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Maximum Total Plate Dissipation (both u	nits) 7.5		WATTS
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(at any part of envelope)	220	1	С
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(each unit)	1		MEG.

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- by miners
- magnetic separators
- battery eliminators

#### Because high-voltage selenium...

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# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### By W. W. MacDONALD

Development Contracts being placed by government at this writing are far too few to support all the people in our field who are bidding for them. And there is little reason to believe this situation will change materially in the near future.

From where we sit it is obvious that too many companies that supported their engineering organizations on development work alone during the war are still clinging to the idea they can continue to do so. Actually, they will have to accept the responsibility for production as well as development in order to get many government contracts in the first place, and in all probability it will be necessary to develop and produce something for commercial sale too.

Price-Cutting of television receivers, curiously at variance with continued healthy consumer demand, seems to be confined largely to the retail level. Sets are in some instances being sold too close to cost to even pay the overhead on a long-term basis, and in at least one instance what little profit the retailer gets comes out of the installation and maintenance charge.

Several friends in the retail branch of the publishing business tell us that the only possible explanation is a desire to turn merchandise into quick cash to tide over what they hope will be a temporary financial pinch. But we know of several instances in which price-cutting retailers have actually ordered merchandise not in stock and then sold it near cost. So we suspect that there is a little hysteria abroad, an overweening desire to get the business away from the shop across the street and some bad book-keeping involved.

CAA has blueprinted a threeyear program for spending \$213,-000,000 on electronic airways equipment. The program involves \$30,645,503 in the fiscal 1950 appropriation pending before Con-

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gress, the balance to be requested in 1951 and 1952 budgets.

This Month: There is a lot of new business to be found between the lines of Jeremiah Courtney's article in this issue about the new Mobile Radio Rules . . . Frank Lehan's article concerning the transistor oscillator is commercially significant, even if it doesn't involve tubes . . . Peter Sulzer's story on circuit-miniaturization techniques should interest the front office.

**Coming Months:** September will contain a particularly thoughtprovoking article about general engineering practice by G. E.'s Bill White . . . The editors are preparing some especially hot stuff on television . . . A lot of useful data about little-understood conductive plastics will run if we can get it ready in time. And in October there will be a wad of material dealing with methods of increasing production and reducing costs that few readers will want to miss.

Interest In Export is increasing in direct proportion to decline in domestic business. For those toying with the idea of selling their electronic products abroad for the first time the major bug seems to be scarcity of American dollars elsewhere in the world. Many people overseas want our merchandise but the dollars they pay for it have to be spent in whole or in part within their country.

Work out some reasonably foolproof way of matching or nearly matching imports with exports and you can probably cut yourself a nice slice of business.

Citizens Radio is, as predicted (p 78, June), looking up. In the past month we have received many requests for all kinds of information from people who want to use the band after reading newspaper reports that the FCC is now issuing licenses. And several manufacturers of communications equipment upon whom we have



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called have for the first time at least expressed interest.

Development of citizens'-radioband gear is going on in several laboratories. We know, however, of nothing near the production stage at this writing. Equipment used in the months immediately ahead will obviously have to be more or less home-grown.

Australia's Department of Civil Aviation plans to install instrument landing systems at 12 airports, at a cost of a million dollars. It will probably take three years to complete the proposed program.

Foreign Subscribers to ELEC-TRONICS renew at a rate that tells us the magazine is ringing the bell overseas, where what goes on in advanced American engineering circles seems to be of paramount interest. There have even been instances where a foreign subscriber read first in our columns about something that went on in his own still technical journal-less country, and this gives us a pleasant feeling that we are rendering a needed international service.

Just the same, we feel woefully weak in our knowledge of precisely what foreign subscribers want. We'd like to know, if any of you out there feel like taking pen in hand.

McGraw-Hill's Economist, Dex Keezer, continues to be optimistic about the general business outlook despite current setbacks. His reasons, which seem good to us, include the following facts:

1. Goods continue to move into the hands of consumers in large volume. 2. The general public still has plenty of buying power. 3. Manufacturers who have been living off their inventories since prices turned down will soon be forced to become buyers again in order to keep going.

**Frank Mansfield** of Sylvania says, following a survey, that 58 percent of the television sets now in use are owned by families earning less than \$5,000; well-heeled people entered the market early but those down the line in income are now purchasing at a faster rate.

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There is, as might be expected in view of the increase in purchases by the lower income group noted above, a trend toward lowerpriced sets. Consolettes, are at present moving up in consumer interest but table models are still in greatest demand. Some overproduction of large consoles and combinations appears possible.

Of 50 different television-receiver brands encountered during the survey only five had established themselves an industry position of better than five percent. These five brands accounted for 70 percent of the market, 10 others accounted for 28 percent and the remaining two percent was left for all the other brands.

Indoor antennas are used with 16 percent of the sets covered by the study.

Television's Popularity has caused many people to question the future of other entertainment media. To H. H. Frost, first president of RMA, we are indebted for following quotes from the speeches he read and heard in the early days of radio:

"Radio will never be profitable to the "Radio will never be profitable to the broadcaster and manufacturers of sets and parts will have to contribute to a fund in proportion to their sales volume." "Stage and motion-picture theatre at-tendance will be reduced more than fifty percent unless the actors are prohibited by contract from broadcasting." "The phonograph-record business can-not survive." "Radio will not be used successfully in police work; the criminal will have the same type set and be warned in time to escape."

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escape." "If radio sets are used in automobiles the accident rate resulting will triple the rate from all other causes." "Broadcasting of baseball, prize fights and other sports events will reduce the attendance below the average needed to "average needed to

remain solvent. "News broad

and magazine paid circulation and paper advertising revenue

Somehow, it seems, everything worked out nicely for everybody concerned once initial readjustments had been accomplished.

Night-Club Girls appearing on a recent television show looked nude from the waist up on sets lacking contrast. Now quite a few men whose receivers were good enough to distinguish between silk and skin want to know how to make them less good.

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► SAGA . . . It's seldom that technical workers in television find themselves embarrassed with riches, least of all when dealing with interference. But such is the case of Rav Kell and his fellow-workers. When "venetian-blind" interference between co-channel tv stations began to rear its ugly head a year ago, Kell and his group came up with an interesting, and feasible, system of reducing the interference by synchronizing the carriers of the stations. This method, duly chronicled in these pages (February, 1949, p 72), was endorsed in principle by JTAC and had every prospect of becoming an important factor in future tv allocations. Today carrier synchronization of tv stations is an abandoned project. Why? Because Kell and colleagues have come up with what appears to be an even better system, one which reduces the interference to the same degree with considerably less complicated apparatus. Ray says it's embarrassing. We say it's unusual, to say the least.

The new system, known as the "off-set" method, operates by introducing an appreciable frequency difference, of the order of 10.5 kc, between the interfering carriers. The frequency difference makes the venetian bars numerous and of small size, since the beat frequency between the carriers is a large multiple of the 60-cps vertical scanning rate.

The original proposal was that the frequency difference should be about 7,875 cps or one-half the line-scanning rate. There would then be about 130 black-and-white interference bars in the picture, and they would be smoothed out to a neutral gray by virtue of the interlacing of successive fields. But this system came a cropper when it was realized that three stations on the points of a triangle could not maintain this frequency relationship, since two of them would necessarily be separated by zero or 15,750 cps, neither of which would do the interference any good. So a compromise separation of 10,500 cps was worked out, tested and proved in. Moreover, the tolerance on the frequency separation was found to be such that it can be maintained by crystal control at each station, without any intermediate tielines between stations for sync.

It looked as though the boys had two systems on their hands until they reflected on the rate schedules for leased lines. Then they realized they had only one system worth pushing. And there it stands. Several pairs of stations are using off-set carriers, as of the time of writing, and all of them think it's wonderful. So do we. And we forgive the boys at Princeton for their double-take at the problem.

► MICRO . . . Since an occasional (and welcome) complaint we receive is that ELECTRONICS is so healthy that it's hard to file, we are happy to announce that all issues of this periodical are now available on microfilm. Details on page 128, this issue.

▶ BOARD . . . A consulting engineer in Washington suggests that the FCC needs engineering advice which is completely divorced from consideration of Commission policy. He argues that industry groups, such as NTSC, RTPB and JTAC, valuable as they are, must necessarily reflect the industry attitude on policy matters. The proposal is that a permanent board of engineering advisors to the Commission be chosen from among disinterested experts, particularly those in academic life, and that the members be paid an attractive fee on a per-diem basis. The board would operate under the chairmanship of an individual (possibly the FCC chief engineer) who knows Commission policy and is familiar with industry problems to guide the deliberations along essential lines. The proposal stems from the work of the FCC Ad Hoc Committee which has been studying vhf television propagation, but which cannot long continue on a voluntary no-fee basis.

The Ad Hoc group did a good job of work, more of which will be needed. But we don't know whether a board of experts could be attracted, even at \$50 a day, on a permanent basis. How about it, professor? Comment from you, and other interested readers, is earnestly solicited.

# New FCC Rules Mean



Past and potential growth of the safety and special services in thousands. Note that different relative scales have been used for each service. The graphs are not comparative By JEREMIAH COURTNEY

Attorney Courtney, Krieger and Jorgensen Washington, D. C.

**P** RODUCT of the most comprehensive study over sive study ever made of publicsafety and industry-operational communications requirements, new FCC land mobile radio service rules which become effective July 1 cancel out the miscellaneous assortment for regular and experimental services that formerly governed operations in mobile bands. Replacing the former hodge-podge of unrelated rules, which made the user's search for the applicable service and frequency a fine art, are four basic and well-integrated sets of rules henceforth governing all land-mobile radio operations.

These new Rules cover:

(1) Land Transportation Radio Services. This classification covers the Railroad, Urban Transit, Intercity Bus, Highway Truck, Taxicab, and Automobile Emergency Radio Services. These last four service sub-parts represent four of the new radio services which the Commission decided should be recognized on a regular basis following, in each case, a three- or four-year period of experimental operation. In the procedural reorganization effected, the Urban Transit Radio Service was transferred from the Utility Service (entirely cancelled) to the new Land Transportation Radio Services. The former separate Railroad Radio Service was also cancelled.

(2) Industrial Radio Services. This category covers the Power, Petroleum, Motion Picture, Relay Press, Forest Products, Special Industrial and Low-Power Industrial Radio Services. The last three services are new services bringing the advantages of radio communications on a regular basis to the lumber industry, operating in remote areas with one of the highest accident rates of any industry, and a wide variety of other industries hitherto denied the use of radio. The Motion Picture and Relay Press services were formerly covered under the cancelled Miscellaneous Radio Service Rules but an expanded radio use was authorized to newspapers and press organizations. The Power and Petroleum users had also been formerly accommodated, in part, under the Miscellaneous Rules and the Utility Rules, both cancelled.

(3) Public Safety Radio Services. This service includes the Police, Fire, Forestry-Conservation, Highway Maintenance and Special Emergency Radio Services. The only new service among these is the Highway Maintenance. The coverage of the Special Emergency Radio Services was expanded. All the other services were formerly recognized under the Emergency Radio Services Rules, which were cancelled.

(4) Domestic PublicMobile Radiotelephone Services. This covers the common-carrier mobile radio organizations engaged in furnishing radio-communications service to mobile units of the general public on a charge basis. Both the telephone company direct-interconnection type of public mobile radio service and the non-telephone company message-relay radio dispatch service, formerly on an experimental basis, were permanently recognized.

#### Uniformity of Services

The sweeping nature of the procedural recasting accomplished appears from the bare summary of the actions taken. Like services have finally been collected in single rule parts. The pattern of the various rules has in all cases been made uniform: the general rules common
# More Mobile Radio

Permanent frequency assignments in 25-50, 72-76, 152-156, and 450-460 mc bands clear the way for vast development of mobile services and orderly expansion into the uhf region

to the various sub-parts are first set out; then follow the special rules applicable to a particular subpart.

Any organization interested in using radio for operational communications purposes may henceforth determine eligibility in most cases almost at a glance. Frequency availability is similarly easily determined now because each sub-part lists the specific frequencies available to each service in the various bands.

This situation is to be compared to that existing on September, 1947, when the author undertook for several oil companies the preparation of a summary outline of oil company frequency availability. The prospective petroleum radio user then was obliged to consult three different sets of Rules-the Experimental. Miscellaneous, and Utility, now all cancelled. The oil company's search for the best frequency for its purpose was further complicated then by the fact that, since the FCC issued its "final" report of frequency allocations above 25 megacycles in May 25, 1945, there had been by September 1947 no less than 37 public notices issued effecting frequency revisions, about onehalf of which directly affected petroleum industry radio usage.

The new rules cure this situa-

#### MOBILE RULES

The full text of the Commission's Report and all the Rules discussed in this article have been published in the May 6, 1949 issue of the Federal Register.

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tion. The prospective petroleum radio user, for example, need now consult only the Industrial Radio Service Rules. There, in Sub-Part G, Petroleum Radio Service, he will find a complete listing of all the frequencies available for petroleum industry regular or developmental use, either exclusively or on a shared basis with other industries. The extensive study made by the Commission of mobile-service operational communications needs (the transcript of the final oral argument on the proposed new rules and frequency assignments held in October, 1948 totaled 1,913 pages) further assures that these last frequency assignments will stay fixed for many years to come.

#### **Commercial Service Possible**

The primary effect of the new rules will be to lift the pall of uncertainty that has hung over all mobile radio service use and frequency assignments for the past four years. This comes about in two ways. First, the formerly recognized regular services know what they have in the way of final frequency assignments. Sound expansion of facilities may now go forward. To take the oil industry again for an example, the chairman of the American Petroleum Institute's radio committee has estimated the equipment backlog of orders awaiting final frequency revisions in that field alone as in excess of \$2,000,-000.

Second, the newly recognized services, which had been laboring under the incubus of experimental authorizations in terms cancellable "without notice or hearing" are finally placed in position to invest in radio equipment without assuming the risk that it may be wiped out overnight. The importance of this last factor is best indicated by a listing of the experimental services which, effective July 1, 1949, go on a regular basis and in most cases with fairly adequate frequency assignments, thanks in large part to the final transfer of television channel No. 1, 44 to 50 mc, to mobile radio service use.

The new services with their regu-





Portable units are used to direct blasting operations in construction jobs where wire lines are not available

The lumbering industry uses mobile radio at remote locations for safety and in emergencies

lar frequency assignments are: Intercity Bus (16 frequencies); Taxi (previously promised at least one two-frequency channel on a regular basis, and finally assigned four channels); Highway Truck (7 frequencies); Automobile Emergency (1 frequency used by American Automobile Association clubs and garages); Forest Products (10 frequencies, exclusively: 16 frequencies shared; 20 developmental shared; 80 frequencies fixed, shared); Special Industrial (17 frequencies exclusively; 16 frequencies shared; 20 frequencies developmental; 80 frequencies fixed, shared); Low Power Industrial (4 frequencies, exclusively; 1 frequency, shared); Highway Maintenance (14 frequencies, exclusively; 11 frequencies shared, with possibility of others on special showings); and Special Emergency as enlarged to make eligible for the first time physicians in remote areas, ambulance services, beach patrols responsible for life saving activities and school bus operators in rural areas (6 frequencies, exclusively; 9 frequencies, shared, with possibility of others on special showings; 80 frequencies, fixed, shared); and Domestic Public Common Carrier (telephone company: 36 frequencies; non-telephone company: 8 frequencies).

#### **Common-Carrier** Philosophy

Probably the next most important effect of the recent decisions in the

various mobile radio service rule and frequency allocation proceedings was the laying to rest of the theory that the radio communications needs of the mobile radio services should be furnished exclusively through common carriers authorized for the purpose. Commissioner Robert F. Jones dissented from the Commission's Report on the sole ground that it was "a mistake to permit the growth and development of non-broadcast radio services on a private and unintegrated basis" as the rules of the majority assured. Although his views were not expressly commented upon by the majority of the Commission, it is clear that the adoption of Commissioner Jones' thesis would have drastically penalized the bulk-radio user both economically and in required speed of service, if it did not result in a total denial of radio service.

In the other principal fields of communications - telegraph, and telephone-the user can build his own facilities; he can lease the facilities of others; or he can use the message services of a common carrier. The distinction long recognized in other fields of communication between the individual-message type of service and the bulk-user type of service may now be regarded as accepted in the field of radio communications as well. The question of exclusively common-carrier mobile radio service has been raised and, it must be believed in view of the staggering equipment investment made and to be made, finally laid to rest by providing for both types of service—direct user and common carrier.

This, incidentally, was the first time common-carrier mobile radio service was recognized, all the growth so far having been along direct-user lines. In recognizing the common-carrier service, which will find its principal use in congested urban areas, the Commission expressly stated that it had "taken particular care to provide a family of frequencies within which the development of common-carrier mobile radio systems by enterprises other than existing telephone companies may take place." These dispositions, the Commission report stated, had been "effected advisedly, and with the purpose, among others, of fostering the development of competing systems, techniques, and equipments."

#### **Reduction of Railroad Frequencies**

A third and highly important effect of the various decisions made is to be found in the reduction of the frequency assignments to the railroad industry. Sixty frequencies had originally been assigned for railroad communications purposes in the choice 152 to 162 mc band. The FCC found that the railroads had been slow to use these frequencies for the purpose for which they had been primarily assigned—endto-end and wayside point-to-train communications. The Commission report in this connection stated:

"The Commission believes that an allocation of 41 frequencies in the Chicago area will provide sufficient interference-free channels to handle any foreseeable expansion in the use of radio by the railroads in the immediate future. It has been pointed out that the original allocation of 60 frequencies was based upon an estimate that 30 usable frequencies would be necessary to handle the main line communications of the 32 roads operating in Chicago. Yet, more than 3 years after that allocation, at the time the oral argument berein, only 7 railroads in the area were using radio for such operations."

Despite the objections of the railroads and the reasons advanced in explanation of the delay in use, railroad assignments were reduced one-third, to 41 frequencies in the congested Chicago area and 39 frequencies elsewhere. The action taken in this respect is important because it stands as a warning to all other services that no frequencies will long be reserved for any service that does not use them.

#### Secondary-Use Principle

A fourth and also highly important principle established by the various decisions was that of the use on a secondary basis by the public-safety radio services of the frequencies allocated primarily to the railroad and maritime mobile radio services.

The 39 frequencies assigned for railroad use on a national basis, if not used by them in particular areas, may now be used by Public Safety Radio Services licensees in any area "on the condition that harmful interference will not be caused to stations in the Railroad Radio Service". The 19 frequencies assigned primarily for maritime mobile use are similarly available for assignment to Public Safety Radio Services users in any area on the basis of noninterference to maritime mobile use.

The taxi industry was the prime mover for Commission adoption of this sharing principle and could undoubtedly make the most and quickest use of the privilege. Although, as a Land Transportation Radio Service, the taxi industry does not obtain any immediate benefits from the grant made to the Public Safety users, nevertheless the Commission indicated that sharing of unused frequencies by secondary services might be expanded in the future. In disposing of the taxi industry sharing request, the Commission Report stated:

"We have noted the request of the taxicab operators for the right to use railroad frequencies on a shared non-interference basis in areas out-side of Chicago. While the railroads have expressed a willingness to permit sharing of their frequencies on a noninterference basis, we are not pre-pared, at this time, finally to dispose of that question. Since sharing on a non-interference basis to railroads of 39 of such frequencies is being pro-vided in the case of the Public Safety Services, the implementation of the instant request must await (1) a determination of the availability of such frequencies for further shared use without interference to the primary needs of the railroads, and (2) a consideration of the needs and requests of any other services for eligibility to use such frequencies."

This secondary-service use principle assures a flexibility in frequency assignments formerly lacking in the FCC pattern of industry allocations exclusively on a national basis, regardless of the extent of the demand in particular areas. The new approach should therefore insure that 39 frequencies will not any longer be frozen in Miami, Florida, exclusively for railroad use, despite the fact that only two railroads operate into that city and they could never possibly use 39 frequencies.

#### **Frequency Separations**

Further indication of the Commission's desire to squeeze the most out of the available frequencies was evidenced in reluctant acceptance of need for basing assignments in the new 44 to 50 mc mobile band on a 40 kc rather than 20 kc interval. Said the Commission:

"We have considered the arguments addressed to the subject of frequency spacing and have established the assignments in the 44-50 mc band on a 40-kc interval, rather than on 20 kc as proposed originally. However, we wish to emphasize that the ultimate utilization of this band, which is urgently required to take care of the anticipated overflow from the 152-162 mc band, will necessitate the development of techniques and equipments which will operate on a closer spacing than 40 kc."

The same spirit was also evidenced in reluctant acceptance of fact that railroad assignments in

the 152 to 162-mc band could not presently be predicated on the basis of 60-kc adjacent-channel operation in the same geographical area. In discussing the adequacy of the taxi 152 to 162-mc assignments, the Commission again reverted to this subject, observing that "the availability of 60-kc adjacent-channel equipment cannot be too far in the future and an allocation of 8 frequencies will enable the taxicabs to use ultimately 4 (two-frequency) channels in any given area." Elsewhere in its report, the Commission was at pains to direct the attention of certain users "and equipment manufacturers" to the allocation of the 450-mc band also for the use of the various mobile radio services designated.

The pressure the Commission is obviously directing for the manufacture of improved equipments that will utilize less spectrum space is the clearest kind of indication of the vast expansion in land-mobile radio use that is anticipated by the regulatory agency itself. The pressures that expanded use will inevitably generate against the Commission for additional frequencies quite obviously the Commission would pass on to the manufacturers.

With mobile assignments effectively limited by technical considerations to the portion of the spectrum below 500 mc, it is indeed regrettable that the Commission should have rendered one of the few bands available for mobile radio service use—the choice 72 to 76 mc band—a veritable no-man's land by surrounding it with television channels 4 and 5. In consequence, this former mobile band is now limited to operational fixed-circuit use and may then be so used only "on the condition that harmful interference will not be caused to the reception of television stations on channels 4 or 5." In practice, it has been found impossible to satisfy the condition imposed for the restricted use of this band except in the remotest of areas, with the result that the demands of the mobile services for operational fixed circuits for control and repeater purposes may generally be satisfied only in the microwave bands where the present cost of equipment is a retarding factor in use.

The EVER INCREASING DEMAND for oil products, and the inadequacy of our present petroleum supplies, is a problem which rarely comes to the minds of the average American. Few of us realize how great the domestic demand for oil has become. In order to maintain the level of our present reserves it will be necessary to discover two billion six hundred million barrels of oil in the coming year. This is the greatest assignment that has yet challenged the geophysicist.

An apparent solution to this problem lies in the fact that the geological formations that exist in the continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico appear to be of the same salt-dome character as those formations now producing oil in southern Texas and Louisiana. These formations seem to continue throughout the length of the shelf below Texas and Louisiana, extending in some places as far as 150 miles into the Gulf. The fact that oil may exist in these formations is confirmed by the existence of producing oil wells on salt domes lying ten to twelve miles off shore. Industry has already paid twenty-five million dollars for the leasing of mineral rights to about two and one half million acres of Gulf area.

#### Searching Methods

In searching for formations likely to bear oil, the geophysicist employs several methods. Some of these methods are: (a) the measurement of the intensity of the earth's magnetic field by use of a magnetometer, (b) sounding of the strata below the earth's surface by use of a seismograph and (c) measurement of the earth's gravitational field by use of a gravity meter. Two of these systems are illustrated in Fig. 1 and 2.

When a geophysical survey is being made the geographical location of the readings taken is of prime importance. When a survey is made over water in sight of the shore line location can be computed by simple triangulation with a transit on known land points; however, this method is time-consuming and im-

# Radiolocation in Oil Prospecting

Oil deposits under the Gulf of Mexico may help avert a future shortage. Radio aids developed during the war have proved highly satisfactory in detecting and locating these deposits. Several of the most widely used systems are described in this article

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possible in a fast-moving airplane. As the survey party moves farther off shore, the need for better methods of location becomes acute. Apparently the only practicable solution lies in some sort of radio location device whose errors do not exceed plus or minus 100 to 150 feet within the required operating range.

Several types of radio location devices meeting these requirements are possible. These include: Radar, Ratran, Shoran, Lorac, and Raydist. Of these five systems, the longerrange Lorac and Raydist systems seem particularly useful for making overwater surveys. The FCC has recently granted construction permits to the Seismic Service Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for construction of a Lorac system, and to the Frost Geophysical Corporation, also of Tulsa, for the construction of a Raydist system. Both of these systems are to be located with-

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in 150 miles of the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico.

Let us briefly discuss each of the five aforementioned systems.

#### Radar

The simple radar method utilizing standard radar pulse techniques furnishes range and azimuth to and from a given location. It requires only a single station.

Since microwaves are employed the operational range is limited to line-of-sight conditions which for some installations might be from twelve to fifteen miles. Within this range accuracies of plus or minus 25 to 100 feet can be expected. For near shore use this method is generally satisfactory.

#### Ratran

The Ratran system is a radar triangulation system. It was developed by the Heiland Research Corporation on a contract placed by the

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FIG. 1—A magnetic detector carried over a section of land or water records the intensity of the earth's magnetic field and locates oilbearing strata irregularities by detecting their accompanying magnetic field anomalies

FIG. 2—The seismic method of underground and sea exploration employs sound waves which are reflected from different strata and picked up by several geophones or microphones. Recordings of reflected waves map underground strata



Geophysical Exploration Corporation (both of Denver, Colorado) and was designed for airborne use in conjunction with the Heiland Magnetometer.

Rather than using azimuth, it determines position by using ranges from two known points. The system consists of two APG-5 automatic range-only radar systems modified to work over approximately forty-mile ranges. These units are carried aboard the aircraft and each triggers a beacon station located at the known points. The ranges to the beacon stations appear as shaft rotations and are indicated on two clock-type dials.

The Ratran system embodies one interesting feature which is applicable to any type of double-range system, and of importance in making an airborne overwater survey. It provides a system whereby the geographical area being investigated is divided into invisible rectangular coordinates. This is accomplished by a PLI (Pilot Location Indicator) computer.

The base line of the area investigated is the line drawn to intercept both beacon stations. In making a survey the pilot flys an S-shaped course with the major distances perpendicular to the base line as shown in Fig. 3. In this manner, at any instant during a survey, a triangle can be constructed having sides  $R_{2}$ , the range to beacon number 1 from the aircraft,  $R_{2}$ , the range to beacon number 2 from the aircraft, and the base line.

If we introduce the flight line perpendicular to the base line and intersecting the position of the aircraft, we form two right triangles, one having sides  $R_1$ , a, and b, and the other having sides  $R_2$ , a and c. It can be shown that  $R_1^2 - R_2^2 = h^2 - c^2$ .

For any particular line,  $b^* - c^*$  is a constant K and can be computed mathematically for that line. This gives us the equation  $R_{z}^{2} - R_{z}^{2} - K = 0$  to be solved electrically.

A standard method of solution is employed. Two potentiometers are geared to each of the range shafts. One of these is excited with a 400cps a-c voltage and the other is connected as a load on the first. Since the potentiometers are positioned proportional to R, the fraction of the voltage appearing on the arm of the loaded pot is proportional to R and the fractional output voltage appearing on the arm of the loading potentiometer is proportional to  $R^{\circ}$ . In this manner both  $R_{1}$  and  $R_{2}$  are squared.

The  $R_1^2$  output is connected in series with the  $R_2^2$  voltage in such a manner that a difference in voltage is obtained. In turn these are connected in series with another potentiometer which is excited with a 400-cycle voltage from the same source, and introduces a voltage









gives actual physical position data

FIG. 4-Pilot Location Indicator computer FIG. 5-Lorac (Long Range Accuracy) determines the location of a mobile unit by comparing the phase relationship between two pairs of received signals

proportional to the constant K. When a value of K corresponding to a desired flight line is set on the K potentiometer and the output of the network is zero, the equation is solved; however if the equation is not perfectly solved, the phase of the output signal will indicate which R is larger and is therefore an indication of the position of the aircraft relative to the desired flight line.

This voltage is used indirectly to deflect a zero-centered PLI meter in the pilot's cockpit to assist him in flying the desired course without the aid of landmarks by telling him his position relative to the course line. In order to deflect the indicator, the voltage output of the potentiometer computers is first amplified and then rectified in a phase-sensitive rectifier, giving a d-c voltage whose polarity is determined by the phase of the computer signal. Figure 4 is a diagram showing the operation of the basic PLI computer.

#### Shoran

The Shoran or Short Range Navigational system was developed during the war to be used as a method of pin-point bombing. Shoran is a pulse-type triangulation system similar to Ratran inasmuch as it determines the position or fix by using two ranges to two ground beacon stations whose positions are known.

The ranges are determined by standard radar means. A pulse from the mobile transmitter triggers the beacon transmitters and they retransmit to the mobile receivers. The time intervals representing the ranges to the two stations are recorded.

Three frequencies of transmission are used. Since these are in the vicinity of 250 mc the range of Shoran is limited for all practical purposes to line-of-sight distances. For shipboard use this may be of the order of 25 miles with accuracies of plus or minus 25 to 75 feet. Aboard an aircraft this range can be extended to about 42 miles, assuming the aircraft to be flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet above the shore-based station. The maximum effective altitude for aeromagnetic surveys appears to be 1,000 feet.

As is the case with the Ratran system, Shoran also provides a method whereby the pilot can be directed to fly given courses. These courses consist of successive arcs of constant range from one of the ground beacon stations. The pilot is directed on a desired arc by a PDI (pilot direction indicator),

which tells him his position relative to the course.

#### Lorac

The Lorac or Long Range Accuracy system is a system whereby the location of a mobile unit is determined by comparing the phase relationships between two pairs of received signals. Lorac resembles Loran, although Loran is a pulsetime comparison method.

If two c-w transmitters operating on the same frequency are located some distance apart, and lines of constant carrier-frequency phase difference are plotted between the transmitters on a map of the sites, a hyperbolic pattern will be produced. If a meter capable of measuring the phase difference between the two stations is moved so as to cross the hyperbolas, each 360-degree change in phase would be called a lane. This is illustrated in Fig. 5. On a line intersecting the two transmitters a lane would have a width of one-half wavelength. To establish one's position on a given hyperbola, it is necessary to count only the number of lanes and fractions of lanes from a known point. If a position or fix is desired, a second pair of transmitters must be used and a second hyperbola be determined. The intersection of



FIG. 6—Drawing of Lorac system, showing phase comparison principle

the two hyperbolas will be the fix. In actual use the lanes and fraction of lanes from a known point for intersecting hyperbolas are presented on two phase meter indicators.

The basic principle of Lorac can best be described by referring to Fig. 6 which illustrates two shore stations and a mobile station. The c-w station at shore position 2 transmits on frequency  $F_2$  to receivers  $R_b$  in the mobile unit and  $R_1$  at shore position 1. A second c-w transmitter located at shore position 1 transmits to  $R_b$  aboard the mobile unit and also to the adjacent receiver  $R_1$  at shore position 1. The frequency of  $T_1$  differs from the frequency of  $T_2$  by an audio frequency  $F_1 - F_2$ . When the two transmitter's signals are received by  $R_1$  they heterodyne and produce the difference beat frequency  $F_1 - F_2$ . Likewise the  $F_1 - F_2$  beat frequency is produced aboard the mobile unit in receiver  $R_{i}$ . The  $F_1 - F_2$  frequency is also retransmitted by  $T_1$  to receiver  $R_L$  located on the mobile unit.

The phase difference of the two beat notes arriving at the mobile unit depends upon the difference in distance of travel of the original carriers before heterodyning. Since the positions of transmitters  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  and receiver  $R_1$  are fixed, the beat frequencies at  $R_1$  will remain constant and be transmitted to  $R_L$  without change of phase. This beat frequency is the reference beat note.

If the mobile unit remains stationary, the phase of the beat note received from transmitters  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  in receiver  $R_b$  remains fixed; however, if the mobile unit moves, the phase will change. Since the phase of the reference beat note remains constant regardless of the location of the mobile unit, it can be used as a phase reference and the phase of the  $R_b$  beat note be compared with it. The phase relation between the two beat notes is displayed on an indicator which makes one full rotation per lane. Each time a lane is crossed a counter mechanism adds or subtracts a digit to a lane counter to identify the lane into which the unit has moved.

By use of the above described system the mobile unit can only lo-

cate itself as being somewhere on a given hyperbola, and to obtain a fix the equipment can be duplicated to determine location on a second hyperbola.

The basic Lorac system as discussed requires six frequencies of transmission. Seismic Service Corporation has developed a type A Lorac system which offers a savings in equipment and frequencies. Although the Type A system transmits on four frequencies, the frequencies are so chosen that they occupy only two channels. The type-A system uses four transmitters and four receivers. This system is illustrated in Fig. 7.

The accuracy of the Lorac system is a function of the frequency employed. In the 2,000-kc band, onehalf wavelength on a base line is about 250 feet, corresponding to a phase shift of 360 degrees. Seismic



FIG. 7—Type-A Lorac offers savings in equipment and frequencies. Accuracies of better than  $\pm$  3 feet have been realized with this system

Service Corporation states that an accuracy of plus or minus 3.6 degrees is not difficult to obtain, and with this accuracy one should expect distance determination on the base line to about  $\pm 2.5$  feet. In actual use over short ranges, base line accuracies of better than three feet have been demonstrated. It should also be pointed out that should the emissions of either of the Lorac transmitters vary slightly in phase during operation, both beat notes will vary in phase by an equal amount and the effects will be cancelled. Thus the necessity of phase synchronization is obviated.

Another important characteristic of Lorac is that the system cannot become saturated with users.

#### Raydist

The Raydist system is generally similar to Lorac inasmuch as both systems are based on phase-measuring techniques. The Raydist system employs a transmitter in the mobile unit and can be arranged to have the indicators either in the mobile unit or at a fixed point. Raydist can be used as a pure range system or as a hyperbolic system,

A simple Raydist system for determining location along a given hyperbola requires four transmitters and four receivers as illustrated in Fig. 8. Receivers 1 and 2 can be located at any position desired provided they can receive suitable signals from transmitters  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ . For geophysical surveys it is best to have them located aboard the mobile unit.

The frequency of the mobile transmitter  $T_1$  is such that it differs from the frequency of reference transmitter  $T_4$  by an audio note. Transmitters  $T_1$  and  $T_4$  are received at green shore position receiver  $R_{a}$ and the frequency-difference heterodyne is produced. This beat note modulates transmitter  $T_2$  for purposes of relaying it to  $R_2$  where it arrives with phase depending upon the relative transmission distances from  $T_4$  to  $R_3$  and  $T_1$  to  $R_3$ . Since the distance from  $T_{+}$  to  $R_{3}$  remains constant, the phase depends entirely upon the distance from  $T_1$  to  $R_3$ . The same audio beat note is produced in receiver  $R_4$  from  $T_1$  and  $T_4$  and it is retransmitted maintaining its phase by  $T_{a}$  to receiver



FIG. 8—The Radist system of radiolocation employs a transmitter at the mobile station. It can be arranged to give position indications at either the mobile or fixed stations



FIG. 9—Model-E Radist locates mobile station by intersection of a pair of hyperbolas. It employs an additional land station and one extra receiver over the system shown above

 $R_i$ . The phase of the signal received at  $R_i$  depends upon the distance from  $T_1$  to  $R_i$ .

If the mobile unit were to move along one of the hyperbolic lines, the phase of the beat notes received by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  would remain constant. If, however, the mobile unit moves so as to cross the hyperbolas, the phase of the beat notes shifts. By indicating the relative phase and number of complete phase changes (360 degree) from a known geographical point, a given hyperbola can be determined.

Indication of the phase relationship is accomplished by feeding the outputs of the two receivers  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  to the rotor and stator windings of a synchro. The synchro indicates the phase relationship at any instant and a revolution counter geared to the synchro indicates the number of half wavelengths or lanes from a known location.

In order to obtain a fix, a location on a second hyperbola must be determined to obtain an intersection. Rather than duplicate the equipment discussed above, the Hastings Instrument Company has devised their model-E two-dimensional Ray-

dist system. Figure 9 illustrates the operation of the model-E system. Note that Fig. 9 contains the basic units in Fig. 8. The operation of these units is unchanged so that they give location along one hyperbola. An additional yellow shore station is necessary and another receiver  $R_{z}$  is installed at the indicator location. The signal from transmitter  $T_1$  beats with the signal received from the reference transmitter and this beat note is transmitted to  $R_{5}$ by  $T_{5}$ . A phase comparison between receivers  $R_5$  and  $R_2$  gives a second set of hyperbolas. The fix is at the geographical intersection of the first hyperbola with the second.

Also of interest to the geophysicist is the pure range Raydist system. In this system a c-w transmitter and receiver are located at both stations. Each receiver receives a beat note produced by the far transmitter and the adjacent transmitter because the frequencies of the transmitters are separated by an audio note. The beat note received at the far location is retransmitted to the other by means of a third transmitter where it is compared in phase with the locally-produced heterodyne. The two beat notes are fed to phase counting and measuring units which measure the distance from a known point by counting the one-half wavelength intervals.

In systems of the type involving beat frequencies discussed above, the rate of movement of one station either toward or away from a fixed station can be detected by the increase or decrease of heterodyne frequency due to the Doppler effect.

The Raydist system as so described permits only one user at a time. It is anticipated that future modifications will provide for the joint use of about twelve mobile units. This can be done by assigning a slightly different carrier frequency to each mobile unit and filtering desired audio beat notes.

The Hastings Instrument Company reports that for operational use accuracies of  $\pm 25$  feet may be obtained at ranges of fifty miles. No accuracies are quoted at greater ranges; however, it is believed that Raydist equipment operating in the 1,000 to 2,500 band will operate satisfactorily over a range of 250 miles.

# Automatic Station Call Selector

Sounds alarm when radio station's call letters are received in standard code characters over a speed range of better than two to one. Has given reliable operation between New York and a ship docked at London, a distance of 3,000 miles

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THE SHIP'S CALL ALARM is an instrument of the selector type which can be set to the characters of the international-Morse code, such as those comprising a radio station's or ship's call letters, and will ring an alarm bell when those call letters are received. The alarm bell, or bells, may be placed on the vessel's bridge, or in the radio operator's sleeping quarters.

The instrument has been highly successful in the marine industry. It provides a 24-hour radio watch even though only one operator is employed. Users claim that wireless telegraph without it is like a telephone without a bell.

#### Versatility

In order for a device of this kind to be practical in interpreting code characters, a primary requisite is flexibility in the range of code speed to which it will respond. In other words, it must not require a given definite code speed or perfect sending.

The instrument will operate properly and respond to a ratio of code speed of better than two to one. It even takes into consideration natural tendencies of operators, such as short spacing between letters which are seldom confused, such as C and Q. The code-speed range normally used for average sending covers 17 to 34 words per minute. However, four ranges are provided; 6 to 12, 8 to 16, 12 to 24 and 17 to 34 words per minute.

The unit is shown in its servicing

position in an accompanying photograph. The lower deck comprises the receiver, which is a conventional crystal-controlled superheterodyne designed for maximum stability. It has two fixed frequencies, 500 and 8,280 kc, to cover the two international calling frequencies.

An automatic-gain-control circuit is provided with a long time-constant in order that it will hold between code characters. The addition of agc also causes the receiver to favor the strongest signal in a field of great interference. The sensitivity is such that it will operate the signal relay with less than 5 microvolts input at the antenna.

The top portion of the unit is the selector and includes the relays which accept the particular ship's call letters and reject all others.

#### Timing Problem

The limits of the ratio of maximum to minimum code speed to which a unit of this type will respond are set by the timing structure of the code symbols. The timing method used to accomplish this instrument's code speed ratio of two to one is illustrated in Fig. 1.

Since the ratio in time of dot length to dash length is one third,



Call Alarm installed on wall of radio shack aboard the Moore-MacMail operates alarm in radio operator's quarters when his station is being called. (Photograph courtesy Hose-McCann Corporation, who made the installation)



#### Photograph of Ship's Call Alarm in servicing position. Bottom shelf contains the crystal-controlled receiver

a timing point one third of the dash time is used. Thus a ratio of two to one in code speed variance is obtained.

Any pulse duration between the length of time from A to B is accepted as a dot so long as the pulse is of sufficient duration to actuate the advancing circuit. Any pulsation of the duration from point A beyond point B is checked as a dash regardless of its duration.

In transmitting code and forming letters there are two other timing elements involved, the interval and letter-space time. The time between dots and dashes of international Morse characters forming a letter is known as the interval time.

The ratio of the letter-space time to the interval time in perfect sending is also three to one. Hence it is possible to place a point of timing at one third the letter-space time relative to the dot and dash timing so that intervals and spaces will be checked properly at a ratio of two to one variance in code speed in the same range.

#### Relays

In the Ship's Call Alarm, only two timing relays are involved. One relay, because of its slow closing time, which is accomplished by R-C circuits, never closes on dot pulsations unless the code speed is under the range setting used, and the dots then become dashes relative to the relay timing. This same relay always closes on all dashes that do not exceed the maximum speed allowable by the range setting used. When the code speed exceeds this range, dashes will be shorter than the one-third point of timing at the minimum speed. This relay, by its operation or non-operation, according to the pre-set switching of each succeeding contact of a stepping relay, determines whether the pulse advances the stepper or causes a reject.

A relay, which immediately closes with the beginning of each pulsation but is delayed in releasing by R-C circuits, differentiates between intervals and spaces. The release or non-release of this relay, which is a function of the preselected stepping-switch circuits and the position of the stepper, determines whether the stepper is allowed to advance or is reset to home position.

Thus with two timing relays, four timing functions are accomplished. These are: (a) When set for a dot and a dot is received the stepper will advance. If a dash is received the stepper is reset. (b) When set for a dash and a dash is received it will advance the stepper. If a dot is received in this position it will be rejected, (c) When set for an interval and an interval is received it will be accepted. When set for an interval and a space is received it will be rejected. (d) When set for a space and a space is received it will be accepted. When set for a space and an interval only is received it will be rejected.

Figure 2 is a block diagram of the instrument showing a two-level stepper switch. Both swinger-arms  $SW_1$  and  $SW_2$  are mechanically connected and operate simultaneously. Level A distributes power during each pulse through each successive contact as it advances. Power is available to it for distribution only during pulses. Depending on preselected switch settings, this power is applied to either the dot, dash or reject circuit in each stepper position.

The reject circuit is connected directly to the reject coil, while the dot and dash circuits operate the reject coil only when the incoming pulse does not conform to the timing circuits of the delayed-to-close relay  $RE_2$  and its associate relay  $RE_3$ . If the reject coil is not operated the code characters are accepted as correct and the stepper continues to advance.

Level B swinger arm  $SW_2$  has power connected to it at all times but does not distribute power until after the first pulse, which corresponds to the second position of level B. This level checks the interval and space components of the code which do not occur until after the first dot or dash pulse.

Power from this level is distributed to either the interval, space, or alarm circuit depending upon the preselected switch settings and the position of the stepper. The interval and space circuits ultimately reach the reject coil through the slow-to-release relay  $RE_{\star}$  and its associate relay  $RE_{z}$ . This occurs only when the incoming interval or space does not conform with the timing of the slow-to-release relay  $RE_{i}$ . As long as the intervals and letter spaces between dots and dashes conform to the operation or non-operation of  $RE_4$ , in accordance with the preselected circuits, the stepper relay is allowed to advance.

As soon as the stepper reaches the alarm circuit contact and a letter space is made allowing  $RE_1$  to fall out,  $RE_{i}$  is operated, operating the alarm. This relay also disconnects power from  $RE_1$ , stopping all further operation of the stepper. The alarm continues to ring until the reset button is pressed, applying power to the reject coil, returning the stepper to home position. If, when the B level of the stepper reaches the alarm position and another dot or dash is added, allowing only an interval and not a letter space, which would constitute an entirely different last letter than



FIG. 1—Diagram of the basic timing structure of the international-Morse-code characters

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the one preselected, the reject is operated. This is accomplished by setting the preselecting switch following the last dot or dash of the call letters on level A directly to reject.

Relay  $RE_1$  is operated directly from a signal relay on the receiver and operates the coil of the stepping switch, the delayed-close relay  $RE_2$ , power to  $SW_1$  and delayed-release relay  $RE_4$ .

#### Stepping Relay

The stepping relay is the type that advances after each pulse by spring action; the pulse itself only advances the pawl on the ratchet. Hence  $SW_1$  and  $SW_2$  remain in the first position until the first pulse is checked, and the reject is operated or the stepper allowed to advance at the end of the pulse. Checking for interval or space begins immediately following the first or any succeeding pulse.

Whenever the reject is operated, the stepper arms are returned to home position by spring action. The reject also electrically locks itself through contacts on the delayed-release relay  $RE_4$ , while at the same time disconnecting power from all circuits except  $RE_4$ .

Thus when a reject is made the instrument goes out of operation until a letter space is made and  $RE_4$ , is allowed to fall out. When the reject armature releases, power is reapplied to all circuits. In this manner, the selector always starts checking each successive letter in Morse characters at the start of the letter.

When set for a dot, and a dash is to be rejected, it is only necessary to connect the dot circuit through a set of normally-open contacts on  $RE_2$  to the reject coil. If  $RE_2$  is allowed to close, the circuit will be completed to the reject coil and it will be operated.

Relay  $RE_{a}$  requires its associated relay  $RE_{a}$  to reject a dot when set for a dash. This relay is a standard operating relay and is operated from the dash circuit.

When  $SW_1$  is on a contact that calls for a dash,  $RE_3$  is immediately closed at the start of the pulse and is electrically locked. Power from the dash circuit is continued through contacts on  $RE_3$  to a con-



FIG. 2—Block diagram of call selector. Dotted lines inside blocks indicate connections which are made by the various relays

tact on  $RE_1$ . These contacts are open as long as  $RE_1$  is closed. If a dot only is received this power is continued on to the reject coil when  $RE_1$  falls out, as  $RE_3$  remains locked in until the reject is operated. Thus a dot is rejected. However, if a dash is received  $RE_3$  is released when  $RE_2$  closes, and the reject circuit is broken at contacts on  $RE_3$ .

To check an interval and operate the reject if a space is made, it is only necessary to continue the interval circuit through normallyclosed contacts on  $RE_4$  to the reject During the pulse  $RE_4$  is coil. closed and these contacts will be open. At the end of the pulse  $SW_2$ moves to the interval contact as preselected. If a sufficient pause (letter space) is made, allowing  $RE_4$ to drop out, the circuit is closed to the reject coil and it is operated. In order to check a space,  $RE_*$  has an associated relay  $RE_5$ . Power from the space circuit is continued through normally closed contacts on  $RE_{s}$ , to open contacts on  $RE_{1}$ . These open contacts break the space circuits continuation to the reject coil. Should  $RE_1$  be closed by the succeeding pulse with only an interval time, the closing of these contacts on  $RE_1$  operates the reject.

If a space is made allowing  $RE_*$ to fall out, power from the space circuit is applied to the coil of  $RE_*$ ,

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closing the relay and opening the space circuit from the reject coil through  $RE_1$ . Relay  $RE_5$  is electrically locked in by power from the space circuit until  $SW_2$  is moved from that particular contact at the end of the succeeding pulse. The space is accepted and the stepper allowed to advance.

#### **Neutral Position**

The fourth position on the interval, space and alarm circuit preselector switch is simply an open circuit so that no power is distributed by  $SW_2$  to either interval or space circuits. It is used instead of the letter-space setting between letters which will not combine with subsequent characters from a second letter to form a third letter. The natural tendency is for the operator to reduce the spacing between such letters, knowing that the chances for confusion will be less.

On 500-kc, operation has been obtained at a distance of 1,800 miles with usual operation up to 1,500 miles. However, the range over which the instrument will operate is entirely dependent on the power of the transmitter and propagation conditions. Tests on the high frequency have given reliable operation at 3,000 miles from New York to the Irish Sea and to a ship at dock in London.

## What We Learned From



GCA trailer at Tempelhof, with power-generating trailer behind and C-54 coming in overhead. The three tall whip antennas provided two vhf channels and one standby for communication with planes. Elevation-beam antenna is behind dark vertical panel and azimuth-beam antenna is behind horizontal dark panel. Emergency radio antennas, not ordinarily used, are atop elevation-antenna box. Parabolic rotating search radar was not needed for airlift operations

**D**<sup>URING</sup> the closing months of Operation Vittles, a record tonnage of food, medicine and coal were moved into Berlin, by air, despite foul flying weather.

From December, 1948, when surveillance radar was installed at Tempelhof Airfield, until the blockade was lifted, more than double the earlier daily tonnage was flown into the city. Except for a few days when the ceiling stayed continuously below the 400-foot safe operating limit of GCA, Air Force C-54 cargo planes operated through the Frankfurt corridor and, along with a variety of British aircraft, down the Hamburg corridor to Tempelhof, Gatow and Tegel airfields in Berlin with almost monotonous regularity. On maximum-effort days when all available planes were in use, air-traffic movements reached the rate of one plane a minute into the blockaded city.

This record of all-weather flying was made possible by efficient utilization of currently available electronic aids to air navigation. The practical experience gained from the use of these aids in Operation Vittles should help solve many of the instrument-weather traffic-control and landing problems now con-

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fronting commercial airlines. From a military standpoint too, the experience that was gained may have a direct bearing on planning for transportation methods and equipment in future emergencies.

#### The Airline Problem

Airlift traffic in and out of Berlin, over the Russian zone, was confined to three corridors, as shown in Fig. 1. These corridors were conventional 20-mile wide airways. From half a dozen loading airfields in the American and British zones. at round-trip distances between 300 and 600 airline miles from Berlin, into funnelled Berlin planes through two corridors and were directed into Tempelhof, Gatow or Tegel. After unloading, all planes returned along a third common corridor to their respective bases.

The joint American-British airtransport enterprise required the safe and efficient flow of high-density air traffic from a number of loading points through two narrow corridors to a comparatively small number of cargo-discharge points. The overall problem entailed the guidance of all aircraft from the loading points to the corridor entrances, safe control through the congested corridors, orientation and direction in the approach patterns over Berlin and precision landing control at each of the terminal fields.

The solution was achieved with a combination of conventional radio ranges and homing beacons with appropriate airborne range receivers, long-range surveillance radar, precision landing - approach - radar and vhf voice - communication equipment. With surveillance radar as the heart of the traffic-control

# The BERLIN AIRLIFT

Search radar teamed with radio and GCA brought C-54 cargo planes safely through the corridors to touch down at Tempelhof every three minutes despite fog, rain and snow. More specialized electronic aids proved unnecessary. The experience gained under pressure proves the feasibility of all-weather operation for commercial airlines

system, the combination proved entirely adequate for the all-American operations in the Frankfurt corridor, where all planes were C-54's with the same speed range and where take-off sequence information was sufficient for the initial radar identification. Along the Hamburg corridor, where American planes combined operations with various-speed British aircraft, the initial radar identification was implemented to some degree by British airborne-transponder equipment.

#### Flight Plan

Typical of the Airlift Task Force procedure was the following Frankfurt flight:

After takeoff from Weisbaden or Rhein-Main, the loaded C-54 homed first on the Darmstadt beacon, next on the Aschaffenburg beacon, and then swung northeast at an assigned altitude toward the Fulda Range Station. Monitoring the vhf airways communication channel, the pilot noted the time of the preceding aircraft's reporting its position over the Fulda Range Station. On crossing over Fulda, the pilot reported in and adjusted his speed to position himself approximately three minutes behind his predecessor. Swinging northeast on a predetermined heading to track the Berlin leg of the Fulda range, the plane proceeded for forty minutes at constant airspeed. Forty minutes out of Fulda the pilot reported on the airways channel to the radarequipped Airways Control at Berlin.

By this time, a new radar pip had just appeared within the 100-mile range marker of the CPS-5 surveillance-radar ppi scope at Airways Control. Correlating this latest re-

Operating positions in GCA trailer. Two men normally sat here to bring down alternate planes. Both angle-mounted scopes show same combined azimuth and elevation pattern. Search-radar scope mounted vertically to serve both positions was not used. Talkdown took about 3 minutes per plane. Note use of lip microphone



FIG. 1—Map of airlift operations, with Berlin area enlarged greatly out of proportion to show details of approach routes and return route used

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Traffic control room for entire airlift, located at Tempelhof airfield in Berlin. All radar screens here are fed by CPS-5 search radar on top of building, but are set for various ranges. Eight-mile range settings are also shifted off center to give enlarged effect of a sector scan

porting with the sequence reporting relayed forty minutes earlier from Fulda, the aircraft was identified and informed that it was in radar sight. In cases of uncertain identification, the reporting aircraft was requested to turn off course. A corresponding pip deviation would certify identification. Once identified on the ppi, the aircraft echo was tagged on a 24-inch Skiatron tube used at the control center as a master plotting board to permit tracking all aircraft movements.

Airways Control tracked the flight from the identification point, giving heading and speed corrections for maintenance of proper track in the corridor and safe spacing behind a preceding plane. Upon arrival in the Approach Zone over the Tempelhof Range Station, the plane was directed by Airways Control to turn left and to report immediately to Berlin Approach Control on the vhf approach-control channel.

The approach controller, provided with a radar ppi adjacent to the airway controller, assumed direction of the aircraft for guidance through an intricate and precise

approach pattern. To aid this guidance, the controller used an expanded (eight-mile radius) radar presentation covering the approach to Tempelhof. Further, a map of ground check points (beacons, runway alignment marks and Russian airfields to be avoided) had been superimposed on the radar scopes by electronic video-mapping techniques. Provided with this ground reference data, the approach controller directed the plane for precise navigation around the approach pattern and into the final approach leg to Tempelhof. Upon turning for final descent, the aircraft was directed to contact Landing Control at Tempelhof on whichever of two available vhf channels was momentarily not in use.

From approximately six miles out on the final approach, the pilot contacted the GCA landing controller. Within three minutes the GCA controller talked the plane down, using his precision-radar information to keep the plane safely on the steep four-degree glide path, down between rows of tall buildings and onto the runway. With only threeminute intervals between planes, two GCA operating positions and two vhf channels were used alternately for successive approaches.

#### **Flexibility of Traffic Control System**

Each of the three Berlin airfields was assigned an approach controller in the radar air-traffic-control center and each field was equipped with GCA. The flexibility of the approach and landing system was such that if, for example, Rhein-Main and Weisbaden were closed-in by weather and the Frankfurt corridor traffic to Tempelhof decreased, the centralized Approach Control could distribute any increased American or British traffic in the Hamburg corridor to another airfield.

After unloading, planes from each field were cleared for takeoff and, entering the return corridor over the Wannsee beacon, homed westward on the Braunschweig beacon in the British zone. No accurate traffic control was effected in the return corridor but all takeoff clearances were monitored in Airways Control. Planes were identi-



FIG. 2—Pattern seen on 100-mile screen of CPS-5 search radar on typical maximum-effort day near close of airlift operations. Diagram below identifies target pips and range circles

fied on the Skiatron plot and movements monitored along the return corridor as anti-collision prevention.

#### Surveillance-Radar Presentations

Examples of the types of ppi presentation obtained with the CPS-5 surveillance radar installed at Tempelhof for air traffic control are shown in Fig. 2 and 3. The accompanying interpretive diagrams emphasize the thoroughness with which this particular radar can replace or extend human sight in instrument weather, with accuracy, from 100 miles away to within less than a mile of the radar antenna. This feat was made possible by incorporation of moving target indication and video mapping in the radar receiver circuits, for removing ground clutter and superimposing accurately the essential map data needed for approach control.

The 20-mile presentation of Fig. 3 was available at a flip of a switch for magnification of pips when approach regions became very crowded, but was not normally used by the approach controller. Instead, his scope was adjusted to show an 8-mile radius shifted off-center to get maximum enlargement of the area for control.

#### Airlift Radio Aids

The radio aids to air navigation which served the American effort in Operation Vittles consisted prima-

FIG. 3—Enlargement of pattern of Fig. 2, taken at approximately same time and obtained by switching scope to 20-mile range. Diagram identifies superimposed video mapping

rily of vhf communication equipment and l-f navigation equipment. Each C-54 was equipped with an eight-channel push-button vhf communication set which sufficed for all normal communications. A small h-f communication set was installed as an emergency standby.

Conventional low-frequency A-N radio ranges and low-frequency homing beacons were installed at convenient locations in the American and British zones. The aircraft were equipped with standard radiorange and beacon receivers. No other equipment was used.

For British operations along the Hamburg corridor where variousspeed aircraft presented a problem in sequencing and traffic control,



Antenna of CPS-5 search radar, weighing one ton and rotating at 10 rpm. At Berlin it was mounted on a 25-foot steel tower atop a five-story building

use was made of an available airborne transponder which enabled the pilots to give more accurate position and identification information to Airways Control and the radar plotters.

#### Choice of Radar

Full consideration was given to all available electronic aids to air navigation and traffic control during the planning stages of the airlift. Existing systems and components such as ground d-f systems, conventional l-f radio ranges and beacons were not considered sufficiently accurate for the special requirements of approach control to Berlin. On the basis of previous investigations by the All-Weather Flying Division, a combined navigation and traffic-control device having the capability of handling the density of airlift traffic desired was seen in long-range surveillance radar.

The CPS-5 radar system was chosen in preference to other radars because:

(1) Its range, in excess of 100 miles, was necessary.

(2) It was capable of high accuracy.

(3) It had minimum susceptibility to adverse effects of weather due to its operating frequency and narrow beam. Lower - frequency radars gave poorer resolution and, with antennas of reasonable proportions, wider beams. Higher-frequency radars were more prone to radar echo dispersion from moisture, snow, sleet and storm clouds. (4) A moving target indicator

had been designed for the CPS-5.

(5) Height finding was not available, but was not required for airlift planes operating at assigned altitudes.

The selected radar was installed and operated at Berlin under the supervision of engineers from the Airborne Instruments Laboratory under an Air Materiel Command contract. The installation at Tempelhof provided five ppi radar scopes for the traffic controllers and one Skiatron for plotting and tracking. All scopes were provided with video mapping of the Approach Zone and the radar system was modified to incorporate movingtarget indication (MTI).

#### Moving-Target Indication

The incorporation of MTI in the CPS-5 at Berlin was the first application to air traffic control of principles developed jointly at MIT and TRE (Telecommunications Research Establishment) for eliminating the ground clutter that gave short-range blindness to most ground radars.

Elimination of all indications from buildings, trees, mountains and other stationary objects, as shown in Fig. 4, is based on comparison of phase relations between succeeding echo pulses and a reference signal generated in the radar receiver. Each echo pulse is fed simultaneously into two receiving channels; one passes the pulse without delay to a comparator stage and the other has a delay line that retards each echo pulse for a time interval equal to that between outgoing radar pulses. Two successive echoes from the same target thus arrive simultaneously at the comparison point. If the target is stationary, the pulses in effect cancel and produce no trace; with radial target motion, the difference in phase of the echo pulse results in little or no cancellation, hence the pulses produce the desired pips on the scope.

#### Video Mapping

Video mapping is a technique which permits the presentation on a ppi scope of combined ground-reference and radar-echo data. In operation, a negative transparency of a map containing desired information for presentation is interposed between a linearly scanning light spot and a photocell. The map is rotated in synchronism with the antenna while the light source, triggered in scan by each transmitted pulse, travels radially from the center of the map to its outer edge in a time commensurate with pulse propagation to the limits of the geographical area mapped.

The transparent lines or spots on the map negative permit the passage of light which is picked up by the photocell. The video output is amplified and mixed with the video data from radar echoes for presentation on the ppi. Thus, the reference map presented with the radar echoes is always correctly proportioned and oriented regardless of range switching or off-centering of the ppi.

#### Conclusions

The Berlin airlift showed that long-range radar having the inherent accuracy of the CPS-5 could in itself provide sufficient air-navigation and traffic-control information to permit the efficient flow of highdensity air traffic along the corridors and in the approach areas of Berlin.

The high precision of GCA allowed safe descent of aircraft on the final approach leg, under instrument conditions when ceilings were down to 400 feet at Tempelhof and even lower at Gatow and Tegel where the approach terrain and rate of descent were less hazardous.

#### HOW VIDEO MAPPING WORKS

Antenna rotation drives map ring through servo system, making map negative of 100-mile-radius region rotate over face of cathode-ray tube serving as scanning light source.

Transparent lines and dots on negative pass light to photocell that feeds information of map through video amplifier to mixer for combining with radar signal. Synchronization insures that map appears on screen in proper position with reference to radar ppi presentation.

<sup>•</sup> Changing range of radar presentation automatically changes scale of map since range-changing circuits are located after mixer stage.



For commercial air transport activities, the airlift indicated that GCA, teamed with surveillance radar to provide direct control of aircraft movements by the radar controller, will have considerable merit as aids in reducing badweather cancellations, disruption of schedules under instrument conditions, and stacking delays at a terminal airport. Under the conditions which surrounded Operation Vittles, surveillance and landing radar proved effective for safe and efficient traffic flow. Although the strict airlift regulations for sequencing, speed control and altitude assignment are nowhere duplicated in domestic air transport operations today, the success of Operation Vittles suggests the need (a suggestion already being implemented by the CAA at Washington and Chicago airports) for investigating the



FIG. 4—Scope pictures taken with (right) and without moving-target indication on search-radar installation, showing effectiveness with which ground clutter is eliminated. On picture at left, pips in northwest sector represents buildings and solid white strip just above center represents hills application of such rådar control to existing domestic traffic control procedures.

Although the airlift functioned well with the tools available, it did reveal the need for improvements in equipment and in methods of gathering and communicating control intelligence. While it was proved along the corridors that radar alone could direct operations on the Enroute Zone, the existence of more accurate navigational devices would relieve the controller of all but purely traffic-control responsibilities in that area.

In the Approach Zone, the radar control could completely replace more complex navigational aids but again airlift experience indicated the need for more efficient utilization of the radio-frequency spectrum with better communication techniques, such as instantaneous transfer of detailed instructions and point-to-point or private-line communications wherein control information intended for a specific plane would be directed at only that plane to the exclusion of all others. Further, as emphasized by the problem in the Hamburg corridor, more positive identification equipment and techniques would greatly assist effective radar-monitored air traffic control.

In keeping the city of Berlin alive, the airlift accomplished a great feat. However, even more important is what it taught us concerning specific needs for future air-transport equipment and procedures.

# Pulsed Stimulator Aids Medical Research

Multivibrator-controlled constant-current pulse generator produces pulses from 0.025 to 1.5 milliseconds in duration at repetition rates from 0.1 to 1,000 pulses per second. Output is continuously variable from 0 to over 1,000 ma and practically independent of load

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**T**<sup>N</sup> EXPERIMENTS involving the stimulation of excitable tissue the characteristics of the stimulus should be known and controllable. For nerve and muscle stimulation usual choice of stimulus is an electric current. Electric stimuli are easy to control, susceptible of manipulation and measurable with much greater accuracy and simplicity than most other stimuli.

A rectangular pulse is most desirable for several reasons. Offner<sup>1</sup> has shown on theoretical grounds that an exponentially rising wave, concave upwards, is the most efficient type of stimulus and that the next most efficient type is a rectangular pulse. Since an exponentially rising wave is extremely difficult to generate, a rectangular pulse is usually employed. The rectangular pulse which is essentially a step function also simplifies theoretical consideration of excitation.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Constant Current**

The use of constant current rather than constant voltage output is desirable under many circumstances. When the stimulus is restricted to a fixed volume of tissue, as is often the case, the constantcurrent output will yield a stimulus independent of the resistance of the tissue. This is highly desirable because the resistance may vary from moment to moment as a result of changes in tissue or electrode polarization.

The instrument described in this report embodies both constantcurrent output and rectangular pulse form. The choice of pulse widths, frequency of repetition and strength of stimulus may be varied to meet the needs of the individual experimental problem.

The circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 1. The master oscillator is a conventional multivibrator whose frequency is controlled in decade steps by interchanging coupling capacitors and continuously by altering the grid resistors by means of a double potentiometer. A padding resistor is placed in series with each grid potentiometer to limit the frequency range to about 12 to 1 for each capacitor step.

A three-position switch  $SW_i$ , in the grid lead allows the multivibrator to be cut-off, to run freely, or to be turned on for varying lengths of time by means of an accessory timing circuit. The output of the multivibrator is taken from the plate of one tube, differentiated by an R-C circuit of short time constant, the negative-peak clipped by a crystal diode and the positive spike applied to the next stage, a one-shot multivibrator. The frequency range of the master oscilla-



FIG. 1—Complete circuit diagram of rectangular pulse generator for medical research

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tor is from 0.1 to 1,000 pulses per second

The one-shot multivibrator is cathode coupled and the width of the output pulse controlled by varying the capacitors in the plate-grid coupling circuit. The output is a positive pulse rising in about 10  $\mu$ sec. Four pulse widths of 1.5, 1.0, 0.5 and 0.025 milliseconds are provided. Other values could easily be obtained by a different choice of coupling capacitors.

Output amplitude control is obtained by varying the bias on a diode shunted across the positive output pulse of the one-shot multivibrator. The clipped pulse is applied to the grid of the output stage, a 6L6 beam power tube biased to cutoff, thus it conducts only during the pulse.

The stimulator output leads are the positive high-voltage supply and the plate connection. The tissue to be stimulated serves as the plate load. The strength of the output pulse can be varied from 0 to more than 100 ma. When it is desirable to isolate the stimulator from the tissue preparation (as during recording of action potentials with a high-gain amplifier), a switch allows a shielded isolating transformer to be inserted in the circuit. A potentiometer is placed across the transformer output and the center tap is grounded. This constitutes a Wagner ground and allows the output to be balanced to ground (a necessity when employing a differential amplifier for recording action potentials).

The constant-current characteristics are obtained by the use of the beam power tube and the placing of the material to be stimulated in the plate circuit of the tube. Measurements indicate that the current is independent of the load resistance within 5 percent up to 100,000 ohms at 1 ma and up to 1,000 ohms at 100 ma. Newman<sup>3</sup> describes an ingenious constant-current arrangement that shifts the current from one tube to another as the load varies. This results in a constant load on the power supply which is a desirable feature. However, the range of current required in our work exceeded the steady-state current ratings of any of the small pentodes at present

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available and we have consequently made use of the above described circuit.

The power supplies provide regulated voltages of +300 and -90, and 400 volts unregulated for the power output stage.

#### **Timing Circuits**

A timing circuit was also incorporated in the device to allow the stimulator to be turned on for fixed fractions of a second. It consists of a capacitor charged from the regulated power supply and discharged through a sensitive relay. The relay turns on the master multivibrator for the selected length of time. Variation in the duration of the capacitor discharge is obtained by series resistors. Durations of relay closure of 0.1, 0.25 and 1.0 second were employed.

Since the power tube is biased to cutoff, failure of the line current or the bias supply will allow the highvoltage power supply capacitors to discharge through the power tube, giving a damaging shock to the tissues being stimulated. To guard against this contingency a small relay was placed in the negative-return lead of the bias supply and the stimulator output leads were wired through the relay contacts. If the line current goes off or the bias fails, the relay opens the output circuit.

Oscilloscopic examination of the output of the stimulator shows that with a resistive load in the plate circuit a good approximation to a rectangular pulse is obtained.

With the output through the shielded isolating transformer, considerable distortion occurs at the wider pulse widths but a good rectangular pulse is obtained with short pulses. Inasmuch as short pulses are usually employed when recording from stimulated tissue, the distortion of the longer pulses was not felt to be a serious handicap.

#### Applications

This stimulator has been used successfully for widely varying purposes including: single and repetitive stimulation of autonomic and somatic sensory and motor nerves, direct stimulation of skeletal and cardiac muscle, including the induc-

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tion of ventricular fibrillation, determination of pain thresholds and production of electrically induced seizures.

The constant-current characteristics of the instrument provide adequate compensation for changes in the placement of electrodes and are of special value in certain of these applications. In determining pain thresholds in mice by the electric grid method<sup>4</sup>, or in humans by the tooth stimulation method<sup>5</sup>, contact with the source of stimulus and consequently effective resistance may vary considerably. This stimulator appears to compensate adequately for such variations. For example, representative tooth pain thresholds on two medical students averaged  $1.7 \pm 0.02$  ma and 2.3 $\pm 0.14$  ma for 15 tests each over a 3-week period. Automatic compensation for changes in resistance is also important in studies of electrically induced seizures inasmuch as it has been shown that cerebral resistance changes markedly during passage of the stimulating current."

The isolating transformer and Wagner ground have proved very useful in eliminating stimulation artefacts in experiments involving both stimulation and electrical recording, such as studies of the effects of vagal and accelerator nerve stimulation on the electrocardiogram and in studies involving stimulation of the cardiac auricles and electrical recording of the ventricular response. In the latter experiments involving auriculoventricular conduction the continuously variable frequency control of this instrument has also proved to be advantageous.

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# UHF Propagation Characteristics

Ultrahigh-frequency experience of several investigating groups is compared with FCC theoretical values and with vhf propagation. Signal strengths tabulated on a time-percentage or location-percentage basis may help determine spacing of new television stations

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**P**ROPAGATION of radio waves at the ultrahigh frequencies has been investigated by a number of groups, with a view to determining the probable required powers and the distance separations for television stations that will eventually operate in this region.

So far, too few field observations have been accumulated to allow final formulation of a general theory or working formula. The work of several investigators is summarized here, however, to show in a general way the trends so far determined. Wherever possible, the results have been interpreted on a comparative basis with those obtained in the frequency band 54 to 216 mc.

#### **Theoretical Propagation**

Let us consider first the propagation within line of sight over a plane earth, without atmosphere, between antennas that are sufficiently elevated so the surface-wave component is negligible. Under these conditions the wave fronts are



FIG. 1—Classic line-of-sight path and reflected ray for plane earth

not complex and the received fields may be considered as due to two rays  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , shown in Fig. 1. These rays arrive at the receiving antenna in different phase, owing to the difference in path length  $r_2 - r_1$ and to the change in phase of  $r_2$ at the ground point of reflection.

At the ultrahigh frequencies, the difference in path length may be several wavelengths for short distances d, when the transmitting and receiving antenna heights are of the order of 500 feet and 30 feet, respectively. Thus, as the distance dis increased and the difference in path length  $r_2 - r_1$  decreases, the two rays pass successively into and out of phase with each other, producing a succession of maxima and minima of field intensity. At distances beyond the point at which the field intensity becomes equal to the free-space value, after the last maximum, systematic destructive interference sets in, and the fields consistently decrease in intensity.

For a smooth curved earth, a similar geometry is valid out to distances near the horizon, at which point a diffraction component becomes predominant and determines the field intensities out to the maximum distances. Curves A, B, C and D of Fig. 2 show the behavior of the four frequencies 67.25, 288, 510, and 910 mc, respectively, for a transmitting antenna height of

1,250 feet and a receiving antenna height of 30 feet above surrounding terrain. These curves show that both the distance to the last maximum and the rate of attenuation in the diffraction region beyond the horizon increase with frequency.

#### Departures from the Theoretical

The validity of calculations of this type for vhf and uhf under conditions of substantially ideal terrain and normal atmospheric refraction has been verified for distances within line of sight. For elevated antennas, as in airplane communications, an appreciable departure from smoothearth conditions appears to be possible before a modified approach is warranted. However, as the antenna heights are decreased to values of concern for a television broadcast service a considerable modification is necessary.

In the first place, even in average rural areas, the earth no longer appears smooth, and the reflected wave is scattered or broken up into components which combine randomly with the direct component. Under these conditions, the systematic maxima and minima disappear and the resulting field intensities undergo wide variations from point to point.

In urban, suburban or in rough or wooded rural areas, the receiv-



Closeup of 700-mc cylindrical parabola receiving antenna used in tests

ing-antenna site may be below the heights of nearby obstructions, so that there may no longer exist direct and ground-reflected waves as such, but the predominant field may consist of a partially absorbed, scattered and diffracted field which has passed through or around such obstructions. At other locations the direct field may be attenuated to a point where the predominant field or fields may be those reflected from one or more objects lying outside the direct path between the transmitter and the receiver. Many locations are found where reflections of this type are recognizable and may produce severe ghosts in television reception. This condition indicates that field-intensity surveys alone are inadequate in connection with coverage surveys of television stations and that some specification of ghost conditions is also required for completeness.

The analysis of several coverage surveys of f-m and television stations at vhf, and of a few surveys which have been made on experimental stations at uhf, indicates that the evaluation of the station coverage lends itself to a statistical treatment in order to estimate the percentage of receiver locations which will receive service of a particular grade at any specified distance from the transmitter. This type of approach, rather than the solid-contour approach employed in medium-frequency or a-m the



FCC measurement station at Laurel, Md., with 700-mc parabola on tower at left. The 47.1 and 105.5-mc dipoles are stretched between towers

broadcast band, appears to be essential to a reasonable understanding of the character of the service rendered, because of the wide variations in signal intensity and signal quality which occur over comparatively small areas at essentially the same distance between receiver and transmitter.

#### **Correction Factor**

In December 1948, at an Engineering Conference held in Washington, D. C. in connection with the allocation of television stations, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to summarize the presently available data on vhf propagation.

A study of 13 vhf surveys made for the Committee' by a group at the National Bureau of Standards has resulted in the development of correction factors for expected median field intensities, applicable to the Ground Wave Signal Range Charts for 63 to 195 megacycles now contained in the Standards of Good Engineering Practice of the Federal Communications Commission. The correction factors are dependent upon frequency and distance, varying from -8 db for 195 mc at 15 miles to +1 db for 63 mc at distances beyond 37 miles. The same study has resulted in a graph indicating the relative field intensities to be expected at various percentages of the receiving locations at a given distance from the transmitter.

In Fig. 3, curve A, the distribution of field intensities at or near 63 mc, measured at distances within 50 miles of the transmitter, has been plotted in relationship to the 63-mc theoretical values. The absolute levels varied with frequency as indicated above but the levels relative to the 50-percent level were found to be substantially independent of frequency, distance and antenna height within the range of available data. This indicates that the median field intensity is about 11 db higher than the field intensity available to 90 percent of receiver locations. Reference has been made to this study because of a brief comparison of vhf and uhf coverage made below.

The above approach was initially



FIG. 2—Smooth curved-earth field intensities, showing diffraction effects

used by W. B. Lodge in the analysis of a survey at 490 mc made in New York City by the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1946.<sup>2</sup> This study indicated that the median fields were 9 db below the calculated fields for that frequency. An additional 5 db (a total of 14 db) was required for service at 70 percent of the locations and an additional 13 db (total of 22 db) for 90 percent of the locations, as shown in Fig. 3, curve B.

In a recent survey by the Radio Corporation of America of four stations atop the Empire State Building, operating on frequencies of 67.25, 288, 510 and 910 mc, reported by Brown, Epstein and Peterson,<sup>3</sup> the median fields were +2, -12, -15 and -19 db, respectively, in comparison to the predicted fields for the specific frequencies involved. As compared to the 67-mc predicted fields, the median fields were +2, 0, -5 and -10 db (see Fig. 4), showing a progressively lower intensity as the frequency increased. There was also a slight increase in the range of the distributions with frequency, the 70-percent values lying 4, 7, 8 and 8 db, respectively, below the median or 50-percent values.

#### Surveys Compared

At first glance the measurements reported in the CBS and RCA surveys are somewhat more at variance with each other than would normally be expected of surveys made over the same area. The results can be reconciled because of the following differences in measurement and analysis. First, the calculated values used for the statistical analysis in the CBS survey followed the inverse distance curve at near distances, rather than becoming tangential to twice that value. This latter could account for a difference of 4 to 6 db in the ratio of calculated to median fields which were measured within 20 miles of the transmitter. When added to the 9 db reported, a total of 13 to 15 db is obtained to compare with the 15 db obtained in the RCA survey. An inspection of the data also reveals that the CBS data contained a smaller percentage of measurements in rough and shadowed areas. This could account for a small difference in the measured median







FIG. 4—Four frequency survey results, showing deviation from calculated fields

level and a considerable difference in the range of measured values. However, both surveys indicate that, for the type of topography in the New York City area, the 67-mc field intensities at 70 percent of the receiver locations may be expected to be higher than the 500-mc field intensity by about 11 db and higher than 900-mc field intensities by about 16 db, for equal radiated powers.

A comparative survey on frequencies of 77 and 612 mc was also made in the New York City area by Goldsmith and Wakeman of the Allen B. DuMont Laboratories.<sup>4</sup> The measurements were not analyzed in terms of the percentage of receiver locations affected, but the results indicated that power increases of from 4 to 400 times, dependent upon the topography, and upon assumptions as to practical types of receiving antennas, might be required in order to provide the same terminal voltage to

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the average television receiver.

In a second survey reported by G. H. Brown, made on a frequency of 504 mc in Washington, D. C.,<sup>5</sup> the median signal level at receiver locations as shown in Fig. 3, curve C, was 24 db below the theoretical smooth earth value for 504 mc or 8 db below the 67-mc theoretical value. An additional 17 db was required to serve 90 percent of receiver locations with the same signal level. Using the median and 90-percent correction factors of -3and -11 db at 63 mc, found in the vhf studies, it appears that an increase in radiated power of the order of 11 db will be required in order to provide a field intensity at 90 percent of receiving locations at 504 mc which is equivalent to that at 63 mc for the Washington area. An additional 10 or 12 db may be required in order to obtain a comparable signal-to-noise ratio at the receiver, because of differences in receiver noise figures, effective lengths of the receiving antennas and antenna line losses. This indicates a power increase of the order of 100 to 300 times to provide the same grade of service to 90 percent of the receiver locations over the same area in this type of terrain.

#### **Power Comparison**

A second approach to the evaluation of the service on 504 mc made by Brown indicated that a marginal service (216 microvolts at 300 ohms terminal impedance) to 90 percent of the actual locations studied in this survey might be provided by an effective radiated power of about 20 kw. All of the locations were within 10 miles of the transmitter, and a comparable coverage on 67 mc would have been provided by a station power of about 60 watts, based upon the receiver voltages measured at the various locations, and assuming a marginal service to be provided by a signal of 200 microvolts at the terminals of a set having the same noise figure of 10 db. This comparison is based upon the assumption that the service is limited by receiver noise alone and is not valid when noise and interference external to the receiver provide the limitation. Under the latter conditions the comparison must be based upon the

relative interference levels and upon the field intensities provided at the two frequencies being compared. At the present time such interference levels are less at 500 mc, but undoubtedly will increase as the use of this and neighboring frequencies increases.

#### **Power Requirements**

The foregoing surveys indicate that prohibitive amounts of power apparently will be required in order to serve large rugged areas from ground-based antennas at frequencies of 500 mc and above. The outlook for reasonably smooth areas is somewhat less forbidding.

The survey of the New York area reported by G. H. Brown consisted of a rugged radial to the west and of a relatively level radial to the southwest. The distributions were not analyzed individually for the two radials, but inspection of the plotted data for the smooth radial indicates that the medians were about 10 db below theoretical for 510 mc and 15 db below for 910 mc. Employing the same correction for the smooth radial as used by Brown for correcting for both radials, the medians are about 0 and -6 db, respectively, compared to the 67-mc theoretical. The median levels for smooth terrain therefore compare favorably with vhf field intensities. However, somewhat greater powers are indicated for a given service area by reason of the somewhat greater scatter of the measurements, but principally because of the smaller effective areas of practical receiving antennas. The use of airborne transmitters or the operation of satellite transmitters may be found to be practical alternatives to achieving large area coverage by individual land-based stations at the ultrahigh frequencies.

The two remaining figures present a comparison between the tropospheric field intensities at 63 and 700 mc. The 63-mc curves in Fig. 5 are taken from the results of the study of tropospheric data by the Ad Hoc Committee<sup>1</sup> and are believed to be typical of the average results to be expected along the upper Atlantic seaboard. On the other hand, the 700-mc measurements shown in Fig. 6 are the only ones available for a range of distances and for an extended period of time at uhf. They were made by personnel of the RCA Laboratories and the Federal Communications Commission for a period of about six months at three locations lying along the same path between New York City and Washington, D. C. from a 700-mc transmitter operated for the purpose by the Columbia Broadcasting System<sup>6</sup>.

It is extremely hazardous to base predictions on such an amount of data, taken over a span of only five summer months, because of the probable effects of terrain upon the absolute levels of measured intensity, and because of the differences in weather which are known to exist in various parts of the country. Taken at face value, these data,



FIG. 5-Time-percentage field strengths expected at 63 mc



(1946)FIG. 6-May-through-September measurements of fields at 700 mc. Transmitting antenna 909 feet high

plotted on a time-field intensitydistance basis, indicate that somewhat lesser station separations may be possible in the uhf on the basis of interference for 10 percent of the time, even though power of from 6 to 10 db higher may be required for smooth terrain, whereas somewhat greater spacings will be required in order to protect service for 99 percent of the time. However, a large amount of additional data is needed before a reliable evaluation can be made of the trend of station spacing with increasing frequency.

#### **Over-Water Measurements**

Measurements made over water near San Diego' indicate that with surface-ducts or elevated-layer conequivalent substantially ditions. field intensities in excess of free space may be expected for high antennas for both 170 and 520 mc, even at distances well beyond line of sight. Inasmuch as the fields under these ideal conditions are of comparable magnitude and since departures from ideal conditions are more likely to decrease the higher frequency fields to a greater extent than the lower frequency fields, it appears probable that the above comparison indicates qualitatively the relative spacings to be expected. For other areas, to which the terrain conditions and the distribution of layers applicable to the New York-to-Washington path may not apply, it is expected that measurements will not be in good agreement with either the 63- or 700-mc data discussed above; the station spacings should therefore be varied in accordance with experience in such areas.

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An experimental transistor oscillator with a telemetering pressure gage attached. The battery, strapped below the gage, will run the unit for several days. Experimental performance curves are shown in Fig. 3

FIG. 1—Experimentally-determined characteristic curves of the transistor used. The desired operating region is shaded

### **Transistor Oscillator**

Audio oscillator built around crystal triode, used to frequency modulate rocket telemetering system, has numerous advantages over vacuum-tube equivalent. Transistor characteristics are reviewed, and design data for similar circuits in other applications are presented

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**T**HERE EXIST TODAY many systems for the telemetering of information from rockets or other flight-test vehicles by means of a radio link. One of the more popular systems is known as the f-m/f-m system.<sup>1,2</sup> This system uses the frequencies of a number of audio tones to convey the data to the ground on a frequency-modulated radio carrier.

One frequently-used method of converting a telemetered quantity into an audio frequency is the variable-inductance gage. With this technique an air gap in the magnetic circuit of the gage is made dependent upon the measured quantity. The gage is then used as an inductance in the tuned circuit of an audio oscillator, thereby controlling its frequency.

Many audio oscillator circuits have been used. The oscillators are flown in rockets and they must operate under field conditions; hence certain design criteria are imposed upon them. Necessary characteristics of the audio oscillators include small size, light weight, low power consumption, simplicity, ruggedness, and frequency stability with changes of supply voltages or external conditions.

The Bell Telephone Laboratories transistor,<sup>3</sup> used in an extremely simple oscillator circuit, shows promise of providing a useful solution to the telemetering audio-oscillator problem.

#### The Transistor

A transistor was procured through the efforts of the Army Ordnance Department and the Signal Corps. The audio-frequency behavior of the transistor is described by the experimentally obtained characteristic curves illustrated in Fig. 1 if its input and output voltages and currents are as designated in Fig. 2A.

For small increments of voltage and current (small signal operation), the incremental operation of the transistor may be expressed by any of a number of equation pairs. The following pair is convenient for this analysis:

$$E_E = R_E I_E + R_{CE} I_C$$
(1)  
$$E_C = R_{EC} I_E + R_C I_C$$
(2)

The values of  $R_E$ ,  $R_{cE}$ ,  $R_{EC}$ , and  $R_c$ in Eq. 1 and 2 for a given region of operation may be determined from the characteristic curves or from more direct measurements, using methods similar to those used in determining the values of  $\mu$ ,  $R_r$ , and  $G_m$  for a vacuum tube.  $R_E$ ,  $R_C$ ,  $R_{CE}$ ,



FIG. 2-Actual circuit diagram of transistor oscillator is shown in C. Basic circuits are shown in A and B



FIG. 3—Frequency and audio-output-voltage curves for experimental transistor oscillator shown in the photograph

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and  $R_{EC}$  may be written as follows:

$$R_E = \frac{\delta e_E}{\delta i_E}, i_C \text{ constant} \qquad (3)$$

$$R_C = -\frac{\delta e_C}{\delta i_C}, i_E \text{ constant} \qquad (4)$$

$$R_{CE} = \frac{\delta e_E}{\delta i_C} , i_E \text{ constant}$$
 (5)

$$R_{EC} = -\frac{\delta e_C}{\delta i_E} , i_C \text{ constant} \qquad (6)$$

Typical values of  $R_E$ ,  $R_C$ ,  $R_{EC}$ , and  $R_{cE}$ , found by using Eq. 3 through 6 and the characteristic curves, in the normal operating range of a transistor are,  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle E} = 1,400, R_{\scriptscriptstyle C} =$ 33,000,  $R_{ce} = 700$  and  $R_{ec} = 77,000$ ohms.

#### The Oscillator

Consider the transistor connected in the circuit shown in Fig. 2B. The batteries  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are of such voltage that they cause the transistor to operate in the desired region of Fig. 1.

The two incremental mesh equations for the circuit of Fig. 2B are easily written by inspection as follows:

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$$(R_{EC} + Z_B) I_E + (Z_2 + R_C + Z_B) I_C$$
  
= 0 (8)

In order that Eq. 7 and 8 have a solution, other than the trivial one of  $I_{\scriptscriptstyle E} = I_{\scriptscriptstyle C} = 0$ , the determinant of the equations must equal zero.4 Thus

$$\begin{vmatrix} Z_1 + R_E + Z_B & R_{CE} + Z_B \\ R_{EC} + Z_B & Z_2 + R_C + Z_B \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (9)$$

Hence

$$Z_B = (11) \frac{(Z_1 + R_E) (Z_a + R_C) - R_{EC} R_{CE}}{R_{EC} + R_{CE} - (Z_1 + R_E) - (Z_a + R_C)}$$

If stable oscillations are to occur, Eq. 11 must be satisfied at the desired real frequency  $\omega_0$  and at no other point in the complex frequency plane.

The circuit of Fig. 2C is one of several circuits suggested by Eq. 11 which, when tried, gave stable oscillation. It appeared to provide the most satisfactory operation. The circuit oscillates at the parallel resonant frequency of the tuned circuit, the frequency at which the circuit appears as a pure resistance of

magnitude approximately given by  $Q \omega L$ .

The sizes of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are not critical over a wide range since the transistor limits (in a manner similar to vacuum tubes) the oscillation amplitude by means of nonlinearities, which adjust the values of  $R_{E}$ ,  $R_{c}$ ,  $R_{EC}$  and  $R_{CE}$ . Values of 2,500 and 5,000 ohms for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively, have proved satisfactory.

Caution should be observed in making  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  too small or in letting the d-c resistance of the parallel resonant circuit become too great; otherwise the transistor will become d-c unstable and be damaged by the excessive currents. By means of Eq. 11, d-c instability may be investigated.

When the values given for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are substituted in Eq. 11, a value of 2,600 ohms is obtained for  $Z_B$ . This value of  $Z_{B}$ , or greater, is readilv achieved by a parallel resonant circuit which has reasonable values of Q and L/C. (The variable inductance used in the experimental oscillator had a Q of approximately 9 at the oscillation frequency.) The d-c resistance of the circuit may be easily made much smaller than 2,600 ohms so that d-c stability is assured.

An experimental transistor oscillator with a telemetering pressure gage is shown in the photograph. The battery shown will run the unit for a number of days.

Experimental values of frequency and output voltage for the circuit of Fig. 2C are shown plotted in Fig. 3 for variations in supply voltage (3A) and transistor temperature (3B). The variations with transistor temperature are undesirable, but it is considered that the temperature of the unit during flight time may be held reasonably constant. Temperature compensation is at present being investigated. The harmonic content of the output is under 5 percent. The battery drain is of the order of 0.5 to 1 ma.

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Power amplifiers and special preamplifiers for pipeless organ installation in a private home. Control panel includes facilities for feeding radio-phonograph through organ amplifiers and loudspeakers

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Rectangular teeth moving past shaped pole pieces generate desired complex waveforms of pipe organ tones directly. Separate amplifiers and loudspeaker systems are used for each manual and for pedal keyboard. In direct-comparison listening test, performance could not be differentiated from that of corresponding three-manual pipe organ



FIG. 1—Method used for generating complex waveforms directly by shaping pole piece so air gap varies as each tooth moves past, and examples of waveforms



FIG. 2—Area-scanning method of generating complex waveforms, wherein air gap is constant but magnetic reluctance varies as each tooth moves past

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Pitch-wheel assembly that determines frequency of one note in scale over range of seven octaves. Wheels have 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 and 64 teeth respectively

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Generator assembly for two-manual organ. Each manual has 12 pitch-wheel assemblies driven by synchronous motor

Console of two-manual pipeless organ. Wiring underneath and behind is similar to that of large telephone switchboard

## PIPELESS ORGAN

**T** WO BASICALLY DIFFERENT approaches to synthesized tone qualities are possible. In one the various frequencies are generated in sinewave form, and the timbre of the steady-state tone is varied by the selection of harmonics from the sinewave source together with adjustment of their relative intensities. In this case a generator is required for each note, and, unless harmonics are drawn from the equally tempered scale, separate generators are used for each required harmonic.

The second method involves producing from each generator a complex wave representing the resultant of the fundamental and harmonic structures of the musical tone. Each stop corresponds to a complete set of generators in a manner exactly analogous to a rank of pipes. If the instrument is intended specifically to produce pipeorgan effects, this characteristic is essential. As a consequence, the complex waveform generators were chosen for the instrument to be described, which is intended to replace conventional large organs.

In most mechanisms using rotary generators the basic approach has been to shape a tone wheel so that the desired waveform will be generated in a pickup coil as the surface of the wheel moves past a pole piece. There are many obvious difficulties connected with the production of such wheels with required tolerances, and the cost is very high for the number of wheels needed.

In the organ described the rotating members are pitch rather than tone wheels. The wheels resemble conventional gears with teeth (vanes) distributed symmetrically around the periphery. The pole pieces of the pickup coils are shaped to produce the desired waveform. A number of pole pieces together with corresponding patterns are shown in Fig. 1.

There are many advantages in this system, not the least of which is the fact that a single pitch wheel may be used in conjunction with several coils and pole pieces oriented around its periphery to generate various waveforms. Pitch wheels with 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 and 64 teeth respectively are assembled on a single shaft so that each wheel corresponds to a successive octave of a single note. The shaft itself is made of non-magnetic stainless steel, and the spacers between the pitch wheels are of brass to avoid coupling between the circuits.

A total of twelve shafts with seven pitch wheels on each shaft produce all the fundamental frequencies of an organ keyboard. In order to generate the fundamentals corresponding to the 4-foot, 2-foot and 32-foot pipe pitches for various stops played in the top or bottom octaves of the keyboard respectively, it is necessary to add one or more pitch wheels to each shaft.

Each set of coil and pole piece assemblies generates a complete keyboard of corresponding waveforms. The output from the coils may be connected to one or more manuals of the organ. The only limitation on the number of stops that may be obtained in this manner is the physical dimension of each coil assembly by comparison with the outside circumference of the pitch wheels.

The complete generator assembly



Drive system for pitch-wheel assembly (bench test setup). Tuning is done by sliding entire assembly so rubber-tired wheel shifts along surface of cone-shaped wood drive wheel. Changing diameter of drive wheel changes fundamental frequency

Closeup of pitch-wheel assembly, showing how coils (in rectangular shield boxes) and shaped pole pieces are distributed around periphery of each toothed wheel to get different complex waveforms and hence tones at each frequency

for a two-manual organ has twelve complete tone-wheel assemblies in the lower bank, corresponding to the complete organ keyboard fundamentals. Each tone wheel in this bank has four associated coil and pole-piece assemblies corresponding to flute, diapason, string and trumpet basic tone colors.

The upper bank of twelve complete tone-wheel assemblies includes only two sets of coil assemblies, corresponding to a flute and string tone color. The upper bank is tuned slightly sharp with respect to the lower bank and represents the celeste stops. This corresponds exactly to pipe-organ practice in which a separate rank of string pipes is tuned slightly sharp to provide a beat that sounds to the ear much like a vibrato, although the result is appreciably richer in quality than is achieved with the usual tremolo. This is one of the features of this design that contributes to its ability to conform to pipe-organ characteristics. Few pipe organs include more than a string celeste stop, but with the design described a flute celeste is not costly in comparison to adding a complete set of pipes in a pipe organ.

#### Tremolo Effect

Synchronous motors are used to drive the main pitch-wheel shafts through a flexible spring coupling. On the end of the main driveshaft in the lower bank is a flywheel. Suspended from above and resting against this flywheel is a lever arm, with an electromagnet attached to the end just below the flywheel and with its pole piece facing an eccentric steel wheel that is driven by the main drive shaft. This is the mechanism used for obtaining a tremolo.

When the tremolo electromagnet is not energized, the lever arm simply places a small constant load on the drive shaft through friction against the flywheel. When the electromagnet is energized it is periodically attracted to the eccentric wheel so that the pressure of the lever arm is increased. This variation in load is absorbed by the spring coupling, momentarily slowing down the angular velocity of the main drive shaft and all the pitch wheels by a small amount.

When the overload is removed (as the eccentric rotates away from the magnetic structure) the spring coupling feeds the energy back into the system as a pulse that overshoots slightly, since it is not critically damped, and the angular velocity of the pitch wheels is increased beyond normal for an instant. The pickup coils see this as a variation in pitch that is alternately below and above normal, at a rate that is adjusted by the period of the eccentric wheel to be between six and seven cycles per second. The extent of the variation in pitch is determined by the amount of

energy supplied to the electromagnet. This is adjustable over a relatively wide range with a control on the console.

In this connection it is noted that there are two basic types of vibrato, one being amplitude modulation and the other frequency modulation. The frequency-modulation method is the more desirable of the two, but in many instruments is difficult to obtain with accuracy. The tremulant described may be set to produce any desired result and it is exceptionally stable in operation.

#### Method of Tuning

The drive system employs a simple arrangement for tuning the individual sets of pitch wheels. Spaced suitably along the driveshaft are cone-shaped wood wheels. On each side of each cone-shaped wheel is a pitch-wheel assembly, suitably oriented so that its rubbertired drive wheel contacts the coneshaped wheel at the correct angle.

The pitch-wheel assemblies are mounted to the base board through slots with adjustable pressure bolts so that they may be easily moved with relation to the cone-shaped wheels on the main driveshaft. The speed that they are driven depends on the size of the cone and the portion of the cone contacted by the rubber drive wheel. This permits rapid tuning of the instrument and maintains tuning over long periods of time without sensitivity to temperature variables or line voltage variations within wide limits.

The entire pitch-wheel assembly is adequately shock mounted. Stability of drive requires careful attention to the mechanical reactances and resistances involved, and dynamic balance of the entire system is essential.

#### Scanning Methods

The waveform may be scanned either by shaping the pole piece in accordance with the instantaneous gap as in Fig. 1, which is termed profile scanning, or by the area scanning method where the gap distance is constant but the area of the pole piece is varied, as in Fig. 2.

With the profile-scanning method the effect of a given variation in the shape of the pole piece is inversely proportional to the width of the gap. It is also true that a deep sharp cleft in the pole piece does not have its full effect on the result because of fringe effects from the sides of the tooth to the steep sides of the cleft. Thus, very high harmonics are likely to be obscured, the design of the pole piece becomes critical and the dimensions of all the units in the system must be kept to a minimum.

With the area-scanning method the gap distance is a constant and the very high harmonic structures are easier to control.

The profile-scanning method is used in current designs for reasons of economy in production costs and because it has been found possible to achieve entirely satisfactory basic organ tones with this orientation. In elaborate organs where very brilliant solo reeds are required, it is entirely practical to combine the two systems.

#### Pole-Piece Design

A rigorous and complete mathematical expression for predicting the dynamic flux patterns in a system of this kind in terms of the shape of the pole piece is completely impractical, if not impossible. Developing a pole piece to produce a desired voltage waveform may be approached as a first approximation by mathematical and graphic methods, however. This approximation turns out to be remarkably close to the end result, and the final touching up of the profile is accomplished on the basis of rationalizations and intuitive concepts resulting from laboratory experience.

In plotting the initial curve most of the constants and small variables are neglected and the reluctance of the gap is considered to be the only function of first order importance. The procedure is indicated in Fig. 3.

On a listening-test basis, the plotted first approximation for a pole-piece profile will usually come very close to the quality of tone for the complex waveform originally selected for synthesis and analyzed into its sine wave components. A number of small factors, such as the fact that the tooth leaving the gap is still producing some changes in flux when the approaching tooth enters the gap, are compensated for by minor modifications of the profile.

For any given profile the higherorder harmonic content will be developed in inverse ratio to variations in the size of the gap actually established with the assembly completed. This may be used to advantage by spacing the pole piece intended to reproduce relatively pure sine wave flute tones as far as is practicable from the pitch wheels. Conversely, a trumpet pole piece may be deliberately moved in closer than planned in the initial design in order to increase its brilliance. The choice of gap for various stops is also somewhat dependent on the relative amplitude desired.

Balance of the output from various frequencies is partially accomplished by varying the number of turns on the coils. For example, a flute stop coil for the lowest frequency will require 6,500 turns of number 43 wire, while the upper register coils for the same stop will be wound with only a few hundred turns of number 39 wire.

The required shift in relative dimensions of pitch wheels and pole pieces is accomplished at the lower frequencies by making the diameter of the pitch wheels smaller and by increasing the size of the pole piece. At the higher frequencies the wheel size may be increased and the pole piece reduced.

At the low-frequency end only the portion of the pole piece that pro-



and graphical procedure for designing shaped pole piece to generate desired complex waveform of an organ tone

Mathematical Basis; The desired complex voltage waveform can be expressed in terms of its sine wave components as  $E = A \sin \omega t + B \sin 2 \omega t + C \sin 3 \omega t + \dots \dots (1)$ 

In terms of its sine wave components as  $E = A \sin \omega t + B \sin 2 \omega t + C \sin 3 \omega t + \dots \dots (1)$ Since E is proportional to  $d\phi/dt$ , the flux  $\phi$  is obtained by integration as  $-\phi = \frac{A}{\omega} \cos \omega t + \frac{B}{2\omega} \cos 2 \omega t + \frac{C}{3\omega} \cos 3 \omega t + \dots \dots (2)$ 

where A, B and C are the percentages of harmonics in the voltage waveform. Phase angles can be neglected because of the insensitivity of the ear to phase shift and unnecessary constants can be eliminated, giving for the required relative maximum flux amplitudes the simple expression

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$$_{m} = \frac{A}{1} + \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{3} + \dots \dots$$
(3)

Graphical Design Procedure: Draw portion of tooth wheel. Draw path of tooth face (dotted). Draw pole-piece width, making it approximately twothirds of space between teeth on wheel. Analyze desired waveform to determine relative amplitudes of harmonics. Draw fundamental so one cycle fills width of pole piece. Draw sine wave for each harmonic (only third harmonic used in example), and add to get  $\phi_m$ . Harmonics may be shifted in relative phase to fundamental to get simplest pole-piece profile. Assume flux is inversely proportional to reluctance and hence to dimensions of gap. Measure maximum flux values with reference to minimum flux line, and plot points across edge of pole piece at distance from tooth path based on inverse ratio of respective flux values. jects beyond the coil is enlarged. This permits holding coil dimensions constant, to simplify physical construction of the assemblies.

#### **Output-Circuit Arrangements**

The output circuit is designed so that all stops for an entire keyboard are brought to a single preamplifier input. This is schematically indicated in Fig. 4. Series resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  are used for isolation and to balance the output from various notes within a stop as well as between various stops. The resistor values range from 50,000 ohms to 1 megohm.

The key connections operate attenuators on bus-bar contacts. The circuit is designed so that the outputs from all the coils are grounded except when a key is depressed. This is essential in order to eliminate crosstalk between the circuits and requires somewhat unconventional methods.

In pipe organs the attack of the tone is modified by the discrete interval of time required for the valve to open and for the standing waves to be established in the pipe. There are many possible methods of obtaining control over the attack of the tone.

An experimental attack-controlling action used transformer coupling, with a separate transformer for each key. The primary was stationary and the secondary was moved physically by the key action so that the coupling was gradually increased as the key was depressed. This type of action has the advantage of eliminating any possibility of clicks or other noises when the key is actuated. It has the disadvantage of being expensive to produce in satisfactory form because of coupling between circuits and such problems as obtaining adequate high-frequency response from such transformers.

In the practical organ design, the attack is controlled by attenuators carefully designed for long life and lack of noise. This type of action makes the instrument touch-sensitive, and it is possible for an experienced performer to use this feature to advantage. Careful attention to the design of this action, both mechanically and electrically, probably contributes more to the simulation of actual pipe organ effects than any other single feature. If an organist is not told in advance that this instrument generates the tones electrically, he will often have to be shown the generators before he will believe it.

#### Additional Tonal Variations

Since all of the generators are connected to all of the keyboards through conventional stops on the input side but are fed into separate preamplifiers at the output of each keyboard, it is possible to modify still further the tone colors available and to maintain the effect of adding ranks of pipes. For example, the output of the swell manual may be fed through a flat preamplifier while the great organ is fed through a preamplifier with a pronounced rising high-frequency characteristic. Thus, although the same generator sources are used for both manuals, the stops on the great organ will be markedly more brilliant than those on the swell manual.

By using separate power amplifiers and loudspeakers for each manual, the effect obtained is analogous to doubling the number of available stops. Actually the flute stops with relatively small harmonic content will not be greatly affected by this procedure. In practice, therefore, the number of stop timbres available is increased only by approximately half in this manner. The results are entirely comparable in listening observations to adding ranks of pipes in a pipe organ.

The characteristic of a tone is modified not only by its harmonic content and the attack but also by its relative average loudness. Thus, a diapason tone generator may be fed to the same manual through two stop tabs and a distinct modification obtained by introducing a constant attenuation in the circuit of one tab only. There are innumerable permutations and combinations possible through circuitry of this kind, including octave couplers and couplers between manuals.

#### "On"-Effect Variations

There are many pipe-organ stops and musical instruments where the character of the sound is greatly dependent on fundamental and harmonic-content fluctuations at the start of the tone before it settles into a steady state. This is particularly true of such stops as the French horn and the gedeckt flute. The design of the action and key contact arrangements make it relatively simple to obtain results of this kind.

"On" effects may be obtained through extra contactors that function only during the initial travel of the key, or through relays incorporating time-delay releases. A pitch fluctuation at the onset of a tone before it settles to a steadystate condition is easily obtained by providing a contact that momentarily energizes an arrangement



FIG. 4—Simplified schematic illustrating generator and control-circuit design principles employed in Mastertouch pipeless organ

similar to the tremulant described above.

In conventional pipe organs the variations in loudness are obtained by placing the pipes in an enclosed chamber with shutters that open and close through a foot control. In this organ an attenuator is used for this purpose, controlled by a shoe identical to those used in pipe organs. This arrangement permits precise control over the loudness and provides a dynamic range from the threshold of hearing to full organ.

A separate vernier control is provided for the pedal organ so that the organist may adjust the relative level from the pedal stops in accordance with the character of the music. This is comparable in many ways to providing additional pedal stops.

#### **Amplifiers and Loudspeakers**

In all installations a separate preamplifier and power amplifier channel are used for each manual and for the pedal keyboard. In elaborate installations one or more individual stops may be fed through separate channels. Each channel feeds a separate loudspeaker system so that a stop that appears on two or more manuals, even though it is derived from the same source, speaks from different loudspeakers often placed in different locations. Thus, even though the characteristics of the amplifiers are the same, the sound of a string when played on the great manual will be appreciably different than when played on the swell manual because of the difference in loudspeakers and the acoustic conditions of the loudspeaker locations.

It is this kind of elaboration that contributes considerably to the ability of a relatively small organ of this design, so far as tone color sources are concerned, to compete with very large pipe organs from a price standpoint. As an example, a recent installation was quoted at \$18,000 for a three-manual instrument in a large church. Pipe organ quotations for comparable results ranged from \$60,000 to \$100,-000.

The electrical audio power required is greatly dependent on the acoustic characteristics of the au-



Attenuator arrangement used on keys for controlling attack. Wire contacts soldered to flat springs are moved over wirewound attenuator when keys are pushed

ditorium in which the instrument is installed. The acoustic power output of a large pipe organ is greater than most people realize. In general, it is desirable to be able to produce with full organ a minimum of 100 decibels above the reference threshold as measured with a commercial sound-level meter in all listening locations.

The peak power from organ music is in the lowest pedal octave. In an effort to produce satisfactory pedal tones without duplicating the peak power output of a pipe organ, it is not uncommon to use 16-foot stops that are rich in harmonic structures. This simulates the loudness subjectively observed but falls far short of achieving the full deep foundation tone of a real 16-foot pipe.

Perhaps the most important pedal stop is the 16-foot bourdon (a relatively pure flute tone). To produce it from a loudspeaker system at full pipe organ level requires carefully designed enclosures and exceptionally clean power amplifiers. In a typical church installation where the seating capacity was around 1,500 and the reverberation time relatively low, 100 watts of electrical audio power fed to five efficient loudspeaker systems (consisting of a total of 130 loudspeakers) was required for satisfactory results

The only really satisfactory subjective criterion of performance in audio work is direct comparison. In



Method of obtaining potentiometer rotation with swell shade shoes. Pedal organ may be coupled to either section. Cable on lever rotates potentiometer shaft

the installation described above it was possible to make such a comparison with a three-manual pipe organ having eighteen ranks of pipes. The test was made with fifteen observers. All but two of the observers were critical listeners thoroughly familiar with pipeorgan tonal attributes, either by virtue of being professional organists, engineers who had participated in the installation, or because of an interest in organ music.

The test was made entirely on the basis of whether the observers could differentiate between the instruments. A few bars of music were played twelve times on each organ using various stops. Flute, diapason and string stops were used separately and in combination.

Several of the engineers admitted that their judgments included an intimate knowledge of characteristics in the organs that had little to do with the quality of the tone. Even with this added factor, no single score was high enough to be significant of anything except the close similarity in the basic character of the instruments.

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## **Circuit Techniques**

Controlled positive feedback between stages can often eliminate such bulky circuit components as cathode and screen bypass capacitors and video-amplifier compensating inductors, with corresponding savings in physical size and cost

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FIG. 1—Positive feedback circuits for eliminating cathode-bypass capacitors



FIG. 2—Screen-bypass capacitors can often be eliminated by positive feedback



FIG. 3—Circuits for high-frequency compensation by means of positive feedback



FIG. 4—Response of the circuit of Fig. 3B for various degrees of compensation

**M**<sup>ODERN</sup> TRENDS toward compact equipment have resulted in the production of very small tubes and resistors. Unfortunately, however, high-value capacitors and air-core inductors have not seen a comparable reduction in size. Consequently these circuit elements are inconvenient to use when printed-circuit techniques are employed, since they must usually be treated as separate assemblies.

It is the purpose of this paper to point out that controlled positive feedback can often be used to avoid the use of such components. In this way, cathode-bypass and screen-bypass capacitors can often be eliminated, and video-amplifier compensating inductors can be replaced with small feedback capacitors.

#### **Cathode-Bypass Capacitors**

Figure 1A shows a conventional, two-stage triode amplifier. Capacitors  $C_k$  are the most bulky elements, 10 microfarads being a typical value for audio-frequency applications. If these capacitors are omitted, a serious reduction in gain occurs because of cathode degeneration.

It is apparent that, with the capacitors omitted, the voltages across the two cathode resistors will be 180 degrees out of phase. Furthermore, the cathode voltage of  $V_2$  is greater than that of  $V_1$ . This suggests positive feedback by means of a resistor  $R_F$ , connected between the cathodes as shown in Fig. 1B. With normal circuit values, the regeneration can be set to the point where the voltage gain is the same as that obtained with bypassed cathodes.

Since the feedback occurs at a low

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impedance level, the feedback loop itself does not normally affect the frequency response of the amplifier. It should be noted, however, that defects in the response of the original amplifier will tend to be accentuated by regeneration.

An expression has been obtained for the optimum value of  $R_F$ ; however, it is too cumbersome to be of practical value. Therefore an experimental determination is necessary. Figure 1C shows a two-stage amplifier using a 12AU7 dual triode. The voltage gain is 80, while the bandwidth is 250 kc at 3 db down. A feedback resistor of 2,000 ohms was necessary.

The circuit of Fig. 1D is interesting since a voltage gain of over 1,000 is obtained in a single tube, with a bandwidth of 100 kc. This permits the construction of a twotube (four-stage) amplifier with a gain of one million, and with a volume of only six cubic inches.

The amplifiers of Fig. 1C and 1D show a 12-percent reduction in gain for a 20-percent reduction in supply voltage. Although this is somewhat greater than would be obtained with bypassed cathodes, it is not considered excessive for most applications. Thus it is possible to replace two electrolytic capacitors by a single,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor and have almost equivalent performance.

#### Screen-Bypass Capacitors

It is evident that screen-bypass circuits can be handled in much the same manner as cathode-bypass circuits. The problem is slightly different, however, because of the higher impedance level of the screen circuits.

Figure 2A shows a method in which the screen transconductance of the first stage is balanced by a current supply obtained from the plate circuit of the second stage. This method can be applied to all but the last stage of a multistage amplifier. Since the impedance of the screen-supply source may be high, degeneration can occur at the higher frequencies. Therefore a small bypass capacitor may be necessary in video applications. In some cases the resistor shown from screen to B+ may not be necessary.

Figure 2B shows another method which is the exact analog of the cathode-to-cathode feedback scheme. Here, sufficient positive feedback is applied to the screen of the first tube to offset the screen degeneration in both tubes. It should be noted that the frequency response may suffer if the screendropping resistors are of high value. However, small bypass capacitors cannot be applied because they would affect the feedback loop. The voltage gain of the voltage amplifier shown is 2,500, and the bandwidth is 100 kc.

#### High-Frequency Compensation

The voltage gain of a positivefeedback amplifier is given by

$$A_{FB} = \frac{A\beta}{1 - A\beta}$$

where  $A_{FR}$  is the gain with feedback, A is the gain without feedback, and  $\beta$  is a factor giving the portion of the output voltage fed back to the input.

Here the product  $A\beta$  is taken as a positive quantity. At the higher frequencies, the magnitude of Awill decrease because of circuitcapacitance loading. If, then, the magnitude of  $\beta$  can be made to increase at the proper rate with frequency, the numerator and denominator of  $A_{FB}$  would decrease together, and  $A_{FB}$  would be independent of frequency (neglecting phase shifts). Although this result cannot be achieved in practice, partial compensation is possible.

Figure 3A shows one simple method applied to a two-stage amplifier. A small capacitor is connected between the cathodes of two adjacent stages. Since the positive feedback increases with frequency, a rising gain characteristic can be obtained, which will tend to offset the decrease in gain caused by circuit capacitances. The equation giving the gain of the feedback amplifier as a function of frequency is too complicated to be of value for obtaining the proper value of  $C_c$ . This must therefore be determined by experiment.

Figure 3B is a diagram of an amplifier employing this type of It consists of a compensation. high-gain pentode stage driving a cathode follower which provides low output impedance. It will be noted that the pentode cathodebypass capacitor has been eliminated by the method given above. Therefore, there are two feedback paths between the cathodes, one for this purpose and one for high-frequency compensation. Figure 4 shows the response of the amplifier to a step function with different values of  $C_c$ . These range from 0 to 100 µµf, the highest value providing the oscillatory transient. The blank spaces mark intervals of 0.2 microsecond.

Strictly speaking, this type of compensation should be considered applied only to the first stage of Fig. 3A. Compensation for the next stage must be obtained from the following stage, if any. In adjusting the compensating capacitor in Fig. 3A, care should be taken to prevent the frequency response of the following stage from confusing the issue. The question of just what degree of compensation can be obtained has not been answered analytically. It is found in practice, however, that the 3-db-down bandwidth can usually be doubled by this method.

Another method of compensation is shown in Fig. 3C. Here, capacitive feedback is used between the plate of each stage and the grid of the previous stage. This scheme, which can be considered as a negative-capacitance amplifier, has been described before.<sup>1</sup>

Compensation can be applied to a push-pull amplifier by over-neutralization, as shown in Fig. 3D.

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# LOGARITHMIC-SCALE

A direct-current voltmeter developed as an output meter for a standard noise-measuring device has a range of more than two decades. Electrical multiplication and division by addition and subtraction of logarithms and measurements of sound or decaying intensity of a radioactive source are possible

THE LOGARITHMIC direct-current voltmeter circuit to be described was developed as an output meter for a proposed standard noise-measuring instrument. Because of its logarithmic characteristic, it has other possible useful applications.

The principal requirements of a logarithmic voltmeter are: (1) A truly linear relationship between the logarithm of the input and the output over a large range of inputs, (2) stability of response with respect to time and all uncontrollable factors (voltages, bias, electromagnetic and electrostatic pickup), (3) simple construction from readily available standard parts.

#### **Principle of Operation**

In Fig. 1, which is idealized, a hot, very large plane K emits thermal electrons that are collected on a plate P against a retarding potential of E volts. Because of the initial velocities, some of the electrons are able to reach the plate even when the plate has a negative or retarding potential. The number that reach the plate for any retarding potential E depend upon the temperature of the emitter and the distribution of velocities of the emitted electrons. Assuming that the emitted electrons obey the Maxwell-Boltzmann energy distribution, the fraction n/N, of the electrons which are capable of moving against a retarding potential E is given by the Boltzmann equation shown below in which there is the relation  $n/N_{\star} = e^{-E\epsilon/KT}$ (1)

This equation may be written

 $E = - (300 \ KT/e) \ln i + \text{constant} \quad (2)$ 

 $= -(690 \ KT/e) \log i + \text{constant}$  (3) where  $i = n/N_*$  is the current, K is the Boltzmann constant, e is the electronic charge in esu and T is the temperature which is characteristic of the Maxwellian distribution. This equation holds when there is no potential minimum between the two electrodes and when







FIG. 2—Experimental d-c logarithmic voltmeter

the cathodes are perfectly homogeneous.

The principle of operation with the tube employed is based on the fact that the insertion of a resistance in series with the grid, large in comparison with grid-cathode resistance of the tube, will cause the grid-cathode voltage to be negative and hence act as a retarding potential. As the impressed voltage is increased the retarding potential (grid-to-cathode voltage) decreases and bears a logarithmic relation to the impressed voltage. Over the range in which the plate current is linear with the grid-cathode voltage the plate current will be logarithmic with the impressed voltage.

#### **Experimental Circuit**

In Fig. 2 is shown the experimental logarithmic circuit that employs a type 6J5 triode as the logarithm tube. The 6J5 tube was selected after testing several triodes and pentodes since it gave the most satisfactory straight-line characteristics. A normal heater voltage of 6.3 volts was used. The plate current that flows with zero applied voltage was balanced out of the meter by means of an equal and opposite current as shown in the diagram.

In Fig. 3A is shown the relationship of the change in plate current to the logarithm of the input voltage. The linearity of the response is apparent from the graph. The logarithmic relationship exists over

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Rack-mounted logarithmic voltmeter used in CBC laboratory microphone calibrator for measuring the ratio of two microphone responses

a range of 0.5 to 200 volts, or

$$db = 20 \log_{10} \frac{200}{0.5} = 52 db$$

Changing the heater voltage changes the slope of the straight line and therefore it is extremely important that no variation occur in the heater voltage.

The function of the cathode resistor  $R_c$  is to improve the logarithmic characteristic at low-voltage inputs; the circuit being a simple form of current feedback. The voltage fed back is that due to the current through  $R_c$  and is nearly proportional to it if  $R_c$  is much less than  $R_i$ . As the signal current is increased (if only slightly) the fedback voltage increases entirely at the expense of  $E_{sc}$ , which is thus unable to maintain the signal to the tube even at its original level. The tendency for the output current to rise is therefore checked, just as if the tube had a large  $R_p$ . The dashed line B in Fig. 3 shows the resulting curve if  $R_c$  is not used. At higher impressed voltages the effect of the feedback is negligible.

A graph of the relationship between the logarithm of input voltage and the grid-cathode voltage is given in Fig. 4. This graph shows that a logarithmic relationship exists between the two over a range of approximately 40 db which is in accord with the principle of operation of the circuit.

#### **Balanced** Amplifier

The maximum sensitivity obtainable with the vacuum-tube voltmeter is limited by the stability that can be achieved in balancing out the d-c plate current from the meter. This condition results beBy WALTER J. IVES Project Engineer Northern Electric Co. Belleville, Ontario Canada

cause the less the current required for full-scale deflection the more precise must be this balance if the deflection in the absence of a signal is not to drift appreciably from zero.

The chief difficulty in maintaining an accurate zero balance comes as a result of variations in tube voltages, through variations in tube characteristics either through aging or merely as a result of the warming up of the tube. By carefully regulating the power source, including the filament and anode, small voltages may be measured accurately with the vacuum-tube voltmeter. It is also helpful to employ circuit arrangements that are inherently stabilized against changes. A comprehensive balancing system is obtained by using an auxiliary balancing tube to prevent zero drift. This auxiliary tube must have an equivalent amplification factor and plate resistance that are the same as for the voltmeter tube, so that when the two tubes are placed in a bridge circuit, the effect of variations in the supply potential on the zero deflection of the output meter can be balanced out.

Such an arrangement is shown in the circuit of Fig. 5. The bridge circuit consists of a twin triode 6F8G tube with each triode connected in two adjacent arms and two equal resistors in the other adjacent arms. The output from this tube is further amplified by direct-coupled 6F6 tubes connected



FIG. 3—Logarithmic characteristic with resistor (A) and decreased range (B) with resistor omitted

as cathode followers and fed to a milliammeter. A potentiometer at the midpoint of the cathode resistors of the 6F6 tubes enables the balancing out of any residual current for zero deflection on the meter.

The voltage to be measured is applied between grid and ground of one voltmeter tube, while the grid of the other voltmeter tube is directly grounded. With no input voltage, the plates of the two triodes are at the same potential, and no current flows in the indicating meter. With d-c voltage applied to the grid of the voltmeter triode, the plate resistance of this triode is changed and the bridge is unbalanced causing a current to flow in the indicating meter. The heater of the twin triode is common to both cathodes, so that changes in initial velocity of electron emission occurring because of any fluctuations of cathode temperature appear equally in both sides of the bridge circuit, and because they are balanced out, do not appear on the indicating instrument.

In this circuit arrangement the relationship of change in plate current to the logarithm of the input voltage is of the same form as that in Fig. 3A. The logarithmic relationship extends over a range of 0.5 to 200 volts or 52 db as before.

Using a type 5692 RCA red-base twin triode as the logarithm tube results similar to the above were obtained. This tube has some useful features for this type of application. Its rated long life, uniformity, stability and rigidity are



FIG. 4—Retarding potential characteristic of grid-cathode voltage versus input voltage or proportional input current

important features in the design of a noise meter. Used in the balanced circuit, a very small amount of compensation is required in balancing out the initial plate current at zero applied voltage.

#### Ratio Measurement

The circuit arrangement in Fig. 5 may be used for measuring the ratio of two d-c voltages by applying one to the upper half of the circuit and the second one to the lower half. The indicating meter will respond to the difference between the output of the two channels and so is equivalent to the difference of the logarithms or the ratio of the two applied d-c voltages. An indicating meter calibrated in decibels would give direct db readings.

For dealing with rapidly varying currents, it is necessary to take into account the rate at which the tube will follow the variations. It is possible to calculate this ability to follow. If the dynamic resistance Ris defined as the rate of change of voltage with current, then it is inversely proportional to the current.

Differentiating Eq. 2.

$$R = \frac{d(-E)}{d i} = \frac{300 \ KT}{e} \frac{1}{i}$$
(4)

Differentiating Eq. 3

$$\frac{d(-E)}{d\log i} = \frac{690 \ KT}{e} = 0.25$$

(5)

(Slope of Fig. 5)

$$R = \frac{0.25}{2.3 i} = \left(\frac{0.11}{i}\right) \tag{6}$$

Since there is an unavoidable capacitance C associated with the

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logarithmic tube and its circuit, the time constant *RC* becomes

$$RC = \frac{0.11 C}{i}$$

For an assumed capacitance of  $10^{-10}$  farads and a current of  $10^{-4}$  amps,  $RC = 10^{-5}$  seconds. Thus except for extremely rapid current variations or very small currents the logarithmic amplifier will follow.

In a noise meter the detector and the indicating device require extremely careful investigation. Specifications so far set up for such apparatus are definite, but the effectiveness of the devices so specified for measuring noise is questionable. This results in part from the wide variations in the peak values and waveforms of the voltages fed to the device.

A scale on the indicating meter which is logarithmic in character has several advantages over a linear scale. In the first place it fulfills the psychological conditions of Weber's Law and in addition makes the use of fewer attenuator taps possible in the measurement of widely varying amplitudes which are characteristic of some types of noise, with resultant increase in simplicity of construction and use.

Three devices which have been used to accomplish the logarithmic characteristic in a noise meter are 1. Automatic gain-controlled i-f stages using variable-mu tubes; 2. An indicating meter using specially shaped pole pieces; 3. A logarithmic d-c amplifier between the detector and a linear indicating device.

Various writers have shown that the avc circuit used to obtain the logarithmic response has a great influence on the charge and discharge times of the detecting circuit especially for signals for which the ratio of peak to average is large and result in inaccurate indicating meter readings. The logarithmic d-c amplifier described in the preceding paragraphs provides a simple and satisfactory means of obtaining a logarithmic response when coupled to the detector of the noise meter. The charge and discharge times may be readily determined by the circuit values of the detector without the undesirable
effect of automatic volume control.

Since a noise meter is basically a radio receiver, a laboratory NC-200 receiver was modified and adapted for use with the logarithmic d-c amplifier. To utilize fully the logarithmic amplifier, a linear output at the detector of the receiver with a range of 0 to 200 volts d-c is required. In order to approach this range it is necessary to use a complex type of coupling between the second i-f and seconddetector stages. The modified detector and coupling circuit of the NC-200 receiver to which the d-c amplifier has been coupled is shown in Fig. 6. A 6H6 diode detector was chosen because of its simplicity and reliability of performance. Another advantage of its use here is that there is no fixed bias in the load circuit and hence for zero signal there is zero d-c output from the detector. Using this circuit the overall characteristics of the receiver from the r-f input to the output of the logarithmic d-c voltmeter were taken for various r-f gain settings. From these results it has been found that a logarithmic relationship exists over approximately two decades. The range of the voltmeter is not fully utilized due to the overloading of the receiver at high inputs and squarelaw detection taking place at low inputs. However, a range of 40 db is suitable for this application.

#### Functional Details

The range of inputs to the noise meter is in the order of 10 to 100,-000 microvolts and since the meter scale is only useful over a ratio of inputs of about 100 to 1 by virtue of the logarithmic system used, a calibrated attenuator with multiples of 10 and 100 must be used. This attenuator may be of the resistance, capacitance, or mutual inductance type and operated in the i-f amplifier section of the noise meter.

It is desirable that the time constants of the noise meter be determined by the circuit values of the detector rather than by indicating meter constants, because the former are more readily determined and may be held more closely. By making the circuit charge time short and discharge time long in comparison with the indicating meter time constant, this may be accomplished. In considering the mechanism of build-up of voltage to the peak value, it should be borne in mind that noise voltages consist of a series of impulses, the measured voltages reaching essentially peak value after the first few pulses. In the rare case of noise consisting of a single pulse or pulses with a repetition time longer than the discharge time constants of the meter-



FIG. 5-Balanced d-c amplifier with logarithmic amplification over a 52-db range



FIG. 6--Coupling circuit used between receiver and amplifier



FIG. 7-Logarithmic output characteristic of the receiver using the d-c loggrithmic voltmeter at three different r-f gain control settings. A linear range of 40 db for each r-f setting is indicated

ing circuit a value considerably less than the peak would be indicated. However, experience would tend to show that the disturbing effect of such noises on the listener is less than would be indicated by their peak amplitude. From a standpoint of circuit design limitations a charge time constant of the order of 10 milliseconds and a discharge time constant of 600 milliseconds appears to be desirable.

#### **Further Applications**

There are other possible applications for the logarithmic voltmeter. The principle might be used to measure a recording on a logarithmic scale, so that a large range of inputs can be measured with a constant fractional accuracy. It also makes possible electrical multiplication and division by the addition and subtraction of logarithms. The equipment might be particularly valuable in taking the logarithms of such quantities as sound intensity and decaying intensity of a radioactive source, in which the logarithm gives some specially useful property or has some special significance.

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# **High-Frequency**

Determination of input impedances and matching-stub dimensions are simplified by the use of this chart which features straight-line loci instead of curves as in conventional circle diagram and Smith charts. Sample problems are shown

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THE CIRCLE DIAGRAM and the Smith chart<sup>1,2</sup> are convenient methods for solving input impedance and matching-stub problems on high-frequency dissipationless transmission lines. However, by properly manipulating the equations of which these two charts are a plot, a third chart can be developed which has the advantage that in working such problems a straightline locus is followed in the chart, rather than a curved one.

If a given transmission line has a length s, phase shift  $\beta$  radians per unit length, characteristic impedance  $R_c$ , and receiving end impedance  $\overline{Z}_R$ , then the impedance at the sending end is given by the well-known formula

$$\overline{Z}_{s} = R_{e} \frac{1 + \Gamma_{e} i (\psi - 2\beta s)}{1 - \Gamma_{e} i (\psi - 2\beta s)}$$
(1)

where  $\Gamma \varepsilon^{j\psi}$  is called the reflection coefficient of the line and is equal to the ratio of the reflected component to the incident component of voltage at the load. In terms of impedance

$$\Gamma \epsilon^{i\psi} = \frac{\overline{Z}_R - R_c}{\overline{Z}_R + R_c}$$
Letting  $\phi = \psi - 2 \beta s$ 

$$\overline{Z}_s = R_c \frac{1 + \Gamma \epsilon^{i\phi}}{1 - \Gamma \epsilon^{i\phi}}$$
(2)

To achieve a per unit basis, let  $\overline{Z}_s/R_c = r + jx$ . Then Eq. 2 becomes

$$r + jx = \frac{1 + \Gamma \epsilon^{j\phi}}{1 - \Gamma \epsilon^{j\phi}} \tag{3}$$

Thus

$$\Gamma \epsilon^{j} \phi = \frac{r-1+jx}{r+1+jx}$$
(4)

If this last equation is solved by equating magnitudes and equating angles, the following pair of equations are obtained

$$\begin{bmatrix} r - \frac{1+\Gamma^2}{1-\Gamma^2} \end{bmatrix}^2 + x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2\Gamma}{1-\Gamma^2} \end{bmatrix}^2 \quad (5)$$
$$r^2 + (x - \cot\phi)^2 = \csc^2\phi$$

These are equations of circles which when plotted give the circle diagram with families of constant  $\Gamma$ and constant  $\phi$  circles superimposed on the r and x rectangular grid. To include all possible r and x values, however, a diagram infinite in extent is needed.

If Eq. 4 were solved by equating reals and equating imaginaries, the pair of equations that would be obtained are

$$\begin{bmatrix} u - \frac{r}{1+r} \end{bmatrix}^2 + v^2 = \frac{1}{(1+r)^2}$$
(6)  
$$(u - 1)^2 + (v - 1/x)^2 = 1/x^2$$

where  $\Gamma \varepsilon^{j\phi} = u + jv$ . A plot of Eq. 6 gives the resistance and reactance circles on the familiar Smith chart.

However, if Eq. 3 were to be solved for  $\Gamma$  and  $\phi$ , a new chart would result. By rationalizing the denominator in Eq. 3 and simplifying

$$r + jx = \frac{(1 - \Gamma^2) + j2\Gamma\sin\phi}{(1 - \Gamma\cos\phi)^2 + \Gamma^2\sin^2\phi}$$
(7)  
Equating reals  
$$\cos\phi = \frac{r(1 + \Gamma^2) - 1 + \Gamma^2}{2\Gamma r}$$
(8)  
Equating imaginaries  
$$x (1 + \Gamma^2) - 2x\Gamma\cos\phi$$
$$- 2\Gamma\sin\phi = 0$$
(9)

The chart shows Eq. 8 and 9 plotted on a rectangular  $\Gamma - \phi$  grid for constant r and x loci. The curves beginning at the right-hand axis where  $\Gamma = 1$  and curving back to 1,0 are reactance loci, while the resistance loci extend in quasiradial curves from the point 1,0. This chart could also be obtained, of course, by a point-to-point plotting process from the other diagrams.

The chart shows only positive values of x. From Eq. 9 it is seen that if x were chosen negative and  $\phi$  negative, (or  $\phi$  greater than 180 deg), the equation has merely been multiplied through by (-1). Therefore, to complete the chart, a second half-chart could be drawn for negative values of x, with  $\phi$ ranging from 0 to -180 deg, but it would be merely a reflection of the chart shown about the  $\Gamma$  axis, and therefore not necessary, as the following example shows.

EXAMPLE 1. Calculation of input impedance. Let  $R_c = 250$  ohms,  $\overline{Z}_R$ = 500 + j375 ohms, and  $\beta s \pm 50$ deg. Then  $\overline{Z}_R/R_c = 2 + j1.5$  and the chart shows a reflection coefficient of approximately 0.535/30 deg. This corresponds to  $\overline{A}$ below. Now subtract  $2\beta s$  or 100



Partial diagram illustrating use of curve for finding input impedance

# **Transmission Line Chart**



deg from 30 deg, giving -70 deg. We may read the proper value at  $\phi = +70$  deg, keeping in mind that x would be negative in the other half chart.

Thus following the straight  $\Gamma$  line of 0.535 down to zero and back up to *B* or 70 deg, we read 0.77 - j1.1. Therefore,  $\overline{Z_s} = 250 (0.77 - j1.1)$ = 192 - j275 ohms.

EXAMPLE 2. Single-stub impedance matching. If  $R_c = 250$  ohms and  $\overline{Z}_R = 80 - j60$  ohms, then  $R_c/\overline{Z}_R = 2 + j1.5$ . This locates the

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same point as in example 1. Following the constant  $\Gamma$  line downward (corresponding to moving away from the load to zero and then upward, we would reach unit conductance when  $\phi = 63$  deg. Thus  $\beta s =$ (30 deg + 63 deg)/2 = 46.5 deg, or at a distance 46.5 deg/ $\beta$  from the load, the stub should be placed. The susceptance at that point is approximately -1.25 mho, and the point 0, +1.25 corresponds to about 77 deg. Thus the length of a shorted stub at that point should be 2(77)

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deg) or 154 deg and for an open stub, 154 deg -90 deg = 64 deg.

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# **General-Purpose**

Extreme versatility, especially for detailed study of television waveforms, is achieved through use of high-voltage cathode-ray tube, wide-band vertical deflection amplifier, sweep circuit providing a wide range of driven sweep speeds, and a calibrated delay circuit

**P**RECISE MEASUREMENTS of a wide range of time intervals associated with complex electrical or electronic phenomena are possible with the instrument described in this article. Because of the combination of functions available, it should find wide application in the industrial or academic laboratory for general-purpose development and research.

Suitable combinations of fairly well-known circuits provide, basically, a cathode-ray tube operating at a high accelerating potential, a wide-band vertical-deflection amplifier, a horizontal-sweep generator having a wide range of sweep speeds, a precision delay function, and suitable auxiliary functions for flexibility of operation. In addition, special provision is made for television applications where it is often of interest or a necessity to determine the precise voltage-time characteristics of the standard television waveform as it is reproduced by television facilities. In fact, the television application was the prime mover in the development of this instrument, while general-purpose applications were a natural outgrowth of the functions that became available.

The primary objective in the development of the instrument was to devise some means for observing television waveforms in greater detail than is possible with ordinary types. It was also considered important to provide as many of the functions as practicable for

tests of television facilities according to the standards of television broadcasting. The detailed observation of television waveforms or small portions thereof requires a suitable wide-band deflection amplifier. Since operation of fast sweeps at low repetition frequencies was anticipated, the use of a high-voltage cathode-ray tube became a practical necessity to obtain a trace of sufficient brightness under such conditions for either visual observation or photographic recording. Then by adding another control knob or two the available functions could be utilized for more general applications in other fields.

The final result of the development program is the instrument shown in the photograph. The indi-



FIG. 1—Block diagram of general-purpose precision oscilloscope. Section above dashed line comprises indicator unit, while that below shows synchronizing circuits

# **Precision Oscilloscope**

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cator unit and necessary controls are mounted at eye level for convenience of operation and viewing.

#### **General Description**

A complete description of every detail of the performance specifications is beyond the scope of this article. Rather, the more significant features will be pointed out.

As previously mentioned, the basis of the instrument consists of a combination of a high-voltage cathode-ray tube, a wide-band vertical deflection amplifier, a sweep circuit providing a wide range of driven sweep speeds, and a calibrated delay circuit of suitable precision for maximum utility of the instrument. It is of interest to consider the principal features of this combination. Later in this discussion, the auxiliary functions necessary to make this combination of practical use will be outlined. Figure 1 represents the block diagram of the instrument indicating the nature of these functions and shows them in their proper relation.

The block diagram is seen to be divided into two parts by means of a dashed line. Those blocks above the line comprise the circuits of the cathode-ray indicator unit mounted in the upper portion of the rack. The cathode-ray tube itself is thus at a convenient level for observation while standing in front of the equipment or while the operator is seated on a standard laboratory chair.

The lower portion of the block diagram comprises the synchronizing facilities providing for various modes of indicator sweep operation. These circuits are located in the next lower portion of the rack panel space at a convenient level for easy operation of controls. All power supplies are in the lower portion of the rack.

The following discussion considers the indicator and synchronizer units separately as delineated in the



Complete Type 280 oscilloscope. Power supplies are on the bottom, synchronizing circuits in the middle, and the indicator components are mounted on top for convenient eye-level viewing



FIG. 2—Circuit diagram of wide-band vertical amplifier which employs shunt peaking adjusted to minimize transient overshoot and nonlinearity of phase shift

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block diagram shown in Fig. 1.

The cathode-ray tube used in the indicator unit is the type  $5RPA^1$  and is operated at a total accelerating potential of from 7 to 12 kilovolts, two kilovolts of which are applied between cathode and second anode elements. The positive accelerating potential is obtained from a rectified radio-frequency voltage supply whose output is variable from 5 to 10 ky.

Experimental data shows that, aside from limitations imposed by the deflection amplifier, the maximum possible visible writing rate for these conditions, using a P2 screen, for example, is better by a factor of approximately 2.5 to 7 as compared to older tube types operating at maximum ratings of 4,400 volts acceleration. The use of a



FIG. 3—Steady-state response curve for vertical amplifier

cathode-ray tube with a P2 screen is desirable in this equipment, since it has been found to be suitable as an all-purpose screen when operated at such high accelerating potentials. This is because the P2 screen combines long-persistent characteristics for high-speed low repetition - rate phenomena with high light output efficiency as compared with other screen materials. For maximum efficiency in photographic recording, however, a cathode-ray tube having a P11 screen is usually used to obtain maximum advantage of such factors as actinic intensity, film sensitivity and film development techniques<sup>2</sup>.

Operation at even higher acceleration potentials in this equipment is sometimes desirable and even possible as will be pointed out later, but additional sacrifice must then be taken in deflection sensitivity because of the decrease in deflection sensitivity as accelerating potential is increased.

#### Vertical Amplifier

The vertical deflection amplifier used in the indicator unit is a conventional push-pull circuit shown in Fig. 2, utilizing an 829B beam tetrode in the output stage. Preceding the output stage are two push-pull 6AK5 stages and a cathode-follower-driven push-pull 6AG7 stage which drives the 829B.

Shunt peaking is used throughout and adjusted slightly below optimum to minimize transient overshoot and nonlinearity of phase shift over the frequency range covered by this circuit. Phase inversion from unbalanced input is accomplished in the first stage with complete balance accumulated in the remaining stages. The first stage is isolated from the input terminal by a high-impedance stepped attenuator of 100 to 1, 10 to 1 and unity attenuation and a cathode follower. The cathode follower feeds a linear gain control arranged so that an additional attenuation of 10 to 1 is obtained at minimum gain. Input impedance is nominally 2.2 megohms shunted by 25 µµf. As a convenience in television applications, the input impedance may be reduced to 75 ohms by means of a toggle switch to match the standard signal distribution lines in a television system.

The performance of this amplifier is such that the minimum rise time that can be observed is 0.04 to 0.045 microsecond. As shown in Fig. 3, sinusoidal response is attenuated 2 db at 10 mc from 1-mc response. Low-frequency response is such that a 20-cps square wave will have a sawtooth distortion of 10 percent or less. This performance is obtained with a gain of approximately 560, resulting in a deflection factor of 0.1-volt rms per inch of peak-to-peak deflection with a total of 12 kilovolts applied to the cathode-ray tube.

#### Horizontal Sweep

The driven horizontal sweep provides a time base linear to within 5 percent or less over a continuous range of from 15,000 to 1-micro-



FIG. 4—Oscillograms showing (A) test pulse output with 0.2-µsec calibrating signal and (B) transmission line test with differentiated test pulse and calibrating signal

second duration for four or more inches of deflection. This corresponds to a maximum sweep speed of 4 inches per microsecond. The circuit used is known in some circles as the bootstrap sawtooth generator, and with suitable alteration provides a sweep whose speed may be varied practically continuously over the entire range.

The sweep may be initiated, (as shown in the block diagram of Fig. 1) either externally or internally. External initiation is by means of a positive or negative trigger signal applied to terminals on the indicator panel suitably connected into the circuit by a panel switch. Internal initiation is accomplished by means of a triggering signal obtained from the synchronizer unit which in turn may be controlled by the signal applied to the verticaldeflection-amplifier input or a signal applied to an external sync terminal on the synchronizer. The sweep starting-time delay through the vertical deflection amplifier, and consequently the synchronizer circuit, is usually not more than 0.5 microsecond, while starting-time delay for direct external sweep triggering is about 0.1 microsecond or less, depending somewhat on trigger rise time.

The problem of signal delay to allow sufficient sweep starting time was considered in the development of the instrument. Because of the stringent requirements of uniform frequency characteristics over the wide response band of the amplifier, such a delay device proved unavailable at reasonable cost.

#### Synchronizer Unit

The synchronizer unit provides, basically, the function of timing the occurrence of the indicator sweep with respect to a reference time. Essentially two methods of precise timing are available. These consist of a time-calibrating marker oscillator to be described later, and a precision delay circuit delaying the occurrence of the sweep with respect to a reference trigger. This circuit consists of a temperature and linearity-compensated sawtooth generator whose output is compared in amplitude with a regulated d-c voltage<sup>8</sup>. The d-c voltage level is controlled by a 10-turn helical potentiometer having a high degree of linearity. Amplification of the signal resulting from this comparison results in a signal which, when differentiated, is used to trigger the indicator sweep. Two delay ranges are provided; namely 100 and 1,000 microseconds. Time delay between an initiating trigger and the start of the cathode-ray tube sweep is read on a dial controlling the 10-turn potentiometer, and readings are accurate to within plus or minus 0.1 percent full scale. The dial is mounted near the cathoderay tube on the indicator panel for convenience in operation.

To provide versatility in the control of the sweep-timing functions in the synchronizer unit, certain auxiliary features are available and are described in the following paragraphs.

#### Internal Triggering

A trigger generator utilizing a blocking oscillator circuit is provided to operate the circuits of the instrument at repetition rates between 120 and 3,000 pps. This circuit, labelled TRIGGER (AMPLIFIER) GENERATOR in the synchronizer portion of the block diagram, may also be used optionally as a trigger amplifier by suitable switching of

blocking grid bias. It is preceded by a sync amplifier, and phase selector so that the operation of the circuits may be initiated by external signals of either polarity applied to an external sync terminal or through the vertical deflection amplifier. A trigger from this circuit is available at a front panel terminal and may be either undelayed or delayed 25 microseconds with respect to the generator output. This delay provision is intended for use in so called synchroscope applications where the internal trigger generator is used for initiating or synchronizing purposes.

The operation of the calibrated delay circuit is initiated by the output of the trigger generator, whether used as such or as a trigger amplifier. This circuit thus serves to provide the reference trigger for all subsequent time measurements. The use of the delayed-trigger output results in the possibility of observing before and after a subsequent circuit operation as well as to measure the time duration of such operation by suitable adjustment of the calibrated delay.

For purposes of sweep-speed calibration, a sine-wave-gated oscillator is provided which furnishes

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either 10, 1, or 0.2-microsecond intervals in the form of vertical deflections available at any time independently of the normal deflection amplifier input signal. Some care was taken in temperature compensating this circuit to increase its accuracy over long periods. As a result, one-percent accuracy of calibration is obtained.

#### **Television Circuits**

A combination of circuits intended strictly for television applications is provided and is shown on the block diagram (Fig. 1) as CLIPPER, SYNC SEPARATOR, and FIELD and LINE SELECTOR. This combination of circuits, is inserted by means of a sync-selector switch between the sync phase inverter and amplifier and the trigger (amplifier) generator. When the instrument is used in connection with television facilities, either studio or receiving, any one of the 525 horizontal scanning lines of the television raster can be selected for detailed observation in expanded form through the vertical deflection amplifier. Video content of any line may thus be observed and measured in terms of test-pattern resolution, video i-f transient response and





other characteristics not readily displayed by ordinary methods. The exact form of the synchronizing pulses may also be measured to accuracies required by the present Standards of Good Engineering Practice as defined by both the Federal Communications Commission and the RMA.

In this combination of circuits the operations employed to accomplish the function of line selection in terms of the television composite signal consist mainly of clipping off the video portion of the signal; separating out vertical sync; integrating, amplifying, and differentiating it; triggering a delay multivibrator, a blocking oscillator, and another delay multivibrator; and finally applying the differentiated output of the last-mentioned multivibrator to the trigger amplifier described above. Furthermore, in the application of these multivibrator and blocking-oscillator circuits, use is made of the difference between the alternate and interlaced field signals.

Since the line selector delays the sweep trigger in increments of a scanning line, the calibrated delay circuit is utilized to give continuous and smooth delay over the range of one or more lines. To stabilize the final line selector delay multivibrator against jitter inherent in such a circuit, a suitable amount of composite sync is applied to the timing portion of the circuit. This results in a timing error of only 0.02 microsecond or less, allowing full scale expansion of a pulse such as an equalizer through the sweepspeed control without serious conditions of pattern jitter.

#### Marker Pulses

As an auxiliary feature for television applications, a marker pulse is available at an output terminal on the indicator chassis which corresponds to the sweep in time. This pulse is mixed with a television composite signal when applied to the vertical-amplifier input terminal. This can be applied to a television monitor with the pulse serving as a marker to indicate the portion of the television video under observation on the horizontal sweep.

A test pulse is also available at a front panel terminal for use in testing amplifier circuits on a transient basis. This pulse is of approximately 1-microsecond duration and has a rise time of something less than 0.02 microsecond, and it is generated by a well-known circuit consisting of two tetrode thyratrons in tandem with a lumpedconstant delay line to form the pulse in one of the plate circuits. It is available at 75 ohms or less impedance and variable in amplitude up to 20 volts peak and is initiated by a trigger which is delayed approximately 25 microseconds with respect to the reference trigger.

Figure 4A is an oscillogram of this pulse on a sweep of approximately 1.5 microsecond, with Fig. 4B illustrating one of the many uses of this pulse. This particular application is a transmission-line test in which the pulse is differentiated and then applied to the line. The leading-edge pip is about 0.07 microsecond wide at 10-percent amplitude. The results shown here indicate a line short-circuited at the far end because of the negative reflection of the leading edge pip to the right of the differentiated trailing edge. The time between the initial leading edge and the first reflection measured at 10-percent amplitude points can then be measured accurately to determine certain electrical characteristics of the line.

All of the above auxiliary func-



FIG. 6—Voltage waveforms (A) across an electronic photo-flash lamp (15,000μsec sweep) and (B) voltage rise across same lamp with 10-μsec sweep

tions are suitably combined in the instrument by appropriate switching of various stages.

#### Applications

Figure 5 shows the time sequence of circuit operation for the two principal types of application of the instrument.

The top portion of Fig. 5 indicates the timing of the horizontal sweep of the instrument with respect to the configuration of the television synchronizing and video waveform. In this case the sync selector switch in the synchronizer unit sets up a combination of the phase selector; sync amplifier; clipper, sync separator, field and line selector; trigger amplifier (trigger generator operating as a driven blocking oscillator) and calibrated delay.

The sweep calibrator is also optionally available. In effect, the sweep is delayed with respect to a vertical sync pulse and used as a reference point over a range which covers one complete field of the television raster. Either of the interlaced fields may be selected, as previously mentioned, by a circuit which makes use of the halfline difference in time intervals between the last equalizer and first horizontal sync pulse in the two fields. The range of the field selector control is such that at its minimum setting the indicator sweep is triggered at 60 pps, or field frequency; and at intermediate settings the indicator sweep is triggered at 30 pps, or frame frequency. One would expect that at such a low sweep-repetition rate and with the fastest sweep applied to expand a sync pulse (for example, so that only its rise time is displayed), the trace would hardly be visible. However, a trace of sufficient brightness and adequate pattern stability is still obtainable by reason of the high beam-accelerating potential for making photographic recordings. The illustrations shown in this article are reproductions of such photographs. Figure 6B was made at a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -second exposure using an f 3.5 lens in a camera such as the Du Mont Type 271-A.

This method of observation of the television waveform gives im-



FIG. 7—Oscillograms made from the Type 280 oscilloscope. (A) Resolution wedge of a television test pattern, (B) Marker indicator on monitor raster displayed at half speed (marker identifies sweep shown in D), (C) One horizontal scanning interval at input of New York to Washington coax link, (D) Same interval as (C) observed at output end of link, (E) Front porch of horizontal blanking signal (calibrating signal is 1 μsec per cycle), (F) Expanded horizontal sync and equalizer pulses superimposed on a 60-cps sweep as provided by field and line selector controls

mediate and direct information without recourse to auxiliary equipment, tables, or nomographs.

The lower portion of Fig. 5 indicates the time sequence of circuit operation in general-purpose applications. In this case the sync selector bypasses the television circuits so that the phase selector and sync amplifier feed sync into the trigger amplifier which may now be used as either a driven or free-running blocking oscillator to provide the proper trigger voltage required by subsequent circuits depending on the situation in which it is to be used. Thus the trigger generator, while initiating the operation of the sweep circuit, either initiates the operation of external devices or is initiated, or synchronized, by the external device. If operation of the cathode-ray tube sweep is to be dependent on the signal to be observed, only  $0.25\ {\rm inch}\ {\rm of}\ {\rm deflection}$ is needed for stable operation. This corresponds to less than 0.07 volt peak-to-peak of signal.

It is to be noted that operation similar to the ordinary oscillograph is possible since the usual internal and external sync provisions are available. However, the calibrated sweep delay is available when the external sync operation is utilized. This system allows for precision time measurement of phenomena up to 1,000 microseconds after some reference signal.

Thus, with the aid of these facilities plus the sweep calibrator, time measurements can be made of small intervals up to the ultimate resolution of the wide-band vertical amplifier and the fastest sweep available. In terms of writing speed, this turns out to be of the order of 20 inches per microsecond.

The usefulness of the instrument can be extended for some applications by applying higher accelerating potentials to the cathode-ray tube. Suitable insulation is provided so that up to 20 kilovolts may be applied by replacing the standard high-voltage power supply with another unit which has a maximum output of 25 kilovolts. In this instrument the voltage should be limited to 20 kilovolts because of a cathode-ray tube rating of 10 to 1 ratio of postdeflection to predeflection accelerating potentials. The brightness of the trace is increased by about four times by doubling the accelerating potential especially for fast single transient observations. This permits reliable photographic recording.

Figure 6 shows two oscillograms of the operation of an electronic photoflash lamp. In this case the delayed output trigger of the Type 280 is applied to the photoflash lamp circuit to initiate its operation. The timing of the circuit operations in the Type 280 is then in accordance with the lower portion of Fig. 5, so that any portion of the voltage wave appearing across the lamp can be positioned on the trace by means of the sweep delay.

Figure 7 is a group of oscillograms typical of television waveform observation and the timing of the circuits of the Type 280 is in accordance with the upper portion of Fig. 5.

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# SELECTIVITY CALCULATIONS

Equations, nomograph and chart relate 3-db bandwidth to Q, R, L and f for single parallel-tuned circuits, show effect of adding single or double-tuned circuits, and give bandwidth of up to ten cascaded circuits at attenuation levels up to 100 db



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bandwidth by resistance loading,  $Q = R/2\pi f_o L$  (2)

Here R is in ohms,  $f_a$  is in cycles per second, and L is in henrys. For example, if a 0.75-mc bandwidth with a center frequency of 30 mc is to be obtained with a 1-microhenry coil of Q = 60, Eq. 2 gives the shunt resistance due to the coil loss as  $R_1 = 2\pi f_{\pi} LQ_1$ =  $2\pi \times 30 \times 10^{6} \times 10^{-6} \times 60 =$ 11,300 ohms. From Eq. 1, the final Q desired is  $Q = f_o/\Delta f = 30/0.75$ = 40, which corresponds to a final shunt resistance of R = $QR_1/Q_1 = 40 \times 11,300/60 =$ 7,530 ohms. Now, there remains to determine what resistance  $R_2$ paralleled with  $R_1 = 11,300$  ohms produces a shunt resistance R =7,530 ohms. This is calculated by  $R_2 = RR_1/(R_1 - R) = 7.530$  $\times$  11,300/(11,300 - 7,530) = 22,600 ohms, the required load resistor value.

The 3-db bandwidth of the tuned circuit is also calculable from

 $\Delta f = 1/2\pi RC$  (3) where, if R is in ohms and C is in farads,  $\Delta f$  is in cycles per second. In the preceding example,  $f_o = 30$  mc and  $L = 1\mu$ h, requiring that  $C = 28 \ \mu\mu f$ . Then, since R = 7,530 ohms, Eq. 3 gives  $\Delta f = 1/2 \pi \times 7,530 \times 28 \times 10^{-12} = 0.75$  mc. This equation is very useful for bandwidth calculation when the external load resistance is much less than the shunt resistance determined by the coil Q; that is, when the effect of the latter resistance can be disregarded.

The preceding discussion applied only to single circuits of the type shown in Fig. 1. The nomograph has been prepared to facilitate bandwidth calculations for amplifiers having several such tuned circuits, all individual circuits having the same resonant frequency and bandwidth. On the nomograph a straight-edge intersecting the three scales connects corresponding values of number of circuits, 3-db bandwidth of one circuit and 3-db overall bandwidth of the combination. The left-hand scale has two sets of gradations, one for single-tuned circuits and one for double-tuned circuits. This nomograph allows determination of any one of the three quantities if the other two are known or assumed.

*Example 1.* Find the overall bandwidth (at the 3-db response points) of four single-tuned cir-





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cuits, each with a 3-db bandwidth of 1 mc. Connecting 4 on the left-hand markings on scale 1 with 1 mc on scale 2, read 0.42 mc on scale 3.

Example 2. Find the bandwidth of each transformer if five are to be used to obtain a bandwidth of 0.3 mc. Connecting 5 on the right-hand markings on scale 1 with 0.3 mc on scale 3, read 0.34 mc on scale 2.

*Example 3.* Find the number of single-tuned circuits required for an overall bandwidth of 1 mc if each circuit has a 2-mc bandwidth. Connecting 1 mc on scale 3 and 2 mc on scale 2, read approximately three circuits on the left-hand side of scale 1.

#### Other Attenuation Levels

To determine the bandwidth of cascaded circuits at attenuation levels other than 3 db, use of Fig. 2 is helpful. Here is plotted the ratio of the bandwidth at any attenuation on the vertical scale to the bandwidth at the 3-db level; the number of single-tuned circuits n is the parameter. To determine the ratio r for doubletuned circuits, take the square root of r as read from Fig. 2.

For example, to obtain the 80-db bandwidth of five singletuned circuits, read r = 16. If the 3-db bandwidth were 2 mc, then the 80-db bandwidth is  $2 \times 16 = 32$  mc. If the circuits were transformers instead of single-tuned circuits, the 80-db bandwidth would be  $2\sqrt{16} = 8$ mc.

Since the values of r at the 6-db points cannot be accurately read from Fig. 2, it is noted here that for single-tuned circuits the 6-db bandwidth is equal to the 3-db bandwidth multiplied by

$$\sqrt{\frac{4^{1/n}-1}{2^{1}/^{n}-1}}$$

where n is the number of circuits. For double-tuned circuits the radical becomes a fourth root instead of a square root.

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# **TUBES AT WORK**

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#### **Converts Piano to Organ**

NOVEL musical arrangements are now made possible by an electronic converter that attaches to a piano so that it becomes three instruments, a piano, an organ, or a pianoorgan combination.

The conversion of the piano is accomplished by clamping a key

switch frame across the keyboard so that plungers make contact to the keys. Operation of the keys in the normal piano technique then actuates the switches to close the appropriate circuits of organ tone generators connected to an audio amplifier and loudspeaker system



Circuit of multivibrator tone generators, audio amplifier, control panel and vibrato oscillator of the electronic piano-to-organ converter. The block diagram shows the sequence of functions

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The key switch frame fits across the piano keyboard and is held in place by expanding clamps. It contains a bank of 60 contact switches operated by plungers that contact the white and the black keys (1). Mounted in front of the keyboard is the control panel (2) containing selector stops and knee-operated expression control

in an adjacent cabinet.

The sources of all tones are 12 cascade generators. The circuit of one of these is shown in the diagram. Each cascade has five stages of 12AX7 twin triodes. Each cascade supplies the tones for the octavely related notes over the range of the instrument (for example, the C cascade supplies all the C tones and the C# cascade all the C# tones). There is one output from each stage of all cascades, thus providing a tone coverage of 60 notes extending from C1, 65 cycles, through B5, 1,976 cycles.

On each cascade the 12AX7 twin triode nearest the tuning coil is both the master oscillator and a reactance tube. The master oscillator triode is an inductively tuned electron-coupled oscillator having a sawtooth output waveform. The other triode is a reactance tube across the master oscillator tank circuit. Each master oscillator is the highest frequency generator on its cascade, and its output is used for the top octave of the range, C5 to B5.

#### Frequency Dividers

The four remaining tubes on each cascade are simple slave multivibrators, each locking in and oscillating at one-half of the frequency of the one driving it. The master oscillator drives the first multivibrator, which in turn drives the second, and so on, down the line, to produce the five tones, each an octave apart.

If a tube or one of its associated parts should fail, the indication is a

## SOLDERING TIPS

"Soldering Tips" has received many inquiries lately concerning insulated copper wire that can be solder-tinned without stripping or manually removing the insulation before dipping the ends in the solder pot.

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Tone generators and audio amplifier of the Organo are connected to the control elements on the piano by a multiwire cable

drop in pitch of the note concerned. All the lower octavely related notes will also be out of tune.

As the slave multivibrators are capacitively coupled and driven, any change in the tuning of the master oscillator, by moving the tuning coil core, will also tune the multivibrators directly. The reactance triode grid is driven by the output of the vibrato oscillator to frequency modulate the master oscillator, to produce vibrato.

Except for slight differences in the values of some of the components, all 12 cascades are similar.

The control panel that clamps to the front of the piano contains the register, vibrato, and tone-quality selector switches. It also contains the tone-control components and the expression control.

The register selector switches select either the bottom register, C1 through C3, or the upper register, C#3 through B5, by connecting collector bars on the key switches to the tone-quality selector switches.

Following the register selector switches, the notes played pass through the tone selectors, namely principal, horn, and string. From the tone selectors the notes played go to the amplifier input.

The principal tone is obtained by means of an RC filter comprised of an 18,000-ohm resistor and a 0.05  $\mu$ f capacitor, which attenuate the higher-frequency components of the generated sawtooth waveform.

The horn tone is obtained by

passing the generated signal through an LC filter. The filter consists of a 24-henry coil and a  $0.003-\mu f$  capacitor, and is peaked at approximately 600 cycles. The horn is augmented by borrowing some of the principal tone through a 560,-000 and 220,000-ohm resistor.

The string tone is obtained by passing the signal through a very small capacitor shunted by a high resistance. The f string is produced by using a  $50-\mu\mu$ f capacitor and 1-megohm resistor. The p string uses a  $20\mu\mu$ f capacitor and a 2-megohm resistor.

The 8-watt audio amplifier is conventional, using a master volume control after the preamplifier stage and an expression control after the cathode follower.

The vibrato switches select either heavy or light vibrato. The vibrato oscillator is a 6SL7 twin triode, one triode of which is a phase-shift oscillator. Its frequency is determined by the three 220,000-ohm resistors and the three  $0.05-\mu f$  capacitors in the grid circuit. The second triode is a buffer amplifier between the vibrato oscillator triode and the reactance tubes on the cascade generators.

The instrument was developed and produced by engineers of the Lowrey Organ Division of Central Commercial Company of Chicago.

#### VHF Direction Finder For Light Planes

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Schematic diagram of the signal-resolving portion of the Lear direction finder

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#### **Characteristics of Three Transitor Circuits**

PERFORMANCE characteristics of three different amplifier circuits employing transistors were summarized by R. M. Ryder of Bell Telephone Laboratories at an IRE New York Section meeting June 1. 1949. Advantages and drawbacks were cited for the conventional grounded-base arrangement and then for grounded collector and grounded emitter stages. For all three, design factors and performance criteria were expressed in terms of four-terminal networks of general network theory.



FIG. 1—Three transistor circuits. Values are for the type A transistor which has been made in considerable numbers and is now available for experimental use The three possible basic circuit arrangements for transistors are given in Fig. 1. The well-known grounded-base arrangement of Fig. 1A is analogous to a grounded-grid circuit and its characteristics have now been quite thoroughly covered in the literature.

#### Grounded Emitter

The grounded-emitter arrangement of Fig. 1B is analogous to a grounded-cathode tube circuit. The collector is then analogous to the plate and the stage provides a change in signal polarity. The circuit may oscillate or sing if the load  $R_L$  is not large enough, even without feedback, since  $R_{out}$  is negative.

#### Grounded Collector

The grounded-collector arrangement of Fig. 1C is analogous to a cathode follower, and can similarly be used as an impedance transformer. Both input and output impedances may be negative, yet this circuit won't sing if properly terminated. Amplification may be bilateral, with the stage giving, for example, 15-db gain in the forward and 14-db gain in the backward direction. There is no phase change in the forward direction, but a reversal of phase when operated backward. Resistance in the base lead tends toward instability, while resistance in the emitter lead provides greater stability. Under certain conditions, the gain can actually be larger in the backward direction.

#### Cascading

Operation of grounded-base amplifiers in tandem is not favorable as the output impedance is high

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FIG. 2—Top and side views of type A transistor, and schematic symbol used by Bell Labs to represent a transistor

and the input impedance is low. Even with this mismatch between stages, however, a gain of about 5 db per stage can be realized. With transformers between stages for matching, the gain can be brought up to 15 db per stage, which is the full gain of a stage operating alone.

Cascading of grounded-emitter stages is trickier because of stability problems, but gives somewhat higher gain per stage if done properly. A three-stage amplifier has been built giving 55-db gain. Here it is easy to get feedback with resistors.

A grounded emitter followed by a grounded collector gave 16-db overall gain in one test. Here the output electrode is an emitter, a relatively low-current electrode, hence the arrangement overloads easily. Use of the grounded collector backward gives a higher output power level.

#### Bandpass Amplifiers

Transistor bandpass amplifiers may require that the impedance outside the band as well as in it be controlled. The usual vacuum tube practice of allowing impedances to go to the zero outside the band may cause oscillations when the transistor is short-circuit unstable, such as with grounded- emitter arrangements.

#### Noise Problems

Noise in transistor circuits is either a rushing sound or a frying or crackling sound. For circuit



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calculations the noise may be attributed to series voltage generators in the leads. The amount of noise power itself varies inversely with frequency, and depends a great deal on the operating point. Collector voltage is particularly critical as regards noise. With the grounded collector version, the operating point for best noise cannot be used because it gives instability.

The noise figure obtainable with transistors is considerably inferior to that of tubes, but fortunately the noise gradually drops out in transistors as frequency goes up. This characteristic corresponds to that of ordinary contact noise. About 40 percent of the standard type A transistors being made today (Fig. 2) give a frequency response extending beyond 5 mc, with the remainder cutting off at lower frequencies. The noise level so far is too high for most hearing aid work.

Some of the advantages of transistors over tubes are small size, low power drain, complete absence of standby power, instantaneous response when turned on, ruggedness, and low heat production. The last factor is important in computers and telephone repeaters where many amplifying units must be mounted in minimum volume. Not much can be said about life as yet since the transistor was disclosed barely 10,000 hours ago, but life appears to be related closely to choice of operating point. Cost of a transistor is high at present, but should not be excessive when placed in mass production since construction is simple.

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#### **Reflecting Microscope for X-Rays**

AN X-RAY MICROSCOPE has been developed by Paul H. Kirkpatrick, physicist at Stanford University. The instrument is an important contribution to microscopic study, formerly limited to optical and electron microscopes. Dime-sized mirrors form the heart of the device. The x-rays are reflected at grazing angle from one mirror to another set on a horizontal angle. Thus the tendency for an x-ray beam to be absorbed as it strikes at a sharp angle has been overcome. The xray microscope permits greater magnification than the optical enlarger because it uses shorter wavelengths, and, unlike the electron microscope in which specimens must be placed in a vacuum, it permits the study of living subjects. So far, magnifications of 60 diameters have been achieved but greater magnification is expected.



Dr. Kirkpatrick focuses the x-ray image on the fluorescent screen of the eyepiece of his microscope. In operation the eyepiece is replaced by a photographic film. The long tube contains helium

#### Television Receiver Signal-Noise Evaluation

By D. O. NORTH RCA Laboratories Princeton, New Jersey

THE OBJECT OF THIS PAPER is to formulate the relation between input ricture signal strength and signalnoise appearing in the post-detector video circuits. The transformation of electrical quantities into luminance of the viewing screen, and the



FIG. 1—Measurements of noise factor in television receivers require the use of dummy antennas whose impedance duplicates that seen looking into the open end of the feedline from the real antenna

relative acceptability of television pictures as a function of noise content are not discussed.

#### Pre-Detector Considerations

A receiver, tested with a dummy antenna at standard temperature  $T_{*}$  yields a noise factor<sup>1</sup> F. This means that the receiver, when used with this dummy antenna, can be regarded as noise-free. The total noise output is in effect considered to originate in thermal noise of the dummy antenna, whose effective temperature is for this purpose taken to be  $FT_{*}$ , as shown in Fig. 1A.

If the voltage gain from open antenna terminals to the input terminals of the detector be taken as G(f), where for convenience G is assumed to be unity for frequencies lying in the flat portion of the receiver's video filter (Fig. 1B), the total rms noise voltage at the de-(continued on page 156)

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thermal attachment makes the set a fire detector as well. Any ungrounded metal object will serve as an antenna.

#### **Fast Induction Heater**

SHERMAN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS Co., 505 Washington Ave., Belleville 9, N. J. The new ultra-fast 2-kw induction heater uses vacuum capacitors as well as the usual vacuum power tubes. Current in the heating coil is from 100 to 200 amperes, with an operating voltage



of 10 to 20 volts. Heating operation is completed before the heat travels over  $\frac{1}{2}$  in, down the rod. A removable lower panel gives easy access to fuses and an adjustment which will match the entire machine to any single-phase factory line of 200-250 volts.

#### **Field Strength Meter**

CLARKE INSTRUMENT CORP., 910 King St., Silver Spring, Md., has announced a new field strength meter operating in the 200 to 560-kc range and designed particularly for



the communications and industrial heating fields. It makes possible direct reading of field strengths between 10  $\mu$ v and 10 volts per meter.

#### **Coordinate Recording**

AIRBORNE INSTRUMENTS LABORA-TORY, INC., 160 Old Country Road, Mineola, N. Y. Type 373 rectangular coordinate recording system provides, in Cartesian coordinates, an inked plot of voltage, or of the log of voltage, as a function of the



displacement angle of a measured element. Usable chart width corresponds to a voltage range of 10,-000 to 1, or 80 db. The system is used to record voltage as a function of time or an angle. It consists of a selective amplifier, pen and paper servo amplifiers, a power supply and the recorder.

#### Packaged Controllers

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS Co., INC., Hanover, Mass. Type REG-4 is a controller with automatic time-delay reset for color sensitive regis-



tration. The packaged unit can be applied to machines using a correction motor or those employing a solenoid. Type REG-8 is a color sensitive register controller with automatic time delay reset custom built for correction of a web either forwards or backwards.

#### **Light-Weight Geiger Counter**

OMAHA SCIENTIFIC SUPPLY Co., 3601F N. 24th St., Omaha 10, Nebraska, has announced the TX-9 Uranium Bug, a lightweight Geiger counter designed for prospectors and minerologists. Self-contained



except for headphones, it measures  $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 3$  inches, weighs  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pounds and features a new battery-conserving circuit.

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#### Audio Transformers

TRIAD TRANSFORMER MFG. Co., 423 No. Western Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., has announced two new hermetically sealed mounting types for audio transformers (illustrated in comparison with a miniature tube). Type JO is 15/16 in. in diameter, 113/32 in. in height, and weighs 14 ounces; type JOA is 15/16 in. in diameter, 1 25/32 in. high and weighs 1½ ounces. Both are mounted by 2-56 studs on 9/16-in. centers,



and can be designed for a variety of low-level, low-power applications.

#### **Motor Speed Control**

GENERAL R: DIO Co., 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. Type 1700-A Variac speed control was designed for operating a  $\frac{1}{3}$  h-p d-c shunt motor from an a-c line. Constant field voltage is supplied by a dry-disk rectifier, while the armature voltage can be varied by a Variac autotransformer feeding an electronic rectifier. A single box houses both the control and the manual start-stop-reverse switch. Dynamic braking is provided in the stop position. Field voltage can be adjusted in steps to change maxi-



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#### **R-F** Capacitometer

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y. YCL-1 capacitometer is a selfcontained device for measuring capacitance and inductance at radiofrequency. The unit features two



capacitance ranges, with direct reading from 0 to  $1,000\,\mu\mu$ f and by calibration chart up to  $20,000\,\mu\mu$ f. Inductance may be measured by calibration chart in three ranges up to  $10,000\,\mu$ h. In measuring capacitance accuracy is within  $0.5\,\mu\mu$ f  $\pm$ 0.2 percent for the 0 to 1,000 range and within 30  $\mu\mu$ f  $\pm$  0.2 percent for the higher range. Inductance measurements are accurate to within  $\pm$  0.5  $\mu$ h or 0.5 percent, whichever is greater, for all ranges.

#### Miniature Pickup Instruments

FREDRIC FLADER, INC., North Tonawanda, N. Y. A new line of miniature Teleffight pickup instru-

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ments comprises accelerometers (illustrated) and pressure transmitters for industrial use. All employ bonded strain gages as their sensitive element and produce an electrical output varying linearly with the imposed acceleration or pressure. Output can be used for remote indication, recording 01 control purposes. Pressure transmitters are available in ranges up to  $\pm 100$  psi and accelerometers up to  $\pm 500$  g. Frequency response of all instruments ranges between 50 and 500 cps.

#### Mobile Radiotelephone

KAAR ENGINEERING Co., Palo Alto, Calif., has announced a new mobile radiotelephone unit for the 152 to 162-mc band. It features an



instant-heating transmitter which consumes no power from the battery during standby periods and a low-drain receiver which uses only 4 amperes.

#### Midget Relay

COMAR ELECTRIC Co., 3148 N. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago 18, Ill. The new midget relay features compact size and cool-running operation. Overall size is  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. high,  $1\frac{3}{8}$ 

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Students examine antenna and associated circuits on CPS-5 radar antenna tower at Mitchel Field, N.Y.

#### Mobile Radio Network Launched

FORMATION of the first national network of independent radiotelephone stations for mobile service to the general public was recently announced. The new interstate system offers a practical and low-cost means of communication between occupants of automobiles, trucks, buses and other vehicles with offices or homes hundreds of miles distant. It also has important potentialities as an auxiliary communications system in event of national emergency or disaster. Officers of the National Mobile Radio System are Norman W. Medlar of station KEA274, Westchester Mobilfone System, Inc., White Plains, N. Y., president; Terence McCarthy of station KEA234, Telephone Exchange, New York City, vice-president; J. F. Donovan of station W1XNB, Autofone Inc., Springfield, Mass., treasurer; and George di Matteo of station W1-XRK, Secretarial Exchange, Inc., Newton, Mass., secretary. Jeremiah Courtney, Washington, D.C., is

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counsel. Other charter members are: E. J. Higgins of station W1XFF, Berkshire Radio Dispatch, Pittsfield, Mass.; Peter Kroeger of station KEA256, Mobile Radio Dispatch Service, New Brunswick, N. J.; Harold W. Graff of station KEA255, Hempstead, N. Y.; W. G. Evans of station W3XUQ, Rome, N. Y.; Curtis C. Young, Taunton, Mass.; and Tom Smith, Telephone Answering Service, Washington, D. C.

A technical coordinating committee, headed by Peter Kroeger. owner of stations in Trenton and New Brunswick, N. J., has been set up to integrate the communications facilities and practices of member stations of the network to make the most efficient use of the limited number of wavelengths assigned to the public radio services. William S. Halstead, head of Communications Research Corp., New York City, is operational consultant.

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#### MEETINGS

- AUG. 29-SEPT. 1: National Conference of Associated Police Communications Officers, Hotel New Yorker, New York City.
- AUG. 30-SEPT. 1: Fifth Annual Pacific Electronic Exhibit sponsored by the WCEMA and the 1949 IRE western regional convention, Civic Center, San Francisco, Calif.
- SEPT. 12-16: Instrument Society of America National Conference and Exhibit, Municipal Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo.
- SEPT. 15-16: Sixth joint Canadian-U. S. industrial conference of RMA Board of Directors, Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Va.

SEPT. 26-28: National Electronics Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

- SEPT. 27–29: Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Communications Section, Association of American Railroads, Wentworth Hotel, Portsmouth, N. H.
- OCT. 10-14: ASTM 1949 West Coast Meeting, Fairmont Ilotel, San Francisco, Calif.
- Ocr. 17-21: Annual Meeting of the Society for Non-Destructive Testing, Public Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio.
- OCT. 31-Nov. 2: Second annual Conference on Electronic Instrumentation in Nucleonics and Medicine, Hotel Commodore, New York City.
- Nov. 14-18: 23rd NEMA Annual Meeting, Haddon Hall Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

#### New Device Warns Pilots of Blackout Danger

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Miniature electroencephalograph equipment reads a pilot's brainwave to warn him of danger from lack of oxygen. Electrodes attached to the head pick up and interpret the slight pulsations and transmit a signal to the warning box (circle, right) which warns the pilot to adjust his oxygen supply

consciousness is 270 seconds. The new instrument gives warning within 100 seconds of the beginning of oxygen lack, affording the pilot almost three minutes of safety time.

The electrical instrument is a small-scale model electroencephalograph which produces a graphic representation of the electrical waves which go through the brain. Brain-

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waves are transmitted to it by head electrodes and connecting wires. Hypoxia induces changes in the pulsations, which are reflected in the same manner on the graph. When brainwave changes indicate the beginning of hypoxia the electroencephalograph sets off a signal warning the pilot to adjust his oxygen supply.

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FIG. 1—Components comprising the Lear omni-range direction-finding system

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Only the New York to Chicago route is officially commissioned as yet. The useful working distance is 50 to 100 miles of more, depending upon flight altitude. Special aeronautical maps have been prepared, showing each omni-station in the center of a compass rose and giving frequencies and identification signals.

The basic principle of the VOR is the same as that used in what was known as the German Sonne system, except that considerable refinements have been added. Both systems work on the principle of supplying the navigational information as the time difference at the receiving point between a nondirectional signal and one transmitted on a rotating beam from the same transmitter.

The partial circuit diagram of the omni-system is as follows: The transmitter radiates two signals: one unmodulated carrier on a rotating directional pattern, and one reference signal. In a stationary receiver, the rotating pattern produces an amplitude-modulated signal. A broad beam (limacon-shaped pattern) is used. In this way the modulation at the receiver end becomes sinusoidal, and the need for a highly directive transmitting antenna system is eliminated. The speed of rotation is 1,800 rpm which produces a modulation frequency of 30 cps. The reference signal is another 30-cps signal, radiated from a nondirectional antenna, using the same vhf carrier.

To make possible the separation of the signals in the receiver, the reference signal is put on a 9,960cps subcarrier, the method of modulation being f-m with a swing of  $\pm$  480 cps. The subcarrier,



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#### Direction Finding

It is apparent that the phase angle between the two 30-cps signals will be proportional to the geographical azimuth angle. The transmitters are lined up in such a manner that the two 30-cps signals are in phase on the magnetic meridian north of the transmitter. By lining up the transmitters for the magnetic north rather than the true north, an automatic compensation for magnetic variation is achieved.

To minimize errors caused by reflected waves, it is necessary to use horizontally polarized transmission. A V-type antenna, shown with the other components in Fig. 1, is required to offset the directional properties of an ordinary dipole and give satisfactory reception at all azimuth angles. This sweepback arrangement also gives a minimum of air resistance.

The problem to be solved at the receiving end is to translate the received signals into visible course indication. After necessary detection and filtering is accomplished, the final problem becomes one of designing a 360-degree phase meter for 30 cps.

It became apparent that a cathode-ray tube indicator would have



FIG. 2—Cathode-ray tube indicator for direction finder. Circular sweep is the time base and radial pip indicates the bearing to the omni-range station

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advantages, both from the viewpoint of readability and circuit simplicity. Furthermore, practically every conceivable kind of failure of any part of the system is certain to make itself known by distorting the picture in one way or another.

After investigating the utility of different patterns the pattern shown in Fig. 2 was chosen, wherein a circular time base line is produced, upon which a pip indicates the bearing to the omni-station.

The circle is derived from the reference signal simply as a Lissajou pattern on a regular electrostatic deflection type cathode-ray tube. The 30-cps signal, carrying the azimuthal information, is transformed into pulses by using a tube with a radial deflection electrode.

#### System Details

Fig. 3 shows a block diagram of the whole receiving system, including the audio channel. The receiver is permeability tuned, consisting of one stage of r-f, a 12AT7 twintriode mixer, and three stages of 10.7-mc i-f. The whole communication receiver part is placed in the instrument panel, while the signal resolving part and a vibrator-type power supply forms another unit. The audio amplifier part is also used as modulator for the plane's vhf transmitter. The whole system, including oscilloscope, antenna, and cables, weighs only 24 pounds.

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FIG. 3—Block diagram of complete direction-finding system

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signal resolving part of the receiving system is shown at the beginning of this article. The many functions needed to convert the 10-kc f-m signal into a circle on the oscilloscope are performed with only two tubes and a minimum of parts. After a resonant circuit, tuned to 10 kc, and a 6AG5 pentode amplifierlimiter, there is a discriminator in the form of a side-tuned resonant circuit, feeding the diodes of a 6BF6. This simple type of frequency discriminator has been proved to work very satisfactorily. Necessary potentiometers for adjusting voltages so as to produce a circular pattern and for centering of the circle, are omitted in the schematic.

#### Bandwidth

A more serious design problem is encountered in the 30-cps variable phase channel. To obtain a steady indication, it is necessary to build a rather selective 30-cps filter and to avoid all intermodulation. Concerning intermodulation, the most critical point is the detector, which must be virtually distortion-free.

With vhf transmission, waves reflected from the airplane itself also become a source of interference. The main source of interference of this kind is metal propellers. When, for instance, a two-blade propeller approaches 1,800 rpm, the modulation frequency reaches 60 cps. In the presence of some distortion, a new signal with a frequency of approximately 30 cps is formed, which causes beats with the desired signal. Occasionally, noise created by varying contacts in control surface hinges has also been observed.

To minimize ignition noise and propeller modulation interference, the bandwidth of the 30-cps channel of the signal resolving unit should be so narrow as to correspond to the response time desired, say one cps or less. However, to allow for necessary tolerances in signal frequency and receiver components, a total bandwidth of about 3 cps has been found practical. The filtering has been obtained with two stages of gain employing negative feedback through bridged-T units, one being tuned to 29 cps and the other
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The filtering section is followed by two saturated stages producing a square wave. This square wave is differentiated in an R-C circuit. The end tube in this channel is biased beyond cutoff to permit only the positive peaks to pass and make the radial deflection mark on the screen. In this way, a pip with sharp corners at the bottom is produced.

## Runway Localizer

The omni-range receiver, as described, is also fitted for use with the new phase-comparison type runway localizers. These work in a similar way as the traditional 90/150-cps type, but the 90 and 150-cps modulation is replaced with a 30-cps signal and a reference signal, of the same type as in the omnistations.

The 30-cps signal is in phase with the reference on the left side of the runway when approaching the airfield and 180 degrees out of phase on the right side. Consequently, without any changes in the receiving equipment, such a transmitter should produce a straight north or south indication on the scope, depending upon the airplane location with respect to the runway localizer beam. The distance to the correct path is measured by the amplitude of the signal.

With the exception of turning the picture ninety degrees, it is therefore desirable to make it register the size of the 30-cps signal. To do this, the signal is taken out of the last filter stage and fed to the horizontal deflection plates, while the reference signal is retained on the vertical plates. the necessary switching being done by a relay. The picture obtained this way is a vertical line which is inclined to the right or to the left, depending upon whether the craft is on one side of the runway or the other.

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When both are in a positive direction with respect to the anode of the tube, the voltage will be sufficient to ionize the gas and the tube will then conduct current in that one direction. The gasfilled tube may be considered as a switch of zero resistance, and a back emf of about 5 volts. Therefore both the induced current and current from the battery will flow in the circuit.

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BY V. A. SHERIDAN Director British Physical Laboratories Radlett, Herts England

 $\mathbf{T}^{0}$  EMPLOY inductively-coupled circuits in electric wave filters and the like, it is necessary that the value of the self inductance of the inductors and the coefficient of coupling be known. The instrument described here renders this information quickly and with accuracies generally better than 1 percent.

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Two methods for measuring the value of k were considered for use in the instrument. The first, the method which requires a knowledge of the self-inductance values of the two windings and the effective resistance of the two windings connected together in either series aiding or opposing, or parallel aiding or opposing, was discarded because three separate measurements



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FIG. 1—Basic Maxwell bridge circuit used in British L and k bridge

were necessary, and the accuracy for low values of k was bad.

The method used depends on the change in effective inductance of one winding when the other winding is open and short-circuited. Only two separate measurements are necessary, and the accuracy of this system is usually of a high order.

If the effective inductances of the primary winding with the secondary open and short-circuited are  $L_{sc}$  and  $L_{sc}$  respectively, then

$$\begin{split} L_{oc} &= L_p \\ L_{sc} &= L_p - \frac{\omega k^2 L_p L_s}{\omega L_s} \\ k &= \left(1 - \frac{L_{sc}}{L_{oc}}\right)^{1/2} \end{split}$$

The inductance values of  $L_{oc}$  and  $L_{sc}$  may be measured separately on a suitable bridge and the value of k calculated; or on a special bridge, one of the resistance arms may be calibrated directly in values of k.

Consider the Maxwell bridge shown in Fig. 1. With  $R_1$  set at maximum resistance, r = 0, and the transformer secondary open, the bridge is balanced by means of C and  $R_s$ . The secondary is then short circuited and the bridge rebalanced by means of  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , and the change in  $R_1$  will be r. Assuming that the dissipation in the secondary is zero and that no self capacitance is present, the effective primary inductance falls from  $L_p$ to  $L_p$   $(1-k^2)$ . It may then be proved, from the balance equations for each condition, that  $k = r/R_{\rm c}$ ; then k is directly proportional to  $r_{,}$ and  $R_1$  may be calibrated linearly in values of k.

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self capacitance is present. The precise determination of the errors in the measurements of k introduced by these spurious elements is complicated, and it is usually sufficiently accurate to determine separately the errors introduced by these two sources.

The error introduced by dissipation in the secondary depends on the Q of the secondary winding. As a typical example, the error in measurement will be less than 1 percent if the value of Q is greater than 7 at the frequency at which the measurement is made. This source of error tends to give a measured value of k which is lower than the actual value.

Self capacitance in the windings introduces an error which tends to give a value of k which is larger than the actual value, and will be greatest when the measuring frequency is equal to the self-resonant frequency of each winding. For less than 1 percent error as a result of self capacitance, the selfresonant frequency should be at least ten times the measuring frequency.

Errors introduced by interwinding capacitance are usually very small and may be neglected.

# Bridge Circuit

Figure 2 shows the circuit diagram of a complete instrument for the measurement of L and k with accuracies better than 1 percent



FIG. 2—Schematic diagram of bridge for measuring self inductance and inductive coupling coefficient of r-f transformers. Bridge resistors, shown as continuously variable, are actually switched banks of precision resistors

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within the range of the instrument. The instrument is suitable for use with a majority of transformers used at radio frequencies.

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The resistance in the circuit diagram which comprises  $R_{s}$  in the basic circuit of Fig. 1 is continuously variable from 0 to 2.111 meg. The bank of capacitors which replace C of the basic circuit is calibrated directly in units of inductance from 0.9 to 123.4 µh. This inductance range is extended by means of the three-point switch (in the schematic diagram) which selects different values for  $R_{\star}$  (basic circuit) and provides a scale factor of either 1, 100, or 10,000, providing inductance range of 0.9  $\mu h$  to 123.4 h.

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# Measuring Procedure

The transformer under test is connected to the bridge with the L - k switch set to L. For maximum accuracy the k arms should be set to zero during inductance measurements. By proper manipulation of the sensitivity control and the inductance dials, the value of inductance may be read directly. The effective series resistance of this winding may be found by multiplying the ratio of the inductance range multiplying factor to the values indicated by the resistance dials by 5,000.

To measure the coupling coefficient, the L - k switch is turned to k and the bridge rebalanced by means of the resistance dials and the three k dials.

The sensitivity of the bridge is very high and it is not usually necessary to use full sensitivity when making simple inductance measurements. However, when

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measuring small values of inductive coupling the first balance should be as accurate as possible.

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tector input is

 $e^{2}_{n} = \int G^{2}(f) \ \overline{de^{2}} = 4kFT_{o} R_{a} \int G^{2}(f) \ df$  or

$$e_n = \sqrt{4kF T_o R_a \Delta f} \tag{1}$$

where  $\Delta f = \int G^2(f) df = 4.0$  mc by calculation from Fig. 1B.

The noise voltage will still be this amount when a real antenna of the same impedance replaces the dummy, provided the real antenna looks into space which exhibits a noise temperature  $T_o$ . Otherwise one must replace F by

$$F' = F + \frac{1}{L} \left( \frac{T_a}{T_o} - 1 \right) \tag{2}$$

where  $T_a$  is the noise temperature of space and L is the insertion loss of a line connecting the real antenna to the receiver  $(1 < L < \infty)$ .

Suppose an existing signal field is producing, during the synchronizing pulse, an rms voltage  $e_c$  at the open end of the feed-line, as shown in Fig. 1C. If the receiver is properly tuned this carrier will lie halfway down the sloping skirt of the filter, as shown in Fig. 1B. Hence the carrier voltage produced at the detector input will be  $e_c/2$ .

# Post-Detector Considerations

Assuming unity voltage gain from input to output of a linear detector, the peak detector output during synchronizing pulse and in the absence of noise is  $\sqrt{2} e_c/2 =$  $e_c/\sqrt{2}$ . The standard black-white modulation occupies 60 percent of the spread between peak of synchronizing pulse and zero level. Hence, the peak-to-peak video signal is  $0.6 e_c/\sqrt{2}$  and the rms video noise is  $\sqrt{4kF'T_oR_a\Delta f}$ . Now let S be the ratio of peak-to-peak video signal to rms video noise. Then

$$e_c = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{0.6} \, \mathrm{S} \, \sqrt{4kF' T_o R_a \Delta f} \tag{3}$$

which is the formulation sought.

Setting  $k = 1.37 \times 10^{-23}$  joule per degree,  $T_o = 290$  degrees Kelvin,  $\Delta f = 4 \times 10^{\circ} \text{ sec}^{-1}$  we may rewrite Eq. 3 as

$$e_{c}(\mu v) = 10.5 \ S \sqrt{F'} \sqrt{\frac{R_{a}}{300}}$$
 (4a)

 $e_{c} (db \text{ above } 1 \ \mu v) = 20.4 + S (db) +$ 

F' (db) + 10 log  $\frac{R_a}{300}$  (4b)

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4, suppose one wants S = 31.6 (30 db). If F' (power) = 15.9 (12 db) and  $R_a = 300$  ohms, then  $e_c$  must be 1,328  $\mu$ v (62.4 db above 1  $\mu$ v), and half of this or 664  $\mu$ v must appear on the input terminals of the receiver if it happens to be matched to the feeder.

Conversion of  $e_c$  into field strength can be made in straightforward fashion, involving line-loss, impedance transformations and effective length of the antenna. It should particularly be noted that Eq. 4 is valid whether or not the receiver be matched to the antenna feedline; it is important that measurements of F on the bench employ a dummy antenna whose impedance, within the television channel, duplicates that seen looking into the open end of the feedline from the real antenna, because F is a function of this impedance, though usually not a very strong one.

The field intensity expressed in decibels above 1 microvolt per meter is

$$E = 14.8 + S + F' + L + 20 \log\left(\frac{f}{100}\right) - G$$
(5)

where S is the ratio of peak-to-peak video signal to the rms noise in db, F' the noise factor in db, L the transmission line loss in db, G the gain of the antenna relative to halfwave dipole in db, and f the frequency in megacycles.

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# Transit-Time Effects In Television Front-End Design

By H. M. WATTS

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fects of transit-time loading for a grounded-cathode amplifier are as follows:

$$Y_{in} = G_1 + jB_1 + G_\tau \quad . \tag{1}$$

where  $Y_{in}$  is the total input admittance seen by the driving circuit,  $G_1 + jB_1$  is the input admittance of the passive elements of input circuit, and  $G_{\tau}$  is the transit-time loading conductance.

$$G\tau_{eq} = \beta \ G\tau \tag{2}$$

where  $\beta$  is the ratio of equivalent noise temperature of  $G\tau$  to room temperature and  $G\tau_{eq}$  is the equivalent noise conductance of transittime loading.

$$F = 1 + \frac{1}{G_s} [G_1 + G_\tau + R_{eq} (Y_\tau + G_\tau)^2]$$
(3)

where  $G_s$  is the equivalent admittance of the signal source,  $R_{eq}$  is the grid-equivalent noise resistance of the tube excluding transit-time noise,  $Y_T = G_s + G_1 + jB_1$  and Fis the noise figure of the first stage. This noise figure is defined as the ratio of total noise power in the output circuit to the noise power output due to Johnson noise in the signal source admittance.

# Noise Figure

The noise voltage output from a source resistance R is  $E = \sqrt{4KTR\Delta f}$  and the maximum noise power that can be delivered to an equal load resistor R is  $E^2/4R = KT\Delta f$ , so that the available noise power from an input circuit of noise figure F is  $FKT\Delta f$ , and  $\Delta f$  is the effective bandwidth of the receiver, which is 4 mc.

The quantity  $\beta$  has been shown



FIG. 1—Actual input circuit (A) of typical television front end and equivalent circuit (B) showing antenna replaced by a current source of transformed shunt conductance  $G_s$ 

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to be about 5 and the transit-time loading conductance has been shown to vary as the square of frequency for the 6AK5 and the few other tubes which fit transit-time noise theory, so that as frequency increases, induced noise plays an increasingly important role. It will be noted that Eq. 3 has a minimum value, or best noise figure, when  $Y_{T}$ is minimum. A reasonable approximation where the input circuit has a wide band width compared to the overall system is to assume  $B_1 = 0$ , so we will use this approximation in the following work.

If we define  $\rho$  by

$$G_{in} = G_1 + \beta \, G\tau \tag{4}$$

Eq. 3 can be put in the form

$$F = 1 + \frac{G_{in}}{G_s} \left[ \rho + R_{eq} G_{in} \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{G_s}{G_{in}} \right)^2 \right\} \right]$$
(5)

From inspection of Eq. 5, it would appear that there may be a value of  $G_s$  that will minimize F. This has been shown to be the case<sup>3</sup>. The optimum value  $G_s'$  is given by

$$G_{\varepsilon}' = \sqrt{(\rho + R_{eq} G_{in}) \frac{G_{in}}{R_{eq}}}$$
(6)

The corresponding optimum noise figure is

 $F' = 1 + 2 \sqrt{(\rho + R_{eg} G_{in}) R_{eg} G_{in}}$ (7)

The idea of mismatching generator to amplifier in order to optimize F is an excellent one for many purposes, but unfortunately it is somewhat impractical in television receivers because the accompanying signal reflections on the antenna transmission line destroy the picture detail at the picture output. We shall next consider the consequences in degradation of noise figure of matching antenna to receiver and the consequences in antenna lead-in reflections of optimizing noise figure.

# Effect of Matching on Noise

If we match receiver to antenna, the transformation ratio of the input transformer of Fig. 1A is so adjusted that the value of transmission line impedance transformed to transformer output level  $G_s$  is equal to  $G_{in}$ . Then Eq. 5 reduces to

 $F = 1 + \rho + 2 R_{cq} G_{in}$ 

As an example, consider a 6AK5 having  $R_{eq} = 1,350$  ohms operating at a frequency where effectively  $G\tau$ 

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F1950	Push pull 2A3's, 6A5G8s, 300A's, 275A's 6A3's 4Las	5000 ohms	500, 333, 250, 200, 125, 50	20-30000 cyclas	15 44
F1951	Push pull 2A3's, 6A5G81, 100A s.	5000 ohms	30, 20, 15, 10, 7 5, 5, 2, 5, 1.2	20-30000 cyclas	15 04
F1954	Push pull 245, 250, 6V6, 42 or 2A5	8000 ohms	500, 333, 250, 200, 125, 50	20-30000 cyclas	15 -
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F1954	Push pull 245, 250, 6V6, 42 or 2A5	8000 ohms	500, 133, 250, 200, 125, 50	20-30000 cycles	15
F1955	Push pull 245, 250, 6V6, 42 or 2A5	8000 ohms	30, 20, 15, 10, 7 5, 5, 2.5, 1.2	20-30000 <7C145	15 wal
F1958	Push pull 485, 4A6, 53, 4F6, 59, 79, 89 494 Class 8 64 59	10,000 ohms	500, 333, 250, 200, 125, 50	20-30000 cyclet	15 wet
F1959	Push pull 685, 646, 53, 6F6, 59, 79,	10,090 ohms	30, 20, 15, 10, 7 5, 5, 2 5, 1 2	20-30000 cycles	15 wal
F1962	Push pull paratiel 2A3's, 4A5G's,	2500 ohms	500, 333, 250, 200, 125, 50	20-30000 cycles	34 =41
F1963	Push pull parallel 2A3's, 6A5G's,	2500 ohms	30, 20, 15, 10, 7 5, 5, 2.5, 1 2	20-30000 cycles	36 wat
F1966	Push pull 6L6 or	3800 ohms	500, 313, 250, 200, 125, 50	29-30000 cycles	50 wet
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= 0, with  $R_i = 2,850$  ohms so that  $G_{in} = G_i = 350 \times 10^{-6}$  mhos. From Eq. 4,  $\rho = 1$ , and we compute  $R_{eq}$   $G_{in} = 0.472$ , so that F' = 2.67. If on the other hand we let  $G_i = G_{in}$ , we find F = 2.94, so that optimum transformation yields a noise figure smaller in the ratio 1.1 to 1 or 0.4 db better than matched impedances.

For a 6AK5 at 200 mc, G au  $\cong$  $500 \times 10^{-6}$  mhos, so that for a circuit needing only 350 imes 10<sup>-6</sup> mhos of shunt conductance in order to provide sufficient bandwidth we would minimize  $G_1$  in Eq. 1. For an input coil Q of 150 at 200 mc, if tuning capacitance is  $7\mu\mu f$ ,  $G_1 = 60$ imes 10<sup>-6</sup> mhos, so  $G_{in}$  = 560 imes 10<sup>-6</sup> mhos. From Eq. 4,  $\rho = (G_1 + \beta)$  $G\tau$ ) ÷ ( $G_{in}$ ) = 4.4, and we compute  $R_{eq} G_{in} = 0.755$ , so from Eq. 7, F' = 4.95 and from Eq. 8 F = 6.91. Thus the degradation of noise figure due to matching impedances rather than optimizing, for a 6AK5 grounded-cathode amplifier at 200 me, is a factor of 1.39 or approximately 1.4 db.

# Reflections in Transmission Line

The reflection coefficient R of a transmission line can be computed from the relationship

$$R = \frac{Z_o - Z_R}{Z_o + Z_R} \tag{9}$$

where  $Z_{\mu}$  is the characteristic impedance of the line and  $Z_{R}$  the terminating resistor.

From Eq. 6 we find that for the 6AK5 at 200 mc,  $G_{s'} = 1,460 \times 10^{-6}$  mhos, so  $R_{s'} = 685$  ohms. For the same conditions,  $G_{in} = 560 \times 10^{-6}$  mhos so  $R_{in} = 1,790$  ohms. But  $R_{in}$  is  $Z_{R}$  and  $R_{s'}$  is  $Z_{s}$  in Eq. 9 so R = (685 - 1,790)/(685 + 1.790) = -0.446

Most common television receiving antennas match the associated transmission line poorly over a few of the channels, so that a reflection from the receiver end of the transmission line would be re-reflected at the antenna. If we were to have the same mismatch at the antenna as at the receiver in the example above, we would have at the receiver input the desired signal plus an additional wave train of onefourth the amplitude but delayed by the round-trip travel-time of the antenna lead-in.

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over the band as well as the variability of antenna lead-in lengths, the choice between design for best noise figure and best input impedance is assuredly a matter of design judgment.

# Total Noise Voltage

In a previous paper<sup>4</sup> signal-tonoise figures (K) were calculated for various types of commonly used television front-end circuits, such that  $E_s/E_n = KE_{ant}$ . If we wish to compute the total noise voltage that would have to be present at the input of a noiseless receiver in order to provide the same noise output as the receiver under scrutiny, we set  $E_s/E_n = 1$  so that  $KE_{ant}$ = 1. But under this circumstance, the total equivalent noise voltage at the antenna is equal to the signal voltage  $E_{ant}$  so then  $E_n = 1/K$ .

This means that the noise power present in the receiver input is  $E_n^2/R = 10^{-12}/K^2R$  watts, where *R* is the input resistance at the antenna terminals (75 ohms) and the factor  $10^{-12}$  converts the signal to volts. The total Johnson noise power in a matched input resistor was previously shown to be  $KT\Delta f$  (here *K* is Boltzmann's constant, not the *K* mentioned above) which is  $1.65 \times 10^{-14}$  watts for a 4-mc bandwidth.

From the definition of noise figure then,

$$F = \frac{10^{-12}}{1.65 \times 10^{-14} \ K^2 \ R} = \frac{0.808}{K^2}$$

In terms of this formula we can now express the previously-mentioned signal-to-noise figures in terms of noise figures as shown in Table I.

# Transit-Time Effect

The manner of combining the transit-time component of noise factor with the other components is not simple and for the tubes for which  $G_{\tau}$  is known only with poor accuracy it is not worth the trouble. We rewrite Eq. 8 to include  $G_{\tau}$  explicitly,

$$F = 1 + \frac{G_1 + \beta G_{\tau}}{G_1 + G_{\tau}} + 2 R_{sg} \left( G_1 + G_{\tau} \right)$$
(10)

where  $G_1 + G_{\tau}$  is held constant, as long as possible, against increase of  $G_{\tau}$  by decreasing  $G_1$ . It will be noted that as  $G_{\tau}$  increases the second term increases smoothly from 1 to  $\beta$ (which is 5), and the third term

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Table I—Noise Figures for Typical Television Front-End Circuits<sup>4</sup>

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Amp	Mixer	Ratio	db	Gain Cir	cuits		
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6AK5	616	1.17	6.24	0.9*	2		
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6AK5	6J4	4.25	6.28	20.0	2		
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0.14	611.0	3.38	5.29	13.0	2		
014	010	2.98	4.74	4.1*	z		
				8.2**	3		
	Grounde	ed-Grid	Input	Circuit			
6J4	6AK5	6.86	8.36	14.6	1		
6J4	6J6	6.86	8.36	4.6*	1		
				9.2**	$^{2}$		
6J4	6J4	5.36	7.29	9.7	1		
C	athode-	Couple	d Inpu	t Circuit			
6J6	6AK5	4.00	6.02	14.2	2		
6J6	6J6	3.88	5.89	4.5*	2		
				9.0**	3		
6J6	6J4	4.08	6.10	8.9	$\tilde{2}$		
No R-F Circuit							
None	6AK5	7.33	8.65	11.8	1		
None	6J6	3.88	5.85	3.44*	î		
None	6.16	3.51	5.45	6.88**	$\hat{2}$		
None	6J4	14.13	11.5	1.93	ō		
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does not begin to increase until  $G_1$ has reached its minimum value, after which the increase is linear with  $G\tau$ . For the 6AK5 the third term rose from about 1 to about 1.5 as  $G\tau$  rose from 0 to the value at 200 mc. Since  $R_{eq}$  is much smaller in triodes this term is even less significant for the 6J4 and 6J6 over the range of interest.

#### Conclusions

Thus we see in a general way that the effect of inclusion of transittime effect is to add a number about equal to 4 to the noise figure, for the vicinity of the frequency where  $G_{\tau}$  equals the desired value of  $G_{in}$ . If we select from Table 1 the four circuits utilizing the 6AK5 mixer, simply as a basis for comparison, and estimate F by arbitrarily adding the number 4 to each noise figure, we obtain the data shown in Table 2.

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# Table II — Noise Figures for Various R-F Amplifiers Used With 6AK5 Mixers

R-F	Amp.	F = 0	Est. F 200 mc	$ \begin{array}{c} \text{Est. } F \\ \text{db} \end{array} $
6AK5	Gr.	4.2	8.2	9.1
6J4	Cath.	3.4	7.4	8.7
6J4	Gr.	6.9	10.9	10.4
6J6	Cath.	4.0	8.0	9.0
None	Coupl.	7.3	11.3	10.5

than transit-time becomes diminishingly important.

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to five microamperes, using all 1.5volt batteries to a 1.1-volt end point. Batteries must supply one week's operation at eight hours per day, and the overall size and weight of the unit must be held to minimum.

In the preliminary work, comparison was made with several types of low-power, high-voltage supplies, including batteries, multivibrator circuits, r-f oscillators and mechanical vibrators<sup>1</sup>. The choice of the blocking oscillator was made on the basis of the specifications calling for small size and weight.

## Blocking Oscillator Circuit

The circuit consists of a UTC type 0-15 transformer used as a



FIG. 1—Circuit diagram of counter-tube power supply with regulated 900-volt output at 0 to 8 ma. The CVR-900 regulator tube has been assigned RMA type number 5841, and the VX-21 diode is now 5799/ VX-21

blocking oscillator. This transformer was the smallest available with sufficient inductance and turns ratio to provide the necessary output voltage. Design of the transformer is not critical, as satisfactory results may be obtained by using an ordinary output transformer. The 1V5 oscillator tube was selected for its high transconductance. Attempts were made to use the tubes as triodes, but this resulted in somewhat lower output voltage.

The VX-21 rectifier was selected for its extremely low filament power and high inverse peak voltage ratings. It is possible to operate the VX-21 from the same filament battery as the oscillator tube by taking the output from the plate side of the rectifier. This has the advantage of reducing the number of filament batteries and making possible common ground for all batteries. This system was not used in the final design, however, because of the reduced output voltage supply due to loss of the voltage across

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FIG. 2—Curves showing output voltage as functions of load, both regulated and unregulated

the transformer windings in the oscillator grid circuit.

# Corona Voltage Regulator Tube

Regulation is obtained by the use of an R-C filter and corona voltage regulator tube. The corona tube was constructed in a standard subminiature T3 envelope. It was selected in preference to a series of VXR-130's because of the small size requirement and also because preliminary work indicated the possibility of better performance.

Batteries were selected to meet the operating life requirement and for convenience in physical size and shape. The type D cell has a much longer operating life in the VX-21 filament circuit than is required. However, the curves of the unregulated output voltage versus battery voltage (Fig. 3) show that the filament batteries may be used



Photograph of extremely compact coronavoltage-regulated power supply for portable counters

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until the one on the 1V5 filament has reached the end point. At this time, the two filament batteries may be interchanged. By using the curve of unregulated output voltage verses battery voltage, and the battery manufacturer's data sheets, batteries could be selected for any overall operating requirements. Curves of output voltage versus battery voltages are shown in Fig. 2 and 3.

The performance characteristics of the completed unit are as follows: Load limit, 0 to 8 microamperes;



FIG. 3—Curves showing output voltage of counter-tube power supply with respect to the various battery voltages

A-battery voltage limits, 1.5 to 1 volt; B-battery limits,  $67\frac{1}{2}$  to 50 volts; output voltage, 900 volts with 2-percent regulation.

The corona voltage regulator could be made to regulate other output voltages, but if more than 1,200 volts of regulated voltage are required, the oscillator output must be increased by increasing the inductance of the transformer, increasing the turns ratio of the transformer, increasing the B-battery voltage, or by selecting a tube with greater transconductance.

### Reference

(1) A. Thomas, High-Voltage Supplies for G-M Counters, ELECTRONICS, p 100, Dec. 1948.

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TRANSITION of materials like lithium chloride from insulators to conductors at temperatures about 15 to 30 degrees below their fusion points is being used in England for measuring and controlling temperatures of engines and their exhaust ducts. The sensing element is like a coaxial cable with the annular space filled with the temperaturesensitive material. Mixtures of calcium and sodium chloride also work. An a-c voltage is applied between core and sheath, with a solenoid in series to operate an electrohydraulic fuel valve. When the exhaust duct gets too hot, the resulting increased current through the chloride material operates the solenoid valve and reduces fuel flow.

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A DOUBLE DIODE with elastically supported anodes has been developed in England for use as an all-electronic accelerometer. Plate impedance changes with acceleration or deceleration when the tube is clamped to the structure under test. The diodes form adjacent arms of a Wheatstone bridge whose output can be recorded directly with a lowimpedance galvanometer or fed into an amplifier and c-r scope. Advantages are high output, excellent response at low frequencies, low mass, and absence of positioning restrictions.
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in. wide,  $1\frac{1}{5}$  in. long. The unit is available in any combination of switches up to dpdt. Standard contacts are of fine silver, rated up to 5 amperes. Power consumption is 1 to 2 watts.

#### **Microvolt Generator**

THE HICKOK ELECTRICAL INSTRU-MENT Co., 10527 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio. Model 292X microvolt generator covers all a-m, f-m, tele and mobile frequencies.



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contained a-c power, sensitive direct coupling and a complete continuous range from 3 mc to 250 mc in 6 coil ranges. The unit is available wired and tested to order.

#### **Capacitance Checking Unit**

CLIPPARD INSTRUMENT LABORATORY, INC., 1125 Bank St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Model PC-4 capacitance comparator is designed to select, grade and calibrate capacitors of any type within an accuracy of 0.2 percent. It operates from any 110volt a-c outlet. Range is from 10  $\mu\mu$ f to 1,000  $\mu$ f. Three scales on the meter read in ranges of -5 to +5





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#### Selenium Rectifier

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#### Static Voltage Regulator

VICKERS ELECTRIC DIVISION, VICK-ERS INC., 1815 Locust St., St. Louis 3, Mo. The static generator voltage regulator illustrated has a 2,100watt output, an overload rating of 150 percent (4,000 watts) for 30 seconds, and a transient response time of 8 cycles, based on 400 cps.



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#### **Interlocking Relay**

PHILLIPS CONTROL CORP., Joliet, Ill. Series 30500 interlocking relay, consisting of two Type 2 relays, may be furnished to operate on either a-c or d-c. When the lockup relay is energized it automatically locks in mechanically by means of



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a tension spring catch, which holds the armature in the energized position even though the electrical circuit has been opened. When the release relay is energized the lockup relay is automatically released from its mechanically held position.

#### **Recording Assembly**

OFFNER ELECTRONICS INC., 5320 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago 25, Ill. The Dynograph (right) is a direct inkwriting oscillograph which may be used with the type 133 amplifier (center) for direct recording in such applications as seismic pick-



ups, reluctance pickups and tachometers. From a d-c source sensitivity is approximately 150  $\mu$ v per cm. Response time of the pen is less than 1/100 second. Type 133 is a 3-channel amplifier operated from the type 333 a-c power supply.

#### Multi-Installation Tele Antenna Unit

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#### Industrial Rectifier Tube

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#### **Static Converter**

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temperatures. Input is rated at 110 to 120 volts, 380 to 420 cycles, single phase, while the output rating is 300 volts d-c, 0 to 400 ma.

#### **D-C Power Supply**

ELECTRO PRODUCTS LABORATORIES, INC., 549 W. Randolph St., Chicago 6, Ill. Model B d-c power supply includes new type heavy-duty selen-



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ium rectifiers with wide-range variable voltage control, damped voltmeter and ammeter, 8 power tap adjustments and heavy-duty switch. It will deliver from 3 to 9 volts with a rating of 6 volts at 20 amperes continuous and 35 amperes instantaneous from 50 to 60-cycle, 115volt power source. Ripple is less than 3.0 percent.

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application the unit and oscillograph can record as fast as 2,500 db per second.

#### **Tacking Device**

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#### **Phase Meter**

CLARKE INSTRUMENT CORP., 910 King St., Silver Spring, Md. Model 108-C phase meter measures phase relations existing in directional antenna systems. Provision is made



for remote monitoring of the amplitudes of the currents in the several elements of the array. Phase indication is displayed on a meter marked in two-degree intervals.

#### Single-Phone Headset

TELEX, INC., Telex Park, Minneapolis 1, Minn. The Earset is a singlephone headset that slips onto the ear and weighs only  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce. It offers a comfortable listening level with 0.3-mw input and is available for either high or low impedances. The unit comes equipped with a



flexible removable 5-ft cord with a standard phone plug connection. Volume control is optional.

#### Sealed Relays

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Contact ratings can vary from a few milliwatts to several hundred watts; operate times, from 1 to 100 milliseconds; and release times from 5 to 500 milliseconds. An illustrated descriptive circular is available.

#### **Regulated D-C Power Supply**

SORENSON & Co., INC., 375 Fairfield Ave., Stamford, Conn., has added to its line of voltage regulators a B-Nobatron. The new product is designed as a highly stabilized



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#### **50-KW A-M Transmitter**

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP., Box 868, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. Type 50-H-2 is a high-level a-m broadcast transmitter with a nominal power output of 50 kw. It uses 20 operating tubes of seven types. The equipment features a complete supervisory control system, coordinated with a sequential interlock system and with an overload and safety protection system.

#### **Signal Generator**

ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT Co., INC., 276 Newport St., Brooklyn 12, N. Y. Available either as a kit or factorywired and tested, the model 320 signal generator can be used for f-m/a-m alignment and to provide tele-marker frequencies. It features



a Hartley oscillator with a frequency range of 150 kc to 100 mc with fundamentals to 34 mc. A Colpitts type audio oscillator supplies pure 400-cycle sine wave voltage for modulation.

#### **Insulating Transformer**

F. W. LYNCH Co., 149-151 Second St., San Francisco 5, Calif. Model 230 insulating transformer for carrier telephone is a completely

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balanced, one-to-one ratio unit having very low insertion loss and relatively flat response over a wide frequency range. Its 10-kv insulating rating assures maximum surge protection to exposed telephone lines.

#### **Bias Supply Rectifiers**

RADIO RECEPTOR Co., INC., 84 North 9th St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y., has added to its line of seletron rectifiers two new miniature types for bias supply. Numbers 1X1, the cartridge type, is rated at 10-v a-c input and 10-ma d-c output; number 1M1, the plate type, is rated at



25-v a-c input and 100-ma d-c output. For bias use the current drain is usually negligible but the rectifiers may be applied to other half-wave applications within specified limits.

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duction testing, provides a random noise with equal power in equal bands throughout the a-f spectrum and a substantial r-f output if desired. Operated with the type 20-A power supply, it uses one 6C4 and one 6D4 tube and has an a-f output from 0 to 0.2 volt. Range is from 30 to 50,000 cycles in r-f, and 30 to 20,000 cycles in the a-f spectrum.

#### **Miniature Rectifier**

HYTRON RADIO & ELECTRONICS CORP., Salem, Mass. The type 1X2 is a miniature filamentary-type rectifier designed for use in television sets as high-voltage rectifier sup-



plying power to the anode of the c-r tube. Maximum ratings are 15,000 volts inverse peak and one ma d-c load current. General characteristics are given in bulletin 139.

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#### **R**•**F** Bridge

GENERAL RADIO Co., 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass., has available the type 916-AL, an impedance bridge for supersonic and low radio frequencies. The unit covers a nominal frequency range of 50 kc to 5 mc, and can be used at frequencies as low as 15 kc. Resistance range is 0 to 1,000 ohms.



Reactance range at 100 kc is 11,000 ohms. Complete description is given in the March, 1949 issue of the Experimenter.

#### 50-KW H-F Amplifier

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP., P. O. Box 868, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. The Symmetron is available either as a complete 50-kw f-m transmit-

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ter, or an amplifier to convert existing 10-kw f-m transmitters to 50-kw operation. It couples directly from a 10-kw driver to the antenna system with only one stage. The unit uses eight air-cooled, plug-in triodes in a concentric, symmetrical design.

#### **Tin-Plate Counter**

POTTER INSTRUMENT Co., INC., 136-56 Roosevelt Ave., Flushing, N. Y., announces a high-speed predetermined electronic counter for piling tin plate in precise quantities. The counter (for rates up to 60,000 per minute) is composed of two housings, one containing the light



source, and the other, the photocell and output tube. Four tubes per digit are used in the basic circuit and the desired count is selected by dial switches on the front panel.

#### **Tiny Relay**

POTTER & BRUMFIELD, 549 Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill., present the Model SM super-midget relay with windings up to 3400 ohms, permitting operation to 75 volts d-c with minimum sensitivity of 5 ma at 80 mw. Maximum coil dissipation is 1.75 watts at a temperature rise of 83C. Featured is a high resistance to shock and vibration. It is offered either open, dust sealed in





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#### Quartz Tubing

HANOVIA CHEMICAL & MFG. Co., Newark 5, N. J., announces production of precision bore quartz tubing drawn to close tolerances. Tubing is straight in length and dimensioned



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SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., 500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y., has announced glass waveguide windows designed to permit silver soldering, without damage, to microwave systems operating at frequencies ranging from 3,000 to 40,000 mc. Power losses range from 0.02 to 0.1 db. The new windows for frequencies above 3,500 mc will stand pressures up to 65 psi absolute. Dimensional tolerances range



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WESTON ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CORP., 617 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 5, N. J. Model 901 series of a-c and d-c portable instruments have a nonbreakable window on a 51-inch scale and are shielded against external magnetic fields.



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#### Literature\_

Instrumentation Booklets. Reeves Instrument Corp., 215 E. 91st St., New York 28, N. Y., recently published four booklets describing and illustrating (1) standard instrumentation parts and servomechanism components, (2) model VG401 all-purpose self-contained vertical gyro, (3) model RP110 remote positioner, and (4) the electronic analog computer and associated equipment.

Tube & Transformer Bulletins. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. Description, technical data and dimensional outlines are available for the 811-A power-triode and the 203T1 and 203T2 high-reactance filament transformers for use with tube types 5771 and 5786 respectively.

Relay Catalog. Phillips Control Corp., 612 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill. Catalog No. 7 is a well-illustrated treatment of a



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**Components Catalog.** Cambridge Thermionic Corp., 445 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass. Catalog No. 300 is made up of 70 pages subdivided into sections on terminal lugs, terminal boards, swagers, hardware, insulated units, coils and chokes. Each section is introduced by photographs and descriptions of the products, followed by pages of working drawings containing detailed specifications.

Electronic Mechanical Design. College of Engineering, New York University, New York 53, N. Y. A new 4-page reprint entitled "Mechanical Aspects of Electronic Assemblies," for mechanical design specialists when dealing with electronic equipment, is available for ten cents. The text covers shielding techniques, wiring methods, grounding practices, use of subassemblies and mounting of controls.

**Exposure** Photometer Literature. Photovolt Corp., 95 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. The 4-page circular No. 810 and the 22-page technical information bulletin No. 812 on the new exposure photometers for photomicrography and metallography are now available. A fully illustrated description, exposure nomograph and price list are included.

Miniature Selenium Rectifiers. Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., 900 Passaic Ave., East Newark, N. J. Many new circuits for application in television, home receivers, electrical appliances, industrial and other equipment, as well as complete engineering information on miniature selenium rectifiers are contained in a recently published 48-page handbook. Price is twenty-five cents.

Subminiature Tube Data. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. Four new technical bulletins give data, installation and application notes and average plate characteristics for the 1AC5 power pentode,



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**Tube Lifter.** Hytron Radio and Electronics Corp., Salem, Mass. A single-sheet preprint describes and illustrates the stainless steel tube lifter. Directions for use of the tool are also given.

**Cathode-Ray Equipment.** Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc. 1000 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J. Form 760-B is a 16-page booklet treating of industrial c-r tubes and also general-purpose, high-voltage and precision-measurement oscillographs. Specialized c-r equipment, oscillograph-record cameras, auxiliary instruments and accessories are covered.

Electronic Test Instruments. Kay Electric Co., Pine Brook, N. J. A recent folder of catalog sheets includes a complete description and specifications of the Mega-Sweep, Mega-Match, Megalyzer, Mega-Pulser, Mega-Pipper and Mega-Marker instruments for testing wideband circuits. Ordering information is included.

Solderless Terminals. Aircraft-Marine Products, Inc., 1521-78 N. Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa. The Amp-O-Lectric automatic, electrically operated wire terminator is described and illustrated in a four-page folder. Also available is a folder giving catalog numbers, wire ranges and stud sizes for a line of Auto-Crimp terminals.

Tele Tube Complement Chart. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Emporium, Pa., has prepared a reference chart listing total tube complement, viewing tube type and number of tubes by type in 110 television receiver models produced by 44 manufacturers. The data chart is arranged in three pages folded and punched for filing in standard  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  three-ring binder.

Vibration Cushion. Robinson Aviation, Inc., 53 Industrial Ave., Teterboro, N. J. A recent fourpage folder discusses the Vibra-



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**Tube Summary.** Raytheon Mfg. Co., 55 Chapel St., Newton 58, Mass., has published a comprehensive summary of almost 200 special-purpose and power tubes with their essential characteristics, classified and indexed for easy reference. Copies are available free upon request.

**Coil Tube Fasteners.** The Palnut Co., 77 Cordier St., Irvington 11, N. J. Engineering data sheet No. 558 outlines the advantages, construction and application of the newest types of coil tube fasteners. Typical assemblies are shown and full dimensional data given.

Translation Loss Correction. Fairchild Recording Equipment Corp., 154th St. & 7th Ave., Whitestone, N. Y. A single sheet covers the Unit 628 Diameter Equalizer which automatically applies the equalization necessary to compensate for loss in h-f reproduction that occurs at inner diameters while recording at 33¼ rpm. An illustration, technical description and specifications are given.

Industrial Use of Radioisotopes. Arthur D. Little, Inc., Cambridge 42, Mass., has prepared an extensive 13-page bibliography on the industrial uses of radioactive tracers. It contains general background references, a list of survey articles of industrial application and references dealing with specific fields. Copies are available without charge.

Connector Specifications. Cannon Electric Development Co., Catalog Dept., 3209 Humboldt St., Los Angeles 31, Calif., recently issued an Army-Navy connector specifications chart (AN-C-591) with the latest insert arrangements shown in detail at half scale for use by aircraft, radio, communication engineers, designers, maintenance men and purchasing agents. The



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desk chart measures 17 x 22 inches. A full scale chart, 38 x 50 inches, is also available.

Radiation Instruments. The Victoreen Instrument Co., 5806 Hough Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. A recent booklet gives product information, data sheets, and a price sheet on a line of radiation instruments and components. Also included are several reprints of technical articles.

Small Synchronous Motors. Telechron Inc., Ashland, Mass. An eight-page catalog covers a line of timing motors which are instantly and constantly synchronous. Complete technical data and a selection guide chart are included. Typical motor and instrument movement applications are also given.

Television Booster. JFD Mfg. Co., Inc., 6101 16th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N. Y. The Video-Beam, a highdefinition television booster for transforming weak signals into sharp, clear pictures, is described on one side of a sheet (bulletin No. TV10). An illustration and important features of the booster are given.

Transformer Catalog. Standard Transformer Corp., Elston, Kedzie and Addison, Chicago 18, Ill. Over 400 transformers and related components are listed in the 22-page 1949 catalog. Illustrations and dimensional diagrams are included.

Variable-Speed Drive. Metron Instrument Co., 432 Lincoln St., Denver 9, Colorado. Bulletin No. 99 gives a single-sheet description of the type 4A variable-ratio speed changer. Dimensional diagrams, characteristic curves and general specifications are shown.

Kinescope Application Note. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. Recommendations for the support and insulation of the 16AP4 kinescope are covered in AN-140. Masking arrangements, grounding considerations, layout considerations and servicing precautions are also treated.

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plan covering commercial operation in both bands.

The combined schedule calls for the issuance of proposed regulations, after which about 30 days will be allowed for submission of comment or alternative proposals by those interested. A hearing would follow in about two weeks. Within two weeks after the hearing the Commission will hold oral argument, preparatory to a final decision sometime in the fall.

#### **IRE Emporium Seminar**

THE TENTH annual summer seminar of the Emporium, Pa., section of the IRE will be held in that city August 19 and 20, 1949.

Speakers on Aug. 19 will include H. G. Clavier who will discuss carrier power requirements for longdistance communications by microwaves; and Allen A. Barco of RCA Industry Service Laboratories who will treat the problem of television deflection and high-voltage supplies.

On Aug. 20 Michael Landis of Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc., will speak on modern orthicon camera chains in television; and Garrard Montjoy and Henry Appel of Stromberg Carlson Co. will discuss design features for a new television receiver.

George Brunner of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Emporium, Pa., is chairman of the seminar committee.

#### Shortage of Atomic Power Plant Instruments

ENGINEERS working at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y., recently announced at an ASME meeting in San Francisco that operation of the first atomic power plant would probably be limited because of inadequate development of instruments for use in radioactive areas. This inadequate development is due to a lack of instrument testing facilities.

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ating personnel. To do these jobs, detecting devices must meet requirements not found in conventional power plant applications. Such requirements include extreme dependability, remote maintenance, resistance to neutron and gamma radiation, absolute leak tightness and long service.

The atomic power plant now being built by the General Electric Co. at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory is an experimental plant whose purpose is to investigate power production on a practical scale and to investigate breeding (the simultaneous production of new nuclear fuel at a rate greater than the fuel consumption).

#### **Radio Fall Meeting**

THE 1949 Radio Fall Meeting, formerly known as the Rochester Fall Meeting, will be held October 31, November 1 and 2 at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y. It will be sponsored by the engineering department of the RMA for its members and members of the IRE.

Officers of the Fall Meeting Committee, in addition to the chairman, Virgil M. Graham, include: R. W. Ferrell of GE, vice chairman and treasurer; and R. A. Hackbusch of Stromberg-Carlson of Canada, Ltd., secretary.

#### **Television Safety Rules**

As a SAFEGUARD against possible accidents precautionary safety rules for both tv set owners and servicemen were recently outlined by a special RMA committee. Prepared by a committee headed by R. E. Carlson, vice-president of Tung-Sol Lamp Works Inc. of Newark, N. J., the rules emphasize that the cathode-ray tube is not dangerous except when carelessly or improperly handled.

Five basic rules for the television set owner are as follows: (1) Read carefully the manufacturer's manual of instructions and observe all precautions. (2) Avoid tampering with inside equipment of the set in case of trouble; call a reputable serviceman. (3) Members of the family should not be permitted to hover around a serviceman working



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Finally the RMA committee stated that careful investigations by competent radio engineers have shown that ultraviolet rays reputedly emitted by cathode-ray tubes are practically nonexistent.

#### BUSINESS NEWS

ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PUBLISHING Co., INC., New York City, is a new organization which will expand both compilation and publishing activities of the Electronic Engineering Master Index and the Electronic Engineering Patent Index, to include all foreign as well as domestic sources of electronic data. John F. Rider is president of the new organization.

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SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. has formed a new division with headquarters at Seneca Falls, N. Y., to specialize in the design, engineering and production of television viewing tubes.

MARCOP DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE Co., Akron, Ohio, has been incorporated to manufacture and sell electronic equipment.

ACRO SWITCH Co., manufacturer of precision snap-action switches, has moved from Cleveland to 2040 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio.

#### PERSONNEL

IRVING WOLFF, director of the radio tube research laboratory of RCA Laboratories, recently received the Distinguished Public Service Award of the Navy Department, in recognition of his achievements in electronics, especially in the field of radar.



I. Wolff



K. T. Compton

KARL T. COMPTON, chairman of the Research and Development Board of the National Military Establishment and chairman of the corporation of MIT, has been elected a director of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.

FRANK W. CLELLAND, JR., previously associated with the MIT Radiation Laboratory as a staff member of the Kerr group on microwave propagation, was recently appointed a research associate on the electri-

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cal engineering staff of Stanford Research Institute, Stanford, Calif.

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R. J. DIPPY, one of the original team engaged in the development of Gee, has left England's Ministry of Supply where he was senior principal scientific officer to become Controller of Telecommunications (Civil Aviation) for the New Zealand Government.

FRANCIS DUNMORE, inventor of the electric hygrometer and instrumental in the development of the blind landing system and radiosonde, has retired from the National Bureau of Standards after 31 years of research in the Bureau's radio laboratories.

ALLEN B. DU MONT, president of Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc., has been presented with the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering by the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.



A. B. Du Mont E. W. Engstrom

ELMER W. ENGSTROM, vice-president in charge of research for RCA, recently received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from New York University.

J. E. SHEPHERD, engineering director for electron tubes at Sperry Gyroscope Co., was recently announced as the 1949-50 president of the Technical Societies Council of New York, Inc.

WILFRED L. KELLY, formerly equipment engineer for Western Electric Co., has joined the distributor sales department of the Radio Division of Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

HARRY F. DART, office manager of the electronics engineering department of Westinghouse Electric Corp., Bloomfield, N. J., was recently elected chairman of the New

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T. H. Mederos, Jr.

Harold E. Strang

HAROLD E. STRANG, formerly engineering manager of the Affiliated Manufacturing Company Department of General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., has been appointed manager of the Apparatus Department's Meter and Instrument Divisions at Lynn, Mass.

ALFRED C. VIEBRANZ, formerly government sales representative for the Electronics Division of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., at Boston, Mass., has been appointed special representative at Washington, D. C. for Sylvania's Electronics and Radio Divisions and the Central Engineering Laboratories. He will also serve as a technical consultant in all phases of government relations.

RALPH A. LAMM, previously associated with MIT as a staff member, and on the staff of the National Bureau of Standards since 1947, has been appointed chief of the Bureau's Missile Engineering Section, where he will direct guided missile engineering.

EDWIN A. SPEAKMAN, recipient of the Meritorious Civilian Service Award from the Navy for his work in radar, and branch head of the radio countermeasures section of Naval Research Laboratory since 1945, has been appointed executive director of the committee on electronics, Research and Development Board, National Military Establishment.





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### **NEW BOOKS**

#### Invention and Innovation In the Radio Industry

BY W. RUPERT MACLAURIN, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1949, 304 pages, \$6.00.

FOR ANYONE who has been in the radio industry twenty or more years and has an interest in who did what and when, this is a most absorbing and instructive monograph. And for those newcomers who unfortunately did not exist during the good old days of radio and thus missed the great excitement, the great thrill of the pioneer, something of the feelings shared by the old timers can be secured from Professor Maclaurin's book.

The author uses the radio industry as a typical American product to get answers to such questions as why has the United States been largely dependent on older European countries for fundamental scientific development in many fields? Why, in this country, are some industries more successful and quicker than others in adapting scientific advances to practical application? Are there ways we can speed up the interval between research and application? What is the role to be played by the entrepeneur, the lone attic inventor, the realistic business man, by the patent system, by the large corporation—by all of the individual entities and aggregations of entities that make up our technico-business structures?

All the old boys of radio are in this book-Marconi, Fessenden, de Forest, Lodge, Pupin, Hazeltineand the interrelations and interdependencies among them are clearly brought out. In reading of these early days one begins to see why one succeeded where another failed-Marconi and Fessenden for example. One gets a glimpse of the important place to be played by men like Sarnoff and Owen D. Young. One finds out the fact, though perhaps not the reason thereof, that the most successful companies have been dominated by strong personalities who were not technical men, but rather were innovators whose interests and skills were in commercial practice rather than in

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The book is unhesitatingly recommended to all those who would like, if possible, to recapture the feeling of the early days and to those who would like to know first-hand what it is that the old timers share when they get together. It is a book for technical men as well as those who exploit technical advances.—K. H.

#### Ultrasonics

BY BENSON CARLIN, Hillyer Instrument Company. McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, 1949, 270 pages, \$5.00.

ULTRASONICS, or supersonics as most of us have been calling it, is a new science. It is so new and so intriguing in some of its aspects that publicity releases on its wonders and peculiarities have been much more frequent, voluminous and available than engineering facts.

Also, it is a field in which much experimental work on ultrasonic effects and suggested applications has been carried on, but there is a dearth of useful basic data based on reported experiments. This condition may be due in part, as the author points out, to the fact that much of the real scientific work was done and published abroad and at an early date.

Thus, the author faced a most difficult task in writing a book for readers with an engineering viewpoint. There are chapters devoted to piezoelectric crystal and magnetostriction generators as well as continuous and pulsed systems. The author has been active in the use of ultrasonics for detection of flaws IF you have a relay problem requiring low cost, small size and dependable performance...



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in materials and this application is the one most thoroughly covered in the book. In general, however, definite, thorough information on specific topics is not given and, in many cases, is probably not available. Many engineers will be disappointed with the meager engineering facts and data presented.

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The book is well illustrated with drawings and diagrams. If this book prompts some engineers to obtain and publish more useful fundamental data on the subject of ultrasonics, particularly as regards properties of materials, it will have served a valuable purpose.—W. C. WHITE, General Electric Co.

## Fundamentals of Electric Waves

#### BY H. H. SKILLING. John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, N. Y., Second Edition, 1948, 245 pages, \$4.00.

FOLLOWING the wartime emphasis on meter and centimeter-wave apparatus, there is a continued demand for engineers familiar with the properties of short radio waves. The second edition of this wellknown little book represents some amplification and extension of the previous edition; but it is unfortunate that the extension was not carried much further. Professor Skilling says he has found the book most effective as a text for seniors in electrical engineering, who (this reviewer judges) are expected to have no knowledge of vector analysis of electromagnetic theory beyond elementary physics. Consequently, it begins by explaining the minimum essentials of vector analysis and describes briefly the fundamental experiments which serve as the basis for Maxwell's equations, which appear as such in about the the middle of the book. There follows the customary discussion of plane waves, the Poynting vector, reflection from plane surfaces, and finally all-too-brief chapters on radiation from simple antennas, transmission lines and waveguides, and the ionosphere. There are problems at the end of each chapter; but, if the student follows the author's suggestion to solve one or two each day, he will neither be overburdened nor greatly edified.

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book is the emphasis on physical reasoning rather than on mathematical manipulation or deductions. The explanations of such ideas as the meaning of curl, gradient, and group velocity (illustrated by waves on a hurrying caterpillar) are homely but clear and well suited to the intended audience. The general level of the discussion does not go much beyond these elementary expositions, however, and will leave the above-average student unsatisfied as to the mechanism and significance of such phenomena as energy storage in the electromagnetic field and dielectric and mag-These and netic polarization. numerous other fundamentals are passed over hurriedly in order to arrive at wave phenomena as soon as possible.

A change incorporated in the second edition that will be welcome to most engineers is the complete switch to the mks (Giorgi) system of units. There is the usual table for conversion to other systems, and the other systems are mentioned briefly, but there is no discussion of the physical significance of dimensions of units. It is unfortunate that this revision did not correct errors such as those concerning phase shift on reflection and the operation of a shielded loop antenna. There are also numerous statements that could have been made more precise without loss of clarity or forcefulness.

This book should be suitable for the student (or engineer) who desires a very readable elementary discussion of the physical ideas leading to electromagnetic wave theory and a speaking acquaintance with the transmission properties of waves, but the person intending to use such knowledge for research purposes will require considerably more elaboration on fundamental matters as well as on applications. -DONALD E. KERR.

#### **Components Handbook**

EDITED BY JOHN F. BLACKBURN. Vol. 17 of MIT Radiation Laboratory Se-ries. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1949, 626 pages, \$8.00.

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oughly in this volume, and several important classes of these components have been left out. As a result, many will consider this the least useful of all the books in the MIT series. Nevertheless, for the components that are covered, the data given is largely unpublished before and should prove useful to engineers and research workers alike in these particular specialized fields.

The fourteen chapters cover wires and cables, fixed composition resistors, fixed wire-wound and miscellaneous resistors, iron-core inductors, piezoelectric devices, electromagnetic delay lines, supersonic delay lines, potentiometers, special variable condensers, rotary inductors, instrument motors and tachometers, power supplies, relays and related devices, and receiving tubes. The most serious omissions, according to the editor, are the projected chapters on fixed condensers, aircore inductors and mechanical components. Termination of the Office of Publications is the reason given for the incompleteness of coverage.—J. M.

#### **Books Received for Review**

INTRODUCTORY RADIO THEORY AND SERVICING. By H. J. Hicks, radio and science instructor, Central High School. St. Louis, Missouri. McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, '1949, second edition, 393 pages, \$3.20. E pecially de-signed for beginning high-sc.ool classes in radio. Requires no previous knowledge of radio, electricity or magnetis.n. Theory is introduced at points where it can be im-mediately applied. Learn-by-doing methods are stressed, along with the how and why of radio servicing problems. Includes topics for discussion at end of each chap-ter. A complete teachers' manual is avail-able. able.

MODERN OPERATIONAL CALCULUS WITH APPLICATIONS IN TECHNICAL MATHEMATICS. By N. W. McLachlan. MacMillan and Co., Ltd., Loridon, 1948, 218 pages, \$5.00. Introduction to modern operational calculus based on the Laplace transform. Though intended primarily for post-graduate engineers and technologists, the purely mathematical path is designed to be useful to advanced u

FOUNDATIONS OF NUCLIAR PHYSI. ICS. Compiled Robert T. Beyer, Assistant Professor of Physics, Brown University. Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1949, 272 pages, \$2.95. Facsimiles of thirteen fundamental studies as they were orig-inally reported in various American and foreign scientific journals by leaders in the idea of atomic research. Bibliography of over 120 pages of nuclear physics references, listed according to subject mat-ter, is included. Among thirteen papers presented are works by Fermi. arie and Joliot. Hideki Yukawa's pape "On the Interaction of Elementary Par', is re-produced from the Proceedings of the Physico-Mathematical Society of Japan.



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> S. PAKSWER Chief Engineer, Continental Electric Co., Geneva, Illinois

### F-M vs A-M

DEAR SIRS:

CONCERNING the two-part paper, "A-M and Narrow Band F-M in UHF Communication", which you published in February and March of this year, the conditions chosen by Mr. Toth were in my opinion somewhat unfavorable for f-m, so that the first sentence in the summary, "A-m is preferable to f-m for certain highly mobile conditions of operation owing to better weak-signal performance . . .", holds only for the conditions described in the paper.

In the first place Mr. Toth states, that for reasons of frequency stability the bandwidth chosen was 125 kc, and in this way he arrives at the results given in Fig. 5, 6 and 7. As Mr. Toth remarked, the ratio detector alone does not limit perfectly, so that adding a limiting device (see Fig. 16) gives a better signal-to-noise ratio.

Correcting Fig. 5A with the values from Fig. 16 gives Fig. A (this letter) where the a-m/f-m cross over point is shifted from + 20 db to + 10 db, and it remains to be seen if, when one has to make a decision to use a-m or f-m, one would not choose f-m, because of its generally better signal-to-noise take the loss in signal-tor:

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