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five at one time instead of two." (Switch parts.) "Spindle speed increased from 924 to 1161 RPM and feed from .0065" to .0105" per spindle revolution. This resulted in a decrease in the time required to produce the part from .0063 hours to .0036 hours. Material was capable of faster machine speeds but machine was turning over at its maximum. Chips cleared tools freely, operator did not have to remove by hand." (Disconnect studs.)

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SPECIFICATIONS

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Connections: Special Type "N" fittings designed for minimum VSWR.

Residual VSWR: 1.04 or better.

Slope: Negligible.

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SPECIFICATIONS

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BRADLEY RECTIFIER SOLVES DEMODULATING DIFFICULTY

Collins Radio Company, in its 51R-2 aircraft receiver, uses a Bradley hermetically sealed vacuum-processed selenium rectifier for demodulating an FM signal which provides navigation information in the newly developed omni-range system.

"We were," says Collins, "at one time having considerable trouble in this circuit. Your rectifiers remedied this situation completely. They have contributed a great deal in enabling us to obtain the required performance in our 51R-2 receiver. "The characteristics of the rectifier are retained even under the extreme variation of temperatures stipulated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration in testing suitability for use in scheduled airlines service."

Through its exclusive vacuum process, Bradley has solved the problem of producing selenium and copper oxide rectifiers that are uniform and consistently true to rating. For improved power conversion in your product, consult Bradley engineers. They can help you obtain the right rectifier for your application.



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SPECIFICATION DATA

- Reverse current at 150 volts DC 15 microamperes maximum at plus 72° C, to minus 50° C.
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A Photographic Record of Oscilloscope images in <u>One Minute</u>

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By observing the trace through the viewing port, the operator can record repetitive phenomena as he wishes. Transients are recorded by "bulb" or "time" exposure. The tube face is so well shielded that records can be made in bright light.

Designed for easy installation on any standard 5-inch oscilloscope, the new Fairchild-Polaroid Camera consists of a scope adaptor, a light-light hood with viewing port, and a Polaroid-Land Camera body.

A specially designed f/2.8 lens with a between-the-lens shutter makes possible sharp, fully exposed photos. A two-position shift device moves the camera to permit two exposures on one print. The whole assembly is lightweight and easy-to-handle.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

Image Orthicons and associated apparatus are expensive to maintain. So many television stations rehearse shows with the cameras dead, a practice that prohibits monitoring and later permits visual fluffs to get on the air.

Some of the new closed-circuit industrial television systems (about which you will hear more from us in the months ahead) are relatively inexpensive to own and operate, so we suspect that they may soon come into use in tv studios for rehearsals.

Black Gupp of some kind has been sprayed on the face of some clear-glass television picture tubes to clear out stock in view of competition from black-face types. Also, there are rumors of possible price reductions on round-tube types in anticipation of increased popularity for the rectangular variety.

Both trends will bear watching.

Upping of television users from small screens to large screens is already underway in certain markets. Replacement business is already with us.

Cryptic Statement to stockholders by Harry Cohn of Columbia Pictures Corporation reads as follows: "In the event a point is reached where television should fit into our operations on a basis we deem desirable, we will be in a position to take advantage of any change."

Experienced as we are in the coining of neat phrases, we doubt if we could have done better ourselves, and further details from Hollywood are awaited with the keenest interest.

Police Vehicles licensed to use radio transmitters total approximately 40,000, according to General Electric. Approximately 13,-000 cars are yet to be licensed and these will have equipment in operation within three years if the rate of growth continues as in the past few years. G. E. estimates that police departments will spend \$5,450,000 on radio equipment in 1950.

Receiver Sales by licensees during 1949 totalled 13,237,098, worth \$823,395,645. Here's the way the total broke down:

Type	Units	Dollars
Electric		
Table (under \$12.50 billing price) Table (over \$12.50 bill-	2,149,469	\$22,434,688
A-M A-M/F-M F-M (including con-	$1,540,558 \\ 341,214$	27,972,101 10,561,344
verters)	36,650	1,043,125
A-M.: A-M/F-M Table-Badio-Phonos	$13,922 \\ 16,431$	$rac{606,062}{1,335,382}$
A-M. A-M/F-M Console-Badio-Phonos	$360,229 \\ 16,700$	$12,516,360 \\ 879,015$
A-M. A-M/F-M.	$146,717 \\ 439,910$	10,929,486 49,863,573
Battery		
Portable A-C/D-C Table Consoles	$1,334,222 \\ 89,175 \\ 1,064$	24,066,858 1.663,580 98,103
.1 uto	3,389,168	100,351,280
Television		
Converters Radio Table Models Radio Consoles	$\begin{smallmatrix}&1,860\\1,629,450\end{smallmatrix}$	$519,654 \\ 251,815,187$
Direct Viewing Projection Radio Phones	$917,342 \\ 12,702$	194,406,965 4,981,847
Direct Viewing Projection	321,416 902	$94,361,547 \\521,741$
Phonographs		
Phono only With radio attachment.	$383,791 \\ 33,468$	7,346,550 348,430
Without Cabinets		
A-M A-M/F-M Television	18,968 16,344 25,426	429,216 860,555 3 482 996

CAA has just awarded the largest contract in its history, for 450 distance - measuring - equipment ground stations, to Hazeltine Electronics. Price: \$4,210,750. Delivery: November 1950 for the first unit, five more in March 1951 and 40 per month by June 1951.

The contract represents part of CAA's billion-dollar, fifteen-year air navigation equipment program.

All 84,000 Amateurs are not using the band on which you operate. It only seems that way.

Brazil is modernizing its communications system. First step in the program is the placing of a contract with Byington & Company for \$1,500,000 worth of telegraph lines and associated facilities. Byington has retained Stand-





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TERMINALS ILLUSTRATED: 104SW, Left, 105SW, Right. Miniature—Straight Wire—Single—Glass-to-Steel Hermetic Terminals.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

(continued)

ard Electrica, S. A. (an associate of IT&T) as a consultant.

Machine-Tool Programming by automatic electronic means must provide the absolute maximum of flexibility, says R. N. Eck of Cutler-Hammer. The time required to set up the program, and the time required to change from one program to another, is of the utmost importance to industry, he points out.

As Near As We Can Tell, induction heating is about four times as big a business as dielectric heating dollarwise at the present time. The gap will, however, be substantially narrowed in the next few years.

Speaking Of R-F Heating, the FCC regulations make the user responsible for interference but we note in our travels that when equipment kicks up a fuss among other services the manufacturer is almost invariably called in to fix it.

European Countries receiving ECA assistance are rapidly improving their ability to deliver electronic apparatus. Here, according to McGraw-Hill World News correspondents, is the picture overseas:

Country	Commodity	Delivery
Austria	Radios and parts Telephone accessories Telephone-telegraph stations Tubes	Immediate 3-6 months 1 year 3-6 months
Belgium	Radios and parts Teleptone accessories Teleptone accessories Teleptone exchanges Teleptone switchboards Teleptinters Teleptint exchanges	Immediate 1 year 1-6 weeks 1 year 3-8 months 2-3 months 1 year
Denmark /	Measuring instruments Radio equipment (f-m) Telegraph accessories (auto- matic) Telephone parts	1-2 months 4-6 months 3-4 months 2-8 months
England	Radio, tv and electronic apparatus Tubes (general) Tubes (cathode-ray)	Immediate — 18 months Immediate 3-6 months
France	Capacitors (radio) Radios Speakers Telephone equipment (carrier) Telephone exchanges Telephone switchboards Tubes	1 month Immediate 3 months 6-12 months 1-2 years 3-12 months Immediate
Germany	Radios Recorders (magnetic tape) Teleprint exchanges (manual) Teleprint exchanges (automatic) Teleprinters	1-3 months 1-4 months 3-9 months 3-6 months 6-9 months Immediate - 3 months

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SHOCK AND VIBRATION NEWS

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A New Subdepartment, Shop Shortcuts, made its bow in ELEC-TRONICS last month, and the second installment appears on p 184 of this issue. It was started on the theory that there is more to our business than just circuits: many subscribers are interested in the mechanics of laying out, producing and testing electronic apparatus.

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DOTS . . . As this is written, Peter Goldmark has just reported to the FCC the successful application of dot-interlace to the CBS system of color television. We refrain from taking sides in the color-tv question while the matter is "in the courts". But we see no reason for refraining from expressing pleasure over the fact that the ingenious dot method, which improves resolution nearly two to one without increasing the bandwidth, has now been applied to two of the three contesting color systems, those proposed by RCA and CBS. All of which serves as justification for rereading Wilson Boothroyd's two-part article on dot television systems which appeared in the December 1949 and January 1950 issues of this magazine.

It is dangerous to take a stand on technical issues while they are still in a state of rapid flux. But synchronized time-multiplex transmission (the dot method) is so powerful a tool, has such a far reaching effect on spectrum economy, that we feel a voice should be raised. So here goes: No system of television, whether in color or in black-and-white, should henceforth be introduced to the public unless dot-interlace is employed. Moreover, dot-interlace should be introduced as soon as possible to the 525line black-and-white system now standard in this country. Dot-interlace could be introduced without

impairing the performance of, and without requiring any change in, any existing receiver, and it would make possible substantially improved performance in receivers of the future.

Any sweeping recommendation on television standards these days is an invitation to a storm of protest, if obsolescence is to be hastened by the proposed change. But dotinterlace by time multiplex can be introduced without obsolescence of any equipment.

Any bugs in this proposal are certain to be called to our attention, pronto. If they come to light we'll pass them on.

►KUDOS ... The exploration of the moon's sub-surface temperature by microwaves (*Crosstalk*, January) has been mentioned by Harlow Shapley as among the ten astronomical events of the year 1949. Dr. Salisbury has promised us a paper on the subject, soon's he get's around to it.

► SILK . . . We are continually amazed at the full circles through which electronic developments ultimately travel. First case: the connection between electricity and light was discovered by the British telegrapher May, who discovered the photoconductive property of selenium in 1873. Now in 1950 comes the vidicon (p 70), most sensitive of all television camera tubes, and what does it turn out to be? A photoconductive cell, and a selenium cell at that. Second case: The first recorded instance of manmade static electricity, according to the Greek records, was that produced when silk was rubbed on amber. Three milleniums later, A. D. 1950, we learn that a new source of interference to television reception has been isolated after an exhaustive search. According to "Free Grid" of Wireless World, a momentary snow storm on the tv screen has been found to accompany the nearby, rapid removal of silk or nylon hose. A phenomenon, indeed! The surprising thing is that the interference was ever noticed, under the now-identified circumstances.

► DEPTS . . . Conversation with subscribers in half-a-dozen cities leads us to believe that quite a few have not yet discovered the department *Business Briefs* appearing immediately ahead of this page. If you are one of those that have overlooked it, we urge you to read this department that briefs facts and figures of interest to men who design, produce and sell electronic equipment.

Two other departments have apparently suffered because of their position, rather than any lack of reader interest, *New Books* and *Backtalk*. We've given them a break this month by starting them off with a full page immediately after the other departments.

ELECTRONIC MACHINES for Business Use

A machine that satisfactorily solves differential equations will not necessarily perform every-day clerical work. The circuit principles are applicable, but much engineering must be done before the office-equipment market can be tapped

BUSINESSMEN, as well as mathepossibilities of electronic computation. What they see, primarily, are payroll savings. Of secondary importance, they see the possibility of securing additional facts about their businesses.

When a businessman reads in the newspapers about a machine that will do in thirty minutes what it would take thirty people a month or more to do manually, he naturally asks, "When can I get one of these machines!" He may not think to ask whether or not the machine will actually do the particular clerical jobs that have to be done in his office. He is likely to assume that any machine that will solve difficult mathematical problems will do ordinary clerical work with ease.

This assumption is understandable. The principles of electronic computation are applicable to much of the clerical work encountered in business. Automatic electronic machines undoubtedly will effect a clerical revolution. But some more engineering will have to be done before that happens. A machine that will solve differential equations is not necessarily a machine that will do the everyday paper work of business concerns, and do it economically.

The engineering that remains to be done, before the market for automatic clerical machines can be tapped, is by no means all electronic engineering. First, an industrial engineering job must be done. Business problems must be

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understood in detail before ideal machines for their solution can be built.

The General Pattern

No two companies have quite the same clerical problems. This fact has been the despair of more than one office - equipment salesman. Nevertheless, a common pattern is discernible in most clerical work.

The pattern starts with the creation or receipt of an original document. A purchasing agent notes an item to be bought; a receiving clerk lists incoming merchandise; a salesperson writes a sales check; a meter reader writes down some numbers. Or a purchase order, subscription,

The CUSTOMER Speaks

BUSINESS BRIEFS (p 60, March) recently called attention to the fact that an

"Important trend everywhere in evidence is an engineering struggle to combine the functions of electronic measuring - telemetering - calculating - indicating - recording devices with those of the garden variety of business machines."

It was pointed out that

"What is needed is a bridge between the two devices, one that need not be monitored by human hands."

This article, by Mr. Floyd, tells what a typical businessman expects of design engineers

remittance or complaint is received. Millions of entries and papers such as these are the starting point of virtually all of the clerical work that is done in business. They are the input of whatever system is used to ship merchandise, charge customers, maintain stocks, schedule production and account for income and outgo.

The remaining steps are internal to the system itself. They almost invariably include:

One or more lookups, to secure additional information or to check information that is shown on the original document.

A few simple calculations, such as totaling an account or extending an invoice.

Recording the transaction, often under not one but several captions.

Typing final documents such as purchase orders, shipping papers, voucher checks, acknowledgements and hosts of similar papers.

Summarizing the data that has been recorded from the constant flow of business papers. Most accounting and statistical work belongs in this category.

If you think of almost any clerical procedure you happen to be familiar with, you will see that it does involve all of these steps. And in most cases, sorting, lookups, posting and typing far outweigh the arithmetical work that is done.

With the foregoing pattern of clerical work in mind, we can now see some of the important points of contrast between the mathematical computers that have been built and



Clerical help in one of many departments of a big business concern, typical of the offices where completely automatic electronic machines are needed

the clerical machines that will be built. These contrasts bring out some of the still-unsolved problems in building an ideal clerical machine.

Machines vs Computers

The Input Problem. One fundamental difference between mathematical and clerical work can be stated this way: While mathematicians often have to perform a great many complex operations on a relatively small amount of data, clerks in business offices must perform a few relatively simple operations on a vast amount of data.

Two implications as to machine design are immediately apparent. Input and output capacities assume greatly increased importance. Computation assumes less importance.

To handle clerical input economically, we must do more than merely use the fastest possible keyboards. Every conceivable means must be found to eliminate the manual keyboard altogether, or to hold the required number of key depressions at an absolute minimum and so minimize manual labor.

One way to reduce key strokes is to record manually only reference numbers, relying upon the machine's memories to supply all of the remaining data that is regularly associated with these reference numbers. For example, the price and description of a product are usually associated with a stock number. Similarly, the name and address of a vendor or customer can usually be associated with a vendor number or customer number.

Better than reducing manual input is to eliminate it altogether, by producing original documents in machine language to begin with. Equipment recently developed for the retail garment trade illustrates this principle. The marking tickets that are placed on garments are prepared by a special machine that perforates as well as prints code numbers on the tickets. Thus the garment ticket stub, which is removed when the item is sold, can be automatically read by the machines that record and summarize sales.

Much thought is being given to more generally useful means of producing original documents so they can be read automatically. The problem is one of inter-company standardization rather than of finding technical solutions to the problem. There is a need for more standard business documents that can be read mechanically as well as visually. When it costs nearly as much to put data in such form that a machine can use it as it would cost to produce the final documents themselves by manual means, nothing is gained by mechanization.

The Output Problem. The output problem cannot be solved in quite the same way as the input problem. Our whole purpose is a big output of invoices, purchase orders, receiving records, shipping papers, payment vouchers and summary reports. What we must do here is to speed up the output device itself.

A better solution must be found than that of driving electric typewriters automatically. No matter how fast they are driven, we are still printing only one character at



Basic components of the desired electronic machine for general business use

a time. Output printers for commercial use will almost certainly have to be of the line-at-a-time type. Perhaps several lines, or whole documents, will be printed at a single impression. Over 1,000 lines per minute is considered a worthy goal by some engineers who are working on output printers.

Selective Memories. Another basic contrast between most mathematical and clerical problems is the contrast between a batch of work and a flow of work. A big statistical problem constitutes a batch of work. Business documents, like the assembly lines to which they are tied, constitute a flow of work.

Preparing 10,000 invoices may be comparable, in machine time, to solving a single problem in mathematical physics. Yet, in addition to differences in the volumes of input and output, there is another fundamental difference between the two undertakings. All of the data for the mathematical problem can be assembled, in predetermined order, and handled as a unit. The invoices, however, must be prepared as goods are shipped. They cannot be held until a convenient batch of work has accumulated. What this means from a machinedesign point of view is that the clerical machine must be able to take work in random order.

A flow of work in random order of selective requires the use memories. The problem is similar to that of a telephone exchange. Telephone calls are received, by the central exchange, in random order. Selectors must be used to connect with the parties called. Were it not for their relatively low speed, telephone selectors could be used, as is, to solve many selective memory problems that will be encountered in designing machines for business use. The computing machine companies must find a faster and less expensive solution.

Electrostatic memories and acoustic delay lines are fast enough, and selective enough, but far too expensive for all but limited use. Magnetic drums are a step toward lower-cost memories of the selective type. But they too are rather expensive.

Memory Capacity. The contrasts

we have already mentioned lead to a fourth, important contrast between mathematical computers and clerical machines. This is the difference in required memory capacity. Low memory capacity has been a limiting factor even in some of the mathematical computers that have been constructed. The problem becomes more acute with business machines.

Hundreds of thousands of stockkeeping units are not unusual in a business concern. A large manufacturer must buy and stock a great number of different parts and materials. A large mail-order house has as many as 300,000 stockkeeping units, counting each color and size advertised in each current catalog as a separate stockkeeping unit. Relatively small department stores have from 20,000 to 60,000 stockkeeping units.

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When we come to the names and addresses of suppliers and customers we again run into thousands, if not millions, of separate blocks of information to be referred to. Large companies have from 5,000 to 10,000 suppliers. Popular magazines have several million subscribers, and large distributors have hundreds of thousands of names on their mailing lists.

Since so many separate registers or addresses are required, memories will have to be cheap. Ten cents might be more or less arbitrarily taken as the maximum cost of any one register, including whatever circuits or mechanisms are necessary to locate and read it. A cost of one cent or less would be more nearly ideal.

Fortunately, this severe cost limitation is partly offset by another consideration. Density of reference will be low. During any given period of time, selective reference will be made to relatively few of the total number of memory units. This permits relatively slow reference speeds. Several references can be made simultaneously, to different sections of the memory. By making several references simultaneously, look-ups can be kept ahead of computing speed.

A look-up machine, consisting of banks of reference memories together with appropriate selectors, may very well be entirely separate from the computer itself. Information may feed from several input machines, to a look-up machine, to a computer, and thence to several output printers. All of the machines would be electrically connected. It should not be necessary to manually carry work, in any form, from one machine to the next.

What Business Needs

Electronic clerical machines of the future can have one tremendous advantage over all of their predecessors. They are inherently capable of doing a whole clerical job, from beginning to end and including any foreseeable variations, exceptions or irregularities that may arise. They are inherently capable of being completely automatic, rather than semiautomatic. The selectivesequence principle of electronic computers, or their ability to solve logical as well as mathematical problems, is the key to their promise in this respect.

The nearest pre-electronic approach to automatic clerical equipment is, of course, punched-card machines. They are widely and economically used. Yet these excellent machines have not completely replaced manual operations on all routine clerical jobs, and there are good reasons why they have not done so. Resistance to punched-card methods does not rest on ungrounded conservatism or blind sales resistance. Punched-card machines can be made to perform virtually any series of clerical operations. But, in some applications it costs as much to do the job by machine as it does to do it manually.

The reasons are three-fold: First, a series of separate mechanical operations is required to produce a single result. Cards must be punched, verified, sorted, collated and tabulated before even the first report is forthcoming. Second, few machines are completely automatic. Cards must often be fed in and manually taken away. In addition, there is a manual card-filing problem. The third and greatest handicap of punched-card machines in some applications is their inability to handle certain irregularities. The machines are ideally suited to large volumes of identical work. But variations usually require either a

different series of separate manually-attended operations, or manual prehandling, to get work in such form that it can be fed into the regular flow of work. When we see operators going from one machine to another with little groups of cards, or when we see large clerical staffs getting work ready for the machines, we are often witnessing an application that might just as well be performed manually from beginning to end.

The great promise of electronic equipment lies in its inherent ability to overcome these three limitations. A limited manual input may be required, when documents are not in machine language to begin with. But from then on we are dealing with electrical pulses which travel over wires. We do not have to manually carry data from one operation to the next. The machines can operate unattended. And, since they can compare and select, they can recognize and handle irregularities. Whatever rules can be given to a clerk can be given to an electronic machine.

The heart of the fully automatic clerical machine of the future will be the selective-sequence principle. This principle is used in all of the digital computers that have been built. These computers handle information very much as a clerk does, only faster. All information pertinent to the problem at hand is assembled, including complete instructions as to what to do with each item of information. Each item of information is placed in a definite location on a magnetic drum, in an acoustic delay line or in an electrostatic memory.

Programmed instructions then tell the machine to switch information from one location to another until all desired operations have been performed. Numbers to be added are switched to an adding unit and the sum is switched back to a given memory location. Other arithmetical operations are performed in the same manner. Most important of all, from a clerical point of view, is the fact that different items of information can be compared to determine agreement or non-agreement or to determine the larger or smaller. Depending upon the outcome of a comparison,

the machine can switch to one prearranged sequence of subsequent operations or to another. It is in this way that irregularities can be recognized and handled.

All of the circuits that are required to do these things are well proven. Computer men may differ as to the best circuits, but we do have workable circuits. Better input, less expensive random-access memories and faster printers are needed, but we already have in selective-sequence computers what is probably the most difficult component of a completely automatic clerical installation.

The Job Ahead

What remains to be done is to decide what sort of machines to build. What components, of what speeds and capacities, are to be put together to do a given clerical job with maximum economy? Before precisely the right machines can be assembled, the requirements of the job must be understood in detail. This is an undertaking for industrial engineers.

All or most clerical work may follow the same general pattern. But similarity ends when we go beyond generalities. No two clerical jobs are identical. Common parts and common sub-assemblies will no doubt be used in all electronic clerical machines, but to do the whole job each machine will almost certainly be modified to suit individual performance specifications.

The industrial engineering that remains to be done is thus twofold. First, enough must be known about clerical work of all types to design the best possible common components. Second, each application must be analyzed in detail before the machine for that application is finally put together.

The desirability of an ideal machine for each clerical job can, perhaps, be overemphasized. Lessthan-ideal machines can be sold. But anyone who has experienced the compromises and the borderline decisions that often have to be made in using present-day office equipment cannot help dreaming of a machine that is engineered for their particular work.

Such machines would sell themselves. THE PHENOMENON of photoemission of electrons has been widely used for the light-sensitive surface of television pickup tubes. This is true for the image orthicon¹ as well as for its predecessors, the orthicon and the iconoscope.

The related phenomenon of photoconductivity has not been employed in any commercially useful pickup tube. However, this application of photoconductivity has by no means been ignored either in the experimental laboratories or in the patent literature. In fact, one of the earliest proposals for a television system envisioned the use of a selenium photoconductive cell in combination with a mechanical scanning disc. Actually, the sluggish frequency response of the selenium cells made them inadequate for this application. Photoemissive cells which became available in the early part of this century were found to be much more suitable.

During the middle 1930's, work on photoconductive targets for television pickup tubes was carried on in this country², as well as in England³ and Germany.⁴ In these experiments an electron beam similar to that used in the iconoscope scanned the photoconductive target. This mode of operation allowed the possibility of obtaining increased sensitivity by means of storage. Furthermore, the photoconductor needed to respond to changes in light intensity no faster than thirty cycles per second as compared to the several million per second that



Miniature television camera employing the vidicon pickup tube⁶, with standard image-orthicon camera in background

The Vidicon

is required for nonstorage operation.

None of these experiments resulted in a useful tube able to compete with the iconoscope available at that time. The principal defects were insensitivity, retention of images and spurious spots on the tar-



FIG. 1—Cross-sectional diagram of an experimental vidicon photoconductive television pickup tube

get. Once again photoconductivity for pickup tubes was set aside at least temporarily in favor of photoemission whose processing art was somewhat more advanced.

Work done during the war on photoconductive materials for infrared detectors has served to focus attention on the basic advantages which photoconductivity has to offer to television pickup tubes. It is well known that the light sensitivity obtainable with photoconductive cells greatly exceeds that reported for any photoemissive cells. Whereas a sensitivity of 50 microamperes per lumen (about 0.10 electron per quanta) is considered good for photoemission, tens of thousands of microamperes per lumen (many electrons per quanta) are not uncommon with some photoconductive materials. (An image orthicon employing a photocathode giving 50 microamperes per lumen has an operating sensitivity comparable to

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Experimental one-inch-diameter vidicon, with the standard commercial image orthicon in the background

Photoconductive Camera Tube

Simplification of design, high sensitivity and good resolution are available in a new tube having a photoconductive target. Its application results in economy of equipment designed for unattended industrial applications as well as broadcast use

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that of the human eye.)

If high-sensitivity materials suitable for pickup tube targets could be found, the benefits could be used in two ways. Perhaps least important at present would be the possibility of developing tubes capable of operating at much lower light levels. An improvement of about 10 times over that of the present day image orthicon⁵ is theoretically possible, assuming that on the average, the best photoemitting surfaces are only 10 percent efficient. Second and more important, any sizeable increase in target sensitivity would permit such simplification in pickup tube design as to open up entirely new fields of application. The electron image section and the electron multiplier, which have been required in the image orthicon for good sensitivity, may be entirely eliminated. The tube is reduced to the basic elements of gun and target. This makes for economy, compactness and simplicity of operation. In addition, all the tube dimensions may be scaled down, if desired, because the extra target sensitivity is available to compensate for the reduction in target area. It was easily conceivable that a simple, compact and dependable television pickup tube would find many applications in industry, business and in scientific investigations far wider than that of entertainment broadcasting.

Work on photoconductive pickup tubes has been carried on inten-

sively at RCA Laboratories during the past several years. High-sensitivity materials suitable for targets have been found and many experimental photoconductive tubes of various sizes have been tested. The name "vidicon" has been coined to distinguish these tubes from the photoemissive tubes.

The particular form of vidicon to be described is in an advanced stage of experimental development. It is one inch in diameter and six inches long, and is particularly suited to industrial applications. It appears likely that both larger and smaller forms of vidicons will eventually become available for other applications.

The comparative sizes of the vidicon and the image orthicon are shown in an accompanying photograph. A miniature television camera⁶ employing the vidicon is also illustrated.

One-Inch Vidicon

The cross-sectional diagram of an experimental tube given in Fig. 1 shows the relative positions of the gun and the target.

As shown in Fig. 2, the photoconductive material is deposited on the transparent conducting signal plate and scanned directly by the electron beam. A uniform magnetic field is used to focus the beam. The velocity of impact of the beam may be either below first crossover as in the orthicon, or above first crossover as in the iconoscope. The video signal is taken from the target by connecting the amplifier to the transparent signal plate. The wall screen shown in Fig. 1 provides a uniform field in front of the target, but does not appear in the transmitted picture.

Charge-Discharge Cycle

For purposes of explanation, assume that a low-velocity orthicontype scanning beam is used. A fixed potential of about 20 volts positive, relative to the thermionic cathode, is applied to the transparent signal plate. The beam deposits electrons on the scanned surface of the photoconductor charging it down to thermionic cathode potential. Although considerable field is thereby developed across the opposite faces of the photoconductor, its conductivity is sufficiently low that very little current flows in the dark.

If a light image is focused on the target, its conductivity is increased in the illuminated portions, thus permitting charge to flow. In these areas the scanned surface gradually becomes charged a volt or two positive with respect to the cathode during the 1/30-second interval between successive scans.



Photograph of picture transmitted by a one-inch vidicon

The beam deposits sufficient electrons to neutralize the accumulated charge, and in doing so generates the video signal in the signal plate lead. It will be noted that the target is sensitive to light throughout the entire frame time permitting full storage of charge.

The charge-discharge cycle is identical to that of the orthicon with the exception that the positive charging effect is achieved by photoconduction through the target itself, rather than by photoemission from the scanned surface. This mode of operation requires that the resistivity of the photoconductive target be sufficiently high that its time constant exceeds the 1/30-second television frame time. A dark resistivity of 10^{12} ohm-cm or greater is satisfactory.

Many materials such as selenium, sulfur, as well as the sulfides, selenides and oxides are known to be photoconducting. Several of these materials when properly processed have been found suitable for pickup tube targets. The spectral response is a function of the material and the processing. Targets which are sensitive to the entire visible range of the spectrum have been made.

Operating Characteristics

Photoconductive targets free from the spurious spots and lag which troubled the earlier workers, have been made. Sensitivities in excess of 1,000 microamperes per lumen are obtainable. Resolution is limited only by the electron optics of the beam while in the image orthicon a fine mesh screen at the target limits resolution.

The one-inch diameter vidicon is capable of resolving more than 600 lines. Under similar conditions the larger image orthicon will give about fifteen hundred lines. The capacity of the target may be made sufficiently large in any size target that the high light signal-to-noise ratio of the output signal can be as high as needed.

The signal-vs-light curve is linear at low lights as in an orthicon, but with some flattening off at high light levels. In general, the photoconductive targets made to date will not accommodate as wide a range of light levels for a given

lens aperture as an image orthicon. For extremely bright illumination on the target, the picture loses contrast without any tendency for unstable charge up as in the early orthicon. An image orthicon under similar conditions would maintain good contrast by virtue of the redistribution of secondary electrons on the picture side of the glass target.

In general, pickup tubes with photoconductive targets are simpler in operating adjustments than an image orthicon. The electron image focusing control is completely eliminated, and the target voltage adjustment is somewhat less critical

The high signal level obtainable at the target removes the need for an electron multiplier whose contribution to spurious spots and shading in the image orthicon has been a steady source of concern. The beam-current adjustment is accordingly less critical. In short, the simplicity of operation of the photoconductive targets combined with their adaptability for small tubes has made them particularly suitable for equipment designed for unattended industrial applications.

Sufficient satisfactory tubes have been constructed in the laborataory to demonstrate the advantages listed above. However, questions of tube life, allowable temperature limits and reproducibility of results will require additional intensive development before equipment reliable enough for industrial use can be made available. For example, conditions necessary to ensure targets free of objectionable time lag are still in an experimental stage.

Sensitivity of the Tube

A one-inch vidicon possessing a target sensitivity of 300 µa per lumen will transmit a noise-free picture with a scene brightness of several foot-lamberts using an f/2lens. Since this light level is less than ordinarily present in most laboratories or factories, special lighting is not required.

It is impossible to compare the relative sensitivities of the vidicon and the image orthicon without specifying at what light level

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the comparison is being made. At intermediate light levels, with a few foot-lamberts scene brightness. the two tubes will transmit a picture having about the same signalto-noise ratio. At higher light levels, the vidicon will deliver a higher signal-to-noise ratio than the image orthicon since its target capacity is higher. At lower light levels its signal-to-noise ratio will be inferior to that of an image orthicon with a multiplier.

This follows from the fact that the noise background for the vidicon is the amplifier noise that remains fixed at all light levels, while for the image orthicon it is shot noise in the scanning beam, which may be reduced somewhat for low signal levels. With the development of still more sensitive targets, the vidicon without a multiplier may be expected to exceed the present image orthicon at all light levels.

It will be noted that the elimination of the electron multiplier will require a stronger beam current at the target of the vidicon than in the image orthicon. Assuming the input noise of the video amplifier to be 2×10^{-3} microampere. a target current of 0.2 microampere is required for a signal-to-noise ratio of 100. This current is about ten times that required in the image orthicon.

Some explanation as to why a smaller pickup tube may require a more sensitive target for equal scene brightnesses is in order. If the entire tube and optical system are scaled down in size, keeping the same f number lens, the quantity of light in lumens intercepted by the lens is reduced. The output signal of the tube in microamperes is also reduced unless the target sensitivity in microamperes per lumen is increased.

On the other hand, if the lens diameter for the small tube were kept the same as for the large tube, no increase in target sensitivity is necessary. However, for the same angle of view this means a faster or lower f number lens. Such lenses, if available at all, are likely to be less highly corrected and more expensive. Thus, in general, the smaller tube will be operated with smaller diameter lenses requiring



FIG. 2-Detail of the target construction in the experimental photoconductive camera tube

higher scene brightnesses or more sensitive targets. The gain in depth of focus accompanying the use of the smaller diameter lens may, however, be very useful. Motion picture 16-mm lenses have been found to be satisfactory.

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Automatic Exposure

Aerial photography above 600 mph under varying lighting conditions normally demands a compromise in camera settings. A new photoelectric servo control of aperture providing optimum exposure is applicable to motion-picture and television cameras

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Underside of aperture control showing photocell and heater housing (center) and servo motor (lower right)



Lens assembly with cover removed showing camera irises to rear, photocell iris and derivative potentiometer

OW-ALTITUDE reconnaissance pho-L tography at speeds in excess of 600 mph requires rapid automatic adjustment to changing light values. The requirements for good color photography (as illustrated by the front cover of this issue of ELECTRONICS) are even more stringent. Compromises in conventional photography are apparent when the average newsreel is compared with the average studio production. In color work, even the quality of the latter is sacrificed by compromise settings for sequences. In solving the two-fold problem of automatic light control and automatic shutterspeed control, the former has been attacked first by providing a servo system for varying the iris aperture.

The camera so modified is a U.S. Air Force Model S-7 equipped with stereoscopic lenses and an open, slit-type shutter. Film is exposed by being driven past the slit as a function of ground speed and as an inverse function of altitude. This combination synchronizes the moving image on the film. Film exposure time is expressed in equivalent shutter speed; for example, an equivalent shutter speed of 1/25th of a second indicates that the slit width is adjusted, as a function of film speed, so that the passing film receives an exposure equal to that obtained by stationary film behind a conventional shutter operated at 1/25th of a second.

The stereo lens assembly is modified to include an additional lens with variable aperture, a photocell, a photocell heater and thermostat

Control

and a motor with the necessary gearing for driving all three apertures. An armored cable connects the lens assembly to an operator's control box containing an amplifier, operating switches, an operating indicator and a warm-up indicator.

Manual selection is provided to preset the control for use with films having ASA exposure indexes of 12, 25, 35, 50 and 100. A separate control is provided to match equivalent shutter speed settings of 1/50th, 1/100th, 1/200th and 1/400th of a second on the camera. Depending on the type of film and the equivalent shutter speed, the control regulates aperture size to permit constant light intensity at the film, even though the maximum illumination encountered may be 40 times greater than the minimum. An indicator shows the operator whether or not light conditions are beyond the scope of his shutter setting and tells him which way to adjust it when required. With these manual adjustments, the control can accept a maximumto-minimum light ratio of 325 to 1.

How It Works

The basic system is shown in the block diagram of Fig. 1. Assuming normal operation, any change of light intensity reflected from the terrain will change the output of the photocell. A resultant unbalance at the comparator produces an output that is filtered, phaseshifted, and amplified to drive a servo motor geared to the camera apertures. As soon as the apertures reach a position establishing correct light intensity at the photocell (and film) the system corrects itself for balance. A derivative of aperture change is applied to the comparator for antihunt purposes.

Camera equivalent shutter speeds are matched by means of a selector switch that inserts one of several resistors in the reference circuit. The ASA film exposure indexes are matched by means of a selector knob that places one of several calibrated light baffles in front



Assembled lens turret beside control box that contains all the electron tubes

of the photocell. To protect the photocell from stray light when the camera is not in operation, a shutter covers the photocell aperture. A solenoid opens the shutter whenever power is applied to the equipment.

The sensing unit is designed in the form of a barrel, somewhat resembling a small camera as shown in Fig. 2. Mounted at the forward end of the barrel is a Fresnel lens of transparent plastic, which entails less bulk and expense than an equivalent lens of glass and allows the use of a large opening. Very thin, and very finely grooved, the Fresnel lens gives sufficient definition of the image for proper control of the viewing angle.

The barrel aperture is directly geared to the main lens apertures. Perfect proportionality between the photocell and main lens apertures can not be assumed, however. For the larger openings (up to f:1) used at the photocell aperture, the vignetting effect becomes increasingly important so that the actual optical opening deviates from the calculated opening by a considerable factor. Correction is made by inserting a piece of star-shaped, opaque, metal foil behind the Fresnel lens.

The image is formed at a rectangular opening that divides the forward and rear sections of the barrel, and is then diffused in the curved, highly polished rear section enclosing the photocell. This even illumination of the cell prolongs its life, improves its absolute accuracy, and represents almost exactly the average light intensity at the actual film.

While it might seem that a standard vacuum or gas phototube



FIG. 1-Elements of the automatic iris aperture control system

would provide satisfactory information, investigation shows them to have a poor absolute accuracy in comparison with the selenium photocell.¹ The only photosensitive element presently known to have a fairly good absolute acuracy is the barrier-layer type selenium photocell. The voltage obtained from this type of cell, however, is extremely low at the light levels encountered. and not suited for direct amplification. Considerable difficulty was encountered in attempts to use a 400-cycle electromechanical chopper to transform the available d-c signal into an a-c signal suitable for further amplification. It therefore seemed desirable to use other methods.

Selenium-type photocells have the property of conducting in one direction if they are not illuminated. Illumination creates some reverse conduction, and with constant voltage applied, the reverse current is essentially proportional to the intensity of illumination. This property is used to advantage here.

It is necessary to obtain constant voltage with a bridge consisting of precision resistors and a tungstenfilament lamp shown in Fig. 3. The lamp filament changes resistance with changes in the 400-cycle supply voltage and unbalances the bridge in the direction necessary to maintain the desired output. Constant applied voltage is requisite for maintaining absolute accuracy



FIG, 2—Photocell barrel



FIG. 3—Constant-voltage bridge circuit



FIG. 4-Comparator unit showing output filter and phase shifter

of the photocell, and the bridge provides a voltage output constant within a few percent.

The constant a-c voltage is applied through a rectifier, building up a constant d-c voltage across the capacitor and photocell represented by the inner circuit of Fig. 4. Current passed by the photocell is approximately proportional to light intensity and it discharges the parallel capacitor at a rate proportional to this illumination. Through the rectifier, the capacitor is recharged once every 2.5 milliseconds to the peak value of the regulated a-c source. The flow of this charging current through a series resistor produces a voltage drop that is the measure of existing photocell illumination.

A reference circuit is connected in parallel with the photocell circuit as shown, duplicating the latter except for a fixed resistor in place of the photocell. The value of the resistor is selected according to equivalent shutter speed in use. The flow of charging current through the series resistor of this circuit produces a voltage drop that is the standard for desired photocell illumination. Voltage drops across the charging resistors of the two circuits are compared in phase opposition. When the voltage drop owing to existing photocell illumination equals the standard for de-

sired photocell illumination, the comparator output becomes zero, indicating that the photocell aperture is the correct size. Since the photocell aperture is geared to the lens apertures, this also indicates that light intensity at the film is correct. When existing illumination needs correction, one voltage predominates, resulting in a comparator output signal of particular magnitude and polarity. -

High harmonics in the pulse-type signal from the comparator are eliminated in a filter that also rotates the phase angle ninety degrees. The filter unit consisting of one pi-section with load resistance, supplies an approximate sine-wave voltage to the grid of the first amplifier tube.

Amplifier Design

Servo applications require a limiting amplifier that gives increasing output for increasing error up to a predetermined design point. Beyond this point, an output proportional to error would demand excessively ponderous servomechanisms if, indeed, any mechanisms capable of sensitive control could stand an output proportional to maximum error.

Speed limitations and torque limitations of the aperture drive dictate the size of the motor. This parameter is a measure of the size of the output tube and of output power. To obtain speed and accuracy, full output power must be reached with little error input, requiring high voltage amplification with powerful limiting action. These characteristics are indicated in the operational curve of Fig. 5.

One disadvantage of a conventional vacuum-tube amplifier is the limitation imposed on the input signal to avoid blocking. A powerful input signal, when peak rectified, builds up a negative bias at the grids of the voltage amplifiers. When stored in the coupling capacitors, this bias takes an appreciable time to dissipate and effectively blocks a subsequent weak signal,



which, as a result, is not properly amplified. To maintain quick recovery with this type of amplification, the range of signal input is normally restricted.

Restriction of signal input is avoided in the aperture control amplifier by using a Thyrite resistor in the grid circuits of both the second and third stages. This element eliminates blocking and gives the amplifier an extremely rapid recovery time (15 milliseconds for a 60decibel input overload) as well as a nonlinear gain characteristic. The amplifier has a gain varying so rapidly with the incoming signal that the servo system cannot be considered linear, except immediately adjacent to the null point.

As shown in Fig. 6, the signal is first amplified in one-half a highmu triode, then amplified a second time in the other half of the tube. The properties of the Thyrite resistor, attached to the grid of the second stage, are such that its resistance decreases as applied volt-

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age increases. Therefore, any powerful signal applied momentarily to this grid is almost immediately dissipated through the resistor, clearing the grid of bias effect.

A Thyrite resistor is also used in the grid circuit of the driver stage further to reduce recovery time and prevent blocking. As the signal input increases from zero to 0.5 millivolt, driver output increases in a ratio that is practically proportional. Above 0.5 millivolt, the output remains constant at full power. One-half a 12AT7 tube serves for the driver, and is transformer-coupled to the last, or output stage of the amplifier.

The output stage shown in Fig. 7 uses a type 5687 double triode operated in Class B. Under normal conditions, this tube could not continuously supply the 12 volt-amperes required for the variable phase of the two-phase servo motor. Because of the intermittency of the service, however, it is possible to use the tube without exceeding its long-time plate dissipation rating. In fact, the tube is used considerably below its maximum dissipation ratings.

Maximum power is obtained by supplying the 5687 grids with a fixed bias of -20 volts. The voltage is obtained from the power transformer through a germanium diode rectifier of the high-back-voltage type and a small, pi-section, inductance-capacitance filter.

Antihunt Circuit

It is generally considered advisable to damp linear servomechanisms with the derivative of the error signal. This practice is not necessarily correct for the nonlinear type dealt with here. In this case, a velocity or viscous damping so calculated that it would represent considerable over-damping for a corresponding linear servo proves more favorable.

The damping signal is the derivative of a voltage proportional to the effective optical aperture and



FIG. 6—Servo amplifiers showing Thyrite resistors in grid circuits



FIG. 7—Servo power amplifier showing source of grid bias

includes the mechanical inertia of the servo system. Therefore, this signal has a maximum value corresponding to the maximum rate of change of the effective lens area. It never needs to be more, regardless of the amount of error. The derivative is added to the input signal. but since the equipment is working on a nonlinear portion of the gain characteristic, the damping factor has no effect until the null point is practically reached. Then, as a large amount of retarding force, it comes into full effect and halts the mechanism abruptly.

The aperture drive is mechanically linked to a variable resistor so that voltage drop across the resistor changes as a function of the aperture opening as shown in Fig. 8. This function has been so determined that the rate of change of voltage is correlated with the rate of change of the lens opening to assure proper damping over the full range of aperture openings from f:2.5 to f:16. The function is highly nonlinear, being approximated by a section of a parabola. To obtain accurate results, it is imperative to make the current through the variable resistance independent of current and voltage variations in the rest of the circuits.

The desired derivative voltage is relatively small and power-supply ripple voltage may easily override it. To avoid this difficulty, a special regulator has been provided that holds the voltage supply to the derivative circuit constant. This regulator comprises a neon tube and the unused half of the driver tube.

The current, through the resistor, used to obtain the rate of change of the aperture is a measure of the actual location of the aperture. The current passes through an offset-zero milliameter located on the control box panel and calibrated in f-stops. It is used as a fairly accurate indication of aperture position and warns of extreme light levels, so that the operator can change equivalent shutter speed before making a series of shots.

Shown in Fig. 9 are the voltage wave shapes observed at various stages of amplification. The ratio of output to input power is approximately 1.5×10^{14} , or about 140 decibels. While this is not an exceptionally high ratio for an audio amplifier, it is extreme for a servo amplifier and would ordinarily lead to objectionable hunting. This effect is avoided by the nonlinear gain and antihunt circuits.

Its sensitivity combined with the nonlinearity makes the aperture control applicable to a wide range of photographic lighting conditions. A white sand beach in midsummer will seldom reflect more than 10,000 foot-candles illumination, while a dark pine forest, on an overcast day, may reflect as little as 10 foot candles. Using a color film of slowspeed (ASA index 35) and equivalent shutter speed as dictated by conditions, the aperture control corrects for illuminations between 32 foot candles and



FIG. 8—Method of coupling antihunt derivative circuit into input



FIG. 9—Voltage wave shapes under conditions of large error (f:0.5 stop)

10,000 foot candles. With a blackand-white film of fairly fast speed (ASA index 100) and equivalent shutter speed as dictated by conditions, the aperture control corrects for illuminations between 16 and 20,000 foot-candles.

Further development of the same basic control system demonstrates that the range of aperture correction can be extended to include illumination as low as 1.5 footcandles. Extension of the range for higher illumination is also possible, but hardly necessary, since no climatic or topographical conditions reflect light above the present maximum. Should a different application require further extension of range upward or downward, the control could be suitably modified.

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Bowling-Alley Foul Detectors

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Continual development work on foul detectors and certain revisions of American Bowling Congress rules permit use of photoelectric devices for detecting sliding fouls in league competition. Design considerations and circuit details are explained

PhotoELECTRIC foul detectors have been known for a good many years, but until recently, certain limitations prohibited their use during league competition. The rules set forth by the American Bowling Congress did not lend themselves to foul-line detection by electronics.

It was noted that over ninety percent of all fouls were of the sliding-foot type, and that fouls of this type were most difficult for judges watching several alleys to detect. The critical line was an infinitesimally narrow one at the front edge of the foul strip. The Congress has since modified its rules and widened the critical line to onequarter inch. This provides sufficient latitude for the design of practical photoelectric foul detectors, and other types of fouls are readily detected by other players.

Typical Installation

A typical sliding foul detector installation consists of a light source, which projects a narrow light beam along the foul line close to the floor,



Light source and phototube units, shown in detail at the top of the page, are mounted behind rectangular apertures in division boards between alleys



Each panel in the control unit serves two alleys

and a phototube unit at the other side of the alley to receive the beam. A control panel provides voltage for the light source units and receives current from the phototube units. Its function is to operate the proper foul light and a bell when a foul occurs on any alley. Foul lights are located above the pins at each alley, and a common foul bell is energized when a foul occurs on any alley.

The light source and phototube units are designed for mounting at the foul line in place of the division board, or inside the ball return separating two alleys. Each light source is capable of projecting a beam of light in two directions and thus can be used to cover either a single alley or two adjacent alleys. Each phototube holder is similarly designed to cover either a single alley or two adjacent alleys.

For uniform light distribution to the required height a rectangular, rather than a round, beam shape is used. It is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch high, starting $\frac{1}{5}$ inch above the floor.

To obtain good formation of the light beam, a long-focal-length lens system is used. This system is designed so that the projected image of the lamp filament focused on the lens of the receiving unit across the alley is approximately the same width as the lens. In this way, the beam is the same width from one side of the alley to the other. The long-focus system also prevents unwanted light from being received by the phototube.

A three-inch focal-length lens magnifies the image of the $\frac{1}{32}$ -inch lamp filament to about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch at the standard alley width of 60 inches. To fit this system into the available narrow width of a division board the focal length is folded at right angles to the foul line by two mirrors. Each mirror reflects light toward the phototube holder on one side. Focusing is accomplished by sliding the lamp bracket. Aiming of the beam is done horizontally by rotating the mirror, and vertically by bending it slightly.

The phototube unit contains two type CE22 end-on phototubes. One or two phototubes may be used in each holder, depending upon whether one or two alleys are being covered.

Foul-Light Circuits

The foul-light relay circuit for any alley must keep the foul light off when the light beam is unbroken. It should not respond to light interruptions lasting less than 0.1 second, to allow the ball to pass through the beam without a foul being indicated, and it must respond to light interruptions longer than 0.1 second, which may be considered due to a foul. It should then light the foul light, transmit a pulse to the foul-bell relay circuit. discontinue being responsive to the light beam if the beam is re-established, it must be ignored until the end of the timing cycle), and it must keep the foul light lit for a fixed period of from ten to fifteen seconds, then reset, and be ready to indicate another foul or continued interruption of the light beam.

The circuit shown in the simplified diagram utilizes only one relay for each alley. The relay is connected so that after responding to a beam interruption it disconnects itself from the phototube amplifier circuit and becomes a timing relay. After completion of the timing cycle, during which it energized the foul light, it resets to its original condition.

The high-impedance phototube circuit is in the grid circuit of a cathode follower which drives the grid of the relay power amplifier. Switching takes place in the lowerimpedance circuit between the cathode follower and the power amplifier.

As shown in the diagram, the cathode of V_{14} is connected through the normally closed contact of RE_1 to its load resistor R_1 . This is connected to a bus that is fifty volts negative with respect to the cathode of V_{24} , which is at ground potential. The cathode potential of V_{14} follows the grid potential but is about three volts more positive.

The cathode of V_{14} is connected to the grid of V_{24} through R_2 . The grid of V_{24} follows the variations of phototube signal voltage and controls the current through RE_1 accordingly. Normally, with light on the phototube, the grid of V_{14} is drawn negative by phototube current flowing through R_3 . No plate current flows, and RE_1 is deenergized. Interrupting the light beam decreases the phototube current and the grids of both tubes become more positive. After a small time delay, due to capacitor C_1 , RE_1 becomes energized and a foul is indicated for that alley.

Time-Delay Circuit

The time delay provided by C_1 prevents a foul from being indicated when a ball rolls through the light beam at normal speed.

Capacitor C_1 introduces a capacitance-coupled negative feedback which amplifies the actual RC time constant by approximately the gain of the stage. This occurs because any change of plate voltage will be coupled back to the grid in opposition to the grid change which caused it, thus slowing down any further change. When there is no change of plate current, as when the tube is below cutoff or above saturation, there is no amplification of the time constant.

As explained previously, with the light beam unbroken the grid of V_{24} is negative with respect to its cathode and the tube is cut off. How far it is negative depends upon the light intensity and the phototube sensitivity at that alley; this may be anywhere from 7 to 25 volts. When the grid potential rises due to interruption of the beam, the time constant does not become really effective until cutoff is

reached. Thus, the time delay is quite consistent for each alley regardless of light intensity or phototube sensitivity. Consequently, no field adjustment is required at the time of installation, nor will readjustment be required as the lamp and phototube age. This would not be true if the delay were obtained with a capacitor across the phototube load resistor R_{s} , as the charge on the capacitor would be different for each alley.

Disabling Circuit

When the foul-light relay becomes energized it turns on the foul light over the corresponding alley and opens the circuit between the cathode follower and the power amplifier, making it no longer responsive to the light beam. It also connects uncharged capacitor C_3 to the plate of V_{24} . The junction of R_1 and R_{\star} thus suddenly rises to about 100 volts, causing V_{24} to suddenly conduct fully. As C_{s} charges, this potential comes down towards its ultimate potential of minus 50 volts. This causes a corresponding decrease in plate current of V_{24} . The Miller effect is used to increase the time delay obtainable with small components. In about 13 seconds the grid of V_{24} reaches a potential of minus 6 volts and RE_1 becomes deenergized.

This turns the foul light off and recloses the normally closed contact in the cathode-follower circuit. The circuit is thus reset, as the power amplifier is again responsive to the light beam. Also, the timing capacitor C_s is discharged through resistor R_4 and is ready for another timing cycle. If the light beam is still interrupted, the relay will become energized again and the cycle will repeat. If desired, switch SW₁ may be opened to prevent a foul indication.

Foul-Bell Operation

When a foul is detected, the foul bell must ring for one or two seconds while the foul-light relay remains on for about 13 seconds. The bell circuit must be able to respond to another foul, even though one or more foul-light relays are energized.

To meet these requirements, a circuit was devised to utilize the

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A common bell serves all alleys and rings for a few seconds when a sliding foul occurs. Visual indicators on each alley remain lit for about 15 seconds

pulse derived from the sudden increase of current drawn from the power supply when any foul-light relay becomes energized.

The current from all foul-light relays flows through a common resistor R_{\circ} in the cathode circuit on the power panel. If any relay picks up, the voltage across this resistor will increase suddenly. The voltage is capacitively coupled to the grid of V_3 , the foul-bell relay tube. The positive pulse derived causes RE_2 to become energized, turning on the bell. In a timing circuit similar to that of the foul-light relay, RE_2 connects the grid to C_2 . This causes the relay to remain energized until the capacitor charges, bringing the grid potential down. When the relay becomes deenergized, C_2 is discharged by the normally closed contact of the relay, and is ready for another operation in response to a further sudden increase of voltage across R_5 .

It was noted previously that when the foul-light relay became energized, its current suddenly increased from the value at pickup to the saturation current of the tube. This is the result of RE_1 drawing the grid of V_{24} positive when it picked up. Even if the light beam is interrupted very slowly, in such a manner that the current increases from zero to the pickup value very slowly, an abrupt increase of at least 5 milliamperes is obtained.

Control and Power

The control unit contains the power supply and the bell-relay circuits for any number of alleys up to sixteen. To this are added from one to eight relay panels to cover the number of alleys at the particular installation up to sixteen. Each relay panel section contains the foullight relay circuits for two alleys.

It is interesting to note that the design of the d-c plate supply is based on the laws of probability. In an establishment where sixteen alleys are in use simultaneously, the occurrence of ten fouls in a fivehour evening is considered rare. The probability of two of them occurring during the same fifteen interval is accordingly second somewhat remote. The probability that three fouls will occur during the same fifteen-second interval is extremely remote. Therefore, it is safe to design the equipment to indicate a maximum of four simultaneous fouls.

The d-c power supply, instead of being large enough to energize sixteen foul-light relays at once, need deliver only enough power to energize four, which also reduces the problem of regulation of the power supply.



Antifading Broadcast Antenna

The service area of a broadcast transmitter within which interference between ground and sky-wave components does not occur can be extended by reduction of high-angle radiation from the antenna. Use of a sectional mast with an insulator cancels the progressive wave usually found on fabricated towers

Radio Frankfort loop-fed antenna under construction

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HE RECEPTION of a broadcast station in the frequency range 0.5 to 1.6 mc is frequently affected by fading at relatively short distances, especially at night. This kind of fading, which results from interference of ground and sky wave, is observed at distances of about 50 to 100 miles or more. It causes linear and nonlinear distortion at the receiver, sometimes to an extent which completely spoils a high-quality radio program, even with avc in the receiver. This effect is true also for a high-power station, the signal from which is strong enough to overcome r-f noise. As a result, a considerable part of the potential coverage area of many radio stations suffers from poor reception. In order to achieve an undisturbed primary coverage as large as possible, especially at night time, many high-power radio

stations have been equipped with antifading antennas. However, not all of them have been successful.

In 1930, German broadcast stations started to use a single vertical wire or metal rope hung in the axis of a self-supporting wooden tower with a height in the order of half wavelength and excited elecа trically at the base. Experience with this kind of antenna in respect to reduction of fading was good. In some cases, the undisturbed night-time primary coverage was increased by 100 percent in area, compared to an antenna with a height of one-quarter wavelength or less. However, the maintenance of the wooden tower proved to be expensive and difficult, and many towers were destroyed by fire or storm. In time they were replaced by self-radiating steel towers which were fed at the base in the same manner as the one-wire antennas. These steel towers were much cheaper, easier to maintain and less subject to hazards. However, they

were disappointing in respect to reduction of fading.

Beginning in 1936, several investigators showed that this effect was due to the progressive voltage-current wave along the tower which is superimposed on the standing voltage-current wave as shown in Fig. 1A. This progressive wave carries the energy which is radiated by each element of the antenna or dissipated by losses. In a thin conductor like the one-wire antenna, the progressive wave is small compared to the standing wave and, therefore, the radiation of the progressive wave is almost negligible. In a thick conductor like a steel tower, this is no longer true. The vertical radiation pattern of a simple vertical antenna with height $H = 0.585 \lambda$ is shown in Fig. 1B, curves 1, 2 and 3, for different values of K.

The distance for which ground and sky wave are equal and, therefore, fading is worst is strongly affected by such modification of the radiation pattern, as illustrated in

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Table I—Characteristics of Antenna Operating at 1,195 kc

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Longth of stub in feet between grounded	58 7	55 1	52 0	*
tap and base of mast	50.1	00.1	04.0	
Height in feet of the current node above ground	-0.8	8.8	16.8	11
Elevation angle in degrees of null of vertical radiation pattern	90	62	54	65
Gain in db in the horizontal direction due to pattern (calculated)	2.15	2.40	2.61	
Input impedance in ohms of the coaxial transmission line	100 — <i>j</i> 51	84+ <i>j</i> 37	27 + j 35	*
Antenna efficiency in percent, including matching network	73	67	62	73
Losses in stub in percent of the input	3	10	12	*
Heat losses in percent along the mast (calculated)	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Losses in percent in coaxial transmission line inside mast	1.4	1.4	4.2	*
Ratio of current in percent at current node and at current loop		2.9	2.7	26
Voltage in ky across base insulator	5.9	8.3	10.2	9.5
Voltage in kv across sectional-mast insulator	5.7	4.4	6.9	**
Maximum voltage in kv across coaxial transmission line inside mast	6.8	8.0	13.0	*
Standing-wave ratio in coaxial trans- mission line inside mast	2.2	2.5	7.9	
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Voltages are for 100 kw rms unmodulated power	r input.			

Fig. 1C. The ground-wave intensity is based on measurements with a certain station as an example. The sky-wave intensity is calculated for perfect reflection from the E-layer as an arbitrary basis of comparison. It is apparent that the distance for which ground and sky wave are equal is reduced considerably with a base-fed mast antenna, compared to a thin vertical radiator, namely from about 135 miles to about 105 miles. This reduction corresponds to a decrease in undisturbed area of 40 percent.

Principle of New Antenna

Around 1940, the author suggested that the shaft of the mast be broken up by an insulator somewhere in its upper part, and that it be excited electrically at this sectional-mast insulator. Although this idea was not in itself new, nobody up to that time had mentioned the advantages of this idea in re-

Disregarding the physical problem of transmitting power to the sectional-mast insulator, by tentatively locating the current source at this point, the basic idea can be illustrated as shown in Fig. 1D. In respect to current distribution, the upper part of the mast works as an open one-wire line and the lower part as a one-wire line terminated by an inductance. According to the flow of energy there is a progressive wave superimposed on the standing wave in each part of the mast, traveling upward in the upper part and downward in the lower part. Each of the two progressive waves is, near the current source, about half as strong as in the case of excitation at the base. The radiation components originating from them cancel each other at least partially because of the opposite direction of the progressive waves. For the sake of brevity, this kind of antenna may be called the loop-fed antenna, in contrast to the base-fed antenna.

As shown in Fig. 2, the current distribution in the lower part of the mast depends upon the induct-



FIG. 1-(A) standing, progressive and total current waves on radiator fed at base, (B) vertical pattern of vertical 0.585-wavelength radiator, (C) sky and ground-wave field strengths, and (D) standing, progressive and total current waves on center-fed radiator

ance which is connected between the base of the mast and ground. This means that the vertical radiation pattern can be controlled by varying this inductance. In order to have a pattern suitable for reduction of fading, it is not necessary to have a current loop at the sectional-mast insulator. Actually a current distribution similar to that in Fig. 2B is more favorable because it allows reduction of the total height of the mast, which can be as low as 0.4 wavelength. Since the inductance at the base can be adjusted conveniently, it is possible to adapt the antenna during operation to a change in ionospheric conditions, as it happens, for example, during spring and fall.

A simple way to feed the antenna at the sectional-mast insulator is shown in Fig. 3A. A coaxial r-f cable is wound as a big coil. Its outer conductor is connected between the base of the mast and ground, representing the inductance mentioned above. The inner conductor of this cable is continued through the inside of the lower part of the mast and insulated from it up to the lower end of the upper part of the mast. This continuation of the inner conductor and the mast itself form a coaxial transmission line, with the mast as the outer conductor. A current equal in phase and magnitude and opposite in direction to the current in the inner conductor flows on the inner surface of the lower part of the

No radiation originates mast. therefrom. At the sectional-mast insulator, this current goes around the rim of the mast shaft and continues on the outside surface.

Normally, a tuning and matching network would be introduced at the sectional-mast insulation between the antenna terminals and the coaxial cable. However, in this case it is not necessary. On that part of the coaxial transmission line which is formed by the mast itself and the inner conductor, even a high standing-wave ratio does not matter, both from the standpoints of power losses and break-down voltage of the insulators, because of the great dimensions available. Therefore, it is sufficient to have a matching and tuning network at the lower end of the lower part of the mast shaft where it can be operated conveniently. Even more convenient, the matching network can be installed at the grounded end of the coil of coaxial cable.

In order to determine how much the loop-fed antenna actually improves sky-wave suppression, field strength measurements by airplane were made with a 330-foot high antenna model operated at 1,640 kc. For an elevation angle of 43 degrees, the field strength was reduced by about 14 db compared to the base-fed antenna, and by 23 db compared to a simple short antenna. In effect, the loop-fed mast is about equal to, if not better than, the base-fed one-wire antenna in



respect to the sky-wave suppression.

The calculated field strength of the reflected sky wave as a function of the distance, when based on the measured pattern, is shown in Fig. 1C. According to this diagram, the undisturbed primary coverage at night time is increased considerably; namely, by about 30 percent in radius or 68 percent in area, compared to a base-fed mast.

Radio Frankfort Antenna

The first broadcast transmitter which was to have obtained a permanent version of the loop-fed antenna was the 100-kw station in Berlin, Germany. The war prevented this and, instead, such an antenna was erected in 1946 for the 100-kw station in Frankfort-on-Meanwhile, the antenna Main. originally planned for Berlin is thought to have been erected also.

The antenna for Radio Frankfort is a 402-foot steel tower with uniform square cross section. The sectional-mast insulator is at a height of 269 feet so that the upper part of the tower is 133 feet long. The construction of this sectional-mast insulator is similar to that used for station WMAQ.

At the time of the erection in 1947, it was a problem to provide for the necessary inductance between the lower end of the mast shaft and the ground system. This inductance could not be established by a coaxial cable wound into a coil. as indicated in Fig. 3A, because there was no 100-kw cable available. Instead, sections of another mast of identical construction were used to build a kind of short-circuited stub. They are hung up horizontally by strain insulators at a distance of 20 inches above the ground in such a way that they form one big loop with a diameter of 64 feet, as shown in Fig. 3B. One end of this stub is connected to the base of the antenna, the other end is grounded. By moving the tap for the ground connection along the stub, the reactance that is effective between the base of the antenna and ground can be varied conveniently, providing a simple means of adjusting the current distribution along the antenna and, consequently, the vertical radiation pattern.



FIG. 2—Effect of variation of series impedance X_B at base of loop-fed antenna on current distribution

In the axis of this stub, the same kind of copper rope as used in the axis of the mast is hung up by strain insulators. At the base of the antenna, it is connected directly to the copper rope in the axis of the antenna. At the other end it is connected to a matching and tuning network. In this way the coaxial transmission line represented by the copper rope inside the antenna and the mast shaft is continued to the point where the outer conductor is grounded. In view of the high voltage-rating of this coaxial transmission line inside the stub, there is no danger of flashing over, even with a high standing-wave-ratio. Therefore, the matching and tuning network could be installed outside the mast shaft in a small tuning house.

The actual performance of this antenna was measured for three different settings of the tap for the ground connection on the stub corresponding to three different radiation patterns. Some of the results are listed in Table I. A total antenna efficiency of 73, 67 and 62 percent was obtained corresponding to a total loss of 1.4, 1.7, and 2.1 db respectively, a relatively high efficiency considering the inexpensive ground system used and the high frequency of 1.2 mc. Even with these losses, the ground-wave field strength is greater than that of a quarter-wave antenna with an efficiency of 100 percent.

Power Losses

About 1.4 to 4.2 percent of the input power was found to be dissipated in the coaxial transmission line inside the tower. This is not too much considering that this coaxial line has a high standing-wave ratio. Another 3 to 12 percent of the input power is lost in the stub. This is due to the low characteristic impedance of the stub, only 62 ohms, which is unfavorable but could not be avoided because of lack of material. Without restriction in material, the losses could have been made much smaller. The balance of about 10 percent loss probably is due chiefly to ground losses. Equally satisfactory are the voltage ratings of the antenna.

Preliminary field strength re-

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FIG. 3—(A) current flow in loop-fed antenna, (B) loop-fed antenna with matching network outside mast, and (C) equivalent circuit of loop-fed antenna operated as base-fed type

cordings at night time, at a distance where the fading with a simple quarter-wavelength antenna at the transmitter previously had been serious, showed that the fading at Radio Frankfort is much smaller than the signal of another station equipped with a quarterwave antenna located at the same place and with almost the same frequency. Final tests have not yet been made in respect to the area undisturbed by fading.

The new antenna also has advantages in respect to its usable frequency range. Full benefit of its antifading action can be obtained in a frequency range of about ± 20 percent of the frequency for which it is designed, without any alteration of the antenna itself, just by properly adjusting the tap for the ground connection on the stub. If the antenna is required to operate at a frequency outside of this range, it can be used as a base-fed antenna with the coaxial cable inside the mast working as a stub, shown in Fig. 3C. With this mode of excitation, and with a suitable reactance X_r between the inner conductor and the lower end of the mast, the radiation efficiency at low frequencies is higher than with a simple steel tower because its effective height can be increased by making the input impedance of the coaxial cable

inside the mast at the sectionalmast insulator inductive. At higher frequencies the sectional-mast insulator can be used to decrease the electrical height of the antenna in order to obtain a more suitable vertical radiation pattern by making the input impedance of the coaxial cable capacitive. It is also possible to operate the antenna as a simple base-fed mast by short-circuiting the sectional-mast insulator. This possibility may be useful in case of trouble with this insulator.

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SERS of wire line, and particularly radiotelephone service, can never be assured complete secrecy of their communications despite laws made for their protection. When circumstances justify the expense of necessary terminal equipment, speech scramblers or inverters are used that make it virtually impossible to decode or unscramble the enroute message without authorization. Owing to the confidential character of such systems the literature gives a very meagre coverage of specific details, although the basic principles have been published.1

This article describes an improved speech inverter system employing equipment that is simple in design. In operation, the adjustments to the variable components are not critical and the overall tolerances are fairly broad.

Design Considerations

Common practice in speech inverters is to let the intelligence flow through a low-pass filter that prevents higher frequencies not essential to the intelligibility of speech from passing into the circuits that follow. The limit is often chosen at 2,700 cps.

The speech frequency band, f, \geq 2,700 cps, is introduced into a modulator, together with the inversion frequency f_c , which is usually 3,000

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Commercial transmitter speech inverter manufactured by RCA Victor Argentina

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cps. There are speech inverters using several inversion frequencies to increase the difficulties for unauthorized reinversion. The method described here can be applied to more complex systems, also.² This frequency of inversion is modulated by the intelligence $f_s \gtrsim 2,700$ cps. The modulator is generally a balanced type. It produces different frequency groups, the more important being $f_c + f_s$ and $f_c - f_s$. The output from the modulator flows through a second low-pass filter with the same frequency limit of 2,700 cps. By this process the $f_c + f_i$ group is suppressed and the

transmitted frequency spectrum is 300 to 2,700 cps.

Frequencies lower than 300 cps produce higher $f_o - f$, frequencies than 2,700 cps. They are rejected by the second filter and frequencies higher than 2,700 cps are not introduced into the modulator. The 400cps frequency in the passband becomes (after modulation and the second filtering process) 3,000 -400 = 2,600 cps. The 2,600 cps becomes 3,000 - 2,600 = 400 cps. From the lower frequency is produced a higher one and from the higher, a lower one. Thus the frequency spectrum is inverted. The



FIG. 1—Two-channel speech inverter showing connection through hybrid unit to line

FIG. 2—Distortion in the speech inverter system used for a complete circuit with three input levels



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FIG. 3—Circuit diagram of the receiver channel of the speech inverter system

Speech Inverter System

Privacy circuit for radio or telephone line employs double modulation of the conversion frequency and is controlled both by the speech input and the average level of speech input. Frequency response is corrected by an R-C equalizer network. Broad dynamic range, low background noise and low distortion are assured

center frequency of 1,500 cps remains as before. This inverted frequency group is transmitted in the normal manner. A radio-frequency carrier can be modulated with the inverted signal, or the inverted signal is sent over a telephone line.

Unscrambling

If at the receiving end the incoming signal is treated in exactly the same manner as the original input intelligence in the sending-end equipment, the inverted intelligence will be reinverted. The inverted intelligence cannot be understood, but the reinverted signal has the same intelligibility as the original input, provided the process of inversion and reinversion has not introduced extreme distortion.

There are several sources of distortion. The internal carrier frequency of 3,000 cps may be present in the output line because it is not balanced out with sufficient accuracy by the modulator or is not suppressed to the necessary low degree by the second filter. In this case, the 3,000 cps introduces a disagreeable background noise. This tone may be mixed with the hum frequency and harmonics of the power supply. The hum level becomes more disturbing in the speech inverter than in a common amplifier because the modulation factor of the intelligence on the 3,000-cps carrier must be low, as will be shown later.

Further distortion is produced by the modulation of the 3,000-cps carrier. In addition to the lower and upper sidebands the 2 $f_c =$ 6,000 cps and 2 f, frequency groups are frequently present in the output of the modulator circuits. The f_c , 2 f_c , f, and 2 f, frequency groups produce cross-modulation frequencies. Many of these cross modulation products are in the passband of the filter and therefore cannot be eliminated; or they are not in the passband but are not suppressed sufficiently in the second low-pass filter. The $2f_c = 6,000$ cps and also $3f_c = 9,000$ cps carrier harmonics contribute to the background noise of the speech inverter.

The inverted intelligence is 3,000 $-f_s$. The 2f, distortion group is in one octave ratio with the incoming intelligence, that is, it is not inverted. The doubling of the input frequency does not impede the intelligibility of the speech. If the level of this distortion is high enough the input direct intelligence can be understood with a common receiver. In this event the purpose of the speech inversion, which is privacy, will not be fulfilled. Furthermore, after passing this tone mixture into a receiver speech-inverter channel, the inverted part of

the speech will be reinverted, and the distortion group of double frequency will be inverted. This kind of distortion produces a dissonant effect.

Distortion

Another type of distortion is often produced by detection of r-f fields from the communications transmitter when the speech inverter is near by. The modulator of the speech inverter inherently tends to detect r-f fields. The leakage r-f field carries inverted speech. This signal will be reinverted and introduced again to the transmitter speech input. Heavy distortion, or in some cases regenerative singing, will be produced in this way.

A type of possible distortion is related to the two low-pass filters. It is hard to meet good frequency response because the lowest fregency of maximum attenuation, which is 3,000 cps, must be near the highest passband frequency. The requirements are, however, that 2,700 cps must be transmitted almost without attenuation. The cutoff frequency of the filters must be chosen, therefore, near 2.800 cps. Considerations of economy often make it difficult to use filters with high-Q coils.^{3,4} Even expensive coils with Q between 100 and 130 do not give satisfactory results.

The passband of 300 to 2,700 cps can be considered the narrowest possible for speech transmission. If the inadequate frequency response of the filters reduces the transmission of frequencies on both sides of the center frequency of this narrow band and if, in addition, distortion frequencies from the inadequate conversion process are present at a considerable level in the speech output, the intelligibility will suffer seriously.

If the level of the conversion frequency, f_{o} , be high, the distorting terms of the double intelligence, $2f_{o}$, and the cross-modulation products between the $2f_{o}$ and $2f_{c}$ terms become lower. By increasing the ampliture of f_{o} , however, the unsuppressed portion of the same and of $2f_{o}$ and $3f_{c}$ becomes more disturbing. If more filter sections of the same quality are used to attenuate these frequencies the frequency response in the passband will be worse. The requirement of low distortion is contradictory to the requirement of low background noise. It was recognized as a further difficulty that the level of f_e , which is adjusted to the average speech level, is not sufficient for high speech input level and is excessive for low speech input level or for the case of no speech input. The designer must meet contradictory requirements.

The New System

To reduce the distortions to negligibly low values and to assure a low background noise level an improved system has been introduced. The favorable results are obtained by controlling the level of the conversion frequency. The conversion frequency is modulated by the speech input, as in conventional circuits, but it is also modulated by the average level of the speech input. The frequency response is corrected by an R-C equalizer network.

Figure 1 shows the block diagram of the new speech inverter system. The speech inverter is composed of transmitter and receiver channels. The receiver unit contains the 3,000-cps oscillator; the transmitter unit contains the power supply. All other components for the two channels are identical.

The input attenuator reduces the reactive component of the input channel impedance to an insignificant value. The 3,000-cps oscillator excites the expander. The speech level rectifier controls the 3,000-cps output of the expander. If the speech level rises, the expander feeds more 3,000-cps carrier to the balanced modulator. If the speech level is below a minimum value or if



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there is no speech input at all the 3,000-cps signal in the modulator goes down to a low standby level.

This standby level is chosen so low that the residual 3,000 cps and the harmonics of it are better than -50 db below 1 milliwatt at the output of the channel and are consequently inaudible. If the speech level rises, the level of the 3,000-cps tone and the residual of it rises too. Nevertheless, it is not noticeable because it is masked by the speech. Although high-level intelligence is flowing through the speech inverter channel, the 3,000-cps signal and harmonics are still at a relatively low level. As shown in Fig. 2, the rms sum of the remanent 3,000-cps signal, harmonics of it and beats of it with the distortion products of the incoming intelligence remain below a low percentage. The input intelligence will be equalized, and after the first filter, will be fed into the balanced modulator. After the modulator are amplifier stages and a second filter as in the conventional speech inverters.

This speech inverter has no gain or loss. The amplifier stages merely compensate for the losses of the attenuator and equalizer. The normal dynamic range of the input and output is from -12 vu to +8vu, but no excessive distortion can be observed if the speech level on the line rises to as much as +24 vu (250 mw). With the expander, the level of f_{e} will be controlled so that a previously fixed ratio will be assured between the f_c and f_s levels. It was determined experimentally that an optimum result can be obtained by keeping the level of the 3,000-cps signal at 25 to 30 db higher in the modulator than the level of the intelligence. This level difference assures the lowest distortion due to the $2f_s$ terms and their beat products. The transmitter and the receiver channels may be coupled by a hybrid unit to the telephone line.

Circuit Analysis

The S_i and S_2 switch system shown in Fig. 3 inserts or removes the channel from the line. This type of switching can be done because the input and output levels are the same. The intelligence, after passing equalizer elements,

the function of which is described below, reaches one grid of the 6SN7 double triode and also the input terminal of the two-section filter Z_2 . The first section of the 6SN7 works as an amplifier, the second section as a diode rectifier and produces with its filter system (comprising $R_{12}, R_{13}, R_{14}, C_9, C_{10}$ and C_{11}) a fluctuating d-c voltage. This voltage is positive with respect to ground and its value depends on the speech input level. The fluctuation is retarded by the time constant of the filter elements. The optimum value of the time constant is about 0.1 second. The fluctuating d-c voltage more or less neutralizes the negative bias of the type 1612 variable- μ pentode. The first grid of the pentode is excited by the 3,000-cps output of the type 6SJ7 oscillator tube. Into one of the primary windings of T_2 is fed the amplified 3,000-cps tone, the amplitude of which is fluctuating with the speech-input level.

The network R_{18} , C_{16} is designed so that transients, produced by the changes of the plate current of the 1612 tube and which are the consequence of sudden speech level changes, cannot be detected on the secondary winding of T_{2} . The input filter C_4 , R_6 , C_5 , R_7 prevents frequencies below 300 cps, which are out of the passband, from expanding the 3,000 cps level.

In transformer T_z the filtered intelligence is added to the fluctuating 3,000-cps carrier frequency. The 6H6 tube acts as a balanced modulator to produce the $f_{o} + f_{s}$ and $f_{o} - f_{s}$ sidebands. The correct setting of potentiometer R_{28} assures the balance. The predetermined level difference between the 3,000-cps and the intelligence on the plates of the 6H6 in the dynamic range is assured by setting of the bias values and the level of the 3,000-cps excitation on the type 1612 tube.

The level of the 3,000-cps signal on the plates of the 6H6, for very low intelligence input, is higher than 30 db with respect to the intelligence. For very high input it is less than 30 db, but not less than 20 db. Nevertheless, the speech inverter cannot be overloaded by loud speaking. With the most excessive input level the 2f, group cannot become higher than about



FIG. 5-Curve 1 is response of one channel without equalizer; curve 2 shows response of the equalizer alone; curve 3 is response of one equalized channel. Curve 4 (Fig. 5B) is the frequency refor inversion and reinversion sponse without equalizer; and curve 5 is the same using the equalizer

5 percent of the total; therefore the direct intelligence can never be understood. Figure 4 shows the ratio of the 3,000-cps level to the input intelligence on the plates of the 6H6 modulator tube.

The modulator is followed by a three-stage conventional amplifier with the second filter Z_s inserted. To make the measurements illustrated in Fig. 2 two channels are connected in series; the output of the transmitter channel is connected to the input of the receiver channel. In this way the complete communication circuit is simulated. The output of the receiver channel has been analyzed for harmonic content with a GR type 636A wave analyzer. The curves show the result of the analysis at 300, 850, 1,350, 2,150 and 2,700 cps for -12 vu, 0 vu and +8 vu speech levels. The distortion curves represent the rms sum of all the frequencies that are present in the output besides the input frequency. Numerous measurements have demonstrated that the analysis at these frequencies gives a good overall picture of the behavior of the instrument so that the straight-line connections between the measured values is justified. The filters used in the speech inverter channel shown in the schematic have Q's of about 25.

The frequency response of the channel, especially in a complete communication circuit using one

transmitter and receiver channel, would not be satisfactory without an equalizer. Resistors R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_{i} and capacitors C_{1} and C_{2} form an efficient equalizer system. The circuit is similar to the Wien bridge: no infinite attenuation is produced, however, at any frequency. The peaking tendency of the equalizer at the ends of the passband is compensated by capacitors C_3 , C_{25} , C_{26} , C_{31} , C_{33} , inductances L_1 , L_2 , L_3 and resistor R_{32} . Most of these elements serve also with R_{15} , R_{23} , C_{12} and C_{21} in the cancellation of the r-f fields from the inverter channel.

Operational Characteristics

The curves in Fig. 5A show effect of the equalizer on one speech inverter channel and those of Fig. 5B on a complete communication circuit of inversion and reinversion. It is important to equalize both channels.

The frequency response can be corrected by pre-emphasis applied to one end of the transmitter channel and to one end of the receiver channel. The pre-emphasis gains are in this case equal to the sum of the losses at both ends of the passband. This method produces an improved overall frequency response, but for radio communication reduces the distortionless modulation range of the radio transmitter. This reduction of the dynamic range of the transmitter will not result or at least to only a low degree, if both channels are equalized individually.

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Nine measuring ranges are provided by the switch at lower right of the panel

Calibration curve for the 50-mh range

Inductance Meter

Phase shift through vacuum tube compensates for effect of IR drop in measuring inductance of air or iron-core coils from 5 millihenrys to 100 henrys. Conditions of frequency and current under which the coils operate can be simulated



FIG. 1—Vector triangle on which the design is based



FIG. 2—Simplified circuit of inductance meter

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AN INDUCTANCE measuring instrument was developed at the Naval Research Laboratory in connection with an investigation of liquid-level indicators for shipboard tanks, one of which employed a variable inductance that changed linearly with the depth of tank liquid. Although this circuit was developed for a particular application, it can also be used as an inductance meter.

In the measurement of inductance, the chief difficulty usually is caused by the finite d-c resistance associated with any coil, which cannot be separated physically from the reactance of the coil or be neglected as is sometimes possible in the measurement of capacitance.

To eliminate this difficulty, the following method was adopted. The voltage across the unknown inductance is measured with a second voltage, equal in magnitude but 180 degrees out of phase with the *IR*

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drop in the coil, introduced into the measuring circuit. This relationship can best be shown by the vector diagram in Fig. 1 where V, IR and IX_L form the vector triangle typical of inductive circuits.

Of these quantities, V alone can be measured physically. If, however, an additional voltage -IRcan be introduced into the measuring circuit, the meter will indicate the vector sum of IR, -IR and IX_L which will be directly proportional to the unknown inductance, provided the current and frequency remain constant.

Basic Circuit

The manner in which this voltage is introduced into the measuring circuit is shown in Fig. 2, the simplified circuit diagram of the measuring circuit. The grid signal is taken from the pure resistance in series with the unknown inductance. It will, therefore, be in phase



FIG. 3-Complete circuit of inductance-measuring unit and power supply

with the current through the inductance and consequently also in phase with the IR drop in the coil as shown in Fig. 1. Thus, the plate signal of the vacuum tube will be 180 degrees out of phase with these quantities, provided the blocking capacitor is large enough to cause only a negligible phase shift. Consequently, the voltage produced across the potentiometer will be in the direction -IR in Fig. 1 and the magnitude of the voltage introduced into the measuring circuit can be adjusted to equal IR by means of the variable tap as shown.

Different values of coil inductance or resistance will cause the phase angle α to change, but this change is automatically taken into consideration, since the grid signal is always in phase with the current through the coil and consequently with the *IR* drop in the coil. When properly adjusted, the meter reading will be directly proportional to the unknown inductance and can be calibrated to indicate this quantity directly, provided the frequency and current of the power supply are maintained constant.

A Wien-bridge oscillator-controlled power supply was used because of its excellent frequency stability and the ballast lamp shown in Fig. 2 maintained a substantially constant current.

The a-c meter shown in Fig. 2 should have a high impedance so that the meter current flowing through the grid resistor will have a negligibly small effect on the grid signal. In the model tested, since simplicity and ruggedness were desired, a d'Arsonval type meter (20,000 ohms per volt) with a rectifier was used quite satisfactorily. However, a vacuum-tube voltmeter is preferable due to its higher impedance and more linear characteristics.

In the model tested, the power was supplied by a 1,000-cycle Wienbridge oscillator with suitable amplifier, equipped with bridged-tee feedback networks to reduce the harmonics to a negligibly small value. The complete circuit is shown in Fig. 3. Care should be exercised in its construction to minimize the frequency drift as the circuit components warm up or else some means should be provided so the circuit will quickly stabilize.

In the operation of this meter, the current and frequency through the unknown inductance are set at predetermined values and the potentiometer in the plate circuit of the inverter tube adjusted to the value which provides a minimum reading on the a-c meter. This minimum reading will indicate the value of the unknown inductance directly, when properly calibrated.

High Range

For extending the range of the meter, it is necessary to change the current through the unknown inductance, the frequency of the power supply or the sensitivity of the indicating meter. By shifting to 100 cycles, the model constructed measures iron-core inductances as high as 100 henrys. The only appreciable error in such a meter, if properly constructed, is due to the fact that it neglects the distributed capacitance in the unknown coil. This error, however, is minimized if a coil current is used which is appreciable with respect to the current due to the distributed capacitance.

This meter can also be used to measure the change in inductance over a given range by inserting a capacitor in series with it of the proper value to balance the initial inductance. When used in this manner, it is particularly important that the harmonics in the power supply be reduced to a low value; otherwise an appreciable error will be introduced in the meter reading. which is most noticeable near the balance point. This circuit can also be used to measure capacitance directly, but the meter reading will no longer be linear, since reactance is an inverse function of capacitance.

The circuit described can be used for coils having a wide range of values of both inductance and resistance and works equally well on air-core or iron-core coils. If designed and calibrated for a given set of conditions the inductance of iron-core chokes or transformers can be measured under the conditions of frequency and current at which they will operate. It is particularly suited for the measurement of the change in inductance in a given circuit where the circuit constants (except inductance) are fixed. Such a circuit can be initially balanced and calibrated and the meter will provide a continuous indication of the change in inductance without further attention.

Television



Sync generator and power supply in a single rack having a total of 93 tubes

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WITH THE EXCEPTION of one slug-tuned oscillator coil, the sync generator to be described contains no variable elements. This design is in direct contrast with conventional synchronizing equipments that incorporate dozens of variable potentiometers. All pulse widths, all pulse positions and the pulse number are determined by a system of binary counters in conjunction with a delay line.

The importance of stability is readily appreciated when it is realized that composite sync and blanking waves for television contain pulses of six fundamental widths at three basic frequencies held in correct phase relationship to a tolerance of 0.3 microsecond. In this generator, determination of sync and blanking waves is a function of circuit configuration and is not subject to variation by operators.

No attempt was made to reduce the number of tube envelopes. A total of 93 tubes is used in this generator and its power supplies. This figure is some 20 tubes in excess of the number common to present designs. The cost of the extra tubes is counter-balanced by stability and freedom from adjustment. All tubes, except those in the basic **31.5-kc** oscillator and lock-in circuits, act merely as switches. They have only two operating states plate-current cutoff and plate current saturation. Many tubes are buffers with short duty cycles.

The leading edges and trailing edges of sync, blanking and driving signals are precisely positioned by a delay line, and inherently stable device. The widths of the vertical components in the sync and blanking signals are fixed by making them a definite number of cycles or pips wide as derived from the basic 31.5-kc oscillator. The exact number is determined by binary counters. All generator output signals are independent of R-C circuits or charge accumulation circuits. In general, the generator exhibits a computer-like behavior in that the output signals are precisely correct or they are completely incorrect.

Use of Delay Line

The basic principle of operation is illustrated in Fig. 1. A sharp pip is applied to a delay line having a high cutoff frequency to retain the steep wavefront. The pip is extracted at tap 1 to actuate the flipflop oscillator to the ON condition. This same pip is extracted from taps 2 or 3, at a later time, to return the oscillator to the OFF condition. The rectangular pulse produced has the positional stability of the recurrent pips and the pulse width is accurately established by the delay line. By connecting to various taps along the line through switches, the pulse width or position is accurately altered.

In the final equipment, keyer tubes actuated by keying signals replace the switches of Fig. 1. The keying signals serve to position or control the width of the flip-flop oscillator pulses to predetermined requirements. Thus, by using various pips from a delay line keyed in by different keying waves, it becomes possible to generate a desired complex rectangular waveform in one flip-flop oscillator. In the event that the oscillator receives several successive ON and OFF pips, only the first of each group is significant.

Another important characteristic is the immunity of the oscillator pulse to variations in the keying wave. In the sync generator, the rise and fall times of the keying waves may vary in the order of 10 microseconds without affecting the generated pulses. This characteristic leaves the pips in control of the exact timing of rectangular waves.

Figure 2 indicates the manner in which the entire RMA sync signal is generated in one flip-flop oscillator into which are injected suitably keyed pips. Keying wave G in Fig. 3, occurring at the horizontal sweep rate is combined with the three principal vertical keying waves A. B and C to produce a composite keying signal operating keyer K_{s} . This keyer passes the ON pips from tap 3 to the oscillator at H rate during the picture interval and at 2H rate during the three vertical intervals. Thus, tap 3 on the delay line precisely determines all the leading edges of the sync signal.

Similarly, the varying trailing edges of the sync signal are determined by injecting the OFF pips to the flip-flop oscillator. There are three fundamental widths in the horizontal component of the standard sync signal-the equalizing pulse (2.25 µsec), horizontal sync (4.5 μ sec) and vertical serration width (4.5 μ sec). These widths are established by taps 4, 5 and 1 respectively, and selected by keyers K_{9} , K_{10} and A_{4} . Vertical keying signals A and C are combined to operate K_{0} and hereby furnish OFF pips from tap 4 during the two equalizing intervals before and after the vertical sync. Tap 4 thus determines width of equalizing pulse.

The horizontal sync width is determined by the OFF pip normally keyed in from tap 5 through K_{10} . This keyer passes OFF pips at all

Synchronizing Generator

Standard synchronizing, blanking, horizontal and vertical driving signals are obtained from a generator based upon binary counters without variable controls. Sync signal parameters are fixed by circuit configuration rather than by R-C or charge accumulation circuits. Stability is high and independent of power supply regulation

times except when K_{10} is keyed out during the vertical sync period. The fact that the oscillator is receiving OFF pips from tap 5 during the equalizing intervals is of no consequence since the oscillator is already receiving OFF pips from tap 4 during these intervals. The trailing edge in the vertical serrations is established by OFF pip 1 through amplifier A_4 . These OFF pips are supplied to the oscillator continuously but are only effective during the vertical sync interval when all other OFF pips are absent. The complete sync signal as generated by the flip-flop oscillator is passed through clippers for cleaning both top and base of the composite wave.

The mixed blanking signal is similarly synthesized. The composite keying signal which keys K_s for the sync ON pips also keys K_τ to supply ON pips to the blanking oscillator. These pips originate from tap 2 on the delay line. The time displacement between taps 2 and 3 establishes the sync front porch. Blanking OFF pips originating from tap 6 are normally keyed in during the picture interval. Time difference between tap 2 and 6 represents the horizontal blanking width. Keying wave F keys out these OFF pips during the vertical blanking interval to establish the







FIG. 2—Simplified diagram to show sync synthesis

vertical blanks that are required.

It should be noted that the oscillator receives ON pips during the entire vertical blanking period. Only the first one is significant since there are no OFF pips during this period. Time differential between taps 5 and 6 determines the horizontal back porch. It will be apparent that in this method of generating the blanking signal, the leading and trailing edges of the vertical blank are coincidental with those of the horizontal and therefore no last-line jitter can occur at either top or bottom of the frame.

Driving Signals

A similar but less involved approach is made in generating the horizontal and vertical driving signals, indicated in Fig. 4. All keying signals originate from the 31.5-kc basic oscillator that is frequency-controlled by the usual phase discriminator and reactance modulator circuits. The sine-wave output from this oscillator is clipped and differentiated to produce sharp pips that are amplified to approximately 75 volts positive polarity for the delay



FIG. 3—Relations existing among the various waveforms at different points in the circuit (not drawn to scale)

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line input. Binary counter EJ_{m} driven by these 2*H* pips yields the *H* keying square wave *G*. The process for generation of keying waves at the vertical frequency begins with division of the 31.5-kc pips by the required 525 divisor, using a cascaded binary type of counter. The normal power of two count is reduced by count-advance feedback.

Group Counts

The counter chain is broken down to groups having counts of 7, 5 and 15 which facilitates checking circuit operation. The 60-cycle output operates a keying system to select every 525th pip from the 31.5-kc train of pips. This circuit assures a stable phase relationship between the 60-cycle spike and delay pips.

The 60-cycle spike initiates EJ_{11} to provide wave F and to key on keyer K_{2} . This 60-cycle spike also initiates ring counter EJ_{19} , EJ_{19} and EJ_{20} in which the transfer signal is the output from the count-of-six counter. The consecutive rectangular waves A, B and C available at each stage of the ring counter are exactly six pips wide and the group occurs at 60 cycles. These represent the three important vertical intervals—first equalizing, vertical sync and second equalizing.

Eccles-Jordan circuits EJ_{15} , EJ_{16} and EJ_{17} serve to end the blanking period by restoring EJ_{11} to its normal condition. The width of the blanking period is determined by the total count of counters EJ_{12} through EJ_{17} .

In the development of this sync generator it became apparent that there was no place for delicately poised circuits. The loading of a binary counter by directly coupling to a following stage impaired the counter's immunity to variations; buffer tubes were consequently considered an advisable tube expenditure. Grounded-cathode designs were used in the various counters to simplify construction. The grids of such counters provide square waves whose bases are at ground potential, thereby allowing direct coupling to keyer tube grids. Conventional methods for injecting the transfer signal into the ring counter did not yield the desired reliability. The circuit evolved, using a type 6L7 as an injector, leaves



FIG. 4-Interconnections for complete sync generator

nothing to be desired in this respect. One of the injector control grids is connected to the counter stage, rendering the injector insensitive to the transfer pulse. Sensitivity to the transfer pulse is developed slowly only by the stage ready for it.

Design of delay lines is described in the literature. The principal requirement in this instance is a highcutoff frequency (greater than 2 mc) with losses low enough to yield a 15-v pip at the end of the line, assuming that the input of the line is driven with a type 6L6 or similar tube.

The requirements for the flip-flop oscillators are rather stringent. They must be capable of being excited to a new condition and all potentials throughout the oscillator circuit must reach equilibrium in less than 2 microseconds. If the oscillator is not designed in wideband fashion, it will not respond to the second of two closely spaced ON and OFF pips as required for generation of the equalizing pulse.

Power supply requirements for the generator are not critical. A plate voltage of 150 volts reduces danger of component breakdown and eliminates cathode and screen resistors that would be necessary to limit plate current if a higher plate voltage were used. The total plate drain is approximately 500 ma. The generator was operated successfully for some time from an unregulated supply. A regulator was subsequently incorporated, primarily for protection from heavy power-line transients.



FIG. 5-Schematic representation of the complete sync generator

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PHASE-SHIFT



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NYONE who has conducted Alaboratory investigations within a given frequency range has at some time or another felt the need for an easily constructed band-pass filter. The presence of undesired signals such as a-c hum and random noise near the frequency region of intelligence-bearing signals has led to an extensive investigation of networks which will eliminate these undesirable frequency components. The object of this paper is to describe the operation of a band-pass filter which employs components normally found in all laboratories,

FIG. 1—Phase shift introduced by a bridged-T network changes in sign as frequency passes through null frequency





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complicated calculations in its design and construction. This type of filter may in many cases be used in place of the more conventional type filters with their complicated and specialized components. The basic circuit of the phase-

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The basic circuit of the phaseshift filter is a combination of conventional bridged-T networks. The circuit diagram for a bridged-T network is shown in Fig. 1A, Figure 1B shows the attenuation characteristics of bridged-T networks and clearly illustrates the effect of Q on the frequency response of the network. An analysis of the network will yield the expression for the null frequency f_0 and the condition for an absolute null in terms of the network parameters.

$$f_o = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{LC}}$$
$$R = \frac{1}{r\omega_o^2 C^2}$$

The latter equation expresses the conditions for null.

Figure 1C is a generalized phaseshift characteristic for the bridge-T network. It will be noticed that the sign of the phase shift changes as the frequency passes through the null frequency of the network. It is this characteristic that makes it possible to combine the output of two bridged-T networks to form the attenuation characteristic of a bandpass network. If the outputs of two similar bridged-T networks, whose null frequencies are separated by a given increment, are combined in such a manner that the output of one network is subtracted from the other, the phase

BAND-PASS FILTERS

Double bridged-T network using readily available components provides good band-pass characteristic at minimum expense. Usable bandwidth depends on allowable dip between null points of the individual bridged-T networks

relationship between the two outputs is such that they will add in the vicinity of the null frequencies and subtract outside the band between the null frequencies. The overall combination has the characteristics of a band-pass filter.

Basic Circuit

Figure 2A is a block diagram of the basic phase-shift filter circuit using the output of two bridged-T networks as an input to a subtraction circuit. Each of the two T sections has its own Q, null frequency and transfer function β . The derivation of the transfer function for the composite circuit is a lengthy and complex process and no time will be devoted to its derivation. The resulting transfer function is shown in Fig. 2B. This expression shows that the transmission characteristic of the phaseshift filter is a function of Q and the null frequencies of the two T sections.

Differential combination of the output of the two T sections which make up the active branch of the phase-shift filter may be accomplished in many different circuits. Several of these circuits will be discussed in detail in a later section of this paper. Basically, these circuits may be grouped in two general classes: (1) direct subtraction circuits, and (2) phase inversion and addition circuits.

Figure 3 is a block diagram of a phase-shift filter in which the desired output is obtained by direct subtraction of the outputs of the two T sections. Figure 4 shows the

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FIG. 3—Direct subtraction method for combining outputs of bridged-T networks



FIG. 4—Phase-inversion—addition type of phase-shift filter

block diagram of the method in which the phase of the input to one T section is inverted and the outputs of the two T sections are put into a summation circuit. The difference between the two transmission characteristics of the T section is then obtained by direct addition of the two signals, one of which has had its phase inverted.

Experimental tests were conducted on a phase-shift filter utilizing two air-core speaker field coils as the inductances in the two T sections. Figure 5 is the circuit diagram of the tested circuit, showing the combining circuit used. The gain characteristic of the cathodecoupled circuit used as a subtraction circuit in these tests was such that the input to one tube had to be attenuated by potentiometer R so that the output represented the true difference between the input signals. This characteristic of the cathode-coupled subtraction circuit will be discussed in greater detail in a later section of this paper.

Figure 6 is a family of attenuation curves obtained by increasing the frequency increment between the null frequencies of the two bridged-T sections. This was accomplished by decreasing the capacitance in one section and resetting the value of the resistance to give an absolute null. The null frequency of one T section was held constant at 1,800 cps. It will be noticed that as the bandwidth is increased, by increasing the separation between the null frequencies, the output decreases in the passband. This characteristic of the phase-shift filter is similar to that of the conventional tuned coupled circuit. Further investigation revealed that as the bandwidth is increased for a given center frequency this dip in the passband will increase to a point where the circuit is no longer usable as a filter with a single passband.

Passband Dip

Before any attempt is made to design a phase-shift filter, the degree of dip in the passband which can be tolerated must be established. This amount of dip is dependent upon the particular application of the filter. Primarily, though, it must be remembered that limitation of the amount of allowable dip also places a limitation on the maximum bandwidth that may be used. Some median must be established between the width of the passband and the output dip in this passband. Again, this choice will depend on specific applications.

Figure 7 is a family of experimentally obtained universal curves which may be used to determine the allowable bandwidth for a given output dip within the passband. As a matter of choice the curves were obtained for arbitrarily chosen output dips of 3 db, 1.5 db and 0 db. Knowing the midfrequency and the Q of the coils at this frequency, these curves may be used to establish the maximum bandwidth that may be used. The design process

to be followed is as follows: The values of the abscissa at the passband limit points on a particular curve, when divided by the midfrequency Q, will yield the ratio of the bandwidth to midfrequency. Knowing the midfrequency, the allowable bandwidth may then be established. The reverse of this process may be used to determine the value of Q necessary to obtain a given passband with a given output dip.

In using these curves it must be kept in mind that they were obtained by laboratory experimentation and do not represent theoretical calculations. The accuracy of the experimental processes was held within the limits of normal laboratory measurements; however, there are present some inherent sources of error. Particular among these is the error imposed by the subtraction circuit. As previously stated, the subtraction circuit used in this experimentation was a cathodecoupled differential amplifier. The initial balance was obtained by attenuation of one input signal.



FIG. 5—Phase-shift filter and cathodecoupled subtraction circuit

The degree of error in the output of this circuit is dependent upon the level of the output signal. At the extreme ends of the curves, where the frequency is quite a distance from the midfrequency, the output level became very small so that the error in initial balance of the cathode-coupled circuit became more prominent. At these removed points on the curves, the curve represents more the unbalance and distortion in the amplifier circuit than the actual attenuation characteristic of the phase-shift filter. This residual error would be minimized by cascading identical stages.

To prevent this type of error from becoming of such magnitude as to diminish the utility of the filter circuit, a subtraction circuit whose initial balance can be effected to a very fine point must be used. Several types of familiar differential amplifier circuits and phase-inversion circuits may be used, the choice of which depends upon the relative merits of each. Some of the more familiar circuits of these types are: (1) cathode-coupled amplifier, (2) cross-coupled amplifier, (3) phase-inverter circuit, and (4) push-pull input circuit.

Differential Amplifiers

Figure 8A is a circuit diagram of a cathode-coupled differential amplifier. This circuit is perhaps the simplest of the differential amplifier circuits. The initial balance of this type of circuit is obtained by potentiometer R. The presence of load resistance R_L in the plate circuit of only one tube establishes a different operating point for the two tubes. As a con-



FIG. 6—Attenuation characteristics for phase-shift filter using air-core coils



FIG. 7—Universal curves for phase-shift filters derived from experimental data

sequence, the gain from the grid of V_2 is always greater than that of V_1 . To offset this difference of gain, the input signal to the grid of V_2 must be attenuated by means of potentiometer R until zero output is obtained with a common input.

Figure 8B is a circuit diagram of a cross-coupled differential amplifier. This circuit affords the highly desirable features of low sensitivity to hum and large dynamic range of input signals, with an output that is proportional to the difference between the two input signals. The tubes V_1 and V_4 are connected as cathode followers, with the cross coupling between V_2 and V_3 providing phase inversion. The input voltage of V_2 is the difference between the output voltages of V_1 and V_* . The input voltage of V_* is equal to this same voltage but opposite in phase. The output voltages of V_z and V_s will then be proportional to the difference between the impressed voltages on V_1 and V_4 but opposite in phase. The overall output will then represent the difference between the two input signals if any degree of symmetry in tube or circuit parameters has been maintained.

To offset any dissymmetry in the circuit, potentiometer R has been inserted. The initial balance of the circuit may be effected by varying R to a point where zero output is obtained with the same signal applied to V_1 and V_4 . Since the circuit conditions previously described exist whether the input signal is impressed on both V_1 and V_4 , this circuit may be used as a push-pull input stage or a balanced phase inverter.

Figure 9 is a circuit diagram of a phase-inverter subtraction circuit. Its operation is based upon the fact that the plate and cathode voltages of a tube are 180 degrees out of phase with each other. If the plate and cathode resistance of V_1 and V_2 are of equal magnitude then identical inputs to both V_1 and V_2 will produce voltages across the plate of V_1 and the cathode of V_2 which are equal and opposite. When an initial balance is obtained by means of R_0 , the output voltage E_{\circ} will be proportional to the difference between the two input voltages E_{i1} and E_{i2} .







FIG. 9—Phase-inverter subtraction circuit

A system utilizing a balanced center-tapped transformer represents the simplest means of obtaining two equal and opposite voltages.

Choice of Circuits

The choice of which circuit to use as a combining circuit in the phase-shift filter is dependent upon the relative merits of each. Perhaps the simplest method is one utilizing the balanced push-pull output from a transformer. The use of this circuit depends solely upon its availability since the design and construction of such a transformer contributes much complication.

The ease of design and construction of the phase-inverter circuit seems to indicate a high degree of utility; however, it must be pointed out that any difference between the resistances used in the plate and cathode circuit will result in an error in the output signal.

The cathode-coupled amplifier is the median between circuit complexity and performance as a differential amplifier. This circuit, involving two tubes, performs very well as a part of the phase-shift filter. The experimental processes conducted in this investigation indicated that the initial balance of the circuit could be made to the degree of approximately —50 db.

The versatility of the crosscoupled amplifier and its adaptability for use as either a phase inverter or a differential amplifier makes its use very desirable. The condition of initial balance may be effected quite easily. Its low susceptibility to hum and large dynamic input characteristic are also indicative of its utility. The objectionable feature of this circuit is the physical size of the circuit wherein four tubes are required. Again the choice between performance and circuit complexity is an arbitrary one and rests with the particular function to which the filter is applied.

Summary

The similarity of the phase-shift filter's attenuation characteristic to that of the tuned coupled circuit seems to indicate its most important possibility. The performance of specific tuned coupled circuits can be approached to a satisfactory degree by use of a phase-shift filter. In doing so, the complex problems of coil design and coupling factors are eliminated. The simplicity of the phase-shift filter with respect to the tuned coupled circuit, in view of their similar attenuation characteristics, is an argument somewhat in favor of its use. The authors feel that the advantages of this circuit are more pronounced in the audio-frequency range.

The phase-shift filter, with its lack of complex design and construction procedure, lends itself to many applications. At first glance it may appear that an even better performance could be obtained by use of m and k type filters; however, the use of such filters involves an extensive design procedure and many components of specific values. Calculations have shown that if the same number of components were used in cascaded sections of the phase-shift filter its performance would approach that of m and k type filters.





FIG. 1—Speed of master film is determined by difference in frequencies of master oscillator and oscillator under test. Calibration process which originally took 22 hours can now be done in 2 hours

FIG. 2—Tuning knob of oscillator under test (left) is coupled to reduction gear mounted beneath dark box (center)

Calibrating STRIP-TYPE

Two r-f generators, a standard and one to be calibrated, are driven through their ranges in frequency synchronism. Calibration markings on 40-foot master film-strip scale are projected onto unexposed film which becomes frequency scale for new oscillator

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CERTAIN TYPES of oscillators used by the Bell System for testing and maintaining coaxialcable terminal and repeater equipment require a continuous scale marked at 2-kc intervals over a range of 50 to 3,500 kc. To provide close frequency settings over this 70-to-1 frequency range without switching scales, a continuous length (approximately 40 feet) of 35-mm film is used as a frequencysetting dial.

Calibration of such scales presents a problem. Manual calibration takes about 16 hours, and printing the scale lines and numbers another 6 hours. The photographic calibrating system described here prints the 2-kc markers within ± 400 cps in a total time of 2 hours. Its operation is fully automatic and virtually foolproof.

Basic System

The block diagram of Fig. 1 shows the fundamental circuit and the optical arrangement employed. The tuning shaft and the unexposed film scale of the oscillator being calibrated are rotated mechanically by a line-operated synchronous motor through an 1,800-to-1 reduction gear. This motor M_1 causes the oscillator frequency range and film scale to be traversed simultaneously at a constant rate from one end to the other.

The tuning shaft and the accurately printed film scale of the master oscillator are rotated through an identical reduction gear by another 60-cps motor M_2 . This motor gets its power from an amplifier whose input is furnished by a modulator circuit. The modulator output signal is the difference between the frequencies of the two oscillators; and when the two oscillators are exactly 60 cps apart in frequency, motor M_2 runs at the same speed as M_1 , and the film printed for the oscillator under test will be identical to that of the master oscillator.

If, however, turning the shaft of oscillator being calibrated the causes its frequency to change at some rate different from that of the master oscillator (as is the caseotherwise calibration would be unnecessary), the modulator output signal will differ in frequency from 60 cps by the amount which the two oscillators stray from their normal 60-cps separation. This change will cause a change in the speed of M_2 , and thus in the scanning rate of the master oscillator, in such a way that the deviation is immediately



FIG. 3—Two-kilocycle marking lines from master oscillator (right) are projected through optical system to 35-mm film strip of oscillator under test which runs in a light-tight box shown here with cover removed

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remedied. Thus the two oscillators are synchronized, and the symbols printed on the blank film scale of the test oscillator will be accurately positioned, except for a fixed 60-cps displacement which can easily be compensated for, as will be explained later.

Light from a projection lamp in the standard oscillator shines through the film scale markings of the standard, through an optical system, and through a 0.06-in. slit onto the unexposed film of the oscillator, as shown in Fig. 1. The film is processed in a photographic laboratory and then becomes the frequency-setting scale for the new oscillator.

Calibration Setup

When an oscillator is ready for calibration it is positioned so that its main tuning knob may be attached to the flexible-shaft connection on the reduction gear box as shown in Fig. 2. Power is supplied to the two oscillators from rectifiers mounted in the rack below the master oscillator in the test set.

Since this is a photographic process, the use of a dark chamber is necessary. However, by placing the film to be exposed in a small

dark box immediately in front of the master film, the need for a dark room large enough to hold both oscillators is avoided. As shown in Fig. 2, the dark box is fastened to the front of the master oscillator. The box, Fig. 3, contains the optical system and a film-drive mechanism which is a duplicate of that in the oscillator to be tested. This film drive is coupled to the oscillator under test through the flexible shaft so that the film is driven at the same rate as if it were in the oscillator itself. A notch is provided on the sprocket wheel of each drive unit and a mark is placed on the film opposite the notch to provide a means of orienting the scale properly when the film is later mounted in its oscillator.

The lens in the dark box, besides focusing on the film, also inverts the image. Since the film in the box travels in a direction opposite to that in the master oscillator the longitudinal inversion is satisfactory, but to reinvert it crosswise of the film the prism is used.

Starting Procedure

Before the start of calibration the master oscillator is set to approximately 20 kc below the first

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mark on its scale. The oscillator under test is set to a point still lower in frequency. The low-inertia motor M_* is then connected to the output of the power amplifier and calibration is started by operating M_1 from the a-c line in a direction to increase the frequency of the oscillator under test. As this frequency rises and passes the frequency of the master oscillator, the output of the modulator passes through zero and rises toward 60 cycles. Motor M_2 picks up speed until the master-oscillator frequency settles down at 60 cycles lower than the test oscillator. This usually takes place well before the first scale mark of 50 kc is reached.

In case of any trouble which might prevent the master oscillator from overtaking the test oscillator the modulator output frequency would continue to rise. Since M. will not operate at high frequencies. a low-pass filter with a cutoff at 200 cycles is inserted in the modulator output circuit. If the frequency rises beyond this value, a relay operates to cut off power to both motors and the projection lamp behind the master film. The test oscillator is then run to a frequency lower than the master and started up as before.

Checking Calibration

After development of the film two check frequencies are marked on the negative at 84 kc and 2,000 kc by comparison with standard frequencies. The 60-cycle scale displacement is compensated for by shifting the fixed oscillator frequency from the 84 kc and 2,000-kc check points during the initial line-up.

Early models of the test oscillator were hand-calibrated in a temperature-controlled room to avoid frequency drift. When done at ordinary room temperatures a realignment at the two check frequencies was necessary after every fiftieth mark to compensate for drift. In the automatic method the period of calibration is so short that frequency drift is negligible provided the test set and standard oscillator are not subject to severe drafts or wide changes in temperature in the room where the calibrating process takes place.



Complete all-channel tuner, whose circuit is shown in Fig. 4B. Tunable coils are in the high-band coupling circuit



Exposed chassis view of tuner at left. Components that look like resistors are IRC fixed-tuned coils

BROAD-BAND

By choosing an i-f above 30 mc, so the image spectrum falls outside the television bands, it is possible to design a low-noise television front end with a broad-band r-f stage, and accomplish station selection by tuning local oscillator only. Selectivity of i-f eliminates adjacent-channel interference

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THE TELEVISION front end selec-L tivity requirements depend largely on the nature and intensity of the sources of interference in the image spectrums. If an i-f in the 41 to 47 region is chosen, the image spectrum falls well outside the television bands, and it should be possible to devise a selective r-f circuit broad enough to pass all the channels within one band, yet having sufficient selectivity to reject effectively all image signals. With proper design, the i-f selectivity can be relied upon for adjacentchannel rejection.

By eliminating the need for selective r-f tuning, station selection can be accomplished by tuning the oscillator.

Since the bandwidth required of the r-f stage in such a system is six or seven times that assigned to one channel, a proportional reduction in gain would be expected. Fortunately, however, the improvement in the figure of merit as a result of eliminating the switch and other incidental capacitances makes it feasible to obtain gains which compare favorably with those of switch narrow-band circuits using similar tubes. Also, because only a fraction of the passband is being used at any one time, further increase in gain can be realized by reducing the damping from its critical value, without appreciably deteriorating the resolution.

The antenna and input r-f stage set the ultimate limit of a useful receiver sensitivity. A yardstick of the quality of the r-f stage is its noise figure which is defined as the ratio of the stage's actual noise power output to the noise power output due to antenna thermal agitation noise of an amplifier of identical bandwidth and gain, but introducing no noise of its own.

The overall noise figure of a multistage network can be determined by considering the noise contributed by individual stages and the gain of any preceding stages. It can be shown that if the stages have even moderate gains, the noise figures beyond the first stage or the first two stages may be neglected with negligible error.

Circuit Considerations

In order to evaluate different circuits for possible application to broad-band television front ends, the available gains and noise figures of the various configurations must be studied. In the following examples, R_{eq} is the resistance which would give rise to the same





Coils and trimmers between sockets are part of low-band bridged-T coupling network. Circuit for chassis shown is Fig. 4A

Broad-band tuner employing cascode r-f amplifiers, one for each band. Figure 4C shows circuit details

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noise output power if introduced in series with the grid of an amplifier identical to the one under consideration, but noise free.

Grounded Cathode. Figure 1A shows the basic grounded-cathode circuit. Its noise figure can be determined by the formula

$$F = 1 + \frac{R_g}{R_i} + \frac{R_{eq}}{R_g} \left(1 + \frac{R_g}{R_i}\right)^2$$

It is seen to depend on the input resistance R_i whose value is set either by bandwidth or input conductance considerations, and R_{eq} of the tube. Under conditions of match, the noise figure is 2 + 4 R_{eq}/R_i . Theoretically, these formulas apply for both triodes and pentodes. However, with triodes (which are more desirable by virtue of their low R_{eq}) the qualifying condition is stability. Neutralized single-ended triodes are critical in adjustment, especially over a wide band. Push-pull triodes are neutralized more easily. but contribute twice the noise of a single tube.

Grounded Grid. The groundedgrid amplifier, shown in Fig. 1B is degenerative with the feedback voltage developed across the generator impedance due to the flow of plate current. The noise figure is

$$F = 1 + \frac{R_{\sigma}}{R_i} + \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}\right)^2 \frac{R_{eq}}{R_{\sigma}} \left(1 + \frac{R_{\sigma}}{R_i}\right)^2$$

When μ is much greater than unity, as it is in practice, this expression becomes identical to the grounded-cathode expression.

Since the plate current flows through the generator, the tube presents a cathode impedance

$$\frac{e_{kg}}{i_P} = \frac{R_P + R_L}{\mu + 1}$$

Assuming $R_i \gg R_g$, $R_P \gg R_L$, and $\mu \gg 1$, $R_g = 1/g_m$ for match. For a



FIG. 1—Basic circuits considered in designing broad-band television front ends

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triode $R_{eq} = 2.5/g_m$ and $F = 1 + R_{eq}/R_{g} = 3.5$. Then F = 5.5 db. The voltage gain of a grounded-grid stage is $\frac{1}{2} g_m R_L$ under the above assumptions.

Grounded Plate. The noise figure of a grounded plate amplifier or cathode-follower is the same as that of a grounded cathode amplifier.

Because of its lower gain and regenerative tendencies, depending on the nature of the cathode impedance, this circuit has found limited application. Certain variations are useful, however, in double-triode circuit arrangements which will be discussed later.

Double-Plate Grounded-Grid. Before proceeding with the discussion of the other possible combinations of the three basic circuits outlined above, the noise figure of the circuit shown in Fig. 1D will be considered. This circuit offers an easy way of separating the two television bands. The common cathode is the input terminal for all the channels and the plates pass the two bands respectively. Figure 1E shows the equivalent noise circuit of each triode section. The two triodes are assumed identical and the alternate load impedances are assumed small in comparison with the plate resistance at the respective operating frequencies.

Assuming $\mu \gg 1$, and matching the generator by the dynamic tube input conductance, the noise figure is 11.3 db. This circuit is inferior, from a noise figure standpoint, to other triode configurations, but has many practical advantages in its favor.

Cathode-Coupled Triode. The cathode-coupled amplifier combines the qualities of high input impedance and high gain and essentially the favorable noise figure of a single grounded-grid triode. Referring to the circuit of Fig. 1F, it is assumed that the two triodes are identical and the input resistance of the second tube is high in comparison with equivalent cathode impedance of the preceding stage. Using the nomenclature adopted in the previous analysis,

$$F = 1 + \frac{R_{\sigma}}{R_i} + 2 \frac{R_{eq}}{R_{\sigma}} \left(1 + \frac{R_{\sigma}}{R_i}\right)^2$$

Under conditions of impedance

FIG. 2—Common-cathode circuit is antiresonant to frequencies in both television bands but series resonant to f-m band signals

match $F = 2 + 8 R_{eq}/R_g$.

There is a decided advantage in using this circuit if R_g can be made high.

Cascode. The cascode circuit represents another step in the direction of low-noise—high-gain r-f amplifiers. Its circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 1G. Again assuming identical triodes, no cathode resistance, and $\mu \gg 1$,

$$F = 1 + \frac{R_g}{R_i} + \frac{R_{eq}}{R_g} \left(1 + \frac{R_{eq}}{R_i} \right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{R_{eq}}{R_i} \right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\mu^2} \right)^2 \right)$$

Under conditions of match and $\mu^2 \gg 1$, $F = 2 + 4 R_{eq}/R_p$. The noise figure is better than that of the cathode-couple arrangement, and the gain is higher by 6 db since the voltage gain of the first stage is unity and not one-half as in the cathode-coupled circuit.

Considerations Above 100 MC

Above 100 mc the cathode inductance becomes an important factor in determining the input loading. The input conductance varies directly as frequency squared. Within the range of frequencies where $(g_m \omega L_k)^* \ll 1$ (Fig. 1H) the input admittance is made up of the capacitance $C + C_{g*}$ shunted by a resistance $1/g_m$ $(f_o/f)^2$, where f is the operating frequency and f_o the resonance frequency of the cathode inductance and the grid-to-cathode capacitance.

Another source of loading is the electronic input conductance due to the finite transit time in the cathode to grid space. The input resistance due to transit time is R_{θ} $= 20/g_m(\omega\tau)^2$, where τ is the transit time, and R_{θ} is the damping effect on the circuit. The noise contribution of R_{θ} is greater than that of an equal external resistance by the ratio of the equivalent tube temperature to room temperature. It is necessary, therefore, to separate R_{θ} from other input resistors. The noise figure of the input circuit in Fig. 1I is

$$F = 1 + rac{R_g}{R_i} + rac{T_1}{T} rac{R_g}{R_{ heta}}$$

The noise figure of a tube and its input circuit is

$$F = 1 + \frac{R_{o}}{R_{i}} + \frac{T_{1}}{T} \frac{R_{o}}{R_{\theta}} + \frac{R_{eq}}{R_{o}}$$
$$\left(1 + \frac{R_{o}}{R_{i}} + \frac{R_{o}}{R_{\theta}}\right)^{2}$$

When the ratio of $T_1/T = 5$ is used, account is taken of the induced noise. This noise component being due to the induced noise voltage in the grid when the grid-tocathode transit angle is not negligible. It is directly related to R_{eq} and measurements have shown that the choice of $T_1/T = 5$ gives reasonably accurate results.

Antenna Transformers

The design of the input transformer is predicated by the conditions of match and bandwidth. A single-tuned transformer can be used by tapping on either the inductance or capacitance. The splitcapacitance form is simpler physically and easier to adjust, but it must be remembered that by its very nature it is also a low-pass filter and sufficient low-frequency selectivity must be secured elsewhere.

The signal plate current is directly related to the available antenna power and inversely related to the product of the bandwidth and input capacitance. If e and r are the antenna signal voltage and antenna radiation resistance respectively, then

$i_p = \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4r}} \frac{g_m}{\sqrt{\pi \,\Delta F \, C_i}}$

Interstage Coupling

Selectivity and figure of merit are the major considerations in the design of the coupling network from the r-f amplifier to the mixer. The response to the image frequency divided by the response to the signal frequency is given as approximately equal to $\Delta f/4f$, for a single-tuned circuit and $2(\Delta f/4f_{*})^{*}$ for a double-tuned circuit. In the high band where the sources of image interference are not particularly powerful the mean rejection figure of 5 obtainable with a doubletuned circuit, will be found sufficient, especially when an equal amount of selectivity is secured in the input transformer. A higher degree of selectivity is desirable in the lower frequency band. The lower-skirt selectivity should be high by reasons of i-f rejection and the upper-skirt selectivity should be high enough to reject the image signals. A simple network offering a high degree of selectivity and rejection of selected frequencies outside the passband is the bridged-T.

The need for selectivity not being as great at the higher frequency band, the use of simple circuits is desirable to assure uniform results with the small tuning elements employed. Stagger-tuning offers similar selectivity characteristics with greater simplicity of construction and tuning at some loss of gain.

When the input and output capacitances are lumped, the tuning inductances at the upper frequency channels generally become so small as not to lend themselves to normal tuning methods. To increase the tuning inductance the series instead of parallel arrangement of the output and input capacitances may be used for tuning. The gain and bandwidth product in this case remains the same.

Inasmuch as the r-f amplifier in its wide-band application offers comparatively lower gain the noise properties of the mixer stage cannot be completely disregarded in evaluating the overall noise figure. By this token it is desirable to use a low noise-contributing tube such as a triode. However, due to its high grid-to-plate capacitance care must be exercised in its use both at the low and high bands. At the low band the i-f is close to the r-f passband and it may, therefore, be necessary to include an i-f seriesresonant trap in the grid of the mixer depending on the selectivity. At the high band, resonance within the r-f passband of the inductances inherent in the coupling capacitor and elsewhere in the mixer plate circuit should be avoided.

Practical Circuits

The simplest, although from a noise-figure standpoint least satisfactory circuit, is shown in Fig. 2A. Two sections of a 6J6 are used as grounded-grid amplifiers, one for the low and one for the high band. The input matches either a 100-ohm unbalanced line or with the additions of a balun transformer can be made to match a 300ohm balanced line. The network in the cathode has two frequencies of antiresonance, one in the midband of the low and one in the midband of the high channels and is series resonant in the f-m band. This aids in matching the line and offers rejection of f-m interference.

The plate circuit of the low-channel amplifier employs a bridged-T as the coupling network to the mixer tuned to reject the i-f. A double-tuned circuit is used to couple the high-band amplifier. The two amplifiers couple into the respective grids of the 6J6 mixer, the plates of which are connected in parallel. By this device there is no need to switch any r-f circuits. Two Colpitts oscillators for the respective bands are used, only one being operative at a time. The bands are switched by switching the B+ voltage to the appropriate triode section of the 6J6 oscillator.

The next circuit to be discussed was proposed but not actually tested. It is identical to the circuit just described except for the r-f stage. It uses a 6J6 in what is essentially a reflex cathode-coupled amplifier.

It is assumed that in either band the tuning elements of the other band bypass the appropriate tube elements. This circuit still retains the basic simplicity of the first, but offers a better noise figure by virtue of the higher impedance at the grid input. The r-f amplifier section is shown in Fig. 2B. There are two inputs available which may be combined by using a proper dividing network.

The circuit of Fig. 3 was considered to exhaust the possibilities of this scheme. It uses four 12AT7 double triodes, one in a cascode circuit for each of the channels and two as oscillator-mixer combinations. Band switching is accomplished by switching the transmission line to the alternate inputs as well as switching the B+ to the oscillators.

Double-tuned input transformers



FIG. 3—Broad-band cascode circuits are used, one for each band. Band changing is accomplished by switching B+ and antenna transmission line

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FIG. 4—Greater economy can be realized by these circuits without sacrificing performance. Figure 4C is a complete single-tube tuner with good noise figure. Oscillator radiation troubles can be eliminated by choice of i-f in 40 to 50-mc region

designed to match a 300-ohm line over a pass band of 40 mc are used. Two bridged-T networks are used in the low-band amplifier, the one designed to reject the i-f couples to the mixer and the other designed to reject the f-m couples the plate to the cathode of the cascode. The high band employs a staggered pair in its coupling networks and an inductance is added to tune out the grid-to-plate capacitance. In the low-band amplifier the improvement resulting from tuning out the grid-to-plate capacitance was not enough to warrant the addition of another tuning element. The inductances in the staggered pair, the primary antenna transformer capacitances and the bridged-T trap capacitors were made tunable; all other elements are fixed-tuned. This was found particularly justifiable in the low-band amplifiers where the Q is low (about 2).

By using one section of the tube as an oscillator and the other section in the same envelope as the associated mixer, more favorable and uniform injection of oscillator voltage was obtained. Little detuning was caused by the application of agc.

The common feature of all the circuits described thus far is that band switching is accomplished by applying B+ to the tubes chosen for the selected band, and in one case by switching also the antenna cable at a low r-f impedance level. By dispensing with switching of the r-f coupling circuits it was felt that a higher figure of merit would be realized as a result of eliminating switch capacitances. However, only half of the tubes are used at any particular time. More efficient operation may be secured bv switching the r-f coupling circuit. With proper care the figure of merit at the high band need not be compromised and only a slight reduction would be suffered in the low band.

Greater Economy

To meet the need of greater economy, the circuit shown in Fig. 4A was devised. In it, the first 6J6 functions as a grounded-grid r-f amplifier. The cathode network is the same as in Fig. 2, being antiresonant within the two television bands and resonant with the the f-m band. The high-band r-f coupling network is not switched and hence the switch capacitance does not affect it. The low-band circuit appears in series with that of the high band and is switched. The switch introduces an additional 1.5 to 2 $\mu\mu$ f of capacitance into the low band-pass filter. Double-tuned inductively-coupled circuits are used for interstage coupling. To suppress the response to image and i-f signals, series-resonant traps are included. The series-resonant filter in the grid of the mixer is tuned to the i-f. In addition to providing the necessary i-f rejection, the mixer grid impedance is also reduced, making it less subject to regeneration. However, in spite of the low grid impedance to the i-f, it was found necessary to neutralize the mixer.

In order to avoid the need for neutralization which calls for an additional tuning adjustment, a pentode mixer may be employed in a circuit shown in Fig. 4B. Here the r-f amplifier and oscillator are combined calling for a double triode with individual cathodes. Oscillator radiation under these conditions is higher and the gain and noise figure is less favorable. Figure 4C shows a tuner comprising a single dual triode, one section being used as an oscillator and the other as a mixer. In spite of the lack of r-f gain preceding the mixer, a good noise figure can be obtained by virtue of the fact that the grid impedance of the triode mixer is high. The main weakness of this circuit is the prohibitive amount of oscillator radiation which is likely to result. This difficulty can be eliminated to some extent by the choice of an i-f in the 40 to 50-mc region which will place the oscillator frequencies outside the tv bands. The choice of a higher i-f, however, will make neutralization more critical and lower the i-f rejection ratio.

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GAMMA-RAY **RADIATION MONITOR**

Essentially self-switching over a voltage range of 100,000 to 1, this radiation measuring instrument is based on a scintillation counter. The wide range is accommodated by feeding amplified output of a comparison circuit to a servo motor turning a nonlinear potentiometer shaft geared to an indicator pointer

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HE GAMMA RAYS (high-energy x-rays) which are often associated with the experiments and apparatus of nuclear physics represent a danger to personnel. In addition, the constantly increasing use of gamma-active isotopes and other high-intensity sources of penetrating radiation in industrial applications has made it imperative that instruments be developed capable of detecting the danger and measuring its degree.

Various gamma-ray detectors have long been employed by physicists in actual experiments, but only recently have such detectors been applied to the problems of health physics. These detectors, in the usual experiments of nuclear physics, are pushed to the limit of their sensitivity. However, as health monitors they are called upon to operate in intense gamma-ray fields since a human being can tolerate considerable bombardment.

The commonly accepted tolerance dose for a full working day is 0.1 roentgen but this may soon be revised downward. A roentgen is that quantity of gamma radiation which will release (by ionization) 1 esu of charge in one cubic centimeter of air under standard conditions. Since the roentgen is a total quantity of radiation, the tolerance dose may be absorbed in a short time at high intensity or over a full day at reduced intensity. For this reason it is necessary that any dosage rate metering device cover

a very wide range of intensities.

Ideally, the instrument should be capable of accurately measuring rates of from 1 milliroentgen per hour to approximately 100 roentgens per hour without manual range switching or attention of any sort. This represents a dosage scale extending over five decades, and corresponds to tolerance working periods of no limit to 4 seconds per day. For a full ten-hour day the maximum average rate would be 10 milliroentgens per hour. It should be stated here that the precision of measurement required for dosages is of the order of 15 percent because of the wide variation in specific radiation effect with irradiated personnel, and the roughness of the data used to set the tolerance level

There are at least three gammaray detectors which are theoretically operable over the required intensity range. These are the Geiger-Muller counter, the ionization chamber and the recently rediscovered scintillation counter.

The Geiger-Muller counter, probably the most convenient and widely used gamma-ray detector at present, is limited to relatively low intensity measurements (low counting rates) because of a 100 to 200microsecond dead time exhibited by the device after each count. It would thus be difficult to use in radiation fields of the order of roentgens per hour.

Recently some work has been done with G-M counters in which they are used at very high counting rates with the aid of high sensitiv-



Complete radiation instrument consists of servo preamplifier, foreground; probe pick-up and power supply, right; indicator unit, center; dark-current cancellation chassis, and a spare probe unit, background

ity pulse-recording circuits.

The ionization chamber suffers no such high-intensity limitation if a sufficiently large collecting voltage is used. However, the chamber is a high-impedance device which makes the highly desirable feature of automatic range switching difficult to obtain.

Basic Principle

The instrument to be described uses a scintillation counter detector, the choice of which was dictated by the fact that it is a reasonably lowimpedance device and is not troubled by saturation effects at high radiation levels.

This is evident from the mechanism whereby the gamma ray is detected in a scintillation counter. The incident gamma collides with an electron in a crystal and gives up a portion of its energy by the Compton process. The recoil electron, in turn, imparts its energy to the crystal which dissipates the energy by fluorescence, thus producing a flash of light or scintillation which is viewed by a photomultiplier tube. Many such happenings may occur simultaneously, permitting very high counting rates.

For monoenergic gamma rays the light output of the crystal is directly proportional to the intensity of the radiation or dosage rate. The d-c photomultiplier current is, therefore, a measure of the radiation dosage rate. Proper operation of a scintillation detector over a range of 100,000 in intensity is readily obtained by judicious choice of the photomultiplier's operating point.

The detector consists of an anthracene crystal 1 imes 1 imes 0.5 cm and a type 931A photomultiplier tube. The output of the tube is integrated to provide a d-c level proportional to the pulse rate, and is compared to a balancing voltage. Any difference between the comparison voltage and tube output is amplified and used to position a servo motor on a highly nonlinear potentiometer geared to an indicator pointer. The range of photomultiplier output voltage which may be balanced is 100,000 to 1 because of the special potentiometer used.

The criterion for selection of the photomultipliers is low absolute

dark current, which, however, is not a difficult requirement to meet since the dark current of all the tubes checked was in the vicinity of 1.0×10^{-9} ampere. The photomultipliers used in the instrument are operated in the vicinity of 900 volts, which must be well stabilized. Since multiple probes are sometimes used with the same indicator, the sensitivities of the tubes are matched by adjusting the voltages on the first two stages.

The crystal is mounted on the phototube and the entire assembly placed in a cylindrical brass housing, which in turn is mounted on a probe chassis and gasketed for light tightness. A serious problem is the electrical leakage across the socket of the tube. The entire base assembly is, therefore, thoroughly cleaned and coated with paraffin. This procedure reduces the no-signal output of the tube by at least a factor of 10.

Circuit Details

The load resistor of the photomultiplier drives an R-C low-pass filter which serves to eliminate the rapidly varying components of the phototube output so the servo system will not act erratically. This R-C integrator circuit serves the second important function of slowing down any step-function increase in radiation level (and multiplier output) which could block the servo amplifier.

The d-c output signal of the integrator circuit is fed to a Brown Instrument Co. converter along with a d-c comparison voltage supplied from the servo-driven slidewire. Since the impedance level at the converter is of the order of one megohm and the applied signal is of the order of 0.1 millivolt at the low end of the range, considerable hum is introduced by the vibrator driving coil. This hum pickup is greatly reduced by opening the converter and rearranging the driving coil leads so that they come out the top of the housing.

The converter, essentially a driven single-pole double-throw switch, is designed so that the contactor arm closes each of the two circuits some 45 degrees of a complete cycle, and shorts both circuits together for about 10 percent of a cycle. This action permits the integrating capacitor C to receive charge via the low-impedance comparison voltage circuit. The capacitor holds this charge easily until the contactor closes the tube circuit, and thus the net voltage change as seen by the first amplifier grid is very nearly zero. To prevent this action, a resistor R is placed in series with the comparison voltage such that the integrating capacitor takes on very little charge from the comparison voltage.

The 60-cycle unbalance voltage derived from the converter is fed to the grid of the first servo preamplifier tube. It was found convenient to heat the filament of this tube by r-f power supplied by a simple tickler oscillator to reduce the 60-cycle pickup. à

The circuit of the servo preamplifier consists of two 6AK5's and one 6SL7. This tube line-up yields a gain of the order of 10° if the amplifier is linear. The preamplifier is R-C-coupled to two 6N7's which serve as the servo power amplifier.

Special Potentiometer

The servo motor is used to drive the comparison-voltage potentiometer and the indicator needle. The system is geared so the motor, running at 160 rpm, drives the potentiometer through 330 degrees and the needle through 110 degrees in approximately 10 seconds. Since the signal voltage available from the multiplier tube varies over five decades, it is also necessary that the comparison voltage do so. To accomplish this, the wire-wound potentiometer is tapped at four regularly-spaced intervals.

A one-ohm resistor is placed across the first interval, 10 ohms across the second, 100 ohms across the third, 1,000 ohms across the fourth, and no resistance across the last which is one-fifth of a 50,000ohm potentiometer, or 10.000 ohms. When a voltage is applied across the potentiometer, one ten-thousandth appears across the first interval, one-thousandth across the second and so on. Thus, the ratio of voltages available from the potentiometer is 100,000 to 1 (ratio of voltage on one-tenth of the first decade to full pot voltage).

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The total potentiometer voltage is adjusted so the 100 milliroentgen per hour level would fall at the end of the second decade. This adjustment is very stable and requires 21 volts across the entire potentiometer, or approximately 21 millivolts across the second decade.

There are two basic limitations to the performance of the instrument. At very low levels (5 mr per hr or less) there are dark-current variations and at very high levels (10 r per hr or more) there is photomultiplier fatigue.

The dark current of the photomultiplier, due to thermionic emission from the photocathode, is strongly temperature-dependent and thus may cause a shift in the zero position of the instrument as the temperature varies. However, with tubes selected for low dark current, this effect is small enough to be neglected providing no levels less than 5.0 mr per hr need be measured to 15-percent accuracy. It was found that a 4-degree C change in temperature caused a shift of the order of 0.7 mr per hr.

For those applications requiring higher sensitivity and accuracy, at least two possibilities are open. First, a thermostatically controlled oven operating at about 40 C (to absorb maximum room temperature) has been used successfully. A Fenwal thermoswitch or similar device and resistor heating element will maintain the temperature to within 0.4 C and thus effect a considerable increase in the minimum measurable signal (at a given accuracy).

Second, a more direct method of cancelling the dark-current pulses has been employed. It is found that the pulses making up the dark current of a photomultiplier tube are considerably smaller than the average current pulse due to a scintillation. This immediately suggests the use of a pulse-height discriminator circuit set to reject dark-current pulses.

However, any direct pulse-height discriminating circuit would become completely blocked at higher radiation levels, and its output would rapidly go to zero. It is thus necessary to employ a discriminator circuit in which blocking does not cause the entire instrument to be-



Circuit of gamma-ray radiation monitor. Contacts of the converter are shown in circle at left center

come inoperative. (At levels which block the discriminator, dark current is unimportant.) This may be done by placing the discriminator circuit in a feedback loop circuit arrangement.

The voltage on the integrating capacitor is thus due only to those portions of the input pulses which are above the discrimination level. This eliminates the dark-current pulses entirely, at the expense of a factor of three in sensitivity which may be made up elsewhere in the instrument.

If the radiation monitor were required to operate over very wide temperature ranges at high sensitivity, it would probably be necessary to combine pulse cancellation and thermostatic control, since there is evidence that the light output of the crystal itself varies somewhat with temperature.

Photomultiplier tubes, when operated at high light levels, exhibit a fatigue effect wherein the output current decreases steadily with time although the illumination is constant.

At low levels of illumination, the recovery per unit time approaches

the fatigue rate and the net loss in sensitivity is small. It is thus important to keep the photomultiplier output as small as possible at high radiation levels. In a reasonably good tube, the fatigue is considerably less than 5 percent at a current of 30 microamperes. It is good design to minimize the tube output and maximize the servo system sensitivity. For this reason, the anthracene crystals need not be large, or backed by a reflecting surface. Since the instrument is designed for approximately 30 microamperes of multiplier tube current at 100 r per hr, the minimum current is of the order of 3 imes 10⁻¹⁰ ampere (or about one-third of the dark current of the tube). It is, therefore, desirable that tubes be selected for low absolute current.

In certain installations, there is the possibility of cooling the tube to reduce dark current, and at the same time maintain a constant temperature. This technique is not without possible drawbacks, however, since there is some evidence to indicate that fatigue effects are greatly increased at lower temperature.

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Survey of basic vacuum-tube voltmeter circuits, including pertinent equations, evaluation of circuit performance and accuracy, and frequency and voltage range limitations of each type of circuit

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The major performance desiderata of a vacuum-tube voltmeter for frequencies up to several hundred megacycles are: (1) low-input capacitance; (2) high-input resistance; (3) short internal leads to

Circuit	Principle of Operation	Basic Formulas	Input Impedance
DIODE DETECTION	C charges to E_{PEAK} . R acts to discharge C. In (B), R' and C' act as a filter to keep r-f out of d-c measuring circuit	For linear diode characteristics, $V_{d-e} = KE_{PEAK}$. $R_{EQ} = \frac{R}{2 I_P R / E_{PEAK}} = \frac{R}{2\eta}$ $\eta = \text{rectification efficiency}$ = unity (approx.) as R and E increase. For square-law diode, η is function of E	Equivalent of 1 to 25 megohms shunted with 3 to 10 $\mu\mu$ f; 10 ⁵ ohms at 300 mc is possible. In general, is function of R and E. At one value of R, input impedance is practically independent of E
	$R_P = 0$ by assumption $I_{P0} = 0$ by assumption $R_L I_{AV}$ = average voltage of the positive half-cycle	For a sinusoidal input $I_P = \frac{E_{\text{MAX}}}{\pi R_L}$	2R _L
PLATE DE TECTION FULL-WADE, SQUARE LAW	Approximate parabolic lower curved portion of I_{P} - E_{C} characteristic is used. Average plate current is higher than the quiescent plate cur- rent. Biased for $i_{P} > 0$ throughout the cycle. R_{L} is usually omitted	$\Delta I_P \cong K (E_1^2 + E_2^2 + E_3^2 + \dots)$ to a first approximation. $\Delta I_P = \frac{1}{4\mu_{0}g_{m0}(r_P + R_L)} \times \left(\frac{\partial g_m}{\partial E_g}\right) (E_1^2 + E_2^2 + E_3^2 + \dots)$	Approximately 10 ⁷ ohms at fre- quencies up to few mc shunted by $(C_{gP} + C_{gC})$. May drop to 10 ⁴ or 10 ³ at 300 mc depending on tube. $R_{g} = \frac{1}{Kg_{m}f^{2}r^{2}}$ $\tau =$ electron transit time
PLATE DETECTION HALF-WAVE, SOUARE LAW	Same as above except that tube is biased to cutoff. For large R_L and C = 0, <i>ip</i> is nearly proportional to e_g during positive half-cycles	For relatively large values of R_L and $E, I_P \cong KE_{AV}$. For small r-f voltages and low values of R_L , $I_P \cong K(E_{1^2} + E_{2^2} + E_{3^2} + \dots)$	Same as above
PLATE DETECTION PEAK	Tube is biased appreciably beyond cutoff	$I_P \cong KE_{\text{PEAK}}$	At negligible transit-time effect $R_{g} \cong K/f$ $C_{\sigma} = (C_{\sigma P} + C_{\sigma C})$
GRID DETECTION	Operates on lower curved portion of grid-current grid-voltage curve and straight or curved portions of I_P - E_g characteristic. $X_C < < R$	$\Delta I_P = g_m R \Delta I_G \text{ over linear portion}$ of $I_P - E_G$ characteristic	Relatively low
SLIDE BACK	D-C bias adjusted to obtain same plate current with and without r-f input. $I_P = I_{P0} = \text{few } \mu \text{a}$	Peak of positive half-cycle = E_{MAX} = $K(V_1 - V_0)$. K approaches unity as E increases and as sharp- ness of cutoff increases. May be as low as 0.2 depending on tube char- acteristics and E. $V_0 = d$ -c voltage at $E = 0$. $V_1 = d$ -c voltages at other values of E	$\frac{1}{\omega(C_{ap} + C_{ac})}$ Input resistance is approaching leakage resistance across input terminals
	I_G is reduced when r-f voltage is applied at input. V_P is negative	$E_{\text{PEAK}} \cong V_P \text{ required to produce}$ same I_g . Amplification factor $\cong \frac{1}{u}$	Resistance is of order of 1,000 megohms shunted by $C_{CP} + C_{PG}$

terminals; (4) high series-resonance frequency of input-lead inductance and capacitance; (5) freedom from transit-time error; (6) maximum voltage range with minimum auxiliary equipment such as amplifiers and voltage dividers; (7) peak voltage calibration for nonsinusoidal waves and rms for sinusoidal waves; (8) linear scale or large number of overlapping scales for square-law indications; (9) negligible zero drift and steady indication; (10) calibration corrections must not be affected by ordinary line-voltage variations, aging and temperature and humidity changes, must remain reasonably constant and must not be affected by tube replacements; (11) v-t voltmeters must not generate disturbing voltages. Associated circuits, such as amplifiers, current-balancing circuits and voltage dividers, are equally important in determining sensitivity, linearity, and range of the vtvm.

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Output and Waveform Effect	Voltage Range	Frequency Range and Error	Calibration Stability	Remarks
Source impedance must be negligible at all harmonics, and level of harmonics must be low, other- wise error may be as large as percentage harmonics present Output = E_{PEAK}	The upper limit de- pends on tube rating. With a sensitive d-c voltmeter or a d-c amplifier, the lower limit is a fraction of a volt	Upper limit is affected by series resonance of input L and C, anode to cathode r-f volt- ages and transit-time error. R a n g e is function of voltage applied. Correction curves may be used to extend range	Good. Depends on constancy of filament voltage and emission. May require yearly calibration	This circuit followed by a self- biasing d-c amplifier seems most suitable for the widest frequency range. To eliminate low-frequency discrimination, the RC constant should be at least 100 at lowest fre- quency. Input series resonance in- creases apparent input voltage at fundamental and emphasizes har- monics more than fundamental
No error caused by reversing input, even with unsymmetrical waveform. Output = E_{AV}	Fraction of volt to few hundred volts, de- pending on R_L and tube rating	Should be calibrated at operating fre- quency above 1 mc. Probable range up to several mc	Same	R_L may vary from 0 to 1 megohm. For $R_L > 100,000$, error caused by slight curvature of static tube char- acteristic is negligible
ΔI_P depends some- what on waveform. Theoretically there is no turnover. Phase of harmonic has no effect. Output = $(E_1^2 + E_2^2 + E_3^2 +)$	Fraction of volt to top limit within square-law range of tube (a few volts for commercial tubes)	With commercial tubes, low-frequency calibration will hold within 5 or 10 percent to 20 or 30 mc. At h igher frequencies calibration at each frequency is neces- sary	Poor, as a result of tube aging and varia- tions in d-c voltages	Noise output can be corrected for by subtracting it from total out- put. That is, $\Delta I_x = \Delta I_{\text{TOTAL}} - \Delta I_{\text{NOISE}}$
Subject to turnover and phase of har- monics. For output, see remarks	Fraction of volt to value of E causing grid current to flow	Same	Same	Output = E_{AV} if plate current characteristic is linear. = E_{rms} if plate current characteristic is para- bolic
Subject to turnover and phase of har- monics (see remarks)	From $E_{MAX} \cong V_{g}$ to values causing flow of grid currents	Same	Same	Not recommended. Error might be appreciable
Error may be appreci- able (see remarks)	Fraction of volt to few volts with re- ceiving type tubes	Approximately to 10 mc	Very poor	When plate rectification takes place in addition to grid rectification, ΔI_P may equal zero at certain level of <i>E</i> . Output = $E_{\rm rms}$ or $E_{\rm PEAK}$ depending on input and operating voltages
Subject to turnover. Output = E_{PEAK} of positive half-cycle	Fraction of volt to few hundred volts. Calibration is indis- pensable especially below about 10 v. Calibration should be made for given I_P	Approximately to 10 or 20 mc, depending on input capacitance	Good. Practically independent of aging and operating voltage variations	Sharp cutoff is obtained with pen- todes connected as triodes, with screen grid used as control element
Subject to turnover. Output = E_{PEAK}	Large voltages, de- pending on tube de- sign	Possibly to 10 mc (see remarks)	Probably good. No experimental data available	Theoretically frequency range is limited by input capacitance. No experimental data available

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The **TRON** Family

An alphabetical listing of over 200 words ending in the suffix tron is presented here, with definitions, to assist readers in avoiding duplication when a new product or firm name is under consideration.

By W. C. WHITE

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- Acratron Self-balancing a-c potentiometer-type electron recorder.
 Actron Trade name for a group of manufactured devices.
 Acriotron Trade name for a group of receiving tubes manufactured in early years of broadcasting.
 Airtron Name of firm that designs
- and manufactures electronic and air-
- craft components. Alphatron Trade name for an ionization gauge.
- Amertron Trade name for products of a certain firm. Aquatron Trade name for an electro-lytic water purifier.
- Arcotron German high-vacuum tube with external control electrode. Arditron Trade name for a British photographic flash lamp. Argostron Trade name for a British stroboscopic discharge tube.
- Aspatron British portable atomic pile. Astron Name of a firm manufacturing Astron Name of a firm manufacturing capacitors. Audiotron Trade name for a receiving tube sold in early 20's. Augetron British high-vacuum multi-stage electron multiplier tube. Autotron Trade name for a photo-electric control. Aviotron High - vacuum thermionic-

- **Axiotron** High vacuum thermionic-cathode diode. Magnetic field from filament controls the current.
- Ballastron (1) Trade name for an iron wire in hydrogen ballast tube. (2)
- when in hydrogen ballast (ube, (2) Trade name for a fluorescent lamp p-f improvement capacitor. Barytron Same as Mesotron. Betatron Apparatus for the production of very-high-speed electrons.
- Bevatron High-energy proton accelera-tor. Similar to the Cosmotron. Caltron Name of a firm manufactur-ing electrical specialties.
- Calutron Electromagnetic type of
- uranium isotope mass separator. Capacitron (1) glass mercury-pool tube in which the arc is started by an ex-ternal electrode. (2) Multimillion-volt atom smasher. (3) Name of a firm manufacturing electrical components.
- Trade name for an elec-Cardiotron trocardiograph.
- Cathetron Same as Kathetron. Cetron Trade name for a certain manu-facturer's line of tubes. Charactron Type of cathode-ray tube that displays a series of letters or numbers numbers.
- Chronotron (1) Trade name for a time-delay tube. (2) Apparatus for accurately measuring extremely short-time intervals.

- Clarotron Trade name for an early line of radio receiving tubes. Cletron Trade name for products of a
- certain firm. Clinitron Equipment to check for the
- presence of diabetes. Convectron Tube to indicate variations from a vertical position.
- Cosmotron High-energy proton accel-erator. Similar to a Bevatron. Cycletron British name for a form of Cyclotron.
- Apparatus for producing a Cyclotron beam of high-velocity charged particles.
- Dalmotron Trade name for products
- of a certain firm. Detectron (1) Trade name for a line of early radio broadcasting tubes. (2) Japanese designation for certain
- vacuum tubes. Diatron Trade name for a mass spectrometer.
- Diotron An instrumentation circuit us-ing a temperature-limited diode.
- Donutron All-metal tunable magnetron. **Duodynatron** Japanese dyna in which the secondary originate on a grid. Japanese dynatron tube electrons
- Duratron Trade name for a hearing aid.
- Dynatron High-vacuum triode utilizing secondary emission.
- Dynectron Form of commutator utilizing mercury in an evacuated envelope.
- Single-cavity three-electrode Dyotron microwave oscillating tube. lastron Trade name for a plastic
- Elastron material.
- Electron Elementary quantity of negative electricity. lecktron Trade name for a mineral Elecktron
- product. Eltron Name of a firm manufactur-
- ing electrical equipment. mitron British camera tube. Emitron
- rtron Pharmaceutical vitamin com-pound. Ertron
- Trade name for a synthetic Estron fiber.
- Excitron Form of mercury-arc rectifier with a holding anode. Faratron Trade name of a device for
- controlling liquid levels. Filtron Name of a firm manufacturing
- components. Sensitive Flashtron gas - discharge
- relay. lextron Trade name for an enlarg-ing lens for tv receivers. Flextron
- Frenotron British form of diode-triode combination.
- Trade name for an elec-Furnatron tronic furnace control.

Fusetron Trade name for products of a certain firm. agetron Trade name for a liquidð

- Gagetron level indicator. Galvatron Trade name for a sensitive
- electrical recorder.
- Gammatron Trade name for a line of vacuum tubes. Gantron Trade name for a lumines-
- Gantron Tra cent fabric. Gasomagnetron Russian for netron tube containing gas Russian form of mag-
- Gausitron Same as Gusetron. Genetrons Trade name for a series of organic compounds. Genotron Trade name for high-voltage
- rectifier tubes.
- Germitron Trade name for an ultraviolet lamp unit.
- Trade name for a fabric of Glastron woven spun glass.
- Gusetron Mercury-arc rectifier tube with high-voltage starting electrode. Same as Gausitron. artron Trade name for a tape-
- Hartron recording device. Hodectron Gas-content mercury - arc
- tube in which the arc is started by a magnetic pulse. urletron Trade name for the pro-
- Hurleton Trade name for the pro-ducts of a certain firm. Hytron Trade name for a line of vacu-
- um tubes
- Ignitron Mercury-arc tube containing
- an ignitor to start arc. Illitron Trade name for a high-fre-quency heating line. Infratron Trade name for an electric
- space heater. Instron Testing machine for testing
- tensile strength.
- tensite strength. Ionotron Device using radioactive ma-terial to minimize troublesome elec-trostatic charges. Isotron Device for the separation of
- uranium isotopes Kalistron
- Trade name for a plastic material. British tube and circuit
- Kallirotron that act as an amplifier or oscillator. Trade name for glow-
- Kathetron
- discharge triode. Same as Cathetron. Kenopliotron Vacuum tube in which the cathode of the triode element is the anode of the diode element. This common element is heated by elec-
- tron bombardment. enotron High vacuum thermionic-Kenotron cathode diode
- Kevatron High-votage particle accelerator.
- Kinetrons Trade name for certain cathode-ray tubes.

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The Tron Family (Continued from page 112)⁻

- Klystron High-vacuum multielectrode tube used for production and amplification of vhf.
- Kodatron Gas-discharge flash lamp. Kotron Trade name for a form of selenium rectifier. eartron Trade name for a phono-
- Leartron graph pickup device. Lectron Trade name for a solder.
- Trade name for a pharma-Lextron
- ceutical compound. Limitron (1) Trade name for an elecfor products of a certain firm.
- Lumetron Trade name for a colorimeter.
- (1) Trade name for a plastic. Lustron (2) Trade name for a prefabricated home.
- Luxtron Trade name for a photovoltaic cell.
- voltaic ceil. agnetron (1) High-vacuum thermi-onic-cathode diode in which current is controlled by variation of mag-netic field. (2) Oscillating vacuum Magnetron netic field. (2) Oscillating vacuum tube for production of vhf. Maxitron Trade name for an x-ray
- tube
- Mecanitron Name of a firm and the trade name of its products. Megatron Trade name for a disk-seal
- triode.
- Meletron Trade name for a firm. Merctron Trade name of a product Meretron Trade name of a product made by a certain firm. Mesotron A charged particle. Metron Name of a firm. Microtron Russian apparatus for the

- acceleration of electrons. Minitron Trade name for small radio
- receiving tubes. onitron Instrument to detect harm-Monitron
- ful radiations. Monotron (1) Trade name for mono-scope tubes. Same as Videotron. (2)
- Form of Klystron (Russian). Motron Trade name for equipment manufactured by a certain firm. Multicardiotron Trade name for a
- product of a certain firm.
- Musitron Name of a firm. Negatron High-vacuum tube having a
- negative characteristic. costron British stroboscopic tube.
- Neostron Neotron (1) Gas-filled pulse generator tube. (2) French vacuum-tube firm
- and its products, eptron Trade name for tubes made Neptron by a certain firm.
- Neutron Uncharged particle, Nimatron Automaton to play
- cient Chinese game of Nim. itron Trade name for certain plastic Nitron
- products. Nobatron Trade name for a d-c power
- pack. pack. Nutron (1) Trade name for an early line of radio receiving tubes. (2) Pharmaceutical compound. Nylatron Trade name for a synthetic

- dry bearing material. Omegatron A miniature cyclotron. Optron Name of a firm and trade name of a product. Orgatron Name for an electronic
- organ. Palletron Electron resonator for pro-
- duction of high potentials. Penetron (1) Sometimes used to de-note a Mesotron. (2) Device for measuring thickness. Pentatron Five electrode receiving tube
- tuhe Permatron Form of vacuum tube in which the current flow is initiated by a magnetic field.
- Phanotron Hot cathode gas content dinde.

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- Phantastron Controllable linear timedelay circuit. Phasitron Typ
- Type of beam deflection tube to produce f-m. hilcotron Trade name for an elec-Philcotron
- trolytic rectifier cell. honotron Trade name for a line of Phonotron
- early radio receiving tubes. Photo-augetron British form of photocathode multiplier tube.
- Pho Tron Name of a firm. Phytotron Laboratory of botanical research.
- Name of firm and its pro-Plastron ducts in plastics field.
- Pliedynatron Dynatron with a control grid added
- High vacuum thermionic-Pliotron cathode tube.
- Plomatron British name for a grid-controlled mercury-arc tube.
- alatron Trade name for a picture tube incorporating a neutral filter Polatron device.
- ctron Trade name for a group dielectric materials. Polectron
- Polytron Name suggested for a sus-pected elementary particle. Positron Elementary particle.
- Powertron Name of a firm dealing in electrical equipment. Precipitron Trade name for an elec-
- trical precipitating device. Prionotron Form of velocity-modula-
- tion tube. rotectron Trade name for devices made by a certain firm. Protectron
- Pulsatron Gas-filled tube utilized as a generator of pulses.
- Pyrotron Trade name for temperature control apparatus, Quadratron Four-element thermionic-
- cathode high-vacuum tube. adjotron Trade name for a line of Radiotron radio tubes.
- Name of a firm selling Ray-lectron radio devices.
- Raytron Name of firm and product used for ground-fault location. Reactron Trade name applied to some of the products of a certain firm.
- some of the products of a certain Receptron
- firm. Rectron Trade name used for a line of
- tubes. Remtron Form of discharge tube used
- in counters and computers. Resnatron Same as Resnotron, Resnotron High-power high-frequency
- tetrode of special design.
- Rhumbatron Name given to the re-sonator cavity of early Klystrons. Robotron Name of firm and its pro-duct in flashtube field.
- Rotron
- otron (1) Trade name for an elec-tronic telephone ringing device. (2) Name of a division of company making electronic devices.
- Hectron (1) Trade name of a plastic material. (2) Form of memory tube. Selectron Seletron
- selenium rectifiers. Sendytron Japanese name for a mercury-arc tube having a high-voltage
- starting electrode. Sensitron nsitron Trade name for some pro-ducts of a certain firm,
- Short-wave tube of Japanese Sentron design.
- Servotron (1) British mercury - arc tube with a high-voltage starter. (2) Trade name for an electronic motor control.
- British device for television Skiatron
- picture projection. Jidetron Trade name of a certain firm's soldering iron. Soldetron

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- Solotron Trade name for the products of a certain firm.
- Sortron Part of a trade name for a firm's testing gage. Spectron Name of a firm manufactur-
- ing glass parts. Spirotron Device for decelerating high-
- speed particles.
- Statitron Form of Van deGraaff high-voltage generator. Stenotron Gas-filled transmitting tube
- of Russian design. .ethertron Trade name for an elec-Stethertron trical device.
- Glow-discharge tube used Strobotron as a stroboscope.

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- Supertron Trade name for an early line of radio receiving tubes. Symetron Multiple-tube ring-type am-
- plifier for high frequencies. Synchrocyclotron Particle accelerator.
- Synchrotron Apparatus for produ beam of high-velocity particles. Syntron Form of electric hammer producing
- Takktron High-voltage glow-discharge rectifier tube.
- Tapestron Trade name for a plastic wall screen.
- Wall screen. Tarrytron Trade name for a product of a certain company. Telectron Name of a radio firm. Teletron Trade name for a cathode-

- ray oscillograph tube. extron Name of company and its product in textile field. Textron
- Theatron Dramatic organization. Thermatron Trade name for high-frequency heating equipment of a certain firm.
- Thermotron Trade name for an early Thermotron Trade name for an early line of radio receiving tubes. Thyratron Hot-cathode gas-discharge
- tube in which there are one or more control electrodes.
- Toccotron Trade name for division of a company and its products. Transitron (1) Circuit incorporating a tetrode. (2) French equivalent of the transistor. Trigatron (1) British triggered spark

gap for radar pulsers. (2) Induction-

arc type of tube used in welding

control. riotron Trade name for European

High-vacuum multi-elec-

Name of a manufacturing

Trignitron Trade name for a mercury-

trode tube for counting circuits. Tropotron Form of magnetron.

Ultron Trade name for a plastic. Unitron Trade name for a firm and

Variotron Nom de plume of a British author in the radio field. Varitron Trade name for a line of

Velocitron Form of mass spectrome-

Veritron Trade name for an electronic

Vibratron Form of high-Q resonator. Vibratron Triode with a movable anode. Victron Trade name for products of

Victor Trade name for products of a certain firm. Videotron See Monotron (1). Visitron Trade name for a projection-type cathode-ray tube. Vitron Plant food for garden use. Voltron (1) Trade name for early line of radio receiving tubes. (2) Trade name for invulcting compound.

name for insulating compound. A state name for a Swiss

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its battery charger. acutron Trade name for firm and

heating device.

Triotron Trade nar line of radio tubes.

its line of tubes.

commercial cameras.

high-frequency tube.

Trochotron

Vacutron

Vectron

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pyrometer.

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firm.

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Electronic Umpire (for Baseball)

ANY INVENTIVE electronics or electrical engineer who has ever watched a baseball game has at one time or another considered the possibility of an electronic device capable of determining whether or not a pitched ball crosses home plate within the strike area, which is bounded vertically by the height of the batter's shoulders and knees, and laterally by the extremities of the home plate marker.

As shown in the photograph, the device consists of two main pieces. A ground box, four feet long, 22 inches wide, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep, is substituted for the conventional home plate. The cabinet, which contains the recording and indicating equipment, is located at some convenient position anywhere up to 25 feet from home plate.

The electronic umpire not only calls the pitched ball a strike or a ball, but it determines the speed of travel as the ball crosses the plate.

In the ground box are lenses and mirrors which enable three phototubes to fence in the strike zone by looking at the sky through three slots in the top of the box, as shown in the drawing. When a ball passes through the strike zone, it casts its shadow on the phototubes in a definite sequence, thereby creating electric impulses which light the strike indicating lamp. An inside or outside ball does not cast its shadow because the phototubes see only the width of the plate. A high



Peewee Reese lets a pitched ball go by so it can be judged by the Electronic Umpire



The ball must pass through the planes viewed by the phototubes in the proper sequence to be called a strike

or low ball casts its shadow but in an improper sequence. The lamp does not light, indicating a ball was pitched.

The equipment can be adjusted to the height of the player, so that the strike zone outlined will fit any batter, regardless of his height.

The speed of the pitched ball, provided it is a strike, is automatically timed by the device as it passes through the strike zone, giving a reading in feet per second on the recording machine.

The device was developed by General Electric at Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y. Their engineers say it will operate even on an overcast day, but not at night. It was developed for training use only and is not intended for use in competition.

Miniature TV Test Equipment

BY MARVIN KAPLAN Oak Ridge Products Chief Engineer Mfg. Division of Video Television, Inc. New York, N. Y.

FIELD CHECKS of television receivers are made more convenient by miniature test instruments recently introduced. One of these units is designed to supply signals for video and audio checking of i-f, and high and low bands of a receiver.

All bands are calibrated and tunable on the front panel. A selector switch permits the 6C4 r-f oscillator tube to operate on three bands in a grounded-plate circuit and on a fourth frequency of 4.5 mc as a Hartley oscillator.

The modulator is a 6J6 twin tri-



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ode used as a multivibrator to produce a 500-cycle pulse to grid-modulate the master oscillator. Output is taken from a coupling loop around the cathode choke in the r-f oscillator circuit. Modulation is removed by shorting one of the multivibrator grids to the ground.

In band A, a tuning range is supplied from 54 to 82 mc (channels 2 to 5), by means of an air-core self-supporting coil tuned by a variable air capacitor.

In band B, the frequency range is 20 to 28 mc which covers the standard video and sound i-f and trap frequencies. The panel, however, is also calibrated with the second harmonic range of 40 to 48 mc for sets employing the new RMA recommended i-f frequencies.

Band C tunes from 85 to 109 mc covering channel 6 and the f-m band. The panel is calibrated also with the second harmonic, 179.75 mc to 215.75 mc for channels 7 to 13. This coil is similar to the one in band A and is tuned in the same fashion.

In the last position of the selector switch two types of signals are supplied simultaneously. The 6J6 multivibrator 500-cycle output is connected with an attenuator control to a jack while the 6C4 oscillator tube is converted to a Hartley oscillator by connecting the cathode of the tube to a tap on a 4.5-mc coil which is pre-tuned at the factory with a fixed capacitor and an ironcore slug. This signal is supplied to another jack by means of the cathode choke coupling loop.

Another instrument in this miniature series is a new type of linearity, sync and sweep tester.

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Although this unit is called Model 104 Syncro-Sweep generator, it has many other functions. The unit consists of an r-f oscillator section which is calibrated on channel 2 to 5, and a modulator section with a specially designed switching network to provide a variety of frequencies from 400-cycles to about 200 kc. In one position of the selector switch the r-f oscillator is modulated by a variable frequency to provide a series of vertical bars on a television screen to allow a technician to adjust the horizontal linearity of the receiver without a test pattern.

In the second position of the switch, the r-f oscillator is modulated by a variable frequency to provide a series of horizontal bars on the receiver screen which supplies a pattern for adjusting the vertical linearity. In the third position of the switch, a variable frequency modulates the oscillator to provide a transmitted synchronizing signal to check the horizontal sync circuits of a television receiver.



Circuit arrangement of switching functions in the small-size Oak Ridge signal generator

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voltage is supplied to an output jack. This signal can be used to generate the horizontal sweep and fly-back voltage in a receiver to help isolate a sweep failure. In the fourth position of the selector switch a variable frequency is supplied to the oscillator to provide a transmitted synchronizing signal to check the vertical sync circuits of a television receiver.

The switch also connects a vertical saw-tooth voltage to an output jack. This signal can be used to generate the vertical sweep in a receiver to help isolate a failure in the sweep circuits.

At the same time a saw-tooth

Wide-Range Frequency-Modulated Oscillator

By P. M. MILNER Radiation Laboratory McGul University Montreal, Canada

NEED AROSE for a test oscillator with flexible modulation wave form, having a range of 18 to 30 mc for use in the design of control circuits for the McGill synchrocyclotron. The only previously used circuits of the reactance-tube type known to the author¹ achieve wide deviation by frequency multiplication followed by frequency conversion, resulting in a complicated design (Continued on p 144)



Final circuit of wide-range f-m oscillator

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RCA's New Three-Color Picture Tube

SINCE THE RECENT INTRODUCTION of a three-color picture tube, the television industry has become alive with enthusiastic speculation for the immediate future of color television.

The tube, demonstrated in Washington last month by RCA, uses 351,000 color dots, one third of that number being of each of the primary colors, red, blue and green. These color dots are arranged in triangular groups of three dissimilarly colored dots each.

Immediately behind the face of the tube is a metal mash screen containing 117,000 holes. These holes are of approximately the same size as the triangular three-dot groups and are so positioned that they overlap equally the red, green and blue dots of each group.

As the electron beam, or beams,



Single-gun three-color picture tube, which is expected to hasten the realization of color television

scan the face of the tube, the electrons pass through the holes of the mask. Whether the beam falls on the red, blue or green portion of the individual three-color groups is determined by information contained in the transmitted video signal.

Both single and triple-gun tubes have been produced with the new triangular-dot technique with results that are reported to be exceptionally gratifying.

No information is available as to the relative merits of the single-gun and three-gun versions. The singlegun model requires ten more tubes than a black- and-white receiver, while the three-gun tube necessitates the addition of 19 tubes to a black-and-white circuit.

Receivers

Receivers designed for use with the new tube are completely compatible, since the tube operates on a standard 525-line definition. A television receiver using the new tube will probably cost between 20 and 25 percent more than a black-andwhite set, and RCA engineers predict that within a matter of months, color pictures using the tube will be comparable in quality to presentday standards for monochrome pictures.

Because of the fact that all sizes of tubes will have the same number of dots, production techniques are expected to be simpler for largersized tubes.

Ripple Tank for Phase-Front Visualization

CALCULATION or experimental determination of the effects of antenna systems alterations on phasefront configurations are usually very tedious. The Naval Research Laboratory has developed a substitute for such computations by extending the ripple-tank technique used previously for the demonstration of certain two-dimensional phenomena of physical optics. A simplified schematic of the system is shown in Fig. 1.

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An audio oscillator is the heart of the instrument. Its output is divided between the ripple-forming transducer and a stroboscopic light chopper wheel in such a way that the waves on the surface of a thin film of water appear to be motionless.

The image of the waves is cast upon a ground-glass screen by shining the synchronously chopped light through the waves which act like cylindrical lenses casting stationary light and shadow patterns in accordance with the phase-front pattern set up in the ripple-tank.

The Navy's version is mounted in a six-foot high rack with the ground glass screen at eye level for easy observation. The ripple tank is eleven inches square, and the water film used is approximately a quarter-inch thick. The number of holes in the chopper wheel depends on the problem, since it is sometimes desirable to light every other phase front and sometimes there is cause to light each phase front



FIG. 1-Basic components of the NRL ripple tank for visual study of phase fronts

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FIG. 2—Typical problems suitable for ripple-tank study include the effects of waveguide lenses on phase fronts

twice, thereby giving the effect of doubling the number of phase fronts.

A photograph of a typical study is shown in Fig. 2. It demonstrates two interesting phenomena. In the first place, two transducers are being used in close proximity to one another. This illustrates the characteristics of multielement antenna structures. This study also stimulates some aspects of W. E. Kock's metal-lens antenna. The lens shown in the photograph was designed for an index of refraction of about 0.55, and was made of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick brass, milled with 32 slots spaced $\frac{1}{48}$ -inch on centers. The slots were 0.040inch wide and 3/32-inch deep, and the concave side has a radius of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Since there is no possibility of interference between the back radiation of the primary pattern and the secondary pattern in the case of the waveguide lens, the side lobe structure due to this cause is absent. Appreciable reflection from the first surface is evident.

The transducer is actually a magnetically driven pin point which is brought into physical contact with the surface of the water. The crest-to-trough amplitude of the waves decreases linearly as the distance from the transducer, as might be expected, for a single isotropic exciter radiating in two dimensions.

The instrument is also usable for single-pulse studies, and when used with models, the reflection of radartype waves from the surfaces of certain objects can also be studied visually. The ripple tank was shown at the Navy exhibit at the recent IRE Engineering Show in New York, and a description of an earlier experimental model is presented in NRL Report 3559.

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Rectangular Wave Generator for Biological Studies

By JOHN W. MOORE Physics Department Medical College of Virginia Richmond, Virginia

FOR NERVE and muscle stimulation, one method frequently used is the application of a negative rectangular pulse to a small search electrode with respect to a large indifferent electrode (usually at ground potential). The instrument described is ideally suited for this sort of work and has been extensively used in current and voltage transient studies. It has been giving trouble-free service for over two years, producing pulses at continuously variable repetition rates of $\frac{1}{3}$ to 400 cps and continuously (Continued on p 188)



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Tele Receiving Tubes

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady, N. Y., has announced three new tubes designed mainly for television receivers. The 6AS5 is a miniature beam-power amplifier intended for use as the audio poweroutput tube in television and small radio receivers. When operating with a plate voltage of 150 v and an input signal of 8.5 v peak, 2.2 watts of output power can be realized with 10-percent distortion. The 6BQ6-GT and 25BQ6-GT beampower amplifier tubes are intended for use as horizontal-deflection amplifiers in television receivers. Maximum ratings of the tubes include a plate dissipation of 10.9 w, a plate current of 100 ma and a peak positive surge plate voltage of 5,000 v.



Precision Potentiometer

SOUTHWESTERN INDUSTRIAL ELEC-TRONIC Co., 2831 South Oak Road, Houston 19, Texas. The new model P-2 precision electronic potentiometer makes potential measurements on high-impedance electrochemical cells or electronic tubes and circuits. It is suitable for measuring potentials from 0 to 3 volts in three ranges. Current flow in the measured circuit is less than 10^{-n} amperes, making it suitable for use with glass electrodes. A built-in standard cell, combined with a 0.1percent potentiometer and dualrange dial provides an accuracy of \pm 1.0 mv plus 0.1 percent.



VTVM

THE HEATH Co., Benton Harbor, Mich., is introducing a new vacuumtube voltmeter kit. Positive automatic meter protection on all functions is given by the electronic a-c voltmeter and push-pull d-c voltmeter circuit. The $200-\mu a$ unit uses Alnico V magnet for fast, accurate readings and one-percent precision ceramic divider resistors. It includes 24 complete ranges, and the meter pointer can be offset from zero for f-m and tv alignment.



Miniature Rectifier Tube

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y. Type 1V2 miniature highvoltage half-wave rectifier is designed for television receiver pulse rectifying systems and voltagedoubler circuits for magnetically deflected 10 and 12-inch viewing

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HARDWICK, HINDLE, INC., 40 Hermon St., Newark 5, N. J. The new blue-gray enamel coating on the resistors illustrated gives greater protection throughout the most rugged service. Fixed, ferrule and flat-type resistors are especially designed and manufactured in accordance with JAN-R-26A specifications. Write for the recently published resistor bulletin.



Subminiature Triodes

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., 500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y. Type 5645 medium-mu triode, suitable for Class A-amplifier applications, is 1.3 in. long and 0.31 in. in diameter. Under typical operating conditions the tube will have a transconductance of 2,700 μ mhos and an amplification factor of 20. Maximum rated plate dissipation is 1 watt and plate resistance, 7,400 ohms. Type 5645, a high-mu triode, under typical operating conditions, has a transconductance of 2,400 μ mhos, an amplification factor of 70 and a plate resistance of 29,000 ohms. Maximum rated plate dissipation is 0.3 watt. Both types have 6.3-volt, 150-ma heaters and flexible leads.



Marker Generator

APPROVED ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT CORP., 142 Liberty St., New York, N. Y. Model A-450 marker generator is a precision-built tunable oscillator providing a marker, modulated or unmodulated, for indicating frequencies on a displayed frequency response of a television or any wide-band i-f amplifier when used with a sweep generator and an oscilloscope. Frequency range is 19.5 to 40 mc, accurate to 0.5 percent or better. The unit operates on 115 volts, 60 cycles.



Panel Instruments

MARION ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT Co., Manchester, N. H. The ruggedized panel instruments illustrated feature high shock testing when subjected to 2,000 foot-pound blows in each of three orientations with respect to direction of applied blow. New hair springs reduce zero shift, raise fatigue point and eliminate deformation under shock. Hermetic sealing of the reduced-weight unit gives complete weather protection in any climate.



Plate Circuit Relays

POTTER & BRUMFIELD MFG. Co., INC., Princeton, Ind. The new design of the series LC plate circuit relays includes molded bakelite coil bobbins with solder terminals on the coil periphery. This provides breakdown insulation up to 2,500 volts rms, and the added space in the bobbin allows windings up to 40,000 ohms. The series requires only 90 milliwatts for reliable operation and the $\frac{3}{16}$ silver contacts are rated at 5 amperes.



Tiny TV Receiver Rectifier

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., 500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y. Type 1X2 is a double-ended miniature high-voltage rectifier tube designed for use with r-f flyback, and 60-cycle types of power supply for television picture tube anodes. Ratings are as follows: filament voltage, 1.25; current, 200 ma; maximum peak inverse plate volts, 15,000; maximum peak plate cur-

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From all parts of the country-from users in every branch of the recording art-hundreds of reports have come in, commenting on the performance of Audiotape. The typical comments quoted below speak for themselves.

If you haven't tried Audiotape yet, why not see for yourself just what it can do to improve the quality of your tape recordings? Your local Audiotape and Audiodisc dealer will be glad to fill your requirements. Or, write to Audio Devices for a free 200-foot sample reel of either paper or plastic base Audiotape. It will speak for itself.

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NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

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New Microwave Installation

ONE of the largest microwave installations in the country will provide modern protective and operating devices for network transmission facilities over the Bonneville power system in the Pacific Northwest. A contract for the system equipment has been awarded by the Bonneville Power Administration to the Philco Corp. of Philadelphia on a bid of \$633,492.

The system will link all major dispatching centers, substations and federal power plants in the Pacific Northwest with voice communication, relaying, telemetering and fault-location channels. Construction of six microwave towers and substations for initial installation of equipment between Portland, Vancouver, Wash., and Seattle load and dispatching centers is nearing completion.

Microwave terminal and way stations will be located at Bonneville substations and dispatching centers near Vancouver, North Bonneville, Trinidad, Snohomish, Coulee City, Spokane and Vernita, Wash., and Portland and Troutdale, Ore.

Major power grids to be provided with microwave facilities include high-voltage facilities from Port-

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land-Vancouver to Seattle, with loops to Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams and Spokane, and east from Portland to McNary Dam and eventually from Spokane to Hungry Horse Dam and from Portland to Eugene, Ore.

Microwave radio is expected to effect substantial savings in to maintenance and operating costs through instant detection of transmission faults before extensive damage results, and greatly curtail serious system outages through detection and operating facilities.

NAB Recording and **Reproducing Standards**

LEADING recording engineers of the nation met with the full National Association of Broadcasters' recording and reproducing standards committee in Chicago on April 15, at the close of the Engineering Conference portion of the 28th Annual NAB Convention.

The meeting was held to consider adoption of additional recording and reproducing standards, mainly devoted to magnetic tape recording. Most recent NAB recording and re-

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ON AIR DURING 1950 NUMERALS INDICATE NUMBER OF RECEIVERS IN SERVICE, JAN 1,1950 producing standards prior to this were adopted at the 1949 NAB convention. The standards apply to all types of recording and reproducing, and serve as engineering guides to manufacturers as well as recording engineers and audio specialists.

New standards proposed are designed to standardize magnetic tape reels, hubs and flanges, so that tape may be played more satisfactorily on all makes of equipment. After approval by the NAB board of directors the new sections will be incorporated in the printed Standards.

Electronic Components Conference

A THREE-DAY conference sponsored by the AIEE, IRE and RMA, with the cooperation of the military services, the Research and Development Board of the Department of Defense, and the National Bureau of Standards will be held May 9 to 11, at Washington, D.C.

Purpose of the conference is to discuss improved quality components for greater dependability of radio-electronic equipments, unitized packaging as a means of simplified maintenance, miniaturization, and circuit elements suitable for unit package design. Discussion will be from the viewpoint of military equipments, commercial aviation, industrial instrument and control, commercial radio and television, and mobile communications equipments.

Advance registration for the conference may be obtained by sending \$2 to A. E. Zdobysz, Bureau of Aeronautics, Building W, Room 1W91, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C. Reservations for copies of the conference report may be made before May 9 through A. E. Zdobysz, conference treasurer, or through R. S. Gardner, AIEE headquarters, 33 W. 39th St., New York 18, N. Y., either before or after the conference.

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Applicants must satisfy the requirements for admission to the graduate school on recommendation of the Department of Physics or the Department of Electrical Engineering. Recipients of such fellowships will pursue programs of study and research leading toward advanced academic degrees in physics or electrical engineering. It is expected that the area of specialization of a Fellow will fall within the field of electronics.

There will be awarded a few Advanced Research Fellowships to candidates possessing the Ph.D. degree or its equivalent who, without enrolling as graduate students, wish to pursue advanced studies and research in electronics at MIT.

Recipients of a graduate student fellowship will be awarded a stipend varying between \$1,200 and \$1,800 according to their experience and qualifications, and in addition will be granted a credit to meet the tuition fee. Advanced research fellowships will range from \$2,400 to \$3,600 according to the qualifications of the recipient.

Applicants for an industrial fellowship in electronics should communicate with the Director, Research Laboratory of Electronics. Application should be made at least four months prior to the intended date of entrance.

New Memory Tube

DEVELOPMENT of a radio tube that can remember what it is told and reproduce its information on request was recently announced at the IRE Convention and Radio Engineering Show in New York City, by engineers from MIT.

The new tube, which looks like a glass automobile muffler with an extra pipe coming out of one end, has been developed for use in a high-speed computing machine now under construction at MIT under the auspices of the Office of Naval Research.

- MAY 3-5: 1950 Dayton IRE Technical Conference, Dayton Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.
- MAY 9-11: Conference on Improved Quality Electronic Components, 1317 F Street N W, Washington, D. C.
- MAY 12-13: Fourth annual meeting of the Armed Forces Communications Association, Hotel Commodore, N. Y., and Fort Monmouth, N. J.
- MAY 22-25: Parts Distributors Show, Hotel Stevens, Chicago.
- JUNE 1-2: Fourth National Convention and Fifth Midwest Conference of the American Society for Quality Control, Milwaukee Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wisc.
- JUNE 12–16: AIEE Summer and Pacific General Meeting, Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, Calif.
- JUNE 26-30: Annual Meeting and 9th Exhibit of Testing Apparatus and Related Equipment, Hotel Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.

- AUG. 23-26: AIEE Pacific General Meeting, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.
- AUG. 27-31: NEDA National Convention and Exhibition, Cleveland Public Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio.
- AUG. 28-31: APCO National Conference, Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio.
- SEPT. 11-23: URSI Ninth General Assembly, Zurich, Switzerland.
- SEPT. 13–15: Sixth Annual Pacific Electronic Exhibit, Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, Calif.
- SEPT. 18-22: Fifth National Instrument Conference and Exhibit, Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N. Y.
- SEPT. 25-27: National Electronics Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- OCT. 17-21: AIEE Midwest General Meeting, Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Its 400-digit memory should make the tube useful in any computer, communication and informationhandling systems using coded data at high speeds. The new memory tube will hold its information indefinitely, as long as power is supplied. It can receive a number to be remembered in twenty-millionths of a second and give one out, when needed, just as fast. When it puts a number into storage, the tube sends back a check signal which verifies that the correct number has been memorized. The tube can also report on stored information without erasing it and old signals can be cleared by putting new ones on top of them.

Storage tubes of the type described are important in computing machines because they can be used as notebooks in which the machine keeps track of problems, instructions, and partial answers in the course of a computation.

The new tubes operate by storing dots of electric energy on a round storage surface. Each tube will record a choice of only two digits either zero or one, yes or no—in any of 400 different positions. The development is thus especially tailored to the needs of that type of computing machine which solves all its problems in terms of so-called binary digits. In such machines a numerical system involving only two digits is substituted for the familiar ten-digit system. Conventional numbers higher than 0 and 1 are represented by combinations of those two. The electrostatic storage tube might treat the number 2 by remembering an 0 in one location and a 1 in a different location.

The storage tube is built somewhat like a television tube. A fast, high-voltage electron beam is used as the writing beam to apply yes or no voltages to a storage surface. A smaller stream of low-speed electrons continuously sprays this same target surface to hold the information from leaking off.

The storage tube's memory takes place on electrical islands made by beryllium metal deposited on a sheet of insulation in a minute checkerboard pattern. The writing beam of the tube can select a small area of this storage surface consisting of 10 to 20 adjacent beryllium islands, and apply either of two voltages, one meaning yes and one

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Frequency Modulated Radar

BY DAVID G. C. LUCK. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1949, 466 pages, \$4.00.

AT THE CONCLUSION of World War II, little time was lost in publishing in great detail virtually all phases of the theory and techniques associated with pulse radar. The MIT Radiation Laboratory Series is perhaps the most notable example, but several other books, plus a great number of articles in the periodical literature, have served to give pulse radar extended coverage and discussion. It is, therefore, surprising to note that even at this late date, little reference is available on the subject of f-m radar. Despite the fact that f-m altimeters were used by all principal contestants in the last war, no substantial information has been provided except in classified reports.

This book is aimed at and succeeds well in correcting this oversight. Written originally as a final Navy report on an extensive development and production contract undertaken by RCA, it deals with basic theory, applications and systems design.

Theory is presented in simplest possible form. To insure this, the author confines his analysis to the case of symmetrical sawtooth modulation, so that the upsweep beat note and downsweep beat note have constant values except near turnover points. In this way a clear physical picture is presented, as well as the basic factors which establish ultimate performance. This accomplished, other types of modulation and their particular advantages are briefly discussed, exclusive of mathematical detail.

The basic elements of the system as used in practice are described, such as antenna, oscillator, amplifier, limiter and counter. In this connection a very clear, if somewhat limited, account is given of beat-frequency waveform, its treatment by circuits of different characteristics, and its ultimate effect in producing fixed errors. In a section on simple fire-control kinematics, the directness and economy with which f-m radar can supply the needed data for certain tactical problems is described.

A substantial portion of the book discusses the characteristics and makeup of several military systems, such as AN/APN-1 Alti-AN/APG-4 Automatic meter, Bombing, and several others. These descriptions are necessarily brief, but in general include block diagram, simplified schematic, and a discussion of significant features, such as primary function, indicator display, and controls provided. In addition, several equipments are discussed whose developments were (continued on page 134)

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Advances in Electronics, Volume II

EDITED BY L. MARTON, National Bureau of Standards. Academic Press Inc., New York, 1950, 378 pages, \$7.60.

ENCOURAGED by the reception of Volume I by the scientific community, the editors of that volume have now gathered together eight additional small monographs and have produced a second volume of what promises to be an annual yearbook.

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Terrestrial Radio Waves

BY H. BREMMER. Elsevier Publishing Co., Inc., New York, 1949, 343 pages, \$5.50.

DR. BREMMER, whose name has long been associated with the theory of radio-wave propagation, here presents the results of many years of inspired effort. The work is entirely mathematical although one chapter is devoted to a collection of formulas for numerical evaluation of ground-wave intensities, and a number of graphs exhibit the basic phenomena of both ground wave and ionospheric transmission for a number of radio frequencies and varying soil and ionospheric conditions.

The author is to be commended for avoiding the pitfalls associated with discussion of an assumed plane earth and plane ionosphere and for the emphasis he has given to physical interpretation of the necessarily complex mathematical discussion. In general, he uses two methods for treatment of the electromagnetic field, one having the characteristics of diffraction theories and the other leading to geometric-optical interpretation.

After a short introduction the work is divided into two parts; five chapters deal with transmission in a homogeneous atmosphere and five discuss extension of the theory to ionospheric transmission and refraction in the lower atmosphere. The influence of the earth's magnetic field is considered in the final chapter.

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Electronics:

Experimental Techniques

National Nuclear Energy Series, Division V, Volume 1, edited By W. C. ELMORE AND MATTHEW L. SANDS. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1949, 417 pages, \$3.75.

IN THE EXPERIENCE of this reviewer this is the first book written by physicists for physicists which deals exclusively with electronic techniques. The title is correctly chosen only for physicists. The definition of the content as given in the flyleaf cover represents much more faithfully the intention of the authors. This is not a treatise on experimental electronic techniques; it is a volume describing in detail a series of excellent devices which have been designed, tested and modified until they meet satisfactorily many of the needs of the nuclear physicist. The devices are described for other physicists who will encounter the same or very Whether this similar problems. volume will also be used effectively to constitute the basis for the design of completely new circuits is a debatable question.

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The large mass of material and the little space devoted to it made it impossible for the authors to maintain a balanced presentation. The information presented is often sketchy and incomplete, and reference must often be made to the detailed equipment descriptions in the following chapters to fill some of the gaps.

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The fourth chapter covers electronic counters, which are obviously a subject of paramount importance for nuclear physics. From this chapter on, to the end of the book, the reader gets more and more often the impression that the authors are condensing the instruction books prepared by the Los Alamos Laboratory. It must be stated, however, that detailed descriptions are given of the methods employed for the testing and construction of these circuits and some general discussions of the basic problems are added. In the last chapters oscillographs and associated equipment are discussed; test and calibration equipment, power supplies and control circuits conclude the volume.

In conclusion, about two-thirds of the 400 pages of this book are devoted to descriptions of equipment and one-third to information of a general type. The equipment described appears to be of very high quality; with few exceptions, nearly the best available today. There is little doubt, therefore, that this volume will be at least for a few years of the utmost usefulness in all physics laboratories. On the other hand, the average radio engineer will consult this book only if he deals with problems which approximate those encountered by physicists. Since clever circuits and interesting details are hidden in the description of a piece of equipment, the experimenter will not find this book conducive to radical departures from established techniques.

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BY HARRY SOODAK, Research Associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology AND EDWARD C. CAMPBELL, Senior Physicist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York, 1950, 75 pages, \$2.50.

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Books Received for Review

TELEVISION TUBE LOCATION GUIDE. Compiled and published by Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., 1950, paper cover, \$1.50. Over 200 television receiver chassis layout diagrams with all tubes identified by type and function.

RADIO OPERATING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. By J. L. Hornung. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York. 1950, 10th Edition, 588 pages, \$4.50. Answers to FCC examination questions for all seven elements, including a total of 266 questions dealing with special air navigation problems and other topics in the new Element 7.
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 $G_{\circ} + G_{t} + G_{m} = 0$ (2) It may be shown that the best tank circuit for the present purpose is the usual parallel L-C network.

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FIG. 2—Curves showing the change of resonant frequency of two L-C circuits when a fixed susceptance is shunted across each circuit

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FIG. 3—R-C phase-shift frequency modulator

be described here. However this circuit has the advantage of requiring only two tubes, and will give adequate bandwidth for many purposes.

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The limitation to the maximum value of B_m appears therefore to lie in the design of the oscillator. In practice with a 6AK5 modulator and 6J6 oscillator, the resistor to be used in conjunction with the input capacitance of the tube must not be less than about 800 ohms. An inductance of 2 to 3 μ h in series with the resistor increases the sweep a little and reduces the load imposed by the phase-shift network on the oscillator.

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FIG. 5-Negative conductance oscillator

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As mentioned earlier, the r-f voltage on the grid of the modulator must be small compared with the grid bias. This means about 1 volt peak to peak for low-capacitance tubes such as the 6AK5 and 6AH6. At the highest frequency, the gain of the phase-shifting amplifier is about 0.5, so the oscillator voltage should be limited to about 0.7 volt rms. This may be done very conveniently by shunting the tank coil with a crystal diode suitably biased back to act as a clipper.

Final Design

The final circuit is quite practical. The two cathode followers feeding the grounded-grid amplifiers for the oscillator and the modulator have been combined to simplify wiring and save a cathode choke. To reduce the amount of clipping by the diode, and so avoid undue generation of harmonics, the oscillator amplifier bias has been increased until oscillations are only just maintained over the whole range. A 6AH6 was chosen for the modulator because its grid characteristic gives rise to a more linear frequency-voltage relationship. It also gives a slightly wider deviation than the 6AK5.

Tank inductance L_i consists of 52 turns of 34 g. enamelled copper wire, wound 30 turns per in. on a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diameter polystyrene former, with a 1-in. long iron dust core located at about the center of the winding. The inductance is about 16 μ h, and the self-capacitance of the order of 1 $\mu\mu$ f.

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FIG. 6—Frequency plotted against modulation input voltage is shown by curve 1. Curve 2 is peak r-f output voltage plotted against frequency

ductance of about 6 µh and consists of three interleaved windings, each of 100 turns of 28 g. enamelled copper wire, wound on a te-in. diameter bakelite rod 3-in. long. The two heater leads were first close wound side by side on the first layer, then the cathode lead was wound on a second layer between the other two wires. Like the tank inductance, this choke should have as high an inductance as is consistent with low self-capacitance, but the problem is complicated by the requirement of low resistance for the heater leads.

The circuit is constructed on a bakelite panel to reduce stray capacitance. The frequency of this oscillator is dependent to a rather large extent on the supply voltage, so that a stabilized power supply is indicated, particularly if small frequency deviations at modulation frequency other than that of the line are to be a requirement.

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In the model constructed, a twostage cathode-coupled amplifier, which has a falling output above 20 mc and which is low-frequency compensated by means of a series-tuned filter in parallel with the cathode load of the first stage, is fed from the cathode of the oscillator. The output is about 1 volt rms with a variation of less than ± 0.05 volt from 15 to 45 mc as shown in Fig. 6.

The frequency limits are from a minimum of 10 mc when the modulator is cut off to 50 mc at which point instability sets in, but the frequency variation is seriously nonlinear near the extremes. The usable range depends on the degree of linearity demanded. The curve of frequency against modulation voltage between 15 and 45 mc is shown in Fig. 6, and it may be seen that from 15 to 40 mc it is linear to within ± 250 kc or ± 1 percent. and the whole range shown is sufficiently linear to be useful for most purposes.

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variable pulse durations of 20 μsec to 1.5 sec.

Multivibrator

The circuit diagram is shown above. The variable-frequency generator is a simple stable multivibrator with three frequency ranges provided by ganged capacitor steps: 0.33 to 3.3 cps; 3.3 to 37 cps; 37 to 400 cps. A dual potentiometer provides fine adjustment.

A derivative of the multivibrator wave form is taken by a small time constant RC circuit (5 \times 10^{-s} sec). The resulting spikes are amplified and reversed in polarity by a triode stage. The amplified spike is used to trip a univibrator of variable recovery time. The input side of the univibrator is normally non-conducting and a positive pulse is needed to trip it. The time for recovery after triggering is varied in three steps by capacitor selection: 20 µsec to 0.006 sec; 0.003 sec to 0.05 sec; 0.03 sec to 1.5 sec. The capacitor selected is charged through a variable resistance to give fine control. Minimum time for each range is determined by a fixed resistor switched in series with the variable control as the time range is chosen.

Univibrator

The multivibrator used has a small as well as large abrupt change in its output wave. After the derivative has been taken, amplified, and applied to the univibrator, there remains in addition to the main trigger spike a small spike slightly more than $\frac{1}{2}$ cycle later which resets the univibrator if it has not recovered by itself before this time.

Biased Triode

The output wave of the univibrator is rectangular at the top, but undershoots on recovery. This signal is therefore directly coupled to another triode stage which is biased below cutoff when the univibrator is quiescent. It conducts on the positive swing from the univibrator, producing a rectangular voltage wave of negative polarity at the plate. The high-potential end of the resistor is grounded and the signal is taken between ground and the tap on a potentiometer in NO MORE PLUG-IN CARTRIDGES! NO MORE EXTRA PICK-UP ARMS!

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the plate lead. The potentiometer may be switched next to, or away from, the plate to give two steps of signal voltage differing by a factor of two.

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Other steps of signal amplitude are obtained by switching the cathode resistors. For the values given, a change of about 15 in the signal is obtained. The small capacitor connecting the triode plate to its negative supply was added to remove a small spike overshoot on the leading edge of the rectangular wave at some gain settings.

Power Amplifier

The d-c power amplifier input is at ground potential, which is approximately 180 volts above its negative supply. The small resistance between the 6SL7 cathodes is provided to balance the output to zero in the no-pulse condition. A choice of current or voltage feedback is provided, allowing the selection of a rectangular current or voltage wave to the load.

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The work herein described was supported by the Baruch Center of Physical Medicine of the Medical College of Virginia.

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FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of arc-light timer for use in microseismic research

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FIG. 2—Microseismic timer showing two Cenco arc lights, the modulator chassis and the GR tuning-fork oscillator



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Mark III, which was begun in May, 1946, has been built for the Bureau of the Ordnance of the U.S. Navy to be used at the Naval Proving Ground Command at Dahlgren, Virginia. It is anticipated that testing operations will have been completed by the first of the year and the machine will go to the Navy at that time. The complete instrument is about 30 feet long and 15 feet wide and weighs close to 10 It contains about 4,500 tons. vacuum tubes for the electronic operations, 3,000 relays and 2,500 magnetic heads and playbacks to carry the information to and from the storage drums.

Project Personnel

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Mathematics at Harvard University, were directly in charge of its development, design and construction. Mechanical design and construction of the internal high-speed magnetic drum storage system, one of the major components of Mark III, was the work of Robert Wilkins, assisted by Dexter Smith. The adder and multiplier were largely the work of Charles Coolidge. Marshall Kinkaid was mainly responsible for the over-all design of the sequencing circuits. The input and output circuits were constructed by Richard Hofheimer. Charles Richards, who had previously worked on Mark II and will go to Dahlgren with Mark III, also worked on design problems throughout the construction period.

Dr. Howard Aiken, co-inventor of the original calculating machine and director of the Harvard Computation Laboratory, had general supervision of the project.

Antilogarithm Circuit

CIRCUITS of the type shown in Fig. 1 have long been used, with variable- μ type tubes, for extracting logarithms directly. For instance, using a 6SK7, the plate current follows the grid voltage logarithmically over a range of grid voltages from -10 to -20 volts when a cathode resistance of 10,000 ohms is used. The type 6SG7 displays similar characteristics when its grid is operated between -4 and -10 volts.

In an article in February, 1950, Review of Scientific Instruments, F. Curtis Snowden and Harold T. Page reveal that if this type of circuit is operated in reverse, as shown in Fig. 2, antilogarithms can be extracted directly, as might be expected. A 6SK7 is connected as an inverted triode; the signal is applied to the plate, which acts as



FIG. 1—Well-known circuit which extracts logarithms directly

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FIG. 2-Inverted-triode circuit for direct determination of antilogarithms

a grid, and the output is drawn from the grid element, which acts as a plate.

The range of input (plate) voltages over which the output (grid) signal will maintain its antilogarithmic relationship with that of the input (plate) is dependent on several factors, most important of which is the tube type and the characteristics of the particular tubes of a certain type. The desired relationship held for a grid voltage range of from -18 to -30 volts with a load resistance of 1,000 ohms. When glass tubes are used the lower limit of the range is extended to about -15 volts.

The output from the circuit must be amplified in order to be put to any useful work.

Measuring pH of Biological Fluids

BY ALLAN HEMINGWAY AND E. B. BROWN

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IN THE MEASUREMENT of the pH of blood with the glass electrode it is necessary to measure a d-c voltage of the order of magnitude of a fraction of a millivolt in a circuit having a resistance of 10 to 200 megohms. At the same time exact temperature control of the glass electrode must be maintained which necessitates a water bath which in turn introduces errors due to insulation leakage. Many of the difficulties in the measurement of blood pH have been eliminated by the circuit devised by Burr, Nims and Lane.1, 2

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ing and irritating difficulties which make operation of their instrument a task requiring considerable skill and experience. The worst feature of this circuit was the almost continual drift caused by the changing voltage of the storage battery which this circuit requires.

A pH meter has been built using Raytheon CK 570 AX tubes in the Wynn-Williams type of circuit which was used by Burr, Nims and Lane for pH measurement. The instrument so constructed has now been in operation for a year and has given excellent service when used to measure pH of blood whose temperature is controlled in a water bath. The advantages of the new type of pH meter over the older type include exceptional stability and freedom from drift, a simpler arrangement for initial bridge balancing, operation from readily available dry cells, and a rapid warmup period.

Schematic Circuit

The schematic circuit of the pH meter is shown in Fig. 1. The two electrometer triodes have a filament power supply from a single 1.5-volt number 6 dry cell. A 10-ohm variable potentiometer between the positive terminals of the filaments allows an adjustment to be made of the relative filament currents in the event that the characteristics of the two tubes are not identical. In well-matched tubes this variable resistance may not be necessary. When the two tubes are electrically matched by varying this resistance slight variations in filament battery voltage do not change the balance of the bridge circuit.

The two tubes have a common grid voltage obtained from the grid potentiometer. Originally the grid of right-hand tube was connected directly to filament. With this



FIG. 1-Simplified schematic of stable biological pH meter

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newer arrangement adjustment of the grid voltage to obtain the floating grid potential does not cause the excessive unbalance of the bridge which occurred in the older circuit. This adjustment for floating grid potential is made each time the instrument is used and usually one setting a day will suffice.

To adjust for floating grid potentials the grid switch is thrown from position 1 to position 2 while the grid voltage is varied. When there is no change in galvanometer current as the grid switch is thrown from position 1 to position 2 the grid potential is that of the floating grid and grid current is zero.

The main potentiometer as in most pH meters will read in pH units, that is, one revolution of the slide wire and one coil of the accompanying resistor decade will furnish a voltage varying from 57 to 63, the exact voltage being set for a particular temperature of the glass electrode. The pH meter functions in the usual manner with the vacuum-tube circuit functioning as a null instrument to indicate the balance between the voltage of the glass electrode and half cells, and the measuring voltage obtained from the main potentiometer.

The main potentiometer is best constructed from the slide wire and decade coils of a commercial potentiometer, a Leeds and Northrup student type being used in the instrument described. All variable potentiometers were General Radio, using type 314 where possible and type 214 for the lower values. The circuit diagram shown is, of course, extremely simplified for purposes of brevity of explanation of the basic principle involved.

Performance

An important improvement in this meter in comparison with other, especially commercial, pH meters is the use of ordinary batteries which are readily available and the avoidance of special-purpose rectangular-type batteries. A common annoyance in biological laboratories is the replacement of special-purpose batteries which are not available except in electronic or laboratory supply stores and sometimes only available by mail order purchase. For this reason the

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present pH meter has been constructed to use only commercial readily available batteries, namely the number 2 and number 6 dry cells.

A satisfactory galvanometer is the Rubicon type 3414, sensitivity 0.0045 microampere per mm, resistance 540 ohms. The circuit including batteries but not including galvanometer is shielded in a wooden box lined with tin plated iron. The glass electrode is in a water bath using a compressed air driven stirrer.

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the use of attenuators on the oscilloscope. The bandwidth, in excess of 10 mc, preserves the rise time of the oscilloscope.



Wire Shielding

KUPFRIAN MFG. Co., 218 Prospect Ave., Binghamton, N. Y. A vinylcovered Monocoil wire shielding supplements the full line of flatwire, helically-wound types. Advantages reside in preventing grounding of the casing at more than one point, or in providing high-voltage insulation. Complete description and a chart showing full range of sizes appears in bulletin 5065.



Portable Radio Tubes

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y. The new tubes illustrated enable A batteries in portable receivers to last about three times as long as with other available tubes. These low-drain tubes include type 1U6, a heptode converter with oscillator anode as a separate element; type 1AF5, a diode pentode; type 1AF4, a sharp cutoff r-f pentode; and type 3E5, a beam-power output tube. All have 25-ma filaments and 7-pin miniature button bases. Power required is 2.1 w or one-half the average required for other avail-



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Deflecting Method	Electrostatic
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Fluorescence	Green
Persistence	



Typical Operating Conditions

For Anode No. 2 Voltage of	2,000 Volts
Anode No. 1 Voltage for focus	330 to 620 Volts
Grid No. 1 Voltage	-45 to -135 Volts
Deflection Factors:	
D1D2	146 to 198 Volts D-C per Inch
D3D4	104 to 140 Volts D-C per Inch
Anode No. 1 Voltage for focus	. 16.5% to 31% of Eb2 Volts
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Anode No. 1 Current for any operating condition	15 to +10 Microamperes
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THE SUPERIOR ELECTRIC Co., Hannon Ave., Bristol, Conn. The Varicell provides a stabilized and regulated source of variable d-c voltage from a-c power lines. It operates from a 95 to 135-volt, 60-cycle, single-phase a-c line; delivers a d-c output variable from 0 to 30 v. Allowable output current available at any voltage setting is 15 amperes. Stabilization and regulation are given as 0.25 percent for an output
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setting between 6 and 30 v. The rms ripple voltage does not exceed ± 0.1 v.



TV High-Voltage Tester

OAK RIDGE PRODUCTS, 239 E. 127th St., New York 35, N. Y. Model 102 miniature tv high-voltage tester features a precision 10,000 ohms per volt movement and three scales: 0 to 500 v, 0 to 15 kv, and 0 to 30 kv, and comes complete with special high-voltage test lead. It measures $5\frac{3}{4}$ in. \times 4 in. \times 24 in.

Tele Antenna

TECHNICAL APPLIANCE CORP., Sherburne, N. Y. Type 900 television antenna features four driven elements, two in the vertical plane and two in the horizontal plane, in place of parasitic elements, thus giving far greater control of the field pattern, and also permitting lobe switching. With this design it is possible by means of a diplexer network to eliminate entirely cochannel interference. Front-to-back ratio ranges up to 20 to 1.



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Electrical Contacts. Gibson Electric Co., 8361 Frankstown Ave., Pittsburgh 21, Pa. A line of Steelback electrical contacts consisting of silver facing individually bonded to steel backing for projection welding to contact supports, is illustrated and described in circular 501. Specifications for standard contacts are included.

Nuclear Instrumentation. Kelley-Koett Instrument Division, 20 E. Sixth St., Covington, Ky., is now publishing Kelefax, a new bimonthly publication of interest to personnel engaged in radiation and industrial instrumentation, nuclear science and technology. It contains articles by members of the engineering staff and guest authors. useful reference data and tables, and announcements of new products.

Radiographic Materials. Eastman Kodak Co., X-Ray Division, Rochester 4, N. Y. A new 16-page catalog of materials for industrial radiography describes films for use with x-ray equipment of varying kilovoltage and with specimens of varying thickness and density. Information on relative speeds and contrast of different x-ray film emulsions is provided in a handy chart.

General-Purpose Pulse Generator. Hewlett-Packard Co., 395 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif. Volume 1, No. 6 of the Journal is a fourpage description of the model 212A, a 0.07 to 10-µsec general-purpose pulse generator. Included are specifications and photographs of oscilloscope traces of three typical major output pulses of different duration.

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Disc Ceramics. Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N. J. The Tiny Mike line of miniature ceramic disc capacitors is treated in a recent two-page catalog insert. The capacitors treated, used chiefly in tv, f-m and vhf applications, are designed for bypass and coupling in assemblies that are compact and in miniature electronic equipment. The units described are 19/32 in. in diameter and 5/32 in. thick.

Germanium Diodes. General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y. A new loose-leaf book entitled "Welded Germanium Diodes" covers every necessary aspect of this component from general sales information to service notes and applications. References to additional information in the literature are included. Price is \$1.25.

Tube Characteristics. Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Emporium, Pa. The new radio tube characteristics chart is comprised of 28 pages of technical data. Types are listed in numerical and alphabetical order. Complete instructions on the use of the chart are included.

Power Supplies. Furst Electronics, 12 S. Jefferson St., Chicago 6, Ill. Six types of electronically regulated power supplies are shown in a four-page folder. Information given for each includes maximum output power, output voltage and current, maximum ripple voltage (rms) and size.

Slow-Speed Oscilloscope. A. E. Cawkell, 7 Victory Arcade, The Broadway, Southall, Middlesex, England. Leaflet No. 7 gives a general description, design information and specifications for the type SP1O slow-speed oscillo-

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Time Measuring Instruments. American Chronoscope Corp., 316 W. First St., Mount Vernon, N. Y. A 4-page bulletin illustrates and describes a line of electromechanical chronoscopes, input adapters and photoelectric adapters for measuring significant operating times from 10 μ sec to 3 sec.

Electrical Contacts. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., North Chicago, Ill. A new 36-page illustrated booklet contains information on electrical contacts of value to design engineers. It includes a thorough discussion of contact materials, their properties, advantages and uses. The booklet also contains a glossary of electrical contact engineering terms and a series of captioned illustrations enabling recognition of symptoms of contact failure.

Transformer Bulletin. American Transformer Co., 178 Emmet St., Newark 5, N. J. Bulletin 110-02 describes an improved line of aircooled (dry-type) transformers. It contains 8 pages of information and data, including tables which list standard ratings with dimensions, weights list prices and wiring diagrams of transformers in capacities up to 200 kva, single-phase, and 300 kva, three-phase.

Airborne Equipment Protection. The Barry Corp., 177 Sidney St., Cambridge 39, Mass. Catalog 502 deals with vibration isolators and mounting bases used to protect electronic equipment and other sensitive apparatus against shock and vibration encountered in aircraft applications. Two pages of the catalog discuss principles involved in shock and vibration control, with special emphasis on the effect of air damping.



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Now under way at the National Bureau of Standards is an extensive project for the revision of all the common thermocouple tables. Present plans call for the publication during 1950 of eight tables giving the temperature-emf relations for platinum-platinum rhodium, chromel-alumel, and copperconstantan thermocouples.

The temperature-emf tables for thermocouples previously issued by the Bureau have been widely used in science and industry, not only to convert thermocouple voltages into the equivalent measured temperatures but also in the preparation of purchase specifications for thermocouple wire and in defining the relation between impressed emf and scale reading for pyrometers which indicate temperature directly. Recently, however, in accordance with international agreement, the Bureau adopted the absolute electrical units and began using the definitions of the new International Temperature Scale of 1948 both in its own research program and in calibrating instruments for other laboratories and industries. Revision of the thermocouple tables was then advisable in order to make





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POLARAD ELECTRONICS CORP., manufacturers of television broadcast equipment, test equipment and microwave systems, have moved to larger quarters with increased facilities for production and development at 100 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

HOFFMAN RADIO CORP., Los Angeles, Calif., has added 20,000 sq ft of floor space to its local plants through the purchase of property on South Grand Ave., adjacent to the rear of its plant No. 3.

THE AMERICAN GAGE & MACHINE Co. has merged with the Simpson Electric Co., Chicago, Ill., manufacturer of electrical measuring instruments and radio and television test equipment.

INSULINE CORP. OF AMERICA has acquired 10,000 sq ft of additional factory space in Long Island City, N. Y., for the manufacture of television antennas and accessories.

RADIO ENGINEERING LABORATORIES have consolidated operations into their main plant at 36-40 37th St., Long Island City, N. Y.

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RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA recently held dedication ceremonies for its new Marion, Indiana, television picture tube plant. The ceremony



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marked the installation of basic machinery and conveyor-belt systems which will eventually make the plant one of the biggest mass-producers of tv picture tubes.

ACME ELECTRIC CO., Cuba, N. Y., has begun construction of a new 15,000-sq ft-floor-area building adjacent to its plant No. 1 to increase production of tv transformers.

ELECTRICAL REACTANCE CORP., ceramic capacitor manufacturer, will double its present capacity with the establishment by August 1 of a new \$400,000 plant at Olean, N. Y.

ALLEN B. DUMONT LABORATORIES, INC., recently opened its 175,000sq ft Allwood plant in Clifton, N. J., to be devoted exclusively to c-r tube production.

PERSONNEL

CHARLES M. SCHEDLBAUER, formerly chief engineer of Electronic Associates, Inc., Long Branch, N. J., is now the company's director of sales.

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DONALD MCDONALD, formerly with the Aeronautical Research Center, U. of Michigan, has been appointed director of the Signal Laboratories section of the Cook Research Laboratories, Chicago, Ill.

EDWARD B. DOLL, formerly chief engineer at North American Philips Co., has joined the engineering staff of Stanford Research Institute, Stanford, Calif.

JOSEPH H. COPP, previously associated with General Electric Co. as audio and television systems engineer, has been appointed audio facilities engineer for the American Broadcasting Co.

LEWIS P. TABOR, senior research engineer in the Franklin Institute Laboratories for Research and Development, has been elected chairman of the Institute's Science and Arts Committee.

EDMUND C. ALTENBERGER, formerly with Essex Electronics, has joined Fugle-Miller Laboratories, Metuchen, N. J., as chief engineer responsible for the design of new television coil assemblies.

LAVERNE M. POAST has joined the firm of Craven, Lohnes and Culver, consulting radio engineers at Washington, D. C., as a new partner.

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LS3	Phenolic	1⁄4-28	3/8"	11/8"
LS4†	Phenolic	¹ ⁄4-28	1/2''	2′′

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JOHN A. WILLOUGHBY, former acting chief engineer of the FCC, has been appointed assistant chief engineer in the new Office of Chief Engineer.

JOSHUA SIEGER, director of research and development at Freed Radio Corp., New York, since 1948, was recently promoted to vice-president in charge of engineering.





J. Sieger

R. Bowen

JOHN A. RANKIN, chief engineer at Hoffman Radio Corp., Los Angeles, Calif., for the past nine months, has become vice-president in charge of engineering.

DALE POLLACK, consulting radio engineer, announces the removal of his laboratory and office to his new building on Dayton Road, Waterford, Conn.

JOSEPH P. STEPHANILE, formerly engaged in technical and engineering work with Government installations, is now associate electronics engineer at Telrex, Inc., Asbury Park, N. J.

ALBERT W. HULL, inventor of the magnetron, recently retired as assistant director of the General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y., but will continue to serve the laboratory as a consultant.

JOHN M. PEARCE, former head of the electronics section of The Glenn L. Martin Co., has been named chief electronics engineer and head of the new electronics department in the company's engineering division.

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Resistances, inductances, and center-tapped coils have been successfully used in the cathode circuits with cross connections to the shield grids. This work was undertaken by the undersigned at the RCA Laboratories and is referred to in U. S. Patent 2,481,925, Sept. 13, 1949, and By H. H. Wittenberg in the March 1949 *RCA Review*.

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