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#### FIGURES OF THE MONTH

RECEIVER	Year Ago	Previous Month	Latest Month	TV AUDIENCE	Year Ago	P <mark>revious</mark> Month	Latest Month
PRODUCTION				(Source: NBC Research Dept	) A (51	Mar. '52	Apr. '52
(Source: RTMA)	Mar. '51	Feb. '52	Mar. '52	Sets in Use-total	12,171,500	16,535,100	16,939,100
Television sets	874,634	409,337	510,561-p	Sets in Use—netw'k conn.	10,333,600	15,642,200	16,024,900
Home Radio sets	988,078	418,808	532,858-p	Sets in Use-New York.	2,300,000	2,890,000	2,930,000
Portable sets	147,037	72,866	99,720-p	Sets in Use—Los Angeles	900,000	1,125,000	1,155,000
Auto sets	545,297	267,779	343,314-p	Sets in Use-Chicago	915,000	1,110,000	1,135,000
RECEIVER SALES				COMMUNICATION	AUTHORI	ZATIONS	
(Source: Licensee figures)	Feb. '51	Jan. '52	Feb. '52	(Source: FCC)	Mar. '51	Feb. '52	Mar. '52
Television sets, units	612,799	462,252	410,280	Aeronautical	31,677	31,707	32,176
Electric radio sets, units	674,641	390,005	344,008	Marine	28,400	34,660	34,843
Battery sets, units	74,762	45,578	43,638	Police, fire, etc	<mark>8,691</mark>	10,442	±0,592
Auto sets, units	245,321	165,549	195,689	Industrial	8,510	12,237	12,475
Television sets, value\$		\$82,105,399	\$71,835,056	Land Transportation	4,026	4,767	4,847
Electric radio sets, value		\$8,046,422	\$6,488,686	Amateur	91,375 471	105,016 833	106,832 878
Battery sets, value Auto sets, value	\$1,381,927 \$6,926,752	\$893,100 \$4,693,660	\$844,091 \$5,539,061	Citizens Radio	4/1	26	29
Auto sets, value	\$0,720,732	\$4,072,000	\$ <b>9,997,001</b>	Experimental	469	359	458
RECEIVING TUBE S	ALES			Common carrier	8 <mark>38</mark>	895	922
(Source: RTMA)	Mar. '51	Feb. '52	Mar. '52				
Receiv. tubes, total units	44,413,145	28,262,407	30,935,220	EMPLOYMENT AND	PAYKOLL	-2	
Receiving tubes, new sets	33,318,889	17,608,162	19,513,454	(Source: Bur. Labor Statistic	s) Feb. '51	Jan. '52	Fcb. '52
Rec. tubes, replacement.	9,157,205	6,623,798	7,231,186	Prod. workers, electronic	269,500	270,500-r	272,500-p
Receiving tubes gov't	257,447	2,877,177	2,776,796	Prod. wkrs., radio, etc	181,000	169,600-r	171,200-р
Receiving tubes, export.	1,679,605	1,153,270	1,413,784	Av. wkly. earnings, elect.	\$60.61	\$65.58-r	\$65.37-p
Picture tubes, to mfrs	608,395	330,431	370,206	Av. wkly. earnings, radio	\$57.31 41.2	\$61.73-r 41.8-r	\$61.47-p
BROADCAST STATIC			•	Av. weekly hours, elect. Av. weekly hours, radio.	41.2	41.o-r 41.2-r	41.4-p 40.9-p
(Source: FCC)	Apr. '51	Mar. '52	Apr. '52	STOCK PRICE AVER	AGES		
TV Stations on Air TV Stns CPs—not on air	107 2	108 0	108 0	(Source: Standard and Poor'		Mar (53	A (53
TV Stns CPS—not on air	402	521	536			Mar. '52 295.7	Apr. '52 292.5
.,				Radio—TV & Electronics Radio Broadcasters	226.6 211.7	295.7	292.5
AM Stations on Air. AM Stns CPs—not on air	2,264 110	2,339 74	2,347 68	Radio Broadcasters	211.7	200.7	200.2
AM Sths CPS-not on an AM Sths-Applications .	263	320	324			Quarterly Figure	
	652	636	632	INDUSTRIAL	Year	Previous	Latest
FM Stations on Air FM Stns CPs—not on air	16	14	14	EQUIPMENT ORDER	c Ago	Quarter	Quarter
FM Stins-Applications.	10	6	9			2 1/51	
				(Source: NEMA)	4th '50	3rd '51	4th '51
NETWORK BILLING	S			Dielectric Heating	\$370,000 \$1,120,000	\$210,000 \$3,960,000	\$560,000 \$3,400,000
(Source: Pub, Info, Bureau)	Mar. '51	Feb. '52	Mar. '52	muterion heating	<i><b>41,120,000</b></i>	42,700,000	\$2,400,000
AM/FM-ABC	\$2,891,339	\$3,177,970	\$3,355,715		SALES		
AM/FM-CBS	\$6,793,966	\$4,788,561	\$5, <mark>154,</mark> 077	INDUSTRIAL TUBE			
	\$1,648,006	\$1,600,399	\$1,826,527	(Source: NEMA)	4th '50	3rd '51	4th '51
AM/FM-MBS	\$5,085,636	\$3,994,018	\$4,184,074	Vacuum (non-receiving).	\$4,380,000	\$8,420,000	\$14,300,000
AM/FM-NBC		\$2,120,911	\$2,076,782	Gas or vapor	\$2,100,000 \$280,000	\$2,620,000 \$280,000	\$3,170,000 \$400,000
AM/FM-NBC TV-ABC	\$1,539,470	CE 102 040					
AM/FM-NBC TV-ABC TV-CBS	\$2,993,902	\$5,103,043 \$748 544	\$5,643,123 \$758,763	Phototubes	\$260,000	\$280,000	\$ <del>1</del> 00,000
AM/FM-NBC TV-ABC		\$5,103,043 \$748,544 \$6,813,549	\$5,643,123 \$758,763 \$7,357,305	Magnetrons and velocity modulation tubes	\$2,690,000	\$280,000	\$6,670,000

## INDUSTRY REPORT

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#### Trade Practice Rules Go to FTC

Commission will review radioty questions with industry this month, call public hearing in Fall

**PROPOSED** 'trade practice' rules for the radio and television industry have been submitted to the Federal Trade Commission by a special all-industry committee.

These rules will be distributed to 12,000 manufacturers, distributors and dealers in advance of FTC'S third Trade Practice Conference June 18, 19 and 20.

The proposed rules will reach a public hearing in the early Fall. Soon after, the Commission will take final action.

▶ Promotion Highlights — The rules as they now stand cover misbranding, misrepresentation and deceptive selling methods.

A number of them apply to color television. For example, prohibition of advertisements or representations that any set can be converted or adapted to permit the reception of color signals in color, or of a color signal in black and white, or of uhf, if such is not literally true.

If adaptation requires an attachment, or installation of new parts, or some substantial modification this must be stated conspicuously.

A number of the suggested rules apply to foreign broadcasting. The terms 'all-wave' and 'world wave' could not be used unless the set were constructed to receive all longwave, medium and short-wave broadcasts and all other waves transmitted or broadcast, foreign as well as domestic.

If the claim is made that a set is free from interference and noise, it must be 'substantiated'.

Advertisements or representations concerning a-m, f-m, or tv receiving sets bearing on the lateness of the model, discontinued model, brand name, rebuilt model, serial numbers, size of picture and pricing, must 'in no way deceive the public'. No 'false claims' are permitted in selling built-in or indoor antennas. Uhf performance must be carefully described.

► Approval Expected—While the industry in general is expected to go along with the proposed rules, the wording of a number of specific rules will probably be sharply opposed in some quarters.

This will be especially true of those dealing with color and uhf.



#### **Tickless Ticker**

Hailed as an 'electronic' marvel powered by an 'energy capsule', Elgin's latest timepiece uses no tubes—not even a transistor. Its tiny 'synchronously controlled' motor, wound with 3,000 turns of wire 1/6 the thickness of a human hair, is merely driven for a year by a midget battery

#### VHF and UHF TV Transmitters Will Be Ready When Needed

#### Manufacturers, warming slowly after freeze, include two newcomers

THE END of the freeze upon the licensing of television broadcast stations has been hailed as the beginning of a new era for electronic show business. Opening of the vast new ultrahigh-frequency spectrum provides space for some 1,400 new stations, while better than 500 more stations can be placed in the newly rearranged very - high - frequency bands that so far have served the existing 108 stations.

Because receivers will not be purchased until there are television pictures on the air, the editors of ELECTRONICS have talked with engineers and salesmen about the availability of high-power transmitters, particularly uhf transmitters. Engineers seem generally optimistic that really high-power uhf transmitters can be built and operated. Salesmen are apparently pretty optimistic about delivery dates.

► Ready and Waiting—If salespeople are a little unrealistic in their brochures, the ultimate consumer—the broadcaster—is probably more unrealistic in his demands. The transmitter industry seems confident that the demand for and use of high-power uhf transmitters is some distance off. They think applications, hearings, red tape, construction problems, steel priorities and some flat license denials will provide enough time for final development, production and delivery to the

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select few initial customers.

As the table shows, the manufacturers are concentrating upon which high-power equipments and amplifiers, and rightly so. It is this which region that the broadcasters will generally seek to occupy first. Then too, some 30 which stations required to shift frequency will simultaneously be given a chance to increase power.

▶ Burnt Children — Remembering how they were caught with their inventories up at the freeze, most manufacturers have no intention of stocking warehouses with completed units. They will strive to keep just a little ahead of actual demand, maintaining at the same time some flexibility for last-minute design changes that are bound to occur especially at uhf.

Raytheon and Westinghouse are playing it even more cozy. While not ruling themselves out of the running, they can observe the preliminary bouts and make plans before getting into the fight. Collins engineers will meet shortly to map their campaign, with first consideration for uhf. If market and required power levels so dictate, they can build a resnatron uhf job.

Gates Radio Co. will shortly announce its entry into the field. Besides its own transmitters, diplexers, antennas, monitors and other accessories, it will supply cameras manufactured on the outside.

#### VHF VHF UHF UHF Manufac-High Power High Power Low Power High Power turer Channels 2-6 Channels 7-13 Channels 14-83 Channels 14-83 Collins Plans to build, with uhf getting first consideration Du Mont 500 w, 5 kw 500 w, 5 kw 1 kw air-cooled 5 kw klystron air-cooled air-cooled during 1953 water-cooled immediately immediately during 1953 25 kw air-cooled 50 kw 12 kw in Spring 1953 water-cooled development Fall 1953 50 kw proposed Federal 1 kw, 5 kw, 1 kw, 7.5 kw, 1.5 kw in 25 kw25 kw air-cooled development air-cooled air-cooled during 1952 during 1952 during 1952 Gates 500 w, 5 kw 500 w. 5 kw 500 w 2.5 kw, 5 kw 120-180 days 120-180 days lst or 2nd 1st or 2nd delivery delivery quarter quarter of 1953 of 1953 GE 5 kw air-cooled 5 kw air-cooled 100 w 5 kw klystron middle of 1952 middle of 1952 during 1952 in production 35 kw amplifiers 20 kw amplifiers 1 kw 12 kw klystron during 1952 during 1952 during 1953 in development 50 kw in 60 kw development specifications RCA except for 50 kw, will deliver 1 kw no when the broadcasters in production information for delivery are ready available Fall 1952 Raytheon Has plans but no production Standard 500 w, 5 kw, 500 w, 5 kw, maybe 100 w klystron-not 10 kw, 20 kw 10 kw, 20 kw probably available until air-cooled--air-cooledair-cooled 2nd quarter available for available for available 1953 installation installation 4th quarter 3rd quarter 3rd quarter 1952 1952 1952 Westinghouse Has no television transmitters at present

#### TV TRANSMITTER MANUFACTURING PICTURE

#### Aircraft Radio Circuits Cut Installation Costs

TOTAL cost of communications equipment for light airplanes can be reduced by incorporating better noise-reducing circuits — even though added components and manufacturing expense run as high as fifty dollars a set. This is the experience of the Narco Co., of Ambler, Pa., makers of over half the airborne omnidirection equipment now in use by some 8,500 planes in this country.

According to Narco engineers, extra cost of noise-reducing circuits is more than saved in most cases by the reduction of time spent shielding and filtering airplane electrical system to eliminate interference at the source.

#### Survey Spotlights Sales Habits

#### Reps, field offices and both combined do the national job, in this order

REPRESENTATIVES do the national sales job for 68.2 percent of the country's electronic equipment and component-part manufacturers. Field offices are used exclusively by 10.1 percent. Both representatives and field offices serve the remaining 21.7 percent.

These figures are the result of a survey just concluded by ELEC-TRONICS.

▶ Breakdown—Of the 68.2 percent using only representatives, 39.0 percent are component part makers, 17.6 percent equipment makers and 11.6 percent both equipment and parts makers.

Of the 10.1 percent using field offices exclusively, 5.8 percent manufacture equipment, 4.3 percent components.

Of the 21.7 percent using both representatives and field offices, 15.9 percent make component (Continued on page 8)

## Sylvania Electric Erecting New Headquarters For Its Electronics Division



#### Plant under construction at Woburn, Mass., 17 miles north of Boston. To make microwave components and semi-conductor devices.

To satisfy the growing need for electronic products, Sylvania will soon open a modern new plant at Woburn, Mass.

This building of advanced design will provide an additional 100,000 square feet of air conditioned laboratory and production facilities for the manufacture of electronic equipment and components. When completely equipped, it will represent an investment of four million dollars. The new plant will serve as headquarters for all present Sylvania electronic production facilities in the Boston area.

With these greatly expanded plant facilities, Sylvania is assuring you of the newest and best electronic components for radar, television, communications and industry.



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parts, 5.8 percent equipment and components.

The average number of representatives per company is 13.9. The average number of field offices is 6.1.

► Commissions—Commissions paid representatives range from 5 to 10 percent. Forty-five percent of

Supply of E. E. Grads Still Short

#### Industry fills only half its need this month. Worst is yet to come

THIS MONTH'S crop of young engineering graduates will do little to ease the industry-wide shortage.

An ELECTRONICS' survey of 112 American engineering colleges (roughly 80 percent) reveals that only 3,450 graduate electrical engineers will become available for employment in June from these sampled schools. Ten percent of the graduates are reportedly committed to the armed forces, while another eight percent have applied for graduate work. The bar graph gives the overall picture.

▶ Industry Needs—Industry estimates that 5,000 engineers are



Only 81 percent of this month's E. E. graduates are available to employers

the companies contacted have 'sliding-scale' plans, 55 percent do not. Thus the average commission varies from 3.7 to 8.4 percent.

When orders are taken in one territory and shipped to another, 42.3 percent of the factories split the commission, 57.7 percent give the commission to the ordertaker.



Geographically, Middle-Atlantic colleges dominate the young graduate supply picture

ates are extrapolated, using engineering-college enrollment figures and normal attrition rates. Data excludes military demands.

The map shows the geographical distribution of this month's E. E. graduates. Nearly  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the graduates will come from colleges in the Middle-Atlantic area which encompasses New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

#### Shannon's Mouse Learns Fast

ABILITY in an individual might well be measured by his capacity for finding his way through a problem logically and then following similar logic in nearly identical situations. When the situation changes he must be able to combine new logic with old. Shannon's mouse does just this because it is motivated by an electrical brain that is the product of Claude E. Shannon, in the employ of Bell Telephone Laboratories.

▶ Magnetic Rodent—The mouse is actually a dressed-up bar magnet with three wheels, copper whiskers and a contact mechanism on his tummy. His playground is a maze about half the area of a desk top. The maze is studded with slotted posts into which can be fitted aluminum fence sections. The rewarding cheese is an electrical contact with bell attached.

► Learning—In practice, the desired maze conformation is set up, the cheese is placed and the mouse set down at the chosen starting point. It may take him as long as two minutes, by trial (Continued on page 10)

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Long-term trends show an increasing shortage of engineers for the next three years

needed to fill vacancies created by death and retirement and to meet growing commercial needs. Defense production could easily assimilate twice this number. Recruiters report only  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  acceptance of offers made along the college circuit.

The long-term trend of engineering graduations offers little consolation to harried employers. Normal scholastic attrition will reduce the supply of young E. E. graduates to a scant 2,900 by 1955. An intensive advertising campaign sponsored by the Engineering Manpower Commission of the Engineers' Joint Council, directed towards high-school seniors, may produce an up-turn in the curve after 1955.

The supply and demand curves for electrical-engineering gradu-



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Dr. Shannon places his mouse in a maze through which it is unerringly guided by an electric brain to the 'cheese' goal. Succeeding trips take about 10 percent of the time of the initial tour

and error, to reach the cheese. He is pulled along by a motor-driven electromagnet beneath the maze.

Whenever his whiskers touch the fence, he makes a fresh start. But once the shortest path has been established, the mouse on later trips proceeds directly to the cheese in 12 to 15 seconds. His thinking is done by an electric brain containing about a hundred relays and two motors.

#### U.S. Buys Mica

TOP-GRADE RUBY MICA for the national stockpile will be purchased from U.S. producers by the General Services Administration (GSA) under a three-year, 25,000ton program designed to encourage domestic mica production.

By paying prices averaging almost four times current foreign prices, GSA hopes to quadruple present domestic output. Approximately 4,500 tons of mica are produced here annually but only about 300 tons is top-grade. One ton of this will yield less than ninety pounds of the quality suitable for stockpiling.

▶ Mica Producers Protest—Domestic mica producers have raised a vigorous howl because only topgrade ruby mica will be stockpiled. They contend that green mica is just as good for the purpose. But, until the electronics industry and the American Society of Testing Materials give the word, mica stockpile specifications will not be changed.

#### PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY FIGURES FOR TRANSISTORS

	Current Monthly Production		Delivery Time (weeks)				
Company	Contact			Junction	Future Availability		
Federated Semi-Con- ductor	none	none			<i>modified junction</i> —1,000 per month by July 1952. Sample lots available now		
General Electric	800	none	.∵6 <mark>–8</mark>		<i>conlact</i> —substantial monthly increases, dependent on orders. <i>junction</i> —sample lots Oct Nov, 1952		
Keintron	none	none			<i>contacl—</i> sample lots Se <mark>pt.</mark> 1952		
RCA	400	none	1-6		conlact—2,000 to 3.000 per month by Dec. 1952 <i>junction</i> —sample lots Oct Dec. 1952		
Radio Receptor	200	none	4-8		contact—5,000 per month by Dec. 1952 junction—undetermined		
Raytheon	1,00 <mark>0</mark>	uone	4.		<i>conlact</i> —monthly increases to meet orders <i>junction</i> —sample lots by NovDec. 1952		
Sylvania	none	none			<i>conlact</i> —sample lots by Aug. 1952 <i>junction</i> —undetermined		
Western Electric	6,000	less than 100	4-8	not quoting	<i>conlact</i> —substantial monthly increases, dependent on orders <i>junction</i> —some monthly in- crease		

#### Transistor Supply Increases

#### Recent NPA amendment allows limited shipment to research and development organizations

STILL NOT PLENTIFUL, even for military applications, transistors are nevertheless slowly but surely being made available for general experimental use. The accompanying table shows current availability and hopes for the future, according to Lt. Col. William F. Starr of the Electronics Production Resources Agency.

Allocations—The military is allocating the transistor production

of the Western Electric Company only. So far, this has been limited to military contracts accepted by that company.

With a recent amendment of an NPA regulation, other transistor manufacturers may deliver 100 percent of their production to laboratories and research organizations under certain conditions. Up to ten percent of their monthly production of each type transistor (point contact and junction) may go to any 'rated' order on their books.

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▶ New Type—Latest news is that point-contact and n-p-n or p-n-pjunction transistors (p 18, Feb. 1952) may have a competitor in what the manufacturer calls an 'n-p junction' transistor, said to have properties of both point-contact and junction types. The device is being made by Germanium Products Corp., Jersey City.

#### Experts Cite Progress of All-Weather Flying

#### New 'Common System' of electronic navigation will serve commercial, private and military aircraft

GUESS-FREE flying with the aid of new electronic navigation and communication facilities has made real progress since the so-called 'common system' for all types of aircraft was adopted shortly after World War II, according to a panel of experts speaking in Dayton, May 12, at the National Conference on Airborne Electronics.

► Status — Equipment now installed or being installed will soon permit safe flight anywhere in the United States under virtually all conditions of weather. Plans call for some 500 omnidirectional range stations, of which 352 are now in operation. All but 50 of the planned stations will have distance-measuring facilities, thereby providing pilots with complete navigation information.

At major air terminals, extensive radar and blind landing systems are specified, with a total of 180 instrument-landing systems provided for. Already 98 landing systems are in operation, landing aircraft in all but the foulest weather, and 70 more are in various stages of survey and installation.

Airport surveillance radar now polices the air around ten major airports, and plans call for 73 more of these high-power radar sets, of which 43 are in various stages of completion.

Precision-approach radar, which

serves as a check on the ILS equipment, will be installed in 57 high-traffic-density terminals; ten are already equipped and thirteen more well on the way.

New York-Chicago airways are now fully equipped with all these aids, permitting evaluation. Results to date indicate enthusiastic acceptance by pilots and ground control personnel alike.

► Still Needed—Improved means for presenting radar information are constantly being sought. Also under study are aircraft identification schemes and means for remote radar viewing.

Work is under way to increase the capacity of ground teletype links from 60 to 100 words per minute. Automatic relaying and message sequencing systems are being applied to make more efficient use of available ground communications facilities.

#### Marine Engineers Discuss Communication and Navigation Aids

BRITISH private enterprise is pushing hard for its favorite marine communication and navigation systems; and this in spite of international agreements to the contrary.

At the Atlantic City Radio Conference in 1947, Britain agreed that frequency modulation would be used on the international calling and safety frequency of 156.8 megacycles in North and South America, and would be recommended for the rest of the world. But two years later, the British Postoffice Department (whose engineers are at odds with those of the British Broadcasting Corporation over f-m) announced that it would employ amplitude modulation.

► American Practice — Engineers and mariners attending the Spring assembly of Radio Technical Commission for Marine Services at Kings Point, Long Island, heard C. M. Jansky, Jr. present details of an 11-channel f-m system centered on the international safety frequency. Large vessels plying the Great Lakes will use this communications net that is common to the United States and Canada. Neither this nor any similar marine system is directly capable of intercommunication with a-m systems and so could not be used in English ports.

▶ Decca Navigator — Sir Robert Watson-Watt, godfather of British radar and international consultant, said with a twinkle, "Americans should like Decca because it was invented by an American (W. J. O'Brien) and has been developed by private enterprise" (the transmitting stations are operated by the Company and the navigators' equipment is leased).

According to a series of international agreements, loran and shipboard direction finders are the chosen facilities for navigation from 3 to 800 miles from land and the necessary radio transmissions (Continued on page 16)



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are government operated. Decca, incomplete when the agreements were framed, now seems foolproof and operable up to 300 miles. It is inherently more accurate at short range, but wasteful of radio frequencies. Loran uses a single radio frequency for its Atlantic Coast and Gulf chains, whereas each Decca 'fix' requires four frequencies. Many more Decca stations (and frequencies) are needed to cover, a given area than those required for loran.

Although the RTCM session at Kings Point was only a forum for discussion, the American viewpoint for standardization on f-m and loran was clearly defined. Refusing to be drawn into argument, the British politely indicated that they liked Decca, could find little fault with a-m, and felt that 'regional agreements' could find a way around the frequency allocations already set up.

#### NPA Relaxing On Color-TV Ban

#### Move clears air but few polychrome sets will immediately find their way into homes as a result

MORE APPARENT than real will be the lift given color television by limited relaxation of NPA's ban on materials, which appears imminent.

Revised several times at the suggestion of other government agencies, the relaxation order gives a pale green light to manufacturers of color receivers designed for use in theatres and for educational and industrial uses. These are essentially 'closed-circuit' applications requiring relatively small quantities of materials.

Implied in the order is permission to produce 'home-type' colortv sets in quantities sufficient to facilitate public demonstrations.

► Jokers — Manufacturers must prove that restraint of plans to produce even experimental colortv sets represents a serious business 'hardship.' They must produce sets within present materialsallocation commitments. And they must assure the government that engineers will not be diverted from important military projects.

Further complicating the course of manufacturers wishing to get in on the ground floor with color is the fact that there are no color-tv broadcast programs on the air at the moment. Nor is there any indication that resumption of such programming is imminent. Expansion of monochrome-tv coverage resulting from lifting of the 'freeze' is, furthermore, expected to keep manufactures preoccupied for some time. Thus few color-tv receivers are apt to find their way into homes by any path in the immediate future.

Essentially, NPA's relaxation order appears to get that agency 'off the hook' on the only 'single item' ban on its books, and one that has been embarrassing internally.

#### Military Pressing for Better Components

#### New materials and techniques point way toward more reliable performance

CUTTING DOWN equipment 'out time' caused by component parts failures is a major headache of the military. For example, a recent study showed that 60 percent of Navy electronic equipment in the active fleet was not operating satisfactorily.

As a result, manufacturers are going all out to increase the reliability of each and every part going into electronic gear, as evidenced by the recent Quality

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Electronic Components Symposium in Washington.

▶ Basic Building Blocks—Electronic equipment, like the proverbial chain, is only as good as its weakest link. Resistors, capacitors and inductors as well as the oft-blasphemed tube have been responsible for a high percentage of unnecessary failures.

Such new components as glass and borocarbon resistors; glass, tantalytic and aluminum capacitors; ferrite inductor cores and magnetic ceramics show promise reliability for increased if used where specifically applicable. They lead the way toward desirable characteristics like satisfactory operation at higher temperatures and secondary advantages of savings in space and weight.

▶ Other Parts—Fuses, relays, wire and cable are also guilty of causing needless equipment failures. Delayed-action fuses, twin-contact relays, wire insulation of Teflon and other resins are the outcome of search for increased reliability along these lines.

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apparently is due to improper design specifications, especially with vacuum tubes. To combat this situation, many companies have set up components sections to check and change, if necessary, components specified by other design engineers.

#### New Radar Eyes Aid Ships and Aircraft

MARINE NAVIGATORS are well ahead of their airborne contemporaries in the use of radar for collision prevention, according to Capt. Lawrence M. Harding, assistant engineer-in-chief, U. S. Coast Guard. He proposed a radar beacon system, which by permitting nearly every buoy, light or daymark to be identified, would insure better pilotage and safety for many of the 500,000 U.S. small boats.

▶ Radent—At present, a ship must go through a maneuver to indicate which 'blob' it is on a harbor controller's scope. Now pulses can be fed back through a communications channel and displayed on the harbor controller's scope as a tail immediately following the blob representing the ship.

Although this system uses a wide band of frequencies that is not now available, FCC could legalize its use. F. W. Herring of the Port of New York Authority says cash losses alone owing to harbor delays cost upwards of \$225,000 a year.

▶ In the Air—Military-commercial bid for air leadership resides in the new lightweight radar, AN/APS-42, weighing 173 pounds, developed from Navy BuAer and American Airlines specs.

Because of its high operating frequency (9,375 megacycles) the device can 'see' thunderheads and other severe weather hazards. Such information is important to fast jet aircraft.

► Facts and Figures—The device can be used for radar mapping up



Radar identification system shows harbor control radar which ship is which. Pulses picked up by microwave horn (center) are fed back through communications radio set

to 200 miles and it will operate ground identification beacons at 150 miles.

Perhaps the new radar's greatest drawback for aircraft that can somehow struggle along without it is the cost: \$13,000.

#### What's Behind the Figures-Broadcast Station Statistics

#### Fourth of a series outlining background of entries in Figures of the Month page

FOURTH listing on the Figures of the Month page (p 4) comprises the monthly statistics on broadcast stations compiled by the FCC. The figures represent station totals on the last day of the month indicated.

Stations "on the air" include outlets actually licensed, or operating on special temporary authority. The entry "CP-not on air" refers to stations for which construction permits have been issued, but which have not yet been authorized to offer a program service to the public. "Applications" refers to the number of ap-



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plications for broadcast authorizations on hand at the offices of the Commission at the end of the month, on which no authority to proceed with construction had then been issued.

► Three Services Charted—The accompanying charts show the trends in stations on the air, construction permits and applications for the three classes of stations from early 1949 to the present.

The effect of the freeze on tv stations is clearly indicated by the static level of the "on air" and "CP" curves. The interest in new tv stations resulting from termination of the freeze order is shown in the steeply rising "applications" curve.

Amplitude-modulation stations on the air have had a steady growth during the past three years. Applications fell off slightly in late 1950 and early 1951 but are now rising.

The f-m curves show that the peak of activity, so far as stations on the air is concerned, occurred late in 1949. This was followed by a definite decline in 1950, but the situation as of the present seems stabilized. Interest in new f-m stations, as indicated by the CP and applications curves, is at a low ebb.

#### Protecting Small Fry



Biologists at Montlake Laboratory, Seattle, have found that positivepolarity electronic impulses attract salmon fingerlings away from dangerous areas. Commercial application of the idea could substantially swell the annual catch

#### Military Contract: Bid Cautiously

#### Getting an order does not necessarily mean making a profit, Services are told

MAKING A BUCK on a military contract after you get it is no mean task. This, at any rate, was the impression given by manufacturers discussing their problems with high government officials at the Armed Forces Communications Association national convention in Philadelphia.

► Industry's Beef — Among the things that reduce and frequently eliminate expected profit on military business are:

• Small initial billings, insufficient to permit anticipated production economies.

• Frequent minor design changes.

• Policy changes by top government 'brass' affecting contract interpretation.

• Over-zealous interpretation of fine-print specifications by inspec-

tion officers who live 'by the book.'

Further complicating the lives of manufacturers is the growing tendency of government auditors to squeeze a contract dry when 'redetermination' occurs at the 40-percent completion point. A future worry is the possibility that a provision of the Walsh-Healy Act may, by July 1, be interpreted to mean that prime contractors have to assume responsibility for the labor policies of their subcontractors.

► Military Problems—The Military thinks many manufacturers lose money on government contracts because they are hot after the business and fail to study contract terms closely before taking the plunge.

The Services also say that spreading out contracts to a large number of firms, as directed by top civilian government officials, is frequently inconsistent with their needs and facilities.

#### TV Receiver Price Squeeze?

#### Sets cost more to make, dealers want more profit, public expects lower prices. Stalemate?

Out of springtime doldrums, new television design and sales trends are slowly emerging.

"Inboard" pricing, wherein federal tax and warranty are included in the list price of the set, is just about here. Major holdouts are Emerson, Crosley and Philco. Dealers appear to be happy about the change because their margin is figured on the list price, and previous "outboard" prices gave them nothing for collecting tax and warranty money.

▶ Price Cuts—Practically every make and model of tv set was slashed in price this spring. Reductions were large enough in many cases to show, even with simultaneous change to inboard pricing by manufacturers.

Customary summer debuts of new models were advanced to April and May by some manufacturers, partly as sales shotsin-arm and partly to get around price-protection agreements with distributors and dealers. Behind the scenes is more price cutting, to push at least some of the 1.5 million inventory of sets down the channels of distribution.

Super-fringe receivers now demanded by the public cost more to produce, but can't be sold for more, so once again the manufacturers are squeezed. Chances of salvation this summer by political convention telecasts or too-slowlyunfreezing vhf get slimmer and slimmer.

► Preparing for UHF—The present slow market precludes boost-(Continued on page 22)

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ing of cost and list prices by building in uhf tuners, yet the public demands protection against obsolescence when uhf stations go on the air.

Strips for unused channels on tuners are the interim answer of many manufacturers, despite potentialities for interchannel interference and the limit to a total of 12 vhf and uhf stations combined.

Up to 30 stations will be within normal receiving range of some cities when all stations provided for by new allocations are on the air.



One minute's work with screwdriver changes over any Crosley receiver to get all 82 tv channels. New tuner," on top of set "Ultratuner," on top of set, has built-in loop for nearby uhf stations, will sell for around \$40, works only on sets having continuous tuning through 127 megacycles

Adapters and converters that receive all 70 uhf channels are already in production in some plants, though at low volume. Immediate intent in many cases is to protect goodwill of existing customers rather than develop a big new market.

The history of radio reveals a precedent for this thinking; shortwave adapters and converters for radios were soon replaced by multiband radios.

The goal and shining hope among manufacturers today is for eventual widespread replacement of existing tv sets with all-in-one 82-channel sets.

#### MEETINGS

- JUNE 8-12: National Association Electrical Distributors, Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.
- JUNE 16-20: Summer Meeting, Crystallographic American Association, Camp Tamiment, Pa.
- JUNE 23-27: AIEE Summer General Meeting, Hotel Ni-cole, Minneapolis, Minn. JUNE 23-27: American Society
- for Testing Materials, Statler Hotel, New York, N. Y. AUG. 11-21: Congress of U.R.-
- S.I. Sydney, Australia. UG. 12-15: 1952 APCO Con-ference, Hotel Whitcomb, San AUG. 12-15:
- Francisco, Calif. AUG.15-16: Emporium Section, IRE, Annual Summer Semi-
- nar, Emporium, Pa. Aug. 22-31: Grand German Radio and Television Exhibition,
- Dusseldorf, Germany. AUG. 26-30: Australian IRE Radio Engineering Conven-

- tion, Sidney, Australia. Aug. 27-29: Western Electronic Show and Conference, Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, Calif.
- SEPT. 8-12: National Instrument Conference and Exhibit, Cleveland, Ohio.
- SEPT. 20: Cedar Rapids Section, IRE, Communications Conference, Roosevelt Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- SEPT. 22-25: NEDA Third Annual Convention and Manufacturers' Conference, Ambas-
- sador, Atlantic City, N. J. SEPT. 29-OCT. 1: Eighth Annual National Electronic Confer-
- ence and Exhibition, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill. OCT. 20-22: Radio Fall Meeting, RTMA Engineering Department, Hotel Syracuse, Syra-cuse, N. Y. Nov. 10-30: International Radio
- and Electronics Exhibition, Bombay, India.

#### **Business Briefs**

▶ Radio business need not worry too much about tv just yet, according to a Joint Radio Network Committee report. The year 1951 showed a gain of 9 million home sets.

On January 1, 1952, there were 105 million radio sets in use; 43 million primary sets in households, 34 million secondary sets and portables, 23 million in autos and 5 million in a new category listed as "institutions, dormitories and barracks."

► Magnesium-Can dry batteries are being field tested by the Army. The metal is more plentiful than zinc.

▶ Bids for the installation of a complete ty service are sought by the Uruguayan State radio service SODRE.

Air Freight (p 76, Jan. '52) is intriguing more electronic equipment makers. Faster of course, shipment by this means involves less handling, less vibration, less crating and, perhaps of greatest importance, permits complex instruments having subassemblies or separate units to be interconnected at the factory so that they are ready to plug in and run on arrival.

Latest converts include Beckman Instruments and Hoffman Radio.

Pacific T&T plans to spend more than \$2 million this year on initial installation of a network of microwave relay stations between Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Wash., designed to provide additional long distance facilities.

Transistor Division and factory is being set up by National Union Radio Corp.

Holland seeks foreign business and the Dutch Army is cooperating with the Utrecht Annual Trade Fair in exhibiting products for defense. Most orders are expected to go to the Dutch electronics industry and shipyards.

▶ Brazilian loudspeaker imports this year will be licensed only up to 25 percent of the value imported in 1950 because national manufacture now satisfies almost half of the country's requirements.

Economical quartz paper developed by the Navy as an insulator appears to be an excellent material for use in radar antenna housings or radomes.

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	Original Resist.	Lst Cycle % Chge	2nd Cycte Mge	3rd Cycle % Chge	4th Cycle % Chge	Resist, at End of 100 hrs. load	Total % Chge	% Chge from Last Temp. Cycle to End of 100 hrs. load %	%
1	100,010	+.04	+.04	+.05	+.05	100.050	+.04	01	100.040 - 02
2	100,000	+.03	+.04	+.03	+.05	100,060	+.06	+.01	100,000 0
3	100,000	+.01	+.02	+:02	+.05	100,000	0	+.05	100.05002
4	100,000	+.02	0	+ .02	+.02	100.000		02	100,04001
5	100,010	+.03	+.04	+.04	+.05	100,000	0	05	100,03003
6	100,000	0	+.03	+.04	+.04	100,100	+.1	+.06	99,980 0
7	100,000	+.04	+.05	+.04	+.04	100,070	+.07	+.03	100,000 0
8	100,000	+.03	+.05	+.05	+.05	100,050	+.05	0	100.000 0
9	100,000	+.04	+.03	+.05	+.04	100,010	+.01	03	100.050 0
10	100,000	+.02	+.02	+.02	+.04	100,010	+.01	03	100.000 0
11	100,000	0	+ .01	+.01	+.03	100,000	0	03	

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Wherever there is need for a triode and a pentode in a receiver, they can be combined in the 6U8.

#### **MECHANICAL DATA**

Coated unipotentia	I cathodes—2		
Outline drawing	RTMA 6-2	Bulb	T-6-1/2
Base	RTMA E9-1	Miniature button	9-pin
Maximum diameter			7/8"
Maximum overall le	ength		2-3/16"
Maximum seated h	eight		1-15/16"
Base pin connection	15	RTMA basing	9 A E
Pin 1—triode	plate	Pin 6—pentode	e plate
Pin 2—pentod	le grid #1	Pin 7—pentode	e cathode
Pin 3—pentod	e grid #2	grid #3	, shield
Pin 4—heater		Pin 8—triode c	athode
Pin 5—heater		Pin 9—triode g	<b>jrid</b>
Mounting position			Any

#### ELECTRICAL DATA

Interelectrode Capacitances	With Shield #315	Without Shield	
Pentode grid #1 to pentode plate	0.006	0.010 max	 . μμf.
Pentode input	5.0	5.0	μµf.
Pentode output	3.5	2.6	µµf.
Triode grid to triode plate	1.8	1.8	μµf.
Triode grid to cathode	2.5	2.5	μµf.
Triode plate to cathode	1.0	0.4	μµf.
Cathode to heater (either section) approx.	3.0	3.0	μµf.

#### **ELECTRICAL DATA**

Ratings		
Heater voltage (ac or dc)	6.3	VOLTS
Maximum heater-cathode voltage	90.0	VOLTS
Maximum plate voltage (pentode)	300.0	VOLTS
Maximum plate voltage (triode)	300.0	VOLTS
Maximum grid #2 supply voltage	300.0	VOLTS
Maximum plate dissipation (pentode)	2.8	WATTS
Maximum grid #2 dissipation	0.5	WATTS
Maximum positive dc grid #1 voltage	0	VOLTS
Maximum positive dc grid voltage (triode)	0	VOLTS
Maximum plate dissipation (triode)	2.5	WATTS

#### Typical Operating Conditions and Characteristics

	Triode		Pento	de
Heater voltage		6.3		VOLTS
Heater current		450		MA.
Plate voltage	150		250	VOLTS
Grid #2 voltage			110	VOLTS
Cathode resistor	56		68	OHMS
Transconductance	8500		5200	<b>ДМНОS</b>
Grid #1 voltage (approx.) for Ib=10 va.	-12		-10	VOLTS
Plate current	18		10	MA.
Grid #2 current			3.5	MA.
Plate resistance (approx.)	.005		0.40	MEG.
Amplification factor	40			

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Type G-2 Mueller Bridge (Ex- treme high precision) Accesso- ies needed: Precision Resist- 0.0001, 0.001 and 0.010		Arrangement of Ratio Arms & Rheostat	Limit of Error Certification by NBS recom- mended at extra cost. Limit of error is a few ten thousandths of an ohm or a few parts in a hundred thousand whichever is larger, pro- vided a recently determined bridge calibration correction is applied.	
		Two ratio arms, 1000 $\Omega$ ea., adjustable to equality. Rheostat range 0 to 111.111 $\Omega$ in 0.0001 steps. Three shunted decades giving steps of 0.0001, 0.001 and 0.01 $\Omega$ ; three decades of 0.1, 1 and 10 $\Omega$ resistors. Principal shunted and decade resistors thermostat controlled to 0.01 C		
Type G-1 Mueller Bridge (Ex- cellent Precision) Accessories needed: Same as for Mueller Type G-2	8067	Two ratio arms, 500 $\Omega$ each, adjustable to equality. Rheostat range 0 to 81.111 $\Omega$ in steps of 0.0001 $\Omega$ . Three shunted decades giving steps of 0.0001, 0.001 $\Omega$ ; two decades at end of ratio arms of 0.1 and 1 $\Omega$ resistors, and binding posts on end of rheostat for connection of 0, 10, 20, 25, 25.5, 30, 40, 50, 60 or 70- $\Omega$ resistors.	$\pm 0.02\%$ or a few ten thousandths of an ohm whichever is greater.	
Resistance-Thermometer Bridge (Moderate Precision) Accessoriesneeded:Thermohm Resistance Thermometer; Gal- vanometer	8063	Two ratio arms, 130 $\Omega$ nominal. Rheostat range 0 to 200.1 $\Omega$ . Two dial decades 9 (1 + 10) $\Omega$ , and a 100- $\Omega$ resistor removable by short-circuiting link, plus adjustable slidewire of 1.1 $\Omega$ .	$\pm 0.005 \Omega$ up to 10 Ω $\pm 0.05\%$ above 10 Ω	
Portable Temperature Bridge Accessory needed: Thermohm Resistance Thermometer	8062	This instrument is No. 8063 in portable form; all electrical character	istics are the same.	
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## Some Things Are WORSE THAN STRIKES

This editorial which appears in McGraw-Hill publications was written just prior to the resignation of Charles E. Wilson as Director of Mobilization. The principle it discusses is of basic and continuing importance in our struggle to maintain economic and personal freedom in America.

It is to be hoped that the managements of the steel industry will resolutely resist the efforts of the national Wage Stabilization Board to force them to establish the union shop in their plants. In essence, the union shop means compulsory union membership.

They should resist not because of any financial advantage to the owners of the industry. There would be none. They should resist out of a decent regard for those ideals of our country which we are now fighting in Korea to protect. Moreover, their resistance would, as a matter of fact, benefit the leaders of the organized steel workers by protecting them from the certain and bitter fruits of their "victory" in getting the government to impose the union shop on the steel industry. Their successful resistance would also prevent Premier Stalin and his co-workers from enjoying a hearty laugh at our expense.

#### Fun for the Russians

This is why the Politburo would find the establishment of the union shop in the steel industry, at the behest of the Wage Stabilization Board, so profoundly amusing. We are fighting in Korea because we believe that armed aggression, promoted by Russia, menaces our freedom. And we are spending hundreds of billions of dollars here at home for armament to protect our freedom at other danger points. When this rearmament program is threatened by a crippling strike, the federal government through its Wage Stabilization Board proposes to buy off the threat by plowing under a vital element of that freedom which we are trying so desperately to preserve.

When the union shop is adopted through voluntary agreement, as it has been in cases covering millions of workers, it deeply undercuts the freedom of the individual. To hold his job he is required to join the union and support it financially whether he wants to or not. In the case of such voluntary agreement, however, the government takes no direct part in thus destroying the freedom of its citizens. It is essentially a private transaction.

#### Tyranny is the Word

But in the steel case the federal government becomes a party to a direct attempt to impose the union shop. Instead of protecting its citizens in their right to earn a livelihood, the government forces certain of them to join and support a private organization which they have clearly indicated they do not want to join. This they must do to hold their jobs. Tyranny is the accepted designation of government coercion of this kind.

It may be objected that the Wage Stabilization Board merely recommends the union shop, does not order it. This was also true of the action recently taken by a President's Emergency Board, which also "recommended" that working agreements between the railroads and about a million non-operating railroad employees include a provision for the union shop. A government recommendation, however, can easily be given much of the force of an order, particularly by the calling of a strike to "uphold the hand of the government."

It seems entirely clear that in trying to impose the union shop on the steel industry the Wage Stabilization Board has completely lost its bearings. It was set up to handle labor problems to tide over an emergency. Now it comes up with a revolutionary modification of labor relations in the steel industry which, if adopted, would become a permanent part of the institutional machinery of the industry.

#### "Too Much Like Hitler"

Early in World War II an effort was made to have the federal government order the union shop for a group of organized coal miners. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who will go down in history as one of organized labor's greatest champions, blocked it. "That," he said, "would be too much like the Hitler methods toward labor." But now, with supreme irony, the federal government fosters this Hitlerlike method toward labor ostensibly to advance our conflict with Stalin.

In persuading the Wage Stabilization Board to sponsor the union shop for steel workers, there is every reason to believe that the union leaders have trapped themselves. If the government imposes the union shop, a next step clearly becomes necessary. This is government regulation of the union in order to provide a modicum of protection for the minority that would be forced by the government to join against their will. It could be that for a time the government would ignore this obligation. But, having granted the union the power to eliminate the minority, it would sooner or later be forced to regulate the use of that power. Thus free collective bargaining and freedom itself would be the losers.

#### **An Issue of Basic Principle**

Resistance to a government-sponsored union shop for the steel industry is bound to bring harsh denunciation both from the administration and union leaders who have teamed to back it. Not only does the union shop relieve the union leaders of the problem of recruiting members, it also eliminates a group of workers that they stigmatize as "free riders"-namely, those who work for companies which have a working agreement with a union but do not join the union. In the basic steel industry about 10 per cent of those who work for companies with union agreements are not members of the union. Such a small percentage of non-members is obviously no threat to the "security" of the union, although that is what the drive for the union shop ostensibly is designed to protect.

In the reporting of the present labor dispute in the steel industry virtually all of the attention has been focussed on the handling of the issue of a wage increase and how large it should be. This, to be sure, is vitally important. Mobilization Director Wilson has said it is "a serious threat to our year-old effort to stabilize the economy." But certainly of comparable importance is the tremendous issue of principle raised by the government's backing of the union shop for the steel industry.

If the position of the Wage Stabilization Board on the union shop prevails, our government will have blunted the arms we are forging to fight for our freedom abroad by undermining a major bulwark of our freedom right here at home. At this critical time in the struggle to preserve and protect our freedom such a subversive course should be resisted to the limit.

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## CROSS TALK

► STAFF . . . Donald G. Fink has joined the Philco Corporation as Co-Director of Research-Operations, an extremely important post in this industry of ours that he is so very well equipped to serve. Mr. Fink has been Editor of ELEC-TRONICS since 1946. Effective June 1. the title of Editorial Director of the magazine is assumed by Keith Henney, who needs no introduction here. Mr. Henney produced the first issue of ELECTRONICS in April 1930, served as its Editor from 1935 to 1946 and has been continuously associated with the publication since its inception.

Effective June 1, W. W. MacDonald advances from the position of Managing Editor of ELECTRONICS to that of Executive Editor. In his new capacity he will be responsible for the editorial staff and for the production of the magazine and will work with Mr. Henney in the development of the publication's long-range policies.

Mr. MacDonald joined the Mc-Graw-Hill Publishing Company in 1926. He became a member of ELECTRONICS' staff in 1941 and was appointed Managing Editor in 1944. During World War II, at such times as Keith Henney and Donald G. Fink were absent on government assignments, he had full responsibility for the editorial operations of the magazine. No editorial policy changes are contemplated. The still-expanding staff will continue to deliver to readers the kind of fare that has made ELECTRONICS the outstanding leader in its field.

► SCATTER . . . Reviewed in this issue (p 102) is a report on work by the Bureau of Standards, Collins Radio Company and M.I.T., which led to the discovery of a new mode of vhf propagation, by scattering from turbulence in the ionosphere. Using high power (23 kw), a station operating on 49.8 mc in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been copied with unheard of consistency in Sterling, Virginia, 775 miles away, with field strengths sufficient for reliable radiotelegraph communication. The report makes no assessment of the practical applications of this discovery, so we are free to guess away at length.

First off, this appears to us to be the most consistent type of radio communication now known over distances of the order of 1,000 miles (it runs right through Dellinger fadeouts). Secondly, this research reveals that really long-distance relaying, including jumps over the largest over-water hops likely to be encountered anywhere between the continents, can be accomplished on very-high-frequencies, with bandwidth limited only by the transmitter power and differences in path length. Since a 300-kw or 3,000-kw transmitter is not out of the question technically, we may have here the mechanism for a transoceanic television relay. In any event this is an exciting discovery, a major step forward—perhaps ranking in importance with the discovery, three decades ago by the radio amateurs, that waves shorter than 200 meters had practical use.

▶ BUTTON . . . Herbert Hoover, in his tribute to Lee DeForest at the Radio Pioneers Testimonial Dinner, remarked on the misuse to which Dr. DeForest's inventions were being put, using "huckster chatter" to describe the over-commercialism of radio and tv broadcasting. He asked DeForest to invent a "pushbutton by which we could transmit our emotions instantly back to the broadcasters". This suggestion is profound far beyond the jovial tone with which it was uttered. The broadcasters tend to cater to the sponsor or the agency; they would prefer to cater to the audience, but the only connection they have is through the Crosley and Hooper statistics. These latter are indexes of toleration, not affection. They should by the Hooverreplaced be DeForest button.

## **Pack-Carried**

Compact battery-operated uhf television transmitter and control-signal receiver can be carried by one man along with camera and microphone, giving complete freedom from cables for program pickups within quarter mile of control station. First major use is expected to be at the Chicago political conventions this summer



Pack set weighs 45 lb with batteries and dynamotor, and camera adds only 8 lb more. Headphones are used to receive radioed instructions from control station. Camera may also be used on a tripod



Vidicon side of camera, with cover removed. Monitor picture tube is directly behind small camera tube. Microphone is built into camera just below black eyepiece of monitor, permitting cameraman to carry on a commentary when working alone

OMPACT TELEVISION equipment based on the Vidicon photoconductive pickup tube has been the subject of considerable work during the past few years<sup>1,2</sup>. All of the equipment so far described has been of the closed-circuit type for industrial and educational purposes. There are many television applications, however, where complete portability of the pickup equipment would be desirable, with no cable connections to the control point. This paper describes a completely portable battery-operated equipment serving as a complete pickup station with synchronizing generator, video and sound channels and radio links to and from a control point.

#### System Details

The basic unit consists of packcarried control equipment containing all circuits for generating synchronizing frequencies for a standard 525-line, 30-frame interlaced picture, battery-operated power supply, deflecting circuits, video amplifier, sound pickup equipment, a 600-mc radio transmitter and a radio receiver for receiving instructions and control information from the control point. Cableconnected to this unit is a Vidicon camera, containing also a crt monitor used as a view finder.

A diagram of the entire system is shown in Fig. 1. At the control point there is a transmitter for instructing the remote operator and also to transmit a control frequency as a reference for the remote synchronizing generator. The signal from the portable point is received here and processed for utilization as a complete video and sound signal.

A block diagram of the portable

## **Television Station**

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equipment is shown in Fig. 2. The Vidicon camera picks up the scene to be transmitted and its output passes through a video amplifier and modulator to the transmitter. The sound portion is picked up, amplified and combined with the video signal for transmission. A synchronizing generator generates horizontal and vertical pulses in proper relation to produce a 525line interlaced picture.

The vhf radio receiver in the portable equipment picks up audio



FIG. 1---System uses two radio links

instructions from the control point and, in addition, a 60-cps sine wave. This frequency is compared to the field frequency from the sync generator and, by means of a phase detector and afc circuit, locks the remote sync generator with the 60cps line at the control transmitter.

#### Sync Generator

A schematic diagram of the synchronizing generator in the portable equipment is shown in Fig. 3. A blocking oscillator provides the basic frequency of 31,500 cps, twice the scanning line frequency. A second blocking oscillator operating as a counter divides this frequency by 15. Similar counters following this divide by 7 and 5 respectively. This counter chain divides the basic frequency by 525 to provide the field frequency of 60 cps.

The field frequency is compared in a phase detector with the 60-cps frequency received from the control station. The d-c voltage output of this detector is applied to the 31.500-cps oscillator as an afc voltage to maintain this oscillator at precisely the correct frequency. In addition, this voltage is applied to the grid circuits of the individual counters to cause a change in their natural period. This feature greatly increases the stability of the generator where operating locked to the reference frequency. By locking the generator in this manner to a frequency transmitted from the control point, its operation can be stabilized with respect to the local power-line frequency or any convenient 60-cps source.

#### **UHF** Transmitter

The transmitter operates at 593.96 mc and is crystal-controlled starting with a third overtone crystal at 49.496 mc. This frequency is tripled to 148.49 mc and then doubled twice to 593.96 mc. The 148.49-mc frequency is used as the local oscillator frequency for the receiver in the pack.

The two doublers and a final power amplifier make use of RCA 5876 pencil triodes in groundedgrid coaxial-line type tank circuits. Since the final amplifier is of the grounded-grid type it is necessary to modulate both its plate circuit and that of its driver to obtain a high percentage of modulation. These plate circuits are both made



Activities of roving cameraman are directed over radio link from this control station, which picks up the video and audio program signals broadcast from the pack set





a half-wavelength long so that they may be open-circuited, thus minimizing the capacitance to be driven by the modulator. A power output of 2 watts may be obtained from the final amplifier stage.

The video modulator posed somewhat of a problem since some 100 volts of video are needed and efficiency is of great importance to save power and weight. A bootstrap modulator developed for the purpose is shown in Fig. 4. The modulator acts as a series impedance in the transmitter plate supply. The driver tube is a pentode with the grid resistor R of the modulator acting as its load resistor.

A video signal on the grid of the driver causes a signal to appear across R. This causes the current through the modulator to the transmitter to vary, thus modulating the transmitter output. A large voltage swing will appear at the cathode of the modulator and on the plate of the driver as well. Due to the pentode characteristic of the driver tube, however, this large plate voltage swing can be made to have negligible effect on the plate current of the driver. The effect is that of the driver tube working into a high apparent resistance. This circuit is quite efficient since the gain of both the driver and modulator are realized.

#### **Pulse Duration Modulator**

Positive sync modulation is used, so that the sync pulses are in the direction of increased carrier. Since a d-c connection exists from the grid of the driver to the transmitter, black level is established by

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a clamp circuit on the grid of the driver.

Sound accompanying the picture is transmitted on the video carrier in an unconventional manner. Referring to the schematic in Fig. 5, short pulses at horizontal line frequency are used to trigger a multivibrator which generates pulses of a length determined by its time constant. The length of these pulses is varied at an audio rate by applying the sound signal to a grid of the multivibrator. The result is a pulse occurring at horizontal frequency whose front edge is fixed but whose width varies with the sound modulation. This pulse is transmitted as a synchronizing pulse by applying it to the grid of the final r-f amplifier, as shown in Fig. 4. This adds it in a d-c manner to the video signal.

An oscilloscope trace of the sync pulse with back edge modulation is shown in Fig. 6. This shows the pulse in its proper position on the blanking pedestal of the video signal. The upper trace shows the unmodulated pulse, while the lower one shows the pulse with full modulation at 60 cps.

To recover the sound information at the receiving point the sync pulse, after separation from the video signal, is passed through a low-pass filter to remove the pulse repetition frequency. An upper frequency slightly less than half the pulse repetition rate may be transmitted by this method. Using television standards this means an upper audio frequency of about 7,000 cps.

The receiver which picks up instructions and the control frequency



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is a rather conventional f-m receiver designed for operation on the single frequency of 154.49 mc with a 6-mc intermediate frequency. The local oscillator frequency is supplied by the transmitter oscillator. The output consists of a discriminator and high-pass circuit for voice and an a-m detector circuit peaked at 60 cps to pass the control frequency.

#### **Power Supply**

Power for the unit is supplied by silver-cell storage batteries of 60 ampere-hour capacity. By means of a dynamotor, voltages of 150 and 250 volts d-c are supplied to the plate circuits. Power consumption is about equally divided among the two plate supplies and the heater circuits. Total power consumed is about 150 watts, with an efficiency of around 60 percent. The batteries supplied are sufficient to operate the pack for about 1.5 hours on a single charge.

The camera designed for this equipment uses the C76192 Vidicon pickup tube<sup>3</sup>. A magnetic field for focusing the electron beam is provided by four Alnico rods with soft iron end plates. A two-stage video amplifier in the camera builds the signal up to a level to be carried by cable to the pack unit. A special 1-inch diameter monitor tube in the camera permits the operator to monitor the video signal being transmitted. Signal for the monitor is obtained from the cathode of the video modulator through a driver stage in the camera.

#### **Control Station**

A block diagram of the equipment at the control point is shown in Fig. 7. Here the signal from the remote transmitter is received on a uhf television receiver. After the signal passes the second detector it is passed through a synchronizing separator. This separator must be of a rather wider bandwidth than normally used to maintain the rise and fall of the horizontal sync pulses which carry the sound information. The video minus the sync pulse is recovered from one channel, while the sync pulse carrying the sound on its trailing edge is recovered from the other.

No vertical synchronizing is transmitted, so no problem of separating vertical from horizontal pulses exists. The horizontal pulses are passed into the sound separator which integrates the pulses in a low-pass filter to recover the sound, while the unmodulated leading edge is recovered by differentiation and clipping in another channel. This signal from the leading edge is then used to lock the line frequency of another synchronizing generator. Horizontal and vertical pulses are supplied by this local generator and may then be shaped and processed as desired, after which they may be mixed with the video signal to provide a composite video signal to any desired specifications. The order transmitter is frequencymodulated by voice for instructions and amplitude-modulated by a 60cps reference frequency.

#### Performance

In outdoor tests the equipment has given good performance over distances up to at least a quarter



FIG. 6—Horizontal sync pulses for zero sound modulation (above) and full modulation (below), showing how duration of pulse varies with sound modulation



FIG. 7-Major sections at control station that feeds local television station or network



Back pack with covers removed, showing miniaturized rack panel construction. Storage batteries and dynamotor are in lower compartment. Jack at right supports antenna for uhf receiver

mile with simple antennas. Sufficient tests have been made over a period of several months to indicate that this equipment will transmit a satisfactory picture with good reliability under conditions which might be encountered in practical use

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## **Reliable VHF Signals**

A newly discovered type of E-layer propagation transmits weak but consistent signals at 49.8 megacycles over a 775-mile test path with reception observed at even greater distances. During high-frequency radio fadeouts, the vhf signal improves slightly as the background noise weakens



Geometry of the E-region scattering upon which the successful experiment was predicated

**P**ROPAGATION of radio waves in the so-called very-high-frequency range, encompassing the band from 30 to 300 mc, has been observed for many years to occur over distances well in excess of the optical horizon. For the shorter ranges, reception has been explained on the basis of unusual conditions in the troposphere, or simply upon the weather. Reception over the greater ranges depends upon ionospheric reflections.

Signals received at distances of several thousand miles, such as trans-Atlantic or transcontinental reception of prewar f-m and television stations can be accounted for by a high F-layer critical frequency. Sporadic E-layer propagation is responsible for signals up to about 100 mc being received strongly but erratically at distances usually not exceeding 1,500 miles.

The discovery of the new mode of weak but reliable propagation is predicated upon a continuous condition related to sporadic-E ionization, but not sporadic. Maximum reliable range for this mode was expected to approximate 1,250 miles. The work of Ratcliffe<sup>1,2</sup> and others has shown that it is possible for turbulence in the ionosphere to produce an incoherent scattering. A similar scattering in the troposphere that accounts for propagation in that region has been described by Booker and Gordon.<sup>3</sup>

The initial experiment to prove the hypothesis of vhf propagation as a result of scattering from turbulence in the ionosphere required a transmitter power many times that generally encountered in previous observations. Proof of the idea depended upon reception of the signal in the absence of other forms of ionosphere transmission.

In January 1951, a 49.8-mc, 23kw, c-w transmitter was set up at the Collins Radio Co. plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The receiving station operated by the National Bureau of Standards was located at Sterling, Virginia, 775 miles away. It employed a receiver with bandwidth of 3 kc and 3 db noise figure.

Receiving and transmitting antennas were identical horizontal rhombics with heights of 41 feet, leg lengths of 500 feet and tilt angles of 83 degrees. These antennas provided gains of about 18 db over dipoles at the same heights.

Calculations indicated a system transmission loss of 72 db when the expected mode of ionosphere propagation was compared with inversedistance propagation figures.

The signal was picked up and reception continued without any failure of the transmission medium. During the first high-frequency fadeout or SID (sudden ionospheric disturbance) the vhf signal became even stronger, thus confirming the ionospheric mode of propagation. Reports from other organizations, including those from radio amateurs, indicated that the signal was being heard over a wide area. For a short time, receiving tests were made in Bermuda, 1,600 miles from the transmitter. Signals were occasionally heard there, but the reception occurred only at times of intense sporadic-E ionization.

#### Whistles

The fading characteristic of the received signal follows a Rayleigh distribution. At all times of the day, random heterodyne whistles can be heard, mostly descending in pitch. The whistles are caused by reflections from the moving head of ionization accompanying meteors in their passage through the E region to lower parts of the atmosphere. In accordance with their meteoric origin, the whistles vary greatly in intensity, being of long duration in the evening and more frequent and of short duration at dawn. A meteor giving a strong whistle often causes the signal level to rise abruptly, sometimes even blocking the receiver and remain high for periods ranging from several seconds to a minute or more. This enhancement of the signal accompanying strong meteor whistles almost always outlasts the whistle for some time. It is certain that the meteoric residue contributes to mean signal level.
# Up to 1,250 Miles Distance

The received signal power was recorded automatically, using an averaging circuit with a time constant of 12 seconds. This long time constant facilitated reduction of the data by averaging the rapid fluctuations prior to recording. The estimated median of the recorded level was tabulated by hourly periods, with the medians of hourly measurements for June 1951 plotted in Fig. 1. The data are shown on a decibel scale with zero corresponding to one microvolt open circuit antenna voltage. One microvolt represents a received available power of 154 db below 1 watt.

In general, the signal power received exhibits a maximum near the middle of the day and a pronounced minimum between 20 and 22 hours EST. Following the minimum, the signal increases fairly steadily throughout the night. There is some tendency towards a second maximum in the forenoon.

The records indicate that there was pronounced enhancement of the signal during severe magnetic disturbances that caused high-frequency radio fadeouts. During more moderate disturbances, the signal shows some improvement or appears normal.

Analysis of high-frequency records during April and May showed 24 SID's occuring between  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours after sunrise and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before sunset for which simultaneous vhf data are available on the experimental path. In seventeen of these events, the received signal showed a noticeable enhancement ranging from 3 to 9 db during the period of the SID as established by fadeout observations on ordinary h-f radio communication paths. This enhancement became noticeable within a few minutes of the onset of the SID, and the received signal returned to normal at the end of the fadeout. In the remaining seven cases, the vhf signal remained normal.

#### Correlations

The important point is that there was no evidence of any weakening of the signal in these cases. Figures 2A and 2B show records of a fadeout on May 19. The vhf signal (Fig. 2A) shows increasing strength during the same time that a 6.08-mc signal from Ohio (also



FIG. 1—Hourly median signal intensities for 49.8-mc transmission over a distance of 775 miles during June 1951

recorded at Sterling in Fig. 2B) essentially disappeared. The vhf transmissions were interrupted for a two-minute period every half hour. During these interruptions, the level of background noise was recorded. The diminution of cosmic noise during the SID is apparent.

These results are a strong indication that the received signal is returned from a part of the E region below the level of maximum ionization, and perhaps even from below the absorbing region, in the D region. This is further substantiated by earlier and independent observations of cosmic noise, which suffers a small but noticeable attenuation at the same frequency during SID's.

The information contained herein has been abstracted from the *Physi*cal Review. It describes a United States Government project conducted co-operatively by the National Bureau of Standards Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Collins Radio Co.—A. A. McK.

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FIG. 2—Improvement of signal and decrease of background noise (A) for 775-mile whit signal during SID from 1450 to 1615 EST and (B) SID fadeout for 6.08-mc transmission over 325-mile path during the same period

# Liquid-Weighing Scale

Wide range of flow rates with accompanying high degree of accuracy is advantage of this system using weight of liquid rather than volume as control factor. Synchro system reacts to scale unbalance to throttle valve determining rate of flow

**T**O OVERCOME the inherent difficulties encountered in volume flow controls so as to obtain a much higher degree of accuracy and wider range of flow rates, this weight rate-of-flow control machine was developed.

The method used has the principal advantage over volume flow of using none of the physical properties of the liquid other than weight. The instrument can be used for any liquid that will flow: an emulsion, a mixture, an unknown; or it can be used under gas pressure in an interphase with the gas. Such liquids as peroxide and liquid air, which present great difficulties when using the volume method, can be used in this instrument.

An accuracy of one-half percent within one minute intervals with an accumulated error of less than one part in 10,000 was attained. The range of flows is from 10 to 100 grams per minute with a total running time of eight hours.

#### **Operating Principles**

The basic method is to balance a container filled with a liquid on a special scale, as shown in Fig. 1. Balance is indicated by a linear variable differential transformer A. The balance weight W is then moved in by the constant speed motor M and lead screw S. As the weight moves in, the scale becomes unbalanced and an error voltage is developed which is amplified and applied as control voltage to a motorized valve V. The valve opens, allowing the liquid to flow from the container at a rate dependent upon

the rate at which the weight moves in and upon the mass of the weight.

To obtain a flow rate of 100 grams per minute and a total running time of eight hours, it is necessary to use a starting weight of 48 kg of liquid. With an accuracy of  $\frac{1}{2}$  percent at 100 grams per minute, the required sensitivity is 0.5 gram. To obtain this, a scale accuracy of 0.5 gram in 48 kg or one part in 96,000 is required. This was obtained in part by using



Rate control unit (upper panel) with error meter (left), rate meter (center) and revolution counter (right). Lower panel contains valve-control servo amplifier

spring steel ligaments for the fulcrum points.

The lead screw moves the weight a distance of 12 in. in eight hours or 0.025 in. per minute. Therefore, the lead screw accuracy needs to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  percent of 0.025 in. or constant pitch to within 0.000125 in. and end play limited to 0.00001 in. The lead screw accuracy was obtained by lapping a steel screw with a cast iron lap. The end play is reduced to a minimum by mounting the lead screw between centers and lapping in the centers.

The rate is controlled by a speedcontrol servo system. The motor speed is measured by a d-c tachometer which in turn is used as the sensing device to hold speed constant. This is shown in Fig. 2.

The flow-control servo system uses as a sensing device an Actcotran transformer. The error voltage from this transformer is proportional to the balance of the scale. Being proportional to balance it becomes necessary to obtain the first derivative of the error signal to obtain an error proportional to rate of flow. The flow-control servo obtains the first derivative and uses this signal to control the valve. A positional voltage is also used to control the valve so as to remove accumulative errors. This signal is obtained directly from the transformer and is mixed with the first derivative as valve control voltage. see Fig. 3.

### Speed Control

A series-type universal motor with a gear reduction of 7,800 to 1 is used to drive the lead screw. The speed of the motor is measured by



FIG. 1—Mechanical sketch of the weight rate-of-flow control equipment

# **Controls Rate of Flow**

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put from the tachometer is also used to control the motor speed. The tachometer voltage is compared with a voltage standard by a balanced comparator circuit to reduce variations due to heater-voltage variation. The signal from the comparator is further amplified by a pentode which in turn controls the grid potential on the high-vacuum full-wave rectifiers.

a d-c tachometer, see Fig. 4. Out-

Output from the rectifiers supplies the power to run the series motor. It was found necessary to filter out the commutator ripple from the tachometer to prevent the amplifier from being saturated by the ripple. An a-c feedback voltage was introduced around the amplifier to prevent hunting and cause the motor to overshoot only once upon coming up to speed. It was also found necessary to insert a swinging choke in series with the motor to damp out oscillations.

To obtain a good voltage standard it was found necessary to use a small power supply with a VR-150 regulator to supply voltage to the selected VR-105 as a standard.

A depressed voltage standard is used so that the grids of the recti-



FIG. 2-Simplified block diagram of the speed-control system

Balance with covers removed to show mechanical construction

fiers may be operated negative with respect to the cathodes. A regulated power supply of 250 volts is used as plate voltage for the d-c amplifier and comparator. Regulation is obtained with a VR-150 and VR-105 in series.

Speed variation obtainable is 10 to 1 with a speed variation of less than 0.1 percent for a line voltage change between 105 and 125 volts. Speed variation is obtained by adding to the tachometer voltage using a potentiometer circuit across the voltage standard.

There are limit switches to disconnect the motor when the weight reaches the end of its travel, and because the beam is completely enclosed during operation, it is necessary to indicate whether or not the



FIG. 3-Sequence of stages for flowcontrol servo setup

motor is running. An indicator is provided by placing a relay across the series choke in the motor circuit. The relay will close if the motor is drawing current and light a lamp on the control panel. The circuit operates such that if the motor speed varies because of binding, the lamp will go on and off, indicating trouble.

A counter is used to indicate the number of revolutions the lead screw has made. The counter is operated by a cam-actuated switch producing 100 counts per revolution.

#### Valve Control

The linear variable differential transformer is supplied with exciting voltage from a lightly loaded 6.3-volt filament transformer, as it is necessary to have a good wave form. Output of the two secondaries is connected in phase opposition. The output goes to a pentode amplifier with the return to a balancing network used to balance out that part of the induced secondary signal that is out of phase with the signal balanced by the moving core. Balance can be obtained that leaves about 5 mv rms at 180 cps.

The signal is amplified by a pentode and then a triode. The triode output is coupled to an interstage transformer. A phase shift is provided at this point by the coupling capacitor resulting in an error signal in phase with the demodulator reference voltage. The demodulator consists of cathode followers operating near cut off with the cathodes in push-pull.

The error signal is applied to the grids in push-pull and the reference signal is applied in parallel. The resulting filtered output is a pushpull d-c signal whose polarity depends upon the direction of unbalance and whose magnitude is proportional to the amount of unbalance. This direct voltage is then differentiated by push-pull R-C circuits and applied to balanced modulators.

# **Balance Modulators**

The balance modulators are pushpull pentodes whose plates feed an interstage transformer. A 60-cps modulating voltage is fed to the modulator cathodes. The modulating signal is large enough to overcome the cathode bias and cause grid current to flow during a portion of the cycle. This results in grid-leak bias to aid filtering of the 60 cps from the demodulator. The grids are sensitive only to the slow-changing d-c error signal.

A phase-shift network follows the modulator output transformer to bring the signal back in phase with the original error signal. After a



Motorized valve uses string as clutch and to allow stem to move in and out



FIG. 4—Schematic diagram of the complete control that adjusts valve to determine rate of flow

triode amplifier, the first derivative signal (proportional control signal) and the positional control signal are mixed, using a 6L7 mixer. It is necessary to use this type of mixer to prevent a feedback loop around the derivative circuit.

A phase-inverter and power-amplifier circuit follow. Under normal operation, the 6L6's are in class-A and provide a very small amount of power. Under transient conditions, the 6L6's operate in class-AB and can provide large amounts of corrective power. Output from the power amplifier feeds one phase of a two-phase servo motor. The other phase is fed directly from the 60-cps power source through a phase-shifting capacitor.

Although the machine operates on the batch principle, its operation can be made continuous by the use of two machines, one taking over as the other finishes its run. Its range of flow may be made as low as fractions of grams per minute to hundreds of grams per minute. The instrument can be used to control incoming or outgoing liquids. Its original purpose was as a primary liquid control during continuous chemical processing. Another use is the control of liquid ratios such as primary and catalytic during chemical processing or rocket fuels during engine testing.

The balance developed for this instrument is unique in itself, being capable of the accuracy of an analytical balance with a very large capacity. Top weighing capacity of the balance is 100 pounds with a sensitivity of one part in 100,000.

The speed control, having a speed range of 10 to one and easily extended to 50 to one and an accuracy of better than 0.1 percent, may have many applications. The individual units or the instrument as a whole should prove to be very flexible and useful to perform tasks heretofore impossible or impractical in many scientific or industrial fields.



Structure of complete self-focusing electron gun. Two glass rods support the three self-focusing electrode cylinders, with supporting flange and getter at left and standard bent gun and press at right

# **Self-Focusing Picture Tube**

Development, construction and performance of electrostatically focused television picture tubes requiring no external focusing adjustments. Variations in receiver voltages have no significant effect on focus. Focus lens geometry permits mass production

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**NINCE** the advent of large-scale D television receiver manufacturing, the magnetically focused and magnetically deflected picture tube has been almost universally employed. Electrostatically focused cathode-ray tubes were well known and extensively utilized in oscilloscopes, but these early types had production and performance limitations in receivers. The chief limitations were the increased complexity of the electron gun and the inability of simple and inexpensive electrostatic lens structures to give good focus at the high beam currents required for satisfactory picture brightness levels.

#### Focus Voltage

Material shortages due to the international situation brought renewed interest in the material-saving aspects of electrostatically focused picture tubes. The first such tubes used conventional retardingfield lens structures similar to those of oscilloscope-type tubes. These required an external focus voltage that was an appreciable percentage of the final anode voltage, as indicated in Fig. 1A. This introduced the new problem of obtaining a variable voltage source of relatively high potential. Lens changes were then made to reduce the percent voltage required for focus to a value low enough so the focus voltage could be obtained from the B + supply of the receiver, as shown in Fig. 1B. This decrease in percentage necessitated a reduction in the dimensions of the focus electrode parts, increasing the precision required in the fabrication of such lenses.

The possibilities of operating the focus electrode at 0 percent of the final anode voltage were also under consideration. It has been known for some time' that the retardingfield lens can be used in devices requiring focused electron beams, where the focus voltage is at cathode potential. The desirable features of such operation are that no external device or connection is required for focus, and the focus condition is essentially independent of variations in anode voltage. However, lenses of the conventional type were not found suitable for production use because the tolerances required in parts procurement and assembly were such as to preclude the possibility of precise control of focus characteristics.

From a theoretical point of view, the ideal electron lens should be as



FIG. 1—Cross-section views of two conventional electrostatic lenses

large as possible, because the aberrations of an electron lens are a function of the distance from the axis of symmetry relative to the maximum diameter of the lens. The lens should be highly symmetrical avoid astigmatic distortion, to hence should have no high field gradients subject to variations in regions close to the axis, and should be constructed in such a form as to minimize the effects of extraneous electrostatic fields which may be injected by mechanical supports or conducting leads. Finally, the lens design should be such as to minimize the number of dimensions which must be accurately controlled to establish the focal strength of the lens.

From a practical point of view, the lens must fit inside the neck wall, must be constructed so it can easily and accurately be jig-assembled and must be sufficiently rigid to withstand normal handling and processing stresses of the cathoderay tube.

#### Final Lens Geometry

These factors led to selection of the geometry depicted in Fig. 2 for a zero-voltage or self-focusing lens. By using a low-potential electrode of larger diameter than the adjacent high-potential parts, the effective lens diameter is increased, the structure is selfshielding against the introduction of extraneous fields and, because of the overlapping, the length of the low-potential cylinder has no significant effect on the strength of the lens. Lens strength is controlled by the inside diameter of the low-potential cylinder and the spacing between the high-potential cups. All parts have large bearing surfaces conducive to maintaining a high degree of concentricity and



FIG. 2—Cross-section of new self-focusing electrostatic lens

spacing accuracy when jig-assembled.

#### **Design** Procedure

Having selected the geometry of the focus lens structure, the design of a self-focusing picture tube requires an evaluation of the electron gun and tube parameters, particularly with a view to the establishment of manufacturing tolerances which, if maintained, will result in satisfactory picture resolution. The problem was attacked by first considering the effects of lens dimension tolerances on focal strength. Determining these effects by a purely experimental approach would be costly and time-consuming, hence use was made of an electrolytic plotting tank to obtain the electrostatic field configurations from which focal strength could be computed.

Figure 3 illustrates the technique used to obtain focal strength factors from the tank data. The conventional approximation for focal length of a short lens as derived from the paraxial ray equation was used.<sup>2</sup> The potential V along the axis was measured in the tank using models approximately 25 times actual size. The derivative of this curve was computed, yielding the V' curve, and division of  $(V')^2$  by  $V^{*/2}$  at each point gave the brokenline curve which was integrated graphically. The area under this curve is inversely proportional to focal length.

Before accepting the results of these computations for manufacturing specification data, it was considered necessary to verify the procedure experimentally. This was not difficult since the geometry of the lens system was well-suited to making a number of experimental tubes with different values of spac-



FIG. 3—Graphical utilization of electrolytic tank data for lens design

ing between the high-potential electrodes. The results of these experiments enabled a precise determination of the design-center dimensions. Cross-checking with the electrolytic tank verified the accuracy of the focal-strength computations.

To determine the variation permissible in the low-potential electrode internal diameter by making experimental tubes was difficult since jig modifications would be required for each diameter used. In this case, the tank procedure was particularly helpful.

Figure 4 shows the compilation of results for the variation in lens cup spacing and cylinder inside diameter as related to a normalized focal-strength factor. The curve of focus volts was obtained by measurement of the experimental tubes made with variations in cup spacing. As a further check on the procedure used, it was found that the ratio of slopes of the focus ring diameter curve to the curve for leńs spacing was approximately the same as the ratio of design-center ring diameter to the design-center cup spacing. This showed that if all the dimensions of the lens are scaled up by the same factor, the focal strength is unchanged, which agrees with the principles of dimensional similitude.

#### **Focal Strength**

In the same manner, the effect on focal strength of a change in the amount of overlap of the low-potential ring electrode was investigated. The relation obtained is shown in Fig. 5. Note that with approximately 0.050 inch overlap, a change in focus ring length has little effect on focal strength. A lens construction which has a gap between the



FIG. 4-Effect of lens parameters on focal strength





FIG. 5-Effect of focus electrode length on focal strength

low- and high-potential electrodes (shown on the curve by negative overlap) is highly susceptible to changes in focal strength by a change in the length of the lowpotential electrode.

Knowing the focal-strength characteristics of the lens, it was found possible to apply the familiar thinlens relationship between focal length and object and image distances to the problem of determining the change in lens strength required when changes in tube and electron gun dimensions are made. Figure 6 illustrates the way in which these changes are related to lens strength and focus voltage. These relationships were also verified experimentally.

#### Manufacturing Tolerances

In practice, the distance between lens cups is held to within 0.002 inch of design center. Focus electrode diameter is held to within 0.001 inch. The remaining tolerances are controlled so the tolerance deviation from zero will be no greater than 100 volts for an anode voltage of 13 kv and a video pattern beam current of 150 µa. Under these conditions 100 volts change in focus voltage results in a change in picture focus scarcely detectable to an experienced observer at two feet from the viewing screen. Viewed six feet from the screen there is no appreciable change in picture quality for a focus voltage range equal to 4 percent of the anode voltage.

In the establishment of the design center for the focusing voltage of a picture-tube type, it is necessary to consider the effect of beam current on focus voltage. This effect, of course, is inherent in both magnetic and electrostatic focus lenses in that variations in beam

current will produce a change in final spot size which can be minimized by changing the strength of the focusing element.

#### Accuracy of Focus

Figure 7 shows the required change in low-potential electrode voltage necessary to maintain focus in the presence of changes in anode potential for various beam currents in the range encountered in normal television receiver operation. This curve was obtained from a 17-inch rectangular tube by using a light meter to observe the dip in raster brightness as the tube is focused. (When the spot is focused, current density is highest, and screen saturation will cause a slight reduction in brightness.)

For a beam current of 225 µa, the required focus potential remains constant at 0 percent over a range of anode potential from 10 to 20 kv. This current level corresponds to the highlights of an Indian Head video test pattern operating at normal contrast with an average current of approximately 150 µa. A number of subjective tests have indicated that this level corresponds very nearly to somewhat higher brightness picture level than normally encountered in receiver operation.

Fixing the design center for focus at this level and adjusting the gun design to give sufficient resolution will result in more than sufficient resolution at the lower currents even though the optimum focus voltage at these lower currents is higher than cathode potential. The situation is similar to the case of an externally focused tube, either magnetic or electrostatic, where the user establishes a compromise focus condition at a high





FIG. 7-Variation of focus electrode voltage with anode voltage in selffocusing tube

current for normal viewing. In the case of the self-focused tube, the tube manufacturer establishes this condition by lens spacing adjustments. The guns are fabricated as two separate units which are welded together after dimensional checking of the focus lens unit.

#### Conclusions

By using a focus lens design of such geometry as to minimize the number of factors which can affect focal strength and lens symmetry, it has been possible to mass-produce television picture tubes which require no external device or connection for focusing the electron beam. Since the quality of focus is built-in by the tube manufacturer, the use of the self-focus principle can result in an important advantage to the ultimate consumer. This advan-. tage is the elimination of a control or focus device which may frequently be misadjusted during installation or servicing of the receiver. Furthermore, variations in operating potential which can occur during the life of the receiver have no significant effect on optimum focus of the picture tube.

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# **Anticollision Radar**



Open plastic radome shows scanning dish and radar transmitter-receiver mounted in nose of Viking aircraft

**J**ET passenger aircraft cruising at speeds some sixty percent above those of present craft will require sure means of avoiding turbulent cloud formations and early warning of mountain ridges. Computations show that a radar transmitter with peak power of 80 kilowatts is necessary to provide two minutes warning for aircraft approaching each other when both planes are travelling 450 mph.

The 3-cm British equipment to be described is limited to a power of 10 kw to keep it light and compact. It is, therefore, used primarily to detect cumulonimbus clouds and areas of turbulence associated therewith, for warning of high ground in the flight path of the aircraft and for navigation by indicator mapping.

### **Gyrostabilized Antenna**

A sector of space ahead of the aircraft is searched and reflections are translated onto the screen of an indicating unit that displays the range and angular position of the obstacles being scanned. To prevent distortion of the display and loss of accurate information during aircraft maneuvers, the scanning antenna is stabilized in roll and pitch angles, using a vertical gyroscope as a reference. The beam can be tilted up and down with respect to the reference platform. Thus, the By MARVIN HOBBS Department of Defense Washington, D. C.

vertical extent of cloud responses may be determined and optimum mapping and high-ground warning conditions selected.

Prior to its contemplated use in the Comet jet aircraft, extensive tests were carried out on conventional aircraft to study the capabilities of a low-power airborne search radar in these applications. The test programs were divided into two periods, one of which was conducted in a Hythe-class flying boat and the other in a Viking land plane. The first period was devoted almost exclusively to investigating the detection and avoidance of cumulonimbus clouds. The latter period involved primarily an investigation of the operational value of the radar as a high-ground warning and avoidance facility.

### **Cloud Detection**

In the tests relating to cloud detection, some 34 hours were flown in the Singapore area. Observations were made on a wide variety of cloud types and detection was found to include growing cumulus clouds at various stages of development as well as the heavier cloud formations of this type. Smaller cumulus clouds with vertical depths between 25,000 feet and 13,000 feet were detected generally at various maximum ranges from 10 to 30 miles. Clouds as large as 40,000 feet in depth could be detected at a range of 40 miles with reliability. No response was obtained from stratus and stratocumulus types. A layer of altocumulus cloud having a vertical depth of 12,000 feet could not be detected.

Responses from reflecting types of clouds were found to be similar. Over open sea there was no difficulty

# for Commercial Flights

British airborne search equipment designed for all-jet commercial passenger carriers with cruising speeds of 500 miles an hour detects thunderstorms and mountains. A safetycircle technique employing tilt device for the radar paraboloid gives predetermined range warning of approaching high ground

in recognizing a cloud response, but when flying over land the terrain responses hindered cloud recognition. However, with a knowledge of the aircraft's exact position and the surrounding terrain, discrimination between the cloud and terrain could be made by the shadow angle behind the cloud response.

The photograph shows a typical group of growing cumulonimbus clouds, photographed from a range of 20 miles. The cloud top is 28,000 feet and the base is 1.500 feet; aircraft altitude is 10,000 feet. The radar indicator display produced by this cloud formation in Fig. 1A is at a slightly greater range than that in Fig. 1B and shows only the four main cores. Figure 1B shows additional responses that appear at 15 degrees to the left when the range dropped to 20 miles, and are from cumulus clouds at the middle left of the photograph. Cumulus clouds in the foreground of the main cumulonimbus group did not produce a response until the range was down to 10 miles.

By tilting the paraboloid of the radar antenna relative to the dipole assembly, the limits of the plane of scan can be set within 10 degrees above or below the horizontal. This degree of tilt is adjusted from the control unit shown in Fig. 2 and may be used to determine the vertical extent of the cloud response area by adjusting it in both directions until the response disappears and noting the angles at which this occurs.

### **Avoiding Thunderclouds**

Measurement of the vertical depth, which involves the combination of the tilt angle and the range and bearing information, shows whether lateral or vertical diversion of the turbulent area is necessary. It was found that the large vertical depths usually encountered made lateral avoidance somewhat more convenient. Results obtained indicated that cumulonimbus clouds, capable of producing severe tur-



Group of growing cumulonimbus clouds with typical anvil near left top. Veil at extreme left is formed from ice crystals. Strong updrafts make them dangerous for aircraft



FIG. 1—Target display of the cumulonimbus cloud formation in the photograph. Display at (A) shows a range of 26 to 36 miles; that at (B) is 20 to 36 miles

bulence, could be detected up to 40 miles range. Clouds that did not respond at ranges greater than 10 miles usually caused slight discomfort and in general were harmless.

Figure 3 shows a view of two cumulonimbus clouds separated by a decided gap. In the tests this was observed on the cathode-ray-tube indicator before it was seen visually and the aircraft was directed through this opening solely by radar data.

# Terrain Warning

The observation of high-ground warning with this system is based on the so-called safety-circle technique. The microwave energy radiated by the antenna of the radar system is beamed so that the terrain directly below and for a certain distance ahead of the aircraft is not illuminated. Thus, a blank sector in which no reflections are present is shown on the indicator. Its radius will depend upon the height of the aircraft, the nature of the forward terrain and the beam-tilt angle of the radar paraboloid. For a given forward clearance height and a given beam-tilt angle, the safety circle will have a certain range. Reduction of this range will indicate a reduction of terrain clearance and the risk of possible collision.

Since the indicator provides a bearing indication of  $\pm$  75 degrees in the direction of the aircraft's flight path, safe avoidance routes over mountainous areas can be determined.

Figure 4 illustrates the application of the safety-circle method. The tilt angle is selected so that the lower edge of the beam cuts the line of desired clearance height  $H_c$  at the required warning range  $R_w$ . As the aircraft proceeds on the course, the radius of the blank sector varies according to the nature of the terrain.

This variation is shown in the diagram at A, B and C with appropriate indicating unit displays. At A and B the radius of the blank sector is greater than that of the safety circle, indicating that the aircraft has more than minimum clearance height. At C the responses begin to invade the safety

circle, that is the arc of radius  $R_{w}$ . Therefore, while still  $R_{w}$  miles away from the obstacle the pilot is given warning that either the course or altitude of the plane must be altered or increased to avoid it. In the case illustrated, a 30-degree turn to left or right will take the aircraft on a safe course.

Without scanner stabilization, the angle of the lower edge of the beam will vary with aircraft altitude and the usefulness of the equipment for high-ground warning would be very limited. On the 10-mile scale in test flights of the Viking installation, errors no greater than plus 300 at 4,250 feet and minus 180 at 2,120 feet were encountered. Tilt angles between 0 and minus 5 degrees were used, but there was no correlation between tilt angle and clearance error. Range varied from 3 to 8 nautical miles. At greater ranges, the accuracy decreases primarily owing to the difficulty of obtaining a high-accuracy reading on the 40-mile scale.

### Radar Mapping

The tests with the Hythe flying boat and the Viking showed results in navigation by indicator mapping to be very much as might be expected in light of the knowledge of PPI radar mapping over the past several years. The most satisfactory results were obtained when the area being scanned was marked by bold features such as coastlines, large rivers, lakes and isolated regions of high ground.

Different types of flat terrain were found to give corresponding variation in response intensity under similar operating conditions. The strongest intensity was provided by areas composed of soft sand, vegetation, and dense forestry, while areas of hard sand and rock were often found to give little or no response. Abrupt changes in the type of terrain, such as between flat or rolling and mountainous areas, could be distinguished easily.

The feature of indicator mapping was found to be of considerable value in approaching airports in areas surrounded by high ground. During the tests at Hong Kong, it was possible to negotiate the harbor entrance and circle the landing area well below the level of the surrounding hills through the use of radar data and charts only.

It was also found possible to measure accurate ground speeds by timing the approach over a prominent target such as a high cliff, when the change in range was of the order of 15 to 20 miles. Ranges obtained on ships varied from 5 to 6 miles for small wooden-hulled vessels to 25 miles for medium-sized ships. Other aircraft were sighted at ranges from 5 to 15 miles, depending upon the size and aspect angle of the plane in question.

#### **Equipment Features**

The radar transmitter section employs a 10-kw 3-cm magnetron feeding into a duplexer. The pulse width is 1 microsecond and the pulse repetition rate is 700 pps, controlled by a thyratron network modulator. The antenna consists of an 18-inch paraboloid, illuminated by a back-fed dipole and reflector. An arc of 150 degrees in azimuth is swept once per second. The radiated cone of r-f energy subtends an angle of 6 degrees and is scanned 75 degrees on each side of the aircraft. The plane of scan can be



FIG. 2—Control unit of the lightweight airborne radar used in tests. The tilt of the antenna is shown by the small meter at the center



FIG. 3—Gap between two cumulonimbus clouds at (A). Before it was seen, the aircraft had been directed to it by the radar display at (B)

set from 10 degrees above to 10 degrees below the horizontal.

The antenna stabilization system employs a gyroscope as reference. Any departure of the platform from the horizontal causes the gyroscope to produce misalignment signals, which are fed to a servo amplifier that in turn controls the servo The direction of these motors. motors is such that the platform is returned to the zero signal position. The stabilization limits are 45 degrees in roll and 10 degrees in pitch: the rates of follow are 30 degrees per second in roll and 10 degrees per second in pitch with a lag not greater than 2 degrees in The stabilization both planes. system can be disconnected and the scanner electrically locked to the aircraft axes by limit switches. The azimuth drive, tilt drive, roll and pitch stabilization motors in the scanning unit are 400-cycle three-phase machines and the stabilization motors are fitted with feedback generators.

#### Receiver

The receiver section is associated with the transmitter unit and consists of two channels, both of which are fed from crystal mixers with a common klystron local oscillator. In one of these mixers the local oscillator frequency is mixed with a small portion of the magnetron output and the difference frequency is fed to the afc amplifier and discriminator unit. The output of this unit controls the frequency of the local oscillator, so that the i-f of 45 mc is maintained despite drift



FIG. 4—Desired height and slant range of obstacle is set into radar by antenna tilt. Dashed line shows approach to danger area as explained in text

of the magnetron or local oscillator frequencies. The output of the second mixer is fed to the video i-f amplifier that has a bandwidth of 2 mc and includes a limiter stage and cathode-follower output. The noise factor is in the neighborhood of 2.5 db and the reserve gain is such that the limiter can be completely blocked by noise. The i-f amplifier, the afc amplifier and the power and modulator sections are constructed as separate units that plug into the main frame to provide optimum accessibility for servicing. Total weight of the units is only 180 pounds.

Circuits for the time base, range markers and delayed high-voltage switching for the transmitter are included in the synchronizer unit along with the necessary power supplies. Two time bases, corresponding to 10- and 40-nauticalmile ranges are provided. Markers produced by ringing circuits can be superimposed on the display at intervals of 2 miles on the 10-mile range, and 5 miles on the 40-mile range.

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Directional coupler and hybrid junction or magic tee utilizing flat-strip techniques. Strips are between transparent plastic sheets. Top sheet of aluminum, left off to show strips, connects to outer part of each coax fitting, as also does bottom sheet

# **Etched Sheets Serve as**

Flat-strip transmission system evolved from coax operates successfully above 1,000 mc. The metal-and-plastic sandwiches can be produced at low cost by printed-circuit etching techniques, replacing heavy and costly hybrid junctions and other waveguide components used in airborne radar and microwave communication equipment

**T**HE MICROWAVE printed circuit possesses all of the virtues of other printed circuits, such as light weight, cheapness, ease of manufacture and miniaturization, along with the ability to be used at frequencies as high as 10,000 mc. The basis of the new technique is the planar or flat-strip transmission system which was developed during World War II but which has remained unpublished and relatively unknown in the postwar period, and for which an adequate theoretical analysis has not been available.

The strip transmission line was first used as a power division network by V. H. Rumsey and H. W.

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Jamieson, and was applied to a production antenna system during World War II. This work is described in a report by V. H. Rumsey published by the Combined Research Group at NRL during the war years, and in a U.S. Navy antenna instruction book.

All of the conventional microwave components, such as hybrid junctions, directional couplers, power division networks and filters, can be readily fabricated by this technique.

# **Planar Transmission System**

The planar transmission system upon which the microwave printed circuit technique is based is fundamentally an evolution of the coaxial transmission system. This evolution can be seen from Fig. 1.

If the coaxial line is deformed in such a manner that both the center and outer conductors are square or rectangular in cross-section, and then if side wells of the rectangular coaxial system are extended to infinity, the resultant flat-strip transmission system, while possessing all







FIG. 2—Flux plot of flat-strip transmission system





# **Microwave Components**

of the advantages of the coaxial system, has a form factor which is adaptable to the printed circuit technique.

The field distribution in this flatstrip system can be seen from the flux plot in Fig. 2. This flux plot, which was obtained experimentally, indicates the basic field structure of this type of transmission system. The neutral plane, not crossed by electric field lines, shows clearly. Almost all of the field is concentrated in the region of the strip. Since no potential difference exists between the outer plates, no energy is propagated in the lateral dimension.

A cursory examination of the flat-strip line would lead one to believe that the capacitance of the line, which determines its characteristic impedance, could be readily calculated from the parallel-plate capacitance formula. For wide lowimpedance strips this is true, but for strips which have a characteristic impedance in the order of 50 ohms the capacitance due to the fringing effects at the edge of the center conductor is an appreciable portion of the total capacitance and produces a noticeable effect, as shown in Fig. 3. As the strip is narrowed for even higher impedance, the effect of interaction between the fringing fields at the two edges of the center conductor becomes apparent. This effect, which becomes appreciable for very narrow strips, must be taken into account in the analysis of high-impedance transmission lines. As the width of the inner strip increases. the fringing field becomes a smaller proportion of the total field and its effect on the impedance is thereby reduced.

# Impedance of Line

The flat-strip line, like the coaxial line, operates in the TEM mode.

The important characteristic of any transmission system operating in this mode is the characteristic impedance  $Z_o$ , which can be calculated from the known relation<sup>1</sup>

$$Z_{\circ} = \sqrt{L/C} \qquad (1)$$

where L is inductance per unit length, C is capacitance per unit length and  $Z_o$  is characteristic impedance.

The velocity of propagation V of the principal mode in such a transmission system is

$$V = 1/\sqrt{LC} \qquad (2)$$

Combining Eq. 1 and 2 then gives

$$Z_{a} = 1/\sqrt{V C} \qquad (3)$$

In any two-conductor line the velocity of propagation is the velocity of light c in the medium filling the space and having a dielectric constant  $\varepsilon$  and a magnetic permeability  $\mu$ , hence

$$V = c = 1/\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$$
 (4)  
This gives

(5)

 $Z_o = \sqrt{\mu \epsilon/C} = \frac{\epsilon}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$ 

#### **Capacitance of Line**

The only analysis or calculation required to determine  $Z_{\bullet}$  is that for the capacitance per unit length of the system under study. An approximate calculation based upon the well-known parallel-plate capacitance formula gives some insight into the operation of this line.

The parallel-plate capacitance in  $\mu\mu f$  per unit length for the case of three parallel planes is

$$C_{pp} = 0.8976 \frac{W/D}{(1-t/D)} \epsilon \tag{6}$$

where W is center conductor strip



#### FIG. 5—Experimental setup for measuring characteristics

width, D is plate spacing, t is center conductor thickness,  $\varepsilon$  is dielectric constant and  $C_{pp}$  is parallelplate capacitance.

The use of the parallel-plate capacitance formula to compute the characteristic impedance is permissible for impedance values below 25 ohms. The fringing field capacitance  $C_t$  becomes appreciable for impedances greater than this and must be added in the calculations. The impedance then is

$$Z_o = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}\right) \left(\frac{(1-t/D)}{(0.8976(W/D) + (1-t/D)C_f}\right)$$
(7)

Letting  $C_r$  equal a constant (which can readily be determined experimentally), this formula for the characteristic impedance holds, with engineering accuracy, until the impedances reach the order of 100 ohms. At this point the interaction between the fringing fields becomes important; it is then a

# function of W/D and t/D.

In Fig. 3 and 4 the parallel plate capacitance and characteristic impedance values are plotted. The experimental curve can be seen to differ from the parallel-plate capacitance  $C_{pp}$  by a constant fringing capacitance except in the region of very low W/D ratios, where the fringing capacitance becomes a function of W/D. This curve is plotted for a zero-thickness center conductor.

The mathematical analysis of the flat-strip transmission line<sup>8</sup> is tedious and involved, and would be out of place in an article of this type. The two general methods of analysis for this structure are the boundary-value solution of Laplacés equation and the solution by methods of conformal mapping.

# **Experimental Evaluation**

An experimental evaluation of flat-strip transmission system is relatively easy, and checks the theoretical values closely. These measurements, which for convenience can be made at low radio frequencies, utilize simple, readily available test equipment. A Q-meter and a precision standard capacitor are connected across the transmission system as in Fig. 5. The standard capacitor is set at 100  $\mu$ f and the Q-meter is balanced. The transmission system is then disconnected and the standard capacitor adjusted to rebalance the Q-meter. The difference in standard capacitor readings is then taken to be the capacitance of the transmission system. From this, the characteristic impedance  $Z_{\circ}$  in ohms is calculated as

$$Z_o = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon}}{3C} \times 10^{-2} \tag{8}$$

where C is in af per meter. These measurements were taken for a series of strips varying over a wide range in widths and thickness and between plates whose spacing was also varied. It was possible with these various strip widths and plate spacing to make a series of measurements over a range of W/Dfrom 0.001 to 1,000. The measurements of the low W/D ratios are of doubtful accuracy, kowever, because of the difficulty in eliminating the stray end capacitances in these particular cases.

The results of these measurements, as plotted in Fig. 3 and 4, show that the experimental and theoretical results are in close agreement for all characteristic impedances below 100 ohms. Since



Flat-strip version of low-pass microwave filter having a cutoff frequency of about 440 mc. Top sheet of aluminum is left off, to show strip pattern sandwiched between transparent plastic sheets



Matched load, made by applying resistive paint over end of flat-strip line

this is the region of primary interest from an application point of view, both the theoretical and experimental approaches are adequate for the majority of practical applications.

Although the theoretical and experimental data presented to this point is for the center conductor imbedded in a uniform dielectric, this method of construction is not practical in many of the applications. Two alternate types of lines are illustrated in Fig. 6.

The dielectric sandwich transmission line—the one used in all of the subsequent material given in this paper—when limited to a very thin center conductor, such as a metal foil or a printed conductor, has the same characteristics as the case for which the theoretical and experimental data was evaluated. This system is ideally suited for the printed circuit technique and has been widely used by the author.

The compensated stub-supported transmission line is of value when the losses due to a continuous dielectric sheet cannot be tolerated, when the weight of the structure is of paramount importance, when thick center strips are to be used,



FIG. 6—Types of flat-strip transmission systems



Experimental setup for measuring characteristics of various flat-strip configurations

or when high power is to be carried by the system.

#### Applications

The planar transmission system can be readily adapted to printed circuit techniques by using two sheets of solid dielectric as spacers between the outer conductors, the center conductor being supported between the sheets. This center conductor can be printed on one of the dielectric sheets with a conducting paint by the standard silkscreen printing process. Experimental work can also be readily accomplished by using thin metalfoil center conductors which can be cut with a pair of scissors and glued to one of the sheets.

Since the characteristic impedance of the system is a function of strip width, it is readily adaptable to circuits requiring impedance changes.

In most practical applications care must be taken in effecting a transition from regular coaxial transmission line to the flat-strip transmission line in order that higher modes shall not be excited. A TEM mode, which will propagate between the plates, can be excited by a nonsymmetrical junction. This and other modes can be eliminated by placing shorting pins between the outer conductors in the region of the junctions, thus insuring that the outer conductors are at the same potential.

A very practical junction which

is well matched and excites no higher-order modes consists of a regular type N connector which is inserted between the edges of the planar line, this line consisting of two  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch polystyrene sheets between metal conductors. This junction is matched to a 50-ohm center conductor over a wide band of frequencies.

Since the lateral attenuation in the printed circuit structure is high—in the order of 75 db per inch for one of the circuits tested by the author—it is possible to have several circuits quite close together without annoying coupling or cross-talk between circuits mounted on the same sheet.

#### Power Splitter

The power division network illustrated in Fig. 7 is based upon the action of the quarter-wave transformer<sup>3</sup>. If a transmission line is cut to a quarter wavelength, it possesses the property that any impedance placed at one end of the line will look like another impedance from the other end of the line. The characteristic impedance is the geometric mean of the end impedances.

If two 50-ohm lines from the output junctions are combined at point A, the resultant parallel impedance will be 25 ohms. The quarter-wave line transforms this impedance to 100 ohms at junction B where the parallel impedance of the two 100-ohm ends of the quar-



FIG. 7—Microwave power divider made by etching flat strip

ter-wave transformer is 50 ohms. This junction is then connected to the input terminal with a 50-ohm line. Power entering the circuit at the input terminal will be divided into four equal components at the output terminals and the 50-ohm characteristic impedance is maintained throughout the division. A sixteen-element power divider utilizing these four-to-one dividing networks has been constructed and used successfully in exciting an experimental antenna array.

#### **Printed Circuit Filters**

Another application to which this technique is ideally suited is the construction of microwave filters. A short section of uniform transmission line can be represented by a pi-type equivalent circuit. The circuit of a low-pass filter is a ladder network, hence by a judicious choice of short sections of transmission line connected in series, it is possible to construct a low-pass filter. In Fig. 8 the design of a filter of this type is illustrated. By varying the strip width or characteristic impedance, the ratio between capacitance and inductance of the individual sections may be changed. When these sections are arranged in series they have an equivalent network which can be shown to be essentially the equivalent circuit of a low-pass filter.

An experimental model of this filter was designed, constructed, and tested in half a day—an illustration of the flexibility and speed of this method. The filter has a reasonably good low-pass characteristic and has a rate of attenua-



FIG. 8—Low-pass filter construction and characteristics

tion in the attenuation band which exceeds 30 db per 100 mc.

# Attenuators or Matched Loads

By printing resistive paint on the dielectric sheets prior to printing the conductors, it is possible construct attenuators to and matched loads, as shown in Fig. 9. The resistive elements were painted on the dielectric spacers with type R-21 resistive paint. The center conductor, which was cut from a thin strip of copper foil, was then placed between the sheets. The matched load was tested over a considerable frequency range and proved to have a reasonably good match over this range.

#### **Future** Applications

Other experimental microwave circuits have been successfully fab-





ATTENUATOR ATTENUATOR -PLATE RESISTIVE -PAINT TYPE R-21 - MATCHED LOAD DIELECTRIC SHEETS CONDUCTING PAINT EXPLODED VIEW RESISTIVE SHOWING CONSTRUCTION MINT TYPE R-31 MATCHED LOAD - CHARACTERISTICS 800 1,000 1400 FREQUENCY IN MC

FIG. 9—Printing technique for matched load and attenuator

ricated by this technique, as shown in Fig. 10. It seems quite conceivable that the entire r-f circuitry of a modern microwave receiver could be successfully constructed by this method. This would mean a great reduction in cost and fabrication time and would lend itself to the production of throw-away systems for use in such expendable weapons as guided missiles, rockets, radio-controlled bombs and proximity fuzes.

The technique also lends itself to the miniaturization of r-f circuits since the dimensions of such circuits built by this method are a function of the dielectric constant of the media upon which the circuit is printed. The reduction in size is approximately the square root of the dielectric constant used. Another technique can be used for circuits which must be long in one dimension, such as a microwave filter. This scheme involves using flexible dielectric material, rolling the circuit up in a manner similar to the construction of a paper capacitor, and enclosing it in a can.

All of the possible applications of this technique cannot be foreseen. It was felt by the author, however, that the material in this paper should be brought to the attention of other research and engineering groups at this time.

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# Improvements Extend Magnetic-Amplifier Applications

Magnetic amplifiers become more versatile as their characteristics are improved by introduction of new circuits and components. The author reviews the major component situation and shows its effect on current and potential applications



FIG. 1—Typical magnetic amplifier circuit used to illustrate voltage and current relationships

**L**ARGELY responsible for the upwork in the last five years is the development of new materials and improved components. So extensive is the resulting progress that magnetic amplifiers are currently the subject of considerable investigation among the services and in private industry. This article summarizes recent advances.

# **Core** Materials

In the early days, magnetic amplifiers employed saturable core reactors made of ordinary transformer grade steel. Three-legged core construction was usually used and high-gain amplifiers necessarily consisted of a multitude of stages.

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FIG. 2—Waveforms show peak and average voltages in magnetic amplifier circuit

Improvement in gain was readily achieved through the use of grainoriented silicon steels (3 percent Si, 97 percent Fe): Hypersil, Trancor XXX or Selectron type C (cut) or toroidal (gapless) cores. Further advances and other applications led to the use of Mu-metal (75 percent Ni, 2 percent Cr, 5 percent Cu, 18 percent Fe), Supermalloy (79 percent Ni, 5 percent Mo. 15 percent Fe), 4-79 Permallov (79 percent Ni, 4 percent Mo, 16 percent Fe) and finally to the use of toroidal cores made of tape using grain-oriented 50 percent Ni-50 percent Fe material with high saturation flux density, narrow and rectangular hysteresis loops under the various names of Deltamax,



FIG. 3—Curves show desirable characteristics for special magnetic amplifier selenium reclifier

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#### Rectifiers

Rectifiers in magnetic amplifier circuits are usually of the selenium type. Germanium crystals are often used where small currents are encountered.

Advances in the art of selenium rectifier manufacture during recent years have been startling. Early cells were rated for 14 volts rms. Since then, ratings have successively increased to 16, 22, 26, 33, 40 and presently 50 volts rms. In each case the current rating per square inch of selenium rectifying area remained the same, 0.32 d-c amp per square inch for



FIG. 4—Block diagrams show d-c generator voltage regulator (A) and regulated d-c power supply (B) using magnetic amplifiers



FIG. 5-Magnetic amplifiers can be used in various ways to regulate output of a-c generators

a full-wave bridge.

In spite of the increased voltage rating of today's selenium rectifier plates, their life expectancy in an ambient temperature of up to 35 C is 20,000 to 100,000 hours. At the same time, the forward voltage drop of a rectifier with highvoltage cells is less than the voltage drop of a similarly rated rectifier with more than one low-voltage cell, because the forward drop of a high-voltage cell is only slightly higher than that of a low-voltage cell. This results in the further advantage of improved rectifier regulation.

Improvements of rectifiers available on today's market do not stop here. Rectifiers for operation in higher ambient temperatures are available. These can be operated at ambients up to 75 C, with little or no derating, with a life expectancy of 5,000 to 20,000 hours, and with somewhat decreased life expectancy in even higher ambients. Rectifiers for operation in adverse surroundings are also available. Such rectifiers receive finishes, or are hermetically sealed, to withstand high humidities, salt spray, fungus and acids.

Furthermore, rectifiers made especially for high-gain magnetic amplifier applications are now available. Such rectifiers have guaranteed forward to reverse current rating ratios of 300 to 3,000. In magnetic amplifiers low leakage means more economic high gain.

#### Voltage Rating

As a further aid in high-gain magnetic amplifier design, today's

selenium rectifiers may be processed to withstand peaks of higher than rated voltage continuously for a short portion of each cycle. This makes it possible to reduce the number of rectifier plates in those cases where the amplifier is operating continuously far below maximum output. Referring to Fig. 1, for example, assume that the supplied voltage  $E_{a-c}$  is equal to 120 volts rms, and that the maximum load voltage (across  $R_{L}$ ) is 30 volts d-c. Under sinusoidal conditions, a single-phase full-wave bridge with one 40-volt plate per arm would be sufficient. In a magnetic amplifier circuit of this kind, using ordinary rectifier plates, three 40-volt (or equivalent) rectifier plates per arm would be required for  $X_3$  in spite of the low d-c output from the bridge.

The accepted method of rating rectifiers is simply misleading. A 40-volt rectifier cell is not, in reality, a plate good for 40 volts rms applied, but good for  $\sqrt{2}$  times 40 peak volts applied. It is apparent from Fig. 2 that the peak voltage across  $X_s$  in Fig. 1 is almost the peak of the applied voltage  $E_{a-c}$ necessitating what seems to be an unnecessary number of rectifier plates in series per arm. If special selenium rectifiers, however, are used that will stand peaks of higher than rated voltage continuously for a short portion of each cycle, two, or even one, 40-volt rectifier plate per arm might be sufficient.

## Current Rating

With regard to rectifier rating nomenclature, another point should be mentioned in connection with magnetic amplifier design. Just as rectifiers are rated for rms voltage instead of peak voltage, they are rated for d-c current instead of watts. Both forward and reverse losses enter into this problem. The rating of a rectifier cell is based on the total watts loss which will cause a certain rise in cell temperature. With normal ambient temperatures, up to 35 C, this rise is usually, in the case of selenium rectifiers, required to be no more than 30 to 35 C for long rectifier life expectancy.

Examining the problem of reverse losses, it becomes apparent that they decrease with lower applied voltage and with lower reverse current - vs - voltage characteristic (See Fig. 3). From these two factors the following conclusions can be drawn: (1) If lower voltage than rated voltage is applied to the ordinary selenium rectifier cell, higher than rated forward currents can be drawn with the same amount of rectifier heating. (2) A special magnetic amplifier cell with low leakage current (high reverse resistance) can be operated with at least the rated forward current of an equivalent nonmagnetic amplifier type cell, in spite of the slightly greater forward voltage drop, see Fig. 3, and therefore slightly higher forward losses.

Assuming, for discussion purposes, reverse losses to be constant, what about the forward losses, as regards magnetic amplifier circuits? With reverse losses constant, forward losses determine the rating of the rectifier. As in the case of voltage ratings, d-c current ratings for rectifiers have meaning only under sinusoidal conditions. In fact, rms current value ratings would be just as meaningless under nonsinusoidal conditions, inasmuch as we are dealing with a nonlinear device. Power is not equal to  $I^2R$  but equal to the summation of the various instantaneous values of  $i^2r$ .

C. E. Hamann treated this subject in a recent A.I.E.E. conference paper, which dealt with resistancecapacitance loading of selenium rectifiers. He developed Table I, which shows the order of derating necessary with pulses of different duration. This table was derived graphically and is based on a particular make of selenium rectifiers. A similar table can easily be derived graphically or mathematically for any other make of rectifier.

It should be concluded therefore that for use in high-gain magnetic amplifiers the type and the size of rectifier plates, as well as the number required in series, cannot be simply picked out of a manufacturer's table of standard selenium rectifiers giving only rms or d-c volts and d-c current ratings.

# APPLICATIONS

High-gain magnetic amplifiers find wider use from week to week, as illustrated by the following examples:

#### Voltage Regulators

Direct-current generators with ‡ percent ripple are being controlled to ‡ percent regulation by means of high-gain magnetic amplifiers of the

Table I—Derating Factors for Different Length Pulses

| Type wave          | Sine<br>half<br>wave | Step<br>function | Step<br>function | Step<br>function | Step<br>function    | Step<br>function    | Step<br>function |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Conduction period  | 180°                 | 360°             | 180°             | 120°             | 90°                 | 72°                 | 60°              |
| Average<br>current | 0.160                | 0.193            | 0.166            | 0.152            | 0.1 <mark>43</mark> | 0.134               | 0.126            |
| RMS<br>current     | 0.252                | 0.193            | 0.237            | 0.263            | 0.287               | 0.3 <mark>00</mark> | 0.308            |
| Peak<br>current    | 0.501                | 0.193            | 0.332            | 0.455            | 0.570               | 0.670               | 0.755            |
| Watts              | 0.142                | 0.142            | 0.112            | 0.142            | 0.142               | 0.142               | 0.142            |



FIG. 6-Voltage-sensing curves for a c generator voltage regulator

type shown in Fig. 4A. The magnetic amplifier is usually of the simple self-saturating type having only one control winding. The output voltage is continuously adjustable by means of changing the reference voltage or the slider setting on the sensing potentiometer, or both.

Regulated rectifier d-c power supplies are using high-gain magnetic amplifiers, especially where the input power source is three-phase and the regulation requirement is 1 percent or better. Such a supply will regulate the output with respect to line voltage and frequency as well as load changes and readily can take short duration overloads without damage to the components. A typical system is shown in Fig. 4B.

The aging problem is usually small inasmuch as the regulator automatically compensates for such changes everywhere except in the reference source. To minimize the problem further, any rectifiers in the reference source (which is small as compared to the rest of the system) are usually made oversize. Even so, a resistor adjustment compensating for any possible aging can be provided.

The output voltage is again continuously adjustable by means of changing the reference voltage or the slider setting on the sensing potentiometer, or both.

Alternating-current generators with frequencies from 60 to 10,000 cycles have been successfully regulated to  $\frac{1}{2}$  percent by means of high-gain magnetic amplifiers. These fall into several categories: (1) self-excited (Fig. 5A, 5C), (2) separately excited (Fig. 5B, 5D), (3) controlling a d-c exciter feeding the main generator (Fig. 5C, 5D), and (4) controlling main generator field directly (Fig. 5A, 5B).

The output on such units is continuously variable.

Referring to Fig. 5A, the error signal is usually provided by means of saturable reactors operated in the saturated region and compared with a practically linear current (obtained directly from the a-c source through a transformer, a resistor and a rectifier) which acts, relative to the error signal, as a



FIG. 7—Direct-current motor speed regulator using field control



FIG. 8—Frequency-sensing curves for d-c motor speed regulator



magnetic amplifier

reference source. Referring to Fig. 6, as  $E_1$  changes to  $E_2$ , the magnetic amplifier receives an error signal which is equal to  $\Delta I$  minus  $\Delta i$ .

To obtain even more perfect regulation and yet stay within a singlestage high-gain design, other control windings are often added to the magnetic amplifier which sense output current and output power factor,

### **Battery Chargers**

Automatic battery chargers using high-gain magnetic amplifiers may be of the regulated d-c or regulated rectified a-c type.

The regulated d-c power supply floats across the battery through a resistor determining the charging rate. The charger, containing a rectifier in its output, prevents current reversal and consequent battery discharge without the use of a reverse-current relay. Overcharging may be prevented by inherently changing from a constant voltage to a constant current charger at a given current value.

To maintain fully charged bat-

teries at all times, battery chargers may also be designed to change the charging rate proportional to the discharging rate.

The regulated rectified a-c generator type may use high-gain magnetic amplifier field control and finds application in variable-speed engine driven generators. In such a system the output of the generator before rectification may serve as the power to the magnetic amplifiers.

# Speed and Frequency Regulators

The types of speed and frequency regulators using high-gain magnetic amplifiers are numerous. There are d-c motors with field and/or armature control. There are also variable-speed d-c motors which are being speed regulated automatically to whatever speed they are set using the above schemes.

Other examples are variable speed d-c motors which are being speed regulated automatically at whatever speed they are set, using the Ward-Leonard system of regulating the d-c generator which drives the d-c motor. And finally there are variable speed induction motors where the clutch slip is controlled by a magnetic amplifier, and induction motors the speed of which is being controlled by magnetic amplifiers controlling saturable reactors in the line.

Figure 7 shows a typical field control speed regulator using a highgain magnetic amplifier. The d-c armature input may be derived from either available d-c or rectified a-c. Such a system is available commercially and it regulates to better than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> percent in overall speed with input line voltage changes of two to one and from no load to full load. The regulator derives its power from the generator output and uses two series-tuned circuits which sense generator output frequency and provide a nonlinear signal. As in the previously described voltage regulator, the difference between this nonlinear sensing signal and the linear reference source provides the regulator error signal.

Figure 8 shows a typical graph of the series-tuned sensing circuits. The currents from each of the two series-tuned circuits are fed into similar control windings on the magnetic amplifier reactors, but phased to produce opposing fluxes. As a consequence, at the operating frequency (to which the machine is to be held), zero net flux is set up by the two sensing windings. Therefore, a departure from the operating frequency (to  $f_1$  or  $f_2$ ) in Fig. 8 would result in producing an error flux proportional to the difference in ordinates of the two tuned circuit curves as shown by the respective arrows.

In a system of the kind discussed here, circuit variations are of course possible. The power to the magnetic amplifier may come from some outside a-c source, perhaps from the same a-c that is rectified and used as armature input. Another variation possible, important in those cases where the regulated motor is not driving a generator, is the use of a tachometer generator, a-c or d-c, to provide the error signal instead of series-resonant circuits. Such a scheme is also usable in variablespeed applications.

These high-accuracy speed regulators usually require anti-hunt circuits. The input to such a stabilizing circuit is not shown in Fig. 7 as it may originate at numerous points in the system.

#### **Positioning Servos**

Figure 9 shows a positioning servo using a high-gain magnetic amplifier which might be used in such applications as automatic boat steering, automatic valve control or automatic gun positioning. Such a system may use a d-c or twophase motor. Power to the amplifier may be of 60-cycle, 400-cycle or of higher frequency. The control may be provided by a rheostat, a temperature-sensitive element or the output of some other automatic device. The followup might be a potentiometer, or the control ele-Mechanical or electrical ment. damping may be used.

Figure 10A and 10B show typical high-gain magnetic amplifiers for two-phase and d-c motor controls.

#### Industrial Controls

Industrial control applications of high-gain magnetic amplifiers are becoming more and more commonplace. Automatic controls of motors in textile industry, automatic photocell controls, automatic safety devices, and automatic temperature controls are some of today's robots using high-gain magnetic amplifiers.

Figure 11 shows an automatic speed-matching device using a highgain magnetic amplifier. It is used to maintain speed differentials, adjustable from positive to negative, between a master and a controlled belt. This differential, wherever set, is closely maintained automatically as the master belt speeds up or slows down.

Figure 12 shows a high-gain



FIG. 10—Push-pull magnetic amplifier circuits for 2-phase (A) and d-c (B) motor control



FIG. 11—Automatic speed-matching system uses magnetic amplifier



FIG. 12—Punch-press monitor can be made extremely rugged and reliable with magnetic amplifiers

magnetic amplifier punch press control. It will automatically stop the press or perform some other function when the slightest increase in load is detected. Such an increase in load could be caused by a piece of scrap lying across the piece being punched. This type of magnetic amplifier monitor makes it possible to have less personnel to supervise the operation of a number of presses than would be required without such a monitor and requires less maintenance, if any, than would be required with other automatic monitors.

The principle involved in the system shown in Fig. 12 is that of an amplifier which senses even the slightest increase in motor current drawn. Such a device must be very sensitive and lend itself easily to compensation for line voltage changes. A single stage high-gain magnetic amplifier is such a device.

#### **Future Products**

Present research is expected to provide selenium rectifiers with a rating of more than 50 volts per plate, lower leakage currents than half a milliampere per square inch, and applicable in ambients up to 150 C.

The use of germanium power rectifiers in high-gain magnetic amplifiers is being investigated. Such rectifiers are much smaller than selenium rectifiers of comparable rating and offer a higher reverse resistance.

A number of circuits are being developed by the Naval Research Laboratory promising high gains with less than one cycle response.

Amplifiers have been developed to respond to frequencies up to the megacycle range. A broadcast receiver using the magnetic amplifier for the r-f, i-f and audio system, a transistor as the oscillator, crystals as detectors, static magnetic converters as the frequency multiplier power supply seems feasible.

Systems consisting of a combination of magnetic amplifiers, transistors and dielectric amplifiers are also being studied.

Magnetic amplifiers in their present form are invading industry and, with continuing research, their future appears to be a bright one.

# **Operating Klystrons in**

Klystron transmitters offer ease of adjustment and modulation, but suffer characteristic distortion when used with long transmission lines and mismatched terminations. Evaluation and correction methods for these effects are discussed

**K** LYSTRONS have recently found application as transmitting tubes in the development of f-m microwave relay systems. The available magnetrons were unsuitable because they could not be frequency modulated. Klystrons may readily be frequency modulated and deliver power output of about 1/10 watt which is adequate for narrowbeam, point-to-point communication.

When a klystron is used as a transmitter, its load is very different in one respect from what it is when used as a local oscillator. The difference lies in the length of waveguide between waveguide termination and klystron. Waveguide lengths may be as great as 200 ft if the termination is an antenna located atop a tower. If the antenna is only 10 ft away, it is still many wavelengths from the transmitter at microwave frequencies.

When the length of transmission line between a klystron and a mismatched termination is more than several wavelengths, phenomena arise which are referred to as longline effects. These phenomena occur because the phase of the load presented to the tube changes rapidly with frequency. Long-line effects become increasingly apparent with either increases in length of transmission line or termination mismatch.

The literature contains reports on long-line effects exhibited by magnetrons. However, since the magnetrons were being amplitude modulated, the problem was somewhat different than for frequencymodulated klystrons. There have also been reports on klystron longline effects, but the discussions have



FIG. 1—Oscillograms illustrate klystron power mode distortion by load

been mainly limited to conditions causing actual discontinuities in klystron characteristics, rather than covering the more prevalent conditions under which distortions without discontinuities are present.

The main emphasis here is placed upon distortion of the f-m characteristic, because of the importance of linearity of this characteristic to the problem of transmitting undistorted information. Magnitude of distortions caused by load is given in terms of the klystron pulling figure, a quantity which is generally known or easily measured discontinuities in klystron characteristic caused by load variations are also discussed.

Experimental results are presented which corroborate the theory developed for both distortions and discontinuities in klystron f-m characteristics.

Long-line effects are analyzed by by the use of equivalent circuits for both klystron and load.

#### Long Transmission Lines

Consider a waveguide whose termination has some mismatch, the magnitude and phase of which is essentially constant over the frequency range of interest. The phase of the input impedance will vary with frequency because the electrical length of the waveguide varies with frequency. The amount of phase variation is determined by the length of waveguide.

The electrical length  $\theta$  of a waveguide section is  $2\pi d/\lambda_{\rho}$ , where dis the mechanical length of line and  $\lambda_{\rho}$  is the waveguide wavelength. If a change in frequency of only a few percent occurs, the corresponding change in  $\theta$  is given by:

$$\Delta \theta = \frac{d\theta}{df} \Delta f = \frac{2\pi A \ \Delta f d}{\lambda_g^2} \tag{1}$$

where A is approximately constant, and equals  $- d\lambda_{\rho}/df$ .

Equation 1 shows that for a given change in frequency  $\triangle f$ , the change in electrical length of line, hence the change in phase of input impedance, is proportional to the mechanical length of line d.

As as illustration of the large changes in electrical length that occur for long lines, Fig. 1 shows a klystron power mode, power output versus repeller voltage, which has been distorted by its load. The difference in the frequency of adjacent pips corresponds to a difference of  $\frac{1}{2}$  wavelength in electrical length of line. Thus, as frequency is varied from one pip to another, a complete cycle of load phase occurs.

#### **Basic Equation**

The schematic diagram and equivalent circuit<sup>1</sup> for a reflex klystron and its load are shown in Fig. 2. Note that the  $Y_{\circ}$  term accounts for the driving action of the electron beam; that C and  $B_{\circ}$  represent the resonant circuit and as such are the main frequency determining elements; that the transformer ac-

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counts for the impedance transformation from waveguide to coax; and finally, the  $G_L$  and  $B_L$  represent the load as it appears at the coaxial output of the klystron.

The electronic admittance Y. has a susceptance component which affects frequency, since it is in parallel with the resonant circuit. Thus, when the repeller voltage is varied, altering the electron beam, the susceptance varies, causing the frequency of oscillation to vary. It is in this way that desired frequency modulation is obtained.

In a similar manner, load susceptance transformed to the tube side of the transformer affects frequency of oscillation. If this susceptance varies as the tube is frequency modulated, it will introduce undesired distortion of the f-m characteristic.

The condition for steady oscillation requires the total admittance be zero. Using this fact, an equation can be written which sets the algebraic sum of all admittances equal to zero.<sup>2</sup> Taking the imaginary part of this equation and performing some manipulations, Eq. 2 is obtained:

$$\left(\frac{G_r}{n^2} + G_L\right) \tan\varphi + \frac{4\pi C}{n^2} \qquad (2)$$
$$\Delta f + B_L = 0$$

where  $\varphi$ , the relative transit angle, depends on the time spent by the electrons in the repeller region and is controlled by repeller voltage.

Equation 2 is the basic equation governing klystron frequency characteristics.

#### Simplifying the Basic Equation

Before solving Eq. 2 for the f-m characteristics, the tan  $\varphi$  and  $4\pi C/_n^2$  terms will be replaced by more



FIG. 2—Schematic diagram and corresponding equivalent circuit of a reflex klystron



FIG. 3—Graphical solution for simple distortion of the f-m characteristic

familiar and easily measured quantities.

The tan  $\varphi$  term may be replaced by  $p \triangle V_R$ , where p is a constant and  $\triangle V_R$  is the increase in repeller voltage. This substitution may be obtained by applying the fact that when the waveguide load fed by the klystron is non-reflecting  $(G_L = 1, B_L = 0), \triangle f$  is known to be proportional to  $\triangle V_R$ .

Using the definition of the pulling figure, the  $4\pi C/n^2$  term may be replaced by 1/1.19PF. The pulling figure is defined as the total change of frequency that occurs when all phases of a 1.5-vswr load are presented to the tube. Thus the PF is a measure of how sensitive the tube frequency is to changes in the load.

Since the PF is measured with repeller voltage held constant, the tan  $\phi$  term drops out and Eq. 2

reduces to 
$$\triangle f = -\frac{n^2}{4\pi C} B_L$$
. From  
transmission line theory, the total  
possible change of  $B_L$  for a 1.5-vswr  
load is 0.84 while the corresponding  
 $\triangle f$  is by definition equal to the PF.

Thus, 
$$\mathrm{PF}=rac{n^2}{4\pi C}$$
 0.84

Substituting into Eq. 2 for tan  $\varphi$  and  $4\pi C/n^2$  terms, Eq. 3 results.

$$\left(\frac{G_{\mathbf{r}}}{n^{2}}+G_{L}\right) p\Delta V_{R}+\frac{1}{1.19PF}$$
$$\Delta f+B_{L}=0 \qquad (3)$$

## **Graphical Solution**

The manner in which the load can distort a klystron's f-m characteristic is seen by solving Eq. 3 for frequency as a function of repeller voltage.

First, Eq. 3 is rearranged:

$$\Delta f + (1.19PF) B_L = - (1.19PF)$$
$$\left(\frac{G_r}{n^2} + G_L\right) p\Delta V_R$$

(4)

Assuming the load consists of a waveguide whose mismatched termination is constant, the susceptance presented to the klystron is

$$B_L = \frac{(\operatorname{vswr}^2 - 1) \sin 2\theta}{2 \left[1 + (\operatorname{vswr}^2 - 1) \cos^2 \theta\right]}$$
(5)

As shown in Eq. 1,  $\theta$  is a function of frequency. Therefore, from Eq. 5 it is seen that  $B_L$  is also a function of frequency; in fact, a periodic function of frequency because of the sine and cosine terms.

If the waveguide termination does vary over the frequency range involved, the procedure for analysis is identical, although a different curve for the load characteristic would have to be inserted at the appropriate point.

To solve Eq. 4 graphically, let  $y = \triangle f$  and  $z = (1.19\text{PF}) B_L$ . Note that from Eq. 4, y + z = - $(1.19\text{PF}) (G_r/n^2 + G_L) p \triangle V_K$ . Variations in  $G_L$  are not taken into account because they are of minor importance.

The graphical solution of Eq. 4 is found by plotting y and z separately in Fig. 3A, adding these two curves to obtain Fig. 3B, and replotting Fig. 3B with coordinates interchanged (Fig. 3C). Values of mechanical length of waveguide, frequency, vswr, and pulling figure are the same as those used to obtain the oscillogram of the experimental frequency characteristic shown in Fig. 4B. Thus, Fig. 3 shows calculated f-m characteristics, while Fig. 4B presents experimental corroboration.

Note from Fig. 3 that if the vswr is unity (waveguide termination is perfect) the  $B_L$  and z terms are always zero, and the f-m characteristic is a straight line.

To obtain the oscillograms, the klystron was frequency modulated at an audio rate. The recovered audio from an f-m microwave receiver was connected to the vertical amplifier of an oscilloscope whose horizontal amplifier received a portion of the modulating voltage. In this way, the klystron frequency versus repeller voltage was plotted on the face of the oscilloscope.

All the experimental data were

taken using Raytheon QK-307 klystrons at an operating frequency of 6,745 mc, using waveguide whose cross section was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in.  $\times \frac{3}{4}$  in. The vswr's were measured at the generator end of the line.

Figure 3 illustrates a case of simple distortion. Figure 5 shows a graphical solution for a value of vswr such that a discontinuity exists in the f-m characteristic, with the result that two frequencies of oscillation are possible for the same repeller voltage. However, the two frequencies will not exist simultaneously. The actual frequency of oscillation will depend upon whether the repeller voltage is increasing or



FIG. 4—Oscillograms showing effect of vswr on klystron f-m characteristics



FIG. 5-Graphical solution illustrating discontinuity of the f-m characteristic

decreasing. Experimental corroboration of this calculated f-m characteristic is shown in Fig. 4D.

Figure 6 shows a calculated f-m characteristic for a vswr large enough to have three possible frequencies of oscillation for the same repeller voltage. Figure 4E shows the experimental corroboration of the calculated f-m characteristic of Fig. 6. Figure 4F was obtained using the same conditions as Fig. 4E except for the range of repeller voltage, which was reduced to show how gaps which are present may be traversed.

Portions of the graphical solutions of Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 whose slopes are negative do not appear in the oscillograms of Figs. 4D and 4E. These sections represent highly unstable points of oscillation and therefore are not observed experimentally.

#### **Percent Harmonic Distortion**

The percentages of harmonic distortion occurring under certain load conditions were measured. The results, shown in Fig. 7, agree with the conclusions drawn from the graphical solutions. In general, increasing line length, vswr, or PF, results in increasing distortion.

#### **Critical Load Conditions**

As the load condition which will cause a discontinuity is approached, the maximum slope of the f-m characteristic approaches a vertical line. This is illustrated in Fig. 4B and 4C. From the graphical solution, Fig. 3, it is seen that the maximum slope of the f-m characteristic occurs when load susceptance is zero and the load slope is at its maximum negative value. The symbol which will be used for the maximum negative slope of load susceptance is  $dB_L/df_{-max}$ . For this phase of the load, load conductance is at its maximum value,  $G_{L_{max}}$ , and therefore its slope,  $dG_L/df$ , is zero.

By using this information, Eq. 4 may be differentiated with respect to repeller voltage and solved for maximum f-m sensitivity  $df/dV_{Rmax}$ .

$$\frac{df}{dV_{R\max}} = \frac{C_1}{1+1.19\text{PF}} \frac{dB_L}{df_{\max}}$$
(6)

where  $C_i$  is a constant.

A discontinuity will occur in the f-m characteristic when the slope

at some point becomes vertical or infinite. The f-m sensitivity will be infinite when the denominator of Eq. 6 is zero, or when

$$1.19PF \frac{dB_L}{df_{-max}} = -1 \tag{7}$$

In terms of length of waveguide and vswr,  $\frac{dB_L}{df_{-max}}$  may be shown to equal Kd (1 - vswr<sup>2</sup>), where K is

$${2\pi\over\lambda g^2} {d\lambda_g\over df}$$

By substituting for  $\frac{dB_L}{df_{-max}}$  in Eq. 7 and solving for the vswr, Eq. 8 results,

$$vswr = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{1.19 \text{KPF}d}} \tag{8}$$

Figure 8 shows a family of curves calculated by the use of Eq. 8 along with a set of experimental data. Experimental results are in good agreement with the calculated values. Other experimental checks show Eq. 8 to be valid at least up to PF's of 12. These curves show the maximum vswr that can be tolerated before a discontinuity will occur in the f-m characteristic. Note that the critical vswr is the same for all load conditions where the PFd products have the same value.

Another way of describing the critical load condition is that a discontinuity will occur when the rate of decrease of load susceptance with frequency equals the rate of increase of tube susceptance with frequency. That this is true may be seen by tracing the steps of the graphical solution of Fig. 3 for equal and opposite slopes of the two curves shown.

Discontinuities in other klystron characteristics, such as the power mode, caused by the long-line effect occur for exactly the same load conditions as given in Eq. 8 for the f-m characteristics. This applies only to the center portion of the klystron mode as exceptions were observed for the side portions of the mode.

#### Conclusion

The problem of minimizing longline distortion is a problem of minimizing the length of line between klystron and load termination, the vswr presented to the tube, and the pulling figure of the tube. If after



FIG. 6—Calculated solution for a triplevalued f-m characteristic



FIG. 7—Experimental results show distortion. Numbers on curves represent pulling figure, line length (ft) and deviation (mc)



FIG. 8—Critical load curves showing maximum tolerable vswr's

reducing these factors, objectionable distortions or even discontinuities exist, there is another technique which can be applied under certain conditions. The necessary conditions are a combination of line length and frequency deviation such that less than a cycle of load impedance occurs. In such cases, the load may be phased such that operation is over the more linear portion of the f-m characteristic, i.e., between the distortion bumps.

Figure 4H presents the results of using this technique under extreme conditions. It shows a sine wave obtained using the f-m characteristic of Fig. 4E with the deviation range reduced and the load phased to prevent discontinuities.

The information in this paper may be used to determine criteria for allowable reflections from various components of a microwave system (assuming the nominal pulling figure of the transmitter tube is known) or for determining criteria for the allowable pulling figure of the transmitter tube (assuming the nominal load reflections are known).

A new technique for measuring pulling figures has been developed, which consists of measuring the vswr and line length necessary to produce a discontinuity and then calculating the PF using Fig. 8 or Eq. 8. This new method avoids the problems of measuring small frequency changes and of frequency drift.

# **Other Types of Oscillators**

Although the theory developed is presented in terms of klystron oscillators, the extent to which it will apply to any other oscillator will depend upon the degree to which that oscillator is represented by the equivalent circuit used in this presentation. An example of an oscillator to which the theory can be expected to apply is the f-m magnetron presently being developed. The important features which this oscillator has in common with a klystron are: (1) the main frequency-determining element is a high-Q resonant cavity, (2) the electrons alter the frequency by shunting the resonant circuit with some susceptance, and (3) the load alters the frequency by shunting the resonant circuit with a susceptance.

The magnitude of the load reaction will depend upon coupling between tube and load in the same way that it does for a klystron.

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# **Ballistics Photography**

Equipment provides microsecond flashes up to 3,000 per second for ballistics photography during outdoor range tests. As many as eight flash lamps may be independently positioned at distances up to 150 feet from mobile trucks

**M** <sup>OBILE</sup> flash equipment to provide light flashes of microsecond duration at repetition rates up to 3,000 per second has been developed for use in conjunction with daytime range tests of rockets and other supersonic projectiles.

In this branch of field photography time resolution of the order of one one-millionth of a second is required. Such performance is not provided by commercial high-speed cameras with mechanically-limited exposure time of about 100 usec.

The demand for the services of the mobile flash equipment was such that two trucks were outfitted. The two facilities may be operated either independently or in conjunction with each other.

The mobile flash equipment includes a control unit, driver unit, four flash units and a high-voltage power source. The relation of these components is shown in Fig. 1. The installation also includes a system for precise timing of the lamp



One of the flash lamps used with the equipment



#### FIG. 1—Block diagram of the mobile flash equipment

FIG. 2—Block diagram of the control unit components



flashes. This system consists of an audio oscillator, a timing signal receiver and a comparison oscilloscope.

The control unit provides the gate for the start and stop of the flashing of the lamps. The start and stop signals synchronize the flashing of the lamps with the passage of the projectile to be photographed. The control unit responds to signals that may be either negative or positive pulses of one-half volt or more or to the opening or short-circuiting of a control line. The gate can also be opened and closed by manual, pushbutton control, closed automatically after a preset count of from 1 to 32 flashes, or left open for continuous flashing of the lamps.

#### Flash-Rate Control

The flash rate, controlled by an oscillator in the control unit, may be varied from less than 1 per second to 3,000 per second. After passing

through the gate, the oscillator signal is shaped and amplified. A block diagram of the control unit is shown in Fig. 2. Figure 3 is the circuit diagram of the unit.

#### **Driver Unit**

The driver unit consists of two pulse amplifiers of five channels each. The two may be operated independently or fed in parallel from the control unit. In each amplifier the signal from the control unit is passed through a 6SN7 cathode-follower to drive a 6L6 blocking oscillator as shown in Fig. 4. The signal from the latter goes to a 6L6 cathode follower which drives an 807 pulse amplifier and inverter. The inverted pulses are fed to the five output stages, each of which delivers a 500-volt signal from an 807 cathode-follower.

Normally, four channels of one of the amplifiers of the driver unit are used to drive the four flash units

# Uses Mobile Flash

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and the fifth channel is used to provide a calibration signal.

When the two flash installations are used together, the two amplifiers of the driver unit are fed in parallel from the first control unit. The flash units of the second facility are driven from the first driver unit.

# Flash Units

Each of the four flash units contains the resonant-charge and thyratron-discharge circuits for its associated flash lamp. The principal elements are shown in Fig. 5. The choice of the 1.25-henry inductance as the charging reactor was dictated primarily because it was available as a surplus item. The reactor is in series-resonance at 650 cps with the 0.06- $\mu$ f flash capacitor, charged to 18,000 volts in one-half the resonant period, or 0.77 milliseconds. The capacitor is almost instantaneously discharged through the hydrogen thyratron and then again resonant-charged.

For flash rates less than 1,300 per second, the hold-off diode maintains the discharge capacitor at the peak voltage. For flash rates greater than 1,300 per second, linear charging takes place and the peak flash voltage is not reached until after several charge-and-discharge cycles.<sup>1</sup>

Details of the circuit of the flash units of the mobile flash equipment are given in Fig. 6.

#### Flash Lamps

The mobile flash equipment is normally operated with General Electric FT-125 flash lamps, one of which is shown in the photograph.



A 40-mm projectile in flight at 1,392 fps

When the flash lamp is energized by the  $0.06\mu$ f capacitor resonantcharged to 18,000 volts, the energy dissipated in the lamp is 5 wattseconds. Under these conditions of small loading, the efficiency of the lamp is about 7 lumens per watt. The flash duration is one microsecond, as measured at the one-half



FIG. 3-Centrol circuits for the mobile flash equipment



FIG. 4-Driver circuit with two channels of five outputs each. All d-c supply voltages are regulated except for the 650 volts for the 807's

peak intensity level. The peak intensity is of the order of 50,000,000 lumens.

When a flash duration greater than 1  $\mu$ sec is tolerable, greater light intensity can be obtained by increasing the discharge capacitor. A gain of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in light output can be obtained by the use of a 0.12- $\mu$ f discharge capacitor. The flash duration then becomes 1.5  $\mu$ sec.

#### **Power Source**

The high-voltage power source consists of a 10,000-volt d-c power supply and a 50- $\mu$ f energy-storage capacitor bank. The 10,000-volt power supply does not directly provide energy for the flash lamps but serves only to charge the 50- $\mu$ f, energy-storage capacitor bank. Since the capacitor bank is of finite capacity, each flash cycle will lower the potential of the bank and each flash will be somewhat less bright than the preceding flash.

#### **Precision Timing**

The accuracy requirements of some of the range tests have demanded that special provisions be made to supply light flashes at accurately timed intervals. When precision timing is required, an external oscillator is used to drive the internal oscillator of the control unit. The external oscillator is set to the desired frequency by oscilloscope comparison of the output with a 1,000-cycle modulation of a signal transmitted by NOTS for range timing. The 1,000-cycle note is obtained from a secondary time standard at NOTS. It is estimated



FIG. 5—Resonant-charge and thyratrondischarge circuit diagram



FIG. 6—Flash unit circuit includes safety devices to prevent accidental damage to equipment and personnel

that light flashes with an accuracy of 0.1 percent in time interval can be obtained in this manner.

#### Range Test Results

The mobile flash equipment has been utilized to p. ovide light flashes of high intensity and microsecond duration for the photography in a number of range tests. The photograph to be described illustrates the application of the equipment to one type of test.

A 40-millimeter projectile in flight at 1,392 feet per second is shown in the accompanying photograph. The velocity determination was obtained from the photographs of the projectile taken at a flash rate of 2,000 per second and with a separation of 12 inches between the vertical stripes shown in the figure. The pattern on the ogive of the round permitted the determination of the spin rate of 385 revolutions per second. What appears to be part of the projectile breaking away at the base is actually a sabot used to impart spin to the round.

The photograph was taken with a Scotchlite background, camera lens opening of f/4, and flash lamp at 18 feet from the background. The start signal for the flashing of lamps was obtained from a microphone response to the shock wave accompanying the projectile.

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# Area Monitoring by AEC

Measurement of the radioactive background rate against which increasingly sensitive detectors operate is made by fully automatic equipment now used at the Atomic Energy Commission in New York City. Minute-by-minute changes are shown

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A LTHOUGH generally unknown to the public and little appreciated by engineers, there is radioactivity present to a greater or lesser extent almost everywhere throughout the world.

Under certain conditions, the ambient background of radioactivity may bulk so large as to swamp out the weak activity some equipment was designed to detect. Progress in nuclear reactors for experiment or power and experimental military explosions are bound to affect the radioactive background.

As a means of determining the effective background in New York City the AEC has established a station, as shown in the block diagram, at which a minute-by-minute record is plotted of gamma and beta incident radiation. Hourly collections of atmospheric dust are monitored for alpha and beta radiation and the same samples checked twelve hours later for the amount of long-lived alpha activity.

What to the layman might appear an alarming rise in the background activity can usually be explained by a rainstorm that has brought down some high-floating material, or a sudden shift in wind that has carried more industrial smoke (always slightly radioactive) directly across the monitoring station.

An alpha particle is the nucleus of a helium atom having a double positive charge. Because of its relatively high mass and charge, it has a high specific ionization and is incapable of penetrating thick-



Mounting for direct-radiation scintillation counters. Brass assembly is set vertically and protected from weather by thin plastic bag



Simplified block diagram of the direct-radiation (left) and dust-monitoring (right) equipment used for area monitoring

nesses of a material greater than, for example, a sheet of paper.

Beta particles are high-speed electrons having a considerably smaller mass than the alpha particle and a single negative charge. The specific ionization of the beta particle is considerably lower, allowing it to penetrate greater distances than the alpha particle, for example, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of lucite.

Both alpha and beta particles are like bullets having a definite range in a particular material de-

pending upon their initial energy. Gamma rays on the other hand are extremely short wavelength electromagnetic radiations that are highly penetrating. They may penetrate inches of lead before they are considerably attenuated. Unlike alpha and beta particles, they do not have a definite range. For a given energy and absorbing material, a fixed percentage of the incident gamma ray intensity will be absorbed for each additional equal thickness of absorber. The thickness absorption curve is therefore exponential.

### Scintillation Counters

Although Geiger counters are still useful and necessary, specialized counting of particular types of nuclear products is now better accomplished with scintillation counters made possible by the development of better multiplier tubes and more efficient crystals. The phototube detects the minute glow that occurs when a particle excites crystals of fluorescent material on or close to the face of the multiplier tube.

In its simplest form, a scintillation counter for alpha rays can be made by dusting the face of the phototube with fluorescent powder. High-energy gamma rays and beta rays, owing to their characteristics will have little effect upon the powder surface and produce no appreciable illumination. A thicker crystal that will absorb most of the energy of the beta particle is necessary for efficient counting of betas. For efficient detection of gamma rays, highdensity crystals having high gamma-ray absorption have been developed resulting in the conversion of more gamma rays to light and therefore more pulses.

The beta counter held at the right in the illustration comprises a phototube, plastic light conducting guide, and an anthracene crystal approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick. The anthracene crystal being relatively thin and having a small absorption coefficient for gamma does not efficiently stop gamma rays. The plastic light-conducting guide is made slightly concave to conform to the convex face of the phototube. The crystal, light guide and phototube are cemented together with a cement having an index of refraction closely matching those of the glass and crystal surfaces to prevent excessive losses due to reflection.

Light is excluded from the housing for the crystal and phototube by a thin film of aluminum foil shown in the end of the housing at the right. The whole assembly



FIG. 1—Output from multiplier phototube in direct-radiation monitor requires preamplifier shown

is mounted vertically above the roof of the equipment house. The left-hand counter for gamma radiation comprises a much thicker crystal of thallium-activated sodium iodide. The end of the crystal housing is shaped to fit the face of its phototube and the optical coupling matched with oil.

In the dust monitor, the beta counter using an anthracene crystal is essentially the same as that mounted on the roof of the monitor house. Both alpha counters employ screens of powdered silveractivated zinc sulphide. Outside air is drawn through a spot on the roll of filter paper for fifty minutes. At the end of this time, sample readings are taken by the first alpha and the beta counters. This action continues for five minutes, at which time all counters, including the second alpha are switched off. A portion of the last five minutes of the hour is required for rolling the filter-paper tape a little more than a spot diameter.

At the end of 12 hours, the first spot will have moved to the second alpha counter where it is counted for the full 55-minute interval. This long counting period is required because most of the alpha radiation at the first counter results from radon-gas daughter products and these are well decayed in the 12-hour period.

Every twelve hours the pump is left off for an hour to obtain a background count since the equipment, including the tape stor-



FIG. 2-Rate-meter recorder circuit. Similar circuits are used both

age, may have become contaminated.

#### Circuits

The head end of the direct-radiation area monitoring equipment shown in Fig. 1 comprises a multiplier phototube with 1,000 volts applied through a voltage divider to the various dynode stages. The anode of the tube supplies a negative pulse that is amplified in one half a dual triode and fed to the second half connected as a cathode follower. Output from this tube goes through coaxial cable from the roof to the interior of the monitor house.

This signal goes into a threestage feedback amplifier with gain control, shown in Fig. 2. The crystal diode in the feedback loop is used to eliminate overshoot of the pulse that might give double count-The resultant pulse goes ing. through a type 6C4 cathode follower to feed a 12AU7 connected as a one-shot multivibrator. The univibrator will deliver a pulse of constant amplitude and width if the incoming pulse is equal to or greater than a specified voltage. The output of the univibrator is likewise taken through a cathode follower to minimize loading and to provide a low-impedance source to the 6AL5 diode and integrating circuit.

A negative bias of from two to five volts on the 6AL5 assures complete cutoff of the diode between pulses. The rectified pulses are then integrated by the R-C net-



Dust monitor shown in block diagram. Filter-paper strip moves from vacuum system upper right to second alpha counter lower right in twelve hours

work. A calibration control allows setting up the equipment in terms of counts per second on a meter connected to the output.

The equipment operates with a time constant of 20 seconds determined from statistical requirements. The fast-slow time constant switch reduces the time constant to 2 seconds facilitating testing of the equipment. The vacuumtube voltmeter circuit comprising a pair of 403B tubes is a balanced type in which variations of filament and plate voltage have little effect. The unit feeds either a one-milliampere meter, an Esterline-Angus recorder or a one-volt full-scale Brown recorder. The circuit shown is used for the gamma

channel. The beta amplifier is practically identical.

In the two alpha dust channels, the multiplier phototubes feed cathode followers to drive the coaxial lines to conventional scalers. The scalers operate stepping switches that convert the count into a proportional voltage recorded on a multipoint recorder. The beta dust channel is identical except for the use of additional gain in the scaler amplifier.

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for the beta and gamma direct-radiation scintillation counters

# **Frequency-Deviation**



Completely assembled deviation meter requires only a microammeter calibrated in kilocycles and a power supply

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FIG. 1—Schematic circuit diagram of the frequency-deviation meter showing the adjustment controls

**F**REQUENCY-DEVIATION meters of conventional form consist essentially of one or more stages of amplitude limiting followed by a frequency-discriminating detector and an output indicator. An output indicator of the panel-meter variety generally has a center-scale zero for on-frequency signals as referred to a standard frequency.

The frequency-deviation meter finds use as a visual aid in tuning both a-m and f-m receivers, in the rapid and moderately precise determination of unknown frequencies within the range of the meter, in quick signal-generator set-ups, and other similar applications.

This article describes a deviation-meter circuit, shown in Fig. 1, employing two type 6BN6 gatedbeam tubes<sup>1,2</sup> in a cascade limiterdiscriminator bridge arrangement. Features of this arrangement are: simple circuitry with no complicated interstage or discriminator transformers, two-tube operation, direct provision for an indicating meter without further circuitry or detector loading, low power requirements (150 v at 10 ma), and stable operation.

The circuit has only two inherent drawbacks. A variable-input load-

ing is presented by the first limiter stage owing to the limited grid-current flow of the 6BN6<sup>2</sup>, and there is an interaction of the controls that is frequently encountered in discriminator circuits. The variation in input loading can be lessened by adding a conventional input stage driving the first limiter, but this is omitted here for simplicity. The input loading varies with signal level and has a minimum resistive part of about 10<sup>4</sup> ohms, which is acceptable for many applications.

# **Circuit Characteristics**

Operationally, the circuit is a stage of conventional limiting followed by a modified form of the familiar quadrature-grid frequency discriminator. The variable width pulses of plate current from the detector are integrated and applied to the indicating meter in a bridge arrangement. Chokes are used in the signal-grid returns in place of grid resistors to prevent grid-leak biasing of the 6BN6 which may result in plate-current cutoff.

The 330-ohm plate resistors aid in limiting action and are recommended for best operation. Nominal electron stream and interelectrode coupling to the quadrature grid are insufficient at the low frequency of operation used and must be augmented by a small capacitance of approximately  $5 \ \mu\mu f$ . This value is not critical. Coils  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ resonate at 450 kc with circuit capacitances. Values of Q are 60 and 100 for  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively.

Although the original model was designed to monitor from 447 to 453 kc, the range can be modified by alterations in the quadraturegrid tuned-circuit Q or by adjustment of the calibrating resistance in series with the output indicating meter. It should be noted that the calibrating resistance  $R_2$  should not be reduced below a value sufficient to prevent burnout of the indicating meter with zero or insufficient input signal. The particular limit depends upon the characteristics of the indicating meter that is used in the circuit.

#### Alignment

An alignment procedure is outlined, using a stable standard-voltage signal generator, high-impedance d-c voltmeter, and a good communications receiver together with a calibrated audio generator and an oscilloscope for final calibration. If a well-calibrated signal

# Meter Plots Drift

Two type 6BN6 gated-beam tubes in a limiter-discriminator bridge are used to measure small deviations of signal frequency about a mean. Easily constructed from available parts and stable in operation, the unit can be quickly aligned from the instructions given



FIG. 2—Discriminator characteristic of the deviation meter

generator is used, such as the Ferris 16C, calibration can be made with good accuracy by direct reading of the generator dial.

#### **Calibrating Procedure**

(1) With the standard-voltage signal generator set to the desired center frequency, replace the indicating  $150-0-150-\mu a$  meter with a high-impedance d-c voltmeter. After warmup, start with zero input signal and gradually increase the signal input to one or two volts. At the lowest level usable note the direction of voltmeter reading for increasing signal input.

(2) At the lowest usable input signal, tune the interstage tank circuit for a maximum in the direction of meter reading corresponding to increasing signal input.

(3) Adjust the quadrature gridtank capacitor C and the bridgezero control  $R_1$  simultaneously for approximately a normal discriminator response on the output meter as the signal generator is rocked slowly through a range of approximately 10 kc about the center frequency. The generator output should be set at roughly one volt for this adjustment.

(4) With the signal generator at



FIG. 3—Limiter characteristic at three frequencies

center frequency, vary its output slowly from 0.2 to 2.0 volts, and adjust the cathode rheostat R for minimum amplitude effect on the output meter. Care must be taken that the signal frequency does not shift during this operation. Monitoring of the signal with a stable receiver and beat frequency oscillator is recommended.

(5) With the calibrating resistor,  $R_2$ , set at maximum replace the high-impedance d-c voltmeter with the indicating 150-0-150- $\mu$ a meter and repeat the third step as often as necessary for best uniformity of discriminator characteristic.

(6) Calibration can be made simply by reading the signal-generator frequency dial, or for more precise results, by placing a calibrated audio generator across one pair of oscilloscope input terminals and the audio cutput from the communications receiver across the other. With the signal generator set at center frequency, the receiver is adjusted for zero beat on fundamental or harmonic of the signal generator and direct comparison can be made with the audio generator as the signal generator is swept through the 10-kc range.

Care should be taken when harmonic operation is used to insure that the calibration is referred to the fundamental, not a harmonic.

(7) Desired full-scale calibration can now be made by adjusting the calibrating resistance  $R_2$  using the procedure in the sixth step.

Figure 2 illustrates the normal discriminator characteristic referred to in the alignment procedure. Limiter characteristics at three signal frequencies are illustrated in Fig. 3 for indication of the limiting obtained. The reading of the calibrated output meter, in kilocycles, is plotted against input signal voltage.

#### Stability

One model of this deviation meter was used in a 1,600-hour continuous comparison test of two receivers to monitor the difference frequency of two crystal oscillators and gave satisfactory service completely throughout the entire period. The apparent change in difference frequency at the end of 1,600 hours was less than 200 cycles, possibly owing in part to crystal-oscillator drift. Operation was with regulated high voltage at all times and with regulated heater voltage most of the time.

Two improvements that can be made, at the loss of some simplicity, are use of a separate d-c amplifier for independence of detector adjustment and for driving less-sensitive indicating or recording meters, and the aforementioned stage of conventional amplification for buffer action.

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# Wind Recorder for MICROCLIMATOLOGY

Velocity and direction of very light winds make inked traces on battery-operated, spring-driven paper-tape recorders. Employs novel low-inertia speed tranducer and keep-alive circuit useful in other recorders to speed pen response

**S** MOG studies and other meteorological problems have created a new interest in the analysis of local wind-flow patterns. This field, known as microclimatology, requires portable, sensitive, rapid-response instruments as contrasted with those normally used in fixedstation operations to supply the information upon which everyday weather forecasting is based.

Detailed records of fluctuating wind speed and direction ranging from thresholds below one mile per hour up to strong winds of 30 mph require transducers with minimum drag and inertia and a flexible timescale of recording. The overall design must permit rapid change of location and continuous unattended operation for periods of several days.

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To meet these requirements a new climate survey system has been designed. Illustrated both here and on the cover of this magazine is a system consisting of three units. It comprises a wind-speed transducer or anemometer, a wind-direction transducer or wind vane, and a translator unit, which drives standard recording milliammeters of the spring-actuated type.

#### **Operation of the Units**

The anemometer unit contains a light source and phototube<sup>1</sup> separated by a rotary cylindrical shell that is turned by the wind-driven cups of the unit. Holes in the shell permit pulses of light to fall upon the phototube. The resulting signal is carried by cable to the translator unit where its frequency is measured and translated into a proportionally varying d-c-voltage. This is recorded on a paper-strip chart as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The wind vane turns a potentiometer whose position establishes the voltage of a d-c signal that is recorded on a second identical recorder. Power for the operation is derived from a battery pack located in the base of the wind translator unit.

Essential features of the anemometer and wind vane circuits are shown in Fig. 2. When the anemometer cups (upper left) rotate in the wind, turning the perforated in-



FIG. 1—Wind velocity recording on 0-to-10 mph scale at 1.5-in.a-minute chart speed (A) and response to square wave (B) illustrating keep-alive technique explained in text

# THE FRONT COVER

Equipment pictured on the front cover and described below is used in rocket and guided-missile research, agricultural pollenization investigations, flood forecasting and forest-fire fighting determinations



Complete field unit showing exposed equipment at left and battery-operated recorder right. Spring-driven recorders not shown are plugged into control cabinet

terrupter shell, light from lamp Lis modulated into a series of pulses that fall on the phototube. As the conductance of the phototube varies, the grid voltage of the 1U4G pentode varies from about 20 volts positive, under phototube illumination, to some 20 volts negative when the light is interrupted. Resulting plate-current swings cause the spdt relay  $K_1$  to be actuated at a frequency proportional to the anemometer cup speed.

The combination of  $K_1$ ,  $C_1$ , and  $C_2$ , together with the external recording milliammeter, forms a relaytype frequency meter<sup>2, 3, 4</sup> that operates as follows. With the relay armature in A position,  $C_1$  is charged to a potential determined by the voltage of  $B_3$  and the setting of potentiometer  $P_1$ . In B position,  $C_1$  is discharged almost completely into  $C_2$ , the smoothing capacitor.

Since the capacitance of  $C_2$  is 200 times that of  $C_i$ , the current  $i_{ws}$  delivered to the recording meter is smoothed sufficiently to give a narrow trace closely proportional to anemometer speed. The back-voltage across  $C_2$ , which prevents complete proportionality, can be taken as the IR drop across  $R_7$  and the meter resistance in series. Resistor  $R_{\tau}$  is chosen so that this nonlinearity of the frequency meter occasioned by the back voltage across  $C_2$ compensates to a major degree for an opposing nonlinearity in the cupspeed to wind-speed relationship of the anemometer. Thus, the overall calibration of the combined frequency meter and anemometer is considerably more linear than that



FIG. 2—Anemometer and wind-vane circuits. Phototube wind-speed transducing system permits measurements well below 1mph

of either component when it is considered separately.

Limiting resistors  $R_5$  and  $R_9$  keep the surge current accompanying the charging and discharging of  $C_1$  to a value that avoids damage to the relay contacts. These resistors must be small enough so that the R-C value will not exceed one tenth of the highest pulse frequency encountered. Since the instrument has two wind-speed ranges, 0 to 10 and 0 to 30 mph, the value of  $C_1$  is changed by a switch. In the present design, the pulse-measuring capabilities of the system for wind speed of 30 mph are approximately 20 pulses per second.

Although the circuit described involves a fairly substantial battery drain for the electron-tube and light-source filaments, it represents a great improvement in ruggedness, simplicity, and reliability over the alternative of attaching delicate contacts directly to the anemometer shaft.

## Wind-Vane Circuit

A recorder deflection closely proportional to wind direction is determined by the moving contact of  $P_{23}$ , an accurate platinum-alloy wirewound low-torque potentiometer mechanically coupled to the windvane shaft as shown at the upper right of Fig. 2. This potentiometer, with a nominal 360-degree full-rotation has a dead space of less than 2 degrees of angle between the fixed contacts.

As the wind-vane direction varies between 0 and 358 deg from an arbitrary azimuth, the direction recorder, which, in series with  $R_3$ , acts as a high-resistance voltmeter, deflects from 0 to full-scale reading. During the additional 2-deg rotation of the vane, the deflection drops back to 0.

The resistance value of this potentiometer is established high enough to give good battery life and low enough (compared with the sum of the resistances of the winddirection recorder plus  $R_3$ ) to keep within the objective accuracy limits  $\pm 3$  deg azimuth.

### **Keep-Alive Circuit**

In recording rapid fluctuations with a direct-writing deflectiontype meter, record fidelity can be greatly improved by maintaining almost imperceptible oscillation of the pen arm. This is accomplished electrically in the climate survey system by means of the circuit shown in Fig. 3.

In operation, relay  $K_1$  oscillates from one contact to another at a rate determined by the combination of  $R_1$ ,  $C_1$ . Keep-alive relay  $K_2$  is so connected that its motion follows that of  $K_1$  impressing, through capacitors  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ , square waves of approximately 90 volts on top of the signals being fed to the wind-speed and direction recorders.

The effect of this feature can be seen in the chart of Fig. 1B. In this, the trace to the right of the dashed line is somewhat thicker than that to the left. This thickness represents the amplitude of the keepalive modulation. The relatively squarer tops of the wave shapes at the right show where the pen, in responding to a change, attains full amplitude with a very small radius when the keep-alive circuit is in operation. Without it, the pen follows a larger radius and is asymptotic to the full-current amplitude throughout almost the entire duration of the individual cycle.

### **Field Adjustments**

The instrument can be standardized quickly in the field. Adjustment of the anemometer frequency meter to a standard calibration is required to eliminate the effect of voltage changes in battery  $B_3$ . This is accomplished by pressing pushbutton switch  $S_1$  to the check position and adjusting  $P_1$  until the



FIG. 3-Keep-alive circuit improves recorder fidelity by modulating pen with small-amplitude square wave

wind-speed recorder indicates the correct operating voltage as given on the calibration chart that accompanies the instrument. Similarly, wind-vane voltage is adjusted to produce a proper full-scale deflection by pressing pushbutton switch  $S_2$  to the check position and adjusting  $R_3$  until the direction recorder reads full scale. These pushbutton switches are located directly below the related adjusting controls so that the calibrations can be performed simply with one hand.

By means of shunting resistor  $R_{s}$ , the 1U4G filament is operated in series with the anemometer light source L. Current through these is kept at the optimum value for good operating efficiency and long life, by adjustment of  $R_2$ . Filament voltage



FIG. 4-Mechanical detail of anemometer and wind-vane units. Anemometer is shown at right and wind vane at left. Housing design is common to both

indicated on voltmeter V across the tube filament is established at the lowest value compatible with minimum filament deterioration. Resistor  $R_{*}$  is chosen so that lamp L is operated at about half its rated voltage. This is possible because of the high infrared response of the phototube.

Adjustment of  $R_i$ , which governs the relay-current swing, is normally made only to accommodate individual phototube characteristics, or changes in these caused by extremes in ambient temperature. The plate-circuit milliammeter is used to check the swing of relay current which is between 0 (for about half of the pulse cycle) and a current well above the drop-in point of the relay. In practice, the voltmeter and milliammeter are the same instrument, positioned in the circuit by means of a switch.

#### Instrument Accuracy

Wind-velocity accuracy in the climate survey system is  $\pm 5$  percent. The wind-direction threshold and the wind-velocity threshold are both less than one mph while wind direction accuracy is  $\pm 3$  deg azimuth.

Since the direction recorder is adjusted to a full-scale value by pressing switch S<sub>2</sub> to the check position, the calibration accuracy of the meter is eliminated from consideration. In the same way, calibration of the speed recorder is independent of its exact full-scale reading. In this case, it can be seen that the frequency giving a full-scale deflection is determined by  $1/R_tC_1$  where  $R_t$ is the resistance of the meter plus  $R_7$ , and  $C_1$  is the charging capacitor. These components must be of high quality.

Other items of equipment located on the wind translator unit include terminals and receptacles for the attachment of the two wind transducer units and the two springdriven recording milliammeters.

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# **Vacuum-Tube Testers**

According to a proposed classification by RTMA, there are four general types of testers currently being used to evaluate performance of tubes. This description of the devices and the meaning of their readings will be particularly useful to industrial electronics and other maintenance technicians

VACUUM-TUBE'S worth is cus-A tomarily measured by its ability to regulate flow of current through an impedance. Its emitter must be able to supply maximum required current and the control elements must influence this current according to a given signal. Testers to determine values amplification of factor. plate resistance and transconductance would show a tube's ability to function as a voltage or power amplifier for a given set of conditions.

However, no available portable tube tester measures these coefficients, although devices are available that perform quasidynamic as well as other useful tests on electron tubes.

A classification of testers has been proposed by RTMA for four classes as shown in the box. This article describes the usefulness of testers in each class.

#### **Emission** Testers

Testers falling in Class I usually subject the tube to a test wherein all elements except the heater and cathode are tied together. An alternating voltage is applied be-

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tween these elements and the cathode, and the self-rectified current is read on a suitable d-c milliammeter as illustrated in Fig. 1A. A simple emission test supposedly tests the cathode to ascertain if it is capable of delivering maximum rated current. However, in this test, elements other than the cathode are certainly effective in determining the tube current and more information is obtained than simply the condition obtaining at the cathode.

For instance, if the grid became opened, the tube current would in most cases change markedly. The test is obviously hard on the control grid and the only practical application that the test approximates is operation of the tube as a diode. However, the test does depend to a certain extent upon the control characteristics of the tube as well as the emission capabilities of the cathode. Testers of this type are generally the lightest in weight, smallest physically, and fastest to operate. Also they comprise the lowest priced testers. They can usually be purchased for around \$50 to \$100.

#### **Control-Emission Testers**

The basic test circuit of the class II tester usually takes the form shown in Fig. 1B where separate alternating voltages are applied to the elements and the self-rectified plate current is read on a d-c milliammeter. The plate and grid voltages can be in or out of phase, the best test probably resulting when grid and plate voltages are out of phase such that the grid is negative and cannot draw current when the plate is positive. Testers of this type generally provide a good dynamic test in that the electrode voltages are swung through a wide range of values yielding an operating locus that is in many ways similar to that in which the tube is employed as an amplifier.

This operating locus is illustrated for a triode in Fig. 2. This tester would be expected to be more sensitive to discrepancies in the control action of the grid since a

#### **RTMA Tube-Tester Classifications**

**CLASS I**—Emission type tester, a device incorporating a circuit in which the indication is primarily related to the emission of the tube being tested.

**CLASS II**—Control-emission type tester, a device incorporating a circuit in which the indication is jointly related to the emission and control characteristics of the tube being tested.

**CLASS III**—Control type tester, a device incorporating a circuit in which the indication is primarily related to the control characteristics of the tube being tested.

**CLASS IV**—Mutual conductance type tester, an instrument incorporating a circuit which permits quantitative measurement of  $g_m$  separate voltage is applied to it and the calibration made on this basis. This type would also be more desirable than an emission tester for such things as matching tubes for amplifier use. Devices in this class are usually priced in the neighborhood of \$100 to \$150. They are heavier and larger than emission testers, and require more settings for a given test because of more complicated element and supply switching.

#### **Control** Testers

Testers falling into Class III have appeared on the market under various trade names. The basic circuit of this class usually has the general form of Fig. 1C. It will be noticed that this differs from Class II in that a signal voltage is applied to the grid in addition to the a-c or unfiltered d-c bias voltage, and provision is made in the plate circuit for extracting the signal component and measuring it.

It is impossible to measure true  $g_m$  with a circuit of this nature, and the reading is simply an artificial calibration. Mutual conductance readings by instruments of this type should be made on a relative scale, 0 to 100 percent of normal conductance. Testers of this type provide a good dynamic test but in the opinion of the author afford little more information than Class II testers. The cost, weight, size and speed of operation are comparable to Class II devices.

#### **True Dynamic Testers**

Testers in Class IV are true dynamic mutual conductance testers and are invariably designed for laboratory use and not portable field use. Testers of this type provide all necessary d-c operating potentials and means of metering the d-c element voltages and currents. The circuit is basically that shown in Fig. 1D. In addition to the negative bias an alternating signal voltage is applied to the control grid.

If the a-c plate load is negligible compared to plate resistance,  $q_m$ is simply the quotient of the signal component of plate current and the signal component of grid voltage. Class IV testers usually measure  $g_m$  by measuring the signal component of plate current in milliamperes while maintaining the a-c plate load at a low value, and reading on a scale determined by the magnitude of grid-signal voltage. Corrections are usually applied for low-plate-resistance tubes where the a-c plate load is not negligible compared to plate resistance. Testers of this type are obviously capable of applying a more thorough test to a tube since  $g_m$  can be measured for any operating condition. Class IV testers, being laboratory instruments, are large, heavy, require considerable time to set up, and are quite expensive, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 in cost.

#### **Electrical and Gas Tests**

Since a tube cannot operate properly if two or more of the elements are shorted, testers of all classes usually incorporate a short and leakage test. The short test is advisably made before element voltages are applied. The short-andleakage test circuit usually takes the form of simply a neon glow bulb as a continuity indicator connected in a resistance-capacitance circuit to control its sensitivity. This indicator circuit is then connected in series with a voltage source that is impressed across the two tube elements to be tested. If the elements are shorted the neon bulb will glow.

In addition to the short and leakage test, a gas and grid emission test is also desirable. Excessive grid current due to the presence of a small amount of inert gas or to grid emission can be detrimental to proper tube operation especially in circuits where the grid-circuit resistance is large. Inert gas may



FIG. 1—Basic circuits of the four proposed classes of tube testers. Actual circuits used are more complex because they involve switching



FIG. 2—A triode with grid and plate voltage out of phase

be evolved from the tube's envelope or elements after long use or overloading. Grid emission may be caused by undue heating of the grid structure.

#### **Grid** Indications

In Class IV testers, grid current is usually metered and excessive grid current is at once apparent. In Class II and III testers, the gas test usually amounts to inserting a high resistance in the grid circuit. Grid current flowing through this high resistance causes a voltage drop, thus changing the voltage that appears between grid and cathode, and consequently the plate current of the tube. Grid current has several components due to electron current, positive-ion current, grid emission, leakage, photoelectric emission, soft X-ray bombardment and secondary emission. As long as the grid is more than a volt or so negative the more important components are positive ion current and grid emission. Thus for a gas test of the latter type to be valid, the grid should always be negative with respect to the cathode when the tube is passing current.

#### **Power Tubes**

The value of the gas-test resistor must be chosen with discretion since large power tubes may be expected to operate with higher grid currents than small receiving tubes. Most testers provide only one grid resistor for the gas test and this usually is in the neighborhood of 200,000 ohms. Due to the simplicity of the element switching and the fact that the grid is positive with respect to the cathode, testers of Class I do not provide a gas test.

This is not to imply, however, that a tube that is very gassy will not give some abnormal indication in Class I testers. The presence of ionized inert gas in the tube tends to reduce space charge and increase tube current. Thus tubes with abnormally high indications in an emission tester should be regarded with due suspicion. If oxygen, or water vapor is allowed to enter the tube it will react chemically with the coated cathode. It decreases the emission, causing a low indication on the tester.



(C) Typical amplifier stage and two forms of its linear equivalent circuit

Plate current change may be written as differential

$$di_{b} = \frac{\delta i_{b}}{\delta e_{e}} de_{e} + \frac{\delta i_{b}}{\delta e_{b}} de_{b} \qquad (1)$$

where  $i_b$ ,  $e_o$ ,  $e_b$  are instantaneous plate current, grid voltage and plate voltage respectively. From this expression we can define the vacuumtube coefficient  $\mu$ ,  $r_{\rho}$ , and  $g_m$ . If  $e_b$  is held constant then

 $de_b = 0$ , and

$$\frac{\delta i_b}{\delta e_c} = \frac{d i_b}{d e_c} \bigg|_{e_b} = \text{const} = g_m \quad (2)$$

This quantity has the properties of a conductance and is termed the grid-plate transconductance or mutual conductance of the tube.

If  $e_c$  is held constant then  $de_c = 0$ , and

$$\frac{\delta i_b}{\delta e_b} = \frac{d i_b}{d e_b} \bigg|_{e_e} = \text{const} = \frac{1}{r_p}$$
(3)

This quantity has the properties of a conductance and is termed the dynamic plate conductance or the reciprocal of the dynamic plate resistance of the tube.

#### FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONS

If  $i_b$  is held constant then  $di_b = 0$ , and

$$-\frac{de_b}{de_e}\bigg|_{i_b} = \text{const}$$
$$= \frac{\delta i_b/\delta e_e}{\delta i_b/\delta e_b} = g_m r_p = \mu \qquad (4)$$

This quantity is dimensionless and is termed the amplification factor of the tube.

If the differentials of plate current and voltage and grid voltage are considered to be a-c or signal components, Eq. 1 may be written as

$$i_p = g_m e_g + \frac{e_p}{r_p} = \frac{\mu e_g + e_p}{r_p} \quad (5)$$

where  $i_p$ ,  $e_r$ , and  $e_g$  are the a-c or signal components of plate current, plate voltage and grid voltage respectively. It should be borne in mind that  $\mu$ ,  $r_p$ , and  $g_m$  are constant over only a small range of static operating points and only to the extent that the characteristic curves of the tube can be approximated as straight, parallel, equidistant lines.

In other words, one set of values of  $\mu$ ,  $r_p$ , and  $g_m$  define the dynamic behavior of the tube at one static operating point. Consideration of the linear equivalent circuit of a typical amplifier stage as shown in Fig. 1 will show that the stage gain and power sensitivity can be conveniently expressed as

$$gain = \frac{e_{ou:}}{e_{in}} = \frac{e_p}{e_g}$$
$$= \frac{\mu R_L}{r_p + R_L} = \frac{g_m r_p R_L}{r_p + R_L} \quad (6)$$

power sensitivity =

$$\frac{\text{Power output}}{(e_q)^2} = \frac{\mu^2 R_L}{(r_p + R_L)^2} = \frac{g_m^2 R_L}{[1 + (R_L/r_c)]^2}$$
(7)

where  $R_L$  is the total a-c plate load.

Also solving the circuit of Fig. 1 for  $g_m$  and  $\mu$  yields

$$g_m = (i_p/e_g) \left[1 + (R_L/r_p)\right]$$
 (8)

$$\mu = -(e_p/e_q) \left[1 + (r_p/R_L)\right] \quad (9)$$

# Vertical Antenna Impedance Characteristics

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**I** MPORTANCE of a knowledge of the impedance characteristics for vertical, guyed, uniform cross-section antenna towers will be readily appreciated by engineers associated with standard-band broadcast station allocations. The resistive and reactive components of an antenna base impedance are basic in the design of an antenna array with reference to the determination of matching networks and the calculation of power distribution within an array of towers.

Previous curves of impedance have been drawn from theory and from a limited number of measurements and as a result their accuracy and application is somewhat limited. The three sets of curves shown were derived from data submitted for more than one hundred broadcast antenna arrays. These submissions include measurements of the impedance values for over one hundred and fifty vertical towers.

#### Source of Data

The Canadian broadcast station licensees submit proofs of performance for their antenna arrays to the Department of Transport, notwithstanding whether the array is directional or omnidirectional. These proofs include confirmation of pattern shape, field strength radials and estimations of field strength contours as well as the impedance measurements over usually a limited frequency range. It is from this material that the data were compiled for presentation herein.

The larger portion of arrays currently in use are composed of guyed, vertical, uniform cross-section steel towers and the curves of Fig. 1 and 2 are representations of the impedance values for this type of radiator. The measurements for both square and triangular cross-section towers are plotted since it was not possible, within the accuracy of the curves, to separate one from the other.

#### Derivation of Curves

It was found as a first approximation that the majority of points plotted fell within plus or minus 10 percent from a mean value for both the resistive and reactive components of impedance and therefore for each physical tower height a range of resistance or reactance is indicated. It is expected that measurements of other towers will normally fall within this range. For design purposes it is recommended that the mean value for the pertinent height be utilized.

Actual physical height is used since it was found that electrical height was meaningless because of the varied assumptions for velocity of propagation in the towers. It is therefore evident that there is no rule for velocity of propagation that is universally applicable.

Figure 3 is a plot of the expected field intensity at one mile per kilowatt radiated with physical height as abscissa. The curve is derived from measured values.

#### **Miscellaneous** Types

The proofs of performance in some instances included data on self-supporting towers, shunt fed, top-loaded and T or L type radiators. There were not sufficient data for a particular type to enable a realistic curve plot but a comparison of the miscellaneous tower types with the vertical, uniform cross-section impedance curve is a point of interest.

By way of explanation a few examples of tower descriptions and impedance values follow:

Top Loaded. (a) Steel guyed, series fed, top loaded. Top loading is capacitance hat, four-foot diameter wheel with 16 spokes. Height = 90 feet.

Freq. Phys. Resis. Reac. (ohms) (kc) Ht. (ohms) 1,450 47.7° 18.1 -j93.0(b) Steel, heavy, especially bolted, square uniform cross-section. Top loading-grid-eight foot square on top of radiator. Height = 100feet

| Freq. | Phys.               | Resis. | Reac.  |
|-------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| (kc)  | Ht.                 | (ohms) | (ohms) |
| 1,400 | <mark>51</mark> .2° | 14.8   | -j70.0 |

Shunt Fed. Steel, guyed tower

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Many intangible elements prevent antenna design from being an exact science. Consequently, experience is an especially valuable asset in this phase of engineering. To make intelligent and rapid estimates, and to check antenna design computations, a knowledge of typical values is extremely useful, if not essential.

This article presents in capsule form a summary of typical broadcast antenna characteristics, prepared by an expert whose job it is to check performance claims for antennas used by stations licensed by the Canadian Department of Transport Graphic summary of operating characteristics exhibited by more than 150 vertical broadcast station towers in operation in Canada. Analysis shows majority of towers to have characteristics within ten percent of mean values plotted

of uniform cross-section, approximately nine-inch diameter. No top loading. Shunt feed at 21 feet 7 inches from ground level. Height = 152 feet or 154 feet above ground level.

| Freq. | Phys. | Resis. | Reac.   |
|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| (kc)  | Ht.   | (ohms) | (ohms)  |
| 1,490 | 82.9° | 64.8   | +j157.7 |

Tapered.Guyed tower, taperingfrom bottom to top insulated at basefor series feed.Height = 293 feet.Freq.Phys.Resis.Reac.(kc)Ht.(ohms)(ohms)560 $60.0^{\circ}$ 19.0-j134

Inverted L. Steel tower of uniform square cross-section. Top loading 75 feet of horizontal inverted L with elbow bearing of approximately 30 deg azimuth. Height = 96 feet

| Freq. | Phys. | Resis. | Reac.  |
|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| (kc)  | Ht.   | (ohms) | (ohms) |
| 1,400 | 49.1° | 22.0   | -j28.9 |

Self Supporting. Self-supporting steel tower. Height = 300 feet. Phys. Freq. Resis. Reac. (kc) Ht. (ohms) (ohms) 1,230 135° 157 -i82.9The effect of a small capacitance hat is indeed surprising, taking for example the second top-loaded element described. The tower, although having only 51.2-deg physical height, has a resistance comparable to a tower of approximately 61-deg physical height and a reactance comparable to a tower of 62deg physical height. It is evident then that where there are restrictions on tower heights it is advantageous to make use of top loading, thereby effectively increasing the height of the radiator with respect to efficiency and impedance.

The author of this report is grateful for the concise and comprehensive manner in which the Canadian consultants and the engineers of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation have presented their submissions.



FIG. 1—Curves show approximate limits for resistive component of antenna impedance for various physical heights







FIG. 3—Curve shows field intensity at a mile for various antenna heights as derived from over 100 measurements on typical arrays

# Meteorological





Atmospheric pressure, temperature and dew point are determined by measuring their effects on specially-mounted crystals. Frequency and Q comparison circuits should find other applications with appropriate modifications of sensing crystal holders

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Q UARTZ CRYSTALS for frequency control applications are cut at angles that will produce low temperature coefficients of frequency. To further insure stability of operation, temperature control and hermetic or vacuum sealing are frequently employed to prevent atmospheric conditions from affecting the crystal.

Sensitivity to meteorological variations can be obtained by the selection of other crystal orientation angles and by proper exposure of the crystal to the ambient air. This paper describes methods of utilizing quartz crystals and associated electronic circuits to detect and measure changes in pressure, temperature and humidity. These sensing elements are especially useful for remote indication, since changes in the physical properties of the crystal due to meteorological variations are converted to electrical quantities that are readily transmitted and easily measured electronically.

#### **Measurement of Pressure**

Two methods were investigated for the measurement of atmospheric pressure. The first utilizes the change in crystal Q due to the damping effect of the atmosphere on a vibrating crystal.

The circuit for detecting these changes in Q of the sensing crystal is shown in Fig. 1. This circuit measures a fixed ratio of decay amplitudes of a pulsed crystal. Since the elapsed time between any two amplitudes,  $a_0$  and  $a_1$ , is given by the equation

$$t_1 - t_0 = \frac{2L}{R} \ln a_0/a_1$$
 (1)

where L and R are the inductance and resistance of the equivalent circuit parameters of the crystal, the elapsed time is also proportional to the Q of crystal. The Q is inversely proportional to atmospheric pressure in the thickness longitudinal mode, or to the square root of pressure in the thickness shear mode. From decay time measurements made by this method, the atmospheric pressure of the air surrounding the crystal may be determined. A loran indicator type AN/APN-4

# Measurements \_\_\_\_\_ with Quartz Crystals

has been used for the measurement of elapsed time between a predetermined crystal amplitude ratio, although any commercial time-interval measuring instrument could be used. This timing device serves the additional purpose of supplying a 25-cycle square-wave voltage for pulsing the crystal oscillator circuit. This voltage is obtained from the final dividing circuit of the indicator, and therefore synchronizes the pulses generated during the crystal decay period with the loran timing sweep.

#### **Triggered Oscillator**

The square-wave output of the loran indicator is fed into cathode follower  $V_{14}$  (Fig. 1). The crystal oscillator is pulsed with the square wave output of  $V_{14}$ . The pulsing voltage is impressed in series with the plate tank and causes oscillations in the grid circuit to build up and decay exponentially.

The crystal used for pressure sensing has a high Q and vibrates in the thickness shear mode at approximately 6 mc. After the pulse has ended, the crystal decay current flows through the circuit elements in parallel with the active branch of the crystal. These elements consist of the input impedance of the oscillator and all capacitances in parallel with the crystal.

A decrement corresponding to the true Q of the crystal is achieved only when the resistance paralleling the crystal is either much greater or much less than the reactance of the paralleling capacitance. A 75- $\mu\mu$ f capacitor is connected across the crystal to keep this paralleling resistance to reactance ratio high.

The output of the crystal oscillator circuit is taken directly from the grid of  $V_{2}$ . On this grid is a negative bias voltage and a superimposed alternating component, both of which vary in magnitude directly with the amplitude of the crystal vibrations.



FIG. 2—Section drawings of crystal holders for pressure (A) and dew-point (B) measuring systems

This output is coupled through an r-f choke to the decrement amplifier  $V_{34}$ . The r-f choke eliminates the high-frequency component while passing the variation of d-c grid bias of the pulsed crystal circuit.

The crystal decrement is amplified to approximately 100 volts. The initial amplitude is maintained across the capacitor connected from ground to  $V_{44}$  and  $R_1$ . This voltage is impressed on the grid of cathode follower  $V_{1B}$ .

#### **Decay Output**

A matching amplifier  $V_{3B}$ , operated at zero grid bias, develops a d-c plate voltage that equals the plate voltage of  $V_{34}$  when the crystal is allowed to decay completely. The cathode resistor of  $V_{1B}$  therefore has the initial value of decay voltage established at the cathode end and the final decay voltage value at the other.

The ratio of peak voltage at the plate of the decrement amplifier  $V_{\rm ad}$  to any point on the cathode resistor of  $V_{1B}$  is not changed by variations in supply voltage or by changes in maximum amplitude of the vibrating crystal. The cathode







FIG. 4—Temperature is determined by measuring frequency difference between crystal at unknown temperature and standard

resistor therefore serves as an amplitude ratio selector for which the elapsed time between the selected amplitudes must be accurately determined.

The function of diode  $V_{4B}$  and its associated plate resistor is to generate a voltage pulse at the exact time when the crystal amplitude has decayed to the predetermined ratio. When the ratio of decay voltages at the cathode of this diode becomes greater than that selected at the cathode of  $V_{1B}$ , this tube conducts, and the steady voltage on the plate decreases exponentially at this time.

The purpose of the time marker amplifier  $V_5$  is to provide a signal with a steep leading edge to trigger the single-shot multivibrator pulse generator  $V_6$ , which produces a positive output pulse occurring at the time when the crystal amplitude has decayed to the predetermined ratio.

The output pulse is connected to the video input jack on the loran indicator, and the pulse appears on the lower timing trace. Since this lower trace begins exactly at the time when the square wave of voltage used to pulse the crystal drops to zero, the time difference from the beginning of this trace to the pulse provides an accurate measurement of the Q of the crystal.

#### **Other Effects**

Atmospheric variations in temperature and humidity may produce responses in the pressure-sensing element. These meteorological cross effects have been investigated to determine necessary corrections for the sensing crystals. These corrections follow the standard relationship between density, temperature, humidity and pressure for air. An additional temperature cross effect may result from couplings to spurious modes of vibration of the crystal. These coupled modes change the internal dissipation of the crystal as a function of temperature. Proper dimensioning of the sensing crystal minimizes this second-order effect.

The second method of pressure sensing utilizes the change in frequency of a vibrating quartz crystal produced by the bending of the crystal under differential air loading. The sensing crystal for this application is used as a diaphragm over an evacuated cup as shown in Fig. 2A. An AT or BT-cut plated crystal with a low temperature coefficient may be utilized. This type of crystal can be clamped at its outer edge without appreciably affecting activity or other performance characteristics.

The pressure sensitivity is proportional to the sixth power of the bending length to thickness ratio. It is therefore important that this ratio be kept as high as possible without breaking the crystal from the pressure differential. Experiments indicate that this ratio may be as large as 80 for circularlyshaped quartz crystals without exceeding the maximum breaking strain. Frequency changes of 1,400 parts per million per atmosphere can be achieved for this type of crystal.

A circuit of a pressure indicator is shown in Fig. 3. The sensing element is an 8.944-mc AT-cut crystal located in the grid circuit of oscillator  $V_2$ . The output of this stage is applied to the signal grid of the pentagrid converter  $V_3$ . Under differential pressure, the sensing crystal bends and the output of  $V_2$ varies in frequency as a function of pressure.

The reference element is an 8.937-mc AT-cut crystal, enclosed in a temperature-controlled oven, located in the oscillator grid circuit of the pentagrid converter. The audio difference frequency is obtained at the plate of  $V_s$ .

For this pressure-sensing crystal, a correction is necessary for ambient temperature changes. Since this crystal indicates pressure by a change in resonant frequency, it is necessary to correct for frequency changes resulting from the crystal temperature coefficient. For this reason, AT and BT-cut crystals are used for sensing elements since the temperature error is a minimum.

#### **Temperature Measurements**

Figure 4 shows the circuit used to measure temperature by measuring change in crystal frequency. The temperature coefficient of frequency of a vibrating crystal is a function of the thermal coefficients of stiffness and expansion. The magnitude of this coefficient of frequency, therefore, depends upon the mode of vibration and the orientation of the crystallographic axis. For quartz the maximum value of the temperature coefficient of frequency is in the order of  $10^{-4}$  per degree centigrade.

This value is approached in Y-cut plates oscillating in the thickness shear mode. As the Y-cut crystal is rotated about the X axis, the temperature coefficient decreases through zero, and it is possible to obtain any coefficient between -90 and +90 parts per million per degree centigrade by selection of the angle of cut. Crystals designated as AT and BT cuts are examples of this type of crystal with the angle of rotation selected to produce a near-zero temperature coefficient.

Several thickness shear elements with temperature coefficients ranging from +90 to -80 parts per million per degree centigrade were used in tests to determine their activity characteristics over a wide temperature range. The Y-cut crystals, while having the highest temperature coefficient  $(+90 \times$ 10<sup>-0</sup>), exhibited a number of frequency discontinuities, while crystals rotated 30 degrees or more about the X axis showed satisfactory frequency spectra over the entire temperature range. Frequency-temperature characteristics for two of these crystal cuts are shown in Fig. 5.

The negative temperature coefficients are typical of all thickness shear crystals rotated more than +35 degrees from the Y cut. While somewhat larger temperature coefficients could be attained by further



FIG. 5—Temperature-frequency characteristics for two typical crystal cuts

rotation about the X axis, the coupling efficiency to the crystal would be reduced and it would become more difficult to stabilize the associated oscillator circuit.

A 60-degree positive-rotated Ycut wire-mounted crystal, 16.97 mc, 0.01 cm in thickness, is used as the sensing element in the temperature indicator. A temperature-controlled 5.6-mc BT-cut serves as the reference crystal as shown in Fig. 4. The converter output is an r-f signal equal to the difference between the sensing crystal frequency and the third harmonic of the reference crystal frequency.

The temperature indicator has a sensitivity of 0.001 C, and an accuracy of  $\pm 0.1$  C, over the range from +60 to -60 C. The indicator will read 63 percent of its final value in approximately two seconds when the crystal is exposed to the atmosphere and subjected to a ventilation velocity of ten feet per second. Changes in air pressure and humidity have negligible effects on the temperature-sensing crystal.

#### **Dew-Point Measurements**

The method of determining atmospheric dew point with an oscillating crystal involves the deposition of moisture on the sensing element and using the resulting change in oscillating characteristics to maintain the crystal at the dewpoint temperature. Practical considerations such as choice of frequency and crystal mounting have indicated that a thickness shear mode quartz crystal is best suited for this application.

An oscillating crystal is cooled by a cold source, and when the dew point is reached, moisture begins to condense on its exposed surfaces. The presence of moisture decreases the amplitude of oscillation of the crystal, which in turn causes the heat source to heat the crystal and dissipate the condensate.

A dew-point indicator has been designed using induction of eddy currents into the plated surfaces of a pressure-mounted sensing crystal to maintain the crystal at the dewpoint temperature.

#### Indicator Crystal

The sensing crystal of the dewpoint indicator is a 4.971-mc, AC-



FIG. 6—Dew-point circuit measures crystal damping caused by condensed moisture on crystal plate

cut gold-plated crystal. The crystal is seated on the upper surface of the dew-point crystal holder shown in Fig. 2B. The copper tube is immersed in a solution of alcohol and solid CO<sub>2</sub>. A coil form accommodates the work coil of an induction heating stage. This coil form is cemented into place on a coil form holder and the entire unit is assembled above the crystal. Sample air is passed in through one side of the coil form holder and out through the other side after passing over the crystal surface.

The schematic diagram of the dew-point indicator is shown in Fig. 6. The negative d-c grid voltage of  $V_{14}$  is a function of the crystal amplitude, and decreases in magnitude when moisture condensation takes place.

This d-c grid voltage is applied to  $V_{3}$ , consisting of cathode follower  $V_{3A}$  and cathode-coupled amplifier  $V_{3B}$ . The amplifier is normally biased for maximum conduction. The plate of the amplifier is connected to cathode follower  $V_{1B}$ , and the output of this stage is used as the screen grid supply for the induction heating stage.

The heating stage consists of a feedback oscillator  $V_2$  with an inductively-coupled work circuit. The pancake-wound work coil is used

to induce eddy currents into the plating of the sensing crystal.

Moisture condensation causes the d-c grid voltage to decrease in magnitude putting a positive bias on the cathode of amplifier  $V_{3B}$ . This increases the d-c plate voltage of the amplifier and produces a corresponding increase in the feedback oscillator screen supply voltage. The crystal begins to heat due to the increased power output of the feedback oscillator until a stable operating temperature equal to the dew point is reached.

Since both heating and moisture condensation take place on the same surface, the time lag between appearance of condensate and the corresponding increase in heating is small, and stability of operation is readily achieved. Accuracies of  $\pm 3$  C have been obtained over the dew-point range of from -5 C to 35 C.

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# Series-Peaking Network Design

Nomograph permits rapid determination of series inductance and load resistance values for given cutoff frequency and shunt capacitance, and comparison of different circuit parameter combinations which give equal results

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**S**ERIES-INDUCTANCE peaking network compensation has the advantages over shunt peaking of greater amplification, smaller phase-angle error, and rapid attenuation beyond the cutoff frequency.

The basic series-compensated circuit is shown in Fig. 1. Each capacitance is a summation of the tube socket, wiring and associated tube interelectrode capacitance. The value of L is computed from

 $L = \frac{1}{-8\pi^2 f^2 C'} \text{ henrys}$ 

in which f is the cutoff fre-



FIG. 1-Basic series-peaking network

quency. The value of R is calculated from

$$R = \frac{1}{2 \pi f C'} \sqrt{2 \frac{C''}{C'}}$$
 ohms

If the ratio C''/C' is made equal to 2, the most satisfactory overall performance is obtained.<sup>1</sup> The Q of the series inductor should be 20 or more.

The nomograph is used by constructing a straight line from f to the measured or calculated C'. The intersection of this line with the L scale shows the required inductance and provides a turning point from which a straight line is drawn to the measured or calculated C''. The intersection of this line with the R scale shows the required load. In the example  $C' = 10 \ \mu\mu f$ ,  $C'' = 20 \ \mu\mu f$  and  $f = 4 \ mc$ . The series-peaking inductance L becomes 0.08 mh and R is 2,000 ohms.

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# Pulse Delay-Line Design Chart

Simple chart permits rapid determination of capacitance and inductance values for delay and pulse-forming lines having impedances from 10 to 10,000 ohms and for delays from 0.01 to 1,000 microseconds

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**T**HE accompanying chart has been found useful in determining the value of capacitance and inductance in a delay or pulse line when the time of delay and the impedance of the line are given. For determining values for a pulse-forming line, the time of delay shown on the chart must be doubled to give the pulse length, since the pulse front travels out and back.

*Example:* For a delay of 10  $\mu$ sec and an impedance of 1,500 ohms, find L and C. Enter chart at Delay = 10  $\mu$ sec and at Z =

1,500 ohms. Then L = 15 mh and  $C = 0.0065 \,\mu$ f. The above values would produce a 20- $\mu$ sec pulse in a pulse-forming line. The values for L and C are totals of all sections. Therefore, for a 5-section line, L = 3 mh and  $C = 0.0013 \,\mu$ f.



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#### Air Traffic Control System

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ONE OF THE COMPONENTS of a new and still experimental air traffic control system is known as the Rho-Theta Transponder. The transponder, a radar safety beacon, is a means by which the ground control officer at a busy airfield can positively identify the aircraft he sees as small dots on his radar screen

The transponder is a small airborne beacon designed to be used in conjunction with the CAA aircraft traffic control radars and blind-landing guidance radars. It will extend the reliable range of the ASR Sband surveillance radar to 100 miles and extend the range of the PAR

X-band precision approach radar to 15 miles.

The radar safety beacon is a device that, upon reception of the original radar pulse, triggers its own transmitter to give a strong reply. The beacon, therefore, may be said to be an amplifier of the echo signal. It is not necessary that the beacon transmitter be of high power to give a reply much stronger than the echo signal from usual targets, nor is it necessary that the beacon reply on the same frequency as the radar signals.

The equipment introduces the extremely advantageous feature in an air traffic control system of enabling the ground controller to identify the plane he is hearing over the plane-to-ground communication system.

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FIG, 1-Simplified block diagram showing waveforms when transponder is interrogated and a double-pulse reply is being transmitted

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control officer sees whatever the plane's transponder sends. In the usual case this would be a single The identifying feature reply. comes about when the pilot keys his microphone to talk to the ground control officer. In this case the transponder sends out a doublepulse reply. Thereby enabling the ground controller to immediately identify that plane on his radar screen

While the aircraft is in the traffic control area, it will first be interrogated by the surveillance radar and the transponder will receive on Sband. As the plane is vectored into position for a landing approach, the transponder will be switched over to receive the X-band PAR radar. The PAR radar will then receive a strong transponder signal during the final landing approach.

#### Block Diagram

Figure 1 is a block diagram of the equipment. Switch  $S_1$  is oper-



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ated from the control box at the pilot's position and determines whether X-band or S-band signals will be received. The S-band detector is mounted in the transponder and connects to the S-band antenna, a quarter wave stub, through RG-8/U coaxial cable. To minimize r-f losses at X-band, a detector and preamplifier assembly are mounted to the waveguide at the X-band antenna.

Video signals from the preamplifier are cabled to the receiver-transmitter unit through RG-62/U coaxial cable. The video amplifier is a high-gain amplifier and consists of three feedback pairs. The diagram of a typical pair is shown in Fig. 2.

The amplifier has ample reserve gain to compensate for a general decrease in gain with tube life and production variations between sets. An automatic sensitivity control circuit is used to control the gain of the video amplifier. This control functions to maintain a constant noise level at the output of the video amplifier. This is desirable in order that the sensitivity controls at the trigger circuit may be adjusted to make the trigger circuit function sporadically on noise peaks but function steadily on signals just above the noise level.

To prevent saturation and possible blocking of the video amplifier by strong S-band or X-band signals, the sensitivity control circuit samples the video signal and controls the amplifier gain so that the



FIG. 2—Diagram of typical stage in video amplifier showing feedback pair

video signals at the output of the amplifier are held at a constant level without saturation.

Output from the trigger circuit is shaped and applied to a miniature hydrogen thyratron in a line-type modulator circuit. A pulse forming network is used to determine the duration of the modulator pulse. This voltage pulse is stepped up approximately four to one by the pulse transformer and the voltage used to fire the transmitter.

#### Delay Multivibrator

To develop the second transmitted pulse, a sample from the first modulator is applied to a delay multivibrator through a hold-off circuit. The output from the delay multivibrator is passed through a shaping circuit and used to control modulator number 2. The transmitter can be then fired a second time producing two transmitted signals spaced 16-µsec apart each time the transponder is interrogated. This second transmitted signal is the signal used by the ground controller to identify an airplane.

The function of the hold-off circuit is two-fold. First it prevents the delay multivibrator from being triggered except when the pilot's microphone is keyed and second, it provides a timing circuit that allows the second pulse to be transmitted for 10 seconds after the microphone key has been released.

In the receiver-transmitter unit, the receiver section is located adjacent to the transmitter. This introduces the problem of preventing the transmitter signal from setting up a false sensitivity-control bias voltage which would result in erroneous gain control information being supplied to the video amplifier. To prevent this from occurring, a negative blanking pulse is introduced into the circuit from the primary of the pulse transformer. This effectively blanks the circuit for the duration of, and for a short time following, the transmitted signal.

The transmitter operates in the L-Band region, 1,500 mc, and uses a planar triode in a cathode-tuned re-entrant cavity-type oscillator. Probe coupling is used to extract power from the transmitter cavity. The transmitter operates with a 1,400-volt positive pulse applied to the plate of the planar triode and delivers a nominal output of 180 to 200 watts peak power. Coaxial cable is used to couple the transmitter to the antenna which is a half wave dipole at L-Band.

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#### Microwave-Antenna Ferrite Applications

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FIG. 1—Bilateral phase shifter employing a ferrite cylinder



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phase shift is by use of a material whose dielectric constant  $\epsilon$  or whose permeability  $\mu$  may be changed by means of external d-c or low-frequency electric or magnetic fields. Such materials inserted in waveguide or coaxial line would, upon application of the external field, cause a change in electrical length of the transmission line equivalent to a shift in phase.

Materials of variable  $\varepsilon$  such as the titanates have proved too lossy for antenna applications but materials of variable  $\mu$  such as the ferrites show promise.

The characteristics of most interest at microwave frequencies is the variation of  $\mu$  with an applied magnetic field. This variation takes place in an anisotropic fashion as is evidenced by the rotation of the plane of polarization of a linearly polarized wave propagated in a direction parallel to the direction of applied magnetic field.

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For general scanning purposes, the phase-shifting properties due to the variation of  $\mu$  are of major interest. For use as a phase shifter, a single circularly polarized wave may be passed through a section of hollow waveguide containing the ferrite. The phase of the output wave relative to the input is varied by the axial d-c magnetic field.

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FIG. 2—Sample and sample holder for a ferrite cylinder

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#### Space-Charge Reactance Tube

BY LAVERGNE E. WILLIAMS Electrical Engineering Department University of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut

PRESENCE OF SPACE CHARGE in the grid-cathode region of triodes and pentodes affects the dynamic capacitance between the grid and cathode of the tube. Published theory states that the dynamic grid-cathode capacitance of ideal parallel-plane tubes (no initial electron velocity) increases by onethird when the plate current is space-charge limited and this change in capacitance is not a function of the operating conditions of the tube.<sup>1</sup>

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FIG. 1-Circuit for measuring the change in grid-to-cathode and plate capacitance as a function of the operating conditions of the tube



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FIG. 2—Change in grid-to-plate and cathode capacitance with change in plate voltage for a 6J5

capacitance variation is a reasonably linear function of the plate and grid bias on the tube and it is of the order of one  $\mu\mu$ f or more for typical receiving-type tubes.

#### Capacitance Characteristics

The circuit shown in Fig. 1 illustrates how the dynamic capacitance from grid-to-plate and cathode can be measured experimentally. The tube is operated with its plate (or screen) by-passed to ground and the input capacitance is measured at various static operating conditions by means of a Q meter. Dynamic capacitance can be defined as the change in charge divided by the change in voltage, therefore, the Q meter voltage should be maintained as small as practicable (less than one volt) in order to approach a true dynamic value.

Figures 2 and 3 are plots showing how the grid-to-cathode and plate capacitance of one typical receiving type tube varies as a function of the operating conditions of the tube. Many other types of tubes, including disc seal and miniature tubes, were tested and they all exhibited similar characteristics. The curves are valid at all frequencies as long as transit time and lead inductance effects can be ignored. These data were checked at frequencies ranging from 300 kc to over 20 mc. Since the capacitance change is not a function of frequency, it is obvious that the Miller effect does not contribute to



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Other economies are 1. no intermediate annealing operations; 2. no handling of separate batches for each operation; 3. no danger of injury and accumulation of dirt on parts while waiting for available presses; 4. better control on number of pieces required. Once the job gets into production, finished items leave the eyelet machine in a constant stream. This means quicker deliveries, less handling and a correspondingly lower unit cost.

#### **Expert Tool Designing**

From the production standpoint eyelet machine operation is more difficult than single press operation. The eyelet machine toolmaker is a highly skilled mechanic, who must be a master at tool construction capable of performing all of the operations which the machine can do. In designing tools the increase in length of a shell is the result of reducing the outside diameter without appreciably thinning the wall. Operations must be so balanced that the metal does not become hardened too much in the early stages: otherwise, it will be too hard in temper to withstand subsequent operations. Deep shells are generally run with a slight flange to permit easy stripping and for freedom from edge cracking.

On long runs for brass or for ferrous materials, carbide dies are often used to withstand wear and permit closer tolerances. Good lubricants must be used to reduce friction between the metal and the dies.

#### **Correct Temper and Quality**

The copper-base alloy must be free from imperfections such as spills and blisters. The grain size must be comparatively fine in order to impart strength which is necessary to resist breakage when the metal stretches during forming and drawing operations. Some jobs require metal with small grain size because a smooth surface suitable for polished finishes is called for.

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#### the capacitance variations.

It has been reported that the measured change in capacitance between grid and plate is small in comparison to the change between grid-to-cathode.<sup>\*</sup> The change in grid-to-cathode and plate capacitance can, therefore, be considered to be nearly the same as the change in grid-cathode capacitance.

#### The Reactance Tube

The linear portions of the curves shown in Fig. 2 and 3 suggest that the circuit of Fig. 1 would be very



FIG. 3—Change in capacitance as a function of grid bias for 6J5

useful for many reactance tube applications. One such application is illustrated in Fig. 4. It consists of a Hartley oscillator that is frequency modulated by varying the grid bias on the reactance tube. The static characteristics of the modulated oscillator are shown in Fig. 5. As can be seen from these curves, the frequency deviation was quite linear up to + 20 kc provided that the alternating oscillator voltage was kept small compared to the grid bias on the reactance tube.

To calculate the shift in resonant frequency that can be produced by the reactance tube, consider the equation for the resonant frequency of a high Q tuned circuit.

$$f_o = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_oC_o}} \tag{1}$$

Differentiating Eq. 1 with respect to  $C_{\circ}$  and solving for df

$$df = \frac{-f_o}{2C_o} dC \tag{2}$$

If the alternating tank circuit


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voltage is small, a few volts, the instantaneous resonant frequency can be determined for each operating point of the reactance tube by merely substituting the proper value of dC from the capacitance curves into the equation. If the alternating voltage is large enough to vary the operating point beyond the linear range of the dC, the dynamic path of operation has to be determined and the average dC for an entire alternating cycle has to be evaluated and substituted into Eq. 2.

#### Other Applications

Since transit time and lead inductance are the only high frequency limitations on the use of the space-charge reactance tube, it should prove extremely valuable for many high-frequency applications where the loading effects, reactive and resistive, of conventional reactance-tube circuits are objectionable. It should be possible to utilize this principle to make electronically tunable highfrequency filters.

It may be possible to reduce noise and interference in a wideband f-m receiver by feeding some of the discriminator output back to a tunable narrow-band filter in the front end of the receiver. In this way, the receiver would be continuously tuned to the instantaneous frequency of the incoming signal. Fig. 6 shows how a cavity can be tuned with a lighthouse tube.

It is interesting to note that if the modulating signal is applied to the plate circuit of the reactance tube, the capacitance can be modulated at a frequency comparable to or higher than the frequency of signal applied to the grid.

The variations of grid-to-cathode



FIG. 4—Circuit for frequency modulating an oscillator with the space-charge reactance tube

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FIG. 5—Static characteristics of f-m oscillator shown in Fig. 4. Carrier frequency is 6.2 mc

capacitance with space charge as described are responsible for certain detrimental effects found in electronic equipment and the method of analysis shown here should prove useful in evaluating these conditions. Drift in selfexcited oscillators is caused largely by such capacitance variations. It is also the cause of detuning in high Q circuits that are in parallel with the input to an amplifying tube. This condition occurs when an avc voltage shifts the operating point of a tube in a high-frequency narrow-band receiver.

#### Conclusion

The variation in interelectrode capacitance with the operating conditions of amplifying tubes has been neglected as a useful tool in the electronic art. Satisfactory space-charge reactance tubes for frequency modulating oscillators can be made and there appear to be many other applications of this principle that warrant further study.

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FIG. 6—Physical arrangement for tuning cavities with disc-seal tubes

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FIG. 2—Rearrangement of the circuit of Fig. 1 to conserve materials in power supply

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Figure 1 illustrates the power supply and voltage distribution to the various tubes of such a set using a permanent magnet focusing and centering device. The group of tubes using a 135-volt plate supply, with current requirements of approximately 100 ma, are represented by A. The tubes using a 275-volt plate supply and current of about 80 ma are represented by B. The C group of tubes use the entire 380 volts at about 100 ma and D is the regulator section of the bleeder, dissipating 20 ma. The total current is thus 300 ma at 380 volts, or 114 watts. The 1,360-ohm and 12, 93, 375-ohm sections of the bleeder dissipate 31.5 watts, the need for which can be eliminated by rearrangement of the circuitry. Figure 2 illustrates this rearrangement.

As before, the 380-volt potential is required by the tubes in group C. Group B will operate as well at 250 as at 275 volts, and group A may be reduced to 130 volts without effect on performance. Groups A and B thus add up to 380 volts and by literally stacking one on top of the other they may share the voltage but will both use the same current. Each acts as the bleeder for the other and by minor adjustments, perhaps for instance by switching a tube with noncritical requirements from one group to the other, the current requirements for the two groups may be made to coincide at approximately 90 ma. With the current required by group C this totals 190 ma or about 42 watts less than the original circuitry. This is also well within the capacity of a single 5U4G rectifier and a tube and socket with associated wiring may be added to the



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FIG. 3—Horizontal sync discriminator, oscillator and oscillator-control tubes at 130v above ground

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Any negative bias voltages, required by group B may be developed at point E (Fig. 2) and for group A at point F. To illustrate this, Fig. 3 is given, showing the horizontal sync discriminator, oscillator and oscillator control tubes elevated as a group to a point 130 volts above ground and supplying the -2 volts bias required by the grid of the 6AC7 oscillator control tube. The 130-volt point is the plate voltage bus for the entire r-f and video amplifier sections.

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FIG. 1—Simplified diagram of electronic method for sensing differences in heights of mercury columns

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FIG. 1—Initial circuit which proved to be unstable because of lack of synchronization for the neon tetrode

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The light source was required to produce flashes of fairly high intensity at a stable repetition frequency variable between about 5 and 25 per second.

Initially a small industrial stroboscope was used, Fig. 1. This instrument used a neon-filled tetrode lamp which could be triggered by negative pulses applied to its control grid. The lamp was primarily intended to be synchronized by a voltage derived from the object under examination. In addition by adjustment of the screen voltage, the lamp could be operated as a relaxation oscillator.

The synchronizing circuit consisted of an amplifier stage followed by a short-time-constant coupling which produced trigger pulses from waveforms fed in at the sync terminal to trigger a flip-flop. This flip-flop produced the lamp-triggering pulse by differentiation of the back edge of its anode waveform which was of variable width for phase control.

As the neon lamp had to be operated without synchronization, it was rather unstable and this together with a rather high minimum flash frequency of 10 per second were serious obstacles to satisfactory results.

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FIG. 3—Siren oscillator

and decay of a bell or gong.

Figure 1 shows such a pulsedamplifier circuit. The amplifying tube  $V_1$  is a remote cut-off pentode in which the grid is normally biased to cutoff by the bleeder circuit  $\tilde{R}_L$  $R_2$ . The momentary application of a positive voltage to  $C_1$  overcomes the initial bias, the difference voltage being such as to provide operating bias for normal gain.

After the voltages pulse, capacitor  $C_1$  discharges slowly through its discharge network, allowing the grid bias to increase negatively and thus gradually reduce the gain of the stage. The time constant of the decay network is chosen as a function of the repetition rate of the gong signal to provide a suitable ratio between the minimum and maximum tone levels.

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FIG. 4-Gas-tube simulated siren

decrease after passing the knee with increasing negative grid voltage, provides the most natural sounding bell. Difficulties in maintaining the grid-bias voltage differential while holding reasonable manufacturing tolerances or avoiding selective assembly of resistors makes this circuit somewhat undesirable in production manufacturing.

The pulsed amplifier circuit of Fig. 2 has proven satisfactory in its decay characteristic as well as from a manufacturing standpoint. This circuit is still used in current designs. In this circuit, which is a standard amplifier insofar as circuit constants or tube selection is concerned, the plate voltage is applied as a pulse to the decay network and to the triode plate. As in Fig. 1, after the voltage pulse the plate voltage, now obtained from the 4-uf capacitor, decays gradually to zero and amplification ceases unless another pulse is applied. Here again the decay characteristics are determined by the repetition rate of the signal.

The oscillators used to produce the composite bell tone were R-C phase-shift types as shown in Fig. 2. Circuits producing essentially sine-wave outputs have proven most desirable from the standpoint of naturalness of tone and avoidance of spurious frequency components in the final output.

Attempts to simulate sirens and motor-driven horns electronically have resulted in several successful circuits using gas-tube oscillators and multivibrators.

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upon the voltage applied to the grid via the R-C delay network.

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The circuit of Fig. 4 using type VR75 tubes was produced for a time and provided a very realistic siren tone. Because of the high voltage required for striking the tube and the necessarily high values of resistance required in the delay circuit, the successful operation of this oscillator was dependent upon a value of tube leakage current less than the maximum allowed in the manufacture of the tube. Excessive gas current caused sufficient voltage drop in the delay circuit to hold the anode voltage below the striking voltage.

Additional circuits will be discussed by the authors in a second article to appear in a future issue.

#### Ceramics for Permanent Magnets

A NEW CLASS of sintered oxidic magnetically hard materials has been developed by the Philips Research Laboratories at Eindhoven, Netherlands. The oxides can be used as materials for permanent magnets even though they do not contain any nickel or cobalt. They have been given the name of Ferroxdure and have the approximate composition  $BaFe_{12}O_{19}$ .

Some of the applications for the new material are loudspeaker circuits, magnets for fixing one object to another, magnets for oil filters, magnets for focusing electron beams, electric generators and motors and magnetomechanic couplings.

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A complete description of the new ferromagnetic oxides is given in the January 1952 issue of *Philips Technical Review* in an article on page 194 from which the information presented here was abstracted.

#### Germanium Power-Rectifier Construction

By FRED J. LINGEL Commercial and Government Equipment Dept. General Electric Company Syracuse, New York

THE DOT-TYPE GERMANIUM power rectifier known as the G-10A and developed by General Electric has a forward resistance of two ohms at 350 ma, back voltage of 100 to 400 volts peak, frequency range from 0 to 50 kc, will withstand surge currents of 10 amperes and has a back resistance of 100,000 to 800,000 ohms for peak inverse voltages of 200 volts.

#### Construction

The sealed metal button design used has a protective wax or metal cap over the germanium pellet and a plastic coat over the rectifier and fin assembly. The rectifier button consists of a  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. square, 25-millimeter thick pellet of high-purity germanium mounted in the center of a butyl sealed metal cup as shown in Fig. 1.

The germanium pellet is soldered to a Fernico strip with a hard solder. The solder in addition to holding the pellet, serves to make the germanium directly in contact with it of strong n type. The Fernico strip is necessary in order to match the temperature coefficient of expansion of the germanium pellet.

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FIG. 1-Mechanical drawing of the germanium power rectifier

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When the soldering operations are performed properly, a p-n junction is obtained with good rectifying properties.

The assembly of germanium, Fernico and nickel-clad lead wire is then soft soldered to the metal cup. The cup is assembled with insulator washers, rubber seal ring and cover. The assembly is then placed in an oven at 85 C and thoroughly baked to drive moisture from the rectifier junction. After a 12-hour bake, the unit is evacuated and filled with dry inert gas. Purpose of the heat evacuation is to remove the moisture from inside the button.

While the assembly is still warm, the cover is crimped over the rubber washer and sealed in a partial vacuum. The partial vacuum forces the rubber into position and helps insure complete protection for the rectifier assembly.

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High-speed setup for checking resistance of each circuit in chassis of military radio set.

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test. Once in place, the chassis can be turned over at will for making test connections and for troubleshooting in any circuit indicated to be defective by the Rotobridge. Some defects can be located and remedied immediately, while others are tagged for repair later. The Rotobridge stops when a defective circuit is encountered, giving the operator time to fill out a tag or clear up the trouble before pushing the reset button to continue with circuit-by-circuit testing.

When setting up a chassis for test, one plug is inserted in each tube socket and each jack, and clip connections are made to terminals and to the chassis ground. Two duplicate test positions are used, so that the operator can be making plug-in connections to one chassis while the Rotobridge is testing the other chassis. Changeover from one chassis to the other is done automatically in the Rotobridge.

#### **Testing Housing for Leaks**

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#### Motor Retwists Spread-Out Strands



Strand-twisting tool developed by Louis Friedman, production manager of CBS-Columbia plant

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#### **Chassis Cradle on Wheels**

To OBTAIN optimum working height along with the quick-turnover features of a chassis cradle, production engineers at Tracerlab Inc. in Boston have developed a U-shaped chassis cradle mounted on an adjustable floor stand. The circular steel base has three rubber-tired wheels with individual locking levers. Telescoping pipes, one welded to the base and one to the cradle, can be set for any desired height by means of a thumbscrew in the outer pipe.

As each chassis is designed, provision is made for two small holes on each side, to which can be bolted a steel side piece having a welded-on stud bolt projecting outward. This bolt drops into a slot in the top



Construction of cradle stand



Method of using chassis cradles in aisles between benches for assembly of scalers and counting rate meters



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purpose. At the desired location for a clamp, a hole is punched in the chassis and the grounding lead of a nearby capacitor or resistor under the chassis is pushed up. The lead is soldered to the chassis at the hole, and surplus length above the chassis is bent over the wires requiring hold-down.

A simple grounding hole like this is easier and cheaper to make than a punched-out lance, and there is less chance of cold-soldered grounds. Several leads may be grounded in the same hole.

#### **Chassis Lettering Techniques**

SIMPLE labeled templates improve the accuracy and speed of rubberstamping lettering on a chassis for small production runs. As used in the Television Transmitter Division at Allen B. DuMont Labs., Inc. in Clifton, N. J., rectangular holes are cut in a sheet of fishpaper to expose the chassis at each location requiring lettering. The correct lettering for each hole is then lettered on pieces of masking tape placed adjacent to the holes. To accommodate projecting terminals, the fishpaper is placed on a wood board and round holes are



Use of fishpaper template to speed positioning of rubber stamps for marking a chassis

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quickly made at the required locations with a plain steel punch and hammer, to complete preparation of the template.

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After placing the template over the chassis, the operator takes from storage an envelope containing the correct rubber stamps for that chassis, arranges the stamps in logical order for stamping the chassis from top to bottom and left to right, then picks up the stamps one by one and marks the chassis. The stamps are put back on the



Fixture and stencils for placing lettering on both sides of a complicated chassis in one spraying operation. Stencil for bottom of chassis, in upright part of fixture, has cavities for under-chassis projections. Stencil for top of chassis, on hinged frame resting on table, is brought up after chassis is inserted in fixture

bench in the same sequence, for use on the next chassis. The labeled template aids in positioning the stamp quickly at the correct location and minimizes possibilities of using the wrong stamp for a terminal.

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Spraying lettering on bottom of chassis through brass stencil. Fixture is on turntable so it can be turned around quickly for spraying top of chassis

pares to as long as 8 hours for conventional rubber-stamp techniques (without templates) on a chassis of comparable size.

The stencils are contour-formed to specification so as to fit snugly over the chassis, after which the codings, symbols and other identification data are cut in the brass. Many types of inks or paints can be sprayed, some for temporary markings to be removed after assembly and others for permanent marks. A fine-spray commercial spray gun is required; brushing is



Two brass stencils and holding fixture for applying lettering to front and rear of a small r-f oscillator chassis. Guides behind fixture serve to position and hold two units at a time for spraying, doubling speed of operation

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not normally recommended due to the fine characters.

The stencils need be cleaned only occasionally, by dipping in the recommended solvent of the paint or ink being used.

#### **Solder-Sealing Lathe**



Inserting discriminator-stage base and housing in lathe preparatory to soldering. Note pool of molten solder in working face of soldering-iron tip

PLUG-IN i-f and discriminator stages for the AN/PRC 10 portable transmitter-receiver (described on p 98 of May 1951 ELECTRONICS) are completely solder-sealed in  $1\frac{1}{2}$ turns of a miniature lathe developed by RCA Victor, without bringing the internal temperature of the can above the permissible limit of 60 C.

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Soldering housing to base. Solder is fed automatically to joint through copper tubing that serves as guide. Entire operation takes only about 5 seconds

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determined by watching the printed label on the can, the operator releases the pedal to stop the motor and lower the iron, then takes out the soldered unit and immerses it base-down in a pan of alcohol alongside for cooling.

A hole in the cover of the can is sealed later, after controlled low baking to get moisture out of the inside of the can.

#### Tape Replaces Cable Knot



Method of using masking tape, with one lead tucked between wires back of tape, to protect terminals when battery cable is pulled

INSTEAD of knotting a battery cable on the inside of the chassis to prevent pull on terminals of a threeway portable radio, Emerson puts a piece of masking tape around the cable just inside the chassis, then loops one of the leads between the cable wires just back of the tape. This locks the cable in the set. The technique works only when two or more wires go through the same hole; on single antenna lead-in wires, knots are still used.

#### **Electrode Spacing Checker**

INTERELECTRODE capacitances of the two sections of a 6J6 twin-triode tube are measured and matched in a special two-unit capacitance bridge at the RCA Tube Department's Harrison, N. J., plant. After assembly of the electrodes but prior to sealing and exhaust, the electrode structure is plugged into the

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Bending grid support with tweezers to equalize interelectrode capacitances of 6J6 triode sections as measured by dual capacitance bridge. Before each test, tube structure is held in pipe at left and lint or dirt is blown out by air blast from copper tubing, controlled by footoperated valve

socket of the test fixture in front of the capacitance bridge, and the grid-cathode capacitance is noted for each section.

For an acceptable tube, both values must be within a predetermined tolerance range. When the spacing is only slightly outside the acceptable range, the operator can often bend the electrode supports with tweezers to make the necessary correction.

### Tape Blocks Use ofWrong Television Parts

WHEN two types of yoke assemblies are used alternately on a television receiver assembly line in Du Mont's East Paterson, N. J. plant, dolly



Use of masking tape to minimize chances of getting wrong type of deflection yoke onto television receiver assembly line

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racks containing the unwanted type of yoke are criss-crossed with masking tape as an eye-catching indication that the parts are not to be used. The tape technique makes it unnecessary to return the parts to the stockroom and bring them back out the next day.

#### **Cabinet** Tip-Ups

As TELEVISION sets get bigger and bulkier, efficient work on the inside and bottom of the cabinet becomes more and more of a problem to production men. Many different fixtures and props have been devised to prevent scratching the cabinet finish when tipping the cabinet for installation of the face plate and chassis bolts and for sealing the shipping carton.



Padded bench at CBS-Columbia. Safetyglass plate being installed here was first cleaned with special lintless industrial absorbent tissues

Covering the top of the bench with a large sheet of sponge rubber and tacking the rubber also over the front edge of a shelf gives cabinet protection while installing the glass face plate in a table-model tv set at the CBS-Columbia plant in Brooklyn, N. Y. This setup is for small or special production runs, hence no conveyor line is employed. Corrugated cardboard on the wall at the back of the bench gives added protection when the set is tipped so its top rests against the shelf.

On production lines in the same CBS-Columbia plant, a hinged

THE TRANSISTOR

### A picture report of progress



FIRST TRANSISTORS were of this point contact type (picture three times life size). Current is amplified as it flows between wires through a wafer of germanium metal. These transistors are now being made at the Allentown plant of Western Electric, manufacturing unit of the Bell System. They will be used in a new selector which finds the best routes for calls in Long Distance dialing.



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Hinged backrest used at CBS-Columbia is padded with strips of sponge rubber fastened with electrical insulating tape.

backrest is mounted opposite the operator on a bench-type line down which table-model cabinets roll on ball-bearing pallets, with the chassis inside but not bolted. An assistant on the other side of the line centers the chassis in the cabinet by eye, brings the hinged backrest up against the back of the set, then pulls cabinet and rest down together almost to a horizontal position, for ease of installing bolts with a compressed-air wrench. The first operator then pulls the



Small section of bench is pivoted and cut out in cabinet lip-up arrangement used by Emerson



Installing chassis mounting bolts through cutouts in pallet an Emerson production line

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Method of tipping console on Admiral's tv line

set back onto its pallet and rolls it down the line to the next work position. For one-man operation, a mirror is mounted on the other side of the line so the wrench operator can do the chassis centering himself.

A more elaborate tip-up for cabinets on ball-bearing pallets is used by Emerson Radio & Phonograph Co. in their Jersey City plant. A padded backrest is rigidly attached to a section of bench that is cut out and pivoted on a shaft running down the center of the bench. Cabinet, pallet and bench section are then tipped back as a unit for insertion of chassis mounting bolts through large holes in the pallet.

A large felt-padded backrest positioned at about 60 degrees above horizontal is used in Admiral's Chicago plant for work on console tv sets. These come down a roller conveyor with their shipping-carton pallets already attached. Cabinet and pallet are tipped back off the conveyor together for insert-



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Such high output is achieved by winding to the final profile on a mandrel, hot-stretching the strip of wound grids to straighten the support wires, and burning out the loose turns between grids during winding instead of after chopping into individual grids.

The operating principle of the machine is shown in the diagram. The completed grid length is pulled off the mandrel to the right, as indicated by the straight arrow, while the mandrel rotates as indicated by the curved arrow. The support wires run in two grooves in the mandrel, the cross-section of which normally determines the size and profile of the grid.

During rotation of the mandrel a notch is cut in each support wire in turn at the required pitch by the cutting wheel. After this, the winding wire is fed into the notch and, during the next revolution of



Operation of grid-winding lathe

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Using magnifying glass to study gridwinding action on Brimar lathe. Wire passes between two pieces of sponge material for final cleaning before being wound on mandrel

the mandrel, is swaged into the support by the action of the swaging wheel. The lateral motion of the strip is obtained from a lead screw that also controls the winding pitch. The grids are wound in lengths of approximately 12 inches and subsequently cut into individual grids.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Description                   | Diode<br>converter | Grid controlled<br>converter | Diode<br>converter |
| Maximum anode-cathode         |                    |                              |                    |
| voltage                       | 6 kV.              | 6 kV.                        | 6 kV.              |
| Linear magnification of image | 3 times            | 3 times                      | 1                  |
| Screen diameter               | 4″                 | 4″                           | 1″                 |
| Screen resolution             | 200 lines/cm.      | 200 lines/cm.                | 200 lines/cm       |

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### **NEW PRODUCTS**

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#### **UHF Power Tetrode**

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Harrison, N. J., has announced a new 1-kw power tetrode, with ceramic-metal seals, for use in uhf tv transmitters. Designated as the 6181, the forced-air-cooled tube can be operated with full plate voltage and plate input at frequencies as high as 900 mc, and is capable of delivering a synchronizing-level power output of 1,200 w in broad-band tv service. Featured in the design is a coaxial electrode structure providing low-inductance, large-area, r-f electrode terminals insulated from each other by low-loss ceramic bushings.



#### **TV Bypass Capacitors**

ERIE RESISTOR CORP., Erie, Pa., is offering two new Ceramicon bypass capacitors designed primarily to supply high-voltage power supply filtering for tv receivers. Style 412 is rated at 20 kv and style 414 at 10 kv. The case insulation is of low-loss, molded thermosetting plastic. Ring convolutions are molded into the surface of the 20-kv capacitor to prevent surface leakages that are caused by ordinary handling and a consequent deposit of conductive materials. The convoluted design increases the effective surface creepage path by more than 14 percent.



#### **Clipper Diode**

LEWIS & KAUFMAN, INC., Los Gatos 1, Calif. The type 719A clipper diode is designed for h-y pulse applications. It is recommended for use in pulse generators where the pulse-repetition rate is 2,000 pps or less and peak forward current is 10 amperes. Peak inverse rating is 25,000 v. Conservatively rated at 75 watts, the tube incorporates a new black-body heat-dissipating anode surface termed Sintercote. The heater draws 7 amperes at 7 volts. Maximum height of the tube is  $5\frac{1}{6}$  in. and maximum diameter is 2 9/16 in. It fits a standard No. 234 socket.

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#### **Signal Splitter**

J. L. A. MCLAUGHLIN, P.O. Box 529, La Jolla, Calif. Type McL-10-VBX signal splitter, for use with communications receivers subject to adjacent channel and in-channel jamming, is essentially a selectable single-sideband converter that rejects the side frequencies containing the unwanted carrier. It features low r-f intermodulation distortion and variable bandwidth. Up to seven selectivity switch positions in either sideband provide a total of fourteen useful singlesideband widths of from 100 cps out to 10,000 cps for reception of c-w to broadcast quality a-m transmissions through jamming. The device will separate two carriers on the same assigned frequency and attenuate the unwanted one 60 db when the frequency difference is only 0.005 percent at carrier frequencies of 15 mc or more.

#### Unit Crystal Oscillator

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|---------|------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| é       | HEIGHT           | DIAM. | SUPPLY                      |                                   | MA.                          | MA.                          |                                  |  |
| OA2     | 2.63             | .75   | 185                         | 150                               | 5                            | 30                           | 6                                |  |
| OB2     | 2.63             | .75   | 133                         | 108                               | 5                            | 30                           | .4                               |  |
| CK1017  | 2.69             | .75   | 750                         | 700                               | .005                         | .055                         | 15                               |  |
| CK1022  | 2.69             | .75   | 1100                        | 1000                              | .005                         | .055                         | 20                               |  |
| CK1037  | 1.75             | .40   | 720                         | 700                               | .005                         | .100                         | 15                               |  |
| CK1038  | 1.75             | .40   | 925                         | 900                               | .005                         | .055                         | 15                               |  |
| CK1039  | 1.75             | .40   | 1230                        | 1200                              | .005                         | .100                         | 25                               |  |
| CK5651* | 2.13             | .75   | 115                         | 87                                | 1,5                          | 3.5                          | 3                                |  |
| CK5783* | 1.63             | .40   | 115                         | 87                                | 1.5                          | 3.5                          | 3                                |  |
| CK5787  | 2.06             | .40   | 141                         | 100                               | 5                            | 30                           | 6                                |  |
| CK5962  | 2.69             | .75   | 730                         | 700                               | .005                         | .055                         | 15                               |  |
| СК6213  | 1.38             | .40   | 200                         | 130                               | 1.0                          | 2.5                          | 2                                |  |

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#### **D-C Power Supply**

ELECTRONIC RECTIFIERS, INC., 2102 Spann Ave., Indianapolis 3, Ind., has announced a new d-c power supply that operates on a-c line voltages of 208 to 230, three phase, 60 cycles. It supplies either 500 amperes at 3 to 7 v d-c, or 250 amperes at 6 to 14 v d-c. This is a full wave unit with a ripple voltage of approximately  $4\frac{1}{2}$  percent under load. The d-c voltage does not drop to zero when a single tap position is changed under load as is common to many power supplies employing a three-phase half-wave rectifier. The unit is equipped with Lextron magnesium copper-sulphide rectifiers that can be operated at temperatures from -40 to 284 F.



#### **Insulation Tester**

EASTERN SPECIALTY Co., 3617 N. 8th St., Philadelphia, Pa., has developed an insulation tester to meet

the requirements of safety, instantaneous indication, direct reading in megohms, ability to discriminate between a complete insulation . breakdown and leakage through insulation, and portability and compactness. In case the operator should get across the test leads, the dead short circuit is limited to a maximum of 100 µa, or 0.1 ma. The indicator is a direct-reading d-c microammeter, is calibrated directly in megohms and will measure insulation resistance up to 1,000 megohms. The circuit consists of a small Sola constant voltage transformer, a step-up transformer and a rectifier-capacitor network that delivers a steady filtered voltage of 1,500 v d-c.



#### High-Speed Vacuum Tubes

INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORP., 67 Broad St., New York 4, N. Y., can supply two high-speed vacuum tubes for use in electronic systems using vacuum tubes in place of stepping switches. Type G10/240E unidirectional coldcathode decade counter illustrated has 10 cathodes to indicate the number of the count, either visually at low speeds or by means of the voltage developed across the cathode load at high speeds. It can count pulses at repetition speeds between 0 and 20 kc. Dimensions are: overall length, 4.96 in.; seated height 4.4 in.; bulb diameter, 1.96 in. and weight, 2.29 oz. Type G1/370K primed cold-cathode trigger has an overall length of 2.1 in.; a seated height of 1.87 in.; a bulb diameter of 0.75 in. and weight of 0.17 oz.



#### Synchro Zeroing Device

ULTRASONIC CORP., 61 Rogers St., Cambridge, Mass., has announced the model U100 Synchronull, an instrument designed for zeroing synchros of all types, and proving a valuable test device in equipment manufacturing plants and in field engineering use. A simple switching operation automatically selects proper test-circuit connections for each type of synchro, as well as the proper sequence of test circuits for the zeroing operation. High sensitivity in the null-indicating tuning eye permits the ultimate in zeroing accuracy. Ten millivolts, corresponding to about 0.6 minute of angular error, can be clearly and instantly detected.



#### **Receiving Tube**

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Syracuse, N. Y., has announced the 6BK5 receiving tube which may lead to a considerable reduction in tv receiver manufacturing costs. Use of the new tube in conjunction with the 6BN6 in the sound circuit of ty receivers will result in the elimination of two additional tubes, associated components and several assembly operations. The 6BK5 is a power output pentode, while the 6BN6 is a combination limiter and discriminator. Used together they eliminate use of a first audio amplifier tube and a limiter tube. When operated with 250 v on the plate and screen, the 6BK5 can deliver 3.5 w
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#### **H-V Power Supply**

NORTH AMERICAN PHILIPS Co., INC., 750 S. Fulton Ave., Mount Vernon, N.Y., has announced a high-voltage d-c power supply unit for use with c-r and Geiger counter tubes. The miniaturized unit operates at temperatures from -30 to 80 C and can be adapted for many applications, particularly airborne and radar equipment. Input is 315 v d-c, 50 ma. Output is 18 kv d-c, 150  $\mu$ a maximum. The a-c ripple averages 1 percent. The unit is built to withstand 21 kv at 50-percent humidity. A Ferroxcube core is

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#### **Power Supply Unit**

AMPEX ELECTRIC CORP., Redwood City, Calif., has announced model 375 precision 60-cycle power supply unit that provides accurate frequency stabilization for operating laboratory and test equipment. Frequency stability is five parts per million per deg C. It provides 60 watts of useful power. Input may vary from 50 to 400 cycles and from 90 to 125 v. Output is constant at 60 cycles and adjustable from 0 to 150 v. The unit is designed for standard rack mounting.





#### **R-F** Coax Switch

THOMPSON PRODUCTS, INC., 2196 Clarkwood Road, Cleveland 3, Ohio, has developed model 10565 lightweight r-f coaxial switch that is actuated by a 24-28 volt d-c rotary solenoid and meets rigid military performance specifications. At frequencies to 11,000 mc it has a maximum vswr of 1.5 db and less than 0.2 db insertion loss. At 3,000 mc



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#### **Receiving Tube**

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Schenectady, N. Y. Type 6BX7-GT receiving tube will reduce vertical distortion on tv receivers which are operated from a low B-plus supply voltage. It is a twin triode designed for the vertical output stage of tv receivers as a combined vertical deflection amplifier and vertical oscillator. It will provide better linearity and more sweep at a lower driving voltage. Because it will operate at a lower voltage, use of the tube will also result in a saving of transformer copper. Among typical operating characteristics for each section are a cutoff voltage of 40 v with 250 v on the plate and 80 ma plate current at zero bias with 100 v on the plate. The tube has a maximum plate supply voltage rating of 500 v as vertical deflection amplifier.



#### **Dereeling Tension**

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#### Twin Power Triode

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Harrison, N. J. Type 6082 low-mu, highperveance, twin power triode is designed for use as the regulator tube in stabilized d-c power-supply units of aircraft receivers. It consists of two triode units in one envelope and utilizes a 26.5-v heater. Each unit has a mu of 2, a transconductance of 7,000 micromhos and a plate-dissipation rating of 13 watts. The tube employs a compact design in which special attention has been given to features which improve its strength both as to shock and vibration.



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| VOLTAGE<br>REGULATION<br>(2-50 هو (%) | 1.5              | 1.5    | 1.5      |
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#### **Beam Power Tube**

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#### Literature\_

Galvanometers and Dynamometers. Leeds & Northrup Co., 4934 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa. The complete line of standard galvanometers, dynamometers, d-c indicating amplifiers, and accessories for use in null-balance or calibrated deflection measurements is presented in the newly-revised 20page catalog section ED. In addition to the usual galvanometers of the pointer or reflecting type, the publication describes and illustrates low-level d-c indicating amplifiers that can be used as null detectors, direct-reading instru-
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Electron Microscope Movie. North American Philips Co., Inc., Research & Control Div., 750 S. Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has available a 30-minute, 16-mm sound film dealing with electron microscopy. It explains the operation and application of the instrument and illustrates some of the work that can be performed with the aid of this research tool. Industrial and scientific groups interested in making arrangements for exhibition of the film should contact C. J. Woods giving place, date and hour desired for the showing.

Magnetic Alloys. The International Nickel Co., Inc., 67 Wall St., New York 5, N. Y., has available a 20-page bulletin entitled "Iron-Nickel Alloys for Magnetic Purposes (20 to 90 Percent Nickel)". Tables and graphs correlate chemical composition with magnetic properties, trade names and sources of supply. Typical applications suggest uses for the alloys depending on their predominant characteristics. Included are descriptions of alloys most suitable where magnetic shielding, high permeability, constant permeability, change in magnetic properties with temperature are required, or where a material with a rectangular hysteresis loop or one showing high magnetostriction are essential.

Product Index. P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., 3029 E. Washington St., Indianapolis 6, Ind., has completed a product index providing specific information in condensed form concerning a line of electrochemical, electromechanical, electronic and metallurgical products. The catalog, designed to acquaint engineer and layman alike with basic data on available products, includes brief descriptions of the specifications, features and applications of the complete line of batteries, capacitors, contacts, rectifiers, resistors, switches, vibra-

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Lightweight Soldering Iron. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Bulletin GED-1583 covers a new lightweight soldering iron. The device described is designed especially for radio, electronic and instrument manufacturers who need high-speed, pinpoint soldering accomplished in close quarters.

Equipment Catalog. Precise Development Corp., Oceanside, N. Y., has released the first of a series of catalog sheets listing company products currently marketed. Salient features of the products and a complete list of specifications are given. Among the units illustrated and described are the model 630 r-f, a-f and tv marker generator, models 909 and 907 vtvm's, model 635 universal a-f sine, square and pulse generator, model 912 r-f probe and model 999 h-v probe.

Audio-Visual Information. Audio-Master Corp., 341 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y., has obtainable a catalog incorporating latest developments in the audio-visual field-transcription players, p-a systems, 3-speed phonographs, recording tape, educational and classical music records, filmstrips on American history, 16-mm musical films and like topics.

**Components Catalog.** Cambridge Thermionic Corp., 437 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass., has announced a catalog on electrical and electronic components. The conveniently indexed publication contains useful data on terminal lugs, terminal boards, swagers, hardware, insulated terminals, coil forms, wound coils and other equipment. Photographs of components, complete with detailed descriptions and working drawings containing specifications are included.

Vibrator Maintenance. James Vibrapower Co., 4036 North Rockwell St., Chicago 18, Ill., has available a 4-page booklet outlining the proper connections and adjustment of oscilloscopes in wave form observation of vibra-

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Auto Antennas. Ward Products Corp., Division of The Gabriel Co., 1523 E. 45th St., Cleveland 3, Ohio, has released a new three-color auto antenna catalog. In addition to describing the Eight-Ball, Phantom, Air King and other models, the catalog introduces the company's exclusive Elektron lead cable.

**Components Catalog.** DeJur-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y., has available a six-page two-color brochure illustrating in full detail a variety of Continental Connector components designed for such instruments as computers, radar equipment and plug-in units for packaging components. The connectors described have been made interchangeable with those now being used universally.

Terminal Catalog. Triad Transformer Mfg. Co., 2254 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Calif. Catalog TH-52 covers a line of multiple and single terminals. It contains actual size illustrations, specifications and dimensional drawings, plus recommended installation procedure, general information and several typical installation applications.

**Crossbar Switch.** A. W. Vincent Co., 39 State St., Rochester 14, N. Y., has released four pages of reference data on a unit that may be used wherever it is necessary to switch lines to lines in any combination and at frequencies from 0 to 10 mc. A price and delivery schedule is also available.

**D-C Power Supply.** The Superior Electric Co., Bristol, Conn. Bulletin V1051 covers in detail the Varicell, a source of variable stabilized-regulated d-c voltages operating from a-c power lines. The bulletin is complete with photographs, circuit diagrams, out-





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Radiation Counter Tubes. Amperex Electronic Corp., 25 Washington St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y. A 24-page folder describes and gives operational diagrams on the type 75 series gamma counters; the type 90 NB permanent-sensitivity betagamma counter; the types 100 and 200 series permanent-sensitivity mica-end window and alpha-beta counters; type 120 series end micawindow, beta counters; type 150 series mica-end window, betagamma counters; type 153C x-ray counter; type 230N alpha-beta Geiger counter; and type 240 alphabeta gamma, and x-ray counters.

**Combustion Indicator.** Ess Instrument Co., Bergenfield, N. J. Bulletin 801 gives a two-page description of another photoelectric relay application in the form of a Hazegage combustion indicator. Since the proper ratio of air and fuel is a constant concern to design, plant and operating engineers, the bulletin is a ready reference to fuel savings through increased combustion efficiency. Wiring diagrams of installation and relay circuits are included.

Selenium Rectifier Stacks. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. A new 28-page, two-color booklet describes the basic characteristics and the applications of selenium rectifier stacks. Designated as GET-2350, the booklet is complete with charts, graphs and tables illustrating the principles of rectification and the characteristics, manufacture, circuit design and application of selenium rectifiers.

**Controls Bulletin.** Wirt Co., 5231 Greene St., Philadelphia 44, Pa., has issued bulletin 177 describing a complete line of wire-wound potentiometers and rheostats, and slide switches having a wide range of exacting applications in the electrical, electronic, appliance and test-equipment fields. The bulletin gives all pertinent details on potentiometers and rheostats rated from 3 to 5 w, made with Bakelite housings in values from 5 to 100,-

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Dry Type Transformers. Magnatran Inc., 248 Schuyler Ave., Kearny, N. J. Catalog No. 6-01 announces a line of indoor and indoor-outdoor dry type transformers. The transformers described incorporate easy-to-install features and meet all standards such as AIEE, ASAMEMA and UL. Ratings listed are 600 volts and below, single phase, 3 kva to 200 kva.

**Constant Voltage Transformers.** Sola Electric Co., 4633 W. 16th St., Chicago 50, Ill., has published the No. CV-142 booklet, a 22-page upto-date cross reference to its transformers. Ample space is given in the catalog to engineering notes and operating data. The publication includes clear photographs, schematic diagrams and dimensional diagrams of every unit offered. There are also charts showing performance, harmonic analyses, electrical and mechanical specifications. Lithographed in two colors, the new bulletin is punched to fit standard 3-ring binders.

Tachometer Indicators. Metron Instrument Co., 432 Lincoln St., Denver 9, Col. Technical data sheet No. 42HJK describes 0.25percent accuracy tachometers for making high-accuracy speed measurements conveniently in a continuously indicating switchboard instrument. The instruments described have 10 overlapping or adjoining ranges instantly selectable by a rotary switch.

Potentiometer Pressure Transducers. Rahm Instruments, Inc., 12 West Broadway, N. Y. 7, N. Y. The single-page bulletin 152 covers the type PT pressure transducer designed for gage, differential or absolute pressure in which the brush of a precision potentiometer is actuated by a

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Battery Information. National Carbon Co., A Division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., 30 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y., has available a technical bulletin providing designers of batteryoperated electronic equipment with essential specifications on Eveready batteries. The information included applies principally to radio receivers. It can also be used in the design of portable radio transmitters, audio amplifiers, laboratory apparatus, test instruments and other batteryoperated electronic equipment. Terminal sketches are given and maximum dimensions shown in tabular form.

UHF-TV Transmitting Antenna. The Workshop Associates, Division of The Gabriel Co., 135 Crescent Rd., Needham, Mass. A single-sheet bulletin announces a new transmitting antenna for uhf television. Advantages of the unit described are extreme reliability, light weight, high gain, good match, controllable horizontal coverage, low height and low cost. A cross-section view and typical vertical radiation pattern are shown.

Military Variable Resistors. Chicago Telephone Supply Corp., Elkhart, Ind. Data sheet No. 160 contains technical data on a complete line of military variable resistors. Included are two pages of dimensional drawings and photos and a one-page table of performance characteristics.

Impedance Measurements. General Radio Co., 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. Type 1602-A uhf admittance meter is fully described in Form 777-A, a four-page brochure. Several photographs, a schematic diagram, typical measurements, specifications and information on auxiliary equipment are included.

Decimal Counting Units. Berkeley Scientific Corp., Richmond, Calif., has announced a 4-page



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Phenolic Tubing. The Cleveland Container Co., 6201 Barberton Ave., Cleveland 2, Ohio. Clevelite and Cosmalite spirally laminated paper-base phenolic tubing are covered in a recent bulletin. Information is given on general properties, fabrication and the various applications of the product. A property chart on a variety of grades is included.

Fasteners. The Palnut Co., 61 Cordier St., Irvington 11, N. J., has isuued a 4-page folder dealing with fasteners for radio and tv coils and shield cans. Photographs, mechanical drawings and complete descriptions of the fasteners are included.

**Resistance Units.** Keystone Carbon Co., St. Marys, Pa., presents properties, performance characteristics and detailed application information on a line of negative-temperature-coefficient resistance units in an 8-page technical bulletin. The units described are electrical semiconductors in which resistance to the flow of current varies inversely with the temperature of the material. Types, dimensions, nominal wattage ratings and time constants for the standard sizes are tabulated. Ask for bulletin No. 13.

Metallized Paper Capacitors. Pyramid Electric Co., 1445 Hudson Blvd., North Bergen, N. J. Bulletin MP-1 contains eight pages of engineering data on a wide line of metallized paper capacitors. Included is information on construction, impregnating materials, standard tolerances, operating temperature ranges, capacitance in microfarads and sizes in inches.

**Permanent Magnets.** The Arnold Engineering Co., Marengo, Ill. Bulletin M-102 is a four-page



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Radiation Survey Instrument. El-Tronics Inc., 2647 N. Howard St., Philadelphia 33, Pa. Bulletin No. 501 illustrates and describes model PR-3 portable instrument for the measurement of radiation intensities. Ten typical applications are listed. The unit described operates from an inexpensive A and B battery complement.

Picture Tubes. Hytron Radio & Electronics Co., Salem, Mass., has issued engineering data bulletins on the types 21FP4A low-voltage electrostatic-focus and 21EP4A cylindrical-face rectangular all-glass, picture tubes. Each bulletin contains general, mechanical and electrical data, as well as terminal connection information and dimensional diagrams.

Cro. Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., 1000 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J., announces the type 303 quantitative 10-mc c-r oscillograph in a single-sheet bulletin. Illustrated in the bulletin is a single oscillogram that demonstrates signal delay, transient response, no high-frequency overshoot, undistorted deflection, sweep linearity and speed, time calibration and amplitude calibration.

Hermetically Sealed Relay. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Bulletin GEA-5729 illustrates and describes the CR2791G hermetically sealed relay for electronic applications in aircraft, aboard ship and on portable units. Reasons for hermetic sealing, technical specifications, chief features, performance data and dimensional diagrams are included.

Components Catalog. DX Radio Products Co., Inc., 2300 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago 47, Ill., has published a 12-page catalog illus-

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Tiny Zinc Die Castings. Gries Reproducer Corp., 780 E. 133rd St., New York 54, N. Y., has released a booklet presenting detailed data on the properties, design advantages and improved uses of tiny zinc alloy die castings. It includes a chart comparing relative cost, production and design features of various fabricating methods. A diagrammed reference guide explains how to take advantage of the many time and money saving features of the company's exclusive zinc die-casting technique. Another chart lists the composition and properties of zinc alloys.

Trimmer Capacitors. Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass. Engineering bulletin 604 gives full details on the type A08 ceramic trimmer capacitors. The units described are designed for use in circuit applications where maximum stability of capacitor characteristics is of utmost importance.

**Cam Milling & Jig Boring.** Eisler Engineering Co., Inc., 750 South 13th St., Newark 3, N. J., recently published a new catalog showing interesting operations in cam milling and jig boring, and describing their plant facilities.

Subminiature Plugs. Cannon Electric Co., 3209 Humboldt St., Los Angeles 31, Calif. Volume IV No. 2 of the Cannonade features a complete new line of subminiature plugs for aircraft and components industries. The units described are suitable as rack and panel, box mounted, wall mounted or cord mounted connectors. Also shown is a photo review of connector applications.

Potentiometers and Bridge Instruments. The Bristol Co., Waterbury 20, Conn., has published bulletin P1245 describing a line of Dynamaster strip-chart electronic potentiometers and bridge instruments for industrial plant, pilot plant, process, research and laboratory use. The 36-page bulletin gives



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Telemetering Receiving Stations. Bendix Aviation Corp., Pacific Division Development Laboratories, Olive and Lake Sts., Burbank, Calif. A complete description of the standard telemetering receiving stations developed by the company is now available in a new 18-page illustrated booklet. The literature illustrates and describes the construction and operation of the stations and their components.

Strip Chart Potentiometer. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Instruments Division. Brown Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. The new two-second high-speed Electronik strip chart potentiometer is described and illustrated in specification sheet 179. Operating on the continuous-balance principle, the instrument pen and pointer discussed will travel full scale in two seconds. Drilling and mounting dimensional diagrams for the potentiometer are shown.

Variable Transformer. The Superior Electric Co., Bristol, Conn. Bulletin P252 is complete with photographs, outline dimensions, ratings and other descriptive material on the Powerstat type 10 variable transformer. The unit treated is the answer to variable a-c voltage control problems involving 50, 100 and 150 watts.

Mobile Antennas. Ward Products Corp., 1523 East 45th St., Cleveland 3, Ohio, has released Form 54-153, a 4-page brochure covering its line of mobile antenna rods, bases and springs. The folder describes nearly 20 separate standard rods, plus many special designs for particular applications, roof-top and motorcycle models, as well as bases and springs to handle standard rods.



### PLANTS AND PEOPLE

### Edited by WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN

### **Personnel Changes Announced**

RECENT position changes in our field involve thirty people. A brief resumé is as follows:

Arnold A. Cohen, associated with Engineering Research Associates, Inc., St. Paul, Minn., since 1946, has been appointed director of telecomputing systems development for ERA. In his new capacity he will direct the development of special-purpose digital computers, and the application of digital techniques to control, instrumentation and communications problems.

Charles B. Raybuck, specialist in microwave theory, has been promoted from assistant chief engineer to chief engineer of Melpar, Inc., Alexandria, Va. Other changes at Melpar include Arthur C. Weid who moves from chief engineer to executive assistant to the executive vice-president of the company; and William C. Tuller, formerly director of engineering, who has been elected vice-president in charge of engineering of Melpar, Inc.

Philips B. Patton, with the company since 1948, has been elected vice-president of the Lenkurt Electric Co., Inc., San Carlos, Calif. He had previously been chief of the radio-telephone and telegraph section of the FCC's engineering department. Also at Lenkurt, George F. Koth, works manager of the

### **CELEBRATE BILLIONTH VACUUM TUBE**



At a recent ceremony in the Emporium, Pa., plant of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., H. Ward Zimmer (right), the company's executive vice-president congratulates Matt Burns, manager of the Radio Tube Division, who holds the billionth vacuum tube produced since 1924. Next to Burns is George Rishell who produced Sylvania's first radio tube—type 201A—and set up the first tube production line. Rishell is holding the company's first tube. Harold Rainier, left, manager of the Renewal Sales Dept. and George Sommers, general sales manager for the division, also took part in the ceremony OTHER DEPARTMENTS

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P. B. Patton

G. F. Koth

organization, has been elected a vice-president of the company.

Marvin H. Kronenberg has been appointed a staff member of the CBS-Columbia Advance Development Laboratory. Before joining the corporation he was a member of the RCA Industrial Service Laboratory, and prior to this was chief engineer and president of Vision Research Laboratories, Inc.

General Bronze Corp. has promoted Ira Kamen to vice-president of its Brach Mfg. Corp. Division. He was formerly a management executive directing the sale and engineering of RCA Antenaplex systems in the New York, New Jersey area.

Dale L. Bunday, former radio supervisor for the city of Fort Worth, Texas, has joined the General Electric Electronics Division as a district sales manager for communication equipment. His headquarters will be in Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Robert I. Gaines**, previously associated with Semco Services, Inc., consulting engineers, and Communication Measurements Laboratory, electronics manufacturers, both of New York City, has been promoted to the post of

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export manager of the newly created International Division, Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.

Freeman A. Spindell, chief engineer of Browning Laboratories, Inc., Winchester, Mass., has been elected to the office of vice-president. In addition to his new duties, he will retain his responsibilities as chief engineer.

Kenneth C. DeWalt, manager of General Electric c-r tube operations since 1949, has been named manager of engineering for the GE Tube Department with headquarters in Schenectady, N. Y.



K. C. DeWalt

W. R. Chapin

Wells R. Chapin has joined the General Electric Company's Electronics Division as a district sales manager for radio and tv broadcasting equipment. He was formerly chief engineer of radio station WIL in St. Louis, Mo.

Fred Miller, formerly chief engineer for Kaye-Halbert Corp., Los Angeles, Calif., has been promoted to director of engineering and research.

**Robert J. Tarlton,** formerly general manager of the Panther Valley Television Co., Inc., has been named chief field engineer of Jerrold Electronics Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. has appointed Leon G. Pollard as electronics research engineer in charge of its laboratories at Water Mill, L. I., N. Y.

Milton S. Roth, previously associated with the Radiart Corp., Cleveland, Ohio, has announced the formation of a new firm, the Mike Roth Sales Co., Cleveland, Ohio, to represent manufacturers of electronic parts and equipment.

John M. Miller and Robert M. Page have been appointed to new research positions at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C. Dr. Miller, who has been appointed scientific research administrator, will serve as the deputy director of research. Dr. Page has been named associate to the director of research.

William E. Daly, formerly with Shure Bros., Inc., has been named electrical development engineer at Magnecord, Inc., Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of magnetic recording equipment.

Henry M. Broderick, Jr., has been appointed chief engineer of radio station WDRC, Hartford, Conn. He had spent 11 years with WDRC as transmitter and control room supervisor.

Welcome W. Bender, associated with the organization since 1939, was recently appointed chief electronics engineer at The Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore, Md.

Ernest Weber, noted for his pioneer contributions to electromagnetic science, has been elected president of the Polytechnic Research and Development Co., Inc., New York, N. Y., microwave measurement equipment manufacturers.

Clyde W. Smith, formerly director of the airborne equipment division in charge of materials and equipment at the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D. C., has been appointed assistant to the president of Kollsman Instrument Corp., Elmhurst, N. Y.



C. W. Smith

A. W. Keen

A. W. Keen has been named manager of application coordination of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., New York, N. Y. He was formerly assistant to the manager of the company's product development laboratory at Kew Gardens, N. Y. He will now head a new department that will investigate the advanced applications of the electronic products of several Sylvania manufacturing divisions.

Merritt C. Chandler, formerly of Hughes Aircraft Co. and Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., has been named general manufacturing manager of the Battery Division of Sonotone Corp., Elmsford, N. Y.

William C. Cothron has joined Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Clifton, N. J., as sales engineer for the television transmitter division. He was formerly engaged in independent ty design and research.

**R. T. Capodanno** was recently elected vice-president in charge of engineering at Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corp., New York, N. Y. He had been director of engineering for the company since 1949.

Lee Berryhill, formerly field operations supervisor, has taken over the duties of chief engineer of KRON-TV, San Francisco, Calif.

J. T. Cataldo, former research and development engineer with the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Ft. Monmouth, N. J., has been appointed assistant general manager of International Rectifier Corp., El Segundo, Calif.

### **Plant Activities Report**

COMPANY activities noted since the last report involve 16 plants. Here are the most recent doings:

Barber-Colman Co., Rockford, Ill., has purchased the principal assets of the Wheelco Instruments Co., Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of indicating and control instruments.

Engineering Research Associates, Inc., St. Paul, Minn., has leased 11,000 sq ft of additional factory space to accommodate the Air Force's gyro production program.

Janette Electric Mfg. Co., whollyowned subsidiary of Gerity-Michigan Corp., has begun full-scale operations at its new one-story modern plant, covering approximately 100,-000 sq ft in Morton Grove, Ill.

Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., is about to build a new \$500.000 plant and research laboratory near Mountain View, Calif., as soon as the company is granted a certificate of necessity. This is the first of Sylvania's plants to be located in the west.

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purpose and custom-built transformer manufacturer, has acquired a 50-percent increase in space in its own building in Union City, N. J. The company is now also specializing in the engineering and assembly line production of magnetic amplifiers.

The Durant Mfg. Co., manufacturers of Productimeter counting and measuring machines, have announced a 16,000-sq ft addition to their plant at 1929 N. Buffum St., Milwaukee, Wisc.

Cook Research Laboratories, a division of Cook Electric Co., recently moved to new and larger quarters at 8100 Monticello Ave., Skokie, Ill. The new facilities will



Cook Research Laboratories' new quarters

enable even more efficient operation of the laboratories into the advanced fields of nuclear physics, servomechanisms, radar, sonar and special instrumentation including data recorders and general electronics.

Walter Kidde Nuclear Laboratories, Inc., New York, N. Y., were recently established with the primary objective of developing commercial atomic power. The organization will perform research, development and experimentation in the field of nuclear energy.

As a continuation of its expansion into the electronics field *Thompson Products' Electronics Division*, Cleveland, Ohio, has established an electronics laboratory at Inglewood, Calif. Complete equipment for the r-f testing of coaxial switches and waveguide dummy loads is being installed.

Natvar Corporation is the new name of the National Varnished Products Corp., manufacturers of flexible electrical insulation. The company's full range of products includes, besides those based on varnishes, the silicones, polyethylene and vinyl plastics.

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Kinkel St., Westbury, L. I., N. Y. The new plant will increase available facilities about four times for the production of test equipment and special contract equipment.

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Synthane Corp., Oaks, Pa., manufacturer of laminated plastics for industry, has completed an 18,000sq ft addition to its plant.

Two new buildings will greatly increase production of the Workshop Associates, Division of The Gabriel Co., Needham, Mass. The new buildings, in Norwood, Mass., will employ over 400 people, all devoted to producing Workshop commercial products, such as microwave, communications and uhf transmitting antennas.

Thomas A. Edison, Inc., West Orange, N. J., is building a new half-million dollar laboratory with a total of 13,000 sq ft of space adjoining the company's original buildings. The laboratory will work in the fields of storage and primary batteries, electrical instruments, dictating equipment, medical gases and hospital apparatus.

Radiation Counter Laboratories, Inc., recently moved to their new plant at 5122 W. Grove St., Skokie, llI. This laboratory is completely devoted to the manufacture of instruments for the measurement of radioactivity, including nuclear reactor controls, G-M and proportional counters, electronic circuits and accessories.

General Electric Co. is converting its Scranton, Pa., home dishwasher plant to the production of electronic tubes. The first tubes scheduled for production at the Scranton plant are the hydrogen thyratron transmitting tubes. Other types of industrial and transmitting tubes will be manufactured there after conversion is completed.

Carboloy Department of the General Electric Co. has begun construction of a 90,000-sq ft plant for manufacturing permanent magnets in Edmore, Mich.

### OTHER NEWS

### **RTMA's First Annual Award**

DAVID SARNOFF, chairman of the board of directors of RCA, was elected as first recipient of the





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RTMA annual award for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the radio-tv industry by the Association's board of directors during the April 24-25 meetings in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The award will be made at the industry banquet, June 26, at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.

General Sarnoff was honored, according to Leslie F. Muter, chairman of the annual awards committee, in recognition of many achievements which over a period of years have helped bring the industry to its present status.

### **RTMA Increases Membership**

EIGHT new companies were admitted to RTMA membership by the board of directors at its Niagara Falls meeting held April 24-25. The new members are:

Crest Laboratories, Inc., of Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Haydon Products Corp., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Macon Electronic, Div. of York Radio & Television Corp., Decatur, Ill.; National Electric Products Corp., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Quincy Speaker Mfg. Corp., of Quincy, Ill.; Muntz TV, Inc., of Chicago, Ill.; Penta Laboratories, Inc., of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and Stone City Machine & Tool Co., Inc., Bedford, Ind.

### **1952** Harry Diamond Award

NEWBERN SMITH, chief of the National Bureau of Standards Central Radio Propagation Laboratory, has been awarded the 1952 Harry Diamond Memorial Award for his fundamental work in the field of radio wave propagation. Dr. Smith's work has formed the basis for the practical use of ionospheric observations in the operation of worldwide communication systems. He recently received additional recognition by being elected a Fellow of the IRE.

### **Army Contract**

THE Thermex Division of The Girdler Corp., Louisville, Ky., has been awarded a \$900,000 contract by the Army Signal Corps. The award covers radar tube testing equipment.

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In short, without a better-thanundergraduate background, the reader could not read Chapter I.

Chapter II on Fields of Elementary Electric, Magnetic Dipoles starts with the expression of Maxwell's Equations in various coordinate systems and proceeds with stock methods of evaluating the fields of the elementary radiators including mutual effects.

Chapter III on Fundamental Methods used in Electromagnetic Theory starts after 185 pages of using the theory. This chapter portrays the Poynting theorem, vector scalar potentials, and Hertzvector, Silberstein vector, etc. This is an excellent reference chapter for readers with a good background in the theory.

Chapter IV on Propagation Characteristics discusses group and phase velocities for propagation through dissipative media and wave-guides.

Chapter V on Transmission Lines and Radiation presents the usual material on the subject in addition to the correlation of the field concept of the transmission line with the circuit element concept. The Smith and similar charts



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are conspicuous by their absence.

The reader is cautioned to examine each development for approximations which are not stated. For example, in working out the radiation from a Lecher wire feeder, the current in the wires is assumed to be sinusoidally distributed. Were this so, there could be only one mode of propagation. As the TEM mode is always present, the inference is that this is the only mode. The TEM mode is, however, capable of radiating only in the direction of the wires. Actual feeders do radiate but only where higher modes exist in the vicinity of geometric discontinuities in the line.

Chapter VI, Unobstructed Space radiation, is a compilation of the works on antennas and antenna arrays. The far fields are evaluated assuming a known sinusoidal current distribution in each component antenna. If one accepts this as approximating actual conditions, the information is very valuable inasmuch as it is all in one place and not scattered throughout a number of papers.

Chapter VII, Space Radiation in the Presence of Electromagnetic Obstructions, considers only very large obstructions (effectively infinite in extent) such as the ground. Reflection and refraction of plane waves at infinite plane boundaries along with image methods for antennas are the tools which are developed and later used in evaluating radiation fields from antennas in the vicinity of ground and atmospheric layers. A short discussion of plane wave components in waveguides is thrown in for good measure.

Chapter VIII on Electromagnetic Diffraction treats the long edge diffraction effects for longrange transmission over mountains in terms of Huygen's principle and the Fresnel wave interference theory which were later modified by Kirchhoff, Sommerfeld and others. Applications of these principles to propagation through orifices and radiation from waveguides, slots

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better work has been done on this subject than is set forth in this chapter.

Chapter IX on Wave Guides and Cavities sets forth some of the usual material about waveguides including a bit on higher modes in coaxial cables. The subject of dissipative attenuation due to wall and dielectric losses is presented in the usual way. Very little is done with cavity resonators.

The use of waveguides in lenses is discussed. Types of tapered matching sections, twists and bends are shown but nothing seems to have been done regarding their properties.

Nothing was done to show the use of guides for measurements or the analogy to TEM transmission lines.

The reviewer confesses that he has not read all of the two volumes in detail Such an undertaking would take at least two years. It is therefore possible that some parts of the book which might be considered contributory have been missed.

The books would be of value only to someone doing advanced engineering work. Even then it seems that one who has the background necessary to read the books already has other books and papers which present the subject matter more completely and ever so much more clearly.—CHARLES Α. HACHE-MEISTER, Associate Professor, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklun.

### **Fundamentals of** Automatic Control

BY G. H. FARRINGTON, John Wiley and Sons, Inc. New York, N. Y. 1951, 285 pages, \$5.00.

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#### Selection, Training and Use of Personnel in Industrial Research

PROCEEDINGS 2ND ANNUAL CONFER-ENCE ON INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH. King's Crown Press (Columbia University), New York, 274 pages, \$4.50, 1952.

THIS reviewer found this symposium and the clinic that followed the papers an extraordinarily interesting survey on all aspects of the technical manpower problem. E. W. Engstrom's opening paper "What Industry Requires of the Research Worker" was especially provocative and inspiring. Among the other papers are "The Creative Mentality and Research Problems", "Selection Techniques for Research Workers", "Training of Young Researchers", "What Makes a Good Research Man?" etc. etc.

Anyone having a role to play in industrial research at any level will find these proceedings of interest and value.—-K.H.

#### Radar and Electronic Navigation

BY G. J. SONNENBERG. D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., New York, 1951, 272 pages, \$6.00.

THIS small volume for navigators delves just deeply enough into electronic techniques to make comprehensible some of the characteristics of the systems that might otherwise prove troublesome.

Compiled from a European viewpoint, the book covers the Decca, loran and Consol navigation systems, echo (depth) sounders and radar. These chapters are preceded by one that sums up the technical fundamentals from electricity and magnetism, through cathode-ray tubes and propagation, to hyperbolic systems.

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The author, laboring under a tremendous language difficulty, has done a surprisingly good job of discrimination as to sources and in organizing his material.—A.A.MCK.

#### **Electrical Engineering**

BY CLARENCE V. CHRISTIE. Sixth Edi-tion. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, N. Y. 1952. 675 pages, \$7.00.

AT EACH periodic revision of this well-known book, the author must have been faced with the problem of whether to revise the core material of the book, which probably has been responsible for its popularity (six editions since 1913), or to revise by adding contemporary topics to a relatively unaltered core. The latter approach appears to have been used in this case, resulting in a book which hasn't changed as rapidly as have the basic requirements of students entering the electrical-engineering field. Consequently, the new sixth edition of this text is still highly suitable for the power student, who was the only type of student for the first four editions (1913, 1917, 1925, 1931), and who needs the emphasis on power-frequency-sinusoidal circuit theory; it is less suitable for the communications and electronics student who must be equally facile with waves of all shapes and periods, and circuits in all manner of state.

This book appears to consist of three parts: (a) electric-circuit theory, (b) electrical machinery, (c) power-system analysis, as though it were written for three separate subjects. The portion on electric-circuit theory starts from fundamental electrostatics and elec-



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trokinetics and continues through straightforward d-c and a-c circuit theory into complex a-c waves and polyphase circuits. Circuit theory is built up clearly using sine-wave plots, complex numbers, and vector diagrams. The common network theorems are stated and demonstrated by example. There is little on transients; the few transient problems are solved explicity by calculus.

Standard a-c and d-c machines and transformers are covered in the second part of the book; both the analytical, as well as the design and application viewpoints, are Each of the machine broached. types is approached from an elementary physical standpoint, with equations, formulas, and equivalent circuits being developed afterwards. There are separate chapters on a-c and d-c machine design which serve to introduce the reader to the problems, limitations, and practices involved in the construction of electrical machinery. Topics that can be treated in a dull and routine manner, such as synchronous-motor starting, alternator regulation, and so on, are made very readable by discussing them in conjunction with related problems of application and cost. A few pages are devoted to rectifiers with the concession that they have practically superseded rotating converters.

The third part of the book deals with transmission lines, symmetrical components, stability, and faultcurrent calculations, and appears out of keeping with the first two parts from the standpoint of completeness and maturity. This is reflected in the fine three-page discussion on transmission-line operation at the start of this section, a discussion that only a reader with moderate experience can appreciate. There is too little space assigned to the topics introduced in this part of the book to cover them adequately, particularly stability and fault-current calculations, unless an instructor supplements the text with much additional background material. These topics do not lend themselves to brief quantitative treatment.

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The 59 problems at the end of the book are the only ones for a student to solve, although there are many illustrative examples in the text itself.—ALEXANDER KUSKO, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

#### Microphones

BY THE STAFF OF THE ENGINEERING TRAINING DEPARTMENT, British Broadcasting Corporation. Published for "Wireless World" by Iliffe and Sons, Ltd., London, 1951, 114 pages, 15 shillings net.

THIS little volume presents a thorough and elementary treatment of the principles of microphones, with special emphasis upon microphones used by B.B.C. The text is written on the technical college freshman level and would be of value to the student or the practical man desirous of learning more about the theory of microphones.

The first half of the book is devoted to principles of acoustical and microphone theory, nature of sound waves, operational forces, principles of electroacoustics and the interrelationships between diaphragms and the sound waves. The second half describes the velocity, movingcoil, condenser, and Rochlle-salt microphones used by B.B.C., together with equivalent circuits and pressure relationships. Some of the theoretical material is contained in five appendixes.

The principal limitation of the text is that—by American technological standards—it is about two decades old. The particular microphones described are presently obsolete or obsolescent in the American broadcast practice; most of them have been treated in the 1934 edition of Olson and Massa's "ApThe Nonmelting Silicone Insulating and Waterpreafing Compound that is stable from \_70° to over 400° F.



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plied Acoustics". Some of the important developments during the past decade and a half, such as phase-shift cardioid microphones and miniaturized microphones, are completely omitted. Very little is said about practical applications, studio acoustics, placement techniques, wind screening, electrical consideration, etc. Some of the equations in Appendix 4 are in error; however, it is not likely that they would ever be used by microphone designers.

Despite these limitations, "Microphones" is a useful work, eminently suited for its intended purposethat of serving as "a textbook for students and operational engineers employed at studio centers".---B. B. BAUER 1

#### THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

HOW TO SUPERVISE PEOPLE, Third Edition. By Alfred M. Cooper. McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1952, 254 pages, \$3.50. How to handle people in shop, field or office. Although the main theme is for the fac-tory supervisor the principles can be learned with advantage by the office boss also. How to develop leadership; to pro-mote teamwork; prevent industrial acci-dents; train subordinates etc.

SCIENCE OF PRECISION MEASURE-MENT. The DoAll Company, Des Plaines, Illinois, 256 pages, \$3.50, 1952. Dealing primarily with products of the DoAll Com-pany but a well-produced book covering the practice of dimensional quality con-trol, that is, the use of gage blocks and instruments, sine bars, optical flats and statistical systems of quality control. Tables, glossary of terms, pages for notes etc. Tables, glossary notes etc.

THE MERCK INDEX, Sixth Edition. Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, N. J. 1,167 pages, \$7.50 (\$8.00 thumb-index edition), 1952. New edition of a deservedly popu-lar listing of chemicals and drugs; de-scribes more than 8,000 individual sub-stances, has more than 2,000 structural formulas and about 20,000 names of chemicals and drugs alphabetically ar-ranged and cross-indexed.

COMMUNICATION OF TECHNICAL IN-FORMATION by Robert M. Dederich. Chemonomics, Inc., New York, N. Y. 116 pages, \$5.00, 1952. A long essay on the problems of technical men orienting them-selves in their respective organizations and communicating their technical ideas to other technical personnel or to non-technical management. The techniques of oral and written reports are covered plus a final (and best) chapter on the busi-ness of conducting oneself in conferences.

EVERYDAY HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE REPAIRS. By William H. Crouse, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 295 pages, \$4.95, 1952. A very practical book on service-ing toasters, motors, refrigerators, radios, house heating systems etc. Not much detail on each appliance but sufficient so that the reader has a clear idea of how the device operates and, therefore, is in a position to repair it. Well produced by an expert at this type of book.

CONDUCTION OF ELECTRICITY THROUGH GASES, Third Edition. By K. G. Emeleus. A Methuen Monograph. John Wiley & Sons Inc., New York, 99 pages, \$1.50, 1951. Second edition pub-lished in 1936 has been revised in light of more recent knowledge. Reviews theo-ries held previously, and, like all this Methuen series, is a compact and concise essay on phenomena of considerable im-portance.

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#### DEAR SIRS:

SINCE my article, "Electronics Engineering Needed In Medicine", was published (ELECTRONICS, p 82, Feb. 1952), I have received almost fifty letters about it. Although they were congratulatory, many contained inquiries regarding the application of electronics toward furthering the practice of medicine.

I was quite surprised to learn the eagerness of electronics engineers to apply their knowledge to our problems in medicine. As you can well imagine, the above-mentioned article merely scraped the surface of our needs.

It occurred to me that you may be interested in setting up a department of medical electronics in ELECTRONICS. All questions regarding present and future devices to be used in medicine might be directed to this department. I would like to offer my services to answer the medical aspects of such inquiries. I would further suggest that an electronics engineer be selected to cover the engineering aspects. I sincerely feel that such a department would encourage needed progress in this direction.

Moreover, from the letters I have received, it would seem that brief explanations of the physiology of various bodily functions might also prove stimulating to your readers. An example would be a description of heart sounds, their significance and the common abnormalities. Another example would be the description of the contractions of the uterus during the process of birth. Some simple apparatus to measure the efficiency of these contractions would undoubtedly prove valuable to us.

I should like to pursue these thoughts further if they are of interest to you.

> HERMAN I. KANTOR. M.D. Dallas, Texas

(Editor's Note: The above-mentioned article has prompted a great deal of discussion in this office as well as Dr. Kantor's. We welcome any comments from readers as to the advisability of our printing in ELECTRONICS the type of information suggested in Dr. Kantor's letter. We do know that good technical articles on medical electronics received

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wide readership. Unfortunately, they are almost as hard to get as gain at 1,000 mc. We will, of course, continue our efforts to keep our readers informed about this important and rapidly expanding branch of the industry. Any suggestions?)

#### Flat and Dull

#### DEAR SIRS;

THE EDITORIAL in March 1952 issue of ELECTRONICS, discussing the "flat, dull" tone of radio networks should open the door on some of the folklore of electronics. Why is it possible to transmit a perfect picture coast to coast requiring a 4,000-kc circuit and yet an audio channel sounds flat and dull? Let one who has been in the audio and network business for over 20 years ask a number of questions and answer a few.

First as to the folklore of electronics. Most engineers will say 99 percent of the public want soft booming music, a frequency range of probably 100 to 3,000 cycles. To contradict this, let me point to the large group of "high-fidelity" hobbyists who are springing up, as you might say, "in spite of the electronics industry". The next point in the folklore is the statement found in every radio textbook that the ear does not recognize phase distortion. I have never seen any data made on a highfidelity system justifying this statement. Another thing casting suspicion on this statement is the present talk of "audio (?)" systems extending up to 200,000 cycles. We know they cannot hear these frequencies but they may be correcting phase-shift at 10,000 cycles.

As to the frequency width of networks, the Bell System made available an 8,000-cycle network in the 1930's and now has 15-kc networks available with few or no takers. One of the limitations, of course, is the 5,000-cycle limit on a-m broadcast transmitters. Another reason high-fidelity music was not broadcast was that the public would not adjust the tone control on their receivers to reproduce such music. This fact is probably true, not because of public taste, but because of what came out of the receiver. This included phase distortion as mentioned before, frequency distortion caused by nonlinear pentode audio amplifiers, poor response of

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Three of my favorite records for demonstrating high-fidelity reproduction are: (1) Shostakovich "Polka" from the First Piano Quartet album, Victor, (2) The Banjo Kings, Good Time Jazz Co., record No. 43, and (3) "Third Man Theme", London ffrr, a zither recording. Finding good records for high-fidelity reproduction is really a chore. They, of course, must have the frequencies recorded, and must also have a low noise background. Why do we not use the term "signal-to-noise ratio" in connection with records? Many records are made with such a low audio level that they are unusable on a highfidelity reproducer because of high frequency noise.

In conclusion, I believe there are a large number of people who would accept true high-fidelity audio systems, in fact are beginning to demand it; but before such systems can be generally available, the electronics industry including the networks, the record makers, and the set builders must revise their objectives and the method of reaching those objectives.

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#### **Metal Detectors**

#### DEAR SIRS:

AT THE REQUEST of Dr. E. D. Cook, I have reviewed the article "Industrial Metal Detector Design" by Curtiss B. Schafer, ELECTRONICS, p 86, November 1951, and have the following comments.

The information given in the article is inadequate to tell one "how to design a metal detector for a specific application" as stated in the heading. The paper appears to be a collection of abstracts which are not clearly related to one another, but range from a brief introduction to the theory of metal detection to an example of an industrial metal detector which does not illustrate the type of coil assembly advocated under the section on theory.

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tions involving the complex variable (X + jY) are tedious to use without the plot of (X + jY) referred to on page 88 of the article in question. Such a plot is given in a paper by Dr. C. W. Clapp which was cited as reference (4)and from which the above was apparently abstracted. The equation for  $\Delta Z$  as given on page 88 is actually for the change in selfimpedance of a single coil rather than for the change in mutual impedance of a pair of coils as stated by Mr. Schafer. The latter is expressed by Dr. Clapp's Eq. 11 while the former is Dr. Clapp's Eq. 12.

It should be pointed out that the effect of external fields on a pair of spaced secondary coils connected in series opposition is not canceled out as mentioned on page 86 of the article unless the fields have the same value at each coil. Fortunately, however, the operating frequency of the metal detector can be chosen to be sufficiently different from the frequency of any external fields so as to minimize their effect. Since the external fields may produce a signal comparable to the signal produced by a foreign metallic particle being detected, this factor requires consideration.

From a design standpoint, the power required of the oscillatoramplifier is not strictly a function of the aperture size as indicated by Mr. Schafer on page 89, but is also a function of the space and money available for the coil assembly. Since the radiated power is negligible at the usual frequencies of operation, if theoretical conductors of zero resistance were available for the coils the power would be zero regardless of the aperture size since only the coil inductance is used in detection.

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It is hoped that these comments will help to clarify some of the points covered in Mr. Schafer's paper.

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