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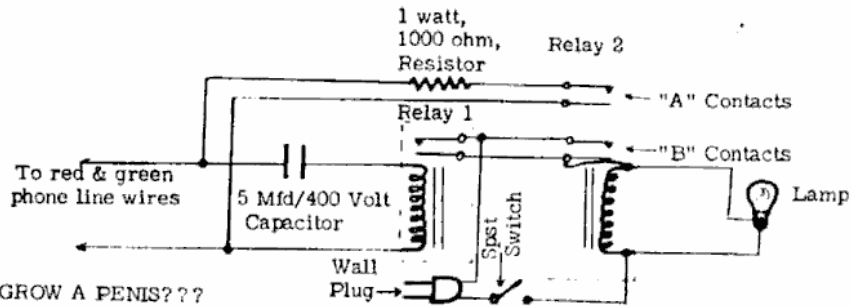
Destructory Assistance has a new list of subjects out, which you can find out about by sending us info on that or another subject. If you don't have info to trade, don't worry, we edit and condense the material and put it in TAP. To trade info with DA, just send us a stamped, self-addressed envelope large enough to hold the info you want, which we'll try to find for you. Wait a couple of weeks for us to dig the stuff out of our files. We've got different schematics for blue and black boxes, articles on bugs, a copy of the Bell memo on tandem stacking, newspaper articles on phone phreaks, Free electric and gas meters, and lots more. This is TAP's major source of info so please help us out. Our list of subjects is free with an envelope as above. And if computers is your thing, write to HEAD CRASH- DA's computer password and information exchange to trade info.

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BUILD THE ANSWEROO



The Answeroo is a handy device offered by no one (yet) that answers your phone before it rings. This is especially useful to lovers who live in their parent's homes and like to call each other late at night. Instead of the phones in the house ringing, a light or other appliance (radio, TV, etc.) comes on. You can then go to the phone, turn off the Answeroo, and talk.

Relay 1 is the Line Relay (Issue #17). When the phone rings, it sends current to Relay 2 and the light. Contacts "B" lock Relay 2 on, and Contacts "A" put the phone on hold (not free). Using a 56 volt zener diode in place of the 1000 ohm resistor would give a "free" hold until you answered the phone, unless you then answer with a Black Box (Issue #11). The single-pole, single-throw on-off switch, two 115 volt AC relays (one of them should be double-pole, the other single-pole, for relays 2 & 1 respectively), the 5 mfd. non-polar capacitor (200 volts or more), and a resistor are all you need. Cost-under \$15. Have fun!

HELP IS NEEDED

We need more information on the following topics for upcoming articles in TAP.

Toll Fraud Detectors and Detection Methods, and especially Black Box detectors (Hekiman Labs). We already have Teltronics info.

Getting Free Gas and Electricity - IMPORTANT - If you know anything about it please write in quick!

Magnets - We'd like to know all esoteric uses for magnets that you know of.

DEFENSE FUND

Please send whatever you can afford to prevent Abbie and his friends from being sent to jail for life (no parole for 15 Years), because cocaine is classified as heroin (though it is non-addictive and shunned by junkies). Send your support to Abbie Hoffman & Friends Legal Defense, 640 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10012. Please don't send cash. Thanks.

Ma Bell's Ripoff Warning

Pacific Telephone Co. displeased over the growing gamesmanship of its customers who deliberately won't put postage stamps on envelopes used to pay their bills, took stern steps yesterday to stop "the eight-cent rip-off."

The company started yesterday mailing warnings to all of its six million customers, telling them to stop the illegal practice — or Ma Bell won't accept their mail.

About 2.3 per cent of the customers — about 135,000 per month — have been leaving the stamps off.

In addition, a phone company spokesman said, the errant customers could face Post Office fines of up to \$300 for failing to put stamps on mail "with the intent to avoid payment of lawful postage."

The phone company estimates the practice — growing in popularity in recent months — could cost the telephone company here about \$100,000 this year to make good on "postage due" envelopes it receives.

The stiff price of the no-

stamp game, company people said, will certainly be passed on to telephone customers.

Here's what the phone company has in store for the customers it describes as "postage offenders":

- The Post Office, acting on a phone company complaint, will now intercept all mail to Pacific Telephone that does not have a postage stamp on it.

- If the envelope has a return address, carriers will take it back to the sender, collect eight cents for postage and ten cents for handling and the sender will have to pay another eight cents for a new stamp to mail his bill.

- If there is no return address, the Post Office will open the envelope in an effort to locate the sender, and, if it can't, postal officials will destroy the checks or money orders or return them to issuing agencies to stop payment on them.

- If the payment is in cash and there is no return address, the Post Office will eventually turn the money over to its general fund

used to pay claims on insured mail).

Phone company officials said yesterday that in where the Post Office intercepts mail and is unable to find the sender, the customers will be considered delinquent on their bills.

Since the average household telephone bill in the Bay Area is \$15 per month, the phone company officials admit there is some risk to the company treasury in the crackdown.

"We don't think we will lose a substantial amount in the first place," said a spokesman.

"In the second place, we believe our warning will solve the problem."

Pacific Telephone, estimating a 30 per cent increase this year in the no-stamp practice, is not alone, of course, in the field.

Other utilities — especially Pacific Gas and Electric Co. — along with banks, insurance and oil companies and big department stores all get caught with postage-due messages from their most loyal customers.

You can now learn about Electronics easily and quickly with our new Correspondence Course. The first one is on Basic Electrical Concepts and includes a few TAP-type projects and easy-to-read explanations of electricity. By reading this and others coming out each month you'll learn how to build any of the projects that have been printed by us in the past. You'll learn how to read schematics, buy parts and materials cheap, safely, etc. You can no longer say that what we publish is above your head because any beginner can learn from these courses. Women are especially urged to take the course as they usually have a fear of electronic concepts and this course will be understood by all. Let's hear from you! It's like a back issue and is 50¢, and free if you can't afford it (let us know).

Dear TAP,

Bell's PR dept. has free films available on various topics such as TASI, ESS, EDDD. Call up telco business office, and say you would like to find out about renting phone co. educational films. Put on your best Sunday School voice, and tell them that you're in charge of programming for your church youth group (that's how I found out). If they ask what church, have a name ready. They have a nice brochure, and some of the films are very informative.

Have you ever mentioned the fact that out-of-city phone books can be obtained free from Pa? Just call the business office and say you want to get a phone book for another city. They'll switch you to the rep. for your exchange. Give her the info, and she'll (or he'll) get your name & address. If they ask why you want it, just say that you've just moved from there and have a lot of friends there. When they ask if it's a business or residence, say residence (they charge businesses more).

Dear TAP,

Just thought you might be interested in a few pieces of information. First of all, a guy named Dial has invented a lie detector that can be used over the phone. Fun, huh? It measures the stress in a person's voice. He also said that he had sold them to P. D. 's, Gov't. agencies and Big Corporations! What corporation has more voices to deal with and is larger than our friend Pa? Don't get stressed when calling! Right!

For you bugged phreaks, Samuel Line, Jr., Vice-President of a Bell subsidiary in Penn., says, "We have been historically against wire-tapping". However, Bell provides a line to the FBI if needed directly from the tapee's home.

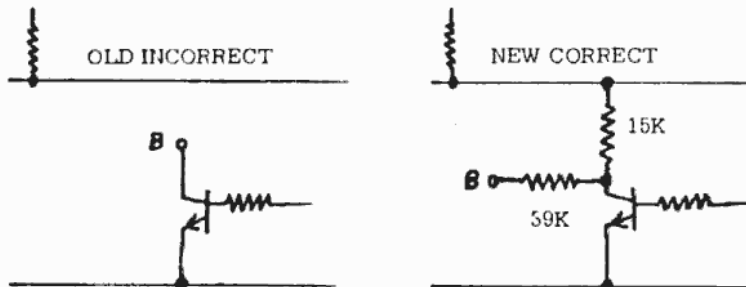
You can beat the simplest type of bug (A transmitter in the phone's microphone) by ripping a new mic. off from some other phone and replacing your transmitter with it. If you bang a payphone long enough, the mic. will loosen up. Keep up the good work.

-P, ARIZONA-

Nothing mentioned about many EMPTY (or stuffed with bill envelopes folded). Hal

-CALIFORNIA-

CORRECTION



One more correction to the Displayed Red Box sheet.

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