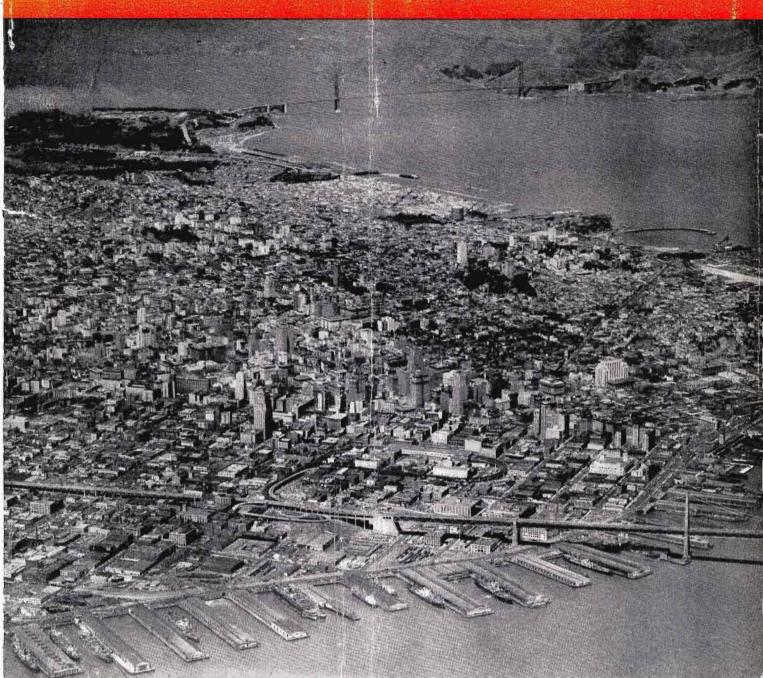
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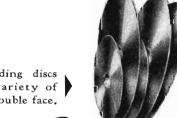
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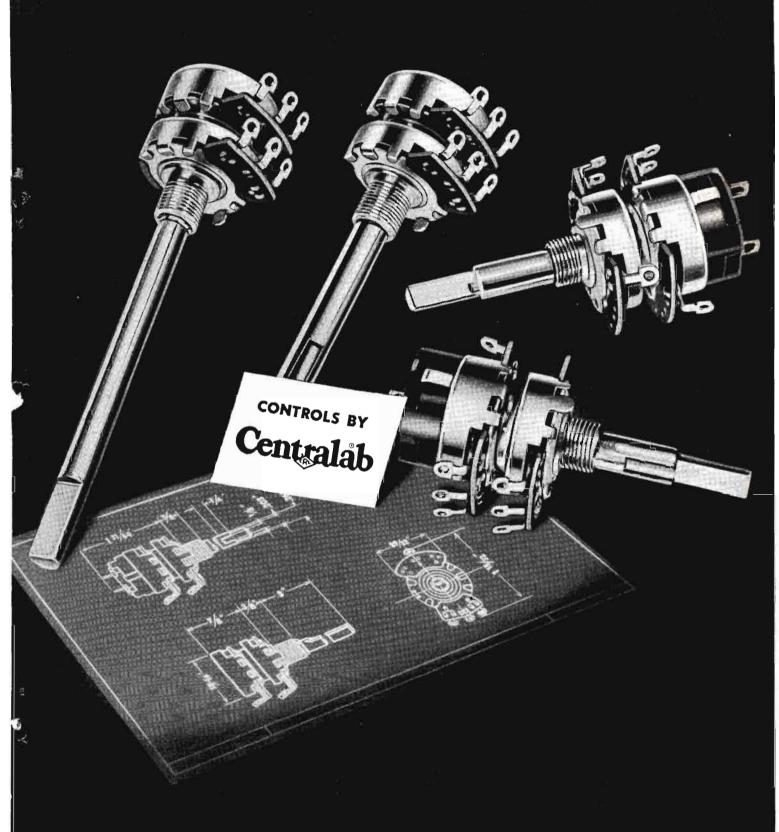
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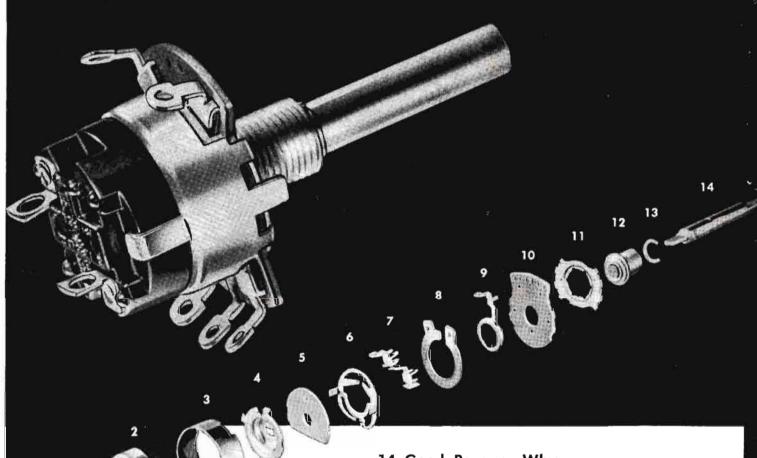
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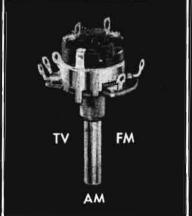
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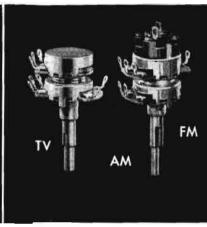
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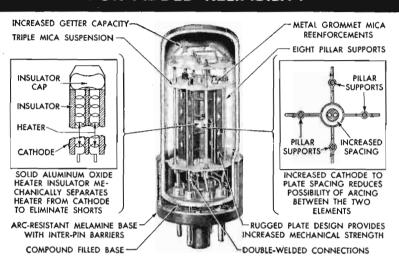
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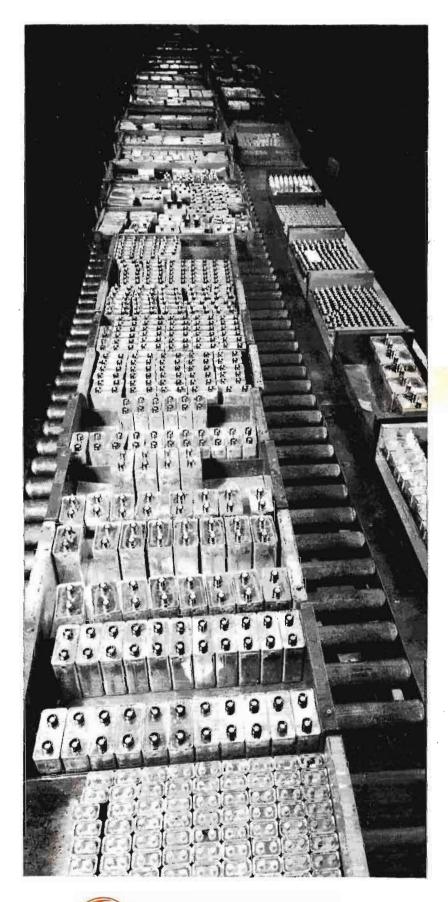
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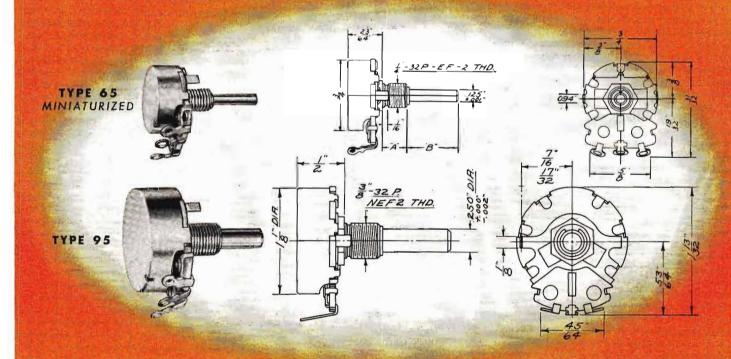
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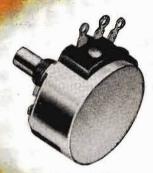
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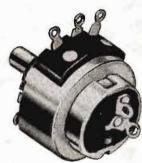
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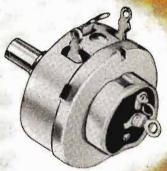
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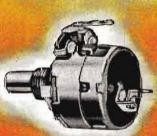


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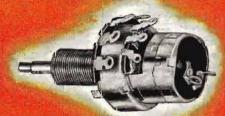
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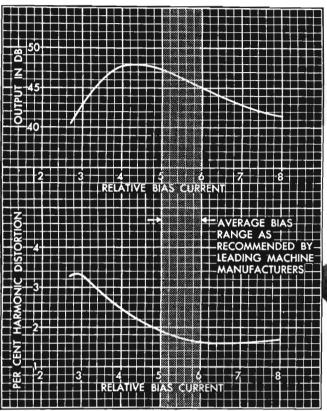
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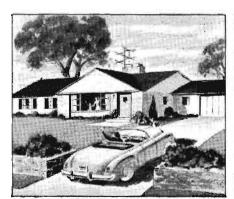
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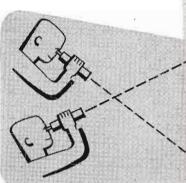


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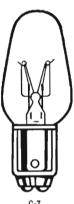
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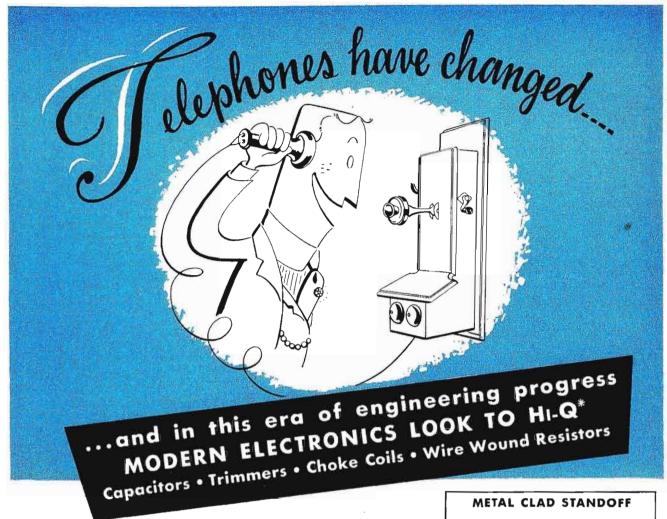
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Amps	0.15	0.50	0.35	0.50	0.25	0.35	0.25	0.15	0.06	0.06	Max.0.25	Max.0.45	0.16	10 watts	10 watts
Bulb	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	T-31/4	G-3½	G-4½	T-31/4	C-7	C-7
Base	Min. Screw	Min. Screw	Min. Screw	Min. Bay.	Min. Bay.	Min. Bay.	Min. Screw	Min. Bay.	Min. Screw	Min. Bay.	Min. Bay.	Min. Bay.	Min. Bay.	Cand. Screw	D.C. Bay.

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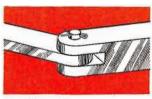
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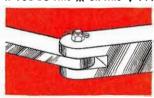
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TELE-TIPS

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LIGHTNING AT 1466 FT.—Dr. K. B. McEachron, GE's famous lightning-protection expert, has shown that at least 80% of the strokes to the Empire State Building are initiated by the building, rather than by the cloud. Apparently the stress at the top of the building, due to its great height and its configuration, is such that a step "leader" usually begins at the building and progresses toward the cloud. The velocities are of the same order of magnitude as found for downward step leaders. Usually, no return stroke was found from the cloud, but instead a continuing current flowed, in one case as long as 0.625 sec. Following the initial step leader, successive discharges may occur and these, where leaders have been photographed, were downward followed by the return discharge from the building.

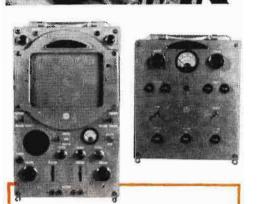
COLOR TV may be here officially so far as the FCC is concerned but from the standpoint of the manufacturers, distributors and dealers it still has a pretty long and rough road to hoe. Dealers and distributors find it difficult to place orders in the absence of adequate demonstration equipment to sell from, fixed delivery schedules, firm prices, etc. Manufacturers are unhappy because they cannot get their distributors and dealers to tell them how many sets to build. And even if they did know, availability of some materials is so uncertain that no delivery schedules could be set.

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Until recently, photographic oscilloscope recording called for considerable trouble in setting up equipment and a long time period for developing the results. But today, with the Fairchild-Polaroid Oscilloscope Camera, it's an easy job to record as many traces as are needed.

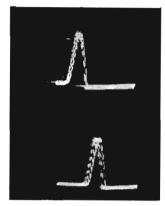
Take a look at the prints below. They provided the engineer with valuable but inexpensive records for immediate evaluation. All were removed from the camera one minute after the final exposure was made.



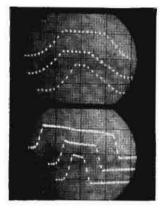
The stories of 3 "One Minute" Oscillograms



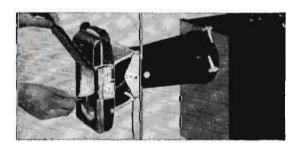
1. BEFORE AND AFTER. A visual comparison of "before and after" conditions is an easy job for the "one step" camera. Here, the upper trace shows the output of a full wave rectified power supply with insufficient filtering. The lower trace shows the effectiveness of the addition of a filtering condenser. The camera is easily adjusted to two positions (upper and lower) for two exposures; traces are exactly one half scope size.



2. SUPERIMPOSING FOR COMPARISON. The problem - determine the maximum time-interval variation between successive camera shutter openrings and flash circuit closings. Instead of carefully measuring successive scope traces, the engineer superimposed several exposures for easy comparison. The length of the trace before the shutter opened is a measure of the time between the electrical contact closing and camera shutter opening.



3. MULTIPLE EXPOSURE PRE-SOLARIZATION. 3. MULTIPLE EXPOSURE PRE-SOLARIZATION. Here, by making 3 successive exposures on each half of the print, the engineer was able to record performance of a camera shutter at its 1/100, 1/200, 1/400 second (upper) and 1/25, 1/50, and 1/100 second settings (lower). "Pre-solarizing," the process of pre-exposing the print with the trace off the screen, made it possible to record the high writing speeds involved.



A minute after you've pulled the tab a finished print is ready for evaluation.



SPECIFICATIONS

Lens and Shutter—Choice of 75mm f2.8 Wollensak Oscillo-Anastigmat with #2 Alphox shutter having speeds of 1/25 sec. to 1/100 sec., "time" and "bulb"; or, 75mm f1.9 Wollensak Oscillo-Anostigmat with #3 Alphax shutter having speeds of 1 sec. to 1/100 sec., "time" and "bulb".

Picture Size—31/4 x 41/4 in. (2 or more images per print; 16 exposures per roll of film.)

Image Size—One-half reduction of scope image.

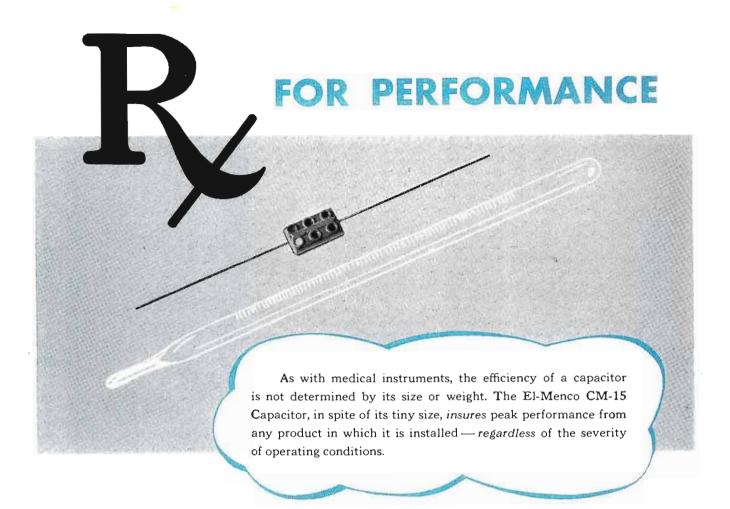
Writing Speed—With f2.8 lens, up to 1 in/µsec at only 3000V accelerating potential; higher speeds of higher voltages. With f1.9 lens these values are approximately doubled.

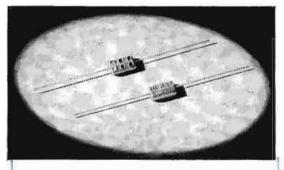
Dimensions—Camera, 10½ x 5¼ x 6¼ in.; hood, 11 in. length, 7½ in. dia; adapter, 2 in. width, 65% in. max. dia.

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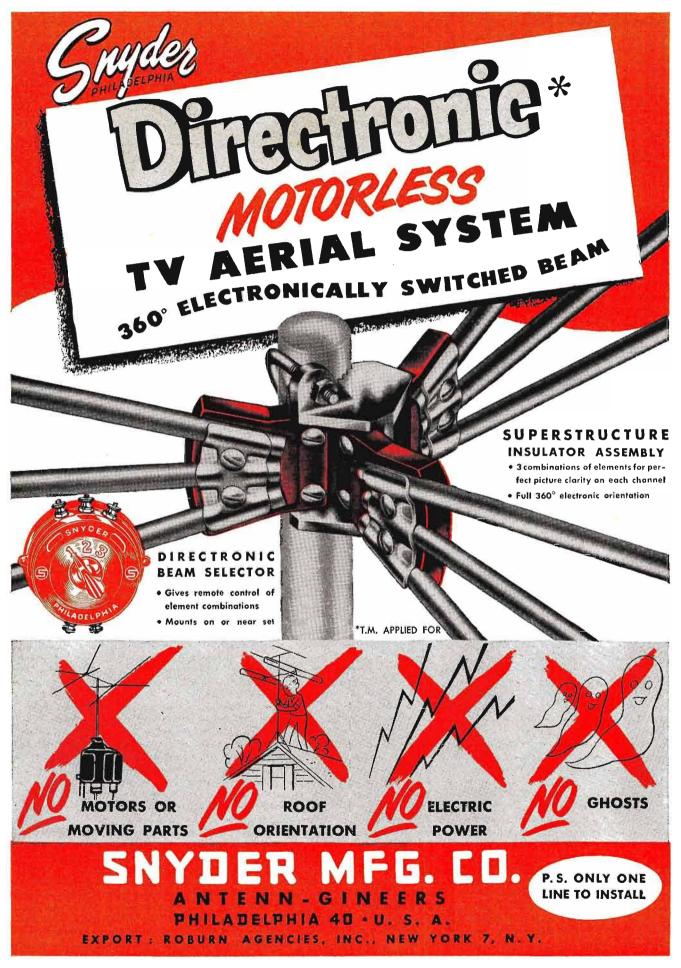
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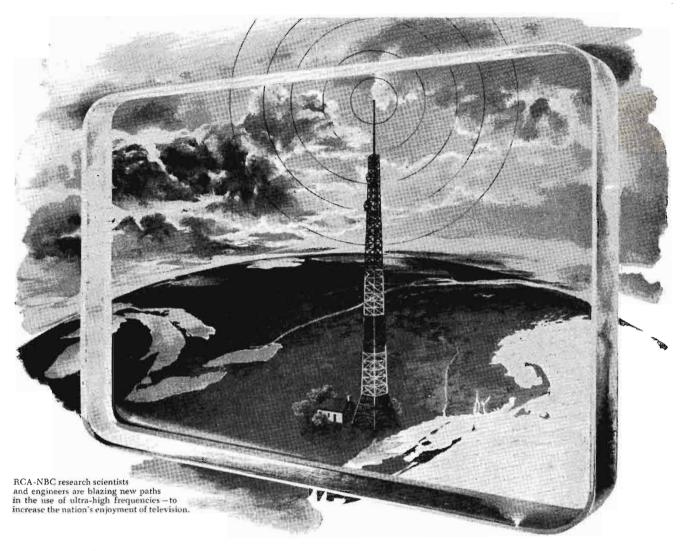
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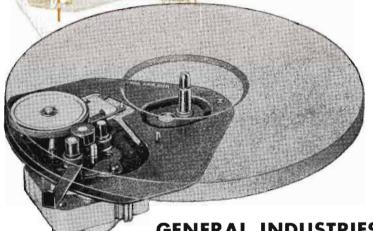
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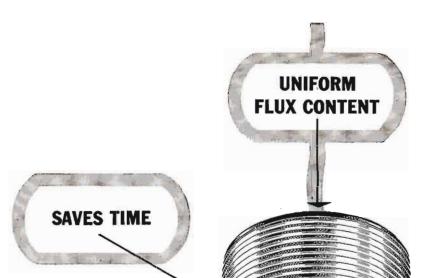
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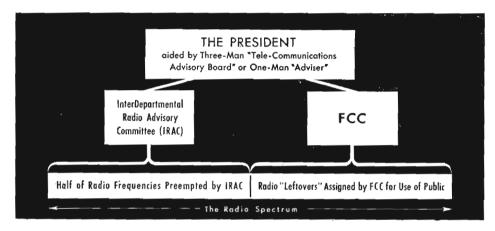
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More Frequencies for FCC and the Public



All the troubles of the human race, it is said, can be traced back to two and only two basic causes: (1) The inclination of the ecliptic, and (2) The separation of the sexes!

And practically all the troubles of radio and television can be traced back to one principal cause, shortage of frequencies, running back even behind the FCC. This fundamental evil lies in the casual practice by which a little group of Washington bureaucrats known as IRAC has, to date, preempted half of our precious radio frequencies for government departmental use.

For the FCC is not the all-powerful potentate of our channels which most radio men assume the Commission to be. When it comes to controlling frequencies, indeed the FCC itself sits at "second table" and obediently "takes the leavings!" For first choice of all channels is exercised by IRAC (the Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee). Such channels as it rejects are then passed along to the FCC, for assignment to the radio-TV industry and the public.

This vast and uncontested privilege granted IRAC grew up gradually from past and indifferent delegation of the President's personal radio powers, under the radio law, to the various Washington departments.

The President's Policy Board Report

Now, as a result of the 248-page report filed by the President's temporary Communication Policy Board, it is recommended that these primary radio powers of the President be put back into the hands of the White House. And that a Presidential three-member

Telecommunications Advisory Board (or even oneman Presidential Adviser) be set up to formulate a national policy on frequency assignments and the operation of communications systems by government agencies.

Chairman Stewart's committee has told the President that by better management of spectrum allocations much more can be done with radio services.

"The means on which we have relied in the past for management of the spectrum are no longer adequate to resolve in the best national interest the problems produced by this increasing pressure," said the report. "The current difficulty growing out of the search for suitable space for television broadcasting in itself emphasizes this inadequacy."

Restore Channels to Public Use

Shortage of radio frequencies is at the bottom of most of radio's troubles, as demand grows for wider services for the public.

Responsible assignment of limited government frequencies will prevent present wastes of valuable spectrum space, and could restore to public use badly needed frequencies with a public gain of as much as 50 to 60 percent over present available channels.

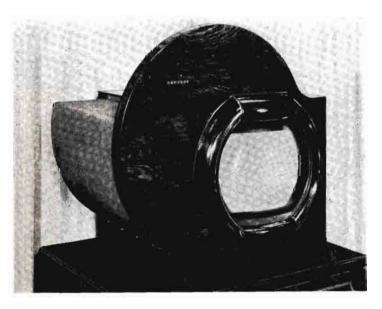
With a strong White House hand supplanting IRAC or holding it in check and making Washington Bureaus justify their radio demands (as private licensees have to justify theirs) great new expansion can come to radio and TV.

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\$152,406,500 will go for radio-electronic installations, out of the \$61/2 billions military public-works construction funds just requested by Secretary Marshall. The U.S. Army Signal Corps installations would take \$71,543,500. Included also is \$79,315,000 earmarked for two Air Force bases which include communications and electronic centers-Keesler, Miss., where the electronic staff school is located, \$43,879,-000; and Wright-Patterson, Ohio, which is the site of communications and electronic materiel and research activities, \$35,436,000. Naval funds would include \$943.500 for Naval Communications stations in Annapolis, and \$605,000 for a communications center in Washington.

REARMAMENT

CONVERSION EXCELLENT - Military requirements for the fourth quarter of 1951 are large but the radio-TV manufacturing industry has been foresighted in anticipating the goals of the Armed Services with orderly conversion of television-broadcasting receiver and tube plants during the July-vacation regular plant shut downs. DPA authorities expressed the view that the conversions had been accomplished in an excellent fashion. The conversions of civilian to military production were accomplished by the larger manufacturing companies such as General Electric, RCA,



Crosley's color-TV "slave" unit plugs into standard sets of the same line and produces a picture in color on present FCC color standards. The 10-inch screen is magnified to 121/2 inches. For this experimental unit, the color-wheel alone costs the manufacturers \$150. Crosley engineers, however, publicly state that not the present FCC standards, but a compatible all-electronic system is "the color system of the future!"

Federal Telephone and Radio, Capehart-Farnsworth, Western Electric, Philco and Westinghouse during the regular summer vacation closedowns for inventory and retooling surveys.

MECHANIZATION

SEVERAL MAJOR MANUFACTURERS are now in the process of extending plant mechanization (with support of military equipment procurement agencies in the interest of obtaining more rapid production) so as to permit construction of complete subassemblies and in some cases complete end equipments. This is an extremely significant trend because it foretells of a complete change in assembly methods as we know them today, with attendant changes in the labor and financial structures of the industry. Smaller component manufacturers might do well to review their current productive techniques with a view towards keeping pace with mechanization developments. As automatic fabrication of complete subassemblies and end items progresses, new and improved component design will be needed to yield components that can be produced more efficiently and that will lend themselves to mechanized final assembly operations.

TV FILMS

CONTINUED INCREASE in film usage over the air is finally sparking a demand among telecasters for improved film transmission equipment. No longer are producers satisfied by receipt of just any sort of TV film print. Already, vacuum-tube-operated sensitometric equipment is being designed and built. However, the real bottleneck is still the iconoscope tube with its edge flare and secondary emission. The new image-orthicon TV film camera, recently demonstrated should eliminate most of the troubles. Once the TV "freeze" ends, there will be a tremendous spurt in attention given to such methods.

PROPAGATION

TROPOSPHERICS-Interstation TV interference has raised its ugly head, this summer, to an extent not before observed. Horizontal bars and shimmers appear across the picture, run up, stand still or scamper down. At the same time, the TV sound is spoiled by growls and roars as the interfering signal tries to take control of the FM output. These effects have appeared in outlying sections, 10 to 20 miles or more from stations, and usually occur around twilight. Miami, Norfolk and Oklahoma City, for example, have been observed mutilating WNBT's Empire State signal. This interference is coincident, of course, with the many long-distance TV records reported this summer. Havana, Cuba, has been seen in the Middle Atlantic and Middle West areas, and a number of mid-

Situations of Significance in the Fields of TV and Tele Communications

continent U.S. stations have been picked up in Havana. Fortunately, the interference has been a short-period phenomenon, lasting only an hour or so, and the trouble may be expected to disappear at the end of hot summer weather.

AUDIO

PRE-RECORDED MAGNETIC TAPES will soon become available through many local outlets. This should go along well with the products of several manufacturers who in recent months have announced availability of magnetic-tape units for playback purposes only. Initially, the new magnetic-tape library will be composed of 14 programs. Each program is a professional-quality recording made on Minnesota Mining type 111A plastic tape, lasts for approximately ½ hour, and consists of 9 to 11 selections. Sales appeal is assured because the recorded programs are not available on discs. This arrangement should be an excellent proving ground for gauging public acceptance of tape vs. disc qualities.

TELEVISION

COMMUNITY TV—Freeze or no freeze, additional cities are now getting TV without grace of FCC, through expansion of the multiplex-antenna idea. This "community antenna system" is already working in Astoria, Ore., Bellingham, Wash., Grass Valley, Calif., Dansville, N. Y., and Lansford, Coaldale, Mahanov City, and Honesdale in Pennsylvania; installations are

under way in 50 other non-TV cities. Harrisburg, Pa., is next, having just completed its twin pick-up towers on a 1300-ft. ridge overlooking the city. The 100-ft. towers will pick up Channels 2 (CBS) from Baltimore, 75 miles, 4 from Lancaster, 35 miles, and 6 from Philadelphia, 90 miles. Harrisburg citizens have organized a corporation, "Perfect TV, Inc." to which the individual subscriber will pay a "connection charge" of about \$135, and then about \$3.75 a month. In Lansford (pop. 7,500), with 350 television sets connected to the system, the local corporation already reports "a reasonable profit."

MANPOWER

ENGINEERS WANTED—A mid-1951 survey of the needs of 378 companies and government agencies shows that about 80,000 engineers are needed now. exclusive of the needs of the military. When the current graduating class of 38,000 is absorbed there is still an unfilled demand for 42,000 engineering graduates. However, a recent study of the 1951 class of engineering graduates showed that the military, through R.O.T.C. and reserve programs, and through the Selective Service System, will siphon off about 19,000 engineering graduates. The actual unfilled demand will then be for more than 60,000 engineers. Thus, the urgent need for engineers cannot be met through the current sources of supply. The 1952 graduating class will be only about 26,000; 1953 about 17,000; 1954 about 12,000. Of course these figures cover all engineering, but radio-electronic men make up a large and important section.

1951 LEADERS OF THE RADIO-TV MANUFACTURING GROUP



Officers and directors of the Radio-Television Manufacturers Association. Standing, left to right, are: James D. Secrest, general manager and secretary: Max F. Balcom, past president; A. D. Plamondon, Jr., vice president: W. J. Barkley, vice president; John W. Van Allen, general counsel; and Dr. W. R. G.

Baker, director of the RTMA Engineering Department. Seated, left to right are: Arie Liberman, vice president; John W. Craig, vice president and chairman of the Set Division; Leslie F. Muter, treasurer; Glen McDaniel, RTMA president; and Robert C. Sprague, past president and chairman of the Board.

TV Receiver Manufacturers Ready

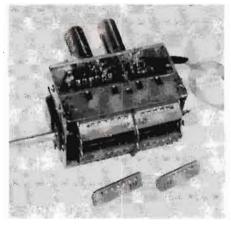
Set makers show FCC and industry engineers various ceive programs from future UHF stations. (See also

WHILE at Washington the engineers of the FCC and the broadcast stations work to set up a UHF TV allocation (see large chart accompanying this issue of TELE-TECH), the manufacturers of TV sets also have been busy designing conversion devices which will permit present VHF standard TV sets to receive stations in the UHF band.

And although a year or two may elapse before UHF-TV becomes a matter of actual general operation in the United States, the manufacturers well recognize that TV sets going on the market this Fall will be expected to serve their owners for a number of years and so must be simply convertible to receive UHF signals when these do come on the air in 1952, '53 or '54!

Bridgeport Tests

Progress in UHF conversion of standard TV receivers of many makes was high-lighted several weeks ago when the RTMA invited the FCC members and engineers to a demonstration of UHF adapters, held at Bridgeport, Conn., where NBC has an experimental UHF transmitting station in regular operation



CAPEHART-FARNSWORTH—Using a regular Capehart CX-33 receiver chassis, four miles from the Bridgeport transmitter ultra-high-frequency conversion was accomplished by inserting UHF channel strips in Standard Coil tuner already a part of instrument. Complete Capehart line uses same chassis.

The TV receiver makers had set up their conversion devices in the bedrooms of Bridgeport hotels, about 4 miles from the transmitter, and the Washington officials trooped from room to room, watching the clear, bright UHF pictures received on 529-535 megacycles at 4 miles distance, and comparing these with the same program—snowy and dia-

thermy-ridden—received on VHF channel 4 from New York, 56 miles away.

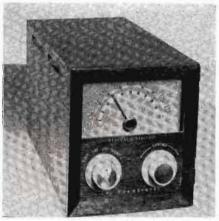
In this respect, the Bridgeport demonstrations proved almost too convincingly that UHF gives superior results without reception difficulties. For as the manufacturers' experimental engineers vied with each other to bring in perfect UHF reception in the lofty hotel rooms, the non-technical observers did not always stop to think what corresponding quality of UHF reception would be possible in the homes of an average city or town with hills and building obstructions.

Downlead Problems

Difficulties of carrying UHF signals many feet from antenna to chassis were also apparent. One maker had installed a roof-top antenna 25 ft. away but experienced such losses in the down-lead, that a built-in antenna in his converter box gave practically the same effective signal! The tiny UHF antennas of pencil length, however, showed the simplicity of the UHF pick-up problem for direct-view locations. Some UHF antennas were simply stuck up on the wall with adhesive.



CROSLEY—"Ultra tuner" measures $7 \times 7 \times 9 \frac{1}{2}$ in.: attached by screwdriver to receiver. Works with any continuous-tuning TV receiver. One model Ultratuner with self-contained UHF antenna. Installation requires no work on receiver. Covers 122 to 132 megacycle frequency range. Retail price, about \$40.



GENERAL ELECTRIC — This Translator (Model UHF-101) has been tested for 18 months in the Bridgeport area and is now in limited production. Below the megacycle numerals there is a logging scale for added convenience in tuning. A travelling dial light spot-illuminates each



HALLICRAFTERS' new ultra-high-frequency converter operates over a 450- to 900-megacycle range. The output frequency feeds into either Channel 3 or 4 of any present-day television receiver. The Hallicrafters Company also has UHF coil strips available for its turret-type "Dynamic Tuners."

with UHF Conversion Devices

means for adapting present standard VHF sets to re-UHF Station Allocation Chart, Part II of this issue)



STROMBERG-CARLSON'S converter, styled in green leatherette and measuring only 8 x 4 x 6 in., uses a 6F4 as a local oscillator, a 6BQ7 as a cascode r-f preamplifier, and a 1N72 germanium crystal mixer. Unit has a 12MC bandwidth and balanced output feeds VHF-TV channels 5 or 6.

To the lay Commissioners, the novel converter container shown by Stromberg-Carlson in the form of a handsome tooled-leather cigar box, attracted special attention, and pointed a possible trend of decorative camouflaging which purchasers may demand, if UHF converters are to be kept on top of their present TV receivers in their living rooms.

Pictured herewith are a number of UHF converters or translators which have been developed by TV

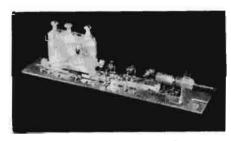
manufacturers for their own receivers or for general use with all or most receivers. Included also are several designs which were not demonstrated at the RTMA-FCC Bridgeport session.

Other Exhibits

In the case of certain converting devices exhibited at Bridgeport, photographs were not released but information as follows was made public at the individual session:

PHILCO—While this company has been experimenting with several types of UHF conversions, it demonstrated at Bridgeport only an external converter with continuous tuning which may be attached to any Philco TV set. This covers the full range of proposed UHF channels and is easily attached. Philco also has its tiny "match-box" single-channel converters which may be made available later, for use under appropriate conditions.

RCA VICTOR—Designed to bring in all UHF channels and suitable for attachment to any television receiver, the RCA converter was shown to give pictures that compare



ZENITH—During the FCC Bridgeport demonstrations, Zenith engineers showed how a UHF strip (like that pictured) could be slipped into the Zenith tuner in a very few minutes, enabling the standard receiver to operate on UHF without any change in the set itself

favorably in every respect with VHF reception. On the face of the attractively designed converter are two knobs and an easily read dial. Installation of the converter is sufficiently simple to be performed from an instruction sheet by the average set owner. Retail price, about \$50.

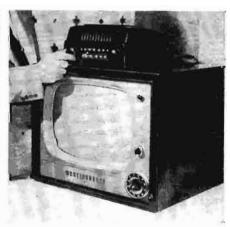
MALLORY—Means for converting standard television receivers were demonstrated at the Stratfield Hotel, Bridgeport, and inspected by the FCC party, but photographs and technical details requested by TELETECH were not available at presstime



STANDARD COIL—Simple transfer of strips in tuner, readies any set so equipped, for reception of uhf signals within a few minutes. The two-section strips in effect turn TV set into a double conversion circuit. CK 710 diode is used as converter. Fingers shown belong to Edwin Thias, engineering VP.



TARZIAN—Full-band UT-1 tuning unit for ultra-high-frequency telecasts is adaptable to any set now in use; does not interfere with VHF channels. Self-contained power supply. No electrical changes are necessary in present television sets. Unit may be placed on top of the set or installed inside.



WESTINGHOUSE—With this new UHF converter, the set is capable of receiving all uhf channels, in addition to standard telecasts in the very-high-frequency range. The converter, housed in a mahogany finished wood cabinet, can be easily connected to all Westinghouse television receivers now in use.

Remote Control System for

First completely unattended radio broadcast station operation permitted by full circuit details and information presented in exclusive article. Equipment is

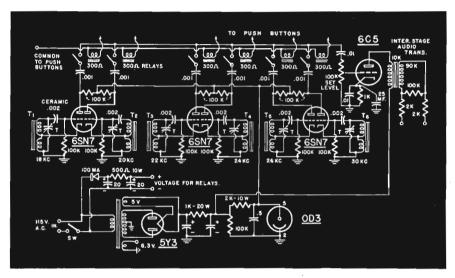


Fig. 1: Sub-carrier converter signal generator for telemetering information selection

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A n effective remote system has made it possible for FM broadcast station WRFL to control its transmitter from equipment in the Winchester, Va., studios, more than 20 miles away. No operators have been in regular attendance at the mountaintop site since experimental authority was granted by the FCC in April, 1951. The complete system, with certain necessary protective devices, is described below.

The equipment was built in a little less than a year, using inexpensive receiver components. Most of this time was spent in research and experimentation. Several types of control systems were tried and discarded. The one ultimately adopted was found to be the most nearly foolproof, and practical. The FM engineering section of the FCC was most helpful in suggesting methods which would assure full compliance with the Commission's exacting engineering standards for this class of service.

The present equipment is divided

into the following main integrated units: six control oscillators, pushbutton operated, at the studios; a band pass amplifier at the STL receiver; six selective tuned relay circuits and functions at the transmitter; an electrically-reset circuit breaker in the transmitter primary; an automatic overload relay and circuit breaker recycler; link failure protective relay to cut carrier in event of STL failure; telemetering generator and control; telemetering receiver and selective meter amplifier at studios; signal strength meter and carrier failure indicator at studios; antenna and booster for modulation and frequency meter at studios; aural "off the air" monitor at studios.

The WINC (AM) transmitter is located in the same building as the WRFL studios. The licensed operators employed at WINC also control and operate WRFL. This affords a considerable economic advantage of particular importance to FM operation. The problem of finding opera-

tors for an isolated mountain peak job is solved. The operating schedule of the station has been expanded and continuity of service of the station has been improved. Automatic recyclers work faster than manual operation and poor roads, snow and automobile breakdowns no longer cause late sign-ons.

FM Transmitter Control

The FM transmitter control is effected, and meters are ready, by transmitting the outputs of six control oscillators ranging in frequency from 18 to 30 KC through the regular program link at about 5% modulation. These control frequencies are never heard on the air. At the link receiver in the FM transmitter building on the mountain, a bandpass amplifier brings the level of these control frequencies up to the necessary level, cutting off the program audio frequencies.

The control frequencies are fed through a coaxial line from the cathode of an audio tube in the link receiver to the input circuit of the selective bandpass amplifier, and also through a coaxial line from this to the selective relay chassis. Six plate relays are operated, which in turn operate two impulse type relays to turn on and off low and high voltages in the transmitter and two telephone type six volt relays which control an antenna rotating motor of the type commonly used for TV installations which increases or decreases the final tank to output coupling and thus controls the transmitter power.

The Federal transmitter at WRFL is broadly tuned so that it is never necessary to retune the plate tank circuit with coupling changes. It is therefore unnecessary to provide a "tuning" motor in addition to the "coupling" control. This may be necessary with other types of transmitters, and would require another circuit.

The fifth plate relay operates a continuously rotating step-switch, which selects sampling voltages from the various meters, as well as from the standard calibrating voltage pro-

FCC is described and simple and fool-proof

vided by two "hotshot" type batteries in series. Another set of contacts on this step-switch also turns the telemetering subcarrier on and off. The sixth plate relay operates another impulse type relay. This is a spare function which at the present time is being used to cut in or out an FM tuner at the mountain which is used to pick up a distant FM station for relaying purposes. This station cannot be received at the studios in town.

An impulse type relay is one which needs no holding current to maintain an "on" or "off" condition. It operates much like a pull chain socket. One impulse puts it on, a similar one puts it off. By using this type control, fewer circuits are needed, and it is not necessary to leave the control subcarrier on as long as the relay remains on. A tenth-second pulse is usually sufficient to operate this type of relay. The pulses used are 6 V. ac, but it was found that using dc instead caused them to snap in much more quickly and positively.

Control Oscillators

The control oscillator circuits were made as simple as possible, using readily available and inexpensive parts. These oscillators must be very stable, have low distortion, and be easily keyed. A regulated power supply and good tuning condensers were found to be necessary. Low distortion is important for the stability of the system and to assure inaudibility of the control signals. The oscillators use the standard electron-coupled circuit. A Hewlett-Packard audio oscillator was used while developing the system, and worked very nicely. However, this does not lend itself to push-button control, since the oscillator dial setting must be changed for each function. The unit shown in the diagram uses mica five-plate trimmers as oscillator frequency controls. The oscillators are adjusted to 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 30 KC, by using a 'scope and standard audio oscillator as a comparison wavemeter. The 30 KC function is isolated from the other frequencies by an additional 2 KC as a safety

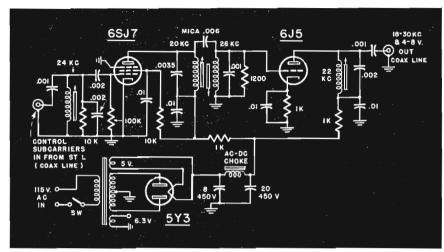


Fig. 2: Band Pass amplifier at STL receiver location (remote WRFL transmitter)

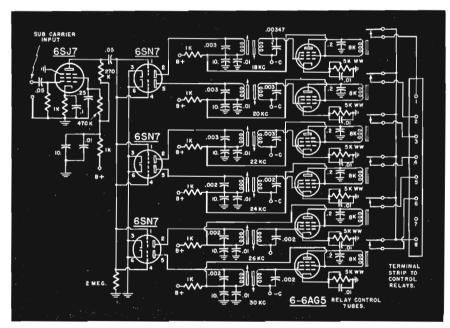


Fig. 3: Remote control chassis at WRFL. This contains all the selection relays.

factor, since this function is used frequently for meter readings. The oscillators run continuously. Their outputs are keyed by 300 ohm relays. By running continuously, false operation is avoided by eliminating the possibility of frequency creep when starting them up. All outputs are fed to the relays, then to the grid of a single bridging tube. The 5% subcarrier modulation of the link transmitter is adjusted by first measuring the audio voltage applied to the input of the link for 100% modulation. The gain control of the bridging tube is then adjusted to about onetwentieth of this value. Percentage

modulation above 5% could cause intermodulation distortion, therefore these control voltages and the telemetering subcarrier on the FM transmitter at the mountain never exceed 5% modulation. A 15 KC filter in the STL receiver prevents the control signals from modulating the transmitter. The only subcarrier that actually modulates the FM transmitter is the telemetering 30 KC signal which is applied momentarily during meter reading periods.

The control carriers are picked off an audio tube cathode in the STL. The band pass amplifier, through which these signals must pass as the

REMOTE CONTROL (Continued)

next step after the link receiver, amplifies frequencies used for the control only, and discards all other frequencies. Slug-tuned audio frequency coils, in aluminum cans about the size of the average i-f can, are used as the selective transformers in these circuits. They are from surplus Hammarlund "Fleet Control" units, and are modified by removing the condensers inside the cans and substituting the condensers shown in the diagram. These coils were designed to operate at about 6000 cps, but will operate in the 18 to 30 KC range. Ten of these coils are used in the complete system. This bandpass amplifier not only brings up the level of the control signals, which is necessary to operate the selective relays, but also prevents unwanted audio frequencies appearing at a higher level than the control frequencies. The amplifier is built on the familiar "stagger tuned"

principle used in many TV circuits. It could be made flatter if desired by using more tubes and circuits.

Selective Relays

The output of the band pass amplifier is fed through a coaxial line to the chassis which contains the amplifiers, separators, relay control tubes, selective filters, and the final controlled relays. The first tube on this chassis is a 6SJ7 audio amplifier, with circuit components chosen to favor the control frequencies. The plate of this tube feeds the parallel grids of three type 6SN7 separator tubes. Each of these plates is loaded with a primary of the audio filter coils.

The secondary of these coils is loosely coupled to the primary circuit, making a very sharp response curve. Capacitive coupling was not added, because this broadens the re-

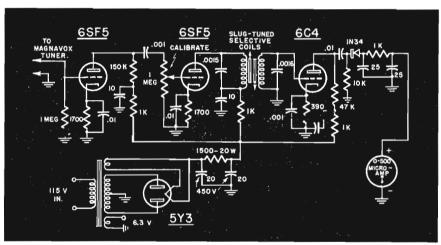
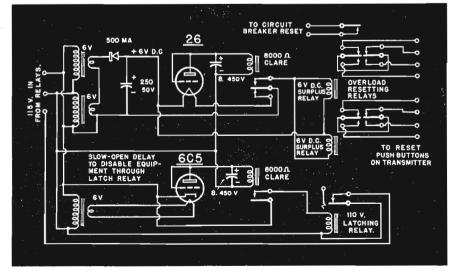


Fig. 4: Selective amplifier at studio for reproducing remote transmitter information

Fig. 5: Recycling chassis. The type 26 tube will heat about 4 times before disabling



sponse curve. The primaries and secondaries of these filters are tuned to the frequency for the specific function in a manner to be described later. The grids of the relay control tubes (6AG5's) are biased past cutoff by the application of the six volt fixed bias from the "hotshot" bias battery, and through self bias from the 5000 ohm variable wirewound cathode resistors. The bias resistors are finally adjusted, so that the plate relay in each circuit pulls in firmly when the control signal is applied at the normal level to each grid. The fixed bias must be supplied by a low impedance source, rather than from a rectifierfilter arrangement, as this allows too wide a bias fluctuation from inoperative to operative condition. The plate relays are sensitive 8000 ohm Clare type.

As each relay control tube conducts because of excitation of its grid by the respective control signal. its plate relay closes. This in turn operates the impulse relays, the telephone type relays to control transmitter power, and the rotary type telemetering switch. The latter switch is a six volt solenoid operated device used in automatic car radios as a station selector. This rotary relay has two sets of contacts. One set is used to select the sample voltages for telemetering. The other set operates a keying relay which applies the output of the telemetering amplifier to the program circuit feeding the WRFL transmitter. This current, which modulates the transmitter at about 5% is applied only while taking meter readings. The antenna rotator motor was attached to the shaft of the coupling mechanism through a right angle bevel gear from a dial drive assembly. The motor is permanently mounted on the front panel of the transmitter above the control shaft.

Power Supply

The power supply is built up on a 10 x 17 x 2 in. steel or aluminum chassis, as are all units in the system, and is of straightforward design, using voltage regulator tubes for stability. The Supply provides approximately 300 volts for the plates, heater currents, and six volts at better than five amperes for the low voltage relays. All chassis are mounted with the open bottoms facing the front of the rack. The panels thereby shield the subchassis wiring from the high r-f fields present at the transmitter. The chassis bottoms are easily accessible by removing these panels.

All the selective relay circuits are

tuned by using a calibrated audio oscillator and a vacuum tube voltmeter. The audio oscillator is coupled to the grid of the 6SJ7 tube at low level. The voltmeter, using the 30 volt scale, is placed across each of the cathode resistors of the 6AG5 relay control tubes. The resistors should all be set at maximum resistance during this operation. The audio oscillator is then set at each control frequency and the slugs in the tuned circuits are adjusted for maximum readings which is about 27 volts in this application.

Automatic Protective Circuits

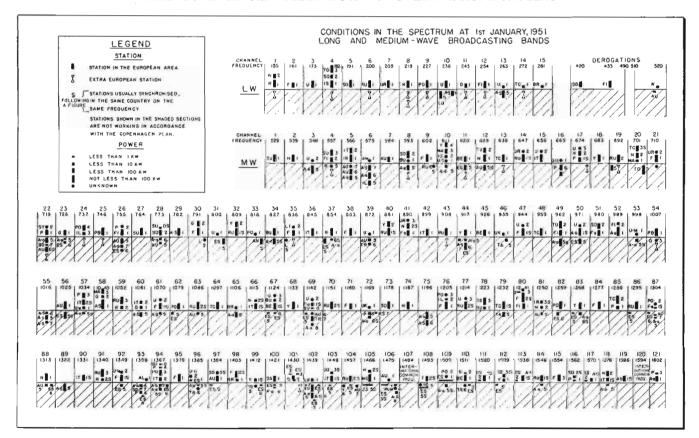
The WFRL transmitter is situated on a mountain peak and power is obtained from a long, lightly-loaded line up the mountain. Charges from electrical storms have caused more momentary failures than all other

STL I8 MILES STL OSCILLATORS TRANSMITTER RECEIVER Fig. 6: Block dia-NTROL PUSHBUTTONS gram of WRFL remote control in-15 to 32 Kg stallation. Figure shows the six functions monitor-SIX FREQUENCY ed by the telemeter F M BROADCAST TRANSMITTER. RELAY CIRCUITS SIX FUNCTIONS

causes combined. These line surges kick out the main transmitter circuit breaker or the plate overload relays in the high power amplifiers in the transmitter. With an operator at the transmitter the circuit breaker and overload relays were reset manually.

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THE COPENHAGEN PLAN FOR EUROPEAN BROADCASTING



Above is a spectrum analysis of the distribution of broadcasting stations in Europe. Note that the frequency range is from 155 to 1602 KC, including 420 to 520 KC band. Figures

beside entries indicate: 1-4 stations conforming with the plan: 5-9 non-conforming stations. Swiss stations sharing frequencies are shown by a zero. Table is based on E.B.U. Bulletin

A-a A-b	Germany-American zone Germany-British zone	ES	Spain France	L-f Li	Tripoli Lebanon	RU	Great Britain and Northern Ireland	ŢQ	Turkey Trieste
A-f	Germany-French zone	F-a	Algeria	ĽŮ	Luxembourg	RU-c	Cyprus	TR TU	Tunisia
A-s	Germany-USSR zone	FI	Finland	MA	Morocco	RU-g	Gibraltar	U	U.S.S.R.
AL	Albania	G	Greece	MO	Monaco	RU-m	Malta	U-c	Finno-Carelia
AN	Andorra	н	Hungary	N	Norway	\$A	Saar	U-e	Estonia
ΑU	Austria	IL	lsrael	P	Portugal	SD	Sweden	U-le	Latvia
BE	Belgium	1R	Ireland	P-a	Azores	SM	San Marino	U-li	Lithuania
BR BU	Bielorussia Bugaria	15	Iceland	P-m	Madeira	SU	Switzerland	U-m	Moldavia
Ď	Denmark	ΙT	Italy	РB	Netherlands	SY	Syria	UR	Ukraine
D-f	Faroe Islands	L	Libya	PO	Poland	TA	Tangier	٧	Vatican City
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Shock Testing of Airborne

Characteristic features of shock as experienced of measuring shock severity discussed and typical

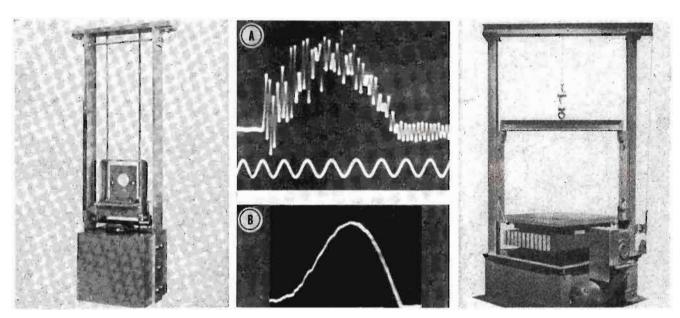


Fig. 11: (Left) American Standards Association drop-type shock testing machine used for small instrument measurements Fig. 12: (Center) Typical acceleration-time diagrams measured on elevator of shock testing machine in Fig. 11. High frequency vibration shown at A was eliminated by placing a drop of oil between the spring and anvil giving the oscillogram at B Fig. 13: (Right) Type VD Medium Impact Shock Machine is similar to that in Fig. 11 and is used for testing airborne equipment

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THE American Standards Associa $oldsymbol{1}$ tion drop type shock testing machine, shown in Fig. 11, is used extensively for testing small instruments. The equipment undergoing test is attached to a small elevator. The elevator carries, on its bottom face, a spring in the form of a simple beam. Upon free fall of the elevator, an anvil rigidly fixed to the massive base of the machine strikes the center of the beam spring. The elevator rebounds upwardly, and is caught by the operator. The acceleration-time diagram which defines the motion of the elevator during engagement of the spring with the anvil is substantially semi-sinusoidal, as shown in Fig. 12. The high frequency vibration embodied in the oscillogram shown at Fig. 12 (A) represents vibration of the elevator table in its fundamental mode. It was found that this vibration could

be excluded, as shown in Fig. 12 (B), by placing a drop of oil between the spring and the anvil.

A somewhat similar machine used for testing airborne electronic equipment is the Type 150 VD Medium Impact Shock Machine, based on a design by Mr. K. W. Johnson of the U. S. Air Force. This machine is shown in Fig. 13. The elevator of this machine is much larger than that of the ASA machine shown in Fig. 11, and its downward velocity is arrested by loose sand contained in a sandbox forming the bottom part of the machine. The suddenness with which the motion of the elevator is arrested may be varied by changing the arrangement of wooden cleats attached to the under side of the elevator. The impact with the sand is substantially inelastic, and the elevator does not experience the upward rebound which characterizes operation of the

ASA machine. The acceleration-time diagram measured on the elevator of the Type 150 VD Medium Impact Shock Machine is illustrated in Fig. 14. This diagram is essentially a half-sinusoid, with superposed high frequency vibration representing vibration of the elevator table, and with some distortion which tends to extend the latter part of the record as the elevator gradually settles in the sand.

The results obtained from shock testing, using machines of the types illustrated in Figs. 11 and 13, are investigated by considering the support for the beam-load system of Fig. 4 to be attached to the elevator of the shock testing machine. Assuming a half-sinusoidal acceleration-time diagram for the elevator as its downward motion is arrested, the response of the beam-load system can be predicted analytically. The maximum acceleration of the load (d2y/dt2 in Fig. 4) with reference to the maximum acceleration of the elevator d^2x/dt^2 is shown in Fig. 151. When the natural frequency of the beam-load system is great relative to the predominant frequency of the impulse which arrests the motion of

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in various military applications illustrated. Means testing machines are described and illustrated

the elevator, the abscissa ratio is large; i.e., the results are defined by the right side of Fig. 15. The ratio plotted on the ordinate is then approximately unity. The maximum acceleration that is experienced by the load supported by a relatively stiff beam is thus approximately equal to the maximum acceleration experienced by the elevator table. This applies to all beams that are relatively stiff, and is substantially independent of the natural frequency of the beam, except for the qualification that the frequency ratio on the abscissa must be appreciably greater than unity.

Low Frequency Ratio

When the stiffness of the beam is low, the natural frequency of the beam-load system is small and the frequency ratio which forms the abscissa of Fig. 15 has a low value. Applicable conditions are then indicated by the left side of Fig. 15. It is then evident that the maximum acceleration of the load carried by the beam is not directly proportional to the maximum acceleration of the elevator, but is a function also of the frequency ratio which is plotted as

the abscissa in Fig. 15. The nature of this function is pointed out below.

The maximum acceleration d2v/dt2 of the load carried by the beam in Figure 4, with reference to the velocity change of the elevator and the natural frequency of the beam-load system, is illustrated in Fig. 162. The velocity change of the elevator is related to the height of free fall. The Type 150 VD Medium Impact Shock Machine shown in Fig. 13 exhibits substantially inelastic impact, and the velocity change is numerically equal to the velocity of the elevator immediately before it engages the sand. The ASA Shock Machine shown in Fig. 11 exhibits substantially elastic impact, and the velocity change is approximately twice the downward velocity of the elevator at time of impact. The frequency ratio plotted as the abscissa of Fig. 16 is in the same terms as in Fig. 15. For small values of this ratio, the curve is a straight horizontal line. The maximum acceleration that is experienced by the load on the beam is thus directly proportional to the velocity change of the elevator and inversely proportional to the natural frequency of the beam-load system. It is independent of both the accelera-

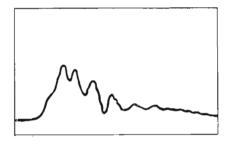


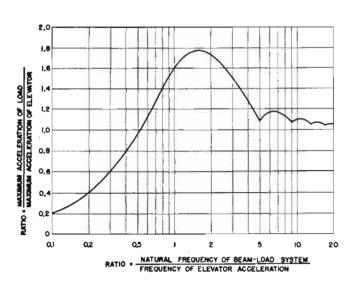
Fig. 14: Acceleration-time diagram from shock testing machine shown in Fig. 13

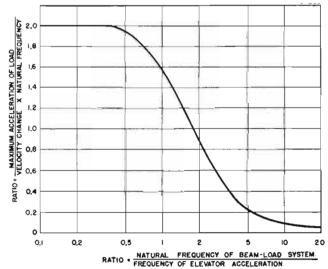
tion of the elevator and the frequency of the impulse which arrests the motion of the elevator.³

The principles illustrated by Figs. 15 and 16 may be applied to the design of equipment which is required to withstand shock tests. Each principal structural assembly of the equipment is first simulated by a beam-load system, as illustrated in Fig. 4. Its natural frequency is then estimated, and the maximum acceleration d²y/dt² of the load is determined from Fig. 15 or Fig. 16, whichever is applicable. The maximum force on the beam is the product of the mass (or weight) of the load and its maximum acceleration¹.

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Figs. 15 (left) & 16: Curves defining response of beam-load system (Fig. 4) when support is attached to elevator of shock machines (Figs. 11 & 13). Results are a function of ratio of natural frequency of beam load system to predominant frequency embodied in acceleration-time diagram for elevator as its downward motion is arrested. Max. acceleration of load with reference to max. acceleration of elevator is at left, and max. acceleration of load with reference to velocity change of elevator and natural frequency of load system is at right





IRE-WCEMA at San Francisco

West Coast Engineers and Manufacturers Convene August 22-24

THE 1951 Western IRE Convention and the 7th Annual Pacific Electronic Exhibit will open its doors in the San Francisco civic auditorium on August 22, 1951, for a three-day run with the theme—"Behind the Scenes in Electronics."

Attending the San Francisco sessions will be radio and television engineers, members of the Institute of Radio Engineers' 7th Region, comprising Sections in the seven Western states. The International Scientific Radio Union will also be represented at several of the meetings.

The West Coast Electronic Manufacturers Association has also taken active leadership in plans for the convention and Pacific Electronic Ex-

hibit. The manufacturers and wholesalers of the area will take part in the Business Conference scheduled for the period of the big Coast gettogether. Some twenty-two "representatives" also will have 33 booths in the exhibit hall, showing products or lines of 174 radio-electronic concerns who are not direct exhibitors.

Expect 10,000

The 1950 attendance figure of 7,500 is expected to be surpassed with a final total close to 10,000 registrants. The exhibit was originally established by WCEMA which has sponsored it for six years. This year, for the first time, the western regional (9th) of the IRE will share

in the responsibilities of the exhibit.

IRE annually holds its western convention at the same time and place and this meeting will include the usual run of technical papers and field and inspection trips. The annual banquet has not been scheduled in order to prevent any conflict with exhibit hours, which will be from 1 to 9:45 P.M.

Comprehensive exhibits will be displayed by eastern and western factories; manufacturers' representatives will show wares of their client factories and universities and government agencies will provide educational displays. On August 22 and 23 there will be afternoon speaking programs with government pro-

TV-FM-UHF POINTS OF INTEREST IN SAN FRANCISCO—1. IRE Convention Hall: Civic Auditorium. 2. KDFC. 3. KPIX (TV). 4. KRE-FM. 5. Los Angeles-San Francisco microwave relay terminal. 6. KLX-FM. KPFA-FM. 7. KSBR. 8. KCBS-FM. 9. FCC Primary frequency monitoring station. 10. KSFO-FM. 11. KGSF, KALW. 12. KRON-TV, KRON-FM. 13. KNBC-FM. 14. KGO-TV, KGO-FM.



Exhibitors at San Francisco Civic Auditorium

Advance Electric & Relay Co., Burbank, Calif. Aerovox Corporation, New Bedford, Mass. Aircraft-Marine Products, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa. Airtron, Inc., Linden, N. J. Altec Lansing Corporation, Beverly Hills, Calif. American Microphone Co., Pasadena, Calif. American Phenolic Corporation, Chicago, Ill. W. R. Ames Company, San Francisco, Calif. Andrew Corporation, Chicago 19, Illinois. The Arnold Engineering Company, Marengo, Ill. Audio Devices, Inc., New York, N. Y. Automatic Electric Sales Corporation, Chicago, III. Herb Becker, Los Angeles, Calif. Berkeley Scientific Corporation, Richmond, Calif. E. L. Berman Company, San Francisco, Calif. Bird Electronic Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio Brown Electro-Measurement Corp., Portland, Ore. The Brush Development Company, Cleveland, Ohio Burlington Instrument Company, Burlington, Iowa Bussman Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo. Cannon Electric Company, Los Angeles, Calif. Centralab, Div. of Globe-Union, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisc. Chicago Transformer Division, Essex Wire Corporation, Chicago, III. Cinema Engineering Company, Burbank, Calif. Clear Beam Television Antennas, Los Angeles, Calif.

Coastwise Electronics Co., Inc., Beverly Hills, Calif. Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y. Distillation Products Industries, Div. of Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y. Drake Electric Works, Inc., Chicago, III.
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Technical Papers Program

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Broadcast and Television

"Utilization of Microwave Radio Relay in Bell System Radio and Television Services—a Progress Report" by Francis M. Ryan—American Telephone & Telegraph Co. "Klystron Transmitting Tube Suitable for UHF Television" by Wayne Abraham—Varian Associates.

"A New High Power Transmitter and High Gain Antenna for UHF Television" by Prank P. Barnes—General Electric Co. "Established Subjective Tolerances for Color Television Pictures" by W. E. Evans and Clinton M. Kelley—Stanford Research Institute.

Propagation and Optics

"A Correlation Computer and Applications to

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curement authorities addressing the

Two forums have been arranged for executives, production, and operating personnel of manufacturers and wholesalers. These are open to all visitors to both exhibit and convention.

The electronic industry on the west coast centers largely in California, though in the field of supersonic and military airplane production 65% of the nation's activity in this field is located all the way from San Diego to Seattle.

The WCEMA is the region's primary trade group. Established in 1943, it was felt that combined effort was the best avenue of approach in securing prime and sub-contracts from the government.

Approximately seventy member factories now belong to WCEMA. This represents about 13,500 employees and floor area of well over two million square feet.

Radio Propagation" by F. E. Brooks, Jr., and H. W. Smith—Electrical Engineering Research Laboratory, University of

Research Laboratory, University of Texas.

"Quasi-static Solution for Diffraction of a Plane Electromagnetic Wave by a Spheroid" by C. T. Tai—Stanford Research Institute.

"Strip Transmission Line Study" by N. A. Begovich—Hughes Aircraft Co.

"The Zero Phase-Front in Microwave Optics" by J. E. Eaton—Naval Research Laboratory.

Noise and Communication Theory

"The Generation and Measurement of Low Frequency Random Noise" by R. R. Ben-nett and A. S. Fulton-Hughes Aircraft

"Probability Distributions of the Zero-Cross-ing Periods of Filtered Random Noise" by Dr. C. R. Gates—Let Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology.

nology,
"Applications of Communication Theory to
Radio Navigation Systems" by M. Leifer
—Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.
"An Octave Band Noise Analyzer" by Dr.
Arnold Peterson—General Radio Com-

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Measurements

"A Direct Reading VIIF Frequency Meter" by Leonard Cutier—Gertsch Products, luc. A new approach to the problem of frequency meter design, "A Precision Frequency Measuring Equipment" by D. A. Pitman

—Marconi Instruments, Ltd.

"Digital Frequency Measurement up to 10 Mc." by A. Bagley-Hewlett-Packard Company.

"Precision Time Delay Generation" by J. S. Johnson—Rutherford Electronics Com-

Vacuum Tube Applications

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"The Coaxial Tetrode as a Wideband Power Amplifier at VHF and UHF" by D. H. Preist—Eitel-McCullough, Inc.
"Subminiature Tubes Developed for 26.5-volt Operation" by William R. Wheeler—Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.
"Reduction of Non-Linear Distortion in Broad-Band Amplifiers" by W. E. Ayer—Stanford University.
"A Single-Ended Push-Pull Audio Amplifier" by Dr. Arnold Peterson and Dr. D. B. Sinclair—General Radio Company.

Linear Array Antennas

"Optimum Patterns for Arrays of Non-Isotropic Sources" by George Sinclair— University of Toronto, and Frank V. Cairns—National Research Council. "Slot Radiators and Arrays at X-Band" by Robert J. Stegen—Hughes Aircraft Com-pany.

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"Factors Affecting the Performance of Linear Arrays" by L. L. Bailin and M. J. Ehrlich—Hughes Aircraft Company.

"Thickness Effects in Slots Located in Various Positions in Rectangular Waveguide" by L. Felsen, H. Kurss, N. Marcuvitz, and A. A. Oliner—Polytechnic Institute of Fanoklyn, (Paper to be presented by A. A. Oliner).

Circuits

"Frequency Analysis of Control Systems Employing Digital Computers" by J. M. Ham, J. M. Salzer and W. K. Linvill— (Continued on page 70)

Organization of WCEMA

The statewide WCEMA group is headed by Paul F. Byrne, president; Fred W. Falck, vice-president; A. C. Davis, secretary; and Norman H. Moore, treasurer.

The San Francisco council has Mr. Byrne as chairman; Noel E. Porter, vice-chairman and Mr. Moore, secretary-teasurer. The Los Angeles Council officers are: Mr. Falck, chairman; Leon B. Ungar, vice-chairman; and Mr. Davis, secretary-treasurer. The Directory committee consists of Don C. Larson, chairman, Al Ogilvie, Noel Porter and C. A. Swanson.

There are 14 WCEMA directors: H. P. Balderson, immediate past president; Paul F. Byrne, state president; William Gates; Norman H. Moore; Noel E. Porter; Russell Varian; John M. Kaar; L. W. Howard; Orrin H. Brown; Fred W. Falck; A. C. Davis; E. P. Gertsch; Leon B. Ungar; and Robert Bell.

CUES for BROADCASTERS

Practical ways of improving station operation and efficiency

Edited by John H. Battison

Cleansing Sapphire Needles

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WE have found the following very effective in restoring sapphire point recording needles when they have accidentally cut into the aluminum base of a transcription blank. When aluminum gets on the tip of the sapphire point, we do not send them away to be resharpened, but carefully dip the sapphire tip into some muriatic acid. The acid works on the aluminum, within a few minutes the aluminum is dissolved and the point is as good as new. By examining the tip under a microscope (most transcription equipment has one) it is possible to tell when the aluminum is completely dissolved. We have tried this acid bath on needles which hiss and are noisy due to foreign matter on the tip and found that it generally restores them to good quiet cutting needles.

KLO has been using this method for over a year without any bad results to needles or fingers, and finds that the muriatic acid does not affect the saphire. If in cutting into the aluminum base, the sapphire tip is chipped, this method will be of no use and the needle will have to be resharpened. By examining the tip under a microscope after the aluminum has been dissolved, it can soon be determined if the tip is chipped.

Be careful when handling the needles and acid. The shaft of a sapphire needle is also made of aluminum and acid will cut as as well as the tip deposit. Generally the time involved in cutting the aluminum from the tip is rather short and if the shaft gets into the acid for this short period it will only tarnish. Every precaution should be taken to keep the shaft out of the acid however. The usual caution should also be used in handling the acid in order to keep the hands and face from being burned. Do not try this method on steel needles.

Portable Storage Cabinet for Magnecorder

K. WINSTON BUGG, Chief Engineer, WABE, Atlanta, Ga.

SHELVES are provided for the three recorder units, and a large

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storage drawer beneath contains phones, extension cords, and other accessories. For ventilation and passage of connecting cables, there is a two inch space above each unit, concealed by an apron on the front of the shelf. The shelves do not extend to the rear of the cabinet. The cabinet is wide enough to allow for plug



Portable storage cabinet for Magnecorder

connections at the ends of the Magnecorder units, hinged doors at each side of the front allowing access to these connectors.

Material is three-quarter inch, five ply, plywood, stained to match the station furniture. Two-inch swivel castors and heavy sash lift type handles make the cabinet easy to move about.

On the right side of the cabinet near the bottom are mounted three microphone input jacks of the type standard for WABE. Permanently mounted shielded cables and plugs connect these to the amplifier unit. At the top of the right side are two pairs of standard patch panel jacks, connected by shielded cable and plugs to the bridging input and 600 ohm

output terminals of the amplifier.

The recorder may be patched as desired into either control room, where it becomes an integral part of the station equipment, and is used as a rack-mounted recorder. It may be moved to any studio for direct recording of simple programs, when all control room channels are in use. Attached to the sound cart, it is a valuable accessory for the sound effects man, who can record for instant cueing successive sounds which occur too close together for disc work.

Foolproof Disc Recorder Monitoring

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SINCE it is so easy to observe the groove during disc recording monitoring of that groove seems to have been neglected, or left to chance. While many present-day tape recorders provide actual tape monitoring, there apparently has been no effective way of doing this for discs. Some stations have actually played back the disc as it was cut. However, that has the fault of a time delay. This is of no value in checking intermittents. While it is true that such a fault would ruin a program, at least instant detection and correction might save it from being a total loss.

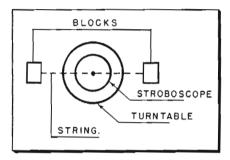
A resistor about equal in value to the impedance of the head is connected in series with the cutter lead. The monitor is then connected across this resistor. About one volt will be derived this way, sufficient to drive any bridging amplifier. By having the monitor in series, it is possible to detect any open circuit in either the cutter head, or the lead connecting it to the amplifier. The lead wire is often a neglected spot, and often is not suspected as a source of trouble. Placing the resistor in the circuit has an additional advantage. Since the output transformer must be adjusted for the impedance of the cutter and the resistor in series, the load becomes more constant. When the impedance of the cutter varies with frequency its change is a smaller proportion of the total impedance in the circuit, and thus a smaller actual change is reflected back to the transformer. By using a system such as this, the monitor becomes truly a check on what

is going on. Also, since any distortion in the cutter is reflected back into the line by the generated back emf, faults such as a frozen cutter, groove chatter of certain types, and even cutter overswing and worn dampers can be discovered this way.

Sighting Strobe Discs

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In checking the speed of turntables with a stroboscope disc it is often difficult to tell if the table in ques-



Plan of stroboscope sighting device

tion is varying in speed or if one's eyes are following the disc around. A simple method of determining which of the two is happening is to place a small block on either side of the table, attach a string to these blocks and use the string as a sight.

Guarding Against Hum Caused by Ground

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O guard against grounds develop-Ing in remote lines on the air we have installed a 500/500 ohm line transformer in the jack panel. When a ground appears on a live pickup line, or one being used on the air, this transformer is inserted between the concole input, which is balanced, and the line output. The line is no longer balanced but it is free of hum caused by the ground on the incoming loop. In all cases encountered so far this has worked perfectly with no cross talk or line noises appearing. Of course, the center tap output of the remote amplifier must be broken, and by placing a toggle switch on the back of the remote amplifier the output of the remote amplifier can be switched from balanced to unbalanced output at will. By this procedure, many times instead of losing a program at the most a 5 or 10 second delay has occurred, during which time the control engineer makes the correct patches at the jack panel.

Emergency Transmitter Consolette

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FOLLOWING a plan to provide additional facilities to conduct a normal schedule of broadcasting, should the need arise during an emergency, WKAN has installed a transmitter consolette with the necessary associated equipment to carry regular broadcasts from the transmitter.

Since the transmitter is located out of town, equipment not generally used on a daily basis is incorporated. One channel remote amplifier, two Presto portable 6N disc recorders with 85A type amplifiers, a few lever action keys and jacks from an unused telephone jack panel were used. The only additional cost was two Pickering cartridges, a Pickering 163A equalizer, and a limited amount of material to support the portable recorders, (now used as playback turntables). The playback units were made in cabinet form so they could be used for storage. Regular levelling bolts were used to level the turn-

The Pickering 120-E cartridges were mounted into the playback arms of the recorder units and balanced accordingly. Outputs of the cartridges are selected respectively by the use of a DPDT switch which is in turn connected to a single input on the remote amplifier. This was done for several reasons. (1) To reduce the cost of a second equalizer, (2) To have a spare input channel since only two of the three need be used, (3) To simplify operation for the combination announcer-engineer who operates the consolette.

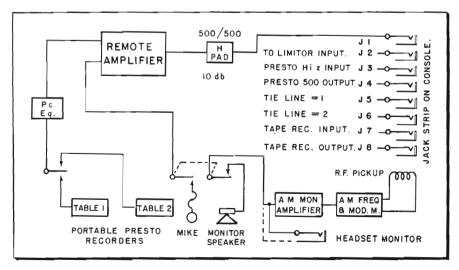
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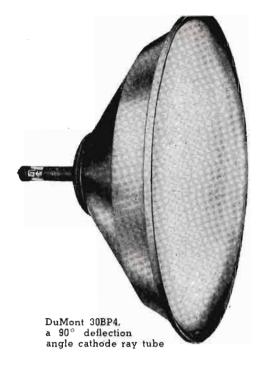
transmitter was quickly solved. A Western Electric 633-A salt shaker mike was selected and placed in a box made of 3/8 inch plywood lined with sound absorbing material. The rectangular unit is 14 inches long, 10 inches wide, and 6 inches high. One end of this box was left open for the announcer. Since the room housing the transmitter was not designed for use as a studio, the many flat sound reflecting surfaces made it necessary to use this as a microphone baffle. It was necessary to reduce the area directly behind the mike to prevent a barrel effect. In this manner, extraneous noises were eliminated.

Special consideration was given to grounding and shielding all connecting cables from the consolette to the AM rack where the patch and jack panel terminate, to prevent any RF carrier rectification due to proximity of the final RF amplifier, and to keep noise and distortion to a minimum. The distortion is less than 1.5% from 50 to 10,000 cps.

It is possible to broadcast news, transcribed music, tape recording or playback from either the transmitter building or main studio as connected by the patch cords in the jack panel. Also, disc recording may be accomplished by feeding material from transmitter or studio since one of the portable recorders was left intact for instantaneous recordings. The output of the amplifier connects to a 5-/500 10 DB pad, in order to increase the gain of the amplifier to override any noise which might originate in the associated equipment. The pad connects directly to the limitor input (with patch cord) when broadcasting from the transmitter. Levels are so adjusted to provide equal settings for the limitor regardless of the origin of the program.

Emergency or defense transmitter control console for isolated station operation





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THE increased popularity of large screen picture tubes has made the physical limitation of tubes of lower deflection angle apparent; the length of the picture tube is usually the controlling factor in determining the length of the television receiver cabinet. Since the neck length is fixed by the amount of space required for deflection, focus, and ion trap components, a reduction in tube length for a given screen diameter requires that a larger deflection angle be used.

A larger deflection angle necessitates an increase in deflection power, and may result in increased spot distortion. In an attempt to determine the seriousness of the above limitations, 90° deflection angle tube designs were made. The results obtained were sufficiently encouraging to plan on the use of this deflection angle for a production type tube.

To minimize the increase in deflection power required, the design of the neck contour was made as closely as possible to the ideal. First, a neck diameter large enough to accommodate the electron gun structure and a neck wall thickness of sufficient strength must be used. Having thus fixed the outside diameter of the cathode ray tube neck, the most efficient deflection yoke and wall contour design is one in

The Design of 90°

A discussion of the problems opment of a production type,

which the yoke fits as closely as possible to the neck wall and in which the wall contour follows the deflected beam path as closely as possible. The general shape of the wall section and beam path is shown in Fig. 1a. The effect of an increase in wall thickness or of incorrect wall contour in the critical region on the location of the center of deflection is shown in Fig. 1b and 1c. The critical region is the region near the front of the deflection yoke winding.

Note that an increase, \(\triangle \) T, in wall thickness in the critical region causes a deflection center shift of 1.4 times △ T. Because of the manner in which center of deflection varies with yoke length, the yoke must be shortened by over twice this amount to about 31/3 times \triangle T, in order to scan the tube having the thicker wall section. Fig. 1c shows that, when the wall contour does not follow the deflected beam path, the voke must again be shortened to maintain full deflection. Both pictures emphasize the point that the deflection yoke should be located as closely as possible to the deflected

The key to the design of the wall contour in the critical region lies in the knowledge of the electron beam path in this region. To determine the beam path a special 19-in. tube was made. A picture of this tube is shown in Fig. 2. A ruled mica sheet, coated with a conductive fluorescent material was placed inside the tube on a plane through the tube axis. The beam skimmed along the surface of this sheet showing the beam path.

Plotting the Path

Plotting the path on cross-section paper showed that practically no deflection occurred beyond the straight portion of the deflection yoke winding. As the beam enters the critical region, then, it is moving in a straight line at an angle of 45° to the tube axis, and the wall section should be a portion of a right-circular cone having an included angle as close to 90° as is practical. Because of the precision to which wall thickness and contour can be held, an all-

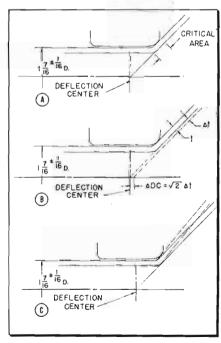
molded part is used, even though the wall thickness of this type part is slightly greater than that obtained by other processes.

The tube deflection angle is the greatest single factor affecting tube length and is also of prime importance to the yoke manufacturer. The deflection angle of a given tube design cannot become too small or tube overall length will be exceeded, and cannot become too large or design yokes will not scan the tube. A plus and minus tolerance about the design deflection angle is therefore needed. A tolerance of $\pm 2\%$ of the design angle was chosen as limiting variations to a reasonable value.

Tube Dimensions

The tube dimensions and tolerances controlling the tube deflection angle are those of the screen diameter, the length of the metal portion of the tube wall and the length of the glass portion of the tube wall, after the glass to metal seal has been made. Tolerances on these dimen-

Fig. 1: Diagrams showing effect of incorrect design on location of center of deflection



Deflection Picture Tubes

and solutions involved in the devel-30-inch television cathode ray tube

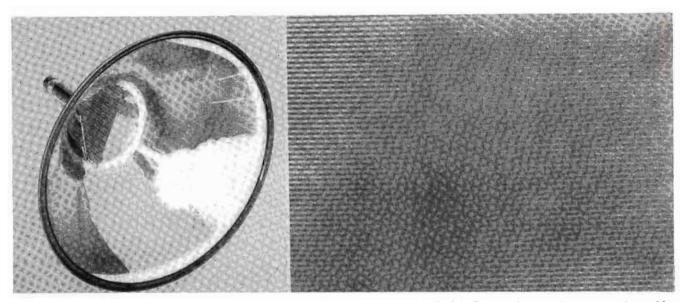


Fig. 2: (Left) Experimental tube for determining electron beam path. Fig. 3: (Right) Types of merged patterns obtainable

sions have been chosen so that with the screen diameter at its maximum and the tube wall length at its minimum, the deflection angle will not exceed 91.8°. Conversely, a minimum deflection angle of 88.2°, together with tolerances on maximum screen diameter, neck length, and faceplate rise, effectively limits overall tube length.

Electron Gun Design

When considering the electron gun design, three important facts must be noted. First, since a non-uniform deflection field is required to maintain a straight-sided pattern on any tube having a faceplate radius of curvature greater than the distance from the deflection center of the beam to the faceplate, the spot undergoes certain aberrations due to deflection. The greater the angle, the greater are the attendant aberrations. By reducing the beam diameter in the yoke, however, different parts of the beam cross-section are in more nearly the same deflection field and a reduction of deflection distortion results.

Second, the action of the magnetic focus coil of the cathode ray tube is analogous to that of an optical lens in that the magnification of the system is directly proportional to the image distance. The image distance is the distance from the center of the focus coil air gap to the cathode ray tube screen. For a given screen diameter, this distance is shortened by a factor of approximately 1.4 by increasing the deflection angle from 66° to 90°, resulting in a lower magnification and smaller spot size for the 90° design.

Increasing the deflection angle of a 66° tube to 90°, then, would change the center resolution by a factor of 1.4 from, say 550 lines to 770 lines. Such a value of center resolution means a very fine line width, so fine that there is a considerable amount of dark space between the lines of the raster. To minimize this effect, the picture must be viewed from a greater distance, so great that the added center detail, due to higher resolution, is lost.

Third, electron optical laws show that the diameter of the beam in the region of the deflection yoke is directly proportional to the tube resolution. Therefore, a tube with high center resolution (fine center line width) has a beam of large diameter in the yoke region, which beam is grossly distorted when deflected. The result is a picture having excessively fine lines in the center portion and

almost no detail at the edges. For these reasons, it is advisable that center resolution not be too high.

Tube Resolution

Before tube resolution can be controlled and before subjective evaluation of the effect of changing tube resolution can be made, an effective means of objectively measuring resolution must be used. This was done by using a "merging raster" method. This method was described in detail at the fall meeting of the IRE. Every other field of a television raster was blanked, leaving an extremely stable 2621/2 line raster. After careful adjustment of ion trap, focus coil, and deflection yoke components, the vertical height of the pattern was reduced until the lines merged, yielding a uniformly bright pattern. Incompletely merged, merged and overmerged patterns are shown in Fig. 3. (In this picture, the lines have been defocussed to produce the desired effect.) At the left, the lines have not yet merged; the center shows the merged lines; at the right the lines have overmerged. (The thin white lines are the result of overlapping of adjacent

The height of the merged raster is

90° DEFLECTION PICTURE TUBES (Continued)

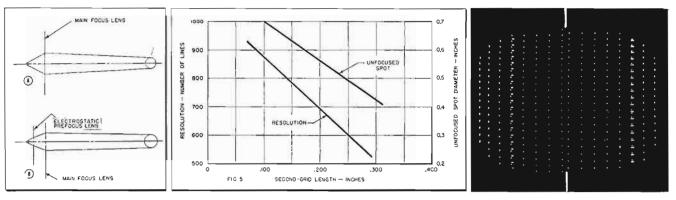


Fig. 4: (Left) Action of prefocus lens in reducing beam diameter and increasing focused spot diameter. Fig. 5: (Center) Experimental data verifying action shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 6: (Right) Dot pattern used to measure deflection defocussing

measured; the tube resolution is given by the ratio of normal picture height to merged raster height times the number of lines in the pattern (262½). Subjective evaluation of tubes having different values of center resolution, as measured by this method, showed that center resolution between 500 and 600 lines gave best overall picture quality. This figure is necessarily a compromise between a higher resolution, causing the defects we have already noted, and a lower resolution, with attendant loss in picture detail.

Adjusting Magnetic Lens

Adjustment of tube resolution is made by adjusting the position of the object of the magnetic lens. This can be done by moving the entire electron gun closer to the focus coil. Since the image distance is now reduced by a factor of approximately 1.4, the object distance could be shortened by the same factor, to maintain the same overall magnification and center resolution.

This method has two disadvantages, however. First, focus current varies as the square root of the change of the object distance. Focus current, therefore, increases by nearly 20%. Heat dissipation, especially important when considering that much of the heat dissipated contributes to increasing the temperature of the deflection yoke, increases by 40%. Second, moving the gun forward brings the anode aperture close to the focus coil. Any attempt to center the pattern by means of focus coil tilt, then, will decenter the beam in the aperture, a highly undesirable condition.

The object of the magnetic lens can be moved optically rather than physically, however. Since the object of the magnetic lens is a virtual image erected by the second gridanode lens, adjustment of tube resolution can be effected by changing the characteristics of this lens. This method, in addition to reducing center resolution will, since it partially focusses the beam, actually cause a reduction instead of an increase of focus current. The action of this lens is shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 4a shows a single lens structure with no prefocussing; Fig. 4b shows the effect of prefocussing in reducing beam size and increasing final spot size.

With all other distances remaining fixed, as the distance from the electron-beam crossover to the second-grid-anode lens is increased, the beam size is further reduced and final spot size further increased. In the actual tube, an increase in the length of the second grid part corresponds to an increase in the distance from the object to the prefocus lens.

Experimental curves showing the variation of beam size and resolution with second grid length are shown in Fig. 5. Note that a relatively slight change in second grid length produces a great change in tube resolution and beam size.

Pulsed Raster Used

In order to compare deflection defocussing of the 90° type to that of a 66° type, a pulsed raster was used, allowing the examination of spot size and shape at different portions of the screen. The type of dot pattern obtained is shown in Fig. 6. This picture is a double exposure. To the left of center is shown a tube with high center resolution and a great amount of spot distortion at the edges of the pattern. To the right of center is shown a tube with

low center resolution and reduced spot distortion at the edges.

Using a 15,750 cycle horizontal scan rate would require an impractically short pulse time, in order to pulse the spot on and off quickly enough to "freeze" the spot. Horizontal scan frequency was therefore dropped to 1,500 cps. Synchronized pulses having a 30,000 cps repetition rate and 0.25 microsecond duration were applied to the first grid, resulting in the 25 line, 20 dot-perline pattern shown.

Deflection Distortion

The ratio of the longest dimension of the distorted spot at the edge of the pattern to the diameter of the center spot was taken as a measure of deflection distortion. Measurements show that, for the same value of center resolution, this ratio is slightly smaller for the 90° tube than it is for the 66° tube. The picture quality of the 90° tube, therefore, is better than that of the lower deflection angle tube.

The DuMont 30BP4, a 90° picture tube designed according to the principles outlined is shown at the beginning of this article. This tube has a nominal screen diameter of 30 in., a minimum usable screen area of 550 square in. and an overall length of only 23-9/16 in. Comparing it with the type 19AP4 tube, we find that the nominal screen diameter has been increased 1½ times, screen area has been increased by over 2½ times, and overall length has been increased by less than 10%.

The design work described in this report was carried out under the direction of and cooperatively with Mr. K. A. Hoagland, A. B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.

Video Levels in TV Broadcasting

Reviewing improvements in operating techniques and standardization activities that have led to the development of new CRO measuring scales

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THE subject of video levels in television broadcasting, from standpoints of both standardization and measurement, has been going through a slow process of evolution ever since the early experimental broadcasts in the 1930's. At first, as should be expected, the significance of all the factors was not fully appreciated, and, as a result, accepted values and methods have been changed from time to time in an effort to keep pace with the advances in techniques and equipment. There is no assurance that this evolution has now reached its final stage, but substantial changes which have developed recently are a sufficient reason for restating the situation as it appears to be at present.

In 1936, the first major installation of television broadcasting equipment in New York was made in the studios of NBC in Radio City. One feature of this installation which bears on the subject of levels was a mile and a quarter of coaxial transmission line connecting the studios to the transmitter in the Empire State Building. With the lines and equalizers used at that time, it was thought necessary to feed the input of the line at a level of about 5 to 10 volts, peak-to-peak, in order to secure an acceptable signal-to-noise ratio at the transmitter input. This situation

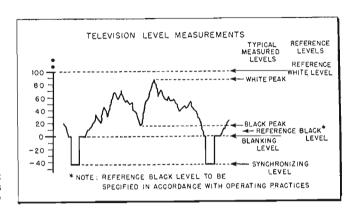


Fig. 1: Significant levels and details of standard scale

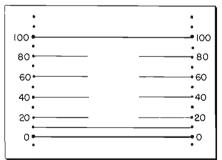
set the pattern for line amplifiers at the studio output until the approach of the development of commercial equipment during the last year of World War II. Video levels within the studio plant during that period were generally set at about 1 volt, peak-to-peak.

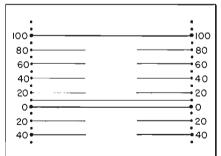
RTMA Standards

In connection with post-war developments, there was activity in technical committees of the Radio Manufacturers' Association (now the RT MA) to evolve suitable standards for commercial television equipment. Among the standards adopted by these committees in 1946, was one which specified that studio output amplifiers should be capable of producing a level of 2 volts, peak-topeak, of composite picture signal, including about 0.05 volt of sync. At that time, there were some wire line interconnections in use in New York provided by the Telephone Company and consisting of ordinary telephone cable pairs with equalizers spaced at frequent intervals. The 2-volt level was considered high enough to avoid objectionable noise, and low enough to avoid noticeable cross talk in the telephone cables. Furthermore, it appeared to be possible to develop this voltage efficiently with acceptably low distortion, on a 75 ohm transmission line load by using a single 6AG7 tube in the output stage of a studio amplifier. It was also felt that the use of a 2-volt level would permit simple and economical designs of picture monitors with a minimum amount of video signal amplification. In RCA pickup equipment, the 2-volt level was adopted as standard on nearly all 75 ohm interconnecting circuits carrying composite signals, and a 1.5-volt level on 75 ohm circuits carrying non-composite signals (no sync present).

The cathode ray oscilloscope has been used universally, during all these various stages of evolution,

Fig. 2: (Left) Operating scale No. 1 for use at camera controls. Reference white-100, black-10: blanking level-0
Fig. 3: (Center) Scale No. 2 for use with composite signals. Reference white-100, black-10: blanking level-0: Sync peaks at —40
Fig. 4: (Right) Operating scale No. 3 for use at a transmitter location where depth of modulation is to be measured. Zero carrier-100, 0% carrier: Reference white-100, black-10: Blanking level at 0, 75% carrier: Sync peaks at —40, 100% carrier







VIDEO LEVELS (Continued)

primarily as a level indicator, but in addition as an indicator of quality of the picture signal. One typical example of its use as a quality indicator is found in the adjustment of shading signal controls where the CRO gives a more critical indication of uniform background than does the eye by direct observation of the monitor kinescope.

Recent Trends

The rapid and continuing growth of network facilities, together with the almost unbelievable expansion of studio facilities in some of the larger stations with all their highly complex interconnections, has made evident some weaknesses in the adopted video level standard as related to the design of equipment which is in widespread use at present. It has become apparent that the earlier concept of acceptable amplitude distortion limits in line amplifier stages has to be modified when applied to a large system where the number of equipment units is greatly increased as compared to that involved in a small operation. For example, a signal originating in an outlying studio of a large station may be passed through as many as ten line amplifier stages before arriving at the transmitter. If the signal is fed through a cross-country cable network, it may pass through several hundred repeater amplifiers before reaching its destination. It is obvious that the distortion in any one amplifier must be held to an extremely low value if the cumulative distortion in such a system is to be tolerably small.

Amplitude distortion of a television picture signal results in unnatural tones of gray in the reproduced scene. The most common type of distortion changes tonal grada-

tion in the light grays and nearwhites. Faces may look too white and washed-out, and lack any appearance of depth. In order to illustrate the significance of a small amount of distortion in a single amplifier unit which is part of a large system of many similar units, let us assume that the permissible limit of compression of the whites accumulated in the entire system is 25%. This particular value has no special significance, but it is an amount of compression which is observable, and may be assumed for purposes of discussion. In the case of a system having 100 amplifiers in cascade, the compression per unit would have to be less than 0.3 of 1% to stay within the assumed limit.

Avoiding Distortion

Fortunately, the network equipment is designed to avoid distortion to an acceptable degree. On the other hand, many studio amplifiers do not have adequate linearity to provide satisfactory operation in cascade in large numbers with a level of 2 volts. Rather than recommend modification or replacement of the large number of such amplifiers now in use, with attendant high cost and inconvenience, it seemed preferable to recommend a reduction in the standard signal level which would make possible a noticeable decrease in distortion without an appreciable increase in noise.

This problem came to a head early in 1950 in New York which had by that time become the principal source of network programs on television. Another problem had also been adding to the confusion, namely, that in spite of the RTMA standard 2 volt level for video amplifiers, there was no adherence to any operating standard in this matter. The

levels put out by the New York stations were nearly all different, determined largely by requirements of common carrier equipment used for interconnections and for networking. These varying requirements resulted from the fact that common carrier terminal equipment had grown up with the demand; it represented in some cases, different stages of development, and did not adhere to one standard in the matter of levels.

The situation was given special attention by an informal committee composed of representatives of the six television stations in New York City and of the Telephone Company and of some interested manufacturers of television equipment. This group held several meetings between May and September and proposed a standard operating level of 1.4 volts, peak-to-peak, of composite signal as outlined in Fig. 1. The new level has subsequently been adopted by the New York stations as well as by some others. It has been agreed that this level will be satisfactory in the common carrier operations though there will be a transition period required for modernizing some of the existing equipment during which it may be necessary to continue the use of other levels.

IRE Standard Scale

The choice of the new level of 1.4 volts was guided, of course, by the need for reduced distortion, but in addition, it was influenced by the recently adopted IRE Standard1 which included, among other things, a standard scale for measuring video levels. This scale is shown in Fig. 1 which is a reproduction of the diagram in the IRE Standard. The special committee of New York broadcasters and television manufacturers decided to recommend correlating the new video level in volts with the arbitrary units in the IRE scale. The desired relationship is given by the expression: Video Signal in Volts = Number of IRE Scale Units/100.

The three scales shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4 were recommended by the Special Committee for practical use on the faces of 5 inch CRO tubes as follows:

Scale 1 (Fig. 2).

To be used with either studio or film camera controls where non-composite (no sync) signals are used. Blanking level is at 0; reference black is indicated at 10; and reference white is at 100. Total deflection is 2 inches between 0 and 100.

Scale 2 (Fig. 3)

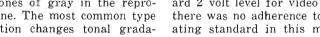
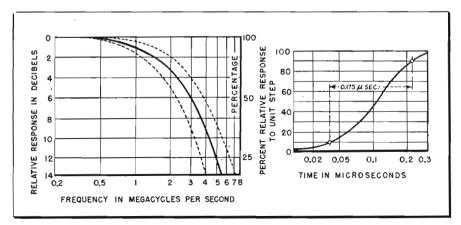


Fig. 5: Frequency and time response for standard oscilloscope



To be used at studio or master control outputs, or for preview monitors, or for any monitor where composite signals are present. Sync peaks are at —40; blanking at 0; reference black is indicated at 10; and reference white is at 100. Total deflection is 2 inches between —40 and 100.

Scale 3 (Fig. 4)

To be used at the transmitter location where composite signals are present and where it is desired to measure depth of modulation. Scale numbers on the left hand side are the same as for Scale 2. On the right hand side, the numbers are per cent of modulation. Total deflection is 2 inches between —40 and 100, or between 100 and 12.5 on the per cent scale.

The value of 2 inches for vertical deflection on the CRO using the new scales was adopted after tests which indicated that this deflection was reasonably linear in present equipment. Units which were not linear at 2 inches of deflection were found to contain subnormal amplifier tubes.

A fortuitous relationship between the IRE standard and the proposed operating level is evident in Fig. 4. Here the numbers on the right hand side of the scale indicate per cent of modulation of the r-f carrier and show how it relates to the IRE scale. By setting zero carrier opposite 120 on the IRE scale, and maximum carrier opposite -40, blanking level (or zero) corresponds with 75% of maximum carrier, and reference white (or 100) corresponds to 12.5% which is the minimum allowable carrier level. Thus the FCC specifications on carrier levels are embodied in this same scale.

Use of New Scales

Experience over several months of operation in a number of television stations has shown that the new voltage level and the new scales are a substantial aid in attaining improved performance. As a result of this experience, a recommendation has been sent to RTMA that its standard be revised to specify a video level range of 1.4 volts, peak-to-peak, for studio equipment. The recommendation is new being considered in the technical committees of the RTMA.

It is highly recommended that all television stations adopt this level in operating practice as soon as practicable. It will not only improve performance, but it will do a great deal to facilitate the interconnection of stations and the exchange of programs through the networks.

For those users of Master Moni-

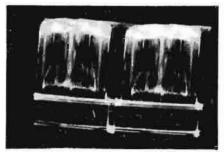


Fig. 6: A normal monoscope signal on a wideband CRO (RCA Type 715-B)

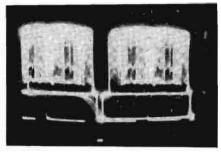


Fig. 7: Normal monoscope signal on CRO in modified TM-5 Master Monitor

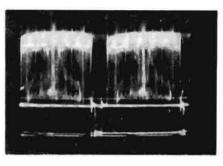


Fig. 8: Monoscope signal with severe overshoot distortion shown on wideband CRO. Note black overshoots in syncregion

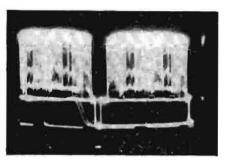


Fig. 9: Same signal as shown in Fig. 8, but appearing on the TM-5 Master Monitor with IRE roll-off in CRO amplifier

tors, or other equipment employing 5-inch CRO tubes, scales, similar to those shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, printed in black on thin clear plastic, may be obtained by writing to the Engineering Products Dept., Building 15-7, RCA Victor Div. Camden 2, New Jersey. These scales may be applied to the faces of CRO tubes with pieces of transparent adhesive tape. This type of scale is not as durable nor as easily visible as is considered desirable, but it is being made available as a temporary measure until the design of a more satisfactory type can be completed.

The term setup, though not officially recognized, has been, for a long time, applied to the difference in level between blanking level and reference black. In a perfect television system, it might be possible to hold setup to zero with satisfactory results. By doing so, it would be possible to obtain the most efficient utilization of video, r-f, and i-f amplifier characteristics. However, perfect signals would be required, without amplitude distortion (overshoots in the black direction), and very careful adjustment of the background controls in receivers would be required to avoid retrace lines or clipping of blacks in the kinescope.

By raising setup to some reasonable value, it is possible to realize much more practical operating conditions. Small black overshoots can

be present without extending into sync territory, and in the receiver it is possible to adjust the background control so that retrace lines are surely blanked out without clipping black peaks in the picture signal.

Amplitude of Setup

In the picture line amplifier standard output adopted by RTMA (Revised Oct. 9, 1946), the recommended amplitude of setup is 5% of the difference between blanking level and reference white level. This corresponds to 5 units on the IRE scale. Experience in most stations has shown the desirability of increasing this amplitude to about 10%. The increase reduces the utilization of amplifier characteristics, but it improves overall performance by allowing more tolerance for overshoots in the blanks, and by permitting final clipping at blanking level in stabilizing amplifiers in order to eliminate overshoots in the sync region. This clipping usually reduces setup somewhat below 10%, a process which would not be permissible if the initial value of setup were only 5%. For these reasons, the scales adopted for operating use include a line at 10 to indicate the maximum amount of setup. This 10% line, as well as the zero line, is made continuous across the scale to emphasize its importance.

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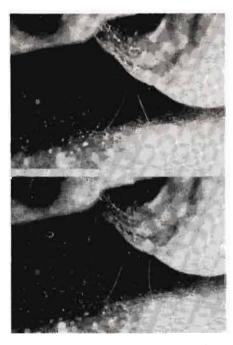
For MANUFACTURERS

New Methods, New Materials and New Machines

Edited By Bernard F. Osbahr

Whiskering Zinc

Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., 463 West Street, New York 4, N. Y., reports that some time ago a puzzling phenomenon was encountered on some precision electrical filters of the hermetically sealed type. A few months after construction, some of these filters showed abnormally high transmission losses to low level currents. A conducting path within the filter from one of the three air condensers to ground would result in the high pass-band loss indicated. Attempts to locate such a condition



(Above) Three long whiskers, one bridges gap between condenser and ground, magnified 15X (Below) Same view after applying 135 V d-c across the whiskers

proved fruitless at first, since most frequently the trouble cleared while the cover was being removed from the filter. One day a chance gleam of light revealed a very fine "whisker" reaching from the mounting bracket to the supporting stud of an air condenser. A paper knife was inserted between the condenser and bracket, breaking the whisker and immediately clearing the trouble, and thus the cause was found.

A more careful microscopic examination of the metallic surfaces of this

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and other filters revealed the presence of a whiskery growth attached to the zinc plated surfaces. The whiskers were of approximately uniform diameter for their entire length and were good electrical conductors. Photomicrographs on slides taken at 500X and projected to give an image 6000X showed that they were of a uniform diameter of only about one micron-less than 0.00005 in. Some were at least 3/8 in. long. Although they are normally invisible, they have a very shiny surface, and it was the reflection from this surface that first revealed them.

Zinc has been and is being used widely as a protective coating for steel and because of its electrochemical protection has proved quite satisfactory. The growth of whiskers from zinc plating seems to be an unusual occurrence which takes place only under special conditions.

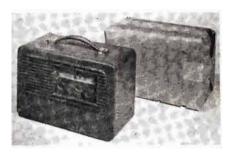
They appear to be pure metal, and they have been grown from zinc, cadmium, and tin plated surfaces. Of the more common types of metals used as a protective coating for steel, copper appears to be free of whiskers. Hence, copper is being used as a protective coating on steel in those applications where it is expected that the presence of whiskers would cause trouble. Such problems must be considered by the design engineer in the future.

Improved Master Carton Packing

"Shellcrease" is the name of a new packing material having the flexibility of wrapping paper and the cushioning qualities of corrugated cardboard, thus enabling wrapped radios or similar electronic equipment to be placed snugly together in a master shipping carton. Not having to take up the space ordinarily filled with stuffing permits

using a much smaller master carton. This represents savings in the purchase of both stuffing materials and oversized cartons.

Another advantage is that it is not necessary to place each radio in an individual carton with special in-



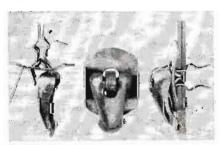
Radio receiver can be easily wrapped in corrugated material (right) for packing in master shipping carton

serts to protect knobs, etc. Shell-crease "molds" to the shape of the radio or to any similarly shaped product. Its flexibility is due to the minute scoring marks in the corrugation, which permit folding or rolling in any direction without sacrificing the protective characteristics of corrugated board. Manufacturer is Shelton Manufacturing Company, Inc., 42-24 Orchard St., Long Island City, N. Y.

New Snap Fastener

A new small, inexpensive metal fastening device has recently been put on the market by The American Shower Door Company of 1028 La Brea, Los Angeles, Calif. Known as the "Thumbweld," the new device is designed primarily to be used as a permanent fastener where rapid assemble or disassemble is important,

Top and side views of new fastener

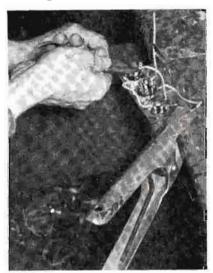


or to replace screws or bolts securing parts that are occasionally removed for service or inspection as, access plates, radio parts, metal housings, panels, cable brackets, intruments, etc.

The "Thumweld" fastener applies from one side and requires only the drilling of a \$\cdot{16}\cdot{16}\cdot{10}\cdot{10}\cdot \text{look} it in place. Once locked the fastener grips as securely as a metal screw or bolt and will not jar loose. To release, a quick pry with a screw diver or thumb nail is sufficient. "Thumbweld" fasteners are available for hole sizes ranging from \$\frac{1}{8}\text{ to \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ in. and} for metal thickness up to \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ in.}\$

Spring Clamps Save Jig Costs

Confronted with the problem of having to design new jigs for small chassis and subassemblies going through production, engineers at Dean Electronics Inc., 35—Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., reduced their headaches by purchasing several large flat-mouthed clamps (No.

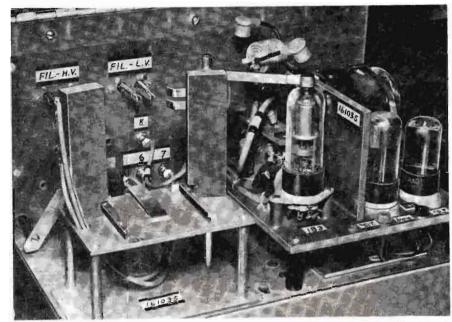


Amplifier chassis clamped on work bench

3 or larger). These were used to hold the chassis on top and along the edge of the work bench for connections and soldering operations.

Identification Tapes

A new pressure-sensitive tape which, when written upon, becomes a water-proof, oil-proof, smudge-proof, and acid resistant label is now being produced by the Labelon Tape Co., 100 Anderson Ave., Rochester, N. Y. It is made of two layers of acetate with a white waxy substance sandwiched in between. Pressure on the top clear layer indents the thin white layer and exposes the colored bottom layer to view. Marking may be accomplished by the pres-



Flyback transformer test equipment on TV production lines of the Stromberg-Carlson Co., Rochester 3, N. Y., uses pressure sensitive tape to identify elements

sure of any blunt instrument. Type-writer may also be used.

Available in black, blue, red or green; in $\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. widths and in 400 or 800 in. standard industrial rolls.

The tape requires no moistening and will adhere to wood, glass, plastics, metals, ceramics and to almost any other clean surface. It can also be transferred from one surface to another repeatedly without leaving a sticky residue or destroying the adhesive qualities of the tape.

Microfilming Vital Data

Radio-TV manufacturers might also consider microfilming their vital engineering design and other important company or corporate data. Ford Motor Co., recently announced plans for 4,250,000 microfilm shots to provide top security in the event of a bombing attack. All important drawings of dies, guages, jigs, and fixtures will be filmed. Included also are all old and current drawings of cars, trucks and engines from the model T to late 1951 models. Negative microfilm copies are being held in fireproof vaults in Dearborn, Mich., while positive copies are in distantly located underground bombproof vaults.

Response Analyzer

Shown below is a photograph of a coaxial loudspeaker receiving a response and sensitivity test on a production line by means of visual spectrum analysis. This test position, installed in the University Loudspeakers, Inc., plant at 80 South

Kensico Ave., in White Plains, N. Y., uses an automatic sweep audio oscillator to send a 50 to 15,000 cps signal to the speaker through an amplifier.

The acoustic output is picked up by a microphone within the cabinet on which the speaker rests, and fed to an oscilloscope equipped with a long-persistence cathode ray tube. Because the sweep rate is several times per second, the response curve is held stationary across the face of the cathode ray tube. Built-in crossover network and high-frequency attenuator are simultaneously tested. This type of final test position enables manufacturer to make a 100% check on all finished or outgoing units.

Testing loudspeaker response and sensitivity by visual spectrum analysis



New Equipment and Components

Video Distribution Network

A new video distribution network (Type V-101) provides a ready means of dividing the output of a single source



into from one to five bridging amplifiers for video program distribution. In operation, the network is inserted in the line between the source and the load. Connectors are provided at each end for readily inserting the network into the program line. Connectors are also provided on the side of the network for the connection of from one to five video amplifiers or program distribution. An internal variable capacitor is provided on each output channel for the adjustment of any appreciable change of capacity introduced by the addition of channels. A switch is provided for terminating the source with an internal adjustable 73 ohm resistive load. This termination can be readily set for zero reflection by means of a screw driver adjustment.—The Daven Company, 191 Central Ave., Newark 4, N. J.—TELE-TECH

Tape Drive

The TL-10 tape drive consists of a triangular shaped cast chassis which mounts on two small posts fastened to the disc turntable panel. One point of



the triangle carries the tape capstan and this rests directly on the center pin of the turntable to which the TL-10 is attached. A belt drive from the under side of the capstan rotates the take-up reel through a slip clutch. The reproducer head and guide pulleys are located on the upper side of the chassis and the equalizer network is placed below. Two capstans are provided: for 15 and 7½ in. per secspeeds. Rewinding is achieved by transferring the empty reel to the take-up spindle and releasing the drag on the supply spindle. This allows the tape to transfer at a relatively fast speed. The output of the head and equalizer is sufficiently high to be fed directly into a high quality preamplifier such as found in standard broadcast speech input equipment.—Presto Recording Corp., P.O. Box 500, Hackensack, V. J.—TELE-TECH

Valpey type DFS is an entirely new crystal unit for standard frequency applications. It incorporates two separate quartz crystals entirely independent of one another but so designed that frequency stability and zero frequency adjustment are equal on 100 and 1000 KC. Both crystals are highly active and capable of producing high oscillator output together with instapt starting when used in conventional circuits. Compactness, desirable in most applica-

tions, has not been sacrificed in accomplishing these improvements. Separate oscillators may be used, thus furnishing 100 and 1000 KC signals simultaneously. Switching may be used in the oscillator, making available 100 or 1000 KC outputs as desired.—Valpey Crystal Corp., Holliston, Mass.—TELE-TECH

Automatic Counter

Automatic Counter

The type M1731 Eventometer is designed to provide a flexible instrument for the measurement of events occurring in a desired interval of time. This instrument uses counting techniques throughout and is entirely electronic in its operation. The time base chain operates on the binary principle, with feedback, to provide for division by 100,000 from an internal 100 kc oscillator or from an external frequency source. By this division, when using the internal oscillator, a "scan" time of one second is provided resulting in an answer expressed in cycles per second. Through provisions included in the instrument, other frequencies, less than 200 KC, may



be used to control the time base so that the scan time may be changed as de-sired over a range from one-half second to an indefinitely long period.—The Walkirt Co., 5808 Marilyn Avenue, Cul-ver City, Calif.—TELE-TECH

FM Tuner Chassis

The Collins RD-1C FM tuner chassis is said to be a new approach to high fidelity radio reception, without the expenditure for more elaborate, expensive units. The tuner comes supplied mounted on an aluminum plate measuring 7½ x 4½ in. It may be readily fitted into a chassis of the user's choice by cutting a hole 7 x 3% in. By proper placement and mounting it may be directly coupled to a tuning dial assembly, such as man-factured by National or Millen. It is suggested however that the dial assembly and tuner be located independently



of each other and driven by two pulleys of equal diameter by dial cord. This allows a much more flexible and logical placement of parts. No separate 1-f amplifier is needed. The tuner is complete converter, oscillator, 1-f amplifier and detector are supplied on one chassis plate.—Collins Audio Products Co., Inc., P. O. Box 368, Westfield, N. J.—TELE-TECH

TV Positioning Control

A more constant, usable, unilateral field is said to be maintained over the entire adjustment range of a new TV



picture positioning control designed for use with electrostatic tubes. No alnico is used. The magnetic material which is used is non-essential from a procurement standpoint.—Heppner Manufacturing Co., Round Lake, Ill.—TELE-TECH

Oscilloscope

A new five-inch oscilloscope has been designed especially for use in microwave installations. The type ST-2C, has a high sensitivity and wide frequency response. Vertical sensitivity ac input is 0,075 volts RMS per in. All frequently-used controls are located on the front panel and are grouped conveniently according to their function. The cathode ray tube is cradled in rubber and is provided with a ¼-in. thick green-colored safety window. The vertical input attenuator is designed to permit quick selection of three levels of input from the input binding posts or three levels of input from the RC probe. This compensated attenuator will faithfully attenuate voltages by as much as 1,000 to without frequency discrimination.

Adequate drive from the horizontal amplifier is available to expand the trace to several times the diameter of the cathode ray tube. This permits a good display of short-duration pulses



and allows closer observation of portions of a wave pattern. Since the output stages of both the horizontal and vertical amplifiers are direct coupled, the positioning controls are positive in their action, and the trace responds immediately to any change in the positioning control settings. The amplifier circuits are designed for quick recovery from overload. Wide frequency response is obtained without recourse to peaked amplifier coupling circuits, resulting in excellent transient response. Straight resistance coupling is used and there is no positive slope to the frequency response curve. The response falls off gradually and the slope can be used to view signals containing frequency components up to 7 MC.—General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—TELE-TECH

for Designers and Manufacturers

Power Supply

Model 1250 regulated high voltage ower supply features excellent regula-on, low ripple content, and low output



impedance. It is continuously variable from 200-1000 volts and delivers from 0-500 milliamperes. In the range 200-1000 volts the output voltage variation is less than ½% for line fluctuations from 105-125 v. and less than ½% for load variation from 0-500 ma. Ripple is less than 20 millivolts. Input and output fuses on the front panel, a time delay relay, and an overload relay are included. The high voltage dc terminals are clearly marked on the front panel. Negative side of the high voltage is grounded to the chassis. The terminals are also brought out at the back of the chassis—Kepco Laboratories, Inc., 149-14 dist Avenue, Flushing, N. Y.—TELE TECH

Miniature Coil Winder

A new miniature coil winder (model 39) for winding tiny, fine wire, random wound bobbin coils up to % in. width and up to 1½ in. diameter for the minia-



ture field has been developed. Transmission of motor vibration to winding head is reduced to an absolute minimum by a specially designed that fabric belt. Weighing only 26 lbs, and measuring (including counter) 24 x 12 x 8 in., the new machine is easily portable. One model T-2 tension with supporting bracket is furnished for wire gauges 20 to 42 spools up to 4% in, diameter. For wire gauges 42 to 46, model T-6 tension is available. Winding speeds up to 5000 rpm are achieved by ½3; hp variable speed, series wound, ac-dc motor and foot-operated speed control of 115 v operation. For 230 v, operation, a step down transformer is available. Smooth operation during rapid winding is assured by high speed, ball hearing head stock.—Geo. Stevens Mfg. Co., Inc., Chiengo 30, III.—TELE-TECH

Portable Oscilloscope

Model 380 "Miniscope" has a 3-in. scope and a frequency coverage to 2.5 MC. It also features sensitivity of 0.1 RMS v. per in.; direct connection to CR tube elements; provision for Z-axis modulation; and telescopic light shield. It is shock mounted and housed in a strong moisture-proof aluminum case. Though designed to exacting military specifications, the model 380's versatility makes it an ideal, low-cost 'scope for industrial and laboratory engineering use. Built in a handy, portable size,



6 x 9 x 13¼ in.. it weighs only 14 lbs.. leads included.—The Hickock Electrical Instrument Co., 10606 Dupont Ave., Cleveland S, Ohio—TELE-TECH

Dynamic Headphones

Flat frequency response from 100 to 7000 cps is assured in a new high fidel-ity Dynamic series and up to 4500 cps in



the Standard series. Permoflux dynamic headphones are said to be capable of taking even minute electrical impulses and converting them into sound over a wide frequency range at uniform response and high intensities. Sound reproduction is free from treitating blasts and rattles.—Permoflux Corp., 4900 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago 39, III.—TELE TECH

Germanium Crystal Diode

The high quality, high back assistance germanium crystal diode, GCD-1, standardized for, and hereofore exclusively used in Berkshire Labmarkers is now being made available to other laboratories and users. These diodes feature rugged construction, long life, low shunt capacitance and high humidity



resistance. They pass JAN-IA Crystal specifications for cycle immersion in hot and cold water and for temperature cycling. Berkshire Laboratories, 518 Lexington Rd., Concord, Mass.—TELE-

Square Wave Generator

The EMR 43A square wave generator is a versatile laboratory instrument for use in testing audio, video and radio frequency amplifiers and networks. It includes a wide-range variable-frequency multivibrator which drives a two-stage clipper circuit to produce negative-going square waves. No external driving voltage is required, although a synchronizing input circuit and buffer amplifier are provided to allow the generator to be operated synchronously with other equipment. A separate output sync signal is also available for riggering purposes. This sync circuit includes a differentiating element, to give peak signals, and a shielded cable which reduces the chance of coupling with the main signal output when the latter is used at low levels. The shape of a high frequency square wave can easily be impaired by the use of long or improperly arranged leads between the generator and the equipment to which it furnishes a signal. This danger



is greatly reduced in the model 43A by the provision of a flexible, terminated, 300-ohm transmission line which is driven by the output tube, through a step attenuator. At the far end of the line is a continuously variable attenuator mounted in a shield can and having a range of approximately 24 db. An additional ground wire is included in the sheath containing the transmission line in order to provide an exceptionally low ground lead impedance between the variable attenuator and the driving circuit. The output of the variable attenuator is through two short leads which can be connected directly to the equipment under test. — Electro-Mechanical Research, Inc., Ridgefield, Conn.—TELE-TECH

Ultrasonic Generator

A new signal source of high accuracy has been designed for the ultrasonic frequency range. This new instrument,



known as the Sonaligner, is a very stable and accurate oscillator suitable for use in determining the pass band of marrow band ultrasonic filters. Outputs are developed at fundamental frequency with no beat oscillators. Frequency ranges are 10 KC to 220 KC in 13 bands. It has an output maximum of 2 volts from 600 ohms. Crystal check points are accurate to 0.01%. Timing "comb" may be used for accurate alignment of radar range circuits—Kay Electric Co., Pine Brook, N. J.—TELE-TECH

Servo Amplifier

The 410-B is a 60 cps, servo amplifier designed to drive a motor with 5 watt output. It features controls on gain,



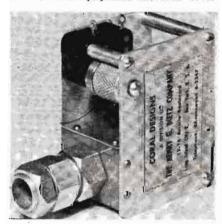
carrier phase shift, and damping, with the adjustments independent one from the other. With this range of adjustment, the 410-B can be used in all servo loops in this power class, for the performance can be optimized in each problem. Specifications are as follows: max gain, 1000; phase variable from —20 to—140 degrees; internal pickup below 3 millivolts rms; moderate power supply requirements. Companion power supplies and modulators are available, and the 410-B itself can be obtained packaged to suit some particular spatial problem.—Industrial Control Co., 26-02 Fourth St., Long Island City, N. Y.—TELE-TECH

Transformers

Production of miniature and subminiature transformers to JAN and MIL specifications has been initiated. Designed specifically to meet the requirements of modern electronic gear where space and weight are at a premium, they are hermetically sealed transformers, radar deflection yokes and coil components, television flyback transformers, and television focus coils. Estimates will be furnished on submission of specifications and quantities.—Tetrad Company, Inc., 4921 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Cal.—TELE-TECH

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An improved vane type pressure air flow switch for use in forced air cooling of electronic equipment has been devel-



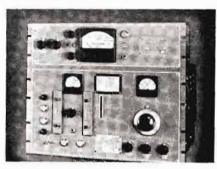
oped. The quantity of air required for forced-air-cooled tubes is specified for various types of service and often for various power levels. The flow switch is designed to operate a control relay to guard against tube failure in the event of blower failure or air-passage obstruction. It guards against air flow failure due to: dust precipitation blocking the air ducts caused by the tube radiators operating at high voltage, unclean air filter of obstructions blocking louvers in cabinet and stalling of the blower motor. It will operate on a minimum static pressure of 0.2 in. water gage. Electrical ratings of 5 amps at 2,0 v. ac are Underwriters' Laboratories approved—Coral Designs Div. of The Henry G. Dietz Co., 12-16 Astoria Blvd., Long Island City 2, N. Y.—TELE-TECH

Coil Form Kit

A coil form kit has been assembled which is made up of representative samples of ceramic coil forms manufactured by the Cambridge Thermionic Corp. The box contains three each of five different ceramic coil forms. Each coil form is provided with a different powdered iron slug (high, medium and low frequency). Extra slugs of silver-plated brass are provided as alternates to the iron slugs. All necessary hardware is supplied with metal parts, non-ferrous and electroplated to meet military equipment requirements. A handy chart is also included for identifying slug types by color code and part number.—Cambridge Thermionic Corp., 439 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass.—TELE-TECH

Frequency Monitor System

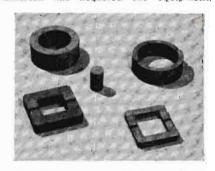
Designed as a secondary standard to monitor the frequency and shift of transmitter carrier outputs, a new fre-



quency and shift monitor system features the ability to measure the frequency shift of a mark and space (FC) signal both during setting up for traffic and under normal keying conditions. Stability is better than 2 cycles per MC over an ambient temperature range of 0-50°C. It requires crystals having a temperature coefficient of only 3 parts per million degree Centigrade. Its range is 2.5-30 MC with 10 crystal-controlled frequencies; there are separate panel trimmers for each. In addition, the use of an external oscillator is provided. The frequency shift range is 10-10.000 eps. Less than 100 millivolts r-f input is required. The frequency meter is specially designed with selectable normal and fast-acting damping factors, thus permitting frequency measurements of signals even while keying. Its accuracy is 1% for the ranges 0-200, 500, 2000; and 2% for the 0-20.000 eps range.—Northern Radlo Co., Inc., 143 West 22nd St., New York 11, N. Y.—TELE-TECH

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tools, dies, and manufacturing know-how of the former Ferroxcube Division of the North American Phillips Co.— The Ferroxcube Corporation of America, 50 East 41st St., New York 17, N. Y.— TELE-TECH

Lighthouse Tube

The GL-2C39A is a high-mu triode which can be used in radio communications and other military equipments. Its



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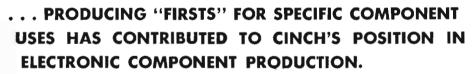


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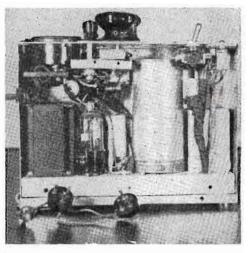
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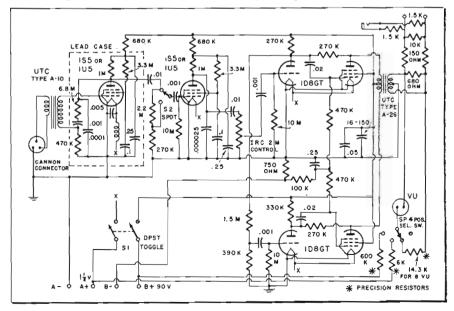
The circuit is a standard audio amplifier using push-pull 1D8s in the output. As the station uses fifty ohm

microphones with three prong Cannon connectors, this type of input circuit is used. Inverse feedback, to aid in suppressing microphonics, is applied across R1 through T1 to the grid of V1. Also, to help in keeping the amplifier non-microphonic, the first tube is mounted in a lead case together with some of its circuit components. This lead case is one from an old Philco auto radio vibrator. 1S5 tubes are shown in the first and second stages, but 1U5s, which are newer tubes and less microphonic, can be used; however, the base connections are different. The choke shown in the filament circuit is made

by wrapping about fifty turns of #28 wire on a large ½ watt high ohmage resistor. To attenuate certain high frequencies it was found necessary to add C2 to the first stage and C8 to the second stage.

The second stage. like the first, uses a 185 tube. It is shock mounted but has no feedback. The signal from the first stage would drive it into grid current during strong signal periods if the attenuator circuit, using R6 and R7, were not used. This network is isolated from dc by C6. It is to have R6 and R7 directly in the plate circuit of V1. since the (Continued on page 75)

Circuit diagram of complete amplifier. Note input stage is mounted in lead shield



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TELE-TECH'S NEWSCAST

RCA Demonstrates the Latest Compatible Color-TV Advances

More than a million television set owners in the New York area during the week of July 9-14 had the opportunity of comparing FCC-CBS noncompatible color-TV on Channel 2, with the RCA-NBC compatible test broadcasts on Channel 4, during the morning hours.

On the NBC channel, they received clear, sharp, contrasty black-white pictures and followed the program with interest; on the CBS channel, a meaningless kaleidoscope of dancing dots and lines confronted the patient ob-

Hundreds of enthusiastic phone calls came to NBC, many testifying that the black-white reception of the color program was even better than standard black-white transmissions.

Meanwhile, at Radio City, the press and interested industry representatives were being shown the color transmission in full color on RCA's new 21-inch color tube which gives a color picture 12½ x 16½ in., in addition to color pictures on the 16-inch color tubes previously seen. Simultaneously, standard black-white receivers reproduced the color program as excellent blackwhite pictures.

Improved Colors and Circuits

The new RCA colors showed additional improvement in life-like tints, and were declared by critical observers to be equal or superior to any other color-TV system.

"Compatible color can be logically introduced into television broadcasting with advantage to everyone and loss to none," said RCA president Frank M. Folsom. "Proper introduction will assure a fertile base for a healthy growth of the entire television industry. During the coming months, the public will have an opportunity to see the RCA color system and judge its many advantages through our field tests. We also plan to send the color programs to other cities in network operation."

Dr. E. W. Engstrom, vice president in charge of research of RCA Laboratories, reported that since the showing of the RCA color television in Washington last December, a number of improvements have been achieved. He declared:

"We have refined and put into pilotplant production our tri-color kine-scope, details of which were turned over to the radio-television industry three weeks ago. We have improved the circuitry of studio equipment and receivers. And we have also improved the operation of our system.

Cooperation with NTSC

Dr. Engstrom said that during the course of the field tests, programs originating in New York will be checked over network facilities, radio relay and coaxial cable. He disclosed that RCA proposes to make field test signals and field test experience available to RCA licensees and to members of the panels of the National Television System Committee.

"Schedules for some of this are already being set," Dr. Engstrom declared. "Later during the summer when our transmissions become more regular we will keep the appropriate NTSC panel advised as to the times and conditions of transmissions. We have already provided specifications on the signals we are currently using. It is our plan to participate in the work of the NTSC in arriving at industry standards. This, of course, is for the purpose of seeking approval for the establishment of a compatible colortelevision system."

21-INCH TRI-COLOR TUBE



E. W. Engstrom, vice president in charge of research for RCA Laboratories, explains the RCA tri-color television picture tube to a group. He is holding a cut-away model of the 16-in. picture-size tube, which RCA is turning over to its licensees with complete manufacturing details. Below is RCA's newest 21-inch tri-color tube, which will afford the largest direct-view color TV pictures ever seen.

NTSC Panels Reorganized for Color-TV

The National Television System Committee, which recently released an "ad hoc" committee report on a new color television system, has reorganized and established nine new panels.

This reorganization is the first step of the NTSC in carrying out the program announced by Dr. Baker, chairman, in releasing the committee report for the development of recommended standards for an NTSC color system.

The NTSC ad hoc committee report (see July TELE-TECH, page 29), outlined "the broad framework of a new composite system of color television." The industry was subsequently called upon by Dr. Baker to take part in the development of the new color system by producing and testing equipment. This work, he said, would be coordinated by the NTSC panels of technical experts.

Appointment of Dr. Elmer Engstrom, vice president in charge of research, RCA Laboratories Division, as an additional vice-chairman of the NTSC also was announced by Dr. Baker.

The nine new panels and their chairmen and vice chairmen are as follows:

Subjective Aspects of Color—Dr. A. N. Goldsmith, of New York, chairman; D. E. Hyndman, of Eastman Kodak Co., vice chairman.

Color System Analysis—D. G. Fink, chairman; A. G. Jensen, Bell Telephone Laboratories, vice chairman.

Color Video Standards—A. V. Loughren, Hazeltine Electronics Corp., chairman; W. T. Wintringham, Bell Telephone Laboratories, vice chairman.

Color Synchronizing Standards—D. E. Harnett, General Electric Co., chairman; M. R. Briggs, Westinghouse Electric Corp., vice chairman.

Compatibility—Dr. D. E. Noble, Motorofa Inc., chairman; Rinaldo DeCola, Admiral Corporation, vice chairman.

Field Testing—Dr. T. T. Goldsmith, Allen B. DuMont Lab., Inc., chairman; G. E. Gustafson, Zenith Radio Corp., vice chairman.

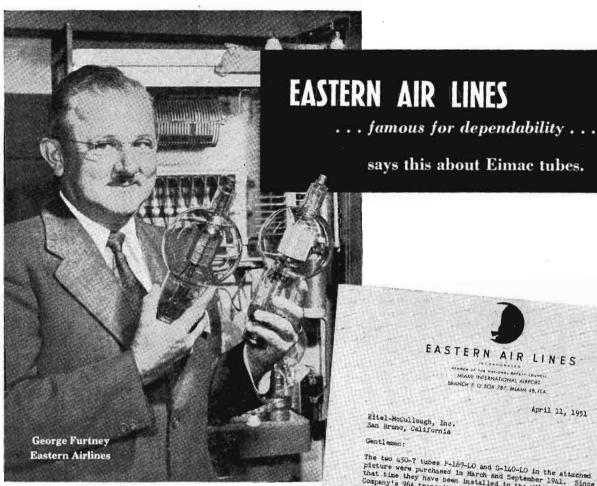
Network—Frank Marx, American Broadcasting Co., chairman; R. E. Shelby, National Broadcasting Co., vice chairman.

Co-ordination—David B. Smith, Philos Corp., chairman; I. J. Kaar, General Electric Co., vice chairman

Definitions—Dr. R. M. Bowie, Sylvania Elec-tric Products Inc., chairman; M. W. Baldwin, Jr., Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., vice chairman.

Dr. Albert F. Murray, contributing editor of TELE-TECH, has been added to the general committee as representative of Caldwell-Clements, Inc., with O. H. Caldwell, editor of Tele-Tech, as alternate.

Committee members will this month attend a series of color-TV demonstrations as follows: Aug. 6, GE, Syracuse, N. Y. Aug. 7, Hazeltine, Little Neck, N. Y. Aug. 8, RCA, Princeton, N. J. Aug. 9, Philco, Morrisville, Pa. Aug. 10, IRE Headquarters, New York City.



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News Letter

Latest Radio and Communications News Developments Summarized by TELE-TECH's Washington Bureau

MEETING GOAL—The electronics-radio manufacturing industry has been meeting in an extremely excellent fashion the increasing requirements of the Armed Services in the national defense mobilization task, one of the three top officials of the Defense Production Administration told TELE-TECH'S Washington news bureau just before the August press deadline. This achievement has been particularly helpful to the military services and the DPA in the fact that it has meant the flood of new airplanes and tanks which, as they are rolling off the production lines, have had their electronics-radio-radar equipments always meeting the target dates of installation.

TELEVISION PROGRESS—Even with the mobilization difficulties of obtaining materials and metals, the television industry has demonstrated that it has been built on a most sound foundation. There is strong hope that the FCC "freeze" on new television station construction will be lifted finally late this fall. Chairman Wayne Coy has promised this to the industry in several recent pronouncements at television broadcasters' meetings. Two thousand stations is the goal for the nation.

SCARCE MATERIALS—While the scarce materials situation prevent its consummation as soon as the freeze is lifted, a number of new stations are ready to launch into construction with higher power and pooled use of antennas with existing stations. The FCC allocations hearings on channel assignments which commenced July 23 were slated to disclose blueprint for industry's immediate growth.

UHF CONVERTER DEMONSTRATION — Federal Communications Commissioners were greatly impressed with simplicity and relative inexpensiveness of equipment devised by a number of leading manufacturers for conversion of VHF television receivers for UHF reception at the Bridgeport, Conn., demonstration and the results mean FCC can go ahead with construction authorizations for UHF television stations

YEAR OR MORE OFF—Both FCC and the radio-TV industry are cognizant of realities that it may take a long time to establish UHF video so extensively that present set owners will find it necessary to purchase new converter equipment. Credit goes to the Radio-Television Manufacturers Association, however, for the successful demonstration in which Capehart-Farnsworth, Crosley Division of Avco, General Electric, Hallicrafters, Philco, RCA-Victor Division, Stromberg-Carlson and Zenith exhibited with actual

tests their equipment, the reception demonstrations being geared to the experimental transmissions of National Broadcasting Company's UHF station KC2XAK.

RTMA's NEW PREXY—Although he has occupied the presidency of the Radio-Television Manufacturers Association, only since April 1, Glen McDaniel has tackled a number of the industry's major problems in an energetic manner and has achieved remarkable success. Aided by the RTMA Tax Committee, he persuaded the House to reject any increase in the excise tax on radio and television sets and has good prospects of similar action by the Senate.

TAX RELIEF—It also appears probable that the RTMA chieftain convinced Congress of the imperative need of relief for the television and radio broadcast receiver industry of liberalized credit provisions for its purchasing public on Regulation W in the revised Defense Production Act. In national defense mobilization procurement, RTMA under Mr. McDaniel's leadership has organized "small business" manufacturers, both end-equipment and components, to secure a greater share of the military orders contracting.

UHF AERONAUTICAL—First installations, initially about 125 stations, under the joint program of the Air Force, Naval Aviation and Civil Aeronautics Administration to equip all CAA communication stations and centers with UHF facilities are slated to be completed before the end of this summer. Project will provide military services' aircraft and civilian air transport planes with ground contact through UHF frequencies in all sections of the country. Navy is at present using UHF equipment and Air Force has a newly designed airborne UHF transmitter-receiver set in production. UHF equipment for CAA stations is being supplied through the Air Force and Navy through its manufacturers under DO ratings.

HUGE INCREASE—Growth of Petroleum Radio Service—mobile, microwave and geophysical—has skyrocketed during past year. The number of transmitters in seven regions of nation increased 85% and users averaged a rise of nearly 40%. Atlantic Seaboard states recorded largest growth of any region, 175% in number of transmitters and 100% in number of users. Mushrooming of Petroleum Radio has intensified problem of frequency sharing which industry is solving through capable special and regional frequency coordinating committees.

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Video Levels

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The maintenance of constant setup, at all times, is extremely important in order that brightness adjustments in receivers should not require changing. This is important in successive scenes in any one program, and it is equally important in successive programs, whether they originate in the same station or not. It is, therefore, urgent that all stations adopt uniform procedures and uniform instrumentation which will make possible accurate measurement of this and other video levels.

It is recognized that the proposed scales do not permit a high degree of accuracy in measurement, but universal use of the same methods and tools will at least provide the first step on the way toward achievement of uniformity.

The cathode ray oscilloscope has been regarded almost universally as the only suitable instrument for the measurement of video levels, Probably, the principal reason for this is that the television signal is a composite of several signals, each having levels that need accurate measurement individually and in their relationship to each other. Circuitry is rather well known which would make it possible to measure any of these quantities by means of a meter with the same advantages that are inherent in the use of audio level meters. However, it is not possible to provide simultaneous measurement of all the quantities in a single meter, and the circuit complexities involved in using several meters at each monitoring position would be greater than those associated with a CRO. Furthermore, because of inherent sluggishness, both electrical and mechanical, the meter system is incapable of indicating the presence or amplitude of isolated narrow peaks in the signal. It is also incapable of indicating any information about waveshape in the measured signal, and therefore fails as a monitor of quality.

Because the CRO does measure all levels simultaneously, at the same time giving detailed information about waveshape, and because it has no appreciable sluggishness, it can serve as a universal instrument for indicating both level and quality. Its use as a level indicator over such a long period has undoubtedly established an acceptance which would be difficult to change. In any case, there has been no definite trend as yet away from the use of the CRO in television monitors.

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shown that the presentation on the face of a CRO tube is easily misinterpreted in the measurement of levels if there are any spurious overshoots in the signal. Overshoots may arise from any of several causes such as faulty circuits or tubes, or from a type of distortion introduced by single-sideband transmission circuits. Sometimes, the overshoots may arise in the measuring instrument (CRO amplifier) itself. It has been found that when spurious peaks are present, different operators do not interpret their significance in the same way. In measuring levels, one operator may discount the presence of the overshoots completely, while another may regard them as a part of the signal to be measured. In network operation, it is particularly important that levels be measured on the same basis at all monitoring points, and it is hardly less important in studio equipment. A desirable solution to the problem of uniformity is to make the measuring instrument insensitive to such spurious overshoots, and thus remove the human factor of interpretation.

To accomplish this result, the previously mentioned IRE Standard also includes a specification of a frequency characteristic for CRO's which are to be used for measuring levels only. This characteristic is reproduced in Fig. 5 from the IRE Standard. The bandwidth is considerably restricted and the "roll-off" at the upper end of the band is gradual. The resultant effect is to eliminate most of the higher frequency components in the signal, including most of the overshoots. Corners of the pulses in normal signals become rounded, but the amplitudes of blanking pulses and low frequency signal components are not affected. Because nearly all scenes contain at least a few relatively large areas of average contrast, the loss of high frequency response in the CRO amplifier does not often affect the accuracy of level measurement, Practical experience indicates that use of CRO's with this response characteristic does help to reduce operators' disagreements about levels.

It should be emphasized that this type of restricted bandwidth is not suitable for gauging the quality of a picture signal, but only for measuring levels, and then only to minimize the errors introduced by spurious overshoots. It is rather interesting to note that one early type of television studio monitor (RCA Type KE5, designed in 1936) employed CRO's with a restricted pass band very

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NEWS...

Munitions Board Relay Committee

Commander Ralph T. Brengle, USNR, sales manager of Potter & Brumfield, Princeton, Ind., relay manufacturers, has been appointed chairman of the newly formed 13-man Relay Industry Advisory Committee of the

Munitions Board. The Munitions Board coordinates procurement, producion and distribution activities of the Army, Navy and Air Corps within civilian industry. It has charge of the military aspects of industrial mobilization. It coordinates pur-chases and is responsible for



R. T. Brengle

standardization of specifications. It also decides what strategic materials are needed for stockpiling. Purchases, however, are made by another government agency, the Emergency Procurement Service.

Other members of this Relay committee are: Col. T. M. Natt, USAF, GOV'T chairman, Electrical Div., MB., Wash., D. C.; H. W. Pfeffer, president, Struthers-Dunn, Philadelphia, Edward Gillette, president, Allied Control, New York; Dan Dooley, vice-president, C. P.

Clare & Company, Chicago; Emory Howe, Comar Electric Company, Chicago; John Rowell, sales mgr., Guardian Electric Co., Chicago; Joseph F. Clark, Leach Relay Company, Los Angeles; J. Crissinger, North Electric Mfg. Company, Galion, Ohio; James Roughan, sales manager, Price Electric Co., Frederick, Md.; Richard Fischer, president, Sigma Instruments, Boston, Mass.; A. C. Keller, Switching Apparatus Engineer, Western Electric Co., New York; Harold L. Olesen, Weston Electrical Instrument Corp. Newark, N. J.; F. H. Clark, Westinghouse Electric Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

G. E. Pray Heads General Electrosonics, Inc.

General Electrosonics, Inc., 32 West 22nd St., New York, N. Y., has been organized to engage generally in the electronic field, specializing in ultrasonic, radar, loran and precision test equipment. The corporation will develop and manufacture radar and ultrasonic products for numerous applications in industry and medicine; develop and manufacture radar, ultrasonic and loran products for governmental use, and develop and manufacture precision test equipment. The developments and devices manufactured by the corporation will be sold by the corporation, as well as being manufactured on a contract and sub-contract basis for industry and government.

President Pray has served as assistant chief, radio receiver section, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C.; chief engineer of the Electric

Service and Supply Company, Watervliet, New York; research engineer, R.C.A. Laboratories, Rocky Point, N. Y.; research engineer, Signal Corps, Laboratories, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey; chief engineer, Airplane and Marine Instruments, Inc., Clearfield, Pa.; and President of Radio Sonic Corporation, New Rochelle, New York.

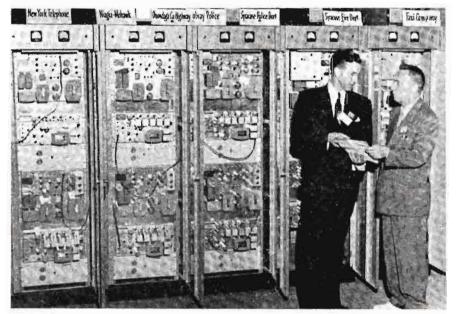
Safety Council Reports Injury Rate Down

American workers were a lot safer in 1950, according to a report of the National Safety Council. Industrial injury rates for last year, released by the Council in advance of the 1951 edition of its annual statistical yearbook, "Accident Facts," show a substantial reduction in both the frequency and severity of 1950 accidents as compared with 1949. Twenty-nine of the 40 basic industry classifications reduced their frequency rates, and 23 reduced severity rates.

The accident frequency rate for employees in all industries submitting company reports to the Council, based on the number of disabling injuries per 1,000,000 man-hours, was 9.3 in 1950; a reduction of 8% from the year before.

The communications industry again led all other industries by turning in the lowest employee frequency rate. Its rate was 2.05—a 4% reduction from 1949. Aircraft manufacturing again ranked second with 4.17, followed by the electrical equipment industry with 4.28 and steel with 4.63.

GE SUPPLIES MOBILE EQUIPMENT FOR CIVIL DEFENSE



Radio equipment being built by General Electric for installation in a trailer to be used by Civil Defense officials as the hub of an emergency communications system in Onondaga County, N. Y. This mobile communications CD center will be in contact with various Civil Defense agencies, many of which now operate their own two-way radio systems. It will also be tied into the telephone system and the amateur radio network. Neal F. Harmon (left), C-E civil defense coordinator at Syracuse, discusses system with Harvey S. Smith, Onondaga County civil defense director.

Coming Events

August 15-18—Associated Police Communication Officers, 1951 Conference, Everglades Hotel, Miami, Fla.

Angust 17-18—IRE Emporium Section, 12th Annual Summer Seminar, Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Emporium, Pa.

Angust 22-24—7th Annual Pacific Electronic Exhibit, 1951 IRE Western Convention, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.

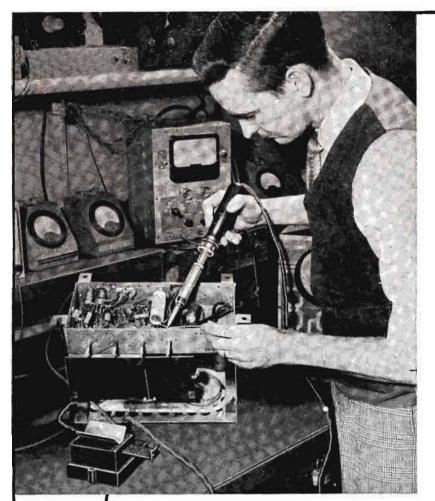
September 10-14—Sixth National Instrument Conference and Exhibit, Sponsored by Instrument Society of America, Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas.

September 11-13—National Electronic Distributors Association, 1951 Convention and Show, Cleveland, Ohio.

October 2-4—Association of American Railroads, Communications Section, Annual Convention, Chateau Frontenac Hotel, Quebec, Canada.

October 22-24—Seventh National Electronics Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

October 29-31—1951 Radio Fall Meeting, RMA of Canada, RTMA Engineering Dept., and the IRE, King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Canada.



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similar to that in the present IRE Standard. In later versions (RCA Types 542 and TM5) the pass bands were extended to several megacycles to make them more suitable for judging quality. Present design trends are to make both types of frequency characteristic available by switching.

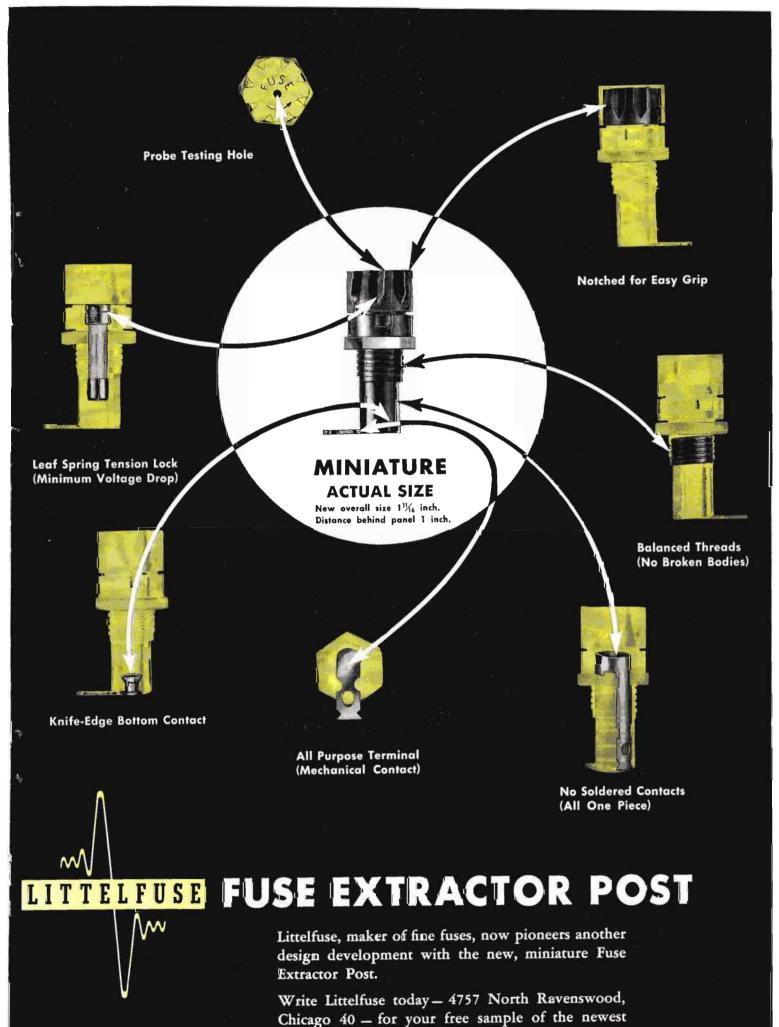
To illustrate the effect of reducing the frequency response, several oscillograms are reproduced in Figs. 6 to 9 inclusive. The wide-band CRO used to obtain the pictures in Figs. 6 and 8 was an RCA type 715B. The narrow-pand CKO used to obtain the pictures in Figs. 7 and 9 was a modified TM5B Master Monitor. The signal source in every case was a TK1B Monoscope Camera. Overshoot distortion for Figs. 8 and 9 was produced artificially, and is more severe than is usually encountered, but nevertheless, it serves to show the effect of the restricted band pass of the CRO. Horizontal sweep rate in each case is at one-half of scanning line frequency.

A discussion of methods by which the RCA TM5A and B Master Monitors may be modified to provide the IRE roll-off characteristic will be made available at a future date.

1. Standard, 50 IRE 23.S1—Television: "Methods of Measurement of Television Signal Levels, Resolution, and Timing of Video Switching Systems, 1950." This standard was published in the May, 1950 issue of Proceedings of the IRE. Reprints may be purchased from the Institute of Radio Engineers, 1 East 79th Street, New York City, for \$10.70 each.

Allen Succeeds Plummer as FCC Chief Engineer

Edward W. Allen, Jr., former chief of the FCC technical research division, has been appointed chief engineer of the Commission. He succeeds Curtis B. Plummer, who became chief of the new broadcast bureau. Native of Portsmouth, Va., Allen received his electrical engineering degree from the University of Virginia in 1925 and an LL.B. from George Washington University in 1933. He was a student engineer and research assistant with Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. from 1925-27 and in 1929-30 he was assistant engineer with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., Washington. He entered Government service in late 1930 with the U.S. Patent Office and on April 16, 1935, was transferred to the FCC as assistant technical engineer on the special telephone industry investigation staff. A year later he was made an assistant telephone engineer on the Commission's regular engineering staff. Allen was made chief of the technical information division, now the technical research division, Feb. 24, 1946. He played an important role in the allocation of FM in the 88-108 MC band.



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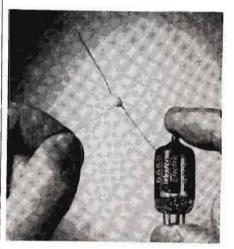
trial use in the Bell System early next year.

Junction transitors are encased in a hard plastic bead about 3/16 in. in diameter and occupying about 1/400 of a cu. in. of space. Their operation is accompanied by extremely small power consumption and relatively high efficiency. For example, as an audio oscillator 6 μ amps at 0.1 volt might be required. This represents 0.6 μ watt of power which contrasts sharply with the watt or more required to heat the cathode in an ordinary receiving type tube.

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it is possible by using a suitable impedance mismatch to maintain the frequency response flat to at least one megacycle while still obtaining a useful amount of gain. At 1000 cps, most of the units measured so far have a noise figure between 10 and 20 db. Power gains of the order of 40 to 59 db per stage have been obtained.

C-D Sales Gain

Consolidated net sales of Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corporation and its subsidiaries for the three months ending March 31, 1951, totalled \$9,224,746; a gain of 69% over net sales of \$5,436,316 for the three months ending March 31, 1950. Net income for the quarter ending March 31, 1951, amounted to \$606,508 after all charges, including provision of \$1,326,500 for income taxes, equal—after preferred dividend requirements—to \$1.39 per share of outstanding common stock. For the corresponding period in 1950, net income amounted to \$246,141 after provision of \$150,800 for income taxes.



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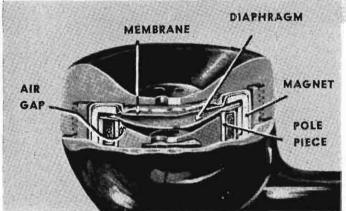
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The maximum stress in the beam is proportional to this maximum acceleration. As a general rule, the maximum stress in rigid structural elements of the equipment tends to be proportional to the maximum acceleration of the elevator. The maximum stress in flexible elements tends to be proportional to the change in velocity of the elevator.

Since the velocity change experienced by the elevator has a known relation to the height from which the elevator is dropped, a shock test

may be completely defined by the height of free fall and the maximum acceleration of the elevator. Any other parameters tend to be irrelevant, except insofar as the frequency of the impulse which arrests the elevator is used as a reference to determine whether the beam should be considered stiff or flexible. If the natural frequency of the beam-load system is approximately equal to the impulse frequency, the stress in the beam is magnified somewhat by a condition having some resemblance

to resonance. This effect is quite moderate, as indicated in Fig. 15.

In considering shock tests of equipment mounted upon shock or vibration mounts, three frequencies are significant; viz., (1) the natural frequency of structural elements of the equipment, (2) the frequency associated with the stopping of the elevator, and (3) the natural frequency of the system consisting of equipment and shock or vibration mounts. The analysis may be carried out in two separate and discreet steps. The chassis of the equipment and its mounts are first considered analogous to the beam-load system shown in Fig. 4. Since the natural frequency of an equipment on its mounts usually is relatively low, the frequency ratio on the abscissa of Figs. 15 and 16 is small. The maximum acceleration experienced by the chassis of the equipment then becomes directly proportional to the change in velocity of the elevator table and inversely proportional to the natural frequency of the equipment on its mounts. Considering now the combination of systems comprised of the mounted equipment and a beam-load system within the equipment, the force which is applied to the equipment to arrest its downward motion is applied by the mount. The mount may then be considered analogous to the shock testing machine, and the natural frequency of the equipment-and-mount assembly may be substituted for the frequency in the denominator of the ratio which forms the abscissa of Figs. 15-16. This frequency probably is small compared with the natural frequencies of structural elements of the equipment, and the frequency ratio in the abscissa of Figs. 15 and 16 becomes large. The maximum acceleration experienced by the structural elements then tends to become equal to the maximum acceleration experienced by the chassis of the equipment, which in turn is proportional to the change in velocity of the elevator table. It thus appears that, for mounted equipment, the severity of the shock is proportional to the change of velocity of the elevator; i.e., to the height of free fall of the elevator.



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Conclusions The following conclusions may be drawn as a result of the foregoing

discussion:

1. The severity of a shock test is indicated, in general, by the maximum stress induced in structural members of the equipment undergoing test. This stress tends to be proportional to the maximum acceleration experienced by loads carried

by the structural members, but not necessarily proportional to the maximum acceleration experienced by the elevator of the shock testing machine.

2. The maximum stress in relatively rigid members of the equipment tends to be proportional to the maximum acceleration of the elevator, whereas the maximum stress in relatively non-rigid members tends to be proportional to the velocity change of the elevator, or to its height of free fall. In specifying a shock test, it is adequate to call for a designated maximum acceleration of the elevator as obtained from a designated height of free fall.

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Fig. 11. Raytheon Mfg. Co. photo. Fig. 12. From "Response of Damped Elastic Systems to Transient Disturbances", by R. D. Mindlin, F. W. Stubner and H. L. Cooker, Proc. SESA, Vol. V, No. 11, Addison-Wesley Press, Inc.

REFERENCES

- 3. The velocity change is the time integral of the acceleration. This integral cannot be evaluated, however, unless the exact shape of the acceleration-time diagram is known. Uncertainties as to this exact shape makes it undesirable, in general, to specify shock in terms of duration of the acceleration pulse.
- 4. If the acceleration is expressed as a dimensionless multiple of the gravitational acceleration, in g units, the weight of the load is used. If the acceleration is expressed in dimensional units (in./sec.² or ft./sec.²), the mass of the load is used.

Radiomarine Installs Radar Aboard "Constitution"

The 1250th postwar commercial ship-board radar manufactured by the Radiomarine Corporation of America has been installed on board the American Export Line's newest 29,500-ton ocean greyhound, the S.S. Constitution. It is of postwar design, operating on the super-high frequency X-band, with a range from 75 yards to 40 miles.

Groth to Erie Resistor

Gordon Groth has been appointed executive vice-president of the Erie Resistor Corporation, Erie, Pa., announces G. Richard Fryling, president of the firm. For the past two years, Mr. Groth has been president of the Electra Manufacturing Company of Kansas City, Mo. Prior to that time he was general manager of the Pennsylvania Rubber Company of Jeannette, Pa. He has also been connected in an executive capacity with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company. Mr. Groth's experience and his association activities have given him thorough familiarity with the automotive, communications and electrical manufacturing industries. In these fields are the main customers for custom molded plastics parts and radio, television and radar parts manufactured by Erie Resistor Corporation.





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"Synthesis of Cascaded 3-terminal R-C Networks with Transfer Ratios That Contain Complex Zeros" by H. L. Krauss, F. Hopkins, E. L. Sparrow and P. F. Ordung—Yale University.

"Network Synthesis Using Tchebycheff Polynomial Series" by Dr. S. Darlington—Bell Telephone Laboratories.

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Handling and Utilization of Information

Dr. Archie R. Tunturi, University of Oregon Medical School, will speak on: "The Auditory Cortex and Information Theory." Dr. Beronrul M. Oliver, Bell Telephone Laboratories, will speak on: "Exploitation of Message Statistics."

Dr. R. Fano, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will speak on: "The Performance of Communication Systems in the Presence of Noise."

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Vacuum Tubes

"Electron Tube Reliability" by E. Finley
Carter—Sylvania Electric Products Inc.
"Storage Tubes of Progress" by Andrew V.
Haeff—Hughes Aircraft Company.
"Review of Recent Developments in Klystrons" by Dr. Russell H. Varian—
Varlan Associates.
"Survey of Traveling Wave and Related Vacuum Tube Devices" by Dr. L. M. Field
—Stanford University.

Special Equipment

"The Benuett Radio Frequency Mass Spectrometer" by Prof. G. S. Hewitt—University of Arkansas.
"A High Speed Camera with Electronic Controls" by Dr. R. Bowersox—Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology.
"A High Speed Recording Potentiometer" by C. Nylkema and Dr. R. Bowersox—Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology.
"A Single Sideband Communications System" by John F. Heney—Stanford Research Institute.

Antenna Applications

"An Organ Pipe Scanner" by G. D. M. Peeler, K. S. Kelleher and H. H. Hibbs—Naval Research Laboratory.

"A Broadband Microwave Quarter-Wave Plate" by Alan J. Simmons—Naval Research Laboratory.

"Modified Magic Tee Phase-Shifter" by Richard H. Reed—Hughes Aircraft Company.

"Polarization Switch and Universal Horn" by Sanford Hershfield—The Glenn L. Martin Company.

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"The ERA 1101 Digital Computer" by John
L. Hill—Engineering Research Associates.

"Man-machine Communication in the Computer Field" by Bernard S. Benson—Benson-Lehner Corporation.

"Reduction of vonNeumann's Constant in Electronic Computing Equipment" by R. G. Canning—Naval Air Missile Test Center.

"The Maddida 44A Computer" by C. B. Dennis—Northrop Aircraft.

"Performance of Electronic Components in the SWAC" by Edward Lacy—National Burean of Standards, Los Angeles.

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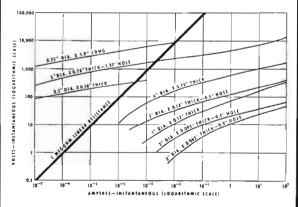
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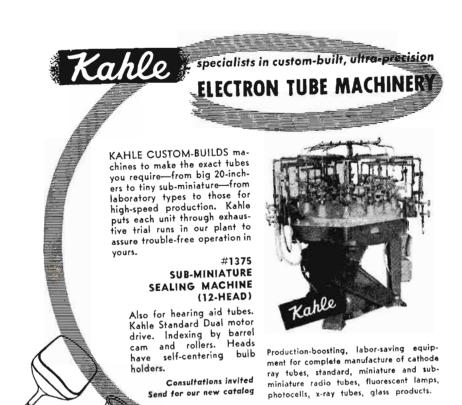
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Adapters

Smoot Holman Co., Inglewood, Calif.; White Tuning Corp., N. Y. City; Stevens Walden, Worcester, Mass.

Antennas

Blaw-Knox Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dayton Aircraft Products, Dayton, Ohio; Wilcox Electric Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Antenna Coupling Units

Technical Material Corp., Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Amplifier Assemblies

Air King Products Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Coast Industries, N. Y. City; Wickes Engineering & Construction Co., Camden, N. J.

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American Flange & Mfg. Co., N. Y. City; Collyer Insulated Wire Co., Pawtucket, R. I.; Crescent Insulated Wire & Cable Co., Trenton, N. J.; Hackensack Cable Corp., Hackensack, N. J.; Federal Telephone & Radio Corp., Clifton, N. J.; Peblps Dodge Coffin Products Corp., N. Y. City; J. & H. Smith Mfg. Co., N. Y. City; Simplex Wire & Cable Co., Cambridge, Mass.; Western Electric Co., N. Y. City.

Circuit Breakers

Avon Electric Supplies, Inc., New York, N. Y.; Graybar Electric Co., Phila., Pa.; Electric Supply Corp., Chicago, Ill.; I-T-E Circuit Breaker Co., Phila., Pa.

Connectors

American Gas Accumulator Co., Elizabeth, N. J.: Bendix Aviation Corp., Scintilla Magneto Division, Sidney, N. Y.; Cannon Elec., Los Angeles, Calif.; Continental Electronics Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.: Kings Electronics Co., Tuckahoe, N. Y.: General Electric Supply Corp., Dayton, Ohio.

Crystal Units

Downing Crystal Co., Baltimore, Md.; General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y.; K. C. Molded Plastics Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Keystone Electronics Co., Stamford, Conn.; James Knights Co., Sandwich, Ill.: Midland Mfg. Co., Inc., Kansas Cly; August E Miller, North Bergen, N. J.: Monitor Products Co., South Pasadena, California; Petersen Radio Co., Council Bluffs, Jowa; Scientific Radio Prods., Inc., Omaha, Neb.; Standard Crystal Co., Kansas City, Kans.

Electron Tubes

Bomac Labs., Inc., Beverly, Mass.; General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.; Hytron Radio & Electronics Corp., Salem, Mass.; Kemtron Electron Products, Inc., Salem, Mass.; Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J.: Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.; N. Y. City; Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Newark, N. J.; Western Electric Co., N. Y. City.

Generators

Belden Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.; Bendix Aviation Corp., Bendix Radio Div., Towson, Md.; Consolidated Diesel Elec. Corp., Stamford, Conn.; Enterprise Division, General Metals Corp., San Francisco, Calif.; Eicor, Inc., Chicago, Ill.; International Fermont Machine Co., Inc., Mfg. Division, Ramape, N. Y.; Lycoming Spencer Div., Avco Mfg. Corp., Williamsport, Pa.

Hydrogen Thyratrons

Kuthe Laboratories, Inc., Newark, N. J.; Sylvania Electric Prod., Electronics Div., Boston, Mass.

Indicators

Eclipse-Pioneer Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J.; General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.; Kearfott Co., Little Falls, N. Y.; Kollsman Instrument Corp., Elmburst, N. Y.; The Lackner Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Inverters

Eclipse-Pioneer Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J.; Jack & Heintz Precision Industries, Cleveland, Ohio.; Leland Elec. Co., Dayton, Ohio.; Royal Electric Co., Jamestown, Ohio.

Power Plants

Fairchild Engine Div., Farmingdale, N. Y.; Royal Electric, Inc., Jamestown, Ohio; Sorensen & Co., Stamford, Conn.

Gibbs Mfg. & Research Corp., Janesville, Wis.; Transducer Corp., Boston, Mass.; Transomatic Corp., Flemington, N. J.

Radio Sets

Espey Mfg. Co., New York, N. Y.; The Link Aviation, Inc., Binghamton, N. Y.

Recorder Assemblies

American Time Products, Inc., New York, N. Y.; Link Aviation, Binghamton, N. Y.

McColpin Christie Corp., Ltd., Los Angeles, Calif.; P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.

Regulators

Air Research Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, Calif.; Eclipse-Pioneer Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J.; International Spare Parts Corp., L. I. City, N. Y.; General Electric Co., Dayton, Ohio; Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Relays

Hartman Electrical Mfg. Co., Mansfield, Obio: Leach Relay Co., Los Augeles, Calif.; Standard Electrical Products Co., Dayton, Obio.

Switches

G. & W. Electric Specialty Co., Chicago, III.; United States Instrument Corp., Summit, N. J.

Test Equipment

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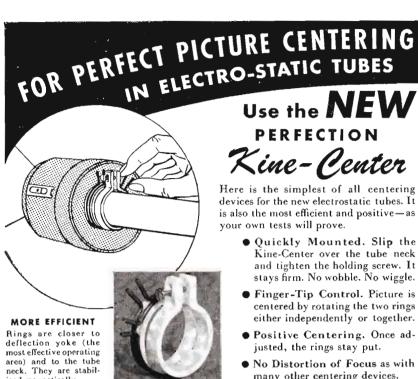
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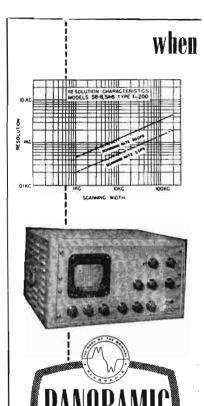


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E. W. Ritter, manager of the Westinghouse Company's new electronictube division, has been made a vice-president. Mr. Ritter has had long experience in the development, design, and manufacture of electronic tubes, and heads a division which, upon completion of three new plants, will employ 3,000 persons in the manufacture of such tubes. Two of the plants will be near Elmira, N. Y., and the third will be at Bath, N. Y.

Gilbert Bryan Devey, employed by the Office of Naval Research, Washington, D. C., has been named Navy Department representative and consultant to the Physical Security Equipment Agency.

W. G. (Bill) Henke, formerly testequipment design engineer of Admiral Corp., has joined Tele-Vogue, Inc., 1735 Belmont Ave., Chicago 13, Ill., as coordinator of engineering.

Dr. Harry F. Olson, director of the Accoustical Research Laboratory of RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N. J., has been elected president of the Acoustical Society of America for the year 1952.

T. Kevin Mallen has been elected chairman of the board of Ampex Electric Corp., San Carlos, Calif. Since joining the Ampex organization early in 1949 Mallen has served as general manager in reorganizing the manufacturing and marketing phases of the company's fast-growing magnetic tape recorder business.

Chris J. Witting has been named director of the Du Mont television network and of the three Du Mont owned and operated stations—WABD in New York, WTTG in Washington and WDTV in Pittsburgh.

E. C. Quackenbush has been appointed to head the engineering department of the newly created eastern division of Cannon Electric Development Co. of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Quackenbush is a well-known electrical engineer and specialist on "AN" and other types of electrical connectors and is a member of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Society of Metals. The new plant of the Cannon Electric Co. is located at 191 Kimberly Street, New Haven, Conn., on Highway No. 1, in East Haven.

Remote Amplifier

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change in dc voltage would be transmitted for a short time to V2, when S2 is switched. R8 is a 10 megohm so as to obtain a relatively large bias for V2.

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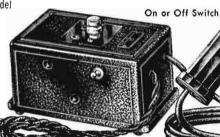
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Editors, TELE-TECH:

Referring to your July editorial on color television:

I do not believe that it is the "system" which should be standardized but rather the transmitted signal. Naturally a standard signal does define in a broad way what must be done at the broadcasting station to produce it and what must be at the receivers to use it. However, there should be flexibility in the means to construct the standard signal and flexibility in design of receiver apparatus which will respond to the standard signal. Thus the "system" can best be defined in terms of the standard signal. More appropriate and meaningful words might be that what we are striving for is industry standards for compatible color television.

> Very truly yours. E. W. ENGSTROM

Vice-president in charge of Research RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N. J.

Vice-chairman National Television System Committee

Test Color-TV in Crucible of Public Opinion

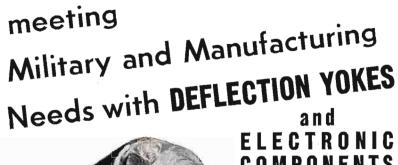
Editors, TELE-TECH:

Referring to your July editorial on "A United-Industry Compatible Color-TV System":

The RCA trichromatic tube, of course, will lend itself to the CBS system and I note that RCA has displayed a 20-in. model, so RCA has no monopoly on the size of the color display, despite what they would lead one to believe in their June 9, 1951, announcement. Unless something comes along better, I am inclined to believe that the final choice will be dependent upon the system which makes best use of the trichromatic tube since the element of size of picture disappears with its use.

You state, in the sixth paragraph of your editorial, "Several practical compatible systems and partial systems have been developed and made ready for demonstrations." As far as I know, the RCA system has been developed only to the point of demonstration to the press and industry. Neither the RCA (nor anyone else) has indicated to the Commission, that it is prepared to demonstrate a color system that will meet the criteria and other considerations that the Commission has established for a color system and which have been again set forth in the public notice of June 11, 1951, and where in Paragraph 6, the question, "Is there any possibility of a different color system being adopted in the near future," has been answered.

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reaction as the CBS sequential color-TV system is tested in the crucible of public opinion. I think we all should be patient and fair, since no TV system probably ever before started under such adverse circumstances as exist today.

> GEORGE E. STERLING, Commissioner

Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C.

Get Public and Advertisers Acquainted with Color-TV

Editors, Tele-Tech:

I read with interest and not much enthusiasm your editorial in the July issue of TELE-TECH. My own feeling is that it's too early in the color field to get interested in your editorial. Eventually the points you make will probably be carried out but I think that greater progress will be made if the present system which has been approved be allowed to show itself and develop. New processes must not be kept in the research laboratories too long. The public, industry, trade, and in this case, advertisers, should become acquainted with this great new medium of color television and help supply some of the finances and ideas to develop it even further. There has been too much delay and stalling on the subject of color television and I have felt right along that the FCC was sound in its decision of getting color out into the hands of the public.

Competition and the economic situation will take care of progress and if someone has as good or a better system, I'm sure that no one will hold him back.

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Remote Amplifier

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mary impedance. Phones are connected to the line through two resistors

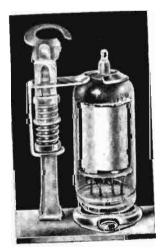
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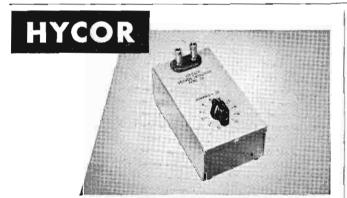
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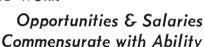
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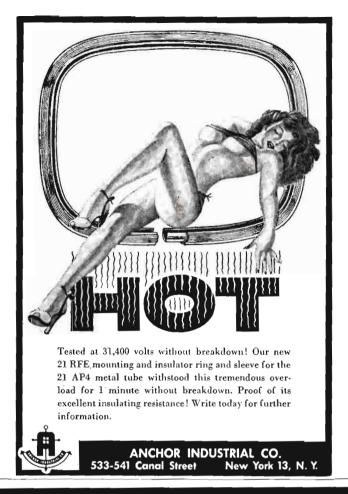
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A new illustrated brochure entitled "This is Bendix" describes the research, engineering and production facilities at Bendix Radio. Requests for the brochure should be addressed to: Public Relations Dept., Bendix Radio Division, Bendix Aviation Corp., Baltimore 4, Md.

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Magnetic tape recording equipment
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"Glass in the Design of Electrical Products" is the subject of a new booklet recently published by the Corning Glass Works, Technical Products Div., Corning. N. Y.

Temperature Conversion Chart

Publication of an easy reference chart for use in converting temperatures has been announced by the Stevens Manufacturing Co., Inc. Printed in two colors on stiff plasticized board, and 3-hole punched for use in binders, the chart can be used to convert temperatures from —70° to +6500°, either Fahrenheit or Centigrade. The reverse side lists major types of Stevens thermostats, their applications and general performance characteristics. Charts are available on request to Stevens Manufacturing Co., Inc., 69 S. Walnut Street, Mansfield, Ohio.

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The TV-306-54 high pass television filter is described in a new bulletin released by R. L. Drake Co., 11 Longworth St., Dayton 2, Ohio. It has been designed to attenuate r-f interference from police radio stations, etc., in the region of the new higher i-f's being incorporated in some of the late model receivers.

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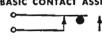
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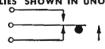
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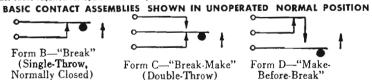
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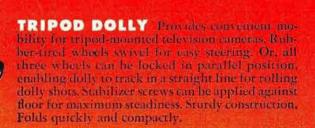
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