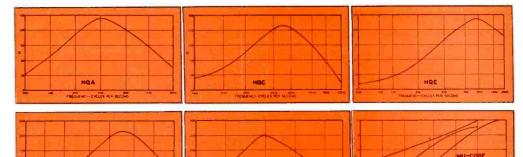
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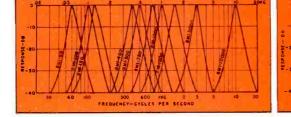
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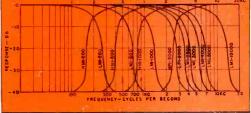
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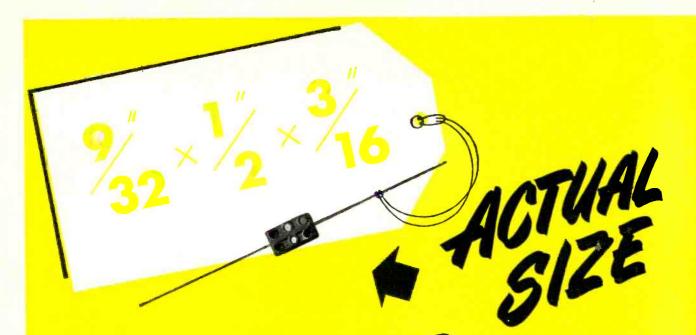
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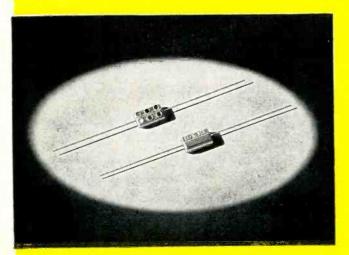
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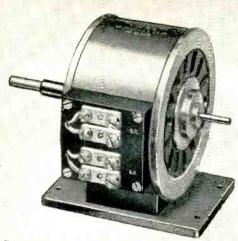


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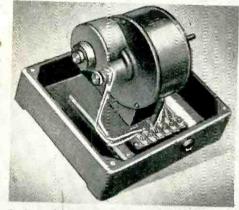
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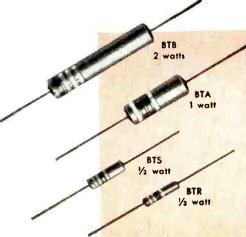


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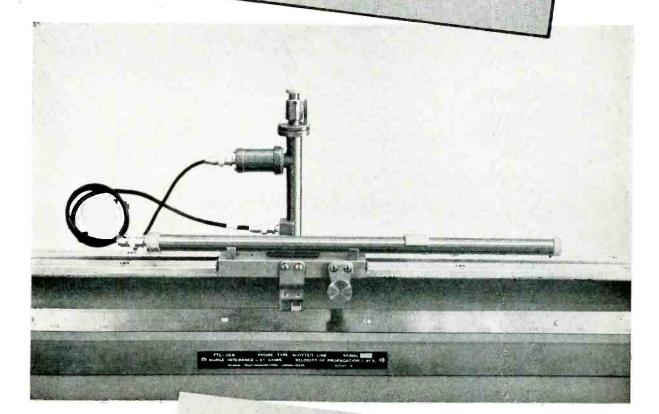
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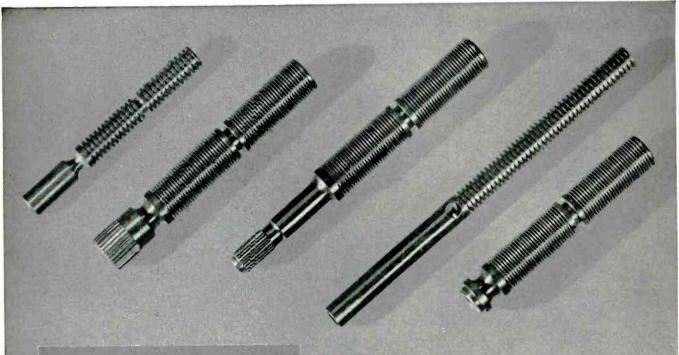
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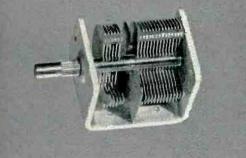
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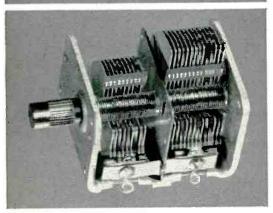
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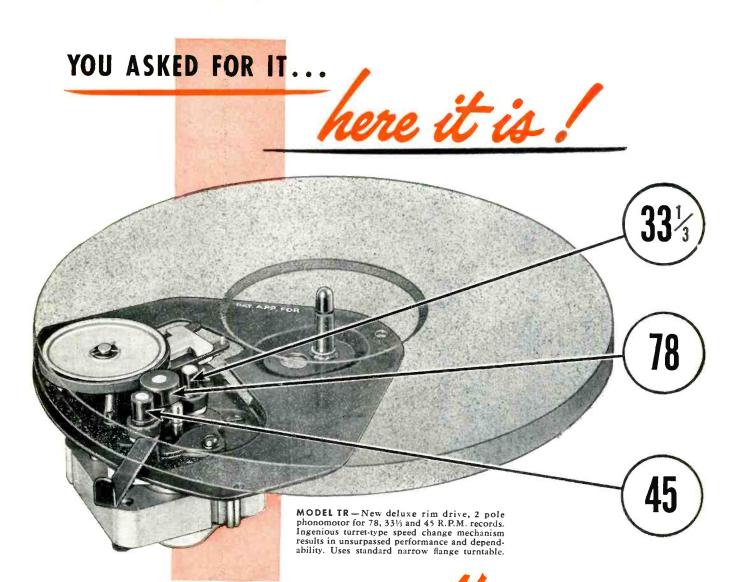
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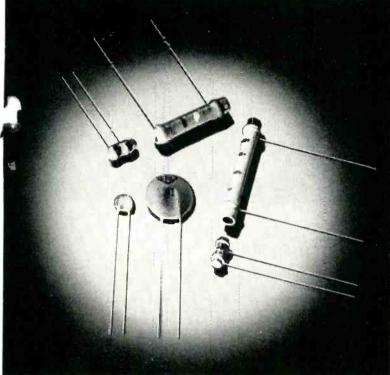
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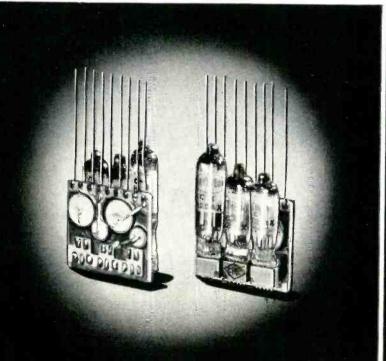
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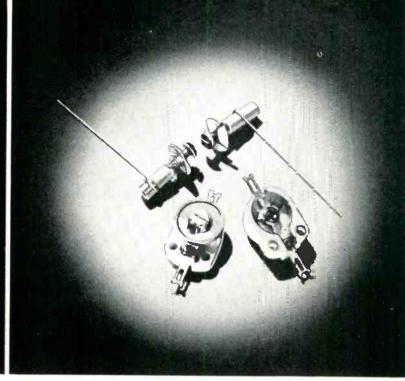
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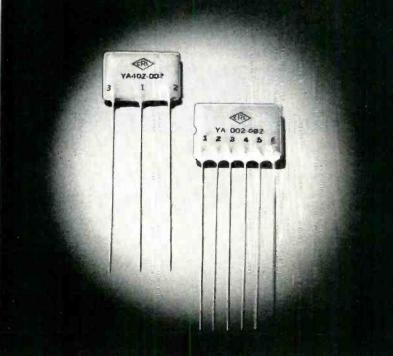
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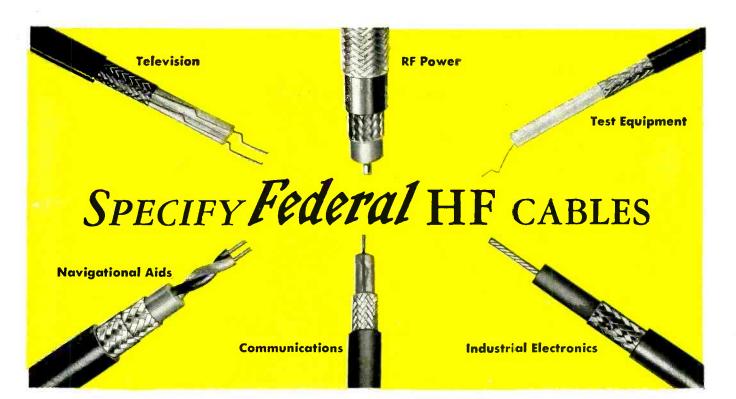
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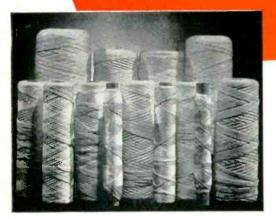
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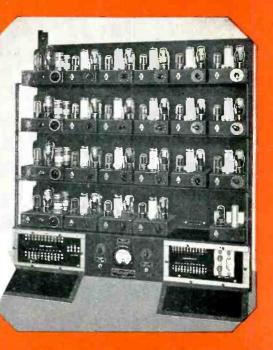


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Obsoletes Previous Methods of Testing Enameled Wire Insulation



This revolutionary Dielectric Continuity Tester at Driver-Harris checks the quality of coating on 19 strands of wire simultaneously—as the wire leaves enameling furnaces. Tap switches on the test units are calibrated in impulses per minute required to operate an alarm. With the speed of the wire known, and also the maximum number of faults per 100 feet permitted by specification, each test unit is readily set to operate in conformance with the terms of the test imposed.

Driver-Harris' new test equipment obsoletes such ineffectual

electronic tester permits the enameling process to continue

uninterrupted. When the rate at which faults occur ap-

proaches the maximum number of faults permitted by speci-

fications, the test mechanism sounds an alarm and a

sub-standard enameling is detected—and can be corrected

In this way, enamel coating is not only tested for continuity throughout the entire length of spooled wire, but

Thus makers of wire-wound resistors—particularly in

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In order to guarantee the quality of a spool of enameled wire, <u>every inch</u> of the wire should be checked for dielectric faults, not just a few feet. In general practice, however, only a short sample of wire is examined. This is passed through a mercury cup held at a fixed potential, and shorts through the insulation are indicated on a voltmeter. If faults do not exceed a specified maximum for a given length of wire, insulation throughout the <u>entire</u> spool is assumed to be satisfactory.

This inefficient, compromise method has two important disadvantages: (1) the small portion of wire tested may not truly represent the condition of insulation throughout the spool; (2) insulation failures are not discovered until long after the enameling process is completed.

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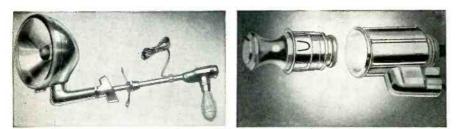
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## COPPER ALLOY BULLETIN

#### **PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT EDITION**

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### Brass for Automotive and Electrical Accessories

Reduction of cost without sacrificing quality is uppermost in the minds of design and production engineers. The merits and demerits of available metals and alloys for fabricating long run items, such as automotive and electrical accessories, should becarefully weighed.

#### **More Easily Fabricated**

Brass, from long experience, takes the first choice because of its ease of workability and many other advantages. It can readily be stamped, formed, drawn, spun, swaged, drilled, threaded, soldered, welded, polished, plated.

For electrical applications the high conductivity of the brasses is advantageous where the parts are designed to carry current.

Aside from the fact that it can stand deep draws and can be made into intricate shapes, its low coefficient of friction with steel means remarkably long tool life. Its initial cost is partially offset by its high scrap value as compared with other materials.

Another important property that should not be overlooked is its excellent corrosion resistance to moisture and weathering.

Since automotive accessories are exposed to the rain, sleet, snow, dampness, and extremes of heat and cold, a non-rusting metal is desirable in the manufacture of high quality products.

Although modern chromium plating gives an attractive finish to most metals, time soon reveals the weakness of an inferior metal since chromium plate may be porous and does not give complete protection from the elements. Chromium plated brass over an under coat of nickel plate retains its beauty for many years, requiring only an occasional removal of surface grime with a damp cloth.

Some savings can often be obtained in reducing the cost of polishing previous to plating. Because of its intrinsic hardness or resistance to abrasion and wear, brass takes on a polished finish quickly with the minimum of effort. However, in some cases, the polishing time can be reduced by obtaining metal of the proper grain structure. Informing the mill as to the operations and finish required will enable it to supply metal with the structure which will produce the greatest economy.

#### **Importance of Annealing**

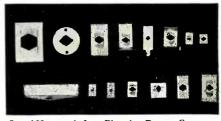
At the same time, fabricators should realize that the original microstructure of the metal as it comes from the mill changes with the subsequent annealing operations which it may receive during fabrication. In other words, the fabricator should control the grain structure of the metal during his own annealing just as carefully as the mill performs this

#### Phosphor Bronze for Speed Nuts

The old adage, "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link," probably caused engineers at Tinnerman Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, to select Phosphor Bronze for their speed nuts.

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Speed Nuts made from Phosphor Bronze. Courtesy Tinnerman Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

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Phosphor Bronze has many industrial applications because of its high corrosion resistance and excellent spring properties retained under repeated flexing. It is used widely for electrical snap switches, diaphragms, current collectors, spring contacts, and parts for electronic equipment.

important operation. As frequently mentioned, a coarse grain structure results in a rough surface which requires considerable cutting down to produce the necessary high polished effect. A fine grain structure, on the other hand, produces a smoother surface which requires less polishing and color buffing.

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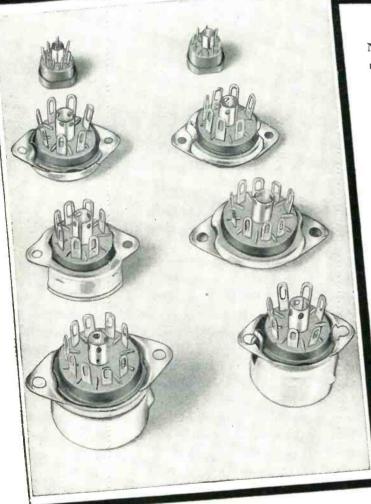


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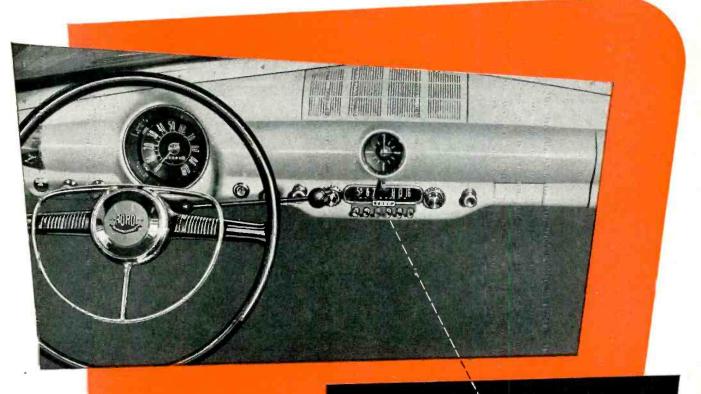
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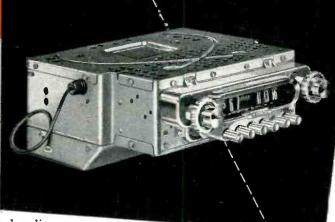
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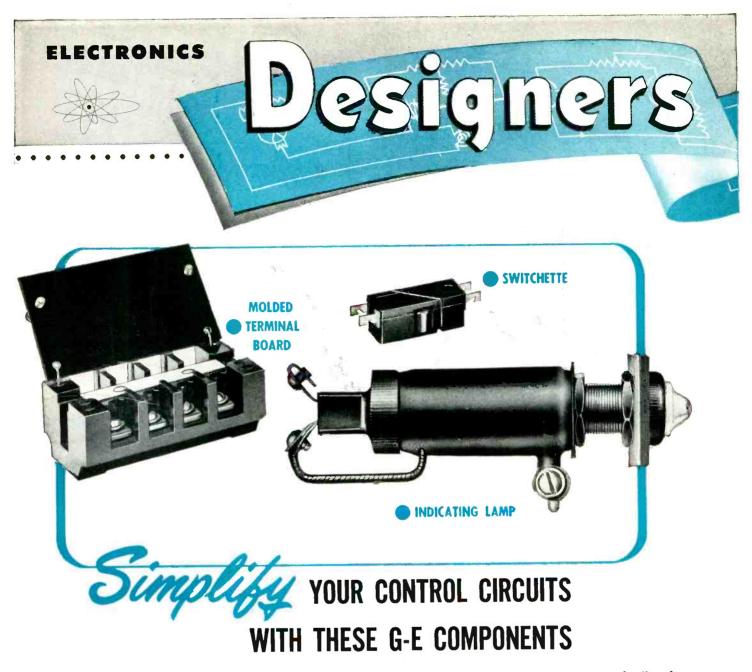
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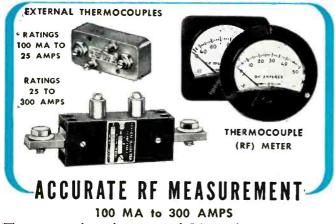
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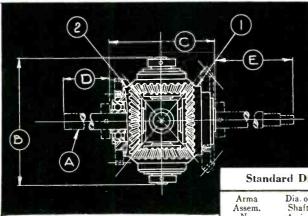
The cells are built with a new G-E evaporation process which makes for long life and stable output. Forward resistance and back leakage are low. Standard cells are moisture resistant, special units are hermetically sealed. All have a  $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch diameter and can be mounted as easily as an ordinary resistor. Circuits: half-wave, center tap, or bridge. Ratings: as high as 40 RMS volts input, 56.5 maximum inverse peak volts at 10 d-c ma. Data in Bulletin GEC-655.

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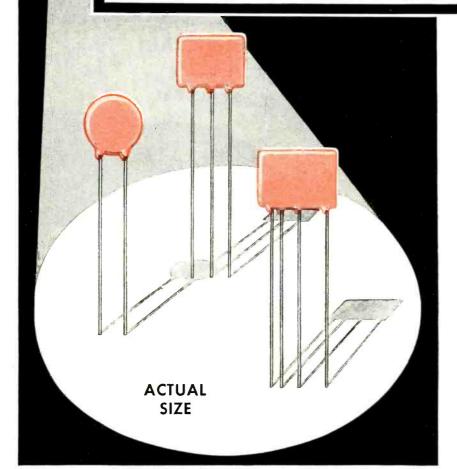
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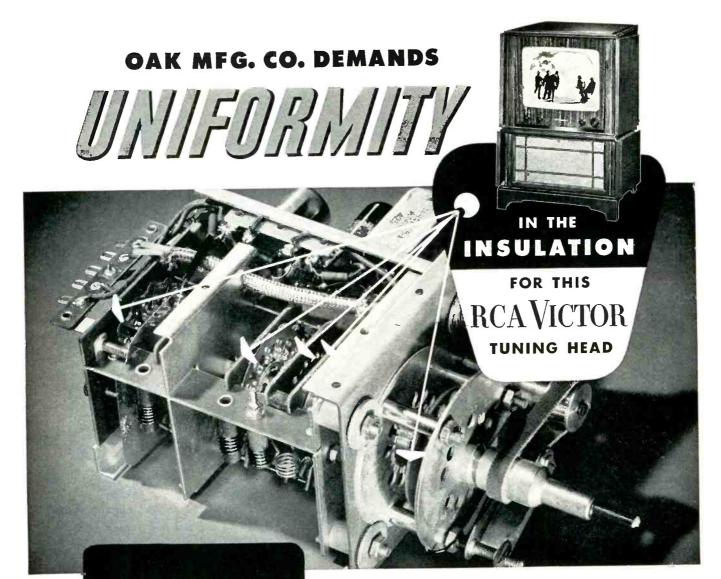


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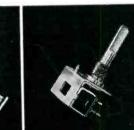












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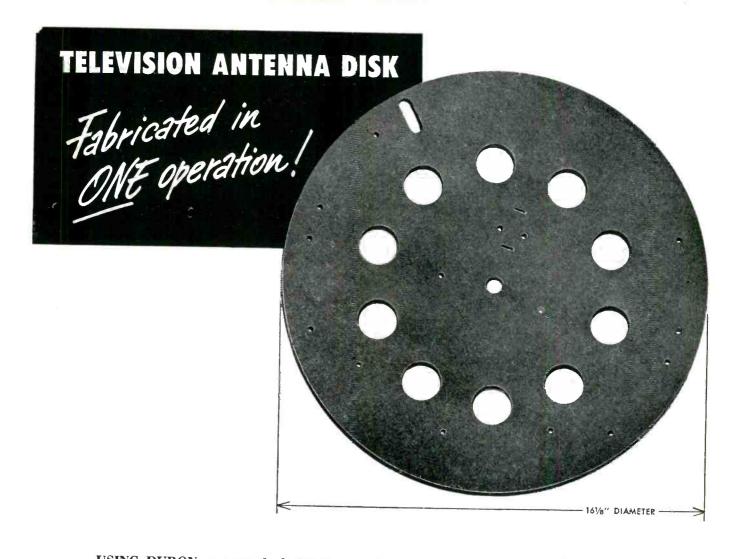
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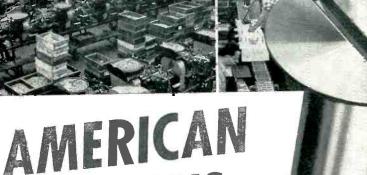
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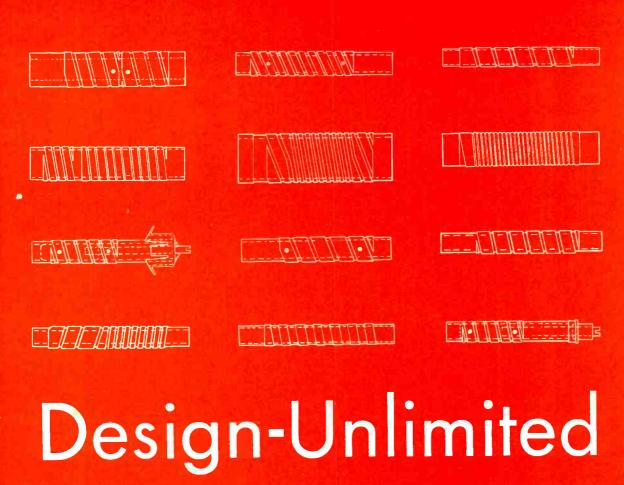
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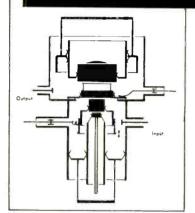


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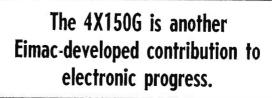
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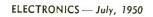
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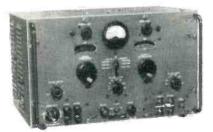
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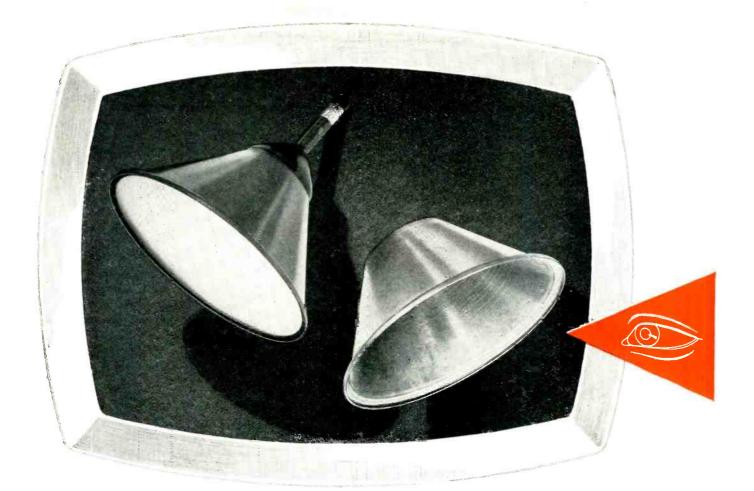
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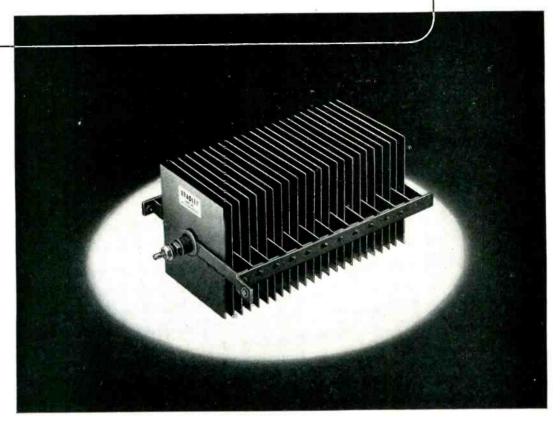
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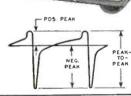
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# CARBOLOY COMPANY announces Special Metals Division to produce G-E ALNICO

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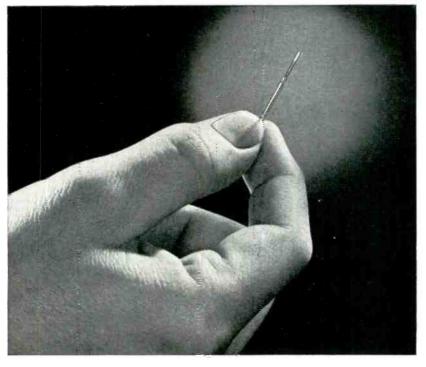
carbides, Carboloy Company, welcomes this addition to its line of special metals.

It is anticipated that the streamlining and conversion of necessary facilities will be completed at an early date.

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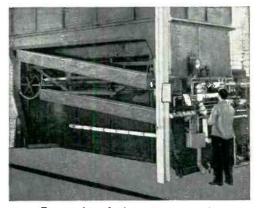
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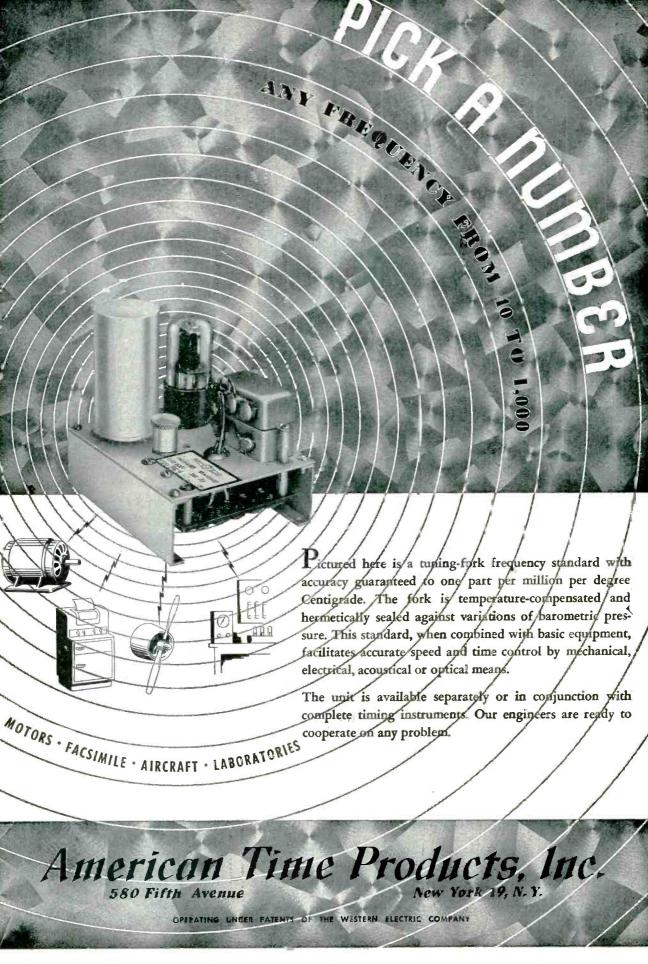


**Part of inspection procedure** on Lockseam Nickel Cathodes as they come off the production machine. Each cathode must undergo many rigid tests before being approved.



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- 2. Excellent high-temperature characteristics.
- 3. Good de-gassing properties.
- 4. High resistance to corrosion and fatigue.
- 5. Good workability and weldability.

The value of Nickel in critical tube design can be inferred from the following: An ordinary large transmitting tube may contain virtually no Nickel, a large receiving tube may contain 50% or more Nickel, and a miniature receiving tube



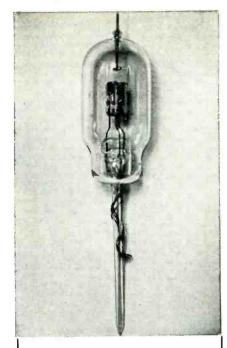
may employ Nickel for almost all its parts.

In addition to pure Nickel, many other nickel-bearing metals and high-Nickel alloys are used for special applications in the electronics field. Recent uses include non-magnetic "326" Monel and heat-resistant Inconel for cathode ray and television tube applications.



Nickel is available in a wide variety of mill forms easily adaptable to large-scale, low-cost production of vacuum tube components. Photo of Nickel cathodes courtesy of Superior Tube Company, Norristown, Pa.

If you would like to know more about the many important uses of these metals, ask for your copy of "Inco Nickel Alloys for Electronic Uses."



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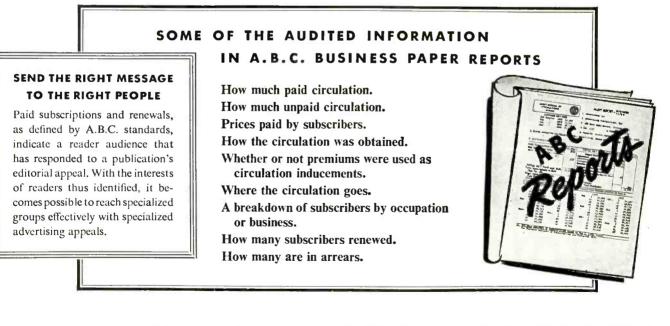
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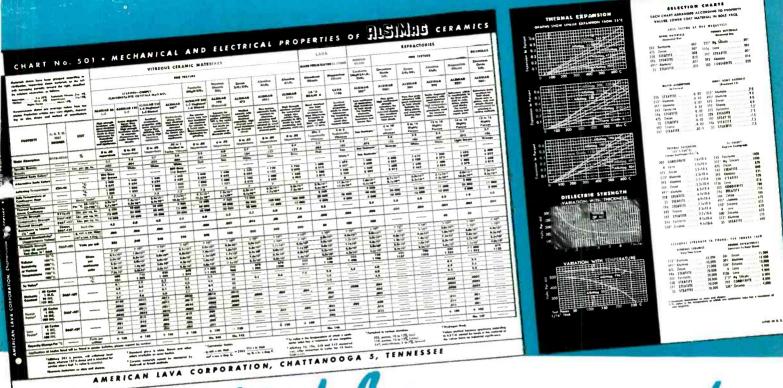
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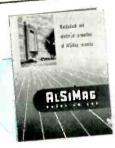


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### New Property Chart of RLSIMAG® TECHNICAL CERAMIC COMPOSITIONS





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American Lava Corporation, Chattanooga 5, Tennessee, has issued a new chart giving the mechanical and electrical properties of AlSiMag custom-made technical ceramics.

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#### WHAT THE CHART TELLS

The chart covers seventeen of the more frequently used AlSiMag compositions and is the most complete chart yet issued in this field. A new feature is a selection chart which simplifies and speeds the selection of the most useful composition for the individual requirement. This selection chart indicates lower cost materials in BOLD FACE. This helps the product engineer to design for utmost economy.

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Many special AlSiMag compositions have been developed to meet specific conditions. These are too numerous to chart. If chart indicates general characteristics of value, modifications to suit your special application may be available.

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Designing engineers, production technicians or purchasing agents will find chart helpful in their search for materials for unusual applications.

#### HOW TO GET THE CHART

The AlSiMag Property Chart is sent free on request. Request as many copies as you need to cover your organization.

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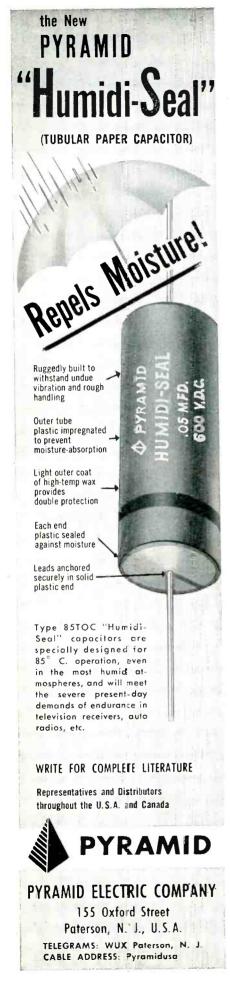
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### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### By W. W. MacDONALD

Scientific Apparatus needed by American laboratories for research and the development of new products was largely imported prior to 1917. When fighting in Europe cut off the supply our importers started to build their own, and the industry might be said to date from that time in this country.

Now a new condition has arisen. The average scientific apparatus maker comes under the heading of small business, with perhaps 35 employees. There are about 1,700 such concerns. And many of them themselves squarely up find against serious competition from countries in which labor rates are low and exchange very favorable. Certain optical items, for example. dropped off 20 percent in sales in 1949 and so far this year are off 30 percent.

Considered broadly, the situation seems to be this: Foreign trade agreements help our friends and therefore may ultimately help us. On the other hand, reduction in the number of people designing and building scientific apparatus here would reduce our self-sufficiency.

Largest Single Procurement action likely this year by the Army Signal Corps, still open for bids, is for \$15-million worth of f-m equipment for vehicular and ground use.

David Sarnoff Says "If final standards are adopted and commercial operation in color is authorized soon, the RCA could and would be in factory production of color television receivers by June of next year. This would amount to a weekly production rate of 200 color receivers. By the end of that year, our color receiver rate of production will have reached over 1,000 per week. Thereafter, we expect production quantities to rise substantially."

Average TV Set contains 800 individual component parts and 15,-000 feet of wire. There are 7,500

assembly operations, including 750 soldered joints. Capacitors, according to Aerovox, total 124, broken down as follows:

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Schwab House, 700-unit New York apartment building, is the biggest master antenna job for television we've heard of so far, RCA doing the work. Anyone know of an installation that tops it?

Milwaukee Journal survey produces the following interesting figures showing television receiver ownership as of January 1950 and families planning to buy sets this year, by income groups:

|   | Owners  | Prospects  |
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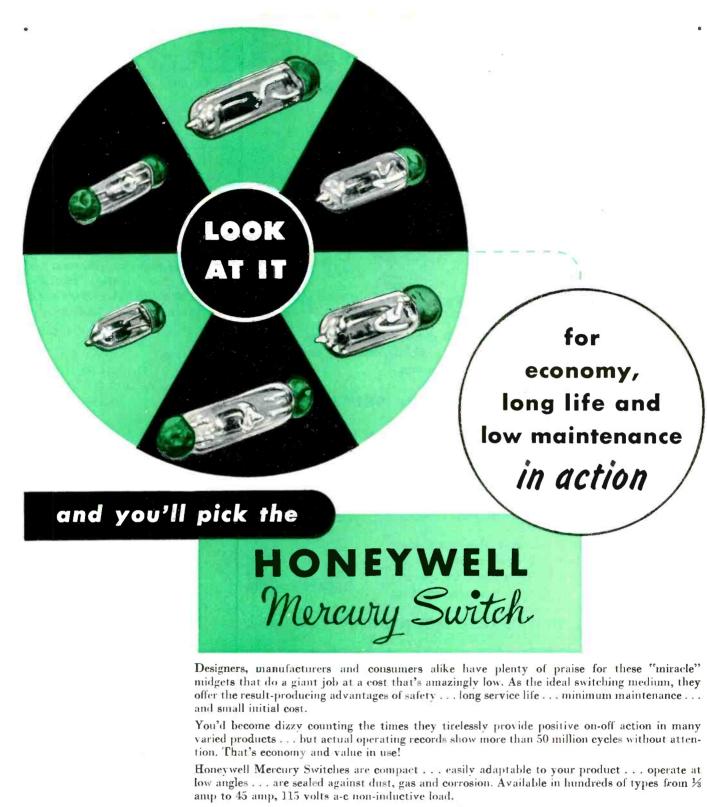
Television Equivalent of radio's tone control is the contrast control. Joe Public likes tone controls adjusted to minimize noise (and high notes) and make music "mellow." He also thinks the best pictures are those that have the most contrast, and any attempt to make him think otherwise is probably futile.

Real Estate Office near this columnist's home has had half-adozen miniature houses constituting a model development in its window for several years. Last week antennas and reflectors were placed on the little rooftops.

Such is the influence of television upon the American scene.

Printer's Error, if we hadn't caught it before publication: ".... Standing-wave ratio reduced to \$1.05 .....".

Broadcast Station Revenue increased 10.3 percent in 1949 over 1948, according to an FCC report just released. A total of 2,850 a-m, f-m and tv stations reported a \$459,800,000 take. Expenses were up 14.4 percent to



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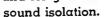
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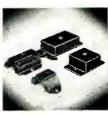
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\$425,000,000 however, so that income before Federal tax was \$34,800,000, a decline of 24.5 percent.

Accountant recently Navy okayed a bill for a bale of diapers, but it took some explaining. The soft, lint-free cloth that is kind to Junior is apparently also good for cleaning the inside of certain electron tubes prior to evacuation and sealing.

Receiver Sales by licensees, first quarter 1950, totalled 4,201,891, worth \$316,936,375. Here's the way the total broke down:

| Type                            | Units       | Dollars     |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Electric                        |             |             |
| Table (under<br>\$12.50 billing |             |             |
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| price)                          | 676,233     | \$7,022.686 |
| Table (over<br>\$12.50 billing  |             |             |
| price)                          |             |             |
| A-M                             | 469,662     | 8,788,532   |
| A - M / F - M                   | 77,525      | 2,467,146   |
| F-M (including                  | , -         |             |
| converters)                     | 2,933       | 57,168      |
| Consoles                        |             | 100 500     |
| A-M                             | 1,749       | 123,702     |
| A-M/F-M                         | 2,743       | 245,802     |
| Table-Radio-Phonos              | 70,667      | 2,911,857   |
| A-M<br>A-M/F-M                  | 6,129       | 225,917     |
| Console-Radio-                  | 0,120       | 220,011     |
| phonos                          |             |             |
| A-M                             | 13.862      | 1,056,298   |
| A-M/F-M                         | 109,442     | 12,681,254  |
| Battery                         | ŕ           |             |
| Portable A-C/D-C                | 232,197     | 4,321,080   |
| Table                           | 20,977      | 355,271     |
| Consoles                        | 6           | 455         |
| Auto                            | 888,541     | 22,980,494  |
| Television                      | 6           | 2,618       |
| Converters                      | 6           | 2,018       |
| Radio Table<br>Models           | 691,834     | 94,692,577  |
| Radio Consoles                  | 051,004     | 54,002,011  |
| Direct Viewing.                 | 610,864     | 115,868,045 |
| Projection                      | 6,276       | 1,531,597   |
| Radio Phonos                    |             | -,,-        |
| Direct Viewing.                 | 139,770     | 37,109,676  |
| Projection                      | 17          | 9,885       |
| Phonographs                     |             |             |
| Phono only                      | 146,267     | 2.522,171   |
| With radio                      | 44 884      | 101 095     |
| attachment                      | 11,551      | 191,635     |
| Without Cabinets                | 2,121       | 69,300      |
| A-M<br>A-M/F-M                  | 6,893       | 210,365     |
| Television                      | 13,638      | 1,496,080   |
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Magnetic Tape Recorders manufactured by licensees of the Armour Research Foundation totalled 20,-000 in 1949.

Figures presented at a recent conference on components again emphasize the importance of electronics in the aircraft field.

L. V. Berkner of Carnegie Institution: "In a patrol bomber costing \$1,315,374 the electronic equipment costs \$179,899 and includes 45 devices composed of more than 25,000 components.'

Charles R. Banks of Aeronautical Radio: "The airlines now have 2,000,000 capacitors, 1,500,000 resistors and 180,000 electron tubes operating in 750 aircraft.... The investment is \$10,000,000, and maintenance cost is over \$3,000,-000 annually for materials and labor."

Employment was up 5.6 percent in March as against January among 190 communications equipment manufacturers reporting to the U.S. Department of Labor, and a further rise of 2.6 percent was anticipated by midyear. Television sparked the increase, easily counterbalancing a slight decline in employment among telephone and telegraph equipment makers.

A Bonus of \$10,000 is paid by the AEC to anyone who discovers a new uranium deposit and delivers twenty short tons of ore containing 20 percent or more of uranium oxide to the Commission.

Reading Our Own Ads leads us to make the following observations:

Hermetic seals, and hermeticallysealed components, appear to be getting quite a play. Military applications undoubtedly provided the springboard, but aviation and other industrial users are now interested.

Solderless connections, commented upon in this column several times before, seem to be picking up adherents among industrial users. Communications applications still develop slowly.

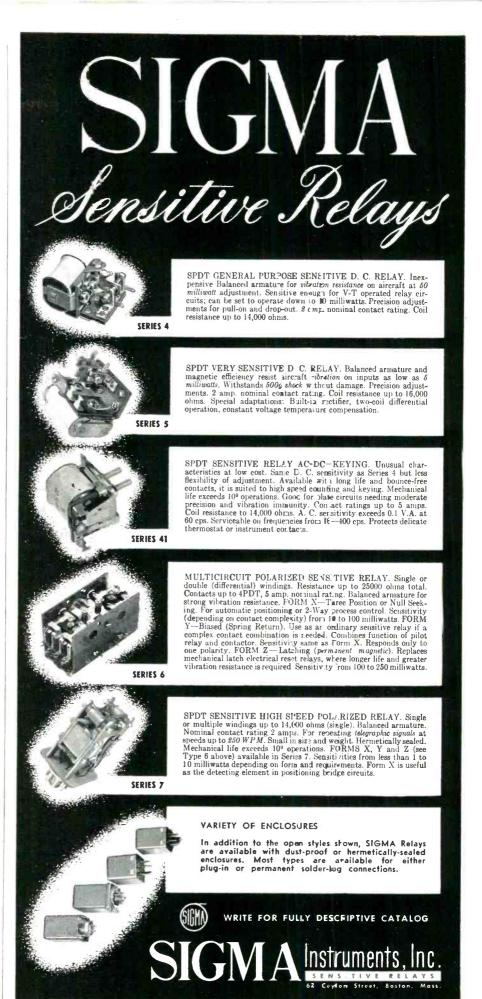
Life-rating of a particular receiving-type tube is given as 10,000 hours.

A new amateur transmitter is said to be TVI-less in 97 percent of the installations made to date.

We very much like the phrase, used in connection with a test instrument "Industrial Endurance With Research Quality."

Reading time: 11 hours.

Perils Of Publishing: For six months one of our distant representatives has been dickering with a man for a story. Queried recently from the home office concerning prospects of getting it, our rep replied: "The story in which you are interested seems to have gone a little sour . . . . The engineer who had promised it shot a guy and is now in the jug."



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► WORLD TV ... This is written in London, where your exhausted servant has just completed a tour of television systems in the USA, France, Holland and Great Britain. The trip was preparatory to the second meeting of the Television Study Group of CCIR. This group, carrying forward the work begun in Zurich last year, is attempting to find a common basis for agreement on international television standards.

Since the meeting is still in progress as deadline approaches, we cannot report the findings in this issue. A full account will be published next month. Meanwhile, some general impressions may be of interest.

Within the space of 15 days, we have seen television on 405, 441, 525, 625 and 819 lines, at 50 and 60 fields per second, on video bandwidths from 2.7 to 10 mc. Our impression, shared by many in the tour, is that the US standard of 525 lines and 60 fields per second with a 4.25-mc video band is the happiest compromise among the systems demonstrated to us.

This is not to say, however, that the American television industry leads the world in all respects. Our British cousins are showing their heels to us in four departments: First, the transient response of British television studio equipment, coaxial cables, radio relays and transmitters is generally superior to ours. It is a matter of personal pride with nearly every British operator to adjust the phase correction of the apparatus until the leading and trailing transients just balance. Admittedly their problem is somewhat simpler than ours, but their attitude toward phase correction is one we should adopt.

Second, the British transmission of movie films, by the flying-spot method of scanning, is wonderful to behold. Despite the fact that they use at least one megacycle less video bandwidth than do the US stations, the images are sharper and crisper and the tonal gradation is definitely superior.

Third, a new camera tube, the cathode-stabilized orthicon, is just coming into use and, for studio use at least, seems to have several distinct advantages over the image orthicon. The most notable of these are an inherently steady black level and a noise level which increases with light. These properties permit gradation correction circuits to be used, and the result is an image of truly photographic quality. Moreover, this tube (the c.p.s. emitron) will produce a respectable image with one footcandle illumination at a lens aperture of f:1.9. American television engineers could use it to great advantage, despite the fact that the tube has a tendency to instability at high light levels. Certainly US television would be the richer if the cathode-stabilized orthicon were available here.

Fourth, the new Birmingham station has a visual power at 35 kilowatts into the antenna. Plans are afoot for future stations of 100 kw with antenna power gain of four times. We could use such power.

In most other respects, the American system leads the parade. European television images dis-

play an alarming tendency to flicker at brightness levels far below those demanded by the American public, due to the 50 per second field scanning rate. A Dutch demonstration of a longpersistence (about 10-millisecond) white-light phosphor was impressive in reducing flicker, but the image is subject to color fringing of objects in motion. The visible effect of ignition noise, which produces white spots on the screen due to the use of positive modulation in England, is definitely more annoying than the black spots of the American system. The sound channel of the British stations, transmitted by a-m rather than f-m, is apt to be noisy. The limiters used in some receivers to limit impulse noise have the unfortunate effect of introducing audio distortion.

The concept of standardizing on the line-scanning frequency, with a narrow tolerance, to permit interchange of programs even when the number of fields per second and lines per picture are not the same in different countries, is one of the noteworthy suggestions of the meeting.

► QUIZ COMING... Our query of several months ago concerning a series of electronic problems for the amusement and edification of readers has drawn a most encouraging response. Accordingly, in future issues we shall publish such problems as come to hand, with answers the following month. We have a few problems on hand, but need more. Look for problems and answers on the Backtalk page.

# Why Television Receivers

WITH TODAY'S SPOTLIGHT on television receiver production figures and dollar volume of sales, there is a tendency to overlook the fact that television servicing is also big business. Based on current average prices for sets and yearly service contracts, every dollar paid for a television receiver will within five years be matched by another dollar paid to service organizations. Putting it another way, an estimated \$325 million will be paid out in 1950 just to keep television sets running, in contrast with only \$300 million of business (at factory prices) done by the entire electronic industry in 1939.

Why does it cost so much to keep tv sets running? To probe into this question, sampling surveys were made of the field experiences of tv manufacturers who have their own service organizations. In addition, independent service organizations who take on service contracts for all makes of sets were queried. This article presents in detail the results of an investigation by the staff of ELECTRONICS.

#### Breakdown of Calls

Reasons for calling a television serviceman are broken down in Table I for four representative organizations. A quick check shows that only about 30 percent of these reasons are traceable to human nature, to antenna systems and to other nonmanufacturing factors. The remaining 70 percent of the calls deserve detailed technical analysis here because they can be eliminated at least in part at the manufacturing level, with immediate savings in service division overhead and long-term gain in serviceman and consumer goodwill.

Just as in radio sets, a defective tube is by far the most common cause of trouble in a television receiver. In television, however, causes of tube failures are much more often attributable to set design engineers than to tube manufacturers. Tubes are worked close to the upper limits of their ratings in many tv circuits, leaving little

margin for normal tolerances of other parts and for effects of ageing. As a result, tube testers are rarely if ever used for checking tubes in tv sets. Substitution of new tubes is the universal practice among service organizations. So critical is circuit design in some cases that it is not unusual to have to try half a dozen new tubes before finding one that works in a particular set.

Picture tube replacement ranks high, considering that it is the most expensive replacement part in a tv set. On a first-year service contract, about half the picture tube failures occur within the first three months, covered in all cases by the standard 90-day warranty of the manufacturer. The trend is toward free replacement by manufacturers during the remainder of the first year as well, usually under a firstyear contract whereby the set manufacturer replaces all defective parts for a blanket price of \$5 to \$20 that is paid by the service organization or dealer.

Reasons for replacement of biggest troublemakers among other tubes are given in Table II. In general, the practice of tv servicemen is to replace a tube if that will make the set work again, even though some other part is the real cause of trouble. Replacement with a selected upper-limit new tube can cure a lot of other troubles in certain circuits, eliminating removal of the chassis to the shop for more expensive replacement of a cheaper under-chassis component.

#### **Other Troubles**

Antenna troubles vary greatly from one locality to another, and depend also on the number, location and effective signal strengths of the

|  | Percent of Total Calls                        |   |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Reason for Call                            | Mfr.<br>Service<br>Organi-<br>zation<br>No. 1 | Mfr.<br>Service<br>Organi-<br>zation<br>No. 2 | Inde-<br>pendent<br>Service<br>Co.<br>No. 1 | Inde-<br>pendent<br>Service<br>Co.<br>No. 2 |  |  |  |
| Replace picture tube                       | 10%   | 4%  | 5%  | 6%  |  |  |  |
| Replace other tubes                        | 30  | 21  | 35  | 25  |  |  |  |
| Reorient antenna <sup>*</sup>              | 8   | 2   | 15  | 10  |  |  |  |
| Repair antenna system*                     | 3   | 6   | 2   | 2   |  |  |  |
| Change antenna or add high-band*           | 1   | 2   | 1   | 3   |  |  |  |
| Readjust back-of-set controls              | 2   | 1   | 13  | 12  |  |  |  |
| Correct deficiency in circuit design       | 1   | 7   | 6   | 2   |  |  |  |
| False calls*                               | 4.  | 15  | 10  | 10  |  |  |  |
| Replace paper capacitor                    | 9   | 1   | 3   | 2   |  |  |  |
| Replace resistor                           | 9   | 1   | 3   | 3   |  |  |  |
| Repair or replace tuner                    | 8   | 15  | 2   | 5   |  |  |  |
| Replace other components                   | 4   | 15  | 1   | 6   |  |  |  |
| Repair poorly soldered joint               | 5   | 4   | 1   | 1   |  |  |  |
| Realign                                    | 4   | 2   | 1   | 8   |  |  |  |
| Customer not at home*                      | 2   | 4   | 2   | 5   |  |  |  |
| * Total not fault of set manu-<br>facturer | 18%   | 29%   | 30%   | 30%   |  |  |  |

#### Table I—Analysis of Television Receiver Service Calls

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# **Fail in Service**

Three years of field experience by manufacturers and independent service companies reveals 15 major reasons for service calls. Many can be eliminated at design and production stages, often with accompanying savings in manufacturing cost

transmitters in the area. As localities reach their legal quota of stations, antenna calls diminish since the required compromise orientation can be made at the time of installation. New antenna types are proving highly satisfactory in the field and reducing antenna calls.

On the other hand, as more sets enter second and third years of service, antenna repair calls go up. Though the figures in Table I are for the entire three-year period since the war, 1949 sales of well over 2,000,000 tv sets pretty well weight the picture.

Readjustment of back-of-set con-

trols is high in percentage for independents, low for manufacturer service organizations. Stability of circuits used by the particular manufacturers polled may be one reason. Another fact, more pertinent to independents who must know a little about a lot of different sets, is the psychological value of actually doing something to a set even when the picture is found to be of acceptable commercial quality for the particular set involved.

Corrections of circuit design come in batches coinciding with launching of new tv models. Least trouble comes from models using refinements or improvements of the previous year's circuitry, and most trouble when designers choose to toss out the experience of former years and start from scratch.

Where a capacitor goes, so often goes a resistor, hence figures for these two parts run hand in hand across the board. Importance of incoming inspection of components and quality control during assembly shows up in the total of 18 percent for resistor and capacitor replacements by one manufacturer as contrasted to a 2-percent total for the other.

Tuner troubles, particularly tuning switches, rank high with manufacturers, possibly because independents touch these critical units only as a desperate last resort. Men specializing in one make of set and having replacement tuners for them right on the service truck can make a changeover of a complete tuner quickly and at fairly low cost. Independent servicemen obviously cannot carry spare tuners for all sets, nor can they be expected to take apart double and tripleshielded tuners in the home for repairs. Fortunately, prevalence of tuner trouble is going down with improved design in 1949 and 1950 models of most sets.

Electrolytic capacitor troubles run as high as 3 percent for one independent who handles a lot of off-brand and lower-priced sets and also has a large number of second and third-year contracts on the books. The other three sources rated electrolytics as under one percent, however. Flyback transformers receive vitriolic comment in most shops, but troubles with these parts just about vanish when manufacturers change over to ceramiccore units.

An independent serviceman just cannot understand how a joint could

| Table II—Tubes Failing Most Often in Television Rece |
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|--|

| Type and<br>Function                 | Nature of Failure  | Remedy  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 6BG6G and<br>19BG6G<br>horizontal    | Gassy, resulting in dead tube,<br>due to electrolysis at top con-<br>nection |   |  |  |
| output                               | Can't fill screen because near<br>lower limit of sensitivity                 | Select new tube near upper limi<br>of sensitivity   |  |  |
|                                      | Barkhausen interference, pro-<br>ducing black line at edge of<br>picture     |   |  |  |
| 6SN7<br>sync                         | Open filament, low gain, inter-<br>mittent or gassy                          | Try new tube. If in relaxation oscillator, selection is needed  |  |  |
| 5U4 and<br>other<br>rectifiers       | Open filament, or loss of emis-<br>sion                                      | Install new tube; drive less hard<br>if possible, as these tubes are<br>often operated too close to rated<br>limits |  |  |
| 6J6<br>oscillator                    | Microphonic  | Select nonmicrophonic new tube  |  |  |
| 12AT7<br>converter                   | Failure to oscillate on high channels because of low $g_m$                   | Select new tube that will oscillate   |  |  |
| 5V4 and<br>other<br>damping<br>tubes | Flashover, causing burnout,<br>apparently because of heater<br>sagging       | Replace tube  |  |  |
| 12AU7<br>video<br>amplifier          | Microphonic  | Select nonmicrophonic new tube  |  |  |

get out of a factory without being soldered, hence doesn't look for bad joints as a rule. Manufacturer servicemen, on the other hand, are given guided tours through the factory so they can see how easy it is to miss a joint or two, and are specially drilled in hunting for bare joints hence find more of them in the field. Independents may offset an unsoldered high-resistance joint by replacing a tube or adjusting the screwdriver controls to compensate.

Realignment includes shifting the i-f value when two receivers in the same building interfere with each other. Most alignment work is done in the shop.

No matter how definitely an appointment is made for a service call, women still persist in "just stepping next door" at the appointed time, or even forget about it and go off for the day. False calls are high, but there isn't much that can be done about them until servicing is put on a charge-per-call basis. Temporary interference, transmitter troubles, and misrepresentation by salesmen as to merits of built-in antennas are just a few of the reasons for dry runs. In addition, there are times when work must be done to retain goodwill or prevent badwill even though the service organization has no responsibility.

#### Home vs Shop Repairs

The percentage of sets fixed in homes ranges from 20 percent to 96 percent, depending on the service organization. Top figure is logically that of a manufacturer's service organization, where men receive specialized training and acquire experience on just the one make of set and carry practically all needed repair parts and test equipment for that make right with them in the service truck. For high-caliber independent service organizations handling all makes of sets, an average of 70 percent of calls completed in homes is considered excellent because they cannot possibly carry spare parts for all makes.

Low figure of 20 percent is for independent service organizations that employ low-salary field men who know little more than how to replace tubes and remove the chassis. These firms rely heavily on at-the-shop experts despite obvious costliness of making two comes and goes per service call. Such practices have resulted in bankruptcies of some service organizations, with consequent headaches and loss of good-will for manufacturers of sets left stranded without service.

With an average of 5 to 6 service calls per set per year for all types of organizations and an installation cost running as high as \$20 per set, almost any kind of bookkeeping quickly reveals the difficulties of breaking even on service contracts when a high percentage of sets have to be brought into the shop. Firms doing this can of course exist handsomely as long as new service contract money flows in at an accelerating rate, but eventually comes the day of reckoning. As a result of bitter experience along these lines, more and more manufacturers are exhibiting interest in the service organizations to whom their dealers farm out service contracts.

#### Design Economies

Another topic probed during this survey was the current accent on cost-cutting in tv receiver production. Some of the items and techniques being used or receiving consideration are listed in Table III, with advantages and drawbacks of each. Service organizations contributed equally as much as manufacturers to this tabulation, showing their intense interest in the effects of manufacturing economies on service calls.

Many of the items listed in Table III can give lower manufacturing costs than comparable earlier versions. Most of the changes have little or no effect on the number of service calls or the quality of set performance. A few of the changes actually improve performance and reliability, while still others have adverse effects on performance that in the long run can offset cost savings.

Although attention to individual items one after another can result in appreciable savings, much broader thinking is needed to get maximum benefits. One philosophy of television receiver design has the design engineer starting not with components or even circuits, but with pure logic. The overall receiver is designed first to do a certain commercial and technical job, using a number of separate system components corresponding to the blocks of a block diagram. Possible patterns of interconnection of the blocks are studied, with no concern for details of internal circuitry. Deliberations might follow a line like this:

"From an overall point of view a receiver should have a flat avc with gain to spare. Perhaps, therefore, the avc might stabilize the signal at the final output on the picture tube grid. In so doing it might be arranged to hold the black level to a constant bias. This would not only prevent variation of background but would also make it much easier to pick off sync at that point since the sync would be held by the powerful ave to a constant bias. A single stage of video, d-c coupled, is appropriate in this case. Instead of the usual complicated video contrast control circuit with its long hot leads, the gain control can now be a simple d-c control, arranged to add a variable bias in series with the video signal. The avc counteracts this to force the black level to remain at its proper bias, and in so doing changes the contrast."

Reasoning in this way, the design engineer carefully investigates the consequences of all sorts of interconnections, looking particularly for arrangements that make efficient use of tubes and circuits. Thus, by careful critical thinking he makes sure that the overall economy of the system is excellent and the performance is the best possible for the intended purpose and price range. Last rather than first comes attention to components and production practices such as are tabulated in Table III.

Broad overall reasoning during design stages is difficult and requires great familiarity with television circuitry and all its possible variations. Above all, such designing requires clear thinking without being distracted by the many details involved. Recent experience shows, however, that it is the best approach to the problem of obtaining improved television receiver performance at lower initial cost, with less complexity, and lower service cost.—J.M.

| Table III—Examples of TV | Receiver Design | Changes, with | Effects on | Cost, Performan | ce and Service |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|

| Technique   | Effect on Cost  | Effect on Performance  |
|---|---|--|
| Standardize horizontal sweep trans-<br>former, focus coils, tuners  | ties at lower cost  | None. Simplifies servicing since fewer replace<br>ment parts need be stocked   |
| Use germanium diodes in video<br>detector and sound discriminator   | Easier to install and need no sockets   | Better picture definition. Improvement i<br>uniformity of production   |
| Omit separate horizontal sync<br>amplifier tube   | Eliminates cost of one stage  | Reduces sync stability, increasing service call  |
| Omit automatic brightness control   | Simpler wiring  | None, but makes set harder to operate  |
| Use direct-coupled video amplifiers   | Uses fewer parts; permits omitting d-c<br>restorer  | None if properly designed. Makes servicin simpler  |
| Use fewer r-f and i-f stages  | Appreciably lower cost  | Reduces sensitivity and/or bandwidth   |
| Less shielding of r-f units   | A few pennies   | None, but set may radiate interfering signal   |
| Use separate narrow-band i-f ampli-<br>fier for sync signals  | Higher, but improves sales appeal   | Better performance on extremely low and hig<br>signal strengths, by providing more reliabl<br>sync signals                             |
| Use 40–45 mc i-f value  | Slightly lower cost though harder to align  | Reduces oscillator radiation; practically eliminates diathermy and industrial interference   |
| Use intercarrier system   | Cheaper tubes; cheaper components   | Good if properly designed. Easier tuning<br>practically no head-end contact noise. Drif<br>almost unnoticeable                         |
| Omit one or more sound traps  | Appreciable saving  | Sound patterns on picture, more service calls  |
| Use multipurpose tubes  | Lower total cost of tubes, fewer sockets,<br>less labor   | None usually, but harder for servicemen to trace<br>circuits   |
| Use low voltage on c-r 2nd anode  | Cheaper high-voltage supply   | Dimmer picture; possible blooming and blurred highlights   |
| Use larger picture tube   | Higher, but greater sales appeal; fewer service calls   | Same effect as low 2nd anode voltage   |
| Use punched metal c-r masks   | Cheaper than molded rubber  | None. Gives impressive designs, more colors  |
| Use rectangular picture tube  | Smaller, cheaper cabinet  | None. Good sales feature   |
| Anchor picture tube to chassis<br>rather than cabinet so one man can<br>remove and replace chassis                      | Easier to test and repair sets in factory, shop and home, offsetting cost of bracket needed                       | Servicemen can work under chassis without<br>damaging tube; eliminates adjusting coils each<br>time chassis is removed                 |
| Use Alnico magnet for focusing  | Cheaper than equivalent copper  | None at first, but harder to readjust later  |
| Use mechanical adjustments of yoke<br>in place of pots  | Appreciable saving  | Little or none at first, but possible trouble later<br>as components drift off value; harder to adjust                                 |
| Use hot chassis with universal a-c/<br>d-c power-supply circuits  | Simpler and easier to wire  | Dangerous to servicemen and to children poking fingers in set  |
| Provide built-in antenna  | Increased sales appeal  | None in noise-free high signal-strength areas  |
| Move as many controls as possible<br>to back of set and hide others behind<br>unged, sliding or drop panel              | Higher, but increases sales appeal by<br>making customers think set is simpler to<br>operate; improves appearance | More service calls as some people are afraid to<br>touch essential at-rear controls, while others play<br>with at-rear controls        |
| Use lower-wattage resistors   | Slight saving   | Can impair performance; increases service calls  |
| Use lower voltage ratings for paper<br>capacitors   | Slight saving   | None at first; leakage may later affect perform-<br>ance, and breakdowns will increase service calls                                   |
| Jse cheaper output transformer and oudspeaker   | -   | Less volume, poorer tone, more distortion, more<br>frequent failures hence more service calls  |
| of copper   | Lower materials cost and easier to punch  | Chassis bends readily, upsetting alignment;<br>easily damaged in handling or shipping; corrodes<br>quickly in humid and salt air       |
| ncrease size of chassis   | Lower assembly and wiring costs   | None. Easier to service because circuits are<br>easier to trace. Less danger of shorts   |
| Put tubes wherever convenient   | Simpler wiring, less labor  | None, but serviceman must yank chassis to<br>replace tubes that are underneath or crowded in   |
| Provide test terminals or jacks at<br>ear of chassis for servicing  | Extra cost offset by easier aligning and<br>troubleshooting both in factory and home                              | Allows diagnosis of trouble quickly in many cases without removing chassis   |
| Jse two equal-value resistors as f-m<br>liscriminator load<br>Make all fuses accessible without                         | Extra resistor cost offset by speedup in<br>f-m alignment   | Allows serviceman to make direct connection of output meter without unsoldering  |
| emoving chassis   | Extra cost offset by easier replacement   | Allows quick checking and replacing of fuses blown by temporary line surges  |
| ll expensive components   | Prevents unscrupulous firms from getting<br>free replacement of parts over a year old                             | Improves manufacturer relations with honest<br>organizations, eliminating need for suspicion of<br>fraud and interposition of red tape |
| told up service manuals on new<br>ets until production changes result-<br>ng from field experience have all<br>een made | Saves cost of preparing and sending out<br>notices of production changes or making<br>new edition of manual       | Makes repair of early sets difficult or even<br>impossible, losing goodwill of both serviceman<br>and owner of set                     |
| Jse plastic cabinets  | In large quantities, about half cost of comparable wood   | None. About \$100,000 tooling needed to get 1,000 cabinets a day. Striking styling possibilities                                       |
| Jse metal cabinets  | Lower cost because dies are cheaper   | Nonwarping, more durable, but almost impossi-<br>ble to repair scratches in finish   |
|   | Cheaper because wood is high proportion   | Loss durable cohinet men a list to be  |
| Jse lighter wood cabinet, fewer glue<br>locks, less veneer<br>Jse cold glue in wood cabinets                            | of cost   | Less durable cabinet, more subject to breakage,<br>warping and loosening of joints<br>Cabinet joints are weaker                        |

# Engineering Trends in Spot Welder Controls

Techniques for building electronic controls that meet reliability and quick-repair requirements of auto industry assembly lines, and details of six-thyratron timer circuit having potentiometer control of time for each sequenced function of a resistance welder

**P**RESENT-DAY automobiles are built on a production basis, with each operation dependent on a preceding. As use of resistance welding increases, maintenance of controls becomes more of a factor in the flow of parts off the lines. The foreman responsible for the output of a particular line insists that the maintenance man keep his equipment in condition so that down time is minimized. Quick service or replacement of faulty control panels is a necessity.

To meet the requirements of the automotive industry, a welder control must be designed and constructed in such a way that a defective unit can be spotted and replaced in a few seconds. The defective unit can then be repaired later, in a more convenient location having the needed tools and test equipment. Factors that must be considered in order to meet these industrial requirements for electronic welder controls will now be taken up.

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Quick change of defective units in a control system is essential. Quick-acting fasteners of the quarter-turn type are popular for holding chassis units in position on panels. Interchassis connections are made through husky connectors and plugs. External wiring to the electronic control unit is run to a mounted terminal permanently strip that also has plug-in connections to the chassis units. An entire chassis can thus be replaced in less than a minute, using only a screwdriver. External wiring is undisturbed during the change.

Quick conversion to a different type of operation is a highly desirable feature. If the quality of the metal being welded changes during production it may be necessary to

change to pulsation welding in order to break through an oxide or coating in order to weld. This involves a different control that repeats the weld time at regular intervals so as to give several shots of weld current instead of the usual one. With interchangeable timer panels, the same power panel and welder connections may be used to produce pulsation welding, and changeover time is cut to a minimum.

#### **Desirable Accessories**

For fast gun welder operations the time required to get the welding points together becomes important. Once the points are together they will have to open only a short distance in order to move the gun to a new position. The use of an extra unit to produce a longer initial squeeze time is desirable. The initial squeeze time then delays the weld firing until the points are closed, and subsequent squeeze

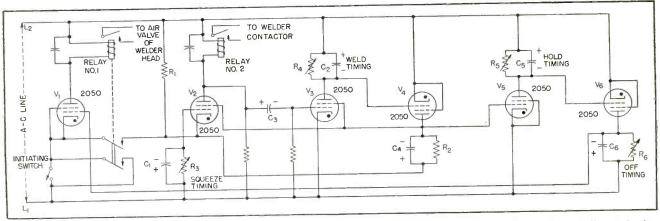
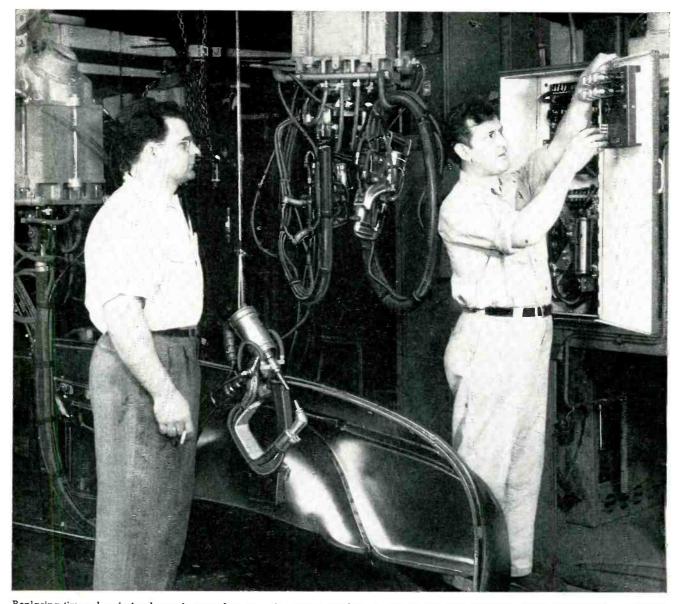


FIG. 1—Simplified circuit of sequence timer for resistance welder. At-rest condition is shown, in which  $V_3$  and  $V_5$  are fully conducting and the grid-cathode path of  $V_2$  is conducting



Replacing time: chassis in electronic control system of resistance welder on auto fender assembly line. Entire operation is completed so quickly through use of quick-acting chassis fasteners and cable connectors that operator at left has time for only few puffs on cigarette while waiting for maintenance man to get his welder back into operation

periods may be considerably shorter so that the gun may be dragged along the work. This unit plugs into the regular timer panel.

Two pilot buttons are sometimes used on gun welders to give additional weld time on parts that are heavier and require more current. As the operator moves along the work, he pushes the button which gives the correct duration of weld current. The unit to accomplish this is also plugged into the regular timer panel.

The same type of electronic weld control may be used on a press welder in which a platen moves the parts into position. As the platen reaches position, a limit switch starts the control, which then processes the welder through the sequence. A release delay is necessary to get the guns out of the way before the platen retracts. This additional control is also plugged into the regular timer panel.

#### **Speed Requirements**

The limiting factor in the speed of gun welders as used on automotive production lines is the speed at which the welding points will close and open. This is limited by the action of the air valves and the delay in the bleeding of the air lines. As these components improve, automotive welding engineers are quick to ask for faster controls in order to

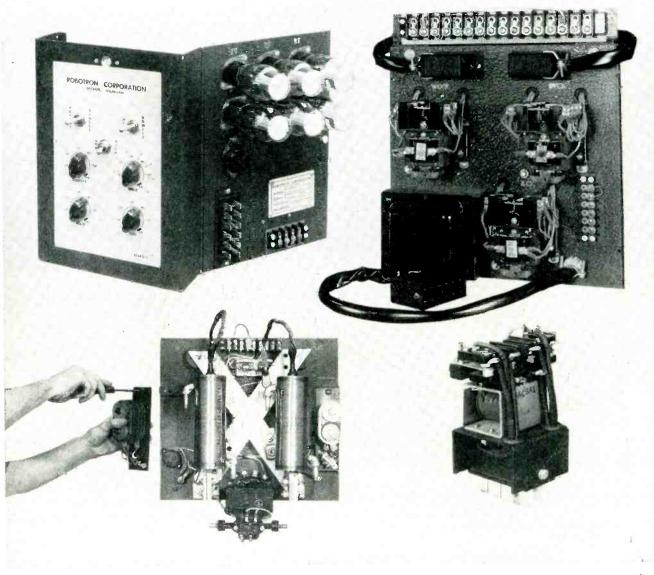
use equipment at the fastest rate possible. They request a minimum time of 2 cycles squeeze (time for the welding points to get together and build up sufficient pressure), 2 cycles weld time (period of time during which current flows through electrodes), 1 cycle hold (time for molten metal to congeal and form a bond) and 3 cycles off (time for valve to open electrodes and move arm to new location). This total minimum time adds up to 8 cycles, which means a speed of 450 spots per minute if all times are mini-While it seems that this mum maximum speed may never be used. there are certain conditions where the minimum time for any one

operation may be necessary.

Full-cycle firing becomes more important on fast operations. For instance, the timer may be set on 2 cycles weld time for a fast repetitive operation. If the timer gives  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cycles of current there will be 3 positive cycles and only two negative cycles. This will tend to saturate the transformer, with subsequent breakdown. The use of circuits giving full-cycle firing is necessary. This is accomplished by using a resonant circuit. The inductance of the relay coil is shunted by the correct value of capacitance for resonance. As the thyratron passes only one pulse, the capacitor holds the relay closed for the additional half-cycle, insuring full-cycle firing of the weld current.

#### **Electronic Switching**

Electronic sequencing becomes essential when operating speed is stepped up. Relays have an inherent delay which limits their speed in changing from one circuit to another. Tubes replacing relays can make a change instantly. Small thyratrons are generally used due to their high current-carrying capacity and ruggedness. In timing circuits these tubes are desirable because the current they control is either on or off. They act more like a complete switch than a vacuum tube. Vacuum tubes depend upon many factors for amount of current flow, one of which is cathode temperature. With varying voltage conditions in automotive plants, fluctuations in heater potential have little effect on the current passed through the smaller thyratrons. The current passed through thyratrons is much greater than through vacuum tubes of similar size. The miniature type 2D21, the metal type 502A and the 2050 types of thyratrons each have an average rating of 100 ma. This is heavy enough so that these tubes can directly control the larger type relays which are used to control the valve and the weld circuit. All the tubes in modern timers are of the same



Example of electron timer having quick-disconnect plugs, book-type hinged chassis, and wide ranges of independent time adjustments for squeeze, weld, hold and off cycles, as required for use with resistance welders on auto assembly lines. Power panel at upper right, used with timer, is replaced by pulling out three plugs and turning three quick-acting fasteners. At lower left is ignitron contactor assembly for resistance welder, showing how plug-in copper-oxide rectifier is replaced. Lower right—plug-in relay

type for easy interchangeability, although some pass only a few ma.

Because of the heavier current required to energize valves and fire ignitrons, octal-base plug-in relays with small pins sometimes fail due to overloading. The trend is toward heavier plug connections rated at 10 amperes continuous duty, which is sufficient for these welder applications. The contacts of the relays are also rated at 10 amperes, and to insure a clean break two of the four poles are connected in series. The heavier currents, which are a major cause of pigtail breakdown. do not pass through the pigtail connections. Only a few milliamperes of current, enough to lock in the timer once the pilot has been closed, pass through the pigtail leads of the relay.

The copper-oxide rectifier units which are used to pass a undirectional flow of current to the ignitors of the ignitrons have in some cases proved troublesome to change. One car manufacturer asked to have these units in a plug-in form for fast change.

#### Sequence Timing Circuit

An example of a circuit design that has adequately met auto industry requirements for efficiency and reliability as well as ease of maintenance is that of the Robotron model 3B weld timer shown in Fig. 1.

Identical type 2050 thyratrons are used throughout, simplifying the stocking of replacement tubes. Both the control grid and the shield grid may be used for control purposes. At 115 volts anode potential the control grid will hold the tube nonconducting until the grid bias goes below -2 volts. The shield grid is less critical and the tube will fire at about -4 volts shield grid potential. For accurate timing, the control grid is generally used. The shield grid will hold the tube nonconducting with a negative potential but is seldom used for timing.

The thyratron, being a grid-controlled rectifier, will conduct only when its anode is positive. The tube can be rendered nonconductive or blocked if a negative charge is placed on the grid between these positive pulses.

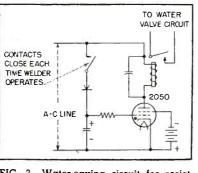


FIG. 2—Water-saving circuit for resistance welder

When the circuit of Fig. 1 is at rest, tubes  $V_s$  and  $V_s$  are conducting, charging weld time capacitor  $C_2$  and hold time capacitor  $C_5$ . The squeeze time capacitor  $C_1$  is charged by grid-to-cathode conduction of  $V_2$ through  $R_3$ . Capacitor  $C_3$  is being charged to a negative potential at its grid end by grid-cathode conduction of  $V_3$ .

When the initiating switch is closed, relay 1 is energized through  $V_{1}$  and all of the contacts on it are closed. One set of contacts is used to lock in around the initiating switch and the other set to bring the cathode of  $V_{2}$  to the potential of the  $L_{1}$  side of the a-c line. The cathode end of  $R_{1}$  is now at  $L_{1}$ potential and the charging source for  $C_{2}$  is removed so it now discharges through variable resistor  $R_{3}$  for squeeze time.

When  $C_1$  drains to a low enough value, tube  $V_2$  will conduct and pull in relay 2 which starts the weld time. When  $V_2$  conducts, the positive pulses which have previously been used to charge  $C_3$  are effectively shorted to the  $L_1$  side of the line. This brings the anode side of  $C_3$  to  $L_1$  and  $V_3$  is blocked by a negative potential. With  $V_{s}$  rendered nonconductive,  $C_2$  now drains through variable resistor  $R_4$  to a low enough value so that tube  $V_4$ will finally conduct, giving the weld time.

When  $V_*$  conducts,  $C_4$  immediately charges to a negative potential at its anode side. This places a negative potential on the shield grid of  $V_2$ , which stops that tube from conducting, releases relay 2, holds  $V_3$  nonconducting and blocks  $V_5$ . With  $V_5$  blocked,  $C_5$  can now drain through variable resistor  $R_5$  (hold time) to a low enough value until  $V_6$  will fire. When  $V_6$  fires, the negative charge on  $C_{\rm s}$  is fed back to the grid of  $V_{\rm s}$ , blocking that tube and releasing relay 1.

If the initiating switch is held closed, as is done in repeat operation, then as relay 1 opens at the end of the cycle the anode supply to  $V_4$  is broken, rendering that tube nonconductive. This in turn releases the negative bias on  $V_2$ ,  $V_3$ and  $V_5$  and these tubes immediately conduct, charging  $C_2$  and  $C_5$ . As  $C_5$ charges, it blocks  $V_6$ , which then allows  $C_6$  to drain to a low enough value through variable resistor  $R_6$ (off time) until  $V_1$  fires again, starting another sequence.

#### **Cooling Water Control**

During the summer months the condensation formed around the coils of the welding transformer as they cool is a definite hazard. It is desirable to turn off the water flow as soon as the ignitron tubes and transformer have cooled down sufficiently. This usually takes about two minutes.

Means should be provided to turn on the water supply when the welder is first placed in operation and keep the water flowing as long as the welder is in use. Two minutes after the welder is stopped, the water flow should cease. This is accomplished with the circuit shown in Fig. 2. Closing the welder switch charges the grid capacitor positive as shown. This overcomes the negative bias on the other grid and the tube fires, pulling in the relay which closes the valve. The grid capacitor is of such value that it discharges in about two minutes. As long as the welder is being used. the capacitor is constantly being charged. After the last weld the capacitor drains off and the negative bias on grid 2 takes control. blocks the tube and turns off the relay controlling the water flow. Contacts on the relay are also provided to turn off the flow switch and open the ignitron firing circuit when the day's work is done.

The techniques and circuits herein described are readily applicable to other types of industrial electronic controls. The design principles involved are basic to widespread industrial acceptance of electron tube equipment on factory production lines.

# **TELEVISION ANTENNA**

Convenience and economy are achieved when one transmitting antenna handles two or more closely spaced r-f carriers. Diplexers for such combination feed are impedance bridges having distributed parameter characteristics of coaxial lines. Power from two amplifiers operating at the same frequency can also be added with such devices

**T**ELEVISION DIPLEXERS permit two or more radio-frequency signals to be transmitted simultaneously from one antenna without interaction of the signal generators. They are employed in the majority of television installations in this country to effect the combination of visual and aural carrier frequencies.

Diplexers were developed as a matter of sound engineering and economics: it is more convenient, and less expensive to arrange for one antenna to handle two or more closely spaced radio-frequency carriers than it is to install separate, close, non-interacting antenna systems.

#### **Balanced Bridge**

One of the first systems to be tried was the balanced bridge type of diplexer shown in Fig. 1. Both aural and visual outputs are balanced to ground. Bridge arm impedance values are so chosen that aural transmitter voltages will be equal at both visual transmitter terminals; hence, no aural carrier potential exists across the visual transmitter. Similarly, no visual carrier potential will exist across the aural transmitter.

Since the reactive elements must be isolated, they might be constructed in the manner shown, in which the reactance, a less than quarter-wave section, is effectively removed from ground by a shorted quarter-wave section.

If it were possible to make the reactances appear as an open circuit to the visual transmitter, and either a short circuit or extended transmission line to the aural transmitter, the diplexing function would be preserved and the reactances could be eliminated.

Figure 2 shows schematically a modified form of bridge diplexer<sup>1</sup> where bridge reactances are unnecessary. Visual signals are transformed at point E from an unbalanced to balanced voltage by the shorted quarter-wave section E-G.

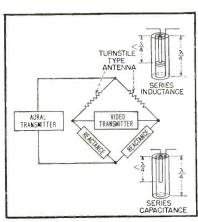


FIG. 1—Balanced bridge type of diplexer

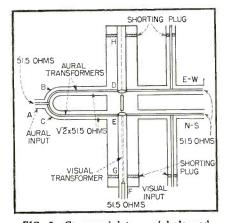


FIG. 2—Commercial type of balanced bridge arrangement

They are conducted across a short, heavy bar to inner coaxial line D-H and are transferred to output line *E*-*W* with effectively zero phase shift because of the properties of the open, inner coaxial, quarterwave section. The visual signal, therefore, is placed on the pair of output transmission lines as a balanced, push-pull voltage. Video carrier voltage conducted along line D-B to point A will be equal to and out of phase with the voltage conducted along E-C to A. Therefore, cancellation of the visual carrier is obtained at the aural input.

Aural carrier power is equally divided at point A and is placed directly on the output lines through impedance transforming sections ABD and ACE. Ideally, no aural carrier gets into the visual carrier line because (recalling again the zero phase shift maintained by open quarter-wave section D-H) both inner and outer conductors of the visual input are at the same aural For proper turnstile potential. feed, one of the output lines is made 90 electrical degrees longer than the other at, usually, the visual carrier frequency.

#### **Slotted Bridge**

Figure 3 shows a third type of bridge diplexer, called either a slotted bridge or coaxial hybrid junction<sup>2, 3</sup>. This model is about as compact a unit as it is possible to make. Its unique feature is the slotted section which extends from the output lines back a quarter wavelength at the visual carrier frequency. To the aural input the slot makes little difference. It is

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only necessary that the outer coaxial section from outputs to aural input have the proper impedance (37 ohms approximately) to transform the 51.5-ohm sound line to the 25-ohm impedance of the two output lines in parallel.

To the visual input, the slot acts as a balancing section, transforming an unbalanced to ground visual voltage at point 2 to a balanced, push-pull visual voltage at points 1-1. The visual signal sees the output lines in series, or sees their impedance as (for example)  $2 \times 51.5$ = 103 ohms.

For proper matching, the characteristic impedance developed between center conductor a and the unshorted side of the split conductor must be approximately 73

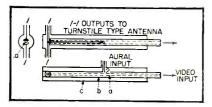


FIG. 3-Slotted bridge diplexer

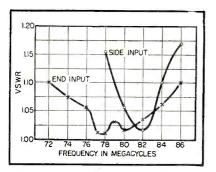


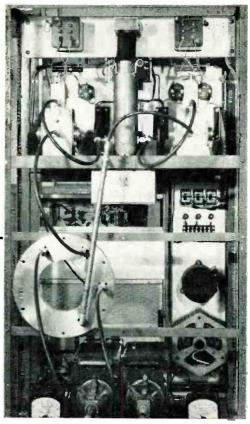
FIG. 4—Voltage standing-wave ratio versus frequency for slotted bridge type of diplexer

Coaxial hybrid ring or rat-race at lower left of this developmental transmitter adds the power output of two doubler stages

ohms in the section 2 to 1-1. We might consider the inner coaxial section 2 to 1-1 as two transmission lines in parallel, having conductor a in common. One line is short-circuited one-quarter wavelength from the signal source (visual signal at 2) and therefore presents an open circuit to the source, so visual power incident at 2 is transmitted to 1-1 along a transmission line composed of conductor a and the unshorted side of split conductor b.

Aside from being able to handle present-day transmitter powers (up to 10 kw) the diplexer must meet rather stringent impedance requirements. We should like it mainly to accommodate the video carrier frequency and all video modulation products without noticeable selectivity. In other words, the video input to the diplexer should be almost perfectly matched to the video transmission line over a range of at least 5 megacycles.

Typical plots of voltage standingwave ratio against frequency for the slotted bridge diplexer are shown in Fig. 4. With output lines terminated in matched 51.5-ohm loads, the visual input (end input) possesses a broad frequency char-



acteristic, having a voltage standing-wave ratio of less than 1.05 in the region of interest (channel 5 in this case). A much narrower characteristic is exhibited by the aural input, which, however, does not have to be broad to meet  $\pm$  40-kc aural requirements.

#### **Notching Filters**

An entirely different philosophy of diplexing is embodied in the filter type system of Fig. 5.<sup>4</sup> Various ccaxial element filter structures have been devised and are generally inserted as shown. The filter in the sound transmitter line passes the

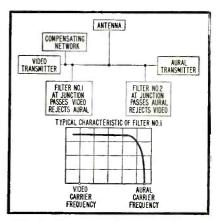


FIG. 5—Diagram of filter type diplexer

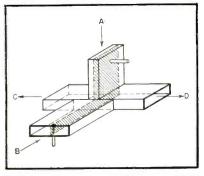
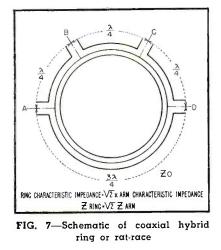


FIG. 6—Waveguide hybrid or magic T is useful above 1,000 mc



aural carrier and is adjusted to reject the visual carrier frequency. A reverse function is performed by the filter in the visual transmission line.

Unfortunately, aural and visual carriers are close together, percentage-frequency-wise, so that filters used are of a sharp cut-off variety. Such notching filters, as they are called, do not present a constant resistance to the video transmitter over the entire visual pass band; undesirable consequently, high video frequency transients appear in the picture, caused by the variation in voltage standing-wave ratio in the cut-off portions of the pass band. Furthermore, a sharp cut-off filter makes broadbanding of the transmitter output stage difficult, if not impossible. It is feasible, however, to insert a compensating network between visual transmitter and filter 1 so that broadbanding the transmitter output is possible, though video transients will still be broadcast.

An advantage of the filter-type system is that only a single transmission line is required to feed an antenna, whereas the bridge-type

diplexers require two lines to the radiators. However, the double-output diplexers when combined with a turnstile-type antenna have a much wider bandpass characteristic than filter-type diplexers, and, for this reason apparently, have had much wider acceptance in television installations.

#### Magic T

If it is desired to have both diplexer inputs appear broad-band, as is the case when power from two low-powered video transmitters is added (one way of obtaining high uhf power), then another form of hybrid circuit becomes applicable. Figure 6 depicts a waveguide hybrid or magic  $T^{5, 6, 7}$ . This device has intriguing properties and several ingenious uses.

Electromagnetic waves incident on arm A will propagate down that arm and into arms C and D of the T, but because of odd symmetry will not propagate down arm B. Similarly, a generator at arm B, ideally, will have its power divided equally between arms C and D, and the even symmetry characteristic of the B-arm signal will prevent its transmission up arm A. This device could give dual output, and would meet requirements that the signal generators do not interact. However, for necessary waveguide dimensions of 0.35 by 0.7 wavelength, this type of hybrid is practical only for frequencies above 1,000 megacycles. It also requires expenditure of considerable design and experimental effort to get broad-band probe matching and broad-band junction-matching irises. An alternate solution is a simple coaxial equivalent.

#### **Rat-Race**

The schematic of Fig. 7 shows a coaxial hybrid ring<sup>5, 6, 7, 8</sup> or ratrace. Characteristics of such a hybrid are properly deduced through an application of network theory combined with a judicious use of matrices. The starting point is to assume a general, 4-terminal device which is both linear and lossless; then in a comparatively short series of steps it is possible to develop the essential theory of the rat-race.

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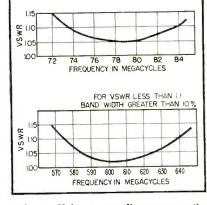


FIG. 8—Voltage standing-wave ratio versus frequency at any junction of the hybrid ring in two frequency ranges. Remaining junctions are terminated in 51.5-ohm loads

and one-half wavelengths. Input and output terminals are onequarter wavelength apart. The circular coaxial line is of constant characteristic impedance equal to the square root of two times the impedance of one of the arms. For the moment consider lines B, C and D to be properly terminated.

If an incident wave of length  $\lambda_1$ enters the ring at A, it will divide equally at the junction. At points B and D, the subdivided waves, one going in each direction around the ring, arrive in phase with each other, while at C they arrive out of phase. If the incident wavelength is the same  $\lambda$  for which the ring is designed, complete cancellation will occur at  $C_{i}$  and no voltage will exist at this point. Because there is no voltage, we could place any impedance at C without affecting the input impedance at A. Point C may be termed a balance point.

If an incident wave of length  $\lambda_1$ ( $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1$ ) incident at *C* will produce no voltage at *A*. We have then a desired combination of conditions for a diplexer; that is, a generator at *A* will not be aware of a generator at *C*, and vice versa, provided each source is of the proper frequency. Each output carries half of both aural and visual carrier powers, and here as before, the dual outputs serve to feed a turnstile type antenna.

Figure 8 shows plots of input impedance versus frequency for hybrid rings in two widely separated frequency ranges. Either ring can comfortably handle an entire tele-

vision channel, since each possesses a greater than ten-percent bandwidth taken on the basis that the voltage standing-wave ratio be less than 1.1. This broad-band impedance holds for all terminals of the ring when the remaining connections are properly terminated.

Figure 9 shows assembled and dissembled views of a hybrid ring designed for operation at 611 megacycles. This first development model was, for all practical purposes, just like its schematic. The 51.5-ohm transmission lines connect to the type N fittings at all four arms. Center conductor diameter of the ring was approximately 0.2 inch, and the outer conductor diameter approximately 0.7 inch.

Halves of the outer conductor have been turned in a 12-inch square by 1/2-inch block of aluminum, and the two blocks when faced together form the complete sheath. The center conductor, 29.16 inches in circumference and rolled from brass, was lined up by Teflon spacers before being soldered to the connectors, and two thin spacers remain in the ring for support.

This particular ring diplexer was to function at 611.5 megacyclesmidway between a video carrier frequency of 609.25 megacycles and a sound carrier frequency of 613.75 megacycles. Since the ring is inherently a fixed-frequency device, these departures from design center frequency lead to incomplete cancellation at the balance points, so that a small amount of visual transmitter power gets into the aural transmission lines and vice versa.

Figure 10 indicates the measured percentage of total power

which is lost as frequency is varied around the ring's design center frequency. Power lost appears as cross-talk between aural and visual transmitters and in this instance was 27 db less than carrier power at the frequencies of operation, and greater than 20 db over almost a 100-megacycle range.

A 27-db rejection may be considered adequate for television operation, but is not particularly good as far as hybrid ring properties are concerned. That better rejection ratios were possible was demonstrated by a coaxial ring built for channel 5 operation. This second ring was constructed of standard 1§-inch tubing with  $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch diameter center conductor supported on Teflon beads, and occupied a rectangle of about three by six feet. Average sound power of 3.5 kw was fed into the ring loaded by a standard superturnstile antenna system. It was possible to measure only  $\frac{1}{2}$ watt at the balance point-a 7,000 to 1 ratio or slightly greater than 38 db. Cross-talk of this small magnitude is more satisfactory.

#### Power Adding

Another aspect of diplexing, and one in which the hybrid ring may be used more efficiently, is the combining of the outputs of two synchronized power units in order to obtain additive power. Addition of low-powered units is one answer to the problem of obtaining higher powers at ultra and very high frequencies.

Consider Fig. 7 again, and imagine two equal-powered, in-phase generators at A and C. Signals at B from each generator will arrive

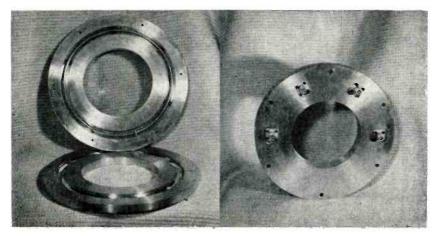


FIG. 9-Open and closed views of a hybrid ring or rat-race designed for 611 mc

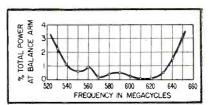


FIG. 10-Percent of power out at balance point plotted against frequency

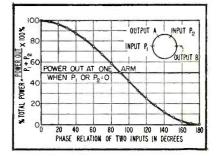


FIG. 11-Percent of total power out at one arm versus phase relation between inputs

in phase, and are additive at B. Signals at D, however, arrive out of phase, since the wave from A has to travel 180 degrees farther than the wave from C, so cancellation occurs at D. The summation of powers from A and C can thus be extracted at point B.

By similar super-position reasoning it may be agreed that if two equal, out-of-phase generators are placed at A and C, the summation of their powers may be extracted at point D, and no power will appear at B. Figure 11 shows calculated percentage total power out at one arm as the phase between two equal - powered, equal - frequency generators is varied. Measured powers agree closely.

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### **TESTING TURNTABLES**



Equipment being used to test a standard production turntable

**T**HE INSTRUMENT to be described players in production quality control for speed, extent of fluctuations in speed, and magnitude of unwanted low-frequency outputs. The equipment required includes a standard nominal 1,000-cps recording.

Controls are arranged in such a manner as to facilitate easy understanding of their function by ordinary personnel. All measurements made are based on a single reference-voltage setting, which allows them to be taken consecutively by merely moving the function switch to the desired position. A push-toread switch is provided on the wow scales to prevent the delay that might otherwise be caused by the effect of switching transients on the long-time-constant circuits involved.

The design is unique in providing a means for measuring the relative amplitude of the spurious low-frequency output or rumble of the record player in the same instrument with wow and rpm measuring equipment. The use of a heterodyne method for making wow and rpm measurements greatly increases their accuracy.

#### Measurement Methods

Percentage wow is expressed as the maximum (peak) variation of turntable speed in terms of the average speed. Mathematically, percentage wow =

 $\frac{\text{Max. speed} - \text{min. speed}}{\text{average speed}} \times 100$ 

Since a standard tone recording is used with the device, the above equation may be written in terms of the maximum and minimum frequency of the tone output.

percentage wow 
$$=\frac{f_{\max} - f_{\min}}{f_{avg}} \times 100$$

It was found convenient to express wow in terms of the output frequency of the recording at the nominal turntable speed. This eliminates a step in the wow measurement and results in errors that are not significant in productionline work. If desired, the wow readings may be corrected by multiplying by nominal speed divided by actual speed. The actual speed is read on the rpm scale.

Rumble is defined as the level of

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spurious low-frequency output caused by hum and vibration expressed in terms of the output from a standard nominal 1,000-cps recording. Revolutions per minute (rpm) scale calibration is in terms of the 78-rpm recording, but can be interpreted in terms of 33½ or 45-rpm recording.

The actual frequency of various standard tone records was found to vary from the nominal value. Therefore, a commonly available recording, the RCA No. 84522B (12-5-7C), was chosen for use with the device. The actual frequency of this recording is 1,013 cps when the turntable is revolving at a speed of 78.26 rpm. Calibration in terms of other standard recordings may be made by resetting the meter calibration resistors. This operation can be simply accomplished.

The accuracy obtained in the wow measurement is  $\pm 0.1$  percent up to 2-percent wow, and  $\pm 5$  percent of scale reading above 2-percent wow. Speed indications are accurate to  $\pm 0.25$  percent. Rumble indications are correct within 0.5 db at 100 cps.

The accuracy and repeatability of the wow and rumble measurements. are such as to make the equipment eminently suitable for use in engineering work. For rumble measurements alone, the single instrument replaces several other pieces of test equipment including an attenuator, two filters, and a vacuum-tube voltmeter. The shielding provided is much more reliable than that generally obtained if several pieces of equipment are used. Previous to the construction of this instrument it was difficult to obtain a consistent reading of rumble from one day to the next even when the same

### for Wow, Rumble and Speed

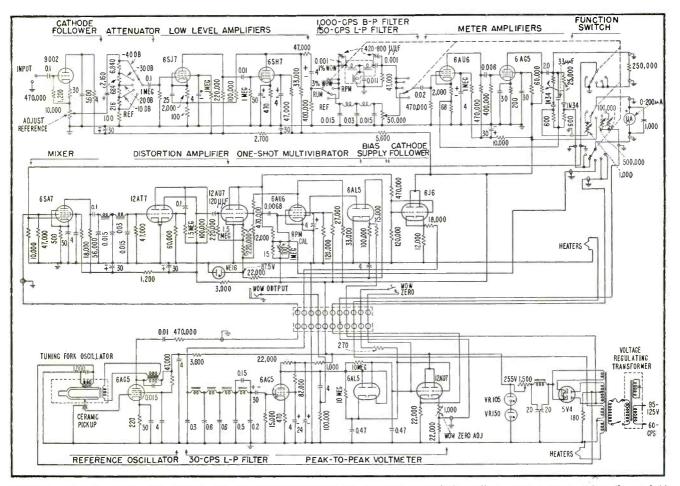
Equipment contained in a single cabinet is used for rapid testing of record players on production line. Signal is obtained from standard test record. Indications of the various characteristics are shown directly upon a calibrated meter

pieces of equipment were used. Now, readings that have been taken over a long period of time agree within 0.5 db.

The measurement of wow is of particular interest to the turntable manufacturer. It is also of importance to the radio-phonograph engineer who is charged with selection of a turntable that will allow reproduction of recordings with the quality desired. The presence of 3-percent wow is not particularly objectionable to the untrained listener when listening to some recordings. When listening to other recordings, especially when prolonged tones are presented, the presence of wow greater than 1 percent is detectable. Of course, the presence of wow even at levels lower than 1 percent may be undesirable in reproducers intended for studio work or, in any case, where high quality is important. The particular maximum level considered satisfactory will therefore vary with the application, but up to 1.5 percent is usually acceptable for radio-phonograph use.

#### **Common Trouble Scurces**

The causes of wow have been ably discussed<sup>1</sup> and will be mentioned



Complete schematic of the wow, rumble and speed meter showing the modified tuning-fork oscillator with ceramic pickup (lower left) and voltage-regulating transformer (lower right) that is recommended for industrial use

only briefly here. Eccentricity of the turntable will cause wow to occur at the turntable speed-for example, 1.3 cps for a 78-rpm turntable. Warpage of the turntable surface will cause wow at this frequency also. Some types of warpage might theoretically cause wow at other than the fundamental frequency except for the fact that the record disc is a relatively unyielding surface and will prevent higher frequency wow from being produced from this source.

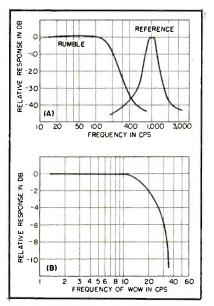
Any standard recording used must be of good quality and itself be free from warpage. The 1,000cps standard recordings in common usage meet these requirements. Careful handling of the recordings is required.

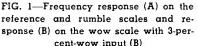
Wow may occur at other frequencies owing to the motor drivepulley arrangement. High-frequency wow components or flutter will be attenuated because of the turntable inertia to an extent depending on the frequency, the turntable inertia, and the stiffness of the coupling involved. In general, it was decided that wow components at frequencies above 30 cps were negligible. The wow caused by wobble of the drive pulley or by a slick spot on the drive pulley will occur at frequencies of roughly 7 to 15 cps in the usual record-player mechanism.

A wow output jack is provided on the instrument so that the waveform of any speed variation can be observed by use of an oscillograph. Observation of this waveform will afford a clue as to the source of the trouble. At the fundamental frequency of the turntable, for example, it must be produced by defects in the turntable itself as noted above. If the wow occurs at some higher frequency it may be traced to the motor shaft, or to the coupling mechanism. An erratic source of wow will be observed as such and might be traced to slippage of the coupling mechanism or to end play in some rotating part.

#### Input Circuit

The input impedance was made about 5 megohms in order to insure proper operation with high-impedance pickups. The input voltage may be any level from 0.1 to 5 volts





All measurements may be rms. made at input levels as low as 1 millivolt rms except that the measurable rumble range will decrease to only 6 db below the reference signal.

Frequency response of the reference and rumble filters is shown in Fig. 1A. The procedure for measuring rumble is first to set to a reference level by adjusting the continuously variable control in the input to produce a meter indication of the reference level. Then the 1,000cps band-pass filter is switched out by the function switch and the 150cps low-pass filter is switched in. The meter will now indicate the rumble level in decibels above or below the 1,013-cps reference signal. A step attenuator in the input stages allows the range of the rumble indication to be extended to 46 db below the reference level. A representative phonograph pickup may have a rumble level of -20 db. Rumble levels will not ordinarily be lower than -26 db.

The 1,000-cps band-pass filter is used when the reference level is set. This setting allows rumble levels to be measured that approach the level of the standard tone. The use of the filter when metering wow prevents spurious indications from being obtained due to the presence of low-frequency components encountered in the rumble.

The meter amplifier is a twostage amplifier with negative feedback stabilization. The meter is placed across the output of this amplifier in the reference and rumble positions of the function switch.

When metering wow and rpm the output of the amplifier is fed into the mixer. Here it is heterodyned with the output of the 857-cps tuning-fork standard oscillator shown in the lower left corner of the circuit drawing. The difference freqency is distorted and used to trigger a one-shot multivibrator. This multivibrator has constant pulse length at all trigger rates. The plate current of the section that is nonconducting in the stable state is proportional to the difference frequency between the tone recording output and the 857-cps oscillator. The rpm metering is therefore accomplished by measuring the plate current in this section of the multivibrator.

Among the methods that have been previously used for wow detection are the use of a discriminator<sup>2</sup>. and the use of pulse counter circuits.3 The latter method was selected as being most satisfactory for use in this instrument because of the difficulty of producing a stable linear discriminator of suitable bandwidth for these frequencies. The pulsed output of the rpm multivibrator is fed through a cathode follower into a 30-cps lowpass filter. The output of this filter is directly proportional to the input frequency and reproduces variations in this frequency occurring at rates below 30 cps. This output waveform that represents the wow of the turntable is metered by means of a peak-reading vacuumtube voltmeter circuit. The wow voltage is also fed to an output jack so that the actual waveform of the speed variations may be observed or recorded. The frequency response of the wow metering circuit is shown in Fig. 1B.

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# High-Frequency Operation of TRANSISTORS

Discusses factors contributing to loss of gain in transistor amplifiers at high frequencies. Explains use of magnetic bias to reduce transit time and transit angle dispersion to extend range. Gives circuit and data on 23-mc amplifier with gain of 8

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**I** NORDER TO UNDERSTAND the reasons for loss of high-frequency gain in transistors it is necessary to review briefly the fundamentals of conduction in semiconductors. Since presently available transistors use N-type germanium, only this material will be considered.

Conduction can take place by two mechanisms. Electrons may be transferred from one electrode to another as free electrons. This is the manner in which most metals conduct. A second method consists in removing an electron from a bound state at the positive electrode in which case the hole migrates to the other electrode, constituting a current. Both types of conduction can take place simultaneously, but since N-type germanium has a preponderance of free electrons in the bulk state, recombination takes place between holes and electrons, the former having a life of approximately 2 x 10<sup>-7</sup> second<sup>1</sup>.

The basic action by which the transistor amplifies can now be stated in a simple manner. The collector is operated at a high negative voltage, that is, 10 to 50 volts. Most of this potential drop takes place within a very small region around the collector contact, by reason of the barrier layer which impedes the flow of electrons from the metal to the semiconductor. Holes are injected at the emitter at a low voltage (0.03 to 0.3 volt) and under the influence of the field due to the collector current move to the collector, where they lower the barrier layer height, causing an increase of collector current.

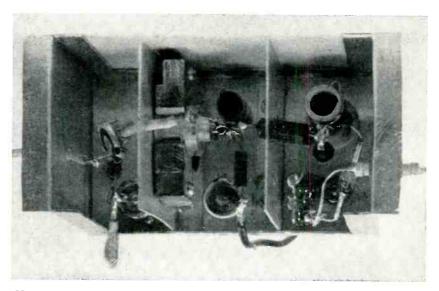
#### Transit Time

It is apparent that the transit time between emitter and collector will be controlled by the internal field strength in the crystal. Since the collector current is large compared to the emitter current, the field strength will be largely a function of the resistivity of the germanium and the collector current. Bardeen<sup>1</sup> presented a theoretical relationship from which

$$T = \frac{2 \pi S^3}{3 U_h \rho I_c}$$

where T = transit time, S = spacing,  $U_h =$  hole mobility,  $\rho =$  resistivity and  $I_e =$  collector current. An examination of the geometry of the type-A transistor shows that since all holes do not flow over paths of the same length, a dispersion in transit time results in a diffuse transit angle. This has the result of reducing the average value of collector modulation and is the primary cause for loss of high-frequency response.

The most important element in



Magnetic bias of 16,000 lines per square inch is provided by the small magnet visible in center compartment of the 23-mc transistor amplifier

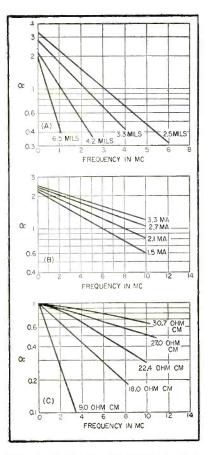


FIG. 1—Transistor characteristics show gain for short-circuited output <sup>a</sup> for various electrode spacings (A), collector currents (B) and bulk resistivities (C) as a function of frequency

determining the frequency response of type-A transistors is spacing, since it appears in the transit time expression as a cube function. Figure 1A shows the variation of a (current gain for short-circuit output) as a function of frequency. The spacings are taken from center to center of the electrodes, which are approximately 1 mil in diameter. Spacings less than 2.5 mils are not usable in the present design of transistors, and it is evident that high-frequency operations require the use of the minimum practical separations.

Since the internal field strength, accelerating the holes from emitter to collector, is proportional to collector current it would appear desirable to use the highest practical collector current. Figure 1B shows the variation of  $\alpha$  with frequency for a family of collector currents. It has been found that currents of about 5 milliamperes are the maximum values that can be used without introducing instability due probably to overheating of the collector contact.

One of the most important variables in frequency response, one that has not been well controlled in presently manufactured transistors, is the bulk resistivity. Figure 1C shows the effect of this factor on  $\alpha$  as a function of frequency. Since these measurements were made on different transistors chosen for bulk resistivity as the variable, the value of  $\alpha$  has been normalized.

It has been established from the data presented that a high-gain high-frequency transistor must have small emitter-collector spacings, small contact areas, high bulk resistivity and must be operated at the highest practical collector current.

#### Magnetic Bias

A recently discovered method<sup>2</sup> of extending the high-frequency range

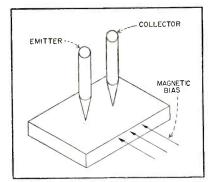


FIG. 2—Frequency range of transistors may be extended by applying a magnetic bias of the proper sign at right angles to the plane of the electrodes

consists of applying a magnetic bias of the proper sign at right angles to the plane of the collector and emitter as shown in Fig. 2. This field acts in such a manner as to beam the emitter and collector currents along a more direct path. While it does reduce transit time, it also reduces the transit angle dispersion and thus increases the frequency range.

Figure 3 shows a typical result using plus and minus magnetic bias fields. Not all transistors respond to the bias field in the same way, and more experimental work is in progress to determine the details of the effect.

It has been found that transistors having wide spacings show larger increases in  $\alpha$  than those with small spacings and that transistors having small contact areas show higher values of  $\alpha$  when magnetically biased. Thus the magnetic bias not only increases  $\alpha$  at high frequencies but also decreases the variation between transistors.

#### **Circuit Considerations**

A handy circuit representation of the transistor at high frequencies can be obtained using a threeterminal network having one generator as shown in Fig. 4, where  $R_x$  is the input resistance,  $R_y$  the coupling resistance and  $R_c$  the collector resistance. Capacitor  $C_c$  is the barrier-layer capacitance and C the emitter-collector contact capacitance. The generator current may be represented by  $i_1 \alpha_t \phi_t R_c$ ,

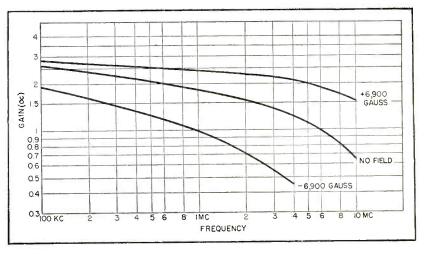


FIG. 3—Gain-response curves show importance of proper direction of magnetic bias field

where  $i_1$  is the a-c input current,  $a_f$ the short-circuit current gain at frequency f, and  $\phi_f$  is the phase shift with frequency f.

It is evident that the input impedance will depend largely on the load current flowing through  $R_n$ . At low frequencies this current is opposed to the input current  $i_1$ , and acts as a positive feedback. At higher frequencies the phase shift in  $\alpha$  causes the input impedance to become complex and at very high frequencies, phase shifts of nearly 180 degrees will increase the input impedance. It should be remembered that complex load impedances obtained when tuned collector circuits are used will alter this condition. The collector impedance likewise can vary greatly due to feedback. At low frequencies, this positive feedback characteristic of a transistor reduces the collector impedance but at higher frequencies it becomes dependent on the input impedance which may be complex if tuned inputs are used. The barrier layer capacitance C is of the order of 1  $\mu\mu f$  in the type A transistor and  $C_{\sigma}$  is somewhat less, varying with collector voltage. The coupling resistance  $R_{\rm B}$  does not change much with frequency but is a function of both emitter and collector current.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that care must be taken at low frequencies to insure sufficiently high input and output impedances to reduce the positive feedback. Much of the lack of d-c stability can be traced to inadequate coupling impedances. It is desirable to have both input and output impedance high at all frequencies both in and outside the amplifier passband, but some compromises must be made in order to obtain sufficient gain.

#### Design of a 23-mc Amplifier

The problems of high-frequency operation of transistors are best exemplified by examining a particular design. Figure 5 shows the circuit diagram for a 23-mc amplifier used for testing the high-frequency response of transistors.

Shunt feed of both the emitter and collector currents was used to insure high d-c stability. Since the emitter current was only 0.4 ma, it was possible to use a high value of emitter bias coupling resistance

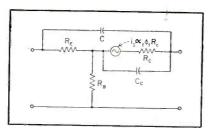


FIG. 4—Three-terminal representation of transistor at high frequencies

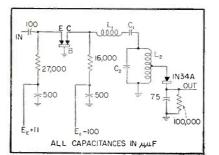


FIG. 5—Circuit of 23-mc amplifier used for testing high-frequency response of transistors

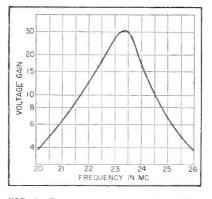


FIG. 6—Frequency response of amplifier circuit shown in Fig. 5

without unduly high bias voltage. In the collector or output network,  $L_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $C_2$  constitute a band pass whose impedance is high at frequencies in the pass-band and remote from the pass-band. There are minima however on both sides, and some difficulty may be encountered if overall phase shifts are such as to satisfy the conditions for oscillation.

Transistor amplifiers should always be designed for high-impedance outputs, tapping the diode down on  $L_2$  to meet the requirements for diode load resistor matching. Since the emitter is a currentfed element, the input impedance must be kept low at the frequency of amplification and high at all others. This can be satisfied in most cases with a series tuned input network if necessary to prevent oscillation at frequencies outside the pass-band.

Figure 6 shows the frequency response of the amplifier. The input impedance is approximately 1,000 ohms at 23 mc. The output impedance of  $L_z C_z$  was 16,000 ohms, thus the gain between 1,000-ohm input and output would be 8. This results in a gain bandwidth of 8.8 mc.

The transistors used with this amplifier had bulk resistivities of greater than 30 ohm-cm and spacings of 2 mils between emitter and collector. It should be noticed that present manufacturing methods lead to relatively few transistors which satisfy these requirements. However, it appears reasonable to expect that experience with manufacturing methods will allow the manufacturer to supply transistors within these specifications. The small magnet used gave a field strength of 16,000 lines per sq in. Slightly higher gain could have been obtained on most transistors if more field strength were available.

The stability with time was very good. No changes in gain of more than 5 percent were noticed for any given transistor over a period of several weeks of operation. Emitter voltages were not critical, and could be varied by 30 percent with very little change in gain. The collector voltage controlled the gain by varying the collector current, hence this voltage must be regulated to the same extent to which it is desired to hold the gain. This suggests that ave in this type of amplifier can be obtained by control of this voltage through auxiliary circuits.

The temperature stability was good for most of the transistors tested over the range from 40 F to 120 F. The d-c collector potential  $(E_c)$  at 120 F, however, is reduced to less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  the value at 40 F since the d-c collector resistance falls sharply at the higher temperatures. This results in lower maximum power output and reduced maximum voltage output at 120 F.

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# Modulated-Light DENSITOMETER

Instrument for determining reflectivity and density of materials with low light intensity. An incandescent dial light is 100-percent modulated at 20 cps by a two-tube multivibrator-amplifier circuit. Reflected or transmitted light produces 20-cps phototube signal which is amplified by circuit which passes 20 cps but rejects 120-cps signals

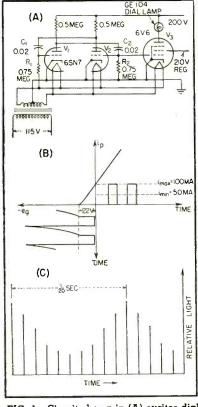


FIG. 1—Circuit shown in (A) excites dial light with 20-cps square wave to produce a 20-cps sinewave modulation of light output, as shown in (C). Operation is shown in (B)

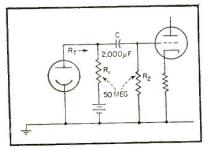


FIG. 2—Terminal impedance  $R_T$  seen by phototube is 25 megohms

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**T** IS USUALLY DESIRABLE to keep the sensitivity of a light-measuring device as high as possible. High sensitivity permits the transmission or reflection coefficients of high-density and low-reflectivity materials to be measured with a small amount of light impinging on the medium. This is especially advantageous for chemical or biological applications where an excessive amount of heat would be detrimental to the specimen.

There are three basic light-measuring techniques: a light-sensitive element in conjunction with a d-c amplifier, a phototube whose output is periodically interrupted and applied to an a-c amplifier, and a phototube whose light input is periodically interrupted and whose output is applied directly to an a-c amplifier. The latter method combines two advantages. First, it eliminates the need for successive stages of d-c amplification, with their inherent instability and need for constant adjustment; and secondly, it reduces the average amount of light that falls on the medium, if the light is chopped at its source.

Another requirement for a good light-intensity meter is a stable zero reading in the absence of light; and if compensation circuits are provided the zero adjustment should have long-time stability. Also, the instrument should not have to be used in a dark room, nor

should the optical path require shielding from background light. And it is desirable that the instrument be unaffected by such phototube characteristics as dark current and leakage.

The instrument described here employs an incandescent light source which is excited by an a-c current of such frequency and waveshape that 100-percent sinewave light-output modulation can be obtained. The average light flux is held constant and is independent of line-voltage fluctuations. The frequency of the light-flux modulation is a subharmonic of line frequency, giving sufficient stability so that sharply-tuned filters can be used. The instrument is devoid of leakage and dark-current effects, may be used in a normally lighted room, and no zero adjustment is necessary.

#### **Light Modulator**

It was found that a 20-cycle square wave produces 100-percent light-output modulation in a bulb of the GE 104 type. This is a conventional dial light, dissipating 6 watts at 125 volts. Figure 1A shows the light-modulating circuit. The 6SN7 is used as a multivibrator with the grid of one triode directly coupled to the grid of a 6V6. Resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , together with the coupling capacitors  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , determine the frequency of the multivibrator which is set to 20 cps. The grid of  $V_1$  is returned through  $R_1$  to

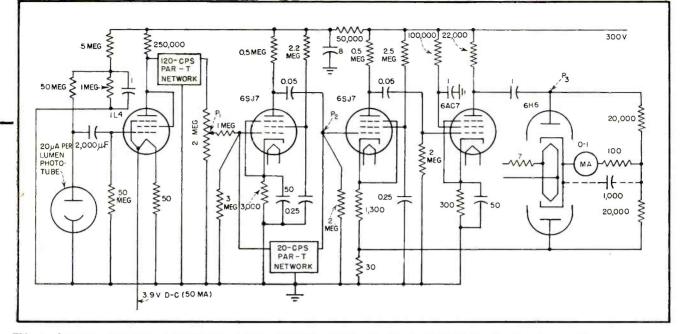


FIG. 3-Complete schematic of photometer portion. Filament voltage for 1L4 is obtained through dropping resistor from B supply

one side of the filament to derive a 3-v rms 60-cps signal for synchronization at the third subharmonic of the line frequency.

Figure 1B shows the operating conditions for the modulator on the  $i_{p} \cdot e_{p}$  characteristic for the 6V6. With the constants chosen, the pentode is driven from cutoff to a value of 100 ma at 20 cps.

The voltage on the grid of the multivibrator oscillates about an average value, close to the cutoff value of the 6V6, in such a way that only the square-top portion cuts into the conducting region of the pentode. The pulse shape is square and was found to be best for sinusoidal light output from the bulb. The average plate current is 50 ma—well within the long-life operating rating of the lamp.

The light output of the lamp is made independent of line-voltage changes by making use of the fact that if the pentode screen voltage is kept constant, the plate current is independent of the plate voltage. Furthermore, the multivibrator is unaffected by line-voltage changes because the gain of a triode of the 6SN7 type, terminated by a highresistance plate load, is constant. The lamp can be inserted in the cathode of the pentode with the proper choice of circuit constants if it is desirable to have one side at ground potential.

Figure 1C is a plot of one cycle of the light output produced by the lamp as measured by high-speed motion picture camera technique. The light output very closely follows a sine wave. Measurement of the a-c light output, simultaneously with the average value, shows that well over 90-percent modulation is obtained. Of course, more or less modulation can be obtained by limiting the spectral range covered, increasing or decreasing the driving voltage and hence the average temperature, or by use of a bulb with different luminescent and nigrescent characteristics.

#### 20-cps Photometer

In designing a light-measuring instrument for use with the 20-cps modulated light source, many factors must be considered. The amplifier must have sufficient sensitivity at the signal frequency to provide adequate deflection of the indicating instrument, but it must also be capable of rejecting extraneous signals.

The useful sensitivity of any instrument is determined by the signal-to-noise ratio. Modern phototubes have a very small dark current so that most of the noise is of a thermal nature, generated by the resistor terminating the phototube.

The input signal is an a-c voltage with a well defined frequency and phase. The noise, however, is a random effect with a definite rms value. There are two ways to obtain high sensitivity: a selective amplifier followed by an averaging detector, or a broadband amplifier followed by a phase-sensitive detector. In both cases, the signal-tonoise ratio depends on the allowable time of observation. If, for instance, the bandwidth of an amplifier is 1 cps we have to wait at least 1 second until the voltage at the rectifier has been built up to its terminal value. If a phase-sensitive detector is employed, the integrating network after the rectifier has to have a time constant of one second, for the same signal-to-noise ratio.

Figure 2 shows the input circuit of the amplifier. The d-c load resistor of the phototube is  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$ is the biasing resistor of the first amplifier stage. The coupling capacitor C has a negligible impedance for the signal frequency. The phototube is, therefore, terminated by a resistance  $R_{T}$  consisting of  $R_{1}$  and  $R_2$  in parallel. If k is the phototube constant in microamperes per lumen,  $L_m$  is the average value of a sinusoidally varying light flux in lumens, and  $R_{\tau}$  is the dynamic input impedance in megohms, the input voltage for the amplifier is:

$$E_{\mathcal{S}} (\mathrm{rms}) = rac{k L_m R_T}{\sqrt{2}} \mathrm{volts}$$

An instrument designed in such a

way that  $L_m = 5 \times 10^{-7}$  lumen produces full scale deflection of the indicating instrument, k is 20 ×  $10^{-6}$  amperes per lumen and  $R_T =$ 25 megohms, will have an input voltage of  $E_* = 177$  microvolts.

If the bandwidth of the amplifier is  $\Delta f$  cycles per second, the noise voltage at the amplifier input is  $E_n$  (rms) =  $1.3 \times 10^{-7} \sqrt{\Delta f R_r}$ which for a bandwidth of  $\Delta f = 1$ cycle per second is  $E_n$  (rms) = 0.65 microvolt. If the meter at the amplifier output shows a deflection of 1,000  $\mu$ a for an input voltage of 177  $\mu$ v, the required amplifier gain is  $G = 5.65 \ \mu$ a per  $\mu$ v. The rms value of the meter current produced by noise is therefore  $i = E_n \ G = 3.65$  $\mu$ a.

This current appears as a series of pulses which occur at random rate with random amplitudes. If the bandwidth is 1 cps, the pulses are spaced by about 1-second intervals so that the needle is well able to follow them. The amplitude of the majority of the pulses is identical with the rms value of current. However, theory shows that a few percent of the pulses have four times this amplitude, which was found to be in good agreement with experimental results. The noise produces, therefore, needle deflections with an amplitude of 1.6 percent of the full meter scale and the signal-to-noise ratio is thereby determined.

These fluctuations can be avoided by mechanical damping in the meter or by an R-C filter as shown in Fig. 3. provided that the time of response is not important. The error in the reading due to noise nevertheless is not removed. An improvement in signal-to-noise ratio by a further increase in Q, and hence a decrease in  $\Delta f$ , would make the instrument too sluggish and is impractical; however, since signal voltage increases linearly with the input terminal resistance  $R_T$  whereas the noise voltage increases as  $(R_T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , a gain in signal-to-noise ratio can be obtained by increasing  $R_{\tau}$ .

#### **Tuned Amplifier**

Experiments were conducted with a phase-sensitive detector circuit and compared with the tuned amplifier to be described below. The superiority of the tuned amplifier

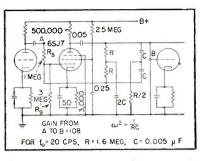


FIG. 4—Second stage of signal amplifier contains this 20-cps parallel-T feedback network

was demonstrated in a series of exhaustive tests.

If the signal to be amplified is in the low-frequency range, say 20 cycles, it is impossible to obtain narrow-bandpass filters with conventional resonant circuits containing inductance and capacitance. For such low frequencies, however, circuits with only resistors and capacitors are available which give the desired bandpass characteristics. One of the best solutions is the use of a parallel-T network as a negative feedback element.

Figure 4 shows one amplifier stage in which a parallel-T network is used as a degenerative feedback element. The network has zero transmission for a frequency  $f_{\circ}$  if the parameters are chosen as shown. Thus no degeneration exists at  $f_{\circ}$ . At all other frequencies, the gain of the amplifier is reduced. The steepness of the frequency response depends on the terminating impedance. If the amplifier is controlled from a voltage source with an internal impedance which is small in comparison with the output impedance of the network, a resistor  $R_s$  has to be inserted. The value of the biasing resistor  $R_{g}$  can, of course, be kept high enough to avoid any damping effect on the network.

A 6SJ7 pentode is used as the amplifier. The network was tuned to 20 cycles.

If the tube is used as a straight amplifier, a gain of 240 at 20 cycles is realizable. With the network connected as shown, this gain is reduced to 108. Figure 5A shows the relative response characteristic of the stage with feedback. The bandwidth at the half-power point is less than 1 cycle per second. It should be noticed that the frequency selec-

tivity curve is steeper than that which could be obtained if a tuned L-C circuit at 20 cps were used as the plate load. The steepness of this characteristic depends on the matching of the resistors and capacitors and a Q of 25 or better can be obtained with 2-percent components.

Any attempt to include more than one stage in the parallel-T feedback circuit requires an extremely linear phase characteristic in the amplifier in order to avoid a change from negative to positive feedback at very low or very high frequencies. This demands that the amplifier response be flat down to frequencies less than one cycle per second. If conventional R-C coupling is used, the coupling capacitor and cathode bypass capacitor become prohibitively large.

#### **Overall Circuit**

Figure 3 shows the complete circuit diagram of the light-intensity meter, whose design was based on the above considerations. A fourstage amplifier is used with a parallel-T network across the second tube. The phototube is terminated dynamically by a resistance of 25 megohms. The phototube plate voltage is supplied through 50 megohms and a second 50-megohm resistor is used as biasing resistor for the first stage. The instrument is designed to give full deflection in a one-milliampere meter for a light flux of 5 imes 10<sup>-7</sup> lumen. This corresponds to an input voltage at the first grid of  $177 \times 10^{-6}$  volts.

The input level to the first stage is so low that the stray voltage from the 6-volt heater supply of an indirectly heated tube can be harmful. Consequently, a filament-type input tube connected as a triode is used. The heater current of 50 milliamperes is derived from the B+ power supply. A bias voltage of 2.5 volts is obtained by inserting a 50-ohm resistor between filament and ground. This bias is of extreme importance since grid current must be avoided to prevent reduction of the dynamic load resistance of the phototube. An active parallel-T network tuned to 120 cps is inserted between the first and second stages to eliminate the 120-cycle modulation due to artificial light. Figure 5B shows the relative response characteristic of this network. The gain of the first stage including the 120-cycle attenuation network is 2.6.

For many applications, the phototube has to be housed in a separate search unit. If a shielded cable is used between the terminating resistor of the phototube and the amplifier input, microphonic effects make the handling of the search unit impractical. If the cable is tapped just slightly, voltage surges are produced which cause fluctuations of the meter needle. It was first thought that these surges were due to capacitance changes in the cable. Later, however, it was found that the surges exist even with no voltage supplied, and it is felt that the effect is probably of a piezoelectric nature. These difficulties can be avoided by including the first triode in the search unit. The output impedance of the tube is so low that any shielded cable can be used.

A barrier-layer photo element can be employed instead of the phototube, so that a wider spectral response is obtained. In addition, the photo element is a low-impedance generator and can be coupled to the grid of the first amplifier stage by means of a transformer. Leads from the element to the transformer are insensitive for hum pickup and microphonic effects. The transformer is mounted in the main amplifier chassis, so that the search unit becomes very small since now it has to contain only the photo element.

A calibrated volume control  $P_1$  is inserted between the first and second stages. This control must be inserted here if the instrument is to have a full-scale sensitivity range of 1,000 from  $0.5 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $0.5 \times 10^{-3}$  lumen. This means then that the input voltage varies from  $177 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $177 \times 10^{-3}$  volt and the input to the second grid varies from  $0.460 \times 10^{-3}$  to 0.460 volt.

If the second stage has a gain of 100, it must be capable of delivering 46 volts undistorted. This is not practical if we wish to maintain a high degree of linearity in spite of deterioration of tube characteristics. If the volume control is used as shown, the voltage at the grid of the second stage will never exceed  $0.460 \times 10^{-3}$  volt. It is clear that even the highest light input will not cause overloading of the first grid since this corresponds to 0.460 volt.

#### Meter Rectifier

Special care must be taken in designing the rectifier. The meter must indicate the average output voltage in order to maintain a good signal-to-noise ratio. The circuit should be linear over above twice the useful range so that accurate calibration can be maintained in spite to tube ageing. If diodes are used, the contact potential will cause a reading of the meter in the absence of signal. This reading can be made negligible, about 0.5 percent of full scale, by reducing the filament voltage. This is accomplished by inserting a 7-ohm resistor in the filament circuit.

Figure 3 also shows the circuit

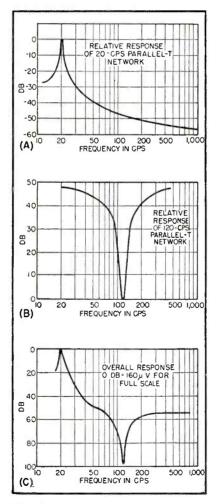


FIG. 5—Individual parallel-T network responses are shown in (A) and (B). Overall response curve (C) shows 98-db dip at 120 cps, which permits use of instrument in normally lighted room

of the rectifier which uses a doublediode 6H6. It is preceded by two amplifier stages with 20-db negative feedback from the diode output to the cathode of the first of these stages. A one-milliampere meter with 70 ohms resistance is used, and a voltage of 23 volts at point  $P_{3}$  produces full-scale deflection. At point  $P_2$ , 40 imes 10<sup>-3</sup> volts will produce full-scale deflection. The overall relative frequency response curve of the instrument is shown in Figure 5C. The half-power bandwidth is about 1 cycle per second, and the effect of the active 120-cps network is indicated by the 98-db dip at 120 cps. The 0-db point at 20 cps represents an input of 177  $\times$  10<sup>-6</sup> volt.

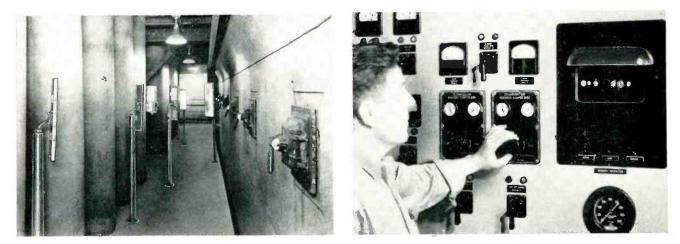
#### Conclusion

The overall voltage gain of the amplifier is 150,000. This is a small value for a high-sensitivity instrument, but the high-efficiency system of modulation used makes it possible to obtain full deflection of the meter with a light flux of only 0.5 microlumen. There are no special problems with regard to feedback so that the location of components and the choice of ground connections are not critical.

The instrument needs no zero adjustment since with no incident light there is no signal developed. Furthermore, the 98-db rejection for 120 cps makes possible the use of the instrument in a normally lighted room.

The compactness of the search unit, especially in the case when a barrier-layer cell is used together with the stable high sensitivity and linear output, makes the instrument particularly useful in the biophysical field for such purposes as oxymeters and shadow cardiographs. An instrument similar to the one described has been constructed by S. Guilford of the National Bureau of Standards to be used as a hemoglobin densitometer in cardiovascular diseases research at Walter Reed Hospital.

For applications in spectral densitometers, the advantage of the wide spectral response of the barrier-layer cell can be obtained without the disadvantage of having to use rotating shutters, time gates or stabilized power supplies.



Arrangement of mirrors and camera pickup at left enables operator to look into six furnaces at a glance on remote monitor screen at extreme right

### **Closed-Circuit Industrial**

Wired system employs new type image dissector with translucent cathode that permits use of wide-angle lenses. Three cables carry sync pulses and video signal to remote monitor, which may be up to 1,000 feet from the camera. Resolution is 300 lines per inch

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NDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS of television are constantly increasing in number and importance. The equipment to be described was originally designed for power plant use where a need for remote viewing of the boiler water level at the control room was necessary. It later became apparent that other industries have as great, or even greater, need for such a system, so the Utiliscope was designed as a universal system. It has a standard 4-to-3 aspect ratio, and the vertical and horizontal resolution is 300 lines, as shown in the test pattern of Fig. 1.

#### Main Components

The three component units of the industrial system are shown in Fig. 2. The camera pickup unit uses an image dissector tube whose advan-

tageous characteristics are as follows: (1) It is an instantaneoustype tube, thus no shading compensation is necessary. (2) The tube has no heater, hence it is extremely rugged and its life is not limited by the filament or thermionic emission. (3) The gamma of the tube is unity and linear over extreme contrast ranges. (4) The tube uses an elevenstage electron multiplier which is not subject to microphonics and will deliver a video signal of approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  volt in amplitude. (5) The spectral response of the dissector is such that it peaks in the near infrared (approximately 8,000 angstroms) sector of the spectrum.

Because of these advantages, particularly the instantaneous characteristics and high video output, the Utiliscope is reliable and simple to operate. Simplicity of operation is of major importance in industrial television applications. Another important requirement, continuous operation with low service time, is accomplished by using a minimum number of tubes in the overall sys-

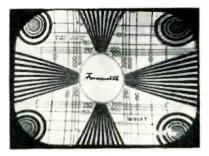


FIG. 1—Test pattern sent by industrial tv system shows 300-line resolution

tem. The complete system requires only fifteen standard receiving type tubes plus cathode-ray tube and image dissector.

The camera unit is connected through a multiple-conductor cable to the power unit. These units may be separated by as much as twentyfive feet. This sending end is then coupled by three coaxial cables to the monitor, which may be separated by a distance of one thousand feet or less. These three cables transmit the video, horizontal sync pulses and vertical sync pulses to the monitor. The use of three cables, rather than

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FIG. 2-A complete setup consists of camera, monitor and power units

### Television

one cable carrying a composite signal, adds to simplicity.

#### **Overall System**

Figure 3 is a block diagram of the complete system. The image is focused optically on the cathode of the dissector. Deflection and focus power and the multiplier voltage are supplied to the dissector from the power unit. The video signal from the dissector and blanking pulses are fed in to the automatic black-level setter. The composite signal is then amplified and matched to the line.

The vertical oscillator in the power unit supplies vertical deflection power to the camera unit as well as vertical sync pulses for the monitor and vertical blanking pulse former. The beam relaxor supplies horizontal scanning power to the dissector and horizontal blanking pulses to the blanking pulse former, which mixes, clips, and shapes the horizontal and vertical blanking pulses. The beam relaxor also supplies horizontal sync pulses to the monitor and furnishes high-voltage pulses which are rectified to furnish multiplier and cathode voltage to

the dissector. The vertical sync pulses trigger the vertical deflection oscillator in the monitor unit. Horizontal pulses are amplified and fed to the monitor beam relaxor. This beam relaxor supplies horizontal deflection and high-voltage pulses which are rectified to supply approximately 8 kv to the picture tube. The video signal from the camera is amplified and applied to the grid of the picture tube. A 1N34 is used as the d-c restorer.

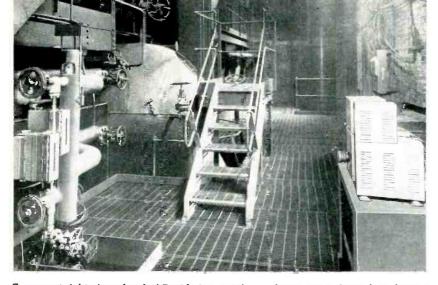
Figures 4, 5 and 6 are schematic diagrams of the camera, power unit, and monitor respectively. The lens used in the camera unit has a 90-mm focal length and a speed of f:1.4 or better. The lens is coated for 7,000 A transmission. The mounting uses a rack gear and pinion type focus adjustment, and the angle of coverage for a two-inch horizontal scan is approximately 27 degrees.

#### Image Dissector

Figure 7 shows a photograph of the dissector. The front of the tube (right) is the translucent cathode which replaces the solid cathode of earlier tubes of this type. This construction permits the use of fast, wide-angle lenses, and eliminates picture degradation due to light reflecting from the walls of the tube.

Directly behind the cathode are five rings, behind which lies the nickel-wall anode. The anode is 400 volts positive with respect to the cathode, and the five rings are at intermediate voltages with 75-volt intervals. The purpose of the rings is to improve the field in the vicinity of the cathode and decrease the amount of distortion.

An eleven-stage multiplier is



Camera at right views level of Liquids in two tubes at left in this industrial application of the television system



Operator sees liquid levels on remote monitor screen

mounted at the rear of the tube. The aperture, which in most cases is a 30-mil square, is located at the front of the multiplier housing.

Each multiplier stage has a gain of 3 or 4 when the voltage per stage is 200 volts. Total gain of the 11stage multiplier is over 1 million. The Ag-Mg type of multiplier is used instead of the Cs-O-Ag which was used in the solid-cathode type dissector in order to provide better uniformity in multiplier performance from tube to tube and eliminate the problem of cesium shorts in the multiplier. The tube is relatively nonmicrophonic. The cathode photosensitivity is approximately 20  $\mu$ a per lumen.

Figure 8 shows the dissector coil assembly that contains the horizon-

tal deflection coil, vertical deflection coil and focus coil. The horizontal coil is the inner coil and is approximately nine inches long. The vertical coil is a toroidal type approximately one inch long wound over an iron form. This coil fits snugly on the horizontal coil and is directly behind the focus coil. These two coils are rotated 90 degrees, electrically, with respect to each other. The focus coil is semilayer-wound directly over the dissector cathode in the coil assembly housing. The coil assembly can be rotated to align the picture.

#### Video Amplifier

A schematic of the video unit is included in Fig. 4. Its function is to mix the blanking pulses with the

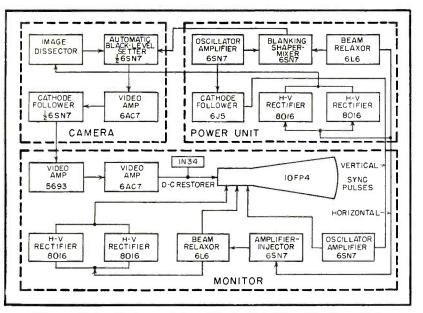


FIG. 3—Block diagram of image dissector industrial television system

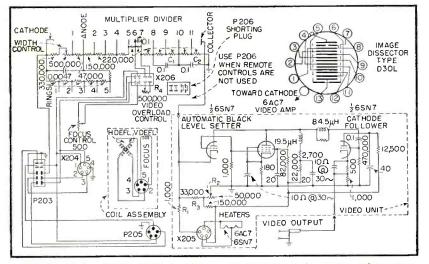


FIG. 4—Circuit showing image dissector connections and camera video unit

video from the dissector collector, provide an automatic black level setting, amplify the composite signal, and match the output to the transmission line.

The operation of the automatic black level setter is as follows: Relatively large blanking signals are fed to the cathode in series with the video from the dissector collector. This video is developed across  $R_1$ which is the dissector collector load. The d-c voltage developed across  $R_1$ due to random noise in the dissector will remain constant. Any light which strikes the dissector cathode will cause a corresponding increase in collector current, hence increased negative voltage of the collector. Since more light causes more electrons to flow to the collector, the collector becomes more negative with respect to ground.

The initial clipping level of the automatic black-level setter can be properly adjusted by applying just enough positive voltage to its cathode to allow only a very small amount of the blanking pulses to come through. This is accomplished by varying  $R_2$  to give the proper potential. An isolating resistor  $R_3$  is used to minimize the capacitance across the collector load. Any light on the dissector cathode will cause more negative voltage to appear at the clipper cathode, which will pass through the diode, so the pedestal will always be full but no video can ever extend beyond the black level.

The 6AC7 video amplifier has a gain of approximately 18, and the cathode follower provides a low-impedance output for the video line with a gain of approximately 0.3.

The dissector multiplier voltage divider is shown in the upper lefthand portion of the schematic. The overall voltage across the multiplier is approximately 2,000 volts. Capacitors  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  improve the lowfrequency response of the multiplier due to the high impedance of the multiplier divider. Actually the width control is an overall size adjustment in that it changes the cathode-anode voltage. An increase in this voltage will decrease the width of the scanned image and also the height of the image.

The video overload control  $R_*$  controls the gain of the multiplier. It is necessary due to variation in dis-

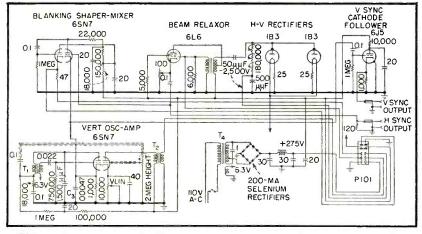


FIG. 5—Sync pulses and video are fed to monitor by three separate cables

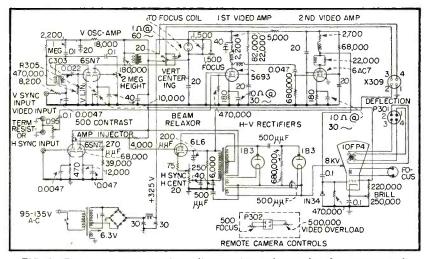


FIG. 6—The power unit supplies all operating voltages for the camera unit

sector tubes and extreme light conditions which may be encountered, otherwise the last stages of the multiplier might be overloaded. Since this overload problem concerns only the last two or three multiplier stages, control is in the sixth stage.

Figure 9 shows clearly the power unit which delivers heater voltage, B+ voltage, multiplier voltage, scanning power and blanking signals to the camera unit, and also supplies vertical and horizontal sync pulses to the monitor. It draws approximately 100 watts and will operate on a line voltage of between 95 and 135 volts. A self-regulating type power transformer is used.

Figure 5 shows a schematic of the power unit. A single 6L6 in a beam relaxor circuit is used to provide horizontal scanning power for the camera as well as to supply high-voltage pulses to the multiplier voltage supply rectifiers. The beam relaxor is a horizontal deflection power oscillator of L and R type. The frequency of this type oscillator is determined by the inductance in the plate circuit and the internal resistance of the tube. The inductance in the plate circuit is approximately 100 mh and is determined by the impedance of the deflection coils and the transformer ratio. The frequency of the oscillator can be varied by changing the resistance in the cathode of the tube. This is a free-running oscillator which operates at a frequency



FIG. 7—Translucent-cathode image dissector tube

of 21.5 kc. This frequency is controlled by the adjustable cathode resistor. This control is not critical but may vary slightly from transformer to transformer. This horizontal deflection circuit was chosen for stability and durability.

Figure 10 shows a close-up of the horizontal deflection transformer. This transformer consists of a grid winding of approximately 100 turns. The 500-turn plate winding is wound directly over the grid winding. The high-voltage winding consists of 300 turns connected in autotransformer fashion. The transformer must serve three interdependent functions. It must provide scanning power to the camera, the high voltage for the dissector multiplier, and its return time must be slightly faster than the blanking return time. These criteria must be met with satisfactory scanning linearity. The return time of this transformer is 5.7 microseconds or 0.12 H. A damping resistor removes the overshoot which would otherwise occur through the scanning coils causing severe nonlinearity.

The positive impulse derived from the horizontal deflection transformer is rectified by the two 1B3's in parallel. This provides a negative voltage of approximately 2,500 volts. Since the current drain very nearly approaches the current rating of a single 1B3, two are used in parallel. This is done as an added precaution against failure in the field.

The vertical deflection circuit, which consists of the dual triode, must supply vertical deflection power to the camera, vertical blanking pulses to the blanking mixer and vertical sync pulses to the monitor. One-half is used as a blocking oscillator. The lower end of the



FIG. 8—Image dissector deflection and focus coils

blocking oscillator transformer is returned to the 6.3-volt heater winding on the power transformer. A resistor is inserted in the cathode circuit of the vertical oscillator. A positive pulse is developed across this resistor which is used for blanking and monitor synchronization. Capacitor  $C_a$  reduces the horizontal pickup on this lead. Transformer  $T_2$  is the vertical output transformer used to present the proper plate load impedance on the vertical amplifier from the vertical scanning coils.

One section of the blanking mixer tube is used to mix the horizontal and vertical blanking pulses while the other section is used as a cathode follower. A positive vertical pulse is fed to the cathode of the blanking mixer. A negative horizontal pulse from the beam relaxor cathode is injected on the grid of the blanking mixer. A very low plate voltage is used, hence the blanking pulses cause very early saturation of the tube. This causes the base line of the blanking pulses to be absolutely flat which is extremely important, otherwise at low light levels a shading component will appear. The values of  $R_4$  and  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$  were picked very carefully to provide proper phasing of the horizontal blanking pulse with respect to the initial sync pulse delivered to the monitor.

A cathode follower isolates the

cathode of the vertical oscillator from the monitor vertical oscillator. If this is not done a large pulse is fed back to the power unit from the monitor vertical oscillator. This pulse, if applied across the cathode resistor of the power unit vertical oscillator, is slightly out of phase with the cathode pulse and will make it impossible to derive a clean vertical blanking pulse from this point.

horizontal synchronizing The pulse is derived across the cathode resistor of the 6L6 beam relaxor. This provides a low-impedance source of horizontal sync pulses. The amplitude of these pulses will vary as the frequency of the beam relaxor is changed. However, a pulse amplitude of only 1 volt is ample to insure positive synchronization of the monitor and higher amplitudes are not detrimental. The cathode resistor obviously cannot be shorted since this would reduce the pulse amplitude to zero.

#### Monitor

The monitor is quite conventional and will not be treated in detail. All controls are available from the front. Brilliance, contrast and focus controls are screwdriver adjustments. Other controls are behind a hinged door. Two controls are provided on the monitor for remote operation of the camera unit from the monitor position when desirable.

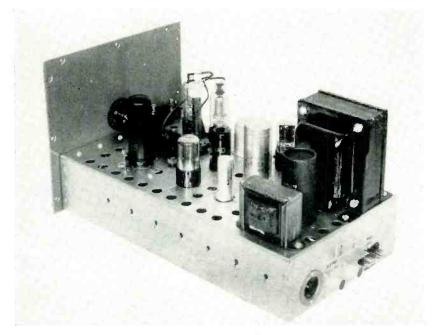


FIG. 9-Power unit with cover removed to show placement of components

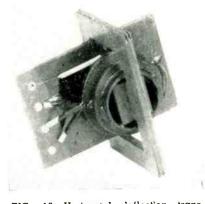


FIG. 10—Horizontal deflection transformer

A 6L6 is used in a beam relaxor circuit to provide horizontal deflection and high voltage for the picture tube. Circuitwise, this is quite similar to the beam relaxor on the power unit. Synchronization is controlled by injecting the horizontal sync pulse from the power unit on the screen of the 6L6 and controlling the frequency by means of a variable cathode resistor.

The monitor beam relaxor transformer is similar to the power unit beam relaxor transformer with the addition of two heater windings for the 1B3 rectifiers. The transformer is designed to match a 2 mh deflection yoke. It also provides 8,000 volts for the picture tube; the return time must be faster than the camera blanking time. Two 1B3 tubes are used in a voltage doubler circuit to provide the picture tube high voltage.

The vertical deflection system is very similar to the camera vertical deflection system. Frequency determining elements are fixed and the oscillator will stay in sync over large variations of voltage and other parameters. The vertical sync from the power unit is injected directly into the vertical oscillator.

The grid, cathode and plate time constants of the horizontal sync amplifier were chosen to properly phase the triggering of the beam relaxor with respect to the blanking pulse. The monitor raster has approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  inch blanking on either side.

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# The DIOTRON... An Aid To RMS Instrumentation

Novel circuit comprising temperature-limited diode, d-c amplifier, and feedback path solves wide variety of electronic problems. Simple unit provides basis for true squarelaw voltmeter, wattmeter, video program level meter, and several computing elements

**D**<sup>URING RECENT YEARS a need has grown for a vacuum-tube voltmeter whose indication depends only on rms values. When nonsinusoidal waveforms are to be measured, and particularly when the signal is a random noise, reliable data cannot be acquired from any rectifying instrument.</sup>

Bolometric and thermocouple devices accurately give rms values independently of waveform, but suffer from two serious difficulties: (1) 'The instruments are sluggish, and brief samples of signal cannot be measured. (2) Both devices operate close to the burnout point. This often forces the designer to incorporate an overloading amplifier stage to protect the instrument, with the result that large spikes, such as those of noise, are clipped. To this error is added uncertainty during the recovery period after overload.

The circuit of Fig. 1 constitutes the basis of a vacuum-tube voltmeter which overcomes these defects. As indicated, the diode and d-c amplifier form a tight feedback loop which will regulate the diode plate current with considerable accuracy. Since the voltage at the diode plate is always sufficient to collect all the emitted electrons, a constant value of space current implies a constant filament temperature and accordingly a constant value of filament heating power. It

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is upon this last relation that the properties of the device are based.

#### Theory

If a source of a-c is introduced into the filament along with the d-c of the feedback loop, the circuit must immediately regulate away part of the latter in order that the average filament power remain constant. The defining equation for this behavior is

 $I_{a-c^2} R_F + I_{d-c^2} R_F = \text{constant}$ 

Since the filament is of fine diameter, skin effect may be neglected below 100 mc and a simpler form of the equation results.

 $I_{a-c^2} + I_{d-c^2} = \text{constant}$ Since the effect of introduced a-c

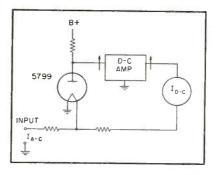


FIG. 1—Diode and d-c amplifier form feedback loop which accurately regulates diode plate current

depends only on the heat it produces, it is evident that the circuit constitutes the basis of a vacuumtube voltmeter which truly reads only rms values. Such a meter will at all times agree with a thermocouple and has these additional advantages: (1) A thermocouple operates close to its burnout current, whereas the diode circuit operates at 12 percent of its burnout current. (2) Thermocouple time-constants are of the order of 0.5 second. The diode and amplifier loop can be made to have a time constant of 15 milliseconds for all applied frequencies above 1 kc. (3) The accuracy of the device is that usually associated with feedback devices, and the accuracy of the readings depends only on the values of a few precision wirewound resistors.

#### Linear Power Scale

The circuit of Fig. 2 shows a practical vacuum-tube voltmeter constructed on this basis. It will be noted that the diode filament is heated from a negative bias and that the d-c amplifier supplies a current which subtracts from this. This refinement is necessary in order that the feedback be degenerative for signals fed through the capacitance and leakage of the diode as well as for those signals which are thermally transmitted. Two additions have been made to the feedback path from amplifier output

to input. First, a new path, consisting of a single capacitor, decreases the bandwidth of the amplifier so that filament temperature variations during a cycle are not amplified and transmitted around the loop to produce an additional heating current not indicated by the d-c meter. Secondly, the R-C network from output cathode to diode filament supplies first-derivative damping for optimum stability and speed of response. Both of these circuits can be adjustable, so that high frequencies can be measured in the shortest possible time without sacrificing accuracy when low frequency measurements must be made.

Since the defining equation

$$I_{a-c^2} + I_{d-c^2} = K$$

is a circle, it is evident that this meter will have a voltage scale expanded at the top and very cramped at the bottom, quite similar to the usual thermocouple calibration. A power scale fitted to this instrument will be slightly expanded at the top and linear throughout the remainder of the range. By means of a simple approximation, complete scale linearity in power may be achieved. If the defining equation is expanded in series solution for  $I_{d-e}$  we have

$$I_{d-e} = K^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2 K^{1/2}} I_{a-e}^2 - - -$$

and a linear relation exists between

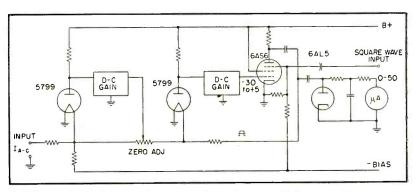


FIG. 3-Block diagram of vacuum-tube voltmeter with linear voltage scale

 $I_{d-c}$  and  $I_{a-c}^2$  provided that  $I_{a-c}$  is restricted to small values. For engineering purposes,  $I_{a-c}$  may be as great as 45 percent of the initial value of  $I_{d-c}$ , with a resulting error of only 0.8 percent.

The circuit of Fig. 2 is arranged in this manner, and  $I_{a-c}$  is always restricted to small values. Accordingly, the scale is linear in watts. The full scale deflections are 0.775, 2.45, 7.75, 24.5 and 77.5 input volts, which correspond to 1, 10, 100 milliwatts, 1, and 10 watts when the instrument is bridged across a 600ohm load. The frequency response of the commercial version of this instrument extends from 40 cps to 10 mc and the response time is the order of 15 milliseconds for all applied frequencies above 1 kc.

It is fortunate that in many practical applications a linear power scale is just as acceptable as a linear voltage scale. In measurements of random noise, in fact, the former is usually preferable.

#### Linear Voltage Scale

In those cases where a linear voltage scale is essential, an extension of the basic scheme may be employed. Figure 3 is a block diagram of such a system. Here two diodes are so arranged that the filaments are independent for a-c signals but are essentially in parallel for d-c signals produced in the first feedback loop. The second diode is arranged to control a local source of square-wave a-c which constitutes the heating power in its own feedback path. The frequency and wave shape of this local source of heating power may be selected by the designer to give easy measurement and simplicity of control.

With this arrangement the output

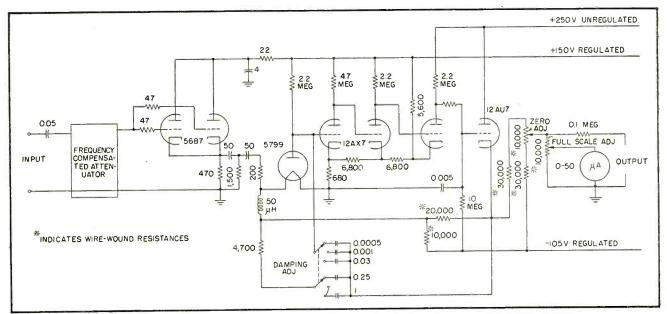


FIG. 2—Wide-band vacuum-tube voltmeter using temperature-limited diode has linear power scale

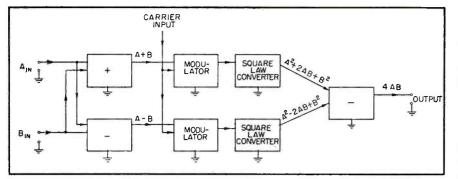


FIG. 4—Two signals, A and B, can be multiplied by the arrangement shown

voltage must be accurately proportional to the rms input voltage, provided the zero has been properly set, whether the two diodes are identical or not. The only source of error worth noting is that which might be caused by a gradual change in waveform of the local source of heating power. This might result in a change in rms value which would not be indicated by the peak-reading instrument. For this reason, it is unwise to use a multivibrator as the source of square-wave a-c, since the ratio of on to off time for such circuits is not usually very stable.

The most convenient diode for any of the foregoing arrangements is the Victoreen type 5799, since the necessary filament current for temperature limited operation is only 6 ma. Computation based on the internal geometry of this tube places the resonance of the filament above 400 mc. Accordingly, the device should be directly applicable as the first detector in vhf propagation studies and as the second detector in signal-to-noise measurements at i-f frequencies. For these purposes, about 0.7 milliwatt should be delivered to the filament for full-scale deflection, and the filament resistance is 135 ohms. The wide-band instrument of Fig. 2 is of course directly applicable to power level monitoring on video program loops.

#### **Other Possibilities**

Electronic addition, subtraction, time integration and time differentiation can easily be accomplished by well-known techniques. However, successful circuitry has not existed for multiplying or dividing two voltages, for integrating or differentiating one voltage with respect to another, or for triangle solution. In consequence, these latter problems have been attacked by mechanical methods involving servomechanisms, with a resultant minimum time for problem solutions of the order of 0.1 second. The diode-amplifier-feedback loop arrangement can solve such problems with far greater speed wherever the inherent error of about 0.5 percent in each step can be tolerated.

The basic circuit of Fig. 2 with a restriction on the size of the input signal has been shown to constitute a computer element capable of producing an output proportional to the square of the input, and possessing good accuracy and speed of response. Since accurate and simple methods exist for interchanging a slowly varying d-c and an amplitude-modulated carrier, no serious complication arises from the a-c to d-c conversion which occurs within the diode itself. The basic circuit of Fig. 2, together with any necessary modulator or demodulator, can therefore be thought of as a building block that produces a square.

This computer element, by feedback methods, can be made to extract square roots by forcing itself to acquire an input signal such that the output equals the voltage whose square root is desired. A pair of such blocks then constitute a multiplier as indicated in the block diagram of Fig. 4. Here the two voltages to be multiplied, A and B, are assumed to be slowly varying d-c. Ordinary electronic addition and subtraction produces two new voltages equal to A + B and A - B. These two voltages are then converted to amplitude-modulated carriers and fed to diode circuit blocks which produce a square. The outputs are then proportional to  $(A + B)^2$  and  $(A - B)^2$ . Their difference is therefore proportional to

$$\begin{array}{r} A^2+2AB+B^2-A^2\\+2AB-B^2=4AB \end{array}$$

In a manner analogous to that employed for square root computation, the process of division may be accomplished by including gain and feedback around the multiplier of Fig. 4.

The combination of these processes, together with one more block having unrestricted input range, then permits right triangle solution for all cases where angular data can be provided (or taken out) in terms of a trigonometric function of the angle, rather than in terms of the angle itself. Since the filament may carry currents of three different frequencies just as well as two, the extension to vector computation is obvious.

In most practical cases the device can also integrate or differentiate one voltage with respect to another. It seems reasonable to suppose that any quantities which will be dealt with in electronic computation will not only be analytic functions of each other, but will also be continuous in time and have continuous first derivatives with respect to time, whether time enters the problem directly or not. If so, we may write

$$\int A \, dB = \int A \, \frac{dB}{dt} \, dt$$

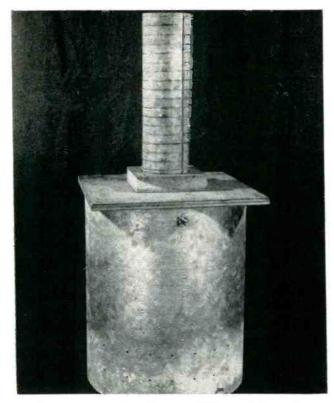
and the integration involves ordinary differentiation and integration with respect to time and multiplication by methods already described. Similarly

$$\frac{dA}{dB} = \frac{\frac{dA}{dt}}{\frac{dB}{dt}}$$

and the process involves ordinary time differentiation and division.

For certain of the applications outlined above, a diode is not essential and a thermistor, for example, would do equally well. Investigation of feedback around other available nonlinear circuit elements may lead to other useful and novel circuits having pleasing and desirable properties.

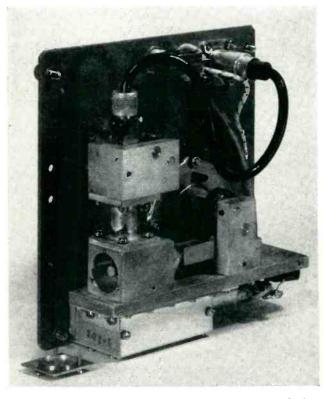
### Kilomegacycle Buzzer



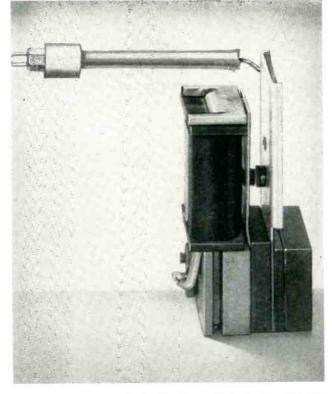
The Ashcan model. Overall can is 22% in., depth to bottom plate, 14-15/16 in. and 18%-in. diameter, wooden plunger is 5% in. in diameter



Front panel view of the oscillator, showing single adjustment for buzzer. The dial for frequency control is directly calibrated in kilomegacycles



Internal view of oscillator with batteries and cavity end plate removed. Attenuator rack and pinion at right



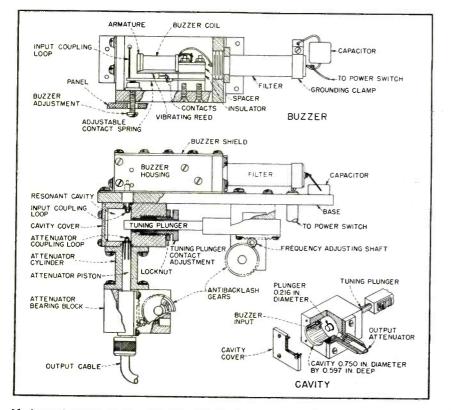
Buzzer removed from its shield. The small loop protrudes into the cavity

# **Test Oscillator**

Pulses of broad-band energy are injected into a tunable cavity at 800 cps. Output at any desired frequency between 3 and 11 kmc can be selected. A piston attenuator permits variable output up to 200 microvolts into a 50-ohm load. Development technique is traced from a model twenty-five times desired scale

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Mechanical layout of the oscillator, with detail of cavity at lower right. The buzzer generator is coupled to the cavity through a loop

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**A**<sup>LTHOUGH</sup> activity in the kilomegacycle region has increased greatly in recent years, signal sources are still largely restricted to narrow-band tuning. This is an annoyance when testing fixed-frequency detecting devices, and a real handicap in testing wide-range receivers.

One of the latest instruments to help solve this problem is a simple, compact test oscillator covering 3,000 to 11,000 mc in one continuous tuning range. No tubes are used. A battery-driven buzzer operating on the doorbell principle provides audio-modulated signals everywhere in the band, and a plunger-tuned cavity selects the desired frequency. A piston-type attenuator controls the output level.

#### Scaled-Up Model

The lack of wide-range signalgenerating equipment was in itself a difficulty during the oscillator's development. Problems in tuningcavity design showed the desirability of experimental work, but no satisfactory signal source was available. An interesting application of the model technique in reverse solved the difficulty by providing a cavity in which every dimension was twenty-five times the corresponding dimension of the cavity in the final unit. Thus, frequencies were scaled down into the scope of readily available test equipment.

The simplicity of the buzzer test oscillator is evident from the schematic diagram in Fig. 1. A buzzer, energized by the 3-volt battery through the r-f filter produces short, sharp pulses of current, which are coupled into the cavity through the input coupling loop. The cavity is sharply resonant at a single frequency determined by the position of the tuning plunger. It selects a component from the broad spectrum of frequencies comprising the buzzer output. This signal is coupled to the loop on the variableattenuator piston that controls the output amplitude. The output signal is in the form of short pulses of r-f energy recurring at the rate of 800 per second. Maximum output voltage is at least 200 microvolts into a 50-ohm load.

The original unit employed an open-ended cylindrical cavity, which was poor from the shielding standpoint. The tuning dial calibration was considerably cramped at one end of the scale, and the available output signal varied appreciably over the frequency range. The desire to improve these characteristics led to the use of the scale model.

#### The Ashcan

In this development, an expanded model was used rather than the smaller scale customarily employed in antenna experiments. All measurements were made in the region of 120 to 440 mc, where suitable equipment was readily available and the frequency data multiplied by an appropriate factor. The idea for the use of this method was derived from experiments performed by Barrow and Mieher<sup>1</sup> at MIT.

Since the actual cavity in the unit was approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter by one inch long, a model twenty-five times this size was considered reasonable. Accordingly, a local tinsmith was commissioned to make a large cylinder 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter and 25 inches long, and a smaller cylinder, to simulate the tuning plunger, six inches in diameter and 36 inches long. The material used was 22-gage galvanized steel, and the appearance of the assembly made its title certain: the Ashcan.

It was fitted with a plywood cap over the large cylinder, through

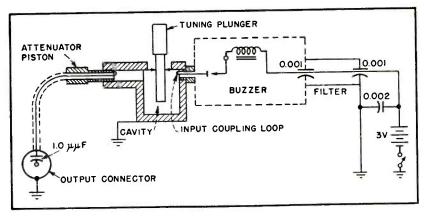


FIG. 1-Circuit of the buzzer test oscillator

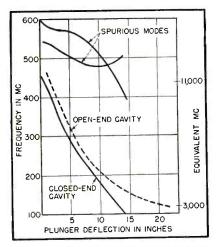


FIG. 2—Calibration of the scale model, showing Improvement resulting when end was closed. Spurious modes are outside operating range

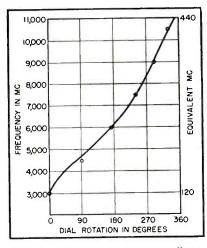


FIG. 3—Calibration of buzzer oscillator. Small circles are values predicted from large-scale model for which an equivalent frequency scale is shown

which the smaller cylinder could move. The inside of the wood cap was covered with copper sheet and suitable fingers made contact with the two cylinders. The inner cylinder was capped to simulate the solid plunger to be used in the actual cavity. Standard uhf connectors were mounted in the wall of the outer cylinder near the capped end to serve as connections to the small coupling loops mounted on the inner ends of these connectors.

The coupling loops were positioned 90 degrees apart around the circumference of the cylinder, as this was the position desired in the final uhf cavity. One of these loops was used to feed energy into the cavity from an oscillator covering the desired frequency range, and the other loop was used for output A type 1N21B crystal coupling. and microammeter served as a detector. Frequency measurements were made by means of a General Radio type 720-A heterodyne frequency meter.

Despite the crude construction and use of sheet steel for the inner and outer cylinders, the Q of the cavity was in the vicinity of 1,000, permitting precise settings to be made. Lines drawn on the portion of the inner cylinder extending above the wooden cap permitted reading of length of plunger inside the cavity.

The first tests made with an open-ended cavity showed the same tuning curve as the original buzzer test oscillator cavity unit, as well as the rather wide variation of output previously noted. Data given by Barrow and Mieher suggested that the low-frequency end of the tuning curve could be controlled through a considerable range by the use of a closed cavity. Appropriate adjustment of the spacing between the plunger and the end of the cavity at the limit of plunger travel was necessary. It was also reported that the cavity oscillations were very weak in an open-ended cavity at the high-frequency end of the tuning range.

It appeared that closing the open end of the cavity would, in our case, achieve the results desired. This effect was tried and found to improve Q throughout the operating range and to provide a much flatter tuning curve, as shown on Fig. 2. However, resonances at higher modes became apparent. This condition was undesirable since it meant that more than one resonance frequency could exist for a given setting of the tuning plunger. The unwanted modes were identified<sup>2</sup> as the  $TE_{1,1,1}$  and the  $TE_{0,1,1}$  types.

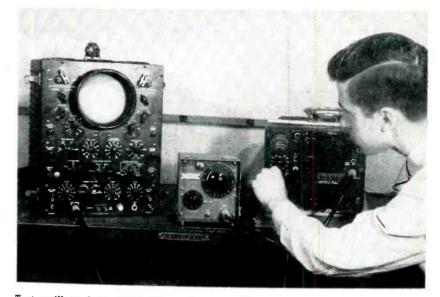
#### Mode Suppressors

In the large-scale sheet-metal Ashcan it was a simple matter to introduce a set of mode-suppressing slits<sup>3</sup> that eliminated the  $TE_{1,1,1}$ mode of oscillation. However, since the  $TE_{1,1,1}$  is appreciably higher in frequency than the desired  $TM_{0,1,0}$ and unlike the latter is a function of cavity length, it was decided to make the cavity shorter. This change raised both the undesired modes out of the chosen frequency range of the oscillator. The mode suppressing slits became unnecessary. The final position of the  $TE_{1,1,1}$  and  $TE_{0,1,1}$  modes is indicated at the top of Fig. 2.

It should be noted that the desired resonance curve represents a transition from the  $TM_{0.1,0}$  mode (when the tuning plunger is entirely backed out of the cavity) towards the  $TM_{0.0,P}$  mode<sup>1</sup>, which would occur when the plunger almost touched the opposite end wall. However, the resonant frequency would then be much below that required for this application and motion of the plunger is stopped while operation is still a combination of the two modes mentioned above.

Experimental work at the Ashcan's convenient frequency range and physical size having been concluded, the resulting design was scaled back to 3,000-to-11,000-mc dimensions. The closed-end cavity now employed presents much less of a shielding problem than the original open-end unit. Provision was made for batteries, buzzer, and a piston-type attenuator with 100-db range.

The action by which the buzzer excites the cavity seems to be a high-frequency oscillation causing a pulse of perhaps five amperes maximum amplitude in the contacts at their break, when the voltage across the coil rises sharply to a value over 200 volts. It is necessary that each pulse be clean, and that



Test oscillator being used with receiver. In this case, reception is at harmonic of receiver local oscillator

the repetition rate be high enough to furnish an easily distinguished audio note for the operator's convenience while not being so high that the average battery current is excessive.

#### Selection of Buzzer

Several commercial buzzers were tried. Inherent unsuitability for this application ruled out some units-for example, a standard power-pack vibrator was found to have excessive bounce at contact make, causing one or more break pulses at this time. Other buzzers drew more battery current than operating economy could permit, had an unstable repetition rate or operated at a frequency outside the desired range. The buzzer finally employed was conventional, but it was carefully designed and constructed to avoid the above faults. The operating value of 800 cps was chosen as a modulation value permitting low battery current and yet capable of being distinguished through receiver noise.

In use, the buzzer test oscillator has been found to perform almost exactly as the large scale model had predicted, as shown by the calibration curve of Fig. 3. Available test equipment has not permitted a full search of the upper frequency region to make sure that the undesired modes of oscillation are in the same relative position that model tests had shown. At each frequency where tests have been made, the agreement with the model's results has been excellent.

The unit is compact and rugged, weighing less than 11 pounds complete. The current drain on the self-contained batteries is between 30 and 150 ma, depending on buzzer adjustment. When operated at normal temperatures the battery life for continuous operation should be in excess of 300 hours, or considerably more for intermittent operation. The oscillator thus provides a completely self-contained, relatively trouble-free, portable source of uhf signals. No heatingup time is required, the unit being ready for operation as soon as the battery switch is thrown.

The first example of a test oscillator of this sort was made at the Radio Research Laboratory<sup>4</sup> at Harvard during the war. A second model was later made by the Naval Research Laboratory, Bellevue, D. C., and the design development described here was supported by the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Department of the Navy.

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## CASTING RESIN

Step-by-step instructions for potting electron tube assemblies in NBS casting resin, including typical sources of ingredients, preparation and mixing, use of air-piston injector for filling, curing data, fire and explosion precautions, and product design aspects

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ALTHOUGH a great deal of general literature on the so-called NBS casting resin has been written, little data as to actual preparation techniques and application has been available. It is the intent of this article to present workable preparation and usage details.

Basically, this resin combines the requirements of reasonable mechanical properties and castability with excellent electrical properties, as indicated in Table I. The formula is quite simple, but formulating techniques are somewhat involved and require great care.

#### **Preparation of Ingredients**

The actual ingredients should be obtained in advance. Those starred below should be stored under refrigeration. By weight, we use the following proportions and brands:

| 2.5 Dichlorostyrene mo-              |
|--------------------------------------|
| nomer                                |
| Styrene monomer21.0%*                |
| Polydichlorostyrene21.5%             |
| Polystyrene P-8 (Kop-                |
| pers)11.0%                           |
| Divinyl benzine solution . $0.5\%^*$ |
| HB-40 (Monsanto)13.0%                |
| Benzoyl peroxide 0.2%                |

The preparation of the ingredients is exceedingly important and may best be given step by step, along with our source information.

The 2.5 dichlorostyrene monomer is obtained from Dow Chemical, Midland, Michigan. As supplied, it contains an inhibitor which is used to decelerate polymerization, to make possible reasonable transit

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and storage. This inhibitor must be removed. Removal of the inhibitor must be done as close to actual use as possible. Uninhibited material may start to polymerize at room temperature in a matter of hours. The technique of inhibitor removal is shown in Fig. 1A. The activated alumina can be obtained from Aluminum Co. of America. The noninhibited material must be kept under refrigeration below 40F until used.

Excellent results are obtained with Koppers styrene monomer, obtainable from Koppers Co., Inc., Chemical Div., Pittsburgh, Pa. Freedom from dissolved gases is an important consideration if bubblefree material is desired, and containers should therefore be kept tightly closed. This material is also treated with inhibitor, and the setup shown in Fig. 1A must again be used to extract the inhibitor. This monomer also is highly inflammable.

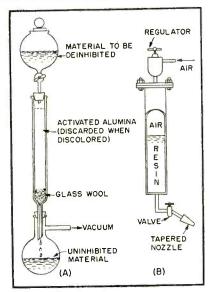


FIG. 1—Simple filter for removing inhibitors from casting resin monomers, and air-piston injector developed by Emerson for applying the prepared product. Source of vacuum for filter can be a vacuum cleaner

No treatment of polydichlorostyrene is necessary. We obtain the material itself from Mathieson Chemical Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

In order to facilitate preparation we use Kopper P-8 polystyrene in small bead form. This greatly reduces mixing time.

Divinyl benzine solution is best stored under refrigeration, and is obtainable from Dow Chemical as Experimental Monomer Q-302.4. No special preparation is necessary.

Monsanto HB-40 is procurable from Monsanto Chemical Co., 445 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. Unless especially clear cast items are needed, no preparation of this material is necessary. If extraclear material is desired, the filtration process shown may be used. Viscosity of HB-40 makes this a tedious job, and the resulting resin clarification is not too satisfactory.

Benzoyl peroxide is obtainable from Eastman Kodak, Rochester, N. Y. This is an unstable material, prone to explosion. As supplied, it contains a filler material intended to deaden its sensitivity. This material must be removed for proper action. The removal of filler is a simple process, and involves only normal and reasonable safety precautions:

(1) Do not handle large amounts.

(2) Do not grind or otherwise submit to abrasion or impact.

(3) Keep from flame or sparking of metal mixing tools.

Removal of filler is accomplished by a simple precipitation process. Dissolve a suitable quantity of filled benzoyl peroxide in a quantity of acetone C. P. When dissolved, add enough cold water to produce a heavy white precipitate. Filter the suspension through a disc of filter paper. The material remaining is filler-free benzoyl peroxide. This

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material is exceedingly sensitive and must be carefully handled. When thoroughly dry, it is ready for use. If an oven is used for desiccation, do not exceed 50 C or selfignition may occur.

#### Mixing

The actual mixing process requires a ballmill or other form of enclosed milling device. Many methods of combining ingredients are possible, but laboratory experience has shown milling to be best suited.

The fluid ingredients, which are styrene, polydichlorostyrene monomer, HB-40 and divinyl benzine solution, are combined after being carefully weighed. Fumes are moderately toxic and require ventilation. The benzoyl peroxide is also added and dissolved. Thorough mixing of these ingredients will be brought about with little effort by normal stirring.

The addition of the polydichlorostyrene and polystyrene may offer difficulty with lump formation if care is not taken. It has been found convenient to premix these two ingredients, then add them rapidly to the fluids, stirring constantly. The container is at once closed and immediately placed on the rolling mill.

The material is then milled until all lumps have disappeared. This may be done at normal room temperature. The mixed material, taking about 12 hours of milling, must be refrigerated at once or polymerization will occur. All materials must be allowed to return to room temperature prior to exposing to air, or surface condensation will occur. A disastrous loss of electrical properties attends this moisture absorption.

#### **Potting and Curing**

The actual preparation of the resin is less complicated than it seems, and reasonable care will result in a reliable product.

The dispensing of a product with as high a viscosity as NBS casting resin presents quite a problem. Table I—Physical Properties of Casting Resin Developed by National Bureau of Standards

| Water Absorption (24-hour<br>immersion)Less than 0.01%     |
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| Volumetric Shrinkage                                       |
| Power Factor (100<br>mc—50%RH)0.0004-0.0008                |
| Dielectric Constant (100<br>mc—50%RH)                      |
| Dielectric Strength (1/16 in,<br>sample)61,0-660 v per mil |
| Resistivity  |

Pour potting may be used, but if any quantity of work is to be done, the air-piston injector shown in Fig. 1B is recommended. It is merely a cylinder with an outlet, into which casting resin is put. Air is admitted to the top by means of a pressure regulator. This forces the resin from the nozzle at the bottom when the base valve is opened.

The nozzle is tapered so it can be pressed into a hole in the container to be filled. The flow ceases when the valve is closed. Oil and dirt in the air supply collect on the top surface of the resin along with untrapped moisture, and are discarded. This injector permits bottom-up potting, which assures a better fill and minimizes air entrapment problems.

#### **Design** Aspects

The curing of potted articles requires the use of ovens which are free from open flame or incandescent filaments, as inflammable vapors are released during curing. A cure is generally secured after 12 hours at 50 C. The use of higher temperatures is risky, as is the presence of oven hot-spots; both result in excessively rapid polymerization, a poor material and likelihood of component damage. Longer time periods for curing will generally yield a more stable end product, with improved mechanical properties.

Casting resin of the type described has considerable shrinkage. Tubes and other incompressible components must therefore be protected by a compressible sleeve member of some sort. Care in selection of the sleeve material must be taken to assure it does not stop resin polymerization.

Inductances and circuit capacitances are changed by this casting resin. Experimentation with circuit constants before and after potting is essential in r-f circuits. In many types of equipment the values will vary enough, when potted, to affect operation.

A polystyrene case may be used to contain components for potting if care is taken in curing to avoid high temperatures. A polydichlorostyrene case will withstand higher cures and longer schedules.

The amount of catalyst (benzoyl peroxide) used has a great effect on the quality of the finished product. A larger amount will yield a poor mechanical product, and may cause loss of assemblies due to evolution (rapid polymerization).

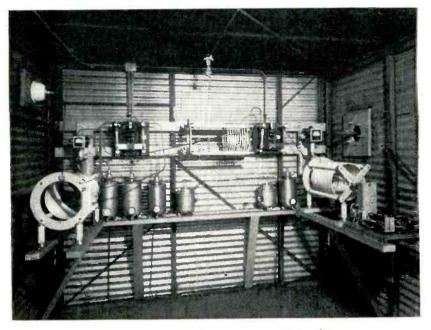
Components used must be able to withstand temperatures in excess of the 50 C curing heat. Considerable exothermic (selfgenerated) heat occurs during curing. Lengthy room temperature curing will avoid this problem.

Potting failures due to lead breakage or failure of polymerization will occasionally occur, and should not be looked upon necessarily as failure of the technique. They can in many cases be traced to faulty technique, but in some cases they are without explanation. Generally a familiarity with the techniques involved will yield troublefree results.

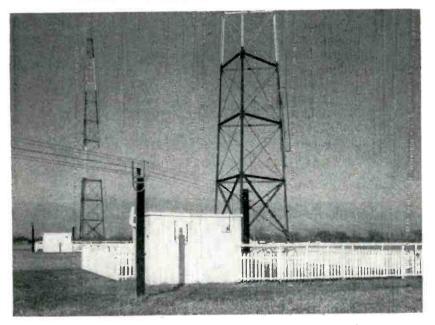
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Interior view of one of the nine antenna tuning houses



Sampling loops to feed the phase monitors are mounted on each tower

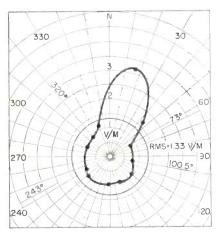


FIG. 2—Measured day-time pattern at 50 kw

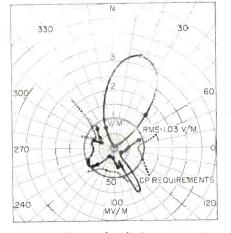


FIG. 3—Measured night-time pattern at 25 kw

coupled to both coils. Controls for these motor-driven coils are located under the phase monitors in the transmitter building, at one central location. At this central point are located all control and monitoring facilities to adjust and observe the operation of the antenna array.

Pattern change is accomplished by single pushbutton control, operating a series of some 30 r-f contactors to rephase and retune the nine towers for the desired pattern. The day and night-time patterns are illustrated in Fig. 2 and 3.

The room or cubicle which houses the phasing equipment is 12 feet deep by 24 feet long. Its walls are constructed of two thicknesses of 3-inch plywood, with a sheet of aluminum interspaced for shielding purposes. The room has four  $6 \times$ 6-foot cubicles along the front, one for each of the distribution tanks required.

The phasing networks associated with each tank are also located in the cubicle corresponding to the tank circuit from which it is fed. Four phase monitors are used so that several phases can be seen simultaneously.

Two sampling loops are mounted on each of the center north-south row of towers, and one loop on each of the other six towers. These loops are constructed of one-inch steel tubing and mounted 20 feet above the base insulators. The center north-south row feeds one phase monitor, and each of the three eastwest rows feeds a phase monitor. Solid dielectric coaxial cable is used for the sampling lines.

A feature of the transmitter which was found to be a real time saver is the variable inductive coupling to the final amplifier tank inductor. The adjustable coupling together with the variable tank capacitor provide a means of matching the power amplifier to the resistance of the load under operating conditions.

Excitation to the final stage can also be adjusted under operating conditions. During this adjustment period, the load impedance varies over very wide ranges, but due to the flexibility of the transmitter and its output circuits, power is maintained at the specified value during the adjustment of the array.

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# GEIGER COUNTER for Lectures

Circuit and construction details of reliable portable Geiger counter providing up to 50 watts audio output for demonstrations. Auxiliary indicators are Strobotron flasher and thyratron-driven rate meter

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**D**<sup>ISSATISFACTION</sup> with the performance of commercially available Geiger counters with sufficient power output for lectures and demonstrations before large assemblages led to a series of experiments from which an instrument with high power output, low hum level, and good overall performance under a variety of conditions was developed.

Customarily, when a high power output is required from a Geiger counter, the output of the instrument is connected to the input of an adequate public address system. This produces plenty of noise, but also an unavoidably high background of hum in most instances. Custom-built instruments of this general type are commonly as large and costly as a piano.

For effective lecture demonstrations, a Geiger counter must have a power output sufficient to disrupt love's young dream in row 15 and awaken the halfback in row 37, while at the same time having a low enough hum level to satisfy the engineer in row 2, and mechanical construction pleasing to the instrument-maker in row 5. Unless the lecturer is a former baggagesmasher who also enjoys spending his spare time in repair work, the instrument must be readily movable, yet rugged enough to stand repeated transportation.

To keep first and maintenance costs low, components should as far

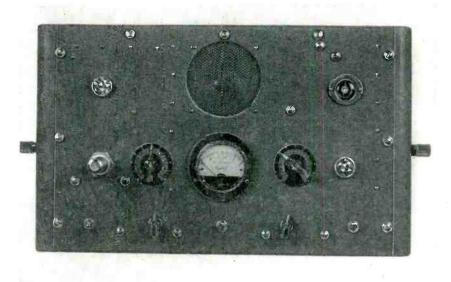
as possible be standard items, available over the counter in any medium-sized city. This has been achieved in the circuit shown in Fig. 1, which provides 50 watts of audio output for lecture-hall loudspeakers.

#### Design Details

Because the life of the Victoreen 1B85 thyrode counter tube is determined by the number of counts, and because the tube may be damaged by warmup surges of the power supply, disconnect switch  $S_2$ is provided. This also controls a pilot light, which is on when the high voltage is connected to the counter tube. In the off position, a 1-megohm resistor is connected across the high-voltage supply to reduce the voltage slightly. The first two stages of amplification are entirely standard except that the cathode and screen bypass capacitors need not be large. The circuit is designed to amplify surges rather than complex sinusoidal waves, and tone quality need not be considered. Sensitivity of the 6J7 input circuit increases as the input resistors increase in value, but hum pickup and instability increase faster than signal output after a certain point.

Power supply for the first two stages, as well as high voltage for the counter tube, is obtained from a small power transformer which supplies 940 volts at 1 ma and 250 volts at about 40 ma by use of a step-and-a-half voltage addition circuit.

It was necessary to shield the re-



Indicators and controls are arranged in three rows on front panel of counter. Top row, left to right: pilot lamp; monitor speaker; Strobotron flasher tube. Center row: counter tube projecting straight out fram panel; volume control; rate meter; power supply control; pilot lamp. Bottom row contains three toggle switches and two tap switches

sistors of the first stage and the Geiger tube socket with a heavy aluminum can to prevent electrostatic pickup and to surround the first tube with a magnetic shield to prevent electromagnetic pickup. An aluminum shield between the power supply and the audio elements of the first two stages reduced hum to a negligible value. Magnetic and electrostatic shielding, by use of a sheet-steel partition, was found necessary between the first two stages and the driver-power amplifier stages to prevent oscillation and magnetic pickup.

The 6F6 pentode-connected driver and the power amplifier using a pair of 6L6's connected in push-pull class  $AB_2$  are standard in circuit arrangement.

To permit use of the instrument in small classrooms and in the laboratory where a 50-watt audio output is undesirable, switch  $S_*$  is provided so the front end and the auxiliaries can be used separately. This permits use of the counter with no audio output (position 1), with 4-watt output on the local speaker (position 2), with both local and external speaker operated from the power amplifier (position 3), and with all output connected to the external speaker (position 4). The cooling fan for the power stage is also controlled by this switch, so that it is inoperative when not needed.

Coupling of the first two stages to the driver-power amplifier stages is unconventionally accomplished by use of a neon-tube base clipper. With this arrangement, any output surges in the plate circuit of the 6SJ7 that are smaller than the striking voltage of the neon tube are not passed on to the 6F6 driver. Those large enough to fire the neon tube also drive the 6F6 grid strongly positive. This arrangement effectively eliminates hum originating in the first two stages or picked up by them, as well as tube noise and microphonics. In order that the first two stages can

be used independently; leaving the power stage available for other uses, switch  $S_6$  is provided to connect the first stage to either the intermediate jack or the neon coupler. This permits external input to the power stages. Motorboating of the neon tube circuit is prevented by putting a sweaty fingerprint on the bulb base or connecting the capacitor side to ground through a 10megohm resistor as in Fig. 1.

Auxiliary indicators, consisting of a Strobotron flasher and a rate meter, are operated from a parasitic circuit shunted across the driver plate transformer. The Strobotron flasher is entirely conventional, and is powered by a transformerless voltage doubler using selenium rectifiers. Switch  $S_3$  is provided to disconnect this for count rates exceeding about 200 per second. The Strobotron tube is mounted on the panel by means of a tuning-indicator bracket, and the panel hole is rimmed with the accompanying bezel, reamed out to allow full visi-

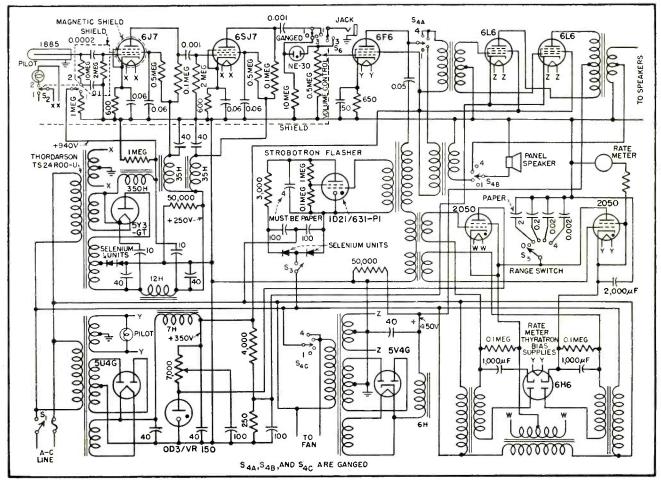


FIG. 1—Counter tube at upper left feeds 5-tube amplifier (top row) having push-pull output stage delivering up to 50 watts to speakers. Six separate power supplies (two using selenium units) serve the amplifier, flasher and rate-meter circuits

bility of the Strobotron flasher.

The rate meter is a thyratron adaptation of the Grinnell recorder, with constants chosen so that the values are in decade relation to each other, position 1 of  $S_5$  being  $10^1$ counts per second, position 2 being  $10^2$  counts per second, etc. A separate filament supply is required for the first thyratron, because its cathode-ground potential exceeds the safe limit for the tube once per count. At high counting speeds, the capacitance of the filament transformer must be considered in evaluating the charging capacitor. Grid bias is provided for each tube by use of a small transformer, one half of a 6H6 diode, and a filter capacitor. About 30 volts of negative grid bias was found desirable in this application. If desired, the 0 position of the switch can be connected to a 20-µf capacitor to provide a one-count-per-second range, provided some improvements are made in the regulated power supply or the rate meter series resistor is changed for this range only.

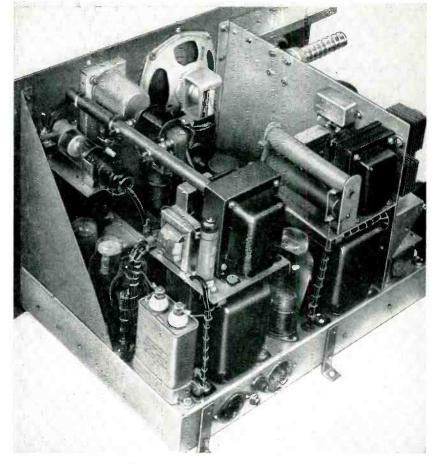
Calibration by formula was found entirely satisfactory<sup>1,2,3</sup>. With the constants shown and a 0-1 d-c milliammeter, the top mark of all ranges will be substantially correct if the total resistance across the  $2,000-\mu f$ smoothing capacitor is about 8,700 ohms.

The transformers feeding the thyratron grids can be any small single-plate-to-single-grid a-f transformers, although counting-rate meter transformers will perform best if they are on the same core,

#### Mechanical Construction

Because this instrument must function satisfactorily in the office and laboratory, must be readily movable from place to place and must work dependably in new locations, preferably without any intervening repair work, special attention was paid to the mechanical construction. To prevent undue flexion in transit, panel and chassis were firmly bolted together, with shields forming angle braces.

To facilitate transportation. strong garage-door handles were firmly bolted to the ends of the case. The back of the chassis was anchored to the back bottom of the case by three angle brackets and bolts.



Driver and power amplifier stages, their power supplies, flasher components and rate meter components. Small fan near speaker operates only when power amplifier is turned on. At right of shielding partition are first two stages and strobotron power supply, with spare counter tube mounted on partition at top. No heat-producing component is boxed in

Vibration of components in transit was minimized by use of tie strips, cabling of leads, and careful anchoring of parts and cables at strategic points.

As constructed, this counter fits conveniently into a standard  $12 \times 12 \times 20$ -inch cabinet, with a 12 x 18-inch panel and a 11 x 17-inch chassis base. Weight is about 65 pounds. By rearranging the components and shaving the factors of safety, reduction in both weight and bulk is possible, at an increase in first and upkeep cost and a loss of dependability. With a smaller volume, cooling also becomes a problem, and packing-factor troubles loom.

#### Performance

Tests of this counter under a variety of conditions, before audiences of various types from engineering groups to casehardened luncheon-club assemblages. disclose that its performance is very effective if accompanied by carefully-prepared lectures, devoid of fumbles.

Sonic output is about 50 watts at 1,000 counts per second, but does not appear to be very loud, perhaps because of the absence of the ordinary background noises. A 50watt lamp, arranged so that it can be plugged into the output and illuminated brightly on demand, was found a desirable lecture adjunct.

Because of the rugged construction and the use of plug connectors, the counter can be brought into the lecture hall, connected, and put into operation in about two minutes, with confidence that it will perform satisfactorily.

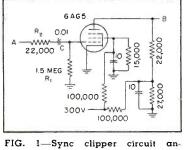
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# Sync Separator Analysis

Response of a sync separation circuit to the nonsinusoidal composite television signal is analyzed. Equations are given for circuit design and calculated values are compared with measured values for monoscope and broadcast test pattern inputs



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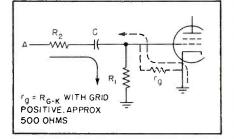


FIG. 2—Solid arrow shows discharge path for C and dashed arrow the charging path

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**C** IRCUITS used for sync separation are not complex in nature but their response to the composite television signal is quite different from that which a conventional sinusoidal analysis would show.

The requirements for an ideal sync separation system are three-fold, namely:

(1) The sync pulses should be entirely free of any video signal or the blanking pedestal.

(2) The horizontal sync pulses should all have the same amplitude and shape; moreover, the vertical sync and equalizing pulses should be consistent in their waveforms also.

(3) A reasonable amount of noise immunity should be achieved in the separating system.

These requirements should be met for all conditions of modulation, percent sync and picture content that are within the FCC requirements.

The sync separation circuit to be

analyzed is shown in Fig. 1. The input signal at point A is a composite video signal with positive sync pulses and the sync pulses alone are obtained at point B. With the proper choice of the constants in the grid circuit, the grid of the 6AG5 will restore in the sync pulse region.

The location of the restoring point in the sync pulse region is dependent upon the ratio  $R_z/R_1$  as will be shown subsequently. The tops of the sync pulses are removed since grid current is drawn during this time, attenuating that portion of the sync above the restoring level by the ratio of  $r_g$  to  $R_z$  (see Fig. 2), while the bottoms of the sync pulses and the video signal are removed since they are below the low cutoff point (-1 to -1.5 v) established by the low plate and screen voltages of the 6AG5.

With the grid of the 6AG5 restoring near the blanking level the noise immunity of this circuit is quite good. However, restoring in this region rather than near the sync tips tends to make the restoring level more critical since changes in the restoring level due to variations in the average video signal or the advent of the vertical sync pulses will cause a variation in the shape or width of the sync pulses at the output of the sync clipper since the sync pulse is trapezoidal rather than rectangular in shape.

The variation due to changes in the average video signal is usually slow enough to be negligible, while that due to the vertical sync pulses may be eliminated by using a large enough coupling capacitor as will be shown later. While increasing Cabove a certain minimum value does not affect the restoring level, it will decrease the immunity of the circuit to some types of noise.

#### Pulse Amplitude

The magnitude of the sync pulses desired at the output of the clipper as well as the size of the input composite signal play a large part in determining how far down from the sync tips we may restore without having video and pedestal present in our clipped sync output. For example, with a 25-v peak-to-peak composite signal at point A with 20-percent sync, or 5 v of sync, we will only have 30 percent, or 1.5 v of sync at the clipper grid if we are restoring 70 percent down.

To keep the sync clean, the cutoff point of the tube, determined largely by the screen voltage, must be closer to zero than -1.5 v, or we must restore closer to the sync tips with perhaps some decrease in noise immunity. With the cutoff point

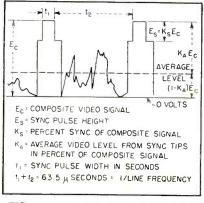


FIG. 3—Composite video signal fed to circuit of Fig. 2

closer to zero the magnitude of the sync pulses in the output will be less.

It is proposed to show a method for calculating the following:

(1) The restoring level at the grid of the clipper tube, assuming for the present that the vertical sync pulses have no effect on this level.

(2) The variations in this restoring level with different values of percent sync in the composite video input signal and with changes in average picture content.

(3) The value of the coupling capacitor above which any increase in capacitance has no effect on the restoring level when the vertical sync pulses are not considered.

(4) The change in restoring level due to the vertical sync pulses with various values of coupling capacitors larger than the value found in item 3 above.

(5) The minimum value of the coupling capacitor to eliminate this change in restoring level during vertical sync pulse time.

#### **Restoring Level**

For these calculations we need only consider that portion of the circuit shown in Fig. 2. For the first three computations the input signal at point A is as shown in Fig. 3. The concept of an average level  $(K_A)$  for the video signal is not strictly rigorous unless we have a constant video signal such as given by a test pattern. Since all measurements made in this article were taken using a test pattern and since the variations in the restoring level from line to line are small, the average level  $K_A$  is taken over a com-

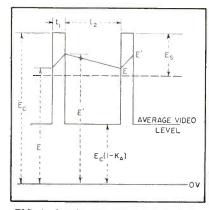


FIG. 4—Idealized input signal used for analysis of the circuit action

plete field for the purpose involved. (1) In calculating the restoring level when neglecting the vertical sync pulses two assumptions are made. Capacitor C discharges between sync pulses through  $R_1 + R_2$ toward the average level,  $E_c$  (1 —  $K_A$ ). We may neglect  $R_2$  as compared with  $R_1$ . Capacitor C is charging during the sync pulses toward the sync tips through  $R_2 + r_g$ . We may neglect  $r_g$  as compared with  $R_2$ .

For purposes of computation, the idealized signal is shown in Fig. 4. Then E and E' represent the charge on capacitor C at the end of the discharge and charge times respectively. Since the voltage across Cat the end of the charge time equals the voltage at the beginning of the sync pulse plus the amount the capacitor is able to charge up, we may write Eq. 1. Similarly, we may write Eq. 2 by noting that the voltage across C at the end of the discharge time is equal to the voltage at the beginning of the discharge minus the amount the capacitor has

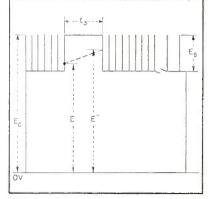


FIG. 5—Idealized waveform during vertical blanking time

discharged during the time interval.

$$\begin{aligned} E' &= E + (E_c - E) (1 - e^{-t_1/R_2C}) \quad (1) \\ E &= E' - [E' - E_o (1 - K_A)] \\ (1 - e^{-t_2/R_1C}) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

To simplify the notation let

$$\frac{t_2}{R_1C} = x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{t_1}{R_2C} = y$$
  
Then  $E' = E_c - (E_c - E) e^{-y}$   
 $= E_c (1 - e^{-y}) + E e^{-y}$  (3)  
 $E = E_c (1 - K_A) + E'e^{-x} - E_c$   
 $(1 - K_A) e^{-x} = E_c (1 - K_A)$   
 $(1 - e^{-x}) + E' e^{-x}$  (4)

It is immaterial whether we solve at this time for E or E' since they are almost equal.

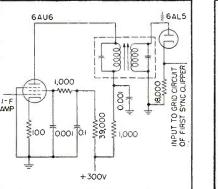
Solving for E by inserting Eq. 3 in Eq. 4,

$$E = E_{c} \left[ 1 - \frac{K_{A} \left( 1 - e^{-x} \right)}{1 - e^{-x} e^{-y}} \right]$$
(5)

To simplify Eq. 5, consider the series

$$e^{z} = 1 + z + rac{z^{2}}{2'} + rac{z^{3}}{3'} + \cdots$$

As long as z is less than 0.1 we may use the approximation  $e^z \approx 1$ + z with an error less than 1 per-



Circuit of narrow-band sync amplifier and sync detector that caused rounding of pulses shown in Fig. 6

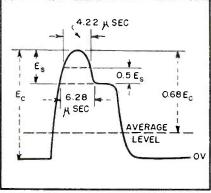


FIG. 6—Horizontal sync pulse at clipper grid with the tube removed from its socket shows rounding

cent. If x and y are less than 0.1,

$$1 - e^{-x} = 1 - \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{x}{1+x}$$
  
and 
$$1 - e^{-x} e^{-y} = \frac{x+y+xy}{(1+x)(1+y)}$$

Let us define  $K_1 = \frac{1 - e^{-x}}{1 - e^{-x} e^{-y}}$ 

$$=\frac{x}{x+\frac{y}{1+x}}$$

If we restrict y to being 0.05 or less we may then approximate with less than a 5-percent error by calling

$$K_1 \approx rac{x}{x+y}$$

Substituting the values of x and y and simplifying,

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R_1 \ t_1}{R_2 \ t_2}} \tag{6}$$

so Eq. 5 becomes

$$\boldsymbol{E} = \boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{c}} \left( 1 - \boldsymbol{K}_A \boldsymbol{K}_1 \right) \tag{7}$$

Let us define the restoring level as  $L = (E_c - E)/E_s$ . Examination of Fig. 4 shows that when this ratio is zero we are restoring at the top of the sync tips and when it is 1 we

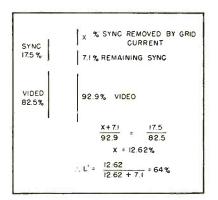


FIG. 7—Sample calculation of measured restoring level

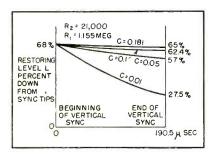


FIG. 8—Exponential change in restoring level during vertical sync pulses with various values of C

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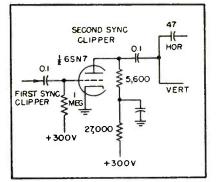
$$L = \frac{K_A K_1}{K_a}$$

(8)

#### Change in Restoring Level

(2) Examination of Eq. 8 shows that the restoring level moves closer to the blanking level with a whiter picture ( $K_A$  increasing) and/or a decrease in the percent sync in the input signal ( $K_a$  decreasing).

(3) Examination of Eq. 6 shows that  $K_1$  is independent of C as long



Circuit of second sync clipper whose output feeds the horizontal discriminator and vertical integrator

as our assumption of y being 0.05 or less holds. This means that for any set of constants  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  the restoring level is independent of Cas long as it is greater than the value given below. This, as stated previously, does not mean that the value of C will not affect the change in restoring level due to the vertical sync pulses.

or 
$$y < 0.05 = t_1/(R_2C)$$
  
 $C'_{\min} = \frac{20t_1}{R_2}$  (9)

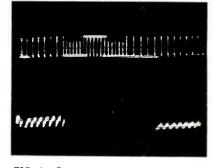
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(4) During the time when the vertical sync pulses are present, capacitor C of Fig. 2 is charging toward the sync tips. This charging time may be assumed to be 3H or 190.5  $\mu$ sec (see Fig. 5). The voltage E'' on the capacitor at the end of the vertical sync pulses is the voltage at the beginning plus the amount the capacitor charges or

 $E'' = E + (E_e - E) (1 - e^{-t_3/R_2C})$ The restoring level at the end of the vertical sync pulses  $L_v$  expressed as percent of sync down from the sync tips is then

$$L_{v} = \frac{E_{e} - E''}{E_{s}} = \frac{(E_{e} - E)}{E_{s}} e^{-t_{3}/R_{2}C} \quad (10)$$

But  $(E_c - E)/E_s = L$ , the restor-



#### FIG. 9—Composite video signal at clipper grid with tube out

ing level considering only horizontal sync pulses. We have therefore

$$L_v = L \ e^{-i_3/R_2 C} \tag{11}$$

Equation 11 shows the change in the restoring level after the vertical sync pulses.

(5) In a manner similar to that in which Eq. 9 was developed we may compute a value of the coupling capacitor C necessary to reduce the change in restoring level after the vertical sync pulses to a 5-percent change.

From Eq. 11,  $e^{-t_3/R_2C} = 0.95$ 

or 
$$\frac{t_3}{R_2 C} \approx 0.05$$
  
or  $C''_{\min} = \frac{20t_2}{R_2}$  (12)

Thus  $C''_{\min}$  is the minimum value of C necessary to eliminate the shift in restoring level caused by the vertical sync pulses.

#### Measured Values

To illustrate all of the above points the components in an actual circuit were measured as 21,000 ohms for  $R_2$ , C of 0.01  $\mu$ f and  $R_1$  as 1.5 megohms. Measurements were made at the sync clipper grid with a suitable oscilloscope to measure sync pulse width and percent sync without excessive loading of the grid resistance  $R_1$ . Since the probe used with the scope had an input impedance of 5 megohms, this is taken into account by using a value of 1.155 megohms for  $R_1$ , the value of a parallel combination of 1.5 meg with 5 meg.

Using an r-f monoscope signal the percent sync was 17.5 percent (K) = 0.175) and the average level measured down from the sync tips was 68 percent  $(K_A = 0.68)$  at the clipper grid with the tube removed. The relatively low percentage of

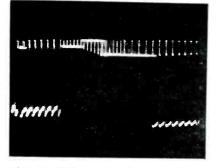


FIG. 10—Composite video signal at clipper grid showing restoring level

sync and the rounding of the sync pulses as shown in Fig. 6 are due to a narrow-band sync amplifier used for greater noise immunity in the particular receiver on which these tests were made. This rounding of the sync pulses makes it more difficult to find the correct value for the charging time,  $t_i$ , so measurements of the sync pulse width were made at the top of pedestal and at 50 percent up toward the sync tips with results as shown in Fig. 6.

With the clipper tube back in the socket the percent sync was 7.1 percent before the vertical sync pulses and 14.0 percent after these pulses. From these readings we may find the measured restoring levels in percent down from the sync tips as shown in Fig. 7. The results are L' = 64 percent and  $L_{v'} = 23.3$ percent.

To calculate the restoring levels we must know  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . When the sync pulses do not have a fast rise time a trial and error method for finding  $t_1$  must be used. When the sync pulses are trapezoidal in shape with a fast rise time a close estimate of  $t_1$  may be made; however this trial and error method should give more accurate results. Let us first assume L = 65 percent. Then interpolating linearly from Fig. 6 for  $t_1$  between the bottom of the sync pulse and the 50-percent point we have  $t_1 = 4.84 \ \mu \text{sec}$  and  $t_2 =$ 58.66 µsec.

Putting the values into Eq. 6,  $K_1 = 0.1805$ . From Eq. 8,  $L = K_1 K_4 / K_s = 70.2$  percent. Since this does not check with our assumed value of L we next assume L = 68 percent and find  $t_1$  to be 4.96  $\mu$ sec and  $t_2 = 58.54$ ;  $K_1$  is now 0.177 and L is 68.7 percent. The calculated value of L is between the two values and may

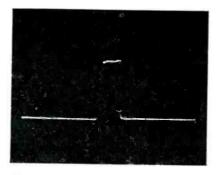


FIG. 11—Horizontal sync pulse before vertical sync pulse, 7.4 μsec wide

be assumed to be 68.4 percent. This compared with the measured value of L = 64 percent. To find the calculated value of  $L_v$  from Eq. 11,

 $L_{t} = L e^{-t_{3}/R_{2}C} = 27.5$  percent.

as compared with the measured value of 23.3 percent.

Checking assumptions of the value of x and y,

 $x = t_2/(R_1C) = 0.0051$  and  $y = t_1/(R_2C)$ = 0.0236.

Since x is less than 0.1 and y is less than 0.05 the assumptions are verified.

#### **Coupling Capacitor**

Using Eq. 9, we may find for particular values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  the value of capacitance above which any increase in capacitance has no effect on the restoring level when the vertical sync pulses are neglected. This value is

 $C'_{\min} = 20t_1/R_2 = 0.0047 \ \mu f.$ 

#### Table I—Calculated and Measured Values

| With 6AG5 Clipper Out                                       | WCBS        | Monoscope |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Percent sync- $K_s$   | 24%         | 17.5%     |
| Average level from sync tips— $K_A$                         | n 66%       | 68%       |
| Width of hor. sync<br>pulse at bottom                       | c 6.74 µsec | 6.28 µsec |
| Width of hor. sync<br>pulse at 50% point                    |             | 4.22 µsec |
| With Tube in Socket   |             |           |
| Percent sync at clippe<br>grid before vertica<br>sync pulse | 10          | 7.1%      |
| Percent sync at clipper<br>grid after vertica<br>sync pulse |             | 14.0%     |
| Measured Restoring Lev                                      | vels        |           |
| Before vertical— $L'$                                       | 56.8%       | 64 %      |
| After vertical— $L'$ ,                                      | 18.0%       | 23.3%     |
| Calculated Restoring Le                                     | evels       |           |
| Before vertical-L   | 53 %        | 68.4%     |
| After vertical-L,   | 21.4%       | 27.5%     |
|   |             |           |

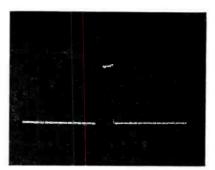


FIG. 12—Horizontal sync pulse after vertical sync, 5.2 µsec wide

The larger the value of C, the less will be the change in restoring level due to the vertical sync pulses. To compute this necessary value of C to reduce this restoring level change to 5 percent from Eq. 12,

$$C''_{\rm min} = 20t^3/R_2 = 0.181 \ \mu f.$$

Figure 8 shows the effect of various values of the coupling capacitor on the restoring level change during the vertical sync pulses. These curves were found using Eq. 11 with  $R_2$  of 21,000 ohms.

As a further check, measurements were made on WCBS with a test pattern. The results of this and the above work are shown in Table I. The calculated and measured values of the restoring levels check well within the accuracy of the measurements.

Shown in Fig. 9 and 10 are photographs of the composite signal at the sync clipper grid with the tube out and with it in. This illustrates the restoring level variations with  $C = 0.01 \ \mu f$ . The photographs of Fig. 11 and 12 show the horizontal sync pulses before and after the vertical sync pulse respectively after another stage of amplification which has widened both pulses slightly.

The sync pulse before the vertical sync pulse is 27.7 percent wider than the one after this pulse; this may cause some trouble in the afc circuit for the horizontal sweep. Figure 8 shows that in order to eliminate this effect the coupling capacitor should be at least 0.1  $\mu$ f when  $R_1 = 1.155$  meg and  $R_2 = 21,000$  even though the noise immunity may suffer somewhat.

The writer thanks Bernard Amos for his comments and encouragement in the writing of this article.

#### VHF Field Intensities (Continued from page 112)

located representing  $(F, D_1)$ , and this point is projected horizontally to a point on scale A.

(2) H is determined and a line is constructed through H and the point on scale A. This line intersects B at some point.

(3) A point representing the frequency and the total distance (F, D) is determined on graph 2, and this point is projected horizontally to scale C.

(4) A line is constructed passing through the points on scales B and C and intersecting scale D.

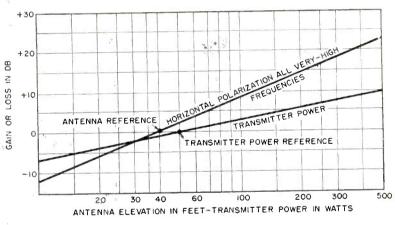
(5) The estimated field intensity in db, referred to one microvolt per meter, is taken at the point where this line intersects scale D.

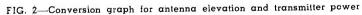
For estimating field intensity over smooth land, scale A is not used and H is taken as being zero.

The transmission estimates made by use of this nomograph are based on standard conditions. The data that are obtained are in general agreement with experience for smooth or mountainous terrain. The factors affecting vhf transmission are both natural (such as meteorological effects, type of soil and surrounding vegetation) and artificial (for example, antenna height, antenna gain, transmitter power and transmission-line loss). The latter items can be taken into consideration when making an estimate and a new equivalent field intensity (equivalent on the basis of a half-wave antenna) can be found.

A sample calculation can be made between locations X and Y by using the profile given in Fig. 1. Assume the following: at the transmitter end a 100-watt 150mc transmitter using a three-element parasitic antenna having a gain of 6 db mounted on a 90foot pole; on the receiving end another three-element 6-db-gain antenna mounted on a 30-foot pole; a combined transmissionline loss of 3 db at both ends. The answer is + 14.5 db.

By comparing the estimated data with the receiver input level







| Frequency Range in<br>Mc   | Equivalent estimated field intensity<br>in db referred to $1 \mu v$ per meter |  |                                      |  |  |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|  | Probably<br>Unsatisfactory  | Questionable   | Probably<br>Satisfactory<br>> + 5db  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{c} 20{-}40\\ 40{-}70\\ 70{-}100\\ 100{-}120\\ 120{-}160\end{array}$ | < -5 db<br>< 0<br>< +5<br>< +10<br>< +10                                      | $ \begin{array}{r} -5 \text{ to } + 5\text{db} \\ 0 \text{ to } + 10 \\ + 5 \text{ to } + 15 \\ + 10 \text{ to } + 15 \\ + 10 \text{ to } + 20 \end{array} $ | > + 10<br>> + 15<br>> + 15<br>> + 20 |  |  |
| 160-220<br>220-260   | < + 15 < + 15   | + 15 to + 20 + 15 to + 25  | $> + 20 \\> + 25$                    |  |  |

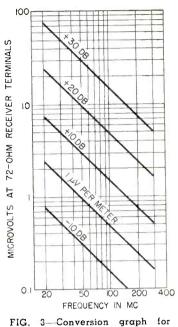


FIG. 3—Conversion graph to receiver input voltage

requirements one can determine whether or not the circuit will be probably satisfactory. For the average receiver the performance can be taken from Table I.

In making the above comparison one must take into consideration the amount of man-made noise present in the receiver area. The above figures are based on average noise conditions but in extremely noisy areas it may be necessary to increase the figures by about 20 db.

In order to compare the above data with receiver sensitivity, it may be desirable to convert field intensity, which is given in terms of db above one microvolt per meter, to microvolts appearing at the receiver terminals. This can be done by means of Fig. 3. This figure assumes a half-wave antenna connected to the receiver terminals (72 ohms input) by means of a zero-loss transmission line. The voltage (for half-wave antennas) appearing on the receiver terminals is 0.32LE where L is the length of the antenna in meters and E the field intensity in microvolts per meter.

For the previous example, + 14.5 db equivalent field intensity at 150 mc corresponds to approximately 1.7 microvolts at the receiver terminals.



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#### **Tubes Control Color Prints**

MANY a company which wanted, say, 100 prints of its product in color for use by salesmen or point of sale displays, has winced when it got the estimate and decided to use black and white prints instead.

Electronic controls, plant air conditioning and improved transfer dyes have proved to be economical investments at Dye-Trans Color Photo Inc., of Oceanside, Calif., which has mechanized the dye transfer process of making color prints to about \$24 a dozen for fullcolor 8 by 10-in. size and much less for larger runs.

Normally, filters are matched visually to the original color by an operator, but in a short time his eyes become tired and lose accuracy. Engineers at Dye-Trans combined an electronic scanner and a densitometer which keeps on judging colors accurately. The color separation and filter selection employs electronic gear which translates its readings into choice of the correct filter. Variations of one percent are the maximum compared with around 25 percent by conventional methods.

Dyes of the type used for fast fabrics prevent early fading of the color prints. Dye-Trans maintains uniform strength by means of electronic gages which can register imperceptible changes as little as one percent. Paper stretch and uniform drying of each matrix used in the color printing is controlled in the interest of exact registry by especially designed drying cabinets with closely regulated temperatures and slowly circulating air which reduces humidity gradually.

By these and other control methods, the new company is turning out prints at the rate of one every four minutes. The number of prints from each set of matrices is being limited to 100, although tests show much higher runs are possible. For subsequent prints, (Continued on p 118)

#### Parallel-Pair Resistance of RMA Values

THE TABLE shown below gives the nominal resistance resulting from putting standard RMA resistors in parallel. Although some values are given to four-figure accuracy, only the first two figures are significant because the RMA resistors making up the pair may have at least fivepercent tolerances.

#### Table of Resistance For Parallel Pairs of Standard RMA Values

|                 | 10   | 12     | 15    | 18    | 22   | 27   | 33           | 39   | 47           | 56           | 68    | 82           |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|--------------|------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------|
| 10              | 5    | 5.46   | 6     | 6.43  | 6.88 | 7.30 | 7.68         | 7.96 | 8.24         | 8.48         | 8.72  | 8.9          |
| 12              | 5.46 | 6,00   | 6.67  | 7.20  | 7.71 | 8.38 | 8.80         | 9.23 | 9.58         | 9.88         | 10.2  | 10.5         |
| 15              | 6.00 | 6.67   | 7.50  | 8.81  | 8.92 | 9.64 | 10.3         | 10.8 | 11.4         | 11.8         | 12.3  | 12.7         |
| 18              | 6.43 | 7.20   | 8.18  | 9.00  | 9.90 | 10.8 | 11.6         | 12.3 | 13.0         | 13.6         | 14.2  | 14.8         |
| 22              | 6.88 | 7,71   | 8.92  | 9.90  | 11.0 | 12.1 | 13.2         | 14.1 | 16.0         | 15.8         | 16.6  | 17.4         |
| 27              | 7.30 | 8.38   | 9.64  | 10.8  | 12.1 | 13.5 | 14.8         | 16.0 | 17.2         | 18.2         | 19.3  | 20.3         |
| 33              | 7.68 | 8.80   | 10.3  | 11.6  | 13.2 | 14.8 | 16.5         | 17.9 | 19.4         | 20.8         | 22.2  | 23.5         |
| 39              | 7.96 | 9.23   | 10.8  | 12.3  | 14.1 | 16.0 | 17.9         | 19.5 | 21.3         | 23           | 24.8  | 26.4         |
| 47              | 8.24 | 9.58   | 11.4  | 13.0  | 15.0 | 17.2 | 19.4         | 21.3 | 23.5         | 25.6         | 27.8  | 29.9         |
| 56              | 8.48 | 9.88   | 11.8  | 13.6  | 15.8 | 18.2 | 20.8         | 23.0 | <b>25</b> .6 | 28.0         | 30.7  | 33.3         |
| 68              | 8.72 | 10.20  | 12.3  | 14.2  | 16.6 | 19.3 | <b>22</b> .2 | 24.8 | 27.8         | 30.7         | 34.0  | 37.2         |
| 82              | 8.91 | 10.47  | 12.7  | 14.8  | 17.4 | 20.3 | 23.5         | 26.4 | 29.9         | 33.3         | 37.2  | 41           |
| 100             | 9.09 | 10.71  | 13.0  | 15.2  | 18.0 | 21.3 | 24.8         | 28.1 | 32.0         | 35.9         | 40.5  | 45.0         |
| 120             | 9.23 | 10.91  | 13.3  | 15.6  | 18.6 | 22.0 | 25.9         | 29.4 | 34.0         | 38.2         | 43.4  | 48.7         |
| 150             | 9.38 | 11.11  | 13.6  | 16 1  | 19.2 | 22.9 | 27.0         | 31.0 | 35.8         | 40.7         | 46.8  | <b>53</b> .0 |
| 180             | 9.47 | 11.25  | 13.8  | 16.4  | 19.6 | 23.5 | 27.9         | 32.0 | 37.3         | 42.7         | 49.3  | 56.3         |
| 220             | 9.57 | 11.37  | 14.1  | 16.6  | 20.0 | 24.0 | 28.7         | 33.1 | 38.7         | 44.6         | 51.95 | 59.7         |
| $\frac{1}{270}$ | 9.64 | 11.49  | 14.2  | 16.9  | 20.3 | 24.6 | 29.4         | 34.1 | 40.0         | 46.4         | 54.3  | 62.9         |
| 330             | 9.71 | 11.57  | 14.35 | 17.1  | 20.6 | 25.0 | 30.0         | 34.9 | 41.1         | 47.9         | 56.4  | 65.7         |
| 390             | 9.75 | 11,64  | 14.44 | 17.26 | 20.8 | 25.2 | 30.4         | 35.4 | 41.9         | 49.0         | 57.9  | 67.8         |
| 470             | 9.79 | 11.70  | 14.53 | 17.34 | 21.0 | 25.5 | 30.8         | 36.0 | 42.7         | <b>50</b> .0 | 59.4  | 69.8         |
| 560             | 9.82 | 11.75. | 14.56 | 17,44 | 21.2 | 25.8 | 31.2         | 36.4 | <b>43.3</b>  | 50.9         | 60.6  | 71.5         |
| 680             | 9.86 | 11.79  | 14.68 | 17.53 | 21.3 | 26.0 | 31,5         | 36.9 | 44.0         | 51.7         | 61.8  | 73.2         |
| 820             | 9.88 | 11.82  | 14.73 | 17.61 | 21.4 | 26.1 | 31.7         | 37.2 | 44.4         | 52.4         | 62.8  | 74.5         |
| 1000            | 9.90 | 11.85  | 14.78 | 17.68 | 21.5 | 26.3 | 32.0         | 37.5 | 44.9         | 53.0         | 63,6  | 75.5         |



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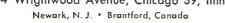
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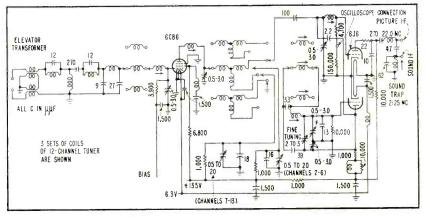
The equipment consists of two coils with cores connected by a bar magnet, a rotary switch, and a small control panel. The coils are imbedded in the lay; the switch is coupled to the loom topshaft. The electronic circuit is, in effect, a switch which closes as a result of the signal transmitted to it when the shuttle, in which a soft iron plate is embedded, passes over the coils. This electronic switch is connected in parallel with the rotary switch, and the two switches are together in series with the braking control of the G-E equipment.

During the sixty-degree interval in which the rotary switch is open, the electronic switch must be closed (signifying proper shuttle travel) for the loom to continue to operate. If the shuttle is late in its flight for any one of several reasons, opening of the rotary switch interrupts current flow to the braking relay and the direct current is applied to the driving motor. The device provides detection early in the loom lay cycle, and at a point where stored energy is low.

#### THE FRONT COVER

**P**HOTO-ETCH PROCESS used in manufacturing the RCA printedcircuit tuner begins with the photographing of the required coil arrangement. A contact print is made from the negative on a copper-clad sheet of phenolic plastic coated with a light-sensitive material. The print of plastic sheet is developed and placed in an etching solution where that part of the copper not covered by the circuit pattern is etched away. The desired copper circuit is left on the plastic sheet. The sheet is then placed in a die, cut into separate sections and pierced for contacts.

**Circuit of Photo-Etch Tuner** 



Complete circuit of the RCA tuner shows the low-pass pi network and m-derived bandpass filter

THE PRINTED-CIRCUIT front end developed by RCA engineers is a turret-type tuner covering television channels 2 through 13, intended for use with stagger-tuned i-f systems such as used in the RCA 8TS30 receiver.

The input circuit consists of a pair of elevator transformers, with terminations for matching the tuner to a balanced 300-ohm line, followed by a high-pass filter section with cutoff at approximately 47 mc, and maximum attenuation at 23.5 mc for i-f rejection. This is followed by the tuned input section, composed of a low-pass pi network with cutoff tuned for each channel, providing gain and selectivity at the grid of the r-f amplifier, and reducing oscillator radiation at the antenna.

Controlled negative resistance has been introduced at the r-f grid to lower the input conductance on the high channels, and to neutralize partially the effects of cathode inductance. The constants and configuration of the pi network are

arranged to provide a varying impedance transfer to the grid, and have been selected to provide optimum noise factor for all channels, rather than perfect impedance match. This compromise favors operation with indoor and built-in antennas.

The output of the r-f amplifier contains a double-tuned *m*-derived bandpass filter with the frequency of maximum attenuation tracked at approximately the image frequency of each channel. Use of the *m*-derived circuit provides high image attenuation and at the same time reduces oscillator feed-through to the r-f amplifier plate.

The circuit configuration and constants and the introduction of negative resistance at the mixer grid are such as to provide essentially constant gain and selectivity on all channels. Adjustable elements have been provided in each circuit to permit alignment for proper characteristics.

The oscillator employs a Colpitts (Continued on p 144)

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#### **Recording Microwave Refractometer**

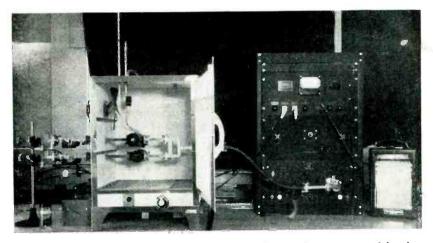
SMALL DIFFERENCES in frequency between two resonant cavities can be accurately measured and recorded by a refractometer recently developed at the National Bureau of Standards. The instrument can be adjusted over a wide band of microwave frequencies for measurements of dielectric constants of lossless gases and changes in the dielectric constant of such gases and very lowloss liquids and solids. Its extremely high sensitivity permits operation with small test samples.

microwave refractometer The should be readily adaptable to manufacture as a field instrument since the components and circuits are straightforward and compact. It has direct application in several fields of research and production, providing a convenient method for continuous monitoring of impurities in gases or liquids and for stron is fed to a T-junction which

rapid testing of small solid samples. It can also be used as an ultramicrometer and to measure the thermal expansion of cavity materials.

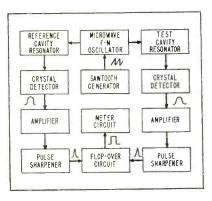
The key operating principle of the refractometer is the comparison of two cavity resonators. A test sample (gas, liquid, or solid) is introduced into one of two otherwise identical cavities. The resultant difference in resonance frequency between the two cavities is then a measure of the dielectric constant of the test sample. Tests have shown that the sensitivity of the present instrument under laboratory conditions is 200 cycles per second at an operating frequency of 9,000 megacycles.

A klystron oscillator is used as a microwave signal source and is frequency-modulated with a sawtooth wave. The r-f output from the kly-



Refractive index of an artifically-controlled atmosphere is being measured by the refractometer. The difference in frequency of the two cavities is measured and recorded

sends equal parts of the signal to the two cavity resonators, one functioning as a test cavity, the other as a frequency reference. The cavity outputs are then fed through identical crystal detectors, amplifiers, and pulse sharpeners as shown in the block diagram. The pulse pairs, repeated at a rate determined by the sawtooth frequency, then go to a trigger circuit. The first pulse turns it on and the second turns it off. The output of the trigger circuit is a rectangular wave with constant amplitude but variable width. The average value of this wave as measured in a meter circuit is then directly proportional to the frequency difference between the two cavities, provided that the on time of the trigger circuit is also directly



Block diagram of recording microwave refractometer

proportional to the frequency difference. The circuits have been designed to give this linear relation between time and frequency.

In calibrating the microwave refractometer, it is desirable to use rare gases such as argon or helium whose dielectric constants have been measured very precisely at optical frequencies. For convenience the reference cavity is equipped with a tuning plunger calibrated in terms of the gas pressure in the test cavity.

The maximum sensitivity achievable by the refractometer is determined by its short-time stability. which depends essentially on background noise. Long-time stability depends chiefly on variations in temperature difference between the two cavities and the drift in center frequency of the klystron with temperature. When long-time stability is needed, both of these effects

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The restriction to low-loss materials is necessary because the present equipment is sensitive to changes in the Q of the test cavity. However, a direct extension of present techniques would avoid this limitation completely and permit simultaneous recording of changes in dielectric constant and loss.

#### **Phototransistor**

THOUGH still in the experimental stage, the Bell Telephone Laboratories' new photoelectric transistor



Phototransistor has a single contact which rests on one side of a thin germanium disc. Light on other side of disc controls current flow

In measuring the dielectric constants of gases it is often convenient to use a flow technique in which a continuous stream of gas is drawn through the test cavity. This method has actually been used in a preliminary experiment to record variations in the dielectric constant of an artificially controlled atmosphere.

Similar measurements of the atmosphere are needed in radio propagation and meteorology. The recording microwave refractometer is now being studied for possible application to measurement of atmospheric refractive index. Such measurements might help to explain how high radio field intensities are produced at great distances by atmospheric scattering and duct processes. Many of the radio observations thus far made at frequencies above 30 megacycles cannot be explained by the ordinary refraction and diffraction calcula-Above 30 megacycles the tions change in refractive index with altitude and the fluctuations in refractive index in any small region of the atmosphere have a direct effect on radio propagation.

is expected to become an important component in the field of electronics.

The extreme compactness of the device is illustrated in the accompanying photograph. Operation of the phototransistor is similar to that of its parent device, the transistor, except that current flow is controlled by light rather than by the current of the emitter. Only one contact, the usual collector, is required, as shown schematically in Fig. 1.

This contact rests in a depression in a disc of germanium at a place where the germanium thickness is only 0.003-inch thick. Varying amounts of light falling on the opposite side of the germanium will cause corresponding variations in the collector current.

In operation, the collector is biased negatively with respect to the peripheral contact through a resistance R. Load power responses of the order of several tenths milliwatt per millilumen can be realized, and light modulation up to 200 kc has been followed with good fidelity.

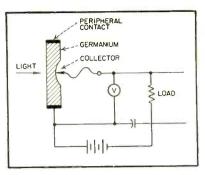


FIG. 1—Schematic representation of phototransitor

Other advantages include low impedance and high sensitivity to the wavelengths emitted by incandescent light bulbs.

#### Wideband Series-Parallel Transformer Design

By VINCENT C. RIDEOUT University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin

SERIES-PARALLEL tuned transformers may be used to match a low-impedance transmission line to a higher impendance line (Fig. 1A), or to give a flat-band connection between a low-impedance line and the capacitive input or output of an amplifier (Fig. 1B). Maximallyflat-response formulas are based upon a filter theory approach which uses the fact that the series-parallel transformer may be put into the (Continued on p 160)

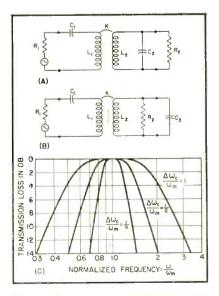
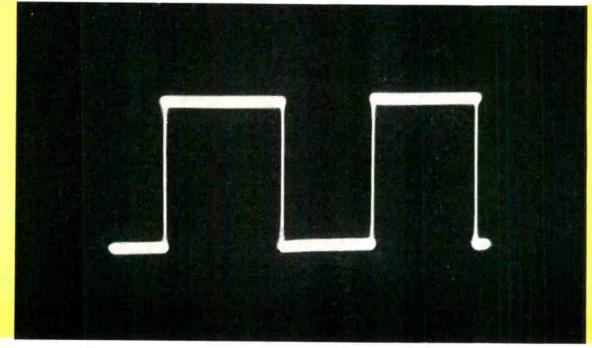


FIG. 1—Series-parallel transformers and normalized response curves for various bandwidth-to-midfrequency ratios

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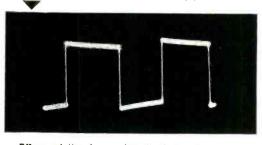


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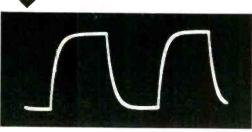


A perfect square wave, photographed by engireers of Allen B. Du-Mont Laboratories, Inc., et the output of a highfrequency amplifier. This is the result of repeated adjustmen and readjustment of a compensated attenuator and peaking coils.

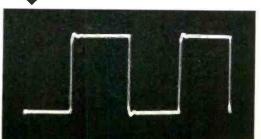
Improper adjustment results in poor low-frequency response. Note tilt in top and bottom flats. Percentage of tilt is a measure of low-frequency response and low-frequency phase shift.



Effect of "under peaking" of high-frequency compensating inductances. Note that rise time of square wave has been distorted so that the leading edge is rounded instead of sharp.



"Over peaking" with extremely fast rise. This produces "ringing" in the leading edge of the square wave.



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## **NEW PRODUCTS**

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Broadcast Engineers Are Offered a Wide Selection of Audio Equipment . . . Long Life and Small Size Continue as Major Factors in Tube Design . . . Current Catalogs and Other Manufacturers' Publications Are Summarized



#### Wide-Range Loudspeaker

JENSEN MFG. CO., DIVISION OF THE MUTER Co., 6601 S. Laramie Ave., Chicago 38, Ill. Model G-610 Triaxial loudspeaker spans the full frequency range of the ear. It actually consists of three distinct and separate loudspeaker units combined into one assembly no larger than a conventional 15-in. speaker and can be mounted in any cabinet or baffle suitable for a 15-in. unit. An electrical crossover network built into a separate chassis unit divides the input into separate bands of frequencies which are fed to the individual speaker units. Frequency response extends to at least 18,000 cycles with exceptional uniformity. Complete technical information is given in data sheet 160.



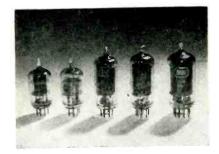
#### Micro-Manometer

CLARKE INSTRUMENT CORP., 910 King St., Silver Spring, Md. Model 179 micro-manometer is particularly adapted to the accurate measurement of pressures in the 5 to 50-micron range. It consists of the sensing unit and a separate sensitive and stable electronic indicator which can be mounted at some distance from the sensing unit. Indication of the pressure is independent of condensable vapor in the system and is read directly from the scale of a 4-in. meter calibrated in 1-micron steps and having a fullscale value of 50 microns.



#### Andio Oscillator

RADEX CORP., 2076 Elston Ave., Chicago 14, Ill. Model 500 audio oscillator was designed to meet the need for a lightweight, compact unit which retains the qualities of an R-C tuned oscillator with a wide range of output frequencies. It is desirable for use in conjunction with distortion meters or where an accurate check is to be made of any electronic circuit. Output is 10 volts into 2,000 ohms; internal impedance, 100 ohms at full output; frequency range, 14.5 to 145,000 cycles in 4 ranges; distortion, 0.25 percent with high impedance loads, 1.0 percent with 2,000-ohm load; power required, 30 watts, 110 volts a-c, 50 or 60 cycles.



#### Miniature Tubes

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Schenectady, N. Y., offers five new types of miniature tubes designed especially for long life and dependable service under conditions encountered in mobile and aircraft service. Type 5749 remote cutoff pentode has a transconductance of 4,400 µmhos and a plate current of 11 ma. The 5750 pentagrid converter for superhet receivers features a conversion transconductance of  $475 \mu$ mhos. Features of the other three are as follows: the 5725 semi-remote pentode has a control grid and suppressor grid useful as independent control elements: the 5726 twin diode features high perveance; the 5686 pentode power amplifier has multiple leads on the cathode and screen grid which facilitate r-f by-passing at high frequencies.



#### Wide-Band D-C Amplifier

FURST ELECTRONICS, 12 S. Jefferson St., Chicago 6, Ill. Model 120 wideband d-c amplifier has been designed to serve as a preamplifier in connection with a-c and d-c oscilloscopes, v-t voltmeters and similar instruments to extend their ranges to smaller signals. It has a frequency response d-c to 100,000 cycles within  $\pm 1$  db, 6 db down at 200,000 cycles. Noise and hum are less than 40  $\mu$ v at maximum gain

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## **HERE'S HOT NEWS FOR YOU!** RAYTHEON FILAMENTARY SUBMINIATURES

## **OFTEN OUTPERFORM HEATER-CATHODE TUBES**

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- 3. They have Low Microphonic Output. Some Raytheon filamen-tary subminiatures actually have less microphonic output than the best heater-cathode types, particularly at frequencies be-low that of filament resonance for which 6000 cycles per second is typical.
- 4. They use Low Operating Power. For example, a voltage gain of 60 db may be obtained with only 0.019 watts of A power and less than 0.0001 watts of B power. Similarly many other electronic functions may be performed with a minimum of power, thus facilitating subminiaturization of equipment by reduction of heat.
- 5. New types are constantly coming along. Raytheon is constantly introducing improved types with new standards of performance. For example consider these filamentary long life types developed for the U.S. Navy.

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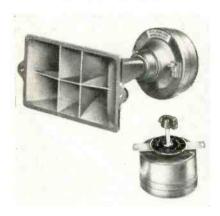
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Remote cutoff 100 mc. penlode. The filament Current is 60 mg. A remole cutoff twin penmole culott twin pen-tode also has been developed for push-pull Class A amplifiers.

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referred to input terminals. Gain is set at 100. Input impedance is 1 megohm for single-ended; 2 megohms for push-pull signals.



#### **Tweeter and Filter**

ATLAS SOUND CORP., 1449 39th St., Brooklyn 18, N. Y. Model HR-2 multicellular tweeter reproducer and high-pass filter is designed for use in connection with any suitable type of cone speaker woofer. The horn, being of six-cell construction, offers a wide-angle distribution pattern and the response is clean and efficient to 15,000 cycles. The unit will handle 25 watts of program material above 1,000 cycles.



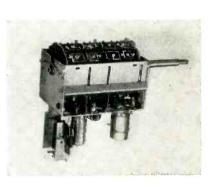
#### Oscillosynchroscope

BROWNING LABORATORIES, INC., 750 Main St., Winchester, Mass. Model ON-5 oscillosynchroscope is designed to provide wide-band amplifier and versatile sweep facilities in a single portable unit. It is well adapted to the study of pulse and transient phenomena and is useful in all conventional oscillographic applications. Vertical amplifier response is flat within 3 db from 5 cycles to 5 mc. The horizontal amplifier is direct-coupled with h-f response extending to 500 kc. Triggered sweep speeds from 1.0  $\mu$ sec per in. to 25,000  $\mu$ sec per in. and recurrent sweeps of 10 to 100 kc are available.



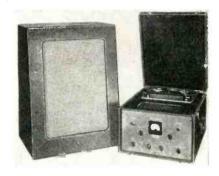
#### **Rectangular Picture Tube**

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y. The 14CP4 rectangular tv picture tube is a 14-in. tube with a useful picture area of 99 sq in. and a neutral density faceplate for increased picture contrast and detail. Its electron gun is designed to be used with an external ion-trap magnet for prevention of ion-spot blemish. Maximum ratings are: anode voltage, 14,000 v; grid no. 2, 410 v; grid no. 1, 125 v negative and 0 volts positive bias.



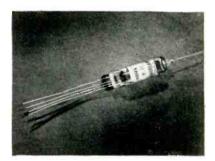
#### **Twelve-Channel TV Tuner**

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Harrison, N. J., has announced the type 206 E3 twelve-channel tv tuner employing printed-circuit coils and rotaryturret switching. The unit is for use with a stagger-tuned picture i-f system having a carrier of 25.75 mc and a sound i-f system having a carrier of 21.25 mc. This tuner provides a voltage gain of between 28.7 and 34.9 db for all channels under typical operating conditions. It is particularly useful in providing improved performance from receivers in fringe areas as well as from those operated with built-in antennas.



#### Tape Recorder

SONAR RADIO CORP., 59 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn 1, N. Y., has introduced the T-10 high-fidelity, high-quality tape recorder for home and semiprofessional use. The power amplifier has inputs for 2 low-gain and 3 high-gain microphones or radio. Frequency response is 20 to 20,000 cps, within 1 db, with a wow and flutter of less than 0.3 percent.



#### Subminiature Pentode

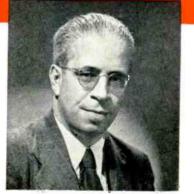
RAYTHEON MFG. Co., 55 Chapel St., Newton 58, Mass., is producing the CK5889 subminiature pentode designed for electrometer applications. Its more important design features are a 7.5-ma low microphonic filament, double-ended construction and a metallic guard ring. Maximum grid current is  $3 \times 10^{-15}$  amperes but the nominal value will be (Continued on p 178)

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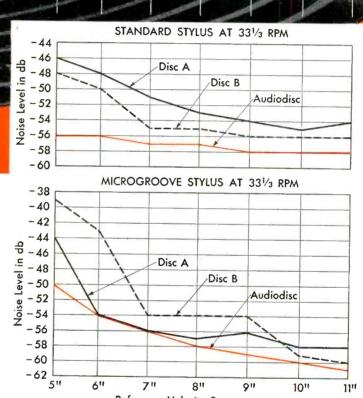
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First was the moisture-resisting lacquer, perfected in 1948. This made all Audiodiscs permanently resistant to humidity – put an end to the "summer troubles" that had plagued the recording industry from the very start. This was followed by his development of the improved, low-surface-noise lacquer-a significant contribution to recording quality.

Mr. Sutheim, a graduate of the Institute of Technology in Vienna, is a chemist of exceptional experience in the field of lacquers and emulsions. He authored "The Introduction to Emulsions" and contributed largely to Dr. J. J. Mattiello's "Protective and Decorative Coating." He has also written many articles on coatings, films, etc., for both French and English periodicals.



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## **NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY**

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#### FCC Organizational Changes

THE Federal Communications Commission has announced the following organization and personnel changes concerning its broadcast engineering work:

The f-m, noncommercial educational (f-m) and facsimile broadcast functions of the F-M Broadcast Division, together with the personnel dealing with those functions, and the functions and personnel of the A-M Broadcast Division, are being placed in a new division to be called the Aural Broadcast Division. James E. Barr is to be chief of this division.

Functions and personnel of the F-M Division concerned with auxil-

iary broadcast (including developmental, remote pick-up, and studiotransmitter services) are being transferred to the Television Broadcast Division.

Cyril M. Braum, chief of the present F-M Broadcast Division, is being made chief of the Television Broadcast Division to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Curtis B. Plummer to chief engineer.

Functions and personnel concerned with international broadcasting are being transferred from the Television Broadcast Division to the immediate office of the chief engineer.

#### **Parts Distributors Show**

OVER two hundred manufacturers exhibited their wares at the 1950 Parts Distributors Conference and Show held at the Hotel Stevens. Chicago, May 22-25. The affair was conducted by Radio Parts & Electronic Equipment Shows Inc. which in turn is sponsored by the Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers (Midwestern sales managers group); Radio Manufacturers Association; Sales Managers Club, Eastern Group; West Coast Electronic Manufacturers Association; and National Electronic Distributors Association.

Credit for the successful affair goes to the show officers: K. C. Prince, general manager; J. J. Kahn, president; W. W. Jablon, vicepresident; L. A. Thayer, treasurer; W. O. Schoning, secretary; and directors Sprague, Golenpaul, Jenkins, Hansen and Howard, plus many other cooperating groups including the Representatives of the Radio Parts Manufacturers Inc.

Exhibits numbering 290 filled the exhibit hall and demonstration rooms on the fifth and sixth floors. Fifty companies showed components and accessories; 28, television antennas; 16, loudspeakers; 12, transformers; 12, electron tubes; plus others exhibiting tape and disk recorders, needles, test equipment as well as all other kinds of parts and equipment.

#### Signal Corps Exhibits at Fort Monmouth

ARMED FORCES WEEK ending May 20, 1950 was celebrated at Fort Monmouth, N. J., Signal Corps Center by open house for both military and civilian visitors. Exhibits housed in tents or in their own mobile trailers were arranged to show a cross-section of the activities in which the various laboratories are engaged. Nearly 60,000 visitors were estimated to have seen the hundreds of standard equipments, prototypes and mock-ups displayed.

One tent housed a historical display that traced the rise of the Signal Service from Civil War days. Besides documents relating to the founder, Gen. Myers, an Army surgeon, there were several equipment firsts, including Major Armstrong's superheterodyne built in France during the first World War.

In direct contrast were the Watson Laboratory developments in



This new inflateable rayon radome displayed at Fort Monmouth is selfsupporting and therefore requires less radaropaque material. Once inflated, it requires only as much pressure as that generated by the conventional tanktype vacuum cleaner. Its purpose is to protect the pedestal and antenna of radar set against Arctic cold

high-definition radar suitable for airport ground surveillance and a cloud-height finder to show graphically the thickness and elevation of a cloud layer directly overhead.

In the field of communications, one striking development is a vhf 1-kw amplifier that automatically tunes itself to the frequency of the 100-watt driving signal and matches its output into an antenna.

Other exhibits included the MARS network station K2USA, radar with moving-target indicator, long-range navigation equipment, rocket telemetering devices, improved power supplies, arctic shelters and a teletypewriter repair school.

#### RCA Expands Tube Manufacturing

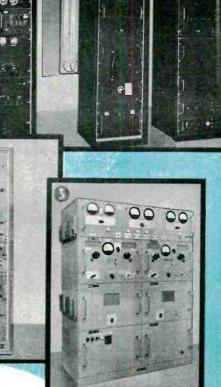
PURCHASE of a new building by RCA provides an extra 126,000 sq ft of space to expand electron tube manufacturing facilities at its Harrison, N. J., plant. This highlights a major program of expansion (of plant facilities, machinery and personnel) by the RCA Tube Department to meet increased requirements of the television and electronic industries. Over 500 additional people will be employed at the new building.

Currently, all of the company's tube plants—at Indianapolis, Lancaster, Marion and Harrison—are





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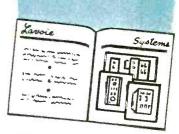
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RCA'S new Harrison tube plant

running at full capacity and progressively achieving new all-time highs in the volume of their output. All are working on extended-hour, extra shift schedules, and collective employment is at its peak.

#### **Electronic Aero-Aid Tests**

FIELD operations were recently completed at Hill Air Force Base near Ogden, Utah, on a comprehensive evaluation of a new electronic aid to air navigation. This evaluation has been carried out jointly by engineers of Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, N. Y., and of Aero Service Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa., assisted by several government agencies, including the U. S. Air Force and the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

The tests were carried out under a contract between the All-Weather Flying Division of the USAF and AIL as prime contractor. Aero Service Corp., as subcontractor, was responsible for certain phases of the work. The basic planning of the tests was done by the Air Navigation Development Board, a governmental board having general cognizance over the development of aids to air navigation. The board consists of representatives from CAA, the Air Force, the Army and the Navy.

The principal equipment which was tested is the Visual Omnidirectional Range, or VOR. The VOR station located just west of Ogden was selected for these tests as being typical of a valley installation in mountainous terrain. Previously, the same group had tested the VOR stations located at Philipsburg, Pa., and at Patuxent River, Md. These sites were chosen as typical of a mountain-top installation and of a flat-land installation, respectively.

During the tests a C-47 aircraft was tracked by shoran (Short

#### MEETINGS

- JUNE 26-30: Annual Meeting and 9th Exhibit of Testing Apparatus and Related Equipment, Hotel Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.
- JUNE 26-JULY 22: Summer Electronics Symposium (Microwave Electron Tubes), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- JULY 24-AUG. 19: Summer Electronics Symposium (Semiconductor Electronics), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- JULY 24–27: Conference on Ionospheric Physics, The Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.
- AUG. 27-31: NEDA National Convention and Exhibition, Cleveland Public Auditorium. Cleveland, Ohio.
- Aug. 28-31: APCO National Conference, Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio.

Range Navigation), a war-developed aid to precision blind bombing. At intervals, photographs were taken of an array of instruments which could then be interpreted at some later time. In the course of the tests of the Ogden VOR some 22,000 pairs of photographs were taken of the two instrument panels. Altogether, 55,000 pairs of photographs were made.

In addition to the VOR equipment, a special distance measuring equipment or DME was tested. This equipment provides the aircraft pilot with a simple direct visual reading of his distance away from the VOR-DME station, while the VOR provides similar information of his magnetic bearing from the station.

A considerable number of VOR stations have been installed and are being operated throughout the U. S. by the CAA. These are coming into use by military, commercial and private aircraft. The DME feature, while not a part of the present stations, will become one within the next few years. For these tests, a special experimental model equipment was installed at each of the sites tested. It is anticipated that as these newer facilities come into SEPT. 11-23: URSI Ninth General Assembly, Zurich, Switzerland.

- SEPT. 13-15: 1950 IRE West Coast Convention and 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.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 8: Third Annual National Television & Electrical Living Show, Chicago Coliseum, Chicago, Ill.

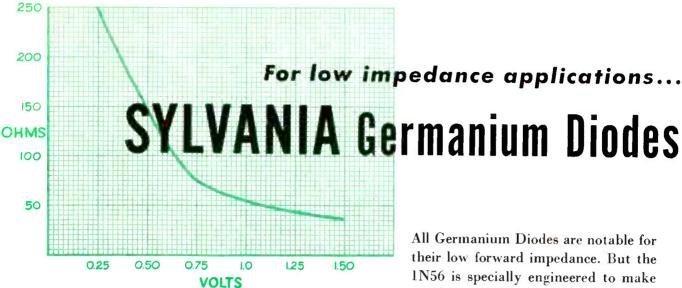
- OCT. 3-5: AIEE District No. 2 Meeting, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md.
- OCT. 23-27: AIEE Fall General Meeting, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.

widespread use, the older and less versatile low-frequency four-course ranges will be retired from use.

#### **UHF Experiments Planned**

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN, Colorado, has been selected as the most suitable site for a series of uhf radio experiments conducted by the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards. The transmitters placed on this point (9,300 feet above sea level) will be used in obtaining the information radio propagation needed for the development of systems of air navigation, air traffic control and aircraft communication. Measurements will be made over a simulated aircraft-to-ground radio propagation path by use of sensitive receiving stations located on a radial path extending eastward to distances of about 400 miles.

The research is undertaken as one of the many services of the Laboratory to all users of radio, including the Department of Defense, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the Federal Communications Commission and other government agencies, as well as the radio indus-(Continued on p 202)



Typical 1N56 Resistance Characteristic

**1N56 DIODE** with a potential of +1volt will pass a current of 15 ma. or more. With a potential of -30 volts, less than 300 µa. will flow.



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## **NEW BOOKS**

#### Recent Advances in Radio Receivers

BY L. A. MOXON. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1949, 183 pages, \$3.75.

ABOUT half of this book is devoted to one of the most important concepts in present-day receiver design -that of noise factor. Its applications to minimum noise factor design of amplifiers and mixers are covered along with procedures for measurement of noise factor. The remainder of the book is a miscellaneous collection of odds and ends which the author has apparently studied and used. Chapter titles are selfexplanatory: Intermediate Frequency Amplifiers; Trends in Practical Receiver Design; Some New Kinds of Receivers; Some New Circuit Tricks.

Unfortunately, the style wanders between conciseness and looseness. A number of unfortunate typographical errors (such as in the basic definition of noise factor) and poor use of the English language (as in a sentence using "very high bandwidths and ... narrow bandwidths" as a parallel construction) detract from the utility of the book. However, in spite of the many criticisms that may be leveled at the author for his errors, there are

#### RELEASED THIS MONTH

- Electronics Engineering Master Index 1947-1948; Electronics Research Pub. Co., New York; \$19.50.
- Electronic Navigation; Leonard M. Orman; Weems System of Navigation, Annapolis; \$4.50.
- Electronics—Principles and Applications; Ralph R. Wright; Ronald Press; \$5.50.
- Electronic Valves (Philips Technical Library); Elsevier Pub. Co., New York; Book II, \$2.75; Book III, \$1.90; Book IV, \$5.00.
- Questions and Answers in Television Engineering; Rabinoff and Wolbrecht; McGraw-Hill; \$4.50.

many examples of clear thinking on his part, which bring out points in the noise factor concept not always appreciated by receiver designers. The first half of the book is worth-while reading for anyone associated with the subject. The second half of the book reads like a review article for a magazine and contributes nothing of consequence.

A book of about the level of the first half of the book reviewed, and of about the same size, devoted entirely to the concept of noise factors and its impact on modern receiver design, would be welcomed. Moxon has tried to fill this need, but has not quite succeeded.—MATTHEW T. LEBENBAUM, Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, N. Y.

#### Aerials for Metre and Decimetre Wavelengths

By R. A. SMITH. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1949, 218 pages, \$3.75.

THIS volume is one of the Modern Radio Technique Series which deals with the advances made in Great (Continued on p 134)

## BACKTALK

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#### Automatic Focusing

#### DEAR SIRS:

SINCE I MISSED Mr. Kallmann's IRE presentation, your story in the April issue on Optar is a very welcome substitute, especially because the subject matter is one that has also engaged my attention.

Some four years ago, I submitted to the Bureau of Ships (Navy Department), for certain radar applications, an almost identical method of automatic image focusing. This was based upon some original experimental work of about 15 years ago, in which the image field was scanned laterally by a lens, which was also given an axial motion sufficient to vary the focus within the required range; a photocell and a small optical aperture completed the arrangement. When in sharp focus, the highlights and shadows produce abrupt discontinuities in the rapidly changing illumination of the photocell, whose amplified a-f output is heard as a strong band of random noises. With out-of-focus, fuzzy images, the illumination discontinuities are gradual or hardly discernible, so that the signal noise is weak and in a lower frequency band. Suitable responders provided the focusing control.

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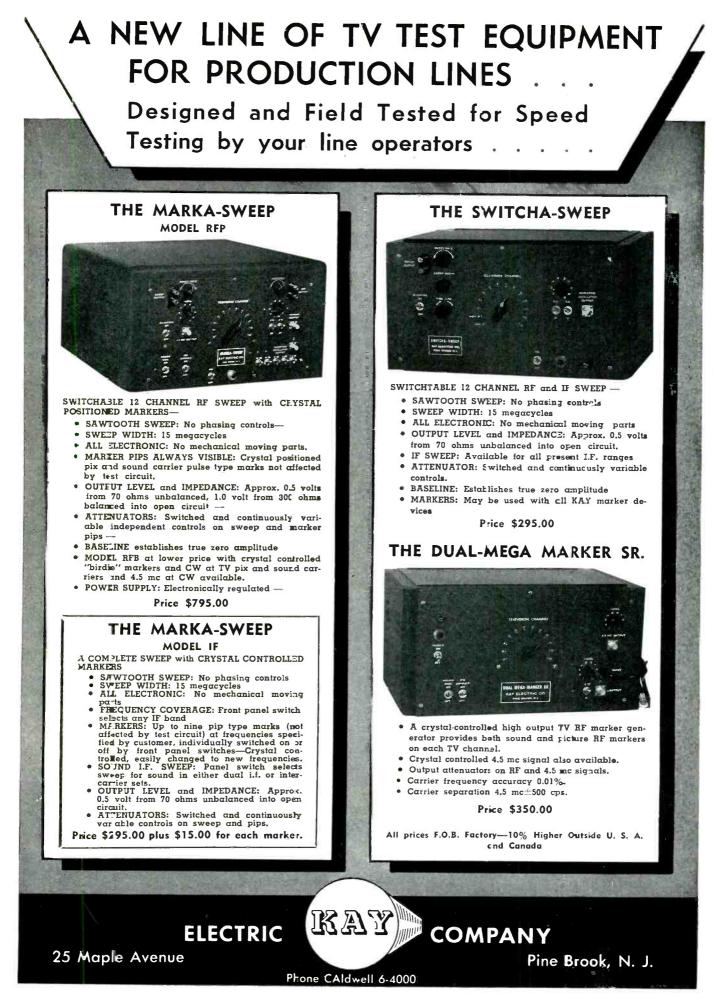
B. MIESSNER Miessner Inventions, Inc. Morristown, N. J.

#### **Industrial Revolution?**

#### DEAR SIRS:

LET ME be one of the readers (and I'll bet it will be many times the five you specified) to urge the publication of the electronic problems series proposed in the "Quiz" paragraph in the March, 1950 issue.

While commenting on Crosstalk I should like to call your attention to the article on "Egg Processing Equipment" in Tubes at Work, same issue, in connection with your paragraph on cybernetics, (Continued on p 208)

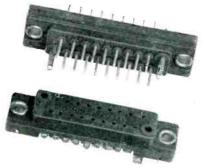


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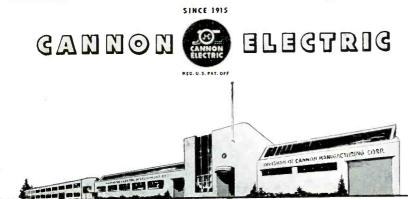
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Britain during the war. The author discusses the theory and technique of antennas for the wavelength range between 12 meters and 10 cm, and deals primarily with linear antennas and dipoles.

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Chapter 5 discusses reflectors and directors and their effect on the polar diagram and input impedance. Chapters 6 through 14 deal with the applications and techniques of antenna design which have been selected to illustrate the general principles. These applications include receiving and transmitting antennas for low-frequency radar, aircraft antennas, wide-band antennas and slot antennas. The applications are selected mainly from British experience.

Dr. Smith closes his book with a short chapter on antenna noise and its effect on the receiver. The book is written in a very readable fashion and has a fairly complete list of references. It is recommended to those engineers who have occasion to design or use antennas. —HENRY JASIK, Airborne Instruments Laboratory.

#### **Cathode-Ray Tube Traces**

BY H. M. Moss. Published by Electronic Engineering, 28 Essex Street. Strand, London, W. C. 2, England, 66 pages, 10/6.

THE MAIN purpose of this book is to analyze the more common cathode-ray tube traces by means of the geometrical theory of the pattern. The text is chiefly mathematical derivations of the formulas of the more common waveshapes, with little attention given to the production of the waveform or the specific

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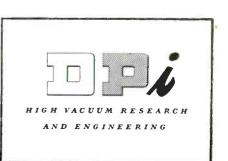
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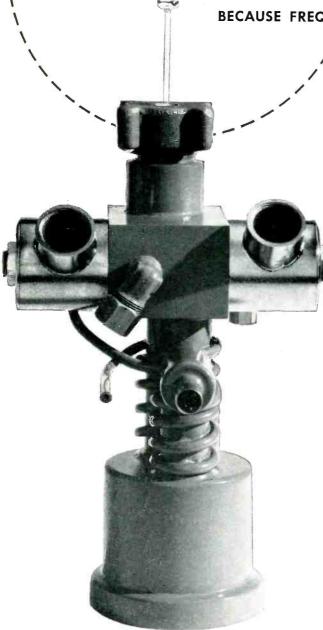
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circuit from which it was obtained. This is a novel approach and certainly worthy of the engineer's attention.

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Chapter 1 is devoted to the basic theory of the Lissajous figure and its geometric derivation. Various cases are discussed and the formulas for determining phase angle and frequency ratio are derived.

Chapter 2 is concerned with straight-line time bases, covering both sinusoidal and linear time bases. The same mathematical treatment is accorded to every topic. Chapter 3 covers the other types of time bases, chiefly circular and spiral.

Chapter 4 deals with Fourier analysis of complex waveforms, with considerable attention given to the subject of beats. Chapter 5 discusses amplitude-modulated waves, giving a careful distinction between modulated waves and beats.

This book may be summarized as being an excellent and careful mathematical text for the engineer specializing in oscillography. It is well written, and judiciously illustrated with very excellent oscillograms.—J. H. RUITER, Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Instrument Division, Clifton, N. J.

#### The Recording and Reproduction of Sound

BY OLIVER READ. Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, 1949, 364 pages, \$5.00.

THIS is a book written more from the point of view of the technician than that of the engineer. It begins with a brief discussion of sound waves, the ear and music, followed by a chapter on the history of acoustical recording. The historical material, although incomplete, is fascinating reading for anyone interested in the field of the storage and reproduction of music. Basic methods of recording are then considered as a group, with subsequent individual chapters on disk and magnetic recording. Microphones

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and loudspeakers are treated, and considerable material on pickup devices and tone-arms is given.

Although perhaps not an outstanding contribution to the literature of electrical sound recording and reproduction from the engineer's point of view, the book contains much useful material for the technician and for the enthusiast who is interested in phonograph recording and reproduction. It brings together in one set of covers information which until now has largely been scattered through back issues of periodicals and various instruction manuals.

The opinions or assertions contained in this review are those of the reviewer, and are not to be construed as official or reflecting the views of the Department of the Navy.—EMERICK TOTH, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

#### Facsimile

BY CHARLES R. JONES. Murray Hill Books, Inc., New York, 1949, 422 pages, \$6.00.

A FEW steamship catastrophes in the early years of the century provided a stimulus that did much to advance the cause of wireless, even though the average person never experienced first-hand contact with the science. Facsimile has had no such favorable opportunity. In an age when the telephone is used increasingly over the telegraph and spot news over the radio competes with the printed word, one wonders what chance facsimile has against television for more than a few special uses. It may well be that Ultrafax, a facsimile system utilizing television techniques, is the trend. Only time will provide the answer.

However this may be, anyone interested in the story of facsimile, how it works and what the commercial equipment is like will find much to interest him in this book.

It describes in detail eight commercial systems with many details of the transmitting apparatus, receiving apparatus, transmission facilities and synchronizing means, and even includes a considerable number of pages of service notes. Other chapters cover the application of facsimile to various services,

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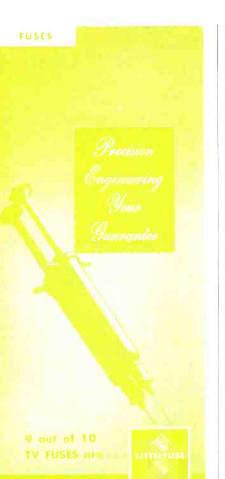
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the existing standards and broadcasting.

In the first chapter, the author gives a brief but excellent history of the art. The references cited are wholly patent numbers rather than technical articles. Of course, only a very small number of the total patents on the subject are cited, but it does emphasize the author's story of the important inventions in this science.

Radio engineers will be disappointed in not finding much material on bandwidth requirements and comparisons with such other communication methods as the celetypewriter and television. Also, little is included on the economics of facsimile and no information on the number of transmitters and receivers in use at the present time. Except in Chapter I, there are no references. The book itself, however, will be a valuable reference as to what facsimile was like in 1949.

The text is generously provided with pictures, charts and circuit diagrams and a comprehensive glossary.—W. C. WHITE, General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

#### THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

OCEAN ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. Revised Edition (1949), CG 157. Available from U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 73 pages papercovered, \$50. Details of loran, radiobeacon and radarbeacon systems, radio direction-finders and radar ship equipment, prepared by the U. S. Coast Guard to answer inquiries received on these subjects. Included are advisory minimum specifications for marine radar, loran and d-f equipment.

A MEASURE FOR GREATNESS. By David O. Woodbury. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1949, 230 pages, \$4,00. Short biography of Edward Weston, electrical inventor and co-founder of the instrument company bearing his name. Emphasis is placed on the many personally prosecuted patent infringement suits, mostly around the turn of the century, that are described in fascinating humaninterest anecdotes by the author and concluded thus: "His judgment was sound : in every case, by intense application and the devotion of all his time and strength, he won. Finally he stood on top, having beaten small fry and giants alike, and made the Weston Electrical Instrument Company the unassailable lender in its field."

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO MAP. American Radio Relay League, West Hartford, Conn. Revised edition, 1950, 30 by 40 inches, four colors, on heavy map paper, \$2.00. Modified equidistant azimuthal projection of the world centered on Wichita, Kansas. allowing distance measurements and great circle bearings of reasonable accuracy between points in U. S. A. and the



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AUTHOR'S GUIDE FOR PREPARING MANUSCRIPT AND HANDLING PROOF. Prepared and Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1950, 80 pages, \$2.00. Suggestions that simplify writing and handling of technical book manuscripts and revising existing editions.

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONIC CONTROL. By W. D. Cockrell. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1949, Second Edition, 385 pages, \$4.00. Revised to cover closedcycle control or regulating systems, new counting circuits and new instrumentation and control equipment. Questions have been added after chapters and illustrations changed over to ASA symbols for L and C.

EFFECTIVE TEACHING. By Fred C. Morris. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1950, 86 pages, paper-covered, \$.60. Manual for engineering instructors, covering planning and organization of instruction, instructional aids, conducting classes, testing and grading, and instructor selfappraisal and selfimprovement.

AN INDEX OF NOMOGRAMS. Compiled and edited by D. P. Adams. Published jointly by The Technology Press and John Wiley & Sons, 1950, 174 pages, \$4.00. Compilation of approximately 1,700 alignment diagram references in all fields of engineering and science, of which 211 deal with electricity, electronics and radio.

OPERATION AND CARE OF CIR-CULAR-SCALE INSTRUMENTS. By James Spencer. Instruments Pub. Co., Pittsburgh, 1949, 90 pages, \$1.50. Tools. equipment and procedures for taking meters apart, making repairs and assembling again are described and illustrated, with separate trouble charts for d-c instruments and a-c instruments. Wattmeters, frequency meters, power-factor meters and synchroscopes are also covered.

VADE-MECUM. Published by P. H. Brans, Ltd., Antwerp and distributed in North America by Editors and Engineers, Ltd., Santa Barbara, Calif. New 8th edition, 1950, 508 pages, \$3.20. Compilation of characteristics of over 15,000 different types of tubes in use throughout the world. New data not in previous editions was supplied by 247 tube manufacturers. New types listed include nonodes, transducers, accelerometers, phasitrons, crystal diodes and transistors. Military types used by the British, American, Australian, French, German, Italian, Russian and Japanese armed forces are included.

TRANSIENT PERFORMANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS. By Reinhold Rüdenberg, Gordon McKay, Prof. of E. E., Harvard Univ. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1950, 832 pages, \$12.00. Enlarged edition in English of classic German text dealing with phenomena in lumped networks and covering the reaction of electric circuits and their associated machines and apparatus to any nonstationary influence. Traveling waves on lines with distributed parameters are to be treated in a separate book. Communication problems are excluded but many of the solutions given can be applied to that field.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING MAS-TER INDEX 1947-1948. Electronics Research Pub. Co., New York, 1950, 339 pages, \$19.50. Third volume of its type (previous ones covered 1925-1945 with 15,000 entries and 1946 with 7,500 entries), with many more publications indexed this time and with patents and declassified documents now included to give a total of over 18,000 entries for the two years. Cumulative cross-index is included, covering all three volumes.

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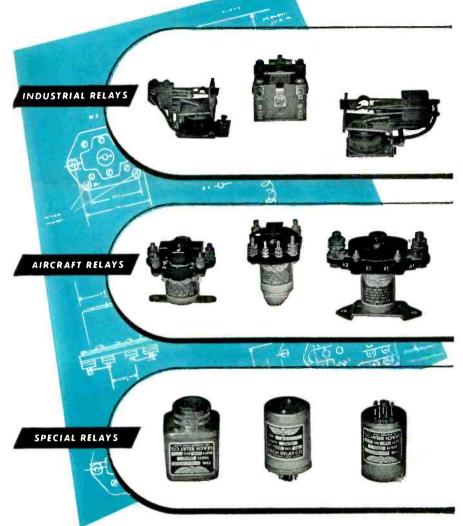
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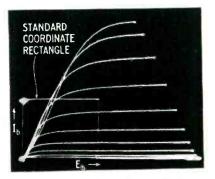


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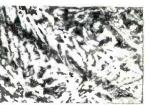
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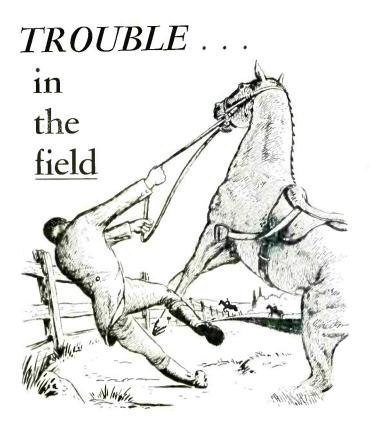


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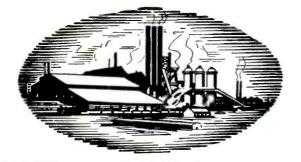
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When the sawtooth plate sweep signal is most negative, the master oscillator sends a pulse into a pulse former. Pulses from the pulse former then operate a step counter to provide a fixed bias voltage for the grid of the tube under test, successively becoming more positive. Each time the plate voltage is driven negative the grid bias voltage rises to a new level. These stepwise increasing bias voltages are fed through a video divider which reduces their amplitude to the desired level.

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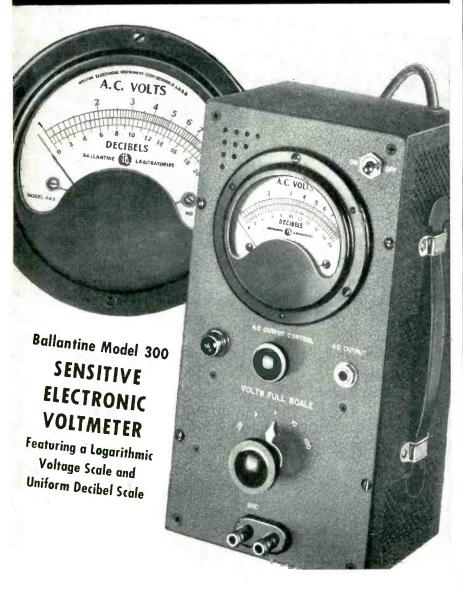


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#### **Checking Crystals**

By P. O. FARNHAM Aircraft Radio Corp. Boonton, N. J.

MAINTENANCE and repair of military aircraft radio communications equipment in large quantities has evolved a means of checking crystals with a fundamental frequency in the region between 6 and 13 mc are considered. The equipment, the frequencies and the procedures can be modified slightly to include many other applications.

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Direct frequency calibration is provided on the tuning dials of the receivers and the two tunable oscillators. Headphones and an output meter are used to indicate beat-frequency output from a receiver.

Before making measurements, the 1,000-kc crystal frequency of the substandard (5th harmonic) is checked against the 5-mc standard frequency signal from WWV by feeding both these signals to receiver 1 tuned to 5 mc. The 100-kc substandard intervals are next checked with receiver 2 in the beatfrequency condition. Beats should be observed only at each 100-kc scale line of the receiver dial.

With receiver 2 set nearly to zero beat on an even 100-kc mark (for example, 8 mc) the 10-kc intervals are then switched on in the substandard. The same beat frequency should be observed. As the receiver is tuned slowly towards 8.1 mc, it should be possible to count ten beats. Leaving the receiver near zero beat at the tenth count, the

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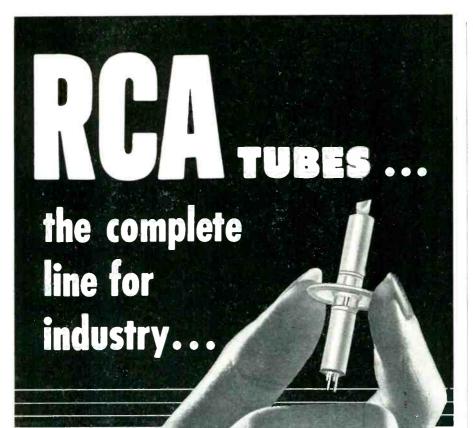
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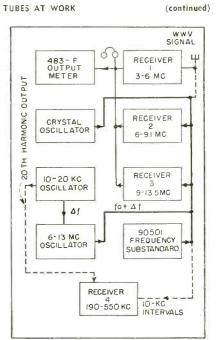


FIG. 1—Complete setup of receivers and oscillators for crystal calibration

100-kc interval is again switched in from the substandard. The beat frequency tone remains the same.

#### Measurement Method

The method of measurement of crystal oscillator frequency can be most clearly followed with a numerical example. Receiver 2 is used for crystal frequencies from 6 to 9 mc, receiver 3 for crystal frequencies from 9 to 13 mc. Assume that the frequency indicated on the nameplate of the crystal is 7,361.1 kc, which will be called  $f_c$ . Using receiver 2, set the 6–13 mc oscillator accurately to the substandard 10-kc harmonic that lies somewhere between 10 and 20 kc below  $f_c$ .

In this example, the oscillator will be set to 7,350 kc and this frequency will be called  $f_o$ . The 10–20-kc oscillator is then turned on to modulate the 7,350-kc output and produce an upper sideband output adjustable from 7,360 to 7,370 kc.

The frequency of the 10-20-kc oscillator will be called  $\Delta f$ . The value of f is adjusted to produce zero-beat in the receiver output between the crystal and the upper sideband frequency of the 6-13 mc oscillator. The true crystal frequency f is obtained by adding the values of  $f_{\circ}$  and  $\Delta f$ .

The output-meter is used as a zero-beat indicator when bringing the 6-13 mc oscillator to zero beat

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with the desired 10-kc harmonic of the substandard. To establish the modulation frequency  $\Delta f$  of the 10-20-kc oscillator it is necessary to beat the crystal frequency and the modulated output of the 6-13-mc oscillator together in receiver 2.

The 10-20-kc oscillator is tuned approximately to 11.1 kc (for this case the value of  $f_{c}-f_{o}$ ). Near this setting and with the receiver gain reduced to prevent pickup of an undesired sideband output ( $f_{o} + 2 \Delta f$ ) a relatively clean beat output tone of low frequency should be obtained from the receiver. This signal corresponds to pickup of the desired sideband output ( $f_{o} + \Delta f$ ). It is distinguished from pickup at the undesired sideband by being free of extra, high-frequency beat components.

The receiver should be tuned to maximum beat output and then the 10-20-kc oscillator adjusted for zero-beat output using the output meter. If this reading of  $\Delta f$  should come out 11.65 kc, this value will then be added to 7,350 ( $f_{\circ}$ ) giving an actual crystal frequency f of 7,361.65 kc. The error ( $f_{-}f_{\circ}$ ) based upon the value stamped on the crystal holder will then be + 0.55 kc or the percentage error will be + 0.00748 percent.

If the actual crystal frequency f should be such that zero-beat setting of the 10-20 kc oscillator lies off its tuning range, it will be necessary to re-establish the setting of the 6-13-mc oscillator.

Suppose the actual crystal frequency f had been 7,359.3 kc instead of 7,361.65 used in the example. It would then be necessary to tune the 10–20-kc oscillator to a  $\Delta f$  value of 9.3 kc.

Since this value is not attainable,  $f_o$  (the 6-13-mc oscillator) must be reset to a new lower value of 7,340 kc. The value for  $\Delta f$  will then be 19.3 kc.

Similarly, if the actual crystal frequency were much higher than its nameplate value, it would then be necessary to reset the 6-13-mc oscillator to a new higher value of 7,360 kc. In either case, the actual frequency of the crystal is given by  $f = f_{\circ} + \Delta f$ .

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#### **Thermistor Thermostats**

BY ALBERT H. TAYLOR Radio Ranch Alamosa, Celorado

THERMISTORS, a type of semiconductor with large but stable negative temperature coefficient, are now manufactured in numerous types for a variety of purposes. Many of them are inexpensive, and a few types are available from war surplus sources. Because of the sensitivity and quick response of some thermistors, they are particularly suitable for thermostat and remote thermometer applications.

The accompanying two circuits were designed for simplicity and low cost, and are used to control refrigerators. They could easily be adapted to other thermostatic applications. In both, the thermistor is excited by a-c to avoid polarization, and the thermistor dissipation is kept low enough so that with the thermistor in air there is no noticeable heating error. More excitation could be used in water. The thermistor used is in each case a Western Electric V-514.

The simpler circuit of Fig. 1 uses a small thyratron with a-c anode supply and d-c grid bias upon which the a-c signal from the thermistor is superimposed. The tripping temperature is adjusted by setting the grid bias with  $R_s$ . This thermostat holds the temperature of a domestic refrigerator within one degree at about 5 C.

In this application the sole drawback is radio interference. The interference did not disturb a good communications receiver at 5 to 18 mc in the same room, but it is severe on a broadcast receiver. Enclosure in a shielded box with all leads filtered and bypassed to a good ground would be necessary to eliminate this disturbance.

The circuit of Fig. 2 employs an a-c bridge, and a-c amplifier stage, a differential detector, and a sharpcutoff d-c keying amplifier. The bridge is excited at 60 cycles from the same transformer winding

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which heats the tubes, and the center leg of the differential detector is excited from the 60-cycle line through an ordinary plate-togrid interstage transformer used stepping down.

The sensitivity is about the same as that of the thyratron circuit and no radio interference has been observed. The tripping temperature is adjusted by varying the bridge arm adjacent to the thermistor.

#### Design Considerations

The resistance of a thermistor at any temperature can be calculated by the equation  $R = Ae^{B/T}$  where A and B are constants and T is the temperature in degrees Kelvin, that is to say, 273 degrees plus the temperature in degrees centigrade. If A and B are given, the resistance can be calculated for any temperature with the help of a table of exponential functions (such as that in the Smithsonian Physical Tables) or the log-log scale on certain sliderules

To determine the constants of an unknown thermistor one can measure its resistances  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  at two temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  and solve for A and B the two simultaneous equations  $R_1 = A e^{B/T}$  and  $R_2 =$  $Ae^{B/T_2}$ . The solution, using natural logs, is

and

$$B = \frac{T_1 T_2}{T_2 - T_1} \ln \frac{R_i}{R_2}$$

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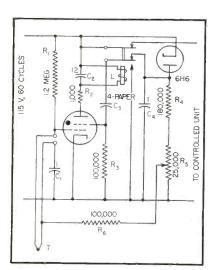
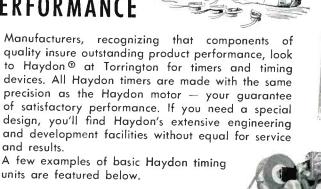


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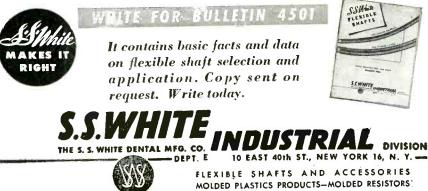




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ferred depends upon the application and the operating temperature. The V-514 is embedded in glass for immersion in liquids, but nevertheless follows very quickly a sudden change in temperature, making 0.9 of its total resistance change in one second. It is intended for rapid, accurate calorimetry and resistance thermometry and is really too good for a refrigerator. It starts the refrigerator immediately whenever the door is opened.

A typical V-514 has A equal to 0.0364 and B equal to 3,896 C. At 0 C the resistance is 58,200 ohms; at 40 C it is 47,200 ohms. A safe current at these temperatures is 100 microamperes, which means that the change of 4 degrees produces a change of 1.1 volts across the thermistor. Operation at higher or lower temperatures would require a different thermistor or a different input circuit if the same sensitivity is to be maintained.

If a V-514 were to be used for controlling a crystal oven at 50 degrees, where its resistance is only about 6,000 ohms, the thermistor current should be increased to maintain the same dissipation as before, and a step-up transformer should be interposed between the thermistor and the tube. At very low temperatures, the resistance would be so high that there would be trouble from stray capacitances and hum pickup.

The thyratron in Fig. 1 is biased far enough below cutoff so that positive half cycles of the thermistor and anode voltages do not fire it at temperatures above the regulating temperature. When the thermistor resistance increases with falling temperature, the tube fires and operates the relay to open the motor circuit, which must be on the normally-closed relay contacts.

The low anode voltage, used for simplicity and economy, necessitates several precautions. First, a relay with comparatively little inductance is preferred in order that transients across the coil shall not snuff the tube and make the contacts chatter. A 24-volt, d-c, 250-ohm coil in a relay from the SCR-274-N equipment was found preferable to a 115-volt coil.

To eliminate chatter it was also found advantageous to connect  $C_s$ 

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and  $R_{s}$  to the thyratron shield grid as shown. Thus, when the thyratron snuffs and the relay is released to start the motor, the extra contacts on the dpdt relay operate to throw a large negative surge on the shield grid thru  $C_{s}$ . This blocks the tube until the switching transients subside.

Before the refrigerator warms up again, the extra electrons leak off from shield grid to ground, through  $R_s$ , leaving  $C_s$  charged. This results in a positive surge being applied to the shield grid when the thyratron fires again and  $C_s$  is discharged, and tends to keep the tube fired until the switching transients have again subsided.

To prevent damage to the thyratron,  $R_2$  limits the instantaneous peak current to the peak rating of the tube (1 ampere for 2050).

Figure 2 is a crude form of direct-reading a-c bridge and detector which have been used in very precise resistance thermometry. The balanced bridge eliminates the constant component of about 6 volts which was present in Fig. 1, and allows an amplifier to be used.

The differential detector is necessary for a sense indication with the bridge, so as to distinguish between unbalance voltages due to upward and downward variations of temperature. The keying tube should be a type having high mutual conductance and sharp cutoff. It is blocked and unblocked by the detector output in accordance with bridge unbalance.

The controlled device can be fed through either the normally-open or normally-closed relay contacts of

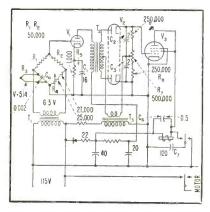
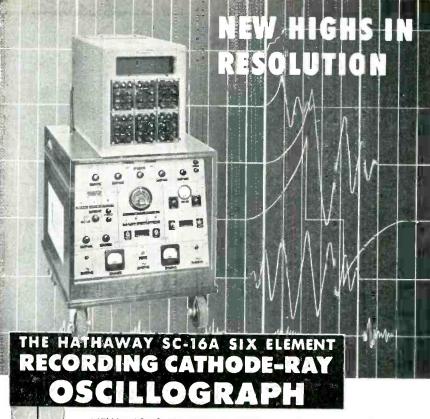


FIG. 2—Improved circuit uses a 5,000ohm relay that makes at 16 ma and breaks at 8 ma



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the relay used; but it was found preferable to feed the refrigerator motor through the normally-open contacts and to connect  $C_{\tau}$  to one set of contacts as shown to hold the relay closed after making until transients subside.

The tube circuit operates rather gradually in response to a slow drift of temperature, so that the normally-closed contacts open slowly and arc severely as the coil is gradually energized by increasing plate current. The normally-open contacts, on the other hand, are both made and broken quickly because of the inherently unstable magnetic equilibrium of a typical relay.

#### Adjustment

The heater transformer and tubes and wiring have capacitances to ground which are not likely to be symmetrical. An unbalance due to this cause produces an out-of-phase component which does not show in the output of the differential detector, but which may overload the amplifier. To balance it, open the primary (high side) of  $T_3$  and connect a high-resistance d-c voltmeter across  $C_2$  or  $C_3$ . An a-c vtvm or a scope may be used across  $T_2$  primary with blocking capacitor.

Balance the bridge, with the thermistor in its operating position at operating temperature, by adjusting  $R_4$ . Connect  $C_0$  of the necessary size across whichever bridge

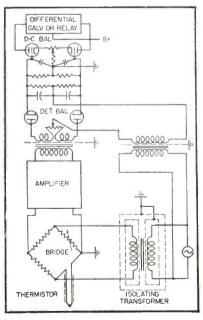


FIG. 3—Circuit for precise thermometer or thermostat

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arm may require it for perfect balance, readjusting  $R_4$  for finer balance.

To balance the differential detector, remove keying tube  $V_3$  and connect a high-resistance d-c voltmeter across the detector output. With the bridge not excited or with amplifier tube  $V_1$  out of the socket, but with  $T_3$  connected, adjust  $R_7$  for zero output.

Triode rather than pentode connection of the keying tube is preferable to avoid excessive screen current at zero bias.

#### Sensitivity

The sensitivity which can be utilized in a more elaborate version of Fig. 2, shown simplified in Fig. 3, is limited only by stability. The thermistor is stable enough to hold calibration to 0.01 C-degree or better if a suitably aged unit is chosen, according to one of the engineers of the principal manufacturer. Its inherent sensitivity and higher impedance gives it an advantage over the platinum thermometer and both it and its circuit are less expensive. The most obvious way to increase the sensitivity of a resistance thermometer or thermostat is to increase the amplification. The balanced d-c amplifier and differential milliameter or relay indicated in Fig. 3 are also much more sensitive than the tube operating near cutoff as shown in Fig. 2. If the sensitivity is to be increased very much, the bridge should be excited by an oscillator at about 500 cycles through an isolating transformer such as General Radio type 578 or a Leeds & Northrup equivalent. The amplifier is designed for that frequency only but not sharply tuned.

For thermometry only, without control action, the null method is best, calibrating the bridge arms and using the amplifier solely as a bridge detector. Headphones could replace the differential detector.

The author once constructed a differential thermometer on the principle of Fig. 3 which read to 0.001 degree C the difference in temperature between two platinum thermometers. It is believed that this project would have been easier with thermistors because of the greater sensitivity and the lesser effect of lead resistance.



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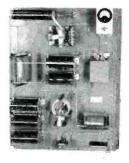
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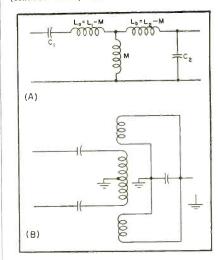


FIG. 2-Series-parallel transformer in equivalent-T form is shown in (A). Inductive coupling (B) must be used in balanced-to-unbalanced transformers

form of a half-section constant-k band-pass filter plus an ideal transformer. The bandwidth  $\Delta f_c$  between cutoff frequencies  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ of the constant-k filter becomes the bandwidth between one-db points on the corresponding transformer. Let  $f_m$  be the geometric mid-frequency. We then have

$$f_2 - f_1 = \Delta f_c \equiv \Delta \omega_c / 2\pi \tag{1}$$

$$\sqrt{f_1 f_2} = f_m \equiv \omega_m / 2\pi \tag{2}$$

The design formulas for a maximally-flat transformer of the form shown in Fig. 1 may be expressed in terms of  $\Delta \omega_c$ ,  $\omega_m$ , the generator (or load) resistance  $R_1$  and the input (or output) capacitance  $C_2$ .

$$C_1 = \Delta \omega_c / \omega_m^2 R_1 \tag{3}$$

$$L_1 = [1 + (\Delta \omega_c / \omega_m)^2] R_1 / \Delta \omega$$
(4)  

$$R_2 = 1 / \Delta \omega_e C_2$$
(5)

$$\mathbf{R}_2 = \frac{1}{\Delta \omega_c C_2} \tag{6}$$

$$L_2 = 1/\omega_m C_2 \tag{0}$$

$$k = M/\sqrt{L_1 L_2} = \frac{\Delta \omega_c/\omega_m}{\sqrt{1 + (\Delta \omega_c/\omega_m)^2}}$$
(7)

The amplitude response of this transformer is geometrically symmetrical about  $f_m$ , with a loss curve given by  $p = 1 + \frac{1}{4} (\Delta \omega / \Delta \omega_c)^*$ where  $\Delta \omega$  is the bandwidth between any two points of equal loss. In Fig. 1C loss curves are plotted against normalized frequency for three values of the ratio  $\Delta \omega_c / \omega_m =$  $(f_2 - f_1) / \sqrt{f_1 f_2}$ .

matched input EXAMPLE: A transformer is to be designed to connect a coaxial line  $(R_1 = 50)$ ohms) to the first tube (a 6AK5,  $C_{g} = 8.5 \ \mu\mu f$ ) of an amplifier. Onedb points are to be at  $f_1 = 80$  mc

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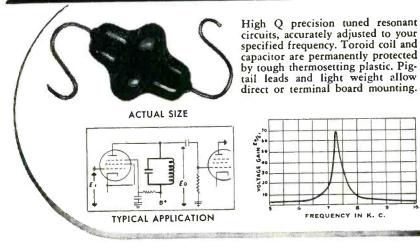
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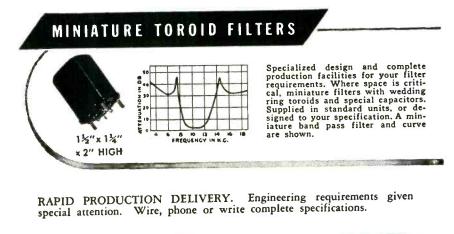
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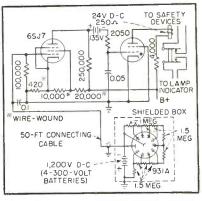
- $\Delta \omega_{\rm c} = \frac{2\pi}{\rm rad/sec} (120 80) \ 10^6 = 2.51 \ \times \ 10^8$
- $\omega_m = 2\pi \sqrt{120 \times 80} \times 10^6 = 6.15 \times 10^8$ rad/sec
- $C_1 = 13.27 \ \mu\mu f$
- $L_1 = 0.2325 \ \mu h$
- $R_2 = 468 \text{ ohms}$
- $L_2 = 0.311 \ \mu h$
- k = 0.378

It may be preferable to build the T (or  $\pi$ ) equivalent of the transformer as shown in Fig. 2A. Since  $M = k\sqrt{L_1L_2} = 0.102 \ \mu h$  in our example,  $L_a = 0.130 \ \mu h$  and  $L_b = 0.209 \ \mu h$ . It is obvious that certain designs may call for a negative  $L_a$  or  $L_b$  and so cannot be built in equivalent T (or  $\pi$ ) form. In the case of balanced line inputs a construction such as that shown in Fig. 2B may be used.

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The detector shown in the accompanying circuit diagram was designed with the following requirements in mind: (1) Activation of alarm circuit within 0.5 second after intensity reached predetermined level, (2) freedom from false alarm such as might be caused by circuit failure, instability or pickup, (3) assurance of proper



Rapid response radiation alarm circuit

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operation even though radiation levels rise well above alarm level in a matter of miscroseconds, and (4) provision for remote operation.

The circuit comprises a batteryoperated photomultiplier tube and, one stage of d-c amplification which provides an output signal of the right polarity to fire the relay-operating thyratron. The signal fed to the thyratron grid is smoothed by the 0.05-second time constant network. An anthracene crystal is employed as a scintillator.

#### Experimental Tests

Tests made with radiation intensities of 11 and 3 times tripping level show response time to be 0.13 and 0.03 second respectively. Tripping intensity for circuit shown is 0.3 mr per second. Using a 1P21 photomultiplier in place of the 931A, and a 1-meg-0.01- $\mu$ f gridleak, the tripping intensity is reduced to 0.03 mr per sec. A further improvement in sensitivity could be realized by providing fixed bias to eliminate background signal and by using a larger input resistor for the 6SJ7.

According to the authors of an article describing this piece of equipment (R. L. Macklin and E. R. Rohrer, Rev. Sci. Inst., p 966, Dec. 1949), the anthracene scintillator will also respond to fast neutrons, but the intensity required is rather beyond that available with small gamma ray from neutron sources. Thus over-all operation checks are periodically made with a small gamma-ray source to ensure that the equipment is connected and functioning properly. The original paper describes work performed for the AEC by Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

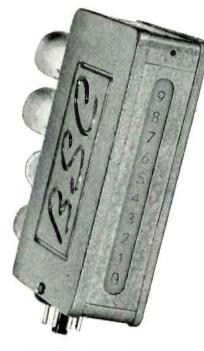
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plored for establishing such a rating of image quality, as outlined by P. Mertz, in a paper entitled "Quality Rating of Television Images" presented at the 1950 IRE National Convention. The first employs the time-honored system of presenting an observer with pairs of pictures having slightly different, but known characteristics. and asking him to vote his preference for each pair. A television picture of a lantern slide, with a wide range of controlled echo, is presented side-by-side with an optical projection of the same slide, with varying and controllable degrees of focusing. Color and contrast compensation are provided by a tinted projection screen and a controllable side light on the projection screen. By this system, the impairing effect of the echo is compared in subjective seriousness to that of a sharpness degradation.

By analyzing the vote between off-focus projections and television pictures, it is possible to determine how much the preference amounts to in the case of any given pair. The vote analysis consists of setting as one limen the difference between two pictures where 75 percent of the observers prefer the one to the other. The vote distribution is found to follow approximately the normal error law, so that the difference becomes two limens where the preference vote is about 91.1 percent, and three limens for 97.8 percent. The image quality difference between two pictures is measured by the number of liminal units computed from the vote preference.

#### Another Technique

The second system consists of presenting to the observer a picture affected by differing and controlled amounts of a given impairment in random sequence. The observer is asked to rate the impairment with any one of seven classifications from 1 (not perceptible) to 7 (not usable). The echo amplitudes are then plotted against the seven possible comments, and the resulting curve represents a median. From the distribution of votes around this median, it is also possible to set up a system of liminal difference ratings for the pictures. One





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Typical application of the new tube in atomic research involves the use of a light-piping technique to measure radiation generated by a cyclotron. To overcome the problem of introducing a test instrument into the cyclotron itself, this technique utilizes a long light-conductive rod of quartz or clear plastic with a phosphor on the end of it. Flashes of light or scintillations produced when radioactive particle radiation strikes the phosphor are



Light-piping device for remote detection of radioactivity using an anthra-cene crystal coupled to a 1P21 multiplier phototube by a lucite rod

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conducted down the rod to the phototube, which is housed in a light-tight box outside the cyclotron. In this way radioactivity caused by the cyclotron beam can be conveniently and accurately measured.

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The anthracene crystal is mounted on the end of an 8-inch lucite rod which conducts scintillations caused by radioactive particcles striking the crystal. The lucite rod is covered with black paper to keep out room illumination, and the crystal is wrapped with aluminum foil which is penetrable to the radioactive particles.

#### **Transistor** and **Fieldistor**

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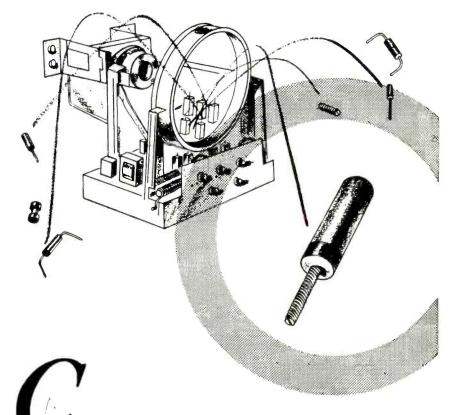
RECENTLY, development work on a high-input-impedance crystal amplifier, the fieldistor, was disclosed by the Air Force. It is related to and was evolved from the Bell transistor<sup>1</sup>. Although in the early stages of development and not industrially available, a brief comparison of the devices shall be given.

The transistor, fieldistor and germanium and silicon photocells have one essential element in common; a rectifying metal-to-semiconductor-contact, operated in the direction of high resistance. We will choose a germanium high-back-voltage rectifying contact to remind the reader of the present concept of such a function<sup>2</sup>.

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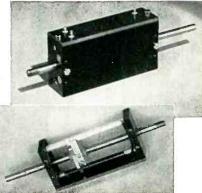


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cm thick. The latter is formed by the positively charged donator ions, about  $10^{-6}$  cm apart, which are not compensated by free electrons as in the interior of the crystal.

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A few mobile electrons, decreasing in number from 10<sup>18</sup> from the inner part of the barrier layer to around a millionth of this value right under the surface, account for one part of the conductivity. If the carrier density decreases below a certain value, conduction due to defect electrons, or holes, becomes important. This will occur first close to the surface, as indicated roughly in Fig. 1 illustrating our concept. It might be increased by acceptor surface contaminations.

For the electron current indicated by arrows as flowing from the collector electrode into the semiconductor the barrier layer constitutes a high impedance; currently used contacts show about 10<sup>4</sup> to 10<sup>5</sup> ohms.

In this rather simplified concept surface charge, space-charge layer thickness, electron distribution, and hole distribution are in a complex mutual equilibrium. All semiconductor amplifiers or transducers work by disturbing this equilibrium, thus modulating the thickness of the space-charge layer and hence the impedance seen by the collector current.

In the semiconductor photocell f-i carriers are knocked out of the crystal lattice by photons. They diffuse into the barrier layer, decreasing its depth. In general, this action leads to a higher collector current. Sometimes the decrease in hole surface conduction, however, may be dominant.

The transistor is explained most simply by assuming that the current injected into the crystal by a second contact point, the emitter, is mostly carried by holes. These are attracted by the negativelycharged collector and modulate the

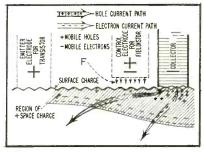


FIG. 1-Rectifying germanium contact control configuration

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barrier depth around the collector. The fieldistor applies a high elec-

trostatic field F between the surface of the crystal and a control electrode, as indicated in Fig. 1. If the distance between is small enough (around  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-4}$  cm) a small voltage applied will create the high field strengths necessary for obtaining a controlling effect (around  $10^4$  volts per cm). The surface charges associated with the field will create free carriers according to Shockley and Pearson<sup>3</sup>.

Impurities on the surface have a pronounced influence, possibly by electrochemical processes moving or creating acceptors or donors. The experimental fact is that sufficiently high field strengths of either sign will increase the current through the collector electrode.

#### Present Day Devices

The transistor, where the controlling electrode or emitter touches the surface and is operated in the forward direction, has necessarily a low input impedance. Its output impedance is close to that of the collector point contact. Representative values are 300 and 20,000 ohms respectively. The signal is applied on top of a bias current of several milliamperes at a few volts. As the current amplification factor is around unity, the transistor can be classified as a voltage amplifier.

The fieldistor has theoretically an infinitely high d-c input impedance like a vacuum triode, if we disregard leakage currents. Its output impedance is that of the contact. It needs only extremely small currents to control the collector current and may thus be considered as a current amplifier. A bias of around 10 volts is required. The voltage amplification is around unity for



FIG. 2-Subminiature fieldistor

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good samples and at low frequencies.

As the fieldistor resembles rather closely a vacuum triode, its performance can best be judged by its transconductance, the ratio of collector current change per volt signal. Twenty micromhos is a representative value, which looks very poor compared to vacuum tubes. Much higher values have been observed occasionally.

The noise figure of the two devices is about equally bad, which is to be expected.

The manufacturing of the fieldistor involves some problems, as the control electrode or electrodes have to be very close to the surface.

A subminiature model of the fieldistor is shown in Fig. 2.

For further information on performance and technique the author refers to more detailed publications.<sup>4, 5</sup>

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#### Linear Sweep Generation

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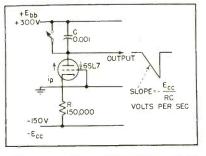


FIG. 1—Basic negative-going linear sweep generator

as long as the switch is closed the plate will be at  $E_{bb}$  volts and  $i_p$  will flow through the switch. When the switch is opened  $i_p$  must flow through C. The rate of change of voltage at the plate is  $-i_p/C =$  $-E_{\it oc}/RC$  volts per second. For the values of Fig. 1 the sweep thus falls at the rate of 1 volt per microsecond. By proper choice of these values sweep speeds much faster or much slower than this can be obtained. The sweep will continue until it has dropped to about 50 volts, or until the switch is closed again. At the end it will be falling about 2 percent slower than at the start.

#### Electronic Switch

For most applications the chief difficulty of this circuit is the switch. If the sweep is to run continuously the simple arrangement of Fig. 2 may be used. Here  $V_2$ , which acts as the switch, is turned on very hard momentarily by the incoming pulses and each time rapidly raises the output voltage to 300 volts. Since under such circumstances a section of a 6SN7 can conduct 100 ma or more, the duration of the pulses need be only  $i_p/100$  ( $i_p$  in ma) of the duration of the sweep. For  $i_p = 1$  ma a duty

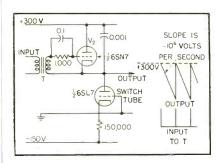
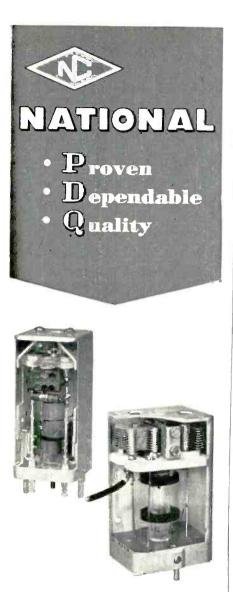


FIG. 2—Practical continuously-running negative-going linear sweep generator, using pulse input to actuate electronic switch



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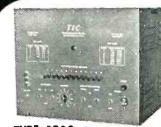
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#### Positive Going Sweep

To obtain a positive-going sweep one must put C in the cathode circuit of the constant-current triode as in Fig. 3. This, however, causes the sweep to appear on the cathode; to keep the current constant, the sweep must be placed on the grid also. This is accomplished by C'. No current can be allowed to pass through C', however, for any such current would alter the current through C itself. For this reason the grid is returned to ground not by a resistor but by diode  $V_s$ , which is cut off all during the sweep.

As long as the switch is closed current  $i_p$  flows through it. When it is opened the current is diverted into C and the sweep rises at a rate of  $i_p/C = E_{ce}/RC$  volts per second. The sweep will continue until the cathode of V, has risen to within about 50 volts of  $E_{bb}$  or until electronic switch  $V_2$  is closed again by an input pulse.

With the values indicated, the positive-going circuit is suitable for generating a 250-volt linear sweep with a slope of 1 volt per microsecond. If the sweep is to run continuously the grid of switch tube  $V_2$  should simply be supplied with short positive pulses. If single sweeps are required a negative gate of the desired duration must be supplied.

#### Comparison with Other Circuits

The positive-going circuit contrasts favorably with the ordinary bootstrap linear sweep generator. However, in the bootstrap circuit the charging current for C must flow through C' and both must be recharged after each cycle. Higher duty cycles are therefore easily obtained with the positive-going circuit. For the same reasons C' in the bootstrap version must be

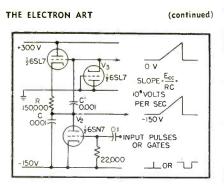


FIG. 3—Practical positive-going linear sweep with switch tube

larger than C by a factor of 10 or more, whereas in the circuit of Fig. 3 it can be as small as 0.001  $\mu$ f.

The two linear sweep generators described may properly be termed precision circuits. They are suitable for such applications as linear time-modulation, the measurement of short time-intervals as in radar ranging, and the generation of linear functions in electronic computers. Their accuracy is intermediate to those of the two principal methods now employed, the bootstrap and the Miller feedback circuits, being slightly better than the former and slightly poorer than the latter.

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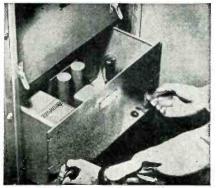
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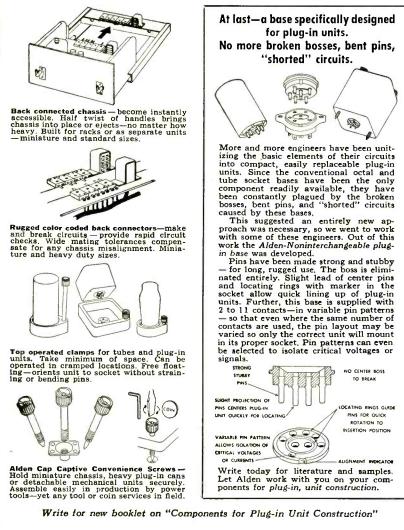
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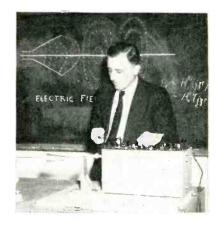
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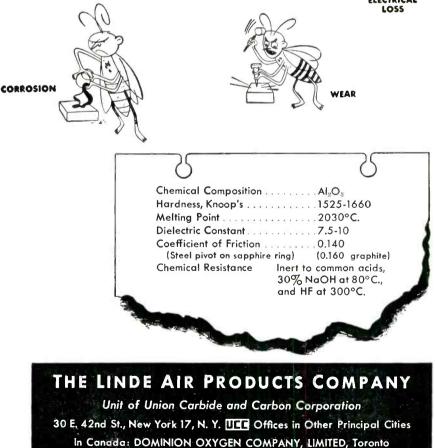
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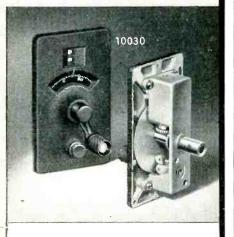
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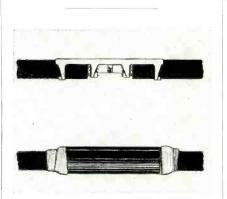
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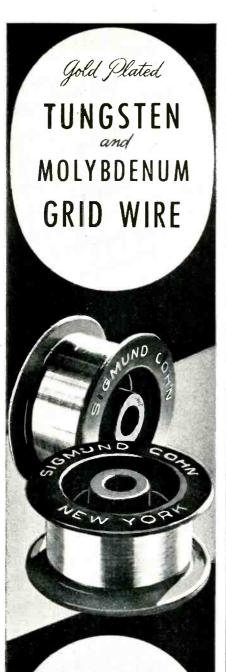
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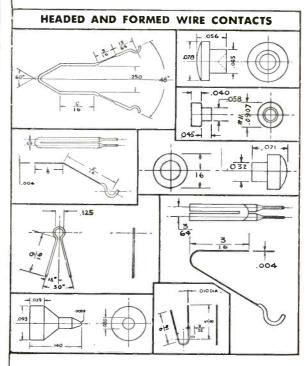
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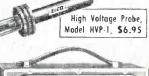
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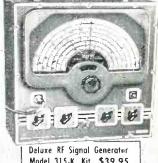
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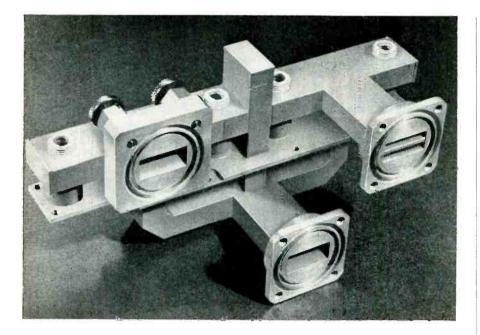
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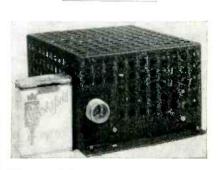
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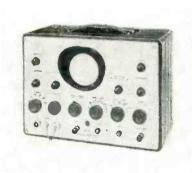
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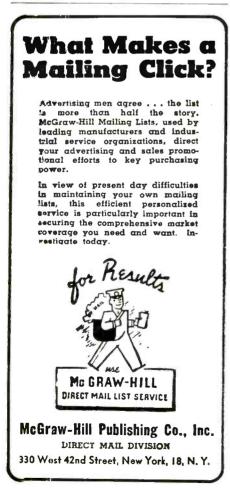
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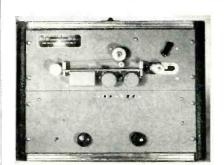
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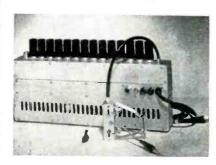
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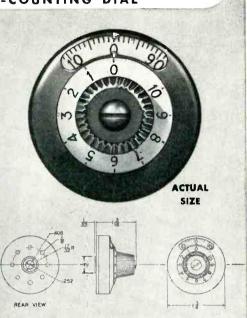


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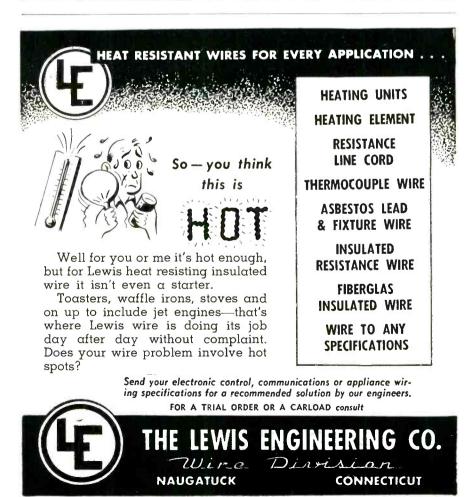
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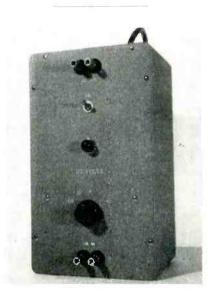
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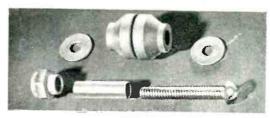
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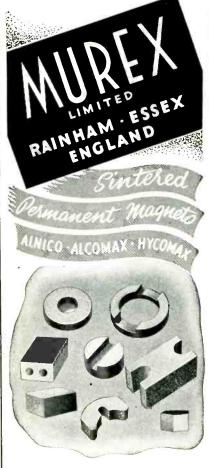
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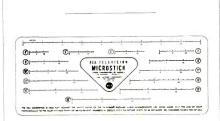
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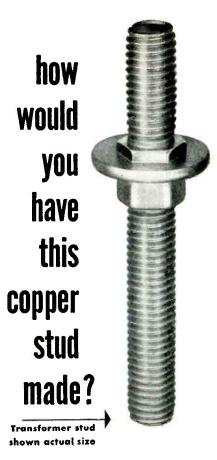
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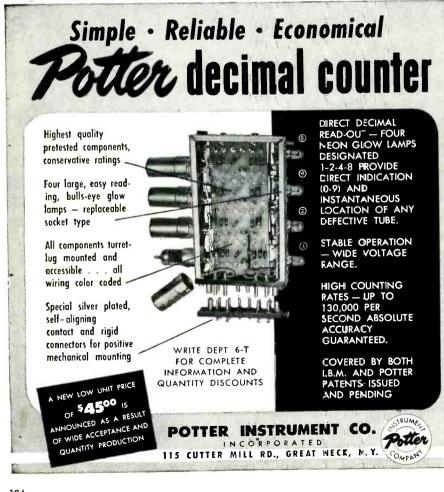
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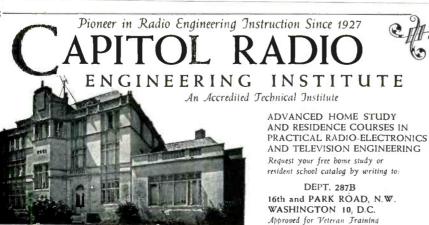
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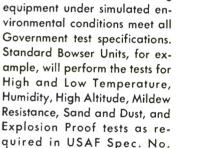
#### **TV Receiving Tubes**

RAYTHEON MFG. Co., 55 Chapel St., Newton 58, Mass., announces the types 1V2, 6AU5GT and 6CB6 television receiving tubes. Principal application of the 1V2 miniature ha!f-wave rectifier is as a high-voltage rectifier. The 6AU5GT beam power amplifier is intended for use as a horizontal deflection amplifier. The 6CB6 miniature-type sharp-





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Geiger-Counter X-Ray Spectrometer. North American Philips Co., Inc., 750 South Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. A 24-page booklet covers the new Geiger-counter x-ray spectrometer, a high-precision analysis instrument. Technical description, outline of performance, illustrations and charts are included.

Uni-High-Fidelity Equipment. versity Loudspeakers Inc., 80 South Kensico Ave., White Plains, N. Y. A new six-page illustrated catalog devoted to a line of highfidelity equipment includes cone speakers, tweeters, tweeter adapters, crossover networks and coaxial speaker systems. The publication gives complete installation instructions for each model and also announces the new 12-in. 30-watt wide-range cone speaker.

Sweep Generators. Manufacturers Engineering & Equipment Corp., Willow Grove, Pa. Two four-page folders describe and illustrate the Sweepmaster I video sweep generator and Sweepmaster II r-f and i-f sweep generator. Chief features, specifications and applications are given, and standard equipment for each is listed.

Connector Bulletin. Cannon Electric Development Co., 3209 Hum-

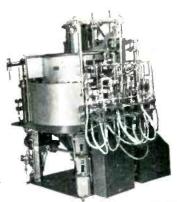


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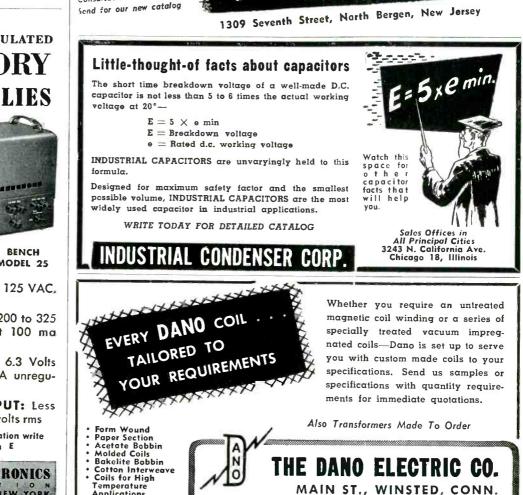
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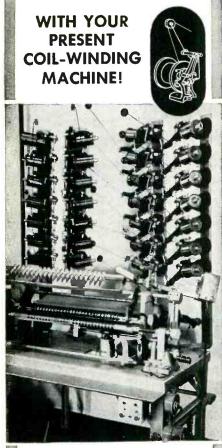
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Radio Parts. The Ucinite Co., Division of United-Carr Fastener Corp., Newtonville 60, Mass. A 33-page loose-leaf-perforated catalog covers a wide variety of radio parts including anode connectors, sockets, tv components, connectors, stand-off terminals, lamp socket assemblies and shock mounts. Dimensional drawings and descriptions are given.

Sharp-Cutoff Pentode. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J., has published a four-page technical bulletin on the 5879 sharp-cutoff pentode of the 9-pin miniature type intended for use as an audio amplifier in applications requiring reduced audio noise. The tube described is especially useful in the input stages of medium-gain public-address systems, home sound recorders and general-purpose audio amplifiers.

Motor Starting Capacitor. Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N. J. Bulletin 511 illustrates and describes type ETW 4190 electrolytic motor-starting capacitor in Bakelite container which is  $1\frac{1}{16}$  in. in diameter and  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. long. Capacitance and voltage rating of the unit described are 110 volts a-c, 60 cycles, 124 to 149  $\mu$ f and maximum ambient temperature, 65 C.

Vibration Isolators and Mounting Bases. The Berry Corp., 177 Sidney St., Cambridge 39, Mass. Catalog 502 illustrates and describes unit-type air-damped mounts and mounting bases used to protect electronic equipment and other sensitive apparatus against shock and vibration in aircraft applications. Photographs and dimensional drawings, plus tables of



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available load ratings, help the designer in specifying suitable mountings.

Electric Timing Motors. Haydon Mfg. Co., Inc., Torrington, Conn., offers an informational catalog of special interest to users of electric timing motors as components of their products. The 8-page 2-color, file-size booklet gives a comprehensive listing of available electrical timing motors. A full line of standard motors is shown, complete with photographs, dimensional drawings, circuit diagrams and data on standard specifications and ratings of each unit. Ask for catalog No. 322.

**Components.** Electrical Reactance Corp., Franklinville, N. Y. The Datalog is a 32-page booklet for producers of television and radio equipment and other electronic devices. In addition to complete Hi-Q product information on capacitors, trimmers, resistors and choke coils, it contains a great deal of helpful technical data carefully arranged for convenient, quick reference.

Miniature Tube Guide. Hytron Radio & Electronics Corp., Salem, Mass., recently issued the new 4th edition of the reference guide for miniature electron tubes. It lists all minatures to date, regardless of make, and similar larger prototypes. Included are 132 tubes, 41 of them new, and 70 basing diagrams.

TV Optical Projector. Gray Research and Development Co., Inc., 16 Arbor St., Hartford 1, Conn. A recent 6-page folder illustrates and describes the Telop television optical projector for use with film cameras. The unit described features four optical openings for dual projection of opaque cards, photographs, art work, glass slides, transparencies, strip material and small objects.

Geiger Counter Booklet. National Bureau of Standards, U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C. The nature, construction and use of the G-M counter is concisely presented on an elementary level in a new booklet, Circular 490. Included are a number of examples of special HIGH VOLTAGE VOLTAGE RESISTORS Stable, dependable resistors made in sizes from one inch to 181/2 inches long. Power Rating I watt to 90 watts. Resistance values to 100,000 megohms. Designed for easy mounting on a panel or stand-off insulator. Can be assembled to make tapped combinations. Matched pair resistors with 2% accuracy available for high voltage instrumentation. rpc High Voltage Resistors are used in quantity by leading Manufacturers, Instrument Makers, Universi-

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Germanium Diodes. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y., has published a new booklet, profusely illustrated with typical circuits for forty basic germanium diode applications. Text of the booklet is grouped in three sections which describe germanium diode applications in radio and television receivers, radio transmitters and amplifiers, and a wide range of instruments and supervisory circuit devices.

Nuclide Chart. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Information on more than 1,000 kinds of atoms is given on a new chart being distributed free to scientists in industrial laboratories, colleges and universities. Printed in checkerboard fashion each of the 96 chemical elements which were known at the beginning of the year is given in a horizontal line, in which a square is devoted to each kind of atom or isotope of that element. Position of the square on the chart shows the composition of its atomic nucleus.

Insulation Tester. The Herman H. Sticht Co., Inc., 27 Park Place, New York, N. Y. Bulletin 465 describes the Major Megohmer, a new small, portable, handcrank insulation tester. The instrument treated combines small size and weight with constant pressure d-c generator, and features an extra ohm scale.

Six New Tubes. Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Bruno, Calif., has issued a small 10-page booklet illustrating and describing six new tubes: the 16AP4 tv picture tube, the 4E27A/5-125B power pentode, the 4X150G power tetrode, the 592/3-200A3 power triode, and the  $3\times10-000A3$  and 3W10000A3 power triodes.



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try in general. The part of the program relating to the development of a common system of air navigation and traffic control is sponsored by the Air Navigation Development Board.

#### **Flight Radio Operators**

A RECENT report from the Civil Aeronautics Board indicates that radiotelephone communication from aircraft in overwater flight is so reliable that a properly licensed navigator-operator will be sufficient in the future. At the same time. CAB indicates that under certain conditions of oversea flight it would be advisable for aircraft to be provided with equipment for contacting surface vessels on the international distress frequency of 500 kc, using radiotelegraphy. At the FCC, however, doubt exists that Atlantic City regulations permit carrying such an operator whose qualifications are less than Second Class Radiotele-The Commission is prograph. hibited from waiving requirements of a licensed operator in the case of a station where an operator is required to be provided for safety The operator unions purposes. oppose complete adoption of radiotelephone on the grounds that only a skilled radio-telegraph operator can successfully establish emergency communications.

#### **New Betatron Installed**

ONE of the most powerful atom smashers of its type in the world, a 100,000,000-volt betatron built by the General Electric Co., is now installed and undergoing tests at the University of Chicago. The 160ton unit is being used for atomic research and x-ray studies by the experimental staff of the University of Chicago's Institute for Nuclear Studies. Effects of powerful radiation on biological organisms will also be studied.

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ELK ELECTRONIC LABORATORIES, specializing in design and development of test equipment for the communications, radar and allied fields, have moved to larger modern quarters at 333 W. 52nd St., New York, N. Y.

GENEVA ELECTRIC & TELEVISION CORP. recently acquired 73 percent of the stock of Continental Electric Co., Geneva, Ill., manufacturer of phototubes and photoconductive cells. Continental Electric, in the reorganization, acquires a new building and will set up facilities for the manufacture of tv picture tubes of all sizes.

TELREX, INC., Asbury Park, N. J., designers and manufacturers of antennas, will supplement existing facilities with a new laboratory now being constructed in Belmar, N. J.

POTTER INSTRUMENT Co., INC., manufacturer of high-speed electronic counters, computers and associated equipments, has moved from Flushing, N. Y., to a new plant at 115 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck, N. Y.

SPELLMAN TELEVISION CO., INC., manufacturers of high-voltage power supplies, coils and projection tv equipment, recently moved to new and larger quarters at 3029 Webster Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

THE HELIPOT CORP., manufacturers of equipment for precision electronic circuits, recently moved into a modern new home in South Pasadena, Calif.

CLAUDE NEON, INC., New York, N. Y., recently acquired 100 percent of the stock of Standard Electronics Corp. The new Claude Neon subsidiary has taken over Western Electric Co.'s inventories of a-m and f-m transmitting equipment, replacement parts, product designs



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|              | L-5               |                                 |                 | 10 (11                 |
| LST          | Ceramic<br>L-5    | 8-32                            | 3/16            | 19/32                  |
| LS6          | Ceramic<br>L-5    | 10-32*                          | 1⁄4''           | 27/52''                |
| LS5          | Ceramic<br>Paper  | 1/4-28*                         | 8/8''           | 1 1/16"                |
| LSM          | Phenolic<br>Paper | 8-32                            | 1⁄4″            | 27/32"                 |
| LS3          | Phenolic<br>Paper | $\frac{1}{4} - 28$              | 8/8''           | 1 1/8"                 |
| LS4†         | Phenolic          | 1/4-28                          | $\frac{1}{2}''$ | 2''                    |

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and drawings, and will service and supply replacement parts for all Western Electric broadcast transmitting equipment in the U. S.

ACCURATE MFG. Co., manufacturer of friction and rubber tapes, has completed expansion of its plant at Garfield, N. J., for the improvement of processing and products.

MARVIN HOBES, consulting electronics engineer of Chicago, Ill., has been appointed deputy executive director of the Electronics Division of the Munitions Board in the Department of Defense.





W. A. Mussen

WILLIAM A. MUSSEN, previously associated with the U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory in radio proximity fuze development and instrumentation, was recently appointed supervisor of the electronics laboratory at Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas.

HORACE E. SLONE, radio engineer for the FCC since 1946, is now electronic engineer for the Commission's new Office of Formal Hearing Assistants.

H. A. MCILVAINE, identified with early crt experiments, has been elected president of Continental Electric Co., Geneva, Ill., manufacturers of thyratrons, rectifiers and other industrial tubes. The company expects to set up facilities soon for the manufacture of all sizes of television picture tubes, cold-cathode 8-foot fluorescent lamps and bactericidal lamps.

S. M. DECKER, formerly assistant chief engineer at Garod Radio Corp., has been appointed assistant chief engineer of the television department of Air King Products Co.,



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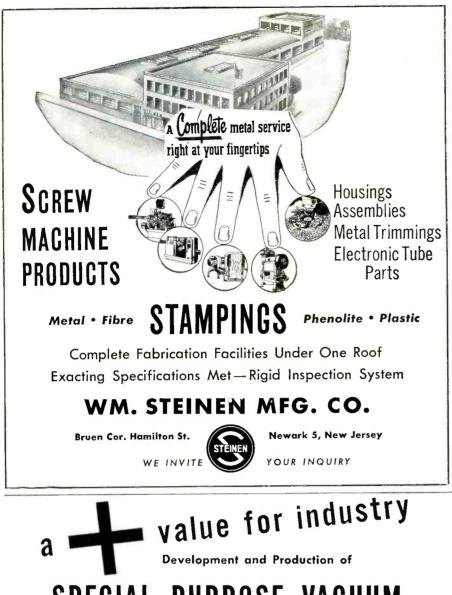


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Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y., manufacturers of radios, wire recorders and television receivers.

ALFRED ZUCKERMAN, chief engineer in charge of design and development, is now also vice-president of David Bogen Co., Inc., New York, N. Y., manufacturers of sound equipment.



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D. B. Sinclair

DONALD B. SINCLAIR has been promoted from assistant chief engineer to chief engineer at General Radio Co., Cambridge, Mass. He succeeds Melville Eastham who retired early this year.

HARRY R. SEELEN, manager of the services group for the past seven vears, has been appointed manager of the engineering section of the RCA tube department, Lancaster, Pa

PHILLIP B. LAESER has been promoted from chief television engineer to manager of radio and television engineering for The Journal Co., Milwaukee, Wisc.

ROBERT W. SANDERS, for the past eleven years chief engineer of the advance development section at Capehart-Farnsworth, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, has been appointed chief radio and television engineer at the Los Angeles plant of the Hoffman Radio Corp.

FREDERIC C. YOUNG, formerly vicepresident in charge of research and engineering and a director of Stromberg-Carlson Co., recently became vice-president of Designers for Industry, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

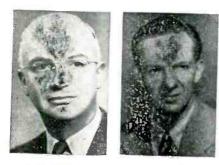
DONALD E. STEELE, recently resigned from the engineering specifications department of Raytheon Mfg. Co., Waltham, Mass., has joined Arthur E. Akeroyd, manu-

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facturers' representative, Boston, Mass.

LYNN C. HOLMES, senior electrical engineer in the research laboratory since 1943, was recently made associate director of research at Stromberg-Carlson's research laboratory, Rochester, N. Y.



L. C. Holmes

L. T. DeVore

LLOYD T. DEVORE, formerly on the staff of the electrical engineering department at the University of Illinois, was recently named manager of the Electronics Laboratory of General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

ALBERT C. HALL, director of MIT's dynamic analysis and control laboratory since 1946, has been appointed associate technical director of Bendix Aviation Research Laboratories, Detroit, Michigan.

HAROLD HIGGS, previously chief of electronic service for the Bell Aircraft Corp., has been named chief electronics engineer of Jeffers Electronics Inc., Dubois, Pa., a subsidiary of Speer Carbon Co., St. Marys, Pa.

HAROLD W. SCHAEFER, formerly director of research and engineering on radio and television receivers for Westinghouse, was recently appointed special assistant to the director of research and engineering at Philco Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.

LOUIS KAHN, formerly assistant chief engineer, was recently appointed director of research of Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass.

DAYTON ULREY has retired as chief engineer of the Lancaster, Pa., plant of the RCA tube department, and has been retained as consultant to the company.

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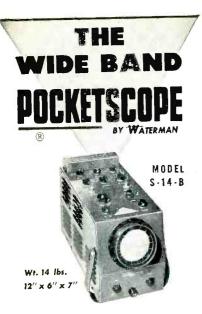
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and also in connection with recent features on computers and related instrumentation in *Time* and the *Saturday Evening Post*. Without going into the argument as to whether these machines can *think*, the egg processing machinery seems to be a perfect answer to those who scoff at Wiener's thesis that a second industrial revolution is upon us.

> ROBERT T. NAGLER Nagler Radio and Electric Service Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin

#### **Helical Antennas**

#### DEAR SIRS:

**PROBABLY** unknown due to lack of publicity during the war, the work on Helical Aerials undertaken by C. S. Franklin of the Marconi Company, England, prior to the war has not received recognition in any of the excellent articles on the subject which have been appearing in ELECTRONICS.

As I feel that you may care to make some reference to this early work, I send you copies of British Patent Specifications No. 573896 and 576159 filed in 1941 and 1942 respectively. Work on helical aerials reached the stage of test on commercial circuits but had to be stopped owing to the then existing circumstances.

J. G. ROBB Late Director of Research, Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd. Chelmsford, England

#### Audio Oscillations

#### DEAR SIRS:

YOUR INTEREST in lamp filament oscillation (*Crosstalk*, March, 1950), prompts me to comment that oscillation in the audio-frequency range is a characteristic of the minute filaments of 1.3-volt penlight (flashlight) lamps having integral lenses.

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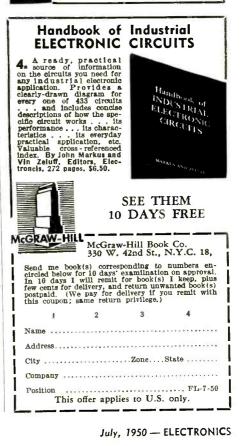
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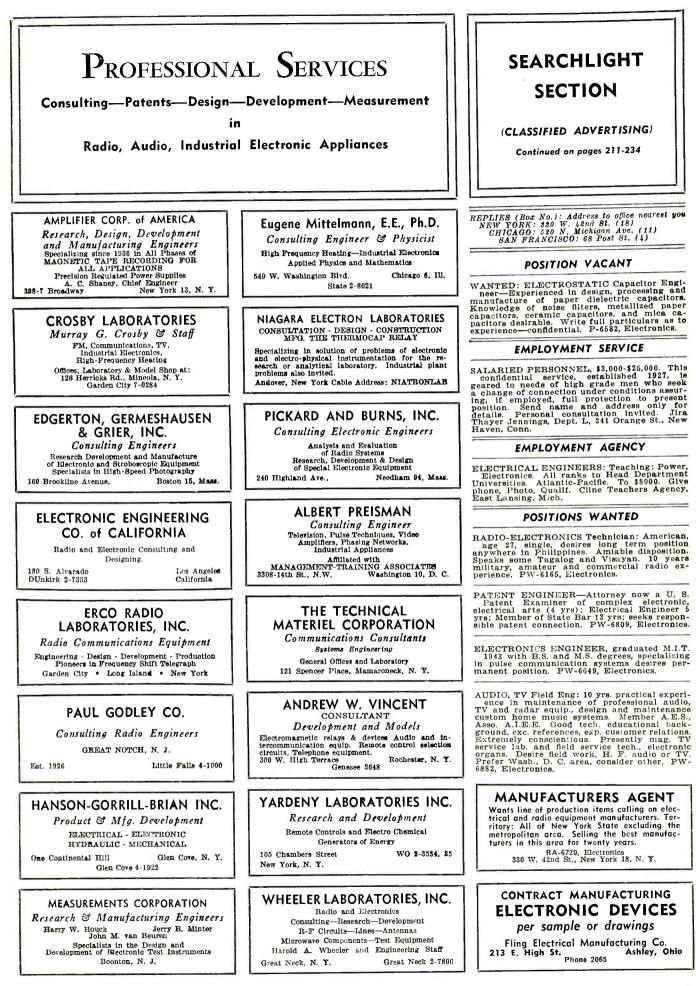
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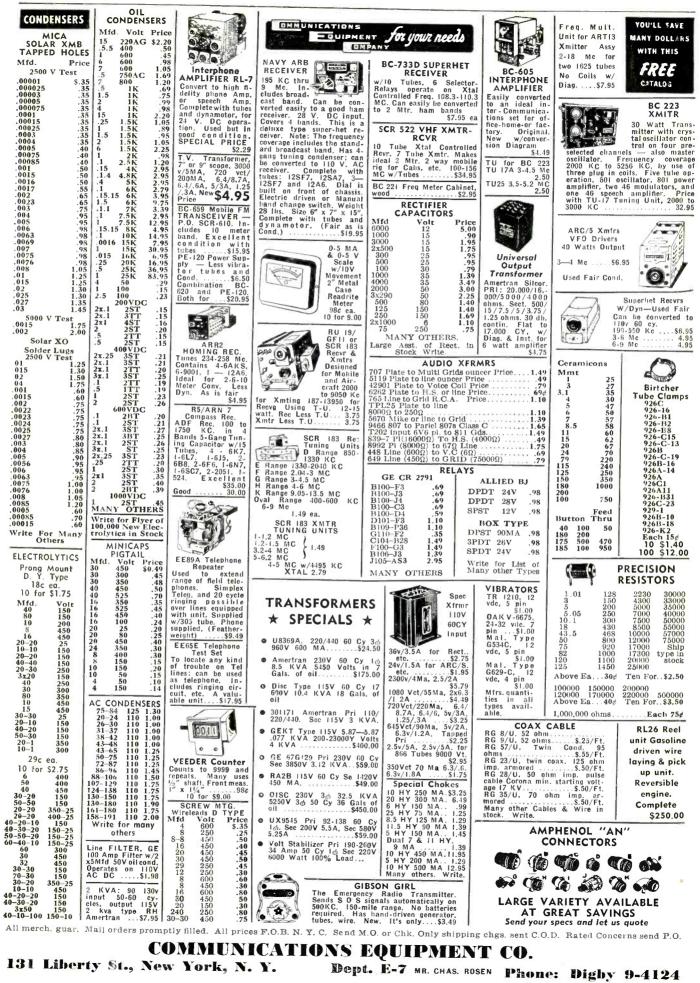
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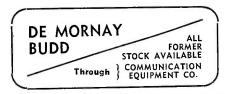


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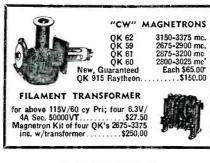
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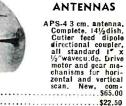
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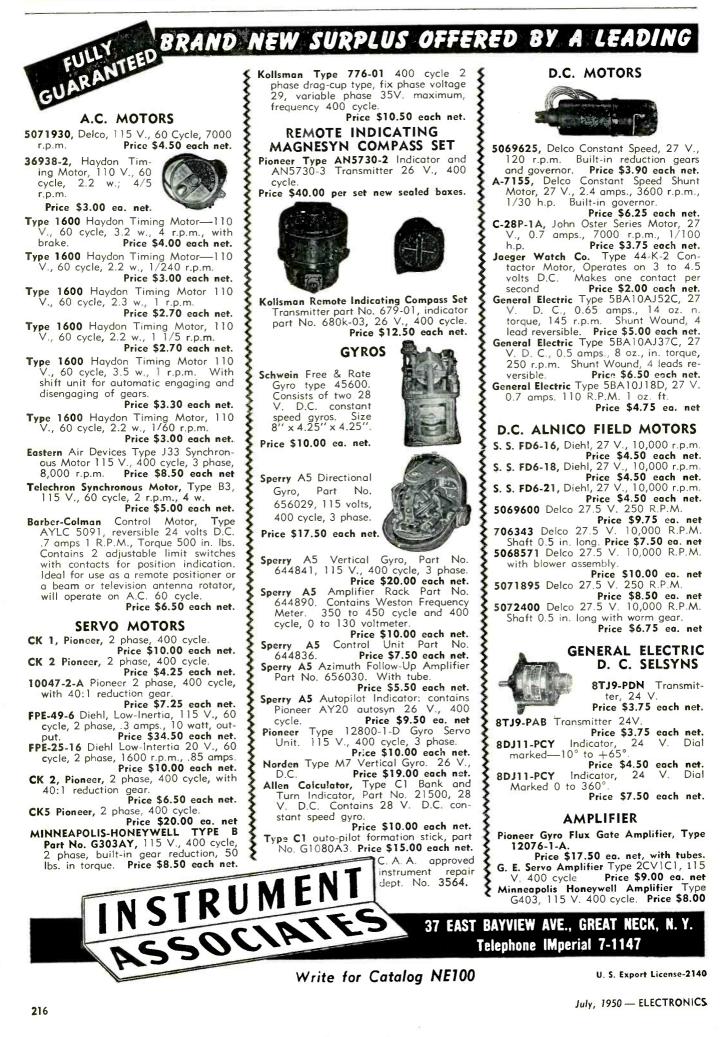
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Primary requirements are 110 to 120 volts, 50 to 60 cycle for the entire unit and accessories.

Cabinet CH-118 is of the Standard 19 inch rack type structural steel frame with runner angles for each of the units. A full length access door with safety interlocks forms the rear of the cabinet.

Transmitter BC-769 is designed to transmit RF pulsed signals at 470 megacycles with the use of two type 15E Tubes operating in push-pull with resonant grid, plate and filament lines.

Keying unit BC-770 furnishes the pulse of the Transmitter. Receiver BC-768 was used to detect the 493.5 megacycle reply pulses from the interrogated station and to sufficiently amplify these signals for oscilloscope observation.

Rectifier RA-52 produces the high voltage. An 0-15 kilovolt DC Meter is connected across the output of the filter to measure the voltage fed to transmitter BC-769, while an 0-20 milliammeter is connected to the ground return to measure the average current drawn.

Antenna AN-82B consists of 24 vertically polarized, half wave radiating elements, a reflecting screen, open-wire transmission line sections and a concentric-line terminating section or elevator.

Wave trap FL-25 is used to separate received and transmitted signals.

Transmission line MC-377 is of 76 inch air-dielectric, 70 ohm concentric line type and is assembled by means of solderless air tight connectors.

Control Box BC-773 contains necessary controls for operation.

Amplifier BC-783-B is used to amplify the output of Receiver BC-768 for suitable oscilloscope presentation.



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#### Oven M-348

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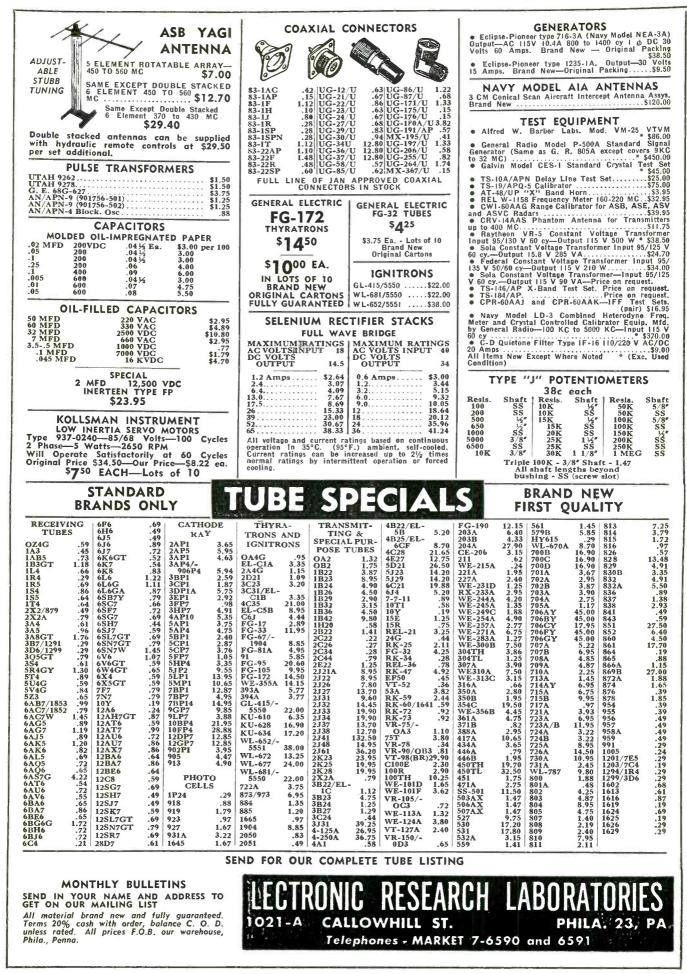
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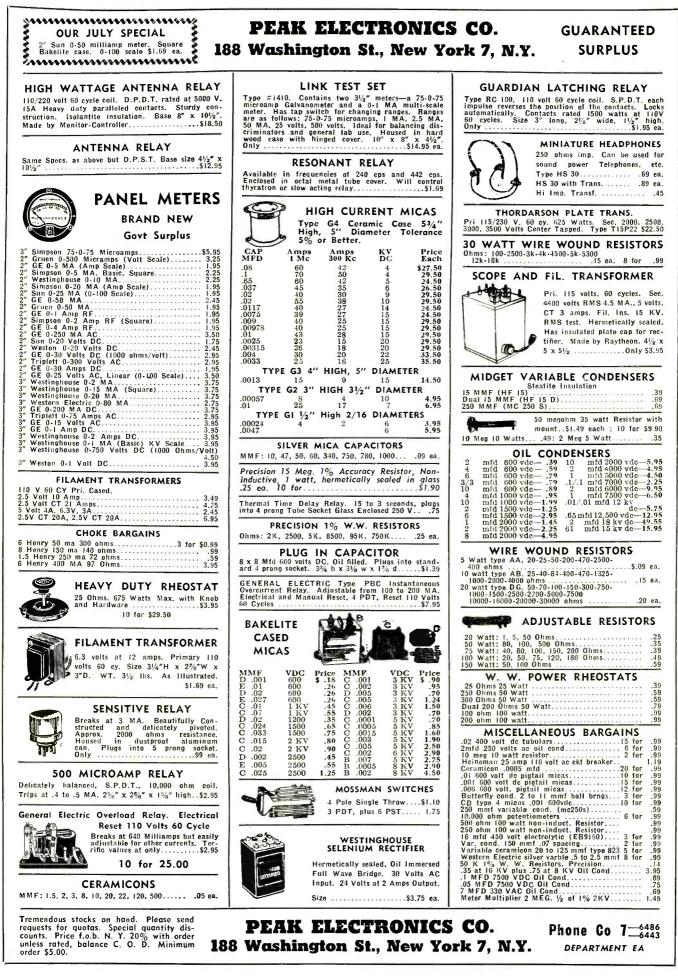
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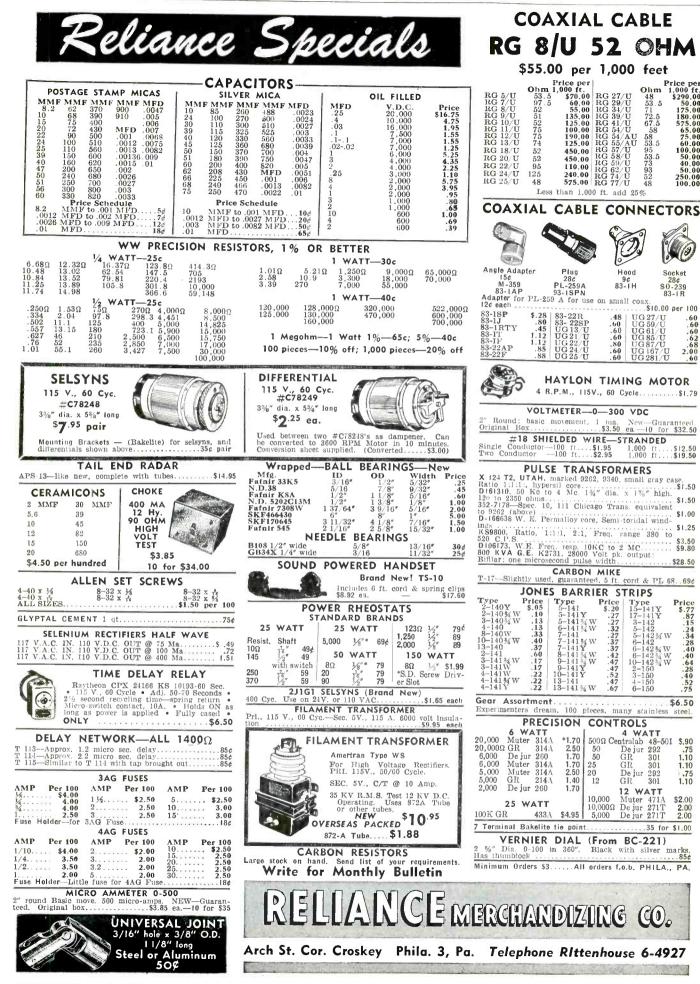
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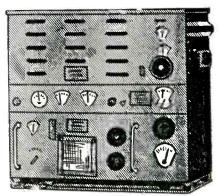
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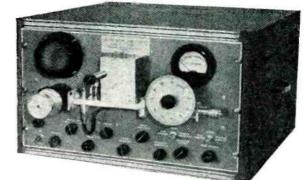
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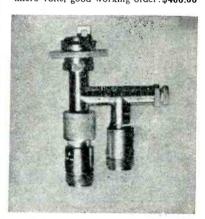
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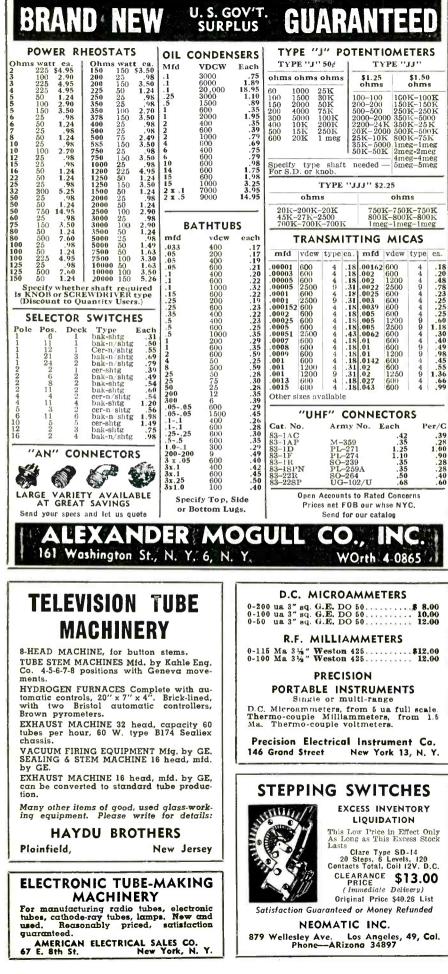
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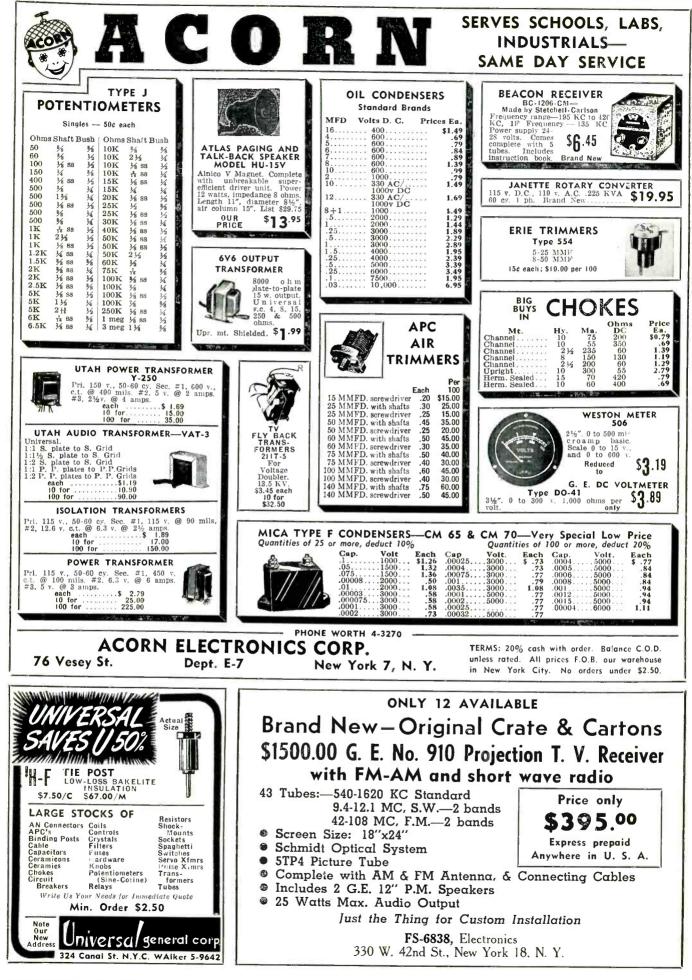
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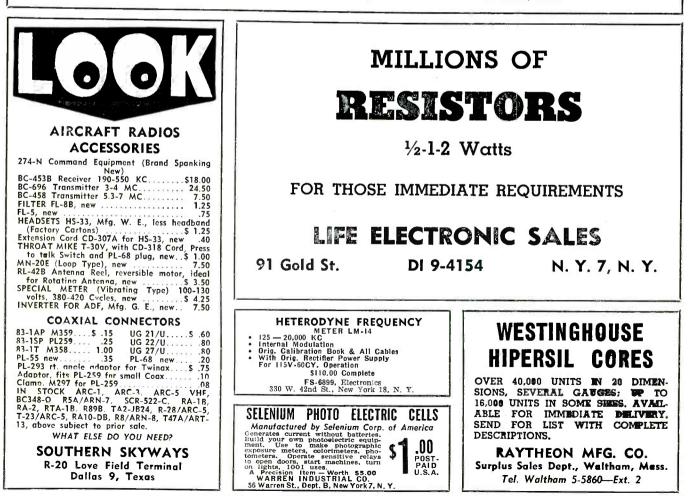
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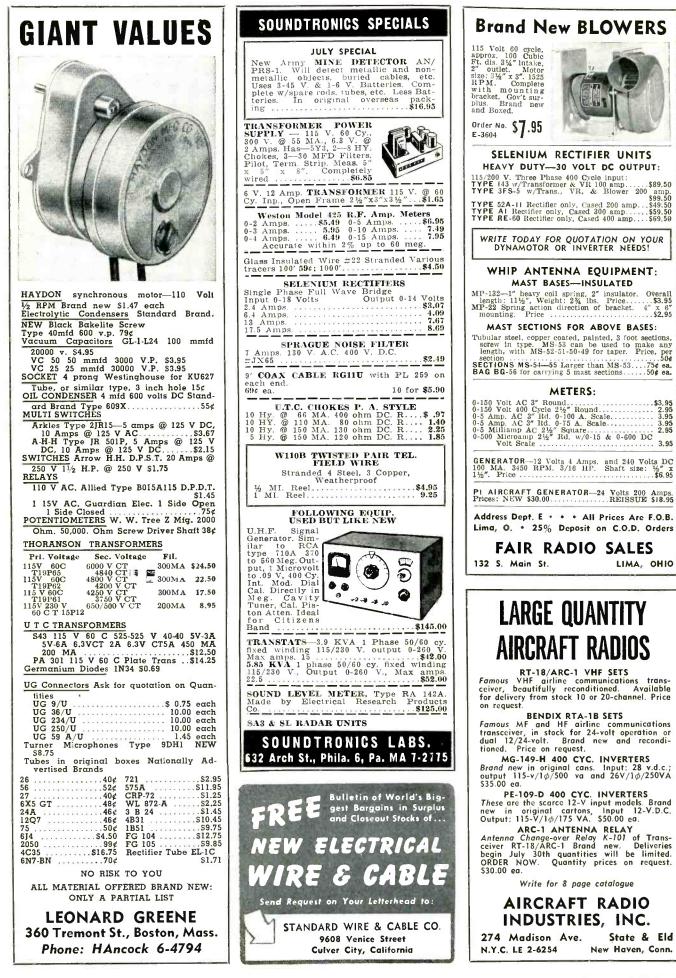
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