license plate number. Rent a car if possible. Because many rental agencies will want a credit card before renting out a car, one may have to put a large cash deposit up, so prepare for it.

As previously mentioned, leave no links to your real identity. The slightest threat may be enough for the investigators to pick up on. Be extra careful using addresses and phone numbers that were on any applications, making sure that no one at these places knows who you are or where to find you. If references are needed on some applications, use out of state references of people who do not know you -- doctors, lawyers, and priest know so many people that they can't remember all of them. Lots of them listed in the fone book too.

BILLED FOR JAIL: The State of Michigan has tried to implement a prison inmate in an attempt to collect room and board for his post-op jail. According to the suit filed against Jack Smith, a life-serving, life-receiving inmate properly, the state may require reasonably suit to do inmates to pay $12.14 a day, from says he'd rather go to jail

After third number policy

Calls made from coin phones to locations outside the United States and Canada now require no ... acceptance before they can be charged to a third number.

This action was taken Dec. 5, according to operator services, to help protect company revenues and to guard against fraud problems in the international market similar to the ones we have experienced in interstate, intrastate and local markets.

If an operator cannot get acceptance, he or she will suggest that the call be tried later or That alternate billing be provided. Last year the company lost about $60,000 in uncollected revenues from international calls identified as fraud.

Even though the practice is being implemented throughout Illinois, Bell, calls handled by International Operating Center (IOC) operators will not be affected. ■

Employees of at least 12 grocery stores in the Allentown area haven't been on their appetites lately. They've been accepting checks for only $100 payable to "J. H. Slick," and signed by "O. B. Stuck." To make matters worse, a police detective said the checks were copies of samples used in teaching cashiers how to spot forged checks. "I've never seen anything so obvious," the detective commented.

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FREE BOOKS

No TAP reader should be without lots of reading material, and no one could ever want one can be obtained from the Book Clubs . . . FREE! Here is the better-way-to-yourself method:

1) Obtain some freebie applications (Book Club Membership Applications), preferably the ones that are prestamped by the Book Clubs. These can be obtained in quantity from magazines in one's local library, from one's own magazines, and in lobbies of hotels and in waiting rooms. Then cut the applications, fill in the selection numbers, and later, at one's leisure, fill in the rest of the blanks on the cards.

2) A suitable alias name should be used to join the Book Clubs and to order other freebies. The alias name should be typed on a piece of paper and scotch-taped to one's mailbox, notifying the postman where to deliver all the boxes of books that are going to come in.

3) It is useful to keep a list of all freebie packages sent for and received. Some clubs frown upon being sent two applications by the same person, and it is easy to make this mistake when sending out dozens and dozens of freebie applications. By making a checkmark on the list as each package comes in, outstanding packages are easily kept track of.

4) When all the packages have come in, one can take the alias name off his mailbox. A mail forwarding card for the alias can be sent to the Post Office, stating some distant forwarding address, and all the dunning letters from the Book Clubs will be automatically sent away instead of cluttering up the mailbox.

One's own address is a convenient place to receive the books; however, one might want to get the books sent to a mail receiving service. A mail address can be located thru the Yellow Pages under "Mail" or "Telephone Answering Service." Frequently, one will find that a Book Club offers only books that he has no interest in; order them anyway and give them to a friend, donate them to the jail library or sell them to a used book dealer for extra cash. Also, remember to take advantage of the Record Clubs, Tape Clubs, and other "bill-me-laters."

-- Boobala Bumpkinski --

Things in our country run in spurts of government, not by rod or tic. - Will Rogers

Ceiling his fate

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A burglary suspect briefly went over the heads of dozens of policemen while awaiting interrogation at City Hall.

Eddie' David Lacke was unattended in a holding cubicle and crawled into the room's false ceiling, officers said. He moved around noisily for several minutes as dozens of employes tried to guess where he would come down.

A ladder was provided and Lacke finally climbed down — to be met by a crowd that had gathered to watch. He threw up his hands and announced, "I'm the maintenance man. But you do have bugs up there."

Lacke was taken back into custody immediately.

Big Neighbor is listening

Washington(UPI)—Since a toll free federal "fraud hotline" was set up last January, Americans have snitched on their co-workers and neighbors more than 7,000 times.

The hotline, inspectors general of the 12 executive departments are investigating almost 2,000 substantive allegations of fraud in the government. The tips have come in on a telephone hotline set up by the General Accounting Office to take tips on waste, fraud and illegal activity involving government money.

The 24 hour toll free number is 800-424-5454.