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Figure 1 consists of typical curves indicating a lowering of dielectric strength with temperature increases. It is noteworthy that the curves all show gradual changes in the beginning, a sharp decline during the critical temperature range, and a gradual tapering off beyond this range. As a rule, thick specimens are more seriously affected by temperature increases than thin ones. This is particularly true of materials having high dielectric losses.

Another important consideration in the effect of temperature changes is the length of time of voltage application. In short-time tests and impulse tests, for instance, most insulations show very little effect of temperature. However, voltage applications of extended duration usually result in the weakening of the dielectric, due mostly to internal heating.





Effect of temperature on breakdown of 0.005-in. cotton-base paper in oil. (S. Whitehead)

DIELECTRIC STRENGTH versus MOISTURE

In general, the more moisture there is contained in a material, the lower will be its dielectric strength. Nonabsorbent materials such as mica, glass and varnished cloth, when exposed to an atmosphere of increased humidity show little change in dielectric strength. On the other hand, most moisture-absorbing materials (usually fibrous in nature) have lower breakdown values when tested under similar conditions. Figure 2 illustrates the effect of humidity on breakdown of an absorbent type insulating material. It is evident that



Fig. 2 Effect of humidity on breakdown of paper (1 cm. dia. spheres). (S. Whitehead)

this curve has the same form as the breakdown-temperature curves shown in Figure 1.

When tests are performed under conditions of increased temperature, most moisture-absorbing materials show higher breakdown values during the period in which the moisture is being driven off. However, when the material is completely dried, its dielectric strength will be lowered with temperature increases.



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TAFT-HARTLEY ACT Frees "Slave" Labor

THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT is two months old. Its full meaning is yet to be determined by decisions of the National Labor Relations Board and the courts. However, on its face, the Act refutes the attacks made upon it by union leaders as hysterical and fanciful.

Management has had every provocation to reply to these attacks in kind. To the credit of the employers of this country, they have not succumbed to that temptation. They have maintained a temperate attitude toward the new law and the problems it is designed to correct. This approach is right. But it is only an approach.

Union leaders will want to settle for nothing short of repeal. Their attack on the Act has made some headway. It may be more effective as time goes on. Certainly the Taft-Hartley law will be repealed if management just sits tight and lets union leaders continue to confuse their followers.

Management, therefore, must implement its present temperate attitude with a program of positive action. The Taft-Hartley Act must be made to work not because management wants it, but because it is fair to labor—and management can do things right now to see that the Act works. Management can:

- I. Utilize every means at its disposal to acquaint the rank and file of union workers with the truth about the Taft-Hartley Act.
- II. Suggest amendments to the Act if experience indicates that amendments are necessary.
- III. Use the law as little as possible in settling labor disputes.
- IV. Stand firm in its refusal to bargain away the rights accorded by the Act to workers, management, and the public.

An examination of those four *must's* will show why they provide management with its best program of action.

I.

Union members do not know what the Taft-Hartley Act provides.

There is abundant proof of that statement.

While Congress was still trying to write a law that the President would not veto, FACTORY magazine asked workers how they felt about major proposals in the pending House and Senate bills. Overwhelmingly they felt good. They were in favor of almost every individual provision that was finally incorporated into the bill and passed over the President's veto.

The same story emerged from the national opinion poll made by the Opinion Research Corporation of Princeton, N. J. and published by Look magazine after the law was enacted. It showed that union members uniformly favored major provisions of the Act, but were strongly opposed to the Act itself.

This inconsistency is easily explained. Instead of telling their members what the Act does for them, most union leaders have been condemning it as "a slave labor law" because it curtails the leaders' power and recognizes the rights of the union member and the public.

It is not a slave labor law. All of the basic rights accorded to labor by the Wagner Act of 1935 are preserved by the Taft-Hartley law. All of the unfair labor practices that were forbidden by the Wagner Act are still forbidden by the Taft-Hartley Act.

Nothing in the law impairs labor's right to bargain through representatives of its own choosing.

The Wagner Act condemned as an unfair labor practice any effort by employers to coerce employees in the selection of their bargaining representatives. So does the new law.

The Taft-Hartley Act merely recognizes rights of individual employees, of management, and of the public that were ignored by the Wagner Act.

For example, while the Taft-Hartley Act continues the workers' protection from coercion by employers, it also gives them new protection against coercion by unions. The individual worker is freed from the necessity of joining a union to get a job. He may still be required to join a union to *keep* his job, but not unless a majority of the workers vote for such a requirement in a government-supervised election.

Some people think the Taft-Hartley Act is weak in protecting the rights of the individual worker. They think that membership in a union should never be made a condition for holding a job. This is true. However, the Act does restore to the individual worker some rights which were blotted out under the Wagner Act, just as it does to management and the public.

A fair examination of the new law's provisions will show that they spring from one dominating purpose: i.e., to re-establish equality before the law. For example, under the Wagner Act union leaders were free to say whatever they pleased about the employer to his employees. The employer, on the other hand, was denied freedom of speech in talking to his own employees. Now freedom of speech is largely restored.

Under the Wagner Act the employer was compelled to bargain with a certified union. Now the union must bargain, too.

Under the Wagner Act, unions alone had the right to petition for an election to determine whether the petitioning union represented a majority of the workers. Now the employer also has the right to secure an election.

These are features of the new Labor law that management must help workers understand. They must understand why the Act is not the "diabolical monstrosity" Philip Murray tells them it is.

Some companies have already started to explain these things to their workers. Techniques are well established, and they are techniques that any company can use. They include labor law digests in language workers can understand, supervisory conferences to cover points in the Act that affects the supervisor's handling of his job, distribution of reprinted articles that point out how employees benefit from the new law, editorials in plant newspapers and magazines, and advertisements in local newspapers.

II.

Management should take the lead whenever amendments to the Taft-Hartley law become necessary.

For twelve years labor leaders wilfully opposed every attempt to correct obvious abuses in the Wagner Act. We have now proved that a labor law *can* be amended. Let us be sure that management does not resort to the same obstructionist tactics labor has always used

In carrying out its basic purpose to re-establish equality before the law, the Taft-Hartley Act makes it "unlawful... for any corporation whatever or any labor organization to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with" national elections. Corporations have long been so restrained. The novelty is the balancing restraint upon unions, which now have huge financial resources amounting to very many millions of dollars. However, the language of the Act may restrain the labor press from saying what it thinks about candidates, thus impinging upon the freedom of the press. Senator Taft has recognized this possibility.

If it should develop that the Act inadvertently throttles freedom of the press—or misfires otherwise —management should take the lead in securing suitable amendments to the Act. By assuming a completely stiff-necked attitude toward any and all changes in the Wagner Act, no matter how badly needed, the dominant labor leaders and their political outriders finally brought on the sweeping revisions provided by the Taft-Hartley Act. Management must not follow that example of stupid leadership.

III.

Management will be wise if it uses the new law gently in settling labor disputes.

So far employers show no disposition to use the law excessively That is good. An analysis of the NLRB's docket from August 22 to September 30 shows that approximately 90 percent of the cases now before the Board were filed by unions and employees — not by employers.

We have been surveying employers, asking if they will have occasion to use their right to sue their unions. The answer so far is consistently, "no." That answer frequently is accompanied by this remark, "We certainly hope not. We have no desire to conduct our labor relations in the courthouse."

The desired result should be for the Act to produce only those law suits that are matters of vital principle. As many employers have remarked, the courthouse remains the worst possible place to conduct labor relations. The best place is in the plant—by free collective bargaining between parties enjoying an equality before the law. The Taft-Hartley law will serve its most constructive role if it encourages this kind of collective bargaining.

IV.

Employers should not bargain away legal rights accorded to them by the Taft-Hartley Act.

By bargaining away rights given them in that Act, employers serve only to upset a carefully created balance of equality before the law which is an essential element of fair collective bargaining.

Also, by bargaining away rights properly accorded to them, they let down those members of Congress who, in voting for the Act, braved continuous threats of political assassination by powerful union leaders. For their statesmanship in the complicated field covered by the Taft-Hartley Act these Congressmen deserve the support and gratitude of the whole nation—of management, of labor, and of the public alike.

Fairly handled on all sides, the corrective force of the Act can be made a major bulwark of industrial freedom.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

Printed Circuits Symposium sparked by Bureau of Standards' Brunetti featured 20 speakers, attracted 700 electronic engineers and executives to Washington. Discussed were six methods¹⁻⁶ of achieving unitized wiring . . . printing, spraying, dusting, stamping, chemical and vacuum ... and many manufacturing techniques in each of these categories.

Highlight impressions gained during the meeting include these: Many more manufacturers than most people realize are working on the problem. Widespread use of new wiring methods is largely dependent upon the speed with which suitable components can be developed, and this part of the program is just getting started. Actual military use of the idea is as yet limited to a few specialties such as the proximity fuse, but the Air boys are very much interested and even in the Army and Navy light, compact gear has many applications. Similarly, a hearing aid is the only commercially available device we know about at the moment that uses printed circuitry throughout, but several leading radio receiver makers are setting up pilot production lines so that they can check comparative costs.

Unitized wiring is destined to play an important part in our business. But technical problems still to be solved will prevent it from revolutionizing the field overnight.

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| (2) | ELECTRONICS. | p | 194, | May | 1947. |
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Quotes: At the Printed Circuits Symposium an airforce representative said that what his branch of the service wanted in the way of electronic equipment was something that "took no space, weighed nothing and did everything." A manufacturer responded that what his company was trying to develop was a product that "cost nothing and sold for something." A third speaker injected the intriguing thought that when wiring equip-

ment, we once "started with the conductors and then put in insulation, and now start with the insulation and put in the conductors."

Railroad Radio and inductive communications systems in use represent a substantial investment. Following is a partial list, compiled by the Association of American Railroads in October:

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| Canadian Pacific | R | 11.370 |
| Chesapaska & Ohio | R | 13 841 |
| Chicago Buylington & Ouingr | D. | 46 790 |
| Chicago, burnington & Quincy | R | 40,720 |
| Chi. Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pac. | R | -34.778 |
| Delaware, Lackawanna & Western | R | 14,000 |
| Denver & Rio Grande Western | R-I | 109,524 |
| Elgin, Joliet and Western | R | 4,530 |
| Florida East Coast | R | 12.500 |
| Great Northern | I | 4.091 |
| Jacksonville Terminal Co. | R | 16,000 |
| Kansas City Southern | Ι | 63,900 |
| Louisiana & Arkansas | I | 8,600 |
| Louisville & Nashville | I | 3.756 |
| Missouri-Kansas-Texas | R | 13,500 |
| Missouri Pacific | R-I | 96,000 |
| Pennsylvania | I | 27.389 |
| St. Louis-San Francisco | R | 8,000 |
| Terminal RR Ass'n of St. Louis | I | 3,289 |
| Union Pacific | R | 20.645 |
| Western Maryland | R | 11.071 |
| * R == radio, I == inductive. | | , |

Airborne Engine Analyzer developed by Sperry Gyroscope automatically narrows trouble down to a particular cylinder, and sometimes to a particular valve or sparkplug. Occasional misses are frequently shown up long before the pilot would otherwise be aware of impending failure.

We understand that faulty plugs account for about 50 percent of all engine troubles in the air and most delays on the ground, so the new electronic gimmick should save airlines much money and also improve schedules. One operator reports that it takes his mechanics an average of three hours to find faulty plugs without an analyzer, 30 minutes when one is available. The financial importance of time is emphasized by another, who says his big four-motored ships bring in \$800 an hour in revenue.

Hotel Sound Survey by RCA just before the end of the war covered 108 buildings in the New York-Philadelphia area and several midwestern cities, indicated that allyear-round commercial types having 150 rooms or more (there are

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some 2,100 of these) represent the bulk of the potential market. Among the hotel managers contacted 64 percent appeared to be good prospects for centralized systems, 53 percent indicated interest in intercommunication equipment, and 16 percent were receptive to the idea of installing sound reenforcing gear.

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Among the hotels interested in centralized systems 86.1 percent wanted four radio channels, 63 percent wanted an additional transcription channel, and 51 percent wanted a special events channel too, indicating a desire for a six-channel system. Flush-mounting speakers were preferred by 46.4 percent, 30.5 percent leaned toward surfacemounted types, 10.2 percent thought they might use both types, and the remainder liked the idea of installing speakers in furniture. Neutral colored units were specified by 82 percent, while 10 percent asked for walnut. Some 58 percent wanted selector switches to be part of or adjacent to speakers, 42 percent wanted the switches remote from the speakers. About 87 percent preferred switch radio positions designated by station call letters. Emergency means of reaching all rooms, regardless of whether speakers were turned on or not, appealed to only 30 percent. On the other hand, 64 percent said it might be useful if they could make announcements over speakers that happened to be in use.

Among managers interested in intercommunication equipment 76 percent visualized administrative service, 50 percent planned to buy such equipment to speed service, as in kitchens. Lobby and public-room paging equipment appealed to 49 percent of the hotels interested in sound reenforcement, and 35 percent said they might eventually be interested in recorders. (Some 38 percent planned to originate their own transcribed music, while 29.6 percent expected to buy it from an outside source.)

Managers said they would prefer to buy sound equipment on an "installed" basis, which in most cases dictates the use of local labor if not a distributor, dealer or contractor, but felt that factory supervision was desirable.

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National Business Show in New York featured several electronic recording devices for general office use, one for immortalizing telephone conversations. Also featured was a photoelectric card-punching device having many uses, and a 400tube multiplying machine. The latter, we suspect, is just one of many imminent applications of electronics to commercial calculators.

Receiver Production by RMA members in the first three quarters of 1947 is reported as follows:

| | F-M/A-M | Television | All Sets |
|-----------|---------|------------|------------|
| January | 51,318 | 5,437 | 1,564,171 |
| February | 53,594 | 6,243 | 1,379,966 |
| March | 67,264 | 6,639 | 1.377.269 |
| April | 112,256 | 7,886 | 1,759,723 |
| May | 84,507 | 8,690 | 1.316.373 |
| June | 76,624 | 11.484 | 1.213.142 |
| July | 70.649 | 10,007 | 1.155.456 |
| August | 72,014 | 12.283 | 1.265.835 |
| September | 90,546 | 32,719 | 1,839,980 |
| | 678.772 | 101.388 | 12.371.915 |

Predicted in July (p 74) were methods of economically duplicating wire recordings in quantity. Now Minnesota Mining advises that its engineers are developing a machine which will be able to mass-produce tape recordings from a master record at least as fast as disk recordings are turned out.

One Of Our Readers has developed an extremely compact portable tape recorder containing a springwound motor and a couple of small batteries. It seems to us that such a device, completely independent of power lines, has many potential applications. The trouble is that our correspondent has neither manufacturing nor sales facilities. Anyone out there interested in a tieup?

FM Association says that 86 percent of all f-m broadcast stations contacted in a nationwide survey during October were operating at a loss, 6 percent were breaking even and 8 percent were making a profit.

A Television Engineer who shall be nameless exhibited great interest in having his programming associates retain the services of a young lady at a time when studio personnel was being reduced. Investigation disclosed nothing peculiar about the lady other than the fact that she had a rather prominent chip on one of her front teeth.

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CROSS TALK

▶ OBIT ... The death of Max Planck, which occurred last October third, reminds us that electronics, a young man's science, is based on the findings of men who have reached a ripe old age. Planck died at the age of 89, honored throughout the world for his contributions to physics, particularly for the quantum theory. He was 42 years old, in 1900, when he suggested that radiant energy occurs in discrete segments, the amount of energy in each quantum being proportional to the frequency. Acting on this suggestion, Einstein in 1905 solved the riddle of the photoelectric effect, a cornerstone of the electronic industry. Since then, whenever electrons are studied as individuals in atoms, the study must start with the quantum concept. The whole theory of the electric discharge in gases and vapors, with all its applications in industrial electronics, makes sense only in the light of quantum mechanics. Only when electrons swarm in huge numbers, as in an antenna, can the quantum idea be replaced by the simpler concept of the Maxwell equations. We rejoice that Planck, to whom we owe so much, lived a long and honored life.

▶ PCM ... We have been amazed at the interest generated by an item in these columns in the August issue to the effect that the Hartley law (not to be confused with the Taft-Hartley law) was up for modification. A large manufacturer of radio receivers sent an emissary to MIT to consult the Tuller thesis on the subject. Major E. H. Armstrong, who was first to draw the connection between increased bandwidth and lowered noise, called us to find out more about it. Discovering that we had printed everything we knew, he planned to make a stopover at Cambridge. At the Bell Telephone Labs we hear that staff members are impatiently waiting for C. R. Shannon to complete his paper on the subject. For the present, there it lies. We have only one additional item to report: Studies at BTL indicate that the pulse code modulation scheme (pcm, see p 126, this issue) may be the most efficient way of using bandwidth for securing high quality in multichannel radiotelephone systems, in the light of the new theory. In addition, by regenerating pulses, the pcm signal may be sent through as many repeaters as you please (a really indefinite number) without harming the signal-to-noise ratio.

Note added in proof: A N. Y. IRE Section meeting, instigated by reports in the "recent technical press", presented a four-paper symposium on this subject, Nov. 12th last. Full report next month.

► TUBELESS ... Electronic equipment, according to the simplest definition we know, has electron tubes in it. And an electron tube operates by virtue of a flow of free electrons in a vacuous or gas-filled space. If we were to confine the pages of ELECTRONICS to such simon-pure electronic matters, we would miss a lot of important developments which are, definitions or no, part and parcel of the electronics industry. So for some time we have been interpreting the word electronics rather broadly, to include such devices as crystal rectifiers and saturable core reactors which fill functions essentially the same as those performed by electron tubes. While we are reasonably sure of this ground, it is nevertheless encouraging to know our readers agree with us. Recently we queried 2,000 readers concerning their relative interest in articles on industrial electronics appearing in the September issue. Out in front by quite a margin were two papers, on magnetic amplifiers and a crystal-operated remote relay, neither of which uses vacuum tubes.

▶ SUPPRESSED . . . Since we printed H. H. Scott's article on his dynamic noise suppressor just a year ago, we have been swamped with requests for circuit details. Having promised to publish them, we were accused, not of suppressing information, but of being tardy. This issue, p 96, we redeem the promise, with interest. As so often happens, when the long-sought manuscript came through, the log jam broke with a vengeance. So we are happy to present *two* articles on dynamic noise suppressors. The second (by Harry F. Olson, p 118) uses a radically different technique to accomplish much the same result. This time next year, if any reader is still bothered with noise on phonograph records, we don't want to hear about it. All the answers are in this issue.



ATOM SMASHER

Forty-foot tube in Westinghouse electrostatic ion-accelerator

Electronic Techniques in Nuclear Science

The basic tools for studying the nucleus are particle accelerators and instruments that permit the effects of fast-moving ions and electrons to be observed. Basic electronic devices developed for these purposes are described

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T F ELECTRONICS is defined as the science of controlling ions and electrons then it is the most important single tool man possesses for the study of atomic nuclei. To study the nucleus experimentally we must do two things. We must hit it with a projectile of known and controllable momentum, and we must observe the results, both on the target and on the projectile. Whether the result of the impact is entry into and disruption of the nucleus, or merely the deflection of the projectile, we can deduce something about the nucleus.

Means of accelerating projectiles, and means of detecting, measuring and analyzing subsequent events, are both problems in electronics. Let us consider these two problems in turn, and take a look at some of the many sub-divisions in each category.

Accelerating Devices

There are two types of devices which supply fast streams of atomic projectiles. These are the electrostatic machines which accelerate the projectile in one long, continu-

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ous act, and the resonance accelerators which supply energy to the projectile in the form of many small impulses, correctly timed. These two systems are analogous to the ordinary rifle, in which expanding gases continuously accelerate the bullet, and proposed guns in which the bullet is given an impulse each time it passes one of a series of electromagnets suitably arranged within the barrel.

All matter is composed of atoms; molecules being a term applied to groups of two or more atoms held together by an electrostatic force called a chemical bond. Thus ordinary table salt is sodium chloride, a molecule which consists of an atom of chlorine and one of sodium. Each atom consists of a central positively charged nucleus, surrounded by a cloud of negatively charged electrons. Each atom contains as many positive charges in the nucleus as it has electrons, and so is electrically neutral. The electrons may be removed from the atom by a variety of processes, the most usual of which is bombardment with other atoms or electrons. The resulting atoms, lacking one or more electrons, are called ions. The process of removing one or more electrons from a previously neutral atom is called ionization.

The positive nucleus itself consists of aggregates of positively charged particles called protons, and neutral particles of nearly the same mass, called neutrons. The chemical nature of a substance, i.e., the element of which it consists, is determined by the number of protons. The atomic weight is determined by the number of protons plus neutrons. Thus hydrogen consists of one proton, no neutrons, and one electron. Heavy hydrogen, or deuterium, consists of one proton, one neutron and one electron. Helium consists of two protons, two neutrons and two electrons; and so on up to uranium, the common form of which consists of 92 protons, 146 neutrons and 92 electrons. The elementary particles are the most common projectiles, although compound nuclei have sometimes been used. Thus we shall usually speak of accelerators emitting streams of electrons or protons, and occasionally

deuterons, alpha particles, or heavier nuclei. (Neutrons are not accelerated by electric fields and are obtained from nuclear reactions. Hence they fall outside the domain of electronics as we have originally defined it, although they produce effects which are detected by electronic techniques.)

An electrostatic particle-accelerating machine, called a Van de Graaff generator in honor of R. J. Van de Graaff who built the first successful model, consists of a long insulating tube containing a fairly good vacuum, along the length of which a potential difference may be applied. The high potential is generated and maintained by a motordriven belt which, in the manner of a bucket-brigade, carries a charge up to the high-voltage electrode. The charge is sprayed onto the belt by an electrode consisting of a set of sharp points looking like a steel comb, and maintained at a potential of 50,000 volts or so by a transformer-rectifier combination. The continuous accumulation of charge by the high potential electrode causes a high voltage to be produced. The attainable voltage is limited ultimately by the insulation characteristics of the surrounding air and by the supports of the electrode. Potentials up to 3 million volts or more have been produced by such machines. Fig. 1 shows a typical Van de Graaff machine schematically.

Contained in the high voltage electrode is an ion gun which initiates the stream of charged particles to be accelerated by the high potential difference. If an electron beam is desired the electrode is operated at a negative high voltage, with the target grounded and positive. If positive particles, such as protons or deuterons, are to be accelerated then the potentials are reversed. An ordinary filament is used as a source of electrons. For positive ions the gun consists of an arc in which ions are produced and a series of electrodes to pick out and start some of the ions on their way. In each case the beam, once formed, can be focussed in a manner similar to a light beam by using specially shaped electrodes.

The Van de Graaff generator has two important advantages over the resonance accelerators to be described below. The high voltage is steady and can be measured with accuracy. The beam of particles therefore has a constant and a uniform momentum, an important consideration in many nuclear physics applications and almost indispensable in accurate measurements of excitation functions, cross sections and other nuclear properties of similar nature.

The first of what we term resonance accelerators is the cyclotron. This device depends for its operation on the fact that the travel-time of a charged particle moving in a circular orbit is independent of its energy. A charged particle will be deflected by a magnetic field at right angles to the lines of magnetic force. Hence if we have a narrow gap between two magnetic poles and introduce particles with small initial velocities in the plane of the gap they will perform circular orbits in the field. If we accelerate the particles, we will not alter the length of time it takes to complete a circle, or half circle, for although the particle is now going faster it describes a larger circle. Since the distance a particle travels to complete a half-circle (or semi-circumference) of a radius r is π r, if its velocity is v its travel time t will be $t = \pi r/v$. But a particle of velocity v in a magnetic field of strength Hgauss will describe a circle of radius r given by

$mv^2/r = \mu Hev,$ (1)

where e is the charge of the particle, μ is the magnetic permeability of the medium, m is the particle's mass. If we solve for r and substitute this relation into the value for t, we get

 $t = \pi m/\mu He$ (2) and both r and v have disappeared from the result.

The first successful cyclotron was built by E. O. Lawrence at Berkeley, California. He reasoned that since the result computed above was true, he could give a particle a series of accelerations by allowing it to perform its orbits between two hemicylindrical electrodes. These electrodes were hemi-cylinders, shaped like the letter D, and called dees. Fig. 2 shows the arrangement. If the potential between the dees is reversed during the time it takes for a particle to traverse its halfcircle within the dee, the particle comes to the space between the dees at the opposite half-cycle, and receives another acceleration equal to the first. This reversal of the potential of the dees is accomplished by driving them with a radio-frequency oscillator.

In principle, cyclotrons can be used to accelerate any charged particles of either sign, although in general they are used to accelerate positives, i.e., protons, deuterons and sometimes alpha particles. The theory of relativity is the ultimate limiting factor in the energies attainable. If a particle's speed approaches that of light then, the theory tells us, the mass will change. We see from Eq. 2 that the traveltime in the orbits, while it does not depend on the velocity, does depend on the mass. Hence if the mass changes the particles will drop out of resonance and will not reach the gap between the dees at the right time for the next pulse. The relativistic variation of mass with velocity starts, for electrons, well below a million volts. Therefore, electron cyclotrons are not practical. (One possible way to get around the relativity limit would be to alter the frequency of the r-f oscillator at the right rate so that resonance for the particle of varying mass would be maintained. Calculations of the variation have been carried out, and frequency-modulated cyclotrons are now on the drawing boards.) For protons which have 1,850 times the mass of the electron, and for deuterons and alpha particles the relativistic mass variation does not become important until the energy is up around 50 million volts. Thus cyclotrons may be used to accelerate heavy positives up to 100 million volts in some cases. Before the war, such cyclotrons were already producing 30 million-volt particles, and this figure has recently been exceeded.

Another accelerating device is the betatron. The first model was built by D. W. Kerst in Illinois in the



FIG. 1—Van de Graaff electrostatic particle-accelerating machine, with potentialdistributing rings omitted



FIG. 3—Simplified diagram of typical mass spectrograph





FIG. 4—(A) Geiger counter tube. (B) Neher-Pickering quenching circuit. (C) Neher-Harper quenching circuit

year before the war. This device is used for accelerating electrons and is not limited by the relativity massvariation. It depends for its operation on the fact that a varying magnetic field will accelerate a charged particle. Suppose an electron is moving in a magnetic field. It will be moving in a circle. Suppose now that the field is increased. Then, while the field is changing, the electron will receive an impulse. Because of the acceleration, the electron will move faster, hence in an orbit of bigger diameter; but the field was increased, and this will tend to decrease the orbit diameter. By proper choice of constants these

two rates of change can be made to compensate so that the orbit diameter remains constant and the electron spins around in a fixed orbit at progressively higher speeds. The electron orbit is contained in a glass envelope called a doughnut, in which a vacuum is maintained. The General Electric betatron at Schenectady is now operating at 100 million volts. The betatron itself is an electronic device, and the various auxiliary circuits, including the electron injector and the orbitexpander, which flips the orbit out onto the target at the moment it has reached maximum energy, are all electronic in nature.

All three devices have one purpose in common, namely, to produce high-speed projectiles for nuclear research. Each accelerating device has quite different properties and economics of operation from the others, and is suitable for the solution of a special group of problems. Thus, for example, at low energies a Van de Graaff machine costs less than a cyclotron, whereas at high energies the reverse is true. Also, since most of simple problems in the medium-voltage range have been solved, many medium-sized cyclotrons are today operating as production machines, producing artificially radioactive elements and compounds for biological, medical and chemical research and tracer problems.

Measuring Devices

An important tool of nucleonic research is the mass spectrograph. There are three principal modifications. The first is typified by the precision model built by F. W. Aston and one built by K. T. Bainbridge for the precision determination of atomic weights. In both models great accuracy is sought and difficulty of operation is unimportant. These investigators have been able to determine weights to three. four and sometimes five decimal places. The second modification is that used for rapid identification of isotopes and relative intensities. In this model, it is merely necessary to get separate indications for each mass-number and some idea of the intensity of each. Units are used in medical, chemical and biological isotopic tracer studies. The third modification is made for the purpose of actually separating isotopes and securing useable amounts of each. The arrangement differs from the other types in that collectors for each isotope are provided. Usually this model is set up to work on only one element.

The mass spectrograph operates on the principle that charged particles are deflected in magnetic fields, the amount of deflection depending on the mass as described by Eq. 1. A schematic diagram is shown in Fig. 3. The substance to be studied is vaporized and introduced into an arc, where it becomes ionized. Some of the ions are drawn by an attracting field and then accelerated by a somewhat larger accelerating potential into the space where the magnetic field exists and where deflection takes place. The beam then falls onto one or more detecting or collecting chambers. We shall describe detecting devices later; collecting chambers are exactly what the words imply, spaces in which a foil may be placed to receive the isotope.

Many detecting devices are used in nuclear physics. The majority of these are electronic in nature, and the majority operate by detecting and measuring ionization. We must



therefore define the word ionization. It will be used here, in its broad sense, to mean any process by which an atom or molecule, originally electrically neutral, acquires a charge. This may occur by the separation of a neutral atom into positive and negative charges, or by the adherence of a charge to a neutral atom or molecule. Most of the important and much-used detectors of nuclear processes operate by measuring or counting or otherwise observing the passage of electrical charges by using electronic techniques, procedures or auxiliary circuits. Since the charge on a single electron is an exceedingly small quantity, some form of electronic amplification is usually employed. It is clear, then, that we may either count the number of electronic charges or observe their passage through a suitably sensitive device. In nuclear research we usually measure both the number of particles or projectiles in the beam and the number and types of particles resulting from the disintegration of the target.

Devices used to determine the number of charged particles are called counters. There are many forms of such counters, those named after H. Geiger being perhaps the best known. The majority of those in use at the present time operate in the same manner as the first counters did, many years ago. Indeed, counters have been known and used for forty years. The first paper describing such detecting devices was published in Cambridge, England, by Sir Ernest Rutherford and Geiger. They arranged a cylinder with a central wire running along its axis, applied a potential between the cylinder and the wire, and measured the voltage changes (pulses) on the wire. When the charged particle to be detected passed through the space within the cylinder, a pulse was observed on the wire. Thus a counter is a gas-filled diode, as shown in Fig. 4A.

Suppose that the particle to be counted passes through the cylinder. The particle will produce ionization by collision with atoms of gas as it travels, and electrons thus produced will be attracted to the positive central wire. By cumulative ionization, which becomes more and more violent the nearer the electron gets to the wire, an avalanche of electrons is built up near the wire and the change in potential of the central wire is proportional to the number of electrons which arrive. The number of additional electrons produced by each original electron is called gas amplification.

At high amplifications (with sufficient voltage applied to the counter) space-charge limits the growth of the avalanche, so that all avalanches are of the same size, no matter whether they were initiated by one electron, by ten or by ten thousand. It is this feature which may be used to identify particles. Suppose, for example, that the amplification is moderate (say 1,000). Then if an electron passes through the counter and leaves 10 electrons behind it as a result of collisions which it made in the gas



these ten electrons drift toward the wire and generate a thousand more each. A total of ten thousand electrons arrive on the central wire, producing a pulse which can be measured guite readily with ordinary vacuum tube amplifying circuits. Now suppose that an alpha particle passes through the counter. Such a particle may leave ten thousand electrons behind it along its path because it is much heavier than the electron and a more powerful ionizing entity. These ten thousand electrons each initiate an avalanche and the total number of electrons arriving at the wire will be ten million. Hence the alpha particle will produce a much larger pulse on the central wire than does the electron. Since the pulse size observed on the central wire is proportional to the amount of ionization produced by the primary particle as it passes through the counter, such counters are called proportional counters.

Suppose we increase the voltage on the counter so that space-charge limits the growth of the avalanche. Then the growth of the larger pulses is prevented and all pulses will have the same size, regardless of the number of electrons produced by the primary particle as it passed through. Now the counter simply counts the total number of particles passing through it but no longer distinguishes between the types of particles; the heavily-ionizing alpha particles produce no larger pulses than do the lightly-ionizing electrons. Counters with such charac-

teristics are called Geiger counters or Geiger-Muller counters, because Geiger and Muller first described large and easily constructed counters of this type.

We have pointed out that the particle to be counted must leave at least one electron behind in the gas to initiate the avalanche. But a neutron passing through a gas does not leave electrons behind and hence this type of counter will not count neutrons. To devise a counter for neutrons the author filled a proporwith boron-tritional counter fluoride. Neutrons interact with boron, giving out an alpha-particle which may readily be counted by ordinary proportional counting procedures.

Auxiliary Circuits

A Geiger counter has its avalanche size limited by space charge. But it is of the nature of this type of gas-discharge to be selfperpetuating. Thus if left to itself a Geiger counter would break down into a continuous glow-discharge as soon as the first count occurred. To prevent this contingency it is necessary to quench the discharge.

Some typical quenching circuits are shown in Fig. 4B and 4C. In Fig. 4B, the circuit developed by Neher and Pickering, the triode has its grid connected to cathode and hence is normally conducting. When electrons are collected on the counter wire the grid triode is driven to a negative value and the tube ceases to conduct. During the time that it takes for charge to flow through the

grid resistor the counter is isolated from the high voltage supply and the discharge terminates. In the Neher-Harper circuit of Fig. 4C the triode is normally cut off because of the negative grid potential. A positive pulse appearing on the cylinder of the counter causes the triode to conduct, thus partly short-circuiting the counter and dropping the potential across it long enough to permit recovery.

Quenching can also be achieved by an internal mechanism. It has been found that by introducing some organic vapor such as a centimeter or two or alcohol or ethyl acetate into the counter the discharge goes out by itself. Such counters have the disadvantage that the quenching vapor changes with time, so that the counter characteristics are not constant over a long period.

There are many other circuits which assist the counting operation. If the pulses occur at slow and regular intervals the most elementary circuits will serve. If, as is more usual, the pulsing rate is both fast and irregular, more complex circuits are necessary. Thus, for example, we may require a scaling circuit to scale down the number of counts. Customarily, scaling circuits are based on scales-of-two employing a biased multivibrator circuit with two stable modes of operation. The basis is the trigger circuit devised by W. H. Eccles and F. W. Jordan thirty years ago. Fig. 5 shows the typical circuit, the operation of which is familiar to students of electronics. The first pulse causes the circuit to go through half a periodic cycle, and the second pulse restores the circuit to its initial condition. If the bias on one tube is such that only positive pulses will operate it we may feed the positive output pulse to another similar stage and so forth. Each stage will deliver a positive output pulse for every second incoming pulse, and by adding the desired number of stages we may construct a scale of 2 or 4 or 8, and so on. There are many scales-of-4048 in operation at the present time.

A modification of the scaling cir-



FIG. 7-Cloud chamber used in studies of the atom

cuit is the scale-of-ten, or decade scaler. This is usually accomplished by arranging ten tubes, the plate current of each supplying the grid bias of the next one, in a ring, so that when pulsed the pulse will flip one tube each time. It will require ten pulses before the tube controlling the output is actuated. A set of such rings-of-ten will provide any integral decimal multiple; and indeed this is the basis for an electronic computing machine familiar to many engineers.

Other Instruments

At times it is convenient to know not the total number of pulses but the rate of counting in counts per minute. This has led to the development of a counting-rate meter. Such a device operates by piling charge on a capacitor and measuring the rate of increase of potential between the plates as shown in Fig. 6. It is necessary that all pulses be of the same size; hence the stage which has a tube with a capacitor, high-resistance resistor and microammeter in its plate circuit is usually preceded by a multivibrator pulse-equalizer. The last tube is cut off by its negative bias and passes current only when the pulses are incident on its grid. These pulses then appear on the capacitor, and leak off through the high resistance and the microammeter. The microammeter may be calibrated directly in counts per minute.

In addition to these direct measurements of numbers of counts, it is sometimes desired to know the pulse size, or the number of pulses in each size group. Pulse size measurements are usually made by varying grid bias, the bias being so selected that only the pulses larger than a certain size are counted. These bias arrangements are sometimes also used to exclude noise or background. Thus, for example, a neutron counter operated near a cyclotron will have an enormous background due to small pulses produced by beta and gamma rays scattered in the neighborhood of the machine. The neutron counts will be much larger, but many fewer. Hence elimination of the background is essential. With several biased amplifiers operating simultaneously a pulse-size distribution curve can be rapidly obtained. Such distribution curves are the endproducts usually required for interpretation of nuclear reaction.

All the circuits mentioned will operate best if the voltages supplied to various parts thereof are kept at а fixed value. Hence modern nucleonics relies heavily on various types of electronic voltage regulators. These are used not only for controlling the high potential supplied to various types of counters but also for regulation and stabilization of all the other potentials in the circuits. In addition, a whole set of auxiliary circuits finds its uses in aiding the study of nucleonics and in the interpretation of results. Pulse generators are of use in checking circuits. Double-pulse generators, with controllable spacing between the components of the double pulse and adjustable repetition-rate, are of value in determining experimentally the resolvingtime of the circuits and of the counters themselves.

An important type of nuclear detecting device is the cloud chamber. This device has been known for many years, and in birth date antedates the first world war. Suppose we arrange a volume of gas so that by suddenly moving a piston the volume can be expanded to a somewhat larger volume. Then suppose that some moisture is introduced so that the volume of gas contains vapor at a saturated or almostsaturated value. A sudden expansion will produce cooling, and will drop the temperature of the vapor down below the dew or condensation-point. A cloud will form in the chamber. Examination with a microscope will show that any cloud or fog in nature usually has droplets forming about the dust or smoke particles, called nuclei of condensation. If dust is carefully excluded, condensation will take place about ions. Hence if a cosmic-ray particle has passed through the chamber, leaving behind it a trail of ions, and then an expansion occurs the cloud will form along the path which the particles followed,

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and will look like a fuzzy string passing through the chamber, shown in Fig. 7. Thus the paths of the electrons and other particles can be rendered visible.

The cloud chamber is an extremely useful and versatile instrument. By placing slabs of lead transversely in the chamber, the particle may be studied as it traverses the lead, for it can be seen before it hits the slab and after it emerges. The various processes of secondary production in the lead may be studied, for one may observe one particle entering and several emerging. Further, by applying a transverse magnetic field, which will bend the particles into curved orbits, the energy of the particles may be deduced. The amount of bending will vary with the momentum of the particle, that is, will depend on its mass m and velocity v, as described by the equation.

r = mv/He (3) where r is the radius of the bend, H is the field strength and e is the charge of the particle. This equation follows directly from Eq. 1. By combining the magnetic field with the lead plates, the loss of energy as a particle passes through the lead (or any other substance) can be determined.

In operating cloud chambers, much electronic technique is required. Usually, cloud chambers today are counter-controlled, and are expanded only after the discharge of a master counter or set of counters placed above or otherwise adjacent to the cloud chamber. This procedure insures that almost every expansion will show the desired track, whereas a random uncontrolled expansion would only occasionally and by chance show something passing through. When the counter gives the signal for expansion, a complex series of operations follows. First, a thyratron trips the expansion trigger. Then, a second thyratron flashes the gas-discharge (Edgerton) lamp which illuminates the chamber and allows a photograph to be taken. This flash, usually timed electronically, must occur after the expansion by the proper fraction of a second; if too soon, the track will be almost indis-

tinguishable, for the cloud will not have formed; if too late, the track will be fuzzy as it starts to diffuse. Then the chamber must be restored automatically to its sensitive position. The chamber is recompressed and the trigger reset. A sweepingfield is applied long enough to clear out the ions, or debris of the previous expansion. The capacitors for the Edgerton lamp are recharged; and the camera is rewound to prepare it for the next photograph. Usually, this cycle of events is carried through largely with the aid of electronic circuits.

Of the multitude of other electronic devices which have assisted nuclear research one in particular deserves mention. This is the cathode-ray oscilloscope. It is used both for examining pulses and ionizing events produced in the various nuclear reactions and for troubleshooting, not only in counter circuits, but in many of the accelerating devices and associated control-circuits.

Needs of the Future

Looking ahead, it is clear that there is much still to be done. There are innumerable ways in which the electronic engineer can be of use to the science of nucleonics. Let us consider a few contributions yet to be made.

First of all is improved instrumentation. Faster scaling circuits, simpler, more stable and easier to adjust than the present ones, are needed. Counting-rate meters which are more stable and operate over a wider range will be of value. Better voltage regulators and stabilizers, capable of delivering a controllable voltage over a wider range, and keeping this voltage constant despite fluctuations in both the primary voltage and frequency, and variations in load, are needed. For example, a high voltage supply to provide 6,000 to 10,000 volts, continuously variable from 200 volts to the maximum which would not vary by as much as one volt while the primary fluctuates five cycles or ten volts either side of normal. would be of great value. The output should be fully floating, so that either side can be grounded. This

particular circuit would supply the voltage for Geiger and proportional counters, and would not need to supply more than a few microamperes of current.

The second field in which new ideas will be of value is in designing new and higher energy accelerators. The frequency-modulated cyclotron, to overcome the relativity-limitation on particle speeds, is an example. Some start has been made in this direction, but there is a long way to go. The application of radar techniques to the design of accelerators, both linear and resonant, will open an enormous field in which the advice of the electronic engineer will be of value to the physicist.

In medicine and in the use of radioactive tracers, there is yet much to do. We are here considering only the instrumentation, and not suggesting that engineers become medical men, but merely that engineers design and adapt instruments to the new problems.

The field of nuclear power is wide open. The fission reactions which have been so widely publicized, yield a few fast-moving particles. What is the most efficient way to turn this energy into useful power? Is it by conversion into heat, inefficient as boilers are known to be? Or can some means be found directly to convert the energy, tied up as ionization or as particle-velocity, into useful force? These questions are now calling loudly for answers by competent engineers.

Looking forward, one can see that we are on the opening edge of a new era, in which there will be vast new fields into which any competent engineer may go and in which he can make significant contributions. As soon as he is familiar with any two or more fields he can map out a campaign in the borderline region with attendant useful results if he is successful. The sciences all interlock, and an improvement in one field will suggest new techniques adaptable in another. It appears that as long as we can continue to apply our knowledge gained in one field to the extension of another field we shall have an increasing flow of interesting new developments and benefits for the human race.



This Douglas transport flew across the Atlantic and back without a pilot at the controls. Flights between its Ohio base and Newloundland were also automatic and nonstop, making a total round-trip flight of 8,000 miles

Automatic Controls for Pilotless Ocean Flight

With no hands on the controls from takeoff to touchdown, a U. S. Air Forces C-54 transport recently crossed the Atlantic, carrying only a standby crew. The robot-like equipment used, detailed here for the first time, offers aid to overburdened airline pilots

PILOTLESS FLIGHT across the Atlantic ocean became history this year when a C-54 four-engine transport took off from the landing strip at Stephensville, Newfoundland under control of a new robot pilot, and touched down at Brize Norton Aerodrome near London

just 10 hours and 15 minutes later. The emergency flight crew took over only to apply brakes and taxi the plane off the runway. A few days later the same performance was repeated on the westward crossing, but the plane was brought down manually at Stephensville

since no radio-beam landing facilities were available there.

Commercially, the complete control of an airplane by a robot pilot on a flight across the Atlantic brings closer to realization the airline operator's goal of all-weather flying, with greater comfort and



FIG. 1—Program for pilotless flight from Harmon Field, Newfoundland to Brize Norton Aerodrome, England

FIG. 2—Simplified block diagram of automatic flight controller used to duplicate functions of a human pilot from takeoff to touchdown

safety for passengers as well as adherence to time schedules. The electronic, electrical, and mechanical sensing controls are smoother and more responsive than human senses, so that correcting forces are applied at almost the same instant that a flight deviation occurs. This makes for much smoother flight through turbulent air, along with conservation of fuel through elimination of overshooting and hunting.

Greater safety is achieved in flight because mechanizing of normal flight and navigation functions gives the pilot more time for executive decisions. In bad weather today, when such decisions are allimportant, the pilot's eyes can never leave the flickering pointers that become his only reference with



| SEQUENCE 7 (CRUISE) | SEQUENCE 8 (CRUISE) | SEQUENCE 9 (DESCENT) | SEQUENCE IO (CRUISE) | SEQUENCE (LANDING) | SEQUENCE 12 (TAX11NG) |
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| DIRECTLY OVER STATION, RADIO COMPASS SENSOR STEPS SELECTOR TO 7 FLUX-VALVE COMPASS PUTS PLANE ON NEW HEADING TOWARD BRIZE, NORTON, PRESET INTO MAGNETIC HEADING | DIRECTLY OVER STATION, RADIO COMPASS SENSOR STEPS SELECTOR TO 9 AIR MILEAGE COUNTER NO. 2 RUNS DOWN TO ZERO, STEPPING SELECTOR TO 8 | POWER RE- DUCED TO APPROACH VALUE WHEELS COME DOWN FLAPS COME DOWN DIRECTION STILL CON- TROLLED BY STATION SO PLANE | FLUX-VALVE COM- PASS PUTS PLANE ON NEW HEADING TOWARD BRIZE NORTON AERODROME PLANE CRUISES AT 2,000 FEET UNTIL LOCALIZER BEAM IS INTER- CEPTED | CONSTANT AIR SPEED CONTROL ADJUSTS ENGINES TO MAINTAIN LANDING SPEED WITHIN 3 MPH OF 115 MPH LOCALIZER RECEIVER CONTROLS DIRECTION OF PLANE GLIDE-PATH RE- CEIVER CONTROLS ALTITUDE AND PITCH | POWER REDUCED TO IDLE VALUE PILOT TAKES OVER CONTROL FOR FIRST TIME, BRAK- ING AT HIS OWN DISCRETION MICRO-SWITCH OM LANDING GEAR STEPS SELECTOR |
| SELECTOR AIR MILE AGE COUNTER NO. 2 IS STARTED 385-KC RADIO STATION ON COAST GUARD SHIP IN MID-ATLANTIC | AUTOMATIC RADIO COM- PASS HOMES PLANE ON BRIZE NORTON STATION 392-KC RADIO STATION NEAR BRIZE NORTON, ENGLAND | ORBITS AROUND IT AT 5-MILE RADIUS 0.2 - VOLT DOWN SIGNAL INTO AUTO- PILOT, GIVING 500 FEET PER MINUTE DESCENT | LOCALIZER SENSOR TRANSFERS CON- TROL OF PLANE TO LOCALIZER RECEIVER POWER INGREASED TO CRUISE VALUE | GLIDE-PATH SENSOR STEPS SELECTOR TO II WHEN PLANE REACHES CENTER OF GLIDE-PATH BEAM | LANDING STRIP AT BRIZE NORTON, ENGLAND |

Only three radio aids were used for navigation by the robot pilot on the 2,400-mile flight, during sequences 6, 8, 9, and 11

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Table I—Components of Control System for Automatic Flight

| CONTROL UNIT | HOW IT WORKS | FUNCTION ON OCEAN FLIGHT |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Flux-valve compass | Flux valve gives three currents whose magnitudes vary with angle at which earth's magnetic field cuts the three inner legs. Resultant of currents is always related to direction of earth's magnetic field and can be used to con- trol the autopilot. Flux valve keeps horizontal gyro in N-S position | Kept plane in line with landing strip during takeoff and climb (sequences 2 and 3) |
| Magnetic heading selector | Uses zero-locked selsyn operating from the flux valve of the E-4 automatic pilot, rotatable through 360 degrees to permit flying accurately in some other direction than north. Feeds turn- control amplifier of automatic pilot | Kept plane at predeter- mined desired headings for sequences 4, 5, 7, and 10 |
| APN-1 radio altimeter | Depends on velocity of radio waves (186,000 miles per second). Measures frequency change between transmitted and received f-m signals and converts to vertical height | Closed switch to initiate sequence 3 at 50 feet, se- quence 4 at 1,000 feet, se- quence 5 at 9,000 feet, and sequence 10 at 2,000 feet |
| Air mileage counter | Depends on known relation between air speed of plane and pressure of air in pitot tube set into leading edge of wing. Combines speed with time to tick off miles (mph times hours equals total miles flown). Veeder-Root dial | Counter No. 1 closed switch to initiate sequence 6 ap- prox. 600 miles out of New- foundland. Counter No. 2 closed switch to initiate se- quence 8 |
| Altitude control | Hermetically sealed bellows expands as air gets thinner during climb. Ex- pansion is proportional to altitude and is converted into proportional voltage by mechanical coupling to armature of coil system. Voltage controls autopilot | Controlled elevator to keep plane at 9,000 feet during sequences 5, 6, 7, and 8, and at 2,000 feet for_first part of sequence 9 |
| Automatic radio compass | Loop antenna rotates automatically during flight so it is always positioned in direction of station to which it is tuned. Voltage from zero-locked selsyn coupled to loop transmitter selsyn is fed to an integrator-amplifier whose output is fed to the turn-control amplifier to keep plane flying toward (homing on) radio station | Kept plane heading for Coast Guard ship in se- quence 6. Kept plane heading for radio station in sequence 8 and orbited plane around station for descent in sequence 9 |
| Radio compass sensor | Depends on reversal of pointer of radio compass as plane flies over radio sta- tion to which it is honing. As pointer rotates through 180 degrees it touches a contact set into the face of the radio compass indicator | Closed switch to initiate sequence 7 over Coast Guard station on ship, and initiate sequence 9 over Brize Norton station |
| Constant airspeed control | A complex arrangement of a pitot tube, bellows, five selsyns, three electronic amplifiers, three electric motors, and dozens of gears and levers. Air pres- sure in the pitot tube, proportional to air speed, pushes the bellows in or out to actuate system, which moves uni- lever engine control | Held speed of plane con- stant within 3 mph of 115 mph during landing at Brize Norton, England. This speed kept plane in correct altitude for a three- point touchdown |
| Localizer sensor | Uses three-tube circuit to amplify 400- cycle localizer signal derived from auto- matic approach controller of autopilot, to operate balanced relay when aircraft passes through center of 110-mc lo- calizer beam of ILS | Found localizer beam at Brize Norton, England and initiated second part of sequence 10 |
| Localizer receiver | An airborne part of the SCS-51 Air Forces Instrument Low Approach System used by Army during war for blind landings in darkness or fog. Feeds autopilot through automatic ap- proach control unit | Controlled rudder through autopilot to keep plane in line with center of landing strip during downward glide |
| Glide path sensor | Uses three-tube electronic control cir- cuit that pulls in a relay when glide path indicator reads zero, meaning plane is in center of 335-mc glide-path | Found glide path in England and initiated se- quence 11 for automatic landing |
| Glide path receiver | Another airborne part of SCS-51 auto- matic landing system. Feeds up or down signals to autopilot | Controlled elevator through autopilot during descent at Brize Norton, England |
| Micro-Switch | Small snap-acting switch that is mounted on right landing gear of plane in such a way as to close when wheel first touches ground | Initiated sequence 12 at touchdown in England, for manual braking and taxiing by emergency pilot |

respect to the earth. Automatic flying now offers real promise of lightening the pilot's burden.

From a military standpoint, pushbutton planes taking off from U.S. territory without crews could be preset before takeoff to fly to any location in the world with acceptable tactical accuracy. If need be, these flights could even be independent of radio navigation aids vulnerable to jamming. By applying refinements of instrumentation and control already under development ocean flights could be made with reliance solely on gyros, magnetic compasses, mileage counters, and ground speed indicators for navigation, up to the point of orbiting downward for a landing.

Master Control System

Basically the automatic flight controller, developed by the All-Weather Flying Division of the U. S. Air Forces at Clinton County Army Air Field, Wilmington, Ohio, is an electronic brain that manipulates three knobs to which all flight controls on the plane have been coupled. Two of these knobs are part of a standard Sperry E-4 automatic pilot and provide for rightleft and up-down maneuvers; the third is a new single control to change power settings and speed of all four engines simultaneously. The controller stores information given to it before a flight begins, reads the flight instruments through dozens of selsyns, listens to radio signals, measures distances and air speed, and coordinates all this to carry out for pilot and crew all functions required for point-topoint flight from one airfield to another.

The automatic pilot consists essentially of two gyros; one is chained to the earth's gravitational force and serves as roll and pitch reference, while the other is used in conjunction with a flux-valve compass as a north-seeking directional reference. Amplifiers and servo control units boost the lowpower signals derived from the gyros to sufficiently high levels for driving servos that operate the airplane's control surfaces.

The various instruments that take over control of the autopilot during the different stages of a flight are energized and deenergized in turn by a 6-bank, 12-position stepping switch known as the automatic sequence selector, used in conjunction with 12 relays. The twelve operational sequences for the trans-Atlantic flight are diagrammed in Fig. 1, and the corresponding circuits are given in Fig. 2.

Pressing the starting pushbutton steps the selector to position 2 to initiate a flight. Automatically the robot pilot advances the engine control lever to rated takeoff power, sets elevators for climb, places the rudder under control of the fluxvalve compass, and connects the radio altimeter so it will advance the selector to position 3 when the plane reaches an altitude of 50 feet.

Flight conditions during any other sequence can be determined in a similar manner by examination of Fig. 1 and 2. Technical features and functions of the control units are summarized in Table I.

Air Speed Control

A single-lever power control system developed by Eclipse-Pioneer Division of Bendix was modified in order to provide for preselection of manifold pressure and engine speed. Potentiometers are set prior to flight to provide different engine power values for takeoff, climb, cruise, descent, and landing. Speeds of the four engines are synchronized by comparing the tachometer generator output of engine 1 against corresponding outputs of the other three engines. A difference in voltage is applied through a synchronizing unit to the governor of the engine that is running fast or slow.

In sequence 11, involving final approach for a landing under guidance of the localizer and glide path receivers, a constant airspeed control is used in place of a fixed power setting, to insure the correct attitude of the plane at touchdown. This pitot pressure actuated device is mechanically linked to the rotor of a variable transformer in such a way that transformer output is zero when air pressure and hence air speed are correct. If speed is in error, a voltage output is developed, either in phase or out of phase with stator excitation, according to whether the plane is too fast or too



The robot pilot with cover lifted, showing (bottom center of upper compartment) the stepping switch that sequences the circuits according to a predetermined flight program

slow. Three amplifiers, three electric motors of various types, and four more selsyns convert this error voltage into a change in the position of the single lever that controls manifold pressure and speed of all four engines. Additional electronic circuits are incorporated to maintain airspeed without overshoot when transient errors in speed occur.

Directional Control

Use of a magnetic heading selector in conjunction with the fluxvalve compass is one method of obtaining directional guidance during automatic flight. When the plane deviates from the chosen heading, the appropriate turn voltage is fed into the right-left control system of the autopilot. This method, in conjunction with an air mileage counter, was used for portions of the trans-Atlantic crossing. The counter is preset before flight to a given number of miles; when this distance has been flown, the counter registers zero and steps the selector to the next flight sequence.

When a flight can be routed over radio stations, as was possible on the ocean flight, automatic radio compasses can be pretuned for homing on each station in turn. The compass here feeds the autopilot through an appropriate electronic coupling unit that also forms a part of the automatic approach control unit (bank D in Fig. 2). When the plane passes over the station being homed on, the resultant 180degree rotation of the radio com-



Master control panel of robot pilot. Pushbutton that initiates a flight is on this panel, along with twelve indicating lights showing which sequence the plane_is in

pass pointer closes contacts in a radio compass sensor circuit to initiate stepping of the selector to the next sequence.

Course Computer

If no radio station is available for homing on the route to be flown, two automatic radiocompasses are used in conjunction with the fluxgate magnetic compass and an electrical course computer to obtain directional information from pairs of off-course radio stations. The

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compass receivers energize computer selsyn rotors to produce output voltages proportional to course errors. These voltages act through the autopilot to fly the plane along the desired course. When the aircraft reaches a preselected position with reference to the two radio stations in use, a simple cam system on the rotors of the compass receiver selsyns energizes the selector to step to the next sequence. If this involves use of another pair of radio stations, preset automatic tuners tune each radio compass to its intended new station.

One radio station was available in mid-Atlantic (on a U. S. Coast Guard cutter) for homing purposes during the ocean flight. When this was reached, an RAF medium-frequency beacon radio station at Brize Norton provided homing guidance after the second magnetic heading sequence and thereafter, making a course computer unnecessary.

Automatic Landing

Arrival at the RAF radio station initiated sequence 9 for the beginning of an automatic landing. A 0.2-volt down signal was now fed into the autopilot by a preset potentiometer serving as pitch-attitude selector, with the radio compass still controlling the rudder. The plane therefore descended in a spiral having the station's tower as its center, with a radius of 5 miles.

At 2,000 feet the radio altimeter turned rudder control over to the magnetic heading control, preset in the direction of the Brize Norton localizer. Cruising on this new heading, with constant altitude being maintained by conventional barometric altimeter feed to the autopilot, the plane intersected the localizer beam. The localizer sensor circuit, responding to signal conditions at the center of the localizer beam (coinciding with the centerline of the runway) transferred rudder control from the magnetic system to the localizer receiver.

Still cruising at 2,000 feet, the plane flew the localizer beam until the center of the glide-path beam was reached. The glide-path sensor then transferred control of the elevator from the barometric altitude control to the glide-path receiver.



FIG. 3—Circuit of glide-path sensor used to initiate instrument landing sequence when plane intercepts exact center of glide path

Electronic circuits in the automatic approach coupling unit made the change from level flight to descent smooth.

The circuit of the glide-path sensor is given in Fig. 3. The d-c signal output of the glide-path receiver is applied to the automatic-approach coupling unit. When the plane is below the glide-path, this unit delivers a 400-cycle output signal that is in phase with the 400-cycle inverter supply of the plane. As the plane flies through and above the glide-path, the glide-path receiver d-c signal changes in polarity and causes a 180-degree change in the phase of the 400-cycle coupling unit signal. It is this 180-degree change in phase that actuates the glide-path sensor circuit, causing its balanced relay to flip over and initiate the descent sequence.

Tube T_1 in the circuit merely provides two stages of amplification for the 400-cycle output signal of the approach coupling unit. to insure adequate signal for circuit actuation immediately after phase reversal at the center of the glide path. The transformer applies this signal to the grids of T_2 with such polarity that the lower grid of T_2 is positive when both plates of T_{2} are made positive by the 400-cycle inverter supply. The lower section of T_2 conducts, producing a voltage drop across R_2 that drives the lower grid of T_3 to cutoff. Since the upper grid of T_2 is negative when the lower grid is positive, this section is nonconducting and the upper grid of T_s is at cathode potential. The upper section of T_{s} therefore conducts, holding in the balanced relay as shown. Flying through the glide path reverses the potentials on the grids of T_2 , so that now the top half of T_2 and the bottom half of T_3 are conducting, and the relay flips over. This advances the selector one step, to initiate sequence 11 for a complete instrument landing to touchdown using SCS-51 beams.

A similar double-beam landing system developed by Sperry Gyroscope Co. has been installed at Clinton County Army Airfield and successfully used in bringing down the automatic C-54. This microwave instrument landing system, employing a localizer frequency of approximately 2,640 mc and a glide-path frequency of approximately 2,617 mc, provides a tighter and more constant beam that is less affected by heavy precipitation static conditions than the SCS-51 beams. Beam modulation frequencies are 90 and 150 cps for SCS-51 and 600 and 900 cps for the Sperry system.

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Typical operation of Carryphone equipment. Trainman reports trouble to engineman and to conductor in cabin car

Portable Inductive Radiophone

F-M equipment operating on 80 kilocycles furnishes communication from one train to another up to two miles, or with way stations as far as 20 miles. Portable units extend scope of inductive telephone system in use for several years

The PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD recently placed in service six portable inductive communication units. Two of these have been assigned to the Belvidere Branch and four to the main line between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

The portable inductive communication unit is particularly suitable for use by train crews because of its light weight and small size; each weighs approximately 25 pounds, and the longest dimension of the case is about 16 inches. It is equipped with a durable woven band which can be slipped over the

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shoulder of the user, thus leaving his hands free for the performance of regular duties. Transmission and reception are effected by the use of a five-turn loop of duralumin tubing that is securely fastened to the bottom of the case. This loop is of such size and proportion that it surrounds the upper portion of the user's body in a manner that does not cause interference with normal movement. Initial development was based upon the need for portable apparatus that could operate in conjunction with existing inductive train communication apparatus installed in wayside stations, on locomotives, and in cabin cars (sometimes known as cabooses).

Inductive Communication Systems

The Union Switch and Signal Co. inductive train communication system used by the Pennsylvania is closely related in fundamental principle to the familiar telephone and telegraph carrier systems that are

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Complete portable radiophone with covers and chassis removed from carrying case

used to secure additional channels over existing line wires. It utilizes a modulated carrier wave that is transmitted over, and closely confined to, a path which is made up principally of the paralleling line wires and to some extent the track rails. The electronic equipment installed on vehicles and at wayside stations makes it possible to communicate, inductively, between the ends of a train, between two or more trains and between trains and wayside stations.

In addition to a loudspeaker, each vehicle is equipped with a telephone-type push-to-talk handset. At wayside stations, the operator is furnished a desk type transmitter with head-band receiver, as well as the loudspeaker. Therefore, as far as the operators and trainmen are concerned, the system is as simple to use as the regular pushto-talk telephone system.

Over 3,300 miles of main track on the Pennsylvania are equipped for cab signal operation, and the apparatus is installed on approximately 2,800 locomotives. On the basis of experience with such electronic equipment, the specifications for the train communication equipment called for a sufficient degree of ruggedness and protection to stand up against the shock, vibration and other severe treatment encountered in everyday freight service. As an aid to maintenance, the design included arrangement of the various apparatus in unit assemblies. mounted on separate trays that could be handled easily by only one man.

Although inductive train communication had been used successfully in yard installations previously, the Belvidere Branch was the original proving ground for the system in road service. Experimentation included a two-channel frequency modulation system using 80 kc and 144 kc. As a result of these experiments, a train communication system was produced that satisfactorily meets railroad requirements, and a large scale installation was made on the main line between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pa.

At present, equipment has been installed on 295 locomotives, 105 cabin cars, and in 36 wayside stations. The system is in regular service on 1,056 miles of main tracks, providing communication between head end and rear end crews of the same train, between two or more trains, and between trains and wayside stations.

The two-channel system was decided upon to assure adequate communication facilities in view of the tremendous amount of traffic involved. Normally the 144-kc channel is used for communication between the engines and cabin cars, and between trains, with the 80-kc channel reserved for communication between trains and wayside stations. In an emergency, of course, either channel can be used for either purpose. The stations are so spaced that trains are always within range of one or more stations.

Portable Equipment

Portable equipment supplies a missing link, as it is not dependent upon the fixed apparatus installed on vehicles. Since it is strictly an independent unit of the system, a trainman may leave the immediate vicinity of his train and, using the portable unit, keep in constant touch with either end of his own train or with other trains moving within a distance of approximately 2 miles. He also may establish contact with wayside stations at distances up to 15 to 20 miles.

Train crews find the portable inductive train communication unit an exceptionally effective means of minimizing delays under unusual circumstances. When it is necessary to stop a train a crew member takes the unit with him to the affected car. He can then report to either end of the train the nature of the trouble and issue instructions for corrective procedures from the actual point of trouble. If repair equipment is required, such information can be phoned promptly to either the locomotive or cabin car, and if necessary, relayed to a wayside station. With this swift reporting of the emergency condition, the dispatcher is in a better position to make prompt arrangements for other trains to bypass the disabled train.

As an example of the time saving and convenience effected through the use of portable equipment, on one occasion trouble developed 40 cars from the rear of a train. The conductor took the portable unit with him to investigate. Using this portable means of communication, he transmitted the car number to the wayside office, made arrangements for setting out the car and instructed the engineer to proceed. In getting the train started a draw bar was pulled out 19 cars from the trouble spot. The conductor immediately advised the operator at the wayside station, obtained instructions for setting the car out, set it out, recoupled and got the train under way, all in less time than it would have taken to return to the cabin car from the location of the original trouble and make out his report.

Although designed primarily for the use of trainmen, it is expected that the portable inductive train communication unit will prove useful in many other practical applications. For example, it can be used on work trains, where the foreman can direct and coordinate the operation of derricks and various work machines from a single location on the ground. Furthermore, he can keep informed of train movements

and take better advantage of lulls in traffic, thereby obtaining better efficiency without delaying trains. Because of its portability, it can also be used as an emergency wayside station and in numerous other services, depending upon the particular conditions that develop from time to time.

Where standard inductive train communication apparatus is already installed, no changes are required in the apparatus to operate with portable equipment. This is an advantage realized by designing the portable equipment for inductive carrier operation at the same frequency as the parent installation. All that is required is to have the vehicle or wayside equipment in regular operating condition. Communication from the portable unit is received in the usual manner and outgoing transmissions are handled in exactly the same way as is used for normal system operation.

Design Details

The suitability of the portable equipment for its job is enhanced by its small size and light weight. The compact assembly consists of a frequency-modulation transmitter, a receiver for f-m reception, a power unit with battery, a combination transmitting and receiving loop and a standard telephone handset, all housed in, or mounted on, a single lightweight aluminum case finished in black crinkle lacquer. The overall dimensions of the case are 16 in. wide by 13 in. high by 5 in. deep.

An 8-tube receiver of the superheterodyne type is assembled on the same chassis as the transmitter.



Block diagram of the f-m transmitter-receiver

It is made up of two carrier-frequency amplifier stages, converter stage, two stages of intermediate frequency, one limiter stage, a discriminator stage and one stage of audio amplification. The tube complement consists of four type 1T4. one type 1L4, one type 1R5 and two type 1S5 tubes of the miniature design with one of the latter serving as the receiver output tube. It can supply ample power through an impedance matching transformer to energize the receiver unit of the The filaments of the handset. tubes are connected in series, with two groups in parallel across the battery.

To obtain quiet operation under standby conditions the receiver is provided with a nonadjustable squelch with its accompanying single-stage noise amplifier.

The transmitter is arranged for frequency modulation using the reactance tube method of obtaining the required frequency swing. The reactance tube is a type 3Q4 and its associated oscillator tube is type 3A4. No separate driver stage is required since the oscillator has sufficient output to feed the two type 3A4 push-pull output tubes that deliver the modulated carrier to the output transformer. The secondary of this output transformer is connected directly to the terminals of the five-turn transmitting loop. This loop is tuned to the desired output frequency to obtain maximum loop current, by the use of small fixed capacitors located in the base section of the case.

The tube filaments are arranged for the use of a six volt supply, with two series circuits connected in paraliel across the battery. An amplifier for the automatic frequency control circuit is also an integral part of the transmitter.

The power delivered to the transmitting loop circuit is of the order of $2\frac{1}{2}$ watts. This power is ample for the required service range of the equipment; hence, any increase would be at the expense of a corresponding reduction in total operating time.

Dry cells are used for both A and B circuits. These cells have sufficient capacity to furnish energy for normal operation of a portable unit over an extended period of time. FIG. 1—Transmission characteristics of dynamic noise suppressor for conditions of maximum range expansion, intermediate suppression, and maximum suppression



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Dynamic Noise

Complete technical details of a system that provides essentially noise-free reproduction from phonograph records and transcriptions. Circuits are given for a 2-tube phonograph version and a 10-tube broadcast model

A DYNAMIC band-pass system for separating signals from noise, as exemplified in the dynamic noise suppressor described here, provides what many consider the most satisfactory method of utilizing the maximum frequency range

of a modern phonograph record or transcription while minimizing rumble, needle scratch, and other extraneous noises usually associated with recorded music.

The dynamic noise suppressor is now in regular use in a number of



Broadcast model Dynamic Noise Suppressor

broadcast stations, both a-m and f-m. The suppressor has also been adopted by several manufacturers of high-fidelity radio-phonographs, and the circuits are now being engineered into less expensive sets.

It should not be inferred that the system to be described is the only one which has ever been proposed. Although little has appeared in technical literature, a number of investigators have worked on the problem. Included among these investigators are Carlisle, Devine, Hammond, Heising, Llewelyn, Olson, and Purington.

The systems proposed have included volume expanders, circuits nonlinear with respect to amplitude, and automatic tone controls. Some of these have been used in commercial equipment. For instance, the volume expander or dynamic amplifier was used in certain models of RCA phonographs and is still used in some public address amplifiers. The automatic-tone-con-

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How It Works

Signal-controlled reactance tubes in these basic filter circuits act as gates that move the ends of the audio response curve inward and outward continuously and independently to let only the desired audio modulation through.

All noise signals in portions of the spectrum not having audible music components at a particular instant are suppressed.

Fundamentals of desired highfrequency notes are filtered out and rectified by a control circuit to change bias and hence capacitance of C_2 in high-frequency gate, and harmonics of desired low-frequency notes similarly vary inductance of L_3

Suppressor

trol type of noise-reduction system was used for several years in prewar receivers manufactured by the Scott Radio Laboratories.

Basically, noise-reduction systems fall between two extreme types-the dynamic band-pass system, in which the frequency range or pass band is varied in accordance with some characteristics of the signal, and volume-expander types in which the overall amplification or gain of the system, either effective or actual, is increased and decreased in accordance with some characteristics of the signal. In terms of the overall transmissionversus-frequency characteristics of a system as plotted in a conventional manner with a horizontal frequency scale and a vertical transmission scale, the dynamic band-pass system represents a horizontal change, while the volume-expander system represents a vertical change.

Noise reduction systems may also be designated as class A or class C, the terminology being borrowed from the similar applications in amplifiers. A class-A system is one in which, except for any filtering action, the output wave-form is a replica of the input wave-form. Such a system is linear with respect to amplitude so far as any cycle of the signal wave-form is concerned. A class-C system is one in which the output current flows only during a portion of the cycle of the input voltage. For very small input voltages, practically no output current will flow, and hence noise or signals below a certain level will be attenuated. This type of system depends upon amplitude nonlinearity for its noise-reducing action, which naturally results in distortion.

When only a single sine wave is being transmitted, the output waveform of a class-C system can be restored by means of filters, and octave band-pass filters are conventionally used. However, even the best octave filter will not eliminate many higher-order intermodulation products such as $2f_1 - f_2$ or $2f_2 - f_1$ which may be of considerable magnitude in such a system when reproducing low-level signals.

Vertical noise-reduction systems include both class-A and class-C systems, the former being the volume expander in various modifications and the latter utilizing biased rectifiers or other barriers to obtain a class-C transmission characteristic.

The first requisite of a noise-re-

FIG. 2—Basic gate circuits used to provide the continuously shifting response curves of Fig. 1

duction system is ability to reduce noise. To this end it is often desirable to control the transmission characteristics in accordance with some features of the signals not present in the noise. In the dynamic noise suppressor and other class-A systems this is possible because the control function may be divorced entirely from the controlled circuits.

Fuzz and Swish

Any noise-reduction system has certain limitations. The maximum bandwidth should be restricted somewhat when the noise level is excessive, so that in the loudest portions of the signal the noise is not heard superimposed on the music as a fuzz. A system with definite time constants is desirable, but if the time constants are made too long, loud notes may also be followed by an annoying swish.

Both fuzz and swish may be kept at a minimum only when the bandwidth transmitted at any instant is limited to that required by the signal. This is possible in the dynamic band-pass or horizontal type of system. In a vertical system, transmission in an entire frequency band increases and decreases as a unit whether or not the entire band is required. This causes considerably more fuzz than in a horizontal type of noise suppressor.

The amount of objectionable fuzz is also a function of the smoothness with which the transmission characteristic is altered. In this re-

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Broad principles of the dynamic noise suppressor were presented by the author in the December 1946 issue of ELECTRONICS.

Audience reaction to demonstrations and queries for more details have since indicated a high degree of interest in the system, applicable to f-m and a-m broadcasting, wired music, public address, and home phonographs. spect, class-A systems are preferable to class-C systems, since with the latter the noise tends to pop in and out instantaneously at a given volume level.

The class-A horizontal system can be designed with an opening timeconstant sufficiently long to provide suppression of loud clicks and similar transient disturbances, but not long enough noticeably to alter the reproduction of musical transients such as the crashing of cymbals. In similar cases where a high degree of suppression is used, the closing time-constant can be made long enough to prevent any effect of deadness resulting from removal of reverberation.

In actual practice, the closing time-constant is adjusted for the best compromise between reverberation and freedom from swish. Such factors are not controllable in the usual class-C noise-reducing system which operates instantaneously, tending to transmit all loud transient noises such as clicks and, when set for a high degree of suppression, to remove considerable reverberation.

In the vertical type of class-A system (the volume expander), such time constants sometimes provide serious problems in regard to the correct reproduction of musical transients, but with the class-A horizontal system (the dynamic noise suppressor), reproduction of musical transients is easily accomplished since the transmission is not altered in the frequency range which contributes most to the loudness of the signal.

Performance of Dynamic Noise Suppressor

In general, the dynamic noise suppressor causes less difficulty with fuzz than other types. It allows complete freedom of choice in any compromise which may have to be made between loss of reverberation and swish, while simultaneously allowing significant reduction in the amplitude of clicks and transient noises as well as the hissing type of surface noise. If volume expansion is desired for its own sake, the expander performance will be noticeably better when used with a dynamic noise suppressor, since the resulting reduction in noise level will tend to eliminate swishes resulting from the volume expander.

There are other noise-reducing systems intermediate between the true vertical and horizontal types and operating in much the same manner as automatic tone controls; in other words, the high-frequency end of the transmission characteristic is rolled off at a slight angle which decreases as the signal amplitude increases. Such systems are of the class-A type, but more closely resemble the vertical than the horizontal in general performance characteristics. If the noise reduction here is sufficient to be worthwhile, the change in tonal balance generally becomes noticeable because of the varying attenuation of signal components in the middle portion of the frequency spectrum.

While the dynamic noise suppressor makes previously useless records usable again, music lovers will generally find it an even greater advantage on modern highquality records, where the noise level is not excessive but is still noticeable and annoying. Such records have a sufficiently wide frequency range to render undesirable any noticeable range restriction as a means of reducing noise. Playing such records with a widerange dynamic noise suppressor eliminates the background noise without impairing tonal quality.

Response Curves

The number of circuits which can be used to obtain a dynamic bandpass system is almost limitless, but in any practical application it is desirable to secure the maximum of performance with a minimum of cost. It is therefore necessary to determine the minimum operating characteristics that will provide satisfactory performance, and use the minimum number of components to obtain these characteristics.

The first operating requirement is a sharp cutoff, particularly for the high-frequency gate circuit, since the most annoying scratch noise is concentrated in the highfrequency portion of the spectrum. Typical gate circuit curves which can be obtained with simple circuits and which have proved satisfactory in actual commercial applications are shown in Fig. 1. In normal suppressor operation, these are not static transmission characteristics, but vary rapidly from one extreme to the other in accordance with the requirements of the music or other signal. The vertical scale may typically represent 10-db intervals, while the horizontal scale may typically represent octaves.

The shape of these curves can be controlled considerably by proper choice of circuit constants and terminating impedances. If the shape of the curve in the neighborhood of the high-frequency cutoff is changed too abruptly, a disagreeable ringing may result, although with a dynamic system much more of this can be tolerated than with a static system.

Beyond cutoff, a maximum suppression of approximately 20 db below the normal flat response curve provides adequate noise reduction. Any further attenuation is definitely beyond the point of diminishing returns unless the system is capable of being adjusted to provide considerable high-frequency or low-frequency boost.

The function of the low-frequency gate circuit is to suppress hum, rumble, and other low-frequency noises and to maintain tonal balance, even under conditions of extreme noise suppression. A cutoff sharper than a simple RC or LR circuit affords is desirable. While exactly the same types of curves may be obtained at the low end as at the high end if economically justified, in practical applications the general shapes shown for the low-frequency gate are adequate. This is partly a result of the general nature of low-frequency noises -hum, rumble, etc-which tend to be harmonic in character rather than random.

High-Frequency Gate

A simple gate circuit that can be varied to provide the high-frequency cutoff and attenuation curves of Fig. 1 is given in Fig. 2A. Such a circuit may be considered roughly as a combination of a series m-derived and a shunt m-derived filter. The points of high attenuation caused by resonance in the series and shunt arms do not coin-
cide except momentarily and in a random fashion while the cutoff frequency is varied by the signal. Normally, when the greatest suppression is taking place the points of high attenuation are separated by an octave or more.

Varying C_2 in Fig. 2A changes not only the cutoff frequency, but also the point of high attenuation determined by series resonance between L_2 and C_2 in the shunt arm. This provides a sharp cutoff with a high degree of attenuation just above the cutoff frequency.

In a practical gate circuit, C_2 is a reactance tube. The series-arm parallel resonance between L_1 and C_1 provides a fixed point of high attenuation which maintains attenuation at higher frequencies and provides high attenuation above the normal operating range or, when used on a-m, serves as a whistle filter.

Addition of C_3 maintains attenuation at still higher frequencies above the upper (fixed) null point when necessary. In more elaborate gate circuits, C_3 may be replaced by another reactance tube to provide still greater control range.

Impedance-Matching Problems

According to classical filter theory, filters should be terminated in certain definite impedances in order to provide satisfactory operating characteristics and freedom from undesired resonances. Where one of the important filter elements such as C_2 is variable, this poses a serious problem.

Impedance Z_1 across the input is most critical when C_2 is at a maximum and the cutoff point is, accordingly, at a minimum. Under these conditions Z_1 may be selected to control the shape of the cutoff curve so that a wide range of possible contours can be obtained, ranging from a gradual roll-off to a resonant type of cutoff having a definite peak. The effect of varying Z_2 will then be relatively unimportant so long as Z_2 is maintained reasonably high.

On the other hand, when C_2 is reduced in capacitance and the cutoff frequency consequently increased, the circuit impedance increases, and the shunting effect of Z_2 becomes important. Under these conditions, the shape of the cutoff curve is controlled mainly by Z_2 and only secondarily by Z_1 . By proper selection of operating impedances, therefore, the curves for minimum and maximum high-frequency response can be adjusted more or less independently, with a gradual transition at intermediate bandwidths.

For wider-range suppressor action, a second reactance tube may be added in place of C_3 . For greater suppression, as in systems with unusual amounts of high-frequency noise or high-frequency boost, other sections may be added to the gate circuits.

A typical low-frequency gate circuit is shown in Fig. 2B. The variable inductance is obtained at low cost by means of a reactance tube. Such a circuit will provide low-frequency cutoffs approximating those shown in Fig. 1. Again, through proper selection of terminating impedances Z_3 and Z_4 , it is possible to control the cutoff shapes to a high degree over a wide range of cutoff frequencies. If desired, the circuit can be expanded to m-derived and more complex forms.

Home Phonograph Model

The circuit of Fig. 3 shows a complete dynamic noise suppressor unit such as might be used on a phonograph, including an amplifier stage for coupling the crystal pickup to the gate circuit and for providing the necessary driving signal voltage for the control circuit.

Amplifier stage V_1 is not required when the suppressor is designed as an integral part of a complete amplifier system. The gate circuit then becomes merely an interstage coupling circuit. Suitable voltage for feeding the control filter can be obtained from some other amplifier stage, either preceding or following the gate circuit. The relative amplitudes of the voltages applied to the control circuit and to the gate circuit depend upon the types of tubes



FIG. 3---Circuit of two-tube dynamic noise suppressor as incorporated in a home phonograph, with additional amplifier stage for coupling crystal pickup to suppressor circuit



FIG. 4—Circuit of Scott model 910-A dynamic noise suppressor as designed for broadcast station use. Balanced 600-ohm input and output circuits are optional in place of the unbalanced terminations shown

used in the gate circuits and their control characteristics.

Diodes D_1 and D_2 are sections of V_1 . In a radio receiver or amplifier design, these diodes can be in any other amplifying tube or in tubes V_2 and V_3 . Under this latter condition, the degree of suppression can be controlled by varying the screen voltages rather than the cathode resistors of V_2 and V_3 .

Switch S_1 allows the suppressor to be opened, providing maximum range when no suppression is desired. When S_1 is closed, R_3 controls the amount of suppression by adjusting the degree to which the gate circuits close. For bad records, switch S_2 allows restriction of the maximum frequency range.

Switch S_3 , included mainly for

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demonstration purposes, closes the high-frequency gate and leaves the low-frequency gate open, thus giving the effect of a low-pass filter providing the same scratch reduction as the dynamic noise suppressor but no rumble suppression. Comparison of tone quality for the normal (A) and filter (B) positions shows the superiority of the dynamic noise suppressor over a fixed filter of equivalent scratch reduction. For best results, both maximum and minimum bandwidths should be adjustable.

Control of Gate Circuits

Speed of control is particularly important on the high-frequency gate, which must open rapidly enough to provide satisfactory reproduction of high-frequency transients such as cymbals and triangles.

Ordinarily it would be considered impossible to provide such fast operation through grid-bias control in an unbalanced circuit, but certain features of the circuit shown in Fig. 3 make this possible. Any control voltage applied to the grid of reactance tube V_2 will produce a change in the plate current of that tube, causing a low-frequency transient voltage to appear in the plate circuit. Capacitor C4, however, may be sufficiently small to prevent transfer of that voltage to the output terminals, and the low value of shunting impedance Z_1 further improves this action.

In other words, C_4 , in conjunction

with the low impedance Z_1 to which it is connected through the low inductance L_1 , provides in effect a high-pass filter. Components of the control voltage, which because of previous filtering will be entirely low frequencies, will not actually appear in any appreciable amplitude across the output terminals of the gate circuit. This allows extreme rapidty of control of the high-pass filter used in the highfrequency gate, without introducing thumps or other objectionable transients into the reproduction and without the necessity of resorting to a push-pull stage.

The control circuits shown in Fig. 3 are simple but allow considerable discrimination between the desired signal and noise. Capacitor $C_{\rm s}$ in the control filter restricts the high-frequency response of the two grid bias control circuits to prevent opening on loud high-frequency noise, while C_{τ} and $C_{\rm s}$ restrict the low-frequency response of this control circuit.

The high-frequency sensitivity of the low-frequency control circuit is further restricted by C_{ν} , and C_{10} prevents this control circuit from opening the low-frequency gate on loud low-frequency rumbles.

The over-all curve for the highfrequency control circuit approximates the response of the human ear. The control therefore resides in the desired signal rather than in the noise. This is possible because musical tones contain a fundamental and a series of harmonics. Opening the extreme high-frequency range of the gate to transmit high harmonics is controlled mainly by the corresponding fundamental tones. Opening the extreme low-frequency range to transmit low fundamentals is controlled mainly by the corresponding harmonics. This provides a high degree of discrimination against usual record noise, which tends to be greatest at extreme high and low frequencies. Of course, more elaborate filters may be used to restrict the operating ranges of the control circuits under extreme operating conditions.

For a typical home-type phonograph pickup having a replaceable needle or a bent stylus, a suppressor like that in Fig. 3 is designed

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to have a maximum range of 6,000 cycles. Components R_1 and C_1 in the pickup coupling circuit, as well as C_2 , may be adjusted to provide the best over-all response characteristics.

Adjustments

Experience has shown that equalization which plays the low-frequency end of Columbia test record 10,004 reasonably flat provides a good average bass response for American recordings.

The overall response of the system at the high-frequency end of this record should theoretically roll down to approximate the NAB characteristic, since pre-emphasis of this general magnitude is used on most present U. S. recordings. Such a roll-off would droop above 1,000 cycles, being down approximately 10 db at 5,000 cycles. Unless a high-grade loudspeaker is used with the system, however, it may be found that this roll-off is too much and that a flatter highfrequency response is desirable to obtain sufficient brilliance. For best suppressor operation, however, the overall response of the system should be as smooth as possible and free from sharp peaks.

Resistor R_z is normally adjusted so that the gate circuits are open during the louder passages of the music and closed during the quiet passages in order to suppress noise. Some experimentation with the setting of this control will be necessary on any new system.

Trimmer C_s should be adjusted for a minimum of response at 9 kc or, if the unit is to be used also for a-m reception, at 10 kc. With switch S_s thrown to position B and R_s set at 0, trimmer C_b should be adjusted for a minimum response at 4 kc. An a-f oscillator and an oscilloscope or vacuum-tube voltmeter are desirable for these adjustments. For maximum effectiveness the noise suppressor should be engineered as part of a complete reproducing system.

Broadcast Station Model

Since the dynamic noise suppressor does not introduce any volume expansion, it is ideally suited for broadcast station use. The complete circuit of the type 910-A unit made particularly for this purpose is given in Fig. 4. Additional highfrequency reactance tubes extend the range up to 8 kc, which accommodates most present-day shellac records, and improve high-frequency noise suppression. The highfrequency cutoff in the expanded position is not as sharp as in the simpler model of Fig. 3, allowing appreciable transmission at 10 to 12 kc. However, in this widerrange unit provision is made for restricting the frequency range when playing badly distorted records. A somewhat more elaborate control circuit is also used.

The suppressor shown in Fig. 4 is built push-pull in order to minimize such factors as hum and residual vacuum tube distortion, and to provide the very highest degree of performance for broadcast station use. The reasons for using the push-pull circuit in this instrument are exactly the same as for using push-pull circuits in other broadcast station equipment.

Extended-range transcription models, based upon the broadcast unit, have been developed providing substantially flat response to 14 kc and utilizing somewhat different suppression characteristics and time constants in order to provide the best performance on high-quality recordings and transcriptions. Such units are usable not only on music but on speech and practically any other type of program material.

Other Applications

It is probable that in practically any instance where the desired signal varies in its bandwidth characteristics, the dynamic band-pass principle can be used to maintain an optimum signal-to-noise ratio. The flexibility of the control arrangements possible with a system of this type permits a high degree of discrimination between the desired signal and the noise, particularly in those cases where the signal and the noise have different distinguishing characteristics.

In the field of recorded music, the combination of new recording techniques, improved pressing materials, and the dynamic noise suppressor provides a realism of reproduction which is almost indistinguishable from a live program.

Design of an Ultrasonic Analyzer

Equipment for nondestructive inspection of metal strip and production testing of uniform parts comprises a noise generator, transmitter, piezoelectric transducers, and a recording receiver. Frequencies of 50, 440, 880, and 2,000 kilocycles are used; flaw location can be automatically marked



Tank in which materials are tested, with transmitting and receiving transducers fixed and the metal plate under test mounted in a frame positioned by worm screws at right angle to each other. The tank is filled with water during actual measurement

D^{EVICES} employing ultrasonic frequencies for the nondestructive testing and inspection of materials were postulated and experimental models described as early as 1935. A simple technique that lends itself to continuous inspection of metal strip or production testing of moderately uniform parts comprises an ultrasonic power source and a receiver equipped with some sort of indicator to show a predetermined level of received energy when the article to be in-

spected is interposed between transmitter and receiver. If a diminution of energy occurs, the article probably contains a flaw that has attenuated the ultrasonic energy.

There are several¹ relatively simple electronic devices in which essentially radio-frequency energy is generated, transformed to ultrasonic energy by means of a piezoelectric crystal transducer and passed through the material to be tested. An oil or water bath is usually necessary to provide close coupling between transmitting transducer, the material, and the receiving transducer. The ultrasonic energy is converted at the receiver to r-f energy, and the receiver operates a meter or gives a cathode-ray display; it can also be made to give an audible or visual signal, a graphical trace, or to mark the material itself at the point of flaw indication.

Basic Principles

The production use of the Brush Hypersonic Analyzer has already been described in these pages² so that the principles of flaw detection need only be briefly reviewed before considering the electronic circuits involved.

If a transmitter of sonic energy is directed towards a receiver of such energy in a water medium of large physical dimensions, the receiving transducer will generate a given voltage. If a sheet of steel of large extent is inserted perpendicularly in the sound field, it can be expected that the sound pressure will be attenuated and that the receiving transducer voltage will be lowered. This ratio of pressure attenuation from the transmitter to the receiver side of the steel sheet can be shown to approximate a 10-to-1 reduction for a 0.25-centimeter-thick sheet if an



ultrasonic energy beam of 500 kilocycles is used. If the same system is used with a sheet of steel that has an air slit of 0.001 centimeter, an attenuation of approximately 1,-000 to 1 is experienced. It is therefore reasonable to expect that thin laminations of air in steel sheets will give much larger attenuations than the 10-to-1 ratio predicted for the solid sheets of steel in water.

Various models of the Brush Hypersonic Analyzer are available. The following description applies to the Single-channel analyzer, transmitting and receiving transducers, and graphic recorder. Upper meter indicates flaws or discontinuities

type BE-306, which was designed primarily for laboratory or experimental stations. This instrument has a meter for indicating flaws and also contains a relay that can be set to operate for different degrees of flaw.

Noise Generator and Transmitter

The noise generator shown in Fig. 1 consists of a type 6SJ7 tube with its control grid grounded, five type 6SJ7 voltage amplifiers, and a 6J5 output stage. The shot noise in the first tube is used as the noise source. The resultant band of frequencies extending from 50 to 2,000 kilocycles is supplied to the transmitter on another chassis. Test terminals are provided to the input of the noise generator so that an external signal can be introduced for checking the gain and frequency characteristic of the equipment.

The input of the transmitter diagrammed in Fig. 2 consists of two 6SJ7 amplifiers. The 2,200-ohm



FIG. 1—Circuit diagram of the noise generator used to produce r-f energy at frequencies between 50 and 2,000 kilocycles. Shot noise in the first tube is amplified in succeeding stages and fed to the transmitter

plate load of the first amplifier passes the full noise band from 50 to 2,000 kilocycles, but a 5-point switch allows the substitution of tuned circuits, making the plate tank resonant to 50, 440, 880, or 2,000 kilocycles. An adjustable input control is provided on the chassis, but a front-panel operating control determines the output from the tuned-amplifier section.

The power amplifier is a type 6L6, driven by a 6AC7. A feedback loop from the resistive load across the 6L6 output to the cathode of the 6AC7 driver stabilizes the power amplifier output.

Voltage output at 50 kilocycles is approximately 100 volts, falling off to 20 volts at 2,000 kilocycles. Because the high frequency transducers that are used are more efficient than those employed at low frequencies, this decrease of voltage is not serious. Each transmitter is capable of handling three or more sets of transmitting transducers, depending upon the length of cable used to energize the transducers. The diode and associated circuits operate a meter to indicate transmitter output.

Receivers

The receiver in Fig. 3 comprises a 5-tube resistance-capacitance coupled wide-band amplifier to which the receiving transducer is connected. Type 6SH7 tubes are used throughout. The amplifier is stabilized by a feedback loop from the output of the last tube to the cathode of the one just preceding it. A db-decade gain control follows the first tube and there is a fine gain control in the grid circuit to the third tube.

A type 6J5 tube is used as a diode-type detector. A FLAW SENSI-TIVITY control on the chassis changes the diode cathode bias voltage to set the point at which flaw indication commences. The milliammeter in the output of the 6SJ7 tube following the diode gives an upward deflection to indicate flaws.

Following the meter tube is another 6SJ7 used to energize a relay for operating a lamp, bell or flawmarking device. Chassis controls are provided for determining the character of signal on which the relay will operate. With the ADJUST-OPERATE switch in the ADJUST position, output from the meter amplifier is directly coupled to the grid of the relay amplifier. All changes in the transmission of the material being tested or irregularity in the movement of the material between the transducer heads will affect the signal mechanisms. When the switch is in the OPERATE position, only comparatively fast changes in received signal level will operate the relay. Meter operation remains unaffected. This condition of operation reduces the chance of obtaining false flaw indications when small density gradients are existent in the material, but requires that the material being tested pass through the transducers at a fairly constant rate.



Rear view of type BE-306 three-channel analyzer. Upper three chassis are receivers, with transmitter and noise generator for driving three transducers below. Such equipment is used for inspection of wider strip than can be accommodated with a single pair of transducers

The SLOW-FAST switch provides for a wide range of scanning speeds. In the SLOW position, the minimum speed of material is $\frac{1}{2}$ inch a second and in the FAST position the minimum speed is 2 inches a second. Maximum speed depends upon the size of the flaw to be detected and the type of flaw indicating device that is used.

Receiver amplifiers are constructed with individual regulated plate and bias power supplies to obtain uniformity of performance and ease of replacement.

Transducers

The transducers used depend upon the frequency of operation, being broadly resonant at the applied frequency. Models designed for operation at 2,000 kilocycles can be used at 880 kilocycles with some loss of efficiency. A single transducer operates satisfactorily at 50 or 100 kilocycles. Special types having smaller dimensions or greater sensitivity at a particular frequency can usually be fabricated. The choice will depend upon definition, attenuation and natural resonance of the material, and frequency.

The transducer faces must be

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Single Brush type AX-191 transducer used for transmitting or receiving ultrasonic energy passed through material being inspected



FIG. 2-Transmitter: Desired frequency is selected by resonant circuits at left, amplified and sent to transducer connected to output



FIG. 3—Diagram of receiver used to convert ultrasonic energy at receiving transducer to radio-frequency signal, for ease of amplification then to meter or mechanical indication of flaw. Controls and adjustments are explained in text

kept clean and properly aligned. The scanning medium, whether water or oil, must be clean and free of gas bubbles. When water is used, it must stand for a short time so that the dissolved air can rise. The material to be analyzed must have a clean surface, because any oil or grease may drag air bubbles under the surface of the scanning medium and therefore give a false indication of flaws. In most cases, the use of a wetting agent would be recommended.

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Laminated structure produced by build-up process is cut to obtain single ceramic Samples of vitreous enamel capacitors, Finished capacitor chips of desired size. After chips are fired, leads are attached to form units can be dipped in organic lacquer or wax if completed capacitor units

sealing is required

Printed Vitreous Enamel

Capacitors having electrical characteristics comparable to those of high-quality mica units are produced by sprayed-enamel printed-silver process. This technique also yields multiple capacitors, printed circuits, and high-voltage connectors

HE CRITICAL SHORTAGE of mica during the war resulted in a need for materials and a process for making vitreous enamel capacitors with electrical characteristics comparable to those of mica capacitors. To meet this need, means were develeped for producing capacitors with unusually attractive physical and electrical characteristics.

The extremely low loss and high stability of these units permit their use in many cases where silvered mica capacitors are normally used. Their vitrified ceramic composition results in mechanically strong units with high insulation resistance and high permissible operating temperatures.

The process is based on the laying down by spraying, of layers of vitreous enamel alternating with layers of conductive silver paste deposited by silk screen or squeegee printing. The silver paste consists of about 60 percent conventional Du Pont V-9 silver flake in an organic vehicle. The dielectric enamel is of suitable consistency for spraying and in general consists of 15 to 25 mole percent of silica, 3 to 11 mole percent of alkali oxides, 5 to 11 mole percent of alkali fluorides, 15 to 25 mole percent of lead oxide, and 11 to 30 mole percent of other bivalent metal oxides.

The basic unit of the process is the build-up machine in which the desired structure is built up on 9inch by 12-inch steel conveyor plates that have been precoated by dipping in a dilute solution of ethyl cellulose in methanol. The coated steel plates are loaded onto a conveyor which travels a rectangular path. The conveyor carries the plates into a paint-spray booth where the enamel is applied from a spray gun directed downward to the horizontal surface of the plates. The thickness of the layer of enamel sprayed on the plate is regulated by controlling the rate at which enamel is fed to the spray gun. Periodically, sprayed plates are removed and enamel layer thickness is checked.

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FIG. 1—These variations with frequency of capacitance change and dissipation factor are typical for vitreous enamel capacitors. The units compare favorably with silvered mica capacitors

Components

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After receiving the sprayed enamel, the plates are carried by the conveyor through an infrared drving tunnel in which the enamel dries to a consistency best described as "cheesy". After drying, the plates are momentarily halted at a station where the desired pattern is squeegeed on them. This pattern may contain as many units as can be drawn within the area of the steel plate depending upon the size of the particular capacitors that are to be produced. After receiving the silver pattern, the plates continue along the fourth side of the conveyor which returns them to the spray booth.

This spray-dry-silver cycle is re-

laminations have been formed. On leaving the machine, the plates pass through a mechanism which cuts the built up structure into units of appropriate size and shape. Next, the plates are baked to remove some of the organic matter, to free the enamel-silver structure from the steel plate and to impart to each cut unit sufficient rigidity to allow the unit to be handled.

peated until the desired number of

Depending upon the relation between the silver patterns and the size of each cut unit, silver will be exposed at specified points on the edges of the unit. Any desired connections between different layers of exposed silver may be made by applying silver paste to the edges of the unit. The unit is then fired for about 12 hours to produce a monolithic structure typical of vitrified ceramic articles. The fired unit at this stage of the process is already a usable capacitor, but in general, leads are attached and a finish is applied to form a completed capacitor.

Mechanical Characteristics

This process can be used to produce a wide variety of capacitors with dimensions limited only by economic considerations. The present equipment is capable of making pieces with maximum dimensions of 6 inches by 8 inches. It is possible to cut the single units as small as 0.3 inch; the most economical thickness is of the order of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. Samples of these units can be supplied in capacitances from 15 to 5,000 $\mu\mu$ f. However, the relative economics favors units having capacitances of less than 1,000 $\mu\mu f$. The simplest form which these units can take incorporates a single capacitor. The particular capacitances and dimensions are governed by product design considerations.

The integral construction of silver and ceramic results in high mechanical strength approximately equal to that of steatite. Although the material is brittle, it is adequately shock resistant to withstand normal handling.

Since the most economical capacitor designs require a minimum of unused ceramic, silver is distributed throughout the entire volume and the resulting thermal conductivity is excellent. This feature makes the unit relatively immune to heat shock so that leads can be soldered directly to the end silver without cracking the unit. These leads can meet standard pull and bend tests.

Electrical Characteristics

The ceramic dielectric has a loss factor of the same order as mica and the properties of the silver are such that high electrical conductivity is obtained. Incorporation of this silver and the ceramic into a monolithic block adds the

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further characteristic of high stability.

Capacitors produced thus far are rated at 500 volts and have capacitance of approximately 0.01 μ f per cu. in. Typical sizes are 0.3 inch by 0.3 inch by 0.05 inch for 50 $\mu\mu$ f and 0.5 inch by 0.5 inch by 0.1 inch for 350 $\mu\mu$ f. The smallest sizes are restricted only by lead capacitance and handling limitations.

Since it is possible to adjust both electrode areas and dielectric thickness during production, capacitance of the units in every yield can be closely controlled. With appropriate sorting, it is economically feasible to produce capacitors to tolerances as close as 2 or 3 percent.

Figure 1 shows data obtained by the General Radio Company on the variation of capacitance with frequency. There is relatively little change at frequencies up through 20 mc. Figure 1 also shows the variation of dissipation factor with frequency. The fact that the dissipation factor is of the order of 2×10^{-3} at frequencies as high as 100 mc is of particular interest in the fields of f-m and television.

The capacitance drift as defined in specification JAN-C-5 is 0.02 percent. The drift of the vitreous enamel capacitors is within this limitation and therefore meets the rigorous requirements of the F characteristic, thus demonstrating the high stability of these units.

The temperature coefficient of these capacitors has a uniform positive value of about 105 parts per million per degree C. The capacitors are usable at temperatures up to 125 C with no change in temperature coefficient. Figure 2 shows the approximate usable temperature range of these capacitors.

These units have leakage resist-



FIG. 2—Capacitance change and dissipation factor as functions of frequency for a $500-\mu\mu f$ vitreous enamel capacitor

ance of the order of 10' to 10° megohms for capacitances up to a few thousand $\mu\mu f$. Proper finishing insures that this high resistance is maintained even in the presence of high humidity.

Printed Circuits

The production technique can be easily extended to include a number of capacitors or a combination of capacitors, resistors and inductors incorporated in one unit. Typical examples are shown in Fig. 3. Sample A contains two capacitors which have a common terminal at one edge and separate terminals at the other. This particular arrangement contains an electrostatic shield between the separate plates



FIG. 3—Multiple capacitor units and printed R-C circuits

which is connected to the common terminal. Sample B shows a similar application of two capacitors in one unit to be used as the tuning capacitors for i-f transformers. In this case a hole through the chip is provided to mount the i-f coils or to make the core accessible for tuning.

Since conductors may be printed either internally or externally, the arrangement of elements need not be limited to one plane. The assembly shown at C illustrates an application of this principle. This block contains all circuit elements and interconnections for a twostage amplifier.

Two capacitors and four resistors are incorporated in the diode filter unit at D. This experimental assembly is being used to investigate the practicability of supplying eyelet terminals in the ceramic.



FIG. 4—Silver-paste laminations are arranged in this pattern to form fourcapacitor unit with internal circuit as shown

Samples E and F are, respectively, a cable connector unit, containing, four capacitors—one from each of the outer four terminals to the common center terminal—and a high-voltage unit, about 1/10 inch thick containing floating electrodes spaced 1/100 inch apart, capable of operation at 20 kilovolts.

Although there is no limit to the number of capacitors which can be built into a single unit, practical considerations usually make it undesirable to incorporate more than four capacitors. The construction of such a unit is shown in Fig. 4. Capacitors between electrodes 5 and 6, 2 and 6, 1 and 2, and 3 and 4 are formed with multiple dielectric thicknesses although only single layers are illustrated here. Connections to these units are made with the tabs shown. Proper design reduces unwanted capacitances below the limits allowed from circuit considerations.

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WHEC transmitter building with directional array towers at the rear

PHASE MONITOR for Broadcast Arrays

The phase angle between any two directional antenna towers can be checked in thirty seconds to within a degree of the design value for the array, by a device that is mechanically simple to construct, easy to check or use. It requires no power supply and contains no components whose drift or age affects the calibration

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Directional broadcast antennas are becoming more and more complicated and require an accurate means of measuring the phase and magnitude of the individual tower currents, if the radiated pattern is to be maintained. The phase monitor described here is fundamentally simple and stable and will indicate phase relations between r-f currents in any desired number of towers, within one half of one degree. Readings may be made of either the large or small angle between two currents, and no ambiguity can exist as to the quadrant involved.

The phase monitor is the result of a few experiments with an r-f bridge and some flexible plastic dielectric coaxial line. At approximately 90 degrees from the top of each of our towers, we had installed a large rectangular one-turn shielded loop. Energy picked up by the loop was fed to the transmitter house by three §-inch coaxial lines. Considerable care was taken to make these lines of equal length, in order that each sample of current

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Original model of the phase monitor. Large meter is the null indicator; line selector switches and potentiometers are just below. Eleven switches at the top introduce a total delay of 360.5 degrees

should experience the same delay in traveling from the towers to the phase monitor.

The principle of operation of the monitor is illustrated in Fig. 1. Two tower sampling currents, between which the phase angle is to be determined, are selected by switches S_A and S_B . A phase delay is introduced in the current chosen by switch S_{B} , by cutting in and out predetermined lengths of coaxial line, using switches S_1 through S_{11} . Thus, the current from S_B is delayed sufficiently to bring it into phase with that from S_A . The currents leaving the phase delay lines flow through r-f milliammeters and terminating resistors R_A and R_B , to ground. A portion of the voltage drops across R_A and R_B is fed through potentiometers R_z and capacitors C_1 to a germanium rectifier, X.

When the two r-f voltages leaving potentiometers R_2 are equal in magnitude and exactly in phase, no voltage appears across X, and no current flows through it. When these conditions do not exist, the rectifier current is indicated by the d-c flowing through the two r-f chokes and the galvanometer G, a 0-1 d-c milliammeter. The two r-f milliammeters are in the circuit simply to indicate relative tower currents and have no function in measuring phase relations.

In operation, the switches S_4 and

 S_n are set to the desired position, and potentiometers R_2 are advanced simultaneously, until meter G gives a substantial indication. Delay is then added to channel B, by switches S_1 through S_n and both potentiometers R_2 are progressively advanced, until a zero reading is obtained on meter G. The switches S_1 to S_n that have been brought into the circuit are then totaled to indicate the amount of phase delay that has been introduced. Maximum accuracy is obtained when one or the other of potentiometers R_2 are advanced to the maximum position. In this manner readings may be duplicated to within 0.5 degree or better.

Complementary Readings

Sufficient delay line is available to carry a current through a complete 360-degree circle. Thus, each phase measurement can be checked by first measuring the smaller angle between two currents by delaying the leading current and next by delaying the lagging current to determine the larger angle which should complete the 360 degrees. As shown in Fig. 2, it is possible to delay the No. 1 current 120 degrees to meet the No. 2 current, or to delay the No. 2 current by 240 degrees to coincide with the No. 1 current. Each pair of measurements made in this way adds to 360 degrees to make the procedure self-checking. Three or more currents can also be checked to total to 360 degrees, a procedure that inspires a good deal of confidence in the readings taken. provided the total comes out right.

Checking Monitor Calibration

It is possible to check the phase delay network itself for any slight variations, simply by putting both switches S_A and S_B on the same source and obtaining a balance with



FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of the phase monitor with coaxial-cable phasing sections and switching arrangement at right

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zero degrees and 360 degrees of delay line. This method has been used repeatedly in an effort to detect any tendency of the coaxial sections to change characteristics. So far, no drifting has been observed, within the 0.5-degree accuracy of the monitor.

With a little practice a single phase reading may be made in about thirty seconds. The instrument is always ready for use, as it requires no warming up period or calibrating adjustments. Modulation does not affect the measurements, since the signal is completely canceled for exact balance.

The indicating meter used is a large scale 0-1 milliammeter. A 0.5degree error at balance is indicated by a needle deflection of about $\frac{1}{100}$ inch on the large scale. More sensitivity can be obtained by substituting a microammeter, or by using an audio amplifier and speaker in place of the meter. A 0.25-degree coaxial section and switch may also be added, for finer readings.

Building a Delay Line

For the coaxial delay line a flexible low-loss plastic dielectric line was used, of about 4 inch outside diameter having an outer coating of rubber. A 175-foot unterminated piece was connected to an r-f bridge and was trimmed to exactly 90 degrees by observing when the bridge indicated a short circuit on our frequency of 1460 kc. The 90-degree section was found to be exactly 106 feet indicating a velocity of 63 percent of that in free space. The characteristic impedance of the line was next determined by locating a nonreactive resistor that gave the same bridge indication when measured either alone or through the 90-de-



FIG. 2—Vector diagram showing how to measure angle from either tower

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The phase monitor used at WHEC has the following characteristics

ADVANTAGES

- 1. Monitor maintains calibration without repeated adjustments
- 2. There is no warming-up period or drifting

3. Readings do not depend upon accuracy of a meter scale or calibrated dial

- 4. No resonant circuits that might change characteristics with time
 - 5. Requires no power supply, with resultant voltage variations
 - 6. Phase readings can be duplicated within 0.5 degree
 - 7. Absolute accuracy is of the order of one degree; relative phase changes
- of 0.5 degree can be detected 8. Any angle can be measured in both directions around the circle; three or more angles can be checked in every possible combination
- 9. Accuracy of reading is constant regardless of magnitude of angles measured
 - 10. No confusion exists as to correct quadrant
 - 11. Construction is simple and inexpensive

DISADVANTAGES

- 1. Phase delay network must be built for a single frequency
- 2. R-f bridge must be available during construction
- 3. No direct reading dial
- 4. Minimum input (terminated) of 2 volts for accurate results
- 5. Space must be provided for several hundred feet of coaxial line

gree section of line. The value of this resistor turned out to be 62.5 ohms.

The input impedance at the monitor terminals was next measured and adjusted. It is important that each termination be equal and nonreactive, and constant for all delay combinations; otherwise slight phase shifts will be introduced at this point, with resulting error in measurements. With the bridge connected directly to the r-f milliammeter input post, R_A and R_B were adjusted to give a termination of exactly 62.5 ohms. The remaining inductive reactance due to wiring was cancelled by adjusting C_2 , 75micromicrofarad variable capacitors. The wiring from input ter-



FIG 3—Vector diagram showing actual phase relations of WHEC three-tower array

minals to S_A and S_B was made as short and symmetrical as possible, in order to minimize reactances at the line terminations.

Inductive reactances due to wiring between switches S_1 to S_{11} were canceled by adding shunt capacitances at various points along the switch row. After some trial and error, the combination of capacitors shown held the input impedance to channel *B* at 62.5 + j 0 ohms for all settings of the phase delay network.

Adjusting for Zero

The length of the coaxial line between S_A and its associated r-f milliammeter was adjusted to give a delay exactly equal to that between S_n and its r-f meter, when all phase delay switches S_1 through S_n were turned off. This was done by feeding both S_A and S_B from the same source and trimming the channel Acoaxial line to obtain a zero galvanometer indication, with no delay introduced in channel B.

A specimen phase reading on WHEC's tower currents gives the data presented in Fig. 3 and corresponds exactly to values assigned in the original design for the required directional characteristics of the array.



Experimental carrier system undergoing laboratory tests

F-M Short Range

A simple communication system for open-wire lines twenty to thirty miles in length operates in the 100 to 400-kilocycle range. Wide-band frequency modulation and limiting are used to minimize audio gain variations due to climatic changes

THE USE of carrier systems has become widespread in the telephone industry in the last few decades, and a number of systems are available on the market. In general, these systems are designed to permit the bridging of long distances.

In view of the cost of long-distance lines, it has been desirable to accommodate the largest practicable number of speech channels, which results in a close spacing of the frequency bands used for the different carrier channels. This puts very stringent requirements on the design and manufacture of the filters employed to separate the different speech channels. In addition, it is generally required that a number of such carrier sections can be used in tandem to form parts of transcontinental and other longdistance telephone channels. This requires extremely low distortion.

There are many cases where additional circuits are needed for relatively short toll lines of 25 or 30 miles; where only two or three additional circuits are required, and where the need for using many such systems in tandem does not exist. Such problems are encountered in large numbers by the independent telephone industry, the telephone companies not forming part of the Bell System. These companies operate an appreciable number of toll lines, most of which are restricted to the ranges mentioned.

For use in such applications, the carrier equipment developed for long-haul applications is prohibitive in cost in the majority of cases. It seemed that a much simpler carrier system could be developed if short-range requirements were given full consideration from the start and that the cost of such a system might be low enough to make carrier systems attractive for short-haul applications.

The system to be described will operate over 20 to 30 miles of open-wire line. It permits application of three carrier channels, and the channels are selfcontained so that they can be added or removed without affecting the remaining channels.

Basic Operation

One of the major items in the cost of conventional carrier systems is represented by the filters necessary to separate the different speech channels. As the needs for shorthaul carrier systems are as a rule restricted to only a few circuits, it was decided to use large frequency separation (50 kc) between channels; this greatly simplifies the filter design and manufacture. This

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35 CHESTER -2349' 13.9 MILES - - - 90' -0.104 COPPER 10"SPACING # 22 CABLE #22 CABLE 30 -18.4 MILES ---- 70'--2 394' NORTH INDIAN LAKE CIRCUIT 1 #22 CABLE 0.104 COPPER 10"SPACING #22 CABLE CREEK -70'-2,394 -18.4 MILES 25 NORTH INDIAN LAKE CIRCUIT 4 # 22 CABLEO 104 COPPER 10"SPACING # 22 CABLE CREEK 8 20 Z ATTENUATION 10 100 200 300 500 1,000 FREQUENCY IN KILOCYCLES

FIG. 1-System frequency change



Carrier System

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process is further helped by putting all carrier channels in the 100 to 400-kc range where the required pass bands have been reduced to reasonable fractions of the carrier. As a result, the filters closely resemble standard double-tuned i-f transformers used in broadcast receivers. In addition, the use of these higher frequencies reduces the equipment for separating the normal (300-3,000 cps) speech channel from the carrier to the most elementary and uncritical components.

Another problem encountered is that of paralleling the filter output circuits for the different channels at the transmitting end and the filter inputs at the receiving end. In conventional carriers, it is necessary to design the filter systems so that the overall impedances of these paralleled structures will meet close tolerances. In this system, a bruteforce method was used. Relatively high resistances were inserted between some of the filters and the line. Thus the bridging impedances of these filter branches have been made sufficiently high so that interaction of different carrier channels may be neglected. This involves some transmission loss in the system, but power on the transmitting end and gain on the receiving end can be obtained easily and at low cost. In addition, it is possible to put in additional carrier channels without having to modify any other channels.

Another problem in the design of carrier systems is that of keeping the transmission in the circuit reasonably constant, independent of any climatic and other changes to which the line might be subjected by conditions. This problem is solved by the use of wide-band frequency modulation which, with proper limiting, will provide an audio-output signal which is independent of the incoming r-f voltages within wide limits. Frequency modulation also helps suppress crosstalk from undersired signals, whether it originates in a neighboring carrier system operating on the same channels or from adjacent carrier channels.

Wide-band frequency modulation is obtained by the use of a positivebias multivibrator. Such a device was described in an earlier paper,¹ and it was shown that the relation between frequency and positivebias voltage is a linear one in first approximation. As was described in patent literature,^{*} it is possible to apply a modulation voltage in series with the positive-bias supply of such a multivibrator, and



Authors Daskam and Bartelink use short range carrier equipment

such an arrangement will permit frequency modulation corresponding to a large fraction of the carrier frequency.

This is the method used in the new carrier system. Its usability for practical communications purposes depends to a large extent on the ability of obtaining stable average frequencies in the multivibrators because excessive deviations would cause them to drift beyond the filter acceptance bands. Refinements in technique and proper choice of components have made it possible to obtain a high degree of frequency stability in multivibrators. Figure 1 shows that if constructed with proper care, such a circuit can be stable enough to meet the requirements.

Attenuation

The attenuations which occur in a uniform open-wire line can be calculated with reasonable accuracy. However, in most cases the actual lines will have entrance cables at both ends and sometimes at intermediate points. If these are of any appreciable length, mismatch and reflection losses can occur. In the process of determining the attenuations for which the system should be designed, consideration has been given not only to the losses of uniform lines, but also to attenuations existing in some actual operating circuits.

Figure 2 gives a plot of attenuations as a function of frequency for three circuits, each having an appreciable amount of entrance cable. These measurements were made in mid-winter when a considerable amount of snow and ice were deposited on both insulators and cross arms along the line and thus represent rather adverse climatic conditions.

Several irregularities occur in these curves, corresponding to reflections and standing waves. However, for all frequencies under 300 kc, the attenuations do not exceed 20 db, and do not exceed 30 db for any frequencies up to 350 kc. It is possible to eliminate the irregularities and reduce the losses by proper modification of the line, but the carrier system as a whole is most valuable if it does not require any changes in existing lines.

Crosstalk and Noise

In most cases 2-wire operation, using adjacent channels for the east-west and west-east transmission, is desirable. The interfering signals will then reach the receiver without any attenuation, while the desired signal may be down by a maximum of 30 db with respect to it. An interference level of at least 35 db below the desired signal at this extreme condition has been assumed to be satisfactory for service and the filter systems have been designed towards this value.

A high transmission level will simplify the receiver sensitivity problem and reduce the influence of outside interference. Excessive levels may give rise to interference in neighboring radio circuits. On this basis, a maximum transmission level of 50 milliwatts in 600 ohms was assumed. To develop the same output voltage in entrance cable which may have an impedance as low as 100 ohms at these frequencies up to six times the power or 300 milliwatts may be required. This level can be obtained for normal circuits without undue requirements on the power output stage.

Bandwidth and Selectivity

The frequency excursion chosen for this system is approximately 6 kc each side of center. As the speech band normally transmitted is 300 to 3,000 cycles, this gives a frequency modulation index of 2.0 on the highest frequencies. On this basis, an interference suppression of approximately 10 db can be expected.

To have a safety factor in the crosstalk, the interference suppression obtainable by the use of frequency modulation has been completely discounted in the determination of the selectivity needed in the receiver. The adjacent channel at-



FIG. 3—Selectivity of two stages in the receiver is indicated by solid curve. Output voltage taken from a 500-ohm resistor in each plate circuit

tenuation requirement was accordingly set at 65 db at frequencies 40 kc removed from the center of the carrier channel.

A selectivity curve for the first two stages of the receiver is given in Fig. 3. It shows that a rejection of 50 db at 40 kc off, is already obtained in the first two of the three filter stages. The third stage, which is connected as a discriminator stage, will raise this selectivity to the desired value, as can be seen in Fig. 4. Because of the discriminator connection, this curve does not have a flat top; the significant item is the steepness of the sides of the curves, which shows an attenuation of 65 db at frequencies 40 kc from the center carrier frequency.

Parallel Filters

The method chosen to connect the receiver filters in parallel is a brute-force one. Between the line and filter systems, some fairly high resistances $(2 \times 3,300$ ohms or more) have been connected. As a result, the bridging impedance of these filters is high enough so that they can be connected in parallel without causing undue interaction.

Since entrance cable as well as open-wire line must be fed by the transmitter, it must be capable of developing normal output voltage across a 100-ohm entrance cable as well as a 600-ohm open-wire line. This means more than 50 milliwatts will be put into an entrance cable, but the cable will attenuate it



FIG. 4-Selectivity of three stages of the receiver plotted for values of A, the d-c voltage from the discriminator divided by receiver a-c input



to such an extent that by the time the transmitter output reaches the open-wire line no trouble from excess radiation is expected. To develop this voltage in such a low impedance, the tuning elements in the secondary of the output transformer are series rather than parallel connected to the line. Since the series connection is used, the off-resonance impedance is higher than at resonance, thereby solving the problem of paralleling transmitters 50-kc apart. The transmitter output is adjusted to the desired level for the type of line encountered by a screen voltage control on the power output stage.

Transmitter Circuit

The circuit of the transmitter panel is shown in Fig. 5. The audio signal from the termination panel is fed into one triode section of a 6SN7 connected as a cathode follower. This tube modulates the carrier oscillator which is the positive-bias multivibrator comprised of both triode sections of another 6SN7.

The multivibrator frequency, linear with the positive-bias voltage impressed at point A, can be changed over wide ranges by changing this potential from zero to B+. Hence wide-band frequency modulation is obtained directly from the output of this multivibrator. The bias potential and thus the center frequency is controlled by a 50,000ohm potentiometer in a voltage-divider circuit between the plate-supply voltage and ground.

The output from one of the cathodes of the multivibrator is connected to the cathode of the other triode section of the first 6SN7 tube which acts as a cathode fed, grounded-grid buffer stage that

feeds the 6V6 output tube. This latter tube is tuned to the center frequency of the carrier channel in its plate circuit. The pass band of the tuned circuit is wide enough to pass the + and - 6-kc carrier swing without too much discrimination, yet is selective enough so that it reduces the harmonic output to a low level and hence provides a fairly sinusoidal output waveform.

If it is desired to reduce any single harmonic in order to suppress interference in other channels, this may be done by adjusting the pulse width of the multivibrator, so that the amplitude of that particular harmonic is zero, and operating the output 6V6 class A. The selectivity of this circuit also aids in tuning the multivibrator approximately to the desired channel. This tuning is done by adjusting the multivibrator frequency control for maximum r-f output voltage.

A tuned secondary on the transmitter-output transformer provides an inductively coupled r-f output. The secondary tuning capacitors also act as blocking capacitors. This type of connection is used to obtain sufficient output voltage since the line presents such low impedance (100-500 ohms) to the tank circuit. Two 100-ohm resistors are also connected in series with this circuit to help raise the off-resonance impedance for paralleling purposes.

A transmitter-control relay grounds the grid of the output tetrode when it is energized, thus taking the transmitter off the line. Since this relay follows dial pulses and ringing frequencies, it is fast acting.

Receiver Circuit

The circuit of the receiver panel is shown in Fig. 6. The r-f input to



FIG. 6—In the receiver circuit, output of the discriminator feeds both an audio channel and an electronic relay circuit for supervision

the receiver, which comes from the line via the distribution panel, is fed to a simple H-pad resistance attenuator. This attenuator has at least 6,600 ohms input impedance and provides 25-db attenuation in 5-db steps. It is used to set the input to the grid of the first amplifier tube in the receiver just above the point at which the limiting begins. The first stage feeds a 6SJ7 limiting r-f amplifier pentode.

A standard discriminator transformer provides the typical S-curve characteristic of the discriminator; the straight portion of the curve being used for the detection of the frequency-modulation signals. The audio output from the discriminator is fed to one triode section of a 6SN7, which provides the final audio output through an output transformer to the wiring-distribution panel.

When a signal is received, a negative voltage is developed across the grid-leak combination in the grid circuit of the 6SJ7 limiter tube. This voltage is directly applied to the grid of the other triode section of the 6SN7 tube which operates as a d-c amplifier. The sensitive relay K_2 in the plate circuit of this tube is normally held in by plate current flow when no signal is being received. When a signal is received and a negative voltage applied to the grid of the d-c amplifier, the current in its plate circuit decreases below that required to hold the relay and it releases. In this manner the relay provides supervision of the incoming carrier.

In the receiver circuit, the highimpedance attenuator between the line and the input is of the H type. The four series elements consist of 3,300-ohm resistors; the parallel branch is made variable in order to provide a symmetrical control of the incoming carrier level. In all cases, the impedance bridged across the line will exceed 6,600 ohms. This method of coupling and attenuator construction does involve appreciable minimum losses between the line and the first receiver filter circuit, but makes it possible to use extremely simple components. At the same time, it provides some of the necessary damping for the first filter circuit.

Audio-Frequency Characteristics

The requirements for the audiofrequency characteristics are: (1) to have as near a zero loss voice circuit as possible, (2) to have a flat frequency response within 3 db from 300 to 3,000 cps, and (3) to have the distortion at normal operating level low enough so that two or three channels can be cascaded without the overall distortion rising to an objectionable level.

The overall audio-frequency characteristics of the system are shown in Fig. 7 as plotted for an output level of 0.5 miliwatt in 600 ohms. The solid curve was plotted for normal gain on the channel in one direction and zero gain on the channel in the opposite direction. This gives the true audio response of a complete channel unaffected by any positive or negative feedback, which results if the impedances of the line and the line balance are not matched perfectly through the frequency range.

The dotted curve was plotted for normal gain on the channels in both directions, with as good a hybrid balance as could be obtained at short notice, and hence is representative of actual operating conditions. The irregular variations of gain with frequency for this curve are partially caused by the fact that the phase of the feedback due to imperfect balance varies with frequency.

With the return channel at either zero gain or normal gain, the midband gain is zero db. This may be slightly higher or slightly lower in practice, depending upon how perfect a balance of the hybrid may be obtained, because the obtainable gain is determined by the point at which the feedback due to unbalance becomes of the proper phase and amplitude to produce oscillations or serious amplitude distortion, rather than because of lack of gain in the transmitter or receiver audio circuits.

The frequency response between 300 and 3,000 cps is flat within -2 and +0.5 db with zero gain on the return channel and within -2 and +1 db with normal gain on the re-



FIG. 7—Audio response of complete channel at 0.5-mw output

turn channel when a 600-ohm resistive line termination is used.

In the normal transmission band of 300 to 3,000 cps, the total harmonic distortion for the receiver and transmitted alone at a 2-milliwatt output level is 2 percent or less. This is about as high a level as would ever be normally encountered. At 3,000 cps and higher, the distortion rises above this; but since any harmonics of even 3,000 cps would be above the response range of normal telephone equipment, this additional distortion is of little importance.

Signaling

The carrier is switched on and off to transmit supervision signals. Short interruptions in the carrier are used to transmit ringing signals in a manual system and dial pulses if it is desired to dial through the system.

To obtain proper hook-switch supervision, a high voice-frequency tone (3,500 cps or higher) can be superimposed on the transmission channel whenever the reverse battery supervision indicates that the distant subscriber has not yet lifted his receiver or terminated the call —his tone is removed as soon as the distant subscriber lifts his receiver. Thus this supervision does not take up any part of the total available modulation percentage of the system during the transmission of speech.

The carrier-relay is adjusted to operate approximately at the carrier level where effective limiter action starts. The normal adjustment of the receiver level is about 3 or 4 db above this point. The limiter action occurs at approximately 23 db below the reference level of 1 milliwatt in 600 ohms (0.775 volt) or 40 db below the maximum transmitter level of + 17 db, which corresponds to 50 milliwatts in 600 ohms (5.50 volts). These data refer to maximum gain setting of the receiver r-f control.

This method of using the carrier to control the supervision relay makes it possible to obtain extremely fast operation. The system in its present version permits operation of the supervision relays up to speeds of over 100 cps.

Apart from the requirement of

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proper transmission of speech in either direction, a carrier system must provide suitable termination and supervision facilities. The proper termination can easily be obtained by means of a differential transformer or hybrid which, by proper balancing between the line and an artificial line, prevents the incoming received speech signals from energizing the outgoing transmitter and thus prevents feedback and oscillations.

The supervision signals permit the operator at one end of the line to signal the distant operator when she wants to initiate or terminate a call or when she wants her to come in on an existing connection for further instruction (so called "recall"). They are also needed if 1-way or 2-way dial operation is desired. The problem of providing proper supervision is sometimes more tricky than that of obtaining the proper speech transmission. In the system described here, the presence or absence of the carrier and its interruptions are used for this supervision.

Ringdown Toll Supervision

About the most common method of supervision on the toll lines operated by the independent telephone companies is the ringdown supervision in which an a-c ringing current (generally 20 cps) is used for initiation of a call, for termination, and for recall.

The exact method of obtaining the desired performance differs but in general the method of operation is as follows:

A line relay is attached to both ends of the line when it is idle. Reception of ringing current will energize this relay and light a line lamp or other visual signal. A locking arrangement keeps the lamp lit until it is restored, which happens when the operator plugs a cord into the corresponding line jack. This extinguishes the lamp or releases the visual signal; it also disconnects the line relay from the line by means of additional contacts on the line jack.

The supervision is now taken over by a similar relay attached to the cord circuit. If this supervision relay receives ringing current, it will light a cord lamp or operate a



Rear view of the rack mounted panels of the short range carrier equipment

visual signal; another locking arrangement keeps the lamp lit or the signal operated until the operator has connected her receiver and microphone to this cord circuit and thus answered the call. This latter connection is made when the operator throws the talking key associated with each cord circuit; she can then receive and acknowledge instructions to terminate the call or take further action. Extra contacts on the talking key release the locking arrangements for the cord lamp or signal.

By changing some connections on a terminal board in the termination panel, this same carrier system can also be used to give service to individual subscribers from either a manual or a dial control office. Another arrangement of connections makes it possible to give service to a remote community. In this case the remote subscribers are interconnected by means of a wire line and the carrier system is used to give them a direct connection to the nearest control office. By substituting a different termination panel-leaving the rest of the carrier system unchanged-it is possible to give full 2-way dial service between dial exchanges.

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Audio Noise

Simple circuit employing germanium diodes as nonlinear elements reduces phonograph record-noise without substantially affecting desired signal. Single-channel unit up to 6,000 cycles and a three-channel 0-to-12 kilocycle version for broadcast stations are described

N^{OISE} is one of the most disagreeable forms of distortion that occurs in sound reproducing systems. Therefore, any means which reduces or mitigates noise is extremely useful and important.

There are many ways of increasing the signal-to-noise ratio thereby reducing the deleterious effects of noise. A few of the systems that have been used may be listed; (1)







FIG. 2—Amplitude characteristics of a simple nonlinear element

a system in which the high-frequency response is attenuated; (2) a system with suitable pre-compensation and post-compensation so that the high-frequency response is accentuated in recording or transmitting and attenuated in reproducing or receiving; (3) a system using two channels-one channel is used to carry the signal and the other channel to control the amplitude of the signal in reproduction: (4) a system in which the highfrequency cutoff of the reproducing system is automatically made a function of the general level of the signal.

The use of two channels, in which one is used as a volume control, has been applied in some special cases but, in general, is impractical because two channels are not available in conventional reproducing systems.

Systems in which the high-frequency response is accentuated in recording or transmitting and attenuated in reproducing or receiving are used in phonograph and sound motion-picture reproduction as well as frequency-modulation radio broadcasting. This procedure is quite effective, but in some systems it is also necessary to reduce the frequency transmission band in order to obtain a substantial reduction in noise.

A system in which the high-frequency range is limited introduces frequency discrimination against high-frequency sounds, regardless of whether the high-frequency cutoff is fixed or is automatically controlled by the signal. Of course, in the case of the automatic system frequency discrimination occurs only when the amplitude of the signal is small. Nevertheless, this discrimination may be serious for certain sounds.



FIG. 3—Response of noise reduction system to noise and sine wave input



IG. 4—Amplitude characteristics of a complex nonlinear element

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Reduction Circuits

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The noise reduction system to be discussed here employs a nonlinear element. The nonlinear element allows the useful signal to pass and discriminates against noise. This system lowers the ground noise level and thereby increases the signal-to-noise ratio without discrimination against the useful part of the signal.

Principle of System

A block diagram of the system is shown in Fig. 1. Band-pass filters which pass frequencies over a range of an octave are used at the input and output of the nonlinear element. The amplitude characteristic of the nonlinear element is illustrated in Fig. 2. As will be described later, this amplitude characteristic can be obtained with a properly biased diode vacuum tube or crystal rectifier. By using this method the system will exhibit high attenuation to signals of small amplitudes.

The response of the noise reduction system to noise and a sine wave is depicted in Fig. 3. If the amplitude of the noise is kept below the response range of the noise reduction system, the noise will not be The response of the reproduced. noise reducing system to a sine wave signal is also shown. The output of the nonlinear element contains the fundamental, harmonics, and subharmonics of the fundamental. However, since the pass band of the input and output bandpass filters is an octave, the harmonics and subharmonics will not be transmitted by the system. The



Panel and chassis views of experimental three-channel noise suppressor in use by American Broadcasting Co., described by John Colvin at NAB convention in Atlantic City, September 1947



Schematic wiring diagram of ABC three-channel noise suppressor. Any of the channels can be switched to suppression or straight-through operation and the two top bands can be switched off entirely



FIG. 5---(A) Amplitude ranges of total signal, noise, and useful signal in a conventional reproducing system; (B) amplitude ranges in a system with noise reduction

output wave, then, is a sine wave of the same frequency as the input sine wave. If two sine waves of different frequencies are impressed upon the system, the two frequencies must lie within the pass band octave in order to be admitted by the input band-pass filter. The output of the nonlinear element contains harmonics and subharmonics of the two fundamental frequencies, but these are rejected by the output band-pass filter. The output of the nonlinear element also contains the sum of the two frequencies and the difference of the two frequencies. Since the input is confined to an octave, the band-pass output filter will reject the sum and difference frequencies.

To summarize; if the input and output band-pass filters are confined to one octave or less, there will be no distortion produced by the system in the form of spurious harmonics, overtones, subtones and sum or difference tones. There will be some amplitude discrimination against signals of small amplitude. This discrimination may be reduced to a negligible quantity by employing the amplitude characteristic of Fig. 4. In this case, the transition from no response to a constant input-output relationship occurs very suddenly.

The gain in signal-to-noise by the use of a noise discriminating system employing a nonlinear element

is depicted in Fig. 5. The amplitude ranges of the signal, the noise and the useful part of the signal are shown in Fig. 5A. The portion of the signal amplitude which is equal or less than the amplitude of the noise may be considered to be lost and of no value. By means of the nonlinear element, it is possible to eliminate the reproduction of all amplitudes below a certain level. If this amplitude corresponds to the maximum amplitude of the noise, the noise will not be reproduced. This condition is depicted in Fig. 5B. It will be seen that the noise reducing system reduces or eliminates the noise but does not increase the dynamic range of the signal. In effect, the nonlinear system separates the signal and noise in amplitude.

Nonlinear Elements

One way of obtaining the amplitude characteristics of Figs. 2 and 4 is by the use of unilateral conducting devices. These may be vacuum tube, crystal, copper-oxide or selenium rectifiers. Use of the vacuum tube diode and the germanium crystal rectifier as the nonlinear element is described below.

The input versus output voltage characteristics of two opposed germanium crystal rectifiers with a resistance load is shown in Fig. 6. It will be seen that the ratio of the output to the input voltage decreases rapidly below an input of 0.1 volt. This is due to the contact potential in these rectifiers. Supplying a bias voltage of about 0.1 volt.

The input-to-output voltage characteristic of two opposed biased vacuum-tube diode rectifiers is shown in Fig. 7. Below the bias voltage, the impedance of the rectifier is practically infinite because the reverse current in a vacuumtube rectifier at audio frequencies is negligible.

The nonlinear elements of Figs. 6 and 7 approximate the amplitude characteristics of Fig. 3. The characteristics of Fig. 4 can be approximated using two sets of opposed biased diodes, one in series with the line and the other in shunt with the line. By a suitable choice of diodes, resistances and bias voltages, the characteristics shown



FIG. 6-Input-output voltage characteristics of two opposed germanium diodes



FIG. 7-Input-output voltage characteristics of two opposed biased tubes

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below in Fig. 8 can be obtained. Thermal noise energy per cycle is independent of the frequency. However, in a phonograph record, the noise per cycle increases with increase of frequency, as indicated in Fig. 9. A consideration of the noise spectrum of a conventional shellac phonograph record, together with typical living-room noise spectrum and the response-frequency characteristics of the ear, indicates that a relatively sharp cutoff is required at about 4,500 cycles in order to obtain tolerable reduction of the noise level in a conventional phonograph reproducing system. In view of the characteristics of phonograph reproduction, it was felt that the threshold type of noise reduction system would be particularly effective in reducing noise produced by records.

A block diagram of a phonograph reproducing system employing a simple audio antinoise system is shown in Fig. 10. The noise reduction takes place in the octave between 3,000 cycles and 6,000 cycles. This allows reproduction to 6,000 cycles with the low noise characteristics of a 3,000-cycle cutoff. The circuit diagram including the preamplifier, the filters and the nonlinear elements is shown in Fig. 11. The system consists of two crystal rectifiers, one vacuum tube, four inductors, eight capacitors, two potentiometers and five resistors. The response-frequency characteristics of the low-pass channel, the band-pass channel and the com-



FIG. 8—Characteristics of two sets of opposed biased diodes specially connected

bination are shown in Fig. 12. Referring to the block diagram of Fig. 10, it will be noted that the input and output potentiometers are complementary and ganged together so that the overall gain is not changed by varying the potentiometer setting. In this way, the

low response range of the nonlinear system can be adjusted to correspond to quiet, medium and noisy records by varying the ganged potentiometers. Noise reduction in the unit described is about 15 db for shellac home-type records.

The threshold noise reduction



FIG. 9-Noise per cycle response-frequency characteristics of a phonograph record



FIG. 10-Phonograph reproducer with simple audio noise reduction



FIG. 11--Circuit diagram of block system in Fig. 10, showing amplifier, 0-3 kc low pass filter, band-pass filters, and nonlinear system



FIG. 12—Voltage response frequency characteristic of low-pass, band-pass (broken lines) and combined channels for the circuit of Fig. 11



FIG. 13-Wide-range noise reduction system for 0-to-12 kc use



FIG. 14—Overall characteristics of three-channel system in Fig. 13. Band-pass channels are indicated by broken lines

system described possesses advantages as contrasted to any system in which the high-frequency cutoff is a function of the general level of the sound. In such systems rectifiers are employed to supply the control bias of the tubes in the filter system. The retreat time of these rectifiers is relatively large, which means that with high-level sounds of short duration the high frequency cutoff may not follow the sound. If the cutoff remains at a high frequency after the level of the sound has returned to a low level, the result is an audible swishing of the noise. With sounds having a low general level, the highfrequency cutoff will be relatively low regardless of the overtone structure, with a resulting loss of overtones. In the system here described the output of the nonlinear element in the transmitting region corresponds to the input because the operation of the nonlinear element is instantaneous as far as audio frequencies are concerned. Therefore, there will be no swishing on high amplitude sounds of short duration. Furthermore, it transmits any sound which lies above the noise level. Therefore, there is no discrimination against any frequency band in this domain regardless of the general level of the sound.

Multiple Channel System

The system described, with an upper cutoff frequency of 6,000 cycles, has a much wider frequency range than the conventional home phonograph reproducing system, and the noise level is also lower. Extending the range beyond this frequency requires increased power output and improved loudspeaker systems. However, for wider range transcription phonographs an even wider frequency range is desirable.

A system with an upper cutoff of 12,000 cycles and three channels of noise reduction is outlined in the block diagram of Fig. 13. This system uses the nonlinear elements of Fig. 8. Each nonlinear system is equipped with a separate bias control so that the noise can be reduced in each band without discrimination against the useful signal. The response-frequency characteristic of the separate channels and the overall response is shown in Fig. 14. Conventional band-pass filters are used to confine the response to octave bands. A two-stage input amplifier overcomes the loss in the filters and nonlinear elements. Noise reduction of up to 20 db can be obtained in each of the channels.

The audio noise reduction system described is particularly effective in phonograph reproduction because the noise per cycle increases with the frequency. However, it may be applied with good results in other sound reproducing systems, as for example, sound on film, magnetic wire or tape, and radio broadcasting.

Television Resolution Chart

Designed for the purpose of standardizing television resolution measurements, the chart illustrated overpage has been made available to the industry by the RMA Engineering Department. To provide maximum utility, various branches of the television engineering field were canvassed and suggestions obtained for its preparation

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Resolution is to be read only after equipment has been adjusted to have a minimum of distortion; by checking scanning, shading if system employs shading, low-frequency phase shift, and focus.

Procedure

After these adjustments, note the maximum gray scale reading (for perfect adjustments, reading should be same on all four scales), and then take maximum resolution (horizontal and vertical) readings on the large wedges in the central portion of picture; and on the small wedges in circles at corners. For example, read the horizontal resolution from the wedges located vertically on the chart, and read the vertical resolution from the wedges located horizontally on the chart. A measure of maximum resolution should be accompanied by a statement of the number of the distinguishable gray steps (for example,

400 lines—steps 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6). The maximum resolution reading will indicate system performance. The least of the maximum resolution readings (usually found in picture corner) will indicate the system degradation due to failure in achieving optimum results for one or more of above adjustments or due to inherent c-r tube distortion.

To Check Scanning

The scanning adjustment involves size, linearity, and aspect ratio.

Focus the chart on the camera tube so that its area (boundaries determined by arrow heads) exactly covers the usable area scanned by the camera.

Check vertical sweep linearity by comparing the spacing of the short horizontal bars at both top and bottom of picture with that of the bars midway between.

Check horizontal sweep linearity in a similar manner by comparing the spacing of the vertical bars in the square at each side of picture with that of the bars in the center square.

Check aspect ratio by measuring the large pattern formed by the gray scales to see if it is a square. If the horizontal and vertical scanning is linear and the above pattern is square, the aspect ratio is correct.

To Check Shading

If camera employs shading, check by visual inspection of the picture monitor to determine if the background is an even gray, or use the waveform monitor and note if the average picture signal axis is parallel to the black level line both at line and field frequencies. As an additional aid in correcting the shading, adjust same until the gray scale reading is the same (and a maximum) for all four scales.

Streaking following either one of the two horizontal black bars at the top or bottom of the large circle is an indication of low-frequency phase shift.

To Check Focus

Two checks are required: camera lens focus and cathode-ray beam focus (camera tube and receiving tube). Cathode-ray beam focus adjustments are made for a maximum resolution reading, first of the horizontal scanning and then of the vertical. Due to beam characteristics a maximum adjustment for one may not be the maximum adjustment for the other; in this event a compromise adjustment is used.

Miscellaneous Chart Information

All bars for checking sweep linearity are spaced for 200 lines resolution.

One of the wedges for checking horizontal resolution is calibrated in both lines and megacycles to facilitate equipment checking.

The gray scale is composed of ten steps varying in an approximate logarithmic manner from maximum white brightness to approximately 1/30 of this value. This scale may be used in connection with a waveform monitor to check the transfer characteristic of the system.

The four diagonal lines in the square may be used to check quality of interlacing. A jagged line indicates pairing of the interlaced lines. (Not effective when interlace failure is 100 percent).

The circumference of each of the four small circles is tangent to an imaginary circumference at the point nearest the corner of the chart. The radius of this imaginary circle is $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches (on the full-size chart), and is located along a line bisecting the corner angle of the chart. (This is to indicate the part of corner masked off by some television receivers.) The corner circles should be visible on a receiver whose picture corners are masked.

The resolution circles in the center of the pattern and in the center of the corner resolution wedges are for testing spot ellipticity on cathode-ray picture tubes (useful to tube manufacturers). The resolution of the circles in the corners (150) was made less than the resolution in the center (300) because of added deflection defocusing in these areas.

The four crosses (+), positioned one at the center of each side of the chart, are used for alignment of projection kinescopes and the optical system of projection receivers.

The gray background of the chart provides a satisfactory balance with the whites so that a studio system correctly set up by the

| No. of | Width per | Wid | th of |
|--------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Lines | Line | 9 lines | 19 lines |
| 200 | 0.090" | 0.810" | 1.71″ |
| 250 | 0.072" | | 1.37" |
| 300 | 0.060" | 0.540″ | 1.14" |
| 350 | 0.051″ | | 0.97'' |
| 400 | 0.045″ | 0.405" | 0.85" |
| 450 | 0.040" | | 0.76" |
| 500 | 0.036" | 0.324″ | 0.68" |
| 550 | 0.033" | | 0.62" |
| 600 | 0.0307 | 0,270" | 0.57" |

Table I—Line Calibration of Resolution Wedge, Based on 18-inch

Chart Height

Example: The 300-line point is located on the large wedge where its total width is 1.14 inch and on the small wedge where its width is 0.54 inch.

Table II—Frequency Calibration of Resolution Wedge, Based on 18-inch Chart Height

| | f. | $= A_{n} \frac{10^{6}}{10^{6}}$ | - | | | | • | | | | |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| | J^{n} | H _a X | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Where f_{n} = fundamental frequency for <i>n</i> number of lines | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A_{-} = aspect ratio = 4/3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | n | = number of | lines | | | | | | | | |
| | Ĥ. | = active time | of horizonta | l trace. | (Horizonta | I time less | blanking time | | | | |
| Blanking time is 0.16 H — the average between maximum and mini- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| mum allowable time) Horizontal time = 63.5 use and $H = 63.5$ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0.85 = 53 | 3 usec | 101120110 | at time $-$ or | | u 11a - 05.5 A | | | | |
| Substituting given values in the above formula: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Substituting grout takes in the upone formatic. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| $f_{n} = \frac{4}{2} - \frac{10^{6}}{10^{6}} n = 0.0125 n \text{ mc} \text{ or } n = f_{n} / 0.0125 \text{ lines}$ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jn | 353.3×2 | 2 10 0.0120 | 10 11101 | <i>jn</i> /0. | VIDO IIIIOS | | | | | |
| When | ſ. | = 3 mc | 4 0 | 5 0 | 6.0 | 7 0 | | | | | |
| | n | = 240 lines | 320 | 400 | 480 | 560 | | | | | |
| | | | 020 | | | 000 | | | | | |
| | f | No | of lines | Wid | th per line | Widtl | h of 19 lines | | | | |
| | 3 | | 240 | (| 0.0750" | | 1 42" | | | | |
| | 4 | | 320 | | 0.0562" | | 1 07" | | | | |
| | 5 | | 400 | | 0450″ | | 0.85" | | | | |
| | Ğ | | 480 | | 0375″ | | 0 71" | | | | |
| | 7 | | 560 | | 0.0325" | | 0 62" | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

Locate frequency calibration along wedge by same method employed to locate line calibration (see example in Table I).

An alternate method suggested for locating the line calibrations along the wedge uses the following formula:

$$L_n = L\left(\frac{300}{n} - 1/2\right)$$

Where L_n = distance from end of wedge indicating maximum lines resolution (in this case 600)

L =length of entire wedge (shortest distance between ends)

n = number of lines per picture height

use of this chart will operate satisfactorily on an average scene without additional adjustments.

The two sections of single-line widths, 50-300 (50-100-150-200-250-300) and 350-600 (350-400-450-500-550-600), provide an accurate means of checking "ringing" in equipment. (The multiple lines in the wedge are confusing in checks of this type.) Printed copies of the chart, in its original size of 18 by 24 inches, may be obtained from the RMA Headquarters, 1317 F. St., N.W., Wash. D. C. Photographic copies on film may be obtained from Loucks and Norling, 245 West 55th Street, New York, N. Y. on 16-mm or 35-mm motion picture film, and on 2-by-2 inch or 34-by-4 inch lantern slides.



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In effect, this cathode-ray coder tube looks up the binary number and transmits the corresponding pulse code stamped on its aperture plate (shown at the right) according to the amplitude of the voice sample

Coded Pulse Modulation Minimizes Noise

ROWING utilization of telephone toll facilities is necessitating studies into ways of improving and extending long-line equip-Present practice, using ment. amplitude-modulated, single-sideband, multichannel carrier over either open wire, multiconductor cable, coaxial cable, or radio links, is subject to noise interference and signal attenuation. Also, present techniques, although making efficient use of the frequency spectrum available with wire circuits, do not make the best use of microwaves which offer economical possibilities for future long-line service.

Therefore, the Bell Telephone Laboratories have undertaken the development of pulse code modulation (pcm). In this article the significance of the revolutionary techniques of the system are interpreted. Various modifications of the system have been developed, the most recent experimental link having been demonstrated by L. A. Meacham and E. Peterson of the Murray Hill, N. J. Laboratory before the New York IRE Section, the paper to be published in the BSTJ. One of the outstanding features of

this development is the electronic coding tube. It and other novel methods of handling pulses are described.

Freedom from Noise

The greatest advantage to be gained from pcm is low noise level. But before describing the operational details whereby noise is suppressed, it is desirable to summarize the obstacles that pcm is intended to overcome.

In long distance communication facilities, attenuation in the transmission medium is counteracted by repeaters. Spacing of the repeaters must be sufficiently close so that the signal amplitude will not fall below tolerable limits of noise level. To keep the signal sufficiently above the noise, the initial level must be quite high and the repeaters closely spaced. In any event, the noise acquired between repeaters is accumulated, so that a line which is suitable for transmission by itself may not have an adequately low noise level when used as part of a longer Coaxial cable is used for circuit. high-quality long lines because, being self-shielding, it has an inherently low noise level. Likewise, highly directive microwave beams are relatively free from atmospheric noise. Nevertheless, there is a finite noise threshold that limits the length to which either coaxial or microwave circuits can be extended with reasonable repeater spacing.

The purpose of pcm is to make possible regeneration of the signal at each repeater, thereby freeing the signal from noise picked up on each segment of line. Once an amplitude varying signal is contaminated with noise, it cannot be regenerated (although a variablebandwidth filter can be gated by the frequency components of the signal to minimize the noise accepted by the circuit). Most of the noise that interferes with a frequency (or phase) modulated carrier or a pulse train modulated in time (or position or rate) can be reduced by limiting (or slicing), but the signal can never be completely divested of noise picked up during transmission

On the other hand, in pcm the signal is transmitted (as from a teletypewriter) as a series of reguBy transmitting coded standard pulses that can be regenerated and thus completely cleared of interference, microwave relaying can be made practically noiseless. The sampling and quantizing methods whereby voice signals are translated into pulse codes are described

larly spaced, identical pulses whose presence or absence is the only intentional modification produced by the signal. The signal, in the form of these pulses, can later be completely freed from noise provided the pulses can just barely be identified from the noise with certainty. To regenerate the signal, the repeater transmits a locally generated standard pulse whenever it receives a noisy pulse, but remains inactive otherwise.

Because of this complete regeneration, a long circuit can be as free from noise as a short one, a particularly desirable condition in telephone practice where alternate routes may be necessary during periods of peak loads and where economic considerations require that all equipment be constantly used near its peak performance. Furthermore, the pulse can be identified at a signal-noise ratio 50 db below that required in amplitude-modulated circuits, thus permitting wider repeater spacing and lower transmitter powers, so that, although repeater and terminal equipments are more complex than with amplitudemodulated carrier systems, fewer repeaters are needed. An interfering signal 9 db down from the wanted signal is below the interference threshold. For flawless reception, the rms signal at the peak of the pulse has to be 18 db above the rms noise.

Sampling the Signal

In the experimental system, two groups of 12 voice channels are used; the system has a total possible capacity of eight 12-channel groups, each group providing facilities comparable to conventional carrier systems. To be able to use a regularly repeating series of standard pulses as the transmitted signal, it is first necessary to sample the original speech waves. After passing individual lowpass

filters and peak limiters, the 12 channels of each group terminate in an electronic commutator, symbolized in Fig. 1 as a rotating collector. Rectangular pulses applied to grids of the tubes in the commutator gate the ring so that each channel is sampled in sequence for about 10.5 microseconds each 125 microseconds, (8,000 revolutions of the ring per second). Thus, not only is each signal sampled, but all 12 channels are assembled in time sequence producing a time division multiplex of the group.

Sampling is a technique common to all forms of pulse modulation. The essential information of the speech wave is its constantly varying amplitude. This amplitude is instantaneously sampled at regular intervals by the commutation. If the sampling rate for a channel is somewhat higher than twice the highest frequency component to be transmitted, the modulated pulse train contains all the information that is in the original wave (just as the harmonic content of a complex wave can be found by a systematic analysis of the amplitudes at a finite number of points). A Fourier analysis of the series of samples of various amplitudes into which the wave is broken indicates that all the original frequencies are still present (at reduced amplitudes), and in addition there are frequencies symmetrically disposed about the harmonics of the sampling frequency. (The intermittent pulse samples occupy less time than the original continuous wave, but consume a greater bandwidth.) With the sampling frequency twice the highest frequency in the voice wave (or slightly more to allow a margin for imperfect filter cutoff), the frequencies disposed about the sampling frequency do not overlap the fundamental signal frequencies, so that a lowpass filter will remove the additional fre-

quencies and the sampling component, leaving only the original undistorted speech wave. Thus, the sampling, although enabling the signal to be transmitted for recurring but very short intervals, does not introduce any inherent distortion. In the interval between transmission of pulses for one channel, pulses for the other channels are transmitted forming the time-division multiplex.

Coding the Signal

The sampled amplitude of the original wave (Fig. 2A) is shown in Fig. 2B. The amplitude of this sample is the information to be transmitted. This amplitude is translated into a binary number represented by the presence or absence (mark or space) of uniformly spaced identical pulses (Fig. 2C). (Binary numbers use only two digits-0 or 1-whereas decimal numbers use ten digits-0 through 9. Binary numbers, like decimal numbers, are written with as many places as necessary to indicate the required magnitude.)

Converting the amplitudes of the voice wave to a numerical representation necessarily substitutes a number of discontinuous levels for the continuously changing speech wave. Although this quantizing of the signal introduces an inherent distortion, the quality of transmission can be made as high as required by making the steps small compared to the maximum signal amplitude.

The number of steps in amplitude that can be counted in this way is 2^{v} where N is the number of places in the binary number. (The corresponding number of steps with a decimal number would be 10^{v} .) Binary numbers are used because the two digits can be represented by no pulse (0) or pulse (1), whereas if decimal numbers were used, pulses of different amplitudes



FIG. 1—Block diagram shows functions of multiplex equipment; inserts indicate details of novel circuits

would have to be used, thus leaving the system open to interference. The greatest amplitude error in reproducing the signal after quantization is half a step, the size of which is determined by the number of steps and the amplitude (dynamic range) to be covered. The error results in a multiplicity of harmonics and high order modulation products between signal components and sampling frequency. For speech where the wave is complete, these distortion components merge into an essentially flat band having much the characteristic of thermal noise, the level of which is fixed by the size of quanta.

The dynamic range has to embrace the 30 db difference between low consonant levels and high vowel levels, and an additional 30 db between loud and soft talkers (peak limiters keep the signal within this limit). So that the accuracy with which the wave is reconstructed from the quanta will be of a uniform percentage at all levels, and because noise is less objectionable at high levels than at low ones, the steps are made unequal by nonlinear compression prior to quantizing and coding.

The instantaneous compressor shown in Fig. 1 uses two selected silicon rectifiers connected in parallel but poled oppositely with padding resistors to balance the network. The d-c resistance varies from 6,000 ohms at zero signal to about 200 ohms at peak signal. Input is applied through the relatively high resistance R_4 , and the variable voltage across the varistor unit is the output. Because of their large shunt capacitance, copperoxide elements respond too slowly for this service. Germanium varistors have a thermal hysteresis. Therefore, silicon was chosen, and the units were temperature controlled; effects of aging over many months have been negligible. An identical unit is used in the feedback of an amplifier at the receiver to produce a complementary expansion so that the overall response is linear.

Preliminary listening tests and noise measurements have led to a seven place code giving 128 steps, and with the steps tapered by the compressor so that the smallest one (at the zero axis) is 26 db shorter than the average step, and the largest ones (extreme positive and negative) are 6 db above. With this apportionment of the quanta levels the idle circuit noise is down 68 db



FIG. 2.—Waveshapes at critical points in the transmitter are shown in synchroscope fashion. Views of two successive frames of one channel are shown in each case



FIG. 3—Receiver operation is indicated diagramatically; rotating commutators symbolize electronic gates or sampling circuits

from the full load sinewave level. If the coding circuit has insufficient time to completely clear itself of voltages from one coding operation before the next, crosstalk would be introduced from each of the time division channels to the following one. Therefore two identical coders are used alternately. The compressed signal is delivered from a low impedance to electronic switches that route alternate pulses to their coders. The switch closes for about 5 microseconds, 48,000 times each second. During the closure, a holding capacitor quickly charges to and follows the sampled amplitude. When the circuit opens, the charge is held for 16 microseconds until the next closure (thus, the instant of signal sampling is the same as that of the opening of this switch).

Quantizing and coding is performed by a novel cathode-ray tube, the essential feature of which is an aperture plate on which are punched the 128 combinations of the 7-place binary number with holes for units and solid metal for zeros, as shown in the illustrations. Low numbers corresponding to negative amplitudes are at the bottom of the aperture plate; high numbers corresponding to positive amplitudes are at the top. In front of the aperture plate is the quantizing grid of 129 uniformly spaced parallel wires with their intervening spaces aligned with the rows of binary numbers on the aperture plate as viewed from the point of origin of the electron beam.

Stored audio samples deflect the beam to a level in the vertical plane corresponding to their individual. amplitudes. A linear sweep and an unblanking signal keyed by the master timing system restore the electron flow and move the beam across the appropriate number on the aperture plate. As the beam passes perforations, current flows to the pulse plate producing the The beam is blanked pulse code. and then retraced in readiness for the next coding while the holding capacitor is being charged by the next sample. By this means, the necessarily high speed of operation for coding is obtained.

The wires of the quantizing grid are used to guide the beam so that it is centered on and follows only one binary row with each sweep. Without the quantizing grid, the beam could scan between binary rows producing false codes, and might migrate from row to row



FIG. 4—At receiver, pulses are regenerated and reconverted to voice waves through the shaping stages shown here corresponding to various circuit operations of Fig. 3

during a scan. A quantizing bias during scan is applied to the vertical deflection amplifier, thus tending to move the beam up. Electrons from the beam then strike one of the wires of the quantizing grid secondary producing emission, which is attracted to the collector. The signal so produced is superimposed on the quantizing bias as feedback to maintain the beam just under the wire near which the signal sample positioned it. The spot centers itself in this stable region before the sweep is initiated and stays there, resisting twice the vertical interference that would deflect it from one grid opening to the next in the absence of this stabilization. The beam locates itself at its quantized position in about a microsec. The imperfect output of the coder is sliced and gated as shown in Fig. 1 giving a pulse code such as that shown in Fig. 2C in which dashes represent no pulse.

Slicing and Gating

The slicer circuit used throughout the pcm system to regenerate pulses, shown in Fig. 1, resembles a conventional single-shot multivibrator, but, because of the size of the parameters, functions differently. Feedback capacitor C is so large that the potential drop across it does not vary appreciably during normal operation, and load resistor R_1 is small enough to limit the gain around the feedback loop to unity when both triodes are active. Germanium variators VR_1 and VR_2 maintain the desired biases regardless of the number of pulses or spaces in the input. Thus, the circuit trips whenever the input falls through a narrow potential range near E on the wave plot, and trips back when the input rises through the same potential range. A square wave of constant amplitude is thus produced across output resistor R_2 . The circuit can slice pulses as narrow as 0.1 microsecond.

Time gating to standardize the occurrence position of the pulses is added to this circuit by connecting a triode so that its plate and cathode are connected respectively to the plate and cathode of V_1 . The grid of this triode is normally at ground potential. The timing pulse



Operation of the coder is shown by its association with other equipment

from the master timer pulses the grid of this tube negatively by about 2E. The total current passing through the common cathode resistor R_{κ} is essentially constant, being entirely carried by the one conducting tube, or shared if both are conducting. Hence, the tripping action transferring the current to V_{2} occurs when the grid potentials of both V_1 and the added tube fall below the slicing range. Thus, tripping occurs only during the gating pulse and in the presence of a signal pulse. This circuit handles pulse codes from both coders at the rate of 672,000 a second.

The timing pulses for all switching and gating operations are derived from a master oscillator by frequency stepdown multivibrators (instead of harmonic selection. both because the circuits are simpler-waveshapes nearly as required are produced directly by the multivibrators-and because phase shifts in the base frequency are less apparent in the subharmonics than in the higher harmonics). These control pulses are generated at a common point and applied to the message equipment by common power amplifiers through shielded cable.

Microwave Radio Transmission

The 12-channel time-division pulse codes of each group modulate i-f subcarriers to obtain frequency division multiplexing of the groups. In the experimental system only two groups were filled, the others being represented in transmission only by their i-f subcarriers, this practice being sufficient to determine the feasibility of the system for commercial service. The amplitude-modulated i-f subcarriers are then filtered, combined, and used to amplitude modulate the microwave radio carrier, as shown in Fig. 1.

The passband of the overall transmission portion of the system is such that the shape of the pulse envelope is cosinusoidal, the duration at the half-amplitude point being equal to that of the original rectangular pulse, as illustrated in Fig. 2E, and the peak amplitude is the same. The lengths of the elongated pulses are equal to their spacing, thus, in effect, the cosinusoidal envelopes overlap at their halfamplitude points so that if several pulses occur in succession, the peak of the envelope is constant for an interval at its maximum value for one pulse alone. Also, the greatest rate of rise or decay of the envelope is the same whether one or several pulses occur in succession with the result that the bandwidth is independent of the sequence of pulses and spaces.

With this choice of pulse shape and the accompanying transmitted bandwidth, the signal-noise ratio is optimum. To narrow the bandwidth (in an effort to reduce the accepted noise) would be to increase the buildup and decay (transit) times resulting in reduced pulse amplitude and greater overlap, thus lowering the margin over the noise. On the other hand, increasing the bandwidth, although shortening the transit time, would not increase the pulse amplitude, but would increase the noise amplitude. In the experimental system,

the microwave is beamed to the N. Y. Laboratory, at 463 West St., through a nonregenerative repeater, and back to the Murray Hill Laboratory giving a 40-mile transmission path.

Repeaters and Decoders

At the repeaters and receiver, the envelope is demodulated by usual methods giving the pulse codes as shown in Fig. 3. To further minimize the effect of noise, a scanner with a threshold at half the combined noise and pulse amplitude as shown in Fig. 4A is gated near the center of the interval during which a pulse would be present if called for in the code group. The threshold is provided by an amplitude discriminator that passes a thin slice of the pulse. The scanning is timed to be done at the midpoint of the expected pulse occurrence interval by gating the sliced pulses with a narrow timing pulse generated by the receiver timing equipment. If noise has not obliterated the pulse (or if there is no pulse), the regeneration completely removes the noise, giving pulse codes as shown in Fig. 4B. In repeaters these pulses are then transmitted as in the terminal transmitter.

The electronic commutators represented throughout the diagrams by rotating brush and segments are a form of sampling circuit as shown in Fig. 3. Two forms of circuit are used, one employing diodes that are gated by the timing pulses, and the other using triodes controled by their grids. In the triode type as shown, control pulses, with sloping tops so that after passing through the pulse transformer they are flat topped, drive the grids strongly positive allowing plate-cathode conduction. Although the diode circuit is advantageous for the collector (Fig. 1) because of its low capacitance to ground, the triode circuit, having a d-c path from source to load, is best for feeding circuits where any residual charge from the preceeding time division channel would cause crosstalk. Also, the triode circuit can sample signals of greater amplitude than the control pulse.

Two decoders are used to avoid

crosstalk, just as two coders were used in the transmitter. The essential details of the circuit are shown in Fig. 3. As each pulse of the code reaches the decoder, an identical increment of charge is placed on C_1 . Between normal pulse occurrence times, half of the remaining stored charge leaks off, so that the remaining charge at the end of the code is weighted in a binary manner to give a potential proportional to the indicated count. Any value from 1/128 to 127/128 in steps of 1/128 can be produced. For example, the samples near the zero axis of the orignal audio wave are coded near the center of the coder aperture plate, so the corresponding decoded values lie near $\frac{1}{2}$. The additional circuit LR_2C_2 has its resonant frequency and time constant matched to the R_1C_1 circuit to arrest the decay at each pulse interval thereby holding the decoded voltage constant for an interval long enough for sampling at the end of the decoding operation, making the timing of application of charges and final sampling less critical than with simple R-C storage.

Storage and Synchronization

Although the outputs from the decoders are available for only 2 microseconds, they are held by the circuit for 19 microseconds. The decoded signals are then reassembled into 12-channel group time division, passed through the instantaneous expander, and the samples, now identical with the original voice wave samples except for quantizing effects, are distributed to their individual channels. Because the 8,000-cps distributor closes on any one channel for only 5 microseconds (instead of the full 1/12th of the 125 microsecond frame period, which would require extremely accurate synchronization at the receiver of the repeater), each channel input has a holding capacitor that stores the pulse for the full 125 microseconds as shown in Fig. 4D. This lengthening, by enabling the following amplifier to deliver full useful power constantly, makes possible a simple single-stage triode amplifier for the output of each channel. (The pulse lengthening introduces a gain-fre-

quency slope of about 3 db from low to high ends of the passband, comparable to the aperture effect of other scanning systems, which is compensated by an opposite slope in the input channel filter of the transmitter.) A 3,400-cps lowpass output filter removes sampling components leaving original voice signal at commercial quality (Fig. 4E).

timing synchronization The whereby each transmitted pulse code is delivered to its associated channel at the receiver is governed directly by the received message pulse train. The basic 672 kc recovered from the pcm train by way of highly selective filters controls the rate of timing at the receiver. To distribute signals to their respective channels at the receiver, the first pulse of the code group of the first channel is used for synchronization (leaving this channel with 6-place quality). The synchronizing pulse is 1.5 microseconds long, like the message pulses, and occurs alternately in each successive 8,000-cps frame, giving a readily distinguishable 4,000-cps repetition rate. When this signal is being distributed to the synchronization channel, the receiver is locked both in time (by the 672 kc) and in phase (by the presence of the 4 kc) to the master timer at the transmitter. If the distributor at the receiver is not in phase with the transmitter, the receiver waits while the transmitter distributor continues cycling until the 4,000-cps is again distributed to the receiver timing channel. Thus within 0.1 second, the commutator will be framed with the transmitter. If the repeater falls out of frame or synchronization with its transmitter, all output channels are cut off until proper framing is re-established so that noise and crosstalk cannot occur. Because of the high accuracy with which synchronization is maintained, no guard times are necessary between time division channels, and thus fullest use is made of the transmitted bandwidth for message pulses.

Being a point to point communication system using amplitudepulsed carrier, this experimental system is readily adapted to microwave relaying, and affords high quality long-line service:-F.R.

Simplified Microwave AFC Part II

Construction of complete afc unit having six channels 30 mc apart at 3,000 mc, with emphasis on physical characteristics of circuit components. Resonators using Invar, Nilvar, or copper and molybdenum are described. Silicon-rectifier or loudspeaker-diaphragm sensing modulation and methods of cavity tuning are considered

Possible combinations of motor and electronic automatic frequency control for microwave oscillators were discussed in the first part of this article. Design problems involved in the construction of special components and the more specific description of a working equipment are now considered.

The Reference Resonator

One of the most critical components in the entire afc equipment is the reference resonator. The important characteristics of this component are: frequency-temperature coefficient; stability of sensing modulation method; means of coupling to the microwave tube: tuning range or channelling and the mechanism required. Each of these factors has to be carefully considered so that the completed resonator unit will have sufficient frequency stability within itself to act as the reference for the afc system. All of the above-mentioned resonator characteristics are treated in some detail in another paper³.

Since the type of afc system being discussed is not a precision system, the required stability of the reference resonator is not as great as if it were used in a system attempting to compete with crystal control performance. Nevertheless, it is desirable to make the frequency-temperature coefficient of the cavity as low as conveniently possible. The use of Invar or Nilvar steels will produce a resonator

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whose frequency-temperature coefficient will be only several parts per million per degree Centigrade.

This accuracy can be achieved, however, only after the certified material is double checked for proper coefficient of thermal expansion, and then making certain that the resonator is machined from the measured stock. A chemical or spectrographic analysis is not enough. A piece of the actual material to be used must be measured for coefficient of thermal expansion. All soldering operations must be done in an oven and with soft solder. After machining and soldering, the piece should be artificially aged to remove the greater part of the material creep which would otherwise occur.

Materials such as plated fused quartz, Multiform, or Vycor can be used if satisfactory fabrication methods are available. Another approach is to make a temperaturecompensated resonator from two different pure metals, such as copper and molybdenum. Each of these metals has a relatively stable coefficient of thermal expansion over a wide temperature range. By proper choice of the geometry of the compensated resonator, it can be made more stable than an Invar resonator. If operation over a wide ambient temperature is required, some means of temperature control for any of the resonators may be needed to keep it within frequency tolerance.

The stability of the sensing modulation method means the ability of the modulating device to be dimensionally stable. If a diaphragm or plunger is moved in the resonator it will produce tuning, and when moved sinusoidally at the modulation rate it provides the sensing signal.

Figure 10 illustrates two modulating methods. It is important that the vibrating member always oscillate at the same place within the cavity, else the center-frequency tuning will shift as a result of such movement. Usually, if the drifting of the mean position of the modulating member is limited to approximately one-hundredth of the amplitude of vibration, it will be accurate enough for the type of afc systems being discussed.

If the sensing modulation is produced by an electrical means, such as a silicon rectifier in a transmission line, it is again necessary to use a unit whose stability is good over long periods of time. Any change in the crystal characteristic will reflect a reactive component into the cavity, thereby causing a shift in its resonant frequency. The advantage of the crystal rectifier type of modulation is that the sensing frequency can be anywhere between the low audio range and the low radio frequency range; the upper limit being dependent upon the sideband attenuation due to the resonator Q.

Coupling the resonator to the microwave source is sometimes a

[•] The equipment was developed while the author was with Sperry Gyroscope Co.



Complete 3,000-mc oscillator with afc shown schematically in Fig. 12

problem, since it is necessary that the modulated resonator shall not pull or react on the oscillator to produce a similar modulation on the outgoing carrier. Loose coupling consistent with suitable energy into the resonator is about the average condition. It might be desirable to add a series impedance between the two, to locate the resonator characteristic at a more suitable spot on the oscillator's load-power output diagram.

The tuning range or channelling required, is entirely dependent upon the intended application of the equipment. Fixed-station point-topoint operation may demand a single frequency, or possibly two or three, while portable-mobile equipment may need ten to a hundred Laboratory apparatus channels. usually requires continuous tuning over the available frequency band. Whichever type of tuning is required, it is important that the tuning mechanism (the mechanical device which positions the tuning member inside the resonator) be given considerable engineering thought.

Schemes are now available whereby a resonator can be tuned smoothly over a large frequency range, or it can be channelled at equal frequency intervals. With relatively close spacing between channels, it is necessary that the tuning member have a rather low mechanical tuning rate in megacycles per inch to achieve good frequency repeatability.

Figure 11 shows two methods of tuning reentrant type resonators. If remote channel selection is desired, the indexing device which operates the tuning member should not require high angular tolerances on the shaft rotation. The design should be such that ordinary detent tolerances can be used.

Microwave Oscillator Tuning

The method of obtaining mechanical and electrical tuning will depend largely upon the type of microwave oscillator used, such as magnetron, klystron, or special triode. This discussion is based on klystron oscillators, since all the experimental work was done with such tubes.

Klystrons like the 2K28, using cavities which are external to the vacuum section, can employ a simple paddle or plunger system to provide mechanical tuning. Designs where the tuning member is inside the vacuum or is part of the vacuum enclosure, as for example

the 2K57 for the former and the 2K41 for the latter, require a somewhat more complicated tuning mechanism. Some means of maintaining a vacuum is needed, and bellows or diaphragms are ordinarily used. These devices add a considerable amount of extra work for the motor tuning mechanism, since producing a tuning motion requires that the devices be deformed. However, such tuning systems have been used successfully without experiencing detrimental effects due to work hardening, provided the tuning correction motion of the motor afc is a small fraction of the total available tuning travel.

An important requirement of the tuning characteristic of the microwave tube is that the tuning curve does not reverse in slope over the range of travel to be covered by the afc system. A change in slope of this curve is not too serious, since this merely changes the system gain, but a reversal of slope would mean that the afc would drive away from that frequency region.

Some mechanical tuners use a screw thread which actuates the tuning member. Upon reaching the end of travel, the direction of rotation has to be reversed to repeat the tuning cycle. When using motor afc with this tuning method, provision must be made to reverse the motor at the end of travel during scanning, otherwise the system will drive to the end and jam. A more suitable method is to use a cam to actuate the tuning member. The tuning cycle can be repeated by just rotating the cam in the same direction, and no intricate limitstop reversing switches are necessary.

The angular tuning rate (megacycles per degree of shaft angle, using a cam drive) is quite often determined by the total tuning range required and the allowable physical size of the mechanism. Of course, the greater the angular tuning rate the more accurately positioned the shaft must be for setting to a given frequency. Too low a rate may make the correction response time too long. A compromise between several factors is usually required in each individual application.

Motor-Generator Unit

The choice of the motor-generator unit depends upon several factors: sensing frequency; output torque required for tuning operations; physical size; constructional details. The sensing frequency is determined by the choice of motor for other reasons than frequency, as motors are available at 60 cps or 400 cps. There is little difference in system performance between 60 cps and 400 cps, and other factors are usually more demanding, such as weight, size, and availability.

The output torque is determined by the type of tuner mechanism employed on the klystron. However, most small motors have a reasonable amount of torque after going through a gear reduction of 1,000 to 1 or better. The speed of the output shaft is directly related to the correction response time. There should be minimum backlash between the klystron tuning member and the motor shaft. Any backlash in the gear train should occur as near to the motor shaft as possible, and not near the klystron tuning member.

The physical size of the motorgenerator unit is dictated primarily by the required output torque, duty



Detail of microwave section of signal generator, showing resonator tuning cam and mechanism for setting the reference frequency

cycle, and the sensing frequency. For special applications where light weight and compact size are paramount, small 400-cps units are available. If the generator has to be coupled to the motor shaft as a separate unit, the overall size may be greater than desired.

The constructional details of the motor-generator unit are important, since good bearings, good alignment and balance, and small rotor diameter, all tend to reduce the frictional forces which the signal voltage has to overcome. From Eq. 2 (Part I), Δf_m will be smaller if the value of E_m is smaller. Good dynamic balance is necessary to prevent damage both to the bearings and the alignment by vibration during high-speed scanning. To avoid warp and twist between the motor and the klystron tuner, both should bolt solidly to each other. If it is necessary to fasten them to a third member, the design of this third member should be such as to provide maximum stiffness and rigidity.

A Practical Design

During the experimental work on afc systems of the type under consideration, several laboratory models were constructed. One of these illustrated is a 3,000-mc signal source of 200 to 300 milliwatts output, using pushbutton scanning.

The reentrant type reference resonator is made of Invar steel, and is tuned by an annular ring that moves coaxially inside the resonator adjacent to the center post section, similar to that shown in Fig. 11. Three polystyrene rods support this tuning ring, and they in turn are fastened to a spider on top of the resonator. A smooth cam moves this spring-loaded spider through the tuning range.

In the sample model the tuning range was 100 mc, with a total travel of about 0.375 inch. A vernier dial with gear reduction was used to operate the cam. Connected to the dial shaft, between the dial and the gearing unit, is a clutch plate that operates either of two pairs of switch contacts for small angular motions of the dial. One pair closes with motion in one direction, the other closes with motion in the other direction. These contacts are connected to the scanning circuit, and put the correct phase of 400-cps voltage into the scanning switch so that the motor will scan in the direction of frequency shift caused when the dial is turned. The correct adjustment of the clutch spring is such that only one pair of contacts is kept closed at all times.

The resonator is modulated by a simple miniature dynamic speaker unit, mounted so that its metal diaphragm is concentric with and just under the bottom section of the resonator. A small plunger about & inch in diameter and § inch in length is connected to the center of the diaphragm and protrudes through a hole in the bottom of the cavity, as shown in Fig. 10. When this plunger is vibrated by the diaphragm, it cyclically changes the distribution of the electric field in the resonator gap space, thus producing frequency modulation.
The tuning dial and gear reduction are mounted above the Invar resonator, and beneath the panel is the dynamic modulator unit. The 2K41 reflex klystron is mounted horizontally with its tuning cam just below the base end. The motor-generator unit and its gear train are under the klystron mount.

In designing this sample unit, a small 400-cps motor-generator from the Sperry A-12 pilot turn-control was chosen because it was compact, had a suitable gear train, and delivered sufficient torque. A 400-cps motor was used because it is easier to make an amplifier free from hum pickup at that frequency than at 60 cps. Any 60-cps pickup in the 400-cps amplifier is greatly reduced by the tuned circuit used to attenuate the second harmonic before it is applied to the motor. It is still necessary to keep the amplifier relatively free from hum to prevent overloading of the input stages.

The gear train supplied with the motor was modified slightly to allow the tuning cam to come out at right angles to the motor shaft, as shown. The klystron tuner was redesigned to permit the tuning lever to be operated by a cam. A small roller is located at the end of this lever to provide free motion over the cam surface, especially on the steep backside. This tiny roller is just visible in the illustration. The torque required to move the tuning lever over the cam surface is about 2 ounce-inches.

The complete block diagram of Fig. 8 (Part I) shows the afc system of which the schematic diagram for the entire equipment is given in Fig. 12. Triode tubes are used throughout. From the input of the amplifier (the crystal detector) to the motor winding there is a gain for small signals of 90 db, and from the same input to the phase detector there is a gain of 93 db. A tuned circuit is used at the input of the push-pull motor-amplifier to introduce a 20-db attenuation at 800 cps, the second harmonic of the sensing frequency. Since the second harmonic is a maximum when the system is exactly in tune with the reference resonator, it is necessary to avoid putting second harmonic power into the motor. No rotational torque is produced by this frequency, but but it would heat the motor and reduce the allowable fundamental frequency dissipation. A small amount of second harmonic energy is desirable at the motor, however, since it keeps the rotor jittering slightly and helps to reduce the static friction in the bearings. In this way the value of E_m is made smaller, consequently improving the motor error.

A transformer-coupled stage with 40-db gain is provided for the antihunt voltage from the eddy-current generator. This tube envelope also contains a diode which is used to rectify some of the signal to operate a tuning meter. In automatic scanning systems this diode provides the scanning bias, as will be explained later. Meter indication is obtained when the tuning of the klystron is within the skirts of the resonator. It takes a slight dip when the system is correctly in tune.

The pushbutton scanning switch disconnects the antihunt generator, and puts scanning voltage into its amplifier instead. The phase of this scanning voltage is determined by the two pairs of contacts operated through the clutch on the reference resonator, tuning shaft. Scanning is produced by injecting the voltage into the last stage of the motoramplifier by way of the feedback amplifier circuit. This allows the remainder of the circuits to respond to the resonator-detector signal as soon as the system drives within frequency range. When the tuning meter shows a reading, the scanning button can be released and the system will pull in of its own accord.

The motor-amplifier output stage is push-pull connected to avoid d-c saturation of the transformer core. Signal voltage for the second grid is obtained from the output winding of the transformer. The 6SN7 tube supplies a maximum of one watt to the motor control winding.

Transformers in the phase detector circuit are insulated at the secondary to withstand 1,500 volts d-c working voltage. This is necessary since the reflector potential of klystrons is negative with respect to ground by a rather high value. An electrostatic shield between the core and the pushpull output winding is desirable to distribute the capacitances equally to ground. The center-leg transformer supplies the reference voltage directly from the 400-cps line.

Small crystal diodes (a 1N35 balanced pair) are used as rectifiers in the phase detector. Vacuum tubes could be used equally well, except that isolating heaters at high negative voltages is not always conven-A brute-force capacitance ient. filter is used to reduce any 400-cps voltage which might get onto the reflector. In this unit an impedance was provided in the reflector circuit across which external modulation could be applied to the reflector. A switch is connected across the output of the phase detector for turn-



hods of frequency-modulating a resonator cavity with loudspeaker units FIG. 11—Methods of resonator tuning that give different rate and range characteristics



FIG. 12-Complete circuit diagram of a working afc system for which the block diagram appears in Fig. 8 (Part I of this article)

ing off the electronic afc system, but it does not affect the external modulation circuit.

Since rather high value resistors are used in the reflector circuit, it is advisable to have some means of preventing the reflector from drawing excessive current should the reflector voltage momentarily go positive. The simplest method is to connect a 0.25-watt neon bulb across the output of the phase detector. A more desirable way is to use a diode between the reflector and the cathode of the klystron. Any tendency of the reflector to go positive with respect to the cathode is prevented immediately by conduction of the diode.

Six Channels with Automatic Scan

Another experimental model had six channels spaced 30 mc apart at 3,000 mc and incorporated the automatic scanning feature. It used a cutoff tube to control the scanning, but a more satisfactory method is to use a relay tube to perform the scanning function similar to the pushbutton system just described.

The reference cavity, method of modulation, klystron tuning mechanism, and control amplifier were essentially the same as the previous unit. The only major changes are in the resonator tuning cam and the scanning control means. The special cam is made in six steps, each step at a constant radius for the particular channel. This type of construction does not require close angular tolerances when changing channels, and ordinary switch-type detent mechanisms can be used. It may be necessary to couple a wafer switch to the cam shaft, so that a correction in the d-c reflector voltage can be made at each channel to peak the power output.

The diode previously used to provide signal for the tuning meter is now also used to bias the relay tube to cutoff. During scanning no signal is in the control amplifier, and hence no bias is developed by the diode. As the klystron frequency gets within the resonant skirts of the cavity, bias is developed and the relay shifts to the afc position and the system takes hold. With this type of control it is most important that the second harmonic signal alone provide enough bias voltage to keep the relay in the afc position.

For unattended operation, it is desirable to select a relay which is hermetically sealed. An unsealed relay can accumulate dirt and dust on the contacts, and fail to operate in low-voltage, low-current circuits. It is also desirable to have the relay relaxed, not energized, during normal afc operation. This latter condition automatically occurs in this circuit since the bias voltage cuts off the relay tube except when scanning.

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One application of the chart is in induction heating, the load comprising the secondary and

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Remote Amplifier and Program Meter

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ONE of the most interesting pieces of apparatus which I have seen, and with which I have worked, is the BBC amplifier to be described.

The uniqueness of this amplifier was amply illustrated during wartime, because it served as both control room equipment, in small continuity studios, monitor amplifier, recording feed amplifier, and many others in addition to its main job as a remote amplifier. It was the main factor in keeping the BBC on the air during the Blitz, and indeed during the entire war.

The amplifier circuit consists of two high-gain stages utilizing highslope pentodes, with an over-all gain of about 90 db, a dual potentiometer between the two stages, which acts not only to control the signal voltage to the second stage, but also controls the amount of feedback; and a program metering circuit, which measures the approximate power delivered to the line, instead of voltage, as is customary.

The tubes used, type AC/SP3, have a rather steep grid-plate curve: $7.5 \text{ ma/v} (7,500 \ \mu\text{mhos})$. The overall gain of 90 db is aided by the special input transformer. The leakage inductance of this transformer, plus the grid-cathode capacitance and the 0.05 μ f across the primary, constitute a low-pass filter cutting off at approximately 10,000 cycles.

The output circuit of the second stage also constitutes a low-pass filter, with the plate choke shunting the load for the low frequencies. A resistor in the plate circuit, effectively shunting the choke, restricts its effect to frequencies below 30 cycles. Thus the amplifier from input to output acts as a band-pass filter from 30 to 10,000 cycles.

Since a rising characteristic is desired (at about 2,000 cycles) with the ribbon microphones commonly used by the BBC, the first stage has a choke in the plate circuit to increase the gain at higher frequencies, and suitable capacitors are chosen for the coupling circuits. These capacitors are inserted or taken out, depending on the lowfrequency correction desired.

Step Attenuation

As previously mentioned, gain control is accomplished by two potentiometers, one of which is in the grid circuit of the second stage, and the other in the feedback circuit of the first stage. Both potentiometers are on the same shaft, and their operation is as follows: the feed-back potentiometer operates by



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View of the remote amplifier and program meter with power supply above

the progressive application of negative feedback in 8 steps of 2 db each over the first 9 studs of the potentiometer. The grid circuit potentiometer operates over the remaining studs, providing attenuation of 2 db also over the greater part of the range, and then in larger steps to give a complete fade-out.

There are 35 studs on both potentiometers, and studs 35 to 27 on the grid-circuit potentiometer are connected together, so that from stud 26 onward the gain is increased by decreasing the negative feedback, the gain of the second stage being at maximum so far as its input circuit is concerned. So far as attenuation is concerned, from 0 to stud 11 it is 3 db per step; from stud 11 to 35 it is 2 db. When the control potentiometers are at stud 35, the grid circuit of stage two is maximum, and the feedback on stage one is at minimum.

The maximum voltage gain at 1,000 cycles, working into a 600ohm load, is 91 db. The gain at 9,000 cycles is plus 4 db, and at 50 cycles minus 5 db, with respect to that at 1,000 cycles, when the correction networks and chokes are in use for ribbon microphones.

Peak Program Meter

The most interesting part of this amplifier is the output meter. In BBC parlance this is the ppm, or peak program meter and it is used to control virtually all programing at the BBC. It consists of a diode and a pentode, the latter having a right-hand zero meter in its plate circuit. The initial plate current of the pentode is arranged so that the meter reads full-scale, or zero at the left-hand side. Movements of the meter to the righthand side are aided by its spring, but those to the left are retarded by it. In addition to a very lightly damped movement, this action allows the meter to rise on a rapid program peak in less than 4 milliseconds.

The return of the meter to the left is further retarded by the R-C combination across the grid of the pentode which feeds the meter. The return time from full deflection (the meter rises within 2 db of the value of the applied peak signal in 4 milliseconds), is in the order of 3 seconds. In some models a further damping of the return time is arranged by a large capacitor thrown into the circuit by a relay, so that the meter will rise and hold its position for several minutes. The meter face is calibrated in divisions reading 1 to 7; each division represents 4 db.

The screen and bias voltages of the pentode are controlled by small variable resistors, and the meter circuit can be calibrated so that it operates over the particular curved portion of its characteristic to give the desired logarithmic law, and a standing current to deflect the meter to zero.

Meter Circuit

Since the impedance of the lines into which the amplifier operates may vary considerably, the peak program meter is connected across a 2,000-ohm load resistor included in the amplifier output circuit. The voltage across this resistance, and therefore, the total current in the output loading network is maintained constant whatever the impedance of the line may be. With this arrangement, for a particular reading of the program meter, the maximum variation of the level sent to the line varies within practical limits of plus or minus 1.5 db.

Program voltages are rectified by the diode, which charges the capacitor connected across the grid circuit of the pentode, and thus reduces the total plate current. Zero deflection corresponds to 1 ma. The resistor across the capacitor gradually allows the charge to leak off, and the meter returns to zero; that is, the bias is removed from the grid, and the plate current goes to the predetermined maximum.

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Complete schematic diagram of opinion meter



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Crystals as Detectors of Nuclear Radiation

DIAMONDS, and possibly other crystalline substances such as sodium chloride, can be used to detect nuclear and x-ray radiation. A diamond crystal mounted as shown below between brass electrodes that are maintained at a potential difference of about 1,000 volts acts much like a Geiger-Mueller counter tube, but is capable of faster counting.

Radioactivity studies conducted by Dr. L. F. Curtiss of the National Bureau of Standards have shown that diamonds are highly sensitive to gamma rays, and probably to other nuclear radiations. Similar experiments at the Bell Telephone Laboratories with alpha particles gave the same results. In this case the electrodes were both placed on the same side of the diamond crystal because of the poor penetration of this radiation.

When a high energy particle strikes a carbon atom in a diamond crystal it is absorbed, liberating an



Experimental mounting for diamond counter

electron. Because of the wide spaces in the crystal lattice of diamond, the electron travels a relatively great distance under acceleration from the externally applied potential gradient and attains high velocity. Upon finally striking another carbon atom in the crystal, the electron dislodges additional electrons. The avalanche proceeds in much the same manner as the gas ionization in G-M tubes, producing a sharp output pulse. Because the crystal has faster recovery following the avalanche, it is capable of higher counting rates and shorter resolutions than G-M counters.

The larger the diamond, the greater the sensitivity; a diamond measuring 1 inch on each face has approximately the sensitivity for gamma rays as laboratory constructed G-M tubes. The diamond counter must be clear and free from faults. Discoloration is apparently indicative of abnormal orientation of outer electrons in the atom; faults interrupt the ionization avalanche. About one in forty industrial diamonds are suitable for counters, cost about the same as G-M tubes, and have much longer life. Diamond is the only material so far investigated that has sufficiently low background noise at normal temperatures for this application. Because they are much smaller than G-M counters, diamond counters are especially useful in exploring small spaces. The circuits and indicators are the same as those used with G-M counters.

Cyclotron Is Kids' Stuff



Dick Sinnott, one of four high school students who built this cyclotron, adjusts belt to roughing pump to initiate vacuum in chamber

GENERAL impression is that nuclear accelerators such as cyclotrons are complicated scientific apparatus that interest only advanced physicists. Because of this impression, it has been stated that nuclear research can only be carried on by laboratories backed with hugh financial resources.

Actually many details of nuclear reactions and electron optics can be studied using relatively simple and inexpensive equipment. Pioneering research has passed on to frontiers requiring very high energy machines, but much is left to de done filling in the studies at low energies.

The students at El Cerrito, California high school have built the 1,000,000 electron volt cyclotron shown here under the direction of their physics teacher B. V. Siegal. The machine, patterned after a 100 mev cyclotron at the Berkeley campus of University of California, cost \$600, some parts being obtained from war surplus, but is valued at \$7,000, counting donated labor. Research Foundation of New York, holder of Dr. E. O. Lawrence's cyclotron patents, has given the school a royalty free license for the machine. Cans of water forming a 3-ft thick wall provide suffi-

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- OUTPUT POWER AND IMPEDANCES: Rated power output: One watt, available over the low frequency range from output impedances of 20, 50, 200, 500, 1000 ahms, and over bath high and low frequency ranges from an output impedance of 1000 ohms.
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- CAPACITANCE RANGE: Capacitance values ranging between approximately 2-1000 mmf may be checked against a standard to an accuracy of a tew tenths of one mmf if the Q of the capacitor is high.



cient absorption to protect students from radiation. Since this picture was taken, the machine has been dismantled to incorporate changes that will increase the developed energy.

Tapered Coaxial Junctions

By SANFORD HERSHFIELD Glenn L. Martin Co. Baltimore, Md.



Essential parameters of tapered junction

TO CHANGE DIMENSIONS of a coaxial line without changing its characteristic impedance or introducing noticeable discontinuities, a tapered coaxial junction is used. Characteristic impedances of two coaxial lines having the same dielectric are equal if the ratios of their radii are equal. However, an abrupt dimensional change at a junction introduces a shunt capacitance. A long transitional section would eliminate this discontinuity, but would be cumbersome. Using the following relations, a reasonably short taper can be made that provides a sufficiently good match for use with slotted coaxial lines in measuring impedances and in other applications requiring negligible reflections.

The impedance of a conical coaxial transmission line is, using the dimensional notation of the accompanying drawing, and with ε designating the dielectric constant

$$Z_{\mathbb{R}} = (138/\varepsilon^{1/2}) \log \cot (\theta_1/2) \times \tan (\theta_2/2)$$

The impedance of a uniform coaxial transmission line is

 $Z_{\mathbb{F}} = (138/\varepsilon_1^{1/2}) \log R_2/R_1$ Hence for minimum discontinuity $(138/\varepsilon_1^{1/2}) \log (R_2/R_1) =$ $(128/\varepsilon_1^{1/2}) \log (R_2/R_1)$

 $(138/\varepsilon^{1/2}) \log (R_2'/R_1') = (138/\varepsilon^{1/2}) \log \cot(\theta_1/2) \tan(\theta_2/2)$

When the dielectric is air, this de-

sign equation simplifies to $R_2/R_1 = R_2'/R_1' = \tan(\theta_2/2)/\tan(\theta_1/2)$

By way of illustrating the application of these equations, suppose a standard 50-ohm type-N connector line is to be connected to a 50-ohm slotted section made from commercially available brass tubing. The type-N connector line has an inner conductor of 0.120-in. diameter, and outer conductor of 0.276-in. diameter giving a ratio of radii of 2.30. If the inner conductor of the slotted line is chosen to be 0.500-in. diameter, an outer conductor of $2.30 \times 0.500 = 1.150$ -in. diameter is required. Brass pipe of 1.250-in. outside diameter and 0.049-in. wall thickness gives this inner diameter. For space requirements the axial length of the taper is to be about 1.25 in. Assume θ_2 is 20 deg. Then $\tan(\theta_1/2) = 0.0765$, or θ_1 is 8.76 deg. The other dimensions are

- $L_2 = H_2/\tan\theta_2 = 1.202$ in.
- $L_1 = H_1/\tan\theta_1 = 1.233$ in.
- $S_2 = (R_2/\tan\theta_2) = 0.379$ in.
- $S_1 = (R_1/\tan\theta_1) = 0.389$ in.

The coaxial taper is machined to these dimensions.

3-Cm Continuous Range Oscillator

By IRVING M, GOTTLIEB Electrical Engineer Los Angeles, Calif.

DESIGN AND TESTING of r-f plumbing components in the 3-cm band can be greatly facilitated by means of a signal generator capable of providing continuous calibrated tuning over the desired frequency range. With the laboratory oscillators available, it is a very tedious and laborious process to plot frequency characteristics of a mixer unit or to obtain the Q of a resonant cavity. The desirable requirement that power output remain constant over the frequency band involved in the measurement procedure is difficult to satisfy, inasmuch as the reflector potential adjustment for the reflex klystron affects both power and frequency.

The system described delivers con-

stant power at any frequency within the range of 8,800 to 9,500 mc by tuning a calibrated dial to the desired frequency. A precision-calibrated tunable cavity is employed as a wavemeter to check the tuning dial calibration from time to time. Once the tuning dial has been calibrated, one merely selects the desired frequency increments and records the corresponding microwave power output from the component under test. The plumbing setup used is shown in the photograph.

Klystron Operation

Both the power output and frequency of oscillation of a klystron (continued on p 180)



Microwave measuring circuit consists of a klystron oscillator and dial and linkage for cavity tuning; monitoring crystal to feed an electronic voltage control; wavemeter and attenuating section; and crystal to measure output from plumbing under test

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NEW PRODUCTS

Edited by A. A. McKENZIE

New equipment, components, packaged units, allied products; new tubes. Catalogs and manufacturers' publications reviewed.

Wattmeter-Monitor

GRAYBAR ELECTRIC Co., 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. Western Electric type 3A power and impedance monitor serves as a radio frequency wattmeter and standing wave ratio indicator. It protects the



transmitter and transmission line system from damage by automatically shutting off power when changes in transmission line load impedance occur. The monitor is standard equipment in the company's line of f-m transmitters.

Metals Comparator

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Quick nondestructive comparison of magnetic or nonmagnetic metal parts can be made using a new metals comparator. A speci-



men is placed within a test coil and when a bridge circuit is balanced for zero meter reading, other parts can be compared with the original at a rate exceeding 1,500 per hour. Tolerances are established on the basis of a meter reading. Additional information is given in bulletin GEA-4894.

Standing Wave Detector

DEMORNAY-BUDD, INC., 475 Grand Concourse, New York 51, N. Y. A new standing wave detector operating in the frequency band from 23 to 27 kilomegacycles utilizes a solid steel block from which the main block and waveguide extremities are machined and then gold plated.



Scale calibration is in millimeters with a vernier scale and lens that permits readings down to a tenth of a millimeter per division. Square choke and cover flanges are used for waveguide couplings and a type 1N26 crystal is used.

Platter Quieters

HERMON HOSMER SCOTT, INC., 385 Putnam Ave., Cambridge, Mass. Type 910A dynamic noise suppressor is designed for use with shellac and other phonograph records particularly when they are used for programming broadcast stations. The simpler unit type 210A is also available and includes an amplifier. The latter unit is suitable for laboratory or home use.

Photoelectric Package

JOHN T. O'CONNOR & Co., 208 South Valley Road, West Orange, N. J. The Electronic Handyman is a photoelectric device designed as a semiuniversal equipment for switches, counters, gages, and controls that



can be actuated by a light beam. Suitable added mechanisms, also available, convert the basic unit to a wide variety of industrial uses. A descriptive brochure suggests many specific applications.

Indicators

LITTELFUSE INC., 4759 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill. A line of neon indicators suitable for use on electronic equipment is illustrated. In the center is a pilot light similar to conventional types. That at the right requires either a slot or two panel holes. For use with equipment on which it is not con-



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venient to insert a selfcontained indicator, the combined plug and indicator at the left can be attached to the power cord.

Printed Hearing Aid

ALLEN-HOWE ELECTRONICS CORP., 5 No. Wabash Ave., Chicago 2, Ill. A new hearing aid utilizing printed circuits is now in production. Circuit and components are imbedded in the ceramic wafer illustrated, considerably reducing physical size of the unit.



Thermostat Relay

SIGMA INSTRUMENTS, INC., Boston 21, Mass. A totally enclosed relay with characteristics that make it suitable for handling loads that are switched by the closure of a mercury-column thermostat operates on



2 ma at 115 volts a-c. The unit is a plug-in type, and stands only 2 inches above the base.

F-M Signal Generator

MEASUREMENT ENGINEERING LTD., 61 Duke St., Toronto, Ont., Canada. Model 167 is a fixed frequency signal generator with four f-m broad-



cast station signal channels available in the band from 88 to 108 megacycles. Internal modulation is provided as well as connections for external modulation. Percentage modulation is adjustable from 0 to 100 kc and on high frequencies from 0 to 200 kc. Model 185 is similar except that the frequency is continuously variable over the band.



Versatile Oscilloscope

BROWNING LABORATORIES, INC., Winchester, Mass., announces an all-purpose 5-inch oscilloscope, model OL-15A. A special feature is the response curve of the vertical amplifier which is linear and with-

out positive slope from 10 cycles to 4 mc. Triggered sweeps of 0.2, 0.5, 1, 5, 20, and 200 microseconds per inch may be inaugurated by the internal trigger generator or by external pulses. Further information for individual adaptations is available.

Power Rectifier

CLARK ELECTRONIC LABS., Box 165, Palm Springs, Calif. Type CE-6001 heavy duty rectifier has two anodes, but no mercury pool. A special porous alloy cathode is impregnated with mercury so that the vapor is available for conduction without requiring any special mounting po-



sition. Available for straight rectification service between 250 and 600 volts, it has an average rating of 25 amperes. Other sizes include ratings up to 600 amperes. The rectifier is selfstarting and requires no ignitor rods or auxiliary apparatus.

Tape Recorder

SOUND RECORDER AND REPRODUCER CORP., 5501 Wayne Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. The Magnesonic is a new home recorder using a magnetic tape. Tape reels furnished record (continued on p 206)

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IMPORTANT DUODIAL FEATURES

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The DUODIAL cannot be damaged through jamming: of the driven unit, or by forcing beyond ony mechanical stops. The dial can readily be used with power-driven devices, because, due to the absence of worm gears, it can be operated from either the shaft or knob end.

The DUODIAL is currently available in turns-ratios of 10:1, 15:1, 25:1 and 40:1 (ratio between primary and secondary dials). Other ratios can be provided on special order. The 10:1 ratio DUODIAL can be readily employed with devices operating fewer than ten revolutions and is recommended for the Model C three-turn Beckman Helipot. All ratio-types are identical in size and appearance except for the numbering of the secondary (turns-indicating) dial.

 The DUODIAL is designed for mounting directly on 1/4" diameter round shaft, and in all sizes the primary dial and shaft operate with a 1:1 ratio.
Range for 40:1 ratio DUODIAL.

NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

Edited by JOHN MARKUS

Dates for forthcoming conventions; Navy puts superpower transmitter on air; business news; movements of engineering personnel

Atomic Physics Division at Bureau of Standards

A NEW Division of Atomic Physics has been set up at the National Bureau of Standards, with six major sections: Spectroscopy, Electronics, Mass Spectrometry, Radioactivity, X-Rays, and Atomic Physics.

Broad functions of the division are promotion of fundamental factfinding research and precise determination of important basic standards in the field of atomic physics. Protective and safety codes will be developed to reduce industrial hazards arising from new applications of physics. Dr. E. U. Condon, the Bureau's director, has assumed charge of the division, and Dr. Robert D. Huntoon has been named assistant chief.

The Electronics Section is divided into two units, one of which is concerned with the basic physics of emission of electrons and atomic ions from various materials under the influence of light, heat, or the impact of other electrons or ions. The other unit is concerned with the physics of electron and ion ballistics, as applied to electron microscopes and the study of biological or metallurgical materials with the aid of electrons emitted by radioactive tracer elements.

The Radioactivity Section is the national standardizing laboratory for the measurement of radioactive materials and radioactive radiations. It has measured all commercially sold radium preparations from the time radium first became available in the United States in 1913 to the present time. Extremely sensitive methods have been developed for measuring radioactive contaminations in the air for the protection of industrial workers. Precise standards for the measurement of neutron radiation are now being developed.

Officers for Parts Show

CHARLES GOLENPAUL of New Bedford, Mass., representing the Sales

Broadcasters Inspect Reclining Superturnstile



Some of the 26 broadcast engineers attending RCA's second television engineering clinic Inspect a six-bay RCA superturnstile television transmitting antenna at the Camden, New Jersey plant of the RCA Engineering Products Department

Managers Club, Eastern Group, was elected president of Radio Parts and Electronic Equipment Shows, Inc., sponsor of the national Radio Parts Show in Chicago. Jerome J. Kahn of Chicago, representing the Parts division of RMA, was chosen vicepresident, R. J. Sherwood of Chicago, representing EP & EM, is secretary, and W. O. Schoning of Chicago, representing National Electronic Dealers Association, is treasurer.

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FCC Monitoring Stations

THE FCC MONITORING network today comprises 22 field stations which are equipped with radio receivers covering the entire radio spectrum, frequency - measuring equipment, fixed long-range direction finders, and mobile units able to take radio bearings at close range.

The monitoring stations are linked by leased teletypewriter service as well as radio. Thus, they form a nation-wide network which can obtain long-range bearings in order to locate an illegal station or a station which is causing interference to other stations.

The main job of these monitoring stations today, in addition to assuring that stations are on their assigned frequencies, is to trace sources of interference which can disrupt or jeopardize some two score types of radio services. Interference may result from a transmitter operating improperly, or from the operation of a device like a diathermy machine which frequently radiates radio energy just like a radio transmitter.

The problem of running down interference is becoming increasingly important. Thousands and thousands of stations are being added to the already crowded radio spectrum not only in this country but throughout the world. Two recent interference cases are typical:

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monitoring station at South Miami was alerted to an industrial heater type signal interfering , with the circuit operated by Tropical Radio Telegraph from Miami to Central America. Long-range directionfinding bearings fixed the source of this interference in the vicinity of Detroit. In less than an hour, a mobile unit was on the way to track it down. By the evening of the following day the offending machine was located at a manufacturing plant.

On January 13, 1947, American Airlines reported interference on a frequency being used for aircraft operation. Though the intermittent signal remained on the air an extremely short time, bearings taken by monitoring stations indicated that it originated around New York City. This enabled the airline to trace the trouble to the control line of one of its own transmitters grounded out through a tree.

In 1946 the Commission handled 1,012 major interference cases requiring personal investigations, and during the first three months of 1947, a total of 379 such cases. In addition, the Commission clears daily a large number of minor cases at its field offices and stations. For the first three months of 1947 the number of these cases totaled 1,065.

Interference cases handled by the Commission originate in various ways. Some are developed by its monitors cruising the spectrum, detecting an improper operation, and setting up an alert. Other cases are referred to it by commercial services, police, and Federal agencies.

The same direction-finding network which is used to trace sources of interference is also employed to detect illegal operations—that is, stations operating without licenses. The Commission ran down 123 unlicensed transmitters in

MEETINGS

MARCH 22-25: IRE Convention and Radio Engineering Show, Hotel Commodore and Grand Central Palace, New York City. APRIL 7-9: Midwest Power Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago. MAY 9-14: 1948 Radio Parts Show, Hotel Stevens, Chicago.

1946, and 40 during the first quarter of 1947.

In addition to this work, the monitoring stations provide assistance to lost aircraft. For example, on October 11, 1946, the CAA requested the monitoring network to get bearings on a C-47 plane which lost its way in flight from Hawaii to the mainland. On the basis of fixes obtained by FCC, the CAA was able to advise the pilot of his position and to guide his course to a safe landing at San Francisco.

These important activities are, of course, a 24-hour job, and require the services of 184 employees.

Navy 565-kw Transmitter

The world's most powerful radio transmitter has just been completed by the Navy on Oahu Island, Hawaii. Some 20 miles from Honolulu, at the Lualualei Naval Radio Station, the new 565-kw long-wave transmitter is one of 82 different transmitters at the station.

The antenna is carried by seven 600-ft towers. The powerful lowfrequency signals go through even when sun spots or other atmospheric conditions blanket all highfrequency sets.

West-Coast Convention

OVER 3,200 persons registered at the three-day Electronics Trade Show in San Francisco Sept. 24-28. More than 60 firms displayed equipment, and educational exhibits were provided by the U. S. Navy, the University of California, and Stanford University. Technical sessions, sponsored by the Pacific IRE section, had a paid registration of over 750.

Next September the Fourth Annual Electronics Trade Show will be held in Los Angeles, and the following year it will return to San Francisco.

Books for Finland

GIFTS of good scientific and technical books and periodicals from America will be welcomed by the Institute of Technology, Helsinki, whose library was bombed and totally destroyed during the war. Any such gifts should be sent to the Legation of Finland, 2144 Wyoming Ave. NW, Washington, D. C.

Bibliography on Electrical Contacts

THE 26-PAGE 1946 supplement to the ASTM Bibliography on Electrical Contacts, giving replacements and new references 1940-1944 in the original bibliography and covering publications in 1945 and 1946, can be procured from ASTM Headquarters, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia 3, Pa., at 75 cents per copy. The original Bibliography with 148 pages is available at \$5.00, cloth binding, and the first and second supplements at \$2.00 and 50 cents respectively. The original Bibliography with all three supplements is \$6.50. All have been prepared by the same group, headed by E. I. Shobert, II, of Stackpole Carbon Co., and comprising George Durst (continued on p 246)



Speakers' table at IRE banquet of recent West-Coast Convention sponsored jointly by Pacific IRE section and West Coast Electronic Manufacturers' Association. Left to right: L. G. Cumming, technical secretary, IRE; Earl Scott, Portland section IRE; Wallace Wahlgren, president of WCEMA; Captain Rawson Bennett, chairman San Diego section IRE; Dr. F. E. Terman, principal speaker, past president of IRE, and dean of engineering, Stanford; Professor Karl Spangenberg, convention chairman, electrical engineering department, Stanford; Rear Admiral J. R. Redman, USN, deputy commander Western Sea Frontier; Colonel L. C. Parsons, signal officer Sixth Army; George W. Bailey, executive secretary IRE; William Barclay, chairman San Francisco section IRE; B. Walley, secretary Los Angeles section IRE



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TUBES AT WORK (continued from p 142)

of the voting of their more confident neighbors. Another serious difficulty is that the degree of conviction of the group is not shown. The use of questionnaires and analyzing procedures would enable this factor to be measured, but this method is generally time consuming, complicated, and costly. In contrast to these two commonly used methods is the application of the opinion meter.

An ideal opinion meter must permit everyone in the group to express an opinion, and it must give equal weight to the opinion of each individual. In addition, such a device must provide secrecy, rapidity and simplicity of operation, and a means for expressing opinion in degree.

Physical Description of Meter

Designed to comply with these criteria, each opinion meter consists of an indicating unit and a string of hand-held stations. There are twelve stations to a string. Any number of strings up to ten may be added, so that a total of one hundred twenty people may be accommodated with one indicating unit. There are approximately 30 inches of wire between each station.

Each station is a cylinder about 2 inches in diameter and 3 inches long. Figure 1 shows the station dial and adjustable pointer. The dial is calibrated from 0 to 100, and marked with a banding arrow to indicate that from 0 to 50 is



FIG. 1—Each individual expresses his opinion by means of this hand-held station

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TUBES AT WORK

(continued)

the "No" side and from 50 to 100 is the "Yes" side. There is also an "Off" position on the dial.

The indicating unit resembles a suitcase in size and shape. When the indicator is set up for operation as shown in Fig. 2, a dial, 3 feet high, appears on one side of the



FIG. 2-Front view of indicator unit

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which one of four aspects of opinion is being measured: "Opinion," "No Vote," "Vote," or "50-50."

Aspects of Opinion Measured

The main purpose of the opinion meter is to indicate the average opinion of all those in a group who are expressing an opinion. This aspect is called "Opinion."

To aid in the interpretation of this composite opinion, it is necessary to measure the percent of the group who are not expressing any opinion. This aspect is called "No Vote."

The aspect of group opinion measured by percentage of people voting who are in favor of a question is called "Vote."

An expression of 50 on the dial is the result of an individual's deciding that the pro and con arguments cancel one another, and is therefore not taken into account in the "Vote" interpretation. This indication differs from a lack of opinion which would be measured as "No Vote." The percent of the group who are expressing neither pro nor con opinion is the fourth, "50-50" aspect of group opinion which can be measured by the meter.

Circuit Operation

The opinion-measuring instrument is a form of self-balancing bridge. The complete schematic diagram and Fig. 4 show the means of obtaining the four aspects of opinion. Only one individual station is shown on the complete schematic diagram since the similarly numbered points of all stations are interconnected. Each station consists of a potentiometer with fixed resistors on either side, as shown connected between points 6 and 7. and a four-position switch. The station's adjustable pointer turns the slider of the potentiometer and also turns the arm of the switch. The slider and arm positions are indicated on the station's 0-100 scale. In series between junction of the potentiometer slider and the switch arm and the output bus 5 is a fixed resistor.

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As shown in the schematic circuit of the indicating unit, trans-





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Resistance Changes

The diagram in Fig. 4 illustrates the circuit connections for each of the four measurements. On either side of the indicator potentiometer are fixed, series resistors. The ratio of each series resistance to that of the indicator potentiometer is equal to the corresponding ratio, in the stations, between the side resistor and potentiometer values. Points A and A_i are contacts on the indicator selector switch and short out these fixed resistors for measurements not involving the potentiometers of the stations.

The potentiometer in the indicating unit forms two arms of a bridge whose other two arms are made up of different combinations of the individual station resistances, according to the measurement being obtained.

For "Vote," "No Vote," and "50-50" measurements, only the fourposition switch in the individual stations is utilized. The simplest measurement is that of "Vote." This utilizes only terminals 1, 5, and 3 of the individual stations. If an individual turns his dial to the "No" side (0-48), he then connects a fixed resistor between terminals 5 and G through 1. If his dial is on the "Yes" side (52-100), the fixed resistor is connected across terminals 5 and L, through 3. The "50-50" position does not enter into a "Vote" interpretation.

The bottom circuit in Fig. 4 illustrates "Vote" conditions. Three people are voting, two voting "Yes" and one "No." In this measurement, contacts A and A_1 will short circuit the fixed resistors. The potential at 5 will be two-thirds of V_1 . The motor-operated slider on the indicator potentiometer is at 0. Therefore, if $V_1 = 6$ volts, the potential across the transformer primary would be four volts.

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Another circuit in Fig. 4 illustrates measurement of the percentage of the people who are not expressing an opinion ("No Vote"). Those people will have their stations turned to "Off," individual station switch position 3. A bridge circuit is constructed in which all of the "Off" stations are connected across 5 and L, through 2. All the other stations will be on the "No" side, contact 1; on the "Yes" side, contact 3; or at "50-50", contact 4. The fixed resistors in series with the switch arms of all the stations on "No", "Yes", or "50-50" will be connected in parallel across terminals 5 and G. In this no-vote example (Fig. 4), four stations are shown. Three of these individuals are expressing an opinion; the fourth has the station turned to "Off".

The resistance from 5 to L is three times the resistance between 5 and G. Hence, the potential of 5 would be one-fourth of V_1 , or 1.5 volts. The indicator potentiometer is across V_1 , which is 6 volts. Therefore, the motor-operated slider will move up to a position corresponding to one-quarter of the total potentiometer resistance before balance is achieved. The indicator pointer will be at 25, which represents the percentage of the stations which are on "Off".

The measurement of the percentage of the stations on "50-50" is also illustrated in Fig. 4 and is obtained in the same manner as the "No Vote".

In the measurement of "Opinion," shown in Fig. 4, the potentiometer circuit between 6 and 7 of the individual stations is utilized. Contacts A and A_1 in the indicating unit are open. Points 1, 4, and 3 are connected to point 5. If a single station were connected in this manner, the motor-operated slider of the indicator unit would rotate to the same position as the slider of the

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FIG. 1-Power output and oscillation frequency of a 723A/B klystron vary with repeller voltage in the three voltage modes shown

can be adjusted by varying the negative voltage on the repeller electrode. The tube will oscillate only within certain ranges of repeller voltage, known as voltage modes. Figure 1 shows power output and frequency as functions of repeller voltage for a type 723A/B klystron oscillator. Of the three voltage modes shown, the one for the range of repeller voltages between -160 and -180 volts gives the greatest power output. Consequently, this circuit is designed to deliver voltages within that range to the repeller of a 723A/B.

The klystron can be tuned over a relatively narrow frequency range by changing its repeller voltage alone; wide changes in frequency are obtained by mechanically tuning the resonant cavity of the klystron and simultaneously adjusting the repeller voltage. This simultaneous adjustment is not easy to accomplish by the most obvious expedient of gearing a potentiometer to the cavity tuning screw. The exact value of repeller potential required at any given frequency does not coincide exactly to that indicated by the curve, but is rather erratic, and at the same time, critical. The electronic system described, automatically provides the correct repeller potential for constant output over the entire tuning range.

Circuit Design

The circuit of the automatically controlled repeller voltage supply is shown in Fig. 2. Tube V_1 is one section of a 6J6 connected as a gridcontrolled rectifier. When no signal voltage is applied to the grid of this tube its quiescent output causes

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FIG. 2—Circuit of the automatically controlled repeller voltage system includes grid-controlled rectifier, control thyratron, and relaxation oscillator thyratron

point X to be at ground potential. When the oscillator is functioning, the emf appearing across the silicon monitoring crystal is applied to the grid of V_1 and causes a shift in the potential of point X so that it is no longer zero, but rather several volts positive with respect to ground.

The next tube V_2 is a 2D21 thyratron. Its grid bias is adjusted by means of R_1 so that the tube is just on the threshold of ionization. Thus, a slight positive voltage appearing across the crystal can cause this thyratron to fire with the result that point Y becomes about 200 volts positive with respect to ground.

The last tube V_{a} is also a 2D21 thyratron. It serves as a relaxation oscillator to generate negativegoing sawtooth waves of about 1 cps frequency and with a peak negative amplitude adjustable by means of R_2 to the vicinity of 200 volts. For most 723A/B tubes, the repeller voltage range for the fifth mode will be approximately from 150 to 190 volts. The exact value of repeller voltage is obtained by halting the generation of sawtooth waves. Suppose that the relaxation oscillator attempts to develop a negative sawtooth having a negative amplitude

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FIG. 3—As the klystron cavity is mechanically tuned, the automatic control varies potential on repeller as shown by upper curve to provide fairly constant power indicated by curve below

of about 200 volts. Also, assume that the klystron will operate only in the fifth mode and that for a particular adjustment of the cavity screw, maximum r-f output will occur at -165 volts.

Now, as the negative sawtooth approaches 165 volts, the klystron begins to deliver microwave power and a positive emf appears across the monitoring crystal. This occurrence upsets the balance of point X with respect to ground so that a positive voltage is impressed upon the control grid of V_{2} . If R_1 is so adjusted that this tube is near its threshold of firing, the emf delivered by the crystal will continue to increase, as will the positive voltage impressed on the thyratron grid. At some value of microwave power close to the optimum for fifth mode operation, V2 will fire and cause point Y to suddently become positive with respect to ground. The sawtooth is thus caused to reverse and to go in the positive direction, resulting in a decrease in the output of the klystron. Consequently, the control thyratron deionizes and allows the relaxation oscillator to again begin generating a negative sawtooth. As before, the klystron output increases, causing V₂ to fire, and the cycle of operation is repeated.

Once the system has searched for and found the region of optimum repeller potential, the subsequent small oscillations about this potential are of very minute amplitude, less than 0.1 volt. Variation in the klystron oscillator frequency with respect to repeller voltage is about 2 mc per volt. Therefore, the hunting action of V_3 produces deviations in



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Preliminary Adjustment

The 0-1 d-c voltmeter connected across the monitoring crystal indicates oscillation and is handy for the initial tuning up of the system. A 300-0-300 volt midget type power transformer is used with the 6.3volt filament winding connected to the filament supply. The conventional 120-volt primary winding is unused.

As previously mentioned, point X should be at zero potential with respect to ground with no signal input to the 6J6 grid. This voltage should be measured with R₃ disconnected. If this condition is not obtainable, either R_3 or R_5 should be changed from the values designated in the schematic diagram. A vacuum-tube voltmeter should be connected from the repeller voltage output to ground and with V_2 removed from its socket, R₂ should be adjusted to yield a sawtooth voltage having a negative peak of approximately 200 volts. This voltage can be easily observed on the vtvm, inasmuch as the sawtooth frequency is about 1 cps. Next, with all tubes in place, adjust R₃ until the needle of the vtvm ceases to fluctuate, then back off just sufficiently to permit oscillation of the relaxation oscillator. It will now be found that a slight positive potential impressed upon the 6J6 grid will prevent oscillation of the 2D21 relaxation oscillator. The sawtooth will "freeze" somewhere in the vicinity of 100 volts. If the repeller voltage output is now connected to the klystron repeller and the monitoring crystal is connected to the input, the system should be immediately operative. Figure 3 shows how the repeller voltage is automatically controlled to produce nearly constant microwave power output while the klystron is mechanically tuned.

The dial should be calibrated by means of the cavity wavemeter which is always available for checking the frequency. The attenuating section should be adjusted so that a 0-100 microammeter can be used in conjunction with the output crystal. It will then be found that negligible reaction exists between the component under test and the amount of



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energy flowing through the waveguide. An added refinement would involve a combination of resistors and tuning stubs such that the standing wave ratio throughout the guide would be at a minimum. However, it was observed that this condition is approached sufficiently for the purpose by employment of the single attenuating section.

Mode Selection

The searching range covered by the relaxation oscillator is such that with 250 volts applied to the klystron resonator, there will be little opportunity for operation in a mode other than the fifth. If the 723A/Bshows a tendency to jump to the fourth or sixth mode, as evidenced by an abrupt change in the tuning calibration, this effect can be corrected. Operation in the fourth mode can be rendered impossible by backing R_1 away from the threshold of firing of V_2 , thus making necessary the stronger input from fifth mode operation to actuate this tube. Operation in the sixth mode can be halted by adjusting R_2 so that the peak amplitude of the negative sawtooth will not be high enough to support sixth mode operation. However, with most 723A/B tubes, this trouble will not be encountered, and it is a simple matter to record the frequency characteristics of a plumbing unit.

Two power supplies are required: one to deliver 300 volts at 10 ma, and the other, stablized with respect to line voltage fluctuations, to furnish 250 volts at 30 ma. The 300-volt supply is employed as a source of negative potential for the klystron repeller and the relaxation oscillator and for bias voltages for the two thyratrons. The 250-volt supply furnishes positive voltage for the various electrodes in a conventional manner and also powers the klystron resonator electrode.

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fuel flow so that actual engine tests of the controller are unnecessary until final stages of design. The analog computer, described by its designers W. T. Stark and W. C. Schaffer of the Wright Engineering Department, and G. A. Philbrick of Philbrick Researchers at the October meeting of the Nat. Aero. Meeting of the Soc. of Auto. Engrs. in Los Angeles, is operated by only one engineer and solves problems in seconds that would otherwise take him days. It can be modified to solve other engineering problems. Although such computers represent a large capital investment, they offer great savings in time and personnel at offices engaging in extensive computations, with the result that automatic computer techniques are becoming fairly common.

Tube Characteristics with 28-Volt Plate Supplies

MOBILE EQUIPMENT is usually required to operate from 28-volt sources. A study of the characteristics of conventional tubes indicates that the plate circuits can be operated satisfactorily directly from this voltage.

Choice of Circuits

Vehicular generators can be expected to deliver 28 volts \pm 10 percent. Where a receiver uses a variety of coupling methods between stages, the screens can all be connected directly to the positive high voltage. If the leads are short, decoupling is unnecessary, thus saving components and cost. Of the several methods of obtaining bias for the control grids, the most satis-

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factory for use with low plate voltages is by grid current flowing in a resistor between grid and cathode. Such a method, where signal levels are low, provides limiter action thus eliminating the need for avc; it produces uniform results despite widely varying characteristics from tube to tube; and is economical of components and plate voltage, because the cathode is at ground potential. In R-C coupled stages, a grid resistance of 10 meg. and in other circuits of 2 meg gives proper bias.

Choice of Tubes

Tubes with high transconductance (6AC7, 6SH7, 6SG7) develop relatively large contact potentials so that they over-bias. With the tubes of lower transconductance (6K7, 6SK7, 6SJ7), there is less degradation when used at lower plate voltages. Table I shows what can be expected from several such tubes, and the observed variations of transconductance at 28 volts of randomly selected batches of 20 tubes each.

Table I—Comparison Between250 and 28-Volt Operation

| | Tran duct in μm 28 V | scon- ance hos at 250 V | Percent Variation in Transcon- ductance at 28 V | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------|--|--|--|--|
| 6SK7 | 1,350 | 2,000 | -17 | +13 | | | | |
| (12SK7) | 1 250 | 1 650 | 20 | 1.90 | | | | |
| 05J ((12S17) | 1,350 | 1,050 | -30 | +-20 | | | | |
| 68G7 | 1,325 | 4,000 | - 40 | +40 | | | | |
| (12SG7) | | 1 000 | | | | | | |
| 9003 | 1,250 | 1,800 | -24 | +10 | | | | |
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Variable-mu tubes maintain their characteristics at low plate and screen potentials, but tubes with high grid contact potential have to be prevented from overbiasing other tubes connected to the avc by isolating resistances. The only satisfactory mixer for 28-volt operation is the 6SA7 or 12SA7. Useful gains in the audio section can be obtained from the 6SJ7, 6J5, 6SR7 or their 12-volt counterparts.

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watts output, a signal-noise ratio better than 6 decibels, and occupied a space only 3 by 3 by 4 inches, thus indicating the feasibility of lowvoltage operation of tubes where compact, lightweight equipment is essential (R. Terlecki and J. W. Whitehead, 28 Volts H. T. and L. T., *Electronic Engineering*, p 157, May 1947).

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Graphical Fourier Analysis

By THOMAS C. BLOW Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Mass.

PERIODIC FUNCTIONS can be analyzed into their harmonic contents by several methods. Simplified schedules' are available that shorten numerical step-by-step integrations² but a graphical method that is short and accurate enough for engineering purposes is simpler. In addition, as will be seen from the following description, only a few ordinates need be used when determining the lower order harmonics.

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a protractor and scale. The first ordinate a_1 is laid off from the origin in the direction specified by its abscissa, 30 deg in this illustration. Successive ordinates are laid off end to end in their respective directions. Ordinates of negative values such as a_5 through a_{11} are, of course, laid off in the negative direction. The line closing the polygon is then the desired coefficient A_1 , but multiplied by n/2 where *n* is the number of ordinates used in the analysis, 12 in this case. The angle ϕ_1 is the angle between the resultant and the vertical axis.

The coefficient and angle so determined are substituted in the equation

 $F(\theta) = A_0 + A_1 \sin(\theta + \phi_1) + A_2 \sin(2\theta + \phi_2) + A_8 \sin(R\theta + \phi_8)$ To determine A_2 and ϕ_2 for the second harmonic, the process is repeated but with the modification that each ordinate is laid off at twice the angle of its respective abscissa. For example, a_1 is laid off at 60 deg. The length of the line closing the polygon so formed, divided by n/2, is A_2 ; its angle to the vertical is ϕ_2 . The third harmonic coefficient will be found by laying off the ordinates at three times their respective angles.

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J. R. Ashworth, A Simple Graphical Method for the Harmonic Analysis of a Cyclic Function, *Electrician*, p 888, 67, 1911.

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SURVEY OF NEW TECHNIQUES

CANCER and other life processes can be more fully studied by using stable isotopes than by using radioactive ones. A mass spectrometer developed by Professor A. O. Nier of the University of Minnesota and manufactured by the Consolidated Engineering Corp. has sufficient resolution to reproduce measurements of the ratio of carbon 13 to carbon 12 within 0.25 percent. This mass spectrometer thus makes possible accurate determination of concentrations of rare isotopes. With such determinations, tracer techniques (currently relying on radioactive isotopes that are detrimental to human anatomy if used over protracted periods) can be employed using stable (nonradioactive) isotopes to study growth and functions of the human body from birth to maturity. The rare stable (harmless) isotope carbon 13 is being made available for such studies.

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INDUCTIVE COUPLER, used during the war by OSS agents for tapping telephone lines, has been adopted to pick up signals from radio or telephone handset and feed them to Dictograph hearing aids. Because no mechanical connection was required to the line and because the coupling was very loose, the OSS used this means of line tapping to avoid detection. Used with hearing aids, the coupler, called Mystic Ear, provides greater fidelity than placing the hearing microphone near the sound source because with it the acoustic elements are bypassed. A suction cup holds the coupler to the radio or handset; wires connect it to the hearing aid.

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ARMA CORP., 254-36th St., Brooklyn 32, N. Y. The alternating voltage comparator, now commercially available, functions at any frequency between 50 and 1,250 cps. It measures a-c voltage and phase angle with an accuracy of 1 part in 50,000. The equipment can be used in computer development.



Industrial Stroboscope

C. D. BROWN TEXTILE ENGINEERING SERVICE, INC., 1 Assonet St., Worcester 8, Mass., are distributors for Machine Design Products, Inc., of the Strobolite. The equipment, furnished in two models has been designed for studies of motion too fast for the eye in manufacturing processes. Sufficient illumination is provided so that photographs of moving parts can be made.

Television Receivers

BACE TELEVISION CORP., Green & Leuning Sts., South Hackensack, N. J. Illustrated is the 15-inch model commercial or industrial television receiver with 120-square
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INSTRUMENT DEVELOPMENT LAB-ORATORIES, 223 West Erie St., Chicago, 10, Ill. Model 163 scaler incorporates facilities for predetermined count and predetermined time operation with Geiger counters in radioactivity research. A selfcontained regulated high-voltage supply and voltmeter with depressed zero are provided. No preamplifier is neded with selfquenching tubes. Terminals in the rear allow connection of Neher-Harper or Neher-Pickering quenching circuits.

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Up-Rated Capacitors

AEROVOX CORP., New Bedford, Mass. High-voltage requirements for television and other cathode-ray tube circuits are met by extended ratings for the series 84 oil impregnated wax filled paper tubular capacitors.

Banjo Pickup

ELECTRO-VOICE, INC., Buchanan, Mich. Model 805 pickup microphone can be used on all vibrating musical instruments, such as banjo, violin,



and harp. It has a frequency response between 40 and 8,000 cycles. Output level varies between 0.1 and 1 volt depending on the instrument with which it is used.

Counter Tube

CYCLOTRON SPECIALTIES CO., Moraga 11, Calif. Type 410-A Geiger tube has an unsupported mica window $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter with thicknesses available from 0.7 to 2.3 milligrams per square centimeter. Used for alpha, soft beta, as well as hard beta and gamma radia-



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tions, the tube in the Geiger region has a background of approximately one count per second when shielded. Detailed information can be supplied by the manufacturer.



High-Voltage D-C Capacitors

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC Co., North Adams, Mass., announces a line of small light-weight capacitors impregnated with Vitamin Q dielectric which require no derating up to 85 C. They operate on d-c from 8,000 to 20,000 volts. Bulletin No. 203 gives full details including a complete set of electrical characteristics in curve form.

Analysis Unit

NORTH AMERICAN PHILIPS Co., INC., 100 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y. A new Geiger counter fluorescence analysis unit utilizes an x-ray diffraction technique for rapid quantitative metal analysis. In actual practice, the equipment



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Small Relay

ALLIED CONTROL Co., 2 East End Ave., New York 21, N. Y. Type BO relay is available for either a-c or d-c coil operation with double-pole double-throw or double-break contact arrangements in ratings up to 15 amperes.

Probe Signal Generator

CLIPPARD INSTRUMENT LABORATORY, INC., 1125 Bank St., Cincinnati 14, Ohio. Operating from either an a-c or d-c socket, the Signalette produces signals with a fundamental of 2,500 cycles modulated by 60



cycles when used in an a-c line. Harmonics up to 20 megacycles are generated in the probe-like device. Further details on the multifrequency generator are given in a bulletin.

Hearing Aids

WESTERN ELECTRIC Co., 195 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y. Two new hearing aids now available through authorized dealers are the model 65



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Terminal Blocks

CURTIS DEVELOPMENT & MFG. Co., 1 North Crawford Ave., Chicago 24, Ill. A new type of terminal block is provided with solder-type spade lugs that are recessed into the body of the strip, thus preventing accidental pulling out of the lug from under the screw. Type K blocks are described in Bulletin DS-114.



Thickness Gage

SCOTT ELECTROFLUX Co., 400 Main St., Waltham 54, Mass. A new precision instrument can be used for measuring corrosion and wall thickness from one side of a metallic surface to an accuracy of 3 percent. It comprises a 4-electrode probe, battery and electronic voltmeter. Steel thickness from 0.125 to 2.250 inches can be determined.

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RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Camden, N. J. The VS036, a radio A battery for use in smaller sets, has a special radio mix, doubling power hours. Shelf life is increased by a steel jacket.

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ELECTRO PRODUCTS LABORATORIES, 549 West Randolph St., Chicago 6, Ill. Exact rate of flame propagation during explosion in internal combustion machines can be determined with the new Synchro-Marker PresOne of a series of messages to help you increase your understanding of business paper advertising, and its effect on your business.

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suregraph. Photographs can be made of the cathode-ray tube trace including 5-degree markers. The device is also useful for other pressure and explosion problems.

Tubular Electrolytic

AMERICAN CONDENSER Co., 4410 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill., recently added to its line of plasticencased capacitors the new type PLA, a compact tubular electrolytic with working voltages from 25 to 450 d-c. It measures $2\frac{1}{5}$ in, $x \frac{5}{5}$ in.



Camera Tube

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Camden, N. J., Dangerous operations in industry and elsewhere can be observed with the 5527 iconoscope, a television camera tube, two inches in diameter. It uses electrostatic deflection and requires no keystoning circuits.



Dual Scaler

TRACERLAB, INC., 55 Oliver St., Boston 10, Mass. The Duoscale now in production is an electronic scale-oftwo similar to the Higginbotham circuit. Built into a small cast aluminum housing the unit is supported by a nine-prong tube-base plug that also serves for electrical





Oscillograms demonstrating (1) current rise in relay coil, armature not moving, (2) current rise with dip caused by increasing reactance when armature moves to close contacts, (3) current rise curve displaced by introduction of a voltage through contact circuit when contacts are not closed. Indicates time of operation, and whether or not bounce is present.



Curve (4) shows an average amount of bounce attendant on the closing of relay contacts. Curve (5) was obtained from a similar relay operating under conditions wherein the bounce has been eliminated.



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ventional receiver can be furnished for either 15- or 20-inch cathoderav tube.

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MICRO SWITCH, Freeport, Ill. The new switch housing with rotary actuator for closing is listed as type

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Literature_

Insulation Series. Bakelite Corp., 30 East 42nd St., New York. A series of bulletins entitled "Kabelitems" describes new developments in wire and cable insulation. Number 18, recently issued, recommends pigments for cold blending of Vinylite insulating compounds.

House Organ. James G. Biddle Co., Dept. B-14, 1316 Arch St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. Biddle Instrument News is published on an average of four times a year, serving to announce new apparatus, new company literature, and testing methods. Write to the address above.

Office Recorder. SoundScriber Corp., 146 Munson St., New Haven 4, Conn. Several single-page sheets and a mimeographed bulletin are available describing the new models of office machines that use electronic means of recording dictation on plastic discs.

Industrial Testing. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. More than 90 modern electronic and electrical industrial testing equipments are listed in a new catalog. Contents are carefully and clearly classified. With the description of each device there is also listed the number of a bulletin describing it in greater detail.

Radiotelephone. Motorola, Inc., 4545 Augusta Blvd., Chicago 51, Ill., has issued a 6-page brochure announcing the new f-m mobile radiotelephone transmitter and receiver designed for use in noisy city areas. The units operate in the 152-162 mc band.

Strip Chart Recorder. Wheelco Instruments Co., 847 W. Harrison St., Chicago 7, Ill. Of interest to instrument engineers and anyone dealing




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Electric Connectors. Cannon Electric Development Co., 3209 Humboldt St., Los Angeles, Calif. A revised fourth edition, Bulletin No. DP-547 gives complete technical coverage of a series of electric connectors used with various rack and panel equipment in electrical and electronic devices.

Microphones. The Turner Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A 24-page booklet describes and illustrates a wide variety of microphones for both general and particular applications. Each is complete with specifications.

Fibrous Components. Rogers Corp., 73 Mill St., Manchester, Conn. Engineering personnel directly interested in fabricating facilities for fibrous components may obtain a compact display kit of samples ranging from the simplest type of scored pieces to parts involving deep drawing and precision stamping. Write in on company stationery giving title.

Transformer Book. Standard Transformer Corp., 3560 Elston Ave., Chicago 18, Ill. "Engineering a Transformer" is an 88-page book that describes in some detail the construction of transformers, not only in the Stancor line but for any given service. Formulas, testing audio response, production testing, and soldering are among the many topics discussed. Company officers, production managers, and design engineers may request this book on their company stationery.

Facsimile Brochures. Alden Products Co., 117 North Main St., Brockton 64, Mass. Several brochures describing facsimile equipment and systems have been published to show how the technique can be used in the home, by airlines or other businesses, and how broadcasters can develop programs.



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of General Plate Division of Metals and Controls, Inc., S. G. Eskin of Robertshaw Thermostat Co., and F. R. Hensel of P. R. Mallory and Co.

The most important single item in this year's supplement is the review of the original German text of the book "Electric Contacts" by R. Holm, published by Hugo Gebers Forlag, Stockholm. A review of the English revision of this book appeared in ELECTRONICS, p 248, Aug. 1947.

Teaching F-M Servicing

TO EDUCATE radio servicemen for the job of servicing some 4,500,000 f-m receivers now in use and the millions more expected to be produced in 1948, General Electric Co. is conducting a traveling f-m radio workshop. The 10,000-mile tour is scheduled to include 33 meetings, each in a different city and lasting for three hours. Characteristics of a-m and f-m receivers are compared, technical aspects of f-m servicing operations are discussed, and actual test steps are carried out on an f-m chassis that is mistuned or placed out of alignment.

BUSINESS NEWS

PHILCO CORP. has begun construction of a 552-foot antenna tower at the transmitter of Philco television station WPTZ, Philadelphia. This will bring clear television signals within reach of about 4,000,000 people.

THE REK-O-KUT Co., recording and transcription equipment manufacturers, moved to larger quarters at 38-01 Queens Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

INTERSTATE MFG. CORP. recently completed and occupied their new plant at 32-36 Newark St., Newark 4, N. J., to increase production of cord sets, heater cords, and wiring harnesses.

RCA VICTOR AND 20TH CENTURY-FOX FILM CORP. have signed a contract for a joint program of re-



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SPERRY GYROSCOPE CO., INC., has lent its Flying Laboratory to the University of Southern California College of Aeronautics in Santa Maria for aeronautical experimentation and research. The plane, used for development and testing of gyropilots, radar, aircraft instruments and homing devices, and communications equipment, joins a fleet of 95 aircraft at the school.

THE RADIO PARTS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SHOWS, INC., has retained the S. I. Nerman organization, Chicago, as public relations counsel. The 1948 show will be held during the week of May 9th at the Hotel Stevens, Chicago.

THE LANGEVIN MFG. CORP. has announced that all its industrial control devices are being serviced by the Altec Service Corp.

ALLEN B. DUMONT LABS., INC., New York City, now has all departments of the television transmitting equipment division consolidated in its new quarters at 42 Harding Ave., Clifton, N. J.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CO. OF CALIFORNIA, 2008 W. Seventh St., Los Angeles, was recently organized by Burgess Dempster and R. B. Bonney, consultants.

NEDERLANDSCH RADAR PROEFSTA-TION, Noordwijk aan Zee, Netherlands, has been established to carry out systematic research into uses for radar in the Netherlands and its overseas territories.

MAGNETIC POWDERS, INC., Stamford, Conn., is the new corporate name of Magna-Metal Products Co.

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UNITED STATES TELEVISION MFG. CORP., New York City, has increased its laboratory space by about 50 percent to house extensive television receiver development.

THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL CO., Philadelphia, Pa., responsible for the design and construction of ENIAC and the original plans for EDVAC, is now designing the UNIVAC, a general-purpose electronic digital machine for the Census Bureau. The work is being done under a contract with the National Bureau of Standards.

INDUSTRIAL TELEVISION, INC., Nutley, N. J., has presented to the Nutley High School a television receiver especially designed for a visual education program.

PERSONNEL

K. BLAIR BENSON, formerly in charge of the design and development of projection television receivers at General Electric, has been appointed senior engineer at United States Television Mfg. Corp.

CHESTER I. SOUCY has been appointed chief engineer of the Electronics Division of Canadian Aviation Electronics Limited, St. Hubert, Quebec, Canada.

GEORGE L. VAN DEUSEN has been elected president and a director of RCA Institutes, Inc. Prior to retirement in 1946 he served as Major General in the regular army.

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GEORGE F. DEVINE was recently appointed commercial engineer of the specialty division of General Electric Company's Electronics Department at Syracuse, N. Y. He has been with the company since 1935 and during the war was assigned to naval ordnance projects.

ALFRED J. KLAPPERICH, formerly with W. J. Polydoroff and Associates, continues his consulting practise in the fields of powder metallurgy, high-frequency iron powder, and magnetic measurements at 5102 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago.

ROBERT Y. CHAPMAN, associated with the U.S. Naval Underwater Sound Laboratory at New London since 1945, has been appointed executive engineer of the David Bogen Co. in New York.

PAUL H. TARTAK, former owner of Oxford-Tartak and Cinaudagraph, is now president of Tartak Speakers. Inc., on the west coast. The company offers a complete line of loudspeakers for manufacturers and jobbers.



P. H. Tartak

D. P. Caverly

DON P. CAVERLY, having joined Sylvania Electric Products Inc. in 1937 as a commercial engineer, was recently named manager of the company's expanded Commercial Engineering Department. He is author of "A Primer of Electronics," published in 1944 by McGraw-Hill.

EDWARD R. WAGENHALS has been appointed production manager of the hearing aid division of Sonotone Corp., Elmsford, N. Y. He was at one time assistant manager of the Harrison, N. J., receiving tube plant of RCA-Victor.

JOHN M. CAGE, formerly manager of industrial electronics at Ray-



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NORMAN E. WUNDERLICH, for the last two years executive sales director of the radio division of Federal Telephone & Radio Corp., has established his own consulting radio engineering company and radio laboratory at 1337 Fargo Ave., Chicago, for serving the broadcast and radio communication fields.

GEORGE LEWIS, assistant vice-president of Federal Telephone & Radio Corp., was elected to the RMA board of directors for a term expiring in 1950.

ROBERT S. MAUTNER, formerly with RCA and CBS, is the newly appointed chief engineer of Tele-tone Radio Corporation's television division.



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EDWARD D. GRAY has been elected president and director of the Electronic Tube Corp., Philadelphia, Pa. Heretofore he was with the New York Telephone Co., and was director of communications of the 8th Bomber Command during the war.

HENRY S. BAMFORD, former chief engineer, was elected vice-president and director of the Electronic Tube Corp.

FRED F. LOOCK, formerly vice-president and general manager, has been elected president of the Allen-Bradley Co., Milwaukee, Wisc., control apparatus manufacturers.

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L. A. Thompson

G. Reber

GROTE REBER, formerly a radio engineer at Stewart Warner Corp. and Belmont Radio Corp., has joined the staff of the National Bureau of Standards and will direct several new projects aimed at investigating effects of cosmic and solar noise on radio communication.

ARTHUR KOEHLER, previously with the Arma Corp. and the Langevin Co. of New York, has been appointed production manager of Sorensen & Co., Inc., Stamford, Conn., manufacturers of voltage regulators and electronic equipment.

ALBERT R. HODGES, former patent engineer at Airborne Instruments Laboratory, will now handle patent prosecution and related matters in the radio and electronics field for Stromberg-Carlson Co., Rochester, N. Y.

ELLERY W. STONE has been elected vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. Previously, before returning to active duty as Rear Admiral in the Navy in 1943, he had been president of the Federal Telegraph Co., operating vice-president and director of Mackay Radio and Telegraph Co., and executive vice-president, finally president, of Postal Telegraph, Inc.

WARREN A. MARRISON, a member of the technical staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories, has been awarded the British Horological Institute's gold



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DONALD A. QUARLES, director of apparatus development at Bell Telephone Laboratories, was elected a vice-president on July 21. He has been associated with the Bell System since 1919.



D. A. Quarles

P. R. Kendall

P. R. KENDALL is the newly appointed New York regional sales manager of the Communications Division of Motorola, Inc. He is the designer of the Kendall hearing aid for churches and was previously sales and field engineering manager of Belmont Radio in Chicago.

CARROLL G. KILLEN, former Signal Corps engineer and AAF officer, has been appointed to the field engineering staff of the Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass.

FREDERICK E. HANSON, in charge of engineering at Western Electric's Electronics Shops in New York City and Allentown, Pa., was recently appointed manager of the shops.

C. B. JOLLIFFE, with RCA since 1935 in engineering and executive capacities, was elected to the board of directors of Radio Corp. of America.

HARRY C. INGLES, director of Radio Corp. of America and RCA Communications, Inc., was elected president of the latter organization.

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ARTHUR B. BRONWELL, professor of electrical engineering at Northwestern U., was made secretary of the American Society for Engineering Education.

VICTOR F. RAGNI, electrical engineer, has been appointed to the research staff of Batelle Institute. Columbus, Ohio, where he will be associated with its division of industrial physics.

HOWARD W. RUSSELL, chief physicist of Battelle Institute since its origin, was recently made an assistant director. During the war years, he headed Battelle's work on the Manhattan District project.

ROBERT F. HERR, Philco vice-president in charge of the service division, was elected to the board of directors of the Company.

WARREN MASTER was recently appointed rectifier engineer at Richardson-Allen Corporation. For several years prior to his present connection he was associated with Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation as development engineer on selenium rectifier equipment.

EDWARD S. MAURY, formerly research engineer for Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, is now manager of instrument sales at Roller-Smith, Bethlehem, Pa.

ROGER J. PIERCE was promoted to manager of radio communications at Mutual Telephone Co. of Hawaii.

SAMUEL SEELY, previously associate professor of electronics at the Naval Postgraduate School at Annapolis, is now professor of electrical engineering at Syracuse University. He joined MIT Radiation Laboratory in 1941, and spent considerable time in the southwest Pacific area in charge of a group of radar experts attached to General MacArthur's headquarters.



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BY LEONARD B. LOEB. John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, 1947, 669 pages, \$6.00.

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The modern material referred to above is to be commended highly. It embraces a surprisingly large number of topics, is relatively easy to read, and presents a large number of quantitative relations, most of which are of necessity stated without proof. It thus forms an excellent introductory, up-to-date survey of these broad fields of physical inquiry. On the other hand, the classical development of the fundamentals of electricity and magnetism leaves much to be desired. The order of presentation follows the standard line of many of the older books on the subject. This adherence to the older conventional order of topics, starting with magnetism, makes even more difficult the inherently difficult task of achieving unity and coherence of the subject as a whole. The treatment of the magnetic field is based almost exclusively on the concept of the magnetic pole, focussing the readers' attention on these "sources" of the magnetic field, so that the fundamental nature of the source-free field of magnetic induction fails to appear in its proper emphasis.

Although basic definitions are presented in very great detail, there are occasional lapses in precision of statement. Thus, for example, on p 219 the statement, "Since the internal resistance of a charged condenser is very low, the discharge of a large capacity at a high voltage will give instantaneous currents of high value", is, to say the least, somewhat puzzling. It is curious to note that the Maxwell equations are written for a lefthanded coordinate system, with the consequent result of an unfamiliar array of algebraic signs.

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throughout the text, it seems unfortunate that the discussion of the important m.k.s. system should be relegated to a mere footnote on p 31. In view of the relatively elaborate treatment of electromagnetic systems of units and dimensions, it seems unfair to refer only to the size of the m.k.s. units relative to those in the various c.g.s. systems, ignoring the fundamental question of dimensions, which form a large and essential contribution of the m.k.s. system.

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Why this type of thinking is entirely absent in the receiver manufacturing industry has never been satisfactorily explained. The set builders claim they operate in a highly competitive field, and that "some other guy" turned out the original \$9.95 job. If they can't get together through their own organizations, such as RMA, then FCC regulation certainly seems in order. At the manufacturing end of the line, an extra r-f stage to reduce image response, and the handful of of parts generally required to fix up the audio end would make so little difference in the retail price that it seems criminal not to include them.

Nobody screams when we pay \$200 or \$300 for one audio amplifier, but if the production cost of a complete receiver runs more than \$20 somebody howls like a banshee. How a designer can call himself an engineer and turn out the junk is beyond comprehension. The only explanation is economic, of course, but it is hardly fair to the broadcaster to ask him to uphold his high standards, only to have them thrown away because some pennypinching tin ear hasn't the guts to



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