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(Frequencies below 30 Mc., one tube) D-C Plate Voltage - - -D-C Screen Voltage - - -D-C Plate Current - - -Driving Power

TYPICAL OPERATION, per tube (Frequencies below 30 Mc.)

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TYPICAL OPERATION

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D-C Plate Voltage D-C Screen Voltage D-C Plate Current

7.5 Volts 21 Amperes

0.24 uufd 27.2 uufd 7.6 uufd

5000 Volts 1000 Volts 1.00 Amps. 10,000 Ohms 0 Watts 125 Volts

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Collins 314Y-1 remote control unit



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By its purchase of 40 Martin 4-0-4's, which will begin to go into domestic service next spring, Trans World Airlines follows its traditionally vigorous course of progress.

Also reflecting TWA's policy of providing the most efficient air transportation that modern facilities permit, is the fact that the radio complement of every one of the new 4-0-4's will include a Collins 17L-2 vhf transmitter.

TWA engineers made a careful study of available vhf transmitting equipment. They knew that vhf communication is line-of-sight communication, noise-free within its range, but not applicable over great distances. They chose the 17L-2 largely because it had the best sizeweight to power ratio.

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Power output (approx)	6. <mark>5 w</mark>	40 w	275 w
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## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### By W. W. MacDONALD

Color Television has, for the moment, swept mobilization planning from the front page. Talk with anyone in our business about anything at all for more than a few minutes and it comes up. FCC-CBS ears must ring.

Parable for which we are indebted to Charlie Hirsch of Hazeltine:

"It seems the FCC wanted to adopt a child and found a yearold infant having desirable characteristics. But the child could not feed itself. Assured by psychologists that the child would surely be able to feed itself in another year and would steadily improve in other respects, the Commissioners nevertheless professed disbelief and looked elsewhere.

At the zoo they found a monkey. It was about the same size as a year-old child and had been feeding itself for the last ten years. So the FCC adopted the monkey."

**SMPTE** Conventioneers at Lake Placid listened to 43 technical papers. Of these, 14 were about television.

Quoting DuMont's Goldsmith: "Color films are not plentiful. Even if they were, no one has yet built teletranscription equipment capable of putting them on the air under the new FCC color television standards. Stations planning to transmit in color may have to operate quite a while using live talent, without benefit of films."

Magnetic Recording is rapidly becoming standard practice in Hollywood for original sound takes. Paramount, for example, recorded the sound for its last 21 movies that way, using 10 million feet of  $17\frac{1}{2}$ -mm oxide-coated film rather than tape for the purpose. The sound was later re-recorded on the edge of 35-mm picture film for playback by conventional photoelectric methods.

At least two companies are understood to be developing mag-

netic tape which can be transferred to picture film without rerecording. That this can be done has been demonstrated experimentally. Widely sought is some method by which simultaneous recording of pictures photographically and sound magnetically can be accomplished on the same piece of film. Among the problems currently encountered is the tendency of oxides to run into picture area during development. Binders which hold the oxide in place appear to reduce the amplitude or quality of sound playback.

Trend toward red-oxide tape and oxide-in wind, among manufacturers of magnetic recorders is noted by C. J. LeBel of Audio Devices. Only 7 percent of the machines made today call for black oxide, while the others use either black or red. Over 75 percent of all new machines use oxide-in wind.

Scanning Ads searching for electronic engineers, we note that a high percentage of those at present appearing are placed by aircraft manufacturers, or by firms primarily serving aircraft makers, or by government agencies.

Shipments of electronic apparatus in six categories to the U. S. government by RTMA members totalled \$33,393,093 in the second quarter of 1950 as against \$30,-640,943 in the first quarter. The breakdown was as follows:

Radar	\$27,676,595
Comm. equip.	4,218,508
Sonar	866,543
Nav. alds	405,501
Test. equip.	214,933
Quartz crystals	11,013

Orders received from the government during the second quarter totalled \$61,701,467 compared with \$41,305,390 in the first quarter.

**Touring** GE's new \$18,000,000 research laboratory in Schenectady during the recent NAS meeting, we heard about a method of measuring films down to one millionth of an inch in thickness.

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films that thin for calibration?" and were told, in all seriousness, that it is merely a matter of putting ten coatings on top of each other, each coating being one tenmillionth of an inch thick. Actually, that's just what's done. The deposited layers are one molecule thick, and a molecule just happens to be one ten-millionth of an inch.

(continued)

We are reminded, somehow, of a dimly-remembered method of determining the number of cows in a field by counting something or other and dividing the result by four.

Receiver Sales by licensees during the first six months of 1950 totalled 9,016,645 units, worth \$618,907,976. Here's the way the total broke down:

Type	Units	Dollars
Electric		2 onder 0
Table (under		
\$12.50 billing		
price)	1,320,645	\$13,605,829
Table (over		
price)		
A-M	982 205	17 952 722
A-M/F-M	179.814	5.514.594
F-M (including		-,,-
converters)	7,785	157,600
Consoles	0 700	990 144
$\Lambda M/F M$	2060	220,144
Table-Radio-	2,000	200,020
Phonos		
A-M	168,052	6,755,785
A-M/F-M	6,317	247,442
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A-M	28 494	9 967 068
A-M/F-M	222.078	25,599,159
Battery	,	=0,000,100
Portable		
A-C/D-C	874,149	15,418,449
Consoles	54,942	860,008
Auto	2 147 544	55 576 098
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Converters	4,060	482,171
Radio Table		
Models	1,265,915	172,699,420
Direct viewing	1 108 775	991 785 058
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Direct viewing	265,992	69,721.082
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relevision	30,125	5,550,107

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Abstract of a paper entitled "Null Polygons", delivered before a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences:

By a null polygon we mean a plane polygon each of whose sides is of length zero. So we have *n* corners,  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n$ and *n* sides  $P_1P_3 = 0, \ldots, P_nP_1 = 0$ . We study the set of all diagonals. They are not zero. What is the theory of the diagonals? That is the problem of this paper.

We can see how it would be.

**Conclusions** of a study of the effects of television on sports attendance, by Jerry Jordan (for a degree in psychology at Princeton and a master's at the University of Pennsylvania), are as follows:

"The length of time a person has owned a television set directly influences his and his family's attendance at sports events.

"When he first buys a set, attendance goes down temporarily. Later—after one season in most sports—attendance returns to normal.

"After one or two years of ownership, the tv owner's attendance rate is higher than that of non-members....

"TV owners take other members of their family out to games more frequently than non-owners.

"The long-range effect of television, as it is today, therefore, will not harm attendance at sports events, and may help to increase it."

**Radio-Equipped Taxicabs** now total 46,000, and are operated by 3,000 companies in 1,500 cities, according to Stanley C. Ross, president of the American Taxicab Association.

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# CROSS TALK

▶ MIXED . . . The cover of this issue demonstrates the validity of the mixed-highs principle of color television transmission, (see also p 122 of this issue). It demonstrates that, using mixed highs, image quality can be obtained with a video band of 4.2 mc which is remarkably like the quality obtainable with a 12-mc band when mixed highs are not used. Unfortunately the mixed-highs technique cannot be used in the fieldsequential (CBS) color system; it can be used in quasi-simultaneous systems like the dot-sequential (RCA) system. In deciding in favor of the CBS system, therefore, the FCC passed up a tremendously important principle of spectrum conservation. There were, of course, extenuating circumstances which weighed against the adoption of a system using mixed highs. But the members of the FCC ignored the principle of mixedhighs; they did not balance it against the advantages of the fieldsequential system. According to the FCC "first color report", the advantages of mixed highs are mere "claims", and loss of horizontal resolution (!) was attributed to the use of mixed highs. Commissioner Jones, in his separate opinion, stated that "the principle of mixed highs is a matter of complete theory, unsupported by any scientific data other than barefaced statements . . . ". Yet Commissioner Jones saw the very pictures which appear on our cover on April 27, 1950, several months before he wrote his opinion. He evidently did not know what he was looking at: explicit scientific

proof of the efficiency of mixed highs. Or, if he did understand it, he preferred to ignore the evidence before his eyes.

The FCC, having expressed disbelief in the engineering testimony of a large segment of the industry (it will have little to do with the N.T.S.C., for example), continues to make similar errors of technical judgment. The very transmission standards adopted on October 11 for the field-sequential color system are a case in point. Nowhere in the standards is there any specification of the relative amplitude of antenna voltage on successive fields. This omission is a technical mistake which must be rectified before any equipment can be designed for the system. In the meantime, the industry is proceeding on the assumption that the missing standard, when ordered by the Commission, will follow the CBS recommendation that equal signal voltages on successive fields will produce a standard white equal to "illuminant C" (x = 0.-310, y = 0.316). Perhaps the FCC staff has a better or different idea. Whatever it is, it must be stated as a standard, and quickly.

In another part of its report, the FCC says "The Commission is aware that of necessity it must rely to a great extent upon industry experts for data and expert opinion in arriving at decisions in the field of standards; our own facilities are too limited to gather much of the data." Truer words were never said.

► ANTI-RAIN . . . Comes now the story of Dr. G. A. Sykes, whose

picture appears on p 134 of this issue. Dr. Sykes had a contract with the Palisade Amusement Park, on the cliffs opposite 125th Street, Manhattan, to the following wit: He uses a fearsome collection of surplus radio gear, including an X-band paraboloid with wires attached, to irradiate the clouds over the amusement park. His object: to dissipate the clouds in favor of good amusement-park weather, thereby putting himself in direct competition with Harvard's Dr. Howell, who had a contract with the New York Board of Estimate to make rain.

Dr. Howell makes Dr. Sykes look like a piker when it comes to takehome pay. Herr Sykes, it says here, gets \$500 for each clear day, forfeits \$1,000 for each rainy day. Just to see what kind of a horserace this is, we called up the New York Weather Bureau and found that records based on 75 years, covering the months June through September, indicate an average of 41 rainy days, against 73 clear and cloudy days, the remainder being indifferent combinations of rain, clear and cloudy. So, playing the matter strictly on form, the Doctor stands to pay out \$41,000 and take in \$36,500, for a net loss of \$4,500 per season, unless the management gives him half credit for the indifferent days, in which case he takes in another \$2,000, cutting the loss to \$2,500.

Anyway you look at it, we want no piece of that contract. Except for one thing. Dr. Sykes is using electronic devices to shade the average in his favor. Might be something in it at that!

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# HIGH-RELIABILITY

Tube failure during the first 1,000 hours has been reduced from 30 percent to 3.2 percent in airborne communication and navigation equipment under the program for improvements in construction and manufacturing techniques sponsored by ARINC

**A** T THE CLOSE of the recent war, the commercial airlines were faced with the full impact of the problem of tube reliability.

Electronic tubes must necessarily be employed for the satisfactory operation of the complex gear associated with modern aircrafi. However, factors such as excessive on-off cycling of the equipment, constant vibration, and wide variations in operating voltages impose requirements which are difficult for the tubes to meet.

Under the severity of the application, the failure rates of conventional receiving tubes employed reached alarming heights. With safety of airline operations endangered and the cost of the associated maintenance excessive, the need for more reliable tubes was manifest.

To combat the situation, Aeronautical Radio Inc. presented to the tube industry a progressive program to adapt the quality of the receiving tubes employed to the requirements of the applications. This organization, commonly known as ARINC, is a non-profit technical agency maintained by the airlines to coordinate the development of electronic equipment for their use. The immediate objective of the ARINC program was the improvement of existing constructions and manufacturing techniques to the point where the highest degree of reliability could be expected from each tube. To enable the design, manufacture, and test effort to be directed effectively to the basic goal of maximum reliability, cost considerations were necessarily relegated to a position of secondary importance.

The scope of the ARINC program was intentionally limited to a relatively small number of types. By concentrating the engineering effort on a minimum number of types, the goal of quality was felt to be enhanced.

ARINC, after consulting the manufacturers of aircraft electronic equipment, chose initially 10 tube types to be included in the program. The equipment manufacturers agreed that these 10 types would fill the majority of their needs for airborne communication and navigation equipment and that they would attempt to design new equipment around these types to the exclusion of other conventional types.

#### Performance Checks

The program was to be dynamic. Records were to be kept of each tube in service, and each inoperative tube was to be returned to the manufacturer for engineering analysis. Based on the condition of the returned tubes and on the associated performance data, the design was to be continually modified to achieve additional reliability. Also, whatever savings were realized from improved manufacturing methods or increased production were to be reinvested in another aspect of quality such as the tightening of the control limits. The result of the dynamic aspects of the program was the production of a tube whose quality improves steadily with time.

A word should probably be said to explain the use of the word "reliable." The airlines, typical of industrial users of electronic tubes, desired relatively long life of the tubes; however, the predominant factor was satisfactory performance between predetermined replacement periods. If the tubes could be depended upon to operate for a fixed period, relatively inexpensive preventive maintenance methods could be employed; unscheduled failures which adversely affect the safety level, increase down-time of the aircraft, and increase maintenance expenses could be eliminated. Thus, the actual number of hours of tube life is less important than the fact that no failures occur during the established service time.

The objective of the ARINC program was the realization of tubes with special attention given to construction so that a very high percentage would realize a certain life. Such a tube can properly be called a high-reliability tube. The airlines clearly recognized the fact that high-reliability tubes, and not necessarily long-life tubes, were required for their applications.

No single feature distinguishes a reliable tube from a standard commercial type. Reliability is a characteristic that is built into tubes as the integrated result of special design considerations, advanced manufacturing techniques, and rigorous testing procedures.

#### **Special Techniques**

The design of the ARINC tubes must assure that the tubes have the capabilities of reliable oper-In addition to incorporatation. ing the requirements for excellent electrical performance, the high-reliability types incorporate a heater construction designed to withstand excessive heater-cathode cycling. The design also satisfies the requirements for mechanical sturdiness. To withstand shock and vibration, the lengths of the internal elements are kept to a minimum, and all parts are securely fixed in position to avoid potential short circuits.

To assure the ultimate in quality, the actual assembly of the high-re-

# MINIATURE TUBES

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liability types is separated from the assembly of the conventional receiving types. The operators are specially selected and are paid high hourly rates.

The operators are carefully instructed that quality of workmanship is the primary consideration. During the entire manufacturing procedure, extreme care is exercised. Questionable materials or parts are discarded. No attempt is made to reduce costs in any way that could conceivably impair the quality of the finished product.

#### **Heater Construction**

Because the reliability characteristic of the final tube depends on the quality of each component part, extreme care and exhaustive inspections are incorporated in every stage of production. As an example of the special manufacturing techniques employed, consider the processing of the heaters.

The heater wire is first coated with insulating material, and the diameter of the coated wire is measured with micrometers to assure uniformity of coating. The heater wire is then bent to the desired form, and the ends are clipped to the proper size. The formed heater is then checked for length and bends. The size of the bend is carefully controlled. The bend can not be excessively sharp or brittleness and mechanical weakness result. On the other hand, an excessively large bend will not fit prope ly in the cathode sleeve.

Because, in the process of forming, the insulation is cracked at the bends, additional coating is deposited on all bends, to eliminate the possibility of heater-cathode shorts, by a process known as cataphoresis. After cataphoresis, the heaters are 100-percent inspected under binocu-



On the production line where mounts for the tubes are assembled, magnifying glasses are used for inspection

lar microscopes for uniformity and bend coating. The heaters are then fired to bake the insulating coating. Following firing, uniformity of bend size is checked, and samples are subjected to rigorous brittleness tests. The heaters are then inserted in small individual glass tubes to avoid possible damage in handling.

After the heaters are in the glass tubes, a 100-percent binocular-microscope inspection is incorporated to check for chips, dryness, and other imperfections of the insulation as well as crooked heater legs and dark insulation which can result from impurities in the heater wire. The acceptable heaters are then transported to the mounting section in the glass tubes.

Before being inserted in the cathode sleeve, each heater is visually inspected by the mounting operator. After mounting, the heater is again 100-percent checked under binocular microscopes for defective insulation and defective heater welds. Thus, by exhaustive inspection technique every effort is expended to avoid defective heater units and possible heater-cathode shorts.

Comparable precautionary measures control the production and processing of all other component parts. Numerous inspections regulate the quality of the mica insulators, plates and shields, cathode tabs, sprayed cathodes, stems, and grids. Although each component is completely inspected before being sent to the mounting group, each part is reinspected by the mounting operator under a magnifying glass before being used.

As a final check, the completed assembly is 100-percent inspected under binocular microscopes. The final inspection covers a minimum of 16 items and includes, for example, checks for the grid turns (loose, tight, or distorted), heater welds (burned, cold, splashed, or poorly bedded), mica insulators (broken or defective), and cathodes (bowed, distorted, or defective). Here, as in every other inspection, any item which is of questionable quality is discarded.

#### **Burning-In Check**

After the tubes are exhausted and aged, each tube is tested for shorts, gas, and a major characteristic such as cutoff. All tubes are then given a burning-in period of 48 hours under normal operating conditions. The burning-in period has been found, after exhaustive tests, to reduce drastically the number of early-life failures. The burning-in period also serves to stabilize the electrical characteristics.

On an exacting, statistical sampling basis, the tubes are subjected to severe test conditions. In addition to the standard electrical tests, the tubes must pass the requirements for vibration, shock, glass strain, grid emission, electrode insulation, and heater-cathode leakage.

Two life tests are incorporated. The first is similar to the standard intermittent life test. To be acceptable in this case, the tubes tested must have a 95-percent realization of possible operating time. The second life test is the heater-cycling life test. In this case, 7.5 volts is applied to the heater and 100 volts d-c is applied between the heater and cathode. The voltages are applied for one minute and then removed for one minute. The tubes are tested for 2,000 cycles under these conditions.

Because of the destructive nature of the heater-cycling life test, the tubes tested are discarded. An adequate sample is tested to assure that a minimum of 99 percent of the entire product will not fail or develop an appreciable heater-cathode leakage current while operating under the conditions of the test. If the sample fails the heater-cycling life test, the entire production lot is scrapped.

#### **Results of Program**

Before the program was initiated, the commercial airlines were experiencing as high as 30 percent failures on the type 6AK5 during the first thousand hours. The failure rate, after three years of continual improvement on the 5654 (high-reliability sharp-cutoff pentode which has superseded the 6AK5 in aircraft equipment), has been reduced to 3.2 percent in the first thousand hours.

It is expected that, even without drastic changes in design and manufacturing techniques, the failure rate will be brought down to less than one percent as a result of the dynamic nature of the program. Other types on which sufficient life test data are available show equally impressive improvements.

Many of the original complaints such as heater failure due to cycling have been reduced to the vanishing point. The majority of failures currently being experienced by the airlines are emission failures as contrasted to such common causes

Tube Type	Description	Hea Voits /	ter mperes	Ma E s	ximur E.s	n Rati: Pd	ngs Service	Characteristics
GL-5654	Sharp-cutoff r-f pentode	6.3	0.175	180	140	1.7	Class A amplifier	$E_b = 120, E_{e2} = 120,$ $R_k = 200, G_m = 5,000,$ $I_b = 7.5, I_{e2} = 2.5$
GL-5670	High-frequency twin-triode	6.3	0.35	300	•••	1.5	Class A amplifier	$E_b = 150, R_k = 240, G_m = 5,500, \mu = 35, I_b = 8.2$
GL-5686	Power- amplifier pentode	6.3	0.35	250	250	7.5	Class A amplifier Class C r-f amplifier	$E_{b} = 250, E_{c2} = 250, E_{c1} = -12.5, R_{L} = 9,000, P_{0} = 2.7 E_{B} = 250, E_{c2} = 250, E_{c1} = -50, P_{0} = 0.15, P_{0} = 6.5$
GL-5725	Dual-control r-f pentode	6.3	0.175	180	140	1.7	Class A amplifier	$E_b = 120, E_{cb} = 0, *$ $E_{c1} = -2, I_b = 5.2,$ $G_m = 3,200$
GL-5726	Twin-diode	6.3	0.30		Peak	inver: d	se voltage= -coutput cu	=330, Peak current=54 ma arrent=9 ma
G <b>L-5</b> 749	Remote-cutoff r-f pentode	6.3	0.30	300	125	3.0	Class A amplifier	$E_b=250, E_{e2}=100,$ $R_k=68, G_m=4, 400,$ $I_b=11$
GL5750	Pentagrid converter	6.3	0.30	300	100	1.0	Converter service	$E_b=250, G_s=475, I_b=2.6$
GL-5751	High-mu twin- triode	6.3/12.6	0.350/ 0.175	300	• • <sup>2</sup> •	1.0	Class A amplifier	$E_b=250, E_{c1}=-3, \mu=70$ $G_m=1,200, \mu=70, I_b=1.1$
GL-5814	Medium-mu twin-triode	6.3/12.6	0.350/ 0.175	300	3, <b></b>	2.75	Class A amplifier	$E_b = 250, E_{e1} = -8.5,$ $\mu = 17, G_m = 2,200,$ $I_b = 10.5$
The ratings and characteristics of all twin-section types are given for each section. * The control and suppressor grids of the 5725 may be used as independent control elements.								
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of failures as shorted elements and open heaters. In many applications, emission failures can be considered as safe failures.

It is estimated by ARINC that in 1949 the net saving to the airlines by using the two reliable types available at that time was over a quarter of a million dollars. The saving was achieved despite the fact that each tube is approximately three to five times more expensive than a similar conventional receiving type. The increased reliability of the electronic gear has also resulted in increased safety of the airline operation and a reduction in the number of delayed flights.

Nine of the original ten types are available, and the tenth is in the process of design. The characteristics are tabulated on the attached summary chart. Included in the available types are three twintriodes, three radio-frequency pentodes, a power-amplifier pentode, a twin diode, and a pentagrid converter. All are of miniature construction.

The ARINC program was initiated to develop the quality tubes required for aircraft applications. The immediate goal of fewer than 2.5 percent failures during the first thousand hours has essentially been reached, and new goals of even lower failure rates are being set. The result of the program—the production of high-reliability electronic tubes—is therefore now available to other industrial applications.
# STORAGE DEVICES for Communications

Improved communications systems are predicted upon devices in which the time scale is expanded and compressed as well as upon delay types. Equipment for attaining these conditions, including electrostatic storage tubes, delay lines and flip-flop circuits, is described

**S** TORAGE OF information takes place, in some form or other, in all communications systems, and is evidenced by the fact that the output of a system is a weighted response to the past of the input. It is known that the output of a system does not depend alone on the present value of the input, but is also influenced, to varying degrees, by the previous behavior of the input.

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> Much has been published during the last few years on the subject of new communications theory. Although it is theoretically true that systems can be designed to enhance signal-to-noise ratio or to conserve bandwidths in our diminishing radio channels, we have not yet attained the ultimate in equipment for the purpose.

> Particularly to the noncommunications type of reader this article will serve for orientation. Although the electronic circuitry of devices now a-building is not detailed, the gross outlines of the building blocks are described. —The Editors

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In general, the storage and weighting functions of a system are combined, and the storage is not clear-cut. It is not usually possible to point to a part of the system and say that it contains, in recoverable form, all input events that have occurred in an interval T extending from the present into the past. Rather, the storage is distributed throughout the system, and the identity of individual input events is lost.

Recently, the need has developed for systems whose sole function is storage—systems that will retain all input events occurring in a particular interval, and from which the events can be individually recovered. Advances in the theory of communications have shown that an insight into many communications problems may be obtained through the use of such systems



FIG. 1—A generalized linear network is adjusted as shown at (A) and operates in the manner indicated in (B)



FIG. 2-Representative mti radar system. Scope 1 shows all targets while only moving targets are shown in scope 2

as these. The following examples will make evident the types of storage that are required in communications applications.

#### Networks

In connection with a current investigation of optimum linear filters', there has been developed a generalized network that can be used to synthesize linear transfer characteristics experimentally. The network, based on the Wiener-Lee canonical form, is shown in Fig. 1A.

A transfer characteristic is synthesized, in the time domain, by adjusting the network to approximate the corresponding response to a unit impulse. The adjustment is performed by applying a narrow pulse to the input and setting the amplifiers to give the desired response. The first amplifier passes the input pulse, and hence affects the amplitude of only the first output pulse. The second amplifier passes the pulse emerging from the first storage unit, and affects the amplitude of the second output pulse only. Similarly, each of the succeeding amplifiers is used to control the amplitude of an output pulse.

Once adjusted, the network responds to an input  $f_1$  (t) by a process that is analogous to the graphical evaluation of the convolution integral. This analogy is illustrated in Fig. 1B. In the network, the variable x of the integral may be thought of as representing distance toward the right. The weighting function h(x), which is the response to a unit impulse, is contained in the amplifiers by virtue of the initial adjustments. The scanning function  $f_1(t-x)$  is contained in the storage units; it may be visualized as a space plot of the voltage distribution along these units. Each amplifier multiplies corresponding points on the weighting and scanning functions, and the mixed amplifier outputs represent the value of the integral at the particular time t.

This network is an example of a system in which the storage and weighting functions are separated. Furthermore, it demonstrates the necessity for a component whose only function is storage. The requirements that the storage component must satisfy are, in this case, particularly simple. Each storage unit is required only to deliver, at a later time, a replica of its input. The simplest storage device possessing this property is a delay line. Consequently, a tapped delay line will serve as the storage component of the network.

Another interesting application of delay-type storage is found in recent work that has been done on nonlinear systems<sup>2</sup>. A method has been formulated for characterizing nonlinear transducers, and a canonical form developed for a large class of such transducers that comprises a finite number of resistors, capacitors, inductors, and rectifiers. In the canonical form, the storage function of the transducer is placed in evidence as a tapped artificial delay line; weighting alone is accomplished in the remainder of the network.

### **Radar Applications**

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In a moving-target-indication (mti) radar system, a display is presented in which moving objects show up but stationary ones do not<sup>3</sup>. Such a display is obviously desirable when moving objects must be detected in a background of fixed objects. Storage components are essential elements of all mti systems.

The operation of such a system is illustrated by the simplified diagram of Fig. 2. The radar set sends out a pulsed oscillation that is reflected by various objects in its path. Received wave packets and the oscillator signal are mixed and detected, and an output is obtained that depends on the relative phase between the oscillator signal and each received packet. The phase relationships are functions of the distances between the radar set and the objects. The output due to a single transmitted packet is shown by the upper trace at scope 1; the first pulse is caused by object A and the second, by object B.

The output obtained when the next packet is transmitted is shown by the lower trace at scope 1. The pulse due to a fixed object such as A will be the same as before because the phase relationship between the oscillator signal and the reflected packet will not change. However, the pulse due to a moving object such as B will be different, since the change in the distance between it and the radar set will cause a change in the phase of the received packet with respect to that of the transmitted packet.

It is evident that response to fixed objects may be eliminated by subtracting the outputs due to two successive transmitted packets. In the subtraction process, the constant outputs corresponding to fixed objects will cancel, while the varying outputs corresponding to

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moving objects will not. The cancellation obviously cannot be accomplished without the use of storage, since the output due to each transmitted wave packet must be preserved for a time equal to the interval between successive packets.

Packets are transmitted periodically. Consequently, a delay line having a delay time equal to the packet period will serve as the storage device. If delay-line storage is used, the receiver output and the delay-line output are combined in a subtraction circuit, which gives the difference output corresponding to two successive transmitted packets. This output is shown at scope 2.

In place of a delay line and subtraction circuit, a suitable electrostatic storage tube can be used. When a spot on the target of such a tube is bombarded by the electron beam the spot is charged to a certain potential and stays at this potential for a short time. An output signal is obtained from the tube only when an uncharged spot is being charged. If a storage tube is substituted for the oscilloscope tube at scope 1, the mti difference output will be obtained directly. There will be no output corresponding to object A because any two successive traces on the storagetube target will coincide everywhere except in the interval corresponding to a moving object.

#### **Recoding Messages**

Possibly the most important communications application of storage is found in the problem of obtaining more efficient utilization of communication facilities. Although little work has been done on this problem in the past, an intelligent attack can now be made using information theory as a tool.

Quantitatively, the amount of information conveyed by an event depends on the logarithm of the reciprocal of the probability of the event. An event that is quite likely to happen conveys very little information when it does happen, whereas one that is unlikely to happen conveys considerable information when it happens.

In most communication processes, information is generated at a variable rate. The communication channels, however, are presently designed to transmit the information at the maximum rate at which it is generated. Consequently, the channels are not used in the most effic-Reduction of the ient manner. necessary bandwidth, or reduction of the average power required, or improvement of the signal-to-noise ratio, can be obtained by requiring the channels to transmit information at the average rate of generation, rather than at the maximum rate. These benefits cannot be obtained without the use of storage systems.

The basic method of smoothing the flow of information may be illustrated by a simple example. Suppose that the message to be transmitted is represented by a combination of two basic symbols, 0 and 1, which are generated at a uniform rate of S symbols per second. Suppose, further, that the



FIG. 3—Message consists of sequence of basic symbols 0 and 1. Symbols are generated at a constant rate S per second. Symbols are independent. Value of p(0) is 0.9 and p(1) is 0.1. Bandwidth of recoded message at (C) is less than original at (A)

symbols are independent, and that on the average 0 occurs nine-tenths of the time and 1 occurs one-tenth of the time. Such a message is shown in Fig. 3A.

The message may be represented electrically by a train of pulses that occur at a rate S per second, and which have two distinct states, corresponding to the two symbols. As shown in Fig. 3A, the symbol 1 may be represented by a positive pulse and the symbol 0 by absence of the pulse that would normally occur at that time. Knowledge of the pulse repetition rate and indication of the symbol 1 are sufficient to specify the message, since it is known that the symbols occur at that rate and each must be 1 or 0.

The required bandwidth of the transmission channel will be determined by the maximum number of pulses per second which it must carry. If the representation of Fig. 3A is used, the channel must be capable of carrying pulses at the rate of S per second, because it is possible, although very unlikely, that a sequence of 1's will appear somewhere in the message.

Now, suppose that instead of a pulse position being assigned to each symbol, a group of pulse positions is assigned to a group of symbols. If, for example, the symbols are taken in groups of two, as shown in Fig. 3B, four different group combinations will exist. The frequencies with which the groups occur will be different, because the symbol 0 occurs in the message more often than the symbol 1. To each group is assigned a different electrical representation. These representations are chosen in a systematic way that takes into account the relative frequencies of the groups. Representations of the more probable groups contain fewer pulse positions than those of the less probable groups'.

The recoded message is shown in Fig. 3C. The pulses representing this message are also transmitted periodically. However, the repetition rate of these pulses is made less than S per second because on the average, the recoded message will contain fewer than S pulses per second. The latter fact can be seen by considering the group probabilities and representa-

tions of Fig. 3B. On the average, group 00 occurs 0.81 of the time, and occupies one pulse position; group 01 occurs 0.09 of the time, and occupies two pulse positions; and so forth. A simple calculation shows that an average of 1.29 pulse positions per group are required. In the original representation (Fig. 3A), however, two pulse positions per group were required. Consequently, the recoded message can be transmitted at a rate of 1.29S/2 pulses per second. With this lower rate, a proportionate saving in channel bandwidth can be obtained. The use of longer groups, instead of just two-symbol groups, will generally result in a greater rate reduction.

It is seen that the flow of the information contained in the message has been smoothed out by the recoding. The more probable groups, which convey small amounts of information when they occur, are transmitted in shorter time intervals than the less probable groups. which represent larger amounts of information. This smoothing process is evidenced as an accordionlike compression and expansion of the time scale of the original representation. Recoding cannot be accomplished unless storage units are used. Without storage units, the necessary alterations in the time scale of the original message cannot be obtained.

The recoding may be carried out as shown in Fig. 4. The original message is routed to a small temporary storage unit, which has a capacity of two pulses. This unit may comprise either flip-flops or a tapped delay line. As soon as two pulses have been stored, the coder is actuated and generates the corresponding group representation. which is placed in the main storage unit. Pulses are removed from the main storage unit at a uniform rate and are transmitted.

Pulses enter the main storage unit at a variable rate, but are removed at a constant rate. On the average, the unit will be half full, since the output rate equals the average input rate. From time to time, however, the number of pulses stored will vary. Suppose, for instance, that the unit is half full, and that a long sequence of 0's occurs in the message. Under this condition, stored pulses will be removed faster than new pulses enter. If the sequence of 0's is long enough, the storage unit will be emptied and the transmission system will temporarily fail. Alternatively, suppose that the unit is half full and that a long sequence of 1's occurs in the message. In this case, new pulses will enter the unit faster than stored pulses are removed, and if the sequence is sufficiently long, the unit will be completely filled. On the basis of the group probabilities, the capacity of the storage unit can be found such that the probability of failure of the transmission system has a specified value. This probability of failure can be made smaller by increasing the capacity of the storage unit, but it can never be reduced to zero as long as only a finite amount of storage is available. In practice the probability of failure due to overloading of the storage unit need not be made zero. It is sufficient to make this probability comparable to the probability of failure due to other causes.

At the receiving end of the transmission system, the inverse process of decoding the groups must be carried out in order to obtain the



FIG. 4—Method of accomplishing recoding of Fig. 3

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FIG. 5—Representation of a practical flexible storage system

original message. Storage units that function in essentially the same way as at the transmitting end are necessary, since again the time scale must be altered.

The statistical structure of most practical messages is much more complicated than that of the simple message in the preceding example. Practical messages are made up of more than two basic symbols. Also, the state of any particular symbol is affected by one or more preceding symbols. In a written message, for instance, it cannot be assumed that the occurrence of a certain letter is independent of all other letters. Rather, the fact must be considered that certain letters are more likely to occur when preceded by other particular letters, as in the combinations TH and ES. In speech, similar relations exist among the vowel and consonant sounds. In a television image, the light intensity of a particular spot is related to the intensities of other spots, both in the same and in preceding frames. The advantages of recoding can be realized in these more complicated cases. The detailed method of accomplishing the recoding will, of course, be quite complex. But, the fact remains that if recoding is to be carried out, alterations of the time scale are necessary. Highly flexible storage systems must be used at both the sending and receiving ends of the transmission system.

Most existing storage devices are capable of storing only binary pulses-pulses that can have only two states, and which can represent the binary digits of 1 and 0. This condition is not a drawback as far as the communications applications of storage are concerned. Information can be represented to any desired degree of accuracy by a sequence of binary numbers, and can therefore be electrically represented by binary pulses.

### Suitable Systems

A symbolic representation of a practical storage system sufficiently flexible to be used in communications applications is shown in Fig. 5. It is assumed that the information to be stored has been put in binary form.

If alteration of the time scale of the input is to be obtained, use of delay-line-type storage devices is not practical. A storage device should be used that preserves the state and order, but not the time relationship, of stored pulses. Such a storage device might be visualized as a box partitioned into a number of compartments. Incoming symbols are dropped into successive compartments, where they remain until removed by an external device; the rate at which this device operates determines the time relationship of the output symbols. In a practical storage system, it is preferable to have two storage channels of this type, which are arranged as shown in Fig. 5. Incoming pulses are routed to one of the two channels, while pulses that were previously stored are being removed from the other. A control component automatically switches both the input and output connections when the channel from which are being recovered is pulses empty. It is seen that a continuous flow of information will be maintained through the system, but the operations of storage and recovery will never take place simultaneously in one channel. Circuit complexity is reduced because of the latter condition

Two existing storage devices are suitable for use in a storage system of this general type-flip-flops and electrostatic storage tubes. Economically, the tubes are preferable because several hundred of the compartments shown on the diagram can be provided by one tube; a highcapacity flip-flop storage system is not practical because one flip-flop is required for each storage compartment. From the speed standpoint, flip-flops are better; electrostatic tubes now available cannot be operated as fast as flip-flops.

At this laboratory, construction of a two-channel electrostatic-tube storage system has recently been completed<sup>5</sup>. Each channel comprises one tube, and at present has a capacity of 256 pulses. For reliable operation, the required minimum time intervals between adjacent pulses are 30 microseconds when pulses are stored, and 15 microseconds when stored pulses are recovered.

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### **Thyratron-Controlled**





Jackie Robinson and Bruce Edwards, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, are shown at Vero Beach, Florida, using the electronic umpire during a practice session

FIG. 1—The ball must pass through the three intersecting planes in 1-2-3 order to record a strike

The ELECTRONIC UMPIRE arose out of a need for a device to assist pitchers and batters in learning control and judgement. Other devices were in use or had been tried out for such purposes, but they either interfered with a batter's swing or were bulky and not easily transportable. In addition to being able to call strikes, it was thought desirable to add speed measurement to the device, thus permitting a reasonably accurate appraisal of a pitcher's ability in terms of speed and control.

The electronic umpire is a portable two-unit device which can be set up in a matter of minutes wherever there is an a-c supply available. One unit is placed on the ground and carries a simulation of the home plate. Alternatively, it may be set flush with the surface of the ground. The other unit may be located anywhere within a radius of twenty-five feet from the ground unit. It provides an indication when a ball has passed through the strike zone and an indication of its speed. No lights or other equipment than the two units described above are required. The strike zone is adjustable to suit batters ranging in height from 5 ft 1 in. to 6 ft 5 in. Speed in excess of 50 ft per second may be measured to an accuracy of 5 percent.

The device may also be connected to a tape recorder to make a permanent record of each pitcher's ability and improvement. The equipment is intended primarily for training purposes.

### **Theory of Operation**

Figure 1 illustrates the basic theory of operation. The ground unit contains three sets of phototubes and associated optical equipment, so arranged that each set of phototubes looks at a very restricted portion of the sky as, in effect, a beam. Two of these beams are vertical and one inclined. The ball, in its passage across the plate, will interrupt these beams in a certain sequence, depending upon height. If the inclined beam is made to intersect the first vertical beam at the proper knee level and the second vertical beam at the proper arm-pit level, a ball passing through the strike zone will interrupt these beams in a 1, 2, 3 sequence. The sequence for a low ball will be 2, 1, 3, and for a high ball 1, 3, 2. Of course, any ball which is wide of the plate will fail to interrupt all three beams.

To make the system responsive to interruption of the beams in only the 1, 2, 3 sequence, thyratrons in the control box are triggered by pulses produced by passage of the ball through the appropriate beam. The thyratrons are connected in series so that the first must fire to supply voltage to the second, which, in turn, must fire to supply voltage to the third. Such a system will be unresponsive to any other sequence of firing.

If the firing sequence has been correctly followed, a relay is energized and a strike indicator lamp is lighted. In addition, the pulses from the two vertical beams are used to trigger a flip-flop which controls a charging and metering

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### **Photoelectric Umpire**

Automatic device detects passage of baseball through an adjustable strike zone and indicates speed of ball as it crosses plate. Interconnected thyratrons prevent false operation by bat swinging through strike area. Tests indicate the electronic umpire will be as accurate as live umpires and less vulnerable to flying pop bottles

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Figure 3 shows the circuit of one

circuit that provides a measure of time interval, and hence speed of the ball.

The device also incorporates reset circuits which serve to reset the thyratrons in a relatively short time if only one or two are fired, as by a low or high pitch. If a strike is recorded, the reset circuits will hold off for a longer period, sufficient to read the speed meter, before resetting.

### **Block Diagram**

Figure 2 shows a block diagram of the system. Each phototube pair (two are used for each slot) has an associated preamplifier which amplifies the pulse derived from passage of the ball and applies it to the grid of the corresponding thyratron. Thyratrons 1 and 2 actuate the reset circuit, if fired. Thyratron 3 also actuates the reset circuit if a strike is called, but in such manner as to increase the reset time as described in a later section. The signals from thyratrons 1 and 3 are applied to the timing circuit, which applies a voltage to the metering circuit proportional to the interval. The meter reading is inversely proportional to speed. The reset circuit temporarily removes the plate voltage from the thyratrons and sets the timing and metering circuits back at their initial conditions. ready for another pitch.

set of phototubes and the associated amplifier. The phototubes are located in the ground unit, two to each slot. The slots are 19 inches long, and are protected against direct sunlight by rubber guard strips. In the case below the slots are located sectors of plastic lenses and mirrors which focus the sky light at a point inside the box. An aperture at this focal point prevents stray light from energizing the phototube, which is located behind it. By this means, the phototube is made responsive to the ambient sky light emanating from a very small, sharply defined sector of the sky. A ball passing through this beam will cast a shadow on the phototube and produce a unidirectional pulse which is amplified and passed along to the control unit over a 25-foot shielded cable.

The mirrors of the two vertical beams are fixed at 45 degrees; however, the mirror for the inclined beam is displaced from directly be-



FIG. 2—Speed of pitch is determined by measuring interval required for ball to pass between plane 1 and plane 3

low the slot and is rotatable by means of a calibrated knob through an angle of 51 degrees to 58 degrees, thus varying the intersection of this inclined beam with the two vertical beams to correspond to the knee and arm-pit heights of different batters.

### **Thyratron Circuits**

Figure 4 shows the details of the thyratron circuits. One thyratron is used for the first vertical beam, but two are used for each of the other two. This is done to insure firing of the thyratrons as the ball enters the beam. If this method were not employed, it would be possible to fire the thyratron  $V_{2}$  as the ball was passing out of the slant beam, the firing occurring on the declining portion of its grid pulse instead of in the rising portion. This would result in extension of the strike zone downward and upward from that indicated by intersection of the beams.

Consider the sequence when a



FIG. 3—Phototubes and 12AX7 preamplifiers are located in ground-level plate unit



FIG. 4—Interconnected thyratron control circuit prevents false operation

strike is thrown. The ball passes through beam 1 first, which causes  $V_1$  to fire. This applies plate voltage to  $V_{2B}$  and  $V_{3A}$ . Next, the ball passes through slant beam 2 and fires  $V_{24}$ . The pulse obtained from its cathode is differentiated and applied to  $V_{2B}$ . This now fires and applies plate voltage to  $V_{3B}$ . Lastly, the ball passes through beam 3 and fires  $V_{84}$ , and the differentiated pulse from  $V_{3A}$  fires  $V_{3B}$ , whereupon the strike relay is closed. A green indicator is lighted on the panel of the control box. It is also possible to record the word "strike" on a tape recorder which is actuated by this relay.

The timing circuit, to be described later, is actuated by the voltage appearing at the junction of the resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  and turned off again by the voltage appearing at the cathode of  $V_{3B}$  after the strike has been thrown.

The voltage on the above divider and voltage appearing on the cathode of  $V_{24}$  are applied to the reset circuit. Thus, if only one or two thyratrons were fired, the reset circuit would be energized and would quickly restore the thyratrons to their unfired condition. In the case of a strike the strike relay operates to delay this reset operation.

### **Timing and Metering**

Figure 5 shows this portion of the equipment. A 12AT7 is used as a conventional flip-flop, turned on by the No. 1 pulse and off by the No. 3 pulse. During the time it is on, it supplies a signal to the grid of the 6AU6 which is normally biased to cutoff. Plate current flows and charges a capacitor to a voltage proportional to the time the flip-flop has been on. This voltage is measured by a balanced d-c vacuum-tube voltmeter.

The voltmeter has two ranges, obtained by shunting the meter. One range corresponds to a minimum speed of 50 feet per second, the other 100 feet per second. The high range is adjusted by means of a variable resistor which varies the charging rate, the other range by the shunt across the meter.

The reset circuit, when actuated, opens the cathode of the first half of the flip-flop, returning it to its stand-by condition, and removes any charge from the capacitor.

### **Reset Circuit**

The reset circuit, as illustrated in Fig. 6, employs another 2D21 thyratron in conjunction with the strike relay and the reset relay to accomplish the objectives described above.

The operation is as follows: normally, this thyratron is cut off by the -27 volt bias applied through resistors  $R_4$  and  $R_5$ . Actually about half this voltage is effectively on the grid, due to the voltage divider action of the resistor going back to the thyratrons. Capacitor  $C_3$  is charged to approximately -13volts,  $C_2$  to -27 volts. If now either thyratron  $V_1$  or  $V_{24}$  (or both) is fired, a large positive voltage will be applied through the reset time potentiometer and will discharge



FIG 5—Two speed ranges are available—50 and 100 feet per second—each having its own calibration adjustment





FIG. 6—Reset may be accomplished either automatically or manually

FIG. 7—Electronic umpire is calibrated by a spinner disc that simulates balls traveling at different speeds

capacitor  $C_s$ . When the voltage on this capacitor drops to the proper level, the 2D21 will fire and will energize the reset relay. One set of contacts resets the flip-flop and metering circuits as described above, while another set momentarily removes B+ from the thyratrons until the 2D21 is again cut off and the relay released. It also applies this B+ to a neon indicator which gives a momentary indication of resetting. The above reset time is normally set for less than 0.1 second.

If, on the other hand, the ball passes through beam 3 before this cycle has elapsed and the strike relay becomes energized, a somewhat different cycle occurs. Capacitor  $C_2$ , which was charged to -27 volts, is now connected to the junction of resistors  $R_4$  and  $R_5$ , with the result that a considerably longer period, of the order of 5 seconds, is required for the voltage on the 2D21 grid to decay to the firing level. This provides ample time to read the meter.

A momentary contact switch provides means of manually resetting the device by grounding the 2D21 grid. A double-pole switch also makes it possible to disconnect the reset circuit to hold a reading for longer periods or fire the thyratrons individually in testing.

### Calibration

The electronic umpire is equipped with jacks whereby calibrating devices may be connected to it. Figure 7 shows the method used. A large 3-ft diameter spinner disc of  $\frac{3}{16}$ inch Plexiglass is mounted on a variable-speed d-c motor, capable of rotating the disc at speeds up to 1,200 rpm. Two opaque areas on the rim of this disc simulate a baseball. The disc is placed so that it rotates over the ground unit, with the opaque areas alternately interrupting beams 1 and 3. Thyratrons  $V_1$  and  $V_{24}$  are now connected in tandem so that both will fire simultaneously.

Associated with the shaft of the motor is a cam-operated switch which energizes a relay once each revolution. This relay has two sets of contacts, connected in series with a double-pole double-throw switch. When this switch is closed, the next time the cam-operated switch is closed, the relay will lock in and will hold down until the switch is opened. This will also apply plate voltage to the thyratrons. When the spinner disc interrupts the beams, the thyratrons will fire and indicate a strike in the same manner as for a pitched ball. The equipment designed as above ensures that the thyratrons are always activated at the correct time. It also permits adjustment to avoid the possibility of firing while the ball is passing through or out of the beams.

By knowing the rotational speed of the disc and the distance between slots, the equivalent linear ball speed may be calculated and the meter set at the correct reading by means of the two range adjustments.

### **Operational Tests**

In actual tests at the Brooklyn Dodger training camp in Vero Beach, Florida, the electronic umpire demonstrated that it could call as reliably, if not more so, than a regular umpire. Extensive tests were made using a pitching machine, as well as members of the Dodgers team, and it was found that the definition of the strike zone is satisfactorily sharp on all four sides. In addition, since there are no interfering parts above the ground, a batter can take his stance over the device and swing the bat through the beams. As long as the bat is swung in the usual manner, it will interrupt the beams in the wrong sequence, and the umpire will reset before the pitch is delivered.

One compromise was necessary in the design of the device in order to accommodate curves as well as straight pitches. The No. 1 slot was made 18 inches wide and the 2 and 3 slots were made 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches wide, whereas the plate is 17 inches wide. The two vertical beams are just before and after the plate. It is conceivable that a very fast breaking curve may cut one corner of the plate and miss one or two of the beams yet still be legitimately a strike. However, if the beams are widened to accommodate this possibility, it then becomes possible to call a strike on a straight ball off the side of the plate. The above compromise is apparently reasonably satisfactory from both standpoints, on the basis of tests made to date.

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FIG. 1-Wind and ice loading zones in the United States

# How to Select ANTENNA TOWERS

A knowledge of mechanical design principles is essential. This article summarizes general practice with respect to self-supported and guyed structures, materials, mounts and footings. Erection and maintenance, factors which affect the choice, are also covered

**E** LECTRONIC ENGINEERS are frequently called upon to select structural supports for antennas. Special design is occasionally necessary but in most instances standardized supports are indicated. In either case, selection is facilitated if the engineer has a general knowledge of mechanical design principles, installation and maintenance problems. It is such knowledge that this paper is intended to summarize.

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antenna supports is imposed in a horizontal direction by wind; ice coatings create additional gravity loads but their greatest imposition of stress is caused by the increment of area they add to the surface the structure presents to the wind. The wind pressure on a structure varies with the square of the wind velocity; calculations based on wind-tunnel data are given below:

Wind Velocity (mph)	Pressure (lb per sq ft) Flat Surface Round Surface		
60	13.3	8.9	
70	18.2	12.1	
80	23.7	15.8	
90	30.0	20.0	
100	37.0	24.6	
110	44.8	29.8	
125	57.9	38.6	

The profile or projected area is used for calculations of wind load. Meteorological records and re-

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FIG. 2—Loading on a tapered, self-supporting tower, turned on its side in the drawing for better visualization of forces involved



FIG. 3-Cross section of triangular tower

FIG. 4—Cross section of square tower

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search have established maximum wind and ice conditions normally to be expected in various parts of the United States. Figure 1 delineates the various wind and ice loading zones. Conservative design practice anticipates the following loadings:

	Ice-Coating (in.)	Wind-Velocity (mph)	
Light	0	60	
Medium	0.25	90	

Ice loadings are expressed as radial thicknesses to be added to the projected area of members.

The loading map does not take into account unusual local conditions which may suggest design to a higher or lower wind velocity. In areas subject to hurricanes it is usually best to select towers rated

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at 90 miles per hour. Hurricanes involve winds having speeds of over 125 miles per hour, but only near the eye or center of the storm; velocities in the periphery are usually below 90 miles per hour. It is therefore sometimes cheaper to replace a damaged structure with a similar structure than to replace with one which would resist the rarely encountered forces which destroyed the original.

Masts and towers are generally rated in terms of pounds of horizontal top load at a given wind velocity, or wind velocity plus a given ice load. An additional figure is often given for the gravity load which may accompany the maximum horizontal load. Thus a tower with a capacity of 200 pounds at 90

mph can be loaded with 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> square feet of flat surface, 10 square feet of round members, or any combination totaling 200 pounds of wind resistance.

### Self-Supporting Structures

Stress analysis of a self-supporting structure is complicated by the fact that it is loaded as a beam and as a column at the same time. Figure 2 shows the loading on a tapered tower; it is turned on its side for better visualization of forces. Shaded area P shows the total wind load on the support structure, usually expressed in pounds per square foot and here represented as increasing toward the base because of longer bracing members and heavier corner posts at the base. The letter T denotes wind load on the antenna, and G and W are the gravity loads of the antenna and tower structures respectively, plus the weight of any ice coating.

Assuming a tower of triangular cross section, the maximum compression load imposed on member C in Fig. 3 occurs when the wind is from direction N. A line parallel to AB and one third up from the base will be the gravity or neutral axis of the section; this line has no theoretical stress. With the wind from N, C is in compression and A and B in tension.

The corner post C is a column; its tensile strength is its net area multiplied by the allowable stress of the material, but its compression strength is always something less than this. Since the wind from direction N imposes a tensile load divided between A and B, while an equal compression load is placed on C alone, and considering that the corner post in effect is stronger in tension than in compression, it becomes obvious that the compressive strength of the corner posts is the critical design factor in a self-supporting tower.

Gravity loads of all kinds are equally divided among the corner posts but unfortunately they add to the compression load on C while subtracting from the tensile load on A and B. Referring to Fig. 2, Gis constant except for the additional weight of any ice and its weight is transmitted throughout the length of the tower, while W is additive owing to the tower taper; some towers have heavier corner posts toward the base in consideration of this latter fact.

In the case of square towers P is uniform from top to base of the structure and W increases uniformly instead of geometrically. Maximum stresses occur in a section when the wind is from N as in Fig. 4. The neutral axis is a diagonal, B is in compression, D in tension, and A and C have very little stress.

### **Guyed Structures**

The guyed structure is subject to a different set of stresses, as shown in Fig. 5. The strain taken by each guy is resolved into its horizontal and vertical components for purpose of stress analysis. The horizontal components  $H_a$ ,  $H_b$ , and  $H_o$  are equal to the horizontal wind load on half of the sections adjacent to each guy point. The horizontal load on the antenna itself, I, is taken by  $H_o$ , and H, the bottom horizontal reaction, is merely half the wind load on the bottom section.

Referring to Fig. 6,  $V = H \tan \phi$ , and the greater  $\phi$  becomes, corresponding to anchoring the guys closer to the base of the tower, the greater V will become for a given wind load reaction H. In effect, failure of a guyed structure results from wind load stressing the guys to the point where they pull the tower down. Good practice usually has the guys anchored from 70 to 100 percent of their height from the tower base, but some tubular masts, taking advantage of the lower wind resistance of round members, are designed to take the

downward pull of guys anchored closer. Since it is most economical to have all guys in a set anchored at one point,  $\phi$  is usually small for the lower guys.

The summation of all vertical forces at the bottom of the tower.  $\Sigma V$  as in Fig. 5, is the accumulation of gravity loads of the antenna, structure and ice, plus the vertical components  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$  and  $V_o$  of all the guy strains. The maximum column load on the corner posts occurs at the bottom of the structure. Since a substantial increment is added at each guy point, many large guyed towers make a change to heavier corner post sections at the guy points. The fact that a structure does not add corner-post material at each guy point, however, does not necessarily mean that it is poorly designed. Changes in corner-post section complicate section splices in some designs and there are economies in keeping the number of different sections to a minimum. Heavier material is often used higher up the tower than stress analysis alone demands.

The wind direction for maximum stress in a guyed tower is different than for a self-supporting one, and is S rather than N in Fig. 3 for a triangular section. Corner-post C again gets the greatest load, in compression, and A and B share an equal tensile load between them. A wind from N will throw the full tensile load on C alone, but the corner post is stronger in tension than in compression.

For the square tower, Fig. 4, corner-post B was in compression in the self-supporting structure; if guys are added D takes the compression load when the wind is from N and B is in tension. The guys at A and C are slack. A wind normal to any face of a guyed triangular or square tower will not impose stresses as heavy as those just described, because the compressive loads are then divided between two corner posts.

Figure 7 shows how wind pressure on a triangular section between guys stresses it as a simple beam with a uniformly distributed load. With the wind coming from direction N, this results in a compression stress in A. Thus there are three compression loads on A. the beam stress just mentioned, the vertical component of guy strain, and the gravity loads of the antenna and the structure itself plus the weight of any ice. These constitute the maximum loads of any member of the tower, and reach their highest values at the bottom.

### **Cross-Bracing**

The cross-bracing of towers is subject to infinite variation, depending upon decisions of the individual designer. Many combinations of horizontals and diagonals can result in a sound structure, and some successful lighter designs omit either horizontal or diagonal bracing entirely.

In general, and where a structure has both, the horizontals are compression members while the diagonals distribute tensile loads among the corner posts. The corner post is a column unsupported between bracing; the greater the length of a bay the heavier the corner post must be, and the bracing must also be heavier. The designer arrives at a compromise between putting his material into corner



FIG. 5-Loading on a guyed tower, showing vertical and horizontal components

FIG. 6-Guy-angle geometry

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posts or bracing and tries to get a combination which will expose a minimum of area to the wind.

A few successful designs have used wire cable for diagonal bracing, despite the fact that end connections are expensive and cable is subject to stretching.

End connections of rigid bracing usually require that the material be two to three times the diameter of the bolt or rivet in width; this often determines the minimum section which can be used for bracing. Because of corrosion, traditional structural practice has in the past prohibited the use of any section less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  inch thick, but the tower industry, doing careful stress analysis and using corrosion-resisting materials and coatings, has in many instances safely disregarded this arbitrary minimum. The more massive structures are usually built entirely of standard channels and angles, but lighter towers often use specially formed sections stamped from sheet or extruded in the light metals. Round tubing is an excellent shape for corner posts as well as bracing, since it is equally strong in all directions.

### Fastenings

Towers other than the most massive designs are usually factory assembled into sections which are bolted together at erection. Where rod and tubing are used, factory assembly is generally done by welding; this is highly satisfactory if the welds are sound and are carefully cleaned before galvanizing or painting. The most dangerous type of corrosion starts at improperly cleaned welds.

Factory-driven rivets give little trouble except where they have not been thoroughly descaled before finishing the structure. Bolts and nuts are usually hot-dip galvanized; the nuts are usually retapped slightly oversize after galvanizing to permit easy assembly. Electro-zinc and cadmium plating of bolts and nuts permits their manufacture with closer fits than hot-dip galvanizing, but the difficulty of maintaining quality control, especially in barrel plating, has in some instances in the past made them less uniformly corrosion-resistant. However, electrozinc and cadmium plate are excellent paint bases; even if the structure itself is not galvanized, plated fastenings are well worth their slight additional cost.

Both self-supporting and guyed towers are subject to substantial vibration in gusty winds. Investment in locknuts or lockwashers of any standard type, plated like the nuts and bolts, is well worth the cost of additional material and erection labor.

### **Mounts and Footings**

Guyed and self-supporting structures are mounted on different types of footings. The self-supporting tower must be anchored so that each leg footing can resist a tensile pull of high magnitude. Referring to Fig. 2 and 3, this is:

Tensile Pull =  $PH/3 \div J + TH'$  $\div J - (G + W) \div$  No. of corner posts. For a given top load capacity and height, a tower with a greater spread at the base will cost more than others but, where soft ground conditions require extensively spread footings, a more economical



FIG. 7—Wind pressure on triangular tower section between guys

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installation will result from the fact that the tensile forces the base must resist will be less, since the denominator J shown in Fig. 3 is greater. Where a self-supporting tower is used as a vertical radiator, push-pull insulators are usually employed for the legs; Fig. 8 shows how such insulators translate tensile pull on the leg into a compression strain on the porcelain.

The base of a guyed structure is less elaborate, since there are no upward components of force, but the footing, usually a slab of concrete, must be spread over enough ground to distribute vertical loads over an area which can support them without sinking. The slab must resist substantial internal shear stress unless ground conditions permit it to be small in area; it is usually provided with reinforcing bars. The horizontal loads on the base of a guyed tower, being quite small, are taken by a few bolts or anchor rods locating the tower base on its footing. Base insulators for guyed vertical radiators have to be quite substantial to take the downward thrust of the guy strains and gravity loads. However, porcelain has a high strength in compression, so pivot insulators of the type illustrated in Fig. 9 can support even the most massive structures.

Guy anchors require careful investigation of soil conditions and installation. For strains up to a few tons in medium or hard soil, galvanized guy anchors equipped with bearing plates or suitable for use with a deadman buried in the ground are often employed. These are inexpensive and easy to install; even if the largest size cannot support all the guys in a set it is worthwhile providing more than one anchorage if this allows their use. In soft soil, and where guy strains are several tons, concrete footings must generally be designed. Shaping them along the line of average direction of guy pull saves material and labor and the use of a wedge-shaped plate transmitting guy pulls to the anchor allows self-alignment of the guys.

### **Materials**

Steel towers are low in first cost, but their weight is a factor in shipping and erection expense. Even though galvanized they are usually painted periodically in all but quite dry climates; this expense is necessary in any case where the Civil Aeronautics Authority declares a tower to be a hazard to air traffic and requires that it be painted in orange and white stripes for maximum visibility.

Aluminum has become important as a tower material since the development of strong and corrosion-resistant alloys. Having a modulus of elasticity about one third that of steel, an aluminum-alloy tower under load deflects roughly three times as much as a steel tower made to the same design. The alloys used for towers weigh about one third as much as structural steel, and their yield point in tension is about a third higher. In order to reduce deflection, deeper sections are used, but good designs are on the market which are about 40 percent of the weight of a structural steel tower having the same load capacity. They are more expensive than steel structures, but in many cases the additional first cost is offset by savings in shipping and erection.

Stainless steel is the best material for towers from the corrosion standpoint, but is quite expensive. In its annealed state, 18-8 stainless steel has a yield strength about the same as structural aluminum and higher than structural steel. However, most stainless steel used for antenna-support structures is in the form of tubing, where the cold working accompanying the drawing operations materially raises its strength. Especially where a tower need not be painted, stainless steel towers, like aluminum, effect savings in shipping, erection and maintenance.

Magnesium alloys will undoubtedly play an important part in the future of antenna support structures. Substantially lighter and more corrosion resistant than aluminum, they permit the erection of massive towers with little gear. Research is producing stronger alloys and gradually eliminating detrimental factors such as the susceptibility of magnesium to notcheffect failures.

Phenolic resin-bonded plywood was used for mass-produced masts



FIG. 8-Support for unguyed tower

up to about 100 feet in height during World War II. It has the advantages of low cost, easy erection, low maintenance and the employment of noncritical material. However, it has a shorter life and less load capacity than most metal types and must be lowered when antennas are to be tuned or serviced. Postwar development, particularly in the direction of using fiberglass as a filler material, has improved the quality of this type of product; it is especially useful for testing work and temporary installations where frequent moving of equipment is necessary.

Wooden masts and towers are rarely satisfactory at heights above 50 feet althought many up to 250 feet were built in wartime because of the shortage of metals. Design requires great care and flawless materials must be used. The allowable stress being low, sections are bulky and the wind loads consequently quite high.

### Selection of Site

Guyed towers require substantial areas for guy anchorage. Installation on a rooftop adds to the height but roof framing must often be reinforced for the tower base and sometimes for guy anchorage as well. One method of anchoring guys on a rooftop of limited area is shown in Fig. 10; alternate methods include running one or more guys to the ground or to another building.

Self-supporting towers require less room for the base, but legal liability exists where the structure might fall onto property owned by others; insurance must be figured into the maintenance cost so sometimes it is cheaper to acquire land around the tower to reduce this charge. Reinforcement of roof framing to anchor a self-supporting structure is usually more costly than for a guyed structure of the same height because of the tensile loads the base must resist, but guy anchorages are eliminated.

Soil conditions should be determined before the selection of a tower to be ground mounted. Soft or swampy ground may dictate the choice of a self-supporting tower with the base spread as much as possible. A guyed structure mounted on soft ground should be as small and light as possible; some of the stainless steel towers made of round tubing are costly but their wind loads are low, their vertical thrust against the ground correspondingly small and the base required less elaborate than for more massive steel units. In temperate or cold climates the footings should go at least below the frost line for safety.

Rock footings are relatively Usually holes are drilled, simple. steel rods with appropriate crossmembers for bonding inserted, and the holes filled with concrete. In the case of the lighter structures, the rod itself can be used as an anchor bolt attached to one leg of the tower. For heavier structures a triangle or square of metal fitting the leg angles of the tower is buried.

Accessibility of the site will sometimes be a major determinant in selection of an antenna support where there are serious limitations of carriers and roads.

### **Erection Methods**

For crane erection, either an entire structure or a few bottom sections are assembled on the ground. A truck or crawler crane hooked to

the structure just above its center of gravity lifts the unit and lines attached to the bottom end swing it into an upright position. The crane then lowers it onto the anchor bolts. Crawler cranes capable of lifting up to ten tons at the end of a 100-foot boom are available in most centers of population in this country, so units up to possibly 200 feet high can be erected by this method. However, great care must be exercised in raising units over 100 feet high, because the guyed units especially are quite limber, and buckling may occur. Rental of cranes is expensive, but the crane is needed only for the minimum hiring period of one day. Gin poles and A-frames can take the place of the crane for smaller units.

For piecemeal erection the bottom section of the structure is erected as a unit. A jib is then attached to one corner post, projecting up more than half the length of the next corner post. This jib is used with a pulley and rope to raise the members of the next bay. After the bay is completed the jib is again raised. A winch on the ground may be used to lift the material, or a jeep or truck may be used, employing a pulley on the ground to change the direction of pull. Piecemeal erection is necessary on the more massive towers; when mounted on prefabricated sections the jib may raise an entire tower section. Some manufacturers supply jibs suitable to their towers on a sale or rental basis. Where a massive structure is to be erected on a rooftop it must be determined whether there is room on the roof to install a hoisting der-

rick to lift the members or whether they must be carried up in elevators. These conditions may dictate a maximum size of members, which would control the basic design.

For boom erection many guyed masts are equipped with four sets of guys instead of the minimum The boom, which may be three. one quarter to a third the length of the mast, is attached to the mast base at right angles to it, and the base itself is equipped with a hinge. The mast, including all the guys, is assembled on the ground and the boom is attached in a vertical position. One set of guys is attached to the boom, shortened as neces-Two sets are attached to sarv. their ground anchors. The fourth set, opposite the boom, is attached to a truck or held by manpower. A line fastened to the end of the boom is pulled in the direction opposite the mast, and, as the boom end is pulled down, the mast is raised. At some point near plumb the weight of the boom balances the weight of the mast; beyond this point the mast falls into an upright position and the fourth set of guys opposite the boom must take up their slack and ease the mast into position.

### Maintenance

Materials of construction, fastenings, climatic conditions and required length of life determine mantenance requirements.

Painting is the most costly repetitive item and the one most often neglected. Aluminum structures need not be painted unless they are exposed to salt air or industrial fumes corrosive to the metal; in the



FIG. 10-Use of guy anchor column on rooftop of limited area

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former case they need painting less often than galvanized steel if a zinc chromate priming coat has been well applied. In dry climates galvanized steel does not need painting either, though both it and aluminum are subject to weathering which may make their appearance undesirable. Galvanizing provides a better paint base than bare steel, as also do Parkerizing and similar chemical treatments for metals.

Bolts are the first parts of a tower to show signs of corrosion in most cases, even when painted. Streaks below a bolt head may indicate only the combined effects of rain and dust; nothing need be done about them until wire brushing shows bare metal has been exposed or pitting started. When bolts and nuts begin to rust on an aluminum tower wire brushing and painting will save them.

About six months after a tower has been erected, or after its first winter, all the bolts should be tightened and any showing signs of corlosion painted or replaced. Subsequent tightening need only be done once a year, but signs of misalignment or damage should be promptly attended to.

Guys should be adjusted at erection so that the structure is perfectly plumb and straight with all the slack taken out of the guys and all equally taut. Some manufacturers supply guy-tensioning devices based on spring-adjusted turnbuckles, but screw turnbuckles should be provided in addition to these. Guys should be checked four times a year or after severe storms; all wire rope is subject to stretching.

Lighter units generally have bracing handy for climbing, and more massive units are usually provided with a ladder. Where bracing is too widely spaced for climbing, extra horizontals on one face may be provided to form a ladder, or one corner post may be fitted with cantilever climbing rungs.

Tubular masts can be fitted with ladders or rungs attached to clamp rings. These, of course, add to wind resistance. A mast is usually painted by lowering it, or by using a boatswain's chair suspended from the top if it is erect.

# Electronic Control of -HOME HEATING-

Amplifier fed by a-c bridge containing resistance-wire sensing elements maintains room temperature within 0.25 deg F by sensing outdoor weather changes and automatically cycling burner on and off. Outdoor sensing element automatically raises control temperature to assure constant comfort when weather turns colder

THE ULTIMATE GOAL for all good heating systems is to supply constantly just enough heat for a structure to balance heat loss—no more and no less. Only when that goal is reached can an even, steady room temperature be expected.

In a home or building with several large rooms it is desirable to control at more than one point to provide averaging results so that a better over-all condition of comfort could be maintained. Temperature within large buildings can vary considerably from one end to the other due to strong winds or sun effect, but outside temperature is the major source of heating load.

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FIG. 1-Complete circuit of electronic control for heating systems

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An outdoor control can help overcome system lag by altering the basic rate of heat input the instant it senses a change in temperature, rather than waiting for the outdoor temperature to be reflected through the mass of the building walls to the inside thermostat.

In mild weather a room temperature of 72 degrees may be perfectly comfortable. When outdoor temperature drops considerably, however, an inside air temperature of 72 degrees may not be sufficient for comfort because the individual is radiating heat from his body to cool walls. To overcome the sensation, during colder weather most people raise the control point of the thermostat until they again feel comfortable. It is desirable to have automatic means of doing this according to outdoor conditions, particularly at night.

### **Electronic System**

The introduction of electronic controls to the field of heating comfort gives results never before believed practical, closely approximating the ultimate goal for heating comfort. Control within a fraction of a degree with extreme stability is realized.

The basic electronic heat control system consists of a Wheatstone bridge arrangement, an electronic amplifier and a relay. Signals are picked up by elements of the bridge circuit and amplified by the electronic amplifier, which in turn provides a signal voltage for the relay unit whose output circuit can operate any common heating system employing an oil burner, gas burner or stoker.

An electronic circuit that can control a heating system, incorporating all the features that were just considered desirable, is shown in Fig. 1. Basically it consists of a Wheatstone bridge, an amplifier and a relay.

In the lower right-hand leg of the bridge are two resistors in series, one labeled MASTER THERMOSTAT and the other AVER-AGING THERMOSTAT. A third, fourth or fifth thermostat could

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Replacing tube in electronic control unit for gas furnace in home

Snipping out shorting segments from stamped wiring of electronic home heating control after soldering all joints

be added to produce nearer average control temperatures for the whole structure, but experience has shown that two thermostats give excellent control results and require a minimum of installation wiring.

A rheostat in the same leg of the bridge is integral with one of the thermostats and acts as a control point selector calibrated from 55 to 85 F.

In the upper left-hand leg of the bridge is a resistor labeled OUTDOOR ANTICIPATOR. This gives a signal to the control system as the outdoor temperature changes, thereby initiating corrective action before the space temperature varies. In addition, the value of resistance for this outdoor anticipator may be selected so that as the outdoor temperature falls the control point of the system is automatically shifted to give a slightly higher room temperature.

### **Circuit Operation**

The output of the bridge feeds a two-stage voltage amplifier utilizing the two triode sections of a type 12SL7 tube. The voltage amplifier feeds one half-section of a 12SN7 tube, the plate circuit of which operates a relay in response to signals from the bridge circuit. The second section of the 12SN7 acts as a half-wave rectifier to furnish plate voltage for the two voltage amplifier stages.

The plate supply voltage for the power amplifier is 315 volts a-c. A large capacitance is placed across the relay coil to smooth out a-c ripple and prevent chattering.

When the bridge circuit is unbalanced sufficiently in the direction to produce 45 volts d-c across the relay, the relay pulls in and establishes a circuit to an external load (the furnace) as well as to the cycler heater. As the bridge circuit approaches balance, the voltage across the relay will drop steadily. At 25 volts the relay armature will drop out. The control system thus has a differential of 20 volts. Amplifier gain is such that this voltage differential is produced by a net charge of 0.6 ohm in bridge resistance.

For best results it has been determined that each leg of the bridge circuit should be approximately 1,000 ohms. If two thermostats are used, to average conditions in different rooms and obtain better over-all comfort, each unit will be 500 ohms at some pre-determined temperature (70 degrees). If a single thermostat is used, the entire 1,000 ohms is in one housing.

The Balco temperature-sensitive wire used for sensing elements is a nickel alloy having a positive temperature coefficient of 0.0024 ohm per ohm per degree F. With 1,000-ohm elements, the resistance will change approximately 2.4 ohms for every degree change in temperature. Since 0.6-ohm change in the bridge is required to produce the 20-volt differential to operate the relay, the system differential actually is  $\frac{1}{4}$  degree F.

Typical bimetal-operated thermostats in homes are adjusted to have a minimum differential of between  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 degrees. The electronic system thus has a considerably greater sensitivity than conventional mechanical systems.

### **Heating Load**

One of the most important functions of a temperature control system is to provide heat input during periods when room sensing elements are not calling for heat. This keeps the temperature and flow of the heating medium relatively constant for any given condition of load. Figures 2 and 3 indicate the importance of the cycling device in performing this function.

Figure 2 shows the load line that can be drawn for any automatically fired heating system, neglecting sun and wind loads that are other than normal. On this graph 70 degrees F has been considered the fade-out temperature, or the temperature at which no heat input to the building is required, and -40 degrees is considered the point at which the furnace would have to be running 100 percent of the time to furnish the heat necessary to overcome the losses. The graph thus gives the approximate percent on time for any outdoor temperature between -40 and +70 degrees F. This assures that the heat losses from a building are at a relatively steady rate, while the heat input as a result of burner operation is intermittent due to the on and off characteristics of conventional burners.

Figure 3A graphically demonstrates the operation of the burner and resulting room temperature conditions under 50-percent load with an average control system. The temperatures shown are arbitrary as to value, but they do indicate that there will be a considerable variation of room temperature. This graph also indicates the lag of room temperature behind the burner cycle.

In Fig. 3B, the heating load is still 50 percent but the burner operations are shorter and more frequent. Temperature fluctuations are clearly lower than for Fig. 6A.

In Fig. 3C, burner operations are still more frequent, with the total time on per hour exactly the same as in Fig. 3A. Room temperature fluctuations are now practically unnoticeable.

In general, it is safe to say that as the frequency of burner cycling is increased, for a given load, the temperature becomes more uniform. With modern-day burners, it is not practical in many cases to have cycles less than three minutes on. In the majority of domestic heating plants, a time interval or minimum cycle of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 minutes will produce excellent results as far as the room temperature is concerned.

### **Automatic Cycling**

Automatic controls have been available that mechanically set the cycling rate of a heating plant. These devices do a fine job, providing the heat loss is at a constant rate. However, as the outside temperature changes, the heat loss requirements change, and therefore the cycling rate has to be changed also. With the mechanical system this is not very practical.

An electronic cycler is used in the control system under discussion, to produce the proper frequency of burner operation under varying load conditions. This cycler consists of a bridge element (shown in Fig. 3), an electric resistance heater, a switch, and a power source, in this case a transformer. The resistance of the cycler bridge element is chosen so it will demand heat input from the burner at approximately the same rate as the heat losses from the building. The switch is a contact on the same relay that starts and stops the burner. When a call for heat is indicated, the relay closes and heat is furnished to the heater of the cycling unit. Because the bridge element of the cycler is wound close to the heater, its resistance begins to increase as soon as heat is applied. When the amount of resistance increase equals 0.6 ohm, the relay contact opens and the heater is de-ener-



FIG. 2—Typical load line for home heating system, showing percentage of time the oil burner must run for comfort at each outdoor temperature

gized. The bridge element begins to cool; when it reaches the temperature of the surrounding air, the bridge is restored to its original condition of unbalance (assuming room temperature has not yet changed) and the relay again closes to repeat the cycle. The rate of heating and cooling depends upon the cycler design.

As the resistance of the cycler increases and decreases it tends to balance and unbalance the bridge circuit periodically, even though there is no change in temperature at the thermostat units. A cycling rate for the burner is thus automatically established. The next question is how this cycling rate is automatically varied as the heating load changes.

The instant the heating load varies, due to a change in outdoor temperature, this change is felt by the outdoor anticipator which consists of a bobbin of temperaturesensitive wire located outdoors and wired in the same bridge leg as the cycler element. Electrical resistance of the outdoor anticipator decreases as the outside temperature drops, and unbalances the bridge circuit. As a result of this condition, the cycler heater must remain energized for a longer time, heating the cycler bridge element to a higher temperature, in order to restore the bridge to its original balanced condition. Because the bridge element follows a typical cooling curve, the unbalancing due to the cooling of the heater will be more rapid and the next cycle will occur sooner. The net result is an increase in the length of the burner on cycle and decrease in the length of the off cycle.

If the heat input to the building is not adequate to maintain a constant temperature, the indoor thermostats feel this change and their electrical resistance lowers slightly. The change in thermostat resistance again tends to change the cycling rate until the proper balance is obtained. Since the thermostats have roughly 15 times the nominal resistance of the cycler or the outdoor anticipator, it only takes 1/15 of a degree temperature change at the thermostat to get the same effect as a one-degree change at either the cycler or outdoor anticipator used in the system.

If the temperature outdoors rises, the cycling rate will decrease. When the heat loss of the building reduces to zero (for equal indoor and outdoor temperatures), the cycling will stop altogether.

The cycler performs one other important function in connection with a morning pickup period after a night of reduced temperatures. With a standard type of control system, the heating system is started as soon as the thermostat setting is restored to the daytime level, and runs continuously until a predetermined control point is reached. At that point the heat source is shut off, but heat stored in the furnace and in the heat distributing system continues to raise the room temperature until all excess heat is dissipated. In many cases this results in room temperatures several degrees higher than desired for short periods. With the electronic system, incorporating a cycler, the burner runs continuously until the room temperature has restored the bridge balance to a point where it comes within the field of control of the cycler. This usually occurs about 2 degrees below the desired control point; here the cycler causes the burner to begin cycling, and the control point is approached at a decreasing rate so that no overshoot occurs.

#### System Droop

Any type of thermostatic control system which by means of artificial heat tends to anticipate the eventual rise in room temperature has a characteristic called droop. This is the amount the room temperature must drop below the thermostat set point before the burner runs 100 percent of the time. Droop often contributes to the discomfort one feels within a building as the outdoor temperature lowers.

The electronic controls also provide droop, due to the fact that the cycler is always attempting to restore the bridge balance and shut the system off. To provide continuous burner operation, room temperature must fall enough so the decreased resistance at the thermostat more than offsets the increased resistance due to the heating of the cycler.



FIG. 3—Effect of cycling on constancy of room temperature. The more often the burner comes on, the less variation there is in room temperature

Where droop is almost impossible to eliminate in a mechanical thermostat system, it is easily overcome in the electronic system. The outdoor anticipator can be used very handily to offset droop. It can even go further and actually raise the control point as the outdoor temperature falls. Because droop is a direct function of heating load, and the load can be considered virtually a direct function of outdoor temperature, as shown in Fig. 2, a nominal resistance value can be assigned to the outdoor anticipator so that the bridge unbalance due to the cycler heating is offset by the changed resistance of the outdoor anticipator.

To correct exactly for the droop in the system, the outdoor anticipator must have sufficient authority to just overcome the cycler resistance when it is heated continually, indicating full load. Any additional resistance in the outdoor anticipator raises the control point of the system inversely as the outdoor temperature changes. Knowing the coefficient of the Balco wire used for the temperature-sensitive element, it is a simple matter to determine the amount of resistance necessary over a certain outdoor temperature span to raise the control point the desired number of degrees.

### Stamped Wiring

Internal wiring for the entire amplifier is punched out of a sheet of 0.025-inch thick brass in one operation. The various circuits are held together by small webs of brass. After the components are completely wired into the amplifier, the webs or short-circuits are removed by clipping. The entire wiring grid is silver-plated for ease of soldering.

Ten screws are used to fasten the amplifier unit to its base. These same ten screws act as terminal connections to complete the circuit to the external components. This type of attachment of the amplifier to the terminal base allows a quick change in case of internal trouble, without having to change installed wiring connections. Tubes can be easily replaced from the front of the amplifier while it is mounted.

The cycler is made of plastic in a cylindrical shape with seven slots. In the bottom slot is the Nichrome heater element. The temperaturesensitive cycler element is placed in a slot which gives the desired timing, by determining the minimum burner cycle during mild weather conditions. If this is wound in the slot next to the heater, the cycler will go through its heating period in approximately 30 seconds. With the temperature-sensitive element wound in the top slot, which is the maximum distance from the heater, the approximate timing is 5 minutes. Nominal timing for most burner installations is approximately 31 minutes to provide completely satisfactory results, this timing being determined by experience on many installations.

Actual results produced with the electronic system indicate that in many cases the temperature within the controlled space varies less than one-fourth degree.



Stamped wiring, ready for placing in grooves of molded plastic chassis. With this, no wires can be omitted or connected wrong

### **Color Fundamentals**



FIG. 1—Physical nature of color, as illustrated by the spectrum formed by passage of white light through a prism. Variation of speed of light in glass causes separation of color components



FIG. 2—Relationship between color sensations, frequency and wavelength. Additive primary colors used in tv (red, blue and green) are taken from ends and middle of spectrum



FIG. 3—Monochromatic light is formed by passing a narrow band of the spectrum through a slit in an opaque barrier. Standard I.C.I. monochromatic primary colors occur at wavelengths of 700, 546.1, and 435.8 millimicrons

**T** IS COMMON experience that the objects in a scene can be distinguished by characteristics independent of their geometric form. Such distinctions are based on the color quantities: brightness, hue, and saturation.

The brightness of the objects is the degree of lightness or darkness exhibited.

The hue is the redness, green-

ness, yellowness, blueness, and so on, of the objects.

The saturation is a measure of the degree of dilution of the hue by white light.

Since the eye can distinguish (by direct comparison) at least a hundred degrees of brightness, hundreds of hues, and many degrees of saturation, it is evident that the number of distinguishable

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variations in color, when viewed under suitable conditions, ranges into the tens of thousands. If the color television system were required to reproduce as individual items of information each of these distinguishable color quantities, the rate of transmitting information would be many hundreds of times as great as it is in a blackand-white system of the same resolution and continuity. This follows from the fact that such a system would have to specify, as each picture element is reproduced, not only the brightness of the picture element (as in the black-and-white system) but also its particular hue and its particular saturation. If this method of transmission were mandatory, it is doubtful that television in color would have emerged as a practical reality.

Fortunately, as we shall see in more detail later, the eye perceives color on a relatively simple basis, whereby the hundreds of distinguishable hues and saturations may be represented as combinations of three primary colors. Therefore, it is necessary to specify, as each picture element is reproduced, only the relative brightness of three specified colors, and the rate of transmitting information in a color system is only three times as great as that of a black-and-white system of the same resolution and continuity. This three-to-one increase in the transmission rate, while burdensome, is entirely feasible within the framework of established television technology. Moreover, the color values add so much to the sense of realism that it is worth sacrificing a certain amount of resolution and/or continuity to obtain them.

The exchange of one form of pictorial merit for another is clearly

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### for TV Engineers

Adoption of field-sequential color system by FCC for commercial broadcasts finds video technicians puzzling over the chromaticity diagram and wrestling with trichromatic coefficients. This series of tutorial articles on color is taken from the forthcoming second edition of "Principles of Television Engineering"

evident when an object, just resolved as such in the image, has a distinctly different color from that of its surroundings. The color distinction then aids the eye greatly to apprehend the presence of the object, and the effective resolution of the reproduced image is visibly enhanced by the addition of color. Such color contrasts have a similar effect in delineating the edges of extended objects, offering a subjective resolution noticeably greater than that of the same image viewed in black-and-white.

The presence of color brings with it severe requirements in other directions. Thus color adds to the realism of a reproduction only if the colors are in themselves reasonably realistic. The eye is accustomed to associate particular colors with certain contexts (a ruddy complexion with good health, pallor with sickness, and so on). If the colors shown are inaccurate, particularly if they have the wrong hue, the result may be so distracting as to make the color of questionable value. In such cases, in fact, the effect of realism may actually



FIG. 4—Spectral distribution curve of an extended (non-monochromatic) color source. The effect of this light on the eye is substantially the same as that of monochromatic light having a wavelength corresponding to the peak of the curve



FIG. 5—Additive method of color mixture. Colored beams are formed by passing white light through primary-color filters located side by side, then focused on same area of screen. Variations of this method are used in all color tv systems

be greater in a black-and-white image, on which the mind "paints" the missing hues in accordance with the emotional reaction of the viewer.

### **Physical Nature of Color**

The physical nature of color phenomena is conveniently introduced by a description of the spectrum of colors formed by the dispersion of a beam of light. When a beam of white light (sunlight) is passed through a prism (Fig. 1) the beam is separated into a spectrum according to the wavelengths of the radiation. The dispersion of the light results from the fact that light of short wavelength travels slower in glass than does light of longer wavelength.

Inspection of the spectrum reveals that waves of different wavelength display different hues. In order of decreasing wavelength, the hues are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. If the light source is an incandescent solid, the colors appear to blend one into the next, in continuous fashion. If the light source is a gas or vapor, the spectrum is a discontinuous assemblage of colored lines or bands.

The limits of the visible spectrum are commonly taken as 380 to 780 millimicrons (one millimicron  $= 10^{-7}$  centimeter). The range of practical interest is from 400 to 700 millimicrons. Figure 2 shows the relationship between color, frequency and wavelength of the spectrum.

If a narrow portion of the spectrum is passed through a slit (Fig. 3) light of one hue may be separated from the others. Light so separated is known as "monochromatic light". It might be expected that the sensation associated with a given spectral hue could be excited only by monochromatic light so derived from a spectrum. But such is far from the case. The sensation of monochromatic orange, for example, can be caused by viewing a combination of a monochromatic red and a monochromatic yellow.

The technique of securing monochromatic light from a spectrum provides sources of color which can be combined in various intensities. When monochromatic lights are so combined, it is found that a great variety of other colors can be formed. One group of such mixture colors comprises the so-called "desaturated colors", that is colors having a dominant hue mixed with white light. There are also mixtures, which appear to take on simultaneously two hues such as bluish red, greenish yellow and greenish blue.

Thus far we have considered colored lights of the monochromatic type only, obtained by blocking off all but part of a spectrum. It is equally feasible to use sources which radiate an extended distribution of energy with a prominent peak of energy in the visible region. As might be expected, such a source displays a hue which closely approximates the monochromatic hue corresponding to the peak of the spectral distribution curve (Fig. 4). Examples of such sources are glass or colored gelatine filters and phosphors excited by electrons. These extended sources are evidently more easily set up and manipulated than are monochromatic sources. Monochromatic sources are of interest, in fact, only because they provide light whose properties are easily defined and calibrated. Once the calibration is performed, extended sources producing the same sensation may usually be substituted for the monochromatic sources.

### **Trichromatic Nature of Vision**

Early in the study of light it became clear that any given color can be matched very closely by combinations of three primary colors. To match the widest possible range of colors, the primary colors should be chosen in widely separated regions of the spectrum (that is those at the two ends of the spectrum, red and blue, and that at the center, green) and they should be highly saturated (that is, have little or no admixture of white light).

To match colors with primary colors, it is necessary to provide a means of varying the apparent brightness of each primary independently and to combine the three colors so that they cover the same area. Then, by adjusting the relative brightness of the three primaries, it is possible to match a very wide range of hues, with any degree of saturation. By adjusting the absolute level of brightness of the primaries, keeping their proportion unchanged, it is possible to match not only the hue and saturation of a given color. but also its absolute brightness.

The fact that three primary colors suitably combined can match virtually any color is rather difficult to explain on physiological grounds. Consider two monochromatic sources, a red of frequency 4.6 x 10<sup>14</sup> cps (wavelength 650 millimicrons) and a yellow of frequency 5.2 x 10<sup>14</sup> cps (wavelength 580 millimicrons). On the assumption that the eye reacts in some manner to the frequency of visible radiation, it might be expected either that both colors would be seen, or that the response should bear some relationship to the sum or difference of the two frequencies.

But the fact is that neither color is seen as such. Instead an orange hue appears. If the red and yellow have equal intensities, the orange



FIG. 6—Subtractive method of color mixture. Beam passes in succession through subtractive filters located on a line. By adjusting absorption of filters, left-over portion of white light can be made to have any required color

corresponds to a wavelength of about 600 millimicrons, or a frequency of 5.0 x 1014 cps. The frequency associated with the mixture color, orange, has no observable relationship to the two frequencies of the red and yellow stimuli which excite the sensation. Moreover, as the intensity of the red is varied relative to that of the yellow, the mixture color ranges over the whole range of hues from red to yellow, and the equivalent frequency of the mixture color changes correspondingly, while the frequencies of the sources remain fixed. Evidently, then, the eye is not a frequencysensitive device.

At present, there has been uncovered no physical demonstration of the seat of the color perception properties of the eye. It is commonly supposed that the retina contains three color receptors associated with each foveal cone in the retina. Each type of receptor responds over a range of wavelengths, but has a peak of response in a particular region of the spectrum that is, there are red-sensitive, green-sensitive and blue-sensitive receptors, each of which passes nerve impulses to the optic nerve. When a monochromatic source is viewed, it excites two (or three) of the receptors having responses at the particular wavelength present, and the resultant nerve impulses are a combination of two (or three) types which induce the sensation corresponding to the monochromatic stimulus. If two monochromatic stimuli are presented in different regions of the spectrum they may excite an identical combination of nerve impulses, and thus create the same sensation. The fact that substantially all monochromatic sensations may be matched by three primary colors is evidence that at least three types of receptors, having overlapping spectral responses, are present.

The physiological mechanism by which the eye perceives color is of little practical importance, since the properties of color vision can be expressed simply in an empirical way. The empirical approach leads to a coherent expression of color values, embodied in the chromaticity diagram which expresses color matching problems on a numerical basis.

The color combinations referred to above may be formed in two different ways, the additive method and the subtractive method. In the additive method, the primary colors exist as separate entities produced by sources (such as spectral slits or filters) located side by side. The colored lights from the three sources fall on the same surface (Fig. 5). It is not essential that the colored lights fall on the surface continuously. If they illuminate the surface in rapid sequence, persistence of vision produces the appearance of simultaneous illumination by all the sources, and the color sensation is the same as if the sources were active continuously.

All color television systems use this additive principle of combining colors. In the simultaneous color television system for example, the three primary-color images exist side by side and are either projected one over another on a viewing screen or are combined in a tricolor screen so that they fall, one superimposed on another, in the retina of the eye. In the sequential color systems, only one primary color is present at any instant of time, but the three primary colors presented in such rapid are sequence that the effect is the same as that of continuous illumination by all colors.

The primary colors used in the additive system of color reproduction are red, green, and blue. These are the hues previously identified as being located at the two ends and at the center of the spectrum. Let us consider first combinations of two primaries. When combined in the additive manner red and green produce the intermediate hues of orange and yellow. Green and blue so combined produce the green-blue hues. Red and blue combined produce the purples.

When the three primaries are combined additively, in appropriate amounts, white light is produced. This white light, if its intensity is less than that of the other light present, appears gray, and the gray so produced may have any intensity.

If the three primaries are combined in unequal proportions, the white light is tinged by the hue of the predominant primary or primaries. In this manner, a particular



FIG. 7—Essential elements of a simple colorimeter. Light of "unknown" (unspecified) color falls on one surface, while adjustable amounts of primary colors are mixed additively on other surface. By adjusting amounts of primaries, a color match can be obtained. In some cases, one primary must be transferred to unknown side to secure the match

primary hue may become "desaturated" (diluted with white light) by adding appropriate amounts of the other two primaries. Finally a hue intermediate to two primaries may be desaturated by adding an appropriate amount of the third primary.

### Additive and Subtractive Color Matching

Those unfamiliar with additive color matching will object that the additive primaries, red, green, and blue, are not the primary colors with which they are familiar. The primary colors which are used in painting and in color printing and photography are the subtractive primaries. As named in common usage, the subtractive primaries are red, blue, and yellow. Actually substractive primary colors are a bluish red ("magenta"), a bluish green ("cyan"), and a greenish yellow ("lemon yellow").

These designations, as well as the appearance of the subtractive primaries, indicate that each is a mixture. The mixture is produced by the process of subtracting a particular hue from white light, leaving the remaining hues of the spectrum which in combination produce the sensation of a complex mixture color. (Fig. 6) Thus the magenta subtractive primary is formed by removing green light from white light. A magenta pigment or dye is, in fact, one which absorbs green light strongly, so that white light passing through it takes on a bluishred appearance. Similarly, cyan is produced by removing red light from white light and lemon yellow by removing blue light from white light.

Subtractive primaries are combined by placing the pigment, dyes or filters one on top of the other and passing white light through them in succession. A typical example is the Kodachrome, photographic transparency.

By so combining the subtractive primaries, it is possible to subtract from white light any portion of the visible spectrum, and leave the equivalent of a spectral hue. By thus manipulating the absorption of hues from white light, the resultant may be made equivalent to any combination of spectral hues, and the whole range of hues and saturations may be matched, substantially as if additive primaries had been used.

What, then, is the relative advantage of the additive versus the substractive process of color reproduction?

The choice depends on the manner in which the primary colors are produced. If the three primary color sources are self-luminous, and exist as separate entities and hence can be combined only by adding one to another, (Fig. 5) the additive system must be used to match the full gamut of colors. But if the three primaries are formed by passing white light in succession through three layers of colored material, one on top of the other, (Fig. 6) the materials absorbing part of the spectrum as the light passes through them, then the subtractive primaries must be used to match the full gamut of colors.

The outstanding example of the additive type of color reproduction is that performed in color television receivers, in which the primaries are self-luminous and separate. Examples of the subtractive method are painting, color printing and color photography, in which superimposed layers of dye or pigment are traversed in succession by white light, and in which the unabsorbed portion of the white light affects the retina of the eye.

An additive primary color filter absorbs from white light passing through it all the light but that of the primary. The subtractive filter is the complement of the corresponding additive filter, that is, the subtractive filter absorbs the energy which the primary filter

passes. For example, the additive red filter absorbs blue and green. passing red. The subtractive cyan filter absorbs only red, passing blue and green. In general, therefore, the absorption of subtractive filters is lower than that of the additive filters. Hence, for a given amount of white light the subtractive process produces a somewhat brighter color reproduction, and this would weigh in its favor for color television. Unfortunately this fact is overruled by the mechanics of the reproduction process which require the additive process to be used whenever the primary images are separate, self-luminous entities as they are in present-day color television receivers.

Henceforth we shall confine our attention to the additive primaries and the additive method of color matching.

### The Trichromatic System

We proceed to the numerical specification of color quantities. These specifications are quantitative indices of hue and saturation which define the color filters and light sources used at the transmitter and receiver of a color television system. The basis of the specification is the chromaticity diagram. which provides not only an elegant basis of visualizing the relationships of different hues and saturations but also a figure which bounds the gamut of colors which can be matched by a given set of primary colors.

The numerical specifications of a color comprise values representative of its brightness, its hue and its saturation. It is convenient to perform the computations on a basis independent of the brightness, thus removing one of the variables from the equations. This computational device is permissible because the match between the three primary colors and the matched color is preserved when the brightness of each color is multiplied by the same factor.

Since the subjective reactions of observers to colors vary widely among individuals, it is necessary to make measurements with a number of observers and to adopt as a standard the mean values of the quantities observed. The results of



FIG. 8—Color mixture data representing the I.C.I. standard observer, showing relative amounts of I.C.I. spectral primaries which must be added or subtracted in colorimeter to match each color in the spectrum

such tests, conducted by Guild and Wright, were adopted in 1931 by the International Commission on Illumination (I.C.I., sometimes referred to as the Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage, C.I.E.) as the basis of the so-called I.C.I. System of Color Specification.

In the I.C.I. system, the red, green and blue primaries are defined as monochromatic light of the wavelengths 700, 546.1 and 435.8 millimicrons, respectively. The green and blue primaries are prominent lines in the spectrum of the mercury arc and hence are readily and precisely reproducible. The red primary is not critical as to wavelength, since the hue in this region of the spectrum remains sensibly constant over an appreciable range of wavelengths.

Taking these primaries as light sources, and combining them in a colorimeter, (Fig. 7) it is possible to determine the relative amount of light flux (lumens) of each primary which must be combined in a mixture to match a given number of lumens of each hue in the spectrum. These measurements are repeated for a large number of observers and average values are taken as representative of the "I.C.I. Standard Observer". These standard values are plotted in the three curves of Fig. 8. It will be noted that the amount of the red primary must be greater, by a factor of nearly 100, than the blue and green,

because the luminosity of the red primary is small. At the wavelength corresponding to one of the standard primaries, the amount of the other two required for a match must necessarily be zero, as is indicated in the illustration.

One striking fact is that negative amounts of the primaries are shown in Fig. 8, in the region from 450 to 550 millimicrons for example. Since a negative amount of light evidently has no physical significance, the color match is interpreted as follows: It is not possible to match the spectral hues in this region, using the standard primaries, unless the red primary is subtracted from the other In other words the primaries. spectral hue to be matched is added to the amount of red light indicated below the zero axis. This mixture color matches the combination of the amounts of green and blue indicated for that wavelength above the zero axis. Similarly, whenever negative values are shown in Fig. 8, they represent the amount of primary color which must be added to the spectral hue of a given wavelength to match the indicated positive amounts of the other two primaries at that wavelength.

Since any color can thus be matched by combining appropriate amounts of the spectral hues, Fig. 8 contains information required to determine the amounts of the standard primaries required to match any color. But these curves give no evident indication of the interrelationships among the primaries, the spectral hues and the various saturations of mixture colors. These relationships can be explicitly indicated if the information in Fig. 8 is transformed and related to a standard white light which contains equal amounts of the three primaries. The result is the chromaticity diagram.

There are two forms of the chromaticity diagram. The first, the so-called RGB diagram, is more readily understood in terms of the concepts just advanced, but has the disadvantage that certain spectral and other highly saturated colors have negative values. This may lead to confusion if the negative sign is omitted. The second type, known as the XYZ diagram, is a linear transformation of the first. The transformation replaces the negative values with corresponding positive values of a different set of variables.

### The RGB Chromaticity Diagram

The RGB chromaticity diagram is based on a particular color match, that between selected primaries (as in the standard I.C.I. spectral primaries) and a standard "equal-energy" white. This white is produced by combining all the hues of an equal-energy spectrum, that is, one in which the energy present in each wavelength is the same throughout the visible region.

In performing the match between the standard primaries and the equal-energy white, one half the visual field of a colorimeter (Fig. 7) is illuminated, with  $l_w$  lumens of equal-energy white light. The amount of the selected standard primaries falling on the other half of the field is adjusted until a match is obtained, and it is found that  $l_{rw}$ lumens of red light,  $l_{gw}$  lumens of green and low of blue are required to match the white light. The white light is then removed and the "unknown" color, whose numerical specification is desired, is substituted. The flux of this color is taken as  $l_c = l_w$  lumens. It is found that  $l_{re}$  lumens of the red primary,  $l_{ge}$  of the green, and  $l_{be}$  of the blue are required to match the unknown color.

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FIG. 9—A numerical basis for color matching is established by the RGB chromaticity diagram. Use of the triangle is detailed in Part II of this series

We then define the following quantities as describing the unknown color

$$r = \frac{l_{rc}/l_{rw}}{l_{rc}/l_{rw} + l_{gc}/l_{gw} + l_{bc}/l_{bw}}$$
(1)

$$g = \frac{l_{gc}/l_{gw}}{l_{rc}/l_{rw} + l_{gc}/l_{gw} + l_{bc}/l_{bw}}$$
(2)

$$b = \frac{l_{bc}/l_{bw}}{l_{rc}/l_{rw} + l_{pc}/l_{gw} + l_{bc}/l_{bw}}$$
(3)

The quantities r, g, and b, plotted in rectangular coordinates, constitute the chromaticity diagram.

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that

$$r + g + b = 1, \tag{4}$$

so it is necessary to plot only the values of r and g, in a two-dimensional plot.

We note that the quantities r, g, and b are independent of the actual numbers of lumens involved in the colorimeter, since they are defined as a ratio of the ratios  $l_{rc}/l_{rw}$ , etc. The chromaticity diagram is, therefore, independent of the brightness of the colors, and indicates only hue and saturation.

The RGB chromaticity diagram (the plot of r versus g) is shown in Fig. 9. We can locate certain colors on the diagram as follows: The

green primary evidently is matched by  $l_{pc}$  only, that is,  $l_{ro} = 0$ ,  $l_{bc} = 0$ . So, by Eq. 1 to 3, g = 1, r = 0. Similarly for the red primary r =1, g = 0, and for the blue primary r = 0, g = 0.

We can also locate the point corresponding to the equal-energy reference white on which the colorimeter measurements are based. For this color, the subscript c evidently has the same meaning as w so  $l_{ro} = l_{rw}; \ l_{go} = l_{gw}; \ l_{bo} = l_{bw},$ provided  $l_e = l_w$  as has been assumed. Then all the ratios in Eq. 1 to 3 are unity and r =0.333, g = 0.333, b = 0.333. This point, identified as W on the diagram, represents the equal-energy white. It occupies the center of gravity of the triangle, that is, the point on which a flat plate of uniform density having the triangular shape RGB would balance.

The central location of the equalenergy-white point gives the clue to the distribution of other colors within the triangle. As a point recedes from the edge of the triangle and approaches point W, the corresponding color becomes increasingly diluted with white light, that is, the color becomes less saturated.

# Mixer Crystal Checker

Quickly determines sensitivity loss of silicon crystals used in first stage of microwave radar or communications receiver, with accuracy comparable to that of more complex laboratory test setups. Basis of design is newly developed theory that minimum conversion loss can be predicted from static voltage-current curve of crystal

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Using new d-c crystal checker to choose crystals for use in microwave measuring equipment in background

**T**HE SENSITIVITY of a microwave radar or communications receiver is limited chiefly by the noise generated in its first stage and by signal losses which occur prior to amplification. The first stage of most microwave receivers is a crystal mixer; therefore, determining the quality of the mixer crystal from the standpoint of excess noise and signal loss is the most important check to be made in maintaining optimum sensitivity of the receiver.

Unless proper equipment is available for routine tests, appreciable deterioration in crystal sensitivity may go undetected. The reason is that the noise output of the receiver changes little, if any, due to crystal burnout. Usually, the only evidence of crystal burnout is a reduction in maximum range of a radar set or a reduction in signalto-noise ratio in other types of receivers. During routine operation, it is difficult to detect deteriorations in either of these parameters.

Instruments for detecting and determining the extent of the loss of sensitivity due to crystal burnout are of two general types. There are laboratory types, such as the standard-signal generator and the noise generator, with which noise figure measurements can be made. From noise figure measurements, crystal quality can be deduced, since the crystal is the chief contributor to the noise figure and the other contributing components are seldom subject to deterioration. There are also field types, such as the echo box with which overall radar system efficiency checks can



FIG. 1—Static voltage-current characteristic of typical silicon mixer crystal

be made, and the d-c crystal checker of the type measuring front-to-back resistance ratio and back current. This last type of test set, officially designated TS-268/U, has achieved widespread use even though its ability to determine the quality of a crystal is limited to an approximate indication of whether the crystal is good or bad. Design was based on an experimentally determined approximate correlation between its indications and measured values of conversion loss and noise temperature. The tolerance on the certainty of good-bad indication was found to be approximately  $\pm 2$  db and virtually no correlation was found for slightly damaged crystals.1

The crystal checker to be described here is designed for field use to give accurate indications of crystal quality. The basis for design is a recently developed theory with which the minimum conversion loss available from a crystal can be predicted from the static voltage-current curve of the crystal.<sup>2</sup>

### **Theoretical Background**

Theoretically, the quality of a crystal as a mixer is dependent primarily on the degree of nonlinearity of the forward portion of its E-I curve and not to an appreciable extent on the front-to-back resistance ratio or back current. Figure 1 shows the E-I curve of a typical mixer crystal plotted on logarithmic coordinates. It is seen that the forward portion of the curve can be closely approximated by a straight line over any 10-to-1 range of current between the limits

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FIG. 2—Minimum available conversion loss as function of exponent X

of 0.05 and 5 ma, which is the region of most interest for mixer calculations. At the same time, the back current is negligibly small compared to the forward current. Such an E-I characteristic can be represented mathematically by the expressions

(1)

(2)

$$i = ke^X \qquad (e > 0)$$

i = 0 (e < 0)

where i is instantaneous current, kis a constant, e is instantaneous voltage, and X is the time average of the slope,  $d(\log i)/d(\log e)$ , of the forward portion of Fig. 1 for the particular operating conditions. The magnitude of X is somewhat variable with d-c bias or with a nonsinusoidal local-oscillator voltage wave. However, for the excitation conditions usually met in practice, such as 0.5 to 1.0 mw applied local-oscillator power from a sinusoidal source and negligible d-c bias, X is usually between 2 and 3 for acceptable crystals.

From a harmonic analysis of the conductance pulses which occur when the crystal described in Eq. 1 and 2 is excited by a local oscillator, it was possible to calculate the minimum conversion loss available from a particular crystal. It was found that the minimum available conversion loss is a function of X only. The relation between minimum available conversion loss and X is shown in the curve of Fig. 2. This curve and the other pertinent points of the theory from which the curve was calculated have been verified experimentally.

The crystal checker described here gives an indication proportional to the parameter X.





To show how a d-c measurement can be made to give indications of X, it is necessary to go a little further into the theory.

At any point on the E-I curve of the crystal the small-signal conductance is defined as the slope di/de of the curve and the largesignal conductance is defined as the ratio i/e. In terms of the characteristic of Eq. 1 the small-signal conductance is

$$g = \frac{di}{de} = k x e^{x-1} \qquad (e > o) \qquad (3)$$

and the large-signal conductance is

$$G = \frac{i}{e} = k e^{x-1} \qquad (e > o) \tag{4}$$

where x has been used instead of X to indicate that actual instantaneous values of g or G are determined by instantaneous values of the exponent x instead of timeaverage values.

Although it was found theoretically that the minimum conversion loss available from a crystal is dependent on X, it was necessary to determine experimentally a relation between an easily measured d-c quantity and X. From a study of a large number of crystals, a close approximate relation was found between the shape of the E-I curve in the vicinity of 100 microamperes and the value of X which is obtained for conditions of zero bias and 0.5 ma rectified current due to local-oscillator excitation.

In Fig. 3 is shown the relation between instantaneous x and instantaneous large-signal conductance for six crystals having approximately equal values of X. The relation is seen to be nearly linear;



FIG. 4—Method of making d-c measurement of average value X

also, it is seen that, from the dashed line representing (x-1)proportional to 1/G, one would predict somewhat higher values of X for high-conductance crystals than the data indicates and viceversa for low-conductance crystals. This discrepancy is in the direction to account for the effect of finite back conductance of crystals. That is, for high-conductance crystals the increase of conversion loss due to back conductance is less than for low-conductance crystals. As is evident from the experimental data showing the accuracy of the tester. the compensation is approximately correct. It may, therefore, be stated that (x-1)G at 100 microamperes is approximately proportional to the value of X obtained with finite back conductance.

With reference to Fig. 4, it can be shown that a simple d-c measurement can be made that gives indications proportional to (x-1)Gand hence to X.

### **D-C** Measurement Technique

Reference to Eq. 3 and 4 shows that

(x-1) G = g - G (5) The checker was designed to give an indication of current proportional to this difference.

An incremental change in d-c voltage is used to measure g approximately, and an initial adjustment is made to indicate G and simultaneously subtract it from g.

For all crystals, the voltage increment  $\Delta e = V_1 - V_z$  is maintained constant. The voltage  $V_1$  is made adjustable and is initially set to give a crystal current  $I_1$ . By cali-



FIG. 5—Arrangement of components in d-c crystal checker

bration of the network used to adjust  $V_1$  the current  $I_1$  is established for any linear resistance between 300 and 3,000 ohms such that when the negative voltage increment  $-\Delta e$  is added to  $V_1$  the current at point B in Fig. 4 will be 100 microamperes. This type of adjustment establishes a relation between  $I_1$ and G; therefore, the calibration of the network for adjusting  $V_1$  could be made to indicate G directly. In the figure, the large-signal conductance is

$$G = \frac{I_1 - (I_2 + \Delta i)}{\Delta e} \tag{6}$$

which is the slope of the line AB. However, in an actual test, the magnitude of G is unimportant and the network is calibrated only in microamperes indicating  $I_1$ .

For a nonlinear conductance such as a mixer crystal, the current indicated for the voltage  $V_2$  will be less than 100 microamperes by an amount  $\Delta i$ , which can be shown to be approximately proportional to g - G. The slope of the E-I curve at point A is exactly g; however, the slope defined by points A and C is a reasonably good approximation. Therefore, the approximate expression for small-signal conductance is

$$g \cong \frac{I_1 - I_2}{\Delta e} \tag{7}$$

It therefore follows that

$$g - G \cong \frac{\Delta i}{\Delta e} \tag{8}$$

Since  $\Delta e$  is a constant and (g-G)is proportional to X, it is seen that  $\Delta i$  is proportional to X. Since the current at point B is 100 microamperes for all crystals, it is seen



FIG. 6—Correlation of checker with measured 3-cm conversion loss

that  $I_2$  is a direct indication of  $\Delta i$ . The current  $I_2$  may, therefore, be calibrated directly in X or minimum available conversion loss.

No attempt was made to analyze theoretically the probable errors of indication caused by the approximations involved in the theoretical basis for the measurement. The experimental verification showed that the errors are small from this source. The maximum errors encountered were only of the order to be expected in comparing two methods of measuring conversion loss when one method is subject to errors due to the use of a fixedtuned, fixed-adjustment mixer such as the production-testing type of conversion-loss test set.

### **Operation of Checker**

The circuit of the crystal checker is given in Fig. 5. The initial adjustment to voltage  $V_1$  is made by varying potentiometer  $R_1$  with switch  $S_1$  in the CALIBRATE position. Resistors  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  merely set the limits to which  $V_1$  can be adjusted.

The calibration of the scale of  $R_1$  is carried out in the following manner:

(1) Linear resistors between 300 and 3,000 ohms are placed in crystal holder  $K_1$ .

(2) With switch  $S_1$  in the TEST position,  $R_1$  is adjusted for each resistor until meter  $M_1$  indicates 100 microamperes (point *B* in Fig. 4).

(3) Switch  $S_1$  is then placed in the CALIBRATE position and the current indicated on  $M_1$  is marked directly under the pointer of  $R_1$ (point A in Fig. 4.)

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(4) When enough resistors have been used to indicate the calibration law, a complete scale can be interpolated.

The voltage increment  $\Delta e$  is established by resistors  $R_a$  and  $R_7$ when  $S_1$  is placed in the TEST position and has the same value for all crystals.

When a crystal is to be tested, it is placed in  $K_1$  with the usual precautions about static discharges and other types of accidental crystal burnout. Switch  $S_1$  is placed in the CALIBRATE position and  $R_1$ is adjusted until the indication on  $M_1$  coincides with the calibrated scale reading of  $R_1$ .

This initial adjustment establishes point A of Fig. 4. Switch S<sub>1</sub> is then placed in the TEST position, which establishes the voltage of  $V_2$  or point C of Fig. 4. The indicated current,  $I_2$ , is then a measure of X as shown above and, therefore, is a measure of minimum available conversion loss.

### Crystal Checker Accuracy

A group of 88 type 1N21B crystals and a group of 40 type 1N23B crystals were used in tests to determine the accuracy of the d-c crystal checker, using production-testing types of conversion loss and noise temperature test sets as standards. The 1N21B crystals were tested on a 10-cm conversion-loss test set and a 30-mc noise temperature test set. The 1N23B crystals were tested on a 3-cm conversion-loss test set. No noise temperature measurements were made on the 1N23B crystals.

If it is considered that the checker is a device that actually measures conversion loss, the data can be analyzed to determine the mean and maximum deviations between the checker indications and the conversion loss standards. On this basis, the 1N21B crystals showed a mean deviation of 0.3 db and a maximum deviation of 1.0 db for 19 units of manufacturer A, 0.3 db and 0.7 db respectively for 25 units of manufacturer B, and 0.3 db and 1.1 db respectively for 44 units of manufacturer C. For the 40 1N23B crystals, the products of three manufacturers were considered together, giving a mean deviation of 0.2 db and a maximum deviation of 1.0 db. The data for the 1N23B crystal are plotted in Fig. 6 to show the correlation with the mean calibration curve.

On the other hand, the checker can be compared with the TS-268/U checker which gives an accept-reject indication. In this case, it should be evaluated on the same basis as the TS-268/U. The procedure to be followed, then, is logically that used in the original evaluation of the TS-268/U.

The criterion used in the evaluation of the TS-268/U was overall receiver noise figure, using an assumed noise figure of 5 db for the i-f amplifier. The noise figure limit for the 1N21B crystals was determined from the JAN limits of 6.5 db for conversion loss and 2.0 for noise temperature, plus the JAN allowed tolerances of 0.5 db for conversion loss and 0.5 for noise temperature. The data for the 1N23B crystals are insufficient for an evaluation using noise figure as a criterion; however, a similar evaluation was made based on the JAN conversion loss limit of 6.5 db plus a 0.5-db tolerance.

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Table I—Data Indicating Reliability of Crystal Checker Based on JAN Test Limit Plus JAN Tolerance

Туре	Number Tested	False Acceptances	False Rejections	Mean Error of False Acceptances (db)	Maximum Error of False Acceptances (db)
1N21B 1N23B	88 40	2 0	1	0.5	0.5
Totals	128	1.6%	1.6%	0.5	0.5

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Table II—Comparison of Reliabilities of New Crystal Checker and TS-268/U, Based on JAN Test Limit Plus JAN Tolerance

	TS- 268/U	New checker
Number tested	600	128
False acceptances, %	2.2	1.6
False rejections, $\gamma_0$ Mean error in noise figure of false ac-	12.0	0.5
Maximum error in noise figure of false	0.8	0.5
acceptances, db	-2.1	0.5

Table I shows the accept-reject evaluation of the checker for 1N21B and 1N23B crystals. In Table II, a direct comparison is made of the errors of the two checkers on the accept-reject basis. It is seen that the new checker is the more accurate by a significant margin.

These tests indicate good accuracy of the new checker with respect to the production test equipment; however, it should be pointed out that the conversion-loss test equipment has a theoretical error ranging from 0 db to about 0.5 db due to differences in impedance from crystal to crystal and separate from mismatch loss. Furthermore, the conversion loss in decibels is read on a meter scale on which 1 db occupies less than 0.2 inch. Errors in reading such a scale are of the order of  $\pm 0.1$  db. With possible errors of this magnitude, it is apparent that the accuracy of the d-c crystal checker is comparable with that of the production test equipment.

The accuracy and simplicity of operation of the checker make it a valuable aid in maintaining optimum performance of any microwave receiver or other equipment using mixer crystals.

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FIG. 1—Load-tuning scheme, consisting of partially parallel-tuning the dielectric load with shunt inductance to increase the apparent load impedance

MOST DIELECTRIC-HEATING applications that require 10 kw or more of power need a transmission line to connect the generator to the load because, unlike smaller r-f heating applications, it is not always possible to locate the load adjacent to the generator.

With dielectric loads, the effective series resistance of the load may be only a fraction of an ohm. Matching such a load to a 50-ohm line, for example, means a high ratio of transformation. This makes the load-matching circuit complicated and extremely critical, a serious problem for both the generator manufacturer and the user.

Load tuning can be simplified by assuming that it is not necessary to match the load to the transmission line. Since lines rarely exceed a quarter wave in length, losses due to standing waves on the line can be minimized by using a transmission line designed specifically for such use. Most r-f generators are more suitable for coupling into loads having resistance considerably less than the surge impedance of an average line, so it is impractical to transform the low resistance of the load into an apparent high resistance to match the transmission line.

A conventional load-matching system, by matching the transmission line, reflects zero reactance into the r-f generator. With the proposed method, however, no attempt is made to reflect pure resistance into the tank circuit of the generator. It is not important to have the generator operating on a fixed frequency. Reflection of some

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reactance into the tank circuit merely changes the oscillator frequency. Radiation affecting other services must, of course, be suppressed, but this does not necessarily require constant generator frequency.

### **Basic Theory**

In the field of dielectric heating, where electromagnetic radiation must be suppressed to avoid radio interference, a coaxial line is generally used, and it usually consists of a rectangular duct and an inner conductor which is supported by insulators. The inner conductor may be any shape, and is not necessarily centrally located.

General transmission line equations are derived from analysis of a two-parallel-conductor line. Assuming that the transmission line has no losses does not introduce an appreciable error. For such lines the general steady-state equations are:

$$\mathbb{Z}_{s} = E_{R} \left( \cos \alpha + j \underline{R_{e}} \sin \alpha \right)$$
(1)

$$\frac{E_R}{Z_R} = \frac{E_R}{R_c} (\cos \alpha + j \frac{Z_R}{R_c} \sin \alpha) \quad (2)$$

$$Z_{S} = \frac{R_{o} \left( Z_{R} + j R_{o} \tan \alpha \right)}{R_{o} + j \tan \alpha} = \frac{E_{S}}{I_{S}} \quad (3)$$

where

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- $Z_S$  = sending-end impedance  $R_c$  = surge impedance of the line =  $\sqrt{L/C}$
- $Z_R$  = receiving-end impedance
- $E_S =$ rms sending-end voltage

$$I_S = \text{rms sending-end current}$$

- $E_R =$ rms receiving-end voltage
- $\alpha^{n} = \text{electrical length of the line in degrees}$ 
  - $= \frac{\text{length of line}}{\text{wavelength}} \times 360 \text{ degrees}$

In Eq. 3, if the receiving-end impedance is equal to the surge impedance of the line in magnitude and phase, that part of the equation enclosed by the parentheses becomes unity and the sending-end impedance is equal to the surge impedance of the line which is pure resistance at radio frequencies. Under these conditions the load is said to be matched to the line, the voltage and current on the line being constant and in phase everywhere along the line.

In the case of imperfect lines, the voltage and current will fall off in the direction of the receiving end, the rate of attenuation being a function of the conductor size and configuration. In dielectric heating work, attenuation is of little concern since the lines are relatively short and generally have very low losses.

From Eq. 3, if the line is less than a quarter wave in length and short-circuited at the receiving end, the line looks like an inductance and the reactance is given by

 $X_L = j Rc \tan \alpha$  (4) Likewise, if the line is less than a quarter wave in length and is open-circuited, the line looks capacitive.

 $X_{e} = -j Rc \cot \alpha \qquad (5)$ 

One other important characteristic of transmission lines is the property of load impedance transformation. A high-impedance load at the end of a quarter-wave line appears as a low-impedance load at the other end.

Rewriting Eq. 3,

$$Z_{S} = R_{e} \left( \cos \alpha + j_{Z_{R}} \sin \alpha \right)$$

$$\frac{R_{e}}{Z_{R}} \cos \alpha + j \sin \alpha$$
(6)

For a quarter-wave line,  $Z_{s} = \frac{R_{s}^{2}}{m_{s}^{2}}$ 

$$g = \frac{R_c^2}{Z_p} \tag{7}$$

### Load-Tuning

The matching scheme consists of partially parallel-tuning the dielectric load with shunt inductance to increase the apparent load imped-

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### **Dielectric Heaters**

Increased efficiency is accomplished when transmission lines coupling radio-frequency generators to loads in dielectric-heating applications are used as part of the load tuning system to simplify problems of load matching

ance, as in Fig. 1. The paralleltuned circuit is connected to the receiving end of the transmission line, terminating the line as close to the load electrode as possible.

The reason for increasing the apparent load impedance by partial tuning is that, in general, if a load is such as to require 20, 50 or 100 kw of r-f power, the dielectric load impedance is generally quite small. Such a low-impedance load at the end of the transmission line would a sending-end require voltage greater than the receiving voltage unless the line is extremely short. so that the transmission-line effect can be neglected.

In addition, the line current at the receiving end would be extremely high. When standing waves occur on transmission lines, the voltage and current maxima are displaced by 90 degrees along the line; high voltage and high current cannot appear at the same point on a transmission line. Since the high voltage is desired at the end of the line, conditions must be such as to satisfy this phenomenon.

Equation 1 shows that the receiving-end voltage  $E_{\scriptscriptstyle R}$  is a function of receiving-end impedance, assuming  $R_{e}$ ,  $E_s$ , and line length constant. With this method, almost any load may be properly coupled to the generator merely by partially paralleltuning it to increase the apparent load impedance at the end of the line and selecting the proper length of line to use. Experience shows that the majority of loads can be properly handled with a transmission line between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength.

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The effective impedance of the parallel circuit will depend on the load reactance and power factor. This indicates that very high capacitance loads cannot be made to present very high impedance to

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the transmission line; therefore, the receiving end voltage will be correspondingly lower. A high-capacitance load has large electrode area so that less electrode voltage is needed to obtain a given power. However, it is usually possible to increase the air gap between the dielectric material and the top electrode to obtain higher effective load reactance. By this means it is possible to parallel-tune the load to a higher impedance.

### Use of Resonance Curve

Figure 2 is the resonance curve of a typical dielectric load of high capacitance and low power factor, encountered in the frequency range of 5 to 30 mc. This curve illustrates the importance of plotting a curve before deciding what effective load impedance can be obtained by parallel tuning.

High-Q loads narrow down the operating range and in operation the load electrode voltage may change rapidly with change of load capacitance. In the case of low-Q loads, the opposite is generally true. The magnitude of the apparent load reactance and effective series resistance is dependent on the magnitude of the dielectric load reactance and effective series resistance. For this reason, very high capacitance,



FIG. 2 — Parallel-resonance curve of fixed dielectric load of 0.46 —j23 ohms, parallel tuned with variable inductance and frequency assumed constant



FIG. 3—Sending-end resistance and reactance plotted against transmission line length with a 50-ohm line

low-power-factor loads are more difficult to work with.

The resonance curve of Fig. 2 has two recommended operating regions marked by dashed vertical lines. Operation must be sufficiently up on the curve to result in an appreciable increase in the apparent, or effective load impedance. It must be far enough away from resonance to avoid possible frequency instability and erratic operation.

The particular application dictates the choice of the side of resonance on which to operate, provided it is possible to use a transmission line of the desired length.

If the length of the transmission line is fixed by conditions other than load-tuning requirements, the length of the line may be such that tuning on either capacitive or inductive side of resonance is no



#### FIG. 4—Plot of voltage on the transmission line

longer a matter of choice but of necessity.

For example, with an effective high-impedance inductive load at the end of a short line, the receiving-end impedance may be extremely high. The short section of the line in effect parallel tunes the load. In this case it generally will be difficult to couple such a load to the generator properly. Under such a condition, it will be more desirable to tune the load circuit on the capacitive side of resonance.

### Sending-End Impedance

After the effective load is selected from the resonance curve, the sending-end impedance of the line may be plotted against the length of line.

Figure 3 is a plot of sending-end resistance and reactance versus transmission-line length for high and low inductive and capacitive reactance loads. The high inductive and capacitive loads were selected from the resonance curve of Fig. 2. In this case of the high-reactance inductive load, the sendingend impedance rises to a very high value with a very short section of line.

A 5.5-ft line at 13.6 mc effectively parallel-resonates the load. A small change in the load impedance will cause a very large change in the sending-end impedance of the line. It may even change the sign of the effective reactance.

This emphasizes two important facts: a short transmission line cannot always be disregarded as a transmission line and treated merely as so much inductance in series with the load; and a short transmission line, with a high inductive reactance load at the receiving end, may result in the sending end impedance being in the region of parallel resonance (antiresonance). The resulting high impedance at the sending end of the line may not be suitable for coupling to the generator output circuit. In addition, since a small change in the load impedance may actually change the sign of the sending-end reactance, this may cause oscillator instability. This emphasizes the importance of plotting the sending-end impedance against transmission line length for a given parallel-tuned load at the receiving end of the line.

Another factor is that with effective capacitive loads, the sendingend impedance goes through effective series resonance before approaching parallel resonance. With this type of load, the transmission line must be considerably longer than for inductive loads to make the sending-end impedance high.

Curves such as Fig. 3 enable one to determine the approximate length of transmission line needed to couple the load properly to the generator. The length of line need not be an exact value, because it can be corrected by changing the effective impedance of the paralleltuned load circuit or by adjusting the generator coupling circuit.

### Line Voltage

Figure 4 is a plot of the voltage on the line at any point, with a receiving-end voltage of one, for several typical effective loads. The sending-end voltage, in terms of the receiving-end voltage, is determined by reading the voltage on the line at a point X degrees from the receiving end, where X degrees represents the electrical length of the transmission line being used. The curve between this point and the receiving end is then the voltage distribution on the line.

For a relatively low effective reactance load at the receiving end, the maximum voltage on the line occurs some distance back from the receiving end. By proper choice of the length of line, the sending-end voltage can be less than the receiving-end voltage. Caution must be exercised with extremely high capacitance loads requiring relatively high electrode voltage, since this will place a very high voltage on the line. This can cause voltage breakdown in the line as well as oscillator instability because of the very high volt-amperes stored in the line.

### **Generator Coupling Circuits**

The arrangement of the transmission line and load circuit to get a certain sending-end impedance is determined by the coupling circuit. The two most commonly used coupling schemes, inductive and direct, are shown in Fig. 5.

Direct coupling has the advantage of being adjustable over a wide range. The output voltage may range from a very low value to a maximum which is the full tank voltage. The load impedance that can be matched, in either case, will depend on the degree of coupling, maximum allowable current in the coupling circuit, and the maximum allowable change in oscillator frequency. The first two conditions



FIG. 5—Direct and inductive coupling schemes

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usually determine the load-impedance limitations.

As a rule, within the current rating of direct-coupling circuits, lowimpedance loads are usually connected at a low-voltage point on the oscillator tank inductance, and the high-impedance loads are connected at a high-voltage point. Knowing the maximum allowable current in the coupling circuit, the lowest effective load resistance that can be coupled may be calculated from the relation  $R = W/I^2$  ohms, where W = power output rating of r-f generator in watts and I = maximumrms current rating of the coupling circuit.

This is the effective load resistance in series with the coupling circuit. The effective load reactance may be any value such that, with the load resistance in series, the IZ drop is equal to the applied voltage of the coupling circuit. In somewhat similar manner it is possible to determine the maximum effective load resistance in series with the coupling circuit. In this instance it is necessary to assume that the effective load reactance is negligible in comparison with the resistance.

Thus, the applied voltage of the coupling circuit appears across the resistive load and  $R = E^2/W$  ohms, where E = maximum rms voltageoutput of the coupling circuit and W = power output rating of the r-f generator.

### Lead Inductance

In the case of the direct-coupled circuit, the lead inductance may require special consideration if the effective load is capacitive. Since the two reactances are in series the voltage across the load may be considerably higher than the tapped voltage on the oscillator tank inductance. The opposite is true in the case of an effective inductive load. For this reason the connecting lead inductance must always be considered.

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The effective inductive coupling circuit is shown in Fig. 6. The induced voltage and the coupled inductance of the coupling coil must be known to determine the maximum and minimum load resistance that can be coupled to the oscillator. Capacitor  $C_1$  is an adjustable

manner varies the voltage across the load. In the case of transmission-line load tuning,  $C_1$  will vary

the sending-end voltage of the line. The limiting factors to consider are the resulting voltages across the coupling coil and the coupling capacitor.

type (usually high-voltage, high-

current vacuum capacitors in par-

allel), adjusted so that the load re-

actance, the coupling capacitor re-

actance, and the coupling coil reac-

reactance in the circuit and in this

Adjustment of  $C_1$  varies the net

tance are near series resonance.

### **Calculation Technique**

The first step is to select a reasonable load  $Z_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$  from the plotted curve  $Z_s$  versus line length and calculate the current required for full output of the generator from the simple relation  $I = \sqrt{W/R}$  bearing in mind that this current must not exceed the maximum allowable current in the coupling circuit.

Next, determine whether adjustment of the coupling circuit will provide the required circulating current. This is calculated from the known coupling coil induced voltage and the resultant impedance around the closed circuit. At this point the voltage across each section should be computed to see that it is not excessive.

If these checks show that the selected  $Z_s$  is satisfactory, then the transmission line length which corresponds to this value of  $Z_s$  is the proper length.

If the coupling coil reactance is high, it is recommended that the sending-end reactance be capacitive, otherwise the coupling capacitor necessary to partially seriestune the circuit may be very small, resulting in excessive voltage across it. The sending-end reactance may be inductive provided it is of low value as compared with the coupling coil inductance.

### **Transmission-Line Calculator**

The Smith impedance chart<sup>1</sup> is an extremely useful tool for transmission-line calculation. The first step in the use of this chart is to rationalize the terminating impedance by dividing it by the surge impedance of the line. The rationalized load Z is located on the chart,



FIG. 6 - Effective inductive coupling circuit

bearing in mind the sign of the load reactance. The intersection of the rationalized load resistance and reactance line locates Z.

On the outer edge of the chart directly in line with Z and the center of the chart, read "wavelengths toward generator." Add to this the ratio of  $l\lambda$ , length of line and wavelength respectively, and rotate clockwise to this point. Locate the rationalized sending-end impedance at the intersection of the reactance and resistance curves on the line between the center and the new location of "wavelength toward generator" at the same distance from the center as Z. Multiply these readings by the surge impedance of the line for the true values.

### Example

Given 
$$R_c = 50$$
, load  $4 + j 25$ ,  $\frac{1}{\lambda} =$ 

0.125, find  $Z_s$ .

(a) Rationalized load = 
$$\frac{4 + j 25}{50}$$
 =

0.08 + j 0.5.

(b) Locate Z and read 0.074 wavelength toward generator.

(c) Add 0.074 + 0.125 = 0.199 and rotate to this point.

(d) Read 0.65 + j 2.9 rationalized  $Z_s$ . (e) Multiply by 50 for true  $Z_s$  which is

32.5 + j 145 ohms. Experience has shown that the

majority of dielectric loads can be tuned by this method, with a transmission line approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength. In most installations requiring 20 kw or more of r-f power, the load is just about this distance away from the generator

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**P**ERMEABILITY tuning has been used for many years in the medium and high radio-frequency ranges, where its advantages of low cost, ruggedness, compactness, uniform high gain, freedom from microphonics, and complete absence of moving contacts have been useful. Attempts to cover wide tuning ranges at much higher frequencies have generally met with failure, because no core materials were available with simultaneously high Q and high permeability.

Tuning by the short-circuitedturn effect of a metallic vane has been successfully applied to relatively narrow bands, such as the f-m broadcast band, but has not been practical for much wider bands because of the marked variation in Q with frequency. By combining permeability and short-circuited-turn tuning, a system having highly desirable characteristics can be obtained.

When designed for small frequency ratios, the Q of this combination may be high, but for ratios in the order of 4-to-1 it becomes so low as to prohibit its use for many applications. However it has proven to be ideal for the television band, where a relatively wide pass band is required. The Aladdin television tuner illustrated takes advantage of the unique characteristics of this tuning scheme.

### **Tuning Inductor**

Such a simple tuning element, shown in cross-section in Fig. 1 is advantageous in compactness, low cost, and freedom from microphonics. The ferromagnetic core is stationary, and the conductive sleeve slides into the annular space between the core and the coil form. progressively decreasing the coil inductance by shielding out the core, as well as by virtue of the short-circuited-secondary effect. A smooth gradation in frequency is obtained. By a proper choice of parameters, a substantially constant bandwidth is obtained over a wide frequency range.

The curves in Fig. 2 show how the core losses at some frequencies, and the sleeve losses at other frequencies, can be balanced to secure uniform bandwidth. The core losses are determined by the mag-



Bottom view with shield removed showing sliding-secondary tubes within coils



Cam mechanism by which the tuning cylinders are mechanically driven. Section at left remains stationary. Screws are for initial adjustment

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netic and electrical characteristics of the core, and its spacing from the coil turns. The sleeve losses are determined almost entirely by its proximity to the turns. The metal of which it is made and the wall thickness have little effect on either Q or tuning range.

In tuning large frequency ratios, it is sometimes desirable to use composite cores, the material at the high-frequency end having higher Q and lower permeability compared to that at the low-frequency end,



in order to obtain both sufficient coverage and uniform bandwidth. The cylindrical shape of the shorted-turn element obviates the microphonic difficulties encountered with a flat vane.

In a tuner of earlier design, two sets of such inductors were used, one set covering channels 2 to 6. and the other channels 7 to 13. The transfer switch used in this tuner required but a fraction of the number of contacts used in tuners of the tap-switch and turret types in common use. Moving contacts are a potential source of trouble in any circuit because of variation in resistance and the possibility of intermittent open circuit owing to corrosion, dirt, mechanical wear, and changes in contact pressure. At the higher frequencies, where the





The completed tuner can be adjusted through the hole in the vernier dial for the channel, then tuned in

FIG. 2-Tuning effects of core and sleeve and the bandwidths obtained

### Inductance TV TUNER

Combination of permeability and shorted-secondary tuning permits covering all vhf television channels without the use of switches or sliding contacts. The new device eliminates 143 switch contacts and reduces to four the 48 tuned coils found in representative conventional designs

total circuit inductance is necessarily very small, there may be an intermittent variation in the inductance of the contacts, because of a shift of the actual contacting point within the area of the mating surfaces. For these reasons, it was felt that a mere reduction in the number of switch contacts was not sufficient, and that the design of a tuner having no moving contacts at all would be an important forward step.

The development of new magnetic materials, having much higher permeabilities, combined with good Q values, has made possible the design of the sleeve-permeability tuner illustrated. It covers the entire vhf tv band, channels 2 to 13 inclusive, with a single inductance variation. No switches or moving

contacts of any kind are required in the signal circuit.

The curve of frequency versus displacement for a tuning inductor of this type, with uniformly wound coils, is substantially a straight line for small frequency ratios, but assumes the characteristic elongated S-shape for larger ratios. In view of the wide gap between channels 6 and 7, this shape is actually advantageous, because it assigns more of the total tuning motion to the two tv bands, and less to the undesired frequencies between the bands. In the production coils, shown in Fig. 3A and 3B, this shape is greatly accentuated by bunching the turns at the center of the coil. This construction further minimizes the waste motion between the two bands as indicated in

the curve of Fig. 4.

A straight permeability tuner for this wide frequency range would require a core material of very high permeability, with resultant low Q, so that the bandwidth would be excessive over part of the range. A straight shortedturn tuner would require close spacing between coil and sleeve, causing excessive bandwidth at the highfrequency end. By using a combination of the two, it has been possible, by careful design, to maintain the desired bandwidth throughout the range.

### Tuner Design

In the mechanical layout, due consideration has been given to the proper location of components to insure the shortest possible lead



FIG. 3—Intermediate-frequency coil (A) oscillator coil (B) with high-permeability core below (C) over which the aluminum shorted-secondary (D) slides



FIG. 4—Sleeve position versus frequency in the variable inductance tuner

lengths in the high-frequency circuits, minimizing undesirable capacitive and inductive couplings. access to adjustments and ease of assembly. The overall size and shape have been chosen to fit present thinking regarding receiver chassis layout. Trimmer and i-f adjustments, which usually require some touching-up when tubes are changed, are accessible from the top of the chassis. Channel-setting screws, which are properly adjusted after assembly into the chassis, are accessible from the front. Other adjustments, made only at the time of tuner assembly and test, are readily accessible from the underside of the tuner chassis.

The tuning coils are wound on thin-walled forms, using silverplated copper ribbon instead of round wire in order to obtain a high inductance ratio and a satisfactory value of Q. The turns are distributed nonuniformly (Fig. 3A) in order to provide a desirable law of inductance variation. The three r-f coils are identical except for small variations in turn spacing as required to track the different circuits. The oscillator coil is wound with fewer turns to provide the required frequency difference.

The tuning sleeves shown in Fig. 3D are formed from aluminum tubing. Higher conductive materials give no better results in this application and are more expensive and harder to fabricate. The cores are formed from materials especially developed for the purpose, having permeabilities sufficient to cover the range, and Q's as required to provide proper overall bandwidth. The oscillator cores are lower in permeability, as they cover a smaller frequency ratio, and of higher Q in order to provide better oscillator stability.

Rotary detent actuation of the channel-selector knob, as used in switch-type tuners, has enjoyed good consumer acceptance, and so was chosen for this tuner. A positive-drive helical cam, is used to transfer the knob rotation into linear motion to position the tuning sleeves. The cam has a dwell at each channel position, so that angular errors in the detent will not affect tuning accuracy. At each dwell position, an adjusting screw is provided for accurate channelfrequency setting.

A sliding carriage, bearing the four tuning sleeves, rides on accurately machined ways, and is consecutively moved to the channel positions by rotation of the cam. Fine tuning is accomplished very simply by means of a fine-thread screw that moves the carriage a small distance when the fine-tuning knob is rotated. Access to the channel-adjusting screws is through a single hole in the front plate, and one in the disc on the fine-tuning shaft, so that a screw can only be adjusted when the selector knob is set to the corresponding position, and the fine-tuning knob is in the center of its range.

Because of the large frequency range covered by the tuning coils, and the required channel-setting accuracy, a high degree of precision is necessary in positioning the sleeves. The design of the cam carriage is such as to eliminate all backlash. The tuner chassis and overall shield constitute a box structure that is very rugged. Sliding friction is held to a minimum by careful design of the carriage bearings and by supporting the cores and sleeves on flexible spring leads

Table I—Summary of Tuner Characteristics

			Pandwidth in Ma
Channel	Noise Factor in Db	Gain	On Demonst Bosponse
9		105	90 Tercent Tresponse
4	9.0	105	6.0
4.	9.7	87	6.0
0	10.0	69	6.0
7	12.0	56	7.5
9	10.0	63	6.5
11	12.1	56	6.0
13	16.0	60	6.0
Channel	Image Rejection (X Down)		I-F Rejection (X Down)
2	491		2,000 or higher
4	450		in low band.
6	333		
7	250		
9	422		3,000 or higher
11	707		in high band.
13	800		in ingri build
	000		
	Turns Ratio.		Oscillator voltage at 300-ohm
Channel	balance-to-unbalance		antenna terminals
2	71		
4.	61		
6	30		Less than 5 my
7	36		all channels balanced
ġ	20		or unbalanced
11	21		or unbalanceu.
12	20		
10	47		
to provide self-alignment and prevent binding. The actuating mechanism will continue to reproduce the initial channel-frequency settings throughout a long period, under all normal conditions of use.

Tracking of the individual circuits is mainly built-in by careful control of the effective permeability of the cores, sleeve and coil-form diameters, and by use of a specially built winding machine that spaces each turn increment accurately. To make up for unavoidable small manufacturing variations, three final adjustments are provided. The capacitance trimmers compensate for variations in lead and socket capacitances, in addition to tube capacitance, and are used for alignment of the high-frequency end. The positioning of the sleeves is most effective at the middle of the range where the inductance changes most rapidly. The positioning of the core has no effect at channel 13 where it is shielded out, and the greatest effect at channel 2. These three adjustments, together with close control in the manufacture of the tuning elements, permit tracking well within the required limits.

A close-fitting overall shield reduces oscillator radiation to a low figure, and contributes to the mechanical rigidity of the unit.

#### Tuner Circuit

The circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 5. The usual tube complement consists of a 6AG5 r-f amplifier and a 6J6 mixer-oscillator. A 6AK5, 6BC5 or 6BC6 may be substituted for the 6AG5, with the addition of a small unbypassed cathode resistor for agc response stabilization if desired.

The input circuit makes use of a matched-primary, tuned-secondary antenna transformer shown in Fig. 3B. The match of the primary to a 300-ohm transmission line is maintained throughout the range by the coupled reactance and loading of the tuned secondary, and by the variation of primary inductance produced by the motion of the tuning sleeve.

The characteristics of the core are so chosen that the damping is sufficient to maintain proper match and bandwidth in the lower frequency range where the r-f amplifier loading is low. In the upper frequency range, tube loading and tuning sleeve losses are such as to provide proper match and bandwidth. The primary is balanced to ground, and is electrostatically shielded from the secondary by means of a wire braid over the bifilar primary. This construction maintains the interwinding capacitance at a desirable low value. An excellent match to a 75-ohm line is obtained by connecting to one half of the primary bandwidth and power-gain being substantially the same as when a 300-ohm line is used with the full primary. By a proper choice of



FIG. 6-Test circuit used with the tuner



FIG. 5—Complete circuit diagram of the new tuner. Alternate i-f output circuit is shown at upper right

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turns ratio and careful matching to the antenna line, the signal-to-noise ratio and gain has been made equal to that obtained when separate aircore antenna transformers, each optimized for a particular channel, are employed in switch-type tuners.

This type of antenna transformer, when used with adequate shielding between the plate and grid circuits of the amplifier, together with an overall shield, provides excellent isolation of oscillator voltage. It is possible to hold the oscillator voltage at the antenna terminals to less than 5 millivolts, either balanced or unbalanced. By including additional shielding and other changes to isolate oscillator feedback and radiation from the i-f amplifier, the oscillator voltage appearing at the antenna terminals may be reduced still further. This is important in view of increasing restrictions on radiation.

The r-f tube is used as a conventional pentode amplifier (but the interstage coupling circuit is somewhat unusual in that low-side fixed capacitance coupling is employed between the amplifier plate coil and the mixer grid. Constant bandwidth is maintained by control of the magnetic coupling, which aids the capacitive coupling, and by making use of the variation of stray intercoil capacitance as the carriage changes position.

The 6J6 oscillator operation and mixer excitation is conventional. The use of a suitable mixer plate choke produces negative input conductance to overcome increase in the mixer grid loading at the highfrequency end.

Two i-f output circuits are shown on the schematic. One is the usual single coil for use in a staggertuned i-f amplifier, and the alternate contains a coupled-in trap for the sound carrier, which is useful in some intercarrier receivers in placing the sound carrier at the proper level with respect to the video carrier. The same dual coil construction can be used for sound take-off since Q's in the order of 130 are obtainable, even with the small shield cans used.

#### Test Circuit

The commonly used test circuit for the i-f output is shown in Fig.



FIG. 7—Typical response curves (A) at the r-f test point (Fig. 5); (B) test output for single coil; and (C) test output with double coil

6. It comprises a crystal, a  $7-\mu\mu$ f capacitor to represent the usual i-f tube and wiring capacitances, and a low-pass filter. Sensitivities are usually expressed as the r-f input for 0.1-volt output, while the gain figures in the performance chart are expressed as a ratio:

 $Gain = \frac{0.1v \text{ i-f output} \times \text{match. pad atten.}}{\text{signal gen. input (volts)}}$ 

#### Performance

The overall performance characteristics are shown in Table I, which is further explained by the response curves of Fig. 7.

Although i-f rejection is high, still further rejection can be obtained if desired by the addition of an i-f series-tuned circuit across the mixer-grid circuit to ground. A high-Q coil and a capacitor, tuned to any frequency in the i-f band will suppress that particular frequency. A lower-Q coil may be used with a little more capacitance to achieve wider suppression. In either case little effect on the r-f response is observed, and the conversion is increased owing to elimination of i-f loading caused by residual i-f impedance in the grid circuit and by the tube interelectrode capacitance. The latter effect is, however, not so large as the mixer-plate r-f loading.

Image rejection is good and adjacent-channel attenuation is above average because of the rigid tracking and bandwidth control maintained in the manufacture of the tuner. A representative tuner response curve is shown in Fig. 7. This data is taken at the mixer grid test point.

Thermal, mechanical and voltage stability are good in all channels. Reset accuracy is well within the usual sound-channel limits, so that once the tuner is properly adjusted to each channel, very little adjustment of the fine tuning control will be required. Because there are no switch contacts or other parts to become noisy or change calibration with normal use, service difficulties are practically nonexistent, except for usual occasional tube replacement.

In the evolution of any new device, the trend is usually toward simplification. As the process of evolution continues, each succeeding degree of simplification becomes more difficult to achieve, until it becomes necessary to introduce basically new ideas to achieve further significant progress. The switchedcoil type of tuner has undergone considerable evolution, and further simplification is likely to consist of relatively minor design changes. The introduction of the radically new concept of switchless permeability tuning into this field results in a major degree of simplification in a single step.

In comparing basically different designs, the choice of criteria to provide a fair comparison is always difficult. On the basis of total number of parts (not counting fastenings such as standard screws and rivets, but counting resistors, trimmers and other components common to both designs as one part each) the subject tuner has 107 parts as compared to 298 for a popular tuner of conventional design. A major part of this simplification results from the elimination of 143 switch contacts, and the reduction in the number of tuned coils from 48 to 4.



Circuit of the unit contains a capacitor that controls the length of time the thyratron conducts the magnetizing current



Complete setup of the magnetizer and work coil. A ring magnet of the type employed in small motors is shown at left

# Motor Magnetizer

To avoid accumulation of metal particles by the field magnet during assembly of small permanent-magnet motors, the complete motor is subjected to the magnetizing field after assembly. A thyratron rectifier does the job semiautomatically on the production line

**C**ONVENTIONAL shunt-wound d-c motors and generators are limited in size reduction due to the extra heat that must be dissipated due to a wound field. The wound field is further undesired since constant field strength is not easily achieved with such construction. The constant field strength of a permanent-magnet field allows such motors to be used in many motor integrator applications, provides smaller motors and allows for precision rate or tachometer generator construction.

In the manufacture of small motors and generators it becomes necessary to magnetize such materials as Alnico V after having ground that material to precision tolerances. It is further advantageous to perform this magnetization on the completed motor or generator to prevent accumulation of metal chips and impurities.

The magnetomotive force recommended for saturation magnetization of Alnico V is 3,000 oersteds (6,000 ampere-turns per inch). This is readily obtained with a simple thyratron rectifier circuit utilizing the peak current-handling

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capability of an Electrons, Inc. C6J tube, which is 77 amperes.

A magnetizing coil having a sufficiently large number of turns and small enough ohmic resistance to cause this current to flow through the thyratron from a 220-volt line is required. A coil meeting these requirements was constructed to allow the standard line of Servo-Tek p-m motors and rate generators to be inserted in the coil for magnetization. To date, many hundred magnets have been so charged.

Magnets of other configurations and considerably greater mass have also been charged with this unit. Experimental fields of Alnico for motors up to 1/15 horse power have been charged using other coils.

#### Circuit

The magnet charger operates from the 220-volt line, which, having a peak voltage value of  $1.42 \times 220$ , allows for a peak current somewhat in excess of 75 amperes to flow as rectified half-wave pulses through the low-resistance charging coil. A time delay switch to provide 30 to 45-second filament warmup is used to prevent application of conduction-level grid potential during filament warmup.

Approximately 8 volts of negative bias supplied by the 1N51 germanium diode holds the C6J nonconductive. A second 1N51 charges a capacitor to approximately 8.5 volts and, when the CHARGE switch is depressed, that voltage is connected in series opposition with the negative hold-off bias and reduces the net grid voltage to a momentary zero value. A resistor discharge path for the capacitor allows the voltage to decay so as to restore the net grid voltage to a negative nonconducting value in a period of a few one-half-cycle pulses of plate current. That time may be adjusted by the potentiometer in the discharge circuit. Reliable firing repeatability not influenced by time of switch closure with respect to plate-voltage phase necessitates a setting which can hold the grid in the conduction region for at least 1.5 cycles of the plate voltage.

HE STABILITY of the transmitter and receiver in a communication link plays an important part in the channel spacing of the system. This is shown in Fig. 1A, which illustrates a typical communications receiver selectivity characteristic with the receiver tuned to a voice channel at 15 mc and having 2.5-kc sidebands centered in the selectivity curve. Reception is considered satisfactory if receiver selectivity does not drop more than 6 db at the limits of the sidebands. Undue interference from the adjacent channel can be avoided even when this is a strong signal if the attenuation of the adjacent channel is at least 60 db. If we assume a selectivity curve with a 3-to-1 shape factor, the space to the edge of the adjacent channel will be 7.5 kc, giving rise to channels of 14.990, 15.00, and 15.010 mc for the example illustrated.

If we assume an instability of 100 parts per million (0.01 percent) in the transmitter and receiver frequency-generating system, we have the condition shown in Fig. 1B. Here the transmitted frequency is assumed to have drifted higher and the receiver local oscillator lower, or vice versa, broadening the required selectivity characteristic. Of course, when transmitter and receiver drifts are in opposite directions the effects are reduced and approach the condition of Fig. 1A.

To allow for the maximum deviation of the channel within the selectivity characteristic, a bandwidth of 11 kc is required at the 6-db points of Fig. 1B. With a shape factor of 3 to 1, this results in a skirt selectivity at the 60-db point of 16.5 kc which, when added to the 2.5-kc sideband and the 1.5-kc instability assumed for the adjacent channel, calls for a channel spacing of 20.5 kc or channels centered on 14.9795, 15.0000 and 15.0205 mc. This shows the increased channel spacing and consequent reduction in the number of available channels due to instabilities in transmission and reception.

#### **Oscillator** Stability

The crystal oscillator provides a satisfactory answer to the stability problem for many applications. During World War II, however, military forces found that it was



FIG. 1—Example illustrating how transmitter and receiver frequency instability increase the spacing required between communication channels

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strategically unwise to be bound to a single channel or even a moderate number of channel frequencies. Accordingly, interest in variable-frequency master oscillators and other multifrequency generating schemes was renewed.

With increased development of temperature-compensating capacitors and stable permeability-tuning cores, it was possible to maintain the temperature and calibration accuracy of a variable-frequency oscillator without temperature control to within 400 parts per million for 1.5 to 1 tuning ratio. Recent developments with temperature control indicate that stabilities in the order of 200 parts per million will be attainable in the near future.

The present state of the crystal oscillator art indicates that within the range 0 to 50 C, a tolerance of 30 parts per million is possible. Use of a crystal oven reduces this to about 3 parts per million. Commercially available laboratory 100-kc standards are available with longterm stabilities of about 0.1 parts per million. About the ultimate in stability is that of the Bureau of Standards radio station WWV, which is 0.02 parts per million. With a master oscillator, equipment can be adjusted to a multiplicity of frequency channels, while the crystal oscillator is limited to just a single frequency of operation or a multiple. A system is needed that combines the accuracy of the crystal oscillator with the versatility of the master oscillator. This paper will describe several systems which provide this desired end effect.

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#### **Multicrystal System**

A method which has been used on the Collins 51R navigation receiver involves synthesis of the desired output frequency through addition of a number of stable input signals. In the descriptions to follow, the frequency values are chosen for ease of explanation and may not be ideal from the standpoint of spurious output.

As indicated in Fig. 2, a crystal oscillator and tap switch provide stable crystal-controlled frequencies from 10.2 to 12.2 mc spaced every 0.1 mc. The selected signal is fed through an isolation amplifier and bandpass filter to a mixer for combining with the output of another multicrystal oscillator that



FIG. 2—Synthesis of desired frequency by mixing outputs of two multicrystal oscillators

FIG. 3—Superheterodyne method using single crysial, harmonic amplifier and vío

# MASTER OSCILLATOR for Multichannel Communication

Crystal-conserving systems for precise, stable generation of r-f energy are analyzed, with details of commercial 31-tube version using a single 100-kc crystal and motor-controlled afc to provide any desired frequency from 2 to 4.5 mc with 5-ppm accuracy

provides frequencies spaced 0.01 mc in the range of 8.200 to 8.110 mc. The difference frequency as selected in a tuned amplifier yields an output of 2 to 4 mc.

This system is readily adaptable to a direct-reading frequency dial in which megacycles and tenths of a megacycle are indicated by a dial connected to the first tap switch, and 10-kc increments are indicated by a dial connected to the second crystal tap switch. At each position of the first tap switch there are available ten different output frequencies depending upon the position of the second tap switch, so the system illustrated provides 200 10-kc steps in the range of 2 to 4 mc. This output can be multiplied as desired to provide transmitter excitation or receiver injection.

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The disadvantage of the system is that it has certain spurious output frequencies and a stability which is less than with direct crys-

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tal control because the source crystals are higher in frequency than the available output from the generator.

#### Superheterodyne System

The foregoing system requires a large number of crystals (30 for 200 output channels). This is a disadvantage which can be avoided through the use of the circuit of Fig. 3. Here a 100-kc crystal oscillator of high stability is subdivided to 10 kc with a multivibrator or regenerative divider. The resulting highly accurate 10-kc signal is then fed into a harmonic amplifier that produces a spectrum of frequencies spaced 10 kc apart in the range of 2 to 4 mc.

The desired output frequency could be selected from the harmonic amplifier with sharp filters and a variable-frequency amplifier but it is quite difficult to secure the desired rejection at the output frequency in

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this way. Instead, an ingenious application of the superheterodyne principle is used to secure the desired selectivity for selecting and amplifying the desired harmonic to get essentially single-frequency output. In this method (devised by M. L. Doelz-U. S. Patent No. 2,445,664), a 2.4 to 4.4-mc oscillator is fed into a mixer together with the output from the harmonic amplifier, yielding a spectrum centered on 400 kc. A highly selective 400-kc i-f amplifier can be built yielding attenuation of up to 100 db or more for the adjacent undesired channel. Output of the 2.4 to 4.4-mc variable-frequency oscillator is also fed into a second mixer along with the 400-kc i-f output signal. The difference frequency is used here to give the desired output in the range of 2 to 4 mc.

The frequency-indicating dial, which controls the tuned circuits of the variable-frequency oscillator range eight times as wide as would be the case in directly comparing the oscillator with a reference frequency. This deteriorates the accuracy of control at very low-frequency beat notes, but in the commercial version of this system the motor is responsive to applied voltages having a frequency as low as a few cycles per second so the resulting error is quite small.

The motor is a four-pole twophase instrument-type motor with a high-resistance squirrel-cage rotor. The motor operates with an applied voltage up to 400 to 500 cps, which allows a pull-in range at the comparison frequency of from 3,200 to 4,000 cps.

If greater accuracy is required, a 100-kc standard voltage can be derived from an external source to reduce the error from  $\pm 2$  parts per million as contributed by the internal crystal-controlled oscillator at 100 kc to a value of as low as 0.1 part per million using the best available laboratory standards.

It is interesting to note the contribution of the interpolation oscillator to the frequency stability of the system. The output of the interpolation oscillator is divided by eight and then compared to the master oscillator at a frequency which is always five times the output frequency of the stabilized master oscillator. Thus the error, in cycles, at the output of the interpolation oscillator is divided by a factor of 40 as referred to the output frequency of the instrument.



FIG. 7—Hermetically sealed variablefrequency oscillator, with tube sealing can removed

Since the tuning ratio of the interpolation oscillator is small, its stability is such that it does not contribute more than one to two parts per million to the output inaccuracy.

Perhaps the best method of indicating the operation of the stabilized master oscillator equipment is to give examples of the frequencies present at the different circuits for several values of output frequency. In Table I, example A shows the result of operation on a 5-kc point of the master oscillator. Example B indicates a frequency displaced from a 5-kc point by 2,170 cps. It should be borne in mind that the interpolation oscillator dial covers the range 0 to 5 kc. Because of this the base frequency, to which the interpolation dial reading must be added, changes every 5 kc on the main dial. Therefore, to tune to 3.517170 mc, the master oscillator

would be set above the 3.515 point and the interpolation dial again would read 2,170 kc.

Example C corresponds to Example B except that here an error of 300 cycles is assumed at the output frequency of the equipment. This example indicates the error voltages present in the various parts of the equipment and shows the beat frequency applied to the tuning motor.

#### **Circuit Details**

The 100-kc crystal-controlled oscillator used as a frequency standard is shown in Fig. 6. A switch allows the substitution of an external 100-kc source, in which case the left-hand section of the dual triode functions as an r-f amplifier feeding succeeding stages of the equipment. The parallel-tuned L-C circuit serves to trap out a spurious mode present in some 100-kc crystals. A



FIG. 6—Crystal oscillator that determines accuracy of output frequency generated by afc-stabilized variable-frequency oscillator



FIG. 8—Servo-motor control circuit. Audio beat frequency produced by error in master variable-frequency oscillator is amplified to drive motor that retunes vfo until beat frequency disappears

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6AK5 triode-connected amplifier serves as an isolating stage between the 100-kc oscillator and the 50-kc divider. The divider has the advantage of fail-safe operation, wherein there is no spurious output if the 100-kc source fails.

The heart of the entire stabilized master oscillator is the hermetically sealed variable-frequency oscillator illustrated in Fig. 7. This oscillator uses a powdered iron core traveling within a solenoid coil, with variable space between turns to secure a linear relationship between frequency and dial rotation. By hermetically sealing the oscillator and rotating the shaft through a pressure-tight seal, it is possible to secure calibration and temperature stability of  $\pm 800$  cycles at the fundamental frequency of the oscillator. Temperature compensation is accomplished by using ceramic capacitors with the desired temperature coefficient and by appropriate design of the tank coil. Final production linearity adjustment is realized with an adjustable cam that compensates for manufacturing variations in the coil and core. The interpolation oscillator has the same physical characteristics and differs only in the resonant circuit components.

#### AFC Motor Control

The motor control circuits are quite interesting. The output of the 800-kc second i-f strip is subdivided in a regenerative divider and then fed into 6AL5 diodes along with the output from the 100-kc amplifier, as shown in Fig. 8. Loosely coupled resonant circuits in  $T_1$  provide a 90degree phase shift in the 100-kc reference voltage so that push-pull two-phase a-f voltage is fed into the 2C51 d-c amplifiers. These in turn drive 5686 beam tetrode tubes that serve as power amplifiers feeding the two windings of the afc motor in push-pull. The push-pull arrangement is used to eliminate d-c flux in the motor windings. Only the flux due to the beat-frequency voltage drives the armature. Relay contacts, not shown, connect the motor windings to 60-cycle power for initial tuning of the equipment.

In tuning, a SETUP-OPERATE switch is thrown to the SETUP position, which drives the afc motor

Table I—Three	Examples	of	Frequencies	Present	in	<b>Sta</b> bilized
	Master		scillator Syste	m		

	100 kc stand- ard	Divider out- put	Har- monic amp mc	ls mix ko	t er	lst I-F amp kc	2 m ]	nd ixe kc	r	2nd I-F amp kc	Regen dividers kc	Motor fre- quency cps	
А	100 kc	25 kc	16.600 16.625 16.650 etc	900 875 850 et	с	875 900	80 82	0		800	100	0	
В	100	25	16.650 16.675 16.700	910 885 860	. 85 . 85 . 85	8 <mark>85</mark> . 55	80	0		800	100	0	
С	100	25	16.650 16.675 16.700	862 887 912	. 35 . 35 . 35	887.35 △f = +1,500 cps	801.5 △f= +1,500 cps		5	801.5	100.187 △f = +187.5 cps	5 187.5	
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	Output freq mc	t MO dial freq mc	MC free mc		М р ×10	Multi- plier (10 ×15 mc			In d	iterpol ivider kc	Interpol osc freq kc	Interpol dial kc	
A	3.5000	00 3.500	) 1.160	6 <b>666</b>	17.5	50000 <mark>0</mark>	A		75.00	<mark>60</mark> 0	0.000		
B	3.5121	70 3.512	2 1.170	0723	17.5	60 <mark>850</mark>	в		85.85	<u>686.8</u>	2170		
С	3.5124 △f = 300 cps	70 3.512	2 1.170 △f +100	)823 = cps	17.5 ک + ا	562350 ∆f = 1,500 cps		С		85. <mark>85</mark>	686.8	2170	

and capacitor to a centered position and disables the motor control circuits. The master oscillator dial is then set to frequency as closely as possible. The interpolation oscillator dial is adjusted to indicate the frequency increment to be added to the 5-kc point next below the desired frequency and an output tuning dial is set to the correct position as indicated on a direct-reading dial. A headphone jack across the motor control circuits provides aural indication of the accuracy with which the master oscillator is adjusted. If a fairly low beat note is heard (0 to 400 cps), the adjustment of the master oscillator is sufficiently accurate for afc operation. If not, further adjustment of the master oscillator dial will yield a low beat note suitable for afc control. The switch is then thrown to OPERATE, which restores the motor control circuits. The motor then operates under control of the beatfrequency signal and rapid correction of the master oscillator frequency occurs. Thereafter the frequency of the master oscillator is under continuous surveillance so that it is constantly corrected for thermal, humidity or voltage effects.

The 31 tubes used in this circuit might appear excessive until it is realized that the accuracy of adjustment and the stability after adjustment of this frequency generator are far in excess of that obtained previously in variable-frequency oscillators. A decided advantage of this method is that failure of the afc circuits does not necessarily destroy the usefulness of the system. Only three tubes are essential for operation as a normal master oscillator-power amplifier with moderate stability.

The writer wishes to express his appreciation to R. T. Cox for suggesting the basic system used in the stabilized master oscillator.

# **CRYSTAL DIODES**

Five useful and novel circuits for video terminal gear at television studios. Included are gamma correction amplifiers, studio amplifier brightness clipper and a deflection failure protective unit for kinescopes and monitor picture units



FIG. 1—Typical voltage and current characteristics of two crystal diodes

ERMANIUM diodes have many Sapplications in video circuits as detectors and rectifiers in which unidirectional conduction is the property used. In addition, such diodes have limiting and nonlinear properties which suit them to many other circuits of use in the television studio and transmitter. Several circuits of the latter type are here described. The circuits utilize the 1N34 and 1N58 crystals. These are relatively inexpensive and typical of the class. It should not be construed, however, that these particular designations are specifically necessary in the circuits to be discussed.

The following specifications of crystal diodes are of special interest to the design engineer:

Minimum forward current—the smallest expected current at a given d-c potential applied with positive to the anode lead.

Shunt capacitance—usually 1 µµf or less for all units. Peak inverse voltage—the maxi-

Peak inverse voltage—the maximum transient voltage polarized neg-



FIG. 2—Front and back resistance plotted against voltage for the 1N34

atively at the anode which may be tolerated before breakdown occurs.

Maximum operating inverse voltage —the allowable continuous inverse voltage for satisfactory operation. Average rectified or forward cur-

Average rectified or forward current—the allowable steady current carried by the crystal without undue change of characteristics. Ambient temperature range—the

Ambient temperature range—the surrounding temperature during operation which will not be injurious to the unit, ordinarily from -50 to +70deg C, outside this range the specified ratings may take a "set" and not return to normal when room temperature is restored.

Inasmuch as the devices under discussion are nonlinear, certain typical response curves are desirable for intelligent application. Figure 1 is a plot of forward and inverse currents against respective voltages. The sudden reversal of slope at the origin is of particular value in switching and clipping actions. Such sharp cutoff characteristics make the diode a superior limiting device to a pentode.

The corresponding curves of back and front resistance as functions of respective voltages are shown in Fig. 2. It is interesting to note the shape of the back resistance-voltage curve. The maximum back impedance occurs at a rather low value of voltage and rapidly falls off in either direction. For this reason, an ohmmeter is not an accurate enough instrument to indicate the true condition of a given crystal. A relatively high back resistance and low forward resistance, however, may presuppose a working diode not necessarily within prescribed ratings.

Since the resistance varies critically with applied voltage, the proper verification of data is made by the use of a low-impedance voltage source in series with a milliammeter and the crystal under test. The usual specified voltages are positive one volt and negative ten or fifty volts. Batteries are a convenient source of test potentials.

#### **Applications**

The reproduction of a scene by television must adhere to certain standards for acceptable portrayal of scene brightnesses. A completely linear system from pickup tube to kinescope would of course reproduce identically the original material. The limited contrast range of a kinescope, however, sometimes makes it more desirable to depart from an overall unity slope response in order to accommodate a high-gamma picture.

It is not necessary for accurate representation to strictly adhere to a one-to-one transmittal of information, rather the following equation holds true: reproduced scene brightness =K (original scene hrightness)<sup> $\gamma$ </sup>, where K is the constant of proportionality and the ex-

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ponent, gamma, is a measure of the change in the original scene. The system gamma is the product of the responses in each series unit. Thus, assuming a film to be televised of gamma 2 and a kinescope gamma of 2, all other equipment of unity gamma, the resulting picture will have a gamma of 4. This is too great for accommodation at the receiver.

Ordinarily, pickup tubes, except for flying spot, are operated as nonlinear devices beyond the knee of the curve at white saturation. Such operation aids the compensation of the high kinescope white gradient. but the linear black region of the pickup device does not help the very low gradient of the kinescope in this area. The object is to insert into the system a series of amplifiers whose controlled nonlinearity can overemphasize the amplification at the desired brightness levels to achieve the optimum system gamma.

#### **Gamma Correction**

If a two-stage resistance-coupled video amplifier is connected as shown in Figure 3A, a degenerative feedback loop is present through  $R_1$ , and  $D_1$ , when the crystal diode is conducting. At no signal  $R_2$  is adjusted to allow  $V_2$  to draw more current than  $V_1$ . This establishes the voltage relationship  $E_{b1} > E_{b2}$  if the circuit is otherwise symmetrical. Thus, the extent to which  $D_1$ conducts establishes the maximum degeneration possible.

Assume a video voltage at  $R_{g1}$ with whites positive. At the plates of  $V_1$  and  $D_1$  the white excursion is negative, while at the plate of  $V_2$ and the cathode of  $D_1$  the white picture is again positive. As white sig-

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nal increases,  $V_i$  draws more current reducing the diode plate voltage.

In similar manner,  $V_2$  is made to



FIG. 3—Circuits of gamma correction amplifiers. Circuit A shows a degenerative loop, B a regenerative loop and C combined positive and negative feedback



FIG. 4—Brightness control circuit for a studio video amplifier

draw less current increasing the voltage at its plate and the cathode of the diode. There exists, then, with increasing positive signal excursion on the grid of  $V_1$  a pushpull effect tending to drive the crystal to cutoff. The overall gain of  $V_1$ and  $V_{\circ}$  increases as the degenerative path increases its impedance with signal amplitude. Should the video at  $R_{a1}$  be opposite in polarity, the black signal material will be stretched. The point at which nonlinearity will begin depends upon the content and level of the input signal, and upon  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

#### Control

A convenient variable for controlling the point of diode departure is the potentiometer  $R_2$ which changes the screen voltages of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in a push-pull manner. It is assumed that video at  $R_{a1}$  will always be maintained at constant peak-to-peak voltage, however, varying average brightnesses will change the a-c axis and thereby the relative steps which will be stretched. Use of d-c insertion in this circuit will eliminate the latter difficulty. The maximum attainable degeneration is determined by  $R_1$ and once established would normally not be changed as an operating control. By combinations of such amplifiers the reversed S compensatory curve necessary for system linearity can be approached.

Instead of a variable degenerative path so provided, it is possible to accomplish the same thing with a controlled positive feedback as illustrated in Fig. 3B. Here  $D_1$  and  $R_1$  function as a regenerative loop whose impedance varies with the state of diode conduction. At zero signal  $R_2$  is adjusted so that  $V_2$ 



FIG. 5—Protection of the kinescope in case of failure of either the vertical or the horizontal sweep is provided by this circuit

draws more current than  $V_1$ . This produces a greater voltage drop across  $R_{k_2}$  than  $R_{k_1}$  and little feedback is present.

As positive signal swing at  $R_{g1}$ increases the voltage across  $R_{k1}$ , negative signal at  $R_{g2}$  decreases the voltage across  $R_{k2}$ . This push-pull action drives  $D_1$  into conduction, whose impedance depends on the extent of the signal and the original bias. Thus, with increasing voltage at  $R_{g1}$ , the positive feedback increases and the gain of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  correspondingly is raised.

An interesting result is obtained if the degenerative and regenerative loops are included between the same two stages as in Fig. 3C. Stretching either end of a signal will result in a change of peak-topeak voltage necessitating a readjustment of output level. For a constant output, a stretch of one part of the signal is accomplished with the relative compression of the remaining signal.

If the zero-signal condition is such as to allow  $V_1$  to draw less current than  $V_2$ , then both positive and negative feedback will be present since both  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  will conduct. In this particular case the cathode resistors are not equal, with  $R_{i_1}$ being considerably smaller. If this were not the case, a complete cancellation of the two effects would cause little or no change.

With increasing positive signal both diodes are made to approach cutoff with  $D_2$  lagging somewhat. The proper circuit components will allow a constant output voltage level to be maintained while varying the relative expansion and compression according to the setting of  $R_4$  and the signal composition.

#### **Brightness Clipper**

A rather common requirement in studio video amplifier equipment is a means of controlling the clipping level of inserted blanking to establish brightness. In the circuit of Fig. 4, a series germanium diode is inserted in the signal line common to  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . With camera signal present as shown on the grid of  $V_1$ and blanking on the grid of  $V_2$ , the output on the common load  $R_5$  appears at the anode of  $D_1$ . The point at which signal causes the diode to conduct is determined by the dynamic plate-cathode voltage of  $D_1$ . By varying manually the current through  $V_1$  or  $V_2$ , the voltage at point A may be controlled. This is disadvantageous in that either the video or blanking amplifier will change transconductance with an attempted change in brightness.

Alternately, the voltage at point B may serve as the brightness control. In either case, however, a change in video peak-to-peak voltage will alter the relative a-c axis to pedestal distance due to clamp action, and this causes a shifting setup.

Should a source of voltage be

made available for point B which varies in accordance to the signal at A, then the clipping level will adjust itself to maintain a constant setup regardless of picture material or amplitude. A portion of the video from an earlier stage is amplified by  $V_s$  and rectified and filtered by  $D_{s}$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $C_2$ .

The filtered output of  $D_s$  controls the current in  $V_4$ , establishing a voltage decoupled by  $R_s$  and  $C_1$ which supplies point *B* through  $R_1$ . In this case the effective load impedance at  $V_1$  consists of the parallel combination of  $R_s$  and  $R_1$ . The potentiometer in the cathode of  $V_4$ acts as a manual brightness control. A miniature dual triode serves for  $V_s$  and  $V_4$  and in combination with the two 1N58 germanium diodes requires little extra space and power.

#### Screen Burn Protection

A kinescope operating at 25 kv second anode voltage will burn almost immediately upon a loss of deflection. To protect against such occurrence, the circuit of Fig. 5 operates relays which open the ground leg of the brightness control placing full negative bias on the kinescope grid in the event of deflection failure. A portion of the voltage on the secondary of the vertical output transformer is coupled to a 1N34 detector whose output controls the grid of a triode. The plate load of the triode is a relay whose contacts break the ground side of the brightness voltage divider. A similar arrangement is provided for horizontal deflection.

The control triodes  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ are biased to cutoff by their respective cathode resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . With deflection voltage present, enough positive bias will be applied to the grids to operate the tubes and relays, thus completing the return circuit for the brightness divider. Should any deflection component fail, including those in the protective circuit, the ground return will be lifted from the brightness control and applied to the indicator pilot lamp P. The control triodes  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  can be in one miniature envelope. If more sensitive relays are available there is no need for d-c amplification and direct operation from the diodes is possible.

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A straightedge intersecting the outer scales of the nomogram at positions corresponding to the individual sound levels  $db_1$  and  $db_2$  intersects the center scale at  $db_T$ , which is the total sound



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level. For example, individual sound levels of 8 and 10 decibels will be found to give a total of 12.1 decibels.

Any two equal sound levels combine to produce a sound which is 3 decibels higher than either of them separately. Thus 7.5 db and 7.5 db combine to yield 10.5 db; 0 db and 0 db give 3 db.

It is necessary to choose a con-



venient reference level such that the individual components are within 10 db of it. Thus, for the total of 62 db and 67 db, a reference level of 60 db is chosen. Since the components are 2 and 7 db above this reference, the resultant 8.2 db given by the nomogram is added to the reference, giving a total of 68.2 db.

When a difference of more than 10 db exists between two sound levels, the contribution of the smaller may be neglected.

#### Other Uses

One component of noise can be found when the other component and the total noise are known. This is useful in correcting sound-level meter readings for ambient noise. For example, a sound-level meter shows 64.5 db in the neighborhood of a certain machine when it is operating, and an ambient noise reading of 60 db when the machine is turned off. What is the noise level at the same location due to the machine alone? Choosing 60 db as the reference level, a straightedge is aligned with 0 db (60-60) on the db<sub>1</sub> scale, and 4.5 db (64.5-60) on the db<sub>T</sub> scale, giving a reading of 2.6 db on the db<sub>2</sub> scale. Adding this to the reference level of 60 db results in a noise level of 62.6 db for the machine alone.

When more than two sound levels are to be combined, the total of two components is determined and combined with a third component, the new total combined with a fourth component, and so on. This same process may be employed to determine, in decibels, the rms value of a complex voltage or current wave when its harmonics are expressed in decibels.

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Sine and Square-Wave Generator Selective Amplifier

BASED UPON a half-lattice R-C type all-pass filter<sup>1,2,8</sup> a wide-range sinewave generator has been designed and constructed which, in conjunction with a regenerative coupled cathode clipper amplifier<sup>4</sup>, delivers both a sine and a square wave of about 28-volt peak-to-peak amplitude from about three cps to one hundred six kc.

The circuit is essentially that of Villard<sup>3</sup> but modified to include more direct coupling for better low-frequency characteristics and cathode-follower stages for improved isolation and low-impedance sources necessary for extending the high-frequency range.

Six controls are used. Switch 1 establishes the frequency range and ganged rheostats  $R_{s}$  and  $R_{s}$  give a fine control of frequency (a shaft rotation of 180 degrees providing a



Typical calibration curve for generatoramplifier shown in circuit diagram

20 to 1 frequency change). Potentiometer  $R_{i}$  controls the amount of feedback and the amplitude of the generated sine wave. When this control is set so that just insufficient feedback is available to maintain oscillation, the circuit from attenuator  $R_1$  to potentiometer  $R_4$  acts as a sharp filter, passing the frequency at which oscillation would occur were more feedback used.



Circuit diagram of sine and square-wave generator and selective amplifier capable of delivering up to 28 volts peak-to-peak from 3 cps to 106 kc

Potentiometer  $R_5$  controls the output amplitude of the sine wave and potentiometer  $R_{0}$  similarly controls the square-wave output amplitude.

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#### **Amplified Cueing** for Remotes

BY ANTONIO VACCARO Chief Engineer WHEB Portsmouth, N. H.

ENGINEERS HANDLING remote broadcast pickups on a voice cue rather than a time cue often have difficulty hearing the cue because of low signal level and high adjacent crowd noise. The telephone companies restrict the levels of broadcast programs over wire lines to avoid crosstalk with communications services on adjacent wires. In order to save expense, broadcasters usually lease only one pair of wires and use the circuit for two-way communication except during the time the program is being fed from the remote location to the studio.

The circuit modification shown can be applied to any standard remote amplifier. A switch allows the engineer to feed the line into the amplifier input during the period he is waiting for the cue. By this means, the weak signal on the telephone line from the studio can be amplified to any desired level. As soon as the cue is received, the switch is returned to the normal broadcast position, and the line is then connected to the output of the remote amplifier. At the studio, the line is simultaneously switched to the transmitter. The engineer's monitoring headset is always connected to the output of the ampilfier so that he can hear the outgoing program.

Figure 1A shows the interconnection points X and Y where the normal wiring is broken to insert the switch and transformer shown in Fig. 1B. The parts indicated on the

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FIG. 1—Circuit modifications for a standard remote amplifier. The switch is shown in the normal or broadcast position

diagram are those actually used, but similar equipment of other manufacture can, of course, be employed. The entire modification requires a space about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

#### Sensitive A-C VTVM

#### BY LAWRENCE FLEMING

#### Washington, D. C. National Bureau of Standards

OCCASIONS sometimes arise in research work when small voltages must be measured at some point that is isolated, either electrically or physically, from ground. The circuit of Fig. 1 provides a fullscale range of 5 millivolts a-c rms for this purpose, with about 13 db of negative feedback, and has been built to occupy a space of  $6 \ge 6 \le 4$ inches, including batteries. The instrument was built to measure voltages in the 15 to 40-cycle range, but is accurate within a few percent up to about 20 kilocycles.

Low battery drain and space considerations dictated the use of low B voltage, a rather sensitive d-c indicating instrument, and an A battery common to all stages. To realize the benefits of feedback while employing a common filament battery, the feedback connection is made to the screen grid of the first stage. There are two disadvantages to this arrangement, the input capacitance is rather high and the sensitivity is not entirely independent of tube changes in the first stage because the grid-to-screen path of this stage is outside the feedback loop. In general, however, the linearity and stability of **T**HE KODACHROME pictures on the cover were taken at the laboratory of the Hazeltine Electronics Corporation at Little Neck, N. Y. to illustrate the spectrum-saving property of the mixedhighs system of color television. The images are unretouched, just as they appeared on a dichroic-mirror receiver (three picture tubes with red, green, and blue images superimposed). The images are scanned at 525 lines, 60 fields per second.

The image at upper left (A) was transmitted by the simultaneous method, using a separate 4-mc video band for each primary color, or 12 mc in all. The shot at upper right (B) shows that substantially the same result can be obtained by the mixed-highs method, using a total bandwidth of only 4.2 mc.

The explanation of this seemingly impossible compression of spectrum space is found in the lower pictures. At left (C), is the color component of the image, which is limited to a bandwidth of 0.1 mc in each primary color (0.3 mc in all) and hence contains no fine detail. At right (D), is the detailed "mixed-highs" portion of the image, containing frequencies from 0.1 to 4 mc (3.9 mc band). This image, which appears in tones of gray, is produced by combining into a single signal the high-frequency portions of the primary color signals before transmission in accordance with their relative brightnesses in the original scene. When the images shown at (C) and (D) are combined electrically, using a bandwidth of 0.3 + 3.9 = 4.2 mc, the image shown at (B) results.

In the cover pictures, the "cross-over" frequency—where color terminates and mixed highs start—is 0.1 mc. Experiments with different pictorial subjects, and with cross-over frequencies ranging betwen 0.1 and 2.0 mc, have indicated that the optimum value for broadcasting in a 6-mc channel is probably between 0.5 and 1.5 mc.

The bandwidth saving resulting from the use of mixed highs can of course be used in a channel of fixed width to increase the useful resolution. Mixed highs are useful only in quasi-simultaneous systems such as the dot-sequential and frequency-interlaced systems. As a practical matter they offer no advantage in the linesequential and field-sequential systems.

this circuit closely approach that of comparable commercial instruments, and the size and battery drain are much smaller.

The Daniels device of current amplification and current feedback<sup>1</sup> is employed, with the last stage designed to give the maximum transconductance commensurate with a reasonable value of d-c plate current, to keep the meter movement from being treated too roughly by overload voltages. Sen-(Continued on p 162)



FIG. 1—Vacuum-tube voltmeter for a-c, using only one 67-volt B battery and one 1.5-volt A battery

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#### **Photoelectric Analog Computer**

By ELDO C. KOENIG Electrical Engineer Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Milwaukee, Wisconsin

THE VACUUM PHOTOCELL with a silver-cesium oxide-cesium cathode has been found to have valuable application in an electric analog computer, which is used for solving problems involving single-valued nonlinear parameters. Besides its desirable current-voltage characteristics, the cell has other very important features which make the computer relatively simple in design and operation. These features are briefly as follows:

(1) A family of curves is obtained simply by varying the amount of light excitation.

(2) Cells to represent equal nonlinear parameters can be conveniently excited from the same source of light.

(3) Particular curves of the families of curves of a group of cells excited from the same source can be obtained simultaneously by varying the voltage across the exciting lamp.

(4) Since the light excitation circuit and the cell circuits of the analog are completely isolated, there is no problem of circulating currents through metallic connections between circuits.

It was found that most cells are unstable and require some light ageing before they are suitable for use in the computer. By subjecting the cells to cyclic periods of excitation and zero excitation at higher voltages, with current outputs of relatively high values during the excitation period, they can be made to approach stable conditions. Approximately 25 of these cycles are required before they are suitable for use, and improvement progresses with continued use of the computer.

One or more photocells in combination with one or more resistors in series or parallel, and in some instances emf's within the element net work, form the several basic elements which may be used to represent nonlinear parameters of systems. An example of a basic element consisting of a cell and a resistance in parallel is shown in Fig. 1 and is the type used extensively in the computer for studies of magnetic circuits.

The resistor in parallel increases the slope of the current-voltage curve, as shown in the illustration, and thus makes possible the matching of the magnetization curve of one cubic inch of magnetic material with the characteristic curve of the basic element.

#### Excitation

The photocells of the basic elements of the computer are excited from six separate incandescent light sources with ten cells excited from each source. The excitation of each cell is adjustable by means of a shutter on the opening through which the light passes to the cell. The excitation of the ten cells in



One of the photocell units contains a single lamp for excitation and ten radially positioned photocells with separate apertures and outputs. Cylindrical light shield (shown in center of removed cover) fits over bulb (in center of phototube cluster)



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#### **2** Q-TUNING CAPACITANCE DIALS.



L-C dial serves twofold purpose of (1) conveniently and accurately indicating tuning capacitance directly in MMF, and (2) providing an effective inductance scale which also becomes direct reading at certain defined frequencies shown on frequency reference plate. Incremental capacitance dial at right calibrated from +3 MMF through zero to -3 MMF, accurate to  $\pm 0.1$  MMF.

#### 3 Q-VOLTMETER AND MULTIPLIER METER.



For the indication of Q values the 160-A Q-Meter employs a Weston Model 643 Meter calibrated directly in terms of Q over the range from 20-250. The damping of the meter movement is ideal for the rapid determination of exact resonance without sluggishness or overshoot. The lance type pointer enables Q readings to be obtained to the nearest unit. Located directly beneath the Q voltmeter is the "Multiply-Q-By" meter which provides Q multiplier factors of X1 to X1.5 in 0.1 steps, X2, and X2.5 thereby extending the useful range of Q indication to 625. This meter is carefully matched to a particular thermacouple element for maximum accuracy.





50 kc. to 75 mc.

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±3%, 50 mc.-75 mc.

Q Measurement Range: Directly calibrated in Q, 20-250. "Multiply—Q—By" Meter calibrated at intervals from x1 to x2, and also at x2.5, extending Q range to 625.

Q Measurement Accuracy: Approximately 5% for direct reading measurement, for frequencies up to 30 mc. Accuracy less at higher frequencies.

Capacitance Calibration Range: Main capacitor section 30-450 mmf, accuracy 1% or 1 mmf whichever is greater. Vernier capacitor section +3 mmf, zero,-3 mmf, calibrated in 0.1 mmf steps. Accuracy  $\pm$  0.1 mmf.

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FIG. 1—Basic element required for magnetic saturation studies

each group, which may represent equal parameters of a system, can be varied simultaneously by changing the voltage across the exciting lamp. A master control is used for changing the voltage across all the exciting lamps and thereby can be used to adjust the excitation of all 60 of the cells simultaneously.

The photograph shows the cover removed from one of the units containing a group of ten cells excited from a single incandescent lamp. The cylinder of canvas Bakelite material, which is mounted on the inside of the cover, fits over the exciting lamp when the cover is in place. A screw shutter adjustable from the front of the cover passes in front of each of the ten openings in the cylinder to adjust for initial differences in the characteristics of the cells. Black plastic partitions separate the cells when the cover is in place and prevent the light intended for one cell from influencing the excitation of other cells.

Means are provided for cooling the exciting lamp by a blower which forces air around the lamp from the back and exhausts it through an opening in the cover.

The currents in the analog circuit are unidirectional and are not amplified. The values of current in different parts of the network system may cover a range from zero to approximately 125 microamperes. However, the current through individual cells seldom exceeds 15 microamperes.

There are 56 separate sources of unidirectional emf's available in the computer which may be connected anywhere within the analog circuit. These emf's are supplied by halfwave rectifiers and may be varied from zero to as high as 2,000 volts in some cases. As many as ten isolated voltages can be varied simultaneously.

A transformer of special design is used as a means of varying a group of isolated emf's simultaneously. The half-wave rectifiers of a group of emf sources are supplied by separate windings on the center leg of a three-legged core transformer. The single primary winding, also on the center leg, is connected to a source of alternating current supply through a continuously variable transformer, which is used to vary all of the ten unidirectional emf's simultaneously.

A second group of separate windings on an outer leg of the transformer supplies current to the heater filaments of the rectifiers. The single primary winding is connected directly to the alternating current source.

Since very small currents flow through the circuits with relatively high voltages impressed, special precautions were exercised in the construction of the instrument panels and the building of the control apparatus in order to avoid difficulties from leakage currents. The problem was alleviated to a great extent with the use of some of the more recent plastics. As a special precaution in guarding against future leakage currents, the computer apparatus was completely enclosed and air conditioned. With these precautions exercised there have been no leakage difficulties experienced.

#### **Improved Microwave Spectroscope**

MICROWAVE SPECTROSCOPY is based on sharp-line resonant absorptions that various gases exhibit throughout the microwave region. The simplest form of microwave spectroscope consists of a source of microwave energy, a section of waveguide in which the gas under study is placed, and a crystal detector. Constituents of the gas are identified by measuring frequencies of absorptions.

This system, while useful in some applications, leaves much to be desired in terms of sensitivity.

The Stark modulation system provides increased sensitivity in the detection and measurement of absorptions. The Stark system makes use of the fact that these absorption lines split up or change frequency when a d-c electric field is applied to the absorbing gas. Changes in output power (absorptions) as low as one part in 10<sup>8</sup> per centimeter of absorption path are possible.

In practice, a low-frequency oscillating d-c field is applied to an insulated metallic septum which extends the full length of the waveguide absorption cell. An amplifier tuned to the Stark modulation fre-(Continued on p 214)



FIG. 1—Block diagram of components of 85-kc Stark-modulated microwave spectroscope

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#### **Improved Phototube**

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Camden. N. J., has announced an improved 5819 head-on multiplier phototube. Spectral response covers the range from about 3,000 to 6,400 angstroms. Expressly designed for scintillation-counter work, the tube utilizes a head-on construction with a photocathode measuring  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. in diameter on the inner glass surface of the face end of the bulb. Having a resolving time of only a small fraction of a second, the 5819 is capable of counting radioactive particles arriving less than one 100millionth of a second apart.



#### Power Level Meter

**REED RESEARCH, INC., 1048** Potomac St., Washington 7, D. C. The Dio-

tron power level meter uses a temperature limited diode and feedback loop. In the measurement of erratic or nonsinusoidal wave forms, it yields a true power reading on a linear scale. Full-scale measurements of 1 mw, 10 mw, 100 mw, 1 watt and 10 watts into 600 ohms are provided. Accurately corresponding rms voltage scales are also calibrated, and the instrument is within approximately  $\pm 2$  percent from 50 cps to 10 mc.



#### TV Marker Generator

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N.Y. Type 501 television marker generator provides a means of accurately marking frequencies on the ocilloscope trace of response curves while testing a tv receiver during manufacture or servicing. The tuned oscillator in the unit provides frequencies ranging from 15 to 240 mc in four bands: 15 to 30 mc, 30 to 60 mc, 60 to 120 mc and 120 to 240 mc. With an appropriate crystal inserted in the panel socket the oscillator will operate at any frequency between 2 and 20 mc, and will provide useful harmonic output up to the sixth for all-band calibration. A 4.5-mc crystal for use in servicing receivers with intercarrier sound circuits is available on special request.



#### Traveling-Wave Power Amplifier

FEDERAL **TELECOMMUNICATION** LABORATORIES, INC., 500 Washington Ave., Nutley 10, N. J., has announced a new traveling-wave power amplifier (model 5929) of the helix type, in the 4,000-to-5,000mc frequency range. Constructed with particular attention to interchangeability, the tube will deliver a power output in excess of 10 w with a power gain of 20 db. The r-f terminals are arranged for waveguide circuit and the tube operates with an external electromagnetic field.



#### Remote Control of Microwave Antennas

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Camden, N. J. A rotatable field mount and a remote control unit make up a new system for remote positioning of microwave parabolic antennas in the field at distances up to 1,500

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Surge Current (for 1 sec.) (ma.)	500	300	500	500		500	500	500
Ambient Temperature for all types	— 50	to +100°C	•					
CHARACTERISTICS (at 25°C.)								
Max. Inverse Current at -2 volts (ma.)					0.5			
Max. Inverse Current at — 5 volts (ma.)			0.008				0.005	
Max. Inverse Current at — 10 volts (ma.)	0.05					0.05		
Max. Inverse Current at 50 volts (ma.)	0.8		0.10			0.8	0.05	
Max. Inverse Current at -100 volts (ma.)				0.625				0.625
Min, Forward Current at +1 volt (ma.)	5.0		3.5	3.0		5.0	4.0	3.0
Min. DC Reverse Voltage for Zero Dynamic								
Resistance (valts)	70	50	100	120		70	100	120
Shunt Capacitance (uuf)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0
Rectification Efficiency at 54 mc (approx. %)		60						
Rectification Efficiency at 100 mc (%)						35 (mii	n.)	
Oscillator injection current (ma.)					0.75*			
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#### Signal Splitter

J. L. A. MCLAUGHLIN, P. O. Box 529, La Jolla, Calif., has announced the new Series 10 Signal Splitter, RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Camden, a selectable single-sideband converter for eliminating adjacentchannel and heterodyne interference Either sideband can be rejected with high attenuation. The equipment is available in single, dual, and triple units. Models have information bandwidths of 200, 2,500, and 5,000 cps within  $\pm 1$  db and are suitable for reception of high-speed telegraphy, voice, and transoceanic broadcast reception. They can be employed with standard single or diversity communication receivers.

are from 2 to 12 in. per second may be selected by a calibrated dial control. The unit operates on 24 v d-c and full power current requirement is 3 amperes.



#### **Transmitter Test Equipment**

N. J. Type BI-11A transmission measuring set provides direct readings of transmitter system measurements with an accuracy conforming to FCC regulations. The new unit, which is particularly useful as a rack-mounted unit in the master control room or at the transmitter of a broadcast station, eliminates lengthy calculations and intricate setups for many transmitter measurements.

ber of different grades of stripping wheels, practically all kinds of insulations can be cleanly removed without damage to the wire. The model shown will strip wires, gages 48 through 25, including Litz wire up to 50/44. It measures 10 in. wide, 15 in. deep, and weighs 38 lb complete with motor and 6-ft lead. It is available for outright purchase or may be had on a rental-test basis.



#### **Amplifier System**

THE ELECTRONIC WORKSHOP, INC., 351 Bleecker St., New York 14, N. Y. Model A-20-5 amplifier system has four input channels (including an equalizer-preamplifier for any of the available magnetic phono cartridges) with independent level adjustments. A fourposition treble cutoff filter reduces high-frequency noise and distortion. The amplifier's 18 db of feedback affords excellent loudspeaker damping and long tube life. Distortion at 20 watts is less than 1 percent. Full power is delivered over the entire audio range.



#### **Adverse-Condition** Oscillograph

CENTURY GEOPHYSICAL CORP., Tulsa, Okla. The Model 409 oscillograph has been designed especially for recording phenomena under the



#### Wire Stripper

RUSH WIRE STRIPPER DIVISION, THE ERASER CO., INC., 104 South State St., Syracuse 2, N.Y. Model DV wire stripper illustrated uses the principle of frictionally generated heat to melt enamel and Formex-type insulations. Through proper selection from a large num-



**Mixer Crystal Test Set** AIRBORNE INSTRUMENTS LABORA-TORY, 160 Old Country Road, Mine-(Continued on page 241)

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RCA Application Engineers are ready to consult with you on the application of these improved tubes and accessories to your specific designs. For complete technical information covering the types in which you are interested, write RCA, Commercial Engineering, Section L42R, Harrison, N. J.



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## **NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY**

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#### **SMPTE Elects 1951 Officers, Confers Awards**

MEETING at Lake Placid, N. Y. for its 68th Semiannual Convention October 16-20, the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers elected Peter Mole of the Mole-Richardson Co., Hollywood, president for 1951, Herbert Barnett of General Precision Labs... Pleasantville, N. Y., executive vicepresident and John G. Frayne of the Westrex Corp., Hollywood, editorial vice-president. Other officers of the Society include Fred T. Bowditch, engineering vice-president, Ralph B. Austrian, financial vice-president, William C. Kunzmann, convention vice-president, Frank Cahill, Jr., treasurer and Robert M. Corbin, secretary.

The new board of governors, also taking office January 1, includes William B. Lodge of CBS, Oscar F. Neu of Neumade Products Co., Frank E. Carlson of GE, Malcolm G. Townsley of Bell & Howell,



Peter Mole (left), new president of the SMPTE, and retiring president Earl Sponable

Thomas T. Moulton of 20th Century Fox, Norwood L. Simmons of Eastman Kodak and Lloyd Thompson of the Calvin Co.

Fellowship awards were made to Gerald L. Badgley, George L. Beers, Herbert E. Bragg, Fred W. Gage, Raymond L. Garman, Watson Jones, John P. Livadary, William

**EMPIRE STATE TELEVISION ANTENNA** 



Lines of a temporary television antenna atop the Empire State Building in New York City are shown being fastened by a steepleJack perched at 1,200 feet above ground. The new 222-foot tower now being completed will accommodate video transmitters for five New York television stations: WCBS-TV, Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.; WABD, Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc.; WPII. The Daily News; WNBT, National Broadcasting Co.; and WJZ-TV, American Broadcasting Co., Inc. Visible at the left is the needle-pointed Chrysler Building and at the right is the new United Nations Building near the East River

B. Lodge, Boyce Nemec, Charles Rosher, John H. Waddell, Emerson Yorke and Frederick J. Kolb, Jr. Frederick J. Kolb Jr. received the Journal Award, Charles R. Fordyce the Samual L. Warner Memorial Award and Vladimir K. Zworykin the Progress Medal and a certificate of honorary membership. A certicate of honorary membership was also awarded Edward W. Kellogg.

Attendance at the meeting totalled just under 300.

#### **Priority System Announced**

THE DEPARTMENT of Defense Munitions Board has announced that priority for defense contracts under NPA Regulation 2 is being handled as follows: Defense orders are identified as DO orders. This rating is the only one authorized under the regulation and all DO rated orders will have equal preferential status. The identifying digits which will be used in assigning DO numbers are: 0.1, aircraft; 02, guided missiles; 03, ships; 04, tank-automotive; 05. weapons; 06, ammunition; 07, electronic and communication equipment; 08, fuels and lubricants; 09, clothing and equipage; 10, transportation equipment; 11, building supplies and equipment for overseas (troop) construction; 21, miscellaneous; 22, Department of Defense construction (contract); 98, production equipment for certain contractors. All outstanding prime contracts now in effect and all new contracts will be rated with the exceptions of communications services, mineral aggregates, ores and scrap, and transportation services.

Rated orders must be accepted and filled regardless of existing contracts and orders except for such cases as when a delivery date on a rated order would interfere with the delivery date on a previous rated order, or if filling the order would cause a substantial loss of production.

The Board suggests that present prime contractors should check with contracting offices to make certain that all their defense contracts which are subject to rating are covered. In addition, subcontractors should begin immediately to iden-



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tify those of their contracts which are with prime defense producers, who will have authority to extend the rating to them. The rating procedure in no way changes procurement practices. Contracts will be let in the same way they have in the past and those seeking contracts will follow the same procedure they have been following.

#### CAA Approves Omnirange Flying

FOR THE FIRST TIME since the introduction of the omnirange technique a chain of these ranges has been designated by CAA as a controlled airway, over which qualified pilots in properly equipped planes may operate under instrument flight rules. The CAA has authorized Continental Air Lines to operate on this basis.

Extending through six states, they connect such important air traffic terminals as Kansas City, Denver, and Albuquerque. Also linked by the new type of facility are Omaha, Wichita, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, El Paso, Fort Worth and other cities en route.

The new routes cover approximately 4,380 miles and are formed

- JAN. 10-12; Second High Frequency Measurements Conference, sponsored by AIEE, IRE and NBS, Hotel Statler and Dept. of Interior Auditorium, Washington, D. C.
- JAN. 22-26: AIEE Winter General Meeting, Hotel Statler, New York, N. Y.
- MARCH 5-9: ASTM Spring Meeting and Committee Week, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MAR. 19-22: IRE Annual Con-

by the signals of 41 CAA omniranges. In all, 271 omniranges have been commissioned by CAA in different parts of the United States.

The omnirange differs in two major respects from the conventional radio ranges which for 20 years have been the foundation of our air navigation system. It operates in the vhf band, thus eliminating most of the static and interference which occur in low-frequency transmission. In addition, the omnirange sends out courses in every direction, instead of just four.-(Omnirange is a contraction of omnidirectional range.)

Flying the omnirange is rela-

#### SUNSHINE MAKER IN ACTION



Palisades Amusement Park, N. J., was the scene of operation of Dr. G. A. Sykes, sunshine maker, while trying to outdo Dr. Howell. New York City's official rainmaker. Salary arrangement gave him \$500 per sunny day with a forfeiture of \$1,000 every rainy day. His method is to shoot electromagnetic waves into the clouds, with the hope of breaking them up and stopping rain

vention, Hotel Waldorf Astora and Grand Central Palace, New York City.

- MAY 23-24: Fifth National Convention, American Society for Quality Control, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.
- JUNE 18-22: ASTM Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, N. J.

JUNE 25-29: AIEE Summer General Meeting, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

tively simple. Instead of listening continuously to dot-dash signals as on the four-course range, the pilot simply tunes in the omnirange and flies so as to keep a needle centered in a cockpit dial. Keeping that needle centered automatically crabs the plane into the wind just the right amount to fly a straight-line course to the omnirange.

Ultimately, CAA plans to install more than 400 omniranges for enroute flying of airways, blanketing most of the United States with their signals. They will make possible not only omnirange airways of the type just opened, but off-airway flying to hundreds of points not now served by air navigation aids. Omniranges also are used for low approach and let-down to airports under instrument conditions.

#### Signal Corps News

A NEW TYPE military field communications wire has been used successfully in Korea. Particularly suited to airborne operations, the wire can be laid at speeds up to 120 mph from planes. The wire consists of 2 conductors, each individually insulated and jacketed and twisted together to form a light, flexible, flatlying twisted pair. A thin covering of nylon provides a tight waterproof container for the strands. Weight is about 46 lb per mile and talking range is approximately 12½ miles.

A companion item is an improved dispenser constructed of canvas and tape which will hold one-half mile of field wire. The wire can be

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## NEW BOOKS

#### Practical Television Engineering

By SCOTT HELT. Murray Hill Books, Inc., New York 1950, 708 pages, \$7.50.

THIS volume, written by a member of the Research Division of the A. B. DuMont Laboratories and former chief engineer of the Du-Mont network, is the most comprehensive book on modern television equipment in print. Writing primarily from the standpoint of the equipment designer and operator, the author has constructed the book about 9 basic items of equipment: c-r tubes, c-r oscilloscopes, camera tubes, synchronizing generators, video amplifiers, regulated power supplies, television receivers, camera chains and transmitters, each of which is the subject of a separate chapter. The essential function of each is outlined in great detail, with full descriptions of components, circuits, and operating procedures taken from current practice. Nearly 100 pages are devoted, for example, to the circuits and functions of synchronizing generators, probably the most exhaustive treatment of the subject to appear anywhere. An introductory chapter outlines such fundamentals as picture transmission, scanning, optics and resolution, and a concluding chapter treats tv broadcast station operation from the engineering view-

#### **RELEASED THIS MONTH**

- Antennas; John D. Kraus; McGraw-Hill; \$8.00.
- Encyclopedia on Cathode-Ray Oscilloscopes and Their Uses; J. F. Rider and S. D. Uslan; John F. Rider Publisher; \$9.00.
- Photons and Electrons; K. H. Spring; Wiley; \$1.75.
- Pocket Encyclopedia of Atomic Energy; Frank Gaynor; Philosophical Library; \$7.50.
- Television, Volumes V and VI; RCA Review; \$2.50 each.

point. Throughout, the book is well-written, accurate and keyed to the essentials.

As the author states in his preface, even 700 pages are not sufficient to cover the whole subject as he would wish. Some readers may miss topics which, being remote from apparatus development, are not treated. These include vhf and uhf propagation, the analysis of transmission standards from a system point of view, and the fundamentals of color television. The book is not concerned with television systems themselves, but rather is geared directly to present equipment. As such, it is a very good book which will be welcomed by television engineers concerned with present-day problems.-D. G. F.

#### Radio Engineering Handbook

EDITED BY KEITH HENNEY. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York. 1950, 4th edition, 1,197 pages, \$10.00.

A COMPLETELY ADEQUATE review of a handbook of nearly 1,200 pages would be a formidable task, and in this case cannot be attempted, so a (continued on page 138)

## BACKTALK

This Department is Operated as an Open Forum Where Readers May Discuss Problems of the Electronic Industry or Comment Upon Articles that ELECTRONICS has Published

#### **Oscillator Radiation**

#### DEAR SIR:

IN YOUR issue of October under the heading, "Bloopers" on the *Cross Talk* page, you make reference to a letter written by me to a RTMA committee.

While I recognize the necessity of conserving space, it does seem to me that on these highly important and perhaps controversial subjects it would be better to have my letter speak for itself.

You have perhaps noticed how careful British technical journals are to reproduce verbatim the letters of their correspondents. While the Editor makes the point correctly that a letter was written by me on the subject of Radiating Receivers, my belief is that the letter that I wrote does not lend itself to the making of an abstract with the curtailment of its full meaning.

EDWIN H. ARMSTRONG Department of Electrical Engineering Columbia University New York, N. Y.

Editor's Note: Here is the Major's letter.

DR. W. R. G. BAKER, Director of Engineering, Radio and Television Manufacturers Association, New York

#### DEAR DR. BAKER:

The problem that is before this meeting today is only one of the many problems that have been created during the last five years by unsound engineering in the radio industry and in government and commercial circles responsible for radio matters.

The problem of radiating receivers has been a familiar one since the days of the single-circuit regenerative set and early superheterodyne set of over twenty years ago. That problem was solved and has been forgotten in the standard broadcast band for the last two decades. That we are now faced again with the same thing in the field of f-m and television broadcasting is a disgrace to the engineering profession. It is the result of the disregard of rules of engineering that were known twenty years ago. In both f-m and tv these rules have been and are now being flagrantly violated by a large part of the industry, perhaps to their immediate profit, but certainly to the ultimate

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spot check system must be used. Keith Henney, who has had extensive experience in producing handbooks, has been assisted by 26 experts in the various phases. I am personally acquainted with more than half of them and know some of the others by reputation. In my opinion they are an unusually competent group of contributors. The editor has wisely omitted mathematical and mechanical tables. usually readily available, in order to include material of greater value, such as on waveguides. Despite the fact that emphasis is placed on practice rather than theory, a considerable amount of fundamental background theory is included, presumably to aid the engineer in using the practical material. Typical of this is the first chapter by Beverly Dudley on "Basis of Radio Communication" which is an excellent summary of the basic concepts, principles, and methods of radio engineering. Unfortunately. in paragraph 85, the implication seems to be that Kirchhoff's second law applies only to resistive circuits. and there appears to be some confusion regarding the particular solution of differential equations and the complementary function.

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At the end of most of the chapters is an extensive list of references which will be of considerable value.

Chapter 2 on resistances would have been improved by emphasizing the merits of the Western Electric film resistors which are exceptionally good at high frequencies.

In Chapter 5, the curves shown in Fig. 19, 20, 21 do not correctly represent the phenomena and no mention is made of the effect upon the transient current of closing the circuit at different points on the electromotive force curve. The equation at the top of page 193 appears to be incorrect.

Chapter 6 provides an excellent discussion of electrical measurements; however, it should be noted that one side of equation 24 is inverted and equation 45 is dimensionally incorrect.

In Chapter 7 a notable omission is a discussion of regulating systems.

The format is quite satisfactory, the type legible, and the figures well done. Despite the fact that there

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are some errors in the book, it is a good reference for radio engineers. It contains a great deal of useful material. The majority of the chapters are exceptionally well done.—H. M. TURNER, Assoc. Prof. of Elec. Eng., Yale University.

#### Vacuum Equipment and Techniques

EDITED BY A. GUTHRIE AND R. K. WA-KERLING. National Nuclear Energy Series, Manhattan Project Technical Section, Division I, Vol. I. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1950, 264 pages, \$2.50.

A WELL-WRITTEN resume of work conducted by the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California in the field of high vacuum for the Manhattan District. These activities involved the testing and evaluation of pumps and gages designed for the electromagnetic separation process plant at Oak Ridge and the development of fundamental data and engineering concepts that were useful in the design of high-vacuum systems.

An excellent treatment is given of the fundamental theory of gas flow in vacuum systems. A complete treatment of problems of impedance, conductance and pumping speed is included together with both practical equations and tables for computing flow through pipes and various forms of apertures.

A description of mechanical pumps, diffusion pumps, traps and baffles includes data actually obtained as a result of the testing of representative commercial pumps and oils developed for the Y-12 diffusion plant. This data, although quite complete and indicative of problems to be encountered, in general is rather restricted to the specific 32-inch diffusion pumps studied.

The chapter on vacuum gages ionization, Philips, Pirani, Mc-Leod, Alphatron and others—is quite complete and includes data with respect to the theory and limitations of each type of unit.

The discussion of vacuum materials and equipment is a considerable improvement over earlier treatments of this subject. The suggestions, such as methods of construction for the design of vacuum-tight systems, are particularly
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This book will be found useful to any worker in the high-vacuum field. It represents a careful synopsis of the fine work done at the University of California during the war. These activities were restricted to studies of vacuum problems relating to the Manhattan District, and as might be expected, no attempt has been made to cover the broader industrial problems of high vacuum nor to include discussions of more recent industrial developments in the field.-RICHARD S. MORSE, National Research Corporation

#### **Electronics in Engineering**

By W. Ryland Hill. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 1949, 274 pages, \$3.50.

ALMOST all phases of engineering are in some way concerned with electronics today. Most colleges and universities are incorporating electrical engineering courses in their mechanical, chemical and other nonelectrical engineering curricula, and this book provides an excellent text for the electronics portion of any such course.

The general pattern of the book has been tried before, and met with varying degrees of success and failure. Hill seems to have hit the right combination throughout. No attempt has been made at completeness, but no sacrifice in clarity and understanding has resulted from his conciseness.

As a typical example of the thorough treatment of various subjects, a two-stage audio amplifier circuit is presented at the end of a chapter entitled "Practical Amplifier Circuits". The circuit shown is just what the author says it is a practical amplifier circuit. All component values are given, and on the facing page, a part-by-part explanation of the function of each

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component is presented. Nothing is taken for granted. The mathematical approach is not avoided, but it is usually accompanied by a graphical analysis and an example computation employing typical circuit values.—J.D.F.

### Electromagnetic Fields, Theory and Applications, Volume I—Mapping of Fields

By ERNST WEBER. John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, 1950, \$10.00.

THIS BOOK presents a comprehensive account of the theory of mapping static electric and magnetic fields, with numerous examples of the application of the basic theory to engineering problems. Perhaps the most noteworthy feature is its method of presentation of the subject material. Rather than divide the material into the two usual broad categories, electrostatics and magnetostatics, the author has chosen to establish all of the basic physical relationships first, then show their use in mapping actual field distributions. Worthy of praise here is the manner in which the fundamental physical differences between electric fields and magnetic fields are carefully established.

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Appendices include complete lists of letter symbols, quantities, and units used, together with reviews of vector analysis, Bessel functions, Legendre functions, and an excellent general bibliography.

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#### **Voltage Stabilizers**

BY F. A. BENSON, Electronic Engineering, 28 Essex St., Strand, London, 1950, 125 pages, 12/6.

A CONCISE monograph dealing entirely with the stabilization or regulation of electrical voltages, this book will be an extremely handy reference for an engineer or technician. The author has compiled circuits and statistics from both British and American periodicals and presents methods for applying different degrees of regulation to a wide range of voltages.

The material is divided into four main categories: stabilizers employing magnetic saturation devices, glow-discharge tubes, thermionic tubes and a catch-all chapter describing specialized stabilizers, such as those for use with highvoltage r-f supplies, various bridgetype systems and so on. In every case, the treatment is thorough and all pertinent information is presented.

Some engineers might rebel against one particular portion of the book. In describing the design of VR-tube circuits, the author goes slightly off the deep end in applying formulas, where plain and simple common-sense engineering is really needed.

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#### THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

ELECTROMECHANICAL AND ELEC-TROACOUSTICAL ANALOGIES. By Bent Gehlshoj. Available from Scandinavian Book Service, 620 W. 158, New York, 1947, 142 pages, \$2.50. Use of admittance and impedance, whichever seems more appropriate in each case, to compute performance in mechanical and acoustical systems as well as in electromechanical transducers such as the moving-coil transducer, moving-armature transducer, capacitor transducer, piezoelectric transducer and piezoelectric resonator. Includes comprehensive bibliography.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING MASTER INDEX 1949. Electronics Research Pub. Co., 480 Canal, New York, 1950, 296 pages, \$17.50. Subject index to contents of almost 400 electronic and allied engineering publications issued in 1949, including some 4,000 patents. Total number of entries is over 12,000.

TV INSTALLATION TECHNIQUES. By Samuel L. Marshall. John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York, 1950, 336 pages, \$3.60. Written for the television receiver installer, whether serviceman, experimenter or engineer. Chapters cover: nature of television; radio propagation; antennas; transmission lines and special antenna systems; materials and methods used in installations; problems arising in television installations; receiver adjustment and service in the home; municipal regulations. Summaries and questions follow each chapter. Includes antenna design equations and procedures, calculation of forces on mast and antenna due to wind pressure and ice loading, and design of wave traps and filters for tvi.

ELEMENTS AND PRACTICE OF SOUND RECORDING. Audio Engineering Society, care of F. Sumner Hall, 153 W. 33, New York, 117 pages, \$3.00. Compilation of lecture course notes, with illustrations, on 32 lectures presented by the Society in 1949 and 1950. Six lectures deal with disc recording, six with magnetic recording and ten with film recording, with the remainder covering other aspects of recording systems.

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HIGH-FIDELITY TECHNIQUES. By James R. Langham. Gernsback Library Book No. 42. Radcraft Publications, New York, 1950, 112 pages, \$1.00. Practical and usable engineering and construction data, interspersed with human-interest comments and anecdotes with which audio enthusiasts will heartily sympathize. The seven chapters cover: distortion; speakers and baffles; power amplifier; amplifier design; power supplies; phonographs; some last words about high fidelity.

A.S.T.M. STANDARDS ON GLASS AND GLASS PRODUCTS. American Society for Testing Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa., second edition, 1950, 116 pages, \$1.50. Includes specifications for glass spool insulators and pin-type lime-glass insulators, with a method of testing these products. Woven glass tapes, tubular sleeving and braids are also covered.

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### Copper Alloys Insure Long Life, Reliability of Air Control Unit

Varied atmospheres in oil refineries, chemical plants, heat treating rooms, pumping stations, etc., necessitate the use in sensitive control instruments of alloys capable of withstanding a wide range of corrosive conditions.

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#### Performance

To calculate the performance of the regulator, consider the equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 2A, where  $e_i$  and  $e_a$  are the input and output voltages respectively,  $R_{\rm p}$  and  $\mu$  refer to the control tube  $(V_1 \text{ in Fig.})$ 1C),  $e_s$  is the standard voltage,  $A_s$  is the voltage-amplifier gain, 1/N is the voltage-divider attenuation, and  $R_{\rm L}$  is the resistance presented by the



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load. Considering incremental voltages,

$$\frac{\Delta e_i - \mu \left[ A_o \frac{\Delta e_o}{N} + \Delta e_o \right]}{R_p + R_L} = \frac{\Delta e_o}{R_L} \quad (1)$$

Rearranging, it is found that

$$\frac{\Delta e_o}{\Delta e_i} = \frac{1}{1 + \mu + \frac{R_p}{R_L} + \frac{\mu A_o}{N}}$$
(2)

where  $\Delta e_{o}/\Delta e_{1}$  is defined as the input regulation. It is desired to minimize this quantity, which can be accomplished conveniently by increasing  $A_{o}$ .

The output regulation can be specified in terms of the equivalent source resistance  $R_i$ . Considering the regulator as an amplifier having negative voltage feedback, it can be shown<sup>o</sup> that the source resistance

$$R_i = \frac{R}{1 + A\beta} \tag{3}$$

where R is the output resistance of the amplifier in the absence of feedback, A is the amplifier voltage gain for the same condition, and  $\beta$  is the fraction of the voltage fed back. In the circuit of Fig. 1C,  $V_1$  can be considered as a cathode follower of

output resistance  $\frac{R_p}{\mu+1}$  and voltage gain  $\frac{\mu R_L}{R_p + (1+\mu)R_L}$ . Substituting,

$$R_{i} = \frac{\frac{R_{p}}{\mu + 1}}{1 + \left(\frac{A_{o}}{\overline{N}}\right) \left(\frac{\mu R_{L}}{R_{p} + (1 + \mu)R_{L}}\right)} \quad (4)$$

For the practical circuit of Fig. 2B, where  $A_o = 4,000$ ,  $N \approx 2$ ,  $\mu = 5$ , and  $R_p = 750$  ohms, one obtains

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An improvement in the performance of the circuit can be obtained by increasing  $A_s$  through regeneration. A resistor connected between the plate of  $V_2$  and the grid of  $V_3$ will accomplish the desired result. In this manner  $A_s$  can effectively be made infinite, with resulting perfect regulation.

#### Circuit

If the circuit given above is incorporated into a power supply, it is found that the output voltage will still vary as the line voltage is changed. This is caused by heater-voltage variations changing the effective bias on the control grid of  $V_{3}$ . A simple method of compensation <sup>7</sup> consists of inserting diodes  $V_5$  and  $V_6$  in Fig. 2B, in series with the control grid of  $V_{3}$ . If the tubes are operated from a common heater supply it is possible to obtain almost complete compensation over the normal range of heater-voltage variations.

#### Adjustment

In aligning the regulator,  $R_s$  was disconnected, and  $R_2$  was set for zero diode compensation. The control  $R_1$  was set for the desired output (between 225 and 275 volts). The d-c input of the regulator was then varied over a range of 50 volts, and  $R_s$  was selected for zero outputvoltage variation. The diode-compensation control was next set for minimum output-voltage change as the line voltage was changed  $\pm$  10 percent.

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#### BY LEON A. WORTMAN New York, N. Y.

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Any current that deflects a normal meter movement can be recorded by the Fielden Servograph

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The capacitance relay employed consists of an oscillator in which the feedback circuit is arranged as a capacitance-dividing network, of which the meter capacitor forms one arm and an internal preset capacitor another. When one capacitor is larger than the other the feedback is positive, and when one is smaller than the other the feed-

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back is negative. The circuit is so arranged that it is in oscillation when the meter capacitor is the smaller, and any conditions which cause the meter-operated vane and the servo-operated vane to close up together put the circuit out of oscillation.

The capacitance relay controls the direction of rotation of the servo motor, which is suitably geared to the pen arm of the recorder, and to the servo-operated vane in the instrument. The whole arrangement thus provides a system which maintains the two capacitor plates at constant spacing and where any electrostatic attraction between two vanes has no effect on calibration accuracy.

#### **Operation**

Let it be assumed that some increment in current has changed the position of the indicating movement. If its movement is downward, its vane leaves the servooperated vane. Conversely, if its movement is upward, it moves up to and rests against the servooperated vane. In either event the motor starts to rotate in one direction or the other, moving the servo vane to the new position.

The circuit is so adjusted that when the two plates are positioned 0.01 inch from one another the voltage present at the servo vane pulls the meter vane towards it, but in doing so switches off the oscillator and the electrostatic attraction. The meter vane starts to return to its original position, but in doing so switches on the oscillator, and the cycle is repeated. The result is that the meter vane is maintained in oscillation at several cycles per second in a very small arc of about 0.001 inch at its periphery and the servo vane remains stationary.

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operates on a change of spacing of a capacitor with a very narrow gap, and the increment in capacitance is relatively large. This factor enables the equipment to be preset and eliminates external controls. Any slight change in the performance of the capacitance relay due to tube ageing or renewal appears as a minute change in the operational distance of the capacitor gap, which if readable at all, would be taken up by the natural readjustment of the set zero on the pen of the graph recorder. The accuracy of the completed device is just as good as the basic meter movement used for its construction.

The instrument does away with flimsy pen movements and their attendant constant ink troubles. Inaccuracies due to change in pen weight as the ink pot level changes are completely eliminated. Another feature is the fact that owing to the servo-operated mechanism there is no tendency for the pen to stick, and vertical transients are recorded with accuracy. The servooperated mechanism provides ample power for the operation of cam switches which can be set to operate at any level. The instrument is capable of giving a control switching action on a differential of 0.1 percent of scale reading which, in the case of a 0-50  $\mu a$ movement, allows a control switching action on 0.05  $\mu a$ .

### **Portable Geiger Counter**

BY EDWARD REIBLE

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AN EXTREMELY COMPACT Geiger counter weighing less than two pounds and operating from standard flashlight batteries is shown in the photograph. Detection of nuclear radiations is indi-



FIG. 1 — Flashlight - battery - powered Geiger counter provides both visible and audible indications of nuclear radiations

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The vertical amplifier has frequency compensated step attenuator input into a cathode follower stage The gain control is of the non frequency discriminating type — accurate response at any setting. A push-pull pentode stage feeds the C.R. tube. New type positioning control has wide range for observing any portion of the trace.

The horizontal amplifiers are direct coupled to the C.R. tube and may be used as either AC or DC amplifiers. Separate binding posts are provided for AC or DC.

The multivibrator type sweep generator has new frequency compen-sation for the high range it covers; 15 cycles to cover 100,000 cycles. The new model 0-6 Scope uses 10 tubes in all — several more than any other. Only Heathkit Scopes have all the features.

New husky heavy duty power transformer has 50% more laminations. It runs cool and has the lowest possible magnetic field. A complete electrostatic shield covers primary and other necessary windings and has lead brought out for proper grounding.

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A new synchronization circuit allows the trace to be synchronized with either the positive or negative pulse, an important feature in observing the complex pulses encountered in television servicing. The magnetic alloy shield supplied for the C.R. tube is of new design and uses a special metal developed by Allegheny Ludlum for such applications applications

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# COMPONENT

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cated both visibly and audibly with a high degree of accuracy.

The Geiger-Muller tube shown in the schematic, Fig. 1, is filled with a mixture of argon and butane. It has a stainless-steel cathode and a two-mil tungsten anode. The tube has a wall thickness of five mils and is mounted behind a thin brass window in the bottom of the instrument. Gamma rays and beta particles of medium energy may enter the tube and be counted.

High a-c voltage is supplied to the 5785 rectifier by the vibratortransformer unit. A nonlinear tapped-Thyrite resistor serves as a voltage regulator. Creation of the order of 10<sup>10</sup> ion pairs in the G-M tube causes a voltage pulse in the circuit.

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its line of contact with the string. To obtain maximum cutting speed and eliminate human error, the saw is made self-adjusting. The string moves past a lever which operates an electrical contact. If the string is bent by excessive crystal feed the string moves a lever, thus closing the contact. Battery current then flows through a relay causing it to open the feed-drive motor When the two pulleys circuit. nearest the crystal are a foot apart, the contact lever is usually set to operate for a maximum string deflection of 3/2 in.

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FIG. 2-Curves in A show comparison of noise factor for various input circuits including HRO and special circuit used in Westinghouse microwave spectroscope. Circuit in B shows low-noise 85kc preamplifier

quency detects a signal at that frequency when the microwave frequency is near or on an absorption line. Moving of the absorption line, first onto and then off of the microwave frequency, causes an absorption at the Stark modulation frequency.

Figure 1 shows a block diagram of a Stark-modulation microwave spectroscope developed by Westinghouse and described by William E. Good at the 1950 National Electronics Conference in Chicago. The system operates at 85 kc with a nominal bandpass of about 1,500 cps. The bandpass may be reduced to as low as 50 cps by R-C filters, and the bandpass of the 85-kc amplifier may be narrowed to 10 kc by a crystal filter, thereby improving the signal-to-noise ratio.

The most important factor in obtaining a low signal-to-noise ratio is, however, the proper use of the crystal detector. Over the range of power involved, one milliwatt to less than one microwatt, the impedance of a typical crystal may vary from 300 to 5,000 ohmstending to flatten off at the higher resistance at low power levels, and to flatten off at the low resistance value at the higher power levels and to change rapidly in between.

The problem of designing an amplifier input circuit to match this wide range of crystal impedances requires special attention in the design of a low-noise amplifier for
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The actual circuit used in the Westinghouse microwave spectroscope amplifier is shown in Fig. 2B. It employs a 12AY7 in cascode circuit. Using the Stark-modulation system, the 23,534.71-mc line of  $0^{17}$ C<sup>12</sup>S<sup>82</sup> gas which has an absorption coefficient of  $2.0 \times 10^{-8}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, in its natural isotopic abundance, was seen to be about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times noise. The sweep rate was 2 cps and the bandpass was set at 50 cps.

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three sections which are simultaneously filled with the three different phosphor materials. In either case, the screen end of the tube must be separated from the gun end for application of phosphors and then reassembled after aluminizing by customary aluminum evaporating techniques.

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The area of one color image is approximately one-ninth of the entire raster area of the tube. This means that only one-ninth of the light flux which could be made available, is utilized. The situation is even less favorable when saturation phenomena of the phosphors are taken into account. It is found that the zinc sulphide and zinc cadmium sulphide types of phosphors saturate considerably at the high current densities prescribed by the



FIG. 2-Seven-inch picture tube with three phosphor bands. Tube is useful only in projection applications, and light output is limited

spot size necessitated by the small area of one color image. Their luminous efficiency drops at high beam current densities.

In view of the small size of each color image the raster-current density of the tube is unusually large and, since the heat cannot be adequately dissipated, the screen heats up. This is most undesirable because certain zinc sulphides lose luminous efficiency at elevated temperatures. The lower field-scan rate of the sequential system helps to reduce temperature rise.

While saturation limitations may one day be overcome by new and better phosphors, improvement of light loss due to insufficient utilization of the screen area may be visualized by scanning primary areas that are larger and give more light even though their aspect ratio is incorrect, so long as appropriate

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A paper describing this threeband tube and its capabilities in somewhat more detail was presented by C. S. Szecho at an SMPTE Semi-annual Convention on April 25, 1950.

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Figure 1A shows the circuit most commonly encountered. Figures 1B and 1C show the vector diagram, and the phase shift as a function of the ratio X/R, respectively. It should be noted here, that for a ratio of X/R of 0.1 the phase shift is about 168 degrees. This is a satisfactory design value for nearly all applications, allowing a variation from 168 degrees to zero degrees

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The circuit shown in Fig. 2A shows a network capable of a theoretical variation over 270 degrees. The vector diagram illustrates how this circuit functions. The diameter of the outer semicircle is, as before, equal to the applied voltage  $OR = E_{ca}$ ; the inner semicircle has a diameter determined by  $\overline{OS} = E_{ca}R_1 / (R_1 + R_2)$ .

The extreme range of phase variation occurs when  $R_2 = 0$  and is, of course, 270 degrees. For this condition the diameter of the inner semicircle becomes equal to the applied voltage  $E_{ca}$ , also. As a result, there will be one value of phase shift for which the output voltage  $E_{bd}$  is zero. If a lesser range of phase shift is tolerable,  $E_{bd}$  will remain more and more constant in



FIG. 2—Improved circuit provides phase shifts up to 270 degrees. Vector diagram shows behavior of circuit. Note output voltage changes

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magnitude, until the system of Fig. 1 is obtained by letting  $R_2 = R_1$  and  $X_2 = 0.$ 

For design purposes a graphical construction is most expedient. Figure 3A illustrates the procedure. First, a semicircle 1 is made, with  $\overline{OR} = E_{ca}$  as the diameter. The desired full range of phase shift determines the next step. Thus, if the maximum shift is to be  $\theta$  degrees, a point T is located at a distance

$$\overline{TM} = E_{ca}/2 \cot (360 - \theta).$$

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$$\overline{OT} = \overline{RT} = \frac{E_{oa}}{2\sin(360 - \theta)}.$$

either expression may be used. Next, circle 2 of radius  $\overline{TO}$  is drawn with T as the center.

The next step is the construction of circle 3 of radius  $\overline{MU}$ , with M as the center, such that the distance  $\overline{OU}$  corresponds to the smallest output voltage that can be tolerated at any one phase angle. It should be noted here that, in the limit, the minimum output voltage cannot exceed the value

$$\overline{OU} = \frac{E_{ca}}{2} \left[1 - \cot\left(180 - \theta/2\right)\right].$$

If this is less than can be tolerated. then a less generous choice of range of phase shift angle  $\theta$  will have to be made.

Circles 2 and 3 intersect at two points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Either of these points can be chosen to represent point P in Fig. 2B. This fact is illustrated in Figs. 3B and 3C.

The construction described above needs interpretation for ranges of phase shifts of less than 180 degrees. However, since from a practical point of view such cases are of



FIG. 3-Graphical method for designing circuit of Fig. 2 are shown at A. In B and C are two solutions resulting from graphical method

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little importance, this possibility will be ignored.

### Phase Shift Multiplication

Figure 4 illustrates a second method of extending the range of available phase shifts beyond 180 degrees. Its action is readily understood if, for the sake of simplicity, the value of  $N^{*}k$  is assumed to be sufficiently high (10 for example) to render the loading effect of the inner circuit negligible, as regards the outer circuit. In this case

$$E_{bd} = \frac{E_{ea}}{2} / 2 \theta$$

where  $\theta = \arctan X/R$  there follows, for the inner circuit  $E_{c'a} = N E_{bd}$ (where N is the ratio of transformation) and

$$E_b'a' = \frac{1}{4N} E_{ca}/4\theta$$

Quite clearly, so long as loading can be ignored, this scheme can be extended to n circuits within each other, with the final result

$$E_{\rm out} = \frac{1}{2n N^{n-1}} E_{ca} / 2n\theta$$

The significance of this result lies in the fact that the original phase shift  $2\theta$  has been multiplied by a factor n, without the use of any vacuum tubes. Where transducer output is in terms of phase shift. the sensitivity of the device is readily increased by a factor of three, for example.

So long as transformers are not objectionable, a circuit similar to that of Fig. 4 should be suitable for a considerable factor as phase-shift



FIG. 4—Phase-shift multiplying circuit provides theoretical shift through 360 degrees. Greater shifts (integral multiples of 180 degrees) are possible by extending this scheme

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FIG. 5—Practical application of the circuit shown in Fig. 4. Asterisks indicate polarity

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Figure 5 shows how a two-stage circuit may be used with a thyratron. Other circuits are equally easily designed, but an isolating transformer will, in general, be necessary. It should be noted that the relative polarities of the transformer windings are of the greatest importance. In Figs. 4 and 5 small stars are used to indicate the relative polarities of primary and secondary windings. Failure to observe proper polarities will render the circuit unable to perform its intended function.

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### Measure Coupling Coefficient In Tuned R-F Transformers

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IN THE DESIGN of proximitycoupled double-tuned transformers, the measurement of the coupling coefficient in terms of critical coupling has been a tedious process producing less than accurate results. The measurement can be simplified to a great extent by application of the equations resulting from the analysis of double-tuned transformers.

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FIG. 1—Basic diagram showing contribution of inductive and distributedcapacitance coupling

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### Application and Measurement

Referring to the equivalent circuit of a proximity-coupled doubletuned transformer in Fig. 1B, analysis of the circuit results in the following equation:

$$\frac{Q_{p}'}{Q_{p}} = \frac{1}{1 + (K_{E}/K_{R})^{2}}$$
(1)

where the following terminology has been used

- $K_L = \text{coefficient}$  of inductive coupling
- $K_c = \text{coefficient of capacitive coupling}$  $K_E = K_L - K_C$  = effective coefficient of
- $K_{R} = 1/(Q_{P}Q_{S})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \text{coefficient of critical}$ coupling
- = series primary resistance at reso- $R_p$ nance
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- Lp series primary inductance at resonance

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 $Q_P = \omega_{LP}/\pi_P$  = ellective primary Qwith secondary coupled  $L_M = K_L/(L_P L_S)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  = inductive coupling

component  $C_M = (C_P C_S)^{\frac{1}{2}}/kc$  = capacitive coupling

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component = resonant frequency

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

Equation 1 has been plotted for values of  $K_E/K_R$  up to 2, thus developing Fig 2.

Interpretation of Eq. 1 indicates that  $Q_{P'}/Q_{P}$  is a function of composite coupling in percent of critical. Therefore, to evaluate Eq. 1 all that is necessary experimentally is to measure  $Q_{P'}/Q_{P}$ . With the aid of Fig. 2, the amount of effective coupling present in percent of critical can be readily determined.

One of the more simple methods to evaluate  $Q_{P}'/Q_{P}$  is as follows: Using a Q-meter or equivalent circuit, resonate the primary winding at the proper frequency with the secondary winding open, or shorted, or detuned, so as not to affect the primary Q (Fig. 3A). Note the Q reading as being equal to  $Q_P$ . Then tune secondary winding to resonance by an indication of minimum response in primary Q reading (Fig. 3B). Interaction between primary and secondary will require a number of resettings of primary resonance for a maximum Q read-The adjustments should be ing. continued until no further interaction is noted. The new reading obtained is  $Q_{P'}$ .

#### Examples

Example 1. On the Q-meter  $Q_P$  reads 80;  $Q_P'$  reads 40. Thus,  $Q_P'/Q_P$  equals 0.5. From Fig. 2,  $K_E/K_R$  is equal to 1.0, or the transformer is critically coupled.

Example 2. On the Q-meter  $Q_P$  reads 70;  $Q_P'$  reads 20. Thus,  $Q_{P'}/Q_P$  equals 0.35. From Fig. 2,  $K_E/K_R$  is equal to 1.35, or the transformer is over-coupled. To obtain



FIG. 2—Curve for determining coupling coefficient in percent of critical coupling

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FIG. 3—Techniques used in determining coefficient of coupling with Q-meter

The most accurate results, certain safeguards and precautions should be included in the measurement technique. The shunting effect of plate resistances and input grid resistances of tubes must be simulated by an equivalent resistor across each tuned circuit. The transformer shield can should be used and also grounded. The secondary winding should be properly oriented as to phase relationship. In making measurements on a transformer that is thought to be over-coupled, the reading for  $Q_r'$  must be considered in the light of a doublehumped response curve. Variation of the signal frequency source will indicate the resonant point as being a minimum lying between two maximum indications at frequencies slightly removed from the resonant frequency.

#### Conclusion

Although this paper is intentionally restricted to the measuring of the percent of critical coupling present in a double-tuned transformer, it may also be applied to other types as well. For instance, taking the case of an untuned primary coupled to a tuned secondary transformer,  $Q_{P}'/Q_{P}$  may be evaluated with the Q-meter method by assuming the tuned winding as being the primary. Then  $Q_p$  will be the reading obtained with untuned winding open-circuited, and  $Q_{P}'$  will be obtained by loading the untuned winding properly with a resistor simulating the desired input matching impedance. The ratio  $Q_{P}/Q_{P}$  thus obtained will indicate the amount of coupling present from Fig. 2 in



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percent of optimum coupling, where optimum coupling is equivalent to the condition of maximum transfer of power.

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### **Null Detector Amplifier**

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cable furnished, approximately 15 volts is available.



### **Precision-Built D-C Motor**

LEAR, INC., 110 Ionia Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. Model BC-05C-1, a new 15,000-rpm 26-v d-c motor with 1/50 hp-output, is designed to operate over an ambient temperature range from -65 F to +165 F. The motor has a duty cycle of 3 min on and 17 min off. It weighs 0.82 lb, is corrosion resistant, and is available with any of the following features: Fastop clutch, electromagnetic brake, thermal protector, mounting option (flange or base-type), and radio noise filter.



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### **Small Galvanometer**

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### **Resistance Thermometer**

W. S. MACDONALD CO., INC., 33 University Road, Cambridge 38, Mass. Type 1000 resistance thermometer with sensing element sealed in a quartz chamber is designed for extending the useful range of resistance thermometers to 1,000 C in measurement and control. The element is tungsten and the chamber is evacuated prior to sealing. Thermometer resistance is 25 ohms at 25 C and sensitivity is 0.1 ohm per deg C. Sensing length is 2 in. and
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#### BRIEF SPECIFICATIONS

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and laid in the slots. Amount of tension is limited solely by the strength of the wire.



#### **Crystal Cartridge**

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#### Literature\_

Counter Bulletin. Durant Mfg. Co., 1929 N. Buffum St., Milwaukee 1. Wisconsin. A recent instrument counter bulletin illustrates several of the company's line of special counters that have been designed and manufactured for specific instrument applications in the electronic industry.

Thermocouple Manual. Wheelco Instruments Co., 847 W. Harrison

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Polystyrene Capacitors. United Condenser Corp., 337 E. 139th St., New York 54, N. Y., has available a 4-page folder covering a line of polystyrene capacitors characterized by extremely low losses. The power factor and dielectric absorption of the units described is on the order of 0.02 percent from d-c to the megacycle range, while the insulation resistance is approximately 20 times greater than that of high grade paper or mica capacitors at room temperature. The elements discussed are ideal for use in electronic analyzers and computers, in tuned circuits and wave filters, as standards of capacitance, and in radiation detection equipment.

Micromerograph. The Sharples Corp., 342 West 4th St., Bridgeport, Pa., has issued a booklet describing the new Micromerograph, an instrument for determining the particle-size distribution of finesieve and sub-sieve powdered materials. General description, comparison with other methods, and a drawing of the equipment are included. Also included is a reprint of a paper presented at the Third National Conference of the American Instrument Society by R. E. Payne entitled "The Measurement of the Particle Size of Sub-Sieve Powders," and a technical report. on operating ranges for the instrument.

New Equipment Catalog. Allied Radio Corp., 833 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago 7, Ill., has announced publication of its 1951, 212-page catalog covering radio, television and industrial electronic equipment. Special emphasis has been placed on equipment for industrial main-



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Thermal Time Delay Tube. Eclipse-Pioneer Division of Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J. Bulletin 73-3A gives a full treatment of the Chronotron tube, a temperature-resistance device mounted in a miniature-size vacuum-tube envelope. The tube described, developed primarily for use in electronic-control circuits, provides a time delay and also functions in a manner similar to an integrating device. Circuits, illustration and a technical data table are included.

Beryllium Copper. The Beryllium Corp., Reading, Pa. Technical bulletin No. 2, the second in a new series of data sheets, provides engineers with factual information on beryllium copper. The publication makes available case history and technical information on Berylco 25, Berylco 20C and investment castings. Future issues will cover other products in wrought and cast forms.

Hermetic Terminals. T. C. Wheaton Co., Millville, N. J., has published a 12-page catalog filled with engineering data to assist those confronted with the design and specification of hermetic terminals for electrical and electronic products. It contains complete details of the many terminals available. In addition, there is a special section devoted to metallized glass seals and electronic insulators and another to engineering information relating to terminal selection and use.

Soldering Gun Catalog. Weller Electric Corp., Easton, Pa. New soldering information, helpful to tv and radio technicians, electricians and industrial laboratory workers, is contained in the soldering gun

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catalog recently issued. The publication covers the company's complete line and features the new light-duty model with dual spotlights. It gives detailed descriptions and lists prices.

Small Converter. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Brown Instruments Division, Wayne and Roberts Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Instrumentation data sheet No. 10.20-1; deals with the new  $8\frac{1}{2}$ -oz, 400-cycle converter designed for high-altitude operation in various electronic and electrical equipment and in servomechanisms for aircraft and guided missiles. Complete description, illustration and wiring diagram are given.

Quick-Coupling Connectors. Thermo Electric Co., Inc., Fair Lawn, N. J., has just published a new section for its catalog, section 23, covering quick-coupling type thermocouple connectors and panels. The 4-page section is well illustrated and contains complete descriptive details.

**Bimetal Thermostats.** Stevens Mfg. Co., Inc., Mansfield, Ohio. A new bulletin describes the type S bimetal strip thermostats for use in appliances and industrial apparatus. It is illustrated with photographs of 13 standard models, schematic diagrams showing operating principles and dimensions and typical thermostat response curves.

TV Antennas. American Phenolic Corp., 1830 South 54th Ave., Chicago 50, Ill., has published a 16page booklet comprising a discussion of tv antennas based on actual field tests, dealing with the characteristics of the various types of antennas and the conditions which affect their performance. The booklet is well illustrated and contains two pages dealing with tv accessories.

**Temperature Indicators.** Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc., Bridgeport 2, Conn. Bulletin 404 introduces a line of thermocoupleactuated Microsen temperature indicators and recorders. The units



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Receiving Tubes. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. The RC-16 receiving tube manual is a new edition containing over 300 pages and covering more than 460 receiving tubes and kinescopes. The section on electron tube applications has been expanded and includes formulas and examples for calculation of power output, load resistance, and distortion for several classes of amplifier service, as well as cathode-follower information. The section on installation now includes high-voltage and safety considerations for kinescopes. The section on circuits has been expanded and contains many new audio-amplifier and receivercircuit designs. Price is 50 cents.

Electron Microscopy. National Bureau of Standards, U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C., recently issued circular 502, a new compilation of technical literature on electron microscopy. Titles of the publications in the bibliography have been grouped in the following categories: Books, survey articles, instrumentation, electron optics, related instruments and applications. The 87-page circular is available from the Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at 25 cents a copy.

Portable Sound Equipment. Newcomb Audio Products Co., 6824 Lexington Ave., Hollywood 38, Calif. A new catalog now available covers portable audio equipdesigned especially for ment schools, churches, clubs and recreational activities. It includes a wide selection of combination transcription players and p-a systems with both 2-speed and 3speed turntables. Two recently developed portable phonographs described have the exclusive Floating Sound feature that eliminates needle skipping. All models are illustrated and thoroughly de-

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**C-R Equipment.** Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc., 1,000 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J. A 16-page folder describes and illustrates a line of cathode-ray oscillographs, complete with specifications for each, for general laboratory and servicing applications, for precision measurement useful down to d-c and for specialized applications in h-v oscillography. Also included are auxiliary instruments, accessories and c-r tubes,

TV Components. The Plessey Co. Ltd., Ilford, Essex, England, A 24-page booklet describes and illustrates a range of ty components available to manufacturers. It contains much information of particular interest to designers. Several of the scanning and output transformers are based on the company's special tv grade of Caslam molded core material which is claimed to be suitable for tv applications by virtue of its low losses at higher audio and ultrasonic frequencies and freedom from objectionable noise producing magnetostriction effects.

Hermetically-Sealed Relays. Guardian Electric Mfg. Co., Inc., 1621 W. Walnut Ct., Chicago 12, Ill. Catalog 5-H covers a line of hermetically-sealed relays available in four standard mounting arrangements-the lug header type, Army-Navy connector type, octal plug type and the screw terminal type. A wide variety of contact combinations and operating voltage ranges available are treated. Included in the current catalog is technical information concerning the performance of "We have found Metex Electronic Gaskets excellent for HF currents inexpensive to assemble." Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

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Geiger Counters. New York University College of Engineering, New York 53, N. Y. A recent fourpage folder illustrated with a dozen drawings explains the elements of a Geiger counter as well as the behavior of electrons, positive ions, ion clouds and impulses. A section of the folder deals with penetrating, honpenetrating and decaying cosmic - lay particles. Data is also given on special counting circuit arrangements. The publication is available at 10 cents per copy.

Test Equipment Catalog. Electronic Instrument Co., Inc., 276 Newport St., Brooklyn 12, N. Y., recently released the 1950-51 edition of their catalog for radio-television technicians, engineers and students. It describes a complete line of vacuum-tube voltmeters, oscilloscopes, sweep generators, signal generators, tube testers, signal tracers, volt-ohm-milliammeters, battery eliminators, highvoltage probes, r-f probes and crystals.

Waterproof Outlet Box. Equipment and Service Co., 6815 Oriole Drive, Dallas 9, Texas. Type 6005 Greenbilt waterproof outlet box designed for a-m, f-m and tv remotes, is illustrated and described in a recent bulletin. The unit featured has five interruption-proof all-weather outlets from one inlet. Each outlet of the product described will conservatively carry 1,500 watts and the inlet receptacle is rated at 6,000 watts, all at 115 volts. Ordering information is given.

TV Control & Resistor Replacement. Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc., Dover, N. H., has released further data sheets covering tv control and resistor replacements. The sheets  $(8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  with standard binder punchings) constitute handy reference charts indicating model and chassis, stock and part numbers, the company's catalog number, list price, function and description.

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#### **1BCG Memorial**

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Scotland by the American Radio Relay League for the express purpose of listening for U. S. amateur signals. The success of this test was also a turning point in commercial utilization of short waves, heretofore neglected.

Replicas of the Radio Club of America Armstrong Medals were presented to the original participants at the ceremony. Present to accept the awards were E. H. Armstrong, E. V. Amy, G. E. Burghard and P. F. Godley. Receiving awards in absentia were Minton Cronkhite, J. F. Grinan and Walker Inman.

#### **BUSINESS NEWS**

FEDERAL TELEPHONE AND RADIO CORP., Clifton, N. J., will install a ptm microwave communication system for the Trunkline Gas Co., Houston, Texas, to serve the latter's 1,300-mile pipeline from natural gas fields in Texas and Louisiana to Tuscola, Ill., where the mainline route will tie in with the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. It will be the second longest microwave system used for industrial communications.

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THE LAPOINTE-PLASCOMOLD CORP., manufacturer of Vee-D-X television antennas and accessories, has pur-



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THE AUDIO-MASTER Co., manufacturers of transcription players, have moved to larger quarters at 341 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA recently re-established radio contact and telegraph service between the U. S. and Seoul, capital of South Korea. Reopening of the circuit was made possible by repairing radio transmitting and receiving facilities in Seoul which had been damaged during the North Korean occupation.

#### PERSONNEL

LYNN C. HOLMES, associate director of research at Stromberg-Carlson Co. since April 1950, has been named director of research for the company.

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chief engineer, has been named deputy head of the design and test section of the engineering and production division of Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, N. Y.

P. N. HAMBLETON, formerly of the Philco tube development laboratory, has been appointed electronics engineer in charge of the electronic laboratory at Superior Tube Co., Norristown, Pa.

JOHN N. DYER, supervisor of radar and air navigation research and development for Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, N. Y., has been named director of research and engineering for the company.



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M. A. Tuve

MERLE A. TUVE of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, D. C., has been awarded a Howard N. Potts Medal by The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, Pa., for his supervision of the development and engineering design of the proximity fuse.

ROY W. AUGUSTINE, founder of the Joy-Kelsey Co., radio set manufacturers, and the Oxford Co., speaker manufacturers, was recently appointed to the engineering staff of the Muter Co., Chicago, Ill., television components manufacturers.

ROBERT DOWD, head of the quality control department, Tel-O-Tube Corp. of America, East Paterson, N. J., has been appointed chief field engineer for the firm.

R. G. E. HUTTER, head of the electronics research section of the physics laboratory, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Bayside, N. Y., has been appointed adjunct professor at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he will conduct classes in electron tube theory and electron optics.



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detriment of the interests of the listening public.

As a specific example for the f-m field, I enclose copy of a report made to me a year ago concerning the radiation of an RCA 8X71 and a Zenith 7H822 (S-15840) table model, respectively. The report is hard to believe, but unfortunately too true. It shows the RCA set developing a radiating voltage of 1 volt across a 300-ohm transmission line, the principal cause being, of course, the failure to use an r-f amplifying stage. The corresponding value for the Zenith set was 1/50th of a volt.

The report further shows that at a distance of 50 miles from New York City the RCA set, when connected to an antenna 15 feet high, destroyed reception of WCBS-FM over a radius of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile when the oscillator was tuned to radiate on CBS' frequency. Under similar conditions, the Zenith radius of interference was under 500 feet.

At the time this type of RCA set was introduced, I learned on authority which is unimpeachable that the radiating characteristics were known to its designers but that, nevertheless, the RCA organization intended to proceed with its marketing plans. Contrast this with the fact that in the nineteen-twenties RCA, when confronted with the superheterodyne radiation problem, took the lead in finding a solution.

For a correspondingly bad example in the engineering of television sets it is necessary only to examine what happened in the Providence area, where a similarly "engineered" type of tv set, likewise made by a nationally known manufacturer, Motorola, was turned loose in quantities in that area.

In governmental circles the grade of engineering is little better. In fact, the present situation is due as much to FCC engineering incompetence as to unsound commercialism in the manufacturing industry. The discredited Norton and Allen theories (see *Proceedings*, *IRE*, Feb., 1, 1947), which moved f-m to its present wave band, brought about the interference which, without the move, could not have existed. That is not, however, the major error in judgment. The major error is the allocation of the frequencies





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of an air navigation service to a place within the interference range of f-m and television sets where, with a large number of sets scattered about the country, the chance of something going wrong, even with properly designed sets, must be considered. Why some of the nonvital types of air communication services were not assigned there to serve as a buffer region so that all services adjacent to safety-of-life channels could be under CAA supervision, is something in need of much explanation.

There is likewise a second question which requires answering: Why is the guidance of a ship and its passengers entrusted to a transmitter having the peanut-like power of 200 watts-just about a quarter horsepower, when thousands of horsepower are employed in the other part of the transportation problem-that of keeping the ship in the air? Sound engineering judgment would dictate the use of sufficient power from ground transmitters to override even chance radiations from damaged f-m or ty sets or diathermy machines out of control. Equal lack of foresight came to light a few years ago when planes were provided with superheterodynes for instrument landing operation with insufficient image rejection against f-m transmitters in the center of the band.

The list of mistakes that should not have been made could be continued, but sufficient instances have been given to make the point. Chairman Coy of the Federal Communications Commission is to be commended for bringing into the open a problem which both the Commission and the industry have been aware of for at least two years. This Commission, however, would inspire more confidence were it to admit the mistakes of the former Commission, in whose actions the basic responsibility lies. The present Commission is now face to face with the laws of Nature; it will find that they are as immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. A refusal to recognize that a bridge is improperly designed will not prevent the future collapse of that bridge.

I suggest to the Radio and Television Manufacturers Association

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if it expects to continue to do its own engineering that it take the steps necessary to see either that that engineering is done properly, or that the facts about sound engineering be so plainly presented that responsibility for their violation can be squarely placed. If it does not do this it will find its engineering being conducted for it by some government bureau, perhaps on a lower plane of competence, but none-the-less being conducted for it.

Very sincerely yours, Edwin H. Armstrong

Memorandum concerning the Observation and Measurement of Radiation Interference from Certain F-M Receivers (included with letter to Dr. Baker):

(1) Laboratory measurements were made with a vacuum-tube voltmeter to determine the magnitude of the receiver oscillator voltage appearing at the antenna posts when terminated with a 300-ohm resistor. The following results were noted:

Receiver Model	Voltage Across Antenna Terminals			
RCA 8X71	1.0 volt			
ZENITH S-15840	0.02 "			

(2) On the 23rd of June 1949, W. G. Russel, P. Sadenwater and F. Hargesheimer made a field trip to Eastern Long Island for the purpose of observing the interference created by the above f-m receivers. These tests were performed at a distance of aproximately fifty airline miles from New York City.

The RCA 8X71 receiver was connected to a folded dipole extending approximately feet above 15ground. This receiver was tuned so as to generate an oscillator frequency of 101.1 mc to coincide with the transmitting frequency of WCBS-FM. The Zenith S-15840 receiver, connected to a dipole antenna mounted on the roof of the car, was then tuned to WCBS-FM. However, the presence of the undesired signal being radiated from the RCA receiver made reception of the New York station impossible. The automobile containing the Zenith set was then driven away from the location of the RCA set until a position was reached where reception of WCBS-FM was normal and clear. The field strength of the de-

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#### **Electronics** Quiz

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLER IS submitted by B. Lindeman of Brooklyn, New York. For his contribution, Lindeman will receive our check for \$5.00, as will other contributors whose problems appear in this department. Solution to last month's problem appears below.

What is the input impedance and the frequency for which the following circuit has



unity power factor (antiresonance)? Answer will appear next month.

#### Last Month's Solution

THE PROBLEM for last month, as submitted by Bob Wakeman of Bloomfield, New Jersey, was:

What is the impedance across the input terminals of the



infinite ladder shown? Assuming  $R_1$  to be 2 ohms, and  $R_2$ 




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to be 4 ohms, find R.

Solution. If we remove the first section, the resistance across the input to the second section A will



also be R, since we assumed an infinite network. Therefore the problem reduces to

$$R = R_{1} + \frac{R R_{2}}{R + R_{2}}$$

$$R^{2} = R R_{1} + R_{1} R_{2}$$

$$R = R_{1} \pm \sqrt{R_{1}^{2} + 4 R_{1} R_{2}}$$

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The minus sign before the radical would result in a negative R. so it is discarded. Thus if  $R_1$  is 2 ohms, and R<sub>2</sub> is 4 ohms,

$$R = \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 + 32}}{2} = 4 \text{ ohm}$$

#### **Red Face Department**

SEVERAL READERS have kindly informed us that the solution to October's puzzle problem, as printed in the November issue, is even more of a puzzle than the original quiz problem itself. According to these hawkeyes, the solution of the integral

$$P = \frac{1}{2\pi R} \int_{0}^{2\pi} (e_{i} \sin \theta + e_{2})^{2} d\theta$$
  
s  $\frac{e_{i}^{2}}{2R} + \frac{e_{2}^{2}}{R}$   
and not  $\frac{e_{1}^{2}}{2R} + \frac{e_{2}^{2}}{R} + \frac{2e_{1}e_{2}}{\pi R}$ 

John C. Schruder, of Purdue University, goes on to point out that the correct solution is in agreement with the well-known principle that a voltage consisting of a d-c component and a sinusoidal component will have an effective value equal to the square root of the sum of the squares of the d-c component and the effective value of the sinusoidal component. We stand corrected. The Editors.





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