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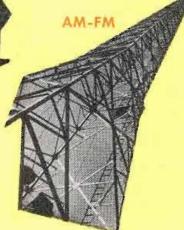
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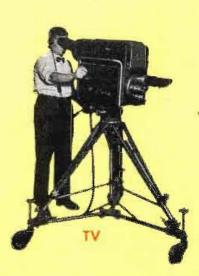
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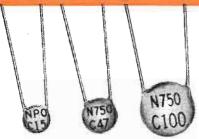
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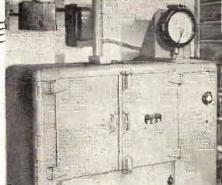
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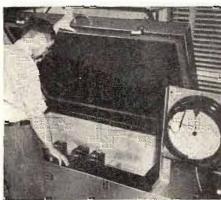
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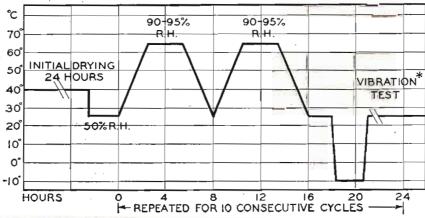
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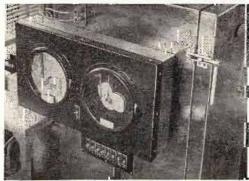


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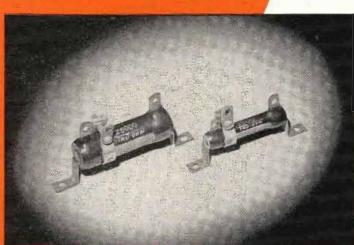
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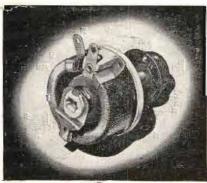
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	3	100,000	+.01	+.02	+.02	+.05	100,000	0	+.05	100,050	02
	4	100,000	+.02	0	+.02	+.02	100,000	0	02	100,040	01
	5	100,010	+.03	+.04	+.04	+.05	100,000	0	<b>—</b> .05	100,030	03
	6	100,000	0	+.03	+.04	+.04	100,100	+.1	+.06	99,980	0
	7	100,000	+.04	+.05	+.04	+.04	100,070	+.07	+.03	100,000	0
	8	100,000	+`.03	+.05	+.05	+.05	100,050	+.05	0	100,000	0
9	9	100,000	+.04	+.03	+.05	+.04	100,010	+.01	03	100,050	0
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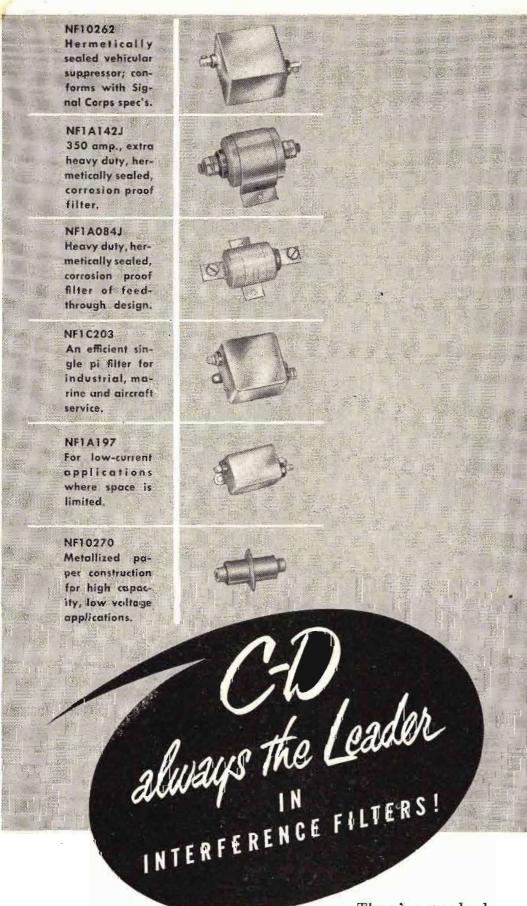
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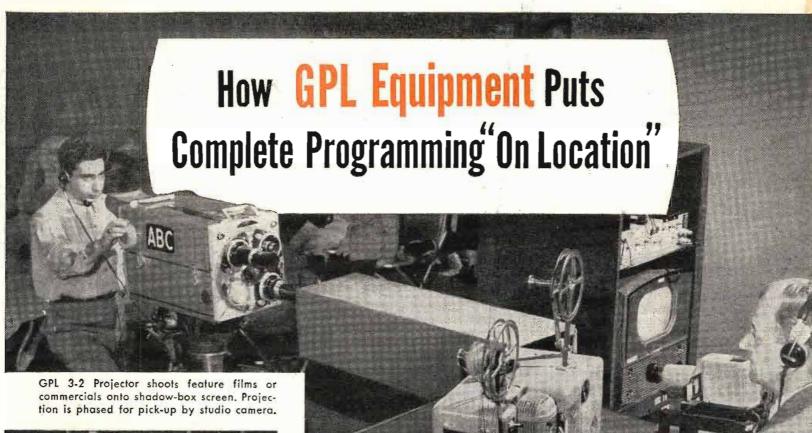
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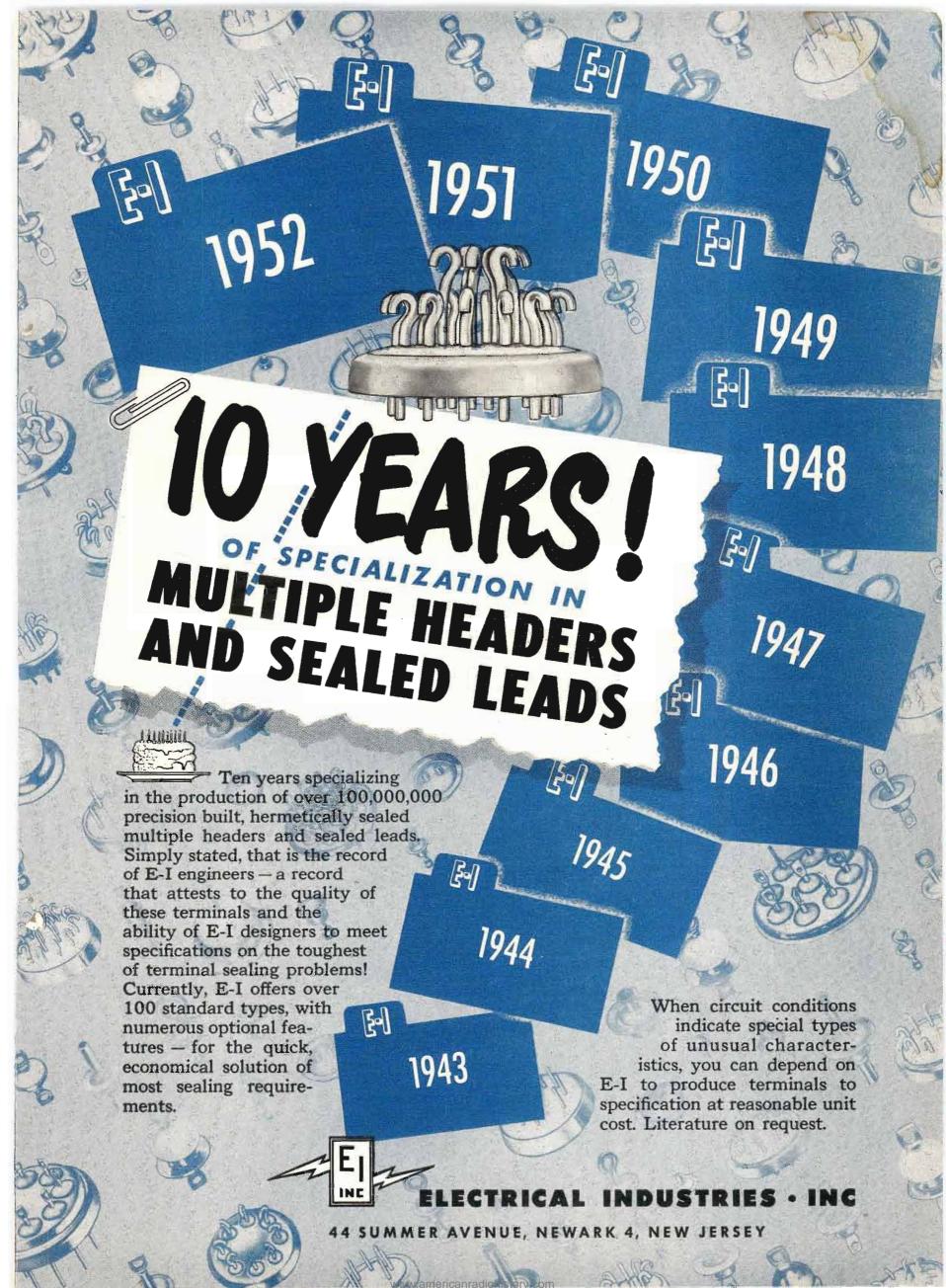
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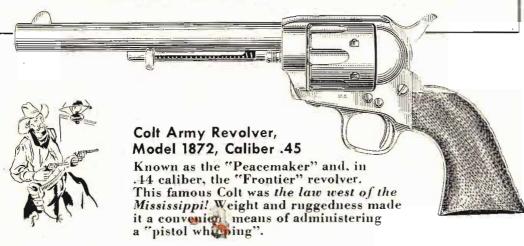
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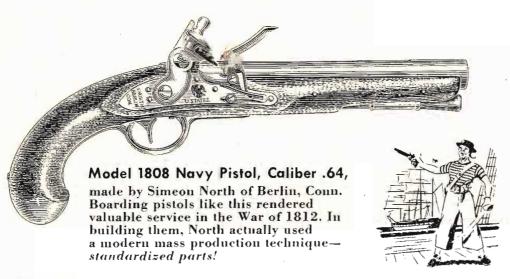
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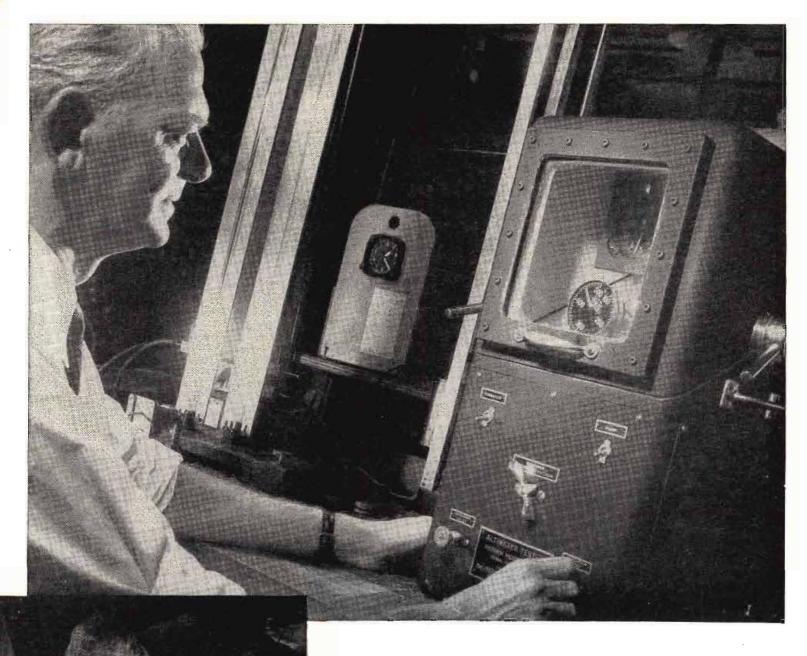
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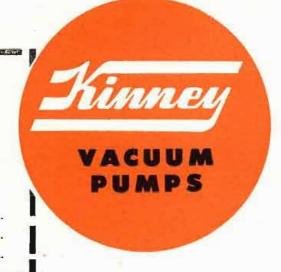
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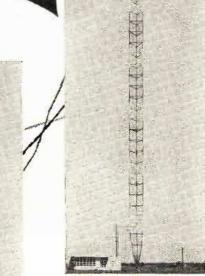
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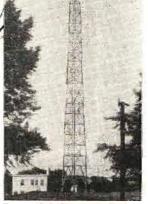
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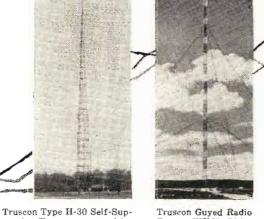


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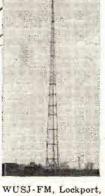
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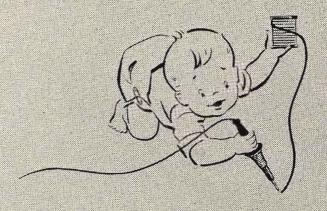


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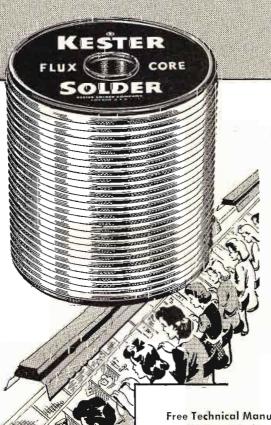


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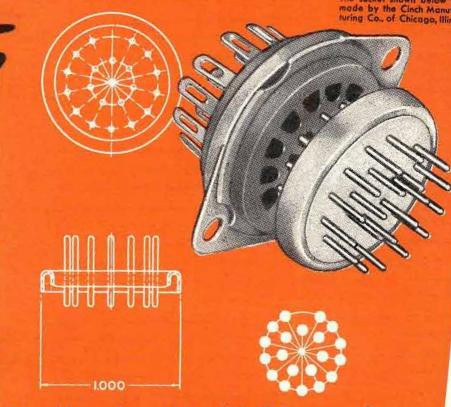


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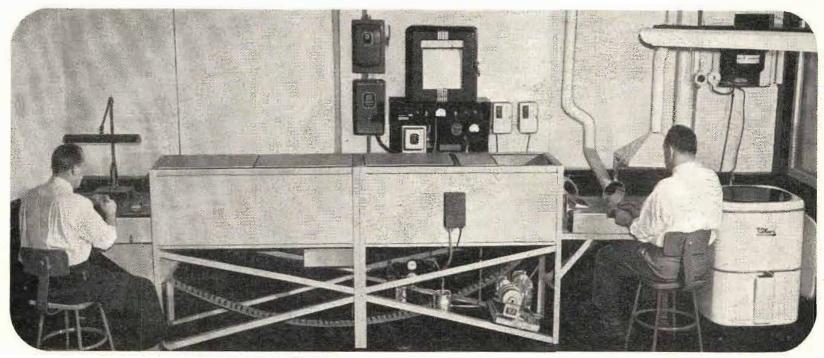
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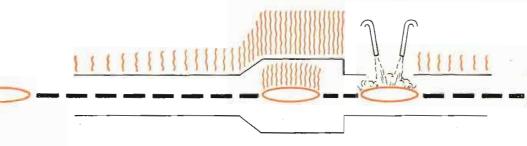
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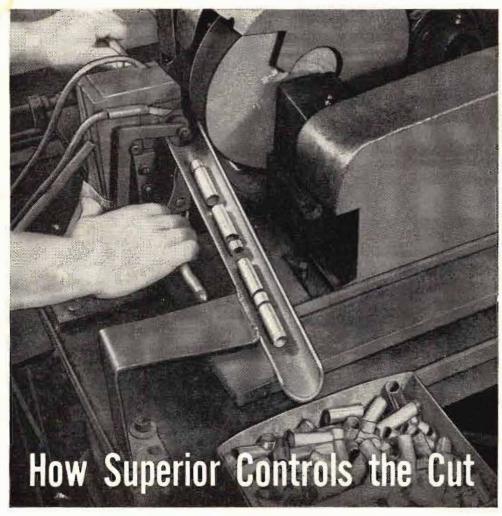
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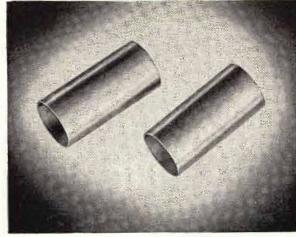
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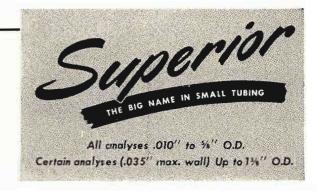
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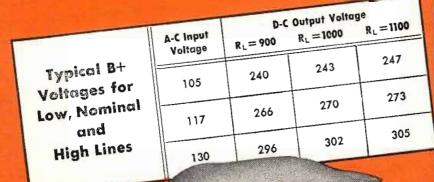
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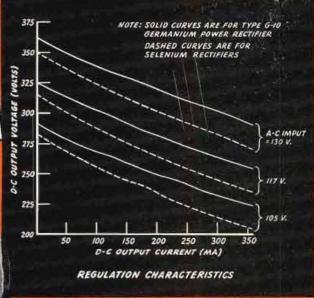
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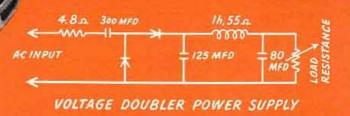
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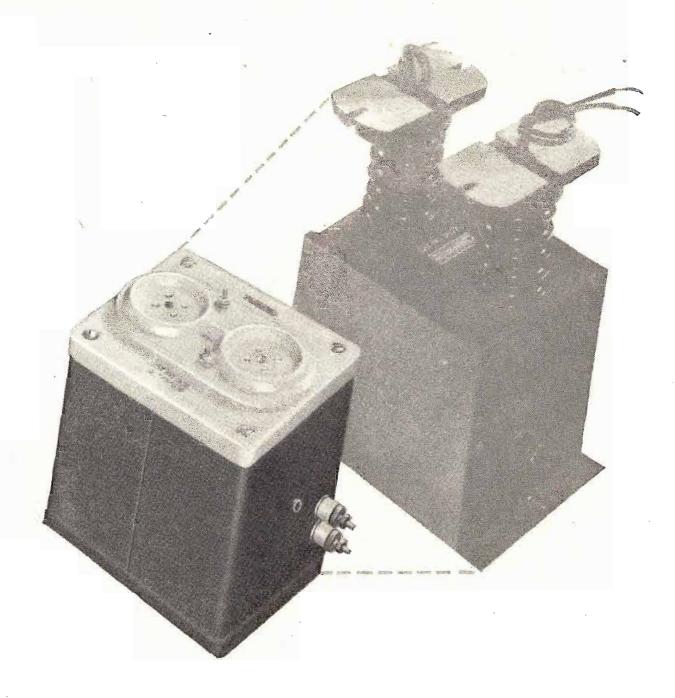




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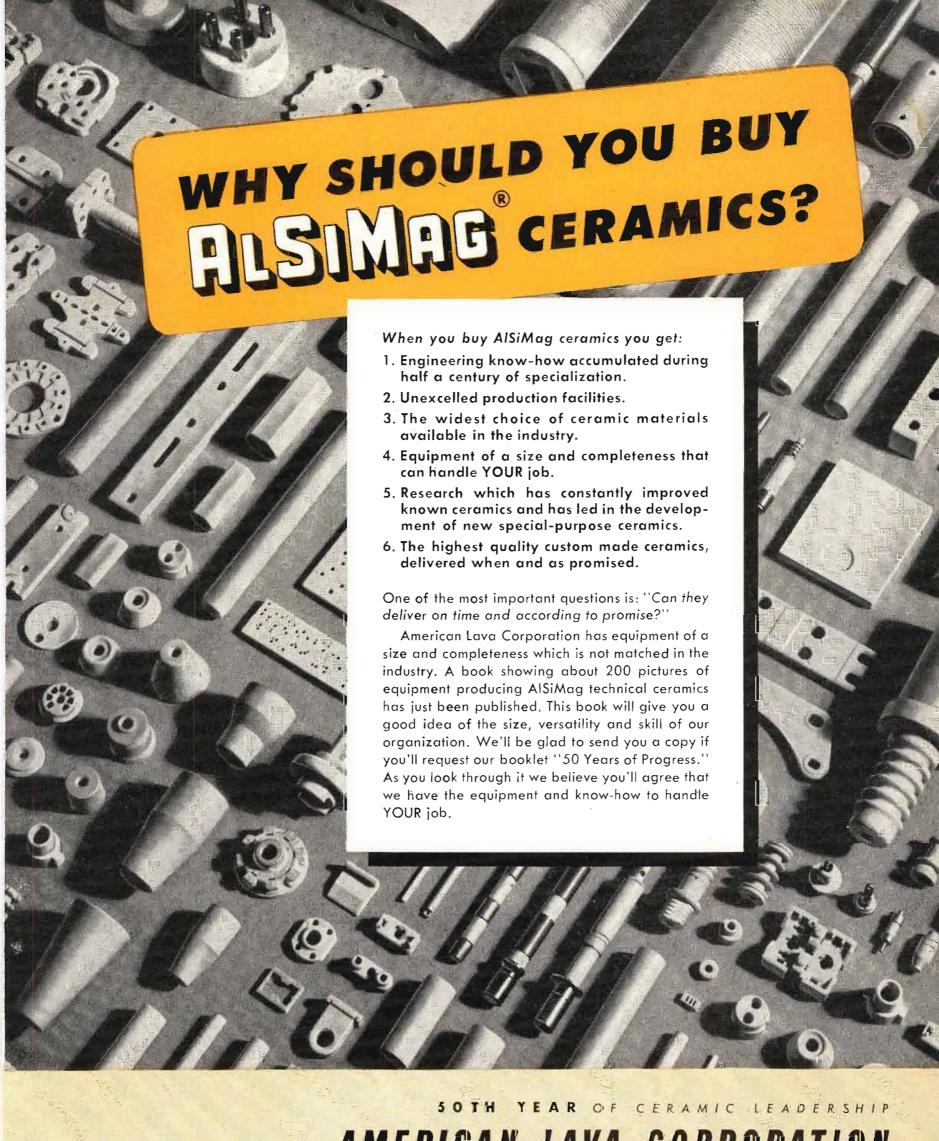
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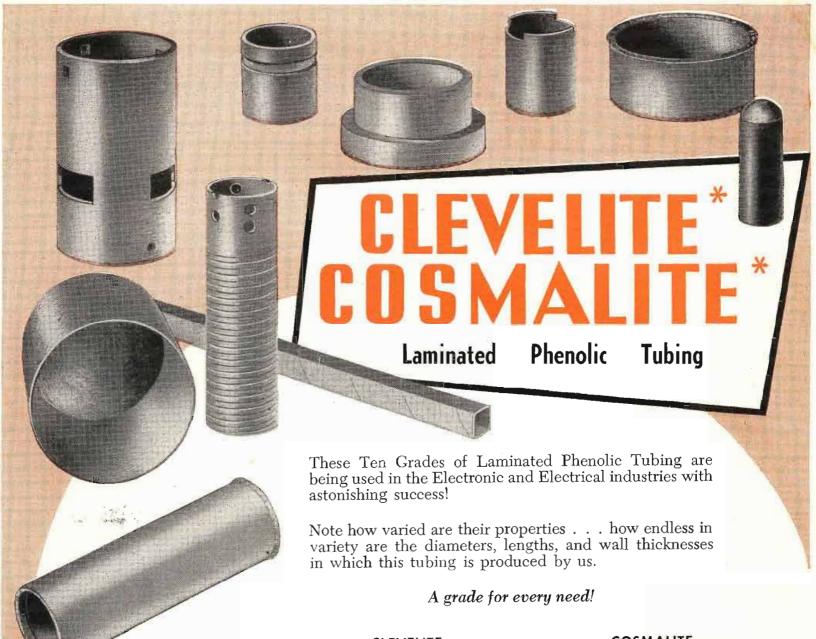


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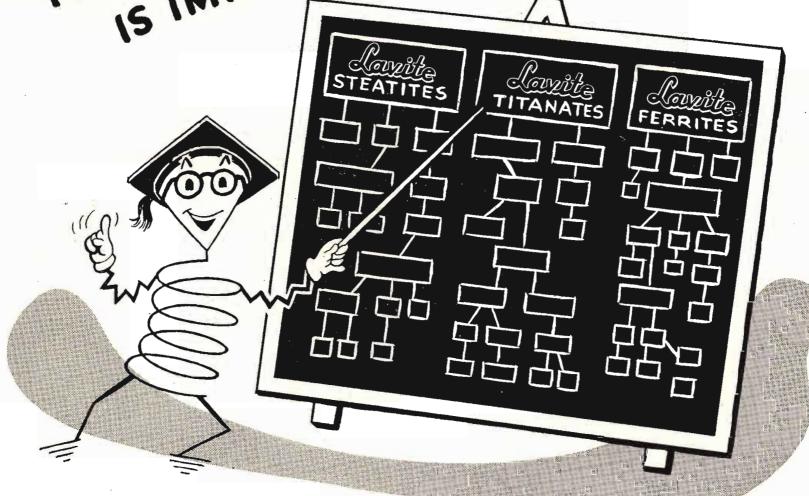
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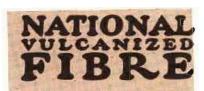
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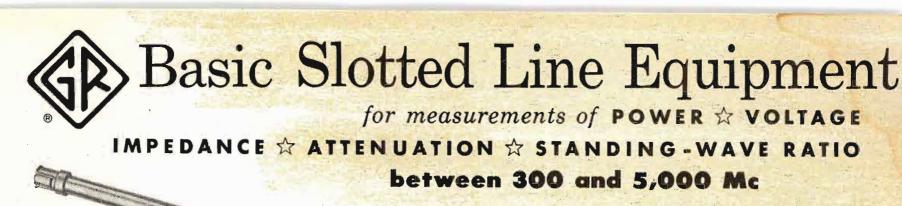
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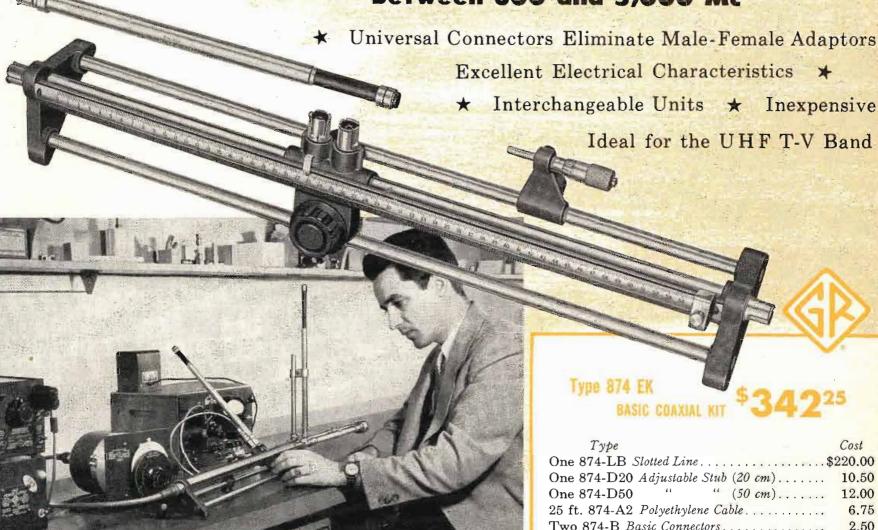
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### NARTB's Engineering Department

Achievements Include: Annual BC Engineers' Conferences; TV Construction-Cost Surveys; Recording and Reproducing Standards; Engineering Handbook; Audio Proof of Performance; Sample Transmitter Logs, and Survey of Aeronautical Hazards and Towers

In 1922 a group of radio-station owners conceived the idea of an association of broadcasters. Thus the old National Association of Broadcasters was born, with Commander Eugene F. McDonald, now president of Zenith Radio, as its first president. Although primarily concerned with the management side of radio, the need for a complete service to the broadcaster was recognized in the 1938 reorganization, and an engineering department was added.

In the fourteen years since the engineering department was formed, the NAB changed its name to National Association of Radio & Television Broadcasters. Creation of the engineering department brought forth fruit in the form of much needed standardization of many operations and performances in the broadcast engineer's field. The current Engineers' Handbook, the fourth edition, is a monument to the work of Director of Engineering, Neal McNaughton, and his department.

#### Promoting Interests of BC Engineers

The current Broadcast Engineers' Conference at the Annual Convention (Chicago, Hotel Hilton, March 31 to April 2) will be the sixth such annual engineering event. With intense interest generated by the imminence of the TV thaw and heightening activity in UHF-TV, last year's attendance of 500 engineers listening to 21 technical papers, will doubtless be eclipsed. Considering that the broadcast engineer is so often underpaid, and nearly always discounted as an important entity by radio-station owners, the efforts of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters in promoting this service for the industry's engineers are being well rewarded.

In all, 1411 radio stations now have membership in the NARTB. This total is made up as follows: 960 AM sta-

tions; 365 FM stations; and 86 TV stations. These figures are interesting in that about half the active FM stations, about a third of the AM stations, and over *two-thirds* of the TV stations support the NARTB. The TV figures are especially significant and reflect the support which TV-station owners give the national organization in its fight to get the freeze lifted and TV allocations increased. It is a sign of the times that the TV owners are now supporting their organization in their fight for "lebensraum," whereas only a decade ago it was the AM operators who were ardent supporters.

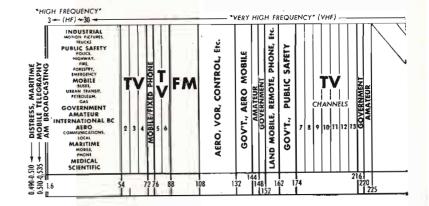
#### Participation in Industry Problems

Representing the interests of every broadcaster, whether member or not, the Engineering Department participates in FCC, NARBA, CCIR (International Radio Consultative Committee) meetings and all domestic hearings concerning frequency allocations and broadcast rules. While not providing consulting service for individual stations or problems, the department handles those which appear to affect its members as a whole—even including flying the Director of Engineering to Hawaii as a witness in a tax case affecting all broadcasters!

Seven other NARTB departments, besides engineering, exist to serve the broadcaster; these are the Audio—including FM and AM; Video; Employer-Employee Relations; Government Relations; Legal; Public Relations; and Research Departments. The latest, and probably most important, promulgation by the NARTB is its TV Code. Issued in an effort to save television from tripping over "low necklines," both real and figurative, the Code and Seal of the NARTB may be the deciding factor in avoiding future legal FCC censorship.

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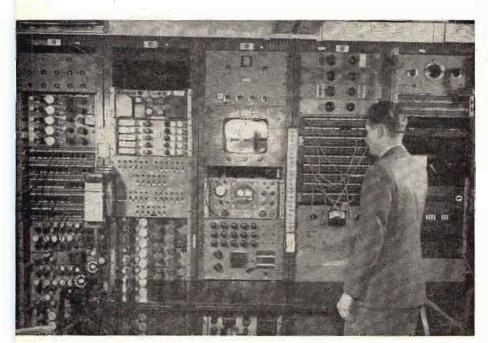
#### MANUFACTURING

MATERIALS AMPLE for 1952 TV expansion, declares the RTMA Television Committee's task force assigned to study the effect on materials and manpower caused by the lifting of the "freeze." The task force concludes that:

- 1. The requirements for TV transmitters, amplifiers, cameras, studio equipment and antennas can be met from present inventories of equipment and the current rate of material allocations to manufacturers of this equipment.
- 2. The requirements for construction materials for existing structures to amounts which can be buildings and towers can be reduced by utilizing provided under self-certification NPA regulations.
- 3. There will be an increased demand for TV receivers which may not be completely satisfied by the industry's programmed production. However, a continuation of first quarter NPA allotments of critical materials will permit extension of TV service to more people in more areas.

#### **TELEVISION**

TV WITHOUT CRT is the long range object of several research projects presently being carried out. The high cost, large bulk, limited practical size, and relative fragility of picture tubes are lending impetus to the search for a system which will overcome these drawbacks. Of particular interest to economy-minded engi-



Equipment for checking television transmission, employed by American Broadcasting Company in conjunction with master control installation shown on our front cover. The five racks, left to right, contain: 1) Video patch panels and distribution amplifier, 2) Circuits for feeding film studio camera outputs simultaneously to outlying studio, 3) Grey scale generator, pulse cross monitor for examining sync pulses, and waveform oscilloscope, 4) Audio distribution panel, and 5) Private telephone line connections.

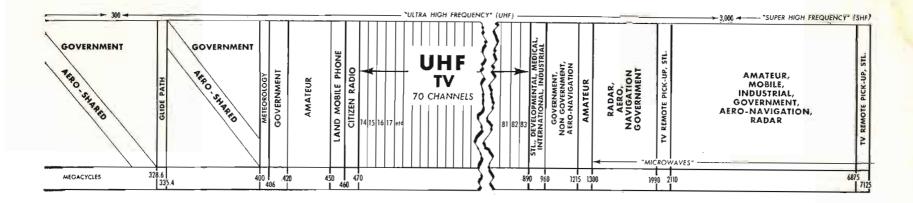
neers are the savings made possible by substituting a simple viewing system for the elaborate equipment necessary for theater TV and other large audience displays. One method to eliminate the CRT considers the use of a single light source which scans the picture area by means of a synchronized shutter or rotating prism arrangement. The selected beam of light passes through a medium with variable light transmission characteristics, and is projected on a movie screen. A second system under investigation has a two-planar crossed-wire grid arrangement incorporated in the screen itself. Each wire junction represents a picture element, and when a potential is selectively impressed across the junction chosen by the electronic scanning system, a phosphor or gas emits light with an intensity proportional to the magnitude of the potential. With some modifications, either of the two systems can be adapted to color TV, still maintaining the almost unlimited size of its presentation. However, let us not hurry to convert our conventional picture tubes to fish bowls and flower vases—it may be several years before the myriad of obstacles to a workable system can be overcome and a practical CRT-less viewing arrangement realized.

#### **AVIATION**

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION will receive increased attention this year,—particularly the South American and South Atlantic routes and areas. ILS and GCA installations will be added in many regions and the US manufacturer will find his sales restricted only by material shortages. In particular, high-altitude navigation equipment such as radiosondes for use in charting winds at 40,000 feet and above, to provide reliable information for the new high-flying aircraft will be demanded of designers. All phases of airborne electronics will shortly see an expansion similar to that experienced around the end of World War II.

#### RADIO BEACONS

"MOPAT" is short for a new master-oscillator, power-amplifier transmitter which is extending the reach of airway radio beacons. With airplane speeds rising, the 200-mile range of the previous 6-kw transmitter is not enough. A pilot runs out of range of a beacon too quickly. With 16 kw delivered by Mopat the beacon can be picked up by the pilot for bearings 400 miles away. Mopat is a crystal-controlled pulse transmitter operating at 1000 megacycles. It makes use of the recently developed high-power klystron tubes, which are an outgrowth of radar work.



# **AUDIO**

FLAT RESPONSE in audio amplifiers and sound reproduction equipment does not necessarily produce the best subjective hearing reaction. This growing trend of thought in the industry is based upon the observation that at high sound intensity levels which result in discomforting listening fatigue, the ear tends to shift its response from the easily overloaded and sensitive midrange (about 800-3500 cps) by hearing low frequencies lower and high frequencies higher. Furthermore, much of the speech information is contained in the high and low frequencies. Consequently, greater listening comfort may be induced by attenuating the mid-range about 2 VU instead of providing a flat response throughout the audible range.

# **INSTRUMENTATION**

ELECTROLUMINESCENT PHOSPHORS will find numerous applications in the next few years in self-luminous instrument dials, complex circuit failure warning systems, control board indicators, and glow lamps or tubes formed in the shape of flat plates. Unlike the phosphors used in fluorescent lamps and cathode-ray tubes, these types convert electrical energy directly into light without the intermediate action of electron or ion impingement. The electroluminescent powder is supported in a dielectric medium between two plates of a capacitor, one of which is transparent. When a potential is applied to the capacitor plates, the phosphor is excited and light is emitted. Brightness of the light emission is determined by the intensity and frequency of the electric field. (See also TELE-TECH, July 1951, p. 62)

## **COMPUTERS**

IT USED TO BE that the mathematics defining many "effects" noted in research laboratories were developed long after the practical experiment, and in some cases even after the physical results had been translated into a practical application. Times are changing. Now, in place of the experiment, it is frequent practice to determine mathematically beforehand whether or not the contemplated device or technique will work. Electronic computers, because of their high speed and their ability to solve even the most complex equations are playing a leading role in present day development. As the components used in computers are made smaller and smaller, and perhaps through the use of transistors, the physical size and costs of these machines may ultimately be brought to a point where no research laboratory can afford to be without one.

### **NEW HORIZON**

BODY-HEAT is the new power source proposed by Princeton, N.J., seers for future wrist-watch radios employing transistors. Since the average human body radiates about 60 watts continuously, day and night, it is high time that this wasted heat energy is put to work, even at its low temperature potential of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. Probably 10 watts or more could be picked up from a chest-and-belly pad; 5 watts from an inside money-belt! These thermal quantities should be ample to operate practical buckle-on portable radio devices. Human energy has already been harnessed to drive the self-winding watch and the pedometer; now bodyheat may have a use in operating wrist radios, hearing aids, or additional supersensory electronic devices, even adding to the five senses with which nature has endowed the marvelous human machine.

# **NAVIGATION**



New "reflection plotter," developed by Raytheon for use in conjunction with shipboard radar, enables mariners to accurately interpret all movements of nearby vessels. By marking successive locations of ships on the plotter, as seen on the PPI below, it becomes possible to determine the course of all ships within range of the radar, and to determine how far away and when these vessels will pass. Any lines that project across center of PPI represent collision courses. By knowing elapsed time between successive position dots, what operating range radar is set for, the amount of time remaining to avert disaster can awickly be determined.

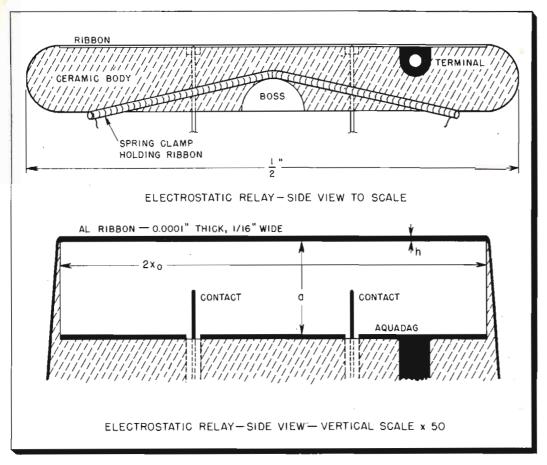


Fig. 1: Drawing of relay shows taut metal ribbon suspended over contacts, parallel to conducting plate. Potential applied between plate and ribbon deflects ribbon down against contacts, closing circuit

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IN designs limited to conventional voltages, spacings, frequencies, and materials, electromechanical transducers (motors, generators, relays, etc.) based on electromagnetic forces are far more compact and efficient than transducers based on electrostatic principles. A number of physicists and engineers have pointed out, however, during the past quartercentury, that if very clean, very precise elements are used with close spacings, in a high vacuum, with high voltages, the reverse is true the electrostatic devices are much more compact and efficient. This paper presents a brief and wholly theoretical study of an electrostatically-driven relay, intended in the first instance to illustrate the resources of this approach.

This study indicates that a relay based on the electrostatic deflection of a taut metal ribbon has a number of properties difficult to attain in conventional electromagnetic designs. These include:

- a. Size and weight comparable to subminiature tubes.
- b. Holding power consumption ranging from microwatts down to micro-micro-microwatts.

- c. Operation directly from r-f power of any frequency.
- d. Practical operating times below fifty microseconds.

Its limitations at the present stage of design, are the very low power-handling capacity of the contacts, and false operation under quite small (20 g) transverse accelerations. To some extent, speed can be exchanged for stability, producing a relay having the small size, weight, and power consumption mentioned above, but operating times of a few milliseconds.

The design considered in this paper is shown in Fig. 1; a thin ribbon of metal is stretched taut, parallel to a fixed conducting plate. If a potential difference is applied between the plate and the ribbon, the ribbon will be deflected from its initial position by the electrostatic force, and this motion can bring it against suitably placed contacts, so that it acts as a relay. The specific arrangement shown, in which the ribbon is stretched over a grooved block, with the deflecting plate formed by a layer of conducting material on the bottom of the groove, was suggested by Paul Stutsman.

# Design of

# High speed relay useful tures low power con-

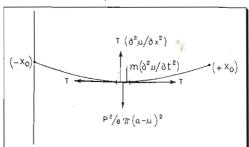
To prepare for the mathematical study using the cgs-esu system of units, let the length of the ribbon between supports be 2  $x_0$ , its thickness be h, and its mass per unit area be m. Let the spacing between the ribbon and the deflecting plate be a, the tension per unit width be T, the stress in the ribbon be Y (dynes/ cm<sup>2</sup>), the density of the ribbon be D, and the potential difference be P. The deflection of the ribbon under the electrostatic force will be u(x), where x is the distance from the center; the analysis is in terms of the proportional deflection y(x) =[u(x)/a].

The equilibrium of the ribbon at any point along its length, and at any instant of time, is given by

T 
$$(\partial^2 \mu/\partial \times^2) = m (\partial^2 \mu/\partial t^2)$$
  
-  $P^2/8\pi (a - \mu)^2 = 0$  (1)

where the first term is the pressure on the ribbon arising from the tension, the second is the accelerative reaction, and the third is the electrostatic pressure. This equation is easily derived by reference to the sketch of Fig. 2. In this sketch, the ribbon is being accelerated downward by the electrostatic force, and u is chosen to be positive upwards. Then, according to this sign convention, the electrostatic pressure [the third term in Eq. (1)] is negative. The pressure arising from the tension arises because the tensions acting on the opposite ends of an element of length dx are not quite equal and opposite, but deviate from exact opposition by an angle  $(\delta^2 u)$  $\delta x^2$ ) dx; the resultant of the two tensions is then (per unit width) T dx  $(\delta^2 u/\delta x^2)$ . Dropping the dx to get the force per unit area, or the pressure, results in the first term of Eq.

Fig. 2: Sketch of forces acting on ribbon shows the electrostatic force acting downward against the tension and accelerative reaction



# Subminiature Electrostatic Relays

in aircraft, computer and telemetering applications, feasumption and direct operation from r-f at any frequency

(1). This force is directed upward, so that the term must be positive; both T and  $(\delta^2 u/\delta x^2)$  are, in our sign convention, positive, so the term will have a positive sign in Eq. (1).

Similarly, since the ribbon is being accelerated downward, there is an inertial pressure, directed upward, equal to the mass per unit area times the acceleration, or  $m(\delta^2 u/\delta t^2)$ . The pressure is positive, m is positive, but  $(\delta^2 u/\delta t^2)$  is negative in our sign convention, so the term must have a negative sign in Eq. (1).

Re-arranging, and writing in terms of y,

$$(a^2 y/a t^2) - \phi_0^2 (a^2 y/a x^2)$$
  
-  $P^{2}/8\pi a^3 m (1-y)^2 = 0$  (2)

where  $\phi_0 = \sqrt{T/m} = \sqrt{Y/D} = 4\beta_0$   $x_0$ ;  $\beta_0$  is the natural frequency of the undefected ribbon.

This nonlinear partial differential equation does not admit a simple solution, especially if impedances in the line to the deflecting plate cause the potential of this plate to change as the ribbon deflects. Under special conditions where one or more of the

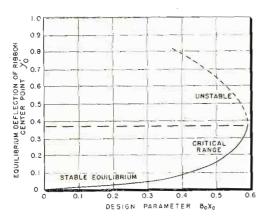


Fig. 3: Graph of design function shows ribbon stability at various proportional deflections

terms are zero or fixed, useful special solutions can be obtained.

The equilibrium positions of the ribbon are obtained by setting the time derivative equal to zero. If P equals V, the applied potential to the plate, the resulting equation is

+ 
$$v^2 / 8\pi a^3 T (1 - y^1)^2 = 0$$
 (3)

where the prime denotes equilibrium. This equation can be integrated directly to provide a relationship between the length  $2x_0$  of the ribbon and the equilibrium deflec-

tion  $y'_0$  of the center of the ribbon, whose form is

$$X_0 = (1/B_0) \sqrt{(1 - y_0^1)/2}$$
.  
 $y_0^1 + (1 - y_0^1) \tanh^{-1} \sqrt{y_0^1}$ 

where  $B_0^2 = V^2/8\pi a^3T$  for brevity.

A graph of this function is shown in Fig. 3. The striking feature of this plot is that there is a definite maximum for the real value of  $(B_0x_0)$ , at about 0.58, which occurs at a proportional deflection of  $y_0' = 0.39$ . A little investigation shows that at this

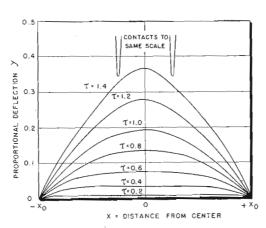


Fig. 4: Proportional ribbon deflections for different values of  $\tau$ ; vertical scale magnified

point the ribbon becomes unstable, with the center portion snapping over against the deflecting plate. This, then, provides the first principle for the design of relays of this type:

In order to obtain a stable design, the proportional deflection in any equilibrium position must be less than about 0.08, and the value of  $(B_0x_0)$  must be less than about 0.4.

The pressure between the taut flexible ribbon and a contact must arise in the same way as the first term in Eq. (1); that is, by a change in direction of the ribbon around the contact. In this case, the force will be, as before, the total tension times the angle turned around the contact. This angle turned is called the "wrap."

Since, in order to produce large electrostatic forces with reasonable voltages, it is necessary to make the spacing a very small, this small value of the stable proportional deflection constitutes a severe limitation on the designer. It essentially eliminates the use of normally-

closed contacts, since the "wrap" around any practical contact would have to be greater than the limiting stable deflection. For normally open designs, however, this limitation may be evaded by using the contacts themselves to support the ribbon in three sections, in the equilibrium deflected position. For the condition that the contacts are one-third of the way from the undeflected ribbon position to the deflecting plate, and that the center span of the ribbon is three-tenths of the total length, then values of  $(B_0x_0)$  for the free ribbon as large as 0.6 can be used in manufacture with reasonable confidence in the stability of the product.

Rewriting Eq. (2) in the form

$$(3^2 y/3\tau^2) - (3^2 y/3z^2)$$

= 
$$(B_0|X_0)^2 (1-y)^2 = 0.36(1-y)^2$$
 (5)

where  $\tau = t \phi_0/x_0$  and  $z = (x/x_0)$  are abbreviations, an estimate of  $y(\tau,z)$  can be built up, by difference techniques closely allied to the familiar "relaxation" process of the stress analysts, on a grid in the  $(\tau,z)$  plane which has y=0 when  $z=\pm 1$ , or  $\tau=0$ . Fig. 4 shows this approximate solution, in steps of 0.2 in  $\tau$ , with the vertical scale magnified for clarity. The contacts considered in the paragraph above are marked in to scale, and it is plain that the ribbon will make contact at about  $\tau=1.5$ .

Since  $\tau = t \phi_0/x_0$ , the closing time  $t_c$  of the relay, after application of a step function voltage V, will be

$$t_c = 1.5 X_0/\phi_0 = 1.5 X_0 \sqrt{D/Y};$$

$$T = Yh = 2.25 X_0^2 Dh/t_0^2 \qquad (6)$$

Substituting this in

$$(B_0 X_0)^2 = 0.36 = V_0^2 X_0^2 / 8 \pi a^3 T$$
 (7)  
the final result is

$$t_0^2 = 20 \text{ a}^3 \text{ Dh/V}^2$$
 (8)

This is the second basic equation for the design of electrostatic relays, relating the closing time to the mechanical and electrical parameters. Notably, the closing time is proportional to the three-halves power of the spacing between the ribbon and the plate, but only to the square root of the mass per

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Fig. 1: Overall view of all-purpose TK-11A

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The new image orthicon camera equipment (TK-11A and TK-31A) for monochrome television pickup is a successor to the well known TK-10 and TK-30 equipments. These new units embody many improvements and continue to include all of the desirable basic

# A New All-Purpose

# Imagine orthicon equipment, designed as successor to

characteristics of the earlier models.

The new design, with the overall objectives of greater stability and flexibility, is centered around a single type of all-purpose camera which may be used for either field or studio applications. Associated with the camera is a new electronic view finder, also available in only a single design which matches the camera. Past practice in the packaging of studio and field camera controls and power supplies has been continued, but with improvements. The general appearance and characteristic styling of the RAC equipment have been preserved, making it possible to mix new and old equipment without sharp contrasts in appearance.

Almost complete interchangeability with the TK-10 and TK-30 equipments has been achieved. This is a valuable feature since it permits substitution of new units for old, or vice versa, in case of emergencies. The interchangeability extends to all of the major units, lenses, and interconnecting cables with the exception of the field power supply. In this case, the older unit may *not* be substituted for the new unit because of

the increased power requirements of the new field camera chain. However, the new field power supply may be substituted for the old unit.

For the most part, operating techniques are the same as for the older models. The principal operating controls have been retained in the same forms and in the same locations. However, many of the secondary controls have been relocated or eliminated, and some new controls have been added.

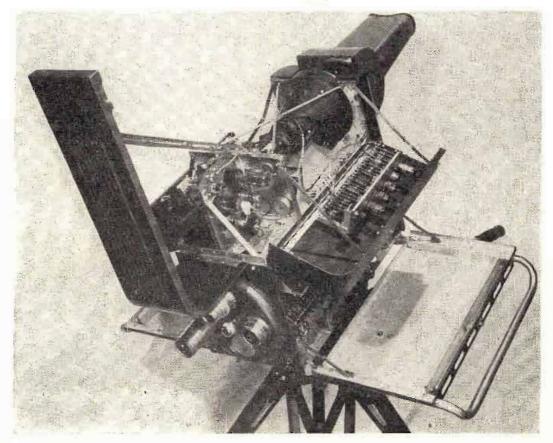
Hand in hand with the evolution of the new Image Orthicon Camera came the design of necessary associated studio equipment. Such equipment includes the new viewfinder. studio camera control, field camera control and a redesigned field power supply. It is obvious that this equipment does not comprise all of the necessary operating units of a camera chain and, therefore, in our reference to the TK-11A and TK-31A chains we intend to also include familiar units of previous designs that are necessary to make the equipment chains complete. Figs. 4 and 5 are block diagrams of items making up the camera chain. The Master Monitor (TM-6A) is a completely new design.

# Camera Design Features

The camera comprises a mounting for the image orthicon pickup tube together with its focus, deflection and alignment coils, complete horizontal and vertical deflection circuits, a video pre-amplifier, and an optical system consisting of a turret with four lens positions and means for adjusting optical focus and iris openings. It is entirely self-contained except for a B power supply and certain electrical controls which are located, for operating convenience. at the camera control. All electrical connections are made through a single cable and plug which carry input power and sync generator signals to the camera, and video output and control circuits from it.

Physically, the camera is divided into three main compartments. In the center compartment is located the pickup tube with its deflection, focus and alignment coils. The two side compartments, accessible by opening the side doors, contain the video and deflection amplifiers respectively. On

Fig. 2: View of interior shows accessibility. View-finder, circuits, and orthicon can be reached quickly



# **Television Camera**

# well-known earlier units, keynotes performance stability and flexibility

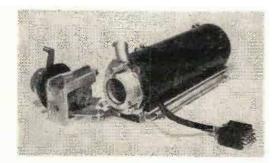


Fig. 3: Yoke assembly and focus drive mechanism removed from camera. Note blower has fitting and plug for electrical connection

the front end of the camera is the lens turret, and on the rear are some of the electrical controls and the control handle for rotating the turret and certain of the electrical controls. On the right-hand side of the camera (from the rear or operating position) is the optical focus control handle. This focus control and the turret handle are normally the only two controls which require the attention of the camera man during a program. An essential adjunct of the camera is the viewfinder which permits the camera operator to evaluate his framing, focus, field of view and scene content.

# **Ball Bearing Slides**

The camera focus coil—yoke—alignment coil assembly moves on ball bearing slides. Although rigidly fastened to the frame when in position, the entire assembly is removable in a few moments for servicing because it is a plug-in unit. This suspension is smoothly driven through its entire travel for optical focusing by 2½ turns of a focus knob. The knob remains in place when the side door is opened. This

remarkably simple yet rugged drive mechanism imparts a non-linear motion so that relatively great image orthicon motion per degree of knob rotation is obtained for long focal length lenses and close ups. In contrast, a vernier motion is provided near infinity focus and when short focal length lenses are in use where rapid motion would make accurate focusing difficult.

The improved yoke provides better shading, less geometric distortion and improved shielding of deflection fields from the image section. A simple wrap-around mu-metal shield extends from the image end past the alignment coils for quite complete shielding against external magnetic fields.

### Alignment Coil Assembly

An entirely new alignment coil assembly has been incorporated in the camera. It comprises two pairs of coils in space quadrature so that independent control of currents in the two pairs of coils will produce a correcting cross field in any direction required. In this system, no mechanical adjustment of the coil is required; it is rigidly mounted. The alignment procedure involves the simultaneous adjustment of two potentiometer controls which determine the currents in the two sets of coils.

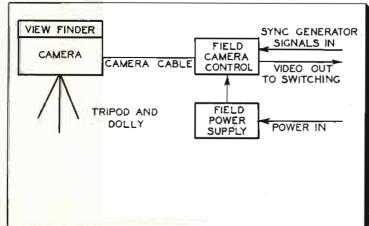
In order to simplify the alignment procedure, an auxiliary orthicon focus control has been included in the camera. Temporary control of orthicon focus at the camera may be selected by operating a switch on the rear of the camera. The camera man himself may then "rock" the focus back and forth to check the setting of the alignment controls without requiring the services of a second operator at the camera control position. At the conclusion of his adjustment procedure, the selector switch may be returned to normal, and the control of orthicon focus is thereby restored to the camera control position.

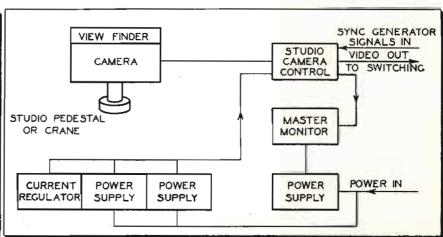
The cooling blower is readily unplugged and removed from underneath the camera and when slipped in place makes connection with a gas mask type hose which directs clean cooling air to the base end of the image orthicon. This air is restrained at the base end by a gasket and is forced between the tube and deflection coils and between the yoke and focus coil where space has now been provided. A redesigned shoulder socket and retaining mask permit exit of air in the front while a preset thermostat contained in the mask (in intimate contact with the photocathode) samples tube temperature to activate a relay-rectifier circuit for blower cycling free from electrical surge. This arrangement is capable of automatically maintaining proper orthicon operating temperature for stable performance and longer tube life. Provisions are also made for continuous operation of the blower and the target heater to meet extreme conditions.

# Remote Iris Control

To facilitate proper adjustment of the light reaching the photocathode of the pickup tube, a system for remote control of the iris in the ob-

Fig. 4-5: Block diagrams of equipment arrangement for (1) field camera chain and (r) for studio camera chain





# TV CAMERA (Continued)

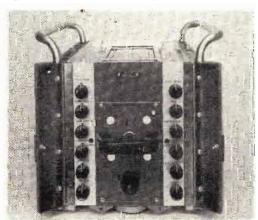
jective lens has been included in the camera. The system includes both control and indication of iris setting. This is provided at the camera control position. The movement of the iris is obtained with a small dc motor and gear train mounted directly on the lens and coupled to the control circuit through brush contacts on the turret. A potentiometer, also part of the motor assembly, geared directly to the iris gives an electrical potential which indicates the iris position. This indication is presented on a meter at the control position. The circuit connections for both motor control and indication are made through the camera cable by superimposing these circuits on the existing program sound circuit. The only operating control is a two-way lever key (telephone type) which provides for reversal of the motor for opening or closing the iris. Motion over the whole range is accomplished in about 6 seconds. A control panel, including motor power supply, control key, and meter, is available as part of either the field or studio type of camera control.

Lens turret control is positively indexed with an improved hand grip and a hollow shaft for the use of special lenses. A one-piece turret shaft, with a large opening from end-to-end, is employed. Space is provided behind the turret for a filter disc to control light without impairing control of focus depth. Write-in tabs indicate the lens in use.

# Other Camera Features

Side compartments are enclosed by hinged covers. Sturdy handle bars on the doors provide easy portability. Adequate ventilation is allowed but a splash plate protects the camera interior. A strong catch mechanism holds the door secure but can be easily released with one finger. When open, the doors are held horizontal with knuckle type stays to provide a ready service shelf.

Fig. 6: Rear view showing "setup controls"



Protection of the Image Orthicon is assured through the use of a circuit which cuts off the tube when there is loss of driving signals, deflection circuit failure, or failure of the activating relay.

Vertical deflection incorporates feedback and phase correction for excellent linearity and stability without need for linearity adjustments. Target blanking insertion is at low impedance to eliminate crosstalk problems. Horizontal deflection has excellent linearity, single knob linearity control, and freedom from transients by an improved push-pull type circuit and a novel ferrite output transformer. A seven microsecreturn time insures good ond operation even with the extreme delay conditions associated with 1000 foot camera cable operation. Both

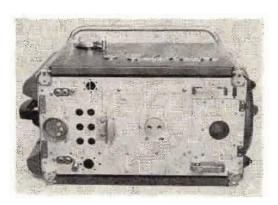


Fig. 7: Underside view of new camera. Blower assembly at right pulls out easily

deflection circuits can be switched from normal scan to 15% over-scan to guarantee against burned target areas during warm-up and rehearsals, while maintaining linearity and aspect ratio. Adequate and symmetrical centering controls are available.

A pulse type high-voltage supply provides stable picture tube operating potentials and, incidental to this, a resistive configurating maintains constant loading on the -500v. supply as image focus is varied to speed the narrowing-down process when operation is being optimized during setup.

Focus modulation circuitry provides low-impedance feed of horizontal and vertical parabolic waveshapes in a 4/3 aspect ratio to the orthicon wall to provide continuous beam focus over the usable target area. Improved corner resolution results as does also the possibility of defocusing all multiplier blemishes simultaneously with a minimum of sacrifice in resolution.

The decelerator control is now

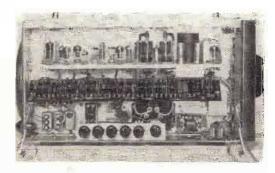


Fig. 8: Deflection side of camera. Note miniaturized components, accessibility, and the convenient grouping of "setup" controls

continuously variable fro 0-120V for accurate port hole control. Image accelerator control provides "S"distortion correction. Vertical deflection reversal is provided by a switch for quick transformation to operation with the type TP-10A portable film projector for field film insertions. Switch is made at the same time to a preset centering potentiometer to insure operation with the same target area. Horizontal deflection reversal is possible in that two coaxial leads feed the yoke so that a simple change of the yoke connections at the yoke plug will permit, for example, multiplexer operation.

Horizontal shading at the camera position allows shading the view-finder picture. A multiplier video gain control allows a cure in the rare case of dynode overload. A line voltage tap switch compensates for line voltage drop associated with different cable lengths. An elapsed time indicator conveniently records hours of tube operation.

Three miniature sensitive 24 volt relays are used—one for tally light service. Interchangeability with existing units is maintained but it is a simple wiring change here and in the new field control if 24 volt tally operation is desired.

# Video Pre-Amplifier

The video pre-amplifier is a plugin unit with all power connections made through a single plug and receptacle, and with three small coaxial connectors for the input, main output, and view finder output signal connections. The amplifier is mounted on rubber to minimize the effects of vibration and shock.

Ample gain insures a bright view-finder picture with even a low-limit camera tube. Two stages of cathode high peaking eliminate overshoot and smear by very accurately compensating for the amplifier input loss of high frequencies while reducing microphonics associated with conventional high peaking. Low fre-

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# VOICE of AMERICA Goes to Sea

Using balloon-raised antenna, 150 kw shipboard station will retransmit broadcasts from land-based stations

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The Coast Guard cutter, COURIER, awaits orders for the tour of duty which will send it around the world, pouring radio information into Soviet controlled lands from off-shore. The raised platform seen amidships is a flight deck from which 69 x 33 ft. barrage balloons are released and sent 1,000 ft. into the air, carrying aloft the half-wave antenna for the 150 kw transmitter. Other features include eight whip antennas for dual diversity reception, and cork and reinforced concrete transmitter mountings.

THE Courier, 5,800-ton, 338 ft. Coast Guard cutter, was commissioned on Feb. 15, 1952, as the first of a proposed fleet of sea-going radio broadcast relay stations. This shipboard station will receive broad-

casts from land-based Voice of America stations and retransmit them into Communist-dominated areas. Manned by a crew of 80, the vessel contains a 150 kw transmitter, one of the most powerful ever installed on a ship. Other equipment includes several transmitters, antennas, receivers, recorders, a small announcing studio for occasional ship-originated programs, and barrage balloons. The overall conversion cost for the ship ran close to \$2,500,000, of which approximately \$900,000 went for three months of work and the equipment involved in the radio installation.

Ivan Boor, chief engineer of the sea-going station, adjusts the power amplifier section of one of the two Collins 35 kw transmitters as Jean Seymour, project engineer, looks on. The six Eitel-McCullough 3X2500 tubes in the pushpull parallel, grounded-grid final are forced air cooled. Designed to operate in the 6-22 MC range with high level AM, these transmitters feed two folded broadband dipoles near the bow of the ship. The room containing the transmitters is air conditioned by a central cooling system.

Commander Oscar Wev (r) shows Foy D. Kohler, Chief of the Voice of America, the gimbal-mounted Fairchild disc recorder turntable which remains level in spite of the ship's rolling. Also included in the receiving room are an Ampex tape recorder, Collins and Northern receivers covering 500 KC to 54 MC which can patch directly into the three transmitters, and much other auxiliary equipment. For supplementary communication with other stations, the COURIER carries a 5 kw, 4-26 MC, teletype-voice-cw transmitter, and a 960 MC, 50 watt, single channel microwave transmitter.



Jean Seymour describes the RCA 150 kw standard broadcast transmitter to Voice of America reporter Bob Jones, The four 9C21 tubes, connected in parallel in the final stage, are cooled with distilled water which passes through a salt water heat exchanger. Power is supplied from three 500 kw, three-phase, 440 CPS generators which are driven by individual deisels. Transmitter output may be fed to a balloonsupported half-wave antenna, or to a balloon-and-buoy rhombic, or to an emergency three-wire flat top.



# Germanium Diodes for Indicating

DC meters with germanium rectifiers have high "Chatter" and "arcing" can be minimized with

# Temp. vs Z — Low

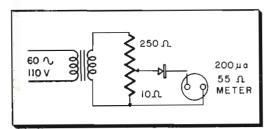


Fig. 1: When a diode operates from a low resistance source into a low resistance meter load, the meter deflection increases with increased temperature, because the diode forward resistance decreases with increased temperature. The decrease in back resistance which occurs at the same time does not influence the indication to any great extent because the diode back resistance at elevated temperature is still very large in comparison with that of the rest of the circuit.

# Temp. vs Z — High

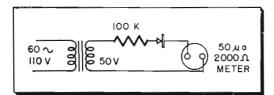


Fig. 2: When a diode operates from a high resistance source into a high resistance load, the meter deflection decreases with increased temperature, because the diode back resistance decreases with increased temperature. The reduced forward resistance has little effect on the meter deflection in this circuit because it is swamped out by the high resistance of the meter load.

# Temp. vs Z — Constant

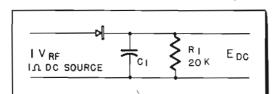


Fig. 3: A condition in which the meter deflection remains practically constant with temperature results from the combined action of two effects. First, the meter deflection tends to increase with increased temperature since the diode is working from a low impedance source into the relatively low impedance load of the condenser C1. Second, the decrease in back resistance acts as a load in parallel with  $R_1$ to effectively decrease the pointer deflection because of the increased temperature. The two factors work together to produce a more or less constant meter deflection with change in temperature. The load resistance in Figs. 1 and 2 can also be chosen to obtain similar temperature compensation.

# Freq. vs Uniform Output

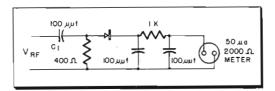


Fig. 4: The series condenser offers a gradual decreasing input impedance with increased frequency and tends to provide more uniform output with change in frequency.

# **Multirange Rectifier**

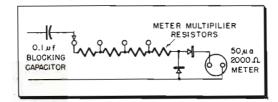
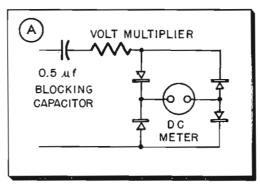
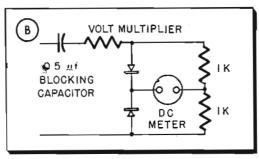


Fig. 5: With well spaced components and with resistors of low distributed capacitance and inductance, a multirange rectifier type instrument with sensitivity of approximately 10,000 ohms/v may give an accuracy within ± 10% over the frequency range of 60 cycles to 6 MC.

# **Maximum Output**





Figs. 6a, b: Where maximum output with minimum input is of primary importance, these circuits are suggested for frequencies between 25 cycles and 25 K.C. The circuit of Fig. 6a gives about 10% greater deflection than Fig. 6b, but Fig. 6b is less expensive, takes less room and has somewhat better temperature and frequency characteristics.

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BY adding one or two germanium diodes in a suitable rectifier circuit, dc indicating instruments and sensitive dc relays can be used on ac and r-f through 150 MC. Both instruments and sensitive relays utilize similar techniques for the proper use of diodes, and for this reason both applications are covered in this article.

In measurement applications, a dc meter with a rectifier has several advantages over an ac meter. The biggest one is the increased sensitivity. For example, a 0-150 v. moving iron ac voltmeter will take approximately 10 ma. for full scale deflection. A diode type rectifier meter on the other hand can be made with a full scale current of less than 0.1 ma. Other advantages of rectifier type dc meters are wide frequency range, good pointer response, small size and availability for multi-function testers such as ac-dc voltohm milliammeters.

In control applications, ac relays will often chatter and cause arcing. With a dc relay and a properly designed diode rectifier circuit, these troubles are eliminated. In addition, the relay can be made to operate on at least ¼ the current and has the advantage of size and weight over an ac relay.

# Advantages of Germanium Rectifiers Over Copper Oxide

Until the last few years, the best rectifiers for instrument and relay applications were the small copper oxide types. With the advent of inexpensive, stable, small size germanium diodes, such as the GE Types IN48 and IN51, still more advantages have been added to rectifier type ac meters and relays.

Germanium diode rectifiers have the following advantages over copper oxide rectifiers:

1. Completely insulated so they

# Instruments and Relays

sensitivity, wide frequency range and small size. dc relays; circuits require small actuating currents

The following list indicates the principal scope of the circuits in the figure indicated:

Figs. 1-3: Temperature effects on diode impedance.

Figs. 4-8: Frequency range limited to 25 cycles
250 MC by pointer oscillation and relay

chatter.
Fig. 9: Meter protection from high reverse voltages.
Fig. 10: Sensitivity change with different recti-

voltages.

Fig. 10: Sensitivity change with an enterprise types.

Fig. 11: Relay operation with increased sensitivity and no chatter.

Figs. 12-13: Elimination of contact sparking.

Fig. 14: Rectifier arrangements for microameters.

Fig. 15: Dimensions of plug-in sealed assembly.

Figs. 16-19: Typical characteristic curves for different diodes. Figs. 16-19: Typical characteristic curves for dif-ferent diodes.

Table 1: Condensed specifications for some germanium diodes.

can be mounted in a small space.

2. Enclosed in a sealed protective housing so they are not as susceptible to fumes and humidity as copper oxide.

3. High peak back voltage rating for probe type testing.

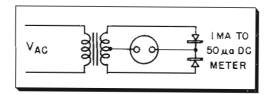
- 4. High back voltage and low forward resistance, which makes it possible to use temperature compensating resistance swamping circuits. This avoids one of the big disadvantages of copper oxide, namely poor temperature coefficient.
- 5. Wide frequency range running from 25 cycles through 150 MC in the one size unit.

# Low Forward-To-Back Resistance Ratio

Germanium diodes can be used for instrument and sensitive relay rectifiers in a number of circuits. The best diode types are generally those with low forward to back resistance ratio and low forward resistance, such as the IN51 and IN48. This is because the instrument or relay is generally a relatively low resistance load, and diodes with a low forward resistance and a fair back resistance work best. The higher back resistance types, such as IN52 and IN63, also work well for this service but are more costly.

The data shown may be applied directly to applications of sensitive relays, in which case the meter is replaced by the relay coil.

# **Increased Sensitivity**



Ftg. 7: For increased sensitivity over somewhat limited frequency range, a center tapped potential transformer arrangement may be

# Temp. — Freq. Response

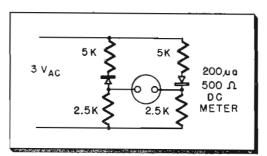


Fig. 8: Good temperature and frequency characteristics have been obtained with this circuit. Here advantage is taken of the high peak back voltage of the diode as compared to copper oxide. This permits adding temperature compensating resistors in series with each diode to effectively swamp out the change in diode forward resistance with temperature.

### **Meter Protection**

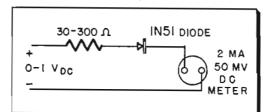
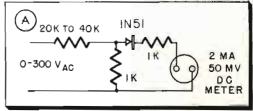


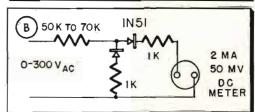
Fig. 9: Where meter protection from high reverse voltages is desired, a diode may be connected so the reverse current is limited to 3 ma with negative 30 v applied in place of the normal positive 0-1 v. The 30-300 ohm resistor is adjusted to calibrate the meter to 1 v full scale. The normal uniformly divided scale of the meter will be changed by the addition of the diode to one with the divisions contracted near the zero and approximately shown below:

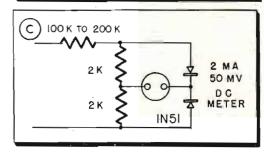
Volt	MA	Volt	MΑ
1	2	.4	0.41
.8	1.4	.2	0.1
.6	0.9		

Where the peak back voltage exceeds 50 v, the higher peak back voltage diodes such as the IN52 or IN63 are preferred.

# Sensitivity changes







Figs. 10 a, b, c: Actual 30 v. meter rectifier circuits using 2 ma and 50 mv dc meters are good for frequencies from 60 to 5000 cycles with less than  $\pm 3\%$  change for the temperature range -25 to  $+125^{\circ} F$  (-32 to  $+87^{\circ} C$ ). The main difference in each of the three circuits is the increase in sensitivity in going from the single diode half wave rectifier to the double center tap type. The resistors should be good quality non-inductive type. The scale characteristics will approximate those shown

Volt.	MA	Volt.	MΑ
300	2	120	0.75
240	1.6	60	.4
180	1.1		

The exact amount of series resistance will depend upon the individual diode.

# **Chatter Prevention**

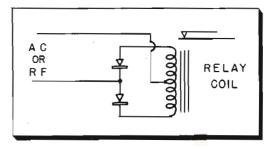


Fig. 11: Good 400-800 cycle relay operation has been obtained using a center tap brought from the relay coil with three wires connected to the diodes as shown. In this circuit the flux is held constant over both halves of the ac cycle. Greater freedom from chattering and increased sensitivity result from this arrangement.

# For MANUFACTURERS

New Methods, New Materials and New Machines

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# Dynamic Measurements on Filter Chokes

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If the no-load inductance of a choke is desired, an impedance bridge will give good results. A inductance is to be measured with a bridge, however, is impractical if the given dc load flowing through the coil. The circuit shown provides a simple method of determining this operating inductance without the use of special equipment. The ac voltmeter should be a Ballantine type.

The parameters, C, L, and R depend on the dc rating and inductance of the unknown. The values shown are for a 2 or 3 henry choke rated at about 200 ma (dc). These are approximate values and may be varied 25% either way depending on availability of parts. The R, however, must be measured on a bridge immediately after the test since cooling will affect the results appreciably.

Adjust both supplies simultaneously until rated dc load is flowing through the coil with 10 v. rms (standard for filter choke measurements) across it. Now switch the voltmeter and read the ac voltage across R. Then  $I_{AC} = V_R/R$ ;  $Z_x = 10/I_{AC}$ ;  $X_x = \sqrt{Z^2_x - R^2_x}$  (If the dc resistance of the unknown is equal to or less than 10% of the impedance, it may be neglected in the above calculation and the reactance X may be considered equal to the impedance Z.) And  $L_x = X_x/2\pi F$  where f is the frequency of the ac supply source.

# \$\$\$ FOR YOUR IDEAS

Readers are invited to contribute their own suggestions which should be short and include photographs or rough sketches. Typewritten, doublespaced text is preferred. Our usual rates will be paid for material used.

# Single Crystal Diodes

Uniformity has proven a most elusive goal in the fabrication of germanium diodes. One cause of non-uniformity is the fact that the surface of the crystal slab often comprises the cross sectional area of several individual crystals. A technique which is presently being attempted forms ingots which are single crystals. Essentially the process consists of suspending a germanium eed at the top of the melt and withdrawing it at the rate of a few inches per hour. When the complete ingot has been formed, it may weigh several hundred grams. After slicing, each slab surface is the cross section of a single crystal, and a whisker contacting any point on the surface should provide the same operating performance when the unit is finally processed.

# Salvaging with Ultrasonics

Ultrasonic frequencies are now being used at Raytheon Manufacturing Company, Waltham, Mass., to conserve materials vital to the nation's defense program. Tungsten,



Photo of equipment arrangement using ultrasonics to salvage critical metals used in the manufacture of vacuum tubes.

high on the list of critical materials, is among those alloys being salvaged by means of a new device. This device provides 27 KC energy to literally shake the glass beads off the tungsten rods salvaged from vacuum tubes which have proved faulty during manufacture, and which require re-processing. Raytheon's device permits the removal of glass sealed to the tungsten rods ten times faster than was possible by previously-used methods. Other

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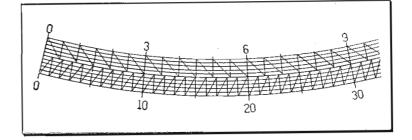
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(Left) Dynamic filter choke measurement schematic

(Below) For easier and more accurate meter readings, each of the dial scales on Sensitive Research Instrument Corp. (Mt. Vernon, N. Y.) meters are made up of five equally spaced lines instead of one. By running diagonals across the five lines for each unit value, as shown in the diagram, values of 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, etc., are readily obtainable. There are many possible extensions of this principle.





View of the Brush tape recorder that uses a "rigidized" metal speaker grille.

glass-sealing alloys such as molybdenum, platinum, kovar and rodar can also be salvaged by this method.

# **Soldering Carbon To Metal**

A new process announced by the Stackpole Carbon Company, St. Marys, Pa. makes it as practical to solder carbon to metal as it is to solder metal to metal in most cases. Thus, by having this heretofore unwettable refractory material soldered directly to metal supports, the user gains all of the advantages of carbon for contacts, small brushes, friction devices and many other purposes. Costly fixtures formerly necessary for bolting or clamping the carbon units in place are eliminated. For example, the new method permits welding carbon contacts directly to metal arms. Carbon brushes can be soldered to phosphor bronze or beryllium copper leaf springs, thus eliminating brush holders and shunts and simplifying equipment design. Carbon friction

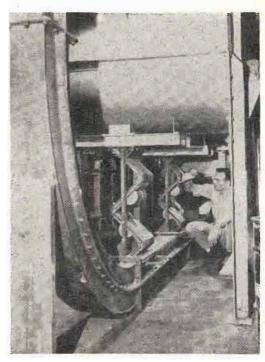
discs also can be soldered to metal backing plates.

# "Rigidized" Grilles

"Bodyguard" for tape recorder speakers is the new grille on the Brush "Soundmirror" tape recorder. Fabricated from 5-WL perforated pattern rigidized metal, this new speaker grille contributes greatly to the looks and life of the entire unit. Excellent sound transmission is provided and top protection for the speaker itself is assured. No pencils or other damaging objects can accidentally break through the surface. All dents, scratches, scuffs and fingerprints tend to be concealed by the design. Rigidized Metals Corporation, 657-P Ohio Street, Buffalo 3, New York is the manufacturer.

# **Impurity Separation**

In 1945 RCA Victor began the commercial manufacture of vinyl records. Because vinyl compounds are much tougher than those regularly used for 78-rpm records damage to stampers, caused by the presence of minute particles of iron and steel in the vinyl compound, was encountered. Because of the toughness of this compound the contamination did not imbed itself; it just scratched the surface of the stampers. Naturally, this marred the sound patterns cut into the grooves of the stampers: and records pressed from scratched stampers had to be rejected. It is interesting to note that the degree of contamination causing this produc-



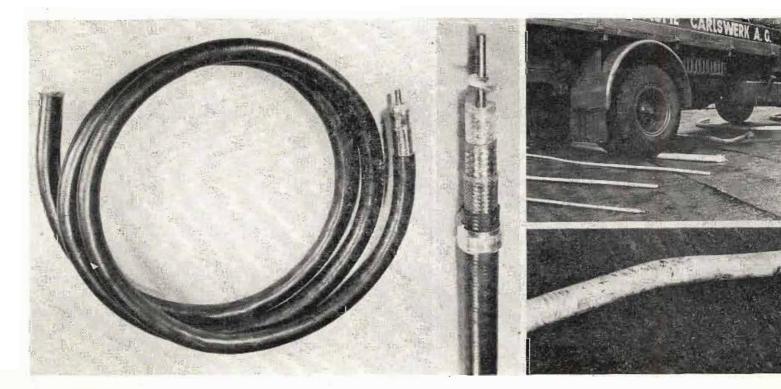
Magnetic impurity separators installed on vinyl compound line in phono record plant.

tion difficulty was very small. One special permanent (non-electric) magnetic separators manufactured by the Eriez Manufacturing Company, Erie, Pa. were installed on the handing line before the stampers. One is a series of plate-type magnets installed in a zig-zag chute after a Ball and Jewell cutter; the other is a magnetic hump unit used in a gravity flow conveyor system. The latter separator is called a hump because of its shape. Installed vertically, or at least at an angle greater than 65°, it directs material flow 30° from the normal by strategically placed baffle

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# FLEXIBLE-TYPE STYROFLEX CABLE DEVELOPED

(Left) New type of flexible coaxial cable using polystyrene tape as insulation is less than 1 in. in diameter and can be coiled into an 8-10 in. radius. (Center) Close-up showing construction details of the Phelps Dodge cable. (Right) Sturdiness of construction of aluminum sheathed cables is shown by the fact that this six ton truck did not deform any of the different sized cables in running over them. Lower photo shows about 3mm flattening on 68mm cable when rear wheels of truck were first parked on it, cma, and then having the truck start forward suddenly. Additional information on page 108.



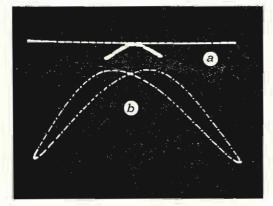


Fig. 1: Dynamic FM oscillograms of a saturable reactor. Horizontal lines indicate the carrier frequency which in this case is 5 megacycles.

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In the early days every radio and audio-frequency engineer tended to linearize all of his devices in order to minimize nonlinear as well as intermodulation distortions. This tendency went so far that he linearized every individual component instead of considering the over-all device, such as a complex sound transmission or reproducing system or a telemetry system.

In the last decade this situation has changed. Step by step, physicists and electronic engineers are facing nonlinearity problems not only with a view toward higher fidelity, but also in regard to artificial nonlinearities, as exemplified in magnetic amplifiers and electronic computers.

# Nonlinear Elements and

Saturable reactors, ferroelectric capacitors

Details of new nonlinear resistor, termed
resistive detectors, overload protectors,

Nonlinearity problems have been well known since the earliest days of radio. The oldest nonlinear element or nonlinear resistor, in modern terminology a varistor, is the crystal detector of which the modern versions are silicon and germanium diodes. In addition to resistive elements, we also know nonlinear reactances and impedances, such as saturable reactors in the inductive field and ferroelectric capacitors in the capacitive field.

Let us consider, under a common aspect, some peculiar problems of all of these three types and some significant applications in various fields of electronic engineering.

### Saturable Reactors

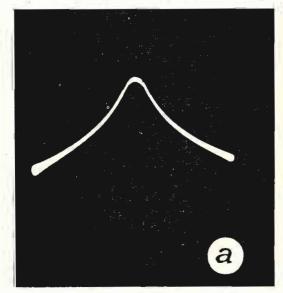
The saturable reactor is a choke containing an iron core with nonlinear permeability, which means the nonlinearity is caused by the hysteresis loop. Approximately ten years ago, the saturable reactor appeared as the heart of the magnetic amplifier in which a large amount of i-f energy is controlled or modulated by a minute input energy. According to this definition, the magnetic amplifier is nothing but the new version of the magnetic modulator which, long before the invention of vacuum tubes, was utilized for the keying of powerful radio transmitters, in particular r-f machines.

The magnetic amplifier improves

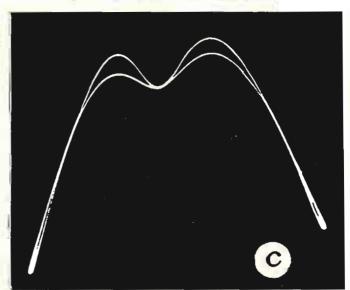
the old magnetic modulator by two additional steps: first, by a transformation of the i-f energy into do energy or into the a-f range; second, by a positive feedback. Nevertheless, the magnetic amplifier achieved its present perfection by the development of highly sensitive alloys characterized by very small hysteresis loops, thus exhibiting low losses and sharp knees. In addition, ferrites known under such trade names as Ferramics¹ and Ferroxcube² shift the frequency range into the r-f field.

Commonly, ferromagnetic properties are expressed in terms of, or are demonstrated and investigated by means of, the hysteresis loop disclosing flux density versus magnetization. Another method may be derived from modulation. For this purpose, we operate the reactor under test as a frequency modulator of a test transmitter. The fluctuating frequency deviations caused by ac magnetization are detected by means of an FM monitor, the output of which, in combination with the magnetizing currents, deflects the beam of a cathode ray oscilloscope in both axes. In this way, we obtain dynamic FM oscillograms as shown in Fig. 1. The horizontal line indicates the carrier frequency according to zero permeability or inductance. Curve (a) then is the FM characteristics under a low magnetization, its center portion coinciding with

Fig. 2: Nonlinear capacity of Rochelle salt condenser. (a) capacity, under influence of impressed voltage, decreases symmetrically from its zero value; (b) at lower voltages, hysteresis phenomena and double humps produce a butterfly oscillogram; (c) FM curve with double humps







# Applications in AF and RF Circuits

and varistors comprise the three component groups. "polaristor" explained. Applications of these devices, as modulators, harmonic generators, mixers, etc. is discussed

PART ONE
OF TWO PARTS

the carrier frequency because only the virgin portion of the hysteresis loop is effective. Under high ac magnetization, hysteresis manifests itself not only in the phase shift according to curve (b), but also in an increased carrier frequency due to the greater slope of the hysteresis loop. This frequency shift disappears as soon as we deal with the reversible permeability, that means as soon as the modulator is subjected to a bias.

### Ferroelectric Capacitors

The second type of nonlinear elements are ferroelectric capacitors; these are condensers, the capacity of which vary with the strength of the applied electric field or the impressed voltage. Among other peculiarities, in particular, in addition to piezoelectricity and an abnormally high dielectric constant, such a non-linearity was first observed in a crystal of Rochelle salt.3 Therefore, we may say that the dielectric nonlinearity is one form of Seignetteelectricity. On the other hand, the similarity between ferromagnetic and Seignette-electric phenomena suggests the general term ferroelectricity. Since ferroelectricity is a manifestation of the polarized dipole molecules in the crystal lattice, we may point out that all piezoelectric dielectrics, in addition to their high permittivity, are also nonlinear, which means, their dielectric constant varies not only with temperature but also with the electric field.

From Rochelle salt, a straight line leads to the Hi-K titanates such as barium titanate<sup>4</sup> and mixtures of barium and strontium titanate having dielectric constants as high as 18,000.<sup>5</sup>

Similar to ferromagnetics, the performance of ferroelectrics also may be expressed in terms of their hysteresis loop revealing the relationship between polarization and polarizing force. Hence, we may apply the aforementioned FM method to ferroelectric condensers. In this manner, one can see directly the capacity or permittivity as it decreases under the influence of an impressed polarizing voltage. Basically,

this phenomenon is closely related or may well be proportional to the well known temperature effect.

The ferroelectric FM characteristics are very complex because of their form and shape being dependent on various factors, namely, polarization and frequency as well as temperature. Such characteristic curves are depicted in Fig. 2. Characteristic (a) reveals the relationship between the capacity of a Rochelle salt piezoid and the control voltage when operating below Curie temperature. Important to note the

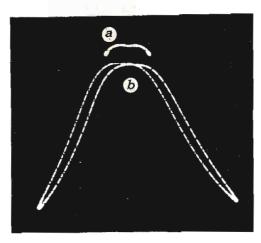


Fig. 3: Ferroelectric FM oscillograms under two different moduation amplitudes

irregularities around the center portion, which, in the ferroelectric hysteresis loop, appear only in the form of minute ripples. Oscillogram (b) is an electrically enlarged picture of the center portion in which the irregularities, in combination with the phase shift, produce the shape of a butterfly. Such a butterfly oscillogram is very characteristic of all types of ferroelectric substances.

A peculiar phenomenon can be observed in that the permittivity, in the vicinity of its zero value, increases a little bit before it decreases in the normal way under the influence of a stronger polarization. The results are double humps as disclosed by oscillogram (c).

Fig. 3 illustrates the same experiment as we remember from the ferromagnetic modulator (Fig. 1). The double hump phenomenon, however, causes the zero capacity to increase, thereby shifting the entire FM characteristic (a) to lower frequencies,

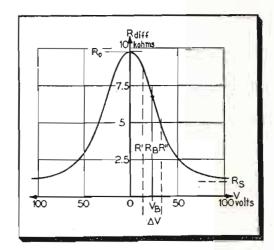


Fig. 4: Curve showing Polaristor differential resistance versus impressed voltage

i.e., to increasing zero capacities until, under a stronger ac polarization, the curve assumes its normal shape (b).

All FM oscillograms reveal a certain asymmetry which may be expressed in terms of a residual prepolarization equivalent to an external bias. This dielectric prepolarization can be artifically enforced to such a degree that the crystal operates under its reversible hysteresis. In other words, its FM characteristic assumes the form of a straight line as accurately as under the influence of an external bias. For this purpose, the crystal is heated above its Curie temperature and then cooled down under the steady influence of a strong polarizing field. Such a prepolarized piezoid makes an external bias unnecessary. The effect is equivalent to the behavior of piezoelectric and electrostrictive transducers which, when subjected to a similar prepolarization, also show a linear electromechanical response.6 Whether the addition of small impurities, such as lead titanate, may be advantageous in the purely dielectric field, is open to conjecture.

### Nonlinear Resistors (Varistors)

The third group of nonlinear elements covers the resistive field in the form of the so-called varistors. It is not my intent to deal with such types as thermistors which, in a certain sense, are also nonlinear, nor with vacuum diodes. Let us consider,

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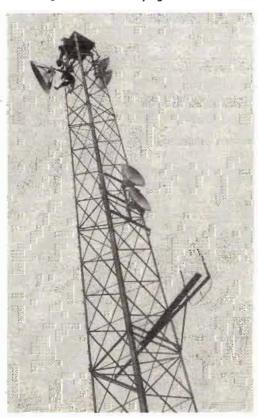
# Five base radio stations wave relays over 118-mile

New Jersey State Trooper uses 15-watt mobile transmitter to make traffic control report to headquarters station

By ALBERT J. FORMAN Assistant Editor, Tele-Tech

THE flexible radio communications network covering the 118-mile New Jersey Turnpike provides a self-sustaining system for expeditious handling of information on traffic movement, emergency repairs, accidents and law enforcement. Extending the length of the recently opened Turnpike from the New Delaware Memorial Bridge at

Fig. 1: Six-foot parabolic antenna nears top of 150-foot tower at Bordentown. Two microwave dishes halfway down the tower link network to police center at W. Trenton. VHF antennas at lower right contact outlying mobile stations



Pennsville to the George Washington Bridge, the \$225,000 network integrates communication between base stations mobile police and service units, road maintenance stations, radio interchange points and toll booths; more than 150 locations in all.

Basically the system consists of five base radio stations which contact all other units and one another through seven microwave relay stations. The microwave system provides for the simultaneous and independent transmission of seven channels of information, including a spare channel which will eventually act as an essential link in the highway chain from the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the New York Thruway.

One problem which confronted the Paul Godley Co. of Great Notch, N. J., formulator of the engineering requirements, and RCA, designer and installer of the equipment, was to obtain maximum utilization of allocated frequencies with a minimum of co-channel and adjacent channel interference. The magnitude of this consideration is emphasized by the over-crowded radio spectrum being used by many services in the populous New York-Philadelphia area. Directional antennas which confine radiations to the right-of-way were an essential element in resolving the interference problem.

The five base stations transmit on 155.19 MC and receive from the mobile and way stations on 154.83 MC. Their two-element broadside anten-

nas, mounted on the same self-supporting towers (see Fig. 1) which accommodate the parabolic antenna assemblies of the microwave system, have a 3.6 power gain. These directional antennas confine emissions essentially to the Turnpike area, as shown by the radiation patterns of Fig. 3.

The 60-watt base station transmitter that feeds the VHF antenna is the RCA Type CT-12A, which is shown on the left of Fig. 2, installed in a temporary housing along with channeling and microwave equipment. A basic crystal controlled frequency is multiplied through two tripler and two doubler stages to obtain the 36th harmonic. A phase modulator provides a maximum phase swing of nearly 90°, giving ± 15 Kc deviation for 100% modulation. Undesired in-the-band emission is suppressed to -90 db, while out-ofthe-band frequencies are attenuated 70 db. The matching system to the 50 ohm antenna load impedance uses a double section pie-type filter. Receiver sensitivity is 0.5 µv for 20 db quieting, selectivity is 110 db adjacent channel attenuation at ±30 кс, and signal-to-noise ratio is 50 db. Total power consumption is about 400 watts during operation, and 100 watts during standby.

# **Outlying Transmitter Signals**

When the base station receives a signal from one of the outlying transmitters, it sends this information to the 960 MC microwave relay, which in turn transmits it to some or all of the other relays. These relays then pass the message on to associated VHF base stations which retransmit the information to the mobile and way stations in their respective areas, thereby covering any desired section of the Turnpike which may be dictated by central control.

The 58 mobile units incorporated in the network are equipped with 15-watt transmitters, shown in Fig. 6, which transmit on 154.83 MC and receive on 155.19 MC, the reverse of base station operating frequencies No special wiring provisions have been made in the automobiles carry-

# Cover New Jersey Turnpike

interconnect 150 fixed and mobile units through seven microhighway. Novel dual antenna aids mobile communication

ing transmitter-receivers. Because highway patrols travel considerably more than metropolitan police, the standard auto generator keeps the 6-volt battery sufficiently charged in spite of an additional current drain of 11.8 amps standby and 54 amps operating.

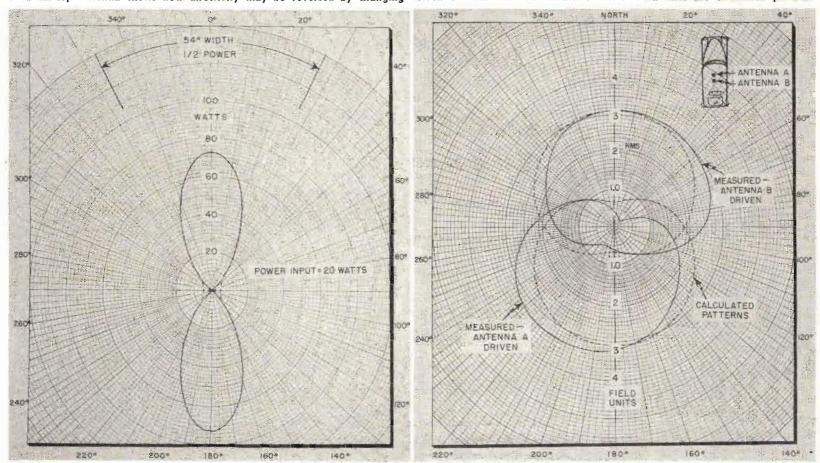
The mobile Carfone transmitter utilizes  $\pm 0.005\%$  crystal tuning, multiplying the crystal frequency 18 times. Spurious emission is attenuated 100 db in the band, and 85 db at other frequencies. The phase modulation limiter is of the positive and negative type, maintaining 70% average modulation on normal speech. Deviation is ±15 kc for 100% modulation. Salient receiver characteristics are as follows: sensitivity, 0.8 μν for 20 db noise quieting; spurious response attenuation, 100 db; selectivity, more than 100 db at 35 kc; bandwidth, ±15 κc; frequency stability, up to  $\pm 0.0005\%$ ; and oscillator radiation less than 0.1 mv.

One notable feature of the mobile equipment is the antenna switching



Fig. 2: Terminal station where VHF ties into the microwave system. Shown in temporary housing are (1 to r) VHF transmitter and receiver, multiple channeling equipment, and microwave relay rack

Fig. 3: (1) Directivity of VHF base station antenna is indicated by horizontal plane radiation patterns. Fig. 4: (r) Radiation patterns for dual car-top antenna shows how directivity may be reversed by changing driven element with switch inside car. Dashed lines are calculated patterns



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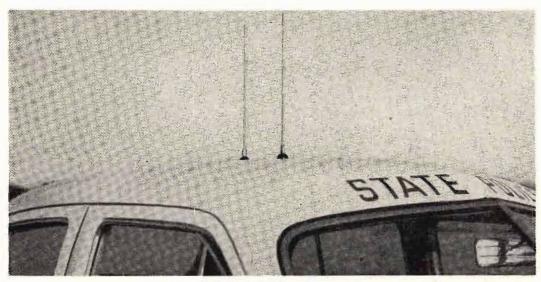


Fig. 5: Dual antenna atop car has forward or backward directivity at a flick of a switch on dashboard control box. Either element can be radiator or reflector to pick up stronger of two signals

arrangement which is employed when the mobile unit is in between two base stations and is receiving signals of comparable strength from both. A manually operated sensing and lock-out device prevents voice garbling by electrically reorienting dual antenna arrangement shown in Fig. 5. The effect of this novel design is to select one of the two stations by changing the antenna directivity, effectively eliminating reception from the other base station, which, of course, is operating on the same frequency. Since the front-to-back power ratio of the dual antenna lies between 20:1 and 25:1, transmitting and receiving

Fig. 7: Map shows location of five VHF and seven microwave stations along N. J. Turnpike



benefits gained by the switching arrangement are apparent. Fig. 4 is a plot of the calculated and measured field patterns of the dual antenna.

System flexibility is highlighted in the case of two or more patrol cars working from both sides of a traffic jam in one particular locale. Should they attempt to communicate with each other by transmitting on 154.83 Mc, their usual transmitting frequency, their conversations would be picked up by the nearest base station and retransmitted down the line. If a number of similar situations were to arise along the Turnpike simultaneously, the entire network would be tied up. In order to prevent this, and to facilitate handling local problems, the patrol officer need only throw a switch which changes the transmitting frequency to 155.19 Mc, the mobile receiving frequency, and at the same time decreases the power to about one watt. Consequently, the reduced power, change in frequency, and directional antenna restrict transmissions to between cars, leaving the main system free to expedite other traffic when so desired.

Way Stations

Operating on the same frequencies as mobile units, way stations employ fixed 15-watt transmitters to communicate with each other and to interconnect with the rest of the network through the base stations. Their function is to serve interchange points, maintenance locations, administration control points, police, concessionaires supplying emergency services, and toll booth supervisors. Way stations equipped with bi-directional antennas have an effective radiated power of 25 watts. Most of the toll booths use half-wave whip skirt dipoles.



Fig. 6: Transmitter and receiver in car trunk. Coax box at left is antenna switching unit

Mounted on towers up to 175 ft. high, seven microwave relays beam network communications along the Turnpike at 25 to 40 mile jumps. The locations (see Fig. 7), call letters and operating frequencies of the relay stations are as follows: New Brunswick, KED-44, 957 Mc; Newark, KED-42, 953 MC; Moorestown, KED-47, 957 MC; W. Trenton (State Police), KED-46, 953 MC; Swedesboro, KED-48, 959 MC; Snake Hill, KED-43, 955 and 959 Mc; and Bordentown, KED-45, 955 and 959 Mc. The first four are control stations, while the last three are unattended. Primary control is centered at New Brunswick. The Snake Hill installation is temporarily located at Elizabeth.

The RCA Type CW-5B relay equipment provides for seven simultaneous channels operating on a single carrier. Going south from New Brunswick, for example, they are: 1) Bordentown station control phone, 2) Moorestown-Swedesboro stations control phone, 3) Direct phone to Moorestown Police, 4) Direct phone to W. Trenton State Police, 5) Maintenance phone, 6) Teletype, and 7) Spare channel.

Fig. 8 shows the construction men grappling with the 6-ft., 195-lb. microwave dish at the start of the strenuous 150 ft. haul up the Bordentown tower shown in Fig. 1. The microwave transmitter which feeds this parabolic antenna has a power output of 2 watts, a crystal frequency multiplication factor of 324, frequency stability of ±0.005%, and spurious emission attenuation of over 40 db. The phase modulation is 5 radians per channel with approximately 0.5% system distortion; an audio response characteristic of 2 db

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# The NARTB Engineering Conference

Sixth Annual Meeting in Chicago March 31 to April 2 will feature more than 22 papers; over 38 exhibitors will display the newest broadcast equipment

HICAGO'S Conrad Hilton Hotel will echo with technical expressions and opinions of exhibits as the Sixth Annual Broadcast Engineering Conference swings into action during March 31 to April 2, 1952. The Conference is one of the prominent features of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, and will bring top engineering talent together to discuss the technical aspects of television, audio, antennas, UHF and other topics associated with broadcasting. A sumptuous banquet in the Grand Ballroom on the last day of the program will round out the pleasant experiences of several luncheons and bestfoot-forward presentations of over 35 exhibitors.

Agenda for the Broadcast Engineering Conference is given below, and a list of NARTB exhibitors and their respective space numbers is presented on page 88.

# Monday, March 31

Morning Session. Presiding: J. R. Poppele, Vice President in Charge of Engineering WOR-TV, N. Y.

Television Control Room Layouts—Rodney Chipp, Director of Engineering, DuMont Television Network
UHF Transmitters and Antennas—John E. Young, Manager, Broadcast Transmitter Engineering Section, Radio Corp. of America Television Signal Switchboard For Studio and Master Control—H. Thomas, Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Inc. Television Camera Switching—Allen A. Walsh, National Broadcasting Co.



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Afternoon Session. Presiding: Orrin Towner, Technical Director WHAS-WHAS-TV, Louisville, Ky.

Advances in Television Equipment Design— L. L. Pourciau, General Precision Labora-tory

Improvements in Television Film Reproduc-tion—V. J. Duke and K. W. Mullenger, National Broadcasting Co. A New Television Camera—John Roe, Radio Corp. of America

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# Tuesday, April 1

Morning Session. Presiding: Frank Marx, Vice President in Charge of Engineering, American Broadcasting Co.

Dynamic Measurement of Base and Circuit Operating Impedances in a Directional Array—Walter F. Kean, Consulting Engi-

Mechanical and Electrical Design Considera-tion in Speech Input Systems of Highest Fidelity—Norbert L. Jochem, Chief Audio Frequency Engineer, Gates Radio Co. New 5 KW and 10 KW Transmitters—L. K. Findley, Broadcast Development Engineer, Collins Radio Co.

ew Audio Consoles For AM-FM-TV—John Hilliard, Chief Engineer, Altec Lansing Corp.



F. Marx



Joint Luncheon in Grand Ballroom—12:30 P.M.—Speaker: Harold E. Fellows, President, NARTB. Special Feature: "The First Thirty Years Are The Easiest"

Afternoon Session. Presiding: William B. Lodge, Vice President in Charge of Engineering, Columbia Broadcasting System

Lighting for Television"—A Film Produced by The Columbia Broadcasting System—

To be introduced by William B. Lodge, Columbia Broadcasting System
Research in Broad Band Transmission—Dr.
W. H. Doherty, Director of Research in Electrical Communications Bell Telephone Laboratories.
Construction and operational Economics of Television Broadcasting—Robin Compton, Associate, George C. Davis, Radio and Television Consulting Engineers
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Planning and Installation of the First Television Station in Argentina—M. Silver, Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Inc.

# Wednesday, April 2

Morning Session. Presiding: Raymond F. Guy, Manager, Radio and Allocation Engineer-ing, National Broadcasting Co.

High Gain Loop Antenna for Television Broadcasting—A. Kandoian, Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Inc.
UHF Propagation—Dr. George Brown, Research Engineer, Radio Corp. of America Television Studio Equipment Planning—C. A. Rackey, National Broadcasting Co.
A Gray Scale Generator—G. Edward Hamilton, Eastern Division Television Engineering, American Broadcasting Co.





S. Bailey

Joint Luncheon in Grand Ballroom-12:30 P.M.

Afternoon Session. Symposium: Ultra-High-Frequency Television, Presiding: Stuart Bailey, Jansky and Bailey, Consulting Radio and Television Engineers, Washington, D. C.



Small Television Operations.

Presiding: Col. John H. DeWitt, President WSM-WSM-TV, Nashville, Tenn.

Panel: Frank P. Bremmer, Vice President and Chief Engineer, WATV, Newark, N. J.; Nevin Straub, Technical Director, WJAC, Johnstown, Pa.; R. A. Isberg, Chief Engineer, KRON-TV, San Francisco, Cal.; J. E. Mathiot, Technical Director, WGAL-TV, Lancaster, Pa.

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Personnel, Addresses, and Equipment for 109 VHF Stations Now Operating

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Fig. 9: Representative transmitter, Type 840A

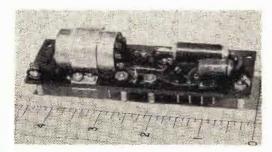


Fig. 10: Typical plug-in subcarrier oscillator

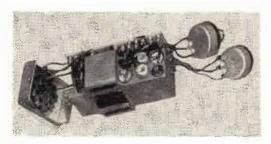


Fig. 11: Type 873 voltage-controlled oscillator mounted in precision cast aluminum block

By M. V. KIEBERT Bendix Aviation Corp. Detroit, Mich.

THE basic transmitting equipment is of essentially straightforward design employing a self-excited oscillator modulated by a conventional reactance modulator. The oscillator is followed by one or more multiply-

# Multichannel FM-FM

Frequency multiplexing system, widely used carrier channels. Equipment operates in 200

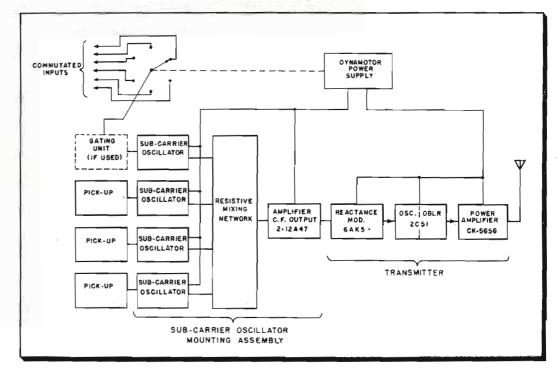


Fig. 8: Typical transmitter system showing self-excited oscillator, modulator and amplifier stages

ing stages and one or more power output stages which may employ grounded grid triodes or special multi-grid tubes. The block diagram of such a system is shown in Fig. 8, and a photograph of a typical transmitter is presented in Fig. 9.

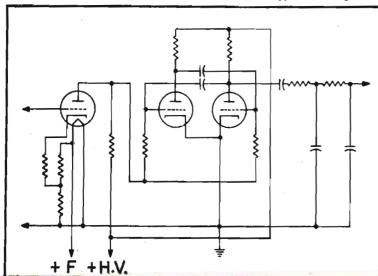
One type of plug-in subcarrier oscillator is illustrated in Fig. 10. Another voltage-controlled oscillator (Fig. 11) is mounted in a precision cast aluminum block which is then potted in a heavy silicone grease. This type of assembly provides an essentially isothermal mounting thus aiding the tempera-

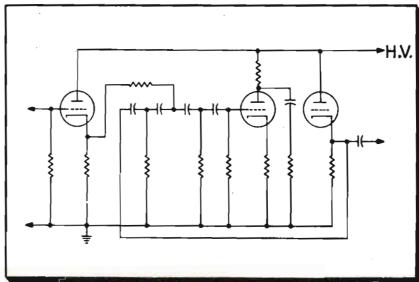
ture compensating problem. The silicone grease not only helps the heat transfer problem, but also aids in mechanical damping when the equipment is operated in high vibrational fields. Representative circuits for voltage-controlled subcarrier oscillators are shown in Figs. 12 and 13.

Fig. 14 is a typical strain gage subcarrier oscillator, while Fig. 15 represents a circuit suitable for use with a thermocouple or other similar low voltage, low impedance device.

Fig. 17 is representative of the variable reactance type of subcarrier

Fig. 12: (I) Circuit of multivibrator type of voltage-controlled subcarrier oscillator. Fig. 13: (r) Phase shift type of oscillator

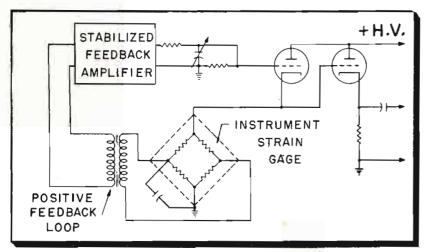




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in mobile applications, has commutation arrangement to increase number of sub-MC band, has 16 channels operating with less than 0.25% cross-modulation errors



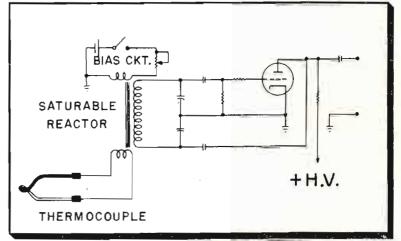


Fig. 14: (I) Circuit of typical strain gage subcarrier oscillator. Fig. 15 (r) Circuit for use with thermocouple or similar low voltage device

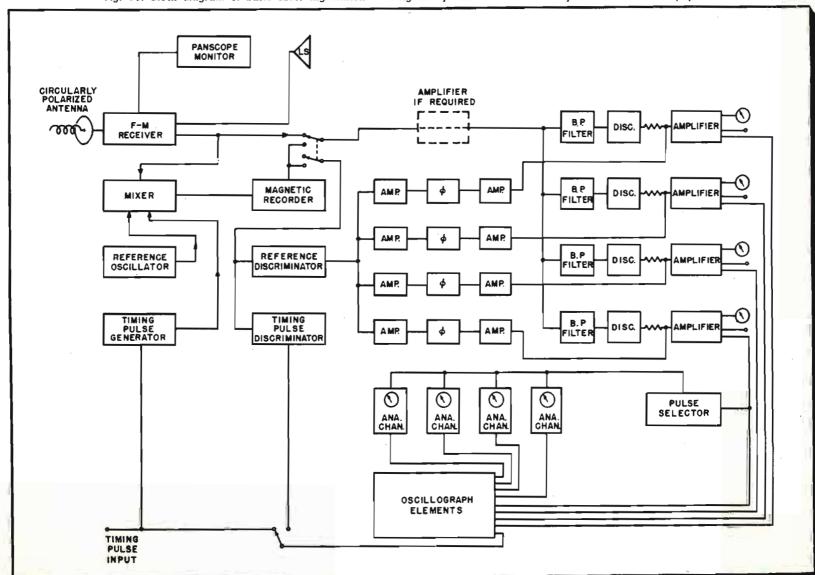
oscillator circuit. It is to be noted that the pick-up itself is a part of the subcarrier oscillator circuit. This unit requires a minimum of power and consists of but few components and hence has found wide application in missile test work. One drawback to the wider use of the unit is the difficulty of commutation due to the basic nature of the circuit.

The plate power supply for the transmitting equipment is generally

provided by a dynamotor which may also serve to drive a mechanical commutator. Such a unit is shown in Fig. 18.

The observing station may be lo-(Continued on page 90)

Fig. 16: Block diagram of basic observing station showing all system elements normally included in such equipment



# **CUES** for BROADCASTERS

Practical ways of improving station operation and efficiency

# An Automatic Fader for Phono Turntables

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I N some station operations the gain of phono channels may be preset and the phono motor started at the same time that the channel is made live by throwing a single switch on the console. This is a convenient arrangement for stations playing much recorded music, but has the disadvantage of not protecting the listeners' ears should the disc be miscued or the turntable bumped thus skipping the needle a fewgrooves into the record. A technique which retains the simplicity and convenience of the single switch operation is the use of a circuit which automatically fades in the recording, thus minimizing the disagreeable effects produced when the record is brought up to speed in the middle of a recorded passage.

The simplest way to produce automatic fading is to supply the plate or screen voltage to one of the turntable preamp tubes through an RC time delay network. In the case of a pentode tube this may usually be very easily accomplished by putting a switch leg in the screen supply and changing the capacity of the screen bypass capacitor for the desired charging time.

A typical circuit is shown in the accompanying diagram, although numerous variations may be used with equal effectiveness. In the case of a triode stage the best method of obtaining automatic fading seems to be to interrupt the plate supply

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voltage. In either case, it is recommended that tubes with self bias be used, and that too large signal voltage is not applied to the tube grid. Usually some increase in distortion occurs during the fading process, but due to its transitory nature is not likely to be noticeable.

The time constants of the RC network should be determined experimentally, as some circuits will reach nearly their full gain at voltages much below normal. Similarly, the length of fade may be subject to individual preferences or the length of time required for the turntable to get up to operating speed.

The automatic fader may be used for a number of other applications if desired, as it is capable of producing a more even slow fade than manual control. Suggested uses are for special dramatic effects, or if desired, sounds such as chimes may be simulated when the fader is used in conjunction with an audio oscillator. In this last case a constant tone is applied to the grid of the fader tube at the same instant that the supply voltage to the tube is cut off. The sound resulting from the gradual

fadeout may be used to simulate beeps, pops, explosions, triangles, or chimes, depending upon the duration of the tone produced and the frequency of the applied audio voltage.

# Multi-Conductor Mike Cable Aids Remote Setups

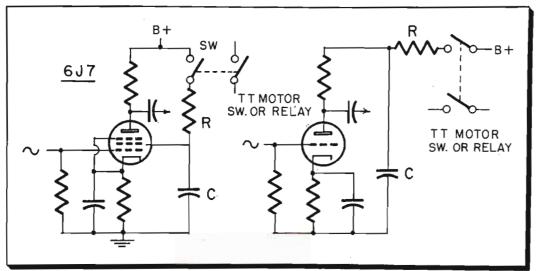
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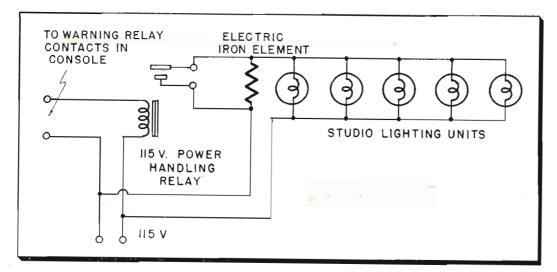
W HEN it is desirable or necessary to set the remote amplifier some distance from the pickup point, and there are several mikes, the problem of having sufficient mike extensions becomes acute, especially if the distance is greater than 50 ft. In a permanent setup, it is often undesirable to tie up mike cable that could be used on non-permanent remotes. Also, several mike lines are somewhat unsightly where appearance counts. To eliminate most of these problems, and to facilitate fast setups, a six conductor shielded cable of 25 ft. length was attached to a 3-position Cannon wall outlet unit. This unit was mounted in an aluminum box made from an old ET. At the end of the cable was attached an 8-circuit Jones plug. The extra two positions connected the shield to the next cable, or to the amplifier. The shield in turn connects to shield connections at the outlet box.

On all the remote amplifiers, a female connector was installed to take the cable plug. This was connected directly in parallel with the mike input sockets in the amplifier. This allowed mikes to be at both the remote position and plugged into the amplifier without the need for special connections or switches. If need be, this system could be used for paralleling of mikes by plugging mikes into corresponding outlets in the remote outlets and at the amplifier.

In the original setup, 200 ft. of multicable were purchased, and divided into two 25-ft., one 50-ft., and one 100-ft. lengths. This has facilitated the removal of the amplifier in the case of a permanent setup where the amplifier is used elsewhere. Through the use of extra wires in a larger cable, a cueing system could be arranged by using the "B" supply in the amplifier and neon lamps near the main microphone or the director.

Circuit for automatic fading-in control for turntable or other audio circuits





Fool-proof studio "live" warning light using resistance controlled indicator

# Talk-Back Console With Mike Preamp Across Monitor

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T WGGH there is a complete A Gates setup, which includes the SA50 console. This console includes two "talk-back" keys, which are set for use with an external amplifier. However, in view of the plentiful power available, the terminals which are supposed to feed the auxiliary amplifier were tied across the input of the monitor. This put the output of the microphone pre-amplifiers across the input of the monitor amplifier, skipping all gain controls, and providing plenty of volume for talkback, and guaranteeing that the mike used for this purpose will never get on the air. Associated relay circuits, of course, had to be altered. There are sufficient terminals on the talk-back keys to take care of these changes.

# Incandescent or Fluorescent Studio Light Cue

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QUITE often a station's otherwise tranquil day is spoiled because an announcer or studio program did not see the warning or "On the Air" signal light. Here is a signal which the the announcer can't miss unless he is in the wrong studio.

Instead of applying the warning light relay to illuminate a small bulb in the conventional "On the Air" sign or red bezel, the contacts are used directly, or operate through a power handling relay, to short out a small resistance which has been placed in series with the studio lights. This resistor may be an electric iron replacement element. The lights, therefore are normally lighted at only about ½ brilliance when the

studio is not on the air, but when a microphone is opened, the relay shorts out the dropping resistance and the room is immediately flooded by a perceptibly higher light level.

It has been found that it is very difficult NOT to notice this type of warning signal and the embarrassing situation mentioned earlier has practically ceased to exist. The cut and try method will probably be found to be the best solution as to just what resistance and wattage will be needed in a particular application. The system may be used with either incandescent or fluorescent type lamps, and will generally result in added lamp life because of lower operating temperature.

# **Presetting a Tape**

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In many small radio stations where announcers are required to operate the console; turntables, do some program patching and operate tape recorders for both recording and playing back program material, production and program quality are quite apt to suffer.

At WARA, we were faced with the same situation. A great many of our "Man-on-the-Street interviews" and other special events are done via tape recordings. Due to the amount of equipment in our studio-control room the location of our tape machine was not within an arm's reach of the announcer-operator. If for example, a tape was to be played back on the air directly following some program or announcement, the announcer-operator would have to get up from the control desk to reach the switch starting the tape machine. At times the microphone switch would be left on, by mistake, and there would be the noise of a man getting up, chair sqeaking and then the final clunk of the tape starting

switch, as it was thrown. Many times there would be long periods of silence between programs.

In order to eliminate this situation a remote tape starting switch, of the mercury type, was installed on the control desk well within an easy reach of the announcer-operator. thus eliminating all of the above inefficiencies and faults. The Magnecord PT6-AH is used at WARA. Inside of the motor section of this tape machine there is a terminal board to which the different switches, etc. connect. Disconnect the lead going to terminal #5 on this terminal board at point x and connect the remote switch in series with it, returning the other side of the remote syitch back to terminal #5. As this #5 terminal is the common lead between the forward and rewind switches, both rewind and forward control of the tape machine are accomplished with one remote switch.

Therefore the announcer-operator can put a tape on the machine at his own convenience and set the regular tape control switch to the proper position and then without having to leave the control desk, operate the tape machine with the remote switch, with no effort, at the proper time. This could be called presetting.

Rewinding after the tape has been played is accomplished in the same way, except that the tape control switch on the machine has to be switched to its rewind position. The tape machine can now be operated from either the control desk or the machine itself, provided the remote switch is in the ON position.

# Lightning Protector for Broadcast Antennas

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Many broadcasters find lightning strikes on their towers quite troublesome. A heavy stroke of lightning may practically destroy a beacon. Some stations use copper balls or rings to shield beacons from lightning bolts. These divert the lightning from the beacon but do not prevent severe wear and tear on other antenna circuit lighting and r-f equipment, transmission lines and transmitter final components.

A simple preventative for most lightning damage is the installation of a small, pointed "lightning rod" beside the beacon and extending a few inches above it. During a storm the pointed rod ionizes the air surrounding the tower whenever the atmospheric voltage rises toward the

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# "Split Channels" for More

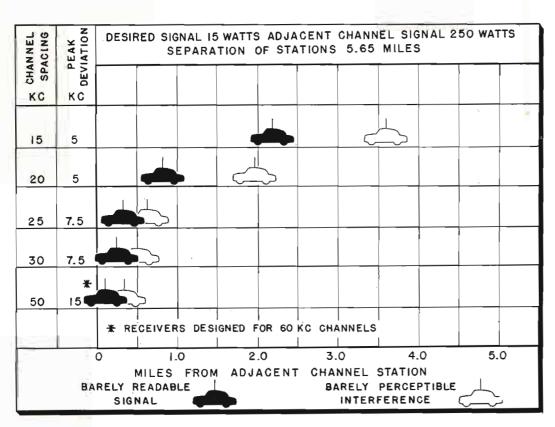


Fig. 7: Effects of interfering station in split channel field tests

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THE data for a desired signal power output increased to 15 watts (Fig. 7), which gave a signal of about 10 uv in the vicinity of the interfering Station #1, show similar results. The distances for the two interference criteria are reduced as would be expected, but the relative severity of interference is about the same

Fig. 8 gives the results of the same tests for split channels 15, 20, and 25 KC spacing, except that the power of the interfering station was reduced to 50 watts. It will be seen again that there is a great impairment in adjacent channel performance in going from 30 KC to 20 KC channels (using 25 KC and 15 KC as minimum spacings).

There is a significant change in the character of the adjacent channel interference as the channels are split. For channel spacings down to 30 kc, the interference was due to increased noise from desensitization and the interfering transmitter noise.

For the closer channel spacing the modulation of the interfering signal began to be evident. With  $15~\rm KC$  spacing and  $50~\rm watts$  interfering signal output, the interference was predominantly due to breakthrough of the unwanted modulation.

# Graphical Analysis

As a verification of the results of the field test, graphical analysis of adjacent channel performance was made of these receivers. Receiver interference characteristics were prepared (Fig. 9) and transmitter sideband distribution curves made for voice modulation with 5,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , and 15 kc peaks (Fig. 10).<sup>2</sup>

If templates are made of the transmitter sideband distribution curves, occurrence and cause of adjacent channel interference can be determined. The template is placed on the graph of receiver interference characteristics with the ordinate corresponding to the carrier frequency superimposed on the ordinate corresponding to the channel spacing in question and raised vertically until the sideband character-

# Results obtained from field can be made to operate on

istic intersects the receiver interference characteristic at some point.

If the section of the sideband marked O-P intersects first, the interference is an increase in noise due to the noise output of the transmitter.

If N-O intersects first, it is noise but it is pulsed with the cadence of the interfering modulation.

If in the region of N, then it is break through of the interfering modulation. Finally, if M touches first then desensitization is the first to occur.

The exact level of interfering signal to produce a given amount of interference cannot be determined by this graphical method until a means of correlating the amount of area intersected with the amount of interference is determined. However, the relative performance of different receivers can be established and the nature of the interference that a given receiver will first experience can also be determined.

Using receivers A and C, the better, respectively, of the split channel and 60 kc adjacent channel receivers under test, we find the following results:

- 1. With receiver C for both 50 KC and 60 KC spacing, adjacent channel interference first occurs due to transmitter noise.
- 2. Using peak swings of 7½ KC and channel spacings of 30 KC, receiver A suffers interference first from the same cause and at approximately the same level of interfering signal. However, for 25 KC spacing the area of interference changes to area N-O and is evidenced as pulsed noise and occurs at a level of interfering signal about 20 db lower for equivalent interference.
- 3. Using peak swings of 5 KC and channel spacings of 20 KC, receiver A experiences interference first from the intersection of region N-O well up towards N, characterized by pulsed noise with perhaps some modulation break-through. This occurs at a level of interfering signal about 30 db lower than the equivalent interference level for receiver C on 50 KC channels. With the channel spac-

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tests conducted in Syracuse, N. Y. show how an increased number of stations adjacent channels when index of modulation and channel width are reduced

ing of 15 kc the intercept is in the region of N, and character of interference is modulation breakthrough. The level of the interfering signal is about 55 db lower for equivalent interference than for the receiver C on 50 kc channels.

The field test data taken agree substantially with these predicted results.

Now, if 5 KC peak swing is used with receiver A on 30 kc channels, the source of noise is still transmitter noise and the interfering signal level approximately the same as receiver C on 50 KC spacing. If the channel spacing is reduced to 25 KC, the same pulsed noise begins to appear but the interfering signal level is reduced only about 3 db. This indicates that split channel operation with 30 kc channel spacing and 5 kc peak swing is practical with little degradation of performance over that now obtained on 60 KC channels with the best equip-

# Receiver Interference Curve

To investigate what would be required to produce a receiver to give equivalent performance on 20 KC channels, a receiver interference curve can be drawn on Fig. 9 which will be the profile of the 5 kc peak sideband template with the carrier set on 20 kc. This curve is marked "hypothetical 20 KC channel receiver E." It is shifted over 3 KC to 5 KC from the curve for receiver A. Since the i-f selectivity of A as measured by 20 db quieting has a bandwidth of 10 KC at 6 db, it can be seen that this hypothetical receiver would have an i-f bandwidth of 2 kc to 4 kc at 6 db. Of course, this would be much too narrow to pass intelligence up to 3000 cps with peak swing of 5 kc. Furthermore, in this determination no allowance has been made for drift or for accuracy of setting of stations, so even if the peak swing were reduced to 3 KC, the minimum practical for a top audio frequency of 3000 cps, the nose width would still have to be too narrow to give normal reception.

Split channel operation makes the rejection of intermodulation inter-

ference more difficult as signals producing the interference are closer to the desired signal and can penetrate deeper into the receiver before the high i-f selectivity can attenuate them sufficiently. This can be overcome by improvements in front end design, but with split channels the number of stations which can combine to give intermodulation will be increased. Even with the improvement mentioned above, much more frequent occurrence of intermodulation interference can be expected.

# Conclusions

1. Adjacent channel operation in fully overlapping service areas on 30 KC channels in the 152-174 MC band using 5 KC peak deviation appears practical. The shift to 30 KC channels could be made readily and quite rapidly. However, once made it would be very difficult to make a further increase in the number of channels in the band, for instance, by going to 20 KC channels.

2. Adjacent channel operation in fully overlapping service areas on 20 kc or narrower channels does not seem to be practical at the present

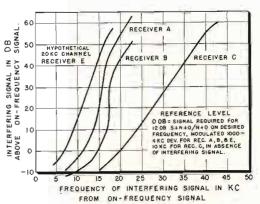


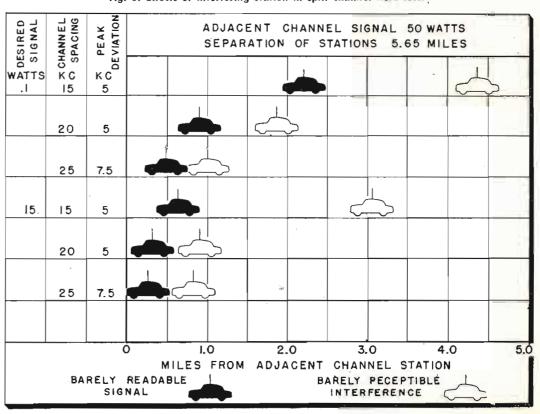
Fig. 9: Interference characteristics of narrow band receivers at 152-174 MC

state of the art with angular modulated signals (FM or PM).

3. A limited system of adjacent channel operation on 20 KC channels is practical. In this system, stations in service areas that do not overlap or where the overlap is only for regions of low signal level would operate on 20 KC spacing.

In fully overlapping service areas, stations would operate on alternate channels of 40 KC. Such a system would leave the door open for an ultimate change to unlimited use of 20 KC channels, without disruption of frequency assignments, if (Continued on page 115)

Fig. 8: Effects of interfering station in split channel field tests



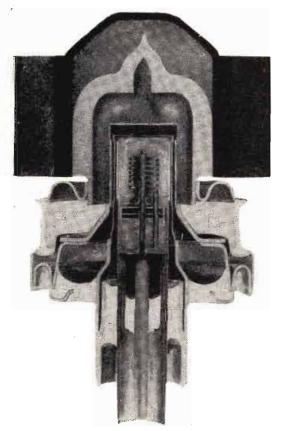
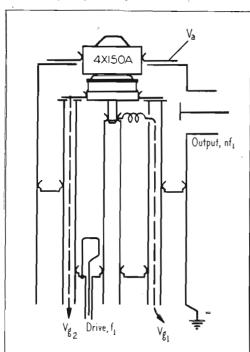


Fig. 1: Photo showing cross-sectional view of Eimac type 4X150G UHF coaxial tetrode

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There is very little in the literature on the subject of frequency multiplication at VHF and UHF, especially at power levels of interest in practical transmitter designs. The advantages of using tetrodes or pentodes and the benefits of positive feedback seem to have escaped

Fig. 2: Section through a re-entrant coaxial frequency multiplier with the 4X150A



# Tetrodes Improve

Use of 4X150A and 4X150G high power gain per stage

serious recognition. Before discussing these aspects of harmonic generation in detail, it may be of value to summarize the known methods of design of frequency multipliers and to indicate the special advantages of the positive feedback multiplier.

The basic theory of harmonic generation has been stated by Terman<sup>1</sup> and others, and has been expanded by Scott and Black<sup>2</sup>. Special circuits involving feedback as a means of improving the efficiency of harmonic generators have been described by Sterky3, principally to enable the generation of several harmonic frequencies simultaneously. Brown4 has shown how, in the case of a triode multiplier, the degenerative feedback caused by the plate-to-grid capacitance and the cathode lead inductance may be neutralized by special circuits. The advantages of using tetrodes or pentodes and the benefits of positive feedback seem to have escaped serious recognition.

It appears that the major problem in using tubes as frequency multipliers at UHF is the elimination of unwanted feedback effects, most of which are functions of the circuitry and especially of the tube itself considered as a major portion of the total circuitry involved. This has a dominating effect on the performance and is of even more importance than the establishment of correct operating bias, etc., which is the dominating factor at low frequencies.

### Feedback

Let us consider the effects of feedback in general in a frequency multiplier. It is clear that feedback may be either positive or negative and may occur both at the driving frequency and at the harmonic frequency. It will be evident that feedback at the driving frequency will, if negative, increase the driving power required, and if positive, will decrease it. Feedback at the harmonic frequency if negative will likewise have a bad effect and if positive will be beneficial because the tube may then be considered as a direct amplifier at the harmonic frequency. This has been described by Reinartz<sup>6</sup>.

On the other hand, in limiting

cases such as at UHF where the tube may work only as an inefficient amplifier at the output frequency, very little may be gained by abstracting some of the output power and using it to drive the tube, bearing in mind that the power gain at the output frequency may approach unity and that the circuit problems involved in maintaining a high grid-cathode impedance at both the fundamental and harmonic frequencies may be complex. The discussion may therefore be limited mainly to the application of feedback at the fundamental or driving frequency. The circuit problem here is to arrange that the tube amplifies the driving voltage and at the same time generates the maximum amount of power at the desired harmonic frequency. The

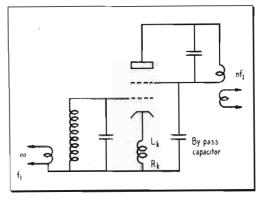


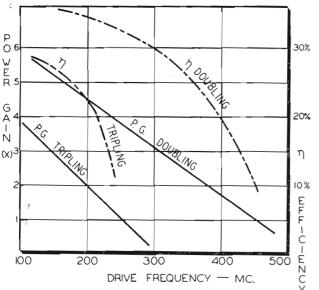
Fig. 3: Equivalent circuit of Fig. 2

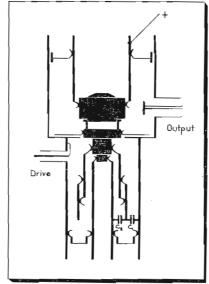
amplified drive voltage must then be fed back to the input circuit inphase, and with controllable amplitude.

It is difficult to arrange this conveniently with a triode, but it is relatively easy with a tetrode or pentode. The extra electrode or electrodes may then be used together with the control grid and cathode to provide the feedback, while the anode current may be used exclusively for the purpose of harmonic generation. If the feedback is carried far enough to produce self-oscillation at the drive frequency, the result is an "electron-coupled" oscillator-doubler, similar to the original electron-(coupled oscillator described by Dow<sup>5</sup>, except that the output circuit in that case was tuned to the fundamental frequency. On the other hand, if the feedback is not sufficient to cause

# Harmonic Generation at VHF and UHF

with positive feedback frequency multipliers permits in transmitters operating in the 1,000 MC band





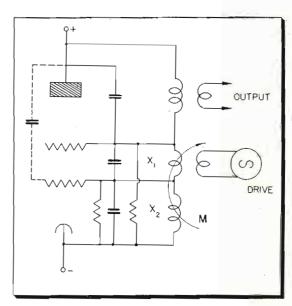


Fig. 4: (L) Performance of 4X150A multiplier of Fig. 2. Fig. 5: (C) Coax multiplier with 4X150G. Fig. 6: (R) Equivalent circuit of Fig. 5.

self-oscillation, the circuit may be driven from an external source. The function of the feedback is then simply to provide a decrease in the driving power required.

One concludes then that tetrodes or pentodes are preferable to triodes as frequency multipliers because positive feedback at the drive frequency may be applied easily. An example of this at UHF will be given later. It is also true, however, that the degenerative effect of  $C_{\rm gp}$ , the grid-plate capacitance of the tube, which has been shown to affect the performance adversely<sup>4</sup>, is less in a tetrode or pentode simply because  $C_{\rm gp}$  is less. Finally the multi-grid tube has the advantage of great inherent power amplification.

# Bandwidth Decrease

It will be inferred that the decrease in driving power obtained by positive feedback is not obtained without some corresponding disadvantage. This shows up as a decrease of the bandwidth of the circuit. However, in many practical applications a narrow bandwidth can be used and it is then of interest to consider the limits to the use of positive feedback and the power gains that can be obtained by actual working multipliers at various frequencies. Conversely, it is evident that negative feedback in such a multiplier can be of little value and is almost always a disadvantage.

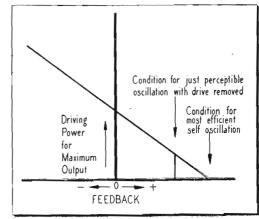
The problem in circuit design is therefore: a) how to eliminate the inherent degenerative effects, and b) how to continue this process further to produce the maximum allowable amount of positive feedback as a means of decreasing the required driving power, preferably using tetrodes or pentodes. Since there are available tetrodes which work efficiently into the UHF region, it is of interest to consider the special circuit problems involved in their use. Two examples, the Eimac 4X150A and 4X150G (Fig. 1), will be taken.

Firstly, the 4X150A will be used to illustrate what can be done simply by using a tetrode in a straightforward multiplier circuit, without positive feedback added. Fig. 2 shows a section through a re-entrant coaxial cavity muliplier for this tube. Both the input and output circuits are tuned to  $(2n\lambda/4+1)\lambda/4$  electrical length, and the screen-grid and cathode are bypassed together at the tube socket. The equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 3. At frequencies below about 400 Mc, the cathode lead inductance  $L_k$  is negligible and the residual  $C_{gp}$  may likewise be neglected because of the excellent shielding of the tube. At frequencies above about 400 Mc, however, the effect of L<sub>k</sub> becomes noticeable in the form of degenerative feedback caused by the introduction of an r-f voltage at the output frequency between cathode and screen-grid and also between cathode and control grid. Also, as the frequency rises, the losses in  $R_{\rm k}$ , the r-f resistance of the cathode leads, and the dielectric losses in the tube base, increase. There is also a smaller degenerative effect due to the passage of anode current at the drive frequency through  $L_{\rm k}$ . The result is the performance shown in Fig. 4, in which power gain and efficiency for various frequency multiplication ratios are plotted against frequency. A marked decline in performance is noticeable above 500 Mc.

Considering next the 4X150G, a UHF version of the 4X150A, which is a special case because of the coaxial arrangement of the connections, effective bypassing of the screen grid to the cathode becomes impossible at frequencies above a few hundred (Continued on page 118)

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Fig. 7: Relationship of feedback and driving power for obtaining maximum output



# Series-Resonant Discriminators

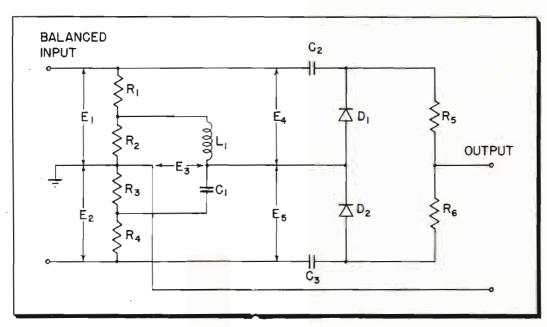


Fig. 1: Schematic diagram of simple series resonant discriminator with typical phase detector

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ALTHOUGH the series resonant type of frequency discriminator has not been widely recognized, it is worthy of attention because, unlike the more familiar types, it is useful where continuously variable frequency or bandwidth is desired. It is easily constructed from commonly available components and can be used over a wide range of center frequencies. Bandwidth and center frequency are independently variable, so that design is much simpler than with more conventional circuits.

A simple form of the series resonant type discriminator with a typical phase detector is shown in Fig. 1. The circuit is arranged for balanced operation, input voltages E, and E, being equal in magnitude and opposite in phase. The input resistances R<sub>1</sub> plus R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> plus R<sub>4</sub> are also equal. Resistors R, and R3 are small in relation to R, and R4. They may be initially assumed to be equal to each other, but as will be described later, equality is not an essential condition. Center frequency is determined by inductor L, and capacitor C1, which are series resonant across resistors R2 and R3.

The voltages in this discriminator may be represented by the vectors shown in Fig. 2. As in almost all discriminators, two concurrent proc-

esses take place. The first is generation of a component vlotage, E3 in this case, having a definite phase-frequency characteristic from which a complementary pair of component voltages is derived. These component voltages E, and E, have particular phase-amplitude characteristics. The second, rectification of the components to provide a dc voltage output, is the familiar phase detection process which can be performed by any of several different devices. Although crystal diodes are shown as the phase detectors in Fig. 1, vacuum tube diodes or triodes could serve the same purpose. The vector diagram shows only the first of these processes.

After phase detection, the component voltage vectors E4 and E5 become positive or negative dc values proportional to the vector amplitudes. In the particular circuit configuration chosen, the resultant output voltage is proportional to the difference in length between vectors E<sub>4</sub> and E<sub>5</sub>. At the series resonant frequency, the phase of E<sub>3</sub> is exactly in quadrature with the two reference phases established by E, and E2. The difference between the rectified values of vectors E4 and E5 is zero, hence the rectified output voltage is also zero. At a frequency slightly below resonance, E3 is larger than

# A discussion of the makes possible re-

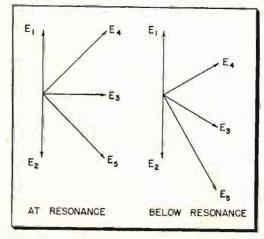
E<sub>4</sub>, and when rectified produces a negative ouptut voltage. At a frequency slightly above resonance the reverse follows, and a positive output appears. The characteristic polarity reversal of the output voltage as the input frequency sweeps through resonance can easily be recognized as that of a frequency discriminator.

# Design Conditions

Initial design values of the discriminator components (L<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>, and R<sub>1</sub> through R<sub>4</sub>) can be selected when the desired center frequency and peak bandwidth are known. For best linearity, the peak bandwidth should be at least double the operating bandwidth. There are, however, many servo applications in which a steep frequency response characteristic is more desirable than linearity, and in this case the peak and operating bandwidths may be equal.

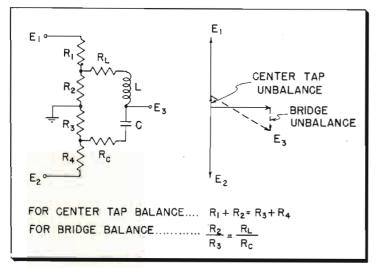
Output loading conditions imposed by the preceding driver stage will usually dictate the choice of R, and R4. With these values known, L1 and C, may be chosen. These should resonate at the center frequency, and should also provide at least as large a reactance value at this frequency as the resistance of R, and R<sub>4</sub>. This latter design condition is an important one because, for optimum output voltage, the quadrature voltage should be at least as large as the reference voltage. The voltage output from the discriminator drops rather rapidly with a decrease in reactance when the reactance is less than the value of either R, or R4. On

Fig. 2: Voltage vectors about resonance



# Offer FM Design Advantages

factors governing the operation of this often overlooked circuit. Its use ceivers having bandwidth and center frequency independently variable



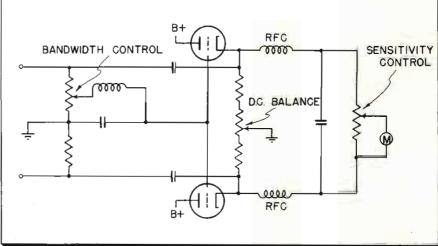


Fig. 3: (L) Balance conditions for series discriminator. Dotted lines show unbalanced effect Fig. 4: (R) Variable bandwidth discriminator

the other hand, there is little purpose in increasing the reactance value above that of the resistance because voltage output rises less rapidly with increasing reactance until, at a reactance of approximately double the resistance value, any further gain in output voltage is insignificant.

### Trial Results

These conditions are not difficult to satisfy. A few trials will show that there are several readily available capacitor and inductor combinations which satisfy them at center frequencies of 10 Mc or lower. So far as circuit operation is concerned, there is no objection to the use of a larger inductor or smaller capacitor than indicated. However, the bulk of an overly large inductor will probably limit its use to breadboard layouts; while the possibility of having to work with troublesome stray capacity effects may bar the use of a small capacitor.

Bandwidth is determined by resistors  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ , which establish the Q of the series resonant circuit. These resistors are very small in relation to  $R_1$  and  $R_4$  in any practical circuit design, and hence can be adjusted quite independently. They should be non-inductive composition type because inductance in this part of the circuit, if appreciable, will affect phasing and result in non-linearity of the output response. Such non-linearity will be apparent

as a difference in peak amplitudes on either side of resonance.

A similar non-linearity effect may be caused by improper location of the grounding point in the R2-R3 pair. Accurate location of this point becomes more important as the ratio of the bandwidth to center frequency increases. Strictly speaking, the resistors should be proportional to the series internal resistances of the inductor and capacitor, as shown in Fig. 3. This arrangement provides a Wheatstone bridge balance for cancellation of in-phase voltage. However, the point is best found by trial, as any stray capacity in a particular layout will affect location.

# **Ground Connection**

When stray capacity is not a factor, as at low frequencies, it will frequently be found that a ground connection at the R<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>4</sub> junction is satisfactory. This can be expected from the Wheatstone bridge relation, the series internal resistance of the capacitor usually being very close to zero. A single resistor may then be used in place of the R<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>3</sub> pair. This leads to the possibility of continuous bandwidth control with a single variable resistor or potentiometer, one end of which is grounded. Such a circuit is shown in Fig. 4.

Initial design value of the  $R_2$ - $R_3$  pair is computed from the relation,  $(f_0/\Delta f = Q = \omega L/R)$ ; where  $f_0 =$  center frequency,  $\Delta f =$  peak bandwidth (center to either peak), L =

inductance of  $L_1$ , R = total resistance of  $L_1-C_1-R_2-R_3$  loop.

Note that resistance of L<sub>1</sub> must be subtracted from the resistance indicated by the equation in order to arrive at the resistance of the R<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>3</sub> pair. If the coil chosen in initial design has too much resistance to begin with, it will be necessary to choose another coil.

The circuit has been found to be a convenient one for use at odd frequencies. One such circuit, built for operation at a center frequency of (Continued on page 114)

Fig. 5: Transformer coupled discriminator

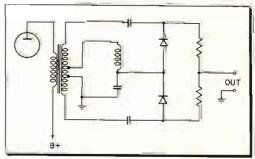
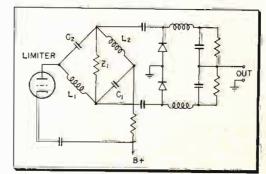


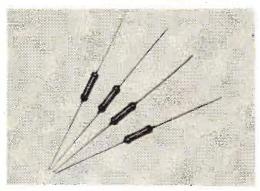
Fig. 6: Twin series version of series resonant discriminator, adapted from monocyclic square



# New Equipment and Components

### Resistors

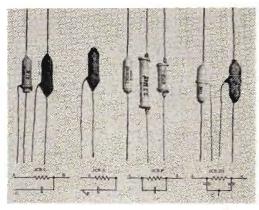
Two new types of deposited carbon and boron carbon resistors (DCC and BOC) are said to provide higher resistance values in



less space and at a lower cost than wire wound precisions. Both units are conservatively rated at ½ watt. Body length is 9/16 in. Diameter of outside caps is 5/32 in.—
International Resistance Co., 401 North Broad Street, Philadelphia 8, Pa.—TELE-TECH.

# "Capristors"

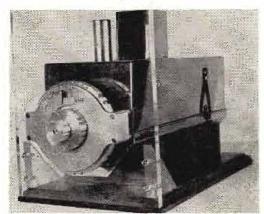
Four new "capristors" are said to reduce assembly time, save space, reduce costs and provide full ratings of equivalent standard



resistors and capacitors in the manufacture of radio, television and radar equipment. Capristors are a combination of capacitors and resistors which are equivalent to simple forms of printed circuits. They are larger than printed circuits, but provide higher ratings. They can be used for diode filters, band pass filters, interstage coupling elements and other resistor-capacitor circuits. Capristors are available either non-insulated, with white enamel, or insulated with a thermosetting dip type coating, vacuum wax impregnated.—Speer Carbon Co., St. Marys, Pa.—TELE-TECH.

# 82-Channel TV Tuner

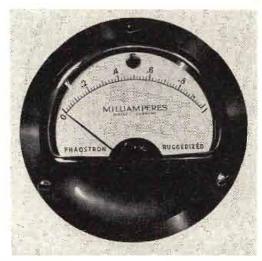
Employing the "spot" or "detent" principle of the Standard VHF Tuner, this new unit covers all 82 prospective television channels. Selection is made simply by turning the dial until the desired channel number appears in the dial window. The new tuner, which is capable of receiving both



VHF and UHF signals without adjustment by repairmen, also utilizes the fine-tuning principle used in the Standard VHF tuner. The new tuner will be supplied with all channels "pre-tuned" at the factory, so it will not be necessary for the dealer or serviceman to make any station adjustment. The selecting dial consists of three super-imposed knobs. To get the station desired, the viewer turns one knob for the tens digit, another for the units digit, and a third knob for fine tuning, the number of the selected station appearing in the dial window.—Standard Coil Products Co., Inc., 2329 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago 39, Ill.—TELE-TECH.

# Ruggedized Meter

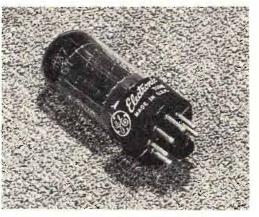
Manufactured under license arrangements with Marion Electrical Instrument Co., a new line of ruggedized hermetically-sealed



e'ectrical indicating instruments provide accurate and sensitive electrical measurement under conditions of shock, vibration, tumbling and widely diverse weather conditions. They are completely interchangeable with all existing ruggedized types in ac and de ranges and the 2½ in. and 3½ in. sizes meet the dimensional requirements of JAN-1-6. These meters are manufactured in standard 1½ in., 2½ in., 3½ in., and 4½ in. sizes. They are fabricated, assembled, adjusted, tested and hermetically sealed under controlled and exacting conditions, free from contamination in an air-conditioned, temperature-controlled plant.—Phaostron Co., 151 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.—TELE-TECH.

### **Twin Triode**

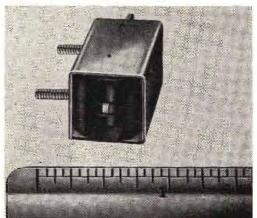
Type 6BX7-GT, is a twin triode designed for the vertical output stage of television receivers as a combined vertical deflection



amplifier and vertical oscillator. It will proamplifier and vertical oscillator. It will provide better linearity and more sweep at a lower driving voltage. Because it will operate at a lower voltage, use of the tube will also result in a saving of transformer copper. Among typical operating characteristics for each section are a cutoff voltage of 40 v. with 250 v. on the plate and 80 ma plate current at zero bias with 100 v. on the plate.—General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—TELE-TECH.

# Tape Recording Head

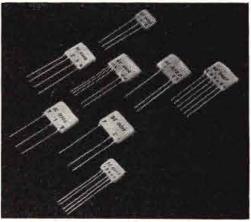
The TR-16, a low-cost magnetic tape recording head, features excellent frequency response; compactness (.765 in. wide by



345 in. long by .609 in. thick); precision-controlled track width—may be furnished with a track of from .025 to .100 in.; flexibility of mounting, using standard 2-56 mounting screws, and may be adapted to specific mounting bracket or used with Shure mounting bracket which provides vertical and angularity adjustments. The TR-16 may be used for multiple-track applications. It has effective mu-metal shielding for optimum hum reduction and simplification of placement of hum-producing components.—Shure Bros., Inc., 225 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill.—TELE-TECH.

# **Printed Circuits**

In the production of printed circuit patterns, resistors, capacitors and conductors are "printed" on vitreous, high-dielectric



ceramic plates by a silk screen process. The dielectric properties of the ceramic are used for the capacitors, while silver is used for conductors and carbon graphite or other resistance materials for resistors. After the patterns are printed they are bonded permanently to the ceramic surface by controlled curing; then are protected from abrasion and humicity by the application of an impervious plastic covering. One printed circuit replaces from two to six individual components, with a resulting reduction of soldered connections of from 25% to 80%, depending on the circuit. Since only external leads need be soldered, assembly errors and faulty connections are minimized.—Stupakoff Ceramic and Manufacturing Co., Latrobe, Pa.—TELE-TECH.

# Parabolic Antenna Feed

Faced with the requirement for an antenna to use with a completely pressurized system, standard 2000 MC, parabolic antennas were redesigned to maintain a pressure of 8 to 10 lbs. per square inch. Solving the problem of increased radome density, VSWR has been held under 1.25 to 1 for the dipole style feed. The new feed will mate with 78 in. Telflon flexible copper air line, having .045 in. wall and 11/32 in. conductor. However, it can be simply adapted to brass line where desirable.—Workshop Associates, Div. of The Gabriel Co., 135 Crescent Road, Needham Heights 94, Mass.—TELE-TECH.

# for Designers and Manufacturers

# Resistance Limit Bridge

The Type 1652-A Resistance Limit Bridge indicates on a large panel meter percentage deviation of unknown resistors. Deviation



can be measured from an external standard or from an internal standard adjustable from 1 ohm to 1,111,111 ohms in steps of 0.1 ohm. Maximum deviation is ±20% and accuracy is between 0.2% and 0.5%, depending on application. The limit bridge can also be used to match one resistor to another, or as a conventional decade Wheatstone bridge for resistance measurements by the null method. Production applications were of primary importance in the design of this bridge, although it is as useful in the laboratory and model shop as in manufacturing departments. To facilitate the speed and convenience of production measurements, test jigs can be connected directly to panel terminals.—General Radio Co., 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass.—TELE-TECH. setts TECH.

# **TV** Lenses

A new line of lenses for television cameras, made by Carl Zeiss, Jena, is now available for the American market. The Carl Zeiss lenses are presently made in mounts to fit RCA cameras only. However, mounts to fit Du Mont, General Precision and General Electric cameras will shortly be available. Among the many features on the new Zeiss lenses is a system for faster matching of objectives, assuring finer definition and easier control during telecasting. All lenses are "T" coated for maximum light transmission and are easily identified by a red "T" engraved on the lens mount. At present the line includes focal lengths ranging from 1 to 14 inches.—Ercona Camera Corp., 527 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y.—TELE-TECH.

# Electrometer

Model 145 electrometer is ac operated and features direct measurement on a panel meter of dc potentials from 0 to 150 mv. Special modification to give full scale deflection of 30 mv is available. Input terminals are available inside a shielded compartment on the front panel or on a probe which may be used remotely. Input impedances of 109, 1010, 1011, or 1012 ohms may be selected. All useful circuit points are available through panel connectors, and provision is made for connection to a strip chart recorder. The instrument is housed in a sloping panel 14 x 15 x 9 in. cabinet.— Special Instruments Laboratory, Inc., 1003 Highland Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.—TELE-TECH.

# Signal Generators

New signal generators known as "Deralators" and consisting of a series of decadeswitched oscillators, will cover the 10 KC to 10 MC range. Model 10-100 features: direct readings for 9000 separate steps of



frequency; high frequency accuracy without the use of charts or dials; short term stability,  $\pm$  2 cps at all frequencies; high accuracy, + 0.05% at maximum frequency. Two other models will soon be available. One will be known as Model #100-1, covering 100 KC to 1 MC. The other is Model #1-10 and covers 1 MC to 10 MC.—Decade Instrument Co., Caldwell, N. J.—TELE-TECH.

# **Differential Transformer Amplifier**

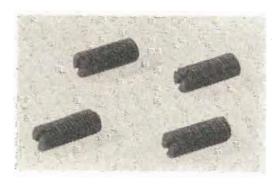
Model 301 differential transformer amplifier is capable of statically and dynamically measuring displacement, force, vibration,



torque, acceleration, pressure, thickness, etc. The instantaneous data may be presented on the screen of a cathode-ray oscillograph, while permanent records may be obtained with direct writing recorders, or recording galvanometers. The frequency response of the Model 301 is from dc to 1000 cps, with a range of motion from ±0.001 in to ±0.1 in. of the transformer core. The output is phase sensitive and indication is given for positive or negative motion. It is powered from 110 v. 60 cps, and has a self-contained carrier oscillator to excite the primary of the linear variable differential transformer. No external power source is needed for the transducer. Model 302 will soon be available for use in the range from ±0.0001 in. to ±1.000 in. for measurement of longer displacements at lower frequencies.—Sterling Instruments Co. 13331 Linwood Ave., Detroit 6, Mich.—TELE-TECH.

# **Ferrite Cores**

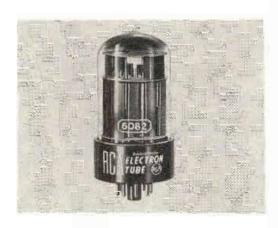
High permeability, low loss ceramic ferrite cores have been developed incorporating sharp, accurately molded threads. Suitable for use at frequencies through the broadcast



band, these easily adjustable tuning slugs are available in .181 in., 0.239 in. and 0.248 in. diameters, and lengths from ½ in. to ¾ in. Other dimensions will be supplied to customer specifications. Tuning is accomplished by a transverse screwdriver slot, or a rectangular or hexagonal hole through the length of the core. Elimination of the brass adjusting screw effects a considerable saving of a scarce defense item, and measurably improves the Q value of inductive circuitry. The threaded ferrite cores are fabricated from non-critical materials, and are valuable components in sub-miniaturization work, allowing high efficiency coupled with excellent stability.—Ferricore, Inc. 16 School St., Yonkers 2, N. Y.—TELE-TECH.

### Twin Power Triode

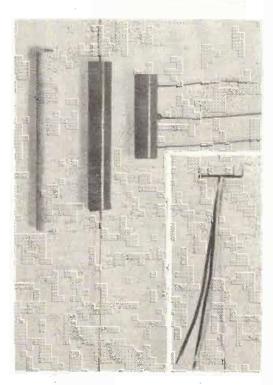
Type 6082 is a new, low-mu, high perveance, twin power triode designed for use as the regulator tube in stabilized dc power-



supply units of aircraft receivers. Featuring conservative ratings, the 6082 consists of two triode units in one envelope and utilizes a 26.5-v. heater. Each unit has a mu of 2, a transconductance of 7000 micromhos, and a plate-dissipation rating of 13 watts. Use is made of a button stem to strengthen the mount structure and to provide relatively wide inter-lead spacing for reduction in susceptibility to electrolysis. These features all contribute to the dependability of the 6082 and to its suitability for use in military aircraft.—Tube Department, Radio Corporation of America, Harrison, N. J.—TELE-TECH.

### **Tubular Selenium Rectifiers**

Series 280 tubular selenium rectifiiers are available with axial and radial leads. Sealed in phenolic tubes, the 0.28 in round cells are



rated at 25 v. and 10 ma. Similar Series 500 has 0.5 in. cells rated at 25 v. and 30 ma. Total voltage rating is about 400 v/in. of length. Series 160-ERM translator (see inset) consists of two full-wave bridge rectifiers connected in opposed parallel, and is used in instrument circuits with dc meters to translate applied ac into a current capable of actuating the dc meter. No rectification is involved in the functioning of the circuit. Also introduced are miniaturized rectifiers and units with external resilient members.—Conant Laboratories, 6500 "O" St., Lincoln 5, Neb.—TELE-TECH



# WASHINGTON

# News Letter

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

FREEZE END—Despite the rising crescendo of the public demand for the end of the three-and-a-half-year-old television "freeze," the FCC has had to lengthen its timetable of the ban's lifting from mid-March to early April, to iron out the differences of viewpoint on policies among the Commissioners and to enable the FCC staff to complete the huge report. The latter is to run from 700 to 800 mimeographed pages, with the new rules, standards, and city-by-city allocations consuming about 75 pages. The remainder of the document is to be devoted to the FCC's opinion in support of its decision and the legal answers to those of the 1,500-odd comments filed last Fall whose recommendations are not being followed.

EDUCATIONAL TV—With the determined and vocal pressure of the educational institutions and organizations, aided by potent political backing, the FCC was deemed certain to allocate for educational television a share of the ultra-high-frequency TV spectrum space—probably around 10 per cent. But, in the opinion of most unbiased experts, the educator television proponents do not realize that they must be prepared for large investments, running into possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars for the construction and equipment of stations; and operating costs for regular telecasting services are likewise substantial.

PUBLIC CLAMOR—The increasing clamor by the public for the lifting of the FCC television "freeze" which has been in effect since September, 1948, was brought into the Senate during the hearings on the new Commissioner, Robert T. Bartley, when Senators from Colorado, Missouri, New Hampshire, Texas, and Wyoming emphasized how their constituents were bombarding them with demands to have the Commission authorize the construction of television stations in their areas. With the long delay in the thawing of the "freeze," together with the anticipated lengthy processing of the new television station grants, the FCC might become the target of considerable criticism in the next few months from the populations of the regions of the country now without video service.

**NEW FCC CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER**—Continuity of work on the pressing problems, particularly television in the allocation plan, theatre television and

"phonevision" was assured with the appointment of 71year-old veteran Commissioner Paul A. Walker to succeed Wayne Coy as Chairman; and the selection of Robert T. Bartley, for three years FCC Telegraph Division Director—for five years in broadcasting as Vice President of the Yankee Network—and a top official of the National Association of Broadcasters,—as Commissioner. Chairman Walker, the only remaining "charter" member of the FCC who has served since its creation in the summer of 1934, has the loyal support of the Commissioners and its staff, and is expected to guide the FCC helm in a successful and efficient manner. New Commissioner Bartley, who has been administrative assistant to Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, his uncle, for the past 31/2 years, is ranked as able and energetic, and will particularly benefit the FCC in its relationships with Congress. He has the advantage, too, of practical knowledge of the broadcasting field as an important qualification for the FCC Commissionership.

MILITARY PROCUREMENT — Electronic-radio procurement and research contracts from the Armed Services continue to flow out steadily. This month (April) should delineate specifically the military procurement funds for the electronics-radio-radar manufacturing field in the 1953 fiscal year appropriations of the Department of Defense. The Munitions Board, in order to aid the manufacturers in securing important components for the equipment requirements of the Armed Services, recently revamped its eleven advisory committees with more than 50 officials of manufacturing companies serving as members without compensation. These advisory groups make recommendations to the Munitions Board on military aspects of industrial mobilization planning, procurement, and stockpiling of critical materials.

MOBILE RADIO OPPOSITION—The proposals of the motion picture industry for exclusive television microwave relay channels to transmit theatre television programs are meeting stiff opposition from the major industries engaged in mobile radio communciations. The theatre TV hearings, which had been set to start March 10, have been postponed by the FCC until May 3.

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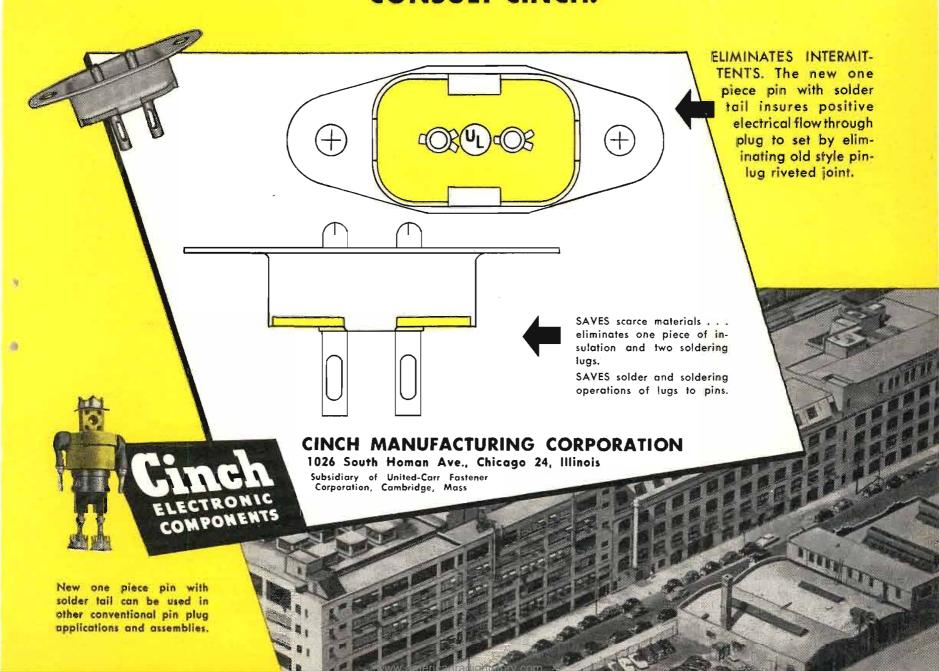
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# TELE-TECH'S NEWSCAST

# De Forest Dinner at Waldorf, April 8

A testimonial dinner to Dr. Lee de Forest, inventor of the three-element tube which underlies all present-day radio, television and electronic equipment, is scheduled for the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Park Avenue, New York, on Tuesday evening, April 8. Former President Herbert Hoover will make the principal address, and leading industry figures, including members of the De Forest Pioneers, will take part.

A recent informal estimate places at \$60 billions the total value of the equipment based on Dr. de Forest's primary invention, in the fields of radio, TV, sound pictures, long-distance telephony, communications, medicine, instrumentation, and miscellaneous electronic applications.

# Admiral Stone to Preside

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, president of American Cable & Radio Corporation, (who was an associate of Dr. de Forest in 1920) will preside at this 50th anniversary of "Doc's" entry into "wireless"

in 1902. Others who will join in the de Forest tribute are Brig. Gen'l. David Sarnoff, Dr. Allen B. Du Mont, Col. Sosthenes Behn, William J. Barkley, John V. L. Hogan, Frank Andrea, Haraden Pratt, Charles A. Rice, Louis Pacent, Walter Marshall, Admiral S. C. Hooper, ex-Gov. Charles A. Edison, Dr. Marvin J. Kelly, and Dr. Orestes H. Caldwell, Editor of TELE-TECH.

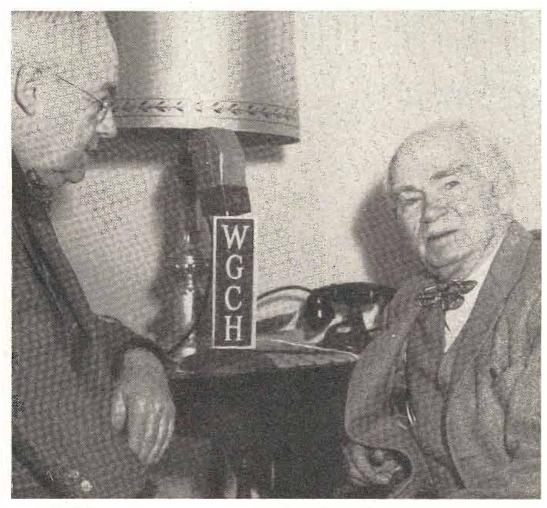
The dinner is being sponsored by the De Forest Pioneers, in cooperation with AIEE, IRE, NARTB, RTMA, ARRL, SMPTE, VWOA, and the Radio Pio-

### Bronze Bust of Inventor

Elino N. Pickerill, President of the De Forest Pioneers, will present to Yale University, on behalf of the Pioneers, a bronze bust of Dr. de Forest, sculptured by Frederick Allen Williams of New York. The bust will be received on behalf of the University by Irving S. Olds, (Yale, 1907), a Fellow of the Yale Corporation and Chairman of the United Steel Corporation. Lee de Forest grad-

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# DR. DE FOREST INVENTED TUBE 45 YEARS AGO



At the Waldorf in New York, April 8, industry leaders will pay tribute to Dr. Lee de Forest on the 50th anniversary of his entry into "wireless," and the 45th anniversary of his invention of the threeelement tube. Picture shows a recent radio interview with Dr. de Forest by O. H. Caldwell, editor of TELE-TECH, over station WGCH, as arranged by Walter Lemmon, owner of the station in Greenwich, Conn., where the inventor's daughter and grandchildren now reside.

# **Coming Events**

April 16-18—Network Symposium, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and Office of Naval Research, 33 West 39th St., New York, N. Y.

April 19—IRE Spring Technical Conference, Cincinnati Section, Cincin-

nati, Ohio.

April 21-24—National Committee of the International Scientific Radio Union and IRE Professional Group on Antennas and Propagation, Spring Technical Meeting, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

April 21-25—SMPTE, 71st Convention, Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

April 24-26-AFCA, National Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 4-8-Electrochemical Society, 50th Anniversary Meeting, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 5-16—British Industries Fair, Earls Court and Olympia, London, England.

May 5-7—IRE-AIEE-RTMA Symposium on Progress in Quality Electronic Components, Dept. of Interior Auditorium, Washington, D. C.

May 8-10—ASA, Semi-Annual Meeting, Hotel Statler, New York City.

May 12-14—IRE National Conference on Airborne Electronics, Dayton-Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

May 16-17 Southwestern IRE Conference and Radio Engineering Show, Rice Hotel, Houston, Tex.

May 19-22-1952 Radio Parts and Electronic Equipment Show, Hotel Stevens, Chicago, Ill.

May 23-24—Audio Fair in Chicago, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

June 23-27—AIEE Summer Meeting,

Hotel Nicolet, Minneapolis, Minn.

August 19-22-1952 APCO Conference, Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, Calif. August 27-29—Western Electronic Show

& Convention, WCEMA and IRE, Long Beach, Calif.

September 8-12—ISA, 7th National Instrument Conference and Exhibition, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

September 22-25—NEDA, 3rd National Convention, Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

September 29-October 1—Eighth National Electronics Conference and Exhibition, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill. October 21-23-1952 RTMA-IRE Fall

Meeting, Syracuse, N. Y.

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ASA: Acoustical Society of America
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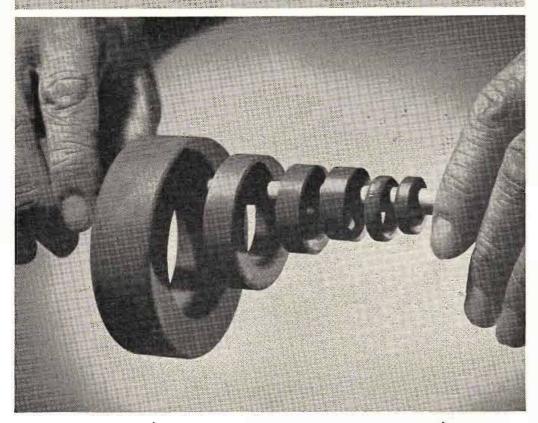


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"Electronics in the Defense Production Program." John A. Milling, Chairman, Electronics Production Board, Defense Production Authority, Washington, D. C.

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"Reliability of Military Electronics," Edwin A. Speakman, Vice Chairman, Research and Development Board Department of Defense, Washington, D. C.

"Electronic Components in Continental Europe," Lt. Col. C. B. Lindstrand, USAF, Electronics Production Resources Agency Department of Defense, Washington, D. C.

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"Compact Assembly Methods," S. T. Danko
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"Miniaturized Components for Transistor Application," P. S. Darnell—Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., Murray Hill, N. J.

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"Adhesive Tape Resistors," B. L. Davis— National Bureau of Standards, Washington,

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"Metallic Film Resistors," C. T. Graham—
Polytechnic Research and Development Co.
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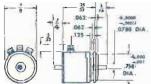
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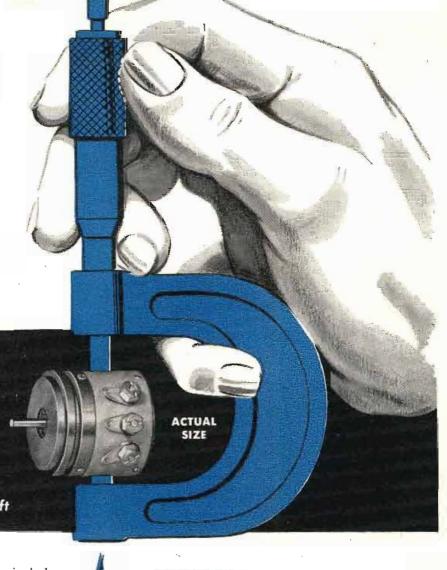


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Resistance tolerance	(std.) <u>+</u> 5.0%
Linearity tolerance	(std.)±0.5%
Starting torque (nominal)	.005 oz, in.
Running torque	Negligible
Mom. of inertia (rot. parts)	.000377 gm. cm.2
Net weight	0.56 oz.

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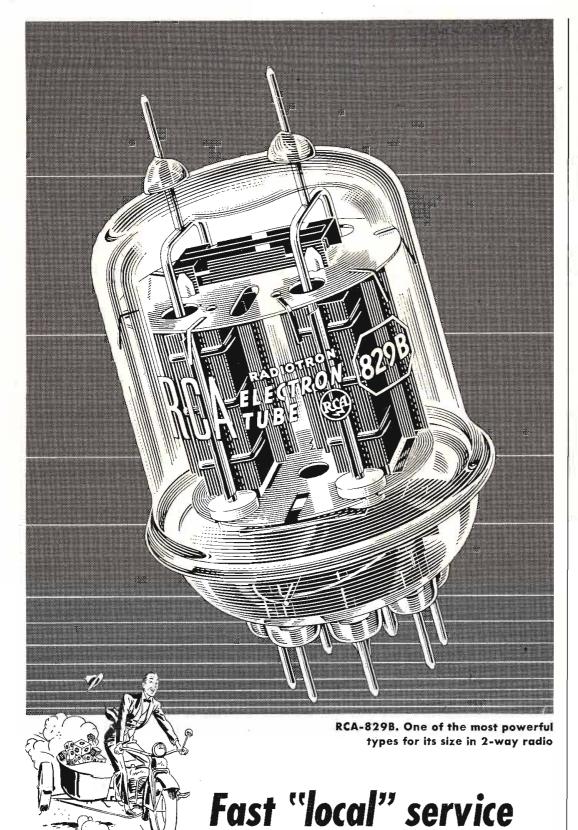
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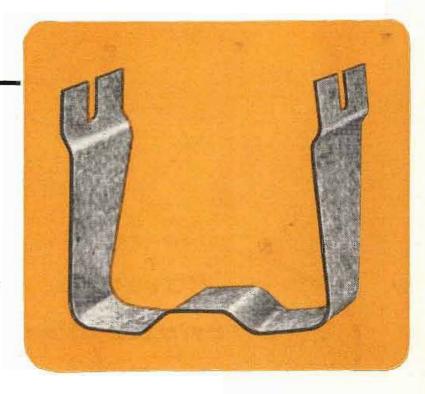
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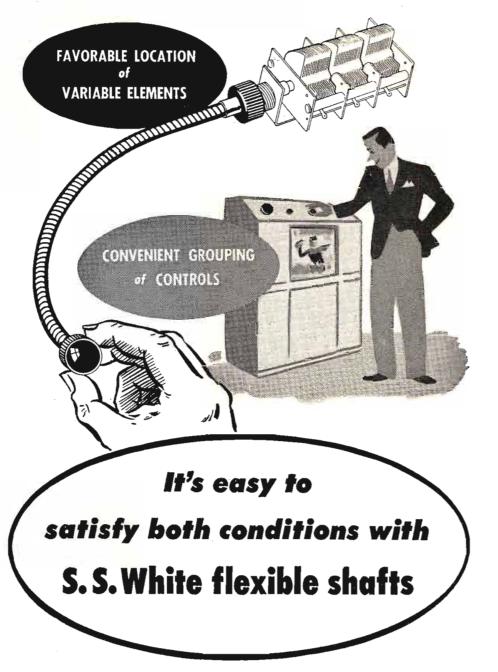
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# TV Camera

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quency response is excellent here and on into the new controls to insure against "clamped-in streaking," which otherwise would appear as long "contrasty" streaks. A response uniform to 8.5 Mc transmits faithfully the entire orthicon capability. A feed-back pair output stage adds viewfinder isolation, sending-end cable termination, linearity, and stability.

In the new viewfinder, when its top is lifted and sides opened, components and circuitry become an open book. A new 7-inch kinescope (used also in the field control) provides the cameraman an excellent monitor to evaluate his operation better. Aluminized backing, a flat face, and a good gun with electrostatic focus yield high brightness, excellent contrast, improved spectral characteristics, good overall focus, and resolving power such that the kinescope is not the limiting factor in detail reproduction. The front is easily detached for kinescope removal.

Variable-width blanking permits the cameraman to see the "on-theair" picture for accurate framing. Horizontal deflection is highly efficient; vertical deflection is a dupli-

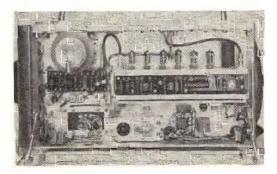


Fig. 9: Video side. Cover is removed to show "plug-in" amplifier mounted in place

cate of the camera circuit; the video amplifier is wide band; and a driven clamp provides accurate dc restoration. An improved release mechanism is a two-finger, one-hand type.

A detachable viewing hood may be rigidly mounted to the mask assembly to prevent stray light from striking the face of the kinescope. The number of exposed operating controls has been reduced to three (contrast, brightness, and focus) with rim-type control knobs protruding through the rounded corners of the kinescope mask assembly. Other controls are normally pre-set and are located on the amplifier chassis. No interaction exists between the viewfinder and the camera.

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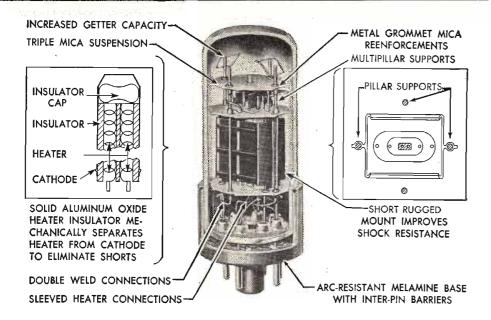
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3. Provide terminal facilities for the camera cable and other cable connections to the camera and the rest of the system.

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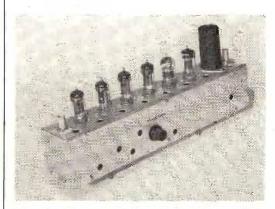


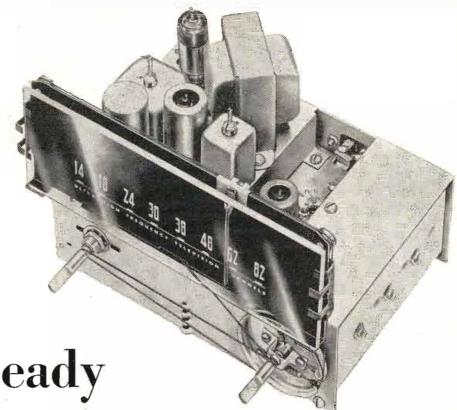
Fig. 10: Close-up of "plug-in" video amp!ifier

of equipment. Familiar placement of major controls and cable connectors has likewise been retained.

The mechanical construction of the suitcase has been modified to realize the benefits of sub-assembly construction as far as possible. The addition of several new features has been made possible in only slightly increased space by the use of miniature tubes in the majority of sockets and the use of other miniaturized components. Such additions, however have resulted in increased power drain and, therefore, increased heat dissipation. This has made the

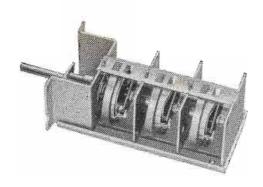
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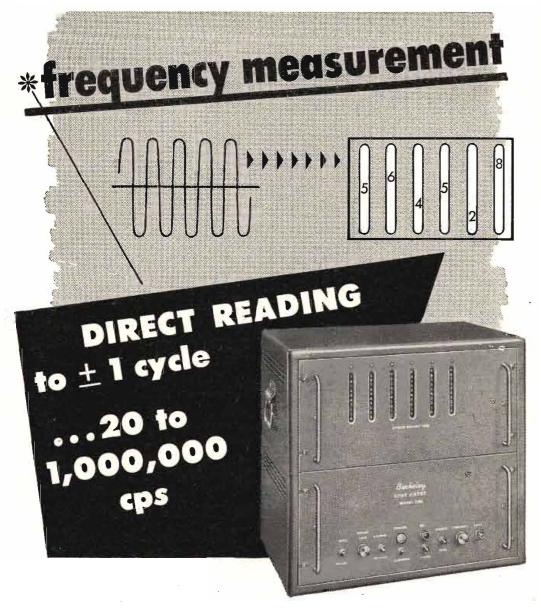
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	MODEL 554	MODEL 558	
RANGE	20-100,000 cps	20-1,000,000 cps	
ACCURACY	± 1 cycle	± 1 cycle	
TIME BASE	1 second	1 second	
SHORT TERM STABILITY	Standard crystal—1 part in 105 Oven crystal—1 part in 106	Oven crystal— 1 part in 106	
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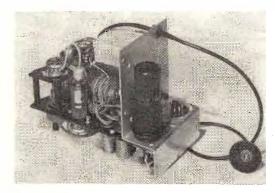


Fig. 11: Plug-in r-f power supply for field camera control is also used in master monitor

inclusion of a small cooling blower necessary.

The new studio camera control is packaged in the same general manner as its earlier counterpart, and may be used as a direct replacement for it with either old or new types of image orthicon cameras. The chassis and attached control panel are intended for mounting in the standard console housing.

In the new unit, the connectors for camera cable, power cable, pulse input, and intercommunication cables are located on the rear apron of the chassis in order to provide additional space for tubes and components on the main panel, and to simplify the process of withdrawing the unit from the console housing. Only the coaxial cable connectors for signal outputs are located on the front (tube) side of the main panel.

The related field camera control embodies much new thinking. Its improved kinescope has been described. Video-frequency response in no way limits the system. New sine-

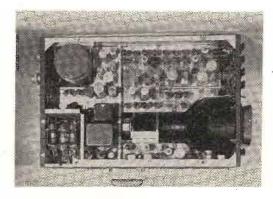


Fig. 12: Tube side of field camera control

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Two "black-white" stretch circuit (Continued on page 80)



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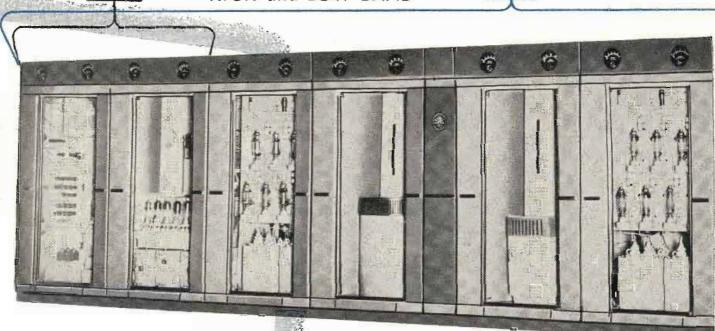
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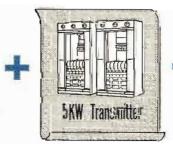
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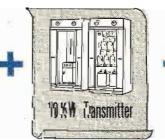
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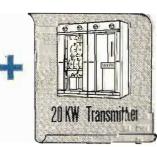
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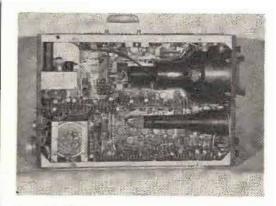


Fig. 13: Circuit side of field camera control

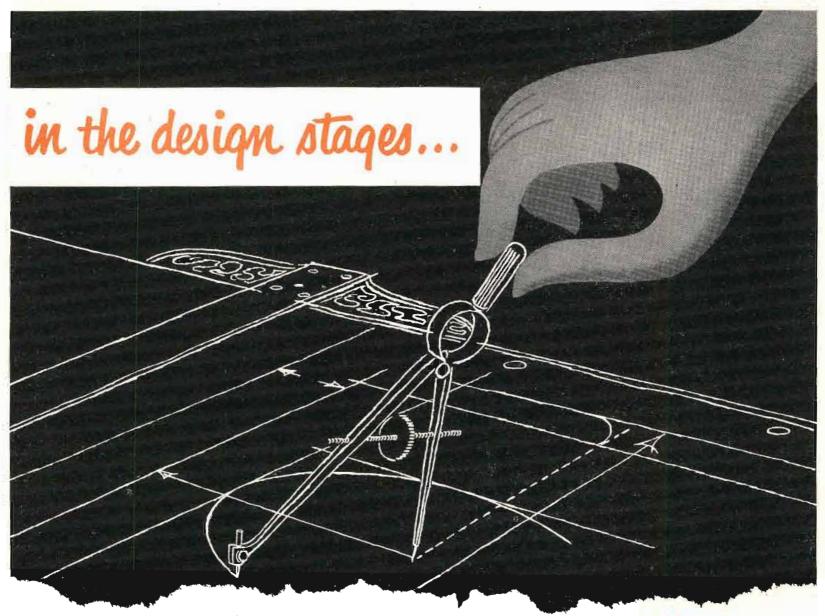
erpart, as is vertical deflection. An extremely compact, efficient, and well shielded plug-in rf high voltage unit supplies regulated 10-KV second anode, kinescope focus, waveform monitor second anode, and bias voltages for the control unit divorcing it in large measure from the power frequency for "off-frequency" operation.

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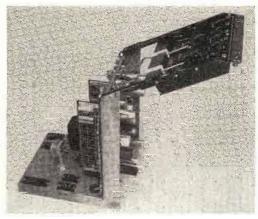


Fig. 14: Studio camera control chassis mounts in standard console housing. All controls are accessible on removal of console front panels

nals for preview monitoring are added to only one of the three identical outputs provided here. Convenient "tipjack" test points permit quick check of the unit by removing only the front console cover.

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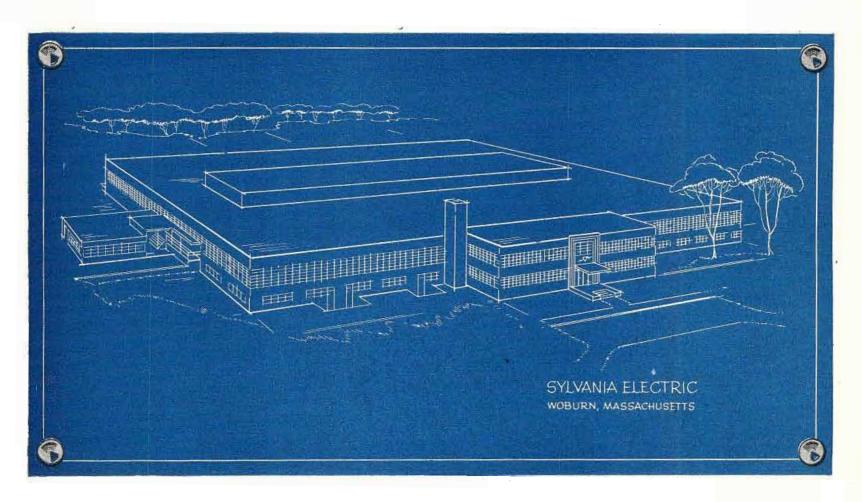
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It is naturally difficult to ascribe proper credit to all concerned with such an extensive development project as this has been. However, J. H. Roe who supervised the project during development, F. E. Cone who is at present supervising the group working on the project, and A. H. Lind, the engineer responsible for the basic development, must be mentioned. Engineers intimately concerned were: S. L. Bendell, W. F. Fisher, R. S. Griswold, R. J. Smith, H. C. Weber, and the author, with invaluable help during certain phases from R. C. Dennison, N. L. Hobson, B. F. Melchionni, and N. J. Oman.

# High Quality Audio

In Fig. 10 of "A High Quality Audio Amplifier" on page 35 of the February 1952 issue of TELE-TECH, the variable bass control, P-3, has a resistance of one megohm. The 50 K treble control should be marked P-2. These markings were inadvertently omitted.

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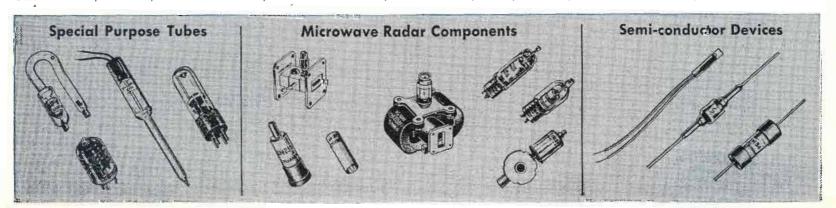
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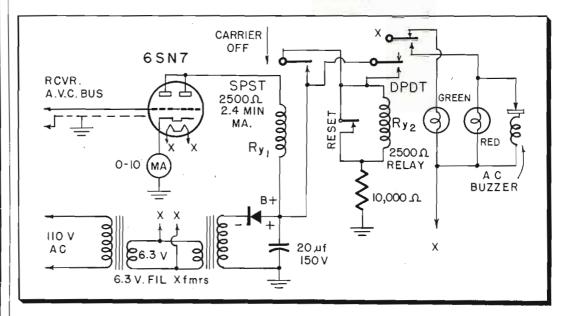
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# **CUES for BROADCASTERS**

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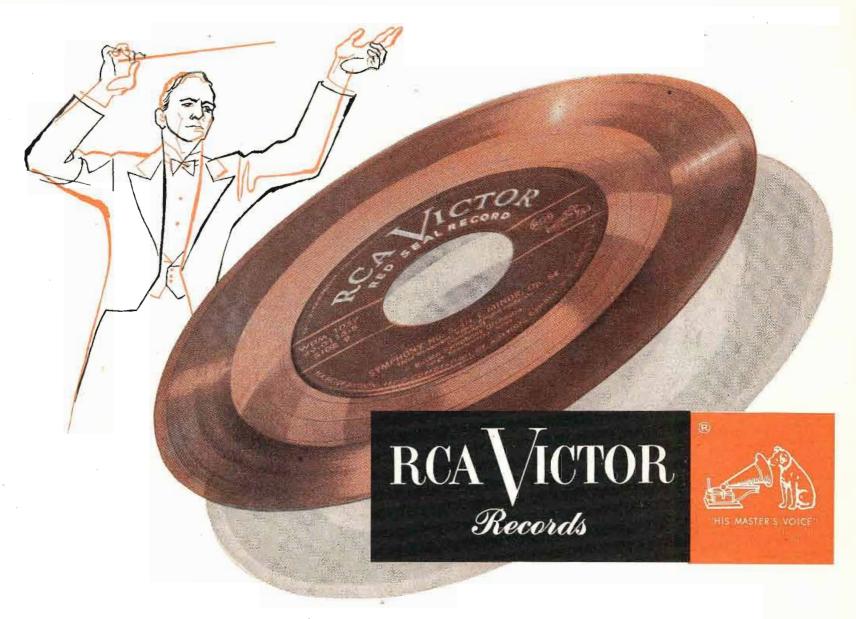
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- (3) When the carrier of the station being monitored is cut, the alerting monitor puts a buzzer and signal light into action. This con-

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## 27-in. ALL GLASS TELEVISION TUBES



Corning Glass Works executives examine new 27-in. rectangular all-glass bulb for TV picture tube manufacturers. Shown are (I to r) J. J. Hanigan, General Manager; E. F. Ling, Manager, Product Engineering; N. J. Vang, Manufacturing Manager; and J. S. Muller, Manager, Electronic Sales Dept.; Electrical Products Division, Volume production of new bulb is scheduled for May. The 27-in. bulb offers a 375 sq. in. picture and features cylindrical face plate design to eliminate reflections.



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# LETTERS...

# CBS Color-Wheel Traced Beyond Isaac Newton, to Ptolemy!

Editors, Tele-Tech:

Thank you for your reply to my inquiry, quoting the Encyclopedia Brittanica as authority for Sir Isaac Newton's development of the color-wheel, as cited on page 6 of your November, 1951, Tele-Tech.

There is, however, further evidence that the color-disc was used by Newton. This quotation is from *Light & Colour* by R. A. Houston (Longmans' Green and Co., London, 1923) (p. 73):

"Maxwell's Colour Disc—Fig. 40 represents an arrangement for mixing colours, known as Newton's or Maxwell's disc, though a special form of it was mentioned in the second century of our era in the Optics of Ptolemy."

In the above quotation from Houstoun, you will note the name of the Alexandrian astronomer Ptolemy. In footnote reference 10 of my paper in the October *Proceedings IRE*, I referred also to Ptolemy, but used an Encyclopedia Americana reference. In the 1918 edition of that under the heading "Color—Additive Combinations" (vol. 7, p. 309) this statement is found: "It owes its present form and use to J. C. Maxwell although it was known to the astronomer Ptolemy

in the 2nd century and was rediscovered by the Dutch physicist Musshenbroek in the 18th."

As you may know, Ptolemy's work has survived only in the form of the translations which Alhazen, in the 11th century, passed off as his own original work. The experts express some doubt that the "Optics" is truly Ptolemy's work, since it is not up to the same standard as the rest.

However, and this is one point I would like to make, the CBS color wheel is only a special form of Maxwell's color disc. But the origin of the Maxwell disc goes way back into antiquity, certainly being very much older than Newton.

W. T. Wintringham

Bell Telephone Laboratories Murray Hill, N.J.

# **Cross Talk and Water Supplies**

Editors, Tele-Tech:

Your report in the December issue of Tele-Tech (page 25) discussing Liberty Broadcasting System cross talk on 182 stations, has been brought to my attention. In an effort to correct an obvious misunderstanding of the situation, let me endeavor to state exactly what did

happen.

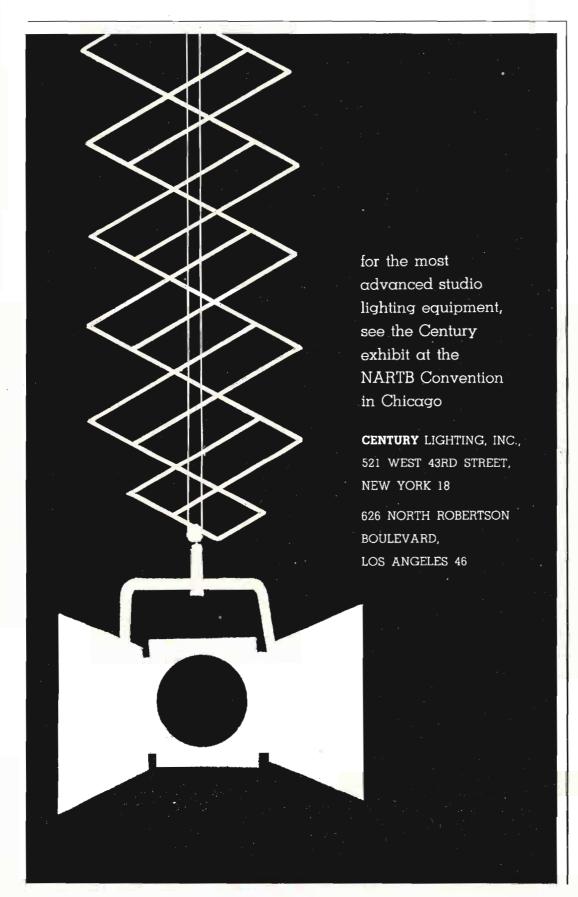
The Mayor of El Paso, on the date in question, was scheduled to make a citywide broadcast over the five El Paso radio stations. Remote lines were ordered and installed properly from the local test board to the KELP control room. At broadcast time, the KELP control operator (not an engineer) accidentally threw a wrong control key bridging the local remote line and the network line which runs from LBS master control in the same building. Master control at that time was in control of the western network division, and cross talk appeared on the network in the nature of minus 20 db.

LBS El Paso was the first to report the trouble, not a California station. It is quite within reason, I think, that no other stations reported it since the level was so low. As a matter of fact, the error placed the scheduled LBS program on the local lines of the other El Paso stations, since it was a joint origination, yet no El Paso station reported hearing the LBS program. Rather than lam-bast the rest of the engineers around the country for not hearing the cross talk, wouldn't it have been more just to compliment the California engineer for having such acute hearing?

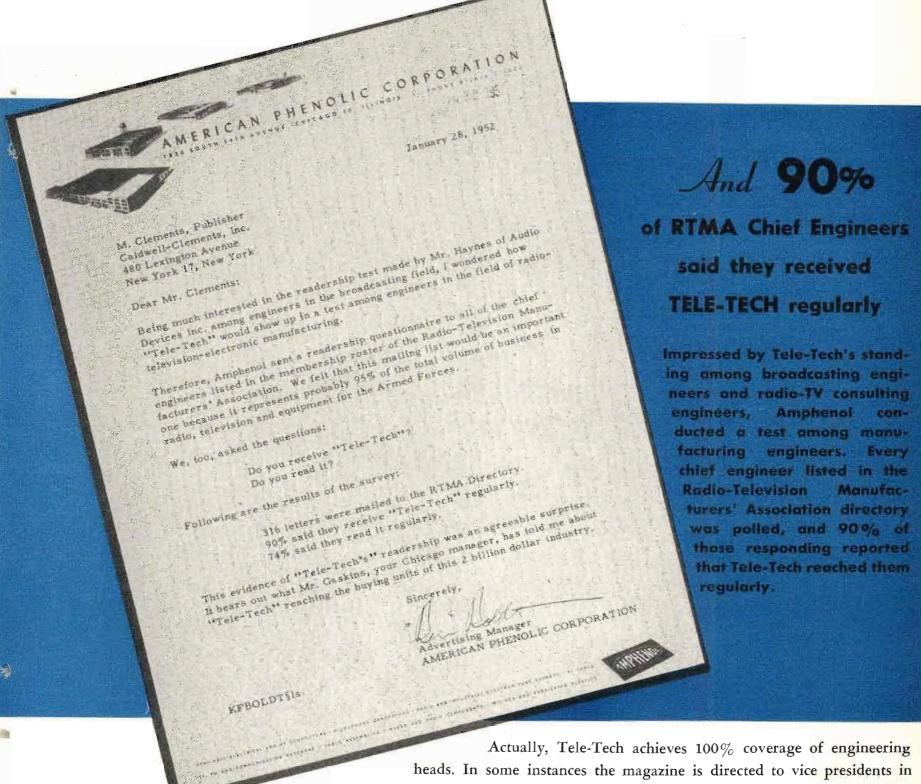
Liberty Broadcasting DICK WEAVER, El Paso, Texas General Manager

# **Translucent Backdrops**

Audio & Video Products Corp., 730 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., has been appointed exclusive eastern agent for the M. B. Paul Co., creators of one-piece translucent backdrops for motion pictures and TV. The backdrops are photo enlargements on seamless material suspended in wheel-mounted aluminum frames. They are pigmented to appear black-and-white with front lighting and colored with rear lighting.



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Philips initiated these semi-annual diffraction schools in the fall of 1946 in order to acquaint scientists and manufacturers with the latest techniques for use of this new and powerful Xray analysis tool. For several years, the accommodations for available Philips Diffraction Schools have been outnumbered by last minute applica-

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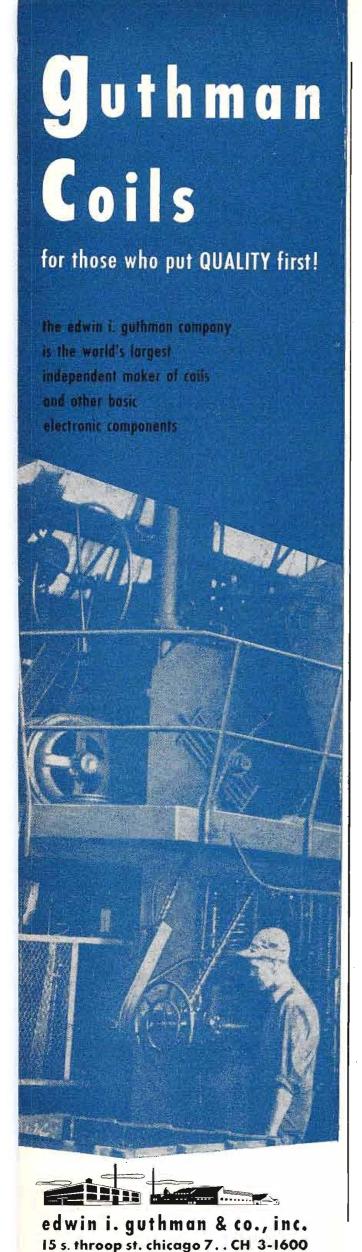
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## FM-FM TELEMETRY

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cated at either a fixed location or in mobile equipment. In any event, the equipment must be designed for maximum dependability and stability under extremes of temperature and humidity. The observing station will normally employ a circularly polarized antenna having a gain of 9 to 10 db and a beam width of 60° to 70° between half power points.

Modern high performance receivers are of the double detection superheterodyne type. Typical of such receivers is a unit with the following performance characteristics:

A. Freq. Range: 215-235 Mc.

- B. Deviation:  $\pm 125$  kc nominal:  $\pm 175$  kc max.
- C. Distortion: Less than 0.5% at 6 v. p. to p. ( $\pm 125$  KC Deviation) of limited signal.
- D. Sensitivity: 20 db quieting 3  $\mu v$  at center freq. not greater than 5  $\mu v$  at  $\pm 125$  Kc.
- E. Signal-to-Noise Ratio: 60 db for 10 μv input.
- F. Noise Factor: 5 db or better.
- G. Image Rejection: 80 db or more.

Fig. 16 is a block diagram of a representative basic observing station, containing all system elements normally included in such equipment.

#### **Telemetering Application**

Telemetering is, of course, an established art in fixed systems. However mobile telemetering has given a new lease on life to an old art and extended its horizons. Mobile telemetering has been characterized by high performance under difficult environmental conditions, by simultaneous transmission of a multiplicity of channels of relatively high frequency response. As a result of these extensions of the art, telemetering becomes an ever more important tool in modern technology and will find ever increasing appli-

cation as our economy expands to provide a better way of living through the intelligent and judicious use of the arts and sciences.

The FM-FM telemetering system has recently been adapted into a flood forecasting and control system for Pa. Simply by dialing, the weather office in Harrisburg can automatically secure a printed tape record of water level height from any one of a number of unattended gaging stations. Needless to say only a little imagination, a few megabucks, and some time will enable a complete automatic weather report to be made from each of these stations when it is dialed. Then, keeping the magnetic tape in mind, it is only another step until we collect and store all this information and by the press of a button have a complete, up-to-the-minute weather map made available.

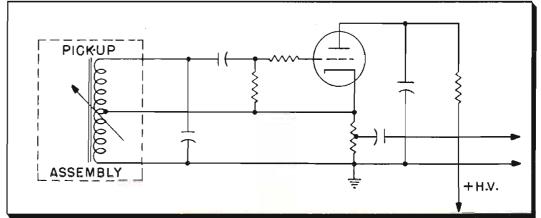
#### Air Traffic Control

Another potential use of telemetering is for air traffic control. Such a system would avoid the need of reporting in over the range station when on Instrument Flight Rules; would aid air traffic control in coordinating the general flow of traffic; would materially increase safety in air travel by virtue of the fact that the ground station would be able to advise the pilot in event of malfunctioning or misadjustment of equipment which might otherwise be undetected (such as an incorrect barometric pressure setting); and would further aid in improving air safety by indicating the cause of an accident when such occur.

Telemetering control and indication are applicable in many fields. FM-FM systems provide a convenient compromise between simplicity, multiple channels and a fairly high frequency response.

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Fig. 17: Variable reactance subcarrier oscillator. Note that pick-up is an integral part of circuit



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Fig. 18: Type 871 dynamotor-commutator-gate designed for five rps rotation and 27 channels

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FM-FM systems are simple and reliable, and are capable of readily maintaining satisfactory accuracy. FM-FM telemetering provides an electronic gadget dressed up in working clothes and doing a commendable job in both fixed and mobile installations.

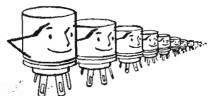
# Quality-Controlled Electrical Components

The Sixth Annual Convention of the American Society for Quality Control, which will be held in Syracuse, N.Y. on May 22-24, 1952, will feature discussion of the results of a study by the Electronics Technical Committee. The aim of this study is to establish quality criteria for mass produced electrical components which would be acceptable to both vendor and purchaser. Based on the statistical concepts of a recognized sampling plan similar to that incorporated in Military Standard 105A or the one proposed by the RTMA R12 Committee, this standard would reduce inspection costs and increase confidence between buyer and seller. In operation, the seller would issue an outgoing inspection certificate covering all characteristics which will be accepted by the purchaser without incoming inspection. Response to a questionaire distributed by the Committee to determine the feasibility of the plan indicates strong industry interest.

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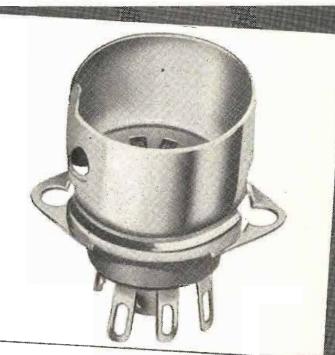


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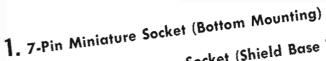
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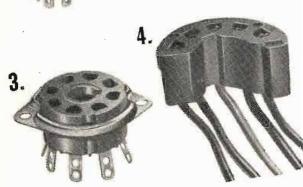






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Fig. 8: Six-foot microwave dish at the start of the haul up the 150-foot Bordentown tower



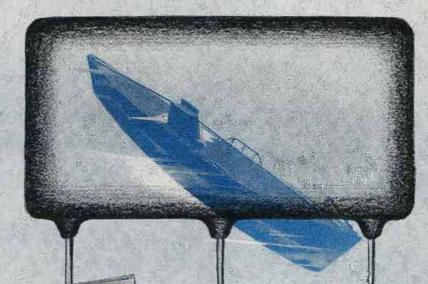
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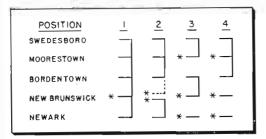


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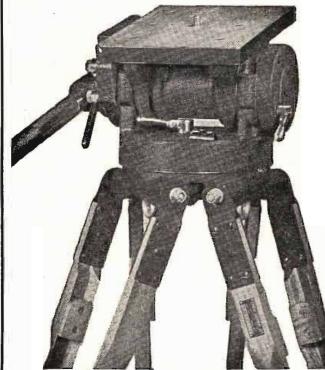
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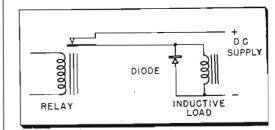


Fig. 12: Contact sparking can be practically eliminated by the use of a germanium diode connected across the load. With the relay contact closed as shown very little current is drawn by the diode because the voltage drop across the load is in the back direction for the diode. When the relay contact opens, the magnetic field in the load inductance collapses. This causes a forward voltage to appear across the diode and the diode conducts. Sparking is eliminated because the inductive energy of the load is dissipated in the diode forward resistance rather than in the relay contact gap. For most low voltage communication type relay loads a single IN51 or IN48 will be satisfactory. For higher voltage loads use type IN52 or IN63.

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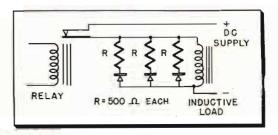


Fig. 13: For large relay of motor loads several diodes are connected in parallel, still preventing contact sparking. The series resistors help distribute the current more evenly among the several parallel diodes.

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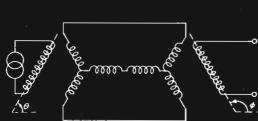
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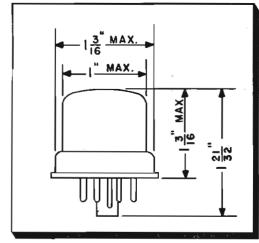


Fig. 15: Where the increased sensitivity of the 4 diode bridge rectifier shown in Fig. 14 d is desirable, a plug-in hermetically sealed assembly may be used. Some typical units are the type G9B, IN73 and IN74 with overall dimensions shown.

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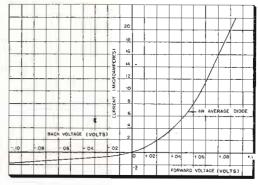


Fig. 16: Typical low voltage-current characteristic of type IN48 at 25°C.

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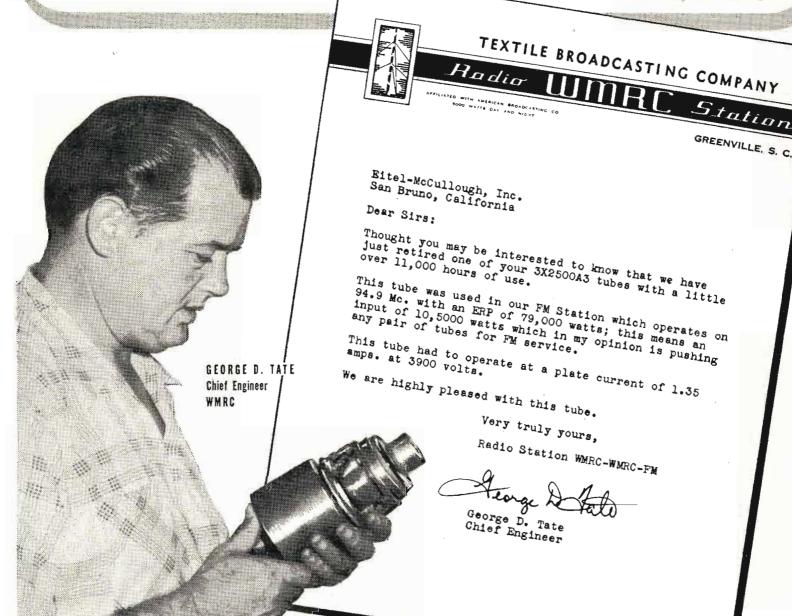
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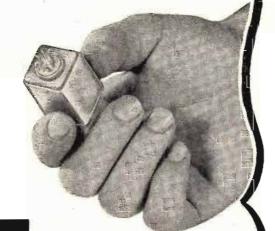
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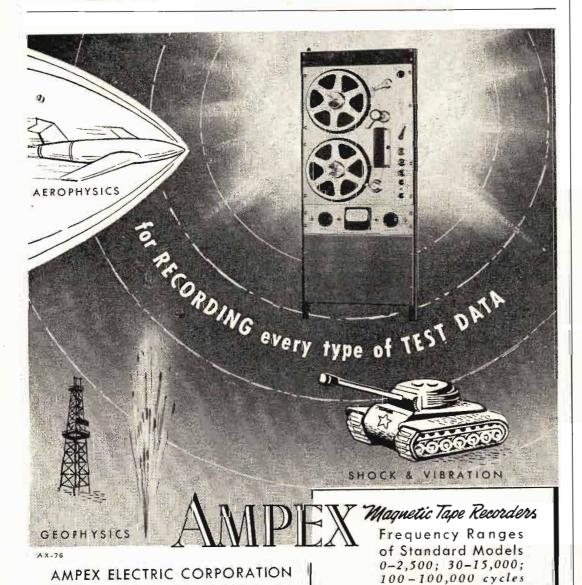
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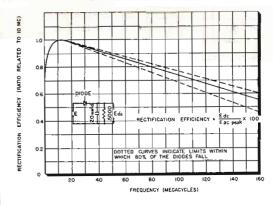


Fig. 17: Typical rectification efficiency-frequency ratio characteristics of types IN48, IN52, and IN63 at  $25^{\circ}$ C.

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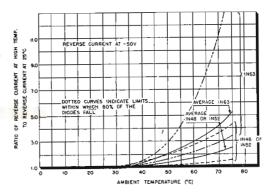


Fig. 18: Typical reverse current-temperature ratio characteristics with respect to  $25\,^{\circ}\text{C}.$ 

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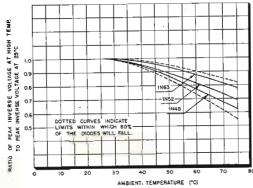


Fig. 19: Typical peak inverse voltage-temperature ratio characteristics with respect to 25°C.

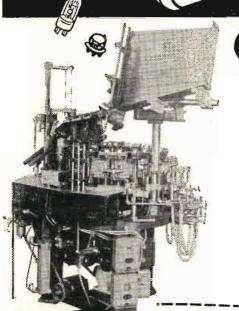
# Fansteel Organizes Rectifier-Capacitor Division

Production, engineering and sales of selenium rectifiers and tantalum electrolytic capacitors have been formally integrated into the Rectifier-Capacitor Div. of Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., North Chicago, Ill.

Glen Ramsey, who for several years has been manager of the rectifier division, is now general manager of the rectifier-capacitor division. O. S. Aikman is sales manager, assisted by Robert T. Morrison, sales engineer. E. W. Lincoln is manager of production planning; James H. Hall is manager of product engineering; Florian Schardt is manufacturing superintendent and W. E. Brown is chief inspector.

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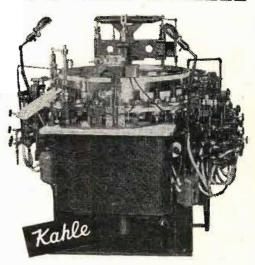


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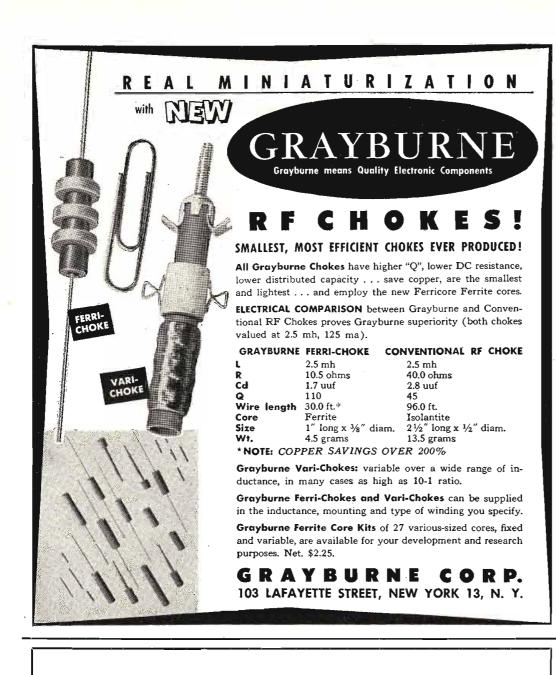
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I. L. Brandt has been named chief engineer of Taylor Tubes, Inc., Chicago, manufacturer of high vacuum power tubes and other special purpose tubes. He was formerly project engineer for the Continental Electric Co., Geneva, Ill.

Leslie E. Woods, director of industrial relations at Raytheon Manufacturing Co., Waltham, Mass., has been appointed a member of the New England Regional Labor-Management Committee for Defense Manpower. The appointment was made by Maurice J. Tobin, U. S. Secretary of Labor.

Tore Anderson has been elevated to the post of chief engineer of Airtron, Inc., Linden, N. J. Mr. Anderson joined Airtron in 1947 and will be responsible for the design and production of waveguide components.

George C. Kent and William E. Daly have joined the staff of Magnecord, Inc. Mr. Kent, former design engineer for Revere Camera Co., was named senior mechanical engineer of Magnecord. Mr. Daly, who was named electrical development engineer, previously worked on magnetic recording head development for Shure Bros.

Robert L. Hammett, formerly a partner in the firm of A. Earl Cullen, Jr., Dallas, Texas, has opened an office for the practice of consulting radio engineering at 230 Bankers Investment Bldg., San Francisco 2, Calif.

Cyrus W. Haller, president of Pioneer Electronics .Corp., Salem, Mass., has been elected president of the Victoreen Instrument Co., 3800 Perkins Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, since 1931 active in specialized fields of electronic manufacturing. The Victoreen Company has purchased the Pioneer Electronics operation, and has also acquired 16 acres and 23,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space at New London, Ohio. Mr. Haller will continue as president of Pioneer Electronics which makes special tubes and Government equipment.

#### **NEW CENTRALAB PRESIDENT**



William S. Parsons, vice president of Globe-Union Inc., has been elected president of Centralab, subsidiary of Globe-Union. He was also elected to Globe-Union board of directors



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### For Manufacturers

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plates. In so doing it permits two powerful plate magnets, one opposite the other on internal faces of the hump, to set up magnetic barriers in tandem; what contamination one misses the other catches. Substantial savings have been reported as well hundred pounds of one material used in the compound, for example, normally contains 1/60 lb. of metal filings. This particular ingredient is only 0.1% of the entire formula. Hence, the percentage of ferrous contamination from this source was only 1/60,000 of one percent! Yet, it alone, without additional contaminants from other materials going into the compound, would have been enough to damage the stampers.

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### **Photorelay Excitation**

A 40-watt lamp is often the best light source for a photorelay, reports A. Edelman, Chief Engineer, Photobell Co., 116 Nassau St., New York, N. Y. The lamp can vibrate, shake, turn or be pushed and it still furnishes the required excitation perfectly. On the other hand, a focussed light-beam projector must be accurately adjusted, and only a skilled hand can replace the lamp. Costwise and maintenance-wise, the plain lamp is often preferable.

### **Styroflex Cable Production**

Whipple Jacobs, president of Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corporation, today announced that his company had begun to market the new type of coaxial cable1 that employs aluminum as the outer conductor and sheath. For microwave uses, this cable is built with a central conductor held in the exact center of the outer sheath and conductor by a spiral of interior polystyrene insulation tape which occupies about 12% of the space—the rest being air dielectric. The interior insulating helix is built up of hundreds of extremely thin Styroflex tapes wound on with great precision by a taping machine. The technique of insulating with tape has many advantages:

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- many new materials which are available in the form of tapes but which cannot be extruded may be used, and

3. the inner conductor is maintained absolutely centralized even at sharp bends within the thickness of one tape, namely 2 to 4 thousandths of an inch, a feature of great importance at 2000 mc.

<sup>1</sup>New Type Coaxial Cable Permits Applications in 1000-10,000 MC Range, B. F. Osbahr, Tele-Tech, Nov. 1951, p. 42.

# Bailey of NBS Receives Fleming Award

The Arthur S. Fleming Award, given each year by the Washington Junior Chamber of Commerce, to the man in government service under 36 years of age who has been of greatest service to the nation, has been awarded to Dana K. Bailey of the National Bureau of Standards.

Mr. Bailey received the award for his contributions in the field of radio propagation, and for his extensive service in international relations as technical representative of the U.S. at meetings of the International Telecommunications Union, an organization concerned with the efficient utilization of the radio spectrum, and the International Radio Consultive Committee. His extensive compliations of propagation data have formed the basis for subsequent work on world-wide frequency allocations.

# Selenium Replaces Cobalt in Phone Ringers

Employing a two-cell selenium rectifier 7mm in diameter in place of the cobalt steel magnet, the new telephone subset ringer developed by Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., Clifton, N.J., retains existing tooling without modification. The acute shortage of cobalt encouraged this change. The rectifier is connected so that current is alternately passed through each magnetic coil in the ringer. An annealed low carbon stel pole piece completes the magnetic circuit. Tests indicate that the redesigned unit performs satisfactorily in the 16% to 35 cps range over 1,400 ohm loops when not more than four ringers are bridged on the line and when the minimum ringing voltage is 70 v.

# Stevens Heads Emerald Manufacturing Co.

George Stevens, president of the Stevens Manufacturing Co., Chicago, has acquired the complete ownership and manufacturing facilities of Mallard Coil Co. He will head the new organization which will be known as Emerald Manufacturing Co. Coils, flybacks, transformers and television components will be the company's principal products.

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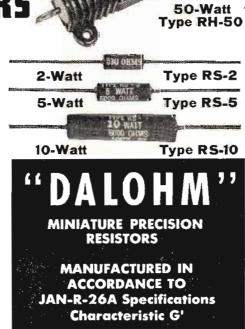




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# News of MANUFACTURERS'

Heppner Manufacturing Co., Round Lake, Mich., has appointed Ralph Haffey, 2417 Kenwood, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, a company representative for the Indiana, Ohio and Michigan territories. He was formerly a member of Magnavox's purchasing department in Fort Wayne.

Mandex Manufacturing Co., maker of plugs, sockets and connectors, has named John B. Tubergen, Mandex rep for the Southern California area. He is the newly-elected president of the Los Angeles chapter of "The Representatives" of Radio Parts Manufacturers, Inc.

Ray Bridge has joined the Arthur E. Ackroyd organization, John Hancock Bldg., Boston 16, Mass. as factory sales representatives of radio parts and equipment in the New England area.

C. Curtis Engel, Ridgewood, N. J. has been named representative for Gertsch Products, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif., Keithley Instruments, Cleveland, Ohio, and Kron-Hite Instrument Co., Cambridge, Mass.

Art Cerf & Co. will represent the Bridgeport Brass Co., Bridgeport, Conn., in the sale of TV plastic and aluminum spray. The territory includes New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D. C., and Virginia.

Marshank Sales Co., Los Angeles, Calif., has acquired two new field engineers: Irving R. Stern and William J. Monteforte. They will cover the Chicago territory.

R. Edward Stemm Co., manufacturers' engineering representatives, 5707 West Lake St., Chicago, has added Howard J. Christianson to the staff. His background includes affiliations with the General Electric X-Ray Div., as chief engineer of communication parts, and more recently as head of production for Radio Craftsman, Inc., Chicago.

John I. Moss, formerly head of the Contract Planning section of the Navy Bureau of Ships, has joined the George Petitt Co., 549 W. Washington, Chicago, as industrial sales manager. The Petitt Co. serves as manufacturers' representatives in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.

## New York Reps Publishing Buyers' Guide

Harry Finkelstein, vice-president and publicity chairman of the New York Chapter of the Reps, 136 Liberty St., New York 6, N. Y., reports that the new "Reps Buyers Guide" will be ready for distribution shortly. This new guide is so indexed that it will enable Purchasing Agents to seek the names of Reps that handle lines very quickly.

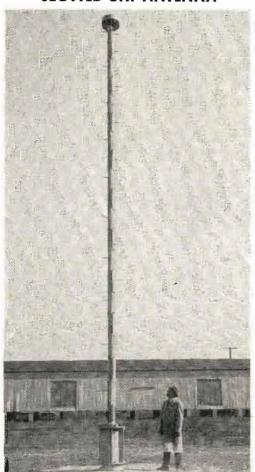
# Cincinnati IRE Plans Spring Technical Meeting

The Spring Technical Meeting of the Cincinnati Section of the IRE will be held April 19, 1952 at the Engineering Society of Cincinnati Bldg., 1349 E. Mc-Millan St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Technical papers on color television, UHF tuners, and radio relay systems will be presented. Dr. D. B. Sinclair, national president of the IRE, will speak at the banquet.

# Airtron Expands in Linden, N. J.

Airtron, Inc., designers and producers of waveguide and electronic components for aircraft and allied industries, now has three busy plants going in Linden, N. J., having just acquired the Duke Mfg. Co.'s building which provides an additional 23,000 ft. of badly needed space. David Ingalls, president, states that ground will be broken May 1st for an addition to the newly acquired building which will provide an additional 13,000 ft.

### **SLOTTED UHF ANTENNA**



O. O. Fiet, of RCA Broadcast Engineering, views new UHF TV antenna which he he!ped to develop at Camden, N. J. This antenna, RCA's new commercial model, differs from NBC's installation at Bridgeport in two main respects. The experimental station's antenna is made up of two sections, flanged at the center. The radiator, shown in the picture, is manufactured in one piece. Secondly, the Bridgeport antenna has 4 slots arranged around the circumference of the mast while the commercial version has three. Adjacent slots on the new antenna are staggered 60° to provide a circular horizontal pattern and also to maintain structural strength



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### **Cues for Broadcasters**

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in the receiver to use the device. The volume control setting on the receiver does not effect the operation. This means that when the buzzer sounds and the red signal light comes on, the operator simply turns up the volume to monitor what is on the station. At all other times the volume can be turned off.

The station being monitored is tuned in by observing the minimum plate current reading on the meter. When the station is tuned in the meter will read from 0 to 1 or 2mils. RL, will not be energized because of the very low plate current. Static, or a stronger signal, lowers the plate current. With no carrier present the plate current immediately rises to 6 ma energizing RL<sub>1</sub> which causes RY2 to become energized. Two of the contacts on  $RY_2$ are used to keep RY<sub>2</sub> energized when this occurs, thus actuating buzzer and red signal light until reset by the operator.

### TRACKING GUIDED MISSILES



Official Air Force photo of telemetry antenna used to track path of a guided missile in flight. The antenna receives data transmitted by the guided missile as a modulated r-f carrier. The information is fed to a bank of demodulators and tape recorders where it is separated and stored on multi-track wide-range magnetic tape recorders. See "Uses of Magnetic Tape Recording in Instrumentation and Data Analysis" in the next issue of TELE-TECH.

## Graybar to Enter TV Broadcast Field

The Graybar Electric Co. has entered into an agreement with Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Inc., Nutley, N. J., associate of IT&T, covering national distribution of Federal's TV broadcasting equipment as the first step toward full-scale entry into the television field, announces J. W. La Marque, general communications sales manager for Graybar.

The agreement, which goes into effect immediately, covers Federal's complete



J. W. La Marque, general communications sales manager for Graybar

line of TV transmitting and studio equipments, which include transmitters, auxiliary equipment, antennas, cameras, TV film projectors, all studio equipments, and microwave links.

The new line will feature the Laboratories' latest TV microwave links for operation between cities, between studio and transmitter, and for relaying programs from remote pick-up points to studio locations. Sound diplexing equipment, an exclusive Federal development that permits the transmission of both sound and picture simultaneously over a single radio link, will also be available. Other TV equipment covered by the distributorship includes single and dual flying spot scanners; VHF and UHF transmitters and antennas; and auxiliary units.

## IRE at Houston, Texas, May 16-17

Program and plans for the 4th South-western IRE Conference and Radio Engineering Show, scheduled for Houston, Texas, on May 16-17 are nearing completion. In making this announcement, general conference chairman G. K. Miller, Schlumberger, Inc., said that an attendance of more than 1,000 was expected for the Texas show.

Among the leading speakers assured for the Conference are: IRE president Dr. Donald B. Sinclair, chief engineer of General Radio Corporation; Commander T. A. M. Craven of Craven, Lohnes & Culver, Washington, D. C.; A. Earl Cullum, consulting engineer from Dallas; John Reinartz, Eitel McCullough, Inc.; and Col. Edwin White, FCC.

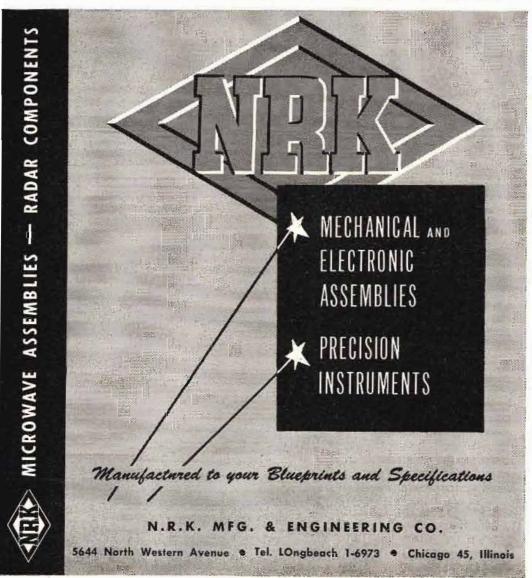


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### Series Discriminator

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25 KC used the following components:

(Component identification symbols refer to Fig. 1.) Peak bandwidth was  $\pm 2.5$  kc, and operating bandwith for linear response was chosen as  $\pm 1.0$  kc. Circuits of this type have been designed for operation at various center frequencies from 400 cps to 10 mc, and results have generally agreed with design predictions.

Many circuit variations are possible, some providing operating or coupling features which are difficult to obtain in the more conventional circuits. Fig. 4, for example, shows a variable-bandwidth discriminator working into a zero-center meter which reads directly in terms of frequency and deviation. The phase detector in this case employs balanced triodes. Center frequency could be varied, if desired, by using a suitable variable or step-type reactance element. However, since the Q of the series resonant circuit varies with frequency, a slight readjustment of the bandwidth control will be required when changing center frequency if the deviation calibration of the meter is to be maintained.

A circuit resembling the conventional Foster-Seeley discriminator is shown in Fig. 5. Care must, of course, be taken in this circuit to balance out phase shift errors. Some of the methods that may be employed for this purpose are tuning, resistance loading, and use of bifilar windings to increase coupling.

The twin series circuit of Fig. 6 is a version that may be of particular interest to the economy-minded FM circuit engineer. For this circuit, inductor L1 equals L2, and capacitor C, equals C2. Impedance Z1 may or may not equal Z2, but should have the same phasing sense, that is, both may be resistive, inductive, or even capacitive. If reactive elements are used, they must have the same Q. These impedances adjust the amplitudes of the vectors as well as determine the bandwidth. It is interesting to note that coils  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , when correctly phased, can be unity coupled bifilar windings. This is economical in that it permits the use of a common coil form and slug for both windings. Furthermore, if resistors are used for the loading impedances, the dc plate circuit is completed with really good parts economy. Capacitors C5 and C6 are optional. They provide phase ratio detection which may be more immune to noise than the simple detection of the other circuits.

The twin series version is an adaptation of the monocyclic square which was described in detail by the late Charles Proteus Steinmetz.

# **Split Channel Operation**

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the design problems can be overcome. Requirements for frequency stability and frequency setting would not be as severe as for 30 KC channels and many of the 60 KC adjacent channel equipments now in use could be used on 40 KC channels

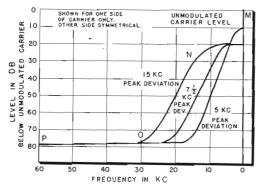


Fig. 10: Voice modulated transmitter sidedistribution for three deviations

without too much increase in interference, if the deviation were reduced. This system would require shifting of the frequency assignment of some of the present channels, which is not required if 30 KC channels were used.

- 4. Intermodulation interference is increased with split channel operation whether 20 KC or 30 KC.
- 5. With either 20 KC and 30 KC channel splitting plans, a great deal of thought on the part of the FCC and the industry must be given to how a change-over can be made, especially in the more crowded parts of the band, without too rapid obsolescence of equipment already in

The author wishes to express his indebtedness to a number of his associates in making this study. Particularly to Mr. G. A. Kious for his assistance in making the field tests, Mr. R. P. Gifford for much of the work on graphic analysis, and Mr. C. M. Heiden for overall guidance in the project.

In Part I of this article appearing in the March issue of TELE-TECH, for clarity the first paragraph on page 65 should be amended to read as follows: A receiver, B, with a selectivity of about 100 db at ± 20 KC as measured by the 20 db quieting method, was obtained. It has been a common belief that such a receiver would give acceptable adjacent channel operation even on 20 KC spacing. As an additional check, a second receiver, B, was modified to have approximately the same i-f selectivity using multiple tuned i-f transformers.

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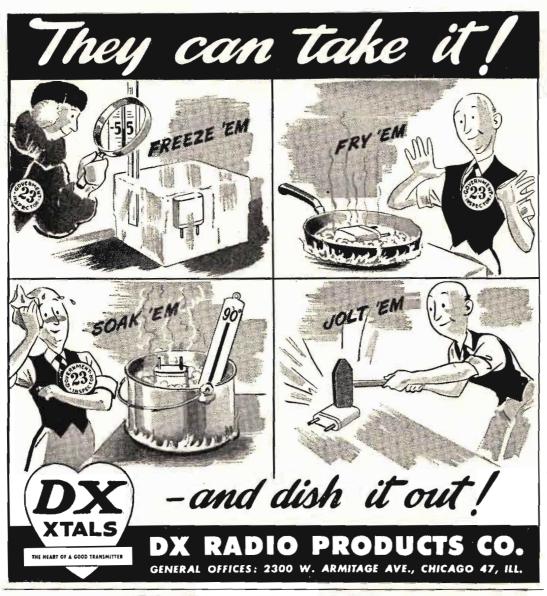
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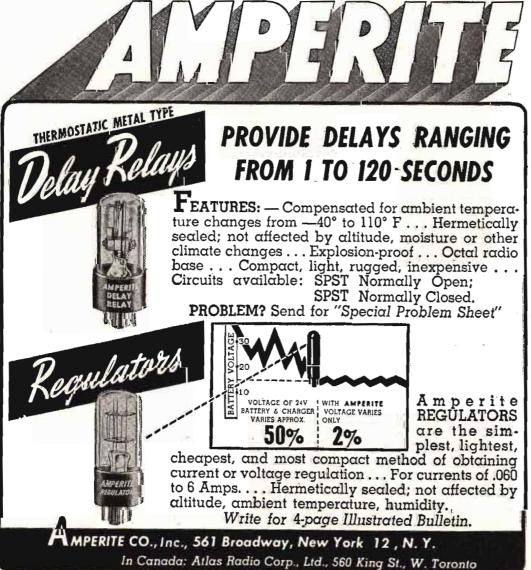
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# Electrostatic Relays

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unit area of the ribbon. For this reason, fast electrostatic relays are limited to subminiature sizes.

Although neither the ribbon length nor the tension enter explicitly into Eq. (8) above, they enter indirectly through the requirement the  $(B_0x_0) < 0.6$ . Substituting appropriately,

$$\chi_0^2 < 9 a^3 h \gamma/V^2;$$

$$X_0 < 0.67 t_c \sqrt{Y/D}$$

This equation completes the design information relating the closing time, the applied potential, and the dimensions of the relay.

As an example, consider a relay with a spacing of 0.002 in., an aluminum alloy ribbon with a density of 3 and 0.0001 in. thick, and actuated with 500 v. The calculated closing time is 12 usec., but the calculated stable length is only a little more than 1/8 in., using the maximum safe tension in the ribbon. If the thickness of the ribbon is increased to 0.0004 in., while the voltage is halved, the closing time is nearly 50 usec., but the ribbon length is now about 0.5 in., a perfectly reasonable size for modern subminiature assembly techniques.

It was pointed out in the beginning of this article that one of the advantages of electrostatic construction is the ability to operate from high frequency sources directly. This implies that these relays may be used directly in conjunction with vacuum tubes in low voltage circuits, since the output voltage from the tube can be stepped up to the relay operating potential in an extremely simple air-core transformer. In switching low voltage dc potentials with a relay of this type, actuation with  $\mathbf{r}$ -f power carries the additional advantage that the actuating voltages, which are capacitively coupled into the contact circuits, in the simple designs shown, can easily be filtered out. (Similarly, a relay switching r-f currents had best be operated on dc.)

### Damping Problem

One of the major problems associated with the actual design of a ribbon relay is that of damping the mechanical motion of the ribbon, after it has been snapped against the contacts by the electrostatic field. Several solutions have been advanced, none of them wholly satisfactory. For dc operation, one of the contacts can be used to short the deflecting plate to the ribbon

through a small condenser which recharges, after a short delay, through a resistor in the line to the plate. This brings the deflecting voltage down to very small values for a short interval after the ribbon strikes the contact; during this interval the tension forces in the ribbon absorb its kinetic energy. As the ribbon comes to a halt, the potential on the deflecting plate rises again to balance these tension forces, and hold the ribbon in the deflected position. For r-f operation, the plate voltage on the driving oscillator tube can be shunted off for a few microseconds by the same device. Alternatively, the change in capacity between the plate and the ribbon, as the latter deflects, can be made to detune the transformer secondary, and so to diminish the voltage on the deflecting plate as the ribbon approaches the contacts.

### Filling Relay with Fluid

One other solution to the damping problem, which also trades speed for ruggedness, is to fill the relay with a viscous fluid of high dielectric constant, high breakdown strength, and a density as nearly equal to that of the ribbon as possible. This reduces the forces on the ribbon occasioned by transverse acceleration of the relay (since these are proportional to the difference in density between the ribbon and its ambient material), and also reduces the voltage required to deflect and hold the ribbon, by virtue of the high dielectric constant. The effective mass of the ribbon, and hence the closing time, are increased very greatly, however.

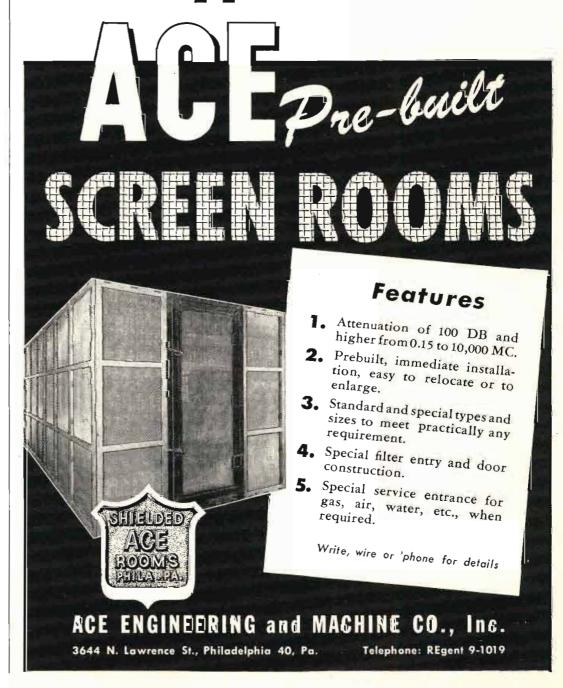
Suitable fluids for this work are currently expensive curiosities of chemistry, but the quantity required to fill one relay is so minute that even a very expensive filling will not increase the cost of the relay appreciably above the cost of evacuting it.

Although any extended discussion of practical applications would be premature, the small size and weight, the low actuating power, and the hermetic sealing suggest aircraft applications, particularly in gliders, sounding balloons, and other special types where power supplies are precious and vibration is not a problem. The high speed suggests uses in computers and telemetering devices. By driving the ribbon at its resonant frequency, chopping of thermocouple voltages and other dc amplifier inputs at 20 to 30 KC becomes practical.

This paper was first presented before the National Electronics Conference in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22-24, 1951.

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## Harmonic Generation

(Continued from page 61) megacycles because of the length of the connection. Furthermore, a grounded cathode, or more accurately, a common cathode multiplier is impractical because of the cathode lead inductance. Further, the geometry of the tube requires the output circuit to be connected between the anode and screen grid rather than between the anode and cathode. The circuit of Fig. 5 has therefore been designed, and with it it is possible to obtain very satisfactory frequency multiplier performance up to the highest frequency at which the tube will function as a straight amplifier,

that is, about 1100 mc and about 1600

мс pulsed.

From the equivalent circuit in Fig. 6 it can be seen that the feedback occurs because of the passage of the anode-to-cathode current through the input or grid cathode circuit. An explanation of the functioning of the feedback in greater detail has already been given elsewhere, 7,8 but its principal characteristic is that it is current feedback and is not obtained by any external coupling means between the output and input circuits. Also, the magnitude of the feedback voltage developed across the input circuit is virtually independent of the impedance of the output circuit. It therefore follows that the feedback will be present to about the same extent whether the output circuit is tuned to the fundamental frequency or to a harmonic frequency.

In practice, the amount of feedback is adjusted by varying the length of the stub between the open end of the grid conductor and the movable shorting bar or by varying the ratio of the capacitances of C1 and C2. Normally a stub length of about λ/8 is required for stable operation when  $C_1 = C_2 = 0$ , or somewhat less if the circuit is provided with C1 and C2 in an adjustable form. The amount of positive feedback is roughly proportional to C1/C2. Increasing both C1 and C2 and maintaining their ratio constant will lower the resonant frequency of the circuit without changing the feedback appreciably. The ratio C1/C2 required for a given amount of feedback depends not only on the stub length but on the ratios of the diameters of the coaxial lines.

Regarding the limit to the amount of feedback that can be used, this would seem to depend on the kind of service intended. A continuous reduction in driving power required is obtained even if the feedback is increased beyond the point where

self-oscillation persists when the drive is removed. In cw or FM-CW service it may therefore be permissible to use this much feedback. On the other hand, the linearity of (r-f output)/(r-f input) suffers as the feedback is increased, and in certain applications this might be inadmissible.

The situation is illustrated graphically in Fig. 7, showing that when the feedback is just large enough to cause self-oscillation the driving power required is still finite and appreciably large. Only when the feedback is increased considerably

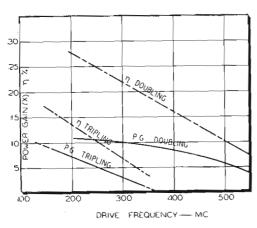


Fig. 8: Performance of 4X150G multiplier shown in Fig. 5

beyond this point will the circuit give maximum output with the drive removed. This is the feedback adjustment for most efficient self-oscillation. The efficiency (n) curves in Fig. 8 represent about 90% of the maximum efficiency when driven to sat-

It will be seen from Fig. 8 that the power gains are considerably superior to those in Fig. 4, due partly to the reduction in input circuit losses in the tube itself, but mainly to the introduction of positive feedback. There is still a frequency ceiling however, and the efficiency vs. frequency curves do not differ appreciably in the two cases. This is because r-f losses, and especially electron transit time losses, cause a broadening of the plate current pulses energizing the output circuit and a corresponding decrease in harmonic content.

An examination of the equivalent circuit indicates that at driving frequencies lower than about 300 MC, it is feasible to dispense with the transmission line input circuit and use instead a parallel wire arrangement or lumped inductances in the form of small coils coupled together in the appropriate manner, as shown in Fig. 9. This would result in a more compact physical layout.

It should be emphasized that the numerical values of the power gain (Continued on page 120)

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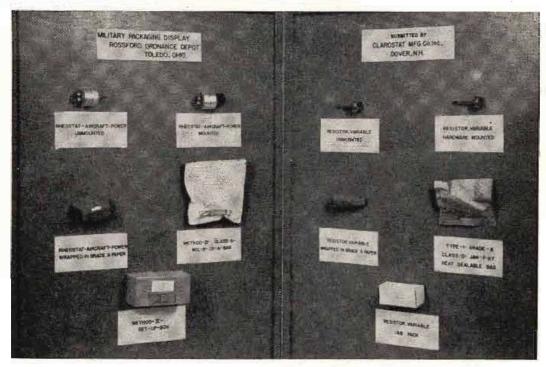
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and efficiency shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 8 represent the condition where the efficiency is 90% of the value that can be obtained by increasing

the driving power indefinitely, or to the value giving the highest efficiency. The relation between drive and efficiency is always an inverse

one, and in the case of the positive feedback multiplier, large power gains are obtainable if the efficiency is allowed to drop. This is shown in Fig. 10 for the condition where there is enough feedback to allow feeble oscillation with the drive removed. In order to draw curves of power gain and efficiency vs. frequency, it is necessary to choose a specific condition which is independent of frequency. The condition where the efficiency is 90% of the highest attainable value was chosen because it represents a reasonable compromise between gain and efficiency that may be useful in practice. These remarks apply also to the curves in Fig. 4, although not to the same degree. For example, when frequency tripling from 150 mc to 450 Mc with the 4X150A without positive feedback, a power gain of 7 times can be achieved if the efficiency is allowed to fall to 17%, corresponding to a power output of 31 watts for 150 watts plate dissipation.

Regarding the operating voltages etc., on the tube's electrodes, it is assumed in the foregoing that optimum grid bias is used according to well-established formulae.<sup>1</sup>

These two tubes with their special circuits offer substantial advantages (Continued on page 123)



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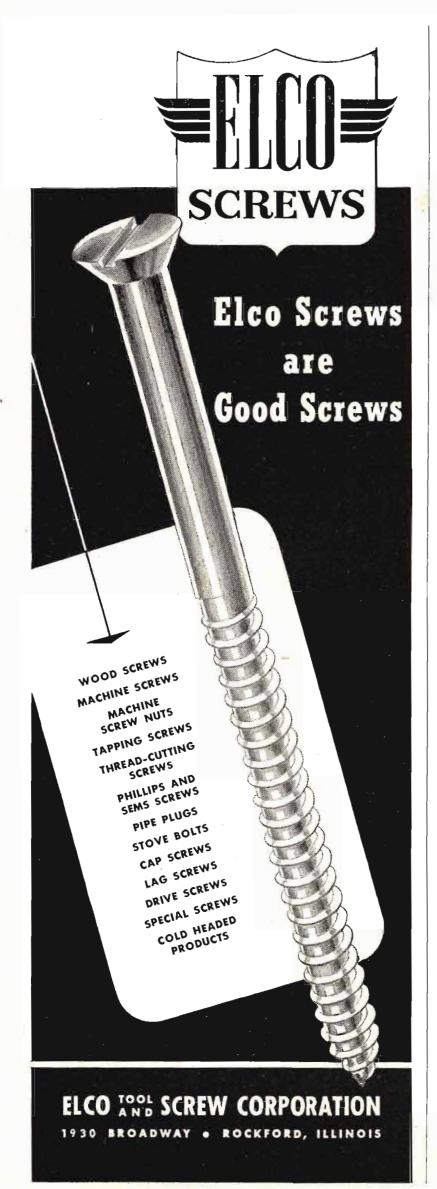
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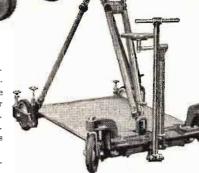
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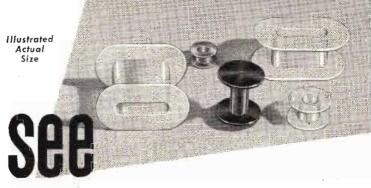


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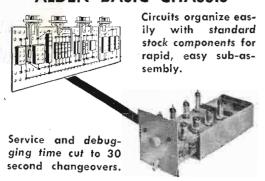
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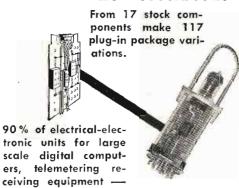
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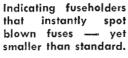
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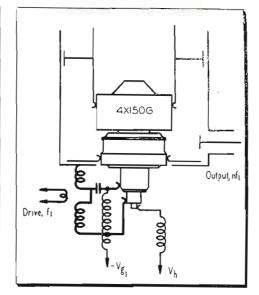


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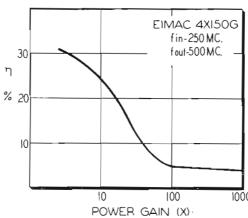


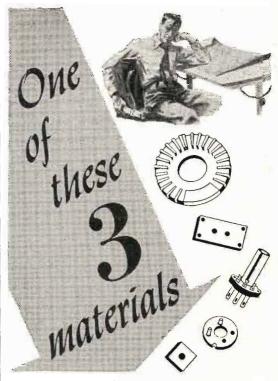
Fig. 10: Inverse relation of plate efficiency and power gain for circuit of Fig. 5.

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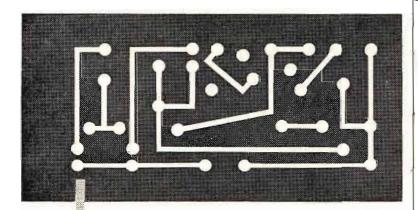


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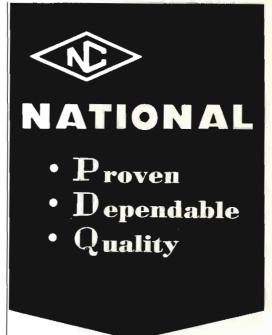
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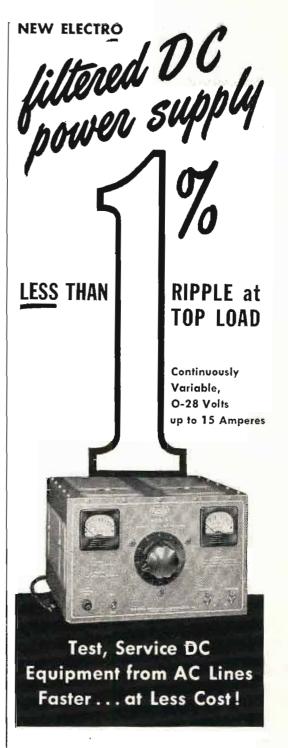
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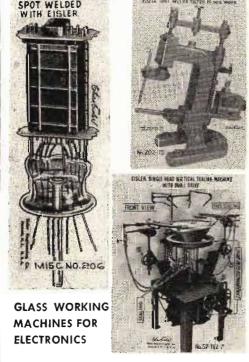


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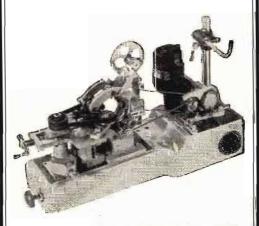
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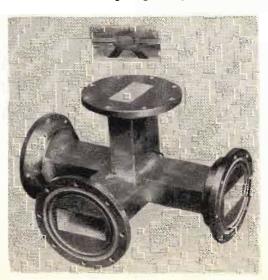
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"Stand-Off Insulators" is the title of a new bulletin published by Thor Ceramics, Inc. 225 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield, N. J. It describes Thor's complete line of standard steatite units used in the construction and installation of HF equipment

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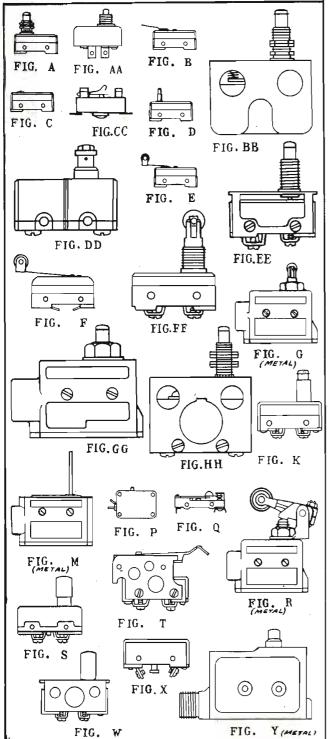


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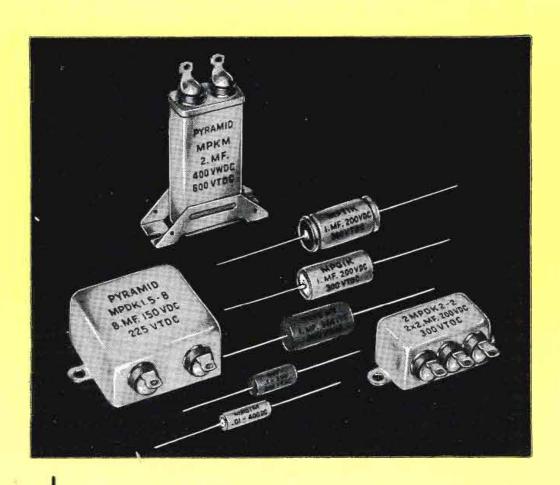
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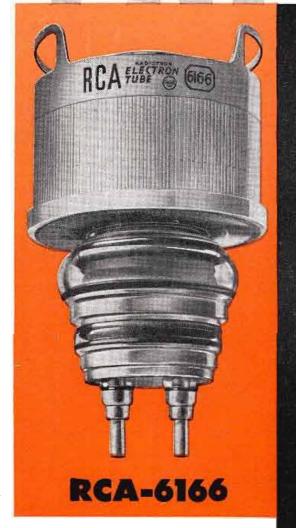
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