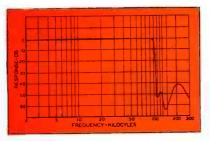




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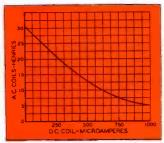




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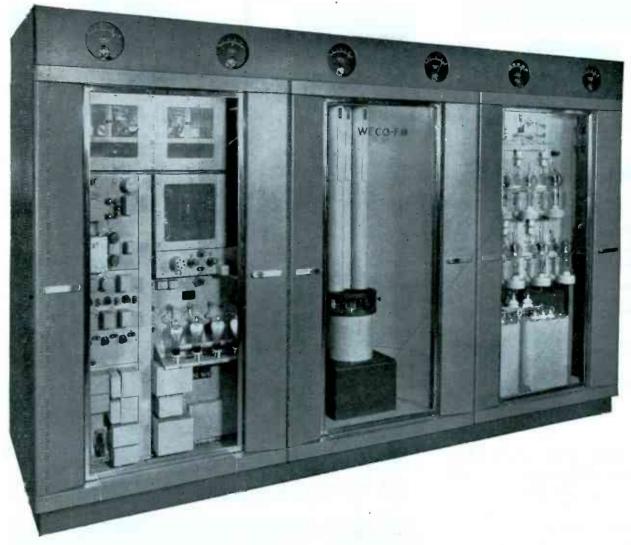
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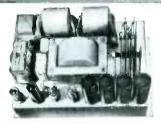


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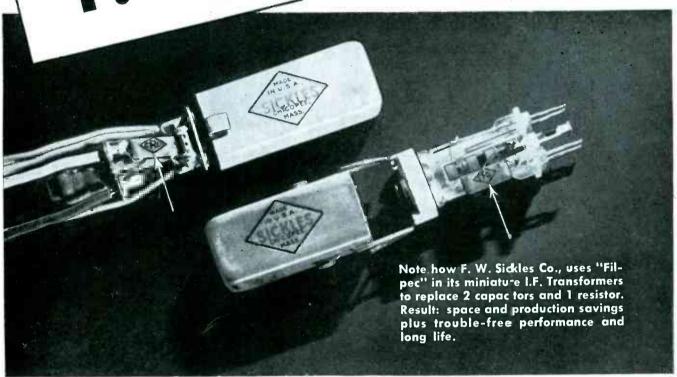
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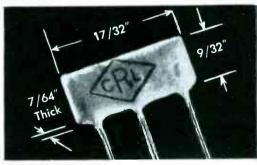
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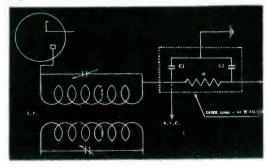
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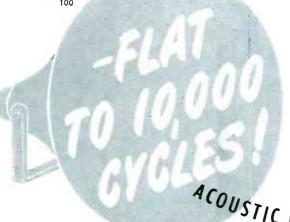
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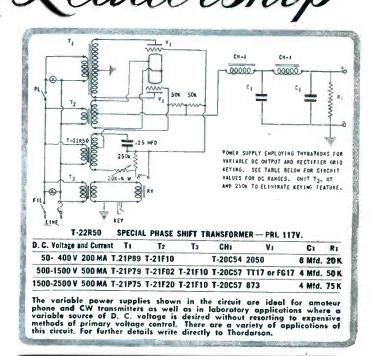


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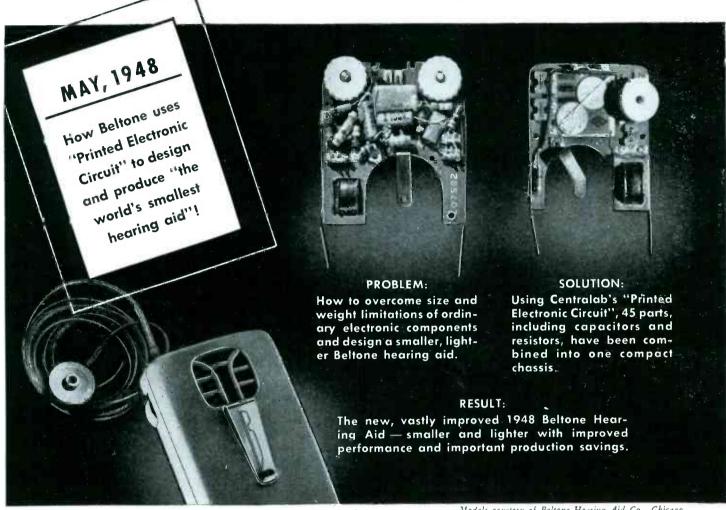
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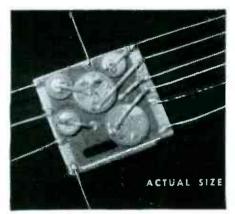
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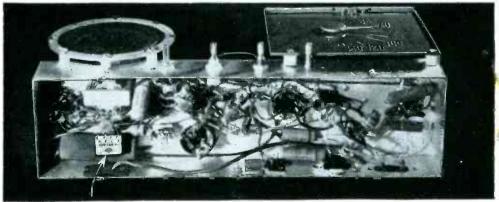


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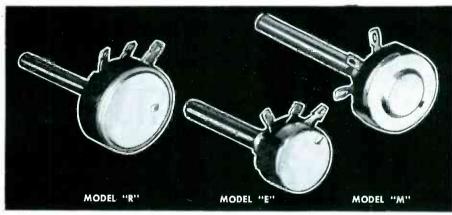


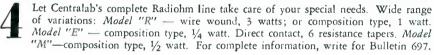
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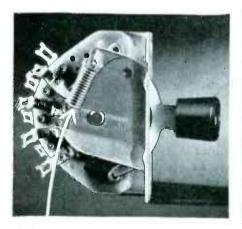




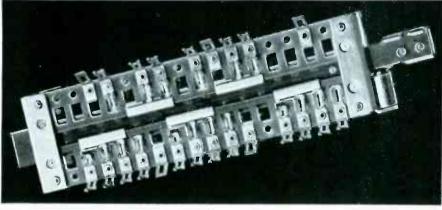


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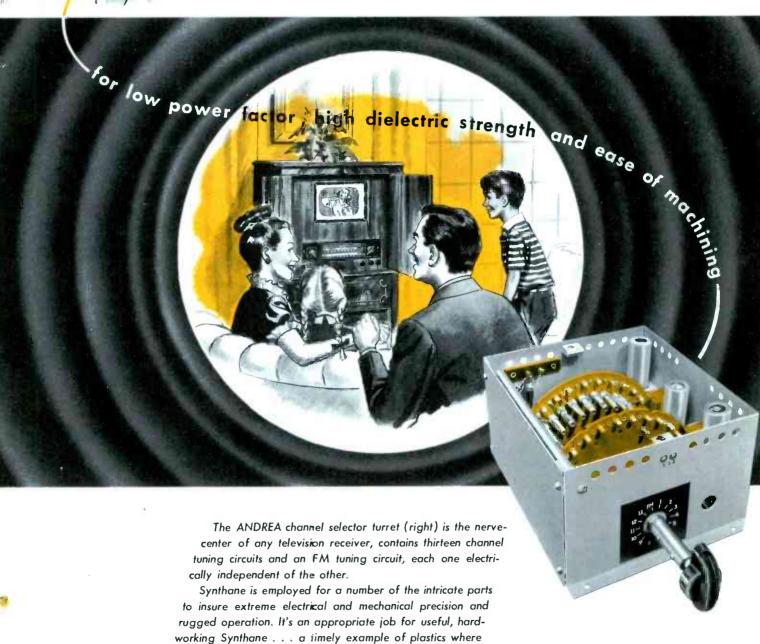
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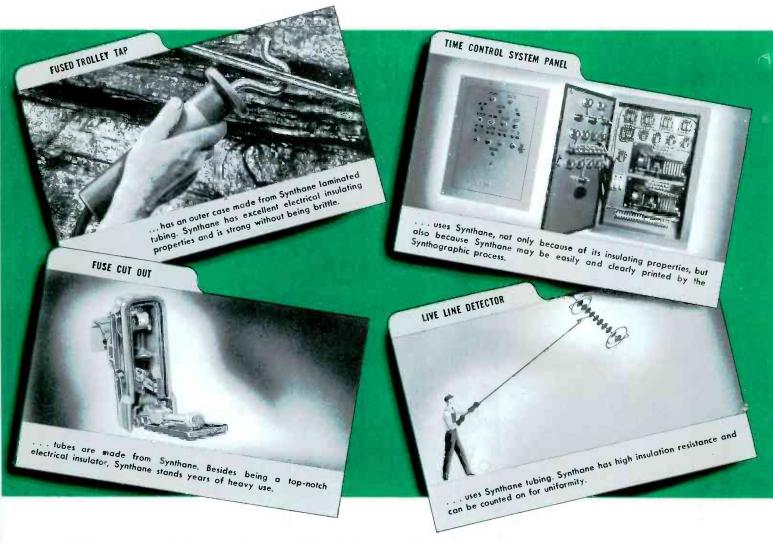
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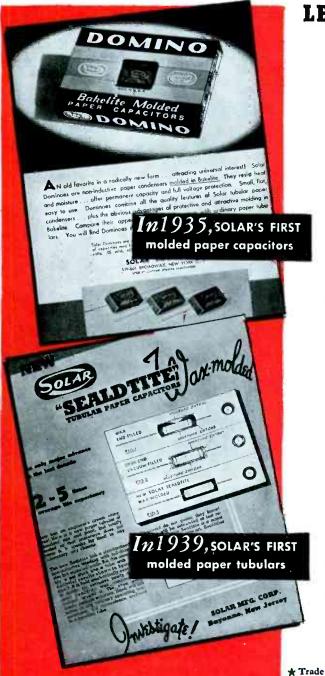


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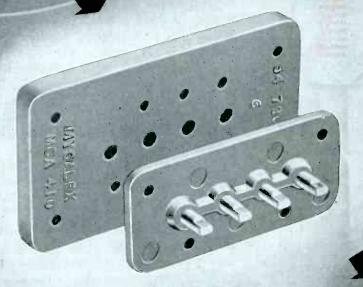


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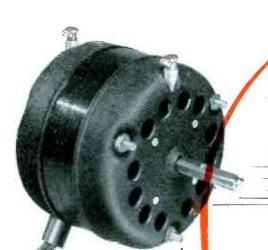
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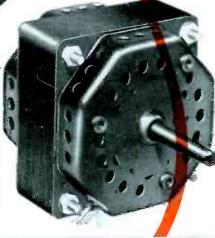
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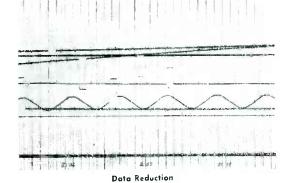
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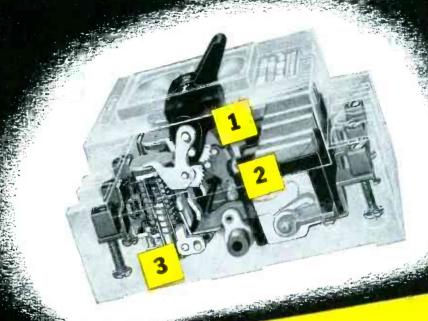
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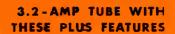
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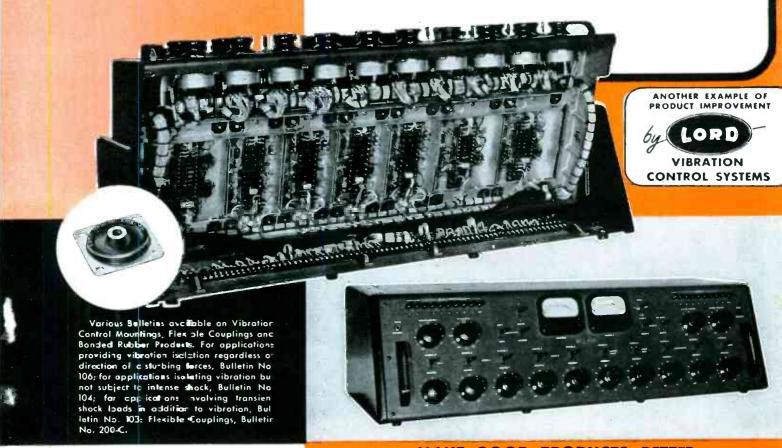


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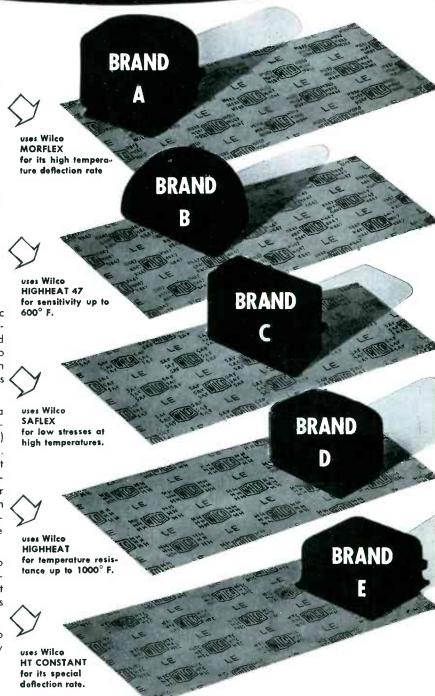
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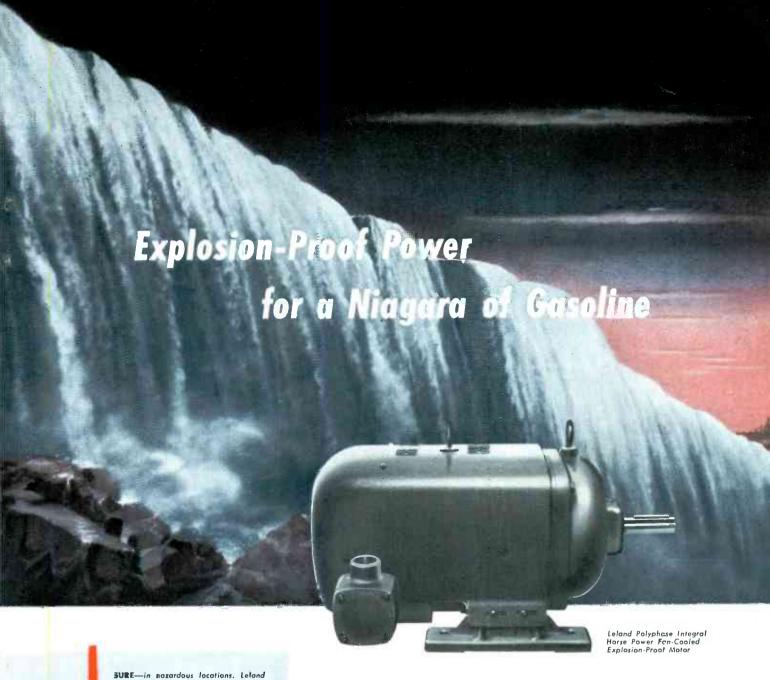


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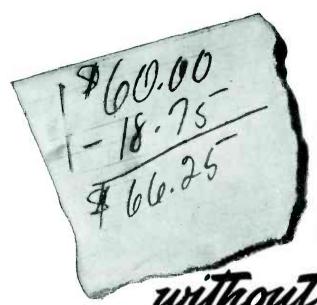
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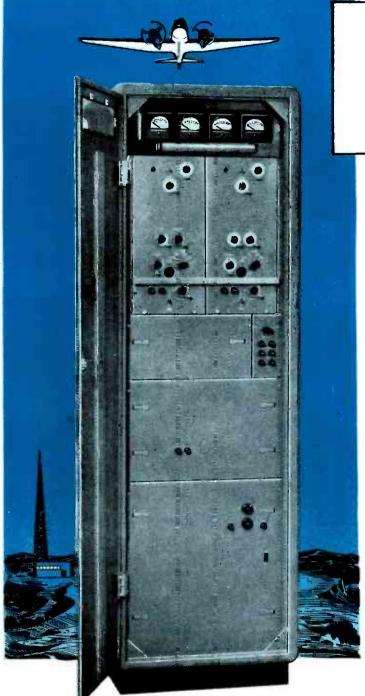
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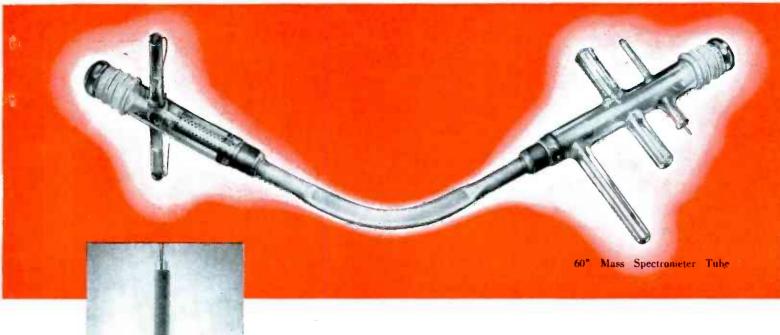
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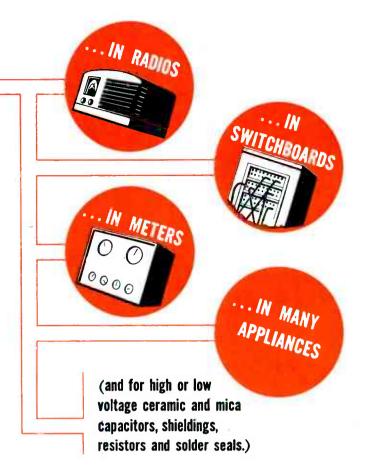
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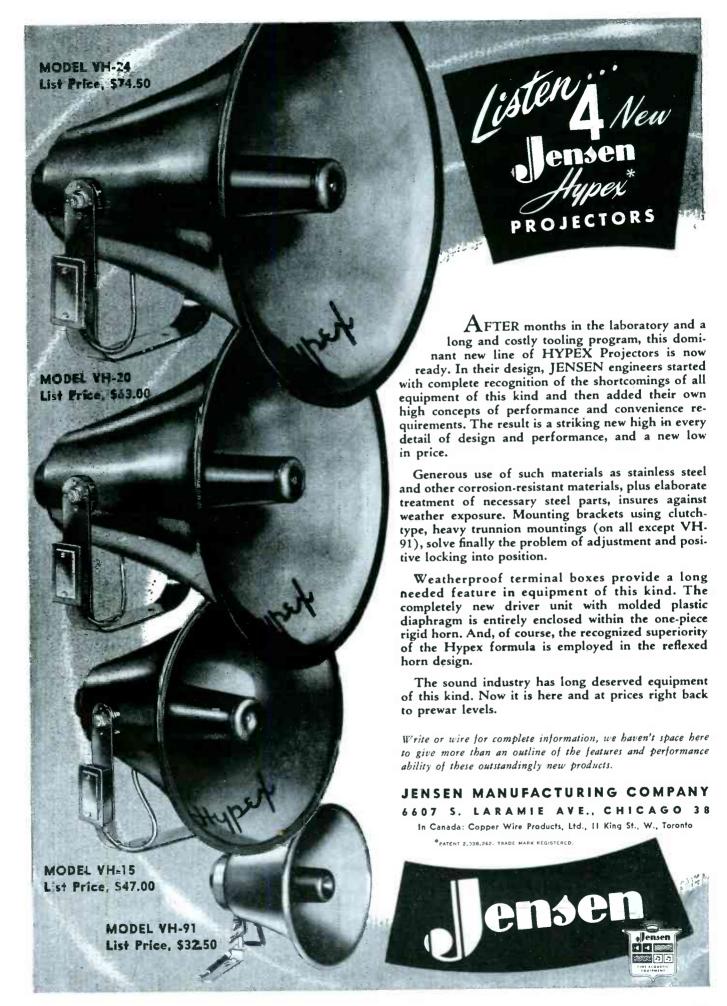
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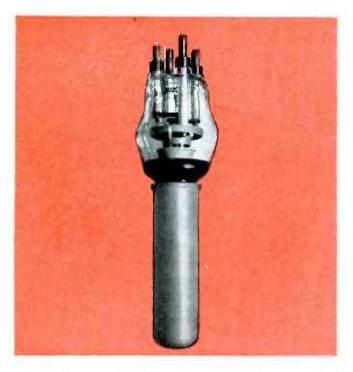


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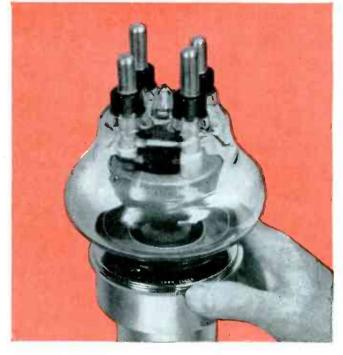
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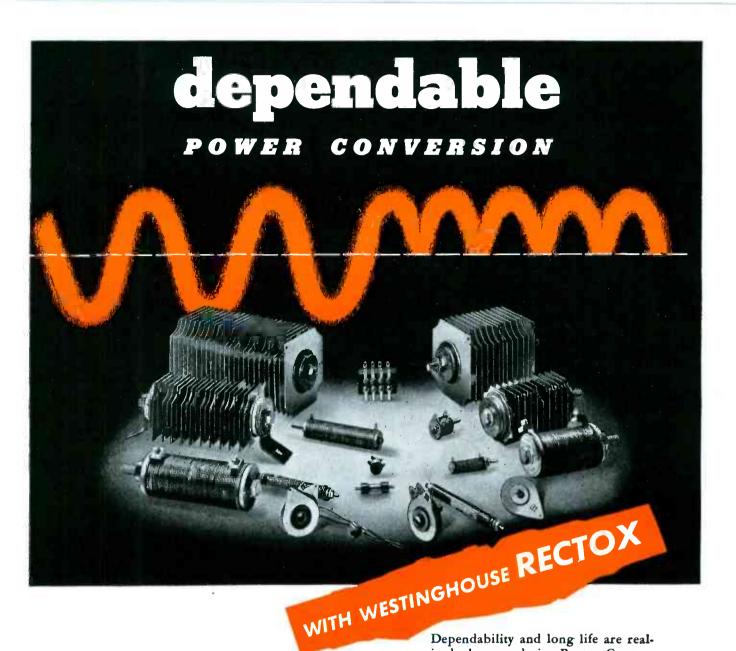


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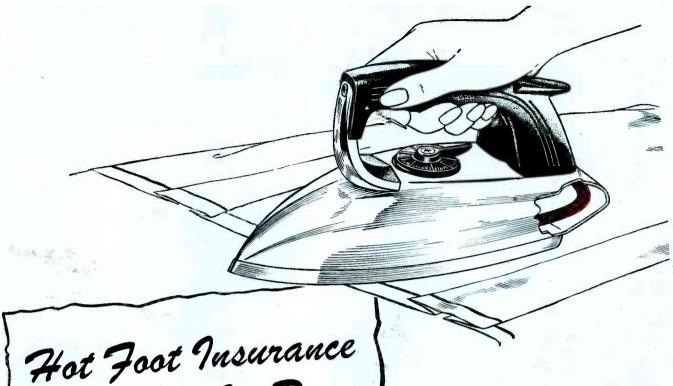
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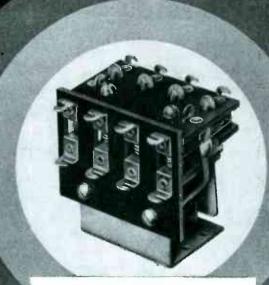
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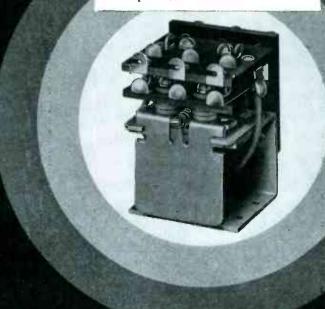
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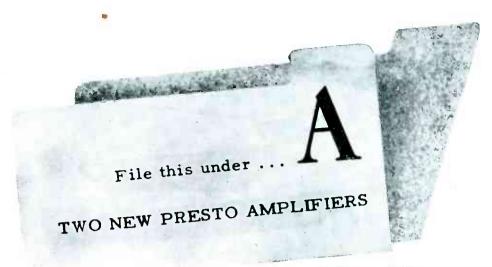






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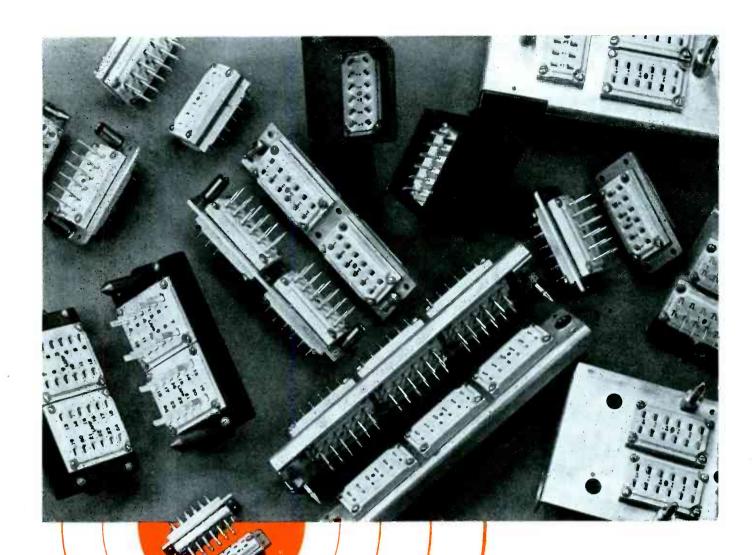


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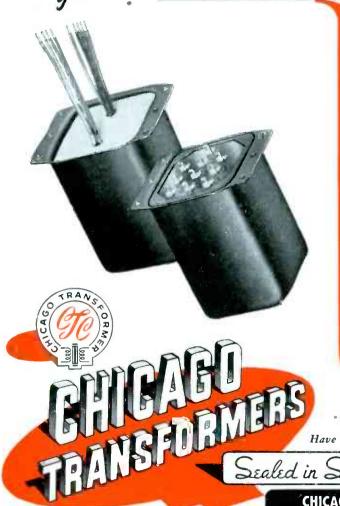
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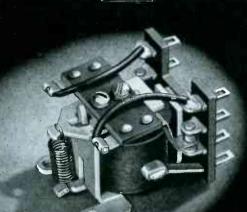
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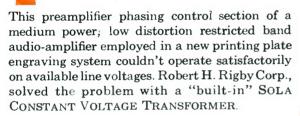
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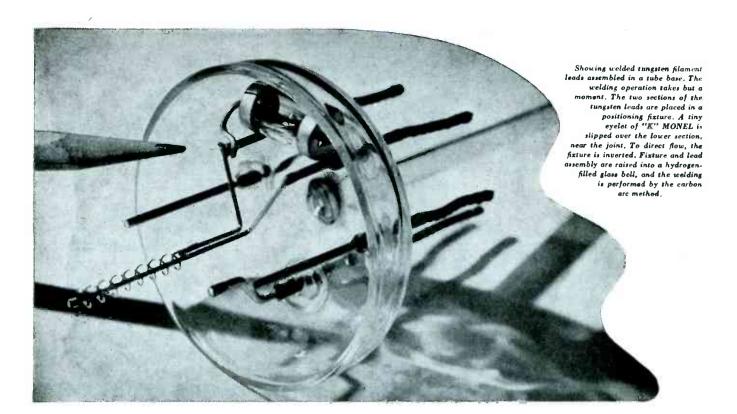
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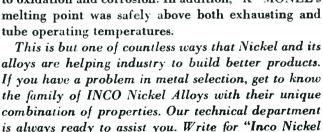
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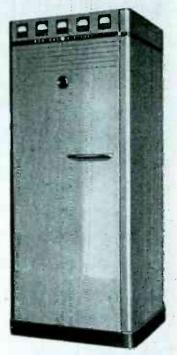
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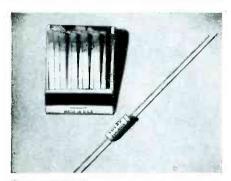
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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

Employees in Broadcast Stations and networks totalled 34,720 in 1,260 stations in October last year, according to the FCC. This is an increase of 15 percent since the previous February. These people were paid an average wage of \$72.40 for an average 39 hour week. The 7,902 technical employees averaged \$91 a week in supervisory jobs, \$70 in non-supervisory spots. Technicians in the networks and their key stations were paid about 50 percent higher wages than the average.

ARRL says that in half the cases of television interference so far reported to radio amateurs the fault has been traced to inadequate receiver design or construction. Which reminds us that an informal survey around New York City last year listed causes of tele interference in the following order:

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Letting the Cat In is now on an electronic basis. W. K. Kearsley of Schenectady has a photoelectric door opener which permits his black cat to enter the cellar but bars felines of lighter color.

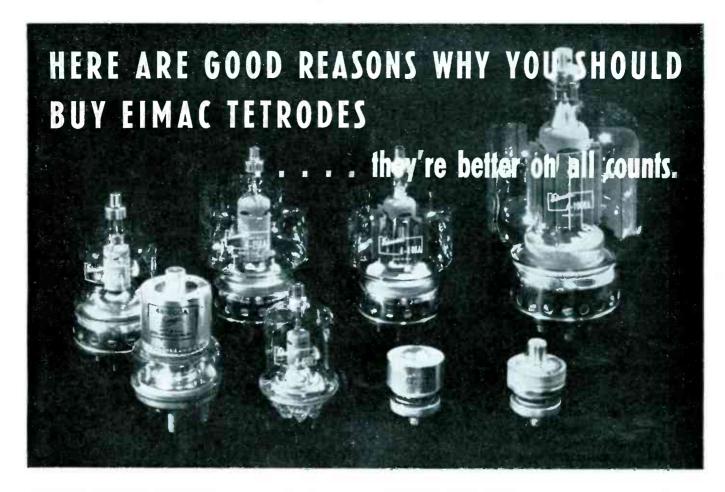
Broadcast Station Revenue is very important to television these days, since a large part of television program costs are paid out of sound broadcast profits. In 1946, income went up 8 percent over 1945, but expenses went up 14 percent, as reported here in January.

In 1947, according to a preliminary NAB report, revenues hiked up another 8 percent, but expenses gained 9 percent over 1946. The latest word from FCC says the four networks and their ten key stations had net time sales of 72.3 million dollars in 1947, only 3 percent above 1946. A similar index of newspaper revenues and expenses would be interesting, since about half the video stations on the air are owned by newspapers. Radio Corporation of America, whose stake in television is bigger than any other, reported net earnings in 1947 at \$1.12 per share of common stock, just double the figure for 1946.

Great Britain's Radio Exports are going great guns. In December 1947 the million-pounds-a-month goal for radio exports was reached for the first time. The 1947 export total was 10.3 million pounds, compared with 8 million in 1946 and 2 million in 1938. Half of the 1947 exports were in radio receivers and phonographs, one-sixth in tubes, and an equal amount in communications, navigational and inelectronic equipment dustrial combined. India is the biggest customer, taking one-fifth of current production.

Electronic Control of Humidity may prove to be a potent protector of health. Two U. of Chicago scientists reveal that germs causing pneumonia, scarlet fever and sore throats are highly vulnerable to the dehydrating action of salt in saliva. Such germs spread through the air, but only if the relative humidity is very close to 50 percent (which incidentally, is a comfortable value for humans). The required accuracy of humidity control can be had only by electronic means.

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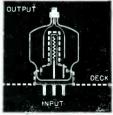
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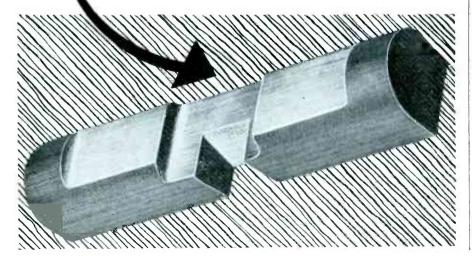
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several facts passed along to us by King Electronics' J. H. Robinson, who has made a survey of customer reactions.

Current Quotations: "Price goods too low and the customer questions its quality. Price it too high and you price it out of the market."

Busman's Holiday for many in our business is amateur radio. Of the nine men on ELECTRONICS' editorial staff in New York five have licenses, one will soon reapply, and another is learning the code.

Motorola has 53 amateurs in its Chicago plant . . . 11 inactive at present, 5 building gear, 7 on 2 meters, 5 on 10, 4 on 40, 1 on 80, and the rest operating on several bands.

How about vital statistics on some other plants?

Electronic Autopilots and turbo superchargers made by Minneapolis-Honeywell went into 35,000 B17, B24, B29 and B32 bombers during the war. Each plane carried six amplifiers for the two systems.

Some 1,000 AT11's carried autopilots for training purposes, and the last of the A26's were similarly equipped.

Television Test Equipment required by an adequately equipped installation and servicing organization costs from \$4,000 to \$5,000, according to Bill Jones of Amie Associates, who should know because he has been in the game for lo these many years.

English and North Irish radio receiver licenses totalled 11,056,-900 at the end of 1947, an increase of 278,950 over the previous year. Included in the total were 32,700 television receiver licenses.

Commercial Marine Radar sold by Raytheon since VJ Day totals 450 units.

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Television Set Production since the war passed 250,000 sets in February, and the production rate was then at the rate of 430,000 sets a year, according to RMA figures. Two-thirds of the production was in table models.

What's - Wrong - Here - Department: Two papers presented on the same program at a recent meeting of servicemen were titled How I Made \$50,000 Net in Servicing Radios Last Year, and I Spent \$91,000 to Earn \$90,000 in TV Service.

Auto Radios were installed in 84 percent of the new cars sold during 1947, Sylvania's Frank Mansfield estimates.

Employee Suggestions pay off, and ought to be paid for. Stromberg-Carlson's Lee McCanne tells us that his company has had a suggestion-compensation plan in effect since 1917, and that much of its success is due to the fact that the employee's foreman, as well as the employee, collects on each idea.

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# CROSS TALK

▶PREPAREDNESS . . . It is clear that the people of America have embarked on a program of preparedness for war as the best insurance against war now available. One part of this program is the research and development work in our colleges and industrial laboratories supported by military funds, the annual cost of which is budgeted at approximately one-half billion dollars. A large portion of this amount is currently expended in the field of electronics. Many indirect benefits to the arts of peace will come of this, but the direct and primary purpose of this work is to keep the peace by preparing against the contingencies of war. Apparently the importance of the research and development portion of the preparedness program is recognized. But in assessing the adequacy of the program other aspects must be judged.

Unless we can capitalize on research and development, unless we are able to carry the results through to quantity production when needed, preparedness is an empty word. This ability can be gained only by industrial mobilization planning, an essential element of the preparedness program which has not been given the recognition or support it deserves. Whether we like it or not, industrial mobilization must be the concern of our industry as well as every other.

One of the Services has a sizeable staff at work on electronic mobilization planning and is making a determined effort to keep the plan abreast of developments both technically and strategically. The other two Services have few men devoting full time to this work and, so far as we know, the electronic industry represented by the RMA and other groups is not concerned with the problem at all. To

attain the objective of electronic preparedness, a sustained and coordinated attack must be made on the problem by all members of industry and all the Services. Busy as the Services and our industry are today, neither can escape the responsibility for intelligent planning for future wartime military needs.

One pattern has already been established in the aircraft industry, which devotes many hours of excellent talent to the problem of matching production facilities to possible military requirements. The cost is borne by the Services under contracts with the manufacturers and selected research groups. It may be that similar contracts should be written for electronic industrial mobilization planning. In any event, a plan of attack on the problem should be worked out by the industry and Government in close cooperation. To do this, more talent should be assembled on the Government side and the industry will have to reserve sufficient time of its top personnel to work with them. With industry and Government actively collaborating, this chink in our defense can be filled.

A Communications and Electronic Equipment Committee has been established in the Munitions Board. The Committee is made up of representatives from each of the interested Services. Its task is to assist and advise the Munitions Board in establishing a realistic mobilization plan for the electronic industry. This Committee, therefore, should be the central point of contact. A constructive step would be for the Communications and Equipment Committee to request the cooperation of the industry in all phases of the plan. Such a request should be welcomed by our industry.

### I. R. E.

### National Convention-1948

New York meeting presents 130 papers to an attendance of 15.000, awards to Horle, Seeley, Huggins and 26 fellows. Accelerated activity evident in television, computers, superregeneration, tubes, and nucleonics. Equipment valued at six million shown

■ VIDENCE that postwar activity in the field of electronics continues at a level three or four times the prewar level was offered at the National I.R.E. Convention, held March 22-25 in New York. For the second year in a row, I.R.E. put on a show which far outranked the conventions of the old-line technical societies in size and vigor. A program of 130 papers, an attendance of 15,000, and exhibits by 196 manufacturers and government organizations of equipment valued at six milion dollars, provided an overpowering experience for the engineer who tried to take it all in.

When the I.R.E. national convention stepped into high gear in 1947 there were many complaints that the occasion was too elaborate. This year this feeling had given way to resignation that the art was moving so fast there was no way to cope with it. No reporter, or group of reporters, could hope to cover all the sessions or report all the significant advances. What follows here is a fragmentary account of some of the highlights.

#### Institute Awards

The highest award of the Institute, the Medal of Honor, was conferred on L. C. F. Horle, consulting engineer and head of the RMA Data Bureau. This award recognized the years of service Larry Horle has given the industry in guiding its standardization work, and in coordinating the committee activity and

publications of the National Television System Committee and the Radio Technical Planning Board.

The Morris Liebmann Memorial prize went to Stuart W. Seeley, head of the RCA Industry Service Laboratory in New York, for his development of ingenious circuits for frequency modulation, including the discriminator and ratio detector. The recently established prize in memory of Browder K. Thompson, who lost his life in action in World War II, was awarded to William H. Huggins, of the Cambridge Field Station, Air Materiel Command, for his paper on broadband short circuits for coaxial lines.

Twenty-six fellowships were awarded to members of the Institute. Reflecting the trend of the times, seven of these awards cited work in the field of television, five in communications, four in general engineering, three in military activity, and two each in measurements, development of vacuum tubes, and navigation.

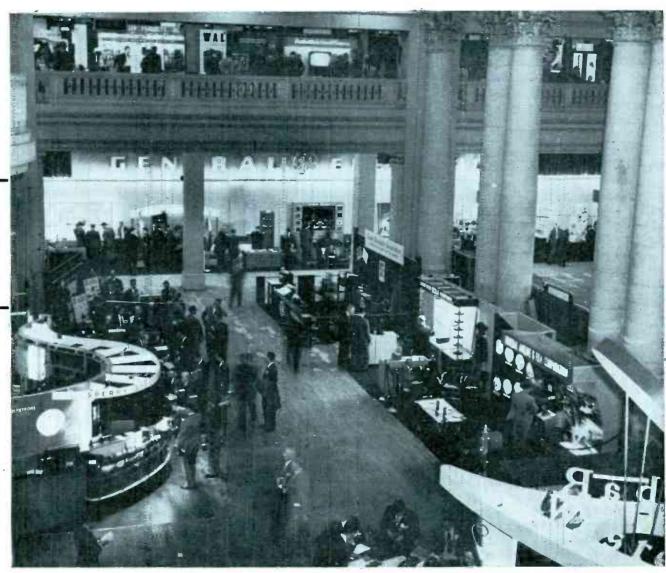
The President's Luncheon featured a speech by Wayne Coy, newly elected chairman of the FCC. Mr. Coy drew applause for his plea for care in the engineering design of two classes of radio equipment, lack of which may seriously impede the future progress of the art. No new design of a transmitter, he said, can be considered adequate if it neglects the suppression of harmonics, and no receiver design is ade-

quate if it neglects suppression of oscillator radiation. He questioned the adequacy of a television allocation plan restricted to city districts. and predicted that all the channels allocated to the 140 metropolitan districts would be assigned by end of the year. Cov announced that the FCC had given type approval to the first Citizens Radio equipment, that production was underway and that a simplified licensing procedure was being worked out.

The Annual Banquet was addressed by W. R. G. Baker, outgoing president, who drew the parallel between the frontiers of territorial expansion and the frontiers of electronic science. Noting that nucleonics and electronics were inextricably interwoven, he reminded his audience expanding knowledge is fruitless and dangerous unless it is available to everyone who can use it for human betterment.

A. N. Goldsmith, noting that the Institute's membership had doubled between 1927 and 1937, quadrupled between 1937 and 1947, gave evidence that I.R.E. activities are now big business. One hundred thousand man hours of effort were expended in I.R.E. Committee work in 1947, representing an investment on the part of the members and their employers of nearly a million dollars.

Contrasting with present activity, John V. L. Hogan outlined the frontiers of the industry in 1912,



View of some main floor exhibits during a lull in traffic. Over \$6,000,000 worth of electronic equipment was displayed on the three floors and balcony of Grand Central Palace

when the spectrum extended from 50 to 1500 kc, radio-frequency amplification was unknown, and the triode vacuum tube was not popular because it required batteries. Max Balcom, president of RMA, predicted an eventual expansion of the industry to an annual value of goods and services of five billion dollars.

### Organization of Technical Program

The 130 technical papers were arranged in quintuplicate sessions on the following topics: frequency modulation, networks, systems, navigational aids, antennas, amplifiers, tube design, superregeneration transmission, nuclear studies, industrial electronics, components, supersonics, television, synthetic crystals, broadcasting and record-

ing, tube manufacture, measurements, computers, propagation, microwaves, receivers and active circuits.

The first paper on the program, by H. B. Richmond of General Radio, discussed the position of the engineer in the electronics industry. Approximately one-quarter of all college trained engineers are in the field of electrical engineering, and the majority of this group are in electronics and communications.

A 20-fold increase in available electronic engineers is to be expected in the twenty year period from 1938 to 1958. Even in the next 2 years, a four-fold increase may occur. This is in itself not cause for concern, but it is certain that research jobs cannot be found for all the recent graduates now

demanding this type of work. Work in design and production engineering, maintenance and operation should be plentiful, however.

Mr. Richmond's researches indicated that the average B.Sc. graduate starts at about \$250 per month, somewhat higher if he has had useful military experience. An M.Sc. degree is worth about \$50 additional to start, a D.Sc. or Ph.D. about \$100 over a B.Sc. Engineers with doctors' degrees tend to stay in research, scientific and design engineering jobs longer than those with lower degrees. Most of the engineering administrative and sales engineer jobs are filled with lower-degree men. A research man in electronics must be supplied with about \$15,000 worth of equipment, and is likely to cost his employer

about \$10,000 a year if he is to be effective.

A new type of beam tube intended to serve as a frequency-modulation detector was described by Robert Adler of Zenith. The tube performs the functions of a gridbias limiter and a discriminator, using a single tuned circuit and an ingenious beam structure within the tube. The limiting occurs instantaneously, since there is no energy storage in associated circuits. A beam-forming cathode at r-f ground passes a beam through a positive slot aperture and thence to a control grid connected to the i-f input signal. The electron beam, emerging from the grid, passes another positive slot aperture through a second grid and thence to the anode,

If the control grid is negative. the trajectories of the beam electrons are curved back toward the cathode in such a way that they cannot pass through the second slot. At positive grid potentials however. the electron beam passes through to the anode. The limiting action is extremely sharp and occurs at an input signal of about one volt. The second grid is connected to a single tuned circuit to introduce the quadrature component necessary for f-m detection. The audio output appears directly at the anode. Since the output-vs-frequency curve of the gated beam tube has no negative slope within several hundred kc of the midfrequency, the tuning of the receiver is simplified.

### Simplified Selective Sideband

Another paper which excited particular interest was presented by D. E. Norgaard of General Electric, describing simple methods of selective sideband transmission and reception. Using the wideband phaseshift circuits described by R. B. Dome in Electronics in 1946 (December, p 112), it has been possible to construct simple and practical single sideband systems, useful with any type of modulation (a-m, f-m or p-m, with the carrier suppressed, attenuated or exalted). Moreover restriction of audio bandwidth does not occur; response flat within 0.1 db from 30 to 15,000 cps is possible in single sideband operation. Low-level modulation is used,



Broadcast engineers Glenn Koehler and Harold Engel of WHA, Madison, Wisconsin, measure distortion and noise in an audio signal while Bill Broughton of GE (at left) explains the operation of the equipment

followed by linear amplification.

In the receiver, conventional circuits are used up to the second detector. At this point two detectors are used in conjunction with a locked-in second local oscillator. The outputs of the detectors drive Dome phase-shift networks, producing sum and difference frequencies corresponding to the respective sidebands. Two audio amplifiers develop these signals separately. One of the most interesting practical applications suggested was the use of the two sidebands in conventional broadcasting to supply binaural reception, two microphones controlling each sideband independ-In shortwave communication, where selective fading is severe, single sideband operation produces a substantial improvement in intelligibility.

### Low-Noise Amplifier

An ingenious double-triode amplifier originally developed at the Radiation Laboratory in 1944 was described for the first time by Messrs. Wallman, Macnee and Gadsden of MIT. The two triodes are connected in cascade, the first tube operating as a normal grounded-cathode stage directly coupled to the cathode of the second, which operates as a grounded-grid stage. Used as i-f amplifiers, each stage has a single-tuned circuit in its input, and the first stage has in addition a small inductance between grid and anode. The second stage, being grounded grid, presents a very low impedance to the plate of the first stage. As a result the gain of the first stage is about unity and its operation is correspondingly stable over a wide band. The gain of the groundedgrid (second) stage is about equal to the product of its transconductance and load resistance, whereas the overall gain is the product of the first tube transconductance and the second tube load resistance.

The overall power gain of the two tubes is of the order of 200 using typical tubes and this makes the noise contribution of the following stages negligible. Typical tubes used are a 6AK5 connected as a triode for the first stage and one-half of a 6J6 double triode as the second stage. Typical stages operating at mid frequencies of 6, 30 and 180 mc have exhibited noise factors 0.25, 1.35 and 5.5 db above theoretical respectively, at bandwidths of 2, 12 and 30 mc respectively. One of the lowest noise figures ever obtained in a 10-cm radar receiver, 8.7 db above theoretical, was achieved by the authors



The radiator for a big-dish antenna displayed at the IRE meeting is examined by George McIntire of WJEJ, Winchester, Virginia

using a cascade amplifier of this type at 30 mc.

### Diode Rectifier Motor Control

Thyratron motor controls to secure a high value of torque at low speeds in motors, now commonly used in machine tool drives and other industrial applications, can be improved to the extent of a 50 percent increase in torque, by the circuit described by W. N. Tuttle of General Radio. In this circuit a variable transformer (Variac), a choke and a full-wave vacuum diode rectifier are used to feed the armature of a d-c shunt motor. The low cost of vacuum full-wave rectifier tubes makes it possible to provide current capacity sufficient for instant starting, and the space requirements for the control are considerably less than that of the equivalent thyratron control. one-third h-p motor can be controlled by such a circuit in a case 9 by 5 by 12 inches. By reversal of the armature current it is possible to provide dynamic braking in addition to speed control. A constant increment in speed from no load to full load is obtained over the full range of speed control, which may cover a range as wide as 20 to 1.

Two well known figures in radio, Knox McIlwain and Harold A.

Wheeler addressed themselves to an old problem: Can radio waves be transmitted deep in the earth? Calculations had indicated subsurface exploration as deep as 5,000 feet might be possible by reflection of radio waves from strata, assuming a system amplification of 150 db. The Bureau of Mines had received radio waves at broadcast frequencies several hundred feet below the surface under circumstances which indicated direct passage through the earth. A joint investigation by Seaboard Oil Company and Hazeltine was set up to determine what might be done, using wave frequencies from 0.5 mc to 1,000 mc. Initial successful transmission through 600 feet of earth proved impossible to repeat. Later it was noted that the first observation had been made following a prolonged dry spell, whereas later attempts had followed heavy rain fall. A final determination was made by lowering a transmitter and receiver through separate drill holes, with the holes capped so that any energy detected would have to pass through the ground. Variations in loss as high as 1 db per foot were observed between layers of shale and sand, and the variations were closely correlated with changes in structure. Ground moisture introduces such losses that it was concluded that this method of geophysical prospecting was impractical. The method has some chance of success when used to locate water in very dry regions, however.

### New Microwave Oscillator

E. D. McArthur of General Electric described a new type of triode, now in the development stage, which may prove useful as a generator of microwaves for such purposes as local oscillation and signal generation. The tube, called a dyotron, is a conventional triode containing a bypass capacitor of about 70 uuf within the envelope connected directly between grid and cathode, thus effectively removing any r-f potential between grid and cathode. The tube then becomes a two-terminal device, so far as r-f is concerned. Oscillation occurs as a result of the penetration of the grid-anode field through the grid structure so that it affects the cathode current. No external feedback circuit is required. D-c bias may be applied between grid and cathode to regulate the frequency of oscillation.

The frequency range depends on the transit angle relations. By placing such a tube in a coaxial cavity, and by adjusting a piston in the cavity, a tuning range of 1,800 to 2,800 mc, with a power output varying from 100 to 350 milliwatts was obtained, with excellent frequency stability. In a signal generator, a single tube covers the range from 1,400 to 3,200 mc. Electronic tuning is possible by changes in grid bias at a rate of about 0.5 mc per volt, over a total range of 3 to 4 mc at 1,000 mc.

### Superregeneration

A rebirth of interest in superregenerative receivers was evidenced by a session of five papers on this subject. W. E. Bradley of Philco presented a unified theory of this circuit drawing a causal connection between the shape of the time variation in the conductance of the tube, determined by the shape of the quench waveform, and the resulting selectivity curve. A Fourier transform is employed to convert from the time function to the frequency function. An example of this technique, the design of the Fremodyne circuit for f-m reception, was given by B. D. Loughlin of Hazeltine. Harold Wheeler reviewed the recent history of this circuit and opined that new uses would be found for it, now that the basic theory is better understood.

The growing importance of electronics in nuclear studies was reviewed in two sessions, and announcement was made of the cooperative effort of several technical societies to set up a uniform glossary of nuclear terms.

A new branch of communications technology, christened cybernetics, was discussed by Norbert Wiener of M. I. T. This system brings the nervous system and its psychological attributes explicitly into the communications system as a functional element and studies the capacity of the individual to assimilate and use the information offered by the system.—D.G.F.



Experimental model of a 32-kc pulsed frequency modulation blind guidance system. Headphones can be replaced with bone conduction unit, and use of 65 kc allows smaller double-transducer assembly (see Fig. 1).

### BLIND GUIDANCE

**10** investigate the possibilities of developing artificial devices to aid the military blind, the Committee on Sensory Devices was organized in 1944 under the jurisdiction of the Office of Scientific Research and Development. The Haskins Laboratories of New York City was selected by the Committee on Sensory Devices to serve as a central laboratory for the Committee in guiding the efforts of various groups doing the research and development and also to carry on tests with blind subjects. The Stromberg-Carlson Company was one of three industrial organizations chosen to develop blind guidance devices using ultrasonic echo-ranging techniques. In September 1945, the

From a paper presented at the 1947 National Electronics Conference in Chicago.

Committee on Sensory Devices was transferred to the National Research Council and the financial support of the research program was taken on jointly by the Surgeon General of the War Bepartment and by the Veterans Administration

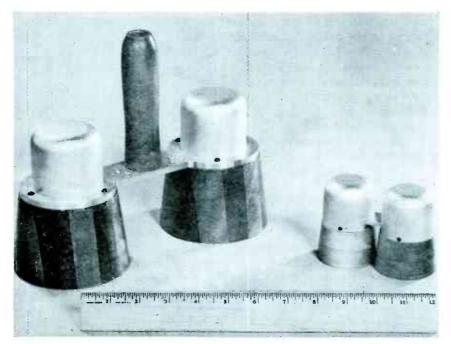
While the idea of a person's carrying around a portable radar-like device originally seemed rather fantastic, there was the precedent of the bat's use of an acoustic form of echo ranging<sup>1,2</sup> and of a blind person's use of audible sounds to locate walls and other fairly large obstacles.<sup>3</sup>

### System Limitations

Although at first the form of the guidance device was only loosely defined, it was natural to assume that

it would be something like a flashlight which the user could point in various directions. The signal would probably be some audible indication of the distance to the obstructing object. The maximum distance range that seemed desirable changed with experience.

At first, the tentative specifications called for a maximum range of at least twenty-five feet, and fifty feet if possible. Later experience with systems which did have a range of fifty feet or more showed that there was a large amount of information about distant objects that was of no immediate use and actually caused confusion. A blind subject, for example, walked with much more confidence if the guidance device gave no indication of objects beyond eight feet than he



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FIG. 1-Magnetostriction transducers used in the 32-kc (left) and 65-kc devices

Portable radar-like device employing pulsed frequency modulation gives a single audio frequency tone corresponding to any given obstacle distance. Simultaneous echoes from different distances are identified by combinations of individual tones. Complete experimental equipment weighing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pounds operates at 65 kc to detect obstacles up to 30 feet

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did if he had to sort out and interpret information indicating many distant objects. Whether a prolonged training period would make it possible for the subject to ignore the distant signals, except when they were of real interest, is open to question.

A fundamental limitation of any echo-ranging system is the fact that the type of information which a blind person expects from a guidance device can not always be obtained by echo-ranging. An open door, for example, is difficult to find from the opposite side of a room. Unless the beam of ultrasonic sound is very narrow, the echoes from the posts at each side of the door mask the lack of an echo between them. A closed door, it would seem, could not be found at all. Conditions that

are hazardous are sometimes difficult to find by echo-ranging, since not all hazards are caused by the presence of obstacles. An open manhole, a sudden step-down or a curb are as dangerous as solid obstacles, yet it is difficult to identify either the hole or the step-down by echoranging. From the point of view of acoustic field theory, there is always a scattered wave whenever there is a discontinuity of any kind

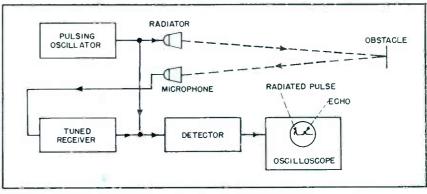


FIG. 2—Block diagram of a simple pulsed blind guidance system

in the path of the sound wave. The wave scattered back from a step-down, however, is so small that it might easily be mistaken for the wave scattered from a crack in the sidewalk.

#### Signal Presentation

Even if the desired information can be obtained by echo-ranging, there is still the problem of the presentation of this information to the blind subject. With the sense of sight no longer available, the information must be presented to one or more of the remaining senses. The most obvious method of presenting direction is to allow the transducer unit to be held in the hand so that the subject can scan his environment with the projected ultrasonic beam. When an obstacle is detected, its direction is thus the direction in which the transducer unit is pointed. This method is used in all systems described here.

Perhaps the most obvious method of distance presentation is aural. However, other types of presentation are possible and in some circumstances may be more desirable.

Ultrasonic systems have been built that present the range information either aurally or tactually. Some of these systems have been modified so that the information is presented by direct electrical stimulation; for example, a controlled shock. Of the three methods, the most information can be presented aurally. However, blind subjects prefer not to use earphones since they interfere with normal hearing cues. While the use of a bone conduction receiver may be the most satisfactory compromise, the decision between types of presentation can only be made after tests with blind subjects.

A number of difficulties exist in ultrasonic systems, the main one being specular reflection of sound from large, smooth surfaces. Such a surface, unless it contains irregularities that scatter the sound, can be detected only when it is oriented normal to the beam. Fortunately, most flat surfaces encountered can be detected by the scattered sound. Ambient noise in the ultrasonic range can, occasionally, interfere with the desired signal. For ex-

ample, the jingling of keys, if the keys are in the path of the beam, or the blast of air from an air hose can cause trouble.

The complete evaluation of any blind guidance device is in itself a major psychological problem. Since this phase of the work is carried on by the Haskins Laboratories, it will be reported elsewhere.

#### Transducers

While the requirements of efficiency, bandwidth, transient response, small size and light weight are stringent, magnetostriction transducers have been developed that have given satisfactory performance. The magnetostriction transducers for use at 32 kilocycles have been described elsewhere: these transducers were satisfactory for experimental use but would be too large for a practical device. Magnetostriction transducers for use at 65 kilocycles have also been developed. These are similar to the 32-kilocycle transducers but are correspondingly smaller so that their directional characteristics are approximately the same.

Separate but identical transducers are used for radiator and microphone. The transient response of the units does not permit use of a single unit for both functions. Figure 1 is a photograph of the double transducer units for 32 kilocycles and for 65 kilocycles.

The beam width of a single transducer is about 6.5 degrees at the half-power point. The on-the-axis sensitivity as a microphone is 60 to 70 decibels below one volt per dyne per square centimeter. The bandwidth of a single unit is 300 to 500 cycles. In a pulse ranging system, this bandwidth is sufficient to resolve two objects spaced from 13 feet to one foot apart.

### Simple Pulse System

The simplest type of pulse echoranging system is shown in Fig. 2. A pulsing oscillator generates short pulses of ultrasonic frequency separated by a constant interval of time. The distance from the transducers to an object which reflects the ultrasonic pulses is determined by measuring the elapsed time between the radiation of a pulse and



FIG. 3—Oscillogram showing echo fluctuations as a person approaches

the return of its echo. For studying the properties of ultrasonic sound fields it is convenient to use an oscilloscopic presentation similar to the A-scan of radar. Such a presentation is, of course, useless to a blind man, but the information obtained from the simple pulse systems has been invaluable in the laboratory. By means of such systems it has been possible to measure the magnitude of the scattered wave from a sharp step-down.5 It was also apparent, after working with the pulse system for a while. that the echo from an object as small as a fine thread might, under certain circumstances, be greater than the echo from a large, flat wall. At 65 kilocycles, an ordinary sewing thread at a distance of a foot or two and held normal to the beam produces an easily detectable echo, while a very smooth wall at an angle to the beam may give no detectable echo at all. Inhomogeneities in the air cause the echoes from objects ten or twenty feet away to fade and flicker, and at 30 kilocycles the echo from a wall about thirty feet distant may vary from zero to a strong echo that fills the whole oscilloscope screen. Echoes from objects having a complex shape are even more susceptible to flickering than the echoes from a simple object such as the flat wall. Sound reflected from various portions of the complex object may reinforce or cancel as the atmospheric conditions vary, and in such an instance it takes a very small change in the properties of the acoustic path to cause violent fluctuations of the echo. Most unstable of all is the echo from a complex moving object. Figure 3 shows the fluctations that occur as a person walks toward the transducers. The frequency is 32

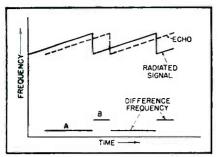


FIG. 4—Graphical representation of the sawtooth frequency modulation system

kilocycles and the total length of the sweep is equivalent to 18 feet. To obtain this photograph, the camera shutter was left open for the entire time it took the subject to walk up to the transducers.

#### First-Echo Pulse System

One type of pulse system often proposed for blind guidance causes the outgoing pulse to be initiated or triggered off by the echo. In such a system the repetition rate gives an indication of the distance, a fast repetition rate indicating a nearby object and a slow repetition rate indicating a distant object. This type of system should operate satisfactorily if only one echo is received for each radiated pulse. However, it often happens that echoes from more than one object are received in a single period. For example, if three echoes return after the first pulse, each of these three echoes will trigger off a pulse, and for each of these pulses there will be three more returning echoes. It is apparent that there results a continual multiplication of the number of pulses sent out so that the system quickly saturates and no useful information is obtained.

A system has been developed to avoid this difficulty by responding to the first echo only. It has a repetition rate that is a function of distance. This short-range obstacle-location system meets the following specifications: (1) the device responds to the first echo only; (2) the presentation is tactile; (3) the range is limited; (4) there is no detectable signal when no echo is received; (5) the frequency of the tactile presentation decreases with distance.

The range indication as given by the repetition rate varied in the

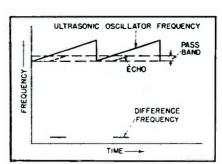


FIG. 5—Pulsed frequency modulation system employing ultrasonic oscillator

first-echo pulse system developed from about 30 pulses per second for nearby objects to about five per second for distant objects. The maximum range could be limited to any value between six and 20 feet. This system, however, had two important fundamental limitations.

First, the frequency range of the distance indication was insufficient for tactile presentation. The maximum repetition rate could not be increased since the period must be sufficiently long for all echoes to return in the same period in which the corresponding pulse was radiated. Reports from the testing psychologists indicate that a frequency range of 20 to 200 cycles per second should be provided for tactile presentation.

The second limitation was the effect of fluctuation of the echoes mentioned earlier. These fluctuations produced an instability in the signal which made it difficult to interpret. As the echo flickered, there was an occasional period in which the significant echo did not appear. In such event, the radiation of the next ultrasonic pulse did not take place until the normal idling period had passed. The pulses were thus unevenly spaced, making it

difficult to recognize any definite repetition rate.

To be sure that the range indication will be independent of the way in which the echoes might flicker, the indication of the distance to the reflecting obstacle should be definitely established by one sequence of events consisting of the radiation of the ultrasonic signal and the return of the echo. It should not be necessary for subsequent cycles of events to repeat consistently. In an oscilloscopic presentation, the position of the echo on the horizontal axis is fixed by the time that elapses between the radiation of the pulse and the return of the echo. No matter how violently the amplitude of the returning echo may fluctuate, the position of the echo on the oscilloscope remains substantially unchanged.

#### F-M Systems

A similar independence of range indication and echo amplitude can be attained with a frequency modulation ranging system. In such a frequency modulation system, the frequency of the ultrasonic signal is varied cyclically as a function of time. Since the echo is delayed by the time required for the signal to travel to the reflecting object and back to the transducers, there is a difference between the echo frequency and the frequency of the ultrasonic oscillator at the time the echo returns. This difference in frequency is also a function of the distance to the reflecting object. If the rate of change of frequency is chosen properly, the difference frequency can be made audible by mixing the oscillator signal and the echo in a nonlinear circuit. To de-

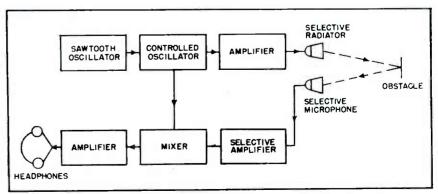


FIG. 6—Block diagram of the pulsed frequency modulation system

termine the distance to the reflecting obstacle, the only requirement is that the duration of the audible signal within one repetition period be great enough to permit recognition of the pitch. The duration of the signal can thus be as short as 40 milliseconds for the recognition of the pitch of signals above 100 cycles per second.6 It will not matter if, in the next repetition period, the echo fades out completely, for the accurate interpretation of the range signal does not depend upon the consistent repetition of the signal in every period.

The most common types of modulation used in f-m ranging systems are sinusoidal and sawtooth modulation. Sinusoidal modulation results in an unnecessarily complex signal, and consequently will not be considered here. Sawtooth frequency modulation is illustrated in Fig. 4.

The radiated signal is represented by the heavy line that varies up and down in frequency as a function of time. The echo, shown by the dotted line, is delayed by the length of time required for the radiated signal to reach the reflecting obstacle and return. The difference in frequency between the radiated signal and the echo is shown as the solid lines A and B. It is seen that there are present in the beat note two frequencies. Frequency A rises as the distance between the radiator and the obstacle increases while frequency B becomes less. If we call the repetition period T and the delay time  $\Delta t$ , the beat note corresponding to an echo which is delayed by a length of time  $\Delta t$  will be indistinguishable from the echo which is delayed by an interval equal to  $(T-\Delta t)$ . The problem of finding one's way about with any ranging device is difficult enough without forcing the user to interpret contradictory signals.

### PFM System

A system known as the pulsedfrequency modulation system or pfm has been developed to eliminate the confusing characteristics of the f-m systems described above. Figure 5 shows the way in which the pfm system functions. The ultrasonic oscillator varies in frequency following the sawtooth

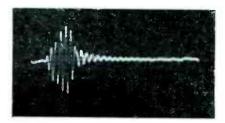


FIG. 7—Oscillogram of audible signal from pfm guidance system

curve. The frequency band of the sound actually radiated and received is limited by the pass band of the ultrasonic transducers. The received echo, then, is a pulse of utrasonic energy of changing frequency that lasts about 50 milliseconds. A block diagram of the pfm system is shown in Fig. 6. The echo and the original oscillator frequency are combined in a mixer stage and the audible beat note is fed into a headset. The beat note appears as a series of pulses, as illustrated in the oscillogram in Fig. 7.

In the pfm system there is a single audio frequency corresponding to any given distance, and as long as the repetition rate is sufficiently slow that even the most distant echoes return before the new repetition period starts, there is no contradictory information supplied. Even when echoes from different distances arrive during the same period, the subject can learn to identify the different distances by listening for the various individual frequency components in the audio output. It is much the same sort of situation as learning to identify the notes of a musical chord, with the exception that in the output of the pfm system the low frequencies that correspond to nearby objects are heard first, and the higher frequencies that correspond to the more distant objects are heard slightly later.

The photograph shows an experimental version of the pfm system. The case houses a four-tube receiver, a six-tube transmitter. and batteries. Subminiature tubes are used in all positions except the utrasonic output stage which employs a 3Q4. Filament drain is 370 milliamperes at 1.5 volts; plate drain is approximately 5 milliamperes at 45 volts. Total power demand is about 0.75 watt. The

weight of the complete system, including transducers, headphones and batteries, is 5½ pounds. This particular system was designed to operate near 30 kilocycles. The maximum range depends upon the size and nature of the obstacle. A person in an open area can be detected at distances up to about 30 feet. In the judgment of blind subjects it was the most useful of the systems tested for actual outdoor situations.7

The two most obvious disadvantages of this model of the pfm system were the size of the transducers and the use of headphones. These disadvantages have, to a large extent, been overcome in a more recent model that operates at 65 kc and uses the smaller transducers shown in Fig. 1. A boneconduction receiver is used instead of headphones. Although this model has not been completely tested by Haskins Laboratories, its performance appears to be at least equivalent to that of the 32-kilocycle model.

Although these units are larger than hearing aids and their power requirements are greater, neither their size nor their power requirements are unreasonable, especially at 65 kc. The information provided by such an echo-ranging system is different from that provided by a Seeing-Eye dog or a cane. Consequently the usefulness of such a system must be evaluated both by psychological tests and extensive use of the system by blind subjects. It is entirely possible that the information provided by any echoranging system may not be sufficiently valuable to a blind person to outweigh its inconvenience.

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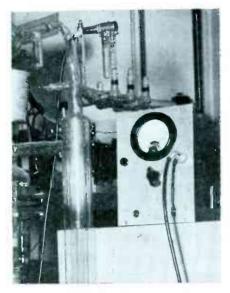
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### Vacuum Furnace Control

Tungsten heaters are automatically safeguarded against burnout due to excessive gas pressure. A thermistor, used as the sensing element, operates a calibrated indicating meter and a relay. Unit is used in the manufacture of electron tubes



Vacuum furnace control unit, installed adjacent to the system's diffusion pump

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similarly-mounted thermistors are used. One is mounted in a tube which has been pumped down to approximately 10-6 mm Hg and sealed off, and serves as a standard. The other is connected to the vacuum system of the furnace diffusion pump.

### Operation

In operation, the vtvm is adjusted to full scale with the pushbutton pressed to place the sealed-off thermistor in the circuit. Then, when the button is released, the measuring thermistor is connected and vacuum is read on the meter scale in terms of the vacuum sealed in the calibrating thermistor.

A small non-linearity in the vtvm is used to provide some compensation for crowding of the vacuum scale which is ordinarily found at the high end of the range. The relay in the circuit with the indicating meter provides the automatic switching that turns on heaters at a pre-determined vacuum level and turns them off again if that level is later exceeded.

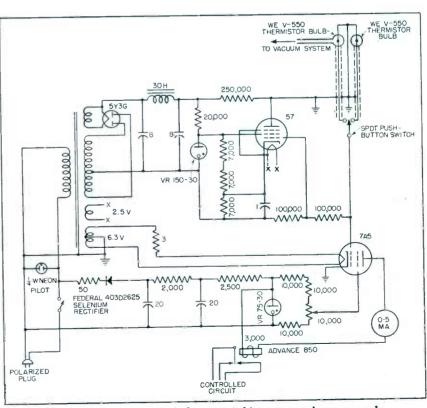
HEN OPERATING a high vacuum electric furnace the tungsten radiant-heating elements must not be turned on until pressure is low enough to permit safe operation. Also, power must be instantly turned off in the event that pressure rises during operation.

Both of these functions are automatically handled by the electronic control illustrated.

#### **Design Details**

When a thermistor is suitably mounted in a tube connected to a vacuum system and heated by a small constant current its equilibrium resistance depends on the heat taken away by convection. As the molecular concentration in the furnace is reduced by pumping, convection heat loss drops and temperature rises. The thermistor undergoes a corresponding resistance change which can be calibrated in terms of vacuum.

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## Simplified Single-Sideband Reception

Accessory designed for use with a conventional communications receiver exhibits advantages when receiving ordinary code signals, as well as single-sideband phone. Selectivity is approximately doubled by employing a demodulating oscillator, balanced detector, two 90-degree audio phase-shift networks and a low-pass filter

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ATTENTION has recently been drawn to 90-degree wideband audio phase-shift networks as a means of generating single-sideband radio signals.1.2 Filters of the R-C type, such as those described by Dome's, are simple and inexpensive to make. Moreover, radio transmitters incorporating them are flexible and easier to adjust than the conventional variety using sharp band-pass filters. It is reasonable to expect, in the light of these and other developments4,5, a re-evaluation of the possibility of applying single-sideband transmission to a much wider group of radio services (aircraft, police, military and amateur) than those at present enjoying its advantages.

Practical 90-degree networks make possible an equally important simplification in single-sideband receiving technique. An arrangement is described in this article whereby the effective intermediatefrequency bandwidth of a radio receiver can be made exactly that of the passband of a low-pass audio filter, instead of approximately twice that passband as in conventional a-m practice. This technique, in effect, makes possible the design of single-sideband receivers in which audio selectivity is the equivalent of i-f selectivity. As a result, the cost of receivers having a square-sided band-pass response of sufficient sharpness to take full advantage of the saving in bandwidth afforded by single-sideband transmission need not be greater than that of present-day communi-

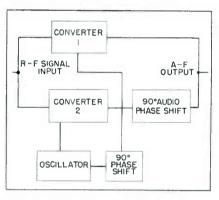


FIG. 1—Block diagram illustrating basic system

cation receivers. In addition, it is possible to convert existing equipment to take advantage of the new system.

#### Advantages

The circuit to be described offers some advantages in the reception of conventional code signals. All incoming noise or code signals higher, or lower, in frequency than the final beating oscillator can be virtually eliminated from the output. The effective bandwidth of the receiver is thereby halved, since signals are heard on one side of zero beat only. Moreover, it is possible to select the side of zero

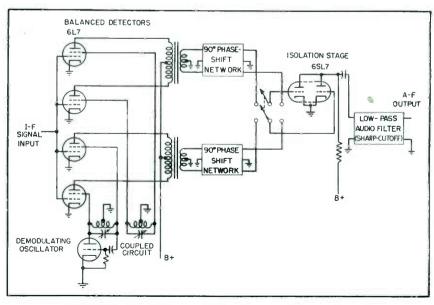
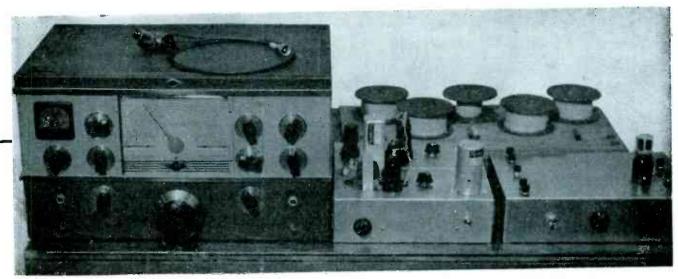


FIG. 2—Simplified schematic of single-sideband detector circuit



Laboratory model of accessory equipment used with a communications receiver for single-sideband reception

beat on which signals are heard simply by throwing a switch. Alternatively, it is possible to listen to signals on the two sides separately and simultaneously. Two operators can listen without mutual interference to two different sets of transmissions coming from the output of a single receiver, one hearing all signals higher in frequency than that of the beating oscillator and the other hearing all signals lower in frequency. In the same way the system may be used to separate multiple singlesideband transmissions; conversations carried by the lower sidebands of a given suppressed carrier appear in one output channel, while those carried by the upper sidebands appear in the other.

### Circuit Operation

Operation of the circuit is easily explained. First, it must be remembered that detection is essentially a process of frequency conversion. Signals become intelligible as soon as they are translated from the radio-frequency spectrum down to their correct place in the audio-frequency range.

Frequency conversion can be accomplished by either of two methods that are ordinarily equivalent but which have an important distinction from the standpoint of the present discussion. Basically, it is desired to generate difference frequencies falling in the audio range by combining an incoming radio-frequency signal with a local

oscillation. The desired difference frequencies can be generated by superposition of signal and local oscillation and rectification of the resulting envelope, or by modulation of signal by local oscillation (or vice versa) whereby the lower sideband is the desired difference frequency. It is important, in single-sideband detection, to avoid the production of beats between the sidebands themselves or beats between the sidebands and adjacent interfering signals which might produce spurious audio-frequency output. Because this effect may readily take place with the first method as a consequence of the rectification process the second method is to be preferred for the present purpose because the incoming signal which is modulated by the local oscillation can be handled in a class-A amplifier possessing as nearly linear a grid voltage-plate current characteristic as possible.

Let the demodulating oscillator voltage be expressed by  $E_1 \sin \omega_1 t$ , and let an incoming sinusoidal single-sideband signal be  $E_2 \sin \omega_2 t$ . The incoming signal is fed simultaneously to two frequency converters. One of the converters is supplied with oscillator voltage and the other receives the same voltage shifted 90 degrees in phase, or  $E_1 \cos \omega_1 t$ . The output of the first converter is then

$$e = m E_1 \sin \omega_1 t E_2 \sin \omega_2 t =$$

$$\frac{m E_1 E_2}{2} \cos (\omega_1 - \omega_2) t -$$

$$\frac{m E_1 E_2}{2} \cos (\omega_1 + \omega_2) t \text{ where } m =$$
modulation factor (a constant)

The right-hand portion of the second expression is the upper sideband, in which we have no interest. If  $\omega_1 > \omega_2$ , the left-hand portion is

positive; if  $\omega_1 < \omega_2$ , it remains posi-

tive because  $\cos (-\alpha) = \cos \alpha$ . The

output of the second converter is

$$e = m E_1 \cos \omega_1 t E_2 \sin \omega_2 t$$

$$= -\frac{m E_1 E_2}{2} \sin (\omega_1 - \omega_2) t + \frac{m E_1 E_2}{2} \sin (\omega_1 + \omega_2) t$$

If  $\omega_1 > \omega_2$ , the left-hand portion of the second equation is negative; if  $\omega_1 < \omega_2$ , it becomes positive, because  $\sin(-\alpha) = -\sin\alpha$ .

Thus the first converter gives a difference-frequency output whose relative phase may be thought of as not changing as the incoming frequency passes from lower to higher than that of the oscillator. The second converter on the other hand gives an output whose relative phase does change by 180 degrees as zero beat is crossed. Now, by means of a 90-degree wideband phase shifter it is possible to delay the audio output of the second converter until it becomes

$$-\frac{m E_1 E_2}{2} \cos (\omega_1 - \omega_2)t.$$

This voltage, if added to the output of the first converter when  $\omega_1 > \omega_2$ , will produce cancellation, whereas if  $\omega_1 < \omega_2$  direct addition results. Thus, by means of a 90-

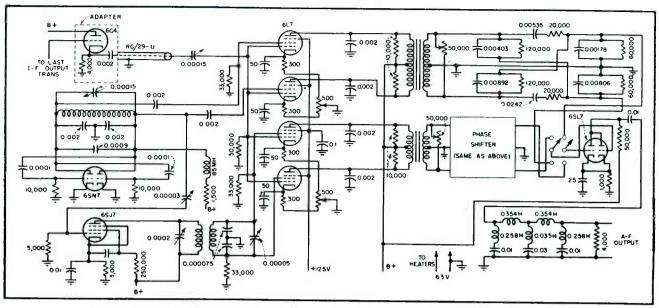


FIG. 3—Complete schematic of single-sideband reception accessory for communications receiver

degree wideband phase-shift network and two detectors fed by radio-frequency voltages in phase quadrature, it is possible to reject signals on one side of the beating oscillator and pass those on the other.

A block diagram of the basic method is shown in Fig. 1.

### Practical Application

Balanced detectors are used in the practical circuit in order to reduce the likelihood of demodulating beats between components of the incoming signals, in addition to the beats between this incoming spectrum and the local oscillator. The balanced arrangement is particularly important where strong adjacent-channel interference may be encountered and where detection is done at relatively high signal levels (of the order of tenths of a volt.) Under these conditions curvature of the grid-voltage platecurrent characteristic of most vacuum tubes will produce appreciable even-order distortion and even-order sum-and-difference frequencies. These effects result in spurious audio output since they may be produced by two radio frequencies anywhere in the input signal spectrum.

The balanced detector arrangement eliminates even-order distortion but does not affect odd-order distortion and odd-order sum-and-difference frequencies arising from the rate of change of curva-

ture of the grid-voltage plate-current characteristic. However, oddorder distortion may be minimized by using tubes of the remote-cutoff type which are especially designed to have a low rate-of-change of curvature. The balanced detector using remote-cutoff tubes such as the 6L7 makes it possible virtually to dispense with i-f selectivity provided a highly selective audio filter is used, since only those beats between local oscillator and incoming signals which fall within the passband of the audio filter will be heard.

The 90-degree phase shift between the demodulating voltages fed to the injector grids of the pairs of detector tubes in Fig. 2 is conveniently obtained by taking advantage of the quadrature relationship between voltages across two coupled circuits tuned to resonance. For convenience in adjustment, a buffer tube is employed between the oscillator and the coupled circuits in the actual unit, since tuning the coupled circuit would otherwise affect the oscillator frequency.

The two 90-degree audio phase-shift networks shown are identical. While a network of this type produces two output voltages having a phase difference of nearly 90 degrees over a wide range of frequencies, the phase of these output voltages themselves bears no fixed relationship with that of the common input. It is therefore necessary

to use two identical networks in order to obtain two voltages between which a 90-degree phase exists, assuming the two separate input channels to be in phase. In practice the phase of the two channels may be arbitrary, and a quadrature relationship is actually used.

Employment of two identical 300 to 3,000-cps networks connected to the outputs of the two balanced detectors also prevents any amplitude unbalance affecting the degree of undesired-signal cancellation arising from the variation in input impedance of each filter with frequency. Variation may affect the overall frequency response, since the 6L7 tubes may be considered as constant-current generators whose output voltage is proportional to the output impedance, but it does not affect the ratio of the outputs of the two detectors and therefore cancellation of the undesired signal. When the primaries of the audio transformers are loaded with resistances low enough to damp out transformer resonances, it is found that the input impedance of the phaseshift networks has a negligible effect on the overall frequency response.

Figure 3 shows the complete schematic diagram of a singlesideband detector which may be added to a standard communications receiver. Connection is made by removing the receiver's second detector tube, plugging in an adapter, and then plugging the detector tube into the adapter. A 6C4 cathode follower couples i-f output into the single-sideband detector circuit without disturbing normal operation of the receiver except for a slight retuning of the secondary of the last i-f transformer.

Balancing controls for the two detectors are potentiometers in their cathode circuits. The secondary of the i-f transformer connected to the 6SJ7 buffer tube is resistance-loaded in order broaden the tuning and make the phase setting less critical. Variable resistors shunted across the secondaries of the output transformers provide a convenient means of equalizing the magnitude of the The low-pass detector outputs. filter used in the common output is a home-made m-derived affair cutting off at 2,500 cycles per second and designed for a 4000-ohm characteristic impedance.

### Circuit Adjustment

Tuning up the circuit is straightforward. The beat-oscillator voltage at the 6L7 grids can be set at 15 volts just as in conventional converter service. Detector balance is determined by turning off the oscillator and removing or disconnecting one pair of 6L7's. A strong steady signal, such as that from a broadcasting station, is tuned in and the balancing resistor of the remaining pair of tubes adjusted for minimum audio output. This process is then repeated with the first pair of tubes. With the correct adjustment the detector should produce a deafening output with the oscillator turned on, whereas there should be no audible output at all with it off.

Adjustment of the radio-frequency phase of the local-oscillator signal at the second balanced detector is easily made. With the secondary of the i-f transformer tuned for maximum voltage at the 6L7 injector grids the phase is approximately correct. This condition can be verified by connecting the horizontal and vertical plates of an oscilloscope to the secondaries of the audio-output transformers. If the amplitude balance is approximately correct a steady a-m signal

such as a broadcast station will give a weaker beat note on one side of resonance than on the other. Tuning to the weaker side, the amplitude balance is set for greatest rejection and likewise the radio-frequency phase setting touched up. For any given pitch of beat note the balance may be made complete and the beat eliminated completely by adjustment of phase and amplitude. The procedure is exactly like that of balancing a bridge. However, since the 90-degree networks do not give a perfect 90-degree phase shift as well as a perfect amplitude balance at all frequencies it will be

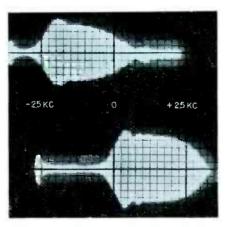


FIG. 4-Oscillograms showing rejection of upper sideband (top) and lower sideband (bottom)

found that the rejection, while perfect at one frequency, is imperfect at others. As a compromise, it is best to adjust for complete cancellation at a frequency in the vicinity of 1,000 or 2,000 cycles, where the ear is most sensitive.

The laboratory model for which the schematic is given could be considerably simplified. Dual triodes or even detector crystals could be substituted for the 6L7 mixers. If mixing is done at low enough levels the balanced connection could probably be dispensed with. The local oscillator could be simplified and the buffer tube eliminated by making the oscillator a pentode tube with electron coupling between the frequency-determining elements and the plate circuit to which the i-f transformer would be connected.

Figure 4 is an attempt to illustrate the properties of the circuit by means of the familiar frequency-modulated oscillator technique. Owing to the presence of the demodulating oscillator there is displayed on the oscilloscope screen a continuously-varying audio beat between the frequencymodulated test oscillator and the demodulating oscillator. steady The audio-frequency waveform has random phase because the two oscillator phases are unrelated, and hence does not remain stationary. The envelope of this waveform is an indication of the overall selectivity curve of the detector circuit. It is not entirely representative because at the oscillator sweep speeds available, transient response effects in the sharp-cutoff audio filter considerably distort the envelope. The patterns show spurious humps and are not as symmetrical as would be the case if the response curve had been plotted with a very slow rate-of-change of sweep-oscillator frequency. Rejection of the undesired signal is illustrated by the oscillograms, the first of which was made with the sideband-selector switch set at one position, and the second at the The amount of rejection shown is sufficient to be quite useful in practice. For example, the reduction in receiver thermal noise output is very marked when the 90-degree networks are added and cancellation takes place.

Transmission tests with an experimental single-sideband phone transmitter on the Stanford University campus have verified the rejection ratio observed in the laboratory measurements. It is quite startling to hear a signal drop out when the selector switch is thrown to the position that rejects the sideband being radiated. Another interesting test is to listen in at a busy hour on one of the crowded amateur c-w bands. By throwing the switch, two entirely different sets of incoming signals can be selected at will.

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### Acoustic Problems

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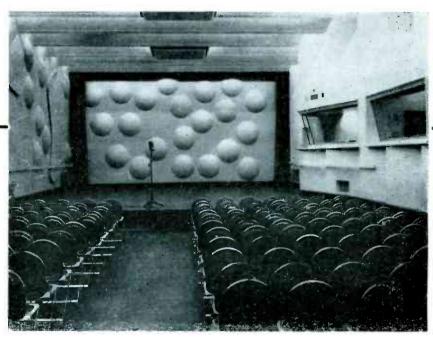
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EXPANSION of present studio facilities or construction of new stations enables the radio engineer to utilize many proven techniques in the control of sound. The technical problem to be considered here is that of noise.

Airborne sounds exterior to the plant include those due to thunder. railways, buses, aircraft, streetcars, industrial activities and automobile traffic. Certain of these, such as railways, streetcars and industrial activities, may transmit sound by vibration of the ground to the studio plant. The rental of space in an existing structure requires investigation of the activities of present tenants, and also the restriction placed on future tenants as to their noise-producing activities. Major sources of noise within the building may include printing presses, pumps, industrial machinery, punch presses and the like. Conversely, noise from a broadcast plant can be just as annoying to others, particularly doctors, or dentists, in the conduct of their work.

A survey with a sound-level meter is preferable but if one is not available, some indication of the noise level may be obtained by the use of a portable field amplifier. The magnitude of the noise may be calculated approximately by obtaining the sensitivity of the microphone from the manufacturer.

If the noise is from a source which develops considerable vibration, the solution may not be economically feasible. The location of the studios on the floor directly above or below a bank of large printing presses is such an example.



Modern studio constructed in accordance with the principles outlined in the text. A measure of sound control is provided by the randomly spaced curved surfaces

The amount of vibration generated by the presses is of such a magnitude that there is no practical and economic means to reduce it to a satisfactory value. Further, it is not possible to predict accurately the reduction which will be effected because of the many related factors.

Studios have been built in substantially this type of location and, as far as is known, trouble has always ensued—sometimes to the extent of making necessary the installation of a high-pass filter in the program circuit to reduce the noise and compromise the overall quality.

The maximum tolerable noise level in studios is as follows: Sound-level meter on Scale A—less than 25 db above the threshold of hearing, on Scale B—less than 35 db, and on Scale C—less than 45 db. Scale C is substantially flat as regards frequency response and Scales B and A correspond respectively to the loudness intensity curves of the human ear. These curves show that the ear at moderate intensitities is less sensitive at the lower frequencies than at medium and high frequencies. This

is fortunate as the lower frequencies are most difficult to control.

### Boundary Surfaces

The attenuation of airborne sounds is usually dependent on mass of insulating material rather than other characteristics. The increase in attenuation with mass is at a relatively slow rate as may be seen in Fig. 1. For example, a 6-inch wall (45 pounds per square foot) of solid cinder concrete may be expected to have an average attenuation (128 cycles to 4,096 cycles) of about 48 db and a 12-inch wall (90 pounds per square foot) about 54 db.

Two 6-inch solid cinder concrete walls with an intervening air space of more than 6 inches may be expected to produce an attenuation of about 60 db. Double walls are preferable to single walls, because of the increased sound attenuation over a single wall, the reduction of impact sounds, and the lesser weight for a given degree of sound attenuation.

Partitions should extend from the floor slab to the under portion of the  $\,$ 

### in Studio Design

Planning a broadcast studio involves considering noise originating both inside and outside the building. Construction of walls, ceiling and floor should attenuate airborne sounds and those due to transmission of vibration

floor slab above. Cinder block walls have appreciable sound-absorbing properties which absorb sound in the intervening space between walls and also are fairly free from pronounced resonances which are manifest as reduced attenuation over a band of frequencies.

The use of two 6-inch solid cinder block partitions (each plastered on the outside) separated by an air space is the minimum that should be provided between adjacent studios. The use of partition block of smaller dimensions, say of 4 inches thickness and hollow instead of solid, permits transmission of more sound than is desirable.

Commercial sound isolation systems are effective in attenuating airborne sounds but experience has shown them to be less effective than is desirable in reducing the transmission of vibration at frequencies of about 100 cycles and lower. There are advantages in their use where weight becomes a factor. Construction details of sound isolation systems for walls, floors, and ceilings are shown respectively in Fig. 2, 3 and 4.

Multiple wall structures of light weight are effective in reducing sound transmission but usually such walls occupy appreciable space, are relatively expensive and require careful supervision of their installation to insure proper performance.

Attention must also be given to the ceiling and floor surfaces to insure the maintenance of the high degree of sound attenuation provided by the partitions. In buildings with stone concrete floor slabs of adequate thickness (4 to 6 inches), adequate isolation from the floor above is usually obtained

by the installation of a suspended ceiling if the occupants of the floor above are engaged in relatively quiet activities. Such a ceiling is required for light fixtures, concealing duct work and the like. The ceiling should be supported on resilient mountings and covered by loose rock wool fill, blanket or similar sound-deadening material.

The floor on which the studios are mounted should be also studied as to noise coming from the floor below and additional cinder fill topped by smooth concrete finish added or a sound-isolated floor installed.

Buildings with wooden floors present some problems as to load-bearing capabilities which may require rearrangement of the studio grouping to obtain isolation by separation rather than structural means.

### Wall Openings

In dealing with surfaces pierced by windows, doors, and duct work, every precaution must be exercised to maintain the sound isolation provided originally. Entrance to a studio should be effected through two doors separated by a vestibule which is acoustically treated over as much area as is possible. Experience has shown satisfactory performance with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch solid wood doors fitted with an automatic bottom closer and gasketed on the head and side, at each end of the vestibule.

In windows of the control booth and public observation booths, the use of double glass of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thickness respectively, separated as widely as possible, provides sufficient isolation. The isolation is improved to the extent of 6 to 10 db by acoustical treatment of the boundary surfaces between the panes or lights of glass.

Outside windows should be sealed by masonry or treated in the same general manner as control booth windows if retained, to prevent transmission of sound between the studio and outside spaces.

### Ventilating Systems

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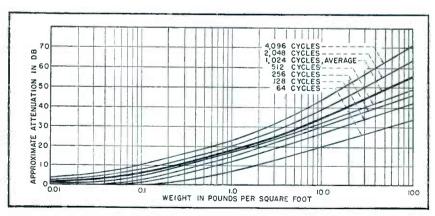


FIG.- 1—Sound attenuation in terms of weight of various homogeneous materials. The average curve of loss from 128 to 4,096 cycles is the same as the 1,024-cycle curve

ventilating systems should be mounted on a vibrator-isolated base. Suitable isolation materials springs include rubber in shear, metallic coil or leaf springs and cork. The performance of practically all these materials is dependent on loading and the material should be deflected as much as possible to obtain a low natural resonant frequency and to provide the greatest amount of isolation. All connections to the equipment should be flexible, and electrical wiring enclosed in flexible armor rather than conduit,

Duct work should be connected to the fan through a canvas collar and the same procedure employed in connecting the duct work to the supply and return outlets. The duct work should be wrapped where it pierces the wall and wrapped within the confines of the studio. A duct of dimensions of  $12 \times 12$  inches or smaller should be lined for a distance of 16 feet between the fan and the first outlet; and between outlets in studio and other spaces. Duct work to listening areas, such as control booths when of this dimension or smaller, should be lined for a distance of at least 8 feet. The lining should bridge partitions which are pierced by several feet on each side of the partition.

In the case of a duct  $12 \times 48$  inches, it should be lined as indicated above and divided at 12-inch intervals or less by absorbing material so that in effect four small ducts in parallel are created.

The supply and return outlets are another source of noise if the air velocity is too high or the duct work is not arranged for a smooth flow of air. Guiding radial vanes should be employed as required which will aid in the distribution of the air in the studio and also result in quieter conditions.

Air velocities which have been found satisfactory are 1,200 feet per minute or less in main duct work; 500 feet per minute or less for supply outlets, and 300 feet per minute at return outlets.

Recessed light fixtures can be arranged to pierce the ceiling construction and the manner of mounting to observe sound precautions is shown in Fig. 5.

There remains the selection of

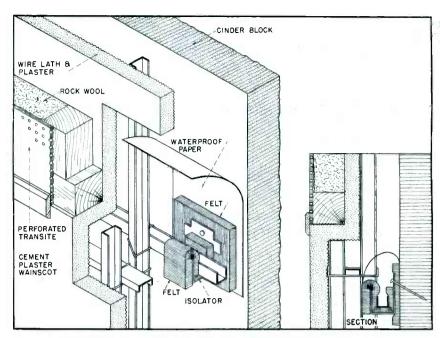


FIG. 2—Construction of a wall for sound isolation between studios

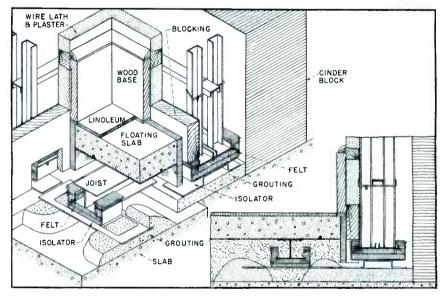


FIG. 3—Typical acoustic treatment for a floor to isolate sound from below

the type and thickness of material and its distribution in conjunction with reflective areas. Acoustical plaster is usually of only moderate absorbing efficiency at medium and high frequencies but the absorption is subject to some variation dependent on job conditions such as the manner of mixture, pressure of the trowel or applicator. Its relatively poor resistance to abuse restricts its use to ceilings, if used at all, in studios.

Draperies and carpets in general have little absorption at the lower frequencies and the absorption increases with the frequency. Draperies, lined and interlined, hung 100-percent full (twice the area of material is required for the area of wall to be covered) and one foot or so from a wall will have very appreciable low-frequency absorption.

Carpeting is useful in seating sections on the walking area of auditorium studios, on the floor of speakers' studios, under a microphone stand to reduce scuffling of feet, and in certain cases to reduce the noise of footsteps.

Acoustical tiles provide fairly high absorption at medium and high frequencies and a lesser degree at low frequencies dependent on the manner in which they are mounted on ceilings or walls. Certain types

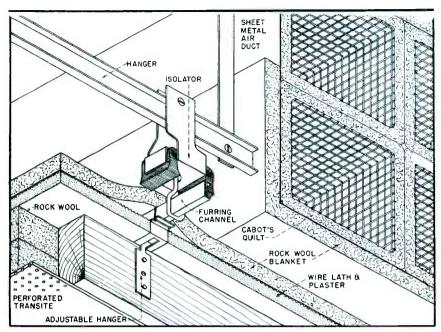


FIG. 4—Mechanical details of a suspended ceiling and acoustically treated air duct

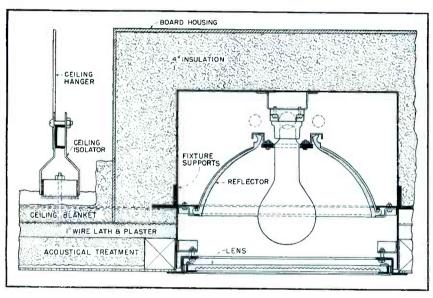


FIG. 5—Detail of acoustical treatment around recessed lighting fixtures

which are homogeneous and rely on the porosity of the material for absorption tend to be fragile and subject to discoloration due to breathing, discoloration due to temperature and pressure differentials which tend to entrap the dirt on surfaces due to the passage of air through the tile near the exposed surface. Acoustical plaster is also subject to this effect.

Porous tiles, like acoustical plaster, may be subjected to indiscriminate painting when redecoration is necessary and even careful painting invariably substantially reduces the absorbing efficiency. Typical cases have shown a reduc-

tion from 50 to 60 percent down to 20 to 30 percent.

Membrane-covered absorbing materials are those in which the perforated membrane whether it be metal, asbestos board, or hardboard, serves as an acoustically transparent covering of the absorbing material up to about 4,000 cycles after which the covering becomes increasingly reflective. These coverings are fairly abuse-resisting and capable of painting several times without adverse effects on the absorbing efficiency.

The control of absorption at the low frequencies can be accomplished by an increase in thickness of one or more of the materials selected, the furring or mounting of the treatment at some distance from the wall or the use of large areas of generally reflective curved surfaces which have appreciable absorption at low and medium frequencies and almost none at high frequencies.

### Studio Furnishings

Speakers' studios intended to resemble a living room should employ a carpeted floor with lining and an untreated ceiling. The walls may be treated with an appropriate area of commercial acoustical treatment or heavy draperies. Since these rooms may be small and used mostly for speech, particular attention should be given to provide adequate low-frequency absorption to avoid boomy and unnatural speech sounds. Where draperies are employed it may be necessary to mount two inches or more of rock wool blanket or similar material behind the drapery to raise the low-frequency absorption.

General purpose studios should have a floor covering of linoleum or similar sound-reflective material. The wainscot or chair rail should be of abuse-resisting material such as cement plaster about 3 feet 6 inches or 4 feet high.

There is a variety of arrangements of wall and ceiling treatments and only generalized suggestions can be made. The peripheral area of the ceiling may be untreated so long as the distance from the side walls is less than 3 to 4 feet. If this distance becomes larger the area should be convexly curved, splayed or a band of acoustical treatment provided.

Large areas of reflective surfaces parallel to the floor centrally located must be avoided, because of the danger of persistent vertical reflection in the microphone field. The wall treatment should be arranged in some decorative pattern of curved or serrated reflective surfaces alternated with absorbing areas.

The importance of proper planning in matters of sound control cannot be too greatly emphasized. Many problems may be anticipated and the solution effected before the trouble develops which will later prove to be more economical, practical and convenient.

# Thickness Gage for Moving Sheets

Glass and other nonmagnetic sheets ranging in thickness from one-eighth inch to one inch can be continuously gaged to close tolerances. Material is run between primary and secondary of a measuring transformer. Variations in material thickness change coupling, upset bridge balance and are directly indicated

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A designed to fill the need for an instrument that will continuously measure the thickness of glass or any other nonmagnetic material.

The gage consists of standard and measuring heads, a source of power for energizing the two sets of heads which are continuously balanced against each other in a bridge arrangement, a phase-inversion system, an amplifier, and an indicator. The instrument may be used in conjunction with a high-speed recorder when permanent records are desired.

#### Standard and Measuring Heads

The standard and measuring heads comprise the primary and secondary windings of special audio-frequency transformers. They are energized by a stabilized oscillator built into the system. Changes in the spacing between a primary and secondary vary the degree of coupling. The relationship between change of spacing and change in secondary voltage is approximately linear for base separations ranging from ½ inch to 1 inch. Gage sensitivity is sufficient to give full-scale meter readings with as little as plus



Electronic thickness gage. The indicating meter may be seen at the upper right.

Standard and measuring heads, shown without their mounting fixtures and roller wheels, are at the lower right

or minus 0.0005 inch from the mean thickness. The usable range of the instrument is approximately 0.001 inch to more than 1 inch.

In order to provide a reading representing deviation from standard thickness rather than total thickness the secondary voltage of the measuring head is displaced 180 degrees and balanced against the secondary voltage of the standard head. Standard head spacing is set by inserting a standard-thickness flat. This form of pickup makes the instrument suitable for measuring any nonmagnetic material.

Balance is established by adjusting front-panel controls with identical standard flats in both heads. The measuring head is then placed on the work. So long as the work remains on thickness, the voltages from the measuring head and the standard head balance to zero. If the work goes undersize, voltage from the measuring head predominates and the resulting signal reduces the final meter reading below midscale or zero deviation position. If the work goes oversize, the voltage from the standard head predominates and the resulting signal

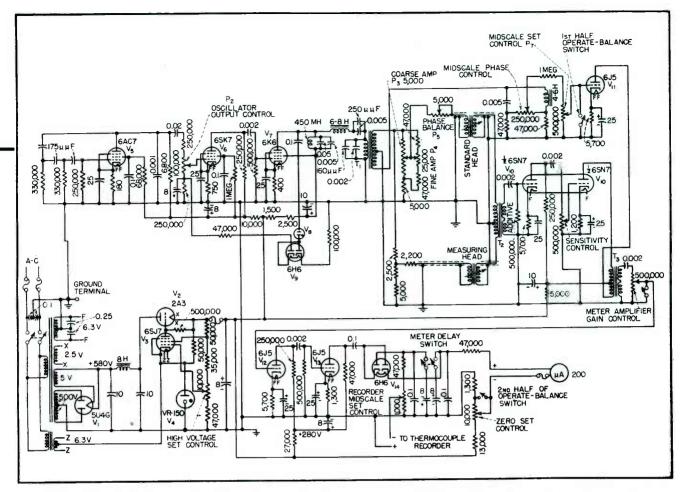


FIG. 1—Circuit of the gage, including voltage-regulated power supply. A high-speed recorder can be used externally

increases the final meter reading above midscale.

#### Oscillator and Amplifier

The built-in oscillator is a phase-shift type consisting of a three-mesh resistance-capacitance phase-shifting network, shown in Fig. 1, and produces a sine-wave voltage of 1,000 cps. Gain of the oscillator stage  $V_{\delta}$  is held to a value which is just sufficient to maintain oscillation. Almost pure sine-wave output is obtained, along with good frequency stability.

The amplifier stage  $V_{\rm e}$ , following the oscillator, uses automatic gain control to provide a signal voltage of constant amplitude. Even though voltage regulation is employed for the plates and screens of all tubes, large changes in heater voltage would otherwise result in some change in oscillator output amplitude.

Automatic gain control is obtained by supplying  $V_{\theta}$  with a negative grid bias proportional to the

signal amplitude in the plate circuit of amplifier  $V_7$ . The avc circuit consists of  $V_8$ , a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt neon bulb used as a voltage regulator and  $V_9$ , a duodiode connected as a full-wave rectifier. Full-wave rectification of the signal voltage at the plate of  $V_7$  is used to provide a symmetrical and constant load for  $V_7$ . Negative alternations are used to supply automatic bias for  $V_9$ .

The oscillator output control,  $P_2$ , is adjusted so the ionization of the neon bulb  $V_2$  ceases when the line voltage is reduced to approximately 95 volts. When so adjusted, the amplitude of the signal at the plate of  $V_7$  will remain substantially constant for line voltage variations down to approximately 95 volts and up to 130 volts.

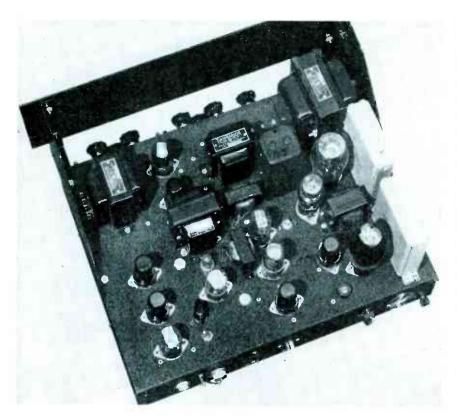
### **Bridge Circuits**

Output of  $V_{\tau}$  is coupled to the heads and  $V_{11}$  through  $T_{1}$ . The plate circuit of  $V_{\tau}$  contains three resonant circuits, each tuned to 1,000

cps, for preventing the transmission of harmonics.

The two heads are connected to one side of transformer  $T_1$  secondary through their respective voltage-divider networks. The measuring head is supplied with a fixed-amplitude voltage, while the voltage applied to the standard head, is adjustable in amplitude and phase for bridge alignment and calibration. Amplitude adjustment of signal voltage applied to the standard head is obtained by means of two controls,  $P_3$  and  $P_4$ , for coarse and fine amplitude adjustment.

Phase adjustment of the input voltage to the standard head is provided by a simple L-R circuit. The inductance of the head and  $P_s$ , the phase-balance control, serve as the elements in the phase-shift circuit. Phase adjustment of voltage to one of the heads is necessary to compensate for small circuit differerences in the two branches. The phase balance is adjusted until the secondary voltage of transformer



Chassis of the thickness gage

 $T_2$  is zero when the heads have the same spacing.

When the spacing between the primary and secondary of the measuring head is changed, an unbalance exists in the input of transformer  $T_2$ , resulting in a secondary voltage which is amplified by both sections of  $V_{10}$ , the output of which is applied to one-half of the primary of transformer  $T_3$ . The other half of the primary is supplied with a voltage at the same frequency from amplifier  $V_{11}$ . Input for  $V_{11}$  is supplied from the same transformer,  $T_1$ , that supplies voltage to the measuring heads. The input is supplied through an L-C-R phase-shifting network. Adjustment of phase of the input voltage to  $V_{ii}$  is necessary so that the input voltage to each half of transformer  $T_3$  is exactly in, or 180-degrees out of, phase. Any voltage appearing in the secondary of  $T_3$  will therefore result from the sum or difference, depending upon phase, of the amplitude of the two primary voltages.

### Indicator and Power Supply

Under normal conditions  $P_{\tau}$ , the midscale set control, is adjusted to give half-scale reading of the indicating meter when the heads are in

a balanced condition. If measuring-head spacing increases it results in a voltage, applied to transformer  $T_3$ , of such polarity as to add to the voltage supplied by  $V_n$ . This results in an increase in secondary voltage and, hence, in higher meter reading. If measuring-head spacing decreases, output from  $V_{10}$  results. However, under these conditions, the voltage supplied to transformer  $T_3$ , from  $V_{10}$ , is now 180-degrees out of phase with the voltage supplied the transformer from  $V_{ii}$ , resulting in a decrease of secondary voltage, hence a reduction in meter reading.

Output of transformer  $T_3$  is applied to a conventional two-stage voltage amplifier consisting of  $V_{12}$  and  $V_{13}$ , which drives  $V_{14}$ , consisting of two half-wave rectifiers. These rectifiers are series connected so that they conduct on alternate half cycles, but carry the same average current at all times. This current is drawn through the indicating meter and returned to ground through a potentiometer across which is obtained the voltage output for a high speed recorder.

The meter rectifier circuit is provided with a long and a short-time constant R-C filter, either of which

may be selected by the meter delay switch. With this switch in one position, the meter and recorder readings represent an average over a period of approximately one second. This position is desirable to average out the effects of vibration or small irregularities in the material being measured. The other switch position provides a minimum response time of one-hundredth of a second. Both the inertia of the meter movement and the response-time limit of the eye prevent observation of such rapid changes. If it is desired to obtain an indication of roll vibration or ripple down to one-hundredth of a second variations, an oscilloscope is connected in place of the recorder.

The power supply is a conventional electronic-regulated type obtaining all voltages for its operation from the regulated side.

#### Other Details

A hinged mounting is provided for each head, to permit variation of spacing between primary and secondary. This is rigid enough so that there is no lateral or angular displacement of secondary with respect to primary. The mounting is spring-loaded to press wheels supporting the two halves of the head against the work. wheels may be of nonmagnetic metal, or they may be faced with live rubber, so long as the spring loading remains constant for the balance and working positions and does not change appreciably with temperature. The mounting is insulated from the core of the head by plastic, fiber, or hard-rubber washers and is electrically grounded to the supporting machine or to the ground of the electrical power sys-

For both balancing and operating positions the heads are placed at least one foot, and preferably two feet away from any iron or steel. Proper pairing of the heads in the mounting is essential. The measuring head and the standard head are located about two feet apart to prevent intercoupling, but are close enough together to experience approximately the same ambient temperature variations.

The main unit may be mounted in any convenient position.

### Low-Impedance Reactances for VHF

Flat-plate transmission lines make convenient low impedances at vhf. Such reactances are mechanically large enough even at 1,000 mc to be readily fabricated. Design requirements are developed, and applications to an amplifier and to a matching section are described

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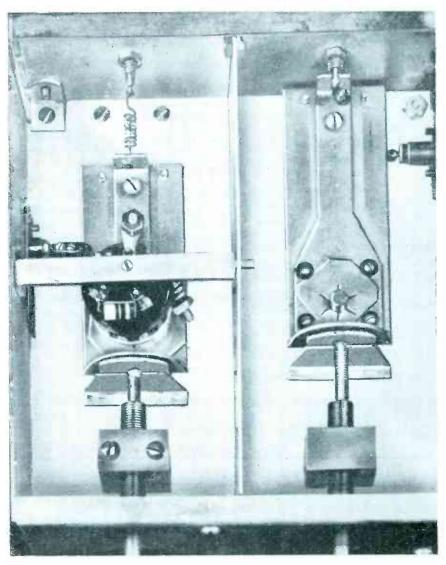
RANSMISSION LINE SECTIONS are used in very-high-frequency circuits in the same way that lumped reactances are used at lower frequencies. Although open and coaxial lines are frequently employed, flat-plate lines can conveniently be used in both balanced and unbalanced circuits, especially in the region from 300 to 1,000 megacycles. To illustrate the utility of this type of transmission line, design considerations of several circuits using it are described here.

### Transmission Line Parameters

At the high frequencies, sections of open or short circuited transmission lines are used as circuit elements in place of lumped reactances because of their negligible losses compared to other circuit elements (input conductance of tubes, antenna radiation resistance, and such). The losses are kept small by using line sections longer than 0.1 wavelength and with spacings between conductors and other dimensions small enough compared to a wavelength so that simple current distributions are maintained.

Reactance of a short-circuited transmission line is

 $X_{
m sc}=Z_{
m o} {
m tan}~(2\pi l/\lambda)$  where l is electrical length of the line,  $\lambda$  is wavelength of the current involved in the same units of length as l, and  $Z_{
m o}$  is characteristic impedance of the line in ohms. The term  $(2\pi l/\lambda)$  is the electrical length in



Two-stage amplifier for 600 mc uses flat-plate lines. One stage is built upside down with respect to the other for simplicity. Consequently this one view shows, in effect.

construction of input (left) and output (right) circuits

radians of the transmission line.

For lines such as are considered here, using air dielectric, and with negligible lumped capacitance introduced by mechanical supports, the wavelength is practically the free-space wavelength; the electrical length and the mechanical length of the line are equal.

The above relation shows that, if a low value of reactance is desired for a circuit element, either the line section must have a low  $Z_{\circ}$  or it must be very short. If the line section is not to be too short; for example, at least 0.1 wavelength long, there is a maximum.

With conventional round-conductor open lines it is difficult to obtain a low enough characteristic impedance to be able to use a reasonably long section of line and still produce the low reactance required for circuit elements. However, for a transmission line with a parallel return and perfect conductors, regardless of their shapes, the characteristic impedance is

$$Z_0 = V_0/C_0$$

where  $V_0$  is the velocity of propagation, and  $C_0$  is the capacitance per unit length of line. Substituting the value of  $V_0$  for air, and changing units of length to inches yields

$$Z_{\rm o} = 84.7/C_{\rm o}'$$

where  $C_{\bullet}'$  is the capacitance in picofarads per inch length of line.

This last relation applies to any parallel-conductor air-dielectric line. It shows that, to obtain a low  $Z_0$ , a high capacitance per unit length is required. A flat parallel-plate line affords a more efficient means of obtaining this capacitance than round rods, and therefore such lines are the basis of this approach to vhf circuit design.

### **Designing Flat-Plate Circuits**

The capacitance per inch of length for two parallel plates in air  $C_{\circ}'=0.225~(W/D)$ 

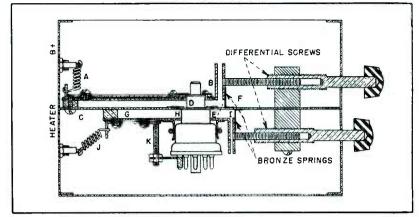


FIG. 2—Cross section of amplifier shows mechanical simplicity of flat-plate construction

where W is width of the plates in inches, D is spacing between the plates in inches, and  $C_0$  is in picofarads. The characteristic impedance in ohms of a parallel-plate line is thus

$$Z_0 = 377(D/W)$$

neglecting fringe effects. If the width and length of the plates are large compared to their spacing, fringing can be neglected. Because there would be little object in using flat plates unless they were to be closely spaced, the foregoing equation is reasonably accurate for practical applications. The impedance of a shorted parallel-plate line section is thus

 $X_{\rm sc}=377(D/W)\tan{(2\pi l/\lambda)}$  and of an open parallel-plate line  $X_{\rm oc}=-377(D/W)\cot{(2\pi l/\lambda)}$  so that, for a line less than 0.25-wavelength long, the shorted line gives an inductive reactance and the open line gives a capacitive re-

Beyond these basic design requirements there are certain practical considerations. To illustrate these practicalities, consider a 600-mc grounded-grid amplifier using a planar triode, such as in a receiver preamplifier. Although these tubes are designed for use with coaxial lines, they lend themselves to flatline construction.

The basic r-f circuit of such an amplifier, with the plate and heater power feeds omitted, is shown in Fig. 1A. Two resonant circuits are required. The inductive element of each resonant circuit is to consist of a section of shorted flat-plate transmission line enough less than 0.25-wavelength long to present an inductive reactance equal to the capacitive reactance of the tube capacitance.

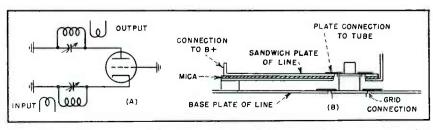
The plate-grid resonant line is designed as follows: The grid-plate capacitance of the tube is 1.4 pf. It is tentatively assumed that an added variable tuning capacitance of about the same value will be used for adjustment of the resonant frequency of the circuit. The total capacitance is then 2.8 pf. At 600 mc this capacitance has a reactance of 95 ohms.

Primarily because of mechanical considerations involving the diameter of the vacuum tube and the spacing between plates and grid discs, a line having a spacing of 0.2 inch and a width of 1.5 inches is chosen for initial consideration. These dimensions give the line a characteristic impedance of 50 ohms. The wavelength in inches is

$$\lambda = 11,800/f$$

where f is frequency in megacycles. For 600 mc,  $\lambda$  is 19.7 inches, or a quarter wavelength is 4.93 inches. Use of the previous equation for  $X_{so}$  shows that the length of line to give 95 ohms is slightly less than 3.5 inches, or about 0.2 wavelength.

A suitable length of line has been determined, but no consideration has been given to the feeding of d-c to the plate connection. It is advantageous to have the line plate



actance.

FIG. 1—Basic grounded-grid tuned amplifier (A) for very high frequencies can be made using flat plates (B) one leg of which is built as a sandwich to provide d-c feed

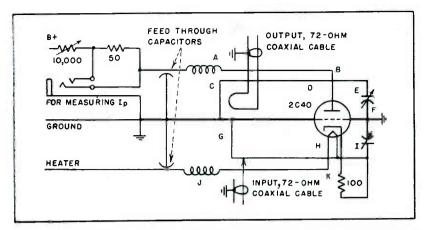


FIG. 3—Points on this schematic diagram are labeled by letters in accordance with Fig. 2

solidly grounded to the main ground plate of the amplifier. A construction that achieves this goal is shown in Fig. 1B. A sandwich type of line is used in which the plate line consists of the main plate which is grounded, and an auxiliary plate which is bonded to the other plate insofar as r-f is concerned but is insulated for d-c by being separated from the main plate by a thin strip of mica.

Tuning of this system is relatively critical and it is necessary to provide a fine tuning arrangement for the variable capacitor at the end of the line, such as a differential screw shown in Fig. 2. As the knob is turned, the inner shaft moves in opposition to the outer shaft so that the resultant movement of the capacitor plate is the difference of the two axial motions.

Numerically, if there are  $T_1$  turns per inch on the outer shaft and  $T_2$  turns per inch on the inner one, the capacitor plate will move as if driven by a simple screw having  $T_3$  turns per inch where

 $T_3 = T_1 T_2/(T_2 - T_1)$  so that, even with coarse threads for  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , the capacitor is driven with a fine motion. For example, if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are 24 and 28 turns per inch, respectively,  $T_3$  is 168 turns per inch.

A flat spring is soldered between the movable capacitor plate and the base plate to serve three purposes. (1) It prevents the inner screw from rotating. (2) It takes up backlash in the differential screw so that precision parts are unnecessary. (3) It provides a low-impedance r-f path to the movable plate.

Size of the capacitor plate that is

required for this tuning can be computed from the relation for parallel plate capacitors

$$C = 0.225 (A/D)$$

where C is capacitance in picofarads, A is area of one plate in square inches, and D is spacing between plates in inches. The area of the plates should be chosen to given a reasonable spacing.

The cathode-grid line can be designed similarly.  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ operating with one side of the heater grounded and by mounting the cathode-bias resistor directly on the tube base, the bypass capacitor for this resistor being inside the tube, only a single-layer sandwich plate is required. A multiple layer sandwich could be used to allow using an ungrounded heater or measuring cathode current. In constructing an amplifier using the 2C40, the tube is mounted through a large base plate to which the grid is grounded. On each side of the base are mounted the smaller flat plates that form the other halves of each line, as shown in Fig 2. Figure 3 shows the circuit. Coupling to the plate line is provided by an adjustable loop at the edge of the line. Input coupling to the cathode line is obtained by a sliding clip on the edge of the line.

Two stages of preamplification were built using this amplifier design. They satisfactorily replaced a more complicated coaxial-cavity amplifier. The noise factor of the flat-line preamplifier was 9.7 db, the gain of the two stages between 72-ohm input and 72-ohm output was 28 db, and the bandwidth between half-power points with both stages tuned to the same center

frequency was 1.67 mc. Wider bandwidth with some loss in gain could be obtained by slight staggering of the tuning.

### Other Applications

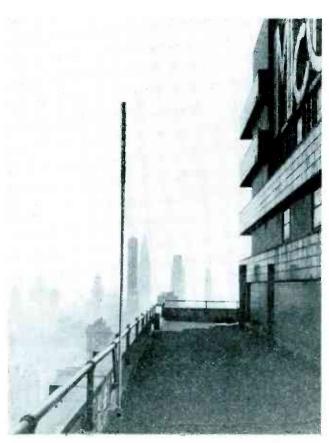
While the use of flat-plate lines at very high frequencies has been emphasized, this type of line has applications at lower frequencies where low impedances are necessary. For example, it was necessary to match a 17-ohm generator output to a 250-ohm load at 100 mc. A quarter-wavelength matching section was to be used. The characteristic impedance of such a section must be the geometric mean between the two impedances involved, or

$$Z_{\text{ou}} = (Z_{\text{oc}}Z_{\text{ot}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $Z_{\rm OM}$  is the characteristic impedance of the matching section,  $Z_{\rm OG}$  is the impedance of the generator, and  $Z_{\rm OL}$  is the impedance of the load. In this case the matching section should have a characteristic impedance of 65 ohms. It can be constructed easily with flat plates 1-inch wide, spaced 0.173-inch, and 29.5-inches long. If the spacing of the line is maintained by insulating washers, they should be as small as possible in order to minimize lumped capacitances.

An incidental advantage of the flat-plate line is its power-handling ability. For the same characteristic impedance, the spacing of a flat-plate line, having plates of the same width as the diameter of the elements of a comparable parallel-wire line, is greater. Hence the flat-plate line will withstand higher voltages without flashover. This is an important consideration in lines for transmitting high power or for sections used as tuning elements in high-voltage circuits.

It should also be noted that, particularly for transmitting r-f power, a flat-plate line can be made of a center plate and a plate on each side, in which case the characteristic impedance will be half that given previously. To increase rigidity, or for some other reason, the line can be made from angle metal. The plate-type line can thus be considered, and used, as an intermediate form between the conventional open-wire line and that of the coaxial line.



Colinear array installed on roof of McGraw-Hill Building for long-distance tests of citizens band coverage



Six-element array installed for coverage tests using receiving locations in New Jersey and Long Island

### ANTENNAS for

Antenna gain, readily obtained in small structures at 460-470 mc, is particularly important for the citizens service because of transmitter power limitations. Designs for broadcast and point-to-point service are presented as part of Electronics' development program

THE DESIGN of transmitting and receiving antennas for the citizens radio service is a matter deserving more attention than is usually paid to this subject in the development of communications equipment. This is true because the transmitter power obtainable from conventional tubes as well as the receiver sensitivity, are low in the 460 to 470-mc band.

Antennas of high gain can be constructed of such small size as to be useful on mobile, as well as fixed, stations. Only in the man-portable equipment is a high-gain antenna apt to prove unwieldy and even then it is possible to use high-gain antennas at certain fixed locations where set is most often operated.

The initial testing of the Electronics transmitter was carried out

with a very simple antenna, a quarter-wave rod against a ground plane. The antenna itself is a inche brass rod, 6 inches long and mounted vertically in the center of a 12-by-12 inch solid brass plate. The rod is supported in a polystyrene bushing within a standard male fitting for RG-8/U cable. The brass plate is supported with a half-inch brass post at each corner, each

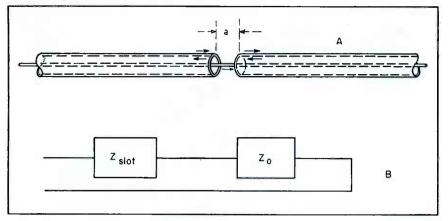


FIG. 1—Slot in coaxial line (A) introduces impedance in series with characteristic impedance (B)

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FIG. 2—Three in-phase halfwave radiating elements (A) and five elements (B)

### Citizens Radio

three inches long and fitted with three-inch suction cups so it can easily be attached to the roof of a car. However, actual experience has shown that it is desirable to have more gain in the antenna system.

When ELECTRONICS' citizens radio project was announced last November, the writer and his associates became interested in the problem of antennas for this service and offered to assist in the project. As a result two types of antennas were constructed and supplied to the editors for use, with equipment previously described,1,2,3 in field tests of the system. The first antenna, a colinear array giving 360-degree coverage, was adapted from designs previously produced under military auspices. The second, a six-element array for point-to-point service was

specially designed for the ELECTRONICS project.

### **Design Requirements**

In view of the wavelength employed and the power limitations of the equipment, the following requirements were set up: The antenna should concentrate the radiated power on the horizon and should direct power only in the desired direction or directions of coverage. The standing-wave ratio should be kept to a minimum to avoid power loss and to assist in stabilizing the tuned circuits. For mobile use the antenna should be as light as possible, weatherproof, and able to withstand vibration and shock associated with vehicles moving over broken terrain.

For fixed-station use the forego-

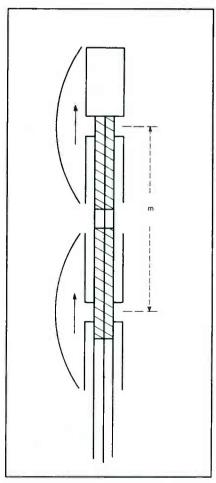


FIG. 3—Internal dielectric slugs preserve electrical spacing at full wavelength

ing mechanical requirements are not so severe, but higher gain is desired to permit simpler antennas to be used in the associated mobile or portable units. Since such fixed antennas are often mounted in exposed locations at high elevations, ability to withstand high wind velocities is also an important consideration. Based on these requirements, the antennas described below were designated. Vertical polarization was chosen in the expectation that whip antennas would be most convenient in mobile installations.

### Colinear Array

The vertical-polarized colinear array illustrated (Fig. 3 and 5) is intended primarily for fixed station use when coverage must extend over the whole horizon. The principle of operation is as follows: Consider an infinite coaxial cable (Fig. 1A) in which a slot, small compared with the wavelength, has been cut. The slot presents an impedance in series with the characteristic impedance of the line as shown in Fig. 1B. The current flow is then as indicated by the arrows. If the line is then terminated with a halfwave skin-back antenna as shown in Fig. 2A, we may slot the



Internal view of two-section colinear array for broadcast service. A cover of fiberglass tubing protects the array from the weather

line one wavelength back from the termination and employ phase-reversing skirts to produce the direction of current flow shown by the arrows. This is, in effect, three stacked dipoles in line, fed in phase, producing a concentration of radiated power at right angles to the array. A second slot may be added as in Fig. 2B to add two additional in-phase radiating elements, producing a higher concentration of energy.

In practice it has been found that the spacing m between the slots (Figs. 2 and 3) should be 0.7 wavelength to keep the side lobes 15 to 20 db below the main lobe. To assure a full electrical wavelength within the structure, as required to produce the in-phase condition, the line is partially filled with polystyrene dielectric, as shown in Fig 3.

The measured vertical coverage diagram at 465 mc of the two-section array is shown in Fig. 4, together with computed diagrams for an array having three sections (Fig. 2B) and four sections, all compared with a half-wave dipole. The corresponding power gains, relative to the dipole, the 1.9 for the two-section, 3.2 for a three-section, 4.4 for a four-section and 5.3 for the five-section array. The standing wave ratio in voltage for the twosection antenna is from 1.2 to 1.0 over the band from 460 to 470 mc. The azimuth pattern of the array is circular if the array is mounted well in the clear.

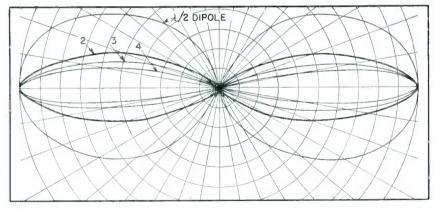


FIG. 4—Vertical coverage diagrams (in power) for two-section colinear broadcasttype arrays of 2, 3 and 4 elements at 465 mc, compared with half-wave dipole

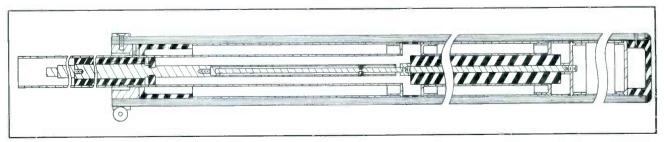
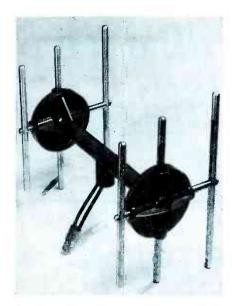


FIG. 5—Internal mechanical structure of the two-section colinear antenna. The heavy cross hatching indicates polystyrene dielectric



Six-element array designed especially for Electronics citizens radio project

The mechanical features of a twosection array are shown in the accompanying photographs. Α weatherproof shield (actually a radome) of compressed fiberglass tubing is mounted over the array to protect it. This covering has negligible effect on the performance. Polystyrene spacers are used to keep the elements in proper relative positions. The two-section array is about 30 inches long. A five-section array, having a power gain of over five would extend about 6½ feet. While the colinear array is intended primarily for broadcast coverage, several arrays may be placed parallel to one another, or in front of a reflector, to produce a narrow pattern in azimuth.

### Six-Element Array

A more conventional design suffices for a multi-element array for point-to-point service. A six-element array designed for the project is illustrated in the photographs. The elements are of half-inch aluminum tubing, the driven elements being mounted in molded low-loss plastic. The lengths of the elements are: director, 10% inches; driven element, 12 inches; reflector, 13 inches. The spacings are: director to driven element, 3 inches; driven element to reflector, 41 inches. The two sets of elements are parallel, 12½ inches apart.

The driven elements are fed by two one-foot lengths of 70-ohm polyethylene insulated coaxial cable,

which are connected in parallel across the standard female fitting for RG-8/U cable. This array has a vertical beam width of 68 deg between half-power points and a horizontal width of 64 deg, with negligible side lobes, as shown in Fig. 6. The corresponding power gain is about 7 to 8 db relative to a single dipole. If two such antennas are used at the terminals of the communications system, the overall gain is 15 db, or 30 times in power, relative to dipoles. The voltage standing wave ratio lies between 1.0 and 1.2 over the band from 460 to 470 mc.

Both types of antenna are intended for convenient mounting on a hollow pole or pipe as shown in tenna is shunted across both transmitter output and receiver input, impedance matching difficulties are encountered. However, this problem can be circumvented by the use of switching.

#### Coaxial Switching

A satisfactory manually-operated switch is available (Bird coaxial switch, model 74), which consists of a short section of coaxial line, within a housing, which can be rotated by hand. The inner conductor is indexed to engage standard female fittings for RG-8/U cable attached to the housing. A six-position switch of this type has been employed successfully with four of the six terminals left unconnected.

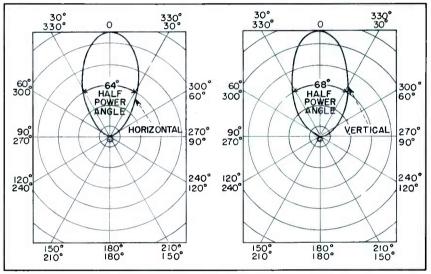


FIG. 6-Vertical and horizontal power directivity diagrams of 6-element array for point-to-point service

the accompanying illustrations. As used in current tests, the radiators are mounted on a setback on the north face of the McGraw-Hill Building in New York, about 450 feet above street level. Standard RG-8/U 52-ohm cable is used for the transmission lines. The nominal attenuation of this cable at 465 mc is 5 db per hundred feet, so cable lengths have been kept under 20 feet. Tests now under way will be reported in an early issue.

One problem in the application of antennas to the citizens service is the question of switching between transmitter and receiver. In mobile installations it is desirable to employ but one antenna. If the an-

Manual operation is satisfactory for testing purposes, but for simplicity in operation an automatic switch is desirable. An investigation of the availability of such switches, with six-volt actuating relay coil, has revealed that at least one manufacturer has a coaxial switch of suitably low loss for the purpose. It is planned to secure such a switch and test it with the antennas here described.

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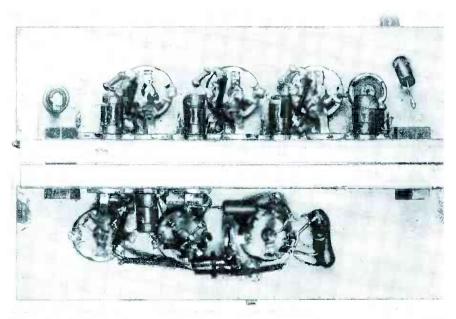
### STAGGER-TUNED

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Four-stage, staggered, flat quintuple using 6AK5 tubes has a 10-mc bandwidth, a center frequency of 30 mc, and a gain of 10,000



View of underside of 30-mc amplifier shows how layout simplifies construction; a 6AL5 detector and 6AK5 pulse amplifier are included

TAGGER-TUNED intermediatefrequency amplifiers were extensively employed in radar receivers designed at the MIT Radiation Laboratory. These amplifiers had gains of 100 db and bandwidths (between low and high frequencies at which the gain was 3 db down from maximum) from 6 to 12 mc, although one amplifier had a bandwidth of 35 mc. Such amplifiers were satisfactorily produced in quantity by factory methods. This article summarizes design formulas for simple stagger-tuning schemes, presents curves of step response of certain of these circuits, and discussés practical considerations1, 2.

### Single-Tuned Circuit

The simplest i-f interstage network is a single-tuned circuit the usual connection of which is shown in Fig. 1A, and the equivalent form in Fig. 1B. The effective load resistance R is the parallel combination of the plate resistor  $R_L$ , the plate resistance of the first tube, the input resistance of the second tube, and the equivalent parallel loss resistance of the inductance L. The capacitance C is the sum of the output capacitance of the first tube, the apparent input capacitance of the second tube, the self capacitance of L, and the wiring capacitance. With careful wiring and a fixed tuned inductor about the size of a one-watt resistor, the value of C between two 6AG5 tubes is about 12 pf (picofarad is a micromicrofarad).

The bandwidth of the single tuned circuit is  $1/(2\pi RC)$  and is independent of center frequency. The voltage amplification at band center is  $g_m R$  where  $g_m$  is the tube

### Amplifier Design

Practical wideband amplifier considerations, limits to overall bandwidth of cascaded stages, and transient response characteristics of stagger-tuned circuits are prevented. Curves and tables give design criteria. Comparisons are made to other coupling circuits

transconductance. The amplification-bandwidth product (figure of merit), denoted by AB, is  $g_m/(2\pi C)$ . For a  $g_m = 4,500$  micromhos and  $C = 12 \,\mathrm{pf}$ , as with conservatively rated 6AG5 tubes, AB is 60. An amplification of 6 with a bandwidth of 10 mc, or an amplification of 15 with a bandwidth of 4 mc is thus attainable in this case. Because the AB product depends only on the tube, being independent of center frequency, it is no easier to build a single-tuned amplifier covering the band from 28 to 30 mc (B = 2 mc) than one from 8 to 10 mc (B=2mc) with a given tube (except for the effect of smaller inductor size on interstage capacitance).

### Synchronous Single Tuning

The simplest wideband i-f amplifier employs cascaded single-tuned stages all of the same bandwidth and resonant frequency. This synchronous tuning method is simple, noncritical, and has excellent transient response. Figure 2 shows the envelopes of the responses of combinations of synchronous singletuned stages of 2-mc bandwidth to a step function of a sinewave at the center frequency of the amplifier. (All transient responses shown in this paper can be applied to other bandwidths by using the fact that speed of response is inversely proportional to bandwidth; the responses are for the centered, or double-sideband case.)

The disadvantage of the synchronous single-tuned amplifier is its low efficiency, resulting from the rapidity with which overall bandwidth shrinks as stages are cascaded. For example, for an overall amplification of 10,000, a synchron-

ous single-tuned amplifier employing a tube that gives an AB=60 has a maximum overall bandwidth of 7.1 mc, and requires 18 stages; the use of more stages yields an even smaller bandwidth.

Overall bandwidth for N synchronous single-tuned stages is to a very good approximation

### $\frac{\text{bandwidth of single-tuned stage}}{1.2\;(N^{1/2})}$

To illustrate this relation, consider a cascade of 5 synchronous 6AG5 single-tuned stages, each of 10-mc bandwidth. If AB is taken to be 60 and the amplification per stage to be 6 (giving a bandwidth per stage of 10 mc), the overall amplification is 7,800, but, from the above expression the overall bandwidth is only 3.5 mc.

### Stagger-Tuned Coupling

This shrinkage of bandwidth can be avoided while preserving the simplicity and low cost of single-tuned coupling by stagger tuning. For an overall bandwidth B, it is possible to stagger tune N single-tuned stages so as to achieve a center-frequency stage-amplification of A with AB still equal to  $g_m/(2\pi C)$ . Note that here B is the overall bandwidth and A the gain per stage.

The stagger-tuned passband for which  $AB = g_m/(2\pi C)$  has a selectivity characteristic  $1/(1+x^{2^N})^{1/2}$  where x is a variable proportional to the deviation of the frequency from resonance. The general shape of curves of this sort, which are called maximally flat, is shown in Fig. 3 for a common bandwidth of 2 mc. As N increases, the curves become squarer and flatter. Stagger-tuned couplings of this sort

where  $N=2, 3, 4, \ldots$ , are called staggered pairs, triples, quadruples, etc.

Figure 3 also shows envelopes of responses to a step function of the band-center frequency. For the same bandwidth, but with increasing N, these envelopes show increasing overshoot, increasing delay, and somewhat slower rise.

In almost all cases, a passband with small dips is substantially superior for either optimum selectivity or optimum AB to a maximally flat passband, while for small overshoot, a more rounded curve is preferable. The only advantage of the maximally flat curve, apart from its mathematical simplicity, is its easily recognized shape when aligning amplifiers with a swept-frequency generator.

Table I shows the center frequencies and bandwidths to which individual coupling circuits should be designed to obtain flat-staggered amplifiers of overall bandwidth B at center frequency  $f_0$ . The data are presented in terms of the fractional bandwidth  $B/f_0$ . The values shown are valid only when  $B/f_0$  is small, less than 0.3 for practical purposes. The exact case, which holds even for  $B/f_0$  greater than unity, is fully considered elsewhere.<sup>1,2</sup>

An example will make the use of Table I clear. Suppose a flat-staggered quintuple consisting of an input circuit and four interstage circuits is desired at  $f_0 = 30$  mc with an overall bandwidth B = 10 mc. Then  $B/f_0 = 0.3$ , and the quintuple consists of four tubes and five single-tuned circuits that satisfy the following conditions:

(1) the first should have a bandwidth of 19 mc at 30.0 mc, and

Table I—Flat Staggered Combinations

Number of Circuits	COMPONENT SINGLE TUNED CIRCUITS				
	Center frequency	Bandwidth			
Staggered pair (2)	$f_1 = f_0 + 0.35B$	$0.71(B/f_0)f_1$			
	$f_2 = f_0 - 0.35B$	$0.71(B/f_0)f_0$			
Staggered triple (3)	$f_0$	$\boldsymbol{B}$			
	$f_0 = f_0 + 0.43B$	$0.5(B/f_0)f_1$			
	$f_2=f_0-0.43B$	$0.5(B/f_0)f_2$			
Staggered quadruple (4)	$f_1=f_0+0.46B$	$0.38(B/f_0)f_1$			
	$f_2 = f_0 - 0.46B$	$0.38(B/f_0)f_0$			
	$f_3 = f_0 + 0.92B$ $f_4 = f_0 - 0.92B$	$0.19(B/f_0)f \ 0.19(B/f_0)f$			
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Staggered quintuple (5)	$f_0 = f_0 + 0.29B$ $f_2 = f_0 - 0.29B$ $f_3 = f_0 + 0.48B$	$B \\ 0.81(B/f_0)f$			
	$f_0 = f_0 + 0.29B$ $f_0 = f_0 - 0.29B$	$0.81(B/f_0)f_0$			
	$f_3 = f_0 + 0.48B$	$0.31(B/f_0)f$			
	$f_4 = f_0 - 0.48B$	$0.31(B/f_0)f$			

Table II—Bandwidth vs Amplification

Tube type assumed to have  $g_m/(2\pi C)=60$ ; listed amplifications do not include effect of input network

Number of Amplifier States	Over- shoot (see text) in percent	Bandw mc for 0	Gain	Gain for	Bandwid	lth of 10 mc
Input plus 2 interstages						
3 synchronous single tuned. flat staggered triple over staggered triple with 1	$\begin{smallmatrix}0\\8.2\end{smallmatrix}$	0.9 1.9	0.3 0.6	150 <b>5</b> 80	58 225	9 36
percent dips	10.2	2.2	0,7	800	310	50
equal Q loading  3 flat double tuned with one	7.7	1.9	0.6	580	225	36
sided loading	7.7	2.7	0.8	1,200	450	72
Input plus 3 interstages 4 synchronous single tuned 2 flat staggered pairs	0 6.2	2.6	$\frac{1.2}{2.2}$	1,100 7,000	290 1,700	19 110
flat staggered quadruple 4 flat double tuned with equal Q loading 4 flat double tuned with one	10.9 8.4	5.6	2.6	14,000 11,000	3,400 2,800	220 180
sided loading	8.4	7.9	3.7	32,000	7,800	510
Input plus 4 interstages 5 synchronous single tuned flat staggered pair plus flat	0	4.2	1., 9	7,700	1,200	30
staggered triple	$\frac{10}{12.8}$	8.9	5 6	$16 \times 10^{4}$ $33 \times 10^{4}$		$630 \\ 1,300$
5 flat double tuned with equal Q loading		9.4	5.3	$20 \times 10^4$	,	770
sided loading	9.2	13.2	7.4	79 × 104	$12 \times 10^4$	3,100
Input plus 5 interstages 6 synchronous single tuned 3 flat staggered pairs 2 flat staggered triples	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7.7 \\ 11.2 \end{bmatrix}$	5.3 10.7 13.0	$\frac{3.3}{6.8}$ $\frac{3.3}{8.2}$	$14 \times 10^5$	$^{4,000}_{14 \times 10^4}_{36 \times 10^4}$	
2 over staggered triples with 2 percent overall dips	14.5	16.1	10.2	11 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	$11 \times 10^{5}$	11,000
6 flat double tuned with equal Q loading	10	12.6	8.0		$31 \times 10^4$	4
sided loading	10	17.8	11.2	$18 \times 10^{6}$	$17 \times 10^{5}$	18,000

(2) the second, a bandwidth  $0.81\times0.3\times32.9=8.0$  mc at 32.9 mc (3) the third, a bandwidth  $0.81\times0.3\times27.1=6.6$  mc at 27.1 mc (4) the fourth, a bandwidth  $0.31\times0.3\times34.8=3.2$  mc at 34.8 mc (5) and the fifth, a bandwidth  $0.31\times0.3\times25.2=2.3$  mc at 25.2 mc If each tube has an AB of 60, the amplification per stage is 6 and the overall amplification is 6'=1,296.

### Staggered Pairs and Triples

A flat-staggered pair has the same selectivity curve (N=2 in Fig. 3) as a critically coupled double-tuned circuit. For such circuits, the overall bandwidth shrinks less rapidly as stages are cascaded than for synchronous

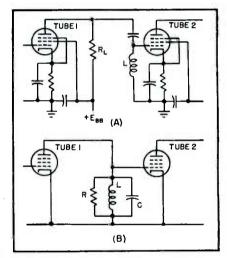


FIG. 1 (A) Single-tuned wideband amplifier coupling, and (B) its equivalent circuit

single-tuned circuits. The overall bandwidth for M flat pairs is

### $\frac{\text{bandwidth of single flat pair}}{1.1 \ (M^{1/4})}$

To illustrate this relation, consider a 6-circuit amplifier consisting of 3 flat-staggered pairs (M=3). For an overall bandwidth of 10 mc, each pair must have a bandwidth of  $10 \times 1.1(3^{1/4}) = 14.5$  mc. If AB is 60, the stage amplification is therefore 4.1.

A flat-staggered pair, a flat double-tuned circuit, and a flat inverse-feedback pair have the same transient response, because they are of the minimum phase shift type and have the same amplification-vs-frequency curves. The envelopes of the response to a step function of band-center frequency of amplifiers consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4,

and 6 flat-staggered pairs, or flat double-tuned circuits, or flat inverse-feedback pairs, each of 2-mc bandwidth, are given in Fig. 4.

It is interesting to examine the transient response of a staggered pair as the amount of staggering increases (or equivalently, of a double-tuned circuit as the coupling is increased above the critical value). Figure 5 shows the fractional overshoot of the response envelope to a step function of bandcenter frequency. The curve shows that, from the viewpoint of transient response, there is nothing critical about the flat selectivity curve.

A flat-staggered triple has the same selectivity curve (N=3 in Fig. 3) as a flatly coupled tripletuned circuit. For such circuits, the overall bandwidth for M flat triples is

# $\frac{\text{bandwidth of single flat triple}}{1.06 \ (M^{1/6})}$

To illustrate this expression, consider a 6-stage amplifier consisting of 2 flat-staggered triples (M=2). For an overall bandwidth of 10 mc, each triple must have a bandwidth of  $10 \times 1.06(2^{1/6}) = 11.9$  mc. For AB=60 the amplification per stage is therefore 5.1. Figure 6 shows the envelope of the response of 1, 2, and 4 flat-staggered triples (or flat triple-tuned circuits, or flat inverse-feedback triples) of 2-mc bandwidth to a step function of band-center frequency.

# Overstaggered Circuits

Appreciable increases in AB result from overstaggering the stages to yield pass bands with slight dips. For example, if a 6-stage amplifier consisting of 2 triples is over staggered so as to have 2 percent dips in the overall passband of the composite amplifier, there results an increase of fully 25 percent in amplification per stage over the flat-staggered triple amplifier of the same overall bandwidth; however, the transient response is degraded.8 Table II summarizes the characteristics of various coupling combinations, showing, for 5 interstage networks, the effect of overstaggering. (For values of AB other than 60, for which the table is computed, the bandwidths should be multi-

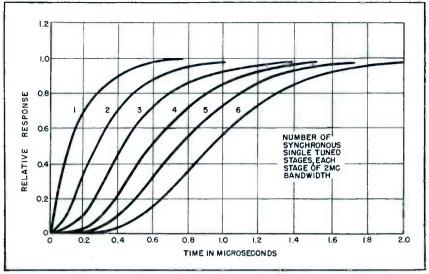


FIG. 2—Envelopes of the responses by various numbers of synchronously tuned stages to a step function input on a carrier at band-center frequency indicate the degree to which sharp pulses will be degraded in the amplifier. This family of curves should be compared to those of Fig. 3, 4, and 6. For example: the time taken for the outputs to rise through the middle 60 percent of their amplitudes are: about 0.5 microsecond with no overshoot for synchronous tuning, 0.3 microsecond with 10 percent overshoot for minimum phase shift networks, 0.4 microsecond with 12 percent overshoot for flat staggered pairs, and 0.4 microsecond with 8 percent overshoot with flat triples, all having a 2-mc bandpass. Table II gives the gains obtainable from these amplifiers

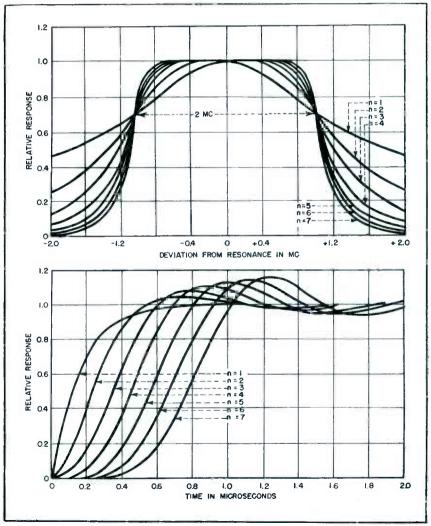


FIG. 3—Frequency responses of maximally flat bandpass networks are shown at the top; below are step responses for comparable minimum phase shift networks

plied by the ratio of actual AB to 60. Similarly, the overall amplifications for given bandwidth should be multiplied by the Nth power of this ratio, where N is the number of amplifier stages.)

Many variations of overstaggering are possible, but a simple approximate procedure for converting a stagger-tuned amplifier of given bandwidth that has a flat passband into one having the same bandwidth but with small dips is to narrow the individual stage bandwidths all in the same ratio, leaving the individual resonant frequencies unchanged. Considerable narrowing is necessary to produce any effect; thus, in a flat-staggered triple, the individual stage bandwidths have to be reduced 30 percent to produce 1-percent dips.

#### **Practical Considerations**

For a given overall bandwidth, a staggered sextuple has somewhat greater amplification than two staggered triples. However, as a practical matter, the combination of two staggered triples is probably preferable because of the smaller overshoot and less critical reaction to misalignment, unless the fractional bandwidth is close to unity. For such reasons, most staggertuned amplifiers employ pairs or triples, although sometimes quintuples are used.

For reasons of noise figure, it is desirable to have a centered input circuit, and overload considerations suggest a centered circuit driving the detector, if possible; otherwise the order of staggering is unimportant. Gain control can be applied to any stage or combination of stages in the staggered amplifier. Except for detuning resulting from changes in input capacitance with variation of grid bias, which was never serious in Radiation Laboratory experience, there is no reason for applying gain control to pairs.

The plate resistor  $R_L$  in a stagger-tuned stage should have whatever value yields the design bandwidth for that stage. Usually  $R_L$  is somewhat greater than the effective damping resistance R, but it can be less if the input resistance of the following tube is negative. Because of grid-plate capacitance,

a tube having a resonant plate circuit has a negative input resistance at frequencies somewhat below resonance of its plate circuit. This condition occurs for the tube between the low- and high-frequency circuits of a staggered pair.

A four-stage, staggered, flat quintuple using 6AK5's was designed. The final circuit is shown in Fig. 7, the indicated center frequencies and bandwidths having been obtained from Table I for N = 5, with a 10-mc bandwidth at 30 mc. To obtain the required amplification of 10,000, an amplification of 10 per stage was necessary. The 6AK5 tubes had to be operated with  $AB = g_m/(2\pi C) = 100$ . In this amplifier C was 10 pf; therefore  $g_m$  had to be 6.280 micromhos. exceeding the rated value by 25 percent. The special application of this amplifier justified tubes operating the in such a manner as to produce the required  $g_m$ . Had they been operated at a  $g_m$  of 5,000 micromhos, the same bandwidth would have been attained with an amplification per stage of about 8, or an overall amplification of only 4,000.

The tuning coils were fixed tuned on powdered-iron cores, and bifilar wound, that is, unity coupled, thereby eliminating blocking capacitors.

The space available necessitated folding the amplifier back on itself, with the input connection and the first three stages on half of the

chassis, and the fourth i-f amplifier, detector, and pulse amplifier on the other half, as shown in the pictures. The two halves were separately wired, each half having greater accessibility than otherwise because of its open L-shaped chassis. The two halves were then connected with metal bushings, and the cover put over the combination. The only wire connecting the two halves is that from the secondary of the transformer following the third stage to the grid of the fourth, the return path being the inside of the metal bushing containing this wire. Use of feed-through, button, bypass capacitors mounted in the chassis wall made it possible to have only two components (tuning

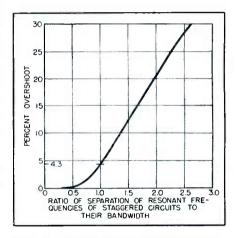


FIG. 5—Fractional overshoot of a flat-staggered pair or a double-tuned circuit as a function of separation of resonant frequencies. A ratio of unity corresponds to a flat response

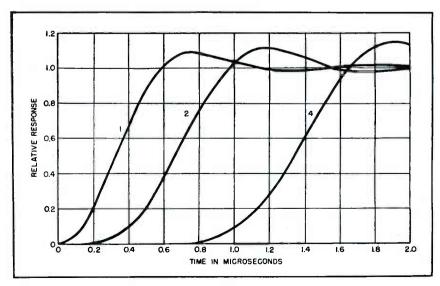


FIG. 4—Response envelope of flat-staggered pairs, flat double-tuned circuits, or flat inverse-feedback pairs

transformer and damping resistor) per i-f amplifier stage in the interior of the chassis. Decoupling resistors were situated on the outer side of the vertical chassis wall between the halves.

Where the fractional bandwidth is too large for Table I, exact formulas must be used.

For very low frequencies such as those at the lower end of the audible spectrum, staggertuned amplifiers using stages employing selective R-C degeneration with twin-T networks, which have selectivity curves approximating those of single-tuned L-C networks, can be designed to give sharp cutoff without using heavy iron-cored inductors.9

Another means for obtaining high-gain wideband amplifiers is to use single-tuned circuits with resistive feedback, the AB performance being equivalent to that of stagger tuning, except that the inverse feedback produces a slight reduction in effective transconductance, generally negligible unless the bandwidth exceeds about  $0.3g_m$ /  $(2\pi C)$ .

# Comparison of Methods

Table II shows that (1) synchronous single-tuned circuits are extremely inefficient, (2) flat-staggered pairs are slightly less and flat-staggered triples slightly more efficient than flat double-tuned circuits loaded to have equal primary and secondary Q, and (3) flat-stag-

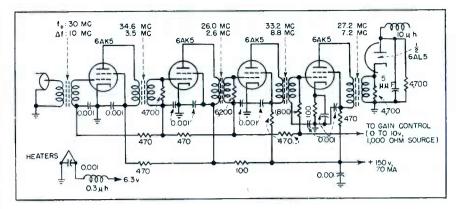


FIG. 7—Circuit diagram of four-stage amplifier pictured at beginning of article

gered combinations are less efficient than flat double-tuned circuits loaded on one side only.

Inverse feedback and staggertuned amplifiers have the advantage over doubly-tuned amplifiers of considerably cheaper coil construction, which is their only significant advantage, apart perhaps from the smaller size and smaller capacitance to ground of the single-tuned inductors. The greater ease of aligning singly tuned stages over doubly tuned ones is thought by some to be an advantage favoring stagger tuning. Actually, because of their mechanical complexity and large capacitance, tunable coils are costly and degrade the performance of the circuit. Fixed tuned coils can be wound with sufficient accuracy and the wiring capacitance sufficiently accurately controlled by good mechanical design and layout to make factory tuning unnecessarv for either type of coupling, and the amplifier is less subject to subsequent tampering. In addition, because the interstage coils are alike for all stages, inverse feedback and doubly tuned amplifiers have the advantage over stagger-tuned amplifiers.

However, inverse feedback has the disadvantage that gain control cannot be applied to a stage around which there is inverse feedback because it will change the bandwidth. On the other hand, gain control can be applied to any stage in a stagger-tuned or doubly tuned amplifier. Feedback resistors in inverse feedback amplifiers cannot be the ordinary half-watt type, but must be of a sort having considerably smaller end-to-end capacitance (such as the IRC type MPM).

The various coupling networks differ with regard to their sensitivity to the detuning that results from varying interstage capacitance. Doubly tuned circuits loaded on one side only are considerably more critical than doubly tuned circuits having equal primary and secondary Q, which is the principle objection to loading on one side only. In a stagger-tuned combination, the greater the number of different frequencies, the more critical it is.

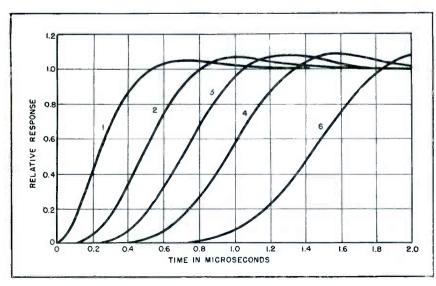


FIG. 6—Response envelope to a step function of band-center frequency of an amplifier of flat triples

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# Direction Finder for Locating Storms

Two loop antennas placed at right angles to each other feed vertical and horizontal deflecting plates of a cathode-ray tube through separate amplifiers. Flash lines on tube screen indicate direction from which static is received

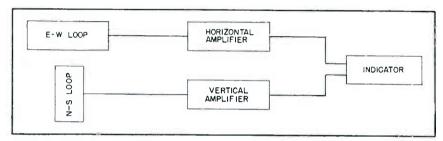


FIG. 1—Block diagram of the equipment. One of two identical amplifiers is shown

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OCATING storm areas by means of the associated atmospheric static was first carried on in Europe about fifty years ago by Popoff, as mentioned by Bureau.1 Twenty years later, the accuracy of measurement was greatly increased by Watson-Watt<sup>2,8</sup> and his co-workers in England. Subsequent work has been carried on by Munro' and coworkers in Australia, by Henderson<sup>5</sup> and his group at the National Research Council in Ottawa, by Lugeon<sup>6</sup> in Switzerland, and Weil<sup>7</sup>, Mason<sup>8</sup>, and Sashoff<sup>9</sup> at the University of Florida.

At the request of the Army Signal Corps, the equipment previously used at the University of Florida was redesigned and new units built for the location of storms.

# Fundamental Principles

Atmospheric direction finding involves determining the direction of arrival of electromagnetic pulses associated with certain types of meteorological phenomena. The time variation of these pulses is of short duration and wide variety.

The transient nature of atmospherics makes it inadvisable to use

conventional null-type direction finders for two reasons: first, the short duration of these pulses, rarely exceeding 5 milliseconds, makes impractical the proper orientation by either manual or mechanical means of the receiving antenna system within the time involved: second, the antenna system should not exhibit a blind azimuth in any direction at any instant if static pulses arriving at a rapid rate from random directions are to be received. The direction-finding device should be capable of indicating the direction of approach of the electrical disturbance at the instant the wave front sweeps past the point of observation. Consequently, the device to be described is an instantaneous direction finder.

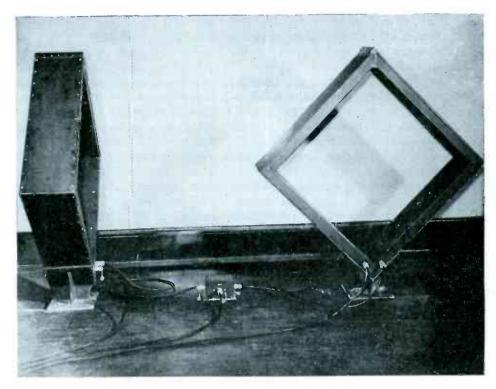
Basically, the instantaneous static direction finder consists of two mutually perpendicular loops, the planes of which are oriented vertically in the north-south and east-west directions, two amplifiers and an indicating cathode-ray tube. See Fig. 1.

The signal voltages appearing across the output terminals of each loop are applied to the inputs of two

nearly identical amplifiers. After suitable amplification, the output voltages corresponding to the north-south and east-west loops are applied to the vertical and horizontal deflecting plates, respectively, of the cathode-ray tube, giving a visible indication of the bearing of the incoming signal. See Fig 2.

#### **Operating Frequency**

Work by Austin<sup>10</sup> has indicated that the energy associated with atmospherics increases with decreasing frequency, at least to frequencies somewhat below 15 kc. Norinder" and others have shown that the quasi-periods of atmospherics range from 50 to 250 microseconds, with those pulses in the 150-microsecond category occurring most frequently. The energy contained in these pulses occupies a wide frequency spectrum, with most of the energy concentrated at the end of the spectrum corresponding to the quasi-frequency of about 7 kc. Since it is well known that such low-frequency electromagnetic waves are propagated with minimum attenuation over great distances, and since few longwave stations which would







Developmental direction finder

produce interference operate at frequencies below about 20 kc, the choice of an operating frequency for the static direction finders of about 10 kc seemed advisable. Operations at frequencies below 10 kc would increase the bulk of the component parts of the resonant circuits and further decrease the effective height of the loop antennas.

Tuned circuits are used in the static direction finder to give the necessary selectivity for preventing interference from commercial stations and to increase the sensitivity. With tuned circuits the trace obtained on the face of the cathoderay tube is not a reproduction of the incoming signal, but is a damped oscillation. This has the advantage of increasing the sensitivity, since the electron beam of the indicating tube makes a large number of excursions over the same path for each atmospheric pulse, building up the brilliancy of the indicated bearing. A single, or very few excursions of the electron beam would require greater accelerating voltages in the cathode-ray tube, with accompanying decrease in tube sensitivity. Both loops and one stage of amplification associated with each loop are tuned, with the loop circuits having the higher Q. Identical values of Q for both loops and for both tuned amplifier circuits are necessary if the received pulse is to produce a linear trace on the indicating tube.

# Directional Antenna System

It was decided to use a multiturned, electrostatically shielded, balanced loop. Bearing angle tests with the loops were performed using the continuous-wave signals from NSS, located near Annapolis, Maryland, which operates on a frequency of 18.6 kc. The results of these tests showed that during the daytime the indicated bearing remained accurate and fixed to within 0.5 degree. At night, during turbulent ionospheric conditions, the indicated bearing was found to vary as much as 30 degrees from the fixed daytime value.

The loop antennas used with the AN/GRD-1 static direction finder (production models, designated AN/GRD-1A, were later made by the Airplane and Marine Instru-

ment Company) are about three feet square and wound with 400 turns of No. 20 enameled-copper wire. There are four layers spaced 0.375-inch apart, each layer wound in two sections. The winding density of 20 turns per inch is obtained by grooved Formica spacers at the corners of the aluminum container which serves as the electrostatic shield. Additional spacers are used at the center of the span of each The loops are wound in layer. halves and grounded at the electrical centers. A 1-ohm precision resistor is placed on either side of the center tap to allow the injection of a signal from the calibration oscillator. The voltages appearing across these resistors simulate the induced electromotive force for The buffer alignment purposes. unit, two 100-ohm resistors between the loops in Fig. 3, provides sufficient attenuation between loops to reduce conductive coupling to negligible proportions.

Each loop has an inductance of 0.22 henry, a distributed capacitance of about 140 micromicrofarads and a measured Q of 40 at 10 kc. The loops are connected to the

input of each amplifier by means of two fifty-foot RG-22/U low-capacitance Twinax cables. Each loop is wound in an aluminum container whose cross section is broken in the usual manner to prevent the flow of currents reacting unfavorably upon the effective Q of the windings. These shields are sealed to keep out moisture. The loops are mounted ten feet apart, or more, since greater spacing has the advantage of making the mutual inductance adjustment for a minimum much less critical.

# The Amplifiers

The final indicating device requires voltages whose components are in phase and whose magnitudes bear a direct relationship to the bearings of the approaching signal. These deflection voltages appear at the output of each amplifier and are the direct result of the loop voltages applied to the input of each channel.

Since the output voltage in an amplifier differs both in magnitude and phase from the input voltage, both the magnitude and phase of the output voltage must be easily and accurately controllable if the requirements imposed by the indicator are to be satisfied. Actually, because of a difference in deflection sensitivities of the cathode-ray tube, the gains of the amplifiers are not identical, but are so related to the deflection sensitivities as to compensate for this characteristic.

The effective bandwidth of each amplifier extends over a finite range and is designed to pass a damped wave train of various frequency components, so it is essential that the phase and amplification conditions at the center of the operating range be maintained in both channels over their effective bandwidths. A difference in phase shift between the two channels, or relative phase shift, may be due to three factors: first, the tuned circuits in the two channels may not be resonated to the same frequency; second, the tuned circuits may exhibit different values of Q; and third, the plate load impedance associated with each untuned stage may have a different time constant. These effects are indistinguishable from each other on the indicator at any fixed frequency; however, they are readily isolated by sweeping the frequency of the calibration oscillator through the central point of the operating range.

Since both channels are identical in construction, only one is reproduced in its entirety in Fig. 3. Across each loop is placed a large variable shunt resistance which makes possible a Q adjustment. The loop signal is coupled to each amplifier by means of a cathode follower which provides a high input impedance and a low output impedance. The high input impedance minimizes the loading effect on the highimpedance loop circuit, while the low-impedance output enables the coupling to be altered by a conventional potentiometer without intro-

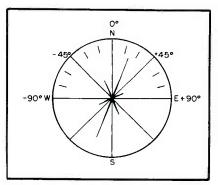


FIG. 2—Bearing indications for three successive static discharges

ducing an objectionable phase displacement. Since the center of each loop is grounded, only half of the voltage developed by the loop is applied to the grid of the cathode follower. The grid resistor for this tube has a very high resistance, as its only function is to prevent the grid from becoming ungrounded if the loops are detached.

From the cathode-follower stage. the signal goes to contacts on switch  $SW_1$ , which is used during the alignment process and whose positions are indicated on the diagram. During normal operation switch applies the signal to the grid of the untuned amplifier, a resistance-capacitance coupled stage in which the variable gain and a phase-shift control are placed. The gain of this stage is controlled by means of a variable cathode-dropping resistor which provides a variable positive voltage on the cathode. To prevent the tube from ever operating with zero bias, a fixed cathode resistor provides a small amount of

self bias. This type of gain control was adopted in preference to conventional types since phase-shift difficulties were experienced with resistance variations across highimpedance grid circuits. The gain control is placed in the untuned stage since a change in transconductance is accompanied by a change in effective plate resistance. Should this variable plate resistance be placed across the resonant network, the damping, and hence the Q, of this circuit would be a function of the gain setting, which would be undesirable.

The possible difference in the time constants of the plate loads, due to a difference in the wiring capacitance, may be responsible for unequal phase shifts occurring in the untuned stages. To correct this difficulty, variable capacitors across the grid circuits of the tuned stages have been included. A correction made at any one frequency will hold over a wide range of frequencies.

From the untuned stage the signal is applied to a stage of tuned amplification employing a 6SK7 tube. This stage provides additional selectivity over that afforded by the tuned loops alone. As in the case of the tuned-loop circuit, this circuit must be provided with means for adjusting its Q. This is accomplished by placing a high variable resistance in shunt with the tuned circuit.

The signal is then applied to the transformer-coupled stage, which is used to provide a signal level adequate to deflect the beam of the cathode-ray oscilloscope. It is necessary to employ a series resistor in the grid circuit of this stage to eliminate the possibility of sustained oscillations which might result from the use of reactive elements in both the input and output circuits. The output transformer is mounted in the indicating unit in order to place the interconnecting cable on the low-impedance side of the transformer. The voltage from the secondary of this transformer is applied directly to the deflecting plates of the cathode-ray The deflecting plates are driven through a balanced network to minimize defocusing of the electron beam. The manufacturing tolerances of the transformers are

such that it is necessary to provide small variable air capacitors across the secondaries to make the transformer characteristics more nearly identical. A difference in characteristics at this point introduces a phase shift similar to that arising in the untuned stage. During adjustment, switch  $SW_2$  is closed, paralleling the grids of the last stages to insure identical signal voltages at this point.

# Cathode-Ray Tube Indicator

The cathode-ray tube is mounted on a chassis which includes the usual positioning, focusing, and brilliancy controls in addition to the output transformers and the associated phase controls.

It is convenient to have the cathode-ray tube fixed so that one pair of plates is oriented vertically while the remaining pair is approximately horizontal, depending upon the degree of orthogonality existing between the deflecting plates. The manufacturing tolerances of most cathode-ray tubes are such as to require individual angular calibration of the face of each tube that is to be used. This difficulty is easily remedied by applying known voltages to both pairs of plates and marking the face of the tube to agree with the calculated angles. It is evident that this calibration procedure, in addition to correcting for the misalignment of the deflecting plates, also compensates for the difference in deflection sensitivities.

The equipment is provided with 5CP5 and 5CP7 cathode-ray tubes coated with short and long-persistence phosphors, respectively. The short persistence phosphor is employed during photographic observations, while the long-persistence phosphor is convenient when making visual observations.

# Power Supply and Calibration

The power supply is conventional, consisting of a regulated low-voltage supply for the amplifier and calibration oscillator and high-voltage supply for the scope unit. The cathode-ray tube is operated at comparatively low accelerating potentials to render the maximum possible deflection sensitivity consistent with adequate brilliance. Both the 5CP5 and 5CP7 tubes re-

quire a positive voltage with respect to ground for the intensifier electrode in addition to the voltage applied to the accelerating electrode, which is negative with respect to ground. These two voltages of opposite polarity are readily obtained from a single high-voltage winding by the use of two half-wave rectifiers working on alternate half cycles, connected so as to deliver both a positive and a negative voltage with reference to a common ground.

The calibration oscillator is of the negative-transconductance two-terminal type with resistance tuning. The output voltage is delivered to the alignment switch across a T pad placed in the cathode circuit of a cathode follower. This prevents reaction from the output control upon the oscillator frequency. Sufficient reverse feedback is employed to maintain the output voltage constant to within 5 percent.

#### Alignment

One of the problems encountered during development of the matched amplifiers was the resolution of various factors responsible for the observed relative phase shifts and, therefore, different pulse response characteristics. During a change in frequency of the calibration oscillator, the variations of the traces obtained on the cathode-ray tube are such as to make possible the recognition of these various causes.

Figure 4A illustrates the pattern appearing on the face of the indicator tube due to a difference in time constants of the plate loads and, hence, phase displacements, in the untuned stages, where the load

impedance consists of the coupling resistance and the wiring reactance in parallel. The slopes of the major axes and the eccentricities of the family of ellipses remain constant, while only the magnitudes of the ellipses change during variations in the frequency of the calibration oscillator. Figure 4B depicts the phase-shift variation with respect to frequency for these stages.

The pattern observed if the tuned circuit of either the loops or the tuned stages are not tuned to the same frequency is illustrated by Fig. 5A. The major axis of the dotted ellipse is shown as a dashed line. As the frequency of the calibration oscillator is swept across the transmission band of the amplifiers, the solid figure gives the locus of the extremities of the major axis of the changing ellipse. The slope of the major axis of the ellipse changes in either direction about the normal 45-degree position, depending on whether the frequency of the calibration oscillator is above or below resonance. Figure 5B shows the amplitude relationships between the two channels for this condition.

Similarly, Fig. 6A shows the effect of a difference in Q of the resonant plate loads and, therefore, of the effective bandwidth of the amplifiers. Here the slope changes in one direction only, becoming more nearly vertical or more nearly horizontal, depending on whether  $Q_{\rm H}$  is greater or less than  $Q_{\rm v}$ . That this pattern is caused by a difference in bandwidth is further illustrated in Fig. 6B. Here it can be seen that the unidirectional change in slope occurs because of the in-

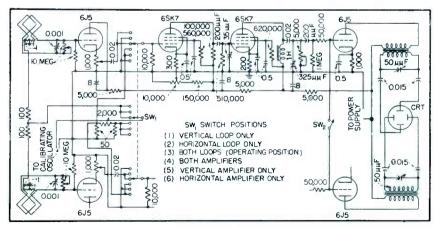


FIG. 3-Circuit diagram of the static direction finder

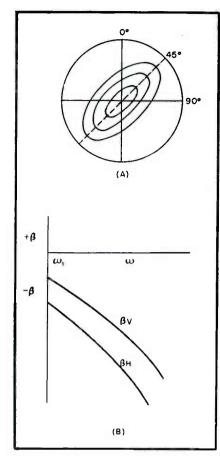


FIG. 4-(A) Pattern for various calibration oscillator frequencies when product of reactance and resistance, or time constant of untuned N-S amplifier stage plate load impedance is not equal to that of E-W amplifier. (B) Corresponding phase variation

herent symmetry of the response curve and because the response of one channel falls off more rapidly than the other.

# **Networks for Storm Location**

For the location of storm areas a network of three, or preferably four, stations with base lines 500 to 1,000 miles long is employed. The storm areas are located by triangulation of the data obtained by the network stations.

The angular orientation of a flash on the face of the scope can be determined either visually or photographically. The visual method of observation has the obvious advantage of being rapid, with data on simultaneous flashes immediately available at the end of each run. The disadvantages of visual observations are the uncertainty of accurately reading the flashes and the question as to whether the method of sampling used was adequate for location of storms within

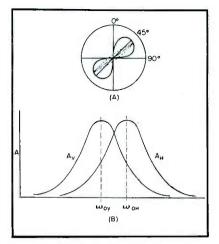


FIG. 5-(A) Pattern for successive settings of calibration oscillator frequency when resonant frequency of vertical amplifier differs from that of horizontal amplifier. (B) Corresponding gain variation between amplifiers

the range of the network. In general, only a small percentage of the total number of flashes appearing on the scope are read by the visual method. The photographic method has the advantage of recording all flashes, but the film record requires processing before the information can be transmitted to a central point for triangulation.

The operational procedure of the development network was as follows. Runs of from 10 to 20 minutes duration were made every two hours, while all stations were in constant radio communication with one acting as the control station. When the observer at the control station noted an observable flash, a signal was transmitted to the network stations where each observer recorded the angular orientation of the flash immediately preceding the signal. This was possible with the use of the long-persistence cathoderay tube. In case of doubt, where multiple flashes were observed at one or more stations, no readings were recorded. Immediately after the conclusion of each run, the data were transmitted to the control station where they were plotted on gnomonic projection maps. In general, only those readings were used which resulted in three-station intersections.

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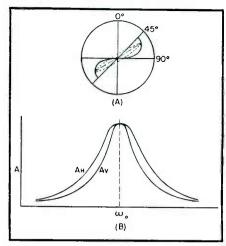


FIG. 6-(A) Pattern for successive settings of the calibration oscillator frequency when the Q of the resonant circuit in the vertical amplifier is not equal to that of the horizontal amplifier. (B) Corresponding gain variation between amplifiers

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# Bridge-Balanced AMPLIFIERS

Inherently stable with respect to tube and supply-voltage variations, the d-c voltage and current amplifier circuits described lend themselves ideally to the design of vacuum-tube voltmeters and photoelectric light meters

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THE MAXIMUM sensitivity obtainable with a vacuum-tube voltmeter is limited by the stability that can be achieved. The difficulty in maintaining an accurate zero base line is due to these major causes: (1) variations in values of the circuit parameters, such as resistances; (2) variations of supply voltages; (3) variations of tube factors, such as plate resistance and amplification factor.

Variations in circuit parameters result chiefly from changes in temperature of resistors. They can be minimized by the use of thermally compensated resistors and the proper placement of component parts. Fluctuations of line voltages affect both the heater and the plate supply voltages. Tube factors are dependent upon operating voltages, upon cathode emission, and upon the aging of the tube. The effect of variations in supply voltages and tube factors on zero deflection of the output meter can be minimized by the use of balancing circuits.

# Voltage Amplifier

Figure 1 shows the basic circuit of a d-c bridge-balanced voltage amplifier. Tube  $T_{\rm N}$  serves as an inverse-feedback amplifier in which

the degeneration is provided by the I-R drop across the bias resistor R. Other tubes,  $T_1$  to  $T_{N-1}$ , serve to balance out variations of tube factors and supply voltages.

The cathodes of all tubes are heated from the same source. The balance will be perfect if all tubes remain identical in characteristics as supply voltages and other conditions change. Physically,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,

 $T_{\rm N}$ , and other tubes of the amplifier circuit perform as the four arms of a balanced bridge, in which  $R_{\rm 1}$  and  $R_{\rm 2}$  correspond to the ratio arms,  $T_{\rm N}$  to the unknown arm, and  $T_{\rm 1}-T_{\rm N-1}$  to the standard arm. Any change in voltage drop across the arm  $T_{\rm N}$  due to variations in tube factors or in supply voltages will be accompanied by an identical change in voltage drop across each tube of the

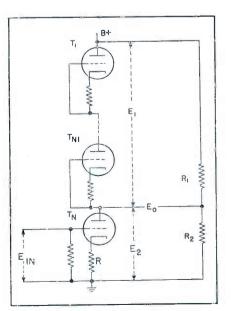
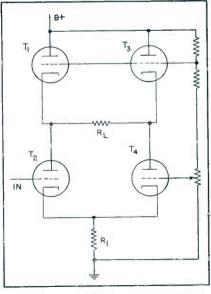


FIG. 1—Basic circuit of d-c bridgebalanced voltage amplifier



IG. 2—Basic circuit of d-c bridgebalanced current amplifier

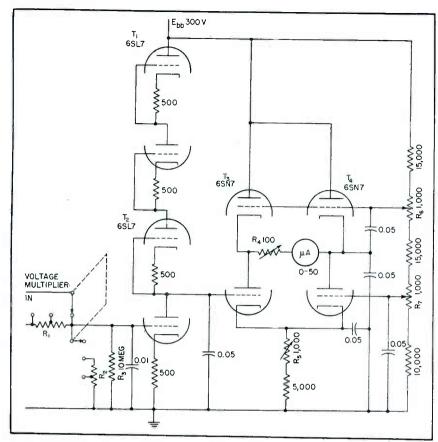


FIG. 3—Circuit of practical vacuum-tube millivoltmeter employing a balanced amplifier to obtain extreme stability

arm  $T_1 - T_{N-1}$ ; therefore, the ratio of  $E_1$  to  $E_2$  remains constant, and the balance of the bridge holds for any part of the tube curves.

# Current Amplifier

The output terminals of the bridge-balanced voltage amplifier are at high quiescent d-c potential above ground. In order to couple this output directly to the input of the next stage, it is necessary to establish the correct bias voltage between the grid of the next tube and its cathode. Furthermore, the gain of the bridge-balanced voltage amplifier decreases rapidly as the load resistance decreases, becoming extremely small when the load resistance is lower than the cathode resistance R because excessive degeneration is developed by the cathode resistors. In order to couple the output to an indicating meter of low internal resistance, it is necessary to reduce the amount of degeneration.

The d-c bridge-balanced current amplifier circuit of Fig. 2 was developed to satisfy these requirements. In this circuit the correct grid-bias voltage of  $T_2$  is established by the voltage drop across resistor  $R_1$ , and the amount of degeneration is reduced by eliminating cathode resistors. The grid-excitation voltages of  $T_2$  and  $T_4$  are opposite in phase. Therefore, the signal components of plate currents

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FIG. 4—Coupling two stages of a bridgebalanced amplifier by using a voltageregulator tube

of  $T_2$  and  $T_4$  cancel in the biasing resistance  $R_1$ ; there is no loss in amplification even when  $R_1$  is very large.

## Millivoltmeter Circuit

The schematic diagram of a vacuum-tube millivoltmeter shown in Fig. 3. Two 6SL7 tubes are used as a d-c bridge-balanced voltage-amplifier stage and two 6SN7 tubes are used as a d-c bridgebalanced current amplifier. Balance adjustment of the output stage is accomplished by adjusting the grid biases of  $T_3$  and  $T_4$ . The potentiometer  $R_{\tau}$  is used as a panel zero control. The potentiometers  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$  and  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle 6}$  are used to take care of large zero shifts such as may be encountered when the tubes are changed. An L-attenuator consisting of two resistors,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , is used as a voltage multiplier to give a constant input resistance of 10 megohms at all voltage ranges.

Care in construction is essential in a sensitive vacuum-tube voltmeter of this type. It was found necessary to provide good ventilation, to choose tubes of similar characteristics, and to use low-temperature-coefficient precision resistors. Furthermore, the temperature coefficient of all resistors except  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  should be identical. Stabilization of the plate-supply voltage is obtained by the use of an electronic voltage-stabilizing circuit.

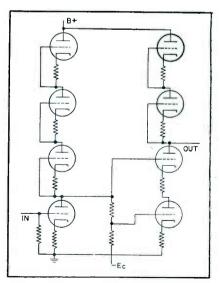


FIG. 5—Another method of coupling between stages in a d-c bridge-balanced amplifier

This instrument gives a full-scale meter reading of one millivolt d-c on its most sensitive voltage range. In conjunction with a special probe (diode detector), the instrument may be used to make exact measurements from d-c up to radar frequencies. By connecting the instrument across proper resistors a very sensitive microammeter is obtained. For example, it is possible to obtain a full-scale deflection for 0.001 microampere by connecting the instrument across a 1.111 megohm resistor, making the resultant input resistance one megohm. When used with an external battery and proper resistors, the instrument will measure resistances from 0.001 ohm up to 1,000,000 megohms. Line-voltage variations from 105 volts to 120 volts will affect the meter reading by less than 4 percent.

## **Coupling Between Stages**

When a single plate supply is employed, coupling between stages is one of the major difficulties in the design of multistage d-c amplifiers. Three methods which are particularly adaptable in bridge-balanced arrangements will be described here.

One method utilizes a cold-cathode voltage regulator tube as shown in Fig. 4. When all the tubes in the circuit are similar, the overall voltage gain of this amplifier is  $\mu^2/3$ , where  $\mu$  is the amplification factor of the tubes. A voltage gain

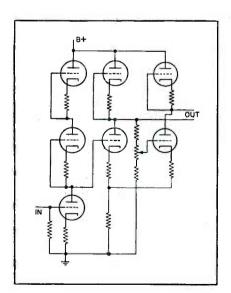


FIG. 6—Using a phase inverter to couple two stages improves amplifier perform-

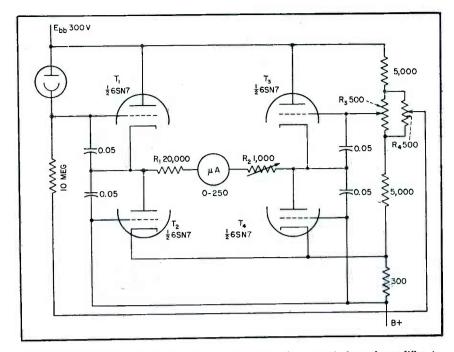


FIG. 7—Degenerative-balance light meter circuit employing a balanced amplifier to obtain high stability

of 64 db with good stability was obtained from this amplifier circuit by using two and one-half 6SL7's. But noise is generated by glow discharge in the voltage regulator tube, and a highly regulated plate-supply is needed to give good stability to this amplifier.

The second method employs a separate bias-supply, as shown in Fig. 5. When all tubes are similar, the design equation of this amplifier is

$$R_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}/R_{\scriptscriptstyle 2} = E_{\scriptscriptstyle BO}/E_{\scriptscriptstyle C} = N{-}2$$

where N is the number of tubes in series, and  $E_{B0}$  is the quiescent plate voltage. The overall voltage amplification of this circuit is  $\mu^2/2$ , where  $\mu$  is the amplification factor of the tubes. The disadvantage is that two highly regulated power supplies are needed.

The third method employs a pushpull phase-inverter arrangement wherein a large cathode bias may be employed without the usual attendant disadvantage of excessive negative feedback. The basic circuit of this type of arrangement is shown in Fig. 6. The overall voltage gain of this amplifier is  $2\mu_1\mu_2/3$ , where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are the amplification factors of the tubes employed in the first and the second stages respectively. A voltage gain of 56 db with very low noise level was obtained from this circuit by using one and one-half 6SL7's as the first stage and two 6SN7's as the inverter stage.

# Light-Meter Circuit

A bridge-balanced circuit with negative feedback, for measurement of very small illumination, is shown in Fig. 7. The bridge arrangement of the circuit makes zero setting practically independent of supply-voltage variations. The amount of degeneration developed by resistor  $R_1$  is sufficient to prevent tube changes from affecting the calibration of the instrument. This circuit can measure illumination with full-scale sensitivity corresponding to a phototube current of 0.5 microampere.

The process of balancing the circuit is simple. Connect the grid of  $T_1$  to the center tap of potentiometer  $R_3$ , and adjust  $R_8$  to bring the meter reading to its zero position. Then reconnect the grid of  $T_1$  to its original position, and again bring the meter reading to zero by adjustment of R4. The circuit is then ready for operation. Variable resistor  $R_2$  is used for adjusting the calibration of the output meter in case it is necessary to change the phototube. Potentiometer  $R_4$  is used as a panel zero control. This circuit has proved itself simple to build, reliable in indication, and stable in operation.

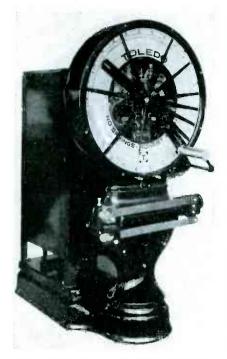


FIG. 1 — Conventional scale equipped with light source, phototube, interceptors, timer and tank to measure fuel used by airplane engines under test



FIG. 2—Scale modified to check fuel consumption of automobile engines. Weights are automatically added as tank empties, to spread out readings

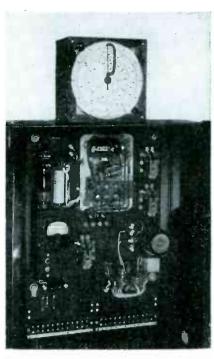


FIG. 3—Amplifier and relays of the scale used to measure fuel consumption of automobile engines. The timer, a separate unit, may be seen on top

# Measuring Liquid Flow by Weight

Conventional scales are modified to accurately, automatically and quickly check fuel consumption of airplane and automobile engines under test by adding a photoelectric attachment, timer and tank. Method also lends itself to testing of pumps

DURING THE WAR a number of manufacturers expressed the need for an accurate means of measuring the fuel consumption of aircraft engines undergoing laboratory dynamometer tests. Scales such as the one shown in Fig. 1 were built for this application.

A narrow beam of light is focused on a slot in the scale chart and a phototube is mounted behind the slot. Interceptors which rotate with the scale indicator intercept the light beam at fixed intervals of weight. A synchronous motor-driven timer runs for a selected

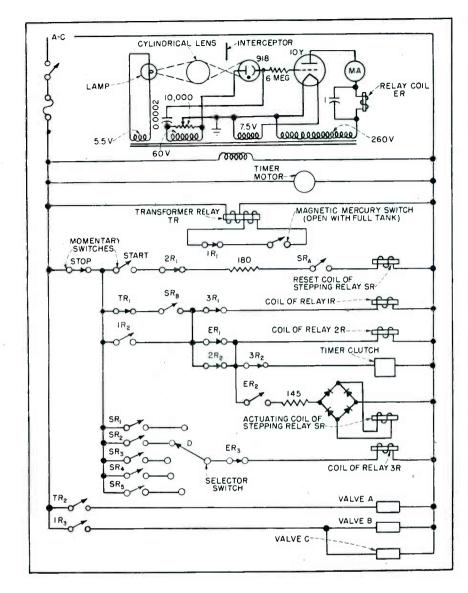
number of interceptions (selected weight sample). The fuel consumption is calculated from the size of the sample and the time required to use it.

A tank on the scale platform holds sufficient fuel for the maximum test sample. This tank is kept full, between tests, by means of a float valve. When the operator starts a test by pressing a button, a solenoid-operated valve in the tank supply line closes, so that all fuel used by the engine must come from the tank. The scale indicator moves clockwise and at the first

interception of the light beam (zero reading on the scale) the timer starts and continues to run for the number of pounds the operator has chosen for the test (number of interceptions of the light beam). The timer stops at the end of the test and the solenoid valve opens to refill the tank.

# Automobile Engine Tester

Since the war, several automobile companies have become interested in accurate methods of determining the fuel consumption of passengercar and truck engines. The rate of



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flow is much smaller than for large airplane engines, so special scale equipment is used as shown in Fig. 2.

A small tank is placed on the platform of the scale. Auxiliary weights are automatically added to the scale as the platform moves up with removal of fuel from the tank. This achieves an indicator travel of about two inches per ounce while weighing samples up to two pounds. The operation of the photoelectric attachment will repeat within less than ten-thousandths of an inch of indicator movement, so very accurate weighing of the sample can be accomplished.

To eliminate the need for computing rate of flow, a special timer was developed. This timer has five rows of graduations, one for each sample value, and is calibrated in pounds per hour. A sample weight is chosen which will require between one minute and two minutes for the test. With the following sample values, liquid flow in the range of five to 120 pounds per hour can be read directly on the proper timer dial circle:

FIG. 4—Simplified circuit of the fuel-consumption tester. Six relays are used (ER, SR, TR, 1R, 2R and 3R). The various contacts of these relays are shown separated from their coils for clarity and are identified

by subscript letters or numerals

Weight of Sample	Range per Hour
2 lb	120 to 60 lb
1.075 lb	64.5 to 32.25 lb
0.578 lb	34.7 to 17.35 lb
0.310 lb	18.6 to 9.3 lb
1/6 lb	10.0 to 5.0 lb

By using a straight time circle also printed on the timer dial, higher and lower values of flow can be computed.

It is not practical to use a float valve in a small tank, so the tank is filled to a definite weight between tests. A magnetically operated mercury switch is mounted inside the scale housing. This switch is operated by a permanent magnet on the scale indicator when the indicator has moved to a position corresponding to the full weight of the tank. The switch operates the transformer-type relay shown on the panel in Fig. 3 and this relay operates a solenoid valve in the supply line.

# Circuit Principle

The photoelectric attachment is used for only on and off operation and the frequency of operation is quite low, so the equipment is quite simple. A simplified wiring diagram is shown in Fig. 4.

A gas-filled type 918 phototube is used with a single-stage amplifier, operating on alternating current. A telephone-type relay is used, with two snap-action switches as double-pole double-throw contacts, in the plate circuit of the amplifier tube. A plate-current milliammeter assists in focusing the light source

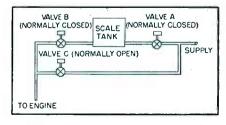


FIG. 5—Tank valve setup of Fig. 4

and also serves as an indication of when tube replacement is necessary. A filament-type amplifier tube is used in preference to a heater type so the equipment can be put into operation with no long wait for the cathode to heat up.

An available stepping relay had coils for 24 volts d-c. It was found that the reset coil would work satisfactorily on a-c for the momentary service required, so a series resistor was used to reduce the 110 volts to a satisfactory value. A copper-oxide rectifier, with resistor in series, was used to energize the stepping coil. Contacts  $SR_A$  and  $SR_B$  are off-bank contacts,  $SR_A$  opening and  $SR_B$  closing when the stepping relay is reset. Normally, before a test is started,  $SR_A$  will be closed,  $SR_B$  open and  $SR_B$ ,  $SR_B$ ,  $SR_B$ , or  $SR_B$  closed.

# Operating Details

With power on the equipment, if the tank is not full the magnetic mercury switch is closed, so the transformer relay is operated,  $TR_1$  being open and  $TR_2$  closed. The engine can draw fuel through valve C, as shown in Fig. 5.

When the start button is pressed, the stepping relay resets, opening  $SR_1$  through  $SR_2$  and  $SR_4$  and closing  $SR_3$ . When the tank is full the magnetic mercury switch opens, dropping out the transformer relay to close valve A and close  $TR_1$ . Relay contact  $1R_2$  now comes in to seal around  $TR_1$  and  $SR_3$ , open  $1R_1$  to prevent the transformer relay operating and close  $1R_3$  to open valve  $R_3$  and close valve  $R_4$  so all fuel comes from the scale tank.

While the scale tank is full, the phototube is illuminated. This reduces the negative bias on the grid of the amplifier tube, so the plate

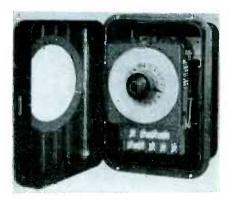


FIG. 6—Magnetic counter applicable to modified scale

current pulls in the relay ER, opening  $ER_1$  and  $ER_3$  and closing  $ER_2$ . As fuel is drawn from the scale tank. the interceptor assembly moves and cuts off the light from the phototube, reducing its current to practically zero. This increases the negative bias on the amplifier tube grid and the plate current drops to zero (the bias-adjusting 10,000-ohm potentiometer permits adjustment to this value). Contact  $ER_2$  opens and  $ER_1$  and  $ER_3$  close, pulling in  $2R_2$  to seal around  $ER_1$ and energizing the timer clutch to start the timer. This is the start of a test.

When the first interceptor passes the light beam, the phototube is again illuminated, ER is again energized by the plate current,  $ER_1$  and  $ER_3$  open and  $ER_2$  closes to energize the stepping relay coil.  $SR_4$  closes,  $SR_B$  opens and  $SR_1$  closes. If the selector switch was set to position D, as shown (Fig. 4), nothing further would happen. At the next interception of the light beam,  $ER_2$ opens to deenergize the stepping coil. When the interceptor passes the light beam,  $ER_2$  again closes to step the stepping relay from  $SR_1$  to  $SR_2$ , but  $ER_3$  is open at this time. When the next interceptor darkens the phototube,  $ER_3$  closes to energize 3R. The opening of  $3R_2$  deenergizes the timer clutch to stop the timer, and  $3R_1$  opening deenergizes 1R, breaking the  $1R_2$  seal to drop out 2R for another test. closing of  $1R_1$  permits the transformer relay to come in, opening valve A to refill the scale tank. The opening of  $1R_3$  closes valve B and opens valve C so the engine continues to run from the main supply. The operator records the fuel consumption (from the timer reading) and resets the timer to zero. He may then readjust the load on the engine, set the selector switch for a new value and press the start button for another test. The test will start as soon as the scale tank is filled and  $TR_1$  closes.

# Simplification

Although some users prefer a selector switch, a readily adjustable contact-operating magnetic counter shown in Fig. 6 and developed by the Eagle Signal Corporation permits simplification of the control.

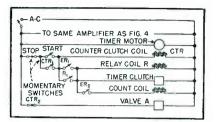


FIG. 7—Simplified circuit used with the magnetic counter

Figure 7 is a simplified wiring diagram of a method using this device when the tank is maintained full between tests by a float valve.

The operator sets the counter pointer to a position corresponding to the weight of the sample to be used for the test. This means that the counter is set for the number of operations corresponding to the number of interceptions of the light beam before that weight has been drawn off the scale.

With power on the equipment, the timer motor is running and valve A is energized through  $CTR_2$  to fill the scale tank. When the operator presses the start button, energizing the counter clutch coil,  $CTR_1$  seals and  $CTR_2$  opens, closing valve A. All fuel used comes out of the scale tank.

When the first interceptor darkens the phototube, closing  $ER_1$ , relay R seals in and the timer clutch is energized to start the timer. When the interceptor passes the light beam, illumination of the phototube closes  $ER_2$  to energize the count coil. Succeeding interceptions of the light beam deenergize and energize the count coil. When the count coil is deenergized after the preset number of operations,  $CTR_1$ opens to drop out R and deenergize the timer clutch to stop the timer and  $CTR_2$  closes to open valve A to refill the tank.

#### Other Uses

Equipment similar to that described is also used to test the performance of pumps. In this case, however, the liquid is generally weighed into the scale tank.

The valve is in the discharge line from the scale tank, so that between tests the liquid flows through the tank. When a test is started, the valve closes and interceptions of the light beam occur as the weight of liquid on the scale increases.



New organ-type electronic instrument uses conventional keyboard; and pipe organ playing and control technicaues are directly applicable. Contacts located under the keys control individual vacuum-tube oscillators. To avoid humidity problems in hot and humid areas, windings have been potted where convenient, and coils have been wax impregnated

# ELECTRONIC ORGAN

Keyboard controls 167 Hartley oscillators designed for grid-circuit keying and high stability of tuning. Separate loudspeaker channels minimize Doppler-effect distortion at cone. Power amplifiers have low intermodulation distortion

In the organ-type electronic musical instrument to be described, each note of the keyboard corresponds to a Hartley oscillator arranged to provide a sinusoidal fundamental, devoid of harmonics, and a pulse signal that is rich in harmonics. Twelve additional oscillators provide an octave extension of the treble on the swell (upper) manual.

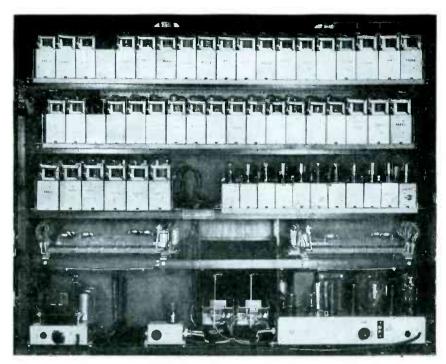
The various voices are derived from mixer circuits that mix the fundamentals and pulse signals in the proper proportions and subject the resultant to appropriate frequency-discriminating circuits to produce the desired formant. The outputs of the several mixers assoBy T. H. LONG

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ciated with any division of the organ (swell, great, or pedal) are mixed through buffer amplifiers. The resultant signal from each division is further amplified to recover the mixing loss and is passed through the volume control associated with the expression pedals.

The expression pedal controlling the volume of the swell manual voices also controls some of the pedal voices by means of a separate potentiometer having a range of control which is less than the range used on the manual voices. This compensates for reduced sensitivity of the ear at low sound levels in the pedal tones and maintains a satisfactory balance between these voices in the pedal division and those in the swell division over the complete range of the expression pedal. The other pedal voices are handled similarly on the expression pedal used for the great manual.

Following the expression pedals the outputs of the three organ divisions may be mixed together or kept separate as the installation may require. For a small room all three outputs may be mixed at the input of a power amplifier. For in-



Rear view of Connsonata with back panel removed to show assemblies of oscillators, mixers, and couplers. At bottom, left to right, are the coupler power supply, isolation amplifier, expression pedals, and power amplifier

stallations requiring more than one loudspeaker the signals from the pedal voices are amplified and fed to one or more pedal loudspeakers while the signals from the manual voices are either mixed into a common power amplifier and loudspeaker system or are fed into two separate systems.

The lowest frequency available in the pedal oscillators is the musical note C<sub>1</sub> (32.703 cycles per second). The lowest frequency produced by the manual oscillators is one octave higher, or 65.406 cycles per second. It has been found desirable to use separate power amplifiers and loudspeakers for the manuals and for the pedals. Power input to the pedal loudspeakers is limited by the cone excursion at the lowest frequency and the power input to the manual loudspeakers tends to be limited by the power-handling capacity of the voice coils.

This separation of loudspeaker channels practically eliminates the distortion inherently produced by the Doppler effect when medium or high frequencies are being radiated by a cone that is simultaneously executing low-frequency vibrations of appreciable amplitude. The further separation of the signals from the manuals, though not so necessary, does contribute to the elimination

of this distortion that has long been associated with electronic instruments when played at high sound intensities, and also lends to the space effect that is highly desirable especially in large installations.

# Oscillators

The Hartley type of oscillator with grid circuit keying was selected for a number of reasons: (1) such an oscillator provides a dependable tone signal generator that produces transient and steady-state effects in an independent fashion comparable to the tone generators generally used in the production of orchestral, vocal, or pipe organ music; (2) the oscillator can be

keyed with the simplest type of switch and permits use of conventional pipe-organ couplers; (3) the oscillator can be produced and maintained at a reasonable cost.

Oscillator design requirements included: (1) high stability of tuning, especially with time and with temperature variations: (2) good keving characteristics for natural attack and release of tone; (3) satisfactory tremolo having the proper amount of amplitude, frequency, and quality change to compare with the tremolo or vibrato generally used in vocal music or by orchestral instruments; (4) proper and uniform tonal qualities with adequate amounts of natural harmonics available; (5) easy tunability; (6) simple, inexpensive construction.

The resulting oscillator, using half of a twin triode, is assembled on a four-note chassis as indicated in Fig. 1. The organ described here has 167 oscillators. Of these, 32 are associated with the pedals (notes  $C_1$  to  $G_3$ ), 61 are in the great division ( $C_2$  to  $C_7$ ), 73 are in the swell division ( $C_2$  to  $C_8$ ), and a special type of low-frequency oscillator is used as a source of tremolo frequency. The fundamental tone signals generated in the tank circuits

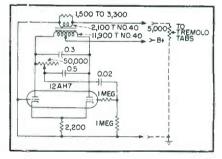


FIG. 2-Tremolo oscillator circuit

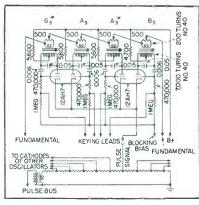


FIG. 1—Circuit of typical four-note oscillator chassis

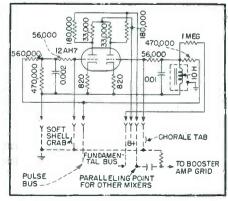


FIG. 3—Great soft string tab and chorale mixer circuit

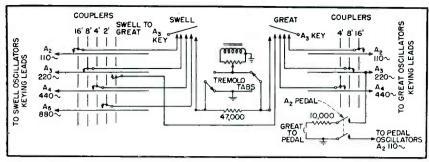


FIG. 4—Typical coupler circuit, with keying details for one key in each manual and one pedal key

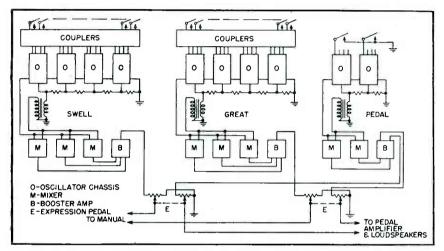


FIG. 5—Block diagram of model 2A, showing substantial independence of swell, great, and pedal organs. Most of the oscillators have been omitted here

are mixed in series for a given rank of oscillators, and the pulse signals are parallel-mixed.

The oscillator circuit constants are so chosen that plate and heater voltage variations will not appreciably affect tuning of the oscillators. The oscillator plate supply is, however, taken from a voltage-regulated source in order to provide a source having a low apparent impedance. This eliminates a tendency that would otherwise exist for the several ranks of oscillators to synchronize when the same note is played in each or to lock in exact octave relationship when octaves are played. This synchronization, if permitted by a sufficiently large common impedance in the plate voltage source, would seriously reduce the grand celeste or chorus effect that depends upon independent tone generators.

# Tremolo Oscillator

The tremolo oscillator circuit in Fig. 2 feeds approximately 5 volts of low-frequency signal into a 1,-500-ohm resistance. The tremolo

frequency is adjustable through the range of 4.7 to 6.5 cycles per second by a resistance control.

#### Mixers

The mixers are single-stage amplifiers that mix the proper amounts of fundamental and pulse signals together and determine the formant for the proper tonal character of each voice. Each voice is controlled from a conventional tablet switch on the console. This switch short-circuits the grid of any mixer to ground when the voice is not wanted. The output circuits of the mixers associated with one division are paralleled. The circuit of a typical mixer chassis which includes two mixers, soft string, and chorale is given in Fig. 3.

The coupler arrangement, as applied to the  $A_3$  keys of the great and swell manuals and the  $A_2$  key of the pedals, is shown in Fig. 4. The oscillators are keyed by grounding the keying leads either directly or through the tremolo generator output. Any key is able to control several oscillators through appropriate

couplers. Tremolo can be obtained in either manual independently of the other manual, since the manuals have independent keying busses.

When the swell-division oscillators are keyed from the great manual they sound with the voices set up for the swell manual, which may be quite different from those selected for the great manual. The same considerations apply when the great oscillators are keyed from the pedal clavier through the great to pedal coupler. However, there is no provision for tremolo to the pedal oscillators since tremolo in the low-frequency range is not desirable. The block diagram in Fig. 5 shows the substantial independence of the swell, great, and pedal organs.

# Loudspeakers and Power Amplifiers

The loudspeaker and power amplifier problems associated with this electronic musical instrument are almost unique since substantial amounts of power must be delivered with low distortion at frequencies down to 32 cycles per second. Much less intermodulation can be tolerated in an electronic organ than in more conventional applications. Music that is quite acceptable at low intensity levels will become intolerable at high levels if the usual harmonic distortion is permitted.

The power amplifiers were designed to have harmonic distortion below one percent at full power output. Great care was used in the choice and arrangement of loudspeakers. The manual loudspeakers are provided with diffraction devices that satisfactorily spread the high-frequency components of sound energy through a large horizontal angle. This arrangement avoids the beaming effect that is undesirable in organ music, without the energy loss and time lag that would be associated with diffusion of the high-frequency sounds by bouncing them off the ceiling.

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# Counter Circuits

Basic step-type counter circuit is analyzed to determine design criteria. Its limitations, possible improvements and the relationships between parameters that govern the most stable operation are discussed

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STEP-TYPE counter circuits are widely used as frequency dividers in the design of television synchronizing generators where stability of division, accuracy of phase and freedom from jitter are of paramount importance. Mention will be made of some artifices for increasing the stability and frequency-division product.

The basic circuit arrangement of the step-type counter is shown in Fig. 1A. It contains a source of periodic pulses (all of equal height) at a frequency  $f_0$ , the step-type counter, and a discharge device operating at a frequency  $f_0/n$ . The counter circuit shown consists of two capacitors and two diodes.

When a positive pulse is impressed between terminals A-O, capacitors  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are charged through diode  $V_1$ . During this interval  $V_2$  is nonconducting. As the charging time constant is usually very small, both capacitors attain the maximum charge in a relatively short time and the impressed voltage,  $E_n$ , is divided between the two capacitors in a definite manner. When the individual impressed pulse decreases in voltage from  $E_{\nu}$ to zero, capacitor C1 is discharged through the input circuit by means of diode  $V_2$ , while  $C_2$  is prevented from losing its acquired charge by the fact that  $V_1$  is nonconducting during this part of the cycle.

A second impressed pulse will deposit an additional increment of charge on  $C_2$ . Thus, corresponding to a regular succession of impressed pulses, the voltage across  $C_2$  builds up step-wise and approaches, asymptotically, the value of the impressed voltage  $E_p$ , unless interrupted by the discharge device which discharges  $C_2$  completely and causes the process to begin anew.

The manner in which the voltage builds up on capacitor  $C_2$  is shown in Fig. 2 for three values of the ratio  $C_2/C_1$ . Curve A illustrates the case where the ratio is relatively low resulting in large steps of voltage initially and then smaller incremental changes as the count approaches the desired order of division, in this instance, five to one. Curve C illustrates the case where the ratio is relatively high and indicates an almost uniform, but very small, incremental change in capacitor voltage from the first to the  $n^{th}$ step. Curve B represents the charging curve using optimum parameters, and differs notably from curves A and C in that the  $n^{th}$  or fifth step is much greater than in either of the other cases, and is the maximum value possible.

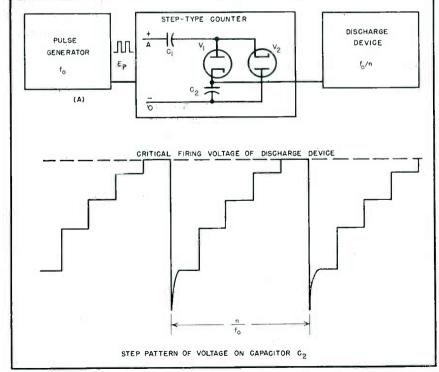


FIG. 1—Elements of the basic counter circuit and output waveforms applied to the

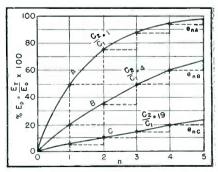
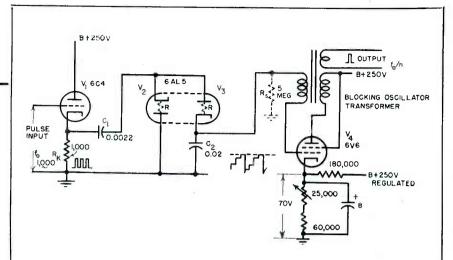


FIG. 2—Charging waveform indicating effect of choice of ratio of  $C_2/C_1$ 

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# PRACTICAL FREQUENCY DIVIDER CIRCUIT

A typical design of the step-type frequency divider presents the following specifications:

Desired division n = 10 Initial frequency,  $f_o$  = 1,000 cycles per second Pulse amplitude,  $E_p$  = 100 volts peak Pulse width = 100 microseconds Critical Firing Voltage = -10 volts Shunt Leakage,  $R_s$  = 5 megohms Effective series resistance = 1,000 ohms (Source plus diodes)

A suitable circuit is shown above. Tube  $V_1$  is a cathode-follower pulse source, type 6C4,

Tube V4 is a 6V6 blocking oscillator.

From Eq. 7

$$C_2 = (n-1) C_1$$
  
 $C_2 = 9 C_1$ 

From Eq. 14

Minimum 
$$C_2 = \frac{10n}{f_0 R_*} = \frac{10 \times 10}{10^3 \times 5 \times 10^6}$$

 $C_2 = 0.02 \text{ microfarad}$ and  $C_1 = 0.0022 \text{ microfarad}$ 

With these values, the height of the tenth step will be 3.9 volts and the value of capacitor  $C_2$  voltage about 63 volts. This requires a negative bias of approximately 70 volts on the discharge tube grid. The bleeder circuit in the cathode of tube  $V_4$  can be adjusted to provide the correct bias.

The charging time constant based on an effective series resistance of 1,000 ohms is approximately 2 microseconds.

From the practical point of view, greatest stability of a step-type counter is attained when the voltage increment corresponding to the  $n^{\rm th}$  step of capacitor,  $C_2$ , voltage is a maximum. Graphically, this corresponds to the point of maximum slope of the charging envelope at the specified order of division. Thus, in curve B the last increment of

voltage is larger than are those of curves A and C. This condition of stability arises from the fact that it is the  $n^{th}$  increment of voltage which is utilized to actuate or trigger the following discharge circuits.

The conditions for obtaining the maximum increment, the size of that increment, and the magnitude of the voltage across  $C_2$  when the

 $n^{\rm th}$  increment is reached, are all of importance when the designer wishes fullest utilization of the step-type counter.

#### Analysis

In the basic circuit, Fig. 1, the increment of voltage appearing across capacitor  $C_2$  (initially without charge) corresponding to the first of a series of narrow impressed pulses of equal magnitude, is:

$$e_1 = E_p \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2}$$
 (1a)

or 
$$e_1 = E_p K$$
 (1b)

where  $K = \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2}$ 

 $E_{\nu} = \text{magnitude of impressed}$  pulses;  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$ ,  $e_3$ , . . . = increment of voltage corresponding to first, second, third, . . . pulses.

The second increment of voltage is

$$e_2 = (E_p - e_1) K ag{2a}$$

Or

$$e_2 = E_p K (1 - K) \tag{2b}$$

The third increment of capacitor voltage is

$$e_3 = [E_p - (e_1 + e_2)]K$$
 (3a)

or 
$$e_0 = E_p K (1 - K)^2$$
 (3b)

Similarly the  $n^{\text{th}}$  increment of voltage across  $C_2$ , corresponding to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  pulse is

$$e_n = E_n K (1 - K)^{n-1} (4)$$

Curves representing Eq. 4 are shown in Fig. 3 for several values of n and clearly indicate the existence of a maximum value of  $e_n/E_{\nu}$  for each order of division, and that greatest stability may be realized by employing the optimum value of K.

The maximum value of  $e_n$  may be determined in the conventional fashion:

$$\frac{de_n}{dK} = \frac{d}{dK} \left[ E_p K (1 - K)^{n-1} \right] = 0 (5)$$

from which is obtained the optimum value of K, that is

$$K = \frac{1}{n} \tag{6}$$

Now since

0.00

$$K = \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2}$$

Then 
$$\frac{C_2}{C_1} = (n-1) \tag{7}$$

Substituting the above criterion for maximum into Eq. 4 results in

$$e_n(max) = \frac{E_p}{n} \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{n-1} \tag{8}$$

The total potential  $E_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$  to which  $C_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$ 

is charged at the end of n pulses of impressed voltage is

$$E_T = \sum_{1}^{\nu} e_n = E_p K [1 + (1 - K) +$$

 $(1 - K)^2 + (1 - K)^3 \dots (1 - K)^{n-1}$  (9a)

From the methods of series summation

$$E_T = E_p [1 - (1 - K)^n]$$
 (9b)

Equation 9B may be transformed into a more familiar form

$$E_T = E_P \left( 1 - \epsilon^{-\eta \ln \frac{1}{1 - K}} \right) \tag{10}$$

Equation 10 is clearly of the same form as the well-known equation for growth of capacitor voltage in a series R-C circuit, that is

$$E_T = E_p (1 - \epsilon^{-\alpha t})$$
 (11) in which  $t$  is replaced by  $n$  and minus alpha by the natural loga-

rithm of 1/(1-K).

If the criterion for maximum is substituted into Eq. 10, there re-

$$E_{\mathrm{T}} = E_{p} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{n-1}{n} \right)^{n} \right] \tag{12}$$

Examination of Eq. 12 indicates that when optimum conditions are employed,  $E_T$  is always less than  $E_p$ , in fact

$$0.75 E_v \ge E_T > 0.636 E_v \tag{13}$$

The curves in Fig. 4 summarize the relationships derived thus far.

## **Practical Limitations**

The analysis presented to this point has stated an optimum value of the ratio of  $C_2$  to  $C_1$ . However, knowledge of this ratio is not enough, since the magnitudes of the two capacitors have not yet been determined. Practical circuit considerations dictate the maximum and minimum values which may be assigned. The important factors which limit the choice of values are as follows: (1) The leakage resistance shunting  $C_2$ ; (2) The perveance of the diodes; (3) The effective resistance of the pulse source; (4) The stability of the power supply; (5) The stability and resettability of the discharge device; (6) The recovery time of the discharge device; (7) The stability of the pulse source; (8) The highest and lowest frequency of operation; (9) The width of the impressed pulses; (10) The minimum phase shift permissible between

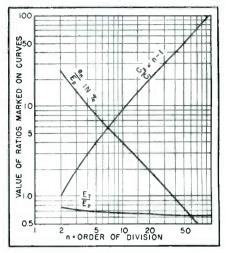


FIG. 4—Set of design curves for diode counters

input and output pulse; (11) The minimum jitter permissible between input and output pulses.

Every practical circuit has intimately associated with it leakages, which in this case may be represented as a definite resistance R, shunting the storage capacitor  $C_2$ . The effect of  $R_s$  is to partially discharge  $C_2$  in the time between successive steps. If the frequency  $f_0/n$  is low,  $C_2$  must, of necessity, be made large, so that the shunt discharge time constant, R<sub>s</sub>C<sub>2</sub>, will be sufficient to maintain the charge on  $C_2$ . The appearance of the step wave form with a short time constant is shown in Fig. 5. A good rule of thumb is to make  $C_2$  sufficiently large, so that the discharge time constant,  $R_sC_2$ , is at least ten times the period of the lowest operating frequency. That is

$$R_{\mathfrak{s}}C_2 \geq 10 - \frac{n}{f_{\mathfrak{o}}} \text{ seconds}$$
 (14)

It was assumed in the earlier analysis that the time for  $C_2$  to acquire an increment of charge is negligibly small. Actually, this may not always be the case, as the series resistance of the pulse source and the perveance of the diodes will slow up the rise time appreciably. Figure 6 shows the wave form during the charging interval at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  increment.

The finite rise time has two undesirable effects. It prevents the increment of charge from ever reaching the value predicted by Eq. 8 during the charging interval, especially if narrow pulses are used. This effect reduces the ap-

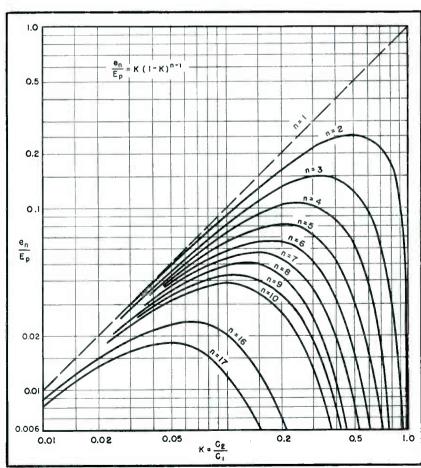


FIG. 3—Curves of various values of n for determining the optimim value of K

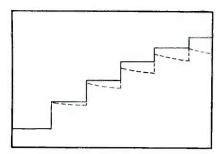


FIG. 5—The solid line represents the normal charging waveform and the dashed line shows the effect of shunt leakage across C.

parent pulse voltage by some definite amount and thereby makes the frequency division somewhat dependent on pulse width and operating frequency. A satisfactory design rule which produces a negligible loss in voltage because of charging time constant is to make the series time constant less than ten percent of the pulse width.

A more important difficulty introduced by the finite rise time is the irreducible phase delay. Phase delay, in itself, may not be objectionable in many designs, but what is troublesome is the jitter resulting from minute fluctuations in pulse height and power supply variations. The net effect is to cause slight shifts in the time of firing of the discharge device. The series charging time constant of the R-C circuit, made up of the source resistance. diode resistance,  $C_1$ , and  $C_2$  should be very small. This requirement dictates the use of high-perveance diodes, low-impedance pulse sources and minimum values of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

Earlier in this discussion it was stated that periodically capacitor  $C_1$  was discharged by means of diode  $V_2$  through the pulse generator impedance. Consideration of the time intervals involved as well as the circuit constants shows that this statement is only approximately correct. It takes an infinite time to discharge  $C_1$  completely; a finite time to reduce the voltage across  $C_1$  to some predetermined value. The effect of this residual charge is to oppose the pulse voltage which is trying to produce voltage increments on  $C_{\rm e}$ . This effect becomes more pronounced as the pulse width is increased or as the pulse repetition frequency is raised; that is, as the duty cycle is

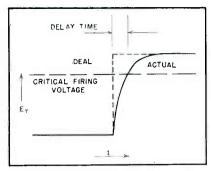


FIG. 6—Effect of finite rise time in producing delays between initiating pulses and output pulses. Small changes in pulse height or of critical firing voltage will cause changes in delay time, causing jitter in the output pulses

made larger. The cumulative result is to make the stability of division dependent upon frequency and pulse duty cycle. To minimize this phenomenon,  $C_1$  should be chosen as small as possible and the circuit resistance held down.

The recovery time of the discharge circuit places an upper limit on the frequency of operation; but many suitable discharge circuits are known to the art, so that a suitable one can be selected for the particular frequency range.

It has been shown that low-frequency considerations dictate large values of the counter circuit capacitances, whereas high-frequency work requires just the opposite. Evidently, the designer must reconcile the conflicting requirements and effect a suitable compromise.

#### Conclusions

Having achieved the optimum choice of circuit parameters, the maximum order of frequency division which may be attained with good stability depends upon the amplitude of the  $n^{th}$  increment of voltage on capacitor  $C_2$  and on the nature of the discharge device. The previous analysis has shown that as the magnitude of n is increased, the size of the step decreases to the point where the discharge device may trigger erratically because of noise, line voltage fluctuation, or power supply ripple. Thus, the size of the  $n^{th}$  step must be sufficiently large to make negligible these inevitable disturbances. Some allowance must also be made for ageing of the circuits which may change the operation and critical firing voltage of the discharge device.

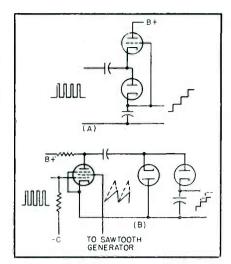


FIG. 7—Two proposed circuits for improving counter stability. Shown at A is the Hallmark system using a tricde for linearization of the staircase charging curve. In circuit B, a sawtooth waveform on the screen grid of a pentode driver tube causes the transconductance of the tube to rise with time, and cause heights of steps to increase instead of decrease. By proper selection of waveform of screen grid voltage, any type of charging characteristic may be obtained

The curves in Fig. 2 show that the envelope of the charging curve of capacitor  $C_2$  voltage is an exponential function of the form

$$y = K (1 - \epsilon^{-\alpha t})$$

where K and  $\alpha$  are constants. One of the inevitable characteristics of such a function is that successive increments of y must become progressively smaller as time elapses. As shown for a count of ten to one the size of the  $n^{th}$  step cannot exceed approximately 3.9 percent of the impressed pulse voltage. To improve the stability of counter performance, some means for making the tenth step larger than 3.9 percent of  $E_p$  is needed. Graphically, the envelope of the charging curve must be made less concave downward, perhaps more closely linear, or best of all, concave upward. At the same time, the charging curve should attain the same or even greater value at the end of n steps than does the normal curve.

Several methods are known for accomplishing the desired distortion of the charging curve. Figure 7 shows some of the possible methods. In a particular design, the availability of auxiliary pulses and waves will suggest other methods of approach.

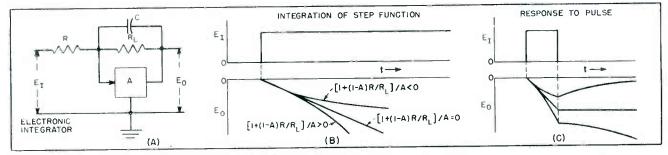


FIG. 1—The basic electronic integrator (A) uses an amplifier having negative gain. If an amplifier having positive gain is used, the factor affecting the accuracy of integration can be made zero (B) giving exact integration holding its output from a pulse (C)

# Design of D-C Electronic Integrators

Effects on the accuracy of integration of amplifier gain, capacitor leakage, input and output resistance are analysed. A compensated circuit capable of exact integration is developed

Integrators, as was pointed out in a previous article, are the most critical components of d-c analog computers. These circuits are also useful in instrumentation, especially for determining averages. Hence the analysis and design of high-performance integrators and the circuits directly associated with them are important to engineers.

# Basic R-C Integrator

The d-c integrator of Fig. 1A is at present the most commonly used type. It consists of an integrating network comprising resistance R and capacitance C in conjunction with a d-c amplifier of gain A. Because the leakage resistance  $R_L$  of the integrating capacitor constitutes an additional feedback path across the amplifier, it must also be taken into consideration. The problem is to adjust the design factors to make the output voltage  $E_o$  of the integrator as nearly proportional to the time integral E/p of the input voltage  $E_t$  as is possible.

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In the circuit of Fig. 1A, the current through R must equal the sum of the currents through  $R_L$  and C, exclusive of currents circulating through the amplifier. Thus the nodal equation for the integrator is

$$E_{o} (1 - 1/A) (Cp + 1/R_{t}) = -(E_{t} - E_{o}/A)/R$$
 (1)

so that

$$E_0 = \frac{AE_T}{(1-A)RCp-1+(1-A)R/R_L}$$
 (2) The action expressed by Eq. 2 approximates true integration if  $[1+(1-A)R/R_L]/A \rightarrow 0$  (3) which can be achieved in practice by making the gain  $A$  large (10<sup>4</sup> to 10<sup>5</sup>) and by using capacitors with as low leakage as possible. In the ideal case  $R_L = \infty$  and Eq. 2 reduces to the simplified formula given in the previous article. In

$$E_0 \approx \frac{A}{1-A} \frac{1}{RCp} E_I \approx \frac{E_I}{RCp}$$
 (4)

indicating that the circuit performs true integration.

the event that A is very large, Eq.

In general, the integration will be in error due to finite gain and leakage. A quantitative estimate of the quality of integration can be found by applying Eq. 2 to a step function input for which

$$E_t = t(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0$$
  
=  $t \text{ for } t > 0$  (5)

so that the step response is

$$E_{o}(t) = -\left\{ \frac{1}{A-1} \frac{t}{8\pi C} + \frac{A[1+(1-A)R/R_{L}]}{(A-1)^{2}} \frac{t^{2}}{2(RC)^{2}} + \ldots \right\}$$
 (6)

where the first term of the series is the integral term (compare with Eq. 4), and the second term is the significant error term. Fig. 1B is a graph of the step response showing the effect of the error. The respective curves for positive or negative values of

$$[1 + (1 - A)R/R_L]/A$$

differ appreciably only for large values of the computing time t. If the above factor is negative, the error is somewhat smaller being in fact smaller than the first error term in Eq. 6. This condition will be assumed henceforth.

The percentage error due to finite gain and leakage is, therefore

$$\frac{[1 + (1 - AR/R_L]t]}{2\kappa C(A - 1)} = \frac{P}{100}$$
 (7)

so that if  $E_n(t)$  is to be within P percent of the integral term (Eq. 4), it is necessary that

$$t_{\text{MAX}} \gtrsim \frac{PRC}{50} \frac{\Lambda - 1}{[1 + (1 - A)R/\kappa_L]}$$
 (8)

Because the networks are linear,

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this criterion applies to any input.

#### Compensated Integrator

The electronic integrator discussed so far gives only an approximation to integration, an approximation that is made better as the amplifier gain and leakage resistance are made higher. Usually the gain used in d-c integrators is negative. In this case, the effect of leakage can be interpreted as degenerative feedback which decreases the effective gain of the integrating amplifier. The foregoing analysis shows that leakage can seriously reduce the quality of integration even with amplifiers of extremely high gain.

If the amplifier gain is made positive, the capacitor leakage constitutes regenerative feedback. By choice of A and  $R_L$  make

 $[1+(1-A)R/R_L]=0$  (9) in which case such a compensated integrator performs accurately even for small A, as shown by substituting Eq. 9 into Eq. 2. The compensation (Eq. 9) constitutes a striking means for overcoming the effects of finite amplifier gain and capacitor leakage.

It is important to note (Eq. 2) that the compensated amplifier need not be unstable despite the regeneration, because the latter is counteracted by degenerative feedback through C. The seemingly unstable case of p=0 has no practical meaning because to investigate the effect of zero frequency would require an infinite computing time.

Figure 1C shows the integration of a square pulse for various

$$[1 + (1 - A)R/R_L]/A$$

and indicates how the compensated integrator holds the output after the pulse has passed. Unavoidable changes in gain and leakage make it impossible to maintain Eq. 9 indefinitely and thus achieve perfect compensation. Nevertheless, considerable improvement in integrator performance is obtained even by approximate compensation. For estimating error, it is only necessary to know within what limits A and  $R_h$  may vary during computation; Eq. 7 now applies only to the most unfavorable combination of A and  $R_{L}$ .

Changes of amplifier gain A will alter the proportionality factor A/(1-A) of Eq. 4 and, in the

case of the compensated integrator, will disturb the compensation (Eq. 9). Differentiation of Eq. 6 with respect to A will give a detailed indication of the error caused by changes in gain. Thus a change in the gain A of  $\varepsilon$  A percent will cause a percentage error less than

$$\frac{\Delta_A}{A-1} \left\{ 1 + \frac{t}{2RC} \left[ \frac{A+1}{A-1} - \frac{R}{R_L} \right] \right\}$$

where, as before

 $[1 + (1 - A)R/R_L]/A < 0$ 

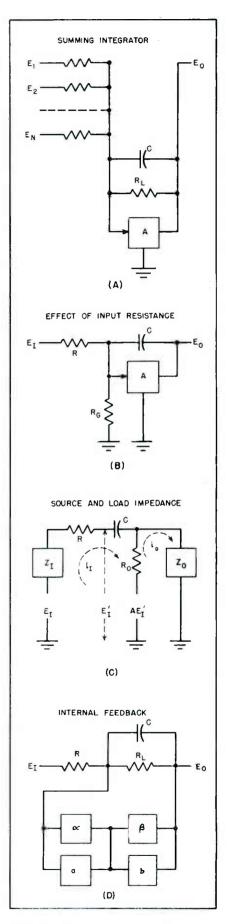
Changes in leakage such as those due to atmospheric moisture have a similar effect. However, in the usual case of large  $R_L$  the change may be so large that the errors have to be estimated from Eq. 7. In any case, errors due to changes in gain and leakage are minimized by making A large.

## Distortion and Drift

An amplitude distortion may be interpreted as due to a change in gain occurring over certain portions of the signal. The error incurred in integrating a simple step function due to a percentage of distortion can thus be estimated from the same relation that applies to error from changes of gain. Likewise, error due to distortion can be minimized by making the amplifier gain high. It is also necessary to operate the output tube well within its linear range.

In d-c analog computers, the output of each amplifier is balanced to zero before computation so that, in the ideal case, only the desired signal voltages are applied to the integrators. Actually stray voltages due to noise, unbalances, grid current and drift occur during computation and they are integrated, leading to errors in the output. A single noise pulse will be integrated as in Fig. 1C, but high-frequency random noise will tend to cancel itself. Integrators of the d-c type are fairly susceptible to interference from power line frequencies, which should be kept out of the equipment by shielding and placement of components.

A steady unbalance voltage due to grid current or undirectional drift at the input of an isolated integrator introduces an absolute error approximately equal to  $E_{\nu}At/(A-1)RC$  where  $E_{\nu}$  is the drift voltage. To minimize such error it may be expedient to balance each



FJG. 2—All components must be considered in analysing integrators

amplifier, not for zero output, but for zero drift.

In most computer applications the d-c integrators are not isolated but are interconnected in feedback loops to simulate stable, damped oscillations. In such systems temporary unbalance tends to damp out; the amplifiers in such a system need only be balanced for output at some convenient reference level for zero output and the system will tend to settle back to this condition. Steady inputs or unbalances, after an initial transient, will only change the reference level.

# Additional Resistances

There are several other resistances in the circuit whose effects need to be considered. Figure 2A shows the intentional inclusion of several resistances in the integrator input so that it will add several inputs and multiply each by a constant, giving an output

stant, giving an output
$$E_{o} = \sum \frac{E_{k}}{R_{k}} \frac{A}{(1-A)Cp + \frac{1-A}{R_{L}} + \sum \frac{I}{R_{k}}}$$

$$\approx \frac{A}{1-A} \sum \frac{E_{k}}{R_{k}Cp}$$
(10

The error analysis and methods of compensation discussed previously can be applied to the summing integrator if R is replaced by

 $[\Sigma(1/R_k)]^{-1}$ 

in the respective formulas.

The integrating amplifier has a finite input resistance  $R_{\sigma}$  as shown in Fig. 2B; it may be considered as a grounded input terminal in a summing amplifier. The results of the preceding considerations show that, so far as the quality of integration is concerned,  $R_{\sigma}$  decreases the effective value of R as if  $R_{\sigma}$  were connected in parallel with it. Accordingly, it is desirable to make  $R_{\sigma}$  as large as possible and to use a cathode-follower input.

In general, the integrator will be connected to a source of impedance  $Z_0$  and a load of impedance  $Z_0$ . The output impedance of the amplifier  $R_0$  is effectively the resistance formed by the plate and load resistances of the output stage in parallel. When  $Z_1$  and  $Z_0$  are resistive the equivalent circuit Fig. 2C shows that the approximate effect of the impedance ratio  $R_0/Z_0$  is to reduce the effective amplifier gain in the ratio  $1/(1 + R_0/Z_0)$ 

if the absolute magnitudes of AR and  $AZ_0$  are both much greater than  $R_0$ , while  $Z_1$  contributes to the time constant of the integrator and may have to be considered when calibrating it.

Usually the input and output of the integrator will be connected to similar integrators or to summing amplifiers. In such systems  $R_0$  is 20 to 50 kilohms and R is of the order of 5 megohms, so that presumably the effects of  $Z_I$  and  $Z_0$  are small. However, because of the complex feedback paths in computers, it may be necessary to solve the very complex network equation for the complete computer to gain exact information on its performance. The possibility of neglecting the output impedance of one integrator as compared to the input impedance of the one following it has great practical importance; it enables one to compute the transfer functions of cascaded integrators by simply multiplying the transfer functions of individual integrators.

In calibrating the integrator, Eq. 4 may be taken as the transfer function. The value of A/(1-A)RC is found by actually measuring the output-input ratio (at 60 cps with a calibrated potentiometer). Errors in measurement and slight changes in R and C make the calibration accurate within about 0.5 percent; the effect of A has been discussed above. For large A, Eq. 4 may be approximated by -1/RCp, where R and C can be found by accurate bridge measurement.

# **Optimum Conditions**

Whether the integrator is compensated or not, most of the errors are reduced by decreasing t/ARC and  $1/R_{\rm h}$ , which means using short computing times, high gain, high leakage and long integrator time constant. Even in the compensated integrators, high gain is useful to reduce errors from distortion and gain changes. High gain or compensation and feedback can make errors from finite gain, gain changes and distortion very small.

The most serious errors, those that are difficult to minimize, are drift due to unbalances and changes in leakage resistance. Drift errors can be minimized by careful balancing (for zero drift) and stable

amplifiers and power supplies. Reduction of t/RC may also help, but is limited by scale factor. Reducing the computing time reduces most of the errors, but it is limited by the frequency response of recorders and associated servos.

Feedback in the integrating amplifier can (1) decrease amplifier distortion and instability if it is degenerative, or (2) increase the gain if it is regenerative. However, if feedback over the entire amplifier is used, the accuracy of integration will be unaffected because the improvements in the amplifier will be offset by impairments in the integrator due to reduced gain. Nevertheless, degeneration is advantageous because by it the amplifier gain of a compensated integrator can be reduced without increasing instability and distortion, and a low leakage resistance can be used (Eq. 9). The possibility of connecting a stable resistor across the capacitor affords a means of decreasing changes in  $R_L$  due to humidity.

Even more interesting results can be obtained if feedback is used around portions of the amplifier. In a two-stage amplifier having an overall gain A and the stage parameters shown in Fig. 2D.

$$A = \frac{ab}{(1 - a\alpha) (1 - b\beta)}$$
 (11A)

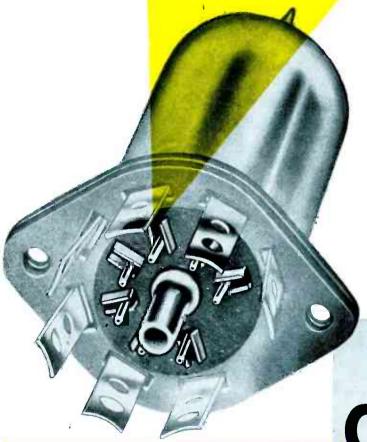
$$\Delta A, B = \frac{\Delta a}{1 - a\alpha} + \frac{\Delta b}{1 - b\beta}$$
 (11B)

$$\Delta A_{s} B = \frac{\Delta D_{a}}{1 - a\alpha} + \frac{\Delta D_{b}}{1 - b\beta}$$
 (11C)

where  $\Delta A$ ,  $\Delta a$ , and  $\Delta b$  are the percentage gain changes, and  $\Delta D$ ,  $\Delta D_a$ , and  $\Delta D_b$  are the distortion percentages. Feedback around the individual stages thus makes it possible to greatly reduce effect of gain changes and distortion in the power stage by using nearly critical regeneration on the voltage stage, as well as high gain in both stages. Similarly the effects of gain changes and distortion in the voltage stage can be made small by nearly critical regeneration on the power stage, although this will usually be unnecessary. The very high gain resulting from the regeneration can be reduced by overall degeneration. The feedback networks should be arranged so as not to decrease the input resistance of the amplifier.

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# **Metal Detector for Cows**

Being coarse feeders, cows are prone to swallow small pieces of wire or other metal, with possibly serious results. When this is suspected, the use of a Cintel metal detector made in Britain enables a diagnosis to be made accurately and quickly. As a result, many veterinary surgeons are now regular users of the instrument.

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# Sprayed Wiring for Control Amplifier

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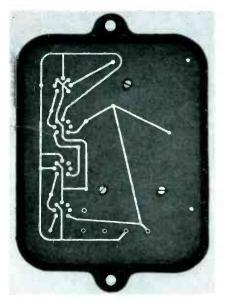
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INVESTIGATING new means of mechanizing electrical wiring has resulted in development of several techniques that can be applied to manufacture of electronic control

Metal detectors offer a means of diagnosis for sick cows who swallow stray bits of metal with deleterious effects

units. The illustrations show one of these, an experimental amplifier with sprayed copper leads in grooves on a plastic base.

Grooves were made in the base, first by milling and later by molding, into which the metal was sprayed. It was found that the metal impinging upon the lands between the grooves could be easily



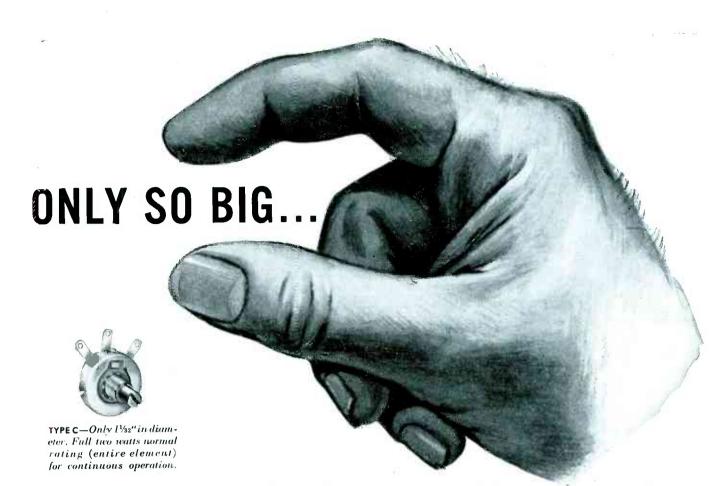
Sprayed wiring on the plastic base of the amplifier. Terminals and wiring of the miniature sockets show clearly at left

wiped off. There were, however, some problems that immediately presented themselves concerning spacing, width, depth, bottom surface, and shape of the groove.

Certain minimum separations between leads must be maintained in electronic circuits to eliminate electrical leakage. Using a groove width of is inch, even with miniature tubes having closely-spaced pins. resulting separations were within these limits. This groove width is more or less arbitrary, being wide enough to allow ample room for spraying to the bottom of the groove and to provide sufficiently high conductivity while leaving adequate spacing between leads.

A series of tests was conducted to determine optimum groove depth for adhesion of the copper to the base. This depth seems to be critical and should be maintained at  $0.040 \pm 0.005$  inch.

Measurements made on the bonding of the copper to the bottom of a molded plastic groove show conclusively that some sort of rough-





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ening is desirable. Longitudinal and diagonal ridges gave much better results than a smooth surface. To determine the bonding of the copper to the panel, a small circular hole of the same width as the groove was drilled through the panel prior to spraying. A steel pin was inserted through this hole flush with the bottom of the groove. After spraying, this pin was removed and one of slightly smaller diameter inserted in the hole and the force required to dislodge the copper conductor was measured. The average of these forces for smooth grooves was 100 grams and for roughened grooves, 600 grams. The groove must have a sharp edge at its top so that the copper lead is automatically severed from the lands at the time of deposit.



Top view of control amplifier with sprayed wiring

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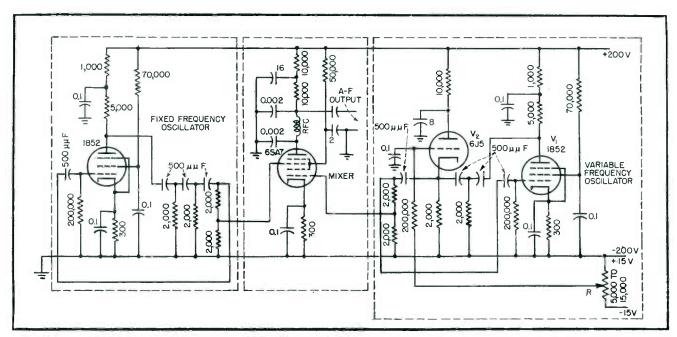
low degree of coupling with neighboring components. Remote control of frequency can also be arranged.

# Circuit Details

The circuit shows two R-C tuned oscillators feeding the appropriate grids of a hexode mixer. The out-

put from each oscillator is obtained by a suitable tap on the final resistance of each of the phase-shifting networks. A refinement (not shown) would be to leave a portion of the automatic bias resistance to each oscillator tube unshunted in order to introduce a degree of feedback for the purpose of limiting the amplitude of oscillation.

Control of the frequency gener-(continued on p 146)



The values shown in the diagram provide oscillator frequencies of about 92 kc and the resulting beat-frequency variation is from a few cycles to over 20 kc. A voltage-regulated plate supply is preferable



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# THE ELECTRON ART

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# An Image Storage Tube

LONG-TERM OBSERVATION (up to three weeks) of events occurring in 10<sup>-8</sup> seconds is made possible by the Krawinkel storage tube, which was developed in Germany. The tube is the embodiment of a new technique that, after further research and development, makes possible retention of images for detailed evaluation that are conventionally produced on cathode-ray tubes. The storage tube is therefore applicable wherever the cathode-ray tube is used. For example, the indicator of a search radar set may show only a few widely separated spots along the trajectory of a missile. To recognize that these indications all relate to the same moving target, and to determine its position of origin, the screen image needs to be stored long enough for the controller to study it.

Characteristics of Storage Tube

This image storage tube, at its present stage of development, has electrostatic deflection with magnetic focusing of the 0.2 to 0.3-millimeter diameter writing beam, and magneto-optical projection of the stored image onto the viewing screen. Writing and erasing speed

is 20,000 meters per second. The storage time, with the image illuminated for observation, is 15 minutes; with it unilluminated it is three weeks. The image can be erased intentionally at any time. The stored elements are 0.0036 square millimeters in area.

The image is electrically stored in small capacitors. The foundation for the storage surface is a photosensitive layer. On this base are small insulated islands which act as capacitors, one plate being the common photosensitive base, the other being the surface of the insulation. Each capacitance is about 0.002 auf, and will retain a charge of 5 imes  $10^{-14}$  coulomb for the three weeks. Using secondary emission of the insulated islands, either a positive or a negative charge relative to the photosensitive cathode, depending on the velocity of the cathode-ray electrons, is painted on the island capacitors to form the stored image. When the image is to be viewed. the storage surface is illuminated by invisible light, from outside the tube. Thus electrons are emitted photoelectrically from the cathode in proportion to the positiveness of the charges on the adjacent capacitors, and are projected to a fluorescent viewing screen to reproduce the image.

Constructional Features

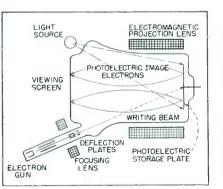
Although the foregoing description of insulated islands on a photocathode explains the action of the storage plate, the plate is made by depositing photosensitive islands on a fused quartz plate. First a narrow metallic frame is evaporated around the edge of the insulating quartz plate. Then a grid of very fine conducting lines is evaporated onto the surface. Last a great number of photoelectric



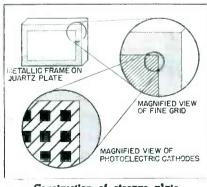
Getter is an auxiliary triode

cells are evaporated through holes of a fine mesh net. Thus, each photocell contacts at least one line of the grid so that all the photocells are connected together and to the metallic border. The small uncoated areas of the quartz plate constitute the capacitors.

To prevent leakage of the charges from the capacitors, a very high vacuum of  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  millimeters of mercury is maintained inside the tube. To do this, a getter tube is incorporated inside the storage tube. The getter tube is a triode, the plate of which has a surface of getter material. The grid is made positive, the plate negative. Electrons from the thermal cathode positively ionize the gas molecules in the getter tube. The ions are then actively attracted to the getter material to assure their removal from the storage tube (An Image



Operation of image storage tube



Construction of storage plate

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# Extending Linear Range of Reactance Modulators

By FRITZ BRUNNER Dipl. Electr. Engr. Swiss Federal Inst. of Tech. Muttenz, Baselland, Switzerland

LARGE FREQUENCY DEVIATION can be obtained directly from a frequency modulated oscillator by interposing a stage of amplification between the oscillator tank and the grid of the reactance tube.

# Principle of Operation

In the basic reactance tube frequency modulated oscillator, a variable reactive current  $I_R$  whose magnitude is controlled by the mod-

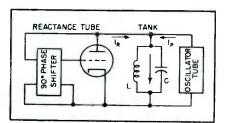


FIG. 1—Basic reactance modulators

ulating signal is supplied through a reactance tube to the tank circuit. The oscillator tube supplies a constant in-phase current  $I_P$  to the tank circuit as shown in Fig. 1. Under these conditions the instantaneous frequency is

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi [L(C + I_R/2\pi f E)]^{1/2}}$$

where L is the inductance of the tank, C is its capacitance, and E is the voltage across it. If the resonant frequency of the tank circuit is

 $f_0 = 1/2\pi (LC)^{1/2}$ 

the deviation frequency approximates

 $\Delta f = f - f_0 \approx -I_R/4\pi EC$ 

which shows that the extent of the deviation is directly proportional to the reactive current supplied by the reactance tube.

In conventional reactance tube f-m oscillators  $I_R$  is obtained by shifting the phase of the tank circuit voltage as near as possible to 90 degrees by a resistance-reactance circuit, and using this voltage to control the reactance tube. Unfortunately considerable attenuation is associated with the phaseshifting network, so that the  $I_{\kappa}$ available from the reactance tube is small in comparison to the voltage across the tank circuit. The frequency deviation that can be produced, especially at vhf, despite the greatest possible L/C of the tank circuit, is small. The oscillator must often be followed by several multiplier and converter stages to yield the necessary frequency devi-

The introduction of an amplifier before or after the phase splitter makes possible greater deviation. Because the phases in this amplifier affect the stability of the oscillator, only one stage can usually be used.

## Circuit Simplification.

The simplest arrangement is to use the dynamic plate resistance of the amplification tube as the resistance of the phase shifter as is done in Fig. 2A. If this tube has a high plate resistance, the voltage appearing across the reactance is shifted nearly 90 degrees. This reactance can be either an inductance or a capacitance. The reactive current delivered to the tank circuit

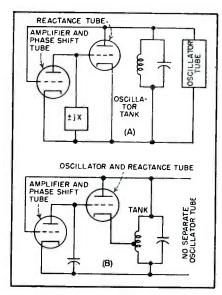


FIG. 2-Improved f-m oscillators

can be modulated by changing the effective mutual conductance of one or more of the tubes associated with it.

At very high frequencies only the tube capacitances need be used for the reactive component of the phase shifter. At higher frequencies the transit time in the reactance tube can supply the 90 degree phase shift so that a single transit-time reactance tube replaces the two tubes. Otherwise the effect of transit time can be counteracted by adjustment of the phase shifter.

The circuit can be simplified still further by using the oscillator tube simultaneously as the reactance tube as shown in Fig. 2B.

# Practical Execution

To obtain the largest possible frequency deviation with good stability, it is necessary to limit the amplitude of operation to the linear portion of the grid characteristic of the amplifier. A crystal diode

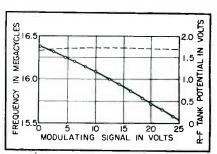


FIG. 3—Typical experimental results

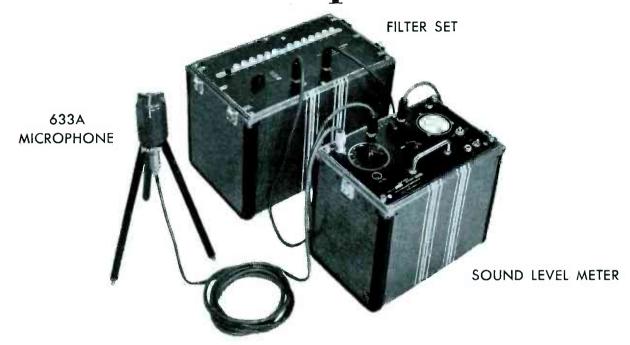
can provide this limiting.

The fact that the tank circuit capacitance is distributed over the several tubes of the system must be taken into consideration. If, at vhf, the inductances of the tube connections are too near that of the tank circuit, and the reactance tube supplies a strong reactive current. oscillation may be unstable. This condition can be avoided by increasing the inductance of the tank circuit, decreasing the tube capacitances, and decreasing the inductances of the connections, possibly by concentrating all the tubes in one envelope.

Using the oscillator tube as the reactance tube also, and using low transconductance tubes, linear deviation and constant amplitude of

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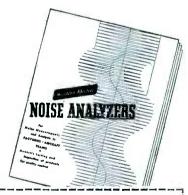
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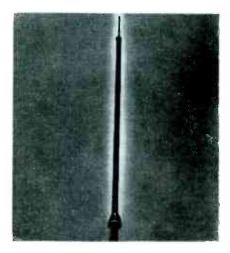
# **NEW PRODUCTS**

Edited by A. A. McKENZIE

New equipment, components, tubes, testing apparatus and products closely allied to the electronics field. A review of catalogs, handbooks, technical bulletins and other manufacturers' literature

# High-Gain Antenna

THE WORKSHOP ASSOCIATES, INC., 66 Needham St., Newton Highlands 61, Mass. Model 3HW high-gain beacon antenna was designed for the 152- to 162-mc mobile communication band. The unit comprises three half-wave dipoles



stacked 0.7 wavelength apart and driven in phase. It can be fed with various types of transmission lines by means of special connector adaptors. Total weight is less than 40 pounds and price is \$300.

# STL for F-M

RADIO ENGINEERING LABORATORIES, 35-54 Thirty-Sixth St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. Model 694 studio-transmitter link equipment operating in the frequency range between 940 and 960 megacycles comprises special receiving equipment and an entirely new transmitter. Overall system performance from transmitter input to receiver output gives signal-noise ratio bet-

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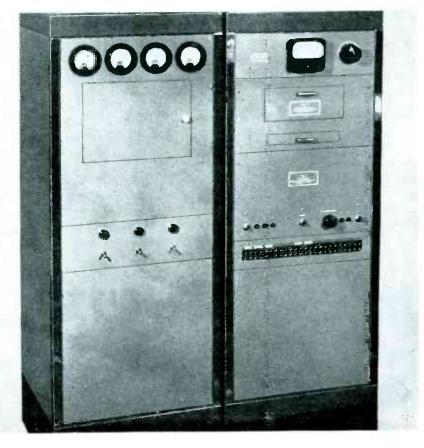
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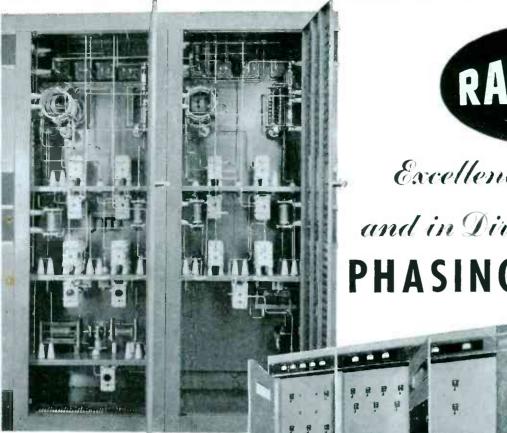
STEPHENS MANUFACTURING CORP., 10416 National Boulevard, Los Angeles 34, Calif. Designed for deluxe

home installations, Tru-Sonic model P-63HF speaker system is built along the lines of commercial theater equipment. Two speakers are used with crossover at 600 cycles. Overall frequency range is from 30 to beyond 15,000 cycles. The equipment described in Bulletin 109 weighs 245 pounds.

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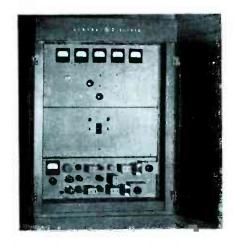
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preamplifier, and model M-116 power supply. Precise measurements of absolute sound pressure over the range 50 cycles to 250 kilocycles are possible. The equipment permits special acoustic measurements such as analysis of the sound spectrum from jet engines.

# Relay Link

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Studio-transmitter relay link equipment type BL-2-A operates in the band between 920 and 960 megacycles. Noise level is at least 65 db below 100 percent modulation. Harmonic distortion is less



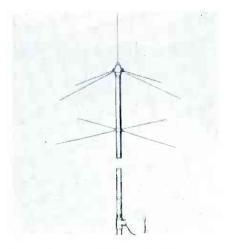
than 1 percent from 50 to 15,000 cycles, and audio response is within plus or minus 1 db, these measurements being overall from transmitter input to receiver output. Two 40-inch parabolic antennas are used.

# **Audio Tape**

AUDIO DEVICES, INC., 444 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. Audiotape is a vinyl plastic tape treated with a magnetic oxide. When run at a speed of 150 feet per minute it has a frequency response flat to above 15,000 cycles. It can be supplied in limited quantities for test purposes and full production is expected soon.

# Ground Plane Antenna

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# Distortion-Noise Analyzer

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Type YDA-1 distortion and noise analyzer will measure distortion down to 0.1 percent, measure hum or noise present on an audio signal, act as a high-sensitivity vacuum-tube voltmeter, perform as a frequency meter over the range



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GRAYBAR ELECTRIC Co., 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. Model 4CA is a group audiometer providing facilities for testing the hear-



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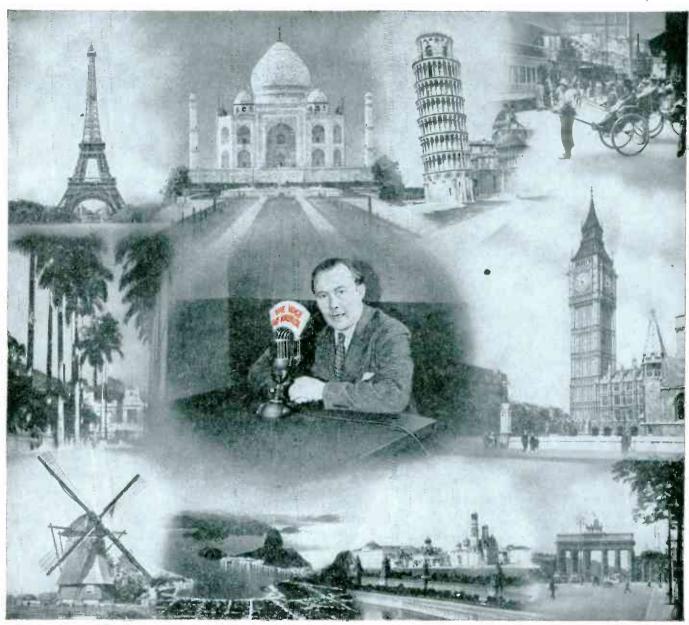
# Hydraulic Oscilloscope

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## NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

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Citizens Radio Equipment Approved by FCC

THE FCC has issued the first certificate of type approval for equipment to be used in Citizens Radio Service—a radio transceiver designed by Citizens Radio Corp., Cleveland, Ohio, to operate on a frequency of 465 megacycles. Tests show the unit complies with the provisions of Part 19 of the Commission's rules governing Citizens Radio Service. The apparatus weighs about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds with batteries and is comparable in size to a camera and carrying case.

Issuance of this type-approval certificate marks the advent of a a new service which will be available to individual citizens for personal use in the 460 to 470-mc band. Stations now in operation are authorized as class 2 experimental stations. This approval of the FCC forecasts early availability of manufactured units suitable for this service. The Commission has under consideration establishment of additional rules to provide for simplified licensing for operation by individuals.

## Medical Education by Television

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY medical school will use television to bring to the estimated 18,000 physicians and surgeons attending the American Medical Association meeting in Chicago, June 21 through 25, five days of programs showing both surgical procedures and clinical demonstrations.

Among the televised programs will be obstetrical and gynecological procedures, including a caesarian

section; the blue-baby operation; early skin grafting in severe burns; gastric resection; hand surgery and chest surgery. The video camera will also reproduce clinical material in the fields of internal medicine, orthopedics, cancer, dermatology, endocrinology and neurology.

#### Radio for Circus Traffic

RINGLING BROTHERS Barnum and Bailey Shows, Inc., was granted a construction permit for 15 portable and mobile radio units in the experimental service for use in directing the loading, unloading and

transporting of exhibition equipment. Radio transmitter-receivers will be installed on railroad cars and circus vehicles which move equipment between railroad sidings and show grounds.

### Radar-Mapping Australia

LINCOLN BOMBERS, assisted by mobile radar stations, will soon photograph the terrain and establish radar control suitable for small-scale mapping of Australia.

To ensure that there are no gaps in aerial photography, British equipment, involving the use of one or more G-H stations, will be used in the radar photographic program. To determine the actual position of each photograph it is necessary to have a second G-H station in operation simultaneously.

#### Television Network Extensions

PLANS HAVE BEEN made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to provide additional intercity network facilities this year from the east coast to the Mississippi River. New networks to be built in the midwest and the east will be linked by connecting Phila-

#### MICROWAVES CLEAR MOUNTAINS



An experimental multichannel vhf radiotelephone toll link has been set up between Johnstown and Northville, New York. Elevation of both ends of the radio link, as indicated on map (lower right), provides a line-of-sight path for the 26-mile stretch

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APRIL 24: Spring Technical Conference of IRE Cincinnati Section, featuring television papers, at Engineering Society Headquarters.

APRIL 26-28: IRE-RMA spring meeting on transmitters, Syracuse Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y.

APRIL 28-30: AIEE North Eastern District Meeting, New Haven, Conn.
May 3-5: URSI-IRE joint meet-

ing, Washington, D. C.

MAY 9-14: 1948 Radio Parts Show, Hotel Stevens, Chicago.

MAY 11-16: Engineering Progress Show, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.: exhibits and two evening lectures.

MAY 17-21: 63rd semiannual convention of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers, at the Ambassador Hotel, Santa Monica, Calif.

MAY 19: Meeting, American Ceramic Society; at 1 West 52nd St., New York City; 5:00 p.m.—The Chemistry of Glass-Metal Seals, by A. J. Monack, consulting engineer; dinner; Ceramic Developments in the Electronic Field, by B. S. Ellefson of Sylvania.

May 20-21: Broadcast Engineering Conference, Los Angeles, Calif. (NAB Convention).

MAY 22: Second New England Radio Engineering Meeting, sponsored by North Atlantic

Region of IRE, at Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass.

JUNE 21-25: 51st annual meeting of the American Society for Testing Materials, at Detroit, Michigan.

JUNE 21-25: AIEE Summer General Meeting, Mexico City.

JULY 14-16: International symposium on noise, held by the Acoustics Group of the Physstitute of British Architects, at the Royal Institute, Portland Place, London, W. 1.

Aug. 20-29: All-Electrical Exposition, Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.

Aug. 24-27: AIEE Pacific General Meeting, Spokane, Wash.

SEPT. 13-17; Third Instrument Conference and Exhibit, Convention Hall, Philadelphia,

SEPT. 27-OCT. 2: Third National Plastic Exposition, Grand Central Palace, New York City.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2: Pacific Electronic Exhibition and IRE west coast Annual Convention, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

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made recordings of a few seconds and each record was later transferred to an individual strip of magnetic tape. The tape recorder was connected with the switchboard

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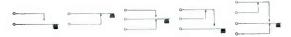
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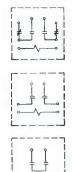






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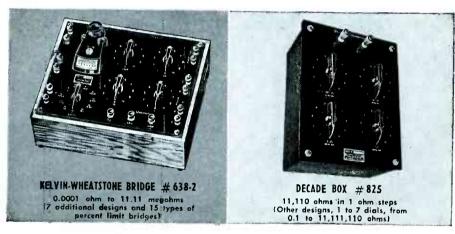




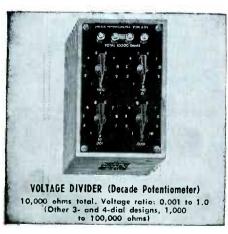
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TUBES AT WORK (continued from p 130)

ated by the tube  $V_1$  in the variable frequency section is achieved by altering the effective resistance of one element in the phase-shifting network. This could be done by inserting a normal variable resistance in series with one of the fixed resistances, but here the same effect is secured by varying the grid bias of tube  $V_{\circ}$ . This tube is a cathode follower, the output impedance of which shunts the center resistance of the phase-shift network. The output impedance is a function of the grid bias on the tube that is controlled by potentiometer R. In short, the frequency of the oscillations generated by the variable oscillator, and hence the resulting tone frequency, is determined by the setting of R.

Potentiometer R may be mounted at any desired distance from the apparatus. The lead from its slider carries no current and can therefore cause no instability, however long it is. The potentiometer dial can be calibrated in frequency.

In practice, both oscillators are set to the same frequency (about 100 kc) with  $V_2$  biased almost to cutoff, but if  $V_2$  has a variable-mu characteristic it need not be biased so far back as might otherwise be necessary.

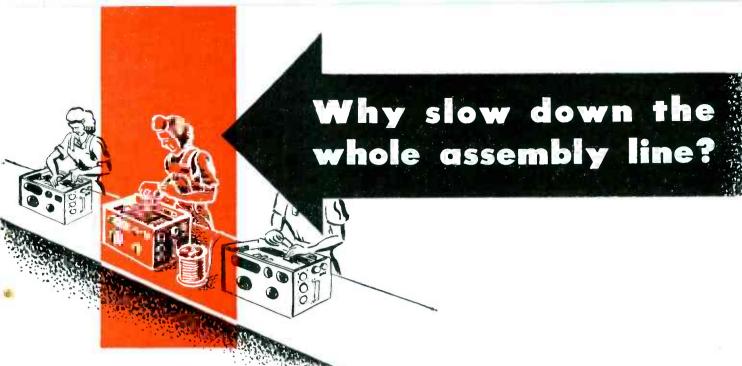
Instead of a cathode follower for frequency control, a negative-resistance transitron could be used and in this case the magnitude of the negative resistance is a function of the grid bias.

### Capacitors and Selenium Rectifiers

By F. Parmly and E. Sherich Engiteering Department Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp. South Plainfield, N. J.

WHEN electrolytic capacitors are used in rectifier circuits with selenium cells, the capacitors are often subjected to severe operating conditions, including high values of ripple current.

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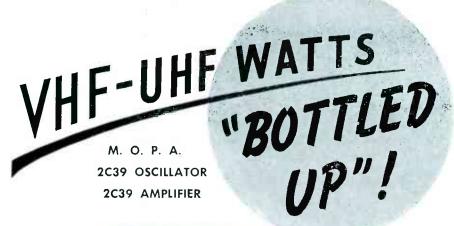
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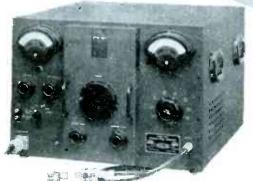
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cathode foil formation which acts as a capacitance in series with the original anode capacitance, thus reducing the overall effective capacitance. The use of a too-low capacitance in a circuit must be avoided. since the lower the capacitance, the higher the ripple voltage.

#### Current-limiting Resistors

Whenever practicable, the use of a current-limiting resistor in selenium rectifier circuits is recommended. Without a protective resistor, charging current of the capacitor may reach an excessive value that may ruin the selenium cell and cause untimely failure of

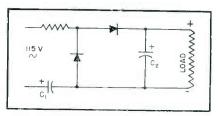


FIG. 1-Series line-feed voltage doubler

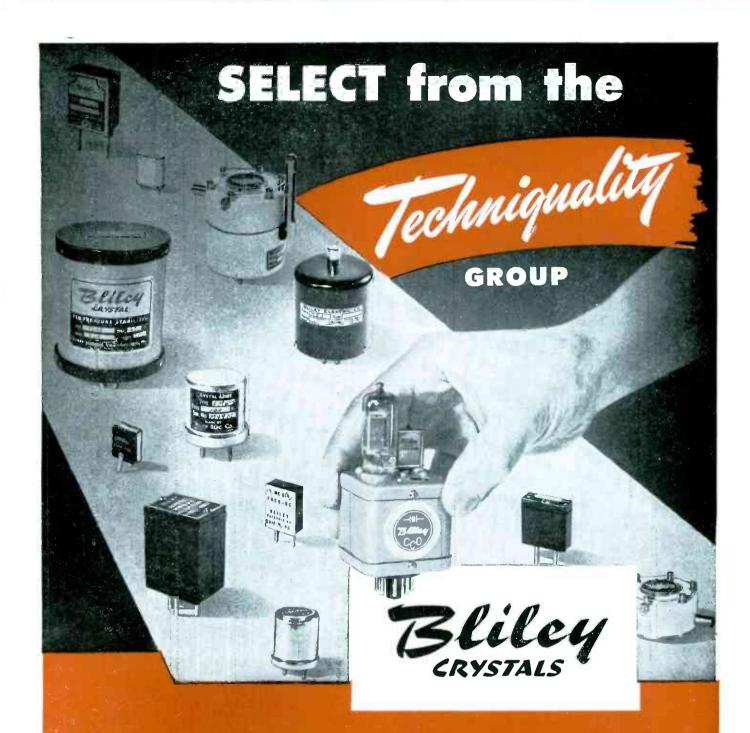
the capacitor. Since the peak charging current increases with the size of the capacitor, the size of the capacitor must be limited so that failure of the selenium cell will not be accelerated.

Severe reverse current surges, which occur in all selenium cells during re-formation of the barrier layer, may last for several minutes. During such periods, associated capacitors are subjected to abnormal reverse currents and voltages. Excessive heating and tendency to cathode foil formation take place much as when ripple currents are too large.

An adequate protective resistor limits charging current and reverse current surges to values which are within reasonable safety limitations.

Capacitor ratings are based also upon maximum ripple voltages, which in turn depend upon normal line voltages. A resistor included in the circuit guards against damage from high line voltages.

With current-limiting resistors, there is a slght decrease in output voltage and slightly poorer voltage regulation. For improvement in output voltage and regulation, the resistance used may be decreased; but this is at the cost of less safety,



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#### Capacitor Selection

The following factors determine the capacitor suitable for a particular selenium rectifier circuit: noload and full-load d-c working voltage, full-load rms ripple current through the capacitor, ripple frequency, and maximum ambient temperature at which the capacitor will operate.

Where high ripple current is encountered, an aluminum-contained capacitor is recommended. heavy ripple currents cause cardboard-contained capacitors to dry out quickly.

#### Half-Wave Circuit

The choice of a capacitor suitable for the half-wave circuit depends chiefly upon d-c output current desired and maximum permissible ripple voltage.

The capacitance needed for a particular value of ripple voltage can be calculated. In the time 1/f(for one cycle) the capacitor discharges through the load at an approximately constant rate,  $I_{p-c}$ . The capacitor loses an amount of charge  $I_{D-c}/f$ . Therefore its voltage changes by the amount  $V = I_{\nu-c}/fC$ = Q/C. Hence the ripple voltage is;  $V_R = I_{D-C}/fC$ . And the capacitor needed is:  $C = I_{p-c}/fV_{R}$ .

Since the discharge current does not decrease exactly linearly with time, but varies exponentially, a slight error is introduced. The error is on the side of caution, since the calculated value will be slightly larger than the C actually required. Thus the C used may be slightly lower than the value calculated, but too great a reduction will result in larger ripple currents and voltages and a shorter capacitor life.

In simple half-wave circuits, all electrolytic capacitors, including filter and bypass sections, may be incorporated into the same container, as a common negative terminal may be used for all sections.

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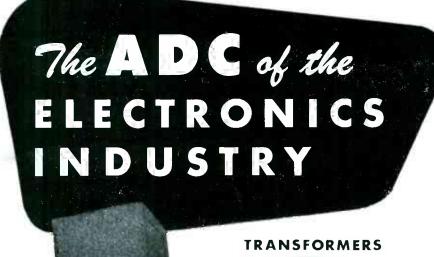


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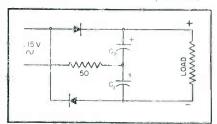


FIG. 2—Full-wave symmetrical voltage doubler

the positive and negative loops of the a-c line voltage to charge the input capacitors, which discharge additively into the load.

In the series line-feed circuit of Fig. 1, the first capacitor  $C_1$  is in series with one leg of the line. It doubles the load voltage by charging up to peak line voltage and then adding its charge to the line during each succeeding cycle. However  $C_1$  impresses a large ripple voltage upon the load. To reduce this ripple voltage  $C_2$  is added. Usually an additional L-C line filter is placed before the load.

A common container for all the capacitors is not advisable. The ripple currents in  $C_1$  are much higher than any others and cause greater heating of  $C_1$ , and if  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  were in the same container  $C_2$  would become unnecessarily heated in circuits having large load and ripple currents. Filter and further bypass capacitors may be put in one container.

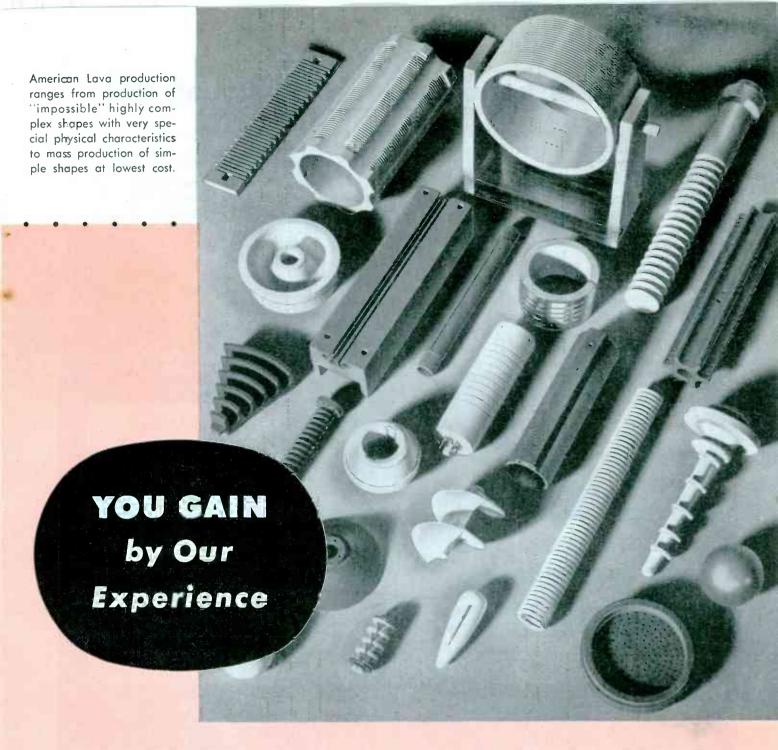
For small load and ripple currents, the peak voltage rating of  $C_2$  and following bypass capacitors must be almost double peak line voltage, if no 50-ohm resistor is used, and may be about 10 percent less if a resistor is used (depending upon circuit constants.) The peak voltage rating of  $C_1$  must be at least peak a-c line voltage.

Symmetrical Doubler Circuit

In symmetrical voltage-doubler circuits, such as Fig. 2, each of the two capacitors alternately charges to the peak a-c line voltage while the other is discharging through the load. Thus, their voltage rating need equal only the peak line voltage.

The ripple voltage across each of the input capacitors is equal, unlike the series line-feed circuit.

It is recommended that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  not be placed in the same container, since they are connected in



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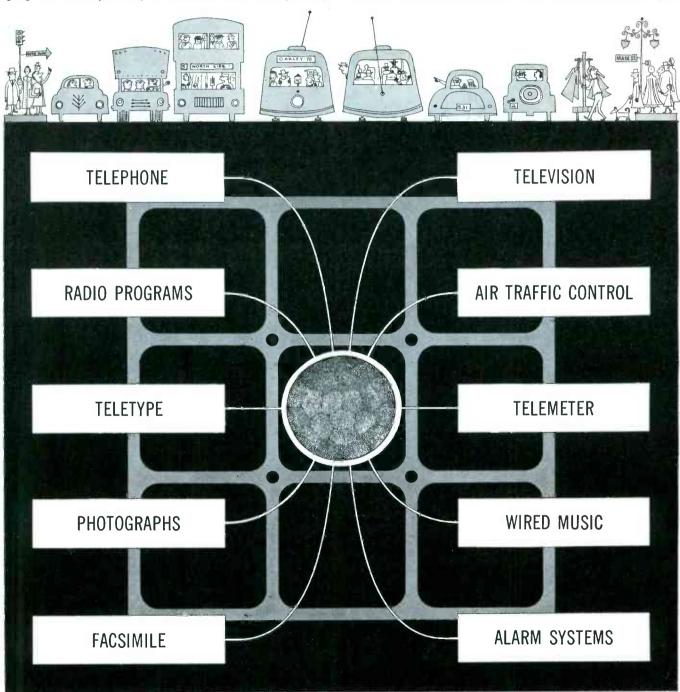
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#### Automatic Lighting Switch

By CARL C. SMITH

Electronic Consultant
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Many circuit arrangements designed for automatic control of lighting circuits with decreasing daylight incorporate time-delay networks, inverse feedback and a number of other auxiliary circuits to improve the overall response of the equipment to the initiating variable for which they are designed. The equipment to be described affords reliable operation over long periods of time with minimum tube or accessory replacements.

Essentially, the unit consists of a photoemissive tube of selected spectral characteristics whose output is amplified to a current value sufficient to operate a sensitive relay in the plate circuit of the output tube. The value of this relay current is adjustable over a wide range by means of a current-adjusting potentiometer in this circuit.

The input sensitivity of the device is adjustable by means of a bias potentiometer in the grid circuit of the input tube. Since, in this amplifier, the output (and relay) current increases with increased light on the photoelectric surface, the armature of the sensitive relay is pulled in with light values on the phototube which exceed a predetermined value.

The controlled lighting circuits are opened or closed by auxiliary magnetic contactors capable of handling the lighting load to be controlled, the sensitive relay operating the coil of the magnetic contactors only. With normal values of light on the phototube, the sensitive relay contacts which operate the auxiliary relays are opened, thereby deenergizing the circuits. When the daylight value decreases below the preset value, the sensitive relay armature drops out, closing the load circuit contacts.





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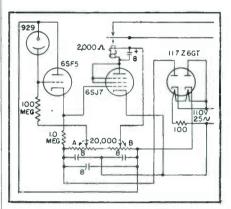
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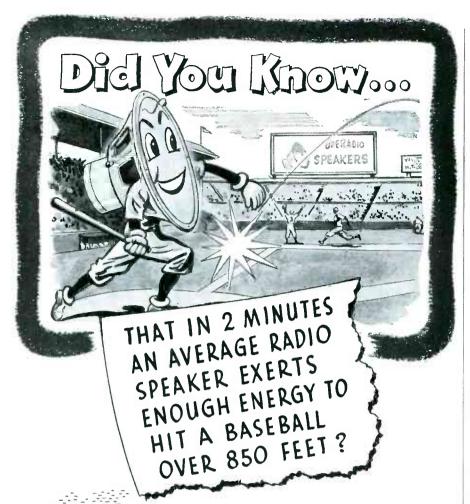


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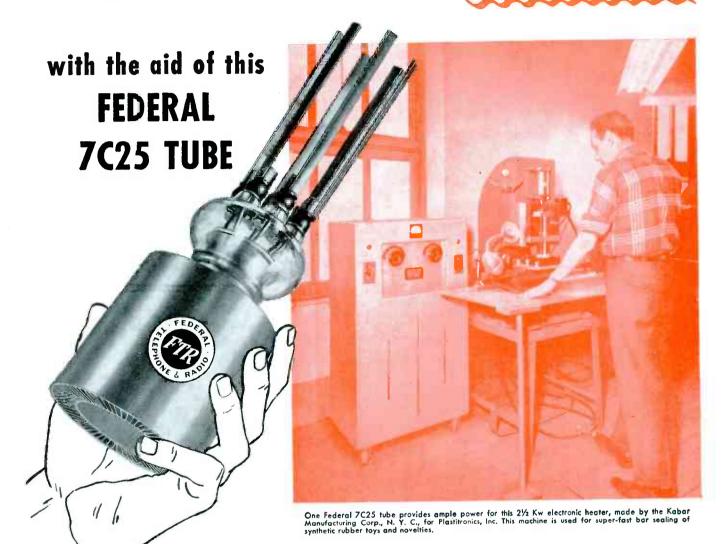
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The average field change due to flashes which are not extremely near is of the order

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where L is in kilometers.

Another effect takes place when the thundercloud approaches close enough so that a lightning flash in the immediate vicinity can occur. This effect is the flow of corona current from the antenna to the cloud overhead. Note that the direction of flow of corona current is opposite to that of the antenna discharge current discussed above. In this instrument with the particular antenna used, corona current amounted to about 2 microamperes.

#### Circuit Operation

The circuit of the electronism is given in Fig. 1. The input circuits have a resistance to ground of about 0.5 megohm and are connected to the grid of  $V_1$ . The network comprising  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  form an attenuator to reduce the transient due to a flash about 27 times when required for near sensitivity. It can be seen from the equation that this reduction in sensitivity corresponds to a reduction in range by a factor of about 3.

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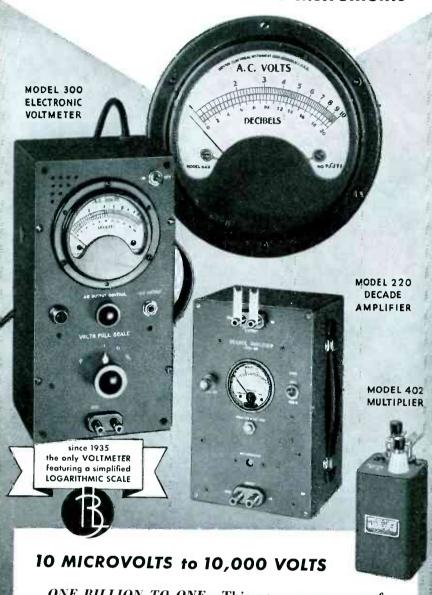
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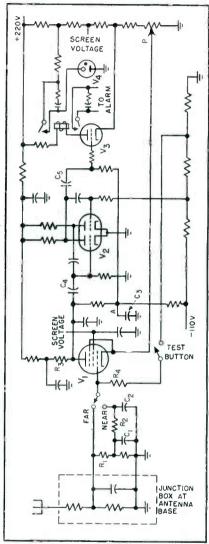


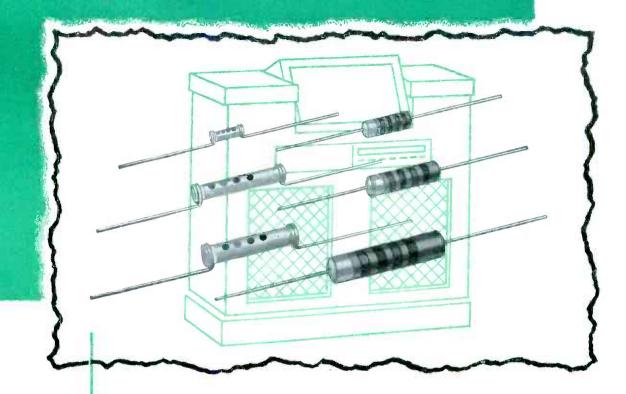
FIG. 1—Circuit of the electronic lightning

signals so that the potential of *A* fluctuates slowly in accordance with the corona current in the antenna system.

Tube  $V_2$  is connected in a flip-flop circuit arranged to give a positive pulse through  $C_6$  lasting about 0.1 second. This arrangement is necessary because the transient due to a lightning flash may be too brief to operate the relay.

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potential when no d-c is flowing in the antenna. When the grid of  $V_1$  goes negative, the potential of A rises until  $V_3$  conducts sufficiently to cause the relay to close. At this stage, owing to the fact that the current through  $V_3$  is now sensitive to small changes of potential on its grid, and owing to the feedback from its cathode via



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the bleeder resistors to the cathode of  $V_1$ , the whole system oscillates with a period associated with the circuits of  $V_2$  (about 2 cps). This oscillation causes the relay to open and close periodically as long as the point A is at an adequately positive potential. It should be noted that this corona current warning is effective in either position of the near-far switch.

The instrument gives a brief sharp ring on the electric bell attached to the relays for each positive impulse due to a lightning flash, and gives a continuous intermittent ringing like that of a telephone when the direct antenna current exceeds about 2 microamperes. An additional signal is given by means of the neon tube  $V_{\bullet}$  which flashes each time the relay closes.

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 $V_1$  through a large resistor  $R_6$ . When the test button is pressed and released rapidly, the brief warning signal is given each time it is released. When the test button is held down for longer than a second or so then the continuous warning operates.

#### Antenna

The antenna consists of an unguyed vertical rod 1 inch in diameter, 8 feet high, attached to a plate at its base, which is supported by three insulators fixed at ground level. The plate keeps the insulators dry. A weatherproof junction box adjacent to the plate contains the two resistors, and from it a concentric cable is taken underground to the chassis.

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This development was reported in the Transactions of the South African Institute of Electrical Engineers, April 1947.

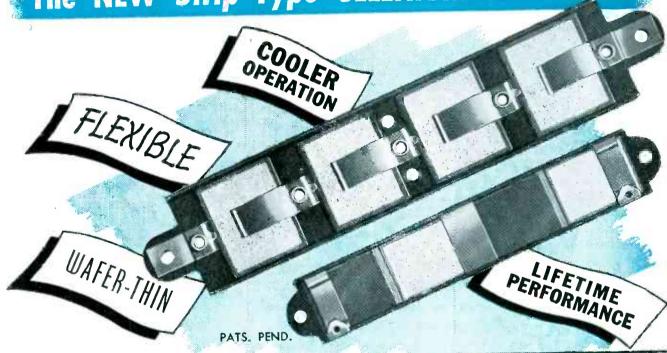
#### Correction

Mr. T. Kite Sharpless, author of the article "High-Speed N-Scale Counters", March 1948, has pointed out an error in the footnote published in this article which gives the impression that the counters described in the article were developed while Mr. Sharpless was Technical Director of the Computer Project at the Moore School. The counters were actually developed through the joint efforts of J. Presper Eckert, Jr., John W. Mauchly, John Davis, and Frank Mural, during the period when Mr. Eckert was technical director of the ENIAC program. The Editors regret this error.



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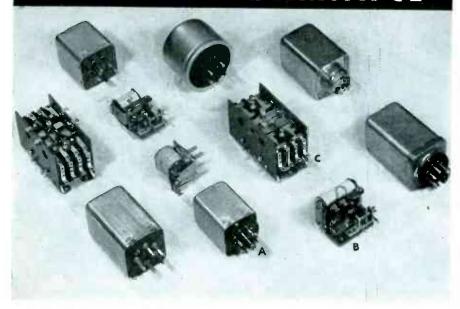
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oscillation were obtained. Figure 3 shows typical experimental results. At frequencies where the reactances are concentrated in the tank circuit, frequency deviations of 10 percent of the mean frequency can be obtained with reasonably magnitude. Even in the uhf range frequency deviations commonly obtained at lower frequencies can be produced, so that the mean frequency can be regulated without inertia in a wide range by superimposing a control voltage on the modulating voltage.

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By BURGESS DEMPSTER Los Angeles, Calif.

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#### Principal Losses

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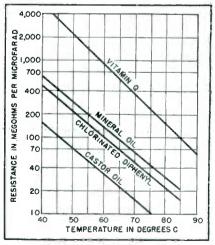


FIG. 1-Minimum insulation resistance

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to the product of the alternating current and the alternating voltage times the power factor of the capacitor. Both of these factors cause a serious amount of heat in high voltage capacitors and both increase rapidly with temperature.

Figure 1 shows the decrease of minimum insulation resistance with temperature for several types of oil. At 85 C the heating power generated in a 10  $\mu$ f capacitor operating at 5,000 volts with a leakage of 20 megohms is 12,5 watts. The increase of power factor with temperature is shown in Fig. 2. Above

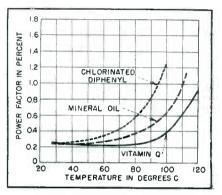


FIG. 2—Power factor at 60 cps

about 85 C the power factor of all the oils increase quickly. However, at 85 C, which is not an unusual operating temperature in many applications, the power factor of socalled Vitamin-Q, which is a synthetic hydrocarbon with great chemical stability, is only a little more than half that of mineral oil. which is the next best material in this regard. It is because of these rapidly rising losses as the temperature increases that capacitors must be derated for use at high temperatures. Figure 3 shows the derating percentages for most types of capacitors.

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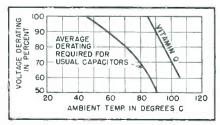


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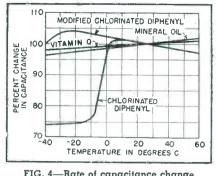


FIG. 4—Rate of capacitance change

synthetic hydrocarbon filled capacitor is only about a fourth that of a similar one with chlorinated-diphenyl, and one-sixth the size of a mineral oil unit. This characteristic is particularly important in airborne equipment, where temperatures may be high and where space and weight are at a premium.

Another important factor in choosing a capacitor for a given application is the change of capacitance with temperature, shown in Fig. 4. The rapid change of capacitance of chlorinated-diphenyl capacitors is due to the change in dielectric constant of this material. Mineral oil and Vitamin-Q are more stable in this respect. The advantages of Vitamin-Q as a dielectric are realized in capacitors rated at as low as 330 volts a-c.

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### **End Resistance Materials**

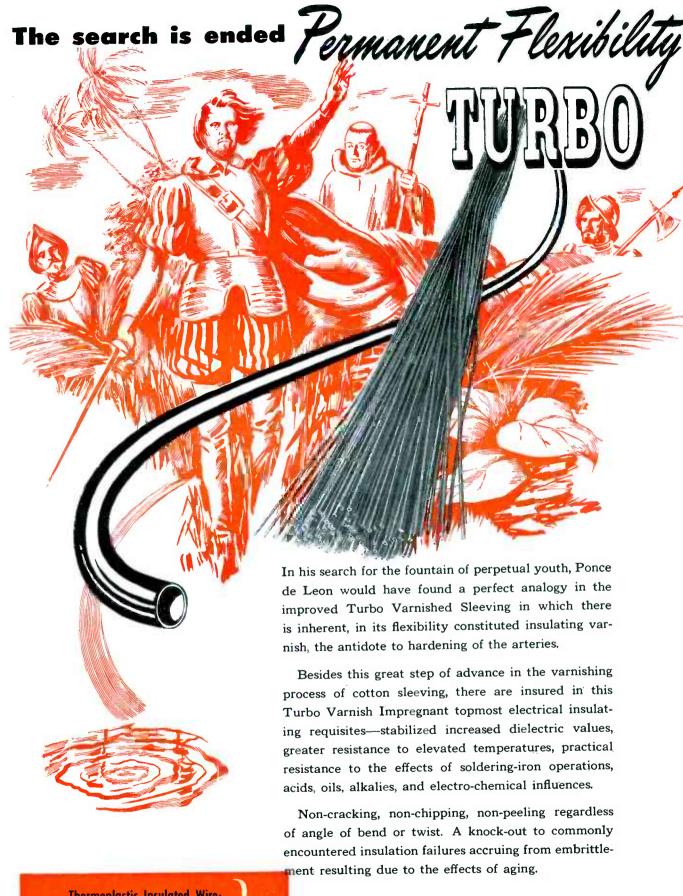
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ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES of nonmetallic semiconductor materials suit them for various applications. As will be explained later, the resistance of these materials appears to be concentrated mostly at their ends, hence the term "end resistance".

#### Possible Applications

Detailed investigation of the properties of these materials has been undertaken recently, but much remains to be learned of their behaviors. However, enough has





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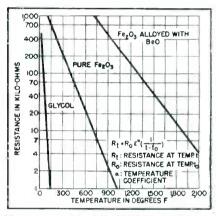
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been discovered to indicate that, for example, because of their high temperature coefficient of resistance, up to five percent per degree Centigrade, they are ideal sensing units for resistance thermometers. By choosing suitable materials for particular temperature ranges as illustrated in the accompanying graph, sensitivities 1,000 times those of elements using metallic wires can be obtained. Some organic liquids have high coefficients below the ice point. Some oxide mixtures have high coefficients at room temperature, others at a few hundred degrees Centigrade. However most materials follow the relation given on the graph.

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Measurements show that characteristics of end resistance materials change greatly with temperature

surface on the other end which bears on a metallic surface with the lightest pressure presents a contact resistance of several megohms. A weight of a gram reduces the resistance to less than a tenth megohm.

Some end resistance materials have high conductivity. If added to silver, they are suitable for long-life nonsticking electrical contacts. Similar materials can be used for electrodes in electrolytic processes, replacing carbon in many applications.

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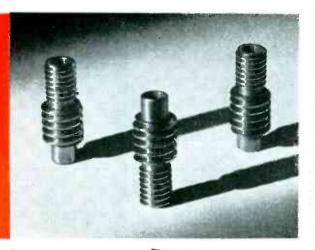
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that were intermediate between these two types were classed as semiconductors. This latter classification embraces the majority of materials.

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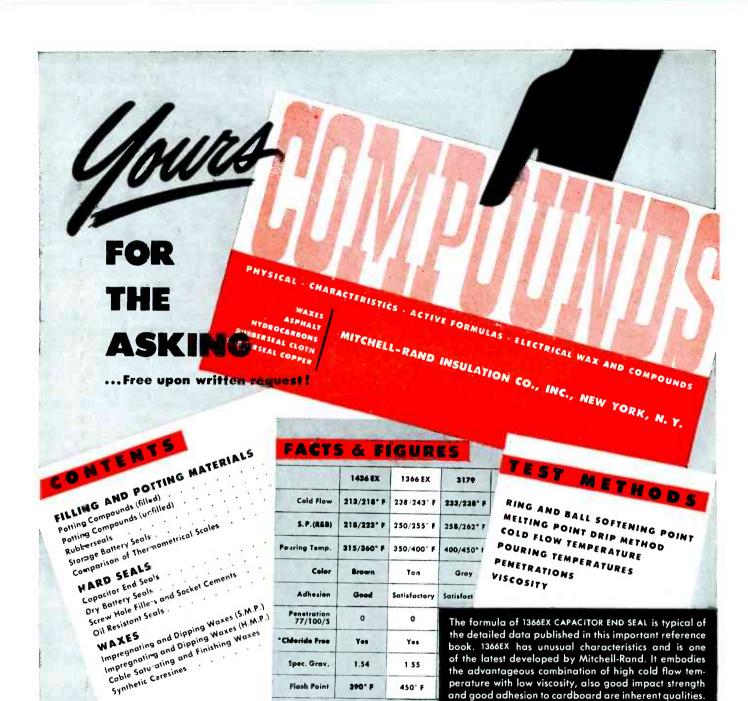
Temperature coefficients of resistance of pure metals are always positive and below one per cent per degree Centigrade; the coefficient of alloys is generally lower. Metallic conductors follow Ohm's law, the resistance of a bar being proportional to its length and inversely proportional to its cross section. That is, resistance is a characteristic of the body of the material.

Nonmetallic Conductors

The large class of nonmetallic conductors, the properties of which are only now beginning to be explored, comprises those substances with resistivities higher than metals but which nevertheless are not insulators. This group contains most of the known substances.

In measuring characteristics of about 100 organic materials and also "stilled water, several effects were observed. Later the same range of properties was found in metallic oxides and their mixtures, in ceramics, and in glasses. Some of these nonmetallic conductors display erratic or unstable behaviors; others fit the general pattern, or are stable enough for practical use.

Resistance depends on method of applying electrodes to the samples under test, and sometimes on the electrode material. If the area of the interfaces at the ends of the sample are unequal, or if the surfaces are uneven, rectification occurs, the ratio of the resistances in the two directions being a function of the ratio of the areas of the interfaces, but also depending on the electrode material. To get consistent results, the ends of the test bar must be coated with a metal that adheres to the material and



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perhaps wets it. Resistance is almost proportional to the interface between the electrode and the bar, about 80 percent of the resistance being in the interface. For example, if the bar is broken in half and the new surface coated, the resistance of the half will be but about 90 per cent of the original resistance.

Instead of being higher, as with metallic mixtures, the resistance of mixtures of nonmetallic conductors is lower than that of the pure compounds. Thus it is possible in some cases to reduce resistivity of end resistance materials to as little as 0.00004 of its uncontaminated value.

In measuring resistivity of nonmetallic materials on a bridge, it is necessary to balance a capacitance as well as a resistance component. The material behaves as if there were substantial capacitance at the interfaces. In liquids, spurious dielectric constants of 3,000 have been observed. It is likely that dielectric constants of 500,000 observed in some ceramics arise from a similar effect.

Whether capacitance at the interface is genuine or not is unknown. However, if the end resistance material is placed across a direct potential for a short time and then switched quickly off and across a microammeter, current flow will be indicated for an appreciable interval. That the charging and discharging takes a finite period suggests that the phenomena is frequency sensitive. This assumption was confirmed experimentally.

In liquids another peculiar phenomena was observed. The resistance is affected by movement of the liquid with respect to the electrodes. Even a slow flow appreciably decreases the resistance.

Temperature coefficient of end resistance materials is generally negative. Resistance decreases at first rapidly with increasing temperature at from two to five percent per degree Centigrade, then less rapidly in the manner of an exponential curve dropping to less than one per cent at high temperatures. In one case the temperature coefficient dropped to zero and then became positive. It is however unknown whether this phenomena was due to a change in the material;



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A great many materials will have to be studied to find which ones are end resistors. Also, considerable correlation will have to be sought before generalizations can be made. Nevertheless, enough has been found to indicate that these materials have useful properties and that further extensive investigation is worthwhile.

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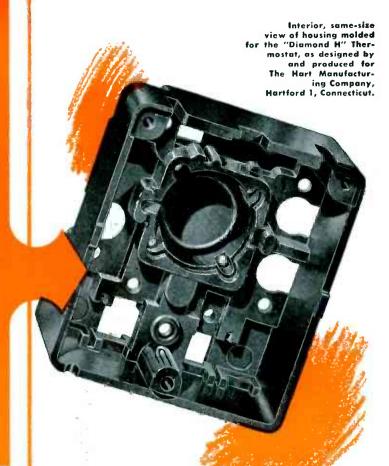
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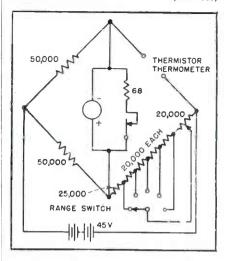


FIG. 1—Circuit of temperature bridge

the Thermistor detector. After the Thermistor detector is connected and the on-off switch is closed, the selector switch is set to one of five positions to bring the meter near to zero. The 20,000-ohm potentiometer is then adjusted to bring the meter needle within one division of zero before pushing the button that removes the meter shunt. The final balance position of the large potentiometer dial, at full meter sensitivity, is referred to one of the five calibration charts to obtain the temperature indication.

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The resistance-temperature curve of the Thermistor used is shown in Fig. 2. Because of the flattening at the cold end, a 500,000-ohm shunt is connected across the Thermistor terminals at the bridge when the selector position is in position 5. With this arrangement (not shown in the circuit), the bridge covers a 10-degree range in the cold position.

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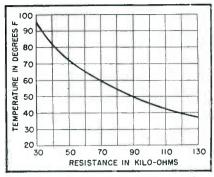


FIG. 2—Characteristic of Thermistor

314-A) is always a fraction of the leg resistance, so smooth control is obtained. Precision resistors are used throughout.

After the bridge was completed, a 50,000-ohm resistor was placed across the Thermistor terminals and the bridge balanced on the sensitive position. The unit was then placed in a controlled cabinet and the temperature varied between 30 and 140 F. The movement of the meter needle was barely perceptible, indicating that the operating temperature of the bridge does not interfere with the indication.

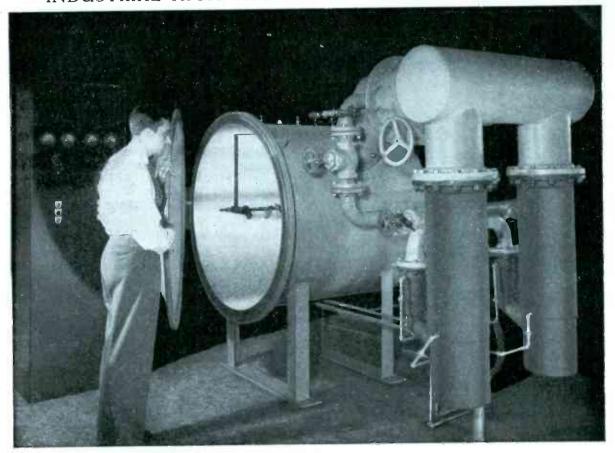
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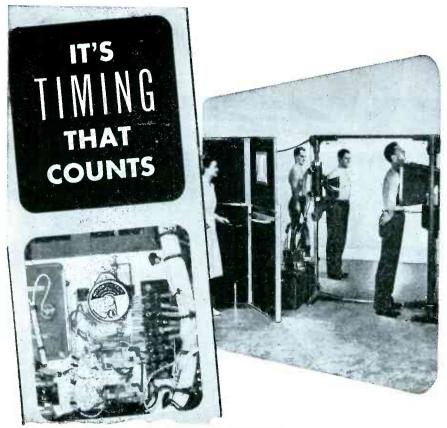
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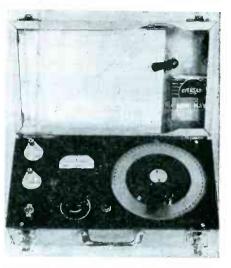
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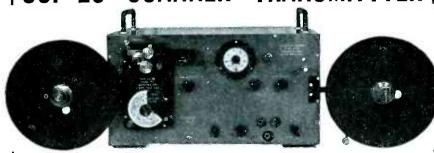
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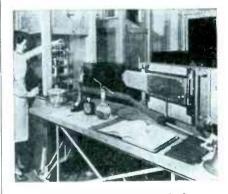
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simultaneously. Units of the equipment are interchangeable; plugging facilities make possible addition to other units to adapt the oscilloscope to future developments.

LUMINESCENT MATERIALS for cathode-ray tubes are vaporized in a 4,400-volt a-c arc for spectrographic analysis of their characteristics at North American Philips Labs. This



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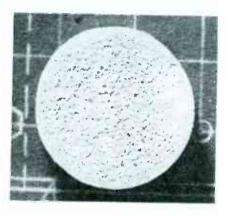
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"Cut-away" view of new Bendix Automatic Loop Antenna. Note iron core in upper cutaway portion of hermetically sealed unit.

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#### Leak Detector

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. A new portable leak detector designed for production testing of hermetically sealed units in which halogen compounds are used as refrigerant will detect a

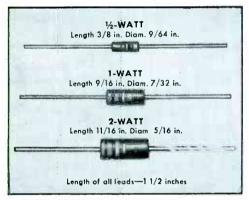


leak so small that it will release only 1/100 ounce of Freon per year. Detector unit weighs 3 pounds and the control unit 15. Earphone or loudspeaker indication is provided as well as a meter deflection. Bulletin GEC-233 tells more.

#### Micrometer

STEVENS-ARNOLD INC., 22 Elkins St., South Boston 27, Mass. A new electric micrometer can be used for measuring, gaging, comparison, and telemetering up to 100 feet. The equipment comprises a control unit with zero-center meter and a transmitter with plunger that will accept motion of plus or minus 0.010 inch





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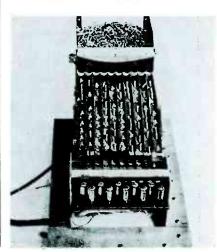
RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Harrison, N. J. Type 6AR5 is a new miniature power amplifier pentode in-



tended for use in the output stage of automobile and a-c operated receivers and within its maximum ratings is the performance equivalent of type 6K6-GT.

#### Ten-Eye Counter

POTTER INSTRUMENT Co., INC., 136-56 Roosevelt Ave., Flushing, N. Y. Counting of small parts is accom-



#### FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS

1 EQUIPMENT. Designed to give any power output in multiples of 20 watts, i.e. two driver units will give 40 watts, three driver units will give 60 watts, etc. Push-pull output tubes for adequale economical power output to drive one or two speakers. Additional driver stages will be to drive any number of speakers. available to drive any number of speakers. Note: We do not, however, carry a stock of panels or racks for purposes of installation.

**2** GAIN. Adjusted for crystal pickup, adequate to allow the use of variable reactance pickup and low sensitivity microphone.

3 HUM. Less than .5 microwatts at 1 watt level—so low as to be inaudible in a quiet room with the ear 12 inches from the speaker.

 $\mbox{\bf 4}$  POWER OUTPUT. Uniform within plus or minus 1.25 db from 40 to 20,000 cps at the 20-watt rating.

5 ACOUSTICAL RESPONSE. With a properly selected loud-speaker system, the equipment will produce a 20 to 20,000 cycle response.

6 NEGATIVE FEEDBACK of 8 db is incorporated. This reduces any tendency for distortion and hum.

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8 TWO OUTPUT IMPEDANCES of 8-16 ohms are available to match several speaker arrangements.

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d. Selector control selecting the choice of

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11 TUBE COMPLEMENT

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1 6SI7 Tone control tube
1 6J5 Second audio amplifier tube
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12 ADDITIONAL FEATURES
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b. Socket for 6.3 volt pilot light.
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d. Microphone shorting type terminal.
e. Separately fused for protection.
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#### NEW PRODUCTS

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#### Sealed Midget Relay

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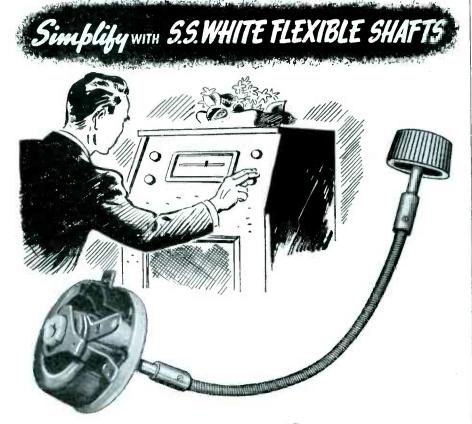
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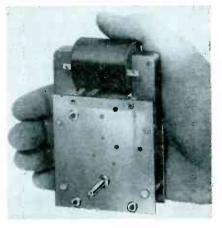
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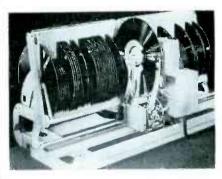
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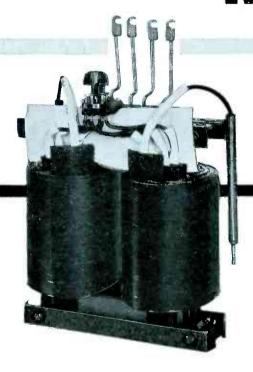
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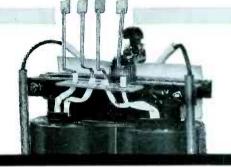
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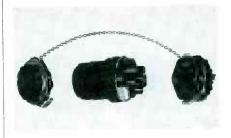
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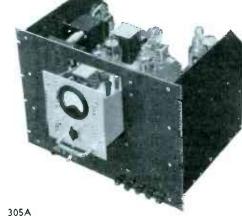
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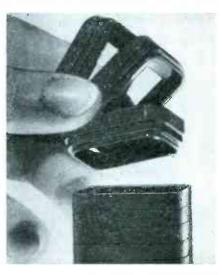
GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. A new recording mass spectrometer is used to determine



the composition of material. It can measure over the mass range from 1 to 350 and is adjustable to begin recording at any required mass. The instrument is built in two parts, a control unit and tube rack. Additional information is given in GEA-4907.

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OLIN INDUSTRIES, INC., New Haven, Conn. The plastic cells illustrated interlock with each other to form a battery that requires few of the

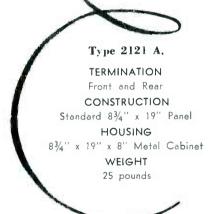




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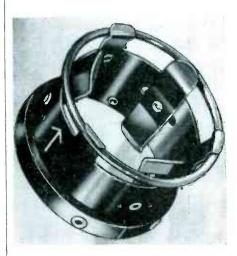
CORNELL-DUBILIER ELECTRIC CORP., South Plainfield, N. J. A new line



of television capacitors, DSTH, operate in the voltage range 3,000 to 6,000. They are oil-impregnated and wax-filled. A strap bracket can be furnished.

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meter has 35 ranges including voltages to 1,000 volts. Direct current ranges are 0 to 50 microamperes up to 10 amperes; alternating current up to 10 amperes. Output and capacitor testing can also be performed. Resistance in the usual ranges can be measured accurately on the 6-inch meter.

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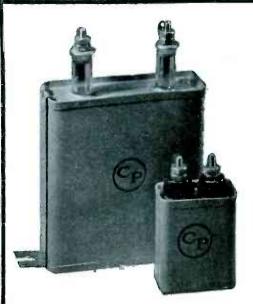


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2	3000	2.0	1.21	3,1	19					
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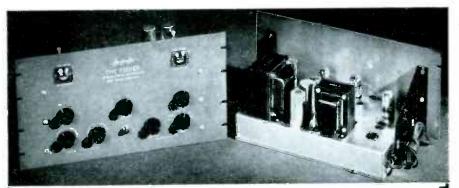
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Resistance at 85°C megohms per Mfd.	40	100
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  5. Internal impedance less than 1.25 ohms.
  6. 18 db of negative feedback.
  7. Phono preamplifier and first andio operated entirely on DC to reduce hum.
  8. Phono preamplifier comprises two triode stages operated in cascade, to minimize tube noise.
  9. Phono circuit compensated for G. E. and Pickering pickups.
  10. Exclusive, two-position pickup compensation for pre-emphasized recordings as well as recordings without rising characteristic at high end.
  11. Two, medium gain auxiliary inputs for radio, etc., with selector switch on front panel, for convenience of use.
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  6. Two cathode ray indicators to show

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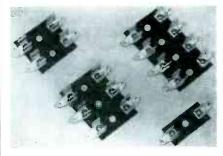
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3. SEVEN CONTROLS. (a) Volume Control. (b) Three-position switch for phono and two auxiliary inputs. (c) Six-position. On-Off and Range Switch (20-20.000 cycles, 20-10.000 cycles, 70-4000 cycles, 90-3200 cycles, 70-4000 cycles, 90-3200 cycles, 70-200 cycles, 90-3200 cycles, 70-200 cycles, 90-3200 cycles, 10-20-700 cycles, 90-3200 cycles, 10-20-700 cycles, 90-3200 cycles, 10-20-700 cycles, 90-3200 cycles, 10-20-700 c master On-Off Switch.
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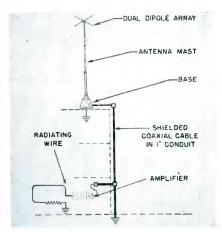
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#### Static Remover

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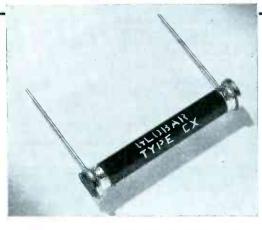
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# TABLE II

Diameter in inches	Resistance per Inch		Leng in Inc		RATING						
an inches	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum							
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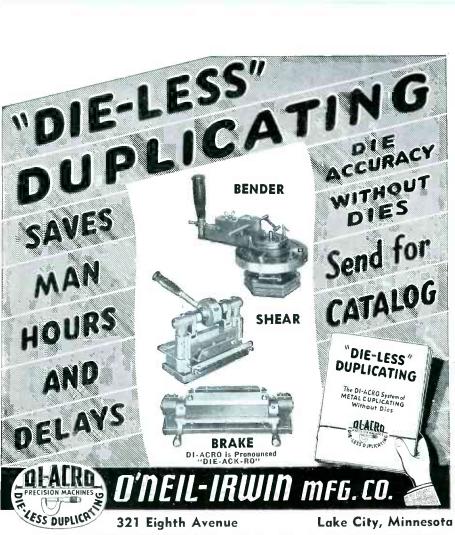
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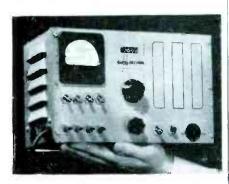
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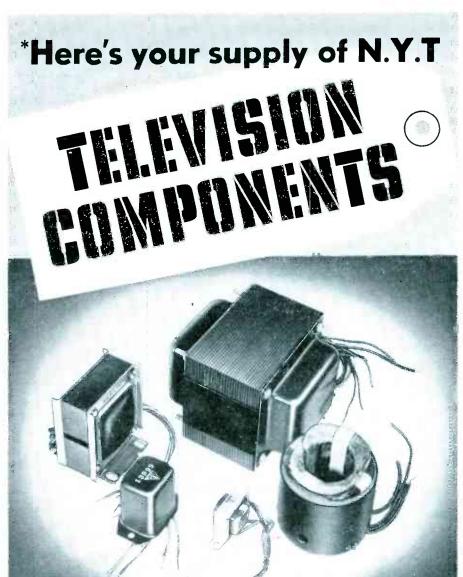
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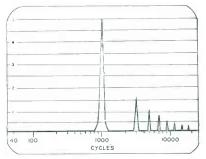
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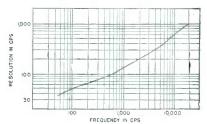
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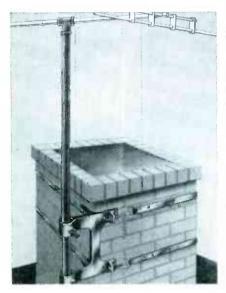
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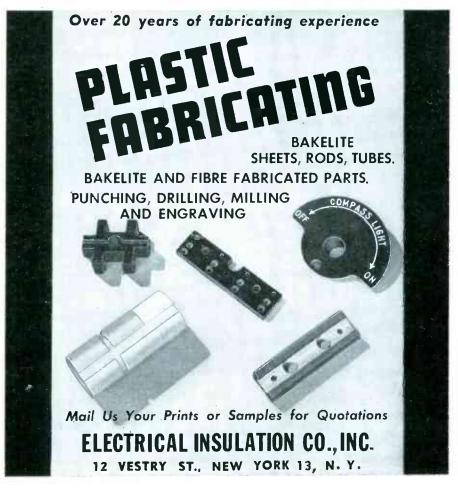
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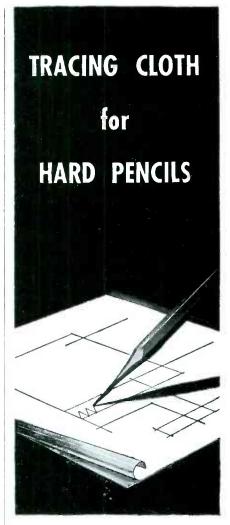


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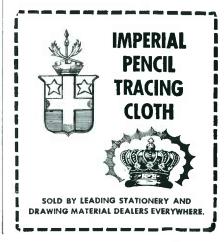




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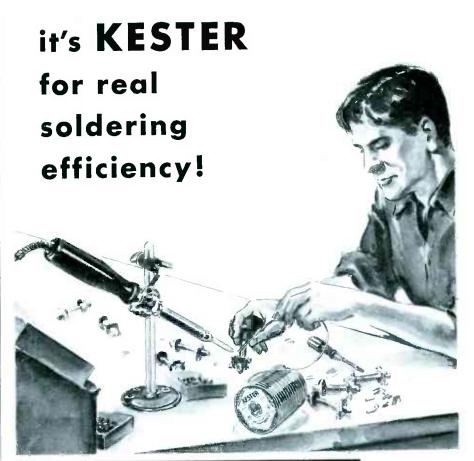
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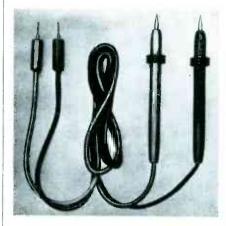
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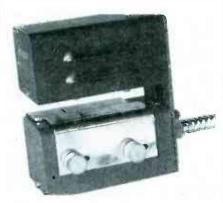
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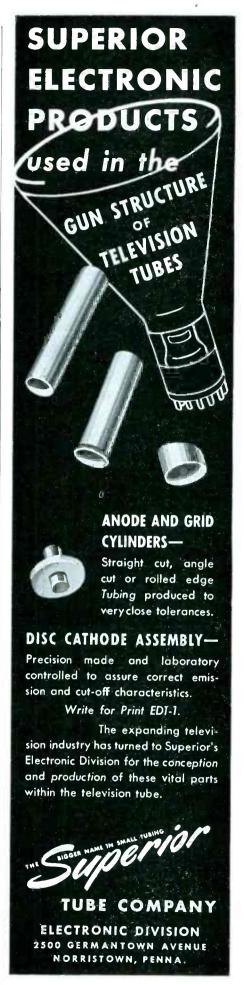
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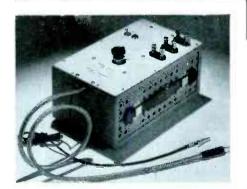
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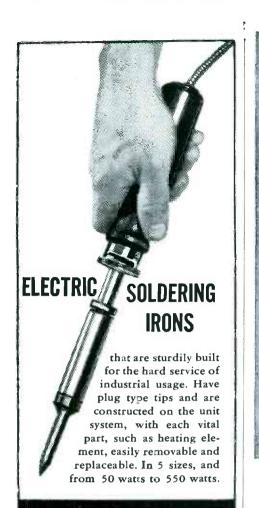
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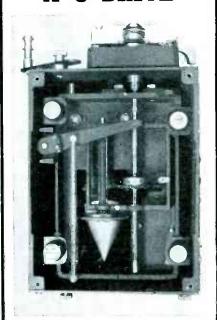
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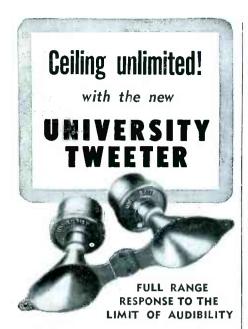
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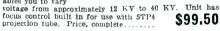
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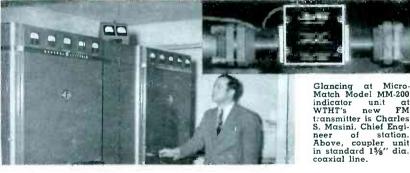
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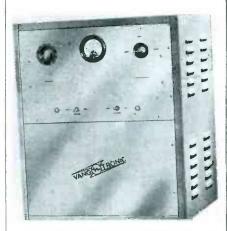
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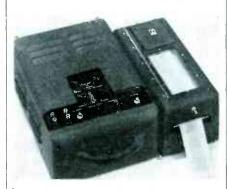
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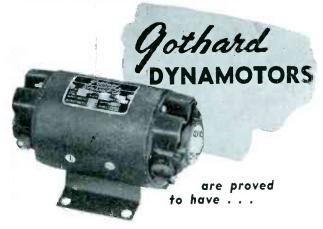
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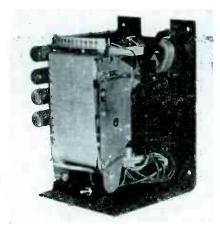
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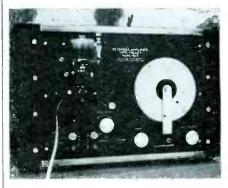
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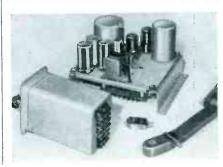
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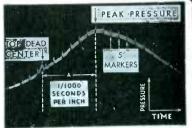
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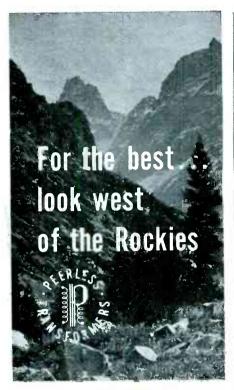
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Tube Applications. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. Application notes on the new Special Red tubes, a-c/d-c f-m/a-m receivers. preventing kinescope damage, and the use of miniature tubes in stagger-tuned i-f circuits have recently been printed.

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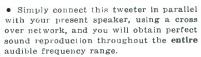


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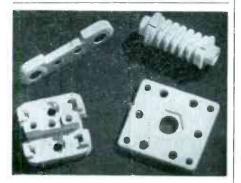
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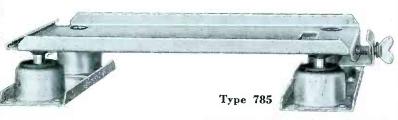
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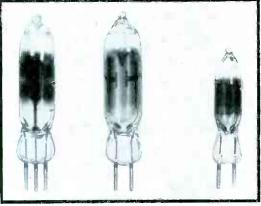
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Crystals. Clark Crystal Co., Marlboro, Mass. Four new series of crystals are described complete with technical data on a single sheet. Various types of each series are treated in tabular form.

Motor Control Sheets. Square D Co., 4041 N. Richards St., Milwaukee 12, Wis. A series of sheets is now available for insertion in the electric motor control eatalog. Revised terms of sale and prices as well as new products are included.

Projection Television. Spellman Television Co., 2898 Jerome Ave., New York 58, N. Y. Five catalog sheets describing projection television components sum up what is necessary to convert certain sets for large-audience viewing.

Products Reference Listing. Federal Electric Products Co., 50 Paris St., Newark 5, N. J. The latest edition of the Federalog may now be obtained on request. It offers a quick reference listing of motor controls, safety switches, switch boards, and is profusely illustrated.

RCA Index. RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N. J. Technical papers appearing in all publications by authors employed at RCA are listed for the year 1947 in Vol IIb. The booklet supplements a previous similar listing for the period 1919 to 1945.

Instrumentation. Statham Laboratories, Inc., 8222 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 36, Calif. The first issue of a bi-monthly publication

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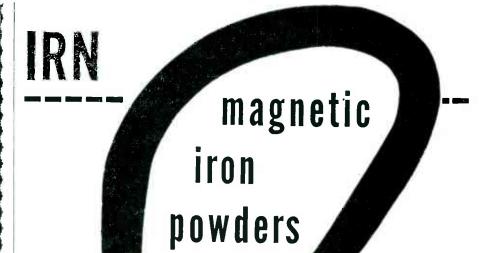


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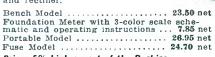
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Insulation Material. New England Mica Co., Inc., Waltham, Mass. A four-page folder discusses Super-Nemcoite, a composite bonded mica insulation for use in electrical equipment and machinery.

Step-Down Transformers. Electran Mfg. Co., 4587 N. Elston Ave., Chicago 30, Ill. Bulletin 47A gives a four-page description of air-cooled step-down transformers for power circuit installations. Ratings, physical data and wiring diagrams are included.

Control Unit. R-S Products Corp., Wayne Junction, Philadelphia 44, Pa., recently published catalog No. 27 on the Leveltronic relay, designed for basic applications in the control of liquid level, interface, pressure and temperature.

Electrical Insulation. Insulation Manufacturers Corp., 565 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill. A single-sheet mailing piece describes the outstanding features of Dieflex tubing and sleeving. The products are designed to answer specific manufacturing and use problems of electrical insulation.

Insulation Tester. Herman H. Sticht Co., Inc., 27 Park Place, New York 7, N. Y. Bulletin 441 describes the B-6 Megohmer, a non-cranking tester with a steady test potential. Source of power are two No. 6 dry-cell batteries which are stepped up to 500 volts d-c by means of a special vibrator-transformer circuit. Also featured on the instrument's face is a triple-color grading scale classifying insulation as good, fair or doubtful.

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High-Vacuum Pumps. W. M. Welch Scientific Co., 1515 Sedgwick St., Chicago 10, Ill. Duo-Seal pumps, capable of producing a vacuum of 0.05 micron and better, are described and illustrated in a 32-page, slick-papered, spiral-bound booklet.

Relay Catalog. Potter & Brumfield Sales Co., 549 West Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill. Relays and electrical timing devices are listed in new catalog 148. Power, plate-circuit, latching, and midget types are exhaustively described.

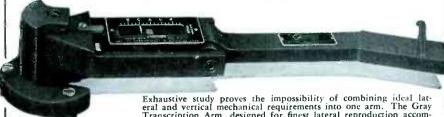
Coils. J. W. Miller Co., 5917 South Main St., Los Angeles 3, Calif. R-f and i-f coils, radio interference filters, special chokes, dividingnetwork coils, tower-lighting chokes, and carrier-circuit coils are among the products listed in the 36-page catalog 48.

Radio Generator. American Bosch Corp., Springfield 7, Mass., offers a reprint of one of its advertisements describing the type GRB mobile radio generator which has a 45-ampere output at a speed of from 10 to 15 mph. List price complete with regulator, harness and single-groove pulley is \$125.

D-C Power Supply. Rowe Engineering Corp., 2422 North Pulaski Road, Chicago 39, Ill. Two sides of a loose-leaf perforated sheet give a thorough treatment of the type IPS10000 10-kv d-c power supply. Applications, general description, operation and circuitry, and technical data are given.

Precision Instruments. Associated Research, Inc., 231 S. Green St., Chicago 7, Ill. Many types of precision testing instruments are listed in a new catalog. Among these are the Keeler Polygraph (lie detector). Technical and engineering data are also included.

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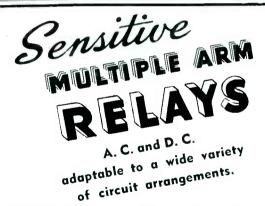
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# Frequency Designations

AT THE meeting of the Wave Propagation Committee of the IRE on February 2, the following two motions were passed:

- (1) The present system of naming bands (h-f, vhf, uhf) is unsatisfactory and should be discour-
- (2) Frequency bands should be designated by the characteristic of the logarithm to the base 10 of the frequency in cycles per second. Thus

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# **Spring Technical Conference**

PROGRAM of the Spring Technical Conference of the IRE, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 24, is as follows:

10:00 a. m.—Moderator—W. C. Oster-brock of the U. of Calif. Cathode Compensation of Video Ampli-fiers, by A. B. Bereskin of the U. of

ners, by A. B. Bereskin of the U. of Callf.
Television Test Equipment for the Receiver Designer, by Jerry Minter of Measurements Corp.
Television Transcription by Film, by T. T. Goldsmith of Allen B. DuMont Lab. Microwave Radio Relay Facilities of the Bell System, by J. Harold Moore of A. T. & T. Co.
2:15 p. m.—Moderator—L. M. Clement of the Crosley Div., Avco Mfg. Corp.
Overall Systems Problems in Improving Television Quality, by Robert E. Shelby of National Broadcasting Co., Inc.
A Symposium on Television Tuners, by Sarkes Tarzian of Tarzian Associates:
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AS THE FCC revises its commercial radio operator examinations it will issue supplements to its study guide on the subject. Supplement No. 1, now available at the Commission's field examination offices and at its Washington offices, contains 114 additional questions dealing with new material in Element 4 (advanced radio-telephone theory and practice) of the examination to be held on July 1. Approximately half

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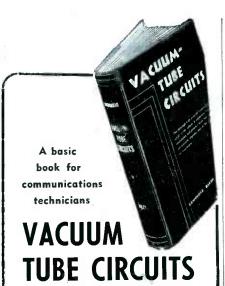
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of the new questions deal with f-m and television. Other examination elements will be covered in different supplements to be issued from time to time and furnished without cost.

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Copies of the study guide itself may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents at \$.25.

# RMA-IRE Spring Meeting

THE TECHNICAL program for the RMA-IRE spring meeting, held April 26-28 at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y., is as follows:

MONDAY, April 26—An Integrated Line of FM Broadcast Transmitters, by J. E. Young of RCA.

A New FM Antenna, by H. J. Howland of The Workshop Associates, Inc.
The Right Way to an RMA Standard, by L. C. F. Horle, Chief Engineer of RMA Engineering Department.
Audio Frequency Measurements, by H. H. Scott of Herman Hosmer Scott, Inc.

TUESDAY, April 27—Spectrum Analysis Applied to a Variable Speech Amplifier, by R. Whittle of Federal Telephone & Radio Corp.

Development and Application of Rail-road VHF Communication Equipment, by A. A. Curry of Farnsworth Tele-vision & Radio Corp.

A New Design of Point-to-Point Com-munication Equipment, by Coleman London of Westinghouse Electric Corp. The Engineer and his Neighbor, by E. Finley Carter of Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

WEDNESDAY, April 28 — Lighthouse Tube Life, by H. D. Doolittle of Mach-lett Laboratories, Inc.

A Review of Crystal Saver Circuits for VHF Receivers, by Dr. H. W. Hedeman, Jr. of Bendix Radio, Division of Bendix Aviation Corp. Aviation Corp.

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Commercial Applications of Klystrons, by Coleman Dodd of Sperry Gyroscope Company, Inc.

A Broad Band Microwave Relay System Between New York and Boston, by A. L. Durkee of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.

Radar as an Aid to Airline Navigation, by R. C. Jensen of General Electric Company.

# Sunspots Affect Radio

SCIENTISTS at the National Bureau of Standards report that the peak of sunspot activity for the present 11-year cycle has passed. The trend will be downward for about seven years and will have an important effect on worldwide radio communication.

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# New England IRE Meeting

THE SECOND annual New England Radio Engineering Meeting sponsored by the North Atlantic Region of the IRE will be held on Saturday, May 22, at the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass.

Plans include technical sessions, manufacturers' exhibits, trips to points of current electronic interest, a luncheon and a banquet.

Four of the six technical papers will be:

A Standard Signal Generator for FM Broadcast Service, by Donald B. Sinclair of General Radio Co.

The Boston-New York Microwave Radio Relay Link, by a representative of Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Certain Aspects of Pulse Modulation, by E. R. Kretzmer of the Research Laboratory of Electronics.

Studio Acoustics, by Leo Beranek of MIT.

New England members receive a detailed program and registration card through the mail. Nonmembers can obtain this material and other information by addressing the registration chairman. Harold Dorschug, Radio Station WEEI, 182 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

# Canadian IRE Convention

The Canadian IRE Convention, to be held at the Royal York Hotel. Toronto, April 30 and May 1, will include technical sessions and an exhibition of component parts, test apparatus and allied products. The tentative program of papers is as

Narrow Beam Radar Recording

Narrow Beam Radar Recording Altimeter, by B. J. McCaffrey of National Research Council, Ottawa.

Frequency Allocations, by L. E. Coffey and C. J. Acton of Department of Transport, Ottawa.

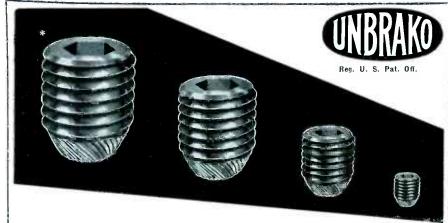
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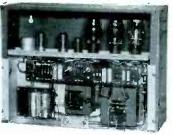
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# BUSINESS NEWS

C. K. WILLIAMS & Co. is the new firm name of the Geo. S. Mepham Corp. of East St. Louis, Ill. The company continues to manufacture magnetic iron powders.

KAAR ENGINEERING Co., manufacturers of radiotelephones marine direction finders, recently moved into a 35,000-sq ft building in Palo Alto, California, which



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permits doubling production capacity. Kaar equipment will also be manufactured in Canada under a new agreement with Measurement Engineering, Ltd., Toronto.

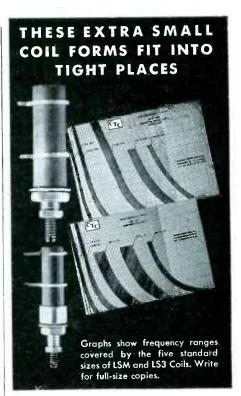
ALLIS-CHALMERS MFG. Co., supplementing its regular line of electronic heating equipment, is now distributor for RCA h-f heating equipment and metal detectors.

NATIONAL RESEARCH CORP., manufacturers of high-vacuum apparatus, recently moved into its new



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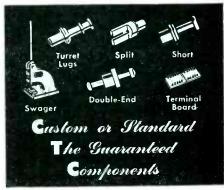
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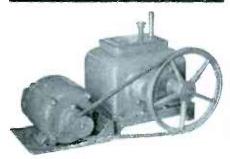
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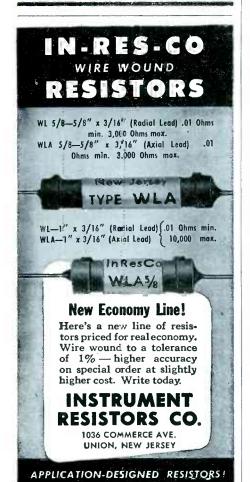
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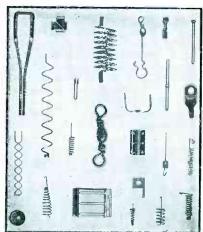
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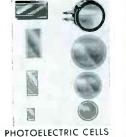
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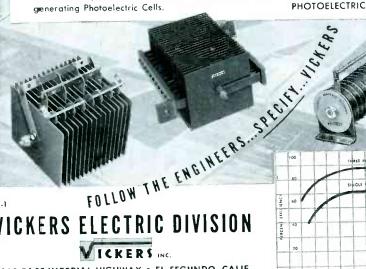
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THE YMCA TRADE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL of New York City now has courses in television and f-m radio set servicing and installation added to its curriculum. Courses will be given in the radio laboratories of Walter Hervey Junior College, New York City.

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM is now building the largest television studio plant in the U.S. as part of its plans to establish nationwide television service. The new



Artist's conception of one of main studios in new television studio plant

studios and their associated facilities occupy more than 700,000 cubic feet in New York's Grand Central Terminal Building.

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., New York City, has doubled production floor area to handle the manufacture of large television viewing tubes.

AMERICAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION has issued the fifth edition of the Specification for Dry Cells and Batteries, known as American Standard The 18-page booklet C18-1947. covers definitions, nomenclature, standard voltages of dry batteries,



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Don Foster, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, has been formed to engage in maintenance and servicing of electronic equipment. It will specialize in the installation of television, radiotelephone and medical equipment.

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co. now operates a new radio set manufacturing plant at Clyde, N. Y.

ALTEC SERVICE CORP., New York City, formed a decade ago to service and install sound equipment in motion picture theatres, has expanded its operations to include servicing of industrial electronic equipment in manufacturing and processing plants.

RAYTHEON MFG. Co., Waltham, Mass., has announced a new line of television station equipment including low and high-power transmitters, as well as portable camera chain equipment.

# PERSONNEL

JOHN M. RICHARDSON has been named sales manager of the recording wire division of Spencer Wire Co., West Brookfield, Mass. During the war he was with Sperry Gyroscope Co. and the MIT Radiation Laboratory as a radar engineer.





J. M. Richardson

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JOHN F. M. MCALLISTER has been appointed designing engineer of the specialty division of General Electric Co. at Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y. He has been with the company since 1939, four years being spent teaching advanced



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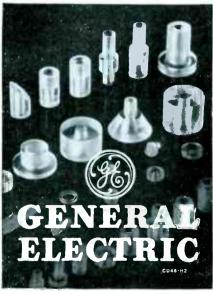
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radio and radar engineering courses at the Schenectady plant. For six months in 1945 he was in charge of electronic remote control equipment for V-2 rockets at White Sands, New Mexico.

LEOPOLD M. KAY has been promoted from chief engineer to vice-presi-

dent in charge of engineering at Air King Products Co., Inc., Brook-

lyn, N. Y.

GEORGE F. PLATTS recently became executive vice-president of Clippard Instrument Laboratory, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio. During World War II he served as a naval officer in connection with the development of the proximity fuze.

J. E. Hobson, formerly director of the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology, has been appointed director of the Stanford University Research Institute. He received the Eta Kappa Nu award in 1940 as the outstanding young electrical engineer of the U.S., and in 1942 co-authored the book "Power Transmission and Distribution."





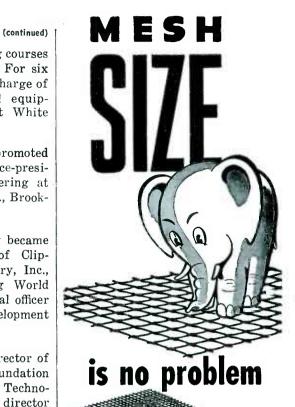
I. E. Hobson

R. E. Dorrell

RUSSELL E. DORRELL, formerly with Naval Research Laboratory, was recently appointed to the staff of the National Bureau of Standards. He has joined the Electron Tube Laboratory as an electronics engineer working on test methods and equipment for evaluating tube performance.

NORMAN B. KRIM is the newly appointed manager of the receiving tube division of Raytheon Mfg. Co., in Newton, Mass.

DAVID R. HULL, Captain U. S. N. (retired), has been appointed assistant technical director of the International Telephone and Tele-



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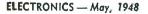
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D. R. Hull

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WILLIAM B. HALIDAY, previously with the physics department of the University of Minnesota and with the Naval Research Laboratory, was appointed engineer in charge of model tube construction at the Electron Tube Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards.

A. M. SKELLETT has advanced from chief engineer and director of research to vice-president in charge of the research division of National Union Radio Corp., Orange, N. J. He previously spent fifteen years as a member of Bell Telephone Laboratories' technical staff.





A. M. Skellett

D. T. Ferrier

DAVID T. FERRIER, formerly navy liaison officer at the MIT Radiation Laboratory and at the Radio Research Laboratory of Harvard U., is now assistant to president at Servo Corp. of America, Lindenhurst, New York.

OTIS S. FREEMAN, with television station WABD for four years as chief operating engineer, has joined the engineering staff as assistant for operations of WPIX, the News (continued)

television station, New York City. Station WPIX is scheduled to go on the air June 15 on Channel 11.

DWIGHT J. EVANS has joined Branson Instruments, Inc., Danbury, Conn., as chief engineer in charge of the development of new instruments for the processing industries.

Exic R. Berglund was recently named vice-president in charge of management and engineering of Intercontinent Engineering Corp., New York City, which specializes in engineering work for foreign countries, chiefly communications and radio aids to navigation. He was formerly television facilities engineer at NBC for ten years. Previous to this he was radio and television engineer for RCA and Westinghouse Electric Co.





E. R. Berglund

J. A. Hutcheson

JOHN A. HUTCHESON has been appointed director of the Westinghouse Research Laboratories. During the past four years he directed the company's wartime radar research program and later the formulation of plans for atomic energy development.

HALDON A. LEEDY, chairman of physics research since 1944, has just been named acting director at Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. During the war he was active in the foundation research program on magnetic wire recording.

DALE POLLACK, consulting radio engineer of New London, Conn., has been appointed research associate in the department of applied mathematics of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Palestine. He was previously associated with RCA, Bell Telephone Laboratories, and Templetone Radio Mfg. Corp.

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On the other hand, much practical and detailed data are given of servo components, and such extremes typify the book's large scope. But it is bound to be a rude shock to most practitioners to come upon the Parseval theorem and Laguerre functions in company with spurgear trains, discriminator circuits, and manufacturer's data on synchros and motors.

Speaking generally, this treatment rephrases, applies, and extends the fundamental work of Brown, Harris, and Hall on servomechanisms, and is influenced considerably by that of Black, Guilleman, Bode, and Wiener in the allied field of communication networks. Compiled out of several contributions covering phases of the subject, the book needed much coordinating editorial work to achieve unity. It is evident that this work was not only conscientiously done, but that it was applied at an early stage.

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of significance for the rest of the book, is the concept of weighting function. For any linear filter, the relation of the input  $x_1$  to the output  $x_2$  is given by the convolution integral

$$x_2 = \int_0^t W(t-t') x_1(t) dt'$$

where the weighting function W(t) is the response of the filter to a unit pulse. Incidentally, an unusual covention is adopted in writing integrals: all integrands are placed after the differential. This practice might be found acceptable in general, particularly from the standpoint of symbolic operators.

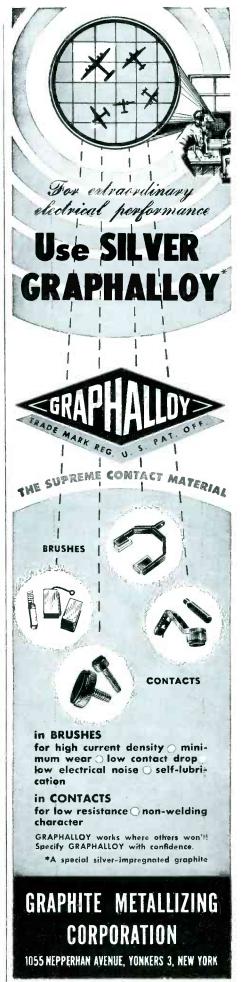
Next come servo elements, including error sensors, repeater and transmitter components, modulators, discriminators, gear trains and motors. Much new material is included, and some in surprising detail. Correcting networks are discussed for both a-c and d-c signals. Naturally the choice of components is limited to those most significant for radar systems.

A chapter of 90 pages covers general design principles. The engineering techniques now in use are given through a review of the available methods of analysis (leading to application of decibel-log-frequency and decibel-phase charts), and covering multiple-loop as well as single-loop systems (leading finally to practical examples in the SCR-584 radar with amplidynes, and also in servos with two-phase motors).

New theories are given on servos fed with pulsed data, and on the employment of filters with clamping. The revised stability criteria are elegantly derived, and the analogy with continuous servo theory very effectively brought out.

A fundamental presentation is included of the statistics of random processes, with applications to the problems of noise and fading in servo design. There is also a thorough demonstration of the new minimum-rms-error criterion, augmented by a table of definite integrals of special type for computation in the case of systems up to the 8th order. A final chapter applies many of the above design techniques to typical problems.

It is mild criticism to point out that this book, which contains much that has been unavailable, follows



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most other servo literature in two respects. First, many pages are devoted to material which applies far more generally than to the closed loop structures of the servomechanist or of automatic controls generally. Secondly it is almost exclusively concerned with the linear theories. The simplest control law of all, for example, that of the on-off regulator, is basically nonlinear, and high-performance servos of this type have been developed and described by both British and American groups. But the substantial omission of inherently nonlinear systems, and of tools such as analog devices for their study and development, simply indicates pioneering directions for the future.

The authors and editors must be congratulated on their handling of a large and difficult task. As to the publication itself, relatively few errors have been discovered in typesetting or proofreading. This volume will remain within easy reach in the library of the present reviewer.—George A. Philbrick. research consultant, The Foxboro Co., Foxboro, Mass., and president, George A. Philbrick Researches, Inc., Boston, Mass.

# Theory and Application Of Microwaves

BY ARTHUR B. BRONWELL AND ROBERT E. Beam, Northwestern University. McGraw-Hill Book Co. Inc., New York, N. Y., 1947, 470 pages, \$6.00.

THE NEED for a single book combining the essential information on microwave tubes, transmission, and propagation is well filled by this new text. Although the book is predominantly theoretical. the authors have succeeded in their goal of simplifying the presentation and expressing the results in a form convenient for engineering use. MKS units are used throughout the text.

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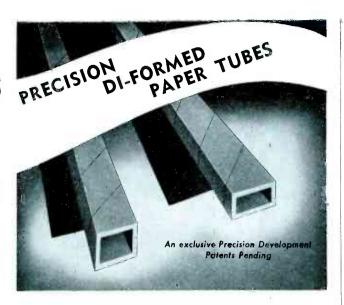
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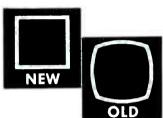
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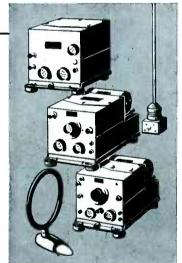
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Although the book was prepared for senior and graduate students in electrical engineering at the present time, it will prove particularly attractive to engineers who graduated before this wealth of material became available. The numerous problems will be equally valuable to students and engineers reviewing this field. Whether they are engaged in microwave relaying or not, most engineers will find this combination of simplicity and broad coverage of the field ideal.

There are few criticisms to offer. Some mistakes do occur, but they are often of the type that will be recognized readily by the reader. More adequate discussion of grounded-grid amplifiers and paraboloidal antennas should have been included, and a greater number of references would be desirable.—A. E. HARRISON, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

# High Vacua

By SWAMI JNANANANA, Randall Laboratory of Physics, University of Michigan. D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., New York, N. Y., 1947, 310 pages, \$5.50.

THE FIRST portion of this book contains a useful review of gas laws, kinetic theory, and free path phenomenon. Tables are included with information on mean free path, rates of evaporation, coefficients of viscosity, thermal conductivity, and other information of general value to workers concerned with flow of gases and vapors at low pressures.

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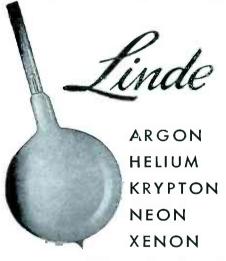
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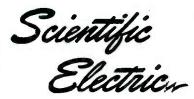
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marily an early historical treatment of the art. The author has drawn heavily upon the early books and articles, many of which were published prior to 1930. As a compilation of the early development of diffusion pumps and gages, the book will find a useful purpose, but as an aid to physicists or engineers familiar with developments in vacuum technology during the past ten years, it will be found of very little value.

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In describing the possibility of employing metal as a construction material, the author states: "systems can also be made from plates and cylinders of yellow brass, screwed together and rendered vacuum-tight by a fine coating of beeswax and rosin mixture on the outside to close the intervening cavities and leaks." This approach to the problems of high vacuum engineering, which have advanced so rapidly during the war years, is indicative of the type of information to be found in this volume. -RICHARD S. MORSE, president, National Research Corporation, Cambridge, Mass.

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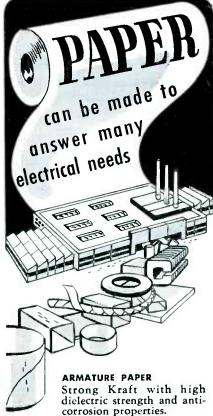
PREPARING FOR FEDERAL RADIO PREPARING FOR FEDERAL RADIO OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS. By Arnold Shostak. Prentice-Hall Inc., New York, 1948, 404 pages, \$3.75. Answers to questions in FCC Study Guide, for students preparing to pass any or all of the six classes of examination elements. Diagrams do not follow ASA symbol standards. New f-m and television questions are not covered. are not covered.

RADIO RECEIVER TUBE FLACEMENT GUIDE. Compiled and published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., Indianapo-lis, Ind., 1948, 192 pages, \$1.25. Collec-tion of top-of-chassis diagrams showing placement of tubes in approximately 5,400 radio receivers manufactured between 1938 and 1047 1938 and 1947.

FRACTIONAL HORSEPOWER ELECTRIC MOTORS. By Cyril G. Veinott. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York 1948, Second Edition, 554 pages, \$5.00. Types available, operating principles, performance characteristics, and instructions for repairing, rewinding, and reconnecting. Eight chapters have been largely rewritten, and all others brought up to date

PRACTICAL AMPLIFIER DIAGRAMS. By Jack Robin and Chester E. Lipman. Os-tronic Publications, 196 W. 37th Place, Los Angeles 7, Calif., 1947, 55 pages, \$2.00. Spiral-bound collection of 23 audio-amplifier circuits with parts lists, plus 13 pages of general comments on amplifier servicing, reproduced from typed copy.

ELEMENTS OF RADIO. By Abraham and William Marcus. Prentice-Hall Inc., New York, 1948, Second Edition, 751 pages \$4.25. Revised and expanded new edition of an elementary radio text that has sold over 500,000 copies (including military printings) since it came out in 1943. Intended for home study as well as radio school classroom use, covering principles of radio operation from crystal sets through modern superheterodynes and including questions and suggested classroom demonstrations for each chapter.



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# More Hartley Law

DEAR SIRS:

PUBLISHED accounts of the symposium on "Bandwidth vs Noise in Communication Systems" tend to obscure the fact that the Tuller-Shannon-Sullivan-Wiener-etc. law does not represent in fact a revision of the Hartley law; rather, the "new" law represents a somewhat more explicit formulation of the latter.

Hartley's law, as stated in his paper, can be expressed in the following form

$$C=2W\log_m rs$$
 (1) where  $C$  is the capacity of the channel to carry information per unit time,  $W$  is the bandwidth of the channel,  $S$  is the number of what came to be known as quantum levels, and  $M$  is an arbitrary base of logarithms. Furthermore, as Hartley pointed out, in practice the number of quantum levels, and hence the capacity of the system, is limited by the distortion (random and nonrandom) introduced by the trans-

A comparison of Eq. 1, with the expression for the "new" law which

mission channel.

$$C = W \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P}{N} \right) \tag{2}$$

where P/N is the signal-noise ratio expressed in power units, shows that the "new" law could be obtained from Eq. 1 by the mere sub-

$$S = \left(1 + \frac{P}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
 and  $M = 2$ 

The fact that S is actually equal to  $(1 + P/N)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is readily deduced by the following reasoning:

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is equal to  $(P + N)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Therefore the number of quantum levels is given

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$$S = \frac{(P+N)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(N)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \left(1 + \frac{P}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Thus, the "new" law can be obtained directly from Hartley's law through calculation of the maximum permissible number of quantum levels.

It should also be pointed out, that in the derivation of the "new" law it is tacitly assumed that the bandwidth of the transmission channel is at least as large as that of the message. Thus, statements to the effect that the "new" law indicates the possibility of transmitting speech on a bandwidth of only a few hundred cycles, are completely unfounded. True, it might be possible to do so by using a method of frequency compression described by D. Gabor in the November issue of the Journal of I.E.E., but this and other similar schemes have nothing in common with the "new" law.

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# Gigacycles

DEAR SIRS: READING about the suggestion kilomegacycle in Cross talk. February Electronics, I cannot suppress my opinion that this term sounds stilted to me indeed.

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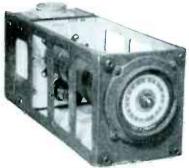


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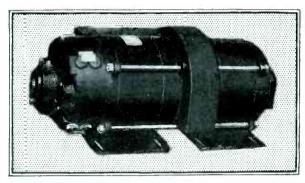
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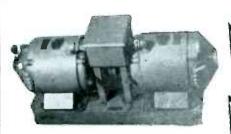
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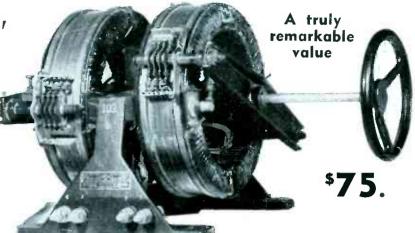
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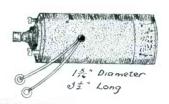


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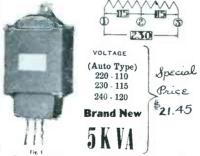


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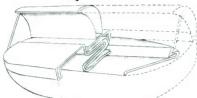
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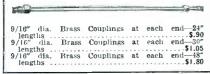
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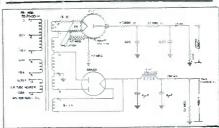
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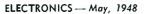
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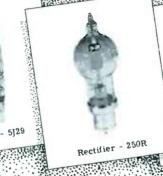
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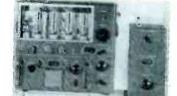
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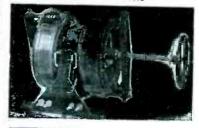
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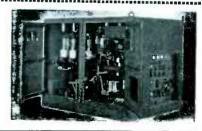
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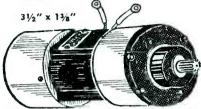
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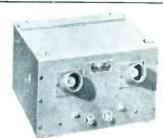
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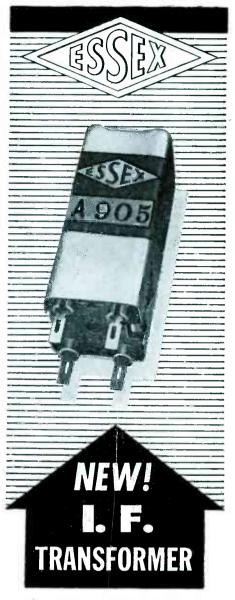
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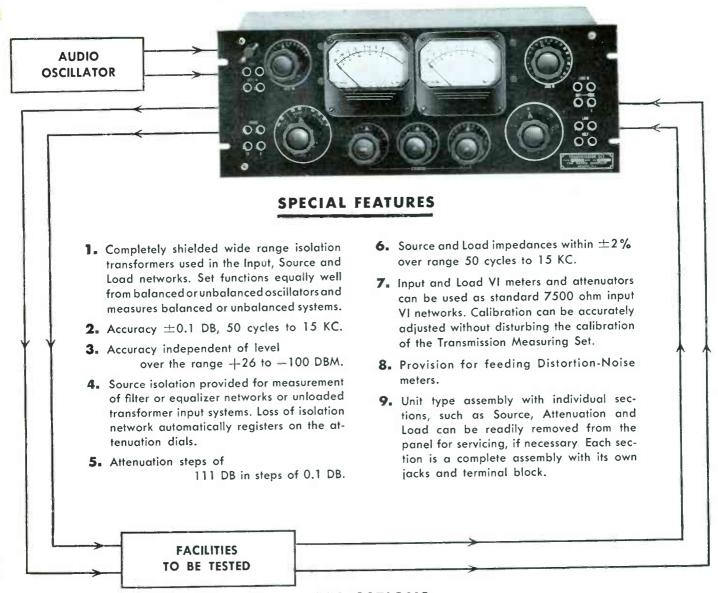
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