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Interelectrode capacita	nces:
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Type of cooling	water and forced air
Plate ratings per tu	be, Class B r-f power

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### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### By W. W. MacDONALD

National Emergency pulls the teeth of the FCC's color-television decision; producing black-andwhite sets will be difficult enough. By the time the question comes up again technical advances will have altered the picture and, from what we have seen and heard recently in Washington, compatibility will be part and parcel of it.

The industry has, in a sense, been saved by the bell.

Military Equipment Contracts often include maintenance manuals and many a bidder has stubbed a financial toe by failing to include in his figures enough to cover their production. Others have had equipment acceptances delayed because manuals were not ready to go with the gear.

There are several satisfactory ways of handling the production of manuals, but all of them are expensive. Take it from us that technicians who can write are becoming hard to find and that printing and paper costs are steep. More important still, securing the approval of government agencies on anything so subject to differerences of opinion as the quality of the written word can be a longdrawn-out proposition.

Some Civilian Services are vital to the emergency effort. We know of no better proof than the fact that two manufacturers were recently directed to expedite shipment of 12,000 tubes to civilian airlines, the directive taking priority over military orders.

November Land Hurricane that ripped and tore the eastern part of the country damaged a lot of antenna towers. Among the stations requesting FCC permission to reduce power or to use temporary skywires were WAAT, WALD, WAWZ, WBRY, WDAS, WLVA, WMGM, WMID, WNEW, WOV and WPRO.

By one of those rare coincidences gratefully accepted by editors, the storm hit on the very day

that our December issue containing the article "How to Select Antenna Towers and Masts" went into the mails.

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This, at any rate, was the consensus of opinion around the recent Joint Conference on Electron Tubes for Computers at Atlantic City.

**Creeper,** dancer, dillidallier, wiggler, up-drifter and downdrifter. These words are currently being used to describe the antics of malfunctioning germanium diodes, further enriching our technical vocabulary.

Long Island Railroad wreck investigators have suggested that the management might look into, among other things, the possible use of radar to avoid future collisions. The suggestion is indeed flattering to the electronics industry, but it seems to many of us who ride the line that it might first be necessary to jack up the radar and build a railroad under it.

Highway Maintenance is greatly facilitated by the use of radiotelephones, according to H. A. Radzikowski of the Department of Commerce, who furnishes the following interesting statistics;

Some 68 State, County and City highway departments are already using or are planning to use radio. Forty of them report that present facilities cover a combined operating area of 709,784 square miles and 129,075 miles of highways. Installations for statewide coverage cost as much as \$500,000; smaller county installations cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000, about



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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the same as one heavy motor grader.

Onondaga County, New York, recently figured interest on investment, depreciation, repair and operation of its single-base-station and 54-mobile-unit system at 8 cents per hour for each radioequipped vehicle. The system is used to manage a fleet of 100 trucks and other road equipment.

Receiver Sales by licensees for the first nine months of 1950 totalled 14,684,184, worth \$1,061, 641,271. Here's the way the total broke down:

Type	Units	Dollars
Electric		
Table (under		
\$12.50 billing		
price)	1,984,752	\$20,662,085
Table (over		
\$12.50 billing		
price)		
A-M	1,855,986	33,221,330
A-M/F-M	264,617	8,083,812
F-M (including		
converters)	10,078	226,603
Consoles	0.010	100 000
A-M	0,219	409,026
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A-M	967 186	11 191 909
A - M / F - M	14 644	947 957
Console-Rudio-Phon	05	1
A-M	55.089	4.611.161
A-M/F-M	343.502	42.154.949
Battery	,	
Portable A-C/D-C.	1,240,872	22,053,471
Table	72,150	1,134,132
Consoles	42	3.799
Auto	3,473,837	89,846,277
Television		
Converters	4,060	482.171
Radio Table	1 005 500	07 ( 010 075
Dadia Canaalan	1,995,522	214,816,013
Divort Viewing	9 106 057	400 226 220
Project viewing	2,100,001	9 170 624
Radio Phonos	0,000	2,110,004
Direct Viewing	474 245	126 902 582
Projection	37	17.915
Phonographs		
Phono only	310,644	5,334,496
With radio		
attachment	19,769	620,182
Without Cabinets		
A-M	11,432	259,991
A - M / F - M	13.883	597,578
Television	b6.154	6.203.303

Viennese Engineers dial B 34-504 and hear a 1,000-hertz (1,000cps) audio tone, very handy for testing. Dialing A-069 produces the musical note "A" (440 hertz). Austrian Telephone Company picks up the tones from the Austrian Bureau of Standard's quartzcrystal-controlled clock, which is correct within one-tenth of a million of one hertz scale degree.

Reliable Tubes for industry, about which we have long harped in this column, are exemplified by those used in a recently publicized telephone company submarinecable repeater unit. Why are these tubes reliable? Among the many reasons, they are operated well below ratings.

Other users please copy.

A Reader out in Palo Alto has invented a crash-locator beacon that is automatically ejected and sends out a continuous radio signal when an airplane cracks up. He's looking for a manufacturer.

Ray Guy, president of IRE, thinks that eastern television programs will reach Pacific Coast receivers by way of telephone lines and microwave relays early in 1952.

Slip Showing in the columns of one of our contemporaries but noted only by people with a penchant for proofreading: "Modern comical antennas are so effective on all bands that in some instances they even outperform separate high-band antennas."

Radio Free Europe broadcasts by Crusade for Freedom (National Committee for a Free Europe, Inc.) have been in progress since July 4th. Several new transmitters are planned and at least one is understood to be on order in Switzerland.

**Overseas:** Danish-made television receivers have been demonstrated to the public. Components, with the exception of picture tubes, can be made by some 30 plants and assembled by about 20 others, the two groups at present employing 25,000-odd people. Copenhagen and Malmo are within range of the first station to render regular program service, which is scheduled to start about the time this item goes to press, operating one hour three times a week. Set owners will pay a license fee.

The Philips-Valve Works in Hamburg, Western German Republic, has turned out 10,000,000 radio tubes since the end of World War II. Production, which totalled 600,000 tubes in 1946, has now reached an annual rate of 6,000,-000.

This Month's Understatement: "West German radio manufacturers say there is no immediate danger of overproduction of radio sets." (Reuters)



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# CROSS TALK

► WATCHES . . . Suppose piezoelectricity were a property of materials as yet undiscovered. Without quartz crystals and the like, how would we maintain the frequencies of radio transmitters to the accuracy required for full occupancy of the spectrum? Tuning forks? General Radio has a 100-cps temperature-controlled fork accurate to 0.001 percent, relative to a mean frequency specifiable to 0.0001 percent. This is plenty good enough, even for television broadcasting, for which the allowed tolerance is 0.002 percent. For vhf television frequencies, frequency multiplication of the order of 200,000,000 times from fork to final amplifier would be required, but experience with f-m broadcast stations has proved this practical, if somewhat more expensive than a quartz slab.

Dr. J. A. Van Horn, in a fascinating article "Physics in the Watch Industry" (December issue of Physics Today) suggests that the job can be done in still another way, by a pocket watch! A good watch has an integrated error over a 24-hour period better than 0.006 percent, and a chronometer is at least ten times better, or in the class of the temperature-compensated tuning fork. At first glance this seems an attractive idea. One would divide the carrier frequency down to the audio range and run an electric clock, comparing its second hand with the second hand of the chronometer.

This might work, provided the transmitter had very good shorttime stability, so that one could safely wait several hours for a visible discrepancy to appear be-

tween the two second hands. But this begs the question, since a transmitter without crystal control would probably drift in random fashion by ten times the allowed tolerance in a few seconds or minutes. This would never show up without microscopic examination of the relative position of the second hands. For example, the maximum allowable a-m broadcast drift of 20 cycles at a carrier frequency of one megacycle, occurring in 10 seconds, would advance or retard the second hand only 20 millionths of a radian, a quite undetectable amount. Under the assumed circumstances, the fellow who discovered the electrical activity of quartz (actually Pierre and Jacques Curie in 1880) would find a ready purchaser of the patent rights in Cambridge, Mass.

► DX . . . We understand that Bill Crawford, the weather reporter on station WFBM-TV in Indianapolis, is conducting a post-card survey on a 10:00 PM nightly telecast. As in many another one-station town, viewers in Indianapolis (281,-000 families, 84,000 tv sets) are simply crazy about dx (longdistance to youse physicists) reception from tv stations a hundred or so miles away in Cincinnati. Louisville, and Dayton. So said weathercaster is asking his televiewers to send him a postcard whenever dx is visible, telling what station, the date and time when seen, and the quality of reception. And what is the weather man going to do with the cards? Yep, he's going to correlate the reports with temperature inversions

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and other weather conditions, eventually may try his hand at predicting good dx weather. A cute idea which, if followed in other cities, might well develop a great deal of badly needed information on tropospheric propagation.

▶ STANDARDS ... Amid the current welter of invective regarding the function of government in setting standards for an industry, it is refreshing to report that the late lamented 81st Congress enacted into law new electrical and photometric standards about which there is no argument. In effect, the new law adopts the recommendation made by the AIEE in 1928 that electrical units be defined in terms of the absolute (c-g-s or m-k-s) units, thus eliminating the column of mercury and the standard cell as standards of resistance and voltage. The largest change amounts to less than 1/20th percent of the old values. which have been on the books since 1894. While they were at it, the Congressmen also got around to legalizing the units of light which had not been written into Federal law. The standard candle, which used to be referred to a set of incandescent lamps, is now 1/60th of the intensity of the radiation from one square centimeter of a black body at the temperature of freezing platinum, and the standard lumen is the flux radiated within a unit solid angle by such a source.

All of which sounds sufficiently like the accepted language of the experts to be very reassuring, even if it did take 22 years.

# TELEVISION



CHANNEL 4 video 67.25 mc audia 71.75 CHANNEL video 199.25 mc audio 203.75 CHANNEL 7 video 175.25 mc audio 179.75 CHANNEL 5 video 7725 mc 81.75 audia CHANNEL 2 55,25 mc 59.75 videa audio

New York's 1.250 foot Empire State Building as it looked when topped by WNBT's 52-foot pole and, in the insert, architect's sketch of the new 222-foot structure which will serve five television stations

Simplified sketch of the television totem pole, showing areas to be occupied by various antennas

**T**ALLEST MANMADE STRUCTURE in the world, New York's 1,250foot Empire State Building achieved a pinnacle of publicity during construction when it was topped off with a tower on which dirigibles were expected to moor. But the almost continuous presence of severe wind gusts, together with the disappearance of commercial dirigibles, nullified the plan.

Aviation's loss was electronics' gain, for today the tower supports

a 222-foot "television totem pole" upon which five of the seven locally licensed stations are erecting their transmitting antennas, with considerable benefit to the public and to the trade as well as to themselves. Service areas will in all cases be increased, shadows and ghosts will be reduced, and orientation of receiving antennas made very simple indeed in a market containing more than 15,000,000 people. Location of transmitters high up in the building itself, near the antennas, permits the use of short transmission lines and other innovations resulting in important operating economies.

#### Men, Money and Motivation

Leasing exclusive television broadcasting privileges since 1931, the National Broadcasting Company (WNBT) early in 1950 agreed with Empire State, Inc. that the building's unique facilities should

# TOTEM POLE-

Five stations will operate into their own individual arrays coaxially mounted on a 222foot structure atop New York's 1,250-foot Empire State Building. Common-point signal source and comparative freedom from shadows and ghosts benefits broadcasters, trade and public. Substantial antenna gains are obtained without detrimental interaction

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be made available to other companies. Applications for antenna and transmitter space were received during the year from American Broadcasting (WJZ-TV), WPIX, Inc., Columbia Broadcasting (WCBS-TV) and Allen B. DuMont (WABD) in this order.

Overall responsibility for the design, construction, erection and proper initial operation of the required multiple-antenna structure was placed in the hands of a refreshingly small committee \* consisting of the two authors, who were authorized to consult Shreve, Lamb & Harmon on architectural problems, Edwards & Hjorth on structural, Radio Corporation of America on electronic and Starrett Brothers & Eken on general contracting problems. The committee developed preliminary specifications RCA, and employing Wayne Masters of Ohio State University as a consultant, contracted to check the electronic aspects experimentally, recommend revisions where experience with mock-ups indicated their desirability and perform final on-location tests for antenna gain, pattern circularity and mutual coupling. Mock-up tests are still in progress.

The cost of the entire structure, the mast, antennas, transmission lines and associated fixtures will be approximately \$850,000. Empire State itself paid \$250,000 of this total for the mast and necessary building reinforcement and shares antenna design, development and test expense with its five television tenants. The stations pay for fabrication, installation and adjust-\*Eruce S. Old, On the Mathematics of Committees, Boards, and Panels, Scient. Month., August 1946. ment of their own antennas and transmission lines.

#### Major Technical Considerations

Winds above 90 mph have been recorded at the top of the mid-Manhattan skyscraper and the roof area upon which an antenna-loaded rectangular mast topped by a similarly cluttered steel pole can be mounted is limited. These two factors, primarily, determined the maximum safe height of the structure.

Mast height determined the total number of vertically stacked antenna elements that could be accommodated and the desire for approximately equal overall antenna-system gains dictated the number of bays allocated to each station.

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Physical considerations indicated that five systems, each providing an overall power gain of about four, could be accommodated and this figure will probably be bettered in actual practice despite the different transmission-line lengths and operating frequencies. Aside from the impracticability of obtaining greater gain by further extending the height of the mast and installing additional bays, calculations on more highly directive arrays operated 1,472 feet above street level disclosed that in all likelihood the resulting decrease in vertical radiation component would create a shadow area within a radius of a mile or more of the building, in a heavily populated area.

Some departure from optimum



Looking northeast over Manhattan toward Long Island. WCBS-TV at present operates from the Chrysler Building, the spike of which is visible just to the left of the construction worker, while WPIX uses a mast on the Daily News Building seen just to the right



A completed array is tested for gain and directivity at Medford Airport, near Camden, New Jersey



The bays are assembled around a mock-up of the mast section upon which they are eventually to be installed



East-west elements of a supergain array are tested for termination at Camden

circularity of individual antenna radiation patterns was anticipated as a possible effect of other closely adjacent antennas and setbacks in the mast, which decreases in size between the base and the top. This has not materialized in tests, and noncircularities of horizontal pattern are in no instance expected to be greater than 2 db from the mean value for the video signal.

Mutual coupling between antennas, the possibility that one might pump inordinate amounts of r-f into others, was an early design consideration. Two items in an otherwise lean larder of technical experience provided the answer; first, the fact that existing television transmitters function satisfactorily when video and audio signals are decoupled by 20 db or more and, second, the fact that horizontally directive and coaxially mounted antennas on the crowded "islands" of aircraft carriers exhibit remarkably little tendency to interact due to their small vertical radiation

component. Adjacent bays of the various Empire State antennas are being mounted a noncritical distance of about one-half wavelength apart and decoupling between any two at video-transmitter fundamental frequencies will be held to 26 db or better without employing special isolation tricks. There are no shields or other gimmicks between adjacent arrays. Coupling at harmonic frequencies is of secondary order and inconsequential; conventional filters are used at the output of final amplifiers in any event where appreciable radiation at some multiple of the fundamental might prove generally troublesome.

For those who wish to pursue the subject of mutual coupling further, a study undertaken by RCA during preliminary design stages of the job will be of interest. It produced a mathematical expression for predicting the amount of power received on one tv broadcasting antenna from another mounted coaxially on the same mast, expressed as

the ratio of power received to power transmitted:

$$\frac{P_R}{P_T} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{G_T G_R}{n_t n_\tau R^2} \frac{(E_L/E_R)^2}{1 + (E_L/E_R)^2}$$

where

λ	= wavelength
$G_{T}, G_{R}$	= directivities of transmitting and receiving bays in each other's direc- tion and at each other's frequency relative to an isotrope
n1, n+	= number of bays in the transmitting and receiving antennas
$E_L$ , $E_R$	= right and left-hand components of an elliptically polarized wave
R	= distance between centers of the adjacent bays of the two antennas, in wavelengths

It is assumed that first-order coupling occurs between the two adjacent bays only, that inversedistance-squared laws hold, that each element of each antenna is perfectly matched to its feed line at the frequency of the transmitting antenna, and that all feed lines of each antenna are effectively in parallel at a common junction point for that antenna. In practice, the fact that individual elements of a transmitting array do not match their branch lines at the frequencies of other nearby transmitting antennas provides additional isolation. Also, any coupling between bays other than adjacent ones acts in a favorable direction, since it tends to increase the random nature of phase amplitudes of received signals on the various individual antenna elements.

Calculations using this formula indicated that the degree of isolation required would be attained by the proposed configuration. Subsequent measurements proved the calculations to be substantially correct.

#### Individual Antenna Details

In solving the problem of accommodating a maximum number of

television antennas on a structure the dimensions of which were determined by mechanical load considerations, while at the same time employing previously developed antennas, it was determined that the topmost antenna should be one of the familiar superturnstile types. The four lower arrays are to be of the relatively new supergain or "ladder" type, each of their bays consisting of four broad-band horizontal dipoles backed up by infinitescreen reflectors 0.3-wavelength away and arranged around the sides of the tower. There are five bays spaced 0.77-wavelength apart for the lower-frequency channels and six bays spaced 0.8-wavelength apart for the higher channels. The increase in the number of bays for the higher-frequency channels offsets, by providing increased antenna gain, the additional transmission-line loss at the higher frequencies. The resulting effective gain determined at the transmitter source is substantially the same for all channels. Electric heating elements are incorporated in all antennas.

Video and audio signals are diplexed on all five antennas, WCBS-TV and WABD avoiding detrimental interaction between their picture and sound transmitters by using dual-bridge diplexers, gasfilled single coaxial lines between equipment and mast and powerequalizing bridges up at the junction boxes for their respective bays. WJZ-TV, WPIX and WNBT employ conventional bridge diplexers with two lines each between transmitters and antenna-array junction boxes to accomplish the required balance. Transmitter-to-array lines are 31 inches in diameter except in the case of WPIX, which uses a 61-inch line. The vswr is 1.1 or better over each visual band and 1.5 or better over each aural. All phasing and feed lines between junction boxes and individual antenna elements or bays are to be RG-35/U flexible solid-dielectric coaxial cable. or similar special cable.

Because of the manner in which the Channel-2 and Channel-5 arrays are connected for diplexing with a single coaxial-line feed, it is possible to isolate portions of these arrays in the event of failure of components, or for normal servicing. Coaxial switching is provided at the

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transmitter room so that power can be fed to the two top bays, the three bottom bays or all five bays, as desired. The switching is designed so that power normally fed to the section to be isolated can be diverted to an equivalent dummy load and so maintain a constant load on the transmitter and avoid overloading of the feed lines when operating at maximum power. This is not true of the three top arrays, so two of

their users will install simple stand-by antennas on the building's tower parapet.

Columbia's video transmitter is located on the 83rd floor and feeds its antenna through 275 feet of line, DuMont is on the 82nd operating into 338 feet, American on 85 with 324 feet, PIX on 81 with 405 and National puts its energy into a 385foot-long line from the 85th floor. All transmitters are rated at 5 kw;



Shadows and ghosts experienced by WPIX due to nearby higher buildings before its move to Empire State



Interaction between two dipoles tuned to exactly the same frequency. This condition does not apply in multiple-transmitting-structure practice and isolation of 26 db or more is readily obtained

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#### HOW IT WAS DONE



WNBT's old 4½-ton pole was telescoped into the tower, cut up and lowered beneath building elevators. New steel came up the same way



The first mast section was assembled piece by piece as it rose with the aid of the movable scaffold and a small but sturdy crane

but actual power output has not yet been determined because of feed problems and uncertainty as to FCC standards.

#### **Other Important Facilities**

While no actual tests have yet been made, there appears to be no technical reason why two or more television transmitters operating on closely related channels cannot use the same antenna. Thus a Channel-13 station might share the array for Channel 11 (WATV, at present operating in nearby Newark, N. J., is already negotiating along these lines). The affected arrays could readily be retuned by means of available stubs to a satisfactory compromise



Temporary antennas were erected for WNBT (left) and WJZ-TV (right). Concentric work platforms provided an assembly point for materials



A scaffold encircling the mast went along as 57 tons of steel capable of withstanding at least 110 mph of wind pressure moved skyward



Second section was assembled much like the first, while the third was partially assembled below. Painting started at this stage

frequency and additional transmission-line bridging installed to achieve the required isolation. Filters having some slight insertion loss might also be involved. Main coaxial lines were designed to handle 100 kw of effective radiated power. The RG-35/U cable, however, must work near its safe limit so any material increases in power require the development of new cable or techniques for this highly specialized application. The perfect solution is proving evasive.

If FCC licenses uhf television stations in New York City it will probably be possible to accommodate several antennas required for such service between present vhf antennas on the mast and on the pole.



End of steel, insofar as the mast is concerned. WNBT's pole is to be raised in one piece and superturnstile elements installed later

Columbia, American and National have, in fact, already installed simple antennas for their respective local frequency-modulation stations in such positions without ill effect on television transmissions.

Arrays for uhf theatre television, should this service materialize, would be installed around the building tower, rather than on the mast. AT & T's microwave-relay receiving antennas remain undisturbed on the balcony just below the tower.

Approaching technical perfection, with outstanding advantages for broadcasters, the trade and the public alike, Empire State's new skyhook will undoubtedly inspire other cities to erect similar television totem poles.


FIG. 1—Rating curves for the four sizes of welder ignitrons, for 220-volt service (left) and 440-volt service (right). Percent duty is computed from ratio of on-time to on-plus-off time, provided the on-plus-off time is greater than the averaging time specified for the size of tube in use; if it is not, percent duty is computed from ratio of on time to averaging time

## Load Sharer for Welder Ignitrons

Flip-flop thyratron circuit transfers the welding load automatically from one pair of ignitrons to another every two seconds. This reduces duty cycle per tube, permitting use of a given welder for a heavier weld or a longer time than was originally specified

N A HEAVY-DUTY electronic weld-I ing control, the ignitron tubes may be easily overloaded when the welding machine is used for a heavier weld or a longer time than first intended. Figure 1 shows the rating curves for each of the four sizes of welder ignitrons, with size A being the smallest and size D the largest. At 220 volts (left-hand chart) these tubes often may carry greater current than at 440 volts (right-hand chart). However, when operating continuously (at 100-percent duty, shown at right-hand edge of each chart) the tubes have the same rating at both voltages. Size-

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D ignitrons are the largest now available for welding service.

Figure 1 shows that a pair of size-B ignitrons may carry 130 amperes continuously at 220 volts. At 30-percent duty at 220 volts, however, the current that can be handled increases to 400 amperes. In 60-cycle service, for example, this 400-ampere current may flow to make two 9-cycle welds per second or 120 welds per minute. Here current flows 18 cycles out of each 60 cycles, which is 30-percent duty.

These same tubes must not be ex-

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pected to carry a 400-ampere current for a weld 9 seconds long, twice per minute, even though the duty cycle still is 30 percent. The reason for this is that the rated averaging time for size-B tubes is 18 sec at 220 volts.

For size-B tubes at 220 volts, the operation must be figured within a total time not greater than 18 sec. Since a 9-sec weld is 50 percent of 18 sec, these tubes are working at 50-percent duty; here Fig. 1 shows 250 amperes as the highest load. Similarly, in a 440-volt circuit, the operation of these same tubes must be figured within 9 sec. If a single weld is 9 sec long, the tubes are working during the whole averaging time, or at 100-percent duty, and their load should be only 130

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Example of press-type spot welder whose capacity can be increased by adding a flip-flop load-sharing control so that the duty cycle is shared by two pairs of ignitrons each operating well within safe limits

amperes. This holds true even if the welder rests a minute or an hour between welds.

Now let us see if size-C tubes will handle this 400-ampere load for a 9-sec weld. At 220 volts the size-C averaging time is 14 sec. Since 9 sec  $\div$  14 sec is about 65-percent duty, Fig. 1 shows that nearly 500 amperes may be carried; size-C tubes are thus large enough at 220 volts.

At 440 volts the size-C averaging time is only 7.1 sec. To make a 9sec weld, the tubes are firing during the whole 7.1 sec so they are working at 100-percent duty. Since Fig. 1 permits only 330 amperes of load for size-C tubes at 100-percent duty, the 400-ampere 9-sec weld will overload size-C tubes in a 440-volt circuit. Capabilities of other sizes of ignitrons for various duty cycles can similarly be found from Fig. 1.

### Ignitron Controls for Larger Loads

If a new welding machine will require say 6,000 amperes from a 440volt supply feeder, Fig. 1 shows this current to be greater than size-D tubes can carry even at very low duty. Nothing is gained by connecting together several pairs of size-D tubes and firing them all at the same time. Ignitrons do not divide the total current in the manner of high-vacuum tubes; whichever ignitron is first to fire will carry the whole load, sharing none of it with another tube in parallel. Ignitrons sometimes may divide large-current loads only if reactors are added in their anode circuits.

For the 6,000-ampere load, it is best to supply two separate welding transformers, each controlled by its pair of ignitrons carrying 3,000 amperes (at less than 18-percent duty, from Fig. 1). The secondary windings of these two transformers should not be connected together; their separate sets of electrodes should not be close together where they press onto a single piece of work.

Consider another heavy welding load, such as 2,000 amperes for 3.8

sec at 440 volts. Here size-D tubes have 5.6-sec averaging time, and they would be working at 3.8 sec.  $\div$ 5.6 sec or 68-percent duty. The tubes are badly overloaded, for Fig. 1 shows that size-D tubes must not work above 35-percent duty at 2,000 amperes. But why not use two pairs of size-D tubes arranged so that each pair carries the 2,000 amperes for half of the weld time, as described below? In this way each pair of tubes works 1.9 sec  $\div$ 5.6 sec or 34-percent duty; this is within the rating of size-D tubes.

### **Flip-Flop Control**

A separate equipment may be added to two ignitron contactors and a single heat control, so as to fire the tubes of each contactor in turn for about 2 sec each. In this way two pairs of size-D tubes may share the heavy load of the preceding example by dividing the weld time between them. This added control includes two relays which flip-flop in and out every 2 sec during the entire weld time. Relay 1 connects the heat control to the first ignitor circuit so as to fire one pair of ignitrons; 2 sec later, relay 2 connects the heat control to the other ignitor circuit so as to fire two other ignitrons, and relay 1 drops out. The contacts overlap, so that the contacts of relay 2 close before those of relay 1 open. When these contacts operate during a continuous weld, current flows to the welder without interruption.

The two pairs of ignitrons are connected in parallel as shown at the right in Fig. 2, so each pair in turn passes current into the single large welding transformer when the tube ignitor circuits are completed by the relay contacts. The relay coils are in the plate circuits of the thyratrons in the flip-flop control circuit. The 200-volt d-c plate voltage is applied to both tubes continuously, so that each can fire when its grid permits. When  $VT_1$  fires, its plate current pulls in relay 1, closing the contacts that fire ignitrons  $VT_{\mathfrak{s}}$  and  $VT_{\mathfrak{s}}$ . When  $VT_1$  is conducting, its anode is about 15 volts more positive than its cathode.

When plate voltage is applied to the flip-flop control,  $VT_1$  fires first

because of  $C_1$ . Next  $VT_2$  fires, turning off  $VT_1$ . These tube circuits alternate every 2 seconds, as determined by the sizes of  $C_2$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $C_4$ and  $R_4$ . This timing action may be seen in Fig. 3, which shows the voltage wave shapes in various parts of the circuit.

To hold the operation of this circuit still for a moment, let us open the plate circuit of  $VT_2$ , right at the In this condition, corretube. sponding to the start of the curves at the left in Fig. 3, no electrons flow through  $R_2$  so point B is at +200 v. Electrons flow from the cathode to the control grid of  $VT_1$ , then through  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  to B+. Since this grid is positive,  $VT_1$  is firing and relay 1 is picked up. Since the plate of  $VT_1$  is only 15 volts above its cathode, C3 has a high-voltage charge that is + at point B.

Point C is also about 15 volts above the cathode, so timing capacitor  $C_{4}$  is charged to the same voltage as  $C_3$ . The 10,000-ohm resistance of  $R_a$  is very small compared with the 6.2 meg of  $R_4$ , so voltage drop across  $R_3$  is negligible; the arc drop holds the grid of  $VT_1$  about 15 volts above the cathode. Meanwhile, point D likewise is about 15 volts above the cathode of  $VT_2$ , so both ends of  $C_2$  are at the same potential;  $C_2$  has no charge. The grid of  $VT_2$ is positive, so this tube is ready to fire at once when its anode circuit is reclosed.

Now suppose we let  $VT_2$  fire (by reclosing its plate circuit); relay 2 then picks up. At once the poten-

tial at B drops to K in Fig. 3, which is 15 volts above the cathode (the arc drop), and  $C_3$  starts discharging. Since a capacitor cannot lose charge instantly its (unless shorted), this charge on  $C_3$  forces the potential of terminal A down from +15 v to L in Fig. 3; in this way the plate of  $VT_1$  is driven negative long enough to stop the plate current, deionize the tube and permit its grid to regain control. At the same time the charge on  $C_{i}$ forces C down from +15 v to M in Fig. 3; grid current in  $VT_1$  stops and the grid remains negative for several seconds.

This high negative grid voltage keeps  $VT_1$  from firing, even though  $C_3$  quickly recharges (by electrons flowing up through  $VT_2$  to  $C_3$  and from the other terminal of  $C_4$ through  $R_5$  or relay coil 1 to B+). thereby letting the plate of  $VT_1$ again become positive. While  $VT_2$ is shut off, relay 1 is of course dropped out. The new charge on  $C_3$  is reversed; terminal A now is + and B is —.

The contacts of relay 2 fire ignitrons  $VT_7$  and  $VT_8$ , but there is a time delay of two seconds while  $C_4$ loses its charge, letting point C rise gradually from M to  $\pm 15$  v in Fig. 3. As  $C_4$  changes its charge, electrons flow from terminal C through  $R_4$  to  $B\pm$ . The potential at point C rises at a rate set by the RC time constant ( $R_4 \times C_4$ , which is 3.1 sec). When point C has risen about 15 volts above the cathode, grid current of  $VT_1$  again flows

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through  $R_{3}$ , preventing C from rising higher.

When the potential of point Capproaches N (cathode potential) during its rise to +15 v, the grid of  $VT_1$  is high enough to fire the tube, which then picks up relay 1. At once the plate of  $VT_1$  is pulled down to P, so the charge on  $C_3$  now forces point B negative to Q in Fig. 3, shutting off  $VT_{a}$  and dropping out relay 2. This time the charge on  $C_3$  forces point D to the negative potential at R, so  $VT_2$  will not refire when its anode quickly returns to B+. Capacitors  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  recharge. Again there is a two-second delay while  $C_2$  discharges through  $R_1$ , letting point D rise from R to S. At S,  $VT_{2}$  fires again, picking up relay 2; the anode of  $VT_2$  drops and the  $C_{3}$  charge again turns off  $VT_{1}$ . In this manner thyratrons  $VT_1$  and  $VT_2$  will continue to fire in turn. At the end of the weld, machine controls open the relay connections to B+ to prevent further operation,



FIG. 3—Voltage wave shapes at points A, B, C and D of flip-flop circuit of Fig. 2

but  $VT_1$  and  $VT_2$  continue to fire at 2-sec intervals since they still get plate voltage through  $R_s$  and  $R_2$ .

When taking turns every 2 sec, size-D ignitrons may be overloaded during a higher-current short-time weld (such as 3,500 amperes at 440 volts flowing for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  sec, once every 8 sec). For such service, the flipflop control may be furnished with time-delay action of only  $\frac{1}{3}$  second (or 20 cycles); relays 1 and 2 operate several times each second, firing the ignitrons for shorter periods and letting them rest more often. To produce this faster action,  $C_2$  and  $C_4$  are changed to 0.05  $\mu$ f, while  $R_4$  and  $R_1$  are increased to 10 meg.



FIG. 2--Circuit of thyratron flip-flop control circuit for two pairs of ignitrons

## **Defense Communications**

The pattern developing for the largest metropolis in the U.S. can be modified for application to smaller cities and towns. This plan for establishing emergency essential warning broadcasts and emergency communications facilities makes most efficient use of presently available stations and equipments

**T**HE POSSIBLE DISLOCATIONS to what is generally considered normal metropolitan life are many and blow with an exceedingly warm breath upon the neck of any city dweller. However, the occasional subway tieup, the blockage of subfluvial tunnels and the rush-hour opening of a drawbridge are as nothing compared to the fury of modern warfare with its methodical, high-explosive bombing.

In the opinion of civilian defense experts, atomic bombing of New York City would result in incalculable destruction and loss of life. With proper warning and precautions, together with an organized followup after the disaster, upwards of fifty percent of the possible loss of life might be averted.

There are many facets to the problems arising from a major disaster. Our particular concern is communications, with emphasis on radio. The foremost means is the telephone system that hourly handles many thousands of calls. Normal major dislocations to this service are few, owing to preventive maintenance, alternate emergency circuits, stockpiles of materials and a nationwide standardization of equipment and operating practice.

Failure of the telephone system can arise by accident or design when too many calls are placed for the central office equipment to handle. As a classic example, when a rear-end collision between two Long Island Railroad trains occurred Nov. 20, 1950, with 78 people killed, an unprecedented number of calls was handled by the VIrginia 7 exchange. The greatest previous demand upon the equipment was 40,000 calls an hour. After the rail wreck, calls were completed at

a rate of 82,000 an hour. During this period, many subscribers were unable to obtain dial tone—including a number of lines assigned to the emergency police and medical groups.

If the telephone system were to be destroyed or sabotaged, relatively small quantities of information could be transmitted in message services employing existing vhf radiotelephone equipment. Again, the example of what occurred after the Long Island wreck serves as a warning against too great dependence upon these serv-The frequencies available to ices. all citizens for common carrier and limited common carrier radiotelephone service in and around New York City were jammed with calls to doctors who are subscribers, to the exclusion of all others.

Broadcasts of information to the general public could probably be made not too long after any disaster. Although individual receivers might be damaged in large numbers, or, more probably, commercial power to operate the receivers would be lacking, community receivers with strategically located loudspeakers can spread accurate information better than word of mouth.

### **Basic System**

Although the exact plans can not be revealed, the general block diagram (Fig. 1) shows the essentials of the New York City warning system. In the warning phase, Police Headquarters, or an alternate Headquarters already established outside the heart of Manhattan, will send appropriate warnings not only to the public via the municipal broadcasting system of WNYC, as shown, but also to the various fire stations and to police divisional headquarters. The sirens on the police cars (now muted for normal traffic-clearing use) can either be keyed on directly through the police mobile radio equipment or by the driver on order. Police headquarters will also notify all strategic city officials so that they can assume their appointed tasks in the defense setup.

Fortunately, most New York City a-m radio broadcast transmitters are located out of the center of the city. In many cases they have auxiliary power plants. The f-m transmitters are not so favorably dispersed and most of them have no independent power.

The city has planned to make available a relatively large number of mobile vhf studio-transmitter link equipments that can be used from within a disaster area to program the a-m broadcast stations that are generally located on the periphery of the city. Such means can be used during a period when destroyed studio facilities and telephone lines are being replaced.

There are presently three types of signals employed in civilian defense. The YELLOW is a confidential warning for key personnel and may be followed by the WHITE all-clear signal. The RED signal, accompanied by sounding of sirens, is the first and only warning received by the general populace. Owing to the swift and unknown hazards of disaster or modern warfare, only a very short time may elapse between the RED and the eventual disaster.

Many of the wire connections shown are regularly in existence, others have been installed for defense purposes and are already in

## in New York City



FIG. 1—Block diagram to show the interconnection of warning facilities that can be set into operation from a central headquarters



FIG. 2—Tentative plan for controlling a large number of normally muted warning receivers from a central point by use of ultrasonic tones

use for tests. For example, at a specified time each hour, all broadcast stations now receive a test tone from the control room of WNYC and WNYC-FM. Each broadcast control has available specially marked patch cords and, if so directed, can feed this test tone or other program material to the various broadcast transmitters.

Arrangements are being completed to furnish a warning tone or siren recording to all Muzak and Storecasting controls so that these facilities can be used to warn patrons and their customers.

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Ultrasonic tones ranging between 15 and 35 kc are now in use to mute or to raise the gain on certain types of f-m broadcast receivers on buses and in stores. Tentative plans are being formulated to utilize such receivers, normally muted, together with giant loudspeakers. A recording of a siren played at the WNYC studio could be keyed on by an ultrasonic tone or combination of tones for the RED warning.

### **Central Control**

The manner in which the system would be operated is suggested in Fig. 2. The warning tone sent out from the central transmitter could be used to shut off normal program and key in the output of a special receiver tuned to the central station. Retransmission of the tone would unlock the muted receivers. These tones would be in addition to the normal tones used in some cases for commercial service. The warning tone indicated is merely representative. Although this system is technically feasible, it has some hazards. A saboteur or prankster could spread panic by gaining control of the central control for even a few seconds.

The means of emergency communications after a disaster are still in a formative stage. There is the possibility that the military would insist upon taking over all communications. However, since there is evolving a philosophy that local needs must be met locally, it is likely that the local civilian defense organizations will be allowed to solve their own problems. Only when it is determined that operation of transmitters will not serve for homing missiles and aircraft will the answer be clear.

Health, welfare, policing and similar functions will each have their own communications needs. These needs will probably be served, in the disaster stage, by police, taxi, public service, industrial and amateur radio working together under Red Cross or Civilian Defense authorization.

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## -ELECTRONIC MUSIC

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**A**<sup>T</sup> one time or another, every musically inclined communications engineer has connected a laboratory oscillator to a speaker and twiddled the frequency dial to play himself a tune. But did anyone ever provide four people with four oscillators, so that they might play like a barber-shop quartet?

Here is a facet of electronics which up to now, so far as the author has been able to discover, has been left unexplored. The question occurred to him while searching for a novelty to entertain members of a glee club at their annual party. The results of preliminary research (conducted in the author's cellar, since it was not an official company project) were received so enthusiastically that improved models were designed (in the same cellar), playing techniques were improved, and concert experience was obtained before several surprised and delighted audiences.

The present state of the art is represented by the "wobble organ" described in this article. It uses inexpensive radio parts, and offers interesting possibilities for home recreation of the participation kind,

### TIME OUT TO PLAY -

AUTHOR TO EDITORS: "Once in awhile we engineers need a light touch in the midst of our serious striving for progress and profit. With this in mind, it seems to me that the attached paper would not be out of place in ELECTRONICS."

EDITORS TO AUTHOR: When we first read your paper it immediately created a desire to build a wobble organ in our own basement. So here it is in print. We think it will create the same desire among many of our readers



FIG. 1—The wobble organ and its first four players; Ann Codington, Phyllis Taylor, the author and B. McMillan, all of Bell Labs

as well as for various entertainment fields involving large groups.

The four players sit around three sides of a card table, as shown in Fig. 1. The fourth side is turned toward the audience, and may conveniently be faced by a music rack if desired. In front of each player is a small "playing console". On the floor near the table is a cabinet containing a power supply, an amplifier, and a speaker. Pairs of consoles which are adjacent to one another are plugged together mechanically (see Fig. 2), and electrically, the whole set of four being connected to the speaker cabinet by a single 6-conductor cable.

Each console contains a thyratron sawtooth oscillator, with suitable control circuits and a simple waveform-shaping network which emphasizes or suppresses various harmonics in the complex sawtooth wave and thus affords a distinctive and different tone quality for each player. The physical arrangement of a console is shown in Fig. 3. The main control device is the "wobble arm", carried on a potentiometer shaft which extends through the sloping front. This control is designed to vary the pitch over a range of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  octaves (about 6-to-1 in frequency). The range is at least that of the human voice,

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Novel "wobble organ" has separate soprano, alto, tenor and bass oscillators and a common power pack, amplifier and loudspeaker. The instrument plays anything from barbershop ballads to Bach with a pleasing vibrato quality from which it gets its name

and in the present model is located differently on the frequency spectrum for each console, so that the four of them cover the vocal ranges of soprano, alto, tenor and bass respectively. (A male quartet model could be obtained merely by changing capacitance values.) The pitch control, or wobble arm, is operated by the right hand of the player in relation to the musical scale designations on the sloping scale quadrant. These designations need be used only as a rough guide, but they are of great value even to an experienced player in making rapid and accurate changes over large musical intervals, and they are indispensable to a beginner.

Operation of the tone source or oscillator is not continuous; each console can be turned on and off at will by the individual performer. The four consoles are normally silent. Oscillation is started by a slight downward pressure of the player's left hand on the knob at the left front of the console. This pressure closes a contact applying plate voltage to the oscillator. Thus the player may use a "portamento" between notes (leaving the tone on) or "detache" (momentarily interrupting it) as desired. The volume of sound delivered by the individual console to the common speaker is also under the control of this same knob, which may be turned as well as pressed by the player's left hand. The rotation can be calibrated in musical symbols, pp, p, mp, mf, f, and *ff*, indicating different degrees of loudness from pianissimo to fortissimo, but in the present model this is left to the musical taste of the player and only p and f are marked as rough guides near the opposite ends of the range. The



FIG. 2-The four-man (or woman) instrument from the players' point of view



FIG. 3—The bass console. Others are similar mechanically except for calibration of the scale quadrant and placement of interconnecting plugs

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switch action mentioned above is obtained very simply by mounting the potentiometer near the free end of a flat cantilever spring, the fixed end of which is screwed to the underside of the console top. A downward motion of about  $\frac{1}{32}$ -inch brings the free end into electrical contact with a fixed metal contact that also limits travel.

One other control, a tuning adjustment to compensate for such variables as temperature and aging, is required, as in almost any other musical instrument. This tuning knob is initially adjusted by the player's left hand while the corresponding wrist presses down the "on" knob and his right hand aligns the wobble arm with a scale mark (such as middle C) corresponding to the pitch of the reference source to which he wishes to tune.

The present consoles are made of §-inch plywood, with scale quadrants of  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch pressed hardboard. Each scale quadrant is made removable to facilitate storage, being mounted in slides at its edges. A simple catch is provided to support the free end of the wobble arm when not in use. The bottom of the console is made removable for access to component parts. Principal dimensions are shown in Fig. 3.

The layout of the speaker cabinet

is conventional, the only novel feature being the provision of storage space for the four consoles, two at each side of the loudspeaker as shown in Fig. 4.

### Circuits

Complete schematics are given of the consoles in Fig. 5 and the power supply and amplifier in Fig. 6. The thyratron relaxation oscillator in each console is of the type commonly used in oscilloscope sweep circuits, with the variable timing resistance used for the main pitch control and the grid bias for tuning. Different timing capacitors and waveform-shaping networks are shown (terminals A, B, C) for the respective consoles. When the consoles are plugged together a common shielded path is formed from the networks to the amplifier input.

The use of a 1-megohm logarithmic potentiometer in series with a fixed 10,000-ohm resistor for each frequency control provides a relationship between shaft angle and musical pitch which is substantially linear over a resistance range of 16,000 to 450,000 ohms, with a slope of about 30 degrees per octave. Accordingly, each half-tone occupies 2.5 degrees and each whole tone 5 degrees. The wobble arm



FIG. 4—Rear view of portable case containing the wobble organ's common power supply, speaker and amplifier, with the four individual consoles knocked down and stowed away

swings over more than 75 degrees, giving the desired  $2\frac{1}{2}$  octaves, and is set on its shaft so that the minimum total resistance actually used is 75,000 ohms. The potentiometer should have a molded carbon element or equivalent so as to minimize effects of mechanical wear on scale calibration.

A voltage divider across the 150volt supply (resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in Fig. 5) is arranged to hold the plate of the thyratron at about 40 volts above cathode potential while the "on" contact is open. The tube does not conduct in this condition, because its firing point for normal tuning is designed to be near 80 volts. The effect of the bias is to make the d-c potential at point A, while the oscillation is off, substantially equal to the d-c component of the sawtooth wave at the same point when it is on. Figure 7 shows how the bias eliminates a starting transient in the sawtooth wave as it is delivered to the input of the shaping network. If present, the transient would give a noticeable thump at the beginning of each note, particularly if the volume were turned up until excessive initial voltage rise overloaded the final stage of the amplifier.

voltage-doubling selenium-Α rectifier type of power supply (Fig. 6) delivers 100 milliamperes at 250 volts, and two voltage regulators are arranged in series to provide stable plate and bias potentials. This regulation is quite important, not only to avoid fluctuations of pitch with line voltage, but to keep the four consoles independent of one another in spite of the fact that their mean plate currents change as they are started and stopped or as their pitches are varied.

The audio amplifier is conventional; it includes a volume control, allowing the over-all instrument to be adjusted to a room of any size.

### **Playing Techniques**

Several interesting facts have developed from playing and experimenting on this instrument. First, although steady tones, without vibrato, are desirable in some kinds of music, a much more live effect can be obtained by wobbling the pitch control smoothly through a small range above and below the position of true intonation. This corresponds to the vibrate used in playing a violin or trombone, or occurring naturally in the human voice. All who have learned to play thus far agree that a vibrate of small extent (less than a quarter tone peak-to-peak) and at a rate of about 4 or 5 per second is desirable. This motion, as may be guessed, accounts for choice of the name wobble organ.

To allow the player's right hand to produce vibrato with a comfortable wrist motion the notes should be spaced well apart on the dial. A spacing of about one inch per whole tone appears to be a reasonable minimum. This figure, taken with the potentiometer calibration of 5



FIG. 5—Circuit of one of the four consoles, in this case the tenor console. The other three are identical electrically except for timing and waveform-shaping networks. Component-part values and circuits are shown for the soprano, alto and bass units



FIG. 6—Circuit of the common power supply, amplifier and loudspeaker unit

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FIG. 7—Waveform at point X of Fig. 5 at start of oscillation (A) without bias derived from the bleeder  $R_1 R_2$  and (B) with the bias

degrees per whole tone noted earlier, leads to a figure of about one foot for the length of the wobble arm.

It may be noticed in Fig. 3 that the scale quadrant (in this bass console) is calibrated with high notes toward the left and low notes toward the right. This comes about because logarithmic potentiometers having a left-handed taper are not commonly stocked in suitable sizes. Although players quickly become accustomed to this arrangement, it has been found that most of them would prefer to have the scale reversed to match the convention of the piano keyboard.

Experience has been obtained both with family groups playing for their own entertainment, and with quartets well rehearsed for public performance. Some solo work has also been done using a single console with piano accompaniment. In every case enjoyment and recreation value have been strikingly evident. Even two professional symphony players who took part in one of the quartets were highly entertained and, incidentally, behaved like the amateurs in that they played awkwardly at first but improved very rapidly.

The music used has varied from simple "rounds" and folk songs to Bach chorales. Although no suggestion is intended that the wobble organ may ever join the ranks of the serious musical instruments, nevertheless it can do things with Bach that are actually rather satisfying. It has a voice-like quality, and yet overcomes certain vocal re-The soprano never strictions. strains for high passages, the alto cannot possibly run short of breath, the tenor never cracks and the bass has power at his command for his very lowest note.

## **Progress** in

## **Dot-Sequential Color TV**

New tricolor tube, having nearly double resolution of earlier model, shown to press and industry at Washington in "status-report" demonstration. New phosphors and by-passed monochrome circuit produce marked improvement in color fidelity and image structure

THE CURRENT STATUS of the dot-sequential color television system was revealed to the press and industry groups in a series of demonstrations by RCA-NBC at the Translux Theater Building in Washington. Noteworthy progress has been made in the nine-month interval since the last press showing, based on three new developments: a new tricolor tube having higher resolution and improved red and blue phosphors, the introduction of the by-passed monochrome system of transmission, and improved circuitry designed to stabilize the brightness and chromaticity values of the image. The net results are a substantial gain in the brightness, resolution and color fidelity of the images, and virtual elimination of spurious patterns due to beats between the image structure and the dot structure.

### New Tricolor Tube

The new tricolor tube operates on the same basic principle as the earlier version. It contains three separate electrostatically-focused electron guns, arranged symmetrically in the neck of the tube, parallel to its axis. The beams from the guns pass through holes in a flat nickel plate ("mask"), arranged parallel to and about one-half inch behind the phosphor screen. In the new tube this mask contains 200,-000 dots arranged in the form of about 480 horizontal lines of 420 holes each. Each hole corresponds to one picture element in the image and the total number, 200,000, corresponds roughly to the maximum number of picture elements which can be transmitted over a 6-mc channel at 60 fields per second. The earlier tube had only 117,000 holes in the mask plate, owing to the limitations of processing which have since been overcome.

The phosphor screen consists of small dots which fluoresce individually in each of the three primary colors. Three such prosphor dots are grouped as a cluster in front of each hole in the metal plate, making 600,000 phosphor dots in all. The phosphor dots and the holes are so aligned that the electron beam from one gun passes through the hole and hits a phosphor dot of one color, to the exclusion of the other two in the cluster. The other two electron guns and phosphor dots are similarly paired off, so that each gun is capable of exciting light of one primary color only, but the three guns together can produce any combination of the primaries in each cluster of three phosphor dots.

The difficult problem of aligning the 600,000 elementary areas of three different phosphors with the 200,000 holes in the mask has been solved by mounting the mask and viewing screen on a metal collar prior to assembly in the picture tube. The mask and screen form a subassembly which is joined to the metal shell of the tube, the collar forming a part of the shell. The viewing screen proper lies within the tube, about one inch behind the clear-glass face of the tube, which forms the forward wall of the envelope.

The outer dimensions of the tube

are similar to the 16AP4 metal picture tube, except that the neck is thicker to accommodate the three guns and the overall length is about 4 inches greater. The scanning angle is about 55 degrees. The useful diameter of the phosphor screen is  $13\frac{1}{2}$  inches. No details of the manufacture of mask or screen have been announced, but it is understood that techniques akin to photoengraving and three-color printing are used to form the mask and to deposit the phosphor dots on the viewing screen.

In the earlier demonstrations the brightness of the image was limited to about 5 footlamberts, due primarily to the inefficiency of the then-available phosphors. New red and blue phosphors having higher light output were developed for the new tube, which permits a proportionate increase in the brightness of the red and blue primary images. Highlight brightness in the range of 10 to 15 footlamberts was measured at the press demonstration, and values up to 20 footlamberts were reported later.

Another forward step appeared in the red phosphor. When the initial model of the tube was constructed, only orange phosphors of suitable brilliance were available. To produce the required red light with the early tube a subtractive (minus-yellow) optical filter was used. The new version of the tube employs a red phosphor having the required chromaticity, and no optical filter is required.

As a result of these changes, it was the consensus of observers that

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Block diagram of by-passed monochrome color receiver. Primary-minus-monochrome signals (G-M, R-M, B-M) introduce color values

Rear view of 43-tube color receiver. The viewing screen is , 13½ inches in diameter, contains 600,000 phosphor dots 🚥

very considerable improvement had been made in rendering the color and texture of objects. In the press demonstration the tricolor tube did not reproduce highly saturated reds and blues as well as the rotatingdisk receivers currently demonstrated in New York by CBS. But the gap between phosphor colors and filter colors has been narrowed to such an extent that either can be considered satisfactory from a commercial standpoint. This fact is considered to be of great importance, since a tricolor tube will be an essential part of any future color system, irrespective of the method of scanning used.

### **By-Passed Monochrome**

Apart from the improvements in resolution, brightness and color fidelity, the most striking aspect of the images was the substantial reduction in the visibility of the dotstructure. In the earlier version of the system, the conventional mixedhighs transmission was used, that is, the image structure corresponding to video frequencies higher than 2 mc was transmitted in monochrome. Larger areas, corresponding to frequencies below 2 mc, were transmitted by three separate interspersed color signals. When the color signals are transformed into corresponding dots of color on the viewing screen, the image displays

a dot structure having a coarseness corresponding to 2 mc. This structure appears even in areas having no color (that is, white or gray) since these areas were formed by adding successive amounts of the three primaries at each point.

In the latest version of the system, the by-passed monochrome transmission method developed by Hazeltine (see p 92 this issue), has been adopted. In this method, the whole video frequency range from 0 to 4 mc is transmitted in monochrome, in the form of a continuous (nonsampled) monochrome signal derived continuously from all three camera tubes and applied continuously to all three guns of the tricolor tube. This part of the transmission is essentially identical to the standard black-and-white transmission, and it renders white and gray areas in the color image without dot structure.

To introduce the colors in the larger areas (2-mc coarseness), the color signals are arranged to subtract, from the white light of the monochrome signal, an amount which produces the required intensity of each primary color. That is, for the red primary, the signal applied to the red electron gun from the color sampler circuit corresponds to a red-minus-monochrome value which, when added to the monochrome value already present,

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produces a net red output.

In the Hazeltine system the technique of constant-luminance sampling (ELECTRONICS, August 1950, p 154), is used to reduce the effect of interference. In this method, the sampling vectors have unsymmetrical angles and amplitudes, so arranged that the color signals carry no brightness information, but hue and saturation information only. The constant-luminance method had not been introduced into the RCA system at the time of the demonstrations.

### **Receiving Equipment**

The receiving units demonstrated included two color receivers, having 43 tubes each, a 16-inch black-andwhite table model receiver converted for color, and a color companion unit, intended to operate as an attachment to a black-and-white receiver. Neither the converted receiver (standard 24-tube black-andwhite chassis plus an auxiliary chassis of 13 tubes) or the companion unit performed as well as the 43-tube color receivers in color fidelity. In all receivers a small degree of misregistration was noticeable in portions of the image, but the fact that good registration was maintained at the corners of the images showed that this difficulty is being brought under progressively greater control.-D.G.F.



# AUTOMATIC GCA

Simultaneous control of five aircraft spaced at two-mile intervals along a ten-mile approach corridor is provided. Azimuth, elevation and range information are converted into phase displacements at ground station and automatically transmitted to plane where information is used by auto-pilot to perform blind approach

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**G** CA RADAR is being pressed into more and more widespread use by aviation throughout the world. More than 150 military air bases are now depending on GCA for blind-landing purposes.

This paper describes a system for eliminating completely the human element. The ground link between radar presentation and transmitter is replaced by an electronic link, the necessary information being presented to the pilot by means of instruments. Finally, this same information is fed through suitable equipment to allow the automatic pilot in the plane to perform the approach. The pilot guides his plane to the glide path by conventional means, and takes over controls just before touchdown when visual contact is established.

The success of such a system depends on the ability of the radar to select a specific target and to lock itself to that target in order to control its approach. All measurements in range, elevation and azimuth are based on a phase difference between a reference and a signal current. Airborne and ground indicators are simple phase meters, thereby eliminating the complexities of c-r tubes and their associated circuits.

Conventional precision approach



FIG. 1—Standard precision approach radar furnishes data for operation of automatic approach system

radar, illustrated in Fig. 1, is used to obtain the required radar information. A single radar unit may be used to control the approaches of five planes simultaneously. There are actually six independent servo loops, five of which are in operation at any one time, while the sixth awaits the entrance of the next plane into the approach corridor as the first in line lands. The planes are spaced at two-mile intervals.

Figure 2 shows the pick-off units and a selector switch in the antenna scan mechanisms. Synchro-resolver  $R_1$  is geared to azimuth mechanism, and  $R_2$  is geared to elevation mechanism. These units replace, in certain respects, angle coupling capacitors normally used in conventional GCA equipment. Switch  $S_i$ , which is operated in unison with the T-R switch, controls the switching of selected target video to azimuth and elevation indicator systems, while the r-f switch controls the switching of the transmitter to azimuth and elevation antennas.

### Antenna Switching

While the r-f switch and  $S_1$  are in the positions shown, the elevation antenna is radiating and receiving r-f energy, and synchro resolver  $R_2$  is being supplied with selected target signal current. Under these conditions the output of  $R_2$  represents the angular position of the elevation antenna at

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary research on the work described was conducted by the author while associated with Bendix Radio Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation, which organization furnished the above photograph.



FIG. 2—Azimuth and elevation antennas are used with a common transmitter and receiver on a time-shared basis



FIG. 3—Azimuth and elevation are swept alternately in opposite directions to reduce target to a point source

those instants that r-f energy is being returned from the plane under control. In this manner, the elevation approach angle of the desired aircraft is determined.

When  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are initially adjusted they are set to provide zero output signal conditions when respective antenna beams are at the start of a normal sweep. For zero output conditions, for instance, current phase  $\phi_3$  from  $R_2$  will be leading current phase  $\phi_2$ , applied to the input circuits, by 90°. Current phase differences are therefore used as a measure of azimuth and elevation glide angles.

Figure 3 shows angular relationships between azimuth and elevation antenna beam angles and the angular positions of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. These curves represent a tentative arrangement where, in the case of the elevation antenna, the relationship of beam angle travel to current phase  $\phi_3$  angle of travel is 30 to 1. A similar relationship of the azimuth angles is also 30 to 1.

The r-f switch positions are also shown as a function of antenna beam angles. Two revolutions of the r-f switch blades are shown. During the first 180 degrees the azimuth antenna is energized. During the next 180 degrees, the elevation antenna is energized. This procedure of antenna energization is again repeated during the second switch revolution.

It should be noted that the antenna beam scans are made at one-half rate. This arrangement allows a target to be swept, alternately, from one direction and then from the other. Such action aids in reducing a target to a point source. The antenna beams are made to scan through two complete cycles per second, giving four looks per second, each look being  $\frac{1}{3}$  second in duration. Through the use of a 4,000-cycle antenna beam repetition rate each scan duration will contain 500 pulses of r-f energy.

Figure 4 shows the indicating system. Video from the radar receiving system is coupled to the target selector. A repetition rate from the master oscillator is fed to the range indicator. Azimuth information is transferred to the azimuth indicator from synchro  $R_1$ , and elevation information is coupled to the elevation indicator from synchro  $R_2$ .

### **Target Selector**

The target selector allows an aircraft to be selected by virtue of its range and speed. Video representing the aircraft brought under control is then used to actuate the range, azimuth and elevation indi-The three indicators are cators. essentially servo-type phase meters. The range meter measures the phase between the time a radar pulse is generated and the time it is returned from a target. The azimuth meter measures the phase of a pulse return in azimuth with respect to a known reference angle,

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and the elevation meter measures the phase of a pulse return in elevation with respect to a known reference angle.

The theoretical dimensions of the two beams at ten miles are similar, and it is assumed that, between half-power points, the beams are 2 degrees in width and 0.5 degree thick. At ten miles a box-like opening, 200 yards by 200 yards, represents the start of an approach corridor. With the aid of a radar search system, a plane is talked into the opening of the corridor. Upon entry, it is immediately detected by the range, azimuth and elevation equipment on the ground.

Under normal operating conditions, the corridor will assume a fixed location in space. The center of the box-like opening at ten miles represents the location of the glide path at this point. When a plane enters the corridor at 10 miles,  $\pm 0.5$  mile, a range indicator in the ground equipment becomes essentially locked to the plane. The azimuth and elevation indicators very rapidly measure the plane's deviation from the prescribed path.

The range indicator synchro resolver ( $R_s$  in Fig. 4) is adjusted to 154 degrees with respect to a zero angle of reference; a 154-degree adjustment is equal to 10 miles. Resolver  $R_s$ , through suitable phase splitting means, is supplied from a 4,000-cycle sine-wave oscillator. This supply of current is designated as phase  $\phi_1$ . The 4,000-cycle oscillator is under the precise control of the repetition-rate frequency from the master oscillator.

Each cycle of a 4,000-cps signal is completed in 150  $\mu$ sec, or 1.44 deg per  $\mu$ sec. Since r-f travels 1 mile in 10.7  $\mu$ sec, 10.7  $\times$  1.44 deg, or 15.4 deg of each cycle is equal to 1 mile.

Current phase  $\phi_5$ , taken from  $R_s$ , is therefore made to lag current phase  $\phi_1$  by 154 deg. By means of a pulse generator each cycle of current  $\phi_5$  is converted into 10- $\mu$ sec pulses and applied to the grid of a range gate. The midpoints of the 10- $\mu$ sec pulses are made to coincide with a cross-over point of phase  $\phi_5$ sinusoidal currents. Therefore each midpoint lags behind the initiating pulse from the master oscillator by 107  $\mu$ sec. The latter time is equal



FIG. 4--Indicating system provides range, azimuth-deviation and elevation-deviation data

to video returning from a target 10 miles away.

All video received is applied to the anode of the range gate, but the latter is normally biased to cutoff. However, when the 10- $\mu$ sec pulses are applied to the control grid, the tube is made conductive. This means that for  $10 \ \mu$ sec out of every cycle of 250- $\mu$ sec duration, the range gate is receptive. The only video conducted through the gate during a ten-mile adjustment of  $R_3$ , therefore, will be that returning from targets at ten miles out,  $\pm 0.5$  mile.

When a plane is talked into the approach corridor opening at a tenmile range, video is applied to input control circuits of another 4,000cycle sine-wave oscillator through the range gate. Through the use of a video repetition rate of 4,000 per second, the start of every cycle generated by the oscillator will be under the control of a video pulse. If a plane is flying in at a speed of 120 miles an hour, for example, the phase of the output currents  $\phi_2$  will be changed at a rate of 0.5 deg per second, or 0.000125 degree for each succeeding video pulse.

Until a plane reaches a 9-mile point in the corridor the contact arm of  $S_2$  is in the dotted position. Currents  $\phi_2$  are thereby connected to servo amplifier coupling transformers  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Circuits associated with  $T_2$  may be referred to as an integral control loop, while circuitry associated with  $T_1$  will function as a proportional plus integral control loop. Phase  $\phi_{\pi}$  currents are applied to the two control circuits continually, and serve as a reference current. Currents  $\phi_5$  are shifted 90 deg for this purpose.

Video-controlled  $\phi_2$  currents may be considered in phase with  $\phi_5$  currents when the plane is at ten miles and when  $R_3$  is set at 154 deg. Under these conditions motor  $M_1$ will be stationary.

If the speed of the plane is 120 miles per hour at the instant it is passing the ten-mile point,  $R_4$  will be set at an angle necessary to produce a corresponding  $M_2$  motor

speed. The phase angles of synchro  $R_s$  rotor current  $\phi_s$  and current  $\phi_z$  will be changing in unison at a rate of 0.5 deg per second. The only conditions under which  $M_1$  and  $R_4$  will have assumed a different angular setting are when the plane changes its forward speed.

### **Range Indication**

An indication of aircraft range is taken from the synchro  $R_3$  rotor shaft. Because of the integral control servo in the range indicator loop, the range of the aircraft under control will be followed with a high degree of accuracy. The integral signal  $\phi_n$  actually replaces the proportional signal  $\phi_2$  in the primary of  $T_1$ . During a constant-speed approach, a signal current  $\phi_2-\phi_5$  differential is zero, while a  $\phi_n-\phi_5$  differential functions as the constantvelocity servo error.

When the plane reaches the ninemile point  $S_2$  is automatically thrown to the position of the solid line connection. This puts  $\phi_2$  potentials on the grid of the speed gate tube. Although  $\phi_2$  currents are now coupled to  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  through this cathode follower, the operation of the range indicator is essentially the same.

While the phase of  $\phi_5$  currents is shifting at the rate of 0.5 deg per second, the 10- $\mu$ sec pulses are kept in synchronism with the video. Very close synchronism is again maintained by virtue of the integral control loop in the range indicator. By this process, the trailing and leading sides of a control box in the space occupied by the approach corridor escort the plane to within approximately 50 feet of the runway.

The speed gate distinguishes speed differences between the aircraft under control and all other targets. Currents  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_5$ , which are of approximately equal magnitudes, are combined in the primary of  $T_{3}$ . Currents  $\phi_{5}$  are applied as a reference, and  $\phi_2$  serves as the signal current;  $\phi_2$  currents are applied intermittently, at antenna scan rates. The two currents are combined 90 degrees out of phase, and are each changing their phase with respect to  $\phi_1$  currents, at a rate of 0.5 deg per second. Current  $\phi_s$  is used as the reference since it is the constantly applied current. The output of  $T_3$  is rectified and places a constant charge on capacitor  $C_1$ .

Because of the phase relationship of  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_5$ , there is no appreciable alteration in the charge on  $C_1$  during the applications of  $\phi_2$  currents. In the event the charge on  $C_1$  is increased, a positive potential is impressed on the cathode of  $V_1$ . When the charge on  $C_1$  is decreased, the polarity of this potential will be reversed. Current will then flow through  $V_1$ . Negative voltage, which is a function of the rate at which the charge on  $C_1$  is decreasing, is placed on the control grid of the speed gate tube. When the presence of  $\phi_2$  currents represent video of a plane under control, this tube functions as a normal cathode follower. Signal currents, as previously explained, will be applied to  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

### Stationary Targets

If a stationary target is detected within the control box, resulting  $\phi_{2}$ currents will be allowed to flow in

the primary of  $T_3$ . Since the control box is traveling in the direction of the touch-down point at the speed of 120 miles per hour.  $\phi_2$  current flow in  $T_{a}$  will be shifting phase with respect to  $\phi_5$  at a rate of 0.5 deg per second. This change will be in the direction which increasingly opposes the current flow of  $\phi_5$ . Under these conditions the charge on  $C_1$  will be decreasing also. A resulting negative voltage on the speed gate tube introduces a blocking action. In this manner, undesired targets are isolated from the indicator circuits.

### **Az-El Indicator**

Target video in the form of  $\phi_2$ current, selected by virtue of an aircraft's range, its speed, and its position in azimuth and elevation, is now coupled to azimuth and elevation indicating circuits through  $S_1$ . This switch allows the azimuth indicator to receive signal currents when the azimuth antenna is in operation, and then allows the elevation indicator to receive similar currents when the elevation antenna is in operation.

Again referring to Fig. 3, the start of each antenna scan coincides with a synchro zero reference angle. A mechanical relationship may allow, for example, the synchro to rotate 180 deg during a beam angle scan of 6 deg. If during the sweep of a beam the controlled aircraft's position corresponds with a 3-deg beam angle, it will be repeated as a 90-deg synchro rotor position. This 90-deg position will be the





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only angle at which  $\phi_2$  currents are coupled to the respective indicator systems.

Target and beam dimensions in the directions of scan are reduced to a point source, insofar as the indicators are concerned, by sweeping the target from opposite directions. During one sweep the beam angle and the synchro angle are increasing together, from a zero reference. In the following sweep the beam angle reverses its direction while the synchro repeats in the same direction. The response characteristics of the servo loops in the indicators provide an averaging process of the beam angle currents.

In the azimuth unit (Fig. 4)  $\phi_2$ current is fed through a phase splitter to  $R_5$ . Output current  $\phi_7$ , from the rotor of  $R_5$ , is supplied to the midtap of  $T_4$  as a reference current. Current  $\phi_4$  from  $R_1$  is coupled to the primary of  $T_4$ . In combination,  $\phi_4$  and  $\phi_7$  currents are coupled to phase rectifier and amplifier circuits wherein phase differences are amplified and used to energize the azimuth indicator motor which is geared to  $R_5$ . The latter is servoed to an angular setting which satisfies an equilibrium condition in  $T_4$ .

A state of equilibrium is reached when the rotor of synchro  $R_5$ , from a zero reference angle, is given a position of 90 deg. This angle coincides with the 90-deg angle of  $R_1$ , at which angle video is returned from the plane on the approach A brief sampling during path. each sweep of the antenna beam is sufficient for keeping  $R_1$  and  $R_5$  in step. By means of integration the servo loop remembers its adjustment from one antenna sweep until the next, and assumes an average of broad target effects.

If for example a 3-deg azimuth beam angle represents the correct glide path, a corresponding angle of  $R_1$  will be 90 deg. By means of a glide-path adjustment,  $R_5$  may be turned until the azimuth deviation indicator reads zero. A similar adjustment is provided for in the elevation indicator. These glidepath adjustment shafts may be linked in with the range mechanism, in the event a glide angle is required to change as a function of range.

Connecting points are provided

for range, azimuth and elevation repeaters. Currents of  $\phi_2$  are used as a reference in each case.

A complete automatic system contains six independently controlled range-azimuth-elevation indicator units, all of which are operated in parallel and supplied with range information from a common radar receiving system. The units are also furnished with azimuth and elevation data from a common pair of radar antennas.

A type of indicator presentation is shown in Fig. 5. In combination, and on a single dial face, Az-El position deviation and aircraft range are presented.

Aircraft range is shown by means of a circle of reflected green light on the underside of the translucent dial. Range is indicated by the diameter of the circle. When a plane enters the approach corridor at ten miles, the circle appears and then becomes progressively smaller as the plane proceeds from the tenmile point.

The plane's position in the approach corridor will be indicated on the dial face by a dot of white light. The position shown at point a is at mile in range, 20 yards high in elevation and 10 yards to the right of the approach path. The dot of light (a), under properly controlled conditions, will be kept as close as possible to the point of cross-over. However, the importance of holding the plane on the glide path increases with the nearness to the touch-down point. Therefore, this type of presentation will prove to be highly desirable, in that the pilot, or the control operator, will extend every effort to at least keep the dot of light, which represents his plane, within the circle.

### **Aircraft Spacing**

The pilot or control operator is supplied with the position in range of the plane directly ahead of him by means of a red range circle on the dial face. The red circle in Fig. 5 has been reduced to a dot in the center of the scales, which indicates that the other plane has already touched down.

An indicator of the above type is representative of the instrumentation carried in the plane. A set of six such indicator dials will be employed on the ground. Under actual operating conditions, the instrument in a plane is made to function as a repeater of a corresponding unit on the ground, after the plane reaches the ten-mile point. If a plane is not equipped with such a unit, the pilot may be supplied with oral instructions from the ground.

The circuit in Fig. 6 illustrates the aircraft spacing system. As previously stated in connection with Fig. 5, there are six independently controlled range-azimuth-elevation indicator units in the ground equipment. Certain essential rangemeasuring components of the six units are again represented in Fig. 6. Components of the respective units are identified by letters. The independent range circuits are supplied from a single source of video and master oscillator currents of the radar set.



FIG. 6—Aircraft spacing equipment maintains approximately 2-mile intervals, which corresponds to 30.8 radar degrees

With reference to any one range unit, it will be noted that video is coupled to a selector, and the repetition rate is coupled to synchro  $R_s$ through phase-splitting circuits. Current  $\phi_5$  from  $R_s$  and current  $\phi_2$ from the selector are coupled to a range servo. In response to phase differentials a motor  $M_2$  corrects for misadjustments of  $R_s$ . To this extent, the system was more fully described in conjunction with Fig. 4.

Important additions to these range circuits include a switch  $S_{3}$ , actuated by a cam and follower, and a phase shifter. Switch  $S_{3}$  allows either  $\phi_{2}$  currents from the selector, or  $\phi_{5}'$  currents from another range unit, to be coupled as a reference to the range servo. By means of  $S_{3}$ , the six range units may be connected in series.

When two range units are connected by an  $S_3$ , a synchro  $R_5$  of one unit operates as a director and a similar synchro  $R_3$  of the second unit functions as a responder. The phase shifter between each synchro rotor  $\phi_5$  output and switch contact of  $S_3$  provides for a 30.8deg differential between  $\phi_5$  currents of respective rotors when a condition of balance is established. A series of phase meters may therefore assume alignment differentials of 30.8 deg. A range of one mile is equivalent to 15.4 deg.

An examination of the entire system will show a series connection of range units C, D, E, F, A and B. There is a disconnection between B and C. The cam assembly of unit B is in a position which connects  $\phi_2$  current to the range servo. The associated dial indication of zero is equal to a range setting of ten miles. This is further indicated on the sample dial face shown at the bottom of Fig. 6. The range indicator B retains its ten-mile setting until a plane enters the approach path. When the latter occurs  $\phi_2$ currents under control of the plane allow the range meter B to follow the plane in toward the touch-down point.

The range unit A, under the control of range unit B, had previously assumed an adjustment of 30.8 deg behind unit B. Unit A will remain in this position until a plane takes over the control of unit B. In this event, a rotation of  $R_s$  in unit *B* will be closely followed by  $R_s$  in unit *A*. In the process, a cam is rotated in the arrow direction until a follower rides upon the larger-diameter portion of the cam. A director control current  $\phi_s$  from unit *B* is disconnected by  $S_s$ , and unit *A* will then have assumed a setting of ten miles. While this action is taking place the remainder of the range units in the complete system will have likewise advanced 30.8 deg.

### Aircraft Equipment

The diagram of Fig. 7 shows the equipment included in the plane. If a plane is merely equipped with a communication receiver, the pilot may be talked in. If an indicator is included in the plane the various data, in the form of phase-displaced currents, will be used to control the indicator. Or, if the plane is equipped with an auto-pilot, the latter data may be coupled directly to it for control of the plane.

Plane-ahead range data will consist of phase-displaced currents  $\phi_{3}$ and  $\phi_5'$ . Phase  $\phi_5$  represents range from touch-down of the pilot's own plane, and phase  $\phi_{5}$ represents range from touch-down of the plane ahead. The resultant information furnished the pilot will be the distance between his plane and the one directly ahead of his plane. Phase differences between  $\phi_5$  and  $\phi_5'$  currents are coupled to a servo-type phase meter. The latter consists of a synchro resolver  $R_7$ and its associated control circuits and motor. An assumed position of  $R_{\tau}$  is a measure of aircraft spacing, which is mechanically transferred to the indicator.

Touch-down range is represented by currents  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ . Phase relationships of these currents are detected by means of a second servotype phase meter, and converted into an indication of distance to the touch-down point. This phase meter consists of synchro resolver  $R_s$  and its control circuits and motor. Aircraft range is closely followed by a changing angular position of  $R_s$ , which is transferred to the indicator.

Azimuth position deviation data consists of phase-related currents  $\phi_{z}$ and  $\phi_{\tau}$ , and elevation position deviation data consists of phase-related

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FIG. 7—Airborne equipment. Information may either be applied to indicator or to automatic pilot for completely automatic approach

currents  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_8$ . These currents are likewise coupled to phase-meter circuits, wherein electrical differentials are converted to positional information. The mechanical output of each meter is likewise transferred to the indicator. The indicator is similar to that described in connection with Fig. 5.

Conventional auto-pilot equipment may be modified to respond to the same control data supplied to the indicator. The auto-pilot is shown in Fig. 7 by a block diagram. Current phases  $\phi_2$ ,  $\phi_7$  and  $\phi_8$  will be used to control the plane in pitch and yaw. Current phases  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ in combination with  $\phi_5$  and  $\phi_5'$  will be used to control the plane's speed.

### **Potential Advantages**

In summarizing, it will do well to point out that systems in the past, for the most part, have been limited to the control of aircraft singularly and have involved the use of several skilled operators to interpret cathode-ray scope indications and then convey the results of their interpretations to the craft under control. The means provided by these systems for the indications of the location of the craft with respect to the glide path require, at best, the interpretation and correlation of separate indications for each of the coordinates used to determine the position.

There is no certainty with existing systems that an indication of a craft on the glide path will not be

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confused with indications of other craft or objects in the vicinity.

The indicating facilities of the present system, however, portray on one instrument face a correlated indication of the position of an aircraft with respect to a desired glide path. The indication obtained is assuredly representative of the plane under control, by virtue of the inherent ability to discriminate against targets having a velocity relative to the desired glide path, which differs from that of the desired target.

The indicators are mechanically actuated devices that respond to signal inputs which lend themselves readily to the actuation of repeater indicators. When such repeaters are located in aircraft, the pilot may make his approach by radar-controlled instrument readings. For a more accurately controlled approach the pilot may couple the received signals to the auto-pilot for a completely automatic operation.

As explained, the system is adapted for the simultaneous control of as many as five aircraft by the provision of a plurality of sets of range, azimuth and elevation determining circuits mechanically interlocked through their range-responsive servo motors. This is accomplished in a manner such that each in turn becomes responsive to the reception of target echo signals from targets at a predetermined range limit.

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## **TELEMETERING SYSTEM**

Snowfall in isolated mountain areas is measured in terms of radiation between slug of Cobalt-60 embedded in ground and Geiger-Muller tube suspended above it. Unattended f-m transmitters and repeaters forward data to central recording station. Commitments

for hydroelectric power and irrigation water are made on basis of measurements

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THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE of efficient use of natural precipitation in the western part of our country has become well known in recent years. This requires accurate measurement of precipitation as it falls and as it is stored in the snow pack in mountainous areas.

Commitments for both hydroelectric and irrigation water supplies are made on the basis of snow measurements. Snow-survey and precipitation-gage data give only limited information because of the inaccessibility of many important watersheds during the winter.

### Instrumentation

During the past two years, R. W. Gerdel and B. Lyle Hansen of the U. S. Weather Bureau and W. C. Cassidy and Forrest L. Rhodes of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' have developed a thickness gage, using radioactive isotopes of common metals, to measure the water equivalent of snow cover in isolated areas.

Only gamma rays appear to have sufficient energy to penetrate a deep snow pack. The intensity of radiation, after passing through an absorbing medium, depends upon the original intensity and the thickness of the medium, in accordance with Lambert's law  $dI = \mu I_o dx$ . The proportionality constant, u, (also called the linear-absorption coefficient) is the reciprocal of the thickness of the medium which will reduce the intensity of radiation to 1/e of its original value. The linearabsorption coefficient, when divided by the density of the substance,  $\rho$ , produces the mass-absorption coefficient,  $\mu/\rho$ , which is constant regardless of the state of the medium whether it be solid, liquid, or gase-0115

The water equivalent of a snow pack may be expressed in terms of measured attenuation through the snow, provided three conditions are



Physical arrangement of equipment at a data-transmitting station. A single pole supports the sensing unit and antenna



Sensing-unit arm and, below, radioas tive Cobalt-60 and collimator set in con crete base under sensing unit

### met in the measuring equipment:

(1) Cosmic radiation must be determined, and subtracted from the measurement, unless it is very small compared to the intensity from the source being measured.

to the intensity from the source source measured. (2) Radiation must be essentially monochromatic, since the absorption coefficient is constant only for a specific wavelength.

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(3) The beam of radiation must be collimated to reduce excessive scattering, which would produce an apparent variation in the absorption coefficient.

After investigating all available sources of gamma radiation, Dr. Gerdel and his associates chose Cobalt-60 because it has high activity, its radiation is essentially monochromatic (1.1 and 1.3 mev) and it has a long half-life (5.3 years). Decay correction within a season is small.

Two units (40 millicuries) of Cobalt-60 were mounted at the lower end of a heavy lead tube. The tube was installed vertically in the ground, with the upper end flush

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### for Radioactive Snow Gage



Typical unattended repeater that receives signals from several radioactive-snow-gage data-transmitting stations located in remote mountain areas and relays them to a more accessible recording station

with the surface. This method of mounting effectively collimates emission so that at 15 feet the principal energy is contained within a circle approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet in diameter.

A Geiger-Muller tube was chosen as the sensing device because it is rugged and can readily withstand conditions of operation imposed upon it by this application. It provides an output that can be readily used in electronic circuits. To provide continuous calibration, a small sample of Strontium-90 is included in the housing with the G-M tube. Emission is essentially beta radiation, with a half life of 25 years. The sample is placed close to the G-M tube but separated from it by magnetically-operated metal а shield. The radiation from the beta

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standard is superimposed on the count rate for a portion of the sampling period, as a means of checking the entire system from the sensing element to the recorder.

Calibration of the radioactive snow gage has been undertaken both by the use of hand-packed snow piles and by the use of known depths of water between the radiation source and the sensing tube. The linear-absorption coefficient obtained was very close to the theoretical value for absorption of 1.2mev energy by water. Slight differences can be attributed to unequal distribution of 1.1 and 1.3mev energy from the Cobalt-60 and to the finite resolving power of the self-quenching tube.

Unlike most instruments, the radioactive snow gage has an error which increases in percentage as the quantity measured increases. However, practical measurements show that up to a reading of 45 inches of water equivalent the error is less than 5 percent. This is far better accuracy than can be attained by other methods of measurement.

### **Telemetering System**

To form a useful system, the information from many gaging stations must be transmitted to a central collecting station far removed from the data-transmitting sites. These sites are by their nature at locations inaccessible to pole line facilities. Radio is the only practical medium for transmitting data to the recording station. For simplicity, a one-way radio system is used and data stations are actuated according to a program controlled by a time clock at each station.

A count rate as high as 20,000 per minute or as low as 120 per minute (background rate) must be transmitted. Since the lower countrates represent the maximum depth of snow cover and since minimum count is limited by background count, it is important to study the probable error due to the random nature of the background count. This follows the well-known distribution of random events, where the maximum deviation is  $D = \sqrt{N}$ . Thus a maximum deviation of 11 counts might be expected with a background count of 120 cpm. A longer counting period would improve the accuracy of reading. Using five minutes as a counting period,  $D = \sqrt{600}/5$ , or 4.9 counts per minute. A five-minute counting period was therefore chosen as a practical compromise between the number of stations to be handled in a given period of time and the probable error incurred due to the random nature of the impulses.

The bandwidth required of the transmission system is directly proportional to the rate of data transmission. However, the noise power affecting the system is also proportional to the system bandwidth. It is desirable, therefore, to reduce the bandwidth of the system



Calibration of radioactive gage in counts per minute above cosmic background versus water equivalent of snow



Receiving equipment used at central recording station to handle the audio subcarriers of remote repeater stations

to a minimum, provided that this reduction does not incur an intolerable error in the reading.

In the data-transmission system chosen, an audio subcarrier is used to frequency-modulate an r-f carrier in the 169 to 173-mc range. The frequency of the audio subcarrier is shifted from its nominal value to a second value by the first count signal from the G-M tube. The next count shifts it back to its original value. Each count is identified as a point in time when received at the recording station. However, the average frequency of modulation of the audio subcarrier is only half the count rate.

If a further division by two is incorporated, using a conventional divider circuit, an error of + zero to minus-one count is incurred. Dividers can be used, with the following errors being incurred:

Division by	Maximum errors in count	Maximum error in count rate (cpm in õ-min. period)
2 4 8 16 32	-1 -3 -7 -15 -31	$-0.2 \\ -0.6 \\ -1.4 \\ -3.0 \\ -6.2$

It should be noted that the error incurred by the use of dividers is an error in basic count. When taken over a five-minute period, the maximum error in counts per minute is only one-fifth of the basic count error as shown above. Since the quantity being measured was shown previously to have a possible error of 4.9 counts per minute (at minimum counting rate) it is practical to divide the basic count-rate by eight and incur a maximum error that is small compared with the uncertainty already existing.

The maximum expected average count-rate of 20,000 cpm is equivalent to 333 counts per second. However, with currently-available Geiger-Muller tubes having a dead time of 150 microseconds the maximum frequency of pulses could be as high as 6,667 per second. Since two pulses are required to provide a full cycle of frequency-shift modu lation, this is equivalent to 3,33% cycles per second. A further division by eight reduces the requirement to 416 cycles per second. The bandwidth required to transmit this modulation width is generally taken as 2.3 times the highest modulating frequency.<sup>2</sup> Thus a 1,000cycle-wide system would provide practical operation.

The system used is equivalent to a double-frequency-modulation system. The signal-to-noise improvement factor is represented by the relation<sup>a</sup>

 $F = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{D_1}{fm}\right) \left(\frac{D_2}{fsc}\right)$ 

Signal-to-noise ratio improvement is set at 12 db over an equivalent amplitude-modulated system.

The use of frequency-modulated subcarriers has two more important attributes. In a practical snow-gaging system, many datatransmitting stations are spread over a wide area. Repeater stations are required to receive and to retransmit the signals to the recording station. Simultaneous reception at a repeater station of two or more data-transmitting stations



Half-watt f-m transmitter and Quonset-type hut that protects it from the elements, bears and other animals at remote data-transmitting locations

is possible through the use of multiple receivers on separate r-f carrier frequencies. If the audio subcarriers of these several stations are at different selected points in the audio spectrum, then the audio signals may be combined and sent to the recording station simultaneously on a single r-f circuit. At the recording station, separate decoding equipments, one operating at each of the audio subcarrier frequencies, provide simultaneous records of data. This greatly simplifies the radio network needed to handle large volumes of data in a given period.

The second important attribute of the audio-frequency subcarrier is that it can be transmitted through one or more repeater stations without demodulation and, therefore, without materially affecting its signal-to-noise ratio and without affecting in any way the accuracy of the reading which it is carrying.

### **Station Equipment**

When designing equipment for transmission of meteorological data, the system and components must be the most dependable possible within limitations imposed by physical location. Of major importance is the primary power source, since it will materially affect circuit design, transmitter power-outputs and operating program.

In the system under discussion the nickel-cadmium storage battery was chosen because of its freedom from self-discharge and its effectiveness at low temperatures. This battery shows 70 percent of nominal capacity at -20F, while a charge-retaining type of lead battery shows 50 percent and a vehicular-type lead battery less than 20 percent.

A jewelled-escapement time switch was developed for this application. It is wound periodically by a small electric motor. Compensation is included for operation at very low temperatures.

Miniature Quonset-type shelters are provided for each of the datatransmitting stations. They are rugged enough to stand the elements and attacks by brown bears and other animals.

The G-M tube and beta standard are mounted at the end of a Hubbard truss arm. The arm is mounted on a standard telephone pole which also supports the antenna.

Antennas of both directional and nondirectional types are used. All are ruggedized to stand the severe torture of the elements.

The battery-operated transmitters and receivers are mounted in small stainless-steel cases which themselves are weather proof. Power is brought in through gasketed glands. Individual sections such as oscillators, dividers, transmitter and receiver stages and the time switches are individually removable for easy servicing in the field.

Storage batteries and power supplies are mounted in wooden chests to facilitate recharging. It is expected, however, that recharging will be done on location during summer months by a gasoline-

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driven charger mounted on a jeep.

At the recording station, data is taken in terms of counts over a fiveminute period using a conventional scaler-divider and time clock. These data need only be multiplied by the division factor of the system and referred to the calibration data for the station to obtain water equivalent of the snow pack.

This system is being constructed under contract with the Corps of Engineers and is being installed at the Central Sierra Snow Laboratory in California. It will be operated through the 1950-1951 snow season. Following satisfactory tests and acceptance by the contractor, a detailed report on design and operation characteristics will be prepared for publication through the contract agency.

### **Future Development**

Future aims of this project are in the direction of providing more accurate data at a faster rate.

The use of scintillation detectors will provide a great improvement in efficiency and resolution of the sensing device. Counting efficiencies of 50 percent and a dead time of less than a microsecond can be obtained, as compared to the currently-used self-quenching Geiger-Muller tube with an efficiency of  $\frac{1}{2}$  percent and a dead time of 150 microseconds.

Evaluation of the data at the field station will allow transmission of a quantity representing only the count rate rather than the actual count. This will greatly shorten the time required to obtain data from a given station. Automatic recording will be possible, precluding the need for an operator to be constantly monitoring the system.

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## **Comparative Analysis of**



FIG. 1—Experimental arrangement of components for transmission of the mixed-highs signal, based on a 2-mc crossover frequency



FIG. 2—Spectrum occupancy arising from scanning. Shown solid are the spectrum components of the 82nd and 83rd harmonic of the line frequency. Odd harmonic of half the line frequency, shown dashed, falls midway between and can be transmitted over same channel with little interference





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THIS ARTICLE presents some of the facts basic to color television and the numerical consequences of these facts as they affect color television system performance.

As a starting point for the analysis, consider the monochrome pictures produced by the present FCC standards. These are broadcast in a 6-mc channel with 525 lines per picture and 30 pictures per second. The bandwidth effectively useful for picture information is about 4 mc. Counting positive and negative alternations, pictorial information to the extent of 8,000,000 elements per second may thus be transmitted. With the rate of thirty pictures per second, this permits 267,000 elements per picture. The acceptance of present television by the public indicates that pictures of the grade now provided are acceptable in quality.

In a monochrome picture each distinguishable element requires for its description a single number, to represent the element's brightness. If a color picture is to be produced, however, three quantities must be given with respect to each distinguishable element if reasonably true reproduction is to result. Practical three-color reproduction systems can be made to give color rendition which is highly satisfactory to the public.

If all that is known about color vision were what is implied by the foregoing remarks, then it is apparent that to reproduce a color picture with detail equivalent to that now given in black and white television and with color rendition as good as that offered by Kodachrome, the amount of information transmitted per picture must be

## **Color TV Systems**

Based on the color-system research of the Hazeltine Laboratories, this review specifies numerically the improvement resulting from the use of band-sharing and mixed-highs transmission in the dot-sequential system, and compares its performance with that of the fieldsequential system

trebled. If for comparative purposes we assume that the picture repetition rate shall be maintained, then the system bandwidth must also be trebled. Pictures transmitted on this basis should however, have all of the resolution exhibited by the presently acceptable monochrome pictures and should show this resolution in full color with color rendition which is at least potentially equal to that afforded by Kodachrome.

The color plate which appeared on the cover of ELECTRONICS for December 1950 shows as Fig. A the reproduction of a color television picture in which a separate 4-mc band was devoted to each of the three primary colors, or 12 mc in all. In the original television reproduction the resolution is in all respects as good as that which is currently satisfying the public in our monochrome television. The color behavior is at least potentially the equal of that which has been found acceptable to the public in Kodachrome. It seems appropriate, therefore, to say that color television performance of this grade would be found acceptable to the public. This 12-mc simultaneous picture may therefore be looked on as a yardstick.

It is undesirable to have to treble the system bandwidth to introduce color into a monochrome picture. Is it necessary that this increase in bandwidth be provided? The viewing of a colored image is highly subjective in character, and for this reason both the characteristic of the eye that sees the picture and the mind that interprets it must be taken into consideration.

Figure B of the cover plate shows the effect produced when the

bandwidth is increased only 5 percent rather than 200 percent. Although this picture contains such a small amount of color information added to the full detail monochrome picture, it gives reasonable satisfaction to the viewer. If one had not seen Fig. A, one would not realize that the color has disappeared from areas of fine detail such as the awning stripes. Since there has inevitably been some small degradation of all pictures in the photographic and magazine printing processes, the comparison is even more striking when seen on the tube face.

### **Mixed Highs**

The detailed circuit arrangements by which the picture of Fig. **B** is produced are based upon the concept of "mixed highs." This concept and its physiological basis are described by its originator, A. V. Bedford, in his paper in the September 1950 issue of the *IRE Proceedings*. The principle is based on the physiological fact that the eye is insensitive to color in fine areas. In other words, it is less

### -FULLER EXPLANATION-

The cover of the December issue of Electronics illustrated the spectrumsaving property of mixed-highs transmission of color images in terms of the final result, a direct comparison in color between full-simultaneous and mixed-highs renditions of the same subject. This paper, based on the material presented at the 1950 Syracuse Fall Meeting, goes into detail on the theoretical and practical background of this comparison and extends it to cover the field-sequential system.—The Editors

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sensitive to changes in hue and saturation than to changes in brightness.

From the point of view of mixed highs, it can be said that in Fig. B individual information was provided for each of the primary colors in the range between 0 and 0.1 mc and that common information was provided for all three in the range between 0.1 and 4 mc. Figure C shows all the color information present in Fig. B. It consists of 0.1 mc of each primary color, or a total of 0.3 mc.

Figure D shows the components of Fig. B lying between 0.1 and 4.0 mc; these are a mixture of the information picked up in all three colors in the range 0.1 to 4.0 mc. Figure B therefore requires a total bandwidth of 4.2 mc, which is made up of 0.1 mc each of red, green, and blue, and 3.9 mc of mixed highs. This represents an increase of 5 percent in required bandwidth over the requirements of a 4-mc monochrome picture. Figure A requires an increase of 200 percent.

The frequency at which the change from color to mixed highs takes place is called the crossover A schematic circuit frequency. arrangement for using mixed highs is shown in Fig. 1, with the crossover frequency set at 2 mc. This illustration shows that mixed highs can be used advantageously only in a simultaneous (or essentially simultaneous such as the dot-sequential) system, because the heart of the method lies in using one signal simultaneously for the fine detail in all three colors.

The numerical relations between total effective bandwidth, resolution, and color information for a number of crossover frequencies are shown in more detail in Table I.

Subjective comparisons under critical conditions by a number of observers at a normal viewing distance of four times picture height led to the following conclusions:

First, at a 2-mc crossover, with an effective band of 8 mc, the reproduction is virtually indistinguishable from the 12-mc yardstick picture; for most scenes, no difference is exhibited. Second, at a 1-mc or 0.5-mc crossover, with total bands of 6 and 5 mc respectively, reproduction is as good as the 12-mc picture in all respects save that very small colored areas are partially desaturated. Third, a crossover as low as 0.1 mc may not be fully satisfactory on some subjects. Other observers might reach even more liberal conclusions favoring values under 0.1 mc.

The evidence, such as the pictures in the cover plate, supports completely the statement that, by means of the mixed-highs technique, color television pictures can be produced fully as sharp as the best monochrome pictures, with excellent general color rendition, using a band not materially greater than that required for monochrome television. However, to obtain this bandwidth advantage, the color television system must be essentially simultaneous in character.

### **Possibilities for Band-Sharing**

Consideration of the frequency spectrum of a television transmission indicates that over the major portion of the band, say from line frequency on up, the spectrum consists (as shown in Fig. 2) of components at the successive harmonics of the line frequency, and groups of sidebands associated with each of these components and spaced apart by the field frequency and its harmonics.

Each group occupies only a minor fraction of the frequency space between successive component groups. The scanning of any television picture always results in a spectrum of this character, the differences between one picture and another being represented by changes in the relative amplitudes and phases of the various components. In no case does any component arise midway between successive harmonics of the line frequency.

Let us now interject artificially a component midway between two harmonics of line frequency (and therefore at an odd harmonic of one-half the line frequency, as shown dotted in Fig. 2). If such a component is added to a television picture signal and the result viewed on a display, the amplitude of the injected component at each point in the picture is of opposite polarity in one frame from the polarity of the preceding and succeeding frames.

To idealize the situation slightly, by regarding the display as linear in its amplitude characteristic and by saying that the eye will integrate perfectly over a two-frame interval, then this artificially-injected component integrates out completely and is invisible. In practice, these



FIG. 4—Method of utilizing by-passed mixed-highs signal at receiver. Upper path carries full monochrome signal, while sampled signals below introduce color components

two idealizing assumptions are only moderately well approximated. The component at an odd harmonic of half the line frequency is of low visibility rather, than being completely invisible. However, to the extent that we are satisfied that the visibility is low enough to be unimportant, use may be made of a substantial portion of the television signal band to insert a complete new set of components derived in any fashion and transformed to frequencies which are odd multiples of one-half the line frequency.

### Transmitter for Composite Color Picture

For example, consider the method of deriving a color signal shown in Fig. 3. Signals are generated for each of three primary colors. These signals consist primarily of components which are harmonics of the line frequency and which are therefore even harmonics of one-half the line frequency. The word "EVEN" adjacent to the signal paths indicates this.

The outputs of the three channels are combined in one path to form a brightness signal. In another path the outputs are fed to a threephase sampling device. This sampling device is also a heterodyning device. Its output includes the sampling frequency as a subcarrier and sidebands about the subcarrier spaced from it by the frequencies present in the sampled signals.

The frequency of sampling (frequency of the subcarrier) is chosen to be an odd harmonic of one-half the line frequency. All of the output of the sampler (of such frequencies as to be transmitted through the bandpass filter) consists of odd harmonics of one-half the line frequency, since all these components represent frequency sums or differences between the odd subcarrier and the even modulation components. Moreover, the addition of an odd and an even component produces an odd component.

All of these components are therefore suitable for direct addition to the signal from the brightness branch of the transmitter where they will interleave between the components of that branch. In other words, the composite color picture signal consists of a monochrome picture signal to which has been added a low-visibility color picture signal.

In the typical receiver shown in Fig. 4, the video signal branches into two paths. One of these paths applies the entire signal to one set of terminals of some form of 3color display. The even components applied through this path affect the display visibly but the odd components produce only low-visibility effects.

In the other path, the portion of the signal containing the odd components is selected by the bandpass filter and is then heterodyned in the receiver desampler, using the same heterodyne frquency as before. Since this frequency is an odd multiple of one-half the line frequency, the subtraction from it of odd-order components in the signal produces visible even-order components in the output. The subtraction from it of even-order components produces low-visibility oddorder components in the output.

The three outputs of the sampler provided at different phase positions in the sampler cycle are applied through filters to their respective terminals in the second set of input terminals of the three-color display. At the transmitter we have included an additional signal of 2-mc total bandwidth in the transmission and at the receiver we have rederived this signal and the original signal free of interference with each other except for the approximations of receiver linearity and perfect integration by the eye. This added 2 mc of information may, by system proportioning, be applied in any desired fashion to the transmission of information descriptive of the hue and saturation of the original picture.

### Bandwidth Requirements for System

We have noted that a 4-mc band produces good monochrome pictures and that in an independent threecolor simultaneous system a 12-mc band is needed to produce pictures which are in all respects as good as the 4-mc monochrome pictures. Further, in a simultaneous system employing mixed highs, pictures in all respects as good as the monochrome picture can be obtained in Table 1-Economy of Bandwidth Obtained by Use of Mixed Highs

-			Elements per Picture		
Crossover Frequency Where Mixed Highs Start, mc	Effective Video Band, mc	Elements per Second	Total	Contributing to Fine Detail	Used for Color
0.0 (Standard Monochro	4.0 ome)	000,000,8	267,000	267,000	
0.1 (Simultaneou Color)	ıs 4.2	8,400,000	280,000	267,000	13,000
0.5	5.0	10,000,000	333,000	267,000	67,000
1.0	6.0	12,000,000	400,000	267,000	133,000
2.0	8.0	16,000,000	533,000	267,000	267,000
4.0	12.0	24,000,000	800,000	267,000	533,000

an 8-mc band and that pictures as sharp as a monochrome picture and lacking only in small-area color saturation can be obtained with a 5-mc band. Also, by a process of bandsharing, taking advantage of the gaps in the spectrum of a simple television signal, appreciable amounts of information can be added over and above what had been contained in the monochrome signal.

It is clear therefore, that a signal of full color and full definition compared to good monochrome can be transmitted within the 4-mc effective band of a standard 6-mc television channel, and that to the extent that the approximations previously mentioned are valid, there will be no spurious patterns. The system operates in such fashion that, for white or neutral grav shades, equal signal amplitudes reach the sampler from the three primary channels and the sampler therefore exhibits no output. A substantial advantage results from this, since in white and gray areas even the residual imperfections vanish.

A practical aspect of color television systems is their susceptibility to interference.

In the diagram of Fig. 4, the direct channel by which the composite signal reaches the display is no more or no less susceptible to interference than a monochrome receiver would be. The channel with the sampling unit represents a different case. Consider, for example, a c-w interfering signal at approximately 3 mc, with a sampling frequency of 3.5 mc. The sampling process being also a heterodyning process,

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it follows that the sampler output will contain the difference frequency of 0.5 mc. This frequency of course produces a much coarser interfering pattern in the display than the original 3-mc signal would produce.

In small areas, the eye is much less sensitive to changes in hue and in saturation than it is to changes in brightness. A similar statement may be made with respect to short time intervals, regardless of area; that is, a flicker produced by brightness modulation is far more readily perceptible than is flicker of equal energy content representing a change in hue or saturation only. It seems reasonable, therefore, so to proportion the system that the output of the sampler convevs information with respect only to hue and saturation, thus deriving all brightness information from the signal which takes a direct path from receiver to display.

For instance, an interfering signal, such as the c-w interference mentioned, which brightens the green element of the display at a given instant shall at the same time decrease the combined brightness of the red and blue elements of the display by the same amount, thus keeping the total brightness constant. It is practical to design a system on this basis. Such an arrangement, originated by B. D. Loughlin, has been constructed.

This system, called the Constant-Luminance System, reduces the susceptibility of the receiver to interference in the color picture by 6 to 8 db. The improvement is apparent both on the interfering signals from external sources and on the inter-

Table II—Comparison of Color Television Systems

				Elements per Picture				
Channel Width, mc	Effective Video Band, mc	Elements per Second	Pictures per Second	Total	Contribu- ting to Fine Detail	Used for Color	Relative Fine Detail	
Standard Monochrome								
6.0	4.0	8,000,000	30	267,000	267,000		1.0	
Simultaneo 15-18	us Color 12,0	24,000,000	30	800,000	267,000	533,000	1.0	
Simultaneo	Simultaneous Color							
6.0	4.0	8,000,000	30	267,000	89,000	178,000	0.33	
Field-Sequential Color								
0.0	4.0	8,000,000	24	330,000	110,000	220,000	0.41	
Field-Sequential Color with Dot Interlace								
6.0	0-4*	8,000,000	24	330,000	110,000	220,000		
	2-4	4,000,000	24	165,000	55,000	110,000		
				495,000	165,000	330,000	0.62	
Rand Shared Color with Mined Histor								
6.0	0-4*	8.000.000	30	267.000	267 000			
	2-4	4,000,000	30	133,000		133,000		
				400,000	267,000	133,000	1.0	
* 0-4 band transmitted normally								
2-4 Gang transmitted as interleaved low-visibility components								

ference produced by the fact that the interleaved components are of low rather than zero visibility.

For a quantitative comparison of interference susceptibilities, it may be said that field-sequential color as proposed by the FCC and dot-sequential color (as shown recently in Washington) appear to be about equal. Monochrome is only twothirds as susceptible, and dot-sequential color using the constantluminance principle is nearly as good as monochrome.

### Ability of Color Systems to Supply Detail

Table II shows the data on which a comparison of color systems can be based quantitatively. Column 1 shows the bandwidth which would have to be assigned to each system to transmit the full television picture complete with sound and guard bands. Column 2 gives the effectively available video band, and column 3 the number of pieces of information which can be reproduced within such a band in one second. Column 5 is obtained by dividing column 3 by the numbers in column 4 and gives the total amount of information available in a complete picture. Of these, column 6 states those which contribute to geometrical resolution and column 7 those which carry the color information. The last column gives the ratio, relative to present monochrome standards, of the number of elements available for reproducing the fine detail.

The most important comparison is to note that the slow-switching-rate field-sequential color systems devote twice as many elements to color information as to black and white, as do also the simple simultaneous color systems. This is forced by their inability to use the mixedhighs techniques, requiring that each separate color picture be painted as a unit, rather than a composite. This drastically limits the elements available for fine detail.

In the simple field-sequential system, there are 110,000 elements per

picture carrying the all-important fine detail as compared to 267,000 elements in the present monochrome pictures. This is about 41 percent.

The band-shared system using mixed highs also has available 267,-000 elements to portray the detail. On the other hand, the field-sequential system devotes 220,000 elements to carrying color information as contrasted with 133,000 in the band-shared system and 13,300 in Fig. B of the cover plate.

### Conclusions

We believe, from the evidence upon which this paper is based, that these points are established:

Color vision requires only slightly more information than monochrome vision (5 percent to 50 percent more). Television systems can take advantage of this fact by using mixed highs, which allow the effective bandwidth to be reduced from 12 to 8 mc at no sacrifice of quality in any respect, and with a trivial sacrifice, reduced further to 6 or even 5 mc.

By band-sharing techniques, moderate additions may be made to the transmission capacity of the television band.

The combination of band-sharing techniques and mixed highs permits the transmission in a 4-mc effective band (6-mc channel) of a good three-color picture having the full resolution and detail which the public has come to expect from monochrome television.

No other system so far known comes at all close to this result.

With a fully simultaneous threecolor system, or a slow-sequential three-color system, only one-third of the transmitted information contributes to detail and sharpness. If the picture is to avoid degradation, compared to present monochrome, it must occupy an effective band of 12 mc.

The use, for color television broadcasting in a 6-mc channel, of any system incapable of using that channel to the fullest effectiveness which present knowledge permits is a wasteful squandering of a precious national resource—our frequency spectrum—and to that extent is clearly not in the public interest.

## Production-Line Frequency Measurements

Simplified equipment allows relatively inexperienced personnel to make extremely accurate measurements of frequencies up to 10 mc. Entire system is standardized against WWV by simple adjustments while frequency measurement is being made

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**M**OST MODERN frequency-measuring devices depend, to a great extent, on the skill and experience of the operator. In cases where qualified operating personnel is readily available, these systems are satisfactory, but in most instances, skilled labor is at a premium.

The equipment described here and illustrated in the photographs permits accurate frequency measurements to be made by relatively inexperienced operators. After about twenty hours training and practice, an operator can make rapid measurements at 100 kc to 10 mc within 1 or 2 cps,

### Method of Measurement

Frequencies are measured by a system of bracketing. The first digit (usually 2 to 10 mc) is determined by the calibration of a communications receiver. The second digit is determined by bracketing the unknown signal between known harmonics of a 100-kc harmonic generator whose fiftieth harmonic is constantly kept at zero beat with WWV. Subsequent digits are obtained by a combination of brackets and finally the last two significant figures are taken from a calibrated audio oscillator using a scope and Lissajous figures.

A block diagram of the equipment involved is shown in Fig. 1.

The frequency standard consists of a 100-kc oscillator and a series of three 10-to-1 frequency dividers. The beat between the 5-mc signal of WWV and the fiftieth harmonic of the 100-kc oscillator is heard constantly by the operator from a loudspeaker connected to the receiver. In this way, the 10-kc, 1-kc and 100-cps subharmonics and the 100-kc fundamental are all kept standardized during the measure-



Frequency-measuring equipment. First significant figure is obtained from communications receiver calibration. Subsequent digits are found by a system of 100kc oscillator subharmonic brackets and an accurately calibrated audio interpolation oscillator

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The three filter circuits are contained on a separate chassis and panel



Top view of frequency generator and mixer chassis

ment procedure. When the standard is so adjusted, the receiver is tuned to the unknown frequency  $f_x$ radiated by the apparatus under test. The first digit of  $f_r$  is read from the receiver tuning dial and the second digit approximated from the tuning dial setting. Then, the unknown signal is bracketed between two harmonics of the 100-kc oscillator, thereby verifying the second digit. The next digit of the unknown frequency is then found by bracketing between harmonics of the 10-kc standard, which are readily identified also by tuning the receiver to each harmonic in turn. The 10-kc harmonic  $f_h$  that is closest to the unknown frequency is recorded.

The unknown, and all of the 10-kc harmonics, are then injected into the first mixer. Out of the numerous beats, a low-pass filter selects the lowest,  $f_{b}' = f_{h}' - f_{x}$  or  $f_{x} - f_{h}'$ depending on whether  $f_{h}'$  is higher or lower than  $f_{x}$ . Beat frequency  $f_{b}'$ , always between 0 and 5,000 cps, is applied to the Y terminals of an oscilloscope through  $SW_{1}$  set at 1. A calibrated audio interpolation oscillator is connected to the X terminals of the oscilloscope, and by means of Lissajous figures, an approximate measurement is made.

Beat note  $f_{b}$  is then applied to

the second mixer. Knowing the approximate value of  $f_{b'}$  from the reading of the interpolation oscillator, the operator selects the 1-kc harmonic that is closest to that frequency by means of the frequency booster. This signal he applies to the second mixer. A high-attenuation low-pass filter selects the lowest beat  $f_{b''} = f_{k''} - f_{b'}$  or  $f_{b'} - f_{k''}$  depending on whether  $f_{b'}$  is higher or lower than  $f_{k''}$ . The second beat frequency  $f_{b''}$  is always between 0 and 500 cps.

When  $f_b''$  is between 0 and 25 cps, difficulties with a-f transformers arise. Therefore the harmonic of 1 kc is selected which produces beat  $f_b''$  between 975 and 1,000 cps. A band-pass filter for this frequency range is provided for such cases.

The output  $f_{h}''$  is applied to the scope through  $SW_1$  and measured in the same way as in the approximate measurement. To obtain maximum accuracy at this point, the frequency standard is now kept at exact zero beat with WWV, as indicated aurally over a loudspeaker. In this way, the last two digits are found, and the fine measurement step is completed.

### **Description of Equipment**

The frequency standard used is basically accurate within  $\pm$  0.001 percent. The frequencies of all outputs of this standard are adjusted simultaneously by means of a vernier-operated trimmer, thereby providing a momentary accuracy of better than 1 part in 10 million.

The 100-kc and 1-kc harmonic generators are of the germanium diode type. The separate 100 and 10-kc harmonic generator employs a 6SJ7 and provides sufficient harmonic output that the 2,000th harmonic can be identified in the receiver. Harmonics up to the 1,000th have been used for measurments.

The first mixer employs a pentagrid converter type 6SA7. The three filters discriminate against unwanted beats produced by adjacent harmonics of 10 kc and 1 kc. Figure 2 shows the characteristics of the two low-pass filters. The sum of the wanted and main unwanted beats is always 10 kc or 1 kc. The curves show the desired beat  $f_b'$  or  $f_b''$  plotted on the abscissa against the attenuation of the unwanted frequency. Other unwanted beats are either more attenuated or too weak to interfere with operation.

The second mixer is shown in Fig. 3. The important advantage of the push-pull germanium diode balanced-bridge arrangement is that only odd mixing modulation product frequencies appear in its output. Also, both  $f_b$ ' and  $f_h$ " disappear from the output of the mixer.

The receiver used has a main dial that is accurately calibrated in 100kc steps. Vernier and bandspread dials facilitate the measurements. crystal-controlled Α variableselectivity circuit provides a very narrow pass band. This feature is important, since in some measurements the receiver is used both as a mixer and filter. The S meter allows the operator to count and identify the harmonics as well as to estimate the relative strengths of the measured signal and harmonics.

The audio-frequency interpolation oscillator covers a band of frequencies from 6 to 6,000 eps. Its dial is broad enough to permit evaluation of about 2 cps on the most congested range below 500 cps. The oscilloscope is conventional.

### Applications

The equipment described is used mainly for measurement and calibration of fundamental frequencies of crystals in frequency monitors and oscillator circuits. It is also used for adjusting crystals and for calibrating and measuring frequency drift of signal generators and audio oscillators.

The percent accuracy of measurements depends on the measured frequency. Since at the instant of measurement the 10-kc and 1-kc harmonics are standardized against WWV, the main source of inaccuracy lies in the interpolation oscillator. As has already been mentioned, the inherent accuracy of this apparatus is better than 1 percent. However, by means of a switch, the interpolation oscillator can quickly be checked by comparing it with the outputs of the 1-kc



FIG. 2—Curves show characteristics of 0 to 500 and 0 to 5,000 low-pass filters

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FIG. 1—Equipment is standardized by beating fiftieth harmonic of 100-kc oscillator with 5-mc signal from WWV. Interpolation oscillator calibration may be checked against 1.000 and 100 cps subharmonics of 100-kc oscillator



FIG. 3—Frequency booster circuit picks out desired harmonic of 1-kc harmonic generator. Push-pull crystal mixer produces only odd mixing modulation products

and 100-cps standards. When utmost accuracy is needed, this calibration may be performed immediately after the reading is made using Lissajous patterns.

It has been established in practice that maximum error made when measurements are performed is about  $\pm 2$  cps. This happens only when  $f_b$ " is close to and below 500 cps. In most other cases the error is about  $\pm 1$  cps. Thus when referred to the frequencies usually measured, namely from 2.5 to 10 mc, the average error is from 4 to 1 part in ten million. The higher the measured frequency, the smaller the percent error.

After the identification of the harmonics producing the wanted beats, the main operations that the operator has to perform are: to zero beat from the speaker, to stop simultaneously the elliptical pattern on the oscilloscope screen and immediately after that to read the dial of the interpolation oscillator. Then, he simply fills in the readings on a form and performs two simple additions or subtractions.

Actual in-use experience with the equipment for the past two years indicates that results of measurements of the same frequency, independently obtained by different operators, do not differ by more than 1.5 cps.

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Complete airborne profile recorder instrument, with datum stabilizer in left-hand bay



FIG. 1—Circuit of datum stabilizer. Power supply uses 5Y3GT in full-wave circuit with 310 v each side of power transformer secondary center tap, with pi filter for high voltage and VR 150 for regulated output

## **DATUM STABILIZER** for

To correct for altitude fluctuations due to turbulence when using airborne profile recorder, electronic stabilizer circuit operating from aneroid element senses deviations of aircraft from level flight and applies corrections automatically to radar record of terrain elevation

N THE PAST, the discrepancy be-L tween the rate at which planimetric maps could be produced using airborne vertical photography, and the rate at which these maps could be transformed into topographic maps by the addition of ground elevation information obtained by field parties using spirit levels, caused the production of topographic charts to lag years behind the planimetric.

The expediency of an airborne method for obtaining ground elevation information has led to the de-

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velopment of a radar instrument known as an airborne profile recorder, capable of measuring terrain elevation with an accuracy of  $\pm$  10 feet.

The technique of surveying by this method employs an aircraft flying at constant-pressure altitude while a radar altimeter measures the terrain clearance below. A permanent record of the measurements is made on a graphic milliammeter using a constantly moving chart. The result is a continuous ground elevation profile along the flight path, the scale of the graph depending on the speed of the airplane.

While it is quite feasible to produce a ground radar instrument for measuring distances with great precision, difficulty arises in an airborne instrument in attempting to determine accurately the air position of the aircraft above sea level.



Lockheed Hudson equipped for elevation-profile surveying, with 4-foot parabolic reflector for radar altimeter mounted in bomb bay. New datum stabilizer circuit corrects for vertical excursions of plane in turbulent air, giving elevations accurate to within 10 feet

### **Radar-Altimeter Surveying**

The airplane's position with respect to sea level must be constant to make the system practicable. That is to say, the reference datum must be stable if the graphic record is to be a true profile of the ground.

### **Constant-Altitude Flying**

Obviously it is impossible for a pilot to maintain a perfectly constant flying altitude over long periods. Moreover, it is impossible to avoid vertical excursions due to turbulence. It therefore becomes necessary to record the vertical deviations and apply appropriate corrections. A photographic process is satisfactory for small-scale operations. Such a process necessitates the photographing of aircraft instruments at the rate of at least 30 frames per minute or about 2,000 times per hour. Following this the film must be processed, instrument readings tabulated, and corrections deduced and applied.

An automatic compensator became very expedient at an early date. This paper describes a device designed to record continuously any deviations of an aircraft from level flight and apply these corrections automatically to the radar record during the survey.

The datum stabilizer is an electronic device which produces an electrical output current proportional to a change in altitude. The resonant frequency of a high-stability oscillator is varied by a small capacitor plate driven by a threeelement aneroid of the type used in aircraft instruments. A discriminator and d-c amplifier transform the resulting frequency changes to current variations which are proportional to height modulations. Simultaneously with the radar signals and by the same recording pen, the datum stabilizer current is recorded. Then, in spite of any excursions from level flight, the ground profile along the flight track is faithfully plotted by the airborne profile recorder.

Years of observations have demonstrated the consistency of the earth's atmospheric pressure. For heights up to almost eight miles above sea level, height and pressure bear the relationship

$$h = 18,400 \log_{10} \frac{b_o}{b} (1 + at_m) \qquad (1)$$

where h is height in meters,  $b_{\circ}$  is atmospheric pressure at sea level, **b** is atmospheric pressure at height h, a is coefficient of gas expansion and  $t_m$  is mean temperature. Humidity produces a third-order effect and is insignificant, especially in this application where relatively small differential pressures, not absolute altitudes, are being measured. Temperature could affect the equation in some regions but not over the range of height change experienced in profile recording.

### Datum Stabilizer Design

Design of the datum stabilizer circuit is straightforward and standard techniques are used, as shown in Fig. 1. The only special components are the variable capacitor and associated parts driven by the aneroid capsule.

Discriminators are reasonably flexible so far as bandwidth and response curve are concerned. The chief obstacle was considered to be the construction of a variable capacitor for the oscillator circuit to have a convenient physical size and yet give adequate frequency swing with the limited motion available from the aneroid unit. The capacitor must have small physical dimensions but must undergo measureable capacitance changes for minute displacements of the plates. In addition, the plates must impose a minimum inertia load on the aneroid in order to maintain high speed of response.

Taking the practical formula for capacitance

$$C = 0.2244 K A/D$$

(2)

where C is in u.f. A is area of plate

in sq in., K is dielectric constant (1 for air) and D is spacing in inches, and differentiating gives an expression for the rate of change in capacitance with spacing

 $\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta D} = 0.2244 \ A/D^2 \ \mu\mu \text{f per inch} \qquad (3)$ 

A solution of Eq. 3 is not difficult since some of the variables can be set by certain arbitrary conditions. The instrument was intended to operate over a range of  $\pm 175$  feet. The displacement of the aneroid for the full swing from -175 to +175 feet is 0.002 in. We have, then,

 $\Delta D = 0.002$  in., A = 2.5 sq in., and therefore

 $\Delta C = 11.2 \times 10^{-4}/D^2 \ \mu\mu f$  (4)

Final solution was effected by plotting  $\Delta C$  versus D as in Fig. 2 and choosing a suitable value from the curve to give a measurable  $\Delta C$ .

### Accuracy Requirement

It was not considered feasible to measure a smaller change than 0.1 auf in an airborne instrument with the accuracy required. Such a measurement would have to correspond to a change in height not greater than 10 feet, and this would produce less than 0.0006-inch displacement of the aneroid. While the instrument is accurate within one or two feet under laboratory conditions, considerations of limits closer than  $\pm$  10 feet are precluded by effects of pitch, roll and yaw. These maneuvers produce changes in wind velocity across the static head, introducing apparent errors in pressure altitude of that order.

The tremendous increase in C as

the spacing becomes of the order of 15 thousandths or less is useful where microinches are to be meas-On the other hand, along ured. with sensitivity must be considered the danger of having the plates touch under severe vibration and acceleration conditions. Insertion of a dielectric insulation is not advisable due to temperature and humidity effects. It is not permissible to dampen the action by increasing friction on the bearings since doing so would restrain the aneroid and introduce hysteresis. Slight vibration of the aneroid is essential to overcome gravity and other acceleration effects.

A spacing of 0.02 inch was arrived at as a suitable design figure for the capacitor assembly. Experiments later showed that a closer spacing of 0.015 inch could be safely used, with the advantage of increased sensitivity. The assumed vibration factor was overly pessimistic, and closer spacing did not cause the plates to touch.

### **Choice of Frequency**

In choosing the operating frequency of the oscillator, physical dimensions were again important. The choice of oscillator circuit defined a high-Q coil of rather large physical size to meet stability requirements, and even at frequencies of several megacycles the dimensions proved to be rather large. However, decreasing the value of inductance to maintain small physical size would have required increasing the capacitance.

Differentiating the equation for



FIG. 2—Effect of spacing of aneroid capacitor plates on capacitance change produced by 350-ft change in altitude when plate area is 2.5 sq in.



FIG. 3—Relation between aneroid capacitor value C and oscillator frequency, showing that operating frequency is not critical



FIG. 4—Discriminator response curve, showing linearity for altitude fluctuations up to 200 feet up or down. This is ample for normal flying

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FIG. 5-Test record showing how datum stabilizer irons out altitude deviations when flying over level terrain and maneuvering the plane up and down to simulate air bumps

the frequency of a tuned circuit, with L constant, gives

$$\frac{dF}{dC} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{LC^3}} \tag{5}$$

This shows that increasing C decreases the quantity dF/dC.

We can expect a change in capacitance of about 3.0 µµf for a change in height of 350 ft (plus or minus 175 ft about a given mean). Such a capacitance variation must ultimately result in useful linear output from a discriminator. Standand f-m technique is to design a discriminator to be linear over a range of 150 kc ( $\pm$  75 kc). Using the values  $dC = 3.0 \ \mu\mu f$  and dF =150 kc (corresponding finally to a height change dh of 350 ft) and rearranging Eq. 5 gives

$$LC^3 = 2.53 \times 10^{-36}$$

(6)

This equation lends itself to graphical solution since values for C have a limited practical range. Values of L were determined for various practical values of C. Corresponding values of frequency Fwere then found and used to plot the frequency-capacitance curve of Fig. 3.

Apparently any frequency between 2.5 mc and 10 mc is suitable but experiments showed that, from the standpoints of Q and size, 3.5 mc was the most satisfactory choice.

### **Circuit Stability**

In the interests of stability it is not advisable to extract large amounts of power from the oscillator circuit, hence a buffer amplifier was found necessary between the

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oscillator and discriminator. In anticipation of possible regeneration between amplifier and oscillator the frequency was doubled in the buffer stage. This served to prevent interaction, make shielding unnecessary and reduce sizes.

The discriminator is a Foster-Seelev circuit adjusted to compensate for the nonlinearities of the aneroid capacitor. Whereas the barometric pressure varies logarithmically with height, the sensitive aneroid has been constructed in such a way that height and displacement bear a straight-line relationship. However, the frequency of the oscillator changes inversely as the square root of the capacitance. In addition, the capacitance varies inversely as the plate spacing and is not symmetrical about its mean position.

By suitable adjustment of the discriminator padders a balance is achieved which produces in the indicating meter a current directly proportional to height. This indication is linear over a range of  $\pm$ 200 feet, as shown in Fig. 4. By using a good grade of steatite as a former for the discriminator coil and by using high-quality padding capacitors, excellent stability was realized. In fact, after six months of field operations no adjustments were required in any of the tuned circuits.

Temperature compensation has proven unnecessary. For a rise of 30 deg from a cold start the maximum frequency drift was 20 cps. This corresponds to an error in

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indicated height of less than 5 inches.

For anode supply voltage changes of  $\pm$  50 volts the corresponding error in recorded height is  $\pm 2$ inches.

### Performance

Many hours of flying have proven the worth of this instrument as a means for ironing out air bumps. Results of initial tests are shown in Fig. 5. In this case the datum stabilizer was used as a component of the airborne profile recorder system. Flying over a flat surface (Lake Ontario) so that any deviations from a straight line on the record could be assessed as errors, the aircraft was caused to execute vertical excursions of  $\pm$  250 feet from an arbitrarily chosen zero level. Simultaneously a calibrated aircraft-type altimeter was photographed at the rate of 20 times per minute. Height information recorded photographically was later plotted adjacent to the radar line on the recorder chart. Comparison of the two lines reveals that the datum stabilizer is capable of correcting for height deviations of  $\pm$  200 feet with an accuracy of  $\pm$  10 feet; and up to  $\pm$  250 feet with an accuracy of  $\pm$  15 feet.

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FIG. 23—Gamuts covered by the Ostwald and Munsell coloratlas cards. These permit specification of colors by direct visual comparison with printed samples



FIG. 24—Color distortion vectors. The point at the base of each vector represents the color in the object, that at the head the color in the corresponding portion of the reproduced image

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**T**HE COLOR-TELEVISION primaries cover a considerably wider gamut than that of color printing, indicating that the color rendition in a television system can be more comprehensive than that of this widely accepted method of reproduction. This is illustrated in Fig. 22, which shows the gamut of colors covered by color printing and color photography (Eastman washoff relief dyes).

Figure 23 shows the gamut on which the color cards of the Munsell and Ostwald systems are based. These are printed cards, numbered in accordance with a system of specification. This method of specification is particularly convenient for color matching outside the laboratory where quantitative measurements with a colorimeter are not feasible.

### **Specification of Color Distortion**

The ability of a television or other color reproduction system to recreate the hues and saturations of an object can be represented

by pairs of points on the x-y diagram. One point represents the color coordinates of a particular portion of the televised object, the other the coordinates of the same portion of the reproduced image. A line connecting the two points, with an arrow head attached to the image point, indicates the color distortion introduced by the system. Strictly speaking this indicates only the chromaticity distortion, since no indication is given of the brightness distortion which may also be present. The brightness distortion is indicated by the over-all transfer characteristic.

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## FUNDAMENTALS for Television Engineers

In this concluding installment are treated the specification of color distortion in a tv system and its relation to brightness distortion, the color standards specified in the "reference receiver", congruence requirements in the primary images, and the colortransfer process

A systematic comparison of the coordinates of different colored objects and the corresponding image color coordinates provides a number of color-distortion vectors at various positions on the chromaticity diagram. An example is shown in Fig. 24. Unfortunately, the magnitude and direction of these vectors, while providing a numerical index of color distortion, do not give an accurate indication of the subjective effect of the color distortion. This is true because the eye is much more tolerant of a color mismatch in certain regions of the diagram than in others.

A comprehensive study of this effect has been made by Wright, with the result shown in Fig. 25. This is the x-y diagram, covered by a series of lines within the area enclosed by the spectral locus, the length of each line being three times as great as the just perceptible visual color difference, when the field of view is 2 degrees. In the regions where the line segments are short (as at the blue end of the spectral locus) the eye can detect slight differences in the hue or saturation of a color.

A transformation of the x-y diagram to other coordinates (x'' and y'') has been proposed by Breckenridge and Schaub which gives a more nearly uniform distribution of color-distortion vectors. This is shown in Fig. 26, the data being replotted from Fig. 25.

### **Grays and Gray Mixtures**

A class of subjective color impressions not previously discussed comprises the grays and gray mix-

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tures, including browns, olive greens and the like. Colors do not appear grayish unless they are viewed in the presence of colors of greater luminosity.

A simple experiment will verify this fact. Consider two identical sheets of white paper, viewed simultaneously, one illuminated by an intense beam of white light, the second by a substantially weaker beam of the same color. The first sheet then appears white, the second gray. If the beams are interchanged, the first sheet appears gray, the second white. If pieces of orange paper are substituted, the piece receiving the weaker illumination appears brown. Finally, if the stronger beam is turned off, as the pupil of the eye adjusts itself to the weaker illumination, the brown color changes to orange.

It thus appears that rendition of grays and gray mixtures depends on the scale of luminosities of the various colors in a scene. Accurate reproduction of such colors requires. therefore, that the scale of luminosities be transmitted accurately. that is, that brightness distortion be kept to a minimum. It is on this account, among others, that the transfer characteristic applicable to the reproduction of each primary color (object brightness versus image brightness plotted on log-log coordinates) should be a straight line of unity slope.

The distortionless condition must apply equally to the rendition of each of the primary colors. Stated differently, the brightness of each primary color (say red) in the image, expressed in foot-lamberts,

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must be directly proportional to the brightness of the corresponding (red) color in the camera. When this condition obtains, the values of brightness of the three primaries in the image bear a fixed relationship to each other throughout the scale of brightness, and balance between the primaries is maintained, whether the absolute brightness of the image is equal to, greater, or less than that of the object.

The statement that the transmission of each primary color must be wholly free of brightness distortion is a technical criterion, not an artistic one. It may suit the convenience of the program director to alter the appearance of the image with respect to the object to create a particular effect. Such alterations may often be obtained more quickly and at less expense by adjusting a transfer control ("gamma") amplifier or the d-c level than by changing the lighting, sets and costuming in the studio. But the program director may also call for, and in the majority of cases may require, accurate rendition in the technical sense. Accordingly, the television system should be capable of distortionless transmission, and the settings of the transfer gradient and d-c level which correspond to the distortionless condition should be identified as references from which artistic departures can be made.

A convenient method of testing a system for brightness distortion and color balance is to transmit a scale of grays (photographic step wedge). This is a card or trans-





FIG. 25—Relative perceptibility of color distortion in different regions of the chromaticity diagram, after Wright. The length of each line is about three times the just-perceptible difference in chromaticity

parency having patches of neutral gray whose photographic density (logarithm of transmission or reflectance) increases in uniform steps from black to white. The gray scale should be illuminated with a white light source which has substantially no hue (saturation zero).

When such a card is viewed as the object, inspection or measurement of the brightness and hue (if any) of the corresponding patches in the image will reveal the presence of brightness distortion and color imbalance. If all steps in the scale appear as neutral tones of gray, the color balance is correct. This result implies that the shape of the transfer characteristic in the transmission of each primary is the same, but does not necessarily indicate that brightness distortion is absent. The latter condition is satisfied only if the brightnesses of the successive steps in the image of the scale of grays are in logarithmic progression, as may be determined by measurement with a photometer.

### Color Standards and the Reference Receiver

The color standards for television are set up in terms of a hypothetical reference receiver, whose characteristics are stated for the guidance of receiver and transmitter designers. The characteristics required to specify the color performance of the reference receiver are (see Fig. 27): (1) the trichromatic coefficients (x and y values) describing the primary colors produced by the receiver; (2) the trichromatic coefficients of a reference white light ("characteristic white"); (3) the gain, from the antenna terminals to the picture tube or tubes, applicable to the respective primary colors (relative voltage gain expressed as ratios among the primaries, not absolute gain); and (4) the brightness transfer characteristics applicable to the primary colors.

The first standard indicates not only the gamut of the colors which may be reproduced by the receiver, but also indicates (through the value of the y coordinate of each primary) the relative luminosity of the primary colors. The third standard specifies the relative amount of voltage, at the antenna terminals of the receiver, needed to actuate each primary color so as to reproduce the white light specified in the second standard. The fourth standard indicates the brightness

ceptible color differences are of approximately equal length

tion of Fig. 25 in which the lines representing equally per-

distortion present in the receiver.

It is not expected that commercial receivers will necessarily possess the characteristics of the standard reference receiver, since it may prove uneconomical to meet brightness distortion specifications, or to reproduce precisely a standard characteristic white.

### Essential Aspects of a Color Television Image

We proceed now to consider a composite television image (in full color) and to analyze its essential aspects. To the four basic aspects of a black-and-white image (gross structure, fine structure, continuity, and tonal gradation) must be added two others, the *chromaticity values* and *congruence*. The chromaticity values (hues and saturations) in an image, taken together with the tonal gradation (brightnesses), specify the colors reproduced in the image.

The congruence characteristic refers to the fact that color television images are superpositions of three images in the primary colors. Congruence, "the condition of fitting exactly when superimposed", exists when each primary color image is precisely positioned with respect to the others. There

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are a variety of faults exhibited by color television images in respect to congruence, of which faulty register, color break-up and color fringing are the most prominent.

So far as the individual primarycolor images are concerned, each can be described in terms of its gross structure, fine structure, continuity and tonal values, as if it were a black-and-white image.

When the primary images are superimposed to form the composite color image, the color-image characteristics must be re-examined. If the gross structure of each primary-color image is not identical, and if it does not so remain continuously, errors of congruence occur. A similar requirement exists with respect to fine structure. Finally, the continuity (motional continuity and flicker) of the composite image may differ markedly from that of the primary images, particularly if the primary images are presented in time sequence, as they are in the sequential color systems. In particular, lack of continuity in the full-color image can produce apparent errors of congruence, if one image differs in shape from the next successively scanned or if the successively scanned images do not occupy the same position in the retina of the eve.

The signal representing an image in a primary color is generated, transmitted and reproduced by the basic process illustrated in Fig. 28. The object is viewed by a camera fitted with a color filter, the filter allowing light to pass in a limited region of the visible spectrum, say red light. The sensitive plate of the camera has response to light of this color and hence the camera generates a video signal corresponding to the red light in the object. This video signal is transmitted, as faithfully and as free from disturbances as possible, to a picture tube. The tube produces red light L, which bears a known relationship to the red light  $L_{\tau}'$  on the sensitive plate of the camera tube. The image so reproduced is the red primary-color image.

In a similar manner, another chain of equipment (the same equipment in the sequential systems) can reproduce an image in blue light, representing the blue light in the object, and a third chain can reproduce an image in green light. If care is taken to see that the images in the three cameras have precisely the same shape and precisely the same orientation with respect to the respective camera scanning patterns, and if the scanning patterns in the cameras are in themselves precisely congruent, it is possible to reproduce three primary color images having the same size and shape.

Finally, if the over-all brightness transfer characteristics of the three chains are identical and distortionless, the three primary-color images will display corresponding scales of brightness and identical black levels. Then, and only then, the three images may be superimposed (either simultaneously or interspersed in time) to form a full-color composite image having proper color values, correct gross structure and fine structure, and freedom from congruence defects. If the primary images are free of continuity errors, that is, if the field scanning rate of the primary images is high enough, the combined image will also be free of continuity errors, and the resulting

image may be said to be a satisfactory full-color image of the object.

### The Color-Transfer Process

Faithful color reproduction involves a color match between the light entering the camera and the light emerging from the receiver screen. If the trichromatic coefficients x and y of the entering light are the same as those of the emerging light, within the tolerances indicated in Fig. 25 and 26, the color match is satisfactory. We now relate this over-all color-matching requirement to the characteristics of the transducers in the television system. We are concerned, in other words, with the color-transfer process.

The color transfer process involves the following seven items of the system (see Fig. 28): (1) the *light source*, which illuminates (2) the *object* before the camera, (3) the "taking filter" through which the light passes from the object to the camera tube, (4) the sensitive plate of the camera tube, (5) the transmission system which connects the camera and the picture tube, (6) the phosphor which generates the light on the receiving



FIG. 27—Block diagram of the reference receiver (A) of a color system, showing the standard trichromatic coefficients, voltages, luminosities and transfer characteristics (B) necessary to specify the performance of the system



FIG. 28—Essential elements of the color system on which the color-transfer process depends. Correct color transfer implies a definite relationship between the light entering the camera tube and that entering the observer's eye

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screen and (7) the receiver filter, if one is used in conjunction with the phosphor.

Each of these items, except (5), can be described by a spectroradiometric curve which represents the relative amount of radiant power generated, reflected, transmitted or converted as a function of the wavelength.

Figure 29 shows typical examples of the six spectral curves in a typical chain of equipment designed to reproduce the green primary image. The first four curves, describing the light source, televised object, filter, and camera tube are multiplied together, ordinate by ordinate, to determine the magnitude of the halftone (video) signal generated during the scanning of the object. Of these, the product of the taking filter curve and the camera spectral sensitivity curve, for a particular primary, is known as the taking characteristic for that primary.

The amplitude of the video signal varies not only as the intensity of the light source changes (its color remaining unchanged), but also as the color of the light source of the object changes. It is evidently essential that the receiver be capable of following independently both types of change (brightness and chromaticity), although both are represented by one quantity.

The distinction between brightchanges and chromaticity ness changes can be made only if there is a particular relationship between the spectral curves of taking filter and camera tube at the transmitter on the one hand, and the spectral curves of the phosphor and receiver filter on the other. This "particular relationship" between the taking and reproducing characteristics is computed in terms of (1) the trichromatic coefficients describing the primary colors and characteristic white of the reference receiver and (2) the relative antenna voltage amplitudes required to actuate each primary so as to produce the characteristic white. The complete computation is so complicated as to be beyond the scope of the present treatment, but the general approach is as follows:

The characteristic white is produced by contributions from all three primaries, that is, the x-coordinate of the characteristic white may be considered as being created by the sum of the x-coordinates of the primaries, multiplied by constants descriptive of the amount of each primary present. We have then the following set of equations:

$k_r x_r + k_g x_g + k_b x_b = k_w x_w$	(15)
$k_r y_r + k_g y_g + k_b y_b = k_w y_w$	(16)
$k_r z_r + k_g z_g + k_b z_b = k_w z_w$	(17)

 $k_r z_r + k_g z_g + k_b z_b = k_w z_w$ 

where the subscripts r, g and brefer to the coefficients of the primaries and w to the characteristic white. These equations may be solved simultaneously to obtain  $k_r, k_q$  and  $k_b$  in terms of the x and y coordinates of the primaries and a unit amount of the characteristic white  $(k_w = 1/y_w)$ . If the transmission system is linear (free from brightness distortion), and if it is taken as a standard condition that equal amounts of voltage applied to the receiver to actuate each primary will create the characteristic white, it is possible to convert the  $k_r$ ,  $k_g$  and  $k_b$  values into corresponding amounts of video signal, required to be generated at the camera output, when the char-





acteristic white is present in the object.

When this computation is carried out it is found that negative values of voltage are required in certain regions of the taking characteristics (product of taking filter curve and camera sensitivity curve for the respective primaries). Consider for example the receiver primaries given in Fig. 30A. These are produced by the white light of illuminant C in conjunction with Wratten color filters numbered 25 (red), 58 (green) and 47 (blue). If the characteristic white is taken as illuminant C (Fig. 21) and the above-described computation is performed it is found that the required transmitter output, in volts per lumen, during the scanning of the red primary is

$$S_r = K \left( 2.284 \,\overline{x} - 0.796 \,\overline{y} - 0.375 \,\overline{z} \right)$$
 (18)

and similarly for the green and blue signals

$$S_{\sigma} = K (-0.808 \,\overline{x} + 1.721 \,\overline{y} + 0.0597 \,\overline{z})$$
(19)  
$$S_{b} = K (0.045 \,\overline{x} - 0.096 \,\overline{y} + 0.891 \,\overline{z})$$
(20)

These equations uniquely determine the required taking characteristics. The red taking characteristic is formed by adding the distribution coefficient curves of Fig. 17 (Part II), each multiplied by the factor given in Eq. 18 and similarly for the green and blue taking characteristics. The resulting taking characteristics are shown in Fig. 30B.

It will be noted that negative values of output voltage are required at certain wavelengths in each of these taking characteristics. and that the red curve has two peaks or "lobes", a major lobe at about 600 millimicrons and a minor lobe at 440 millimicrons. Unless the negative values of voltage are produced, and unless the minor lobe is present in the red taking characteristic, it is not possible to reproduce all the colors in the gamut bounded by the receiver primaries.

It is customary to omit transmission of the negative values of voltage and the minor lobes. At first glance it might appear that the negative values correspond to negative values of light and hence are



physically unrealizable in any case. However, in color photography a technique known as "masking" has been developed in which a negative image is combined with a positive image in printing, thus effectively introducing negative light in the final result. A similar technique may be used in color television, in which a negative image, formed from the positive image by reversing polarity, is combined with the positive image before transmission. This technique is feasible in the simultaneous and dot-sequential systems, but not in the field-sequential system (unless frame-storage devices are used).

Even when the negative and minor-lobe portions of the taking characteristics are disregarded, it is possible to find taking filters which, in conjunction with the spectral sensitivity curve of the camera tube, match the required taking characteristics sufficiently closely to limit the magnitudes of the color distortion vectors to those of the size shown in Fig. 25.

In summary we note the following general requirements which must be met to produce a satisfactory color-transfer from object to image: (1) the camera must have no response outside the visible region of the spectrum; (2) the taking characteristic applicable to each primary color must bear a definite relationship to the primaries, the characteristic white, and the relative gain proportion of the reference receiver. The ideal taking characteristics involve negative values and minor lobes which may be safely omitted in practical applications; (3) the relative gains applicable to the three primaries, from camera to picture tube, must remain in fixed proportion irrespective of signal level; and (4) the brightness transfer must be distortionless.

### **Resolution Requirements**

In the early development of color television systems it was commonly supposed that the fine structure of each primary image should be the same. The effective resolution of the composite image would then be equal to that of each primary image, provided that the primary images were perfectly superimposed. Physiological studies of vision had proved at a much earlier date that the ability of the eye to distinguish fine detail varies markedly with color, under usual viewing conditions.

According to measurements reported in 1911 by Luckiesh, the visual acuity at a brightness of 4 foot-lamberts is highest for yellow and white light, about 90 percent as great for red and blue-green, and 75 percent as great for violet. Later tests by Baldwin showed that the acuity increases by a factor of about two when the brightness is increased from 1 to 10 foot-lamberts. The luminosity of the blue (violet) image in color television does not exceed ten percent of the green primary (the y-coordinates, representing luminosity, of primaries C for example, are in the ratio 0.6885/0.0412=16.7 for the green and blue respectively). It thus appears that the acuity for the blue image is not greater than 35 percent of that for the green. Similar experimental studies lead

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to the conclusion that the visual acuity for the red image is not greater than 75 percent of that for the green image.

It follows that the resolution of the three primary images need not be the same. In fact, if the resolution of the blue image is equal to that of the green, a large part of the resolution provided in the blue image is wasted, since the eye cannot perceive it at the limiting viewing distance set by the resolution of the green image. This fact has been abundantly proved in tests of color television systems.

If the color television system is such that the resolution of the primary images can be adjusted until each satisfies the corresponding value of visual acuity, and if the lower resolution of the red and blue images can be realized as a reduction in bandwidth, it follows that an image of greater resolution can be transmitted over a given channel, with a given excellence of continuity, than can be transmitted by a system in which the resolutions of all primary images are the same. This ability to economize on bandwidth is not possessed by all systems to the same degree. In particular the simultaneous system and the dot-sequential system can make use of this technique, whereas the field-sequential and line-sequential systems cannot (that is, not without the use of image-storage devices not now available).

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# AUTOMATIC



Production-line test equipment using a self-balancing Owens bridge, at top left, which contains motor-driven standards

**P**RODUCTION EQUIPMENT performing continuity, insulation breakdown, d-c resistance and simple a-c impedance tests is readily made automatic. But in the measurement of inductance, capacitance and effective resistance, manually operated a-c bridges are still widely employed in spite of costly operator time.

Partly or fully automatic bridges have been developed which perform such tests with accuracy comparable to that of manual bridges.

In the design of any measuring device there are two general approaches. In one method, a quantity is measured accurately and figures are presented to the operator. An example is a bridge with a calibrated indicator. In the second method, no effort is made to determine actual magnitude. It is simply determined as being less than a set upper limit, and greater than a set lower limit, or within limits.

Most industrial requirements are stated in the form of limits. (For

example, inductance of a particular coil must not exceed 0.51 henry and must not be less than 0.50 henry). This would seem to make the limittype of measurement the solution to most problems of industrial testing. However, the necessity of measuring reactance or effective resistance introduces certain limitations. If the inductance of a coil is to be measured on a limit bridge with one-percent accuracy, then the effective resistance of the coil must lie within a certain range. Usually, the wider this range can be made the more dependable the test will be. Proper attention to the design of the limit-bridge-plus-detector

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system can materially extend this range.

### **Phase Discriminator**

Detectors for automatic a-c bridges almost universally depend on the principle of phase discrimination. The circuit of Fig. 1 shows a simple phase discriminator. A d-c output voltage  $E_{\circ}$  is obtained which is a measure of the phase difference between e and  $e_R$ . The voltages supplied to the rectifiers are  $e + e_R$  and  $e - e_R$ . The rectified voltages across the load resistances are proportional to the amplitudes of these two voltages. The d-c difference is  $E_{o}$ .

It can be shown from the vector diagram that

 $E_{O} = K \bullet e_{R} (e \cos \theta) \tag{1}$ 

where  $\theta$  is the phase angle between e and  $e_R$ . Thus if  $e_R$  is constant,  $E_o$  is directly dependent only on the component of e in the direction of  $e_R$ . In practice, this relationship is somewhat modified by rectifier characteristics and other factors.

The conditions for proper operation of the phase discriminator must usually be set up by shifting the phase of one of the input voltages. Figure 2 shows a simple phase shifter. This circuit has the virtue of allowing easy shifting of phase up to 180 degrees without



FIG. 1—Simple phase discriminator and vector relationship of voltages involved

# A-C BRIDGES

Design of bridge and detector circuits used in production lines for automatic measurement of inductance, capacitance, and effective resistance. To cut down computations required, a graphical method of determining phase and amplitude of bridge unbalance voltage is included

changing signal amplitude. It is, however, frequency sensitive.

### **Typical System**

Figure 3 shows a typical arrangement of various elementary circuits. Output  $E_o$  is a measure of bridge unbalance and can be made to depend chiefly on signals of preferred phase, discriminating against those of unfavorable phase.

Figure 4 is an idealized version of a bridge output-voltage chart. The chart is drawn relative to the bridge input voltage E = A'C'. Let the potential of the bridge corner Bbe represented by the point B'(more correctly, by the vector A'B'). Since the ratio arms, which are not necessarily resistive, are considered here to be fixed, then the point B' is fixed.

The potential of the bridge corner D, however, depends on the value of the unknown, the settings of the standards, and the supply frequency. Let the standard settings and the frequency be held constant. Then the potential of point D can be located by means of the grid of labelled lines. In this example, resistance R of the test is allowed to vary from 100 to 700 ohms. Inductance L of the test is allowed to vary from 0.1 to 0.7 henry. Unbalance voltage e is the



FIG. 2—Capacitor and resistor form simple phase shifter

difference between the potentials of corners B and D. In this case, balance is achieved when R = 400 ohms and L = 0.4 henry. Vector e,



FIG. 3—Arrangement of basic elements for obtaining data of Fig. 4



FIG. 4—Ideal bridge output voltage



FIG. 5-Grid-type of bridge-voltage chart, with arcs replacing straight lines

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drawn on the chart, is the result of R becoming 300 ohms and L becoming 0.1 henry.

Assume a desire to measure R with minimum dependence on L. A voltage is taken from supply E and revolved through an angle  $\psi$  to get  $e_R$ . Then by Eq. 1, voltages of this phase will have maximum effect on  $E_o$ , and those at 90 degrees will have zero effect.

Furthermore, the only component of e that registers on  $E_o$ is the component B'N. Now, B'N is of exactly the same magnitude as the unbalance voltage which would result from the unbalance of the resistance alone. Thus variations of inductance have zero effect on the output voltage  $E_o$ , as required. A positive  $E_o$  means that R is greater than 400 ohms; a negative  $E_o$  means that R is less than 400 ohms. A voltmeter reading  $E_o$  could be calibrated linearly in ohms resistance unbalance.

A separate discriminator and phase shifter could be used in the same way to measure inductance (reference voltage  $e'_{R}$ ).

Such a system would lend itself ideally to an automatic limit test set, say rejecting all product with resistance above 400 ohms, and/or inductance below 0.4 henry. Unfortunately, the rectangular character of the voltage chart of Fig. 4 can seldom be approximated for practical bridges.

### **Behavior of Typical Bridges**

Practical bridge voltage charts appear here in two forms, the grid type of Fig. 5, and the calibratedarc type of Fig. 6. Figure 5 is read in the same manner as the chart of Fig. 4, with arcs replacing the straight lines.

Figure 6 is read in the following manner: each end of the unbalancevoltage vector e is located by a point on one of the calibrated arcs. The example shown is for L = 0.2 henry, R = 600 ohms.

For measurement of R, with a minimum of error caused by variations of L, let  $e_R$  be the same phase as the line tangent to the balance-arc L = 0.4 as drawn in Fig. 5. The unbalance voltage e is shown for the same case as in Fig. 4, L = 0.1 henry and R = 300 ohms. But this time the component of e in phase with  $e_R$  is positive in direction. Hence  $E_o$  is positive, erroneously indicating that R is greater than 400 ohms.

The correct negative polarity is not assumed by  $E_o$  until the inductance is increased to about 0.3 henry. Voltage  $E_o$ , which should be an accurate index of the constant resistance unbalance, varies widely as the inductance changes, and it even assumes the wrong polarity for large deviations of inductance.

Assume the precision of the test must be  $\pm 1$  percent. Product having a resistance of 404 ohms would be accepted were L to increase slightly from 0.4 henry; or resistances of 396 ohms would be rejected were L to decrease slightly from 0.4 henry. Inductive unbalance here can result in two undesirable actions: rejection of good product and acceptance of defects.

An alternative setting of  $e_R$  suggests itself: at a phase angle such that  $e_R$  is normal to the balance-arc R = 400 ohms. In such a case, in-

ductive unbalance could not lead to the acceptance of faulty product. But it could lead to rejection for resistance under 400 ohms, an equally unsatisfactory condition.

A judicious choice of the phase of  $e_R$  is desirable. The main factors influencing this choice are the precision demanded in measurement of R, the expected deviation of L in normal production runs, and the relation of one variable to the other. For instance, other things being equal, R could reasonably be expected to be larger when L is larger.

A helpful step would be redesign of the bridge to have more favorable characteristics. In this example, the  $R = \text{constant} \arctan s$  should be made flat enough that the phase angle of  $e_R$  is not critical. However, this special bridge design might lead to unfavorable characteristics in the measurement of L. Failing an acceptable compromise, the easiest solution is to switch the product into another bridge designed specifically for the measurement of L.

### Self-Balancing Considerations

The preceding discussion applies primarily to a limit-type measurement. However, suppose the roles of the standard and unknown elements in the bridge are reversed. An impedance is to be measured and the grid chart of Fig. 5 applies to the settings of the variable bridge standards. Further, let each standard be driven by a servomotor whose direction of rotation depends on the polarity of  $E_o$  in its own particular channel, and which tends to reduce the unbalance, as in Fig. 7.



FIG. 8—Current branches set up by high-impedance detector





The reference voltage is E and the phase shifting is done, as is generally preferable, in the bridge signal circuits. (The net operation of the system remains identical to that with the shifting done in the reference voltage circuit). For an average bridge,  $e_{SL}$  and  $e_{SR}$  are set about 90 degrees different in phase.



FIG. 6—Calibrated-arc chart for another bridge circuit



FIG. 7—Self-balancing bridge arrangement in which servomotors drive the variable standards

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FIG. 10—In cases (B) and (C) if  $E_1$  is across  $R_a$ , where  $R_a = R_a + R_b$ , multiply both center coordinates by  $R_a/R_o$ .

If  $E_1$  is across  $X_a$  in (E) and (F), where  $X_a = X_a + X_b$ , multiply both center coordinates by  $X_a/X_a$ .

In (G) and (H) b is susceptance and g is conductance

In general, both servomotors will run in the correct direction for a prompt balance. It is possible, however, for one motor to run in the wrong direction temporarily. But final balance is nevertheless achieved. To illustrate, in Fig. 5, the unbalance voltage e for R = 300ohms, L = 0.1 henry, has a positive component along  $e_R$ . But it should have a negative one, because R is less than 400 ohms, and since the servo in Fig. 7 is connected to decrease resistance for positive  $E_o$ . The variable resistance standard would seemingly be driven to its lower limit and stay there. But meanwhile, the L servo has steadily been reducing the inductance unbalance. As this happens, the Rservo slows down, stops, and then

begins to rotate in the right direction. Thus balance is finally obtained.

As both servos approach balance, they become progressively more independent of each other, due to the phase discrimination in each channel. This works against interactive hunting, which, however, is not a great problem at moderate sensitivities. Thus the self-balancing bridge always reaches a true null if the unknown impedance is within the range of the bridge. The effect of one test component on the accuracy of measurement of the other component is eliminated, precisely as in the case of a manually operated bridge. This is the main advantage of this type over the simpler, cheaper limit bridge.

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For limit-type measurements, a directional relay is the usual terminal device. It may be of the meter type or of the standard sensitive relay type.

The use of germanium diodes such as the 1N35 in the discriminator results in a very stable zero point. In general, d-c amplification of  $E_o$  means a sacrifice of this stability, so that  $E_o$  should be impressed directly on the terminal device when possible. For self-balancing bridges, unless a d-c servo is used,  $E_o$  must drive a d-c to a-c converter.

In the equipment illustrated in the photographs, one of four sections includes a self-balancing Owens bridge. The variable standards are both resistive.

The true terminal device in a self-balancing test is the one which electrically indicates the position of the driven standards when null is obtained. An arrangement of contacts actuated by the driven shafts is a possible solution. This may mean a critical mechanical setup, however.

In the equipment illustrated, the problem has been met on an electrical basis. Achievement of balance is signified by the operation of a relay which senses the absence of unbalance voltage via an auxiliary



FIG. 11—Addition of the two voltage vectors to provide E<sub>3</sub>



FIG. 12—Circuit employed in text Example 1

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circuit; this relay initiates a switching system which transfers each Helipot into a simple d-c limit bridge. The d-c resistance indications then actuate the proper subsequent accept-reject circuits. The d-c bridges themselves are accurate to 0.1 percent and are easily adjustable.

The overall action of the test is analogous to the use of calipers to transfer a certain length from an awkward to a convenient location for measurement. Here, inductance and effective resistance are translated into d-c resistance, and then transferred to convenient measuring circuits as separate items. The same principle can be used, no matter what the driven variable standard is, by mounting a pilot rheostat on the driven shaft.

### Unbalance Voltages

Numerical computation of bridge unbalance voltages is notoriously tedious. Since the voltage to be determined is the difference between two much larger potentials (the potentials of the corners across which the detector is connected), any error in the calculation of corner potentials represents a much larger error in unbalance voltage. Thus a series of slide-rule calculations is apt to be significantly in error. Also, an attempt to correlate such a series of results usually leads to some form of graphical representation. For these reasons, a direct graphical approach is generally simplest and most flexible. A vectorial method especially applicable to bridge problems will be presented here. Better than slide accuracy is readily obtainable on letter size paper.

Accurate determination is best obtained by direct experiment or detailed algebraic analysis. For this reason we will neglect small residuals. In practical cases, a vacuum-tube detector is used. The resultant high detector impedance permits a valuable simplification in bridge calculations: the bridge can be considered to consist of two entirely separate current branches as shown in Fig. 8.

We are interested in the relative potentials of two points, one in each current branch. These points are the two bridge corners across which the detector is connected. The other two corners are common to both current branches. Let one be assigned zero potential, and the other 1.0 volt. The frequency will not be specified, since it enters directly into the expressions for reactance. The majority of bridges do not have intentional coupling between current branches, therefore this complicating case will not be treated here.

### **Unbalance-Voltage Charts**

Considering one current branch only, we may represent the potential of the mid-way corner as follows:

(1) No variables. The potential of corner B is represented by a point on the plane as in Fig. 9A



FIG. 13—Grid chart provides  $E_3$  for any value of  $R_1$  and  $L_1$ 

(more precisely, by vector A'B').

(2) One variable. The potential is represented by a point which travels along a calibrated arc as in Fig. 9B. The calibration marks correspond to the value of the variable.

(3) Two variables. The potential of corner B is represented by a point which is located by means of a grid of labelled arcs as shown in Fig. 9C.

Because of the large number of possible locations and types of variables, no further effort will be made to list the combinations of variables and the corresponding types of voltage charts. The examples to be given will show typical results.

### **Basic Voltage Arcs**

In Fig. 10, a number of arcs are shown and the location of their centers is given. All these arcs pass through the origin. They are the



FIG. 14—Chart of Fig. 13 can be applied to this bridge circuit

loci of the voltage vector  $E_1$  as the variable element in the corresponding circuit varies without limit. The curved arrow shows which way the vector head travels as the variable element increases in a positive direction.

The arcs drawn represent the loci when all circuit reactances are positive. The coordinates for the arc-centers are correct providing the correct signs are used for the various reactances. The locus may shift to another segment of the circle if negative reactances are present. However, the only information usually needed is the expression for center coordinates.

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FIG. 15—Grid charts constructed for text Example 2

The voltage vectors associated with the elements along a common current branch will always bear a constant phase relation to one another since the same current flows in each element.

Theorem I: Consider two vectors  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  which have a constant angle  $\psi$  between them, and whose ends are defined by circles passing through the origin, the circle centers being at  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ respectively, as in Fig. 11. Addition of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  results in a vector  $E_3$  which also follows a circular locus. The center of the  $E_3$  locus is at  $[(x_1 + x_2), (y_1 + y_2)]$ . Further, the radius  $R_3$ is given by the expression shown.

Two important cases are:

- (a) When  $\psi = 0$ ,  $R_3^2 = (x_1 + x_2)^2 + (y_1 + y_2)^2$
- (b) When  $\psi = 90^\circ$ ,
- $R_{3}^{2} = (x_{1} x_{2})^{2} + (y_{1} y_{2})^{2}$

The radius is seldom computed, since it usually can be determined by inspection.

EXAMPLE 1. Required, Fig. 12: find  $E_1$  as  $R_1$ and  $X_1$  vary. This will be done for two conditions: (a)  $R_1$  free to vary,  $X_1$  takes temporary values  $X_1'$ :

Center 
$$E_1$$
 are (Fig. 10A) at  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{R^2}{X_1' + X_2} \end{bmatrix}$   
Center  $E_2$  are (Fig. 10F) at  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{X_1'}{X_1' + X_2} \end{bmatrix}$ , 0

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Center  $E_2$  arc (Theor I) at

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{X_{1'}}{X_{1'} + X_{2}}, \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_{2}}{X_{1'} + X_{2}}\right]$$

The radius need not be computed, since by inspection, whenever  $R_1$  approaches  $\infty$  the  $E_2$  locus approaches (1, 0).

(b)  $X_1$  free to vary,  $R_1$  takes temporary values  $R_1$ 

Center 
$$E_1$$
 are (Fig. 10C) at  

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{R_1'}{R_1' + R_2} \\ & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
Center  $E_2$  are (Fig. 10D) at

 $\left[\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\frac{X_2}{R_1'+R_2}\right]$ 

Center  $E_3$  arc (Theor I) at

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_{1'}}{R_{1'} + R_{2}}, -\frac{1}{2} \frac{X_{2}}{R_{1'} + R_{2}}\right]$$

Again, the radius need not be computed, since whenever X approaches  $\infty$  the  $E_3$  locus approaches (1,0).

The arc centers can now be plotted for various numerical values of  $R_1$  and  $X_1$ . The graphical construction can be speeded up by noting that in each case above the  $E_2$  arc-centers fall on a straight line. The line is easily drawn for each case. (a) When  $X_1' = \infty$ , the line passes through (1,0); when  $X_1' = 0$ .

through 
$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{R_2}{2X_2}\right)$$
. (b) When  $R_1' = \infty$ , the line

passes through (1,0); when  $R_1' = 0$ , through

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-X_2}{2R_2}\right)$$

Only the abcissa of each arc-center need be computed, since the center must lie on the associated line. Further, each arc may be quickly drawnsince each is known to pass through (1,0).

Fig. 13 shows a plot of  $E_3$ , the elements having been given numerical values. The grid allows  $E_3$  to be found for any  $R_1$  and  $L_1$ .

An immediate conclusion is that the chart also applies to the bridge of Fig. 14. Output voltage e is the difference in potential between corners D and B. The grid gives the potential of D, and that

of **B** is a fixed point at 
$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$
 for the element

shown. Any ABC branch could be accommodated, whether the potential of B were defined by a fixed point, a calibrated arc, or another grid.

EXAMPLE 2. It is of interest to let  $X_1$  of Fig. 12 become negative (substitute a capacitor for coil  $X_1$ ). The line *tmq* of Fig. 15A contains all the centers for condition (a) of Example 1, plus those appearing for  $X_1$  negative. As  $X_1$  decreases from 0 to 1

 $-\frac{1}{2}$  X<sub>2</sub>, the center travels from m to p. (See the

expression for the arc-center coordinates). As  $X_1$  closely approaches  $-X_2$ , the center retreats to q at an infinite distance; the circuit approaches resonance.

As  $X_1$  takes up values more negative than  $-X_2$ , drawing away from resonance, the center appears along *tn*. Finally, as  $X_1$  approaches  $-\infty$ , the center again approaches (1,0).

The arcs being swung off from these centers must still pass through (1,0) as before. This results in the grids of Fig. 15B, where  $X_1$  is between 0 and  $-X_2$  ohms; or of Fig. 15C, where  $X_1$  is between  $-X_2$  ohms and  $-\infty$ .

For the case of Fig. 15B, a convenient potential B' is needed. This is readily obtained by putting a capacitor in arm AB and a resistance in arm BC. The completed bridge circuit becomes the standard Owens bridge of Fig. 16.

In Fig. 15C, it is more difficult to obtain a suitable balancing potential B' since it must be larger than the supply voltage feeding the other current branch ADC. However, it can be obtained in a number of ways, and some practical advantage may accrue

from the fact that  $X_1$  represents a relatively small capacitance. If DC is the test arm, and  $X_1$  and  $R_1$  are variable standards, a variable air capacitor will suffice for  $X_1$  at fairly low frequencies.

EXAMPLE 3. The Owens inductance bridge is often operated in a different mode from that mentioned in Example 2.

By writing out the standard balance equations for

Fig. 16, it appears that 
$$\frac{X_1}{R_2} = \frac{X_3}{R_4} = \text{constant};$$

and  $\frac{R_1}{X_2} = \frac{X_2}{R_4} = \text{constant, so that } R_2 \text{ is balanced}$ 

by  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is balanced by  $R_1$ . Rather than make  $X_1$  a variable,  $R_2$  is held constant. This is done by adding resistance from a calibrated variable to the effective resistance of the test so as to make up the correct balance resistance. The resistance of the test can be deduced from the setting of the variable. Thus both inductance and effective resistance of the test appear in terms of a resistance setting.

Required: draw a voltage chart for the bridge of Fig. 16 as  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  vary over their ranges.

(a)  $R_1$  free to vary,  $R_2$  takes temporary values  $R_2'$ Center  $E_1$  arc (Fig. 10F) at

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{-177}{953}\right), 0\right] = \left[-0.093, 0\right]$$
(continued on p 116)



FIG. 16-Circuit of Owens bridge



FIG. 17—Grid chart constructed for Owens bridge in text Example 3

Center 
$$E_2$$
 arc (Fig. 10A) at  

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{R_2'}{2(953)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & \frac{R_2'}{1,906} \end{bmatrix}$$
Center  $E_{AD}$  arc at  $\begin{bmatrix} 0.407 & \frac{R_2'}{1,906} \end{bmatrix}$ 

When  $R_1$  approaches  $\infty$ ,  $E_3$  approaches (1,0), so all arcs pass through (1,0). (b)  $R_2$  free to vary,  $R_1$  takes temporary values  $R_1'$ .

Center 
$$E_1$$
 are (Fig. 10F) at  

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{-177}{953} \right), 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left( -0.093, 0 \right)$$
Center  $E_2$  are (Fig. 10B) at  

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0, \frac{-R_1'}{2(953)} \end{bmatrix} = \left( 0, \frac{-R_1'}{1,906} \right)$$
Center  $E_{AD}$  are at  $\begin{bmatrix} -0.093, \frac{-R_1'}{1,906} \end{bmatrix}$ 

When  $R_2$  approaches  $\infty$ ,  $E_4$  approaches (0,0), so all arcs pass through (0,0).

Figure 17 is a grid drawn for the bridge with the numerical values as shown. Point B' is located for the ratio arms specified.

EXAMPLE 4. Fig. 18 is the circuit of a conventional capacitance comparison bridge. Let  $C_1$  and  $g_1$  be the capacitance and conductance of arm AD and let them be free to vary. Fixed values  $C_2$  and  $g_2$  are in arm DC. To draw an output voltage chart:

(a)  $g_1$  free to vary,  $C_1$  takes temporary values  $C_1'$ . Center of  $E_{AD}$  are (Fig. 10G) at

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega C_2}{\omega C_1' + \omega C_2}, \frac{1}{2} \frac{-g_2}{\omega C_1' + \omega C_2}\right)$$
  
It area pass through (0,0) per Fig. 10C.

The line containing the arc-centers is easily drawn in: when  $C_1'$  approaches  $\infty$ , line passes through (0,0); when  $C_1' = 0$ , through  $(1 - a_2)$ 

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2 \omega C_2}\right)$$

(b)  $C_1$  free to vary,  $g_1$  takes temporary values  $g_1'$ . Center of  $E_{AD}$  are (Fig. 10H) at

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{g_2}{g_1'+g_2},\frac{1}{2}\frac{\omega C_2}{g_1'+g_2}\right)$$

All arcs pass through (0,0) per Fig. 10H. To draw the line containing the arc-centers: when  $g_1'$  approaches  $\infty$ , line passes through

(0,0); when  $g_1' = 0$ , through  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\omega C_2}{2 g_2}\right)$ 

Figure 19 is a grid drawn for this bridge with the elements having values as shown. It is a matter of choice whether the grid is regarded as applying to the excursions of the test impedance, a given comparison standard being used, or the excursions of variable standards, the test impedance being fixed.

EXAMPLE 5. Figure 20A is the circuit of a Maxwell inductance bridge. The test item is in the D-C arm. A common mode of operation is to vary  $C_1$  for reactive balance, and to add a calibrated resistance to that of the test item such that the total resistance in the D-C arm is correct for balance.

Required: draw an unbalance-voltage chart for this bridge, the test item having specified characteristics while  $C_1$  and  $R_2$  vary throughout their ranges.

There is only one variable per current path so this will lead to a calibrated-arc type chart. A calibrated arc is merely a rudimentary grid in which one family of arcs is reduced to a single arc, and the other is reduced to a set of calibration marks. The simplest way to draw and calibrate an arc is to proceed as if a grid were being drawn. *ABC* branch:

(a) C1 varies, g1 constant. (Main arc)

Center 
$$E_{AB}$$
 arc (Fig. 10H) at  $\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{g_2}{g_1 + g_2}\right)$ 

.0

(b) Although g<sub>i</sub> is not a variable, lct it be free to vary, that is, not defined. C<sub>i</sub> takes values C<sub>i</sub>. (Calibration arcs)

Center 
$$E_{AB}$$
 arcs (Fig. 10G) at  $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-g_2}{\omega C_1'}\right)$ 

- ADC branch:
- (a)  $R_2$  varies,  $X_2$  constant. (Main arc) Center  $E_{AD}$  arc (Fig. 10B) at  $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-R_1}{2}\right)$
- (b) As above, let  $X_2$  be free to vary,  $R_2$  takes values  $R_2'$  (calibration arcs).

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FIG. 18—Circuit of capacitance-comparison bridge



FIG. 19-Grid chart constructed for capacitance bridge of text Example 4



FIG. 20—Circuit of Maxwell inductance bridge, and unbalance-voltage chart

Center 
$$E_{AD}$$
 arcs (Fig. 10C) at  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & R_1 \\ R_1 & \dots \\ R_1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

 $\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & R_1 + R_2 \\ \end{array}$  Figure 20B is a chart drawn for the numerical

Values shown.

Each example presented the behavior of bridge unbalance voltage e as bridge parameters varied. However, the number of variables was limited to two. A chart might be required for, say, the inductance bridge of Fig. 14, when there are four variables present, two variables in the item under test plus the two variable standards.

### For Cases Involving More Than Two Variables

The test item and the variable standards may be in different current branches. This is the currentbridge connection, so-called because at balance the current through the test is readily computed when the total supply current is known. A grid can be drawn for each current path, and *e* is thus determined, each end of the vector being located by one of the grids. Thus up to four variables per bridge can be accommodated providing that there are no more than two per current branch.

The test item and the variable standards may be in the same current branch. This is the voltage bridge connection, so-called because at balance the voltage across the test is readily computed when the supply voltage is known. (While a balanced bridge remains balanced for either supply connection, the unbalance voltages in general do not correspond.) Here, the presence of four interacting variables precludes two-dimensional graphical representation; we must resort to the determination of voltages for particular conditions of interest.

In such a case, graphical determination of voltages, one by one, presents about the same amount of labor as straight algebraic methods. However, if entirely complete data is not essential, much pertinent information on voltage trends can be obtained by drawing several grids, selecting values of interest for two of the variables and letting the other two vary freely. If a large number of points were computed algebraically and then correlated graphically, we would finally arrive at just such a set of grids.

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**A**TWO-RESISTANCE network for matching two unequal impedances provides proper matching with a minimum of power loss. The accompanying nomograph solves for the resistance values needed.

*Example 1.* Match a 72-ohm line to a 52-ohm line with a minimum of power loss. Determine the loss in db.

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Solution. Adjust a straightedge to connect 72 on the  $R_a$  scale and 52 on the  $R_b$  scale ( $R_a$  must be greater than  $R_b$ , and therefore  $R_a = 72$  and  $R_b = 52$ ). The intercept on the db loss scale



shows the matching-pad loss as 5.1 db. Next, adjust the straightedge at right angles to the loss line and through the 5.1-db point, and read the X and Y values as X = 0.53 and Y = 1.9. The desired resistor values are then  $R_1 = XR_a = 0.53 \times 72 = 38$  ohms, and  $R_2 = YR_b = 1.9 \times 52 = 99$  ohms.

The scale ranges are chosen for common impedance values. The nomograph may be used for any values by the application of the same multiplier to the  $R_a$  and  $R_b$  scales. No multipliers are required for the loss scale or the X and Y values. The X and Y values are applied to the original problem values of  $R_a$  and  $R_b$  in determining  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

*Example 2.* Match a 3,000-ohm source to a 600-ohm load with a minimum of loss. Determine the loss.

Solution. A convenient scale factor is 1/10. Applied to the problem values,  $R_a$  becomes 300 and  $R_b$  becomes 60. Connect these points with a straightedge and read the pad loss as 12.5 db. Next, read the X and Y values as 0.89 and 1.12 respectively. Applying these values to the original problem impedances of 3,000 and 600 ohms gives  $R_1 =$  $0.89 \times 3,000 = 2,700$  ohms and  $R_z = 1.12 \times 600 = 670$  ohms.

The matching of impedances of more than 30-to-1 ratio involves high power losses, and other types of coupling networks are employed. For impedance matching when power loss is unimportant and the ratio of impedances is more than 30-to-1, the X and Y values approach 1; then  $R_a = R_1$  and  $R_b = R_2$  for proper matching.

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### Improved Ramberg Vacuum-Tube Acceleration Pickup

THE RAMBERG vacuum-tube accelerometer (previously reported in the January, 1947, issue of ELEC-TRONICS, p 152) has been further developed at the National Bureau of Standards so that the new pickup tube provides more sensitive and reliable acceleration measurements than did the earlier version.<sup>1,2</sup>

Field tests of the improved device have provided results that suggest the wide variety of uses to which the instrument may be applied in industry. For example, vibrations of a structural model of an airplane wing have been measured. The laboratory setup is shown in Fig. 1. The accelerometer at the wing tip on the back at the left is used to keep the vibration at a constant level. The other accelerometer on the front at the left is moved from station to station to measure the variation of vibration amplitude with position along the length of the model.

With the accelerometer clamped to the dashboards in 1936 and 1947 automobiles and a filter used to eliminate natural frequency response, comparative records were obtained of the vertical accelerations to which the vehicles were subjected when crossing multiple



FIG. 1—Laboratory setup for measuring vibration of the structural model of an airplane wing. Note the two pickup tubes at the front and rear of the left end of the wing

streetcar or railroad tracks.

Variations in the vertical accelerations of a freight elevator going from the first to the second floor were revealed by the accelerometer as well as vertical accelerations experienced by the rear cockpit of a TBD airplane during takeoff, approach and landing. The natural frequency response of the instrument itself at 160 cps in these records is small compared to the response proportional to the imposed accelerations.

The vacuum-tube pickup is a twin diode consisting of a fixed, indirectly heated cathode and two plates, one on each side of the cathode. The plates are elastically mounted so that they will be deflected if the base of the tube is accelerated in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the plates. The new model differs from earlier versions in having stops to limit the motion of the plates, support rods



Improved vacuum-tube pickup contains stops that limit plate excursions

0.010 inch in diameter to increase the sensitivity of the tube and a second getter.

The primary design requirement met by the Ramberg accelerometer is its provision for an electrical signal of sufficient strength to drive directly a high-frequency recording galvanometer and, at the same time, have a relatively high natural vibration frequency.

In the operation of the original model erratic changes or zero shifts in its balance point were sometimes encountered. The source of this difficulty has been eliminated in the new model. The zero shift resulting from excessive accelerations to



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**T**HE COVER PHOTOGRAPH shows a method of investigating subminiature tubes for microphonism used in the Product Development Laboratories of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Flushing, N. Y. The apparatus imparts a controlled motion to the tube and measures the mechanical displacement of the various parts and the electrical response of the tube.

The tube is rigidly held in a fixture which is firmly attached to a moving coil in a magnetic field. The motion of the moving coil is controlled in frequency and amplitude by a signal generator and amplifier as shown in the block diagram. About 5 watts of power is required at frequencies from 25 to 10,000 cps. Displacement of the parts within the tube is observed by a calibrated telescope (cathetometer) in conjunction with a stroboscope to slow down the motion optically.

Circuit connections are made by placing the ends of the lead wires of the tube into small pools of mercury. Normal voltages are applied and the output signal due to microphonism is developed across the plate load resistor and measured with a vtvm. A check on the motion of the system is maintained by observing the waveform on an oscilloscope.

the pickup while handling and installing is prevented by the stops added to limit the plate excursion and thus prevent overloading.

Zero drift, believed to be due to small fluctuations in the cathode electron emission, has been effectively reduced by three steps. First, the accelerometer was given an aging treatment which made its emission nearly constant. Second, two getters instead of one were used to improve the electrical characteristics and, third, the sensitivity was



Oscillogram tracings showing the vertical accelerations experienced by a 1936 and 1947 automobile crossing multiple streetcar tracks increased by a factor of 25 to make the remaining random output negligible compared with the output due to acceleration.

The circuit used in field tests of the improved pickup is an adaptation of the Kelvin double bridge designed to minimize the effect of contact resistance both in the tube socket and in the adjustable rheostats. A blocking filter was used ahead of the galvanometer to eliminate the possible 160-cycle output at the natural frequency of the device.

Characteristics of the over-all circuit are flat within five percent up to 20 cps and attenuate gradually to nearly 100 percent at 160 cps.

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### Multiple-Output Predetermined Counter

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IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL applications, single-output predetermined counters<sup>1,2</sup> are not suitable and multipleoutput predetermined counters must be used. In the multiple-output counter, output signals may occur at several predetermined points during the counting process whereas in single-output counters an output signal occurs only when a single predetermined count is reached.

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FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of a multiple-output predetermined counter having a capacity of 2<sup>n</sup> and m predetermined outputs. Each NE51 socket contains a 50,000-ohm series resistor

parts, a binary counter section and an interpretation section. The counter may have as many stages as necessary to give the desired counting capacity but with the component values shown there is a limit of about twelve stages.

The binary counter uses a standard circuit except for crystal diodes in the bias return of each stage to increase the ability of the stage to (Continued on p 168)

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### **Inexpensive Analog Computer**

AN ELECTRONIC analog computer costing less than \$5,000 but with a six-variable capacity in solving dynamic problems has been developed by the Boeing Airplane Co., with five units now being used in as many of the company's engineering research departments.

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### Automatic Stabilization of High-Impedance D-C Amplifiers

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IN DESIGNING an analog computer for the analysis of transient heat flow (the Simulator), the problem of standardizing current-measurement circuits arose. Most current measurements have to be made at levels so far above ground  $(10^{12}$ ohms and over) that special tube d-c amplifiers seemed a logical solution. The use of such amplifiers, however, means that over-all computer accuracy can only be assured by effectively counteracting amplifier drift.

One way to accomplish this is to standardize each amplifier periodically. However, to do so manually —and sufficiently often—on a system of the scope of the computer would be impossible. An automatic method of standardization, therefore, was indicated.

### Computing Procedure

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FIG, 1—Block diagram of automatic d-c amplifier stabilizing circuit

and the thermal conductivity of the materials involved are fed into the computer, and precise values of temperature distribution as a function of time are computed by the machine. In the circuits of the computer, voltage is proportional to absolute temperature—current is proportional to heat flow—resistance is proportional to the thickness of the material in the object under test, and inversely proportional to its thermal conductivity; values of electrical capacitance are proportional to thermal capacity.

Once the proper values are set up, the equipment produces an analogous record of heat flow on an extended time basis. The final data are furnished in graph form, on a specially designed, 30-channel, electric-stylus recorder. These data comprise four records of currentversus-time and 24 records of voltage-versus-time (two spare circuits are left for future modifications).

The final recorded values of voltage and current flow in the R-C networks of the computer are obtained through d-c amplifiers, as noted previously. The current amplifiers measure current flow into capacitors, as they charge. Thus it is essential, from the standpoint of accuracy, to standardize the zero of these d-c amplifiers in the various measuring circuits and, because of the extended time basis, to keep them standardized throughout the entire computation. A convenient method of doing this is by using a servo system to change a bucking or bias voltage, thereby automatically standardizing each d-c amplifier as often as is necessary.

### Operation

The d-c (current-measuring) amplifier system is shown schematically in Fig. 1. In the over-all computer circuit, the input to this amplifier is inserted into certain R-C networks in the computer. So as not to disrupt the circuit into which it is inserted, the input resistor has a value of 50 ohms—very low by comparison with the value of R in the R-C circuit.

The voltage developed across the 50-ohm resistor is used to charge  $C_1$ , which is connected across the moving contacts of the relay. When the relay moves to the position in Fig. 1,  $C_1$  is connected across the input of the current amplifier, the output of which is therefore proportional to the charge across  $C_1$ .

In practice, with any ordinary amplifier this condition would, of course, prevail only momentarily, since  $C_1$  would discharge, more or less rapidly, into the input resistance of the amplifier. In the present instance this would be wholly unsatisfactory, since the recorder would not necessarily be at the



Operation of analog computer for the analysis of transient heat flow depends on measurement of d-c currents at very high impedance levels. Automatic stabilization of d-c amplifiers facilitates accuracy and speed of measurements

point of record at the instant at which the output reading was at its initial, peak value. This has been overcome, in the present case, in two ways: by the use of a special electrometer-type tube for the amplifier input, in which the gridcurrent is far lower than with normal tubes; and, secondly, by the use of a somewhat elaborate integrating circuit, of which the capacitor  $C_2$ , which goes from amplifier output to input, is the principal component.

Note that the phasing of the amplifier is such that the resultant loop is degenerative, thereby becoming an integrating circuit of very long time-constant.

When the relay is energized during the time that  $C_1$  is being charged by the passage of current through the 50-ohm resistor—the input of the amplifier is switched to the bias potentiometer. At the same time, the output of the d-c amplifier is connected to the servo amplifier input, to provide the automatic zero-setting.

#### Automatic Standardization

The grid bias of the currentmeasuring amplifier is varied by positioning the potentiometer as shown in Fig. 1. Mechanical positioning is accomplished by means of a servomechanism which comprises a Brown converter, ElectroniK amplifier, and balancing motor. The output of the servo amplifier is applied to one field winding of the two-phase balancing motor which, in turn, is geared to the grid bias potentiometer, adjustment of which will correct for drift in the d-c amplifier.

Any drift in the current-measuring amplifier produces an error signal in its output. The error signal is a d-c voltage whose polarity is determined by the direction of drift, and whose size is determined by the magnitude of drift. The magnitude of the d-c signal is equivalent to input signals of the order of microvolts.

In the servo amplifier, the d-c error signal is changed to a-c by the converter or chopper. The resulting a-c error signal differs in phase by 180 degrees according to the direction of the amplifier drift. The (Continued on p 218)

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In this panel are illustrated standard models of HELIPOT multi-turn and single-turn pre-\_available in a wide range af resistances and cision potentiometersaccuracies to fulfill the needs of nearly any patentiameter appliaction. The Beckman DUODIAL canon, the pechnon pooprat is furnished in two designs and four turns-ratios, to add to the usefulness of the HELIPOT. by permitting easy and rapid read-

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# NEW PRODUCTS

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Nondefense Production Continues High Despite Materials Shortage . . . Audio Equipment Is Prominently Featured . . . Forty New Literature Items Are Covered



**Scintillation Counter** 

**R-C SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT CO.** 335 Culver Blvd., Plaza Del Ray, Calif. Model CX14 Scintiscaler incorporates a scintillation counting chamber and is provided with inputs for use with external scintillation or G-M counters. It is intended to be used in the laboratory as a universal scaler for use in the detection of alpha, beta and gamma radiation. The instrument's stable, electronically regulated h-v supply is variable from 700 to 1,500 v. It has a scale of 64 and operates on a 115-v, 60-cps line, requiring 150 watts of power. Cost is \$960.00.



### Mercury Rectifier

NATIONAL ELECTRONICS, INC., Geneva, Ill., has introduced a new quick-heating, 15-ampere rectifier tube for heavy-duty industrial applications. Designated as NL-643, it is mercury-vapor filled and has a peak inverse voltage rating of 700

volts. Filament voltage is 2.5 volts at 23 amperes; filament heating time, 120 seconds; and maximum peak current, 90 amperes.



### **Dual Speaker**

RACON ELECTRIC CO., INC., 52 E. 19th St., New York 3, N. Y. Model RR40 dual speaker designed for railroad and industrial sound systems consists of a heavy noncorrosive-center aluminum casting with a weatherproof steel-bell re-entrant speaker at each end of the opening. Magnet material is Alnico 5; dispersion angle per speaker, 45 deg; frequency range, 350 to 6,000 cycles; total operating capacity, 40 watts; peak capacity, 70 watts; impedance (speakers in parallel), 8 ohms; and sensitivity (4 ft, 1-watt input, 1,000 cycles), 108.5 db.



### **Predetermining Counters**

STREETER-AMET Co., 4101 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 13, Ill., has developed an electrical predetermined counter having wide application in industrial control problems. When the preset count has been

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trode inert-gas-filled thyratron is designed mainly for general controlcircuit applications. It has a quickheating cathode that takes only a minute to reach operating temperature. A commutation factor rating of 200 makes it useful in motor control without the need for snubber circuits and without the occurrence of gas clean-up. Maximum ratings include: maximum peak anode voltage, 1,500 volts; maximum cathode current, peak 150 amperes, average, 12.5 amperes; maximum negative control-grid voltage. 250 volts before conduction and 10



volts during conduction.

### **Phono Cartridge**

ELECTRO-VOICE, INC., Buchanan, Mich. Model 60 Econo-Cartridge has a tracking force of  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz on 78 rpm and 8 grams on 33 $\frac{1}{5}$  and 45 rpm; and a frequency response to 6,000 cps. The unit weighs 7.3 grams, and measures 13/16 in. wide x 5/16 in. high x 2 $\frac{5}{5}$  in. long. Price is \$5.50.

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Type No.	Remarks	Maximum	Moximum	Filam	the	Conduct-	Power	TY	PICAL OPE	LATING C	ONDITION	IS OLD
	TYPEC	Digmeter	Longth	Or He	ater	ance	Output	Plat		Vala	14-	Grid
REATER CATHODE		Inches	Inches	VOITS	Ma.	Uminos	M TY	VOIR I DO	Ma.	VOIRS	ma.	Voits
	Characteristics of DAKS	0.400	1.5	0.3	200	5000		120	2.5	120	2.5	Rk = 200
LK3/03/LK608LX	Triode, UHF Oscillator, % watts at 500 Mc	0.400	1.5	0.3	200	5000		120	9.0			Rk= 220
CK5704/CK606BX	Diode, equivalent to ane-halt 6ALS	0.315	1.5	6.3	150			150ac	9.0			
CK5744/CK619CX	Triode, High mu.	0.400	1.5	6.3	200	4000		250	4.0			Rk = 500
CK 57 84	Characteristics of 6AS6	0.400	1.5	6.3	200	3200		120	5.2	120	3.5	-2.0
CK5829	Similar to 6AL5	0.300±0.400	1.5	6.3	150			117oc	5.0 per	section		
CK5995	Half Wave Rectifier	0.400	1.75	6.3	300				45	inv	orse peak	850 volts
LAMENT TYPES												
AD4	Shielded RF Pentode	0.300x0.400	1.5	1.25	100	2000		45.0	2.6	45.0	0.8	Rg = 2meg
CK571AX	10 ma. filament Electrometer Tube, Ig = 2x10-13 amps, max.	0.285±0.400	1.5	1.25	10	1.6†		10.5	0.20	Triode	Conn.	-3.0
CK573AX	Triode, High-Freq. Osc.	0.300x0.400	1.5	1.25	200	2000		90.0	11.0			-4.0
K574AX	Shielded Pentode RF Amplifier	0.290x0.390	1.25	0.625	20	160		22.5	0.125	22.5	0.04	-0.625
CK 5672	Output Pentode	0.285x0.385	1.5	1.25	50	650	65.0	67.5	3.25	67.5	1.1	-6.5
CK5676/CK556AX	Triode, UHF Oscillator	0.300x0.400	1.5	1.25	120	1600		135.0	4.0			-5.0
CK5677/CK568AX	Triode, UHF Oscillator	0.300x0.400	1.5	1.25	60	650		135.0	1.9			-6.0
CK5678/CK569AX	Shielded RF Pentode	0.300x0.400	1,515	1.25	50	1100		67.5	1.8	67.5	0.48	0
CK5697/CK570AX	Electrometer Triode Max, grid current 5x10 <sup>-18</sup> amps.	0.285x0.400	1.25	0.625	20	1.5†		12.0	0.22			-3.0
CK 5785	High voltage rectifier	0.300x0.400	1.5	1,25	15				0,1	Inverse	peak 35	00 volts
VOLTAGE REGULAT	ORS											
CK5783	Voltage reference tube — like -5651	0.400	1.625	Opt	rating volta	sge 87. Op	erating cur	rent range 1	.5 to 3.5 r	·a.		
Ск5787	Voltage regulator	0.400	2.06	Ope	rating valta	ige 100. O	perating cu	rrant range	5 to 25 ma			
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### **D-C Power Supplies**

OPAD-GREEN CO., 71 Warren St., New York 7, N. Y. has introduced a new series of general purpose, low-voltage d-c power supplies featuring continuously variable outputs and carrying continuous duty ratings of 10 amperes. They are available in ranges of 0 to 8 v, 0 to 12 v and 0 to 28 v d-c. The a-c input requirements are 115 v, 60 cycles single phase. The d-c voltage and current may be read directly on two 3-in. meters. The ammeter is calibrated in steps of 200 ma and has a full scale value of 10 amperes. Descriptive bulletin GPA1 is available on request.



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### **R-F Step-Up Coil**

SPELLMAN TELEVISION CORP., 3029 Webster Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y. By using the h-v r-f step-up type coils illustrated in a special circuit, voltages as high as 90 kv can be obtained. Rated at 35 kv, the coils find application in tv circuits, electrostatic paint spraying, insulation testing, spectroscopic analysis, nuclear fission, and so on. The primary is separate from the secondary winding, which is 7 in. high and consists of 10 pie windings 3 in, in diameter. The primary is 4 in. high and 41 in. in diameter. Secondary voltage output is 35 kv, secondary current is 5 ma and the approximate frequency is 70 kc.

### Half-Wave Rectifier Tube

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Type 1X2A half-wave rectifier tube, designed for tv receivers, is suitable for use in both radiofrequency and flyback types of power supplies. Maximum ratings and characteristics include: peak inverse plate voltage, 20 kv; peak plate current, 11 ma.



### **TV Converter Kit**

CELOMAT CORP., 521 W. 23rd St., New York, N. Y., has developed a color tv converter kit to receive CBS color television. The Vue-Scope uses a color disk of Fibestos cellulose acetate plastic sheeting made up of three primary colors red, blue and green. The kit includes a manual synchronization unit, a fractional horse-power motor and assembly brackets. It will produce about a six-in. picture and retail under \$15.00.



### Video Recorder

GENERAL PRECISION LABORATORY, INC., Pleasantville, N. Y., has developed a video recorder with electronic control that will record tv programs with picture quality equal to the original live telecast. The electronic design eliminates double exposures, under exposures, film fuzziness, garbled sound and vibration. A counter setup to monitor (Continued on p 244)

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# **NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY**

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### **New Computer Aids Air Defense**

**PROJECT TYPHOON**, a new electronic analog computer for evaluating the performance of guided missiles, ships, planes and submarines and aiding in the air protection of American cities, was recently shown in operation at a joint Navy Special Devices Center-RCA demonstration in Princeton, N. J. The calculator, which employs 4,000 electron tubes, several miles of intricate wiring and components that are exact to better than one part in 25,000, can solve in one minute problems that would require two mathematicians six months.

The apparatus obviates the need of building costly models and testing them in flight. A staff of nine engineers and mathematicians as well as six technical assistants are required to operate the unit while it solves complex problems. By setting dials and switch-board plugs scientists can represent the physical features of a projectile in the form of mathematical equations. That section of the machine becomes a mathematical picture of the missile. Then the missile, flying 1,600 mph, is given a problem such as intercepting an 800-mph high-flying bomber which has been tagged by a radar beam. Just such a problem was solved at the recent demonstration.

Under contract with the Special Devices Center of the Office of Naval Research, engineers of RCA Laboratories designed and built the instrument for use by the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics. To keep it free of climatic influences, Typhoon is housed in a special air-conditioned room at RCA Laboratories which has a constant temperature of 75F and a relative humidity of not more than 50 percent.

### SMPTE Establishes New Award

ESTABLISHMENT of the David Sarnoff Gold Medal as an annual award for an outstanding contribution to television engineering was announced recently by Earl I. Spon-



A. W. Vance of RCA Laboratories operates the Typhoon computer from the control console while R. S. Holmes checks the missile and target projectory on one of the plotting boards. Shown in the background are some of the panels containing thousands of electron tubes and miles of intricate wiring

able, president of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. The award was proposed by Frank M. Folsom, president, on behalf of the Radio Corporation of America, and named for General Sarnoff, chairman of the board of directors of RCA.

The medal will be presented at the society's fall meeting each year to that individual selected by a special award committee who has done outstanding work in some technical phase of the field of television engineering, whether in research, development, design, manufacture or operation, or in any similar phase of theater television.

In addition to the gold medal, the award will include a bronze replica and a citation describing the recipient's qualifications. The recipient will be selected by a special committee to be appointed each year by the president of the SMPTE, consisting of a chairman and four members who are fellows or honorary members of the society or previous recipients of some formal society award, and each of whom is qualified to judge the importance or value of current work in some technical phase of television

In the selection of candidates for the award, it is stipulated in the terms under which it is to be administered, contributions which have led to greater fidelity in reproduction of an original scene, or to simplification of the processes involved, shall be important considerations. The purpose of the award, it is stated in these terms of administration, is to recognize recent technical contributions to the art of television, and to encourage the development of new techniques, new methods, and new equipment which hold promise for the continued improvement of television.

### **IRE's 1951** Convention

THE INSTITUTE of Radio Engineers is holding its 1951 National Convention on March 19-22 in New York City. Its theme will be "Advance with Electronics in the National Emergency."

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dorf-Astoria Hotel. The Radio Engineering Show will, as in prior years, occupy the Grand Central Palace, two blocks south of the Waldorf on Lexington Ave. Technical sessions will be held in both locations.

A speaker of national prominence will address the banquet on Wednesday, March 21. The luncheon on Tuesday, March 20, and the cocktail party on Monday evening will both be held in the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf.

### TV Engineers Attend Antenna Symposium

MORE than twenty-five broadcasting engineers and television consultants recently attended a symposium dealing with practical considerations in the use of superturnstile and supergain antennas conducted at the RCA Victor plant in Camden, N. J.

The engineers later made an inspection of the plant to view work in progress on the multiple antenna for the Empire State Building in New York City. The symposium was led by Herman E. Gihring, manager of the broadcast antenna design section of the RCA Engineering Products Department.

Those present at the symposium

- MARCH 5-9: ASTM Spring Meeting and Committee Week, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- MAR. 19-22: IRE Annual Convention, Hotel Waldorf Astoria and Grand Central Palace, New York City.
- APR. 20-21: Southwestern IRE Conference, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
- APR. 30- MAY 4: SMPTE Spring Convention, Hotel Statler, N Y
- MAY 23-24: Fifth National Convention, American Society for Quality Control, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

- JUNE 18-22: ASTM Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- JUNE 25-29: AIEE Summer General Meeting, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- AUG. 28-SEPT. 8: Eighteenth British National Radio Show, Earls Court, London, England.
- AUG. 29-31: Seventh Annual Pacific Electronic Exhibit and West Coast Annual IRE Convention, San Francisco Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.

were: Edward Talbott of KROD, El Paso; J. M. DeBell, Jr., of Du-Mont Laboratories, Passaic, N. J.; Ray Craig of WCAU, Philadelphia; John G. Preston of American Broadcasting Co., New York; J. E. Mathiot of WGAL, Lancaster, Pa.; Henry L. Dubrowski of WATV, Newark; A. M. Hopwood of WPTZ, Philadelphia; James W. Kyle of WTVR, Richmond; T. W. Howard of WPIX, New York; Henry E. Rhea of WFIL, Philadelphia; P. B. Laeser of WTMJ-TV, Milwaukee; Ralph N. Harmon of WRC, Washington; Charles H. Singer of WOR-



Among the television engineers and consultants attending a symposium dealing with antenna poblems at the RCA Little Theatre in Camden recently were (left to right): Edward Talbott, KROD, El Poso; James W. Kyle, WTVR, Richmond; Phillip B. Laeser, WTMJ-TV, Milwaukee; Al Josephsen, RCA broadcasting field sales representative, New York; Glenn D. Gillett, Gillett and Associates, consultants, Washington; and Henry L. Dubrowski, WATV, Newark

TV, New York; N. F. Smith of WOR-TV, New York; George E. Hagerty of Westinghouse, Washington; Louis H. Stantz of WNBF, Binghamton; Benjamin Wolfe of WAAM-TV, Baltimore; Carl J. Nopper of WMAR-TV, Baltimore; E. J. Love of WWJ, Detroit; Albert Preisman of Preisman and Biser, Washington; A. Josephsen of RCA, New York; Glenn D. Gillett of Gillett and Associates, Washington; Oscar Reed, Jr. of Jansky & Bailey, Washington; Millard M. Garrison of Chambers and Garrison, Washington; George C. Davis, consultant, Washington; George P. Adair, consultant, Washington; Robert E. Baluta of McIntosh & Ingles, Washington; Julius A. Renhard of RCA, Washington; and William L. Foss, consultant, Washington.

### Radioactivity Monitor Specifications Released

THE Federal Civil Defense Admintration has released specifications for two basic types of monitoring instruments to determine the extent of radioactive contamination following an atomic attack. These specifications have been sent to all state governments, civil defense directors, and manufacturers in the instrument field.

Manufacturers are being urged to put special effort toward developing a high-intensity instrument based on the published specifications. Such an instrument, measuring up to five hundred roentgens per hour, would be needed in area (Continued on p 280)



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## NEW BOOKS

### Antennas

BY JOHN D. KRAUS. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 1950, 553 pages, \$8.00.

ANY REVIEW of this book would be incomplete without a word of warning to the prospective buyer that it will be of little value unless he is able to juggle integral calculus and to interpret and understand theoretical analyses.

The book is intended for use as a text and reference for senior or graduate courses in antenna theory. As such, it serves admirably, in that it is in line with texts now used in parallel courses in other phases of the science of communications. The practical aspects of antenna engineering have, however, been overshadowed by the more theoretical ones.

The material presented is based on a series of lectures given by the author at Ohio State. It reflects his vast knowledge of the subject and his experience at teaching. There is probably no more complete book on the various types of very-high and ultrahigh-frequency antennas now in print.

The antenna is first treated as a point source and then as an aperture, after which the text methodically presents in turn thin linear antennas, loops, helical antennas, biconicals, cylindricals, reflector types, slot and horn antennas and all the special versions and combinations that are in use today. A special section is devoted to antenna measurements, and a generous appendix provides a wealth of reference information in exceptionally

### RELEASED THIS MONTH

Applied Nuclear Physics; E. Pollard and W. L. Davidson; Wiley; \$5.00.

- Electronic Fundamentals and Applications; J. D. Ryder; Prentice-Hall; \$9.00.
- Propagation of Short Radio Waves; Vol. 13 of Radiation Lab Series; Donald E. Kerr; \$10.00.
- Waveguide Handbook; Vol. 10 of Radiation Lab Series; M. Marcuvitz; \$7.50.

convenient form. Abundant references are given for further study on specific subjects.—J.D.F.

### **Traveling Wave Tubes**

By J. R. PIERCE. Bell Laboratories Series. D. Van Nostrand, Inc., New York, 1950, 260 pages, \$4.50.

MORE and more communication engineers are desirous of understanding the principles of operation of one of the latest members of the family of microwave tubes—the traveling-wave tube. This is due to the fact that with the expansion of the frequency spectrum the question of bandwidth has become of great importance and the tube's outstanding feature is its enormous bandwidth.

Until the appearance of Pierce's book any information about traveling-wave tubes had to be gained by reading scattered articles. The author's clearly organized and well digested treatise on the subject has largely dispensed with this task. The author is well-known for his many contributions to the theory of these tubes as well as to other fields of electronics, and his presentation (Continued on p 140)

### BACKTALK

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### **More References**

### DEAR SIRS:

As is borne out on page 275 of the November 1950 issue and otherwise, ELECTRONICS is always anxious to give the reader as many and as good references as possible.

I refer to the excellent paper by Cunningham, May and Skalnik, "Integration Noise Reducer for Radar", published in the September 1950 issue of ELECTRONICS. In this paper, my research work since 1945 in the signal integration field is referred to via the Government Report E5038. Actually, I never issued report E5038, since it contains a number of technical and printing errors, but instead, in 1948, gave a lecture in the National Electronics Conference in Chicago, entitled "Extraction of Weak Signals from Noise by Integration", which was published later in the *Proceedings of the NEC*, Vol. 4, 1948. This paper also bears the names of Dr. Dickey and Dr. Emslie, who contributed much to the final results. Since my NEC paper is technically correct, properly issued, and generally available, it should as a reference take the place of the erroneous report E5038.

Still further technical information may be derived from the fact that I conceived of the integration method as described in reference (3) of the Cunningham-May-Skalnik paper when doing research work for USAF in 1946, and submitted a patent application via USAF, Wright Field, which describes my early integration system, applied to a radar receiver. Later this system, in less elegant form than the one described in ELEC-TRONICS, yielded an improvement in signal-to-noise ratio of 24 decibels, and I, therefore, took steps to bring the invention into the experienced hands of Professor Cunningham of Yale University, who later carried (Continued on p 292)



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circuits is taken up. As may be expected, the amplifier will have wideband properties if the phase velocity of the circuit waves does not vary much with frequency.

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One of the important properties of an amplifier is its noise characteristic. The book outlines an approximate method of approach to a noise theory for the traveling-wave tube. The subject discussed here, however, is still controversial in nature, a fact which does not stand out too clearly in the author's discourse.

Two close relatives of the traveling-wave tube are also dealt with. One of these is the double-stream amplifier, also known as the electron-wave tube, which does not employ a circuit but produces amplification by the interaction between two electron streams traveling at different speeds. The other one is the magnetron amplifier, which is of interest chiefly because of its higher efficiency compared with traveling-wave tubes.

This reviewer can highly recommend the book to anyone interested in communication engineering and microwave electronics.-RUDOLF G. E. HUTTER, Head of Electronics Section, Physics Laboratories, Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

### **Receiving Tube Substitution Guide Book**

By H. A. MIDDLETON. John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York, 1950, 224 pages, paper-covered, \$2.40.

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Other features of this book include an excellent theoretical section discussing one by one the problems of making substitutions of tubes and other components in oscillator systems, r-f and i-f amplifiers, audio amplifiers, signal rectifiers, power rectifiers, wideband amplifiers and other circuits. A separate table lists identical tubes with unlike heater voltage and current ratings. An entire section covers television receiver filament circuit arrangements. with diagrams giving the basic circuits employed in parallel, series and series-parallel filament systems. An accompanying tabulation that includes most television receiver models tells which type of circuit is used in each, for convenience in making substitutions involving filament circuit changes. All in all, this manual is a must for anyone anticipating trouble in getting a needed tube for radio, television or electronic equipment.-J. M.

### **Ionization Chambers** and Counters

BY D. H. WILKINSON. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1950, 265 pages, \$4.50.

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# Proper Annealing for Cost Reduction

Work-hardened metal can be softened by annealing-that is, by raising its temperature high enough to affect its microstructure. Different degrees of softness are obtained by controlling the temperature which the metal attains in the furnace and the length of time it is exposed to the heat. Under the microscope a piece of annealed metal that has been prepared by polishing and etching for microscopic examination appears to be made up of irregularly shaped crystals or grains - the higher the annealing temperature, the larger the crystals, the softer the metal, and the greater its elongation or ductility.

### **Annealing Hints for Fabricators**

Variable factors such as the weight and distribution of load, size and shape of article and/or sequence of anneals, type and condition of furnace play such an important part in maintaining uniform metal temperature that it is impossible to set up specific rules for the fabricator on time and temperature for annealing copper and its alloys.

The table, shown below, on suggested temperatures should only be used as a guide.

Included also in these variables are the amount and method of cold-working, previous grain size and severity of operations to follow. Because of these variables, it is advisable to experiment with sample lots to determine correct time and temperature for annealing before setting up a schedule for volume production.

### Danger of Too High Temperature

Extra large grain size and orange peel effect are usually products of temperatures that are too high with subsequent increase in finishing costs. Excessively high temperatures will also increase the amount of oxidation of the



Orange-peel surface on the bottom of drawn brass cup was caused by excessively large grain structure resulting from annealing at too high a temperature. Micrograph: mag. 75 x etch  $NH_4OH$  and  $H_2O$ .

### Suggested Annealing Temperatures for Fabricated Articles Approximate Metal Temperatures

Material	Alloy No.	Anneal for Additional Cold Working	Fine Grain Anneal for Fin <mark>is</mark> hing	Stress Reliej Anneal
Copper	102	750- 950F	650- 800F	400F*
Red Brass-85 copper, 15 zinc	85	900-1150F	750- 900F	-100 F*
Cartridge Brass-70 copper, 30 zinc	37	850-1100F	700- 850F	400F*
High Brass-66 copper, 34 zinc	1	850-1100F	700- 850F	400F*
Commercial Bronze-90 copper. 10 zine	25	925-1175F	775- 975F	$400F^{*}$
Silicon Bronze-97 copper. 3 silicon	632	1000-1200F	925-1000F	400F*
Silicon Bronze-98 copper. 2 silicon	609	1100-1200F	925-1000F	400F*
Phosphor Bronze–Grade A– 94.35 copper, 5.5 tin, 0.15 phosphorus	36	1080-1200F	900-1050F	400F*
Nickel Silver-18% Grade A- 65 copper, 18 nickel, 17 zinc	565	1100-1300F	1050-1150F	4001**

\*Stress Relief Annealing Temperatures and Time depend upon the amount of cold working on the part and the alloy. A nominal temperature of 400F for a one hour anneal may be tried and the parts so treated then checked for residual stress by a mercurous nitrate test. Should failure occur, a higher temperature would be indicated. metal (if non-atmosphere controlled furnaces are used) and thereby necessitate longer pickling and dipping operations, with the associated danger of pitting and thinning of the material.

It is safer to anneal at the lowest temperature possible. Work can always be returned to the furnace if not annealed sufficiently, but the damage done by too high a temperature cannot be corrected.

#### **Good Annealing Practice**

Thorough cleaning of work to remove drawing compounds before annealing especially at low temperatures, will help to maintain cleaner surfaces. Dirt and dust picked up from the air and held on the work by compounds, can also produce stains and scale which if not completely removed, will cause scratching of work and dies as well as loading of tools.

The ability to obtain uniform metal temperatures in the work being treated is essential. For this reason convectiontype annealing furnaces are widely used for temperatures from 1200° F and lower. By placing the thermocouple at the hottest location of the incoming gases and being careful not to exceed the desired temperature is an assurance metal will not be overheated.

The practice of speeding up the annealing operation by first operating the furnace at temperatures considerably above the desired annealing temperature is dangerous because the top or edges of the load may become overheated while the rest of the load is coming up to the desired annealing temperature. In other words, there is time lag in heat penetration. It is advisable to bring the furnace to heat before starting the day's annealing operations. This method reduces the danger of local overheating and facilitates uniform heating.

The influence of time in an annealing operation after the metal reaches the desired temperature throughout does not seriously increase grain growth or softening and this factor permits uniformity of heating in convection furnaces even when section or portions of a load are of uneven mass. Directfired furnaces, on the other hand, are usually operated with a thermal head and are more susceptible to uneven heating of a load, especially if the masses are uneven.



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One of the authors, D. L. Gerlough, records data from the vehicle speed-distribution recorder

discriminate between positive and negative input pulses. Resetting of the binary counter on completion of any operation is accomplished by means of a positive pulse applied to the cathode of the left-hand triode of each stage.

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Each switch connects its associated resistor with one of the stages of the binary counter. Switch positions 0 and 1 are connected to the normally conducting and normally nonconducting plates of the counter stage. In setting up the predetermined count for an output a switch has the same binary value as the counter stage with which it is associated. The predetermined setting for any output is the total binary value of all switches related to that output.

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FIG. 2-Schematic diagram of statistical frequency-distribution recorder having m + 1 groups and m inputs



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In one application, an *m*-output predetermined counter has been used to distribute automatically counts into m + 1 class intervals of a statistical frequency distribution using a special recorder. This recorder, whose circuit is shown in Fig. 2, employs m + 1 electrome-chanical counters.

The electromechanical counter of stage 0 records the number of items having counts 0 or greater, but less than  $a_1$ ; the counter of stage 1 records items having counts greater than  $a_m$  up to the maximum capacity of the binary counter, where  $a_1$  to  $a_m$  are the predetermined output settings of the *m*-output counter. Thyratrons are used to "remember" the greatest class interval to which counting has progressed.

### Sequence

Initially, in the operation of the predetermined counter and recorder circuits, the thyratron of stage 0 of the recorder is fired and the thyratrons of all other stages are extinguished. As counting takes place, stage 0 remains fired indicating class interval 0 to  $a_{1}$ , until stage 1 receives a signal from the first output of the predetermined counter. At this point the thyratron of stage 1 fires and extinguishes the thyratron of stage 0 by means of the 0.01- $\mu$ f commutating capacitor.

The thyratron of stage 1 remains fired until the recorder receives a signal from the second output,  $a_2$ , of the predetermined counter through stage *m*. If counting continues after  $a_m$ , the memory thyratron of stage *m* remains fired indicating a count of  $a_m$  or greater.

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FIG. 3—Block diagram of vehicle speed-distribution recorder

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FIG. 4-Diagram showing sequence of operations within the speed-distribution recorder. The rear-wheel inhibitor blanks out signals from the roadway detectors long enough to permit the rear wheels to pass

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FIG. 5-Diagram showing typical electromechanical counter settings as set up by toggle switches on front panel of instrument

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Credit is due J. Robert Hall for most of the construction of the vehicle speed-distribution recorder.

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FIG. 1—Circuit of the complex tone generator

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The device shown was built to be used with Western Electric type-F3 handsets or the equivalent, but the circuit may be easily adapted to most other types of microphones.

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FIG. 1—Attenuator network for feeding one or more outputs from a single source

an input or an output. Thus a network designed to feed three outputs from one input can also be used to feed two inputs to two outputs or three inputs to one output.

The insertion loss between any two branches is equal to that between any other two branches. There is a certain minimum insertion loss dependent on the number of branches. The attenuator can be designed for any loss, equal to or greater than the minimum loss. This feature may be of value in controlling the degree of isolation between any two output branches.

#### Design Equation

Since input and output impedances are equal

 $\frac{E_{\rm in}}{E_{\rm out}} = {\rm Log_{10}}^{-1} \frac{\rm db\ loss}{20} = B$ 

Insertion loss in db = 20 log<sub>10</sub>  $\frac{E_{\text{in}}}{E_{\text{out}}}$  = 20 log<sub>10</sub> B

$$Z_{in} = Z = R_1 + \frac{\left(\frac{R_1 + Z}{N}\right)R_3}{\frac{R_1 + Z}{N} + R_3} = R_1 + \frac{\frac{R_3 (Z + R_1)}{Z + R_1 + NR_3}}{R_1 + NR_3}$$

From which.

 $R_{3} = \frac{Z^{2} - R_{1}^{2}}{Z - NZ + R_{1}^{*} + \sqrt[3]{NR_{1}}}$ or  $\frac{Z^{2} - R_{1}^{2}}{(N+1)R_{1} - (N-1)Z}$ (1)  $\frac{E_{\text{out}}}{E_{\text{in}}} = \frac{1}{B} = \frac{\frac{R_{3}(Z + R_{1})}{Z + R_{1} + NR_{3}}}{\frac{R_{3}(Z + R_{1})}{Z + R_{1} + NR_{3}} + R_{1}}$   $\left(\frac{Z}{Z + R_{1}}\right)$ 

this reduces to,

 $R_1 (Z + R_1) = R_3 (BZ - Z - R_1 - NR_1)$ substituting for  $R_3$  the value obtained in Eq. 1

$$R_1 (Z + R_1) = \frac{Z^2 - R_1^2}{NR_1 + R_1 - NZ + Z}$$

$$(BZ - Z - R_1 - NR_1)$$
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$$R_1 = \frac{(B-1)Z}{B+1} \tag{2}$$

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Equating the denominator to 0 and substituting for  $R_1$  the value obtained in Eq. 2

$$(N+1)\frac{(B-1)Z}{e(B+1)} - (N-1)Z = 0$$
  
B - N = 0, B = N

This means that the minimum possible loss is obtained when B = N. If B is less than N,  $R_3$  will be negative and not physically realizable. If B is greater than N,  $R_s$ will be positive and have a finite value. Therefore B may be equal to, or greater than N and the minimum possible insertion loss in db = 20 log<sub>10</sub> N

#### Pad Design

To design a pad using this method, determine the minimum insertion loss for the desired value of Noutput terminations.

Suppose N = 4, then minimum insertion loss in db = 20 log<sub>10</sub> 4 = 20(.602) or 12 db

The pad may now be designed for any value of insertion loss equal to or greater than 12 db. Suppose a loss of 20 db is desired and Z =600 ohms.

Then, 
$$B = \log_{10}^{-1} \left( \frac{20}{20} \right) = 10^{10}$$
  
 $R_1 = \frac{9}{11}$  (600) or 490.9 ohms  
and  $R_3 = \frac{600^2 - 490.9^2}{5(490.9) - 3(600)} = 181.8$  ohme

For the special case where minimum loss is desired B = N or 4

and 
$$R_1 = \frac{3}{5}$$
 (600) or 360 ohms  
 $R_3 = \frac{600^2 - 360^2}{5(360) - 3(600)} = \text{infinity}$ 

Thus it is evident that for the minimum loss condition, when B = N, resistor  $R_s$  can be eliminated.

Another special case occurs when N = 1. If B is also 1 then  $R_1 = 0$  and  $R_s =$  infinity, and a direct connection is indicated without a network.

For any other value of B greater than 1,  $R_1$  can be determined as before by means of Eq. 2.

Equation 1 reduces to

 $R_3 = \frac{Z^2 - R_1^2}{2 R_1}$  or  $\frac{Z^2}{2 R_1} - \frac{R_1}{2}$ 

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involves less computation for T pads having equal input and output impedances.

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#### Wide-Band Amplifier for Central Antenna Installations

By J. B. CRAWLEY Chief Engineer Station WTCO Campbellsville, Ky.

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This problem has been magnified in recent years because of the increased use of built-in loop antennas in radios. Connecting an outside antenna might work in some cases but in others would offer little improvement.

The circuit shown in Fig. 1 was designed to solve this interference problem. The system consists of an antenna installed as far away from the noise field as possible. It may



FIG. 1—Circuit of wide-band amplilifier with noise-rejecting doublet antenna (A), alternate lead-in for straight-wire antenna (B) and amplifier power supply (C) ALL-PURPOSE RECORDING IS A Sound INVESTMENT

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be a noise-rejecting doublet type or preferably the straight-wire type because most noise is horizontally polarized in contrast to the broadcast signal which is vertically polarized.

Coil construction details for the circuit are as follows: L<sub>1</sub> secondary is made up of 255 turns on 1-in. form in a 2-in. winding space, the primary is 20 turns center tapped; L<sub>2</sub> and L<sub>2</sub>' are made up of 213 turns of No. 38 enameled wire on a 1-watt 500,000-ohm resistor and L<sub>3</sub> is made up of 92 turns on 1-in. form in a 11-in, winding space with the tap 37 turns from ground.

The system has a balanced leadin and an input transformer to the amplifier with a Faraday shield between primary and secondary. The amplifier itself is a two-stage highgain broad-band amplifier followed by a cathode-follower stage.

#### Circuit

Design of the amplifier section is similar to the front end of many broadcast sets employing untuned r-f stages. A 6AC7 is used in the first stage to provide high gain. The second stage is a 6SK7 or similar remote-cutoff type. Remote cutoff is necessary because the gain control is incorporated in the second stage and a sharp-cutoff tube might show nonlinearity with a resultant garbling of signals.

The amplifier is designed to cut off slightly above the broadcast band. By changing the values of the plate resistors and the peaking coils, shortwave coverage may be However the over-all obtained. gain of the amplifier would be less.

To couple the amplifier output to the loop antenna of the receiver or receivers without a physical connection, a low-impedance output loop is used. This stage is matched by a 6SJ7 operated as a cathode follower fed to a single-turn loop.

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By JOHN H. JUPE Middlesex, England

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The power supply unit used with the bridge is designed to supply smooth d-c to the detector unit and to the cathode-follower networks housed in the ratio-arm unit. Direct filament voltage is supplied to tubes in the ratio-arm and detector units so that any interference with the detector because of a-c pickup and hum will be eliminated. This arrangement permits the use of separate a-c supplies for the detector and high-voltage parts of the bridge.

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balancing motor will rotate in a direction determined by the phase of the servo amplifier output. By appropriate circuit arrangement, the motor can be made to rotate the grid bias potentiometer in the direction necessary to compensate for the existing drift.

#### **An Incremental Delay Pulse Generator**

BY G. FRANKLIN MONTGOMERY

Radio Engineer Ionospheric Research Section Central Radio Propagation Laboratory Washington, D. C.

A PULSE GENERATOR was completed in the summer of 1949 at the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards for use in high-frequency radio propagation experiments.

Operation of the instrument depends on the combination of a series of harmonic waveforms to generate a waveform of fundamental frequency and variable phase<sup>1</sup>.

Spaulding and Rod<sup>2</sup> have described a loran indicator using this method, and the technique itself has been discussed by Freas<sup>8</sup>. The CRPL generator or a modification may be useful for radar range calibration or in any application where delay times must be measured, and therefore this description has been prepared.

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FIG. 1-Front panel view of incremental delay pulse generator. Three coax outlets at upper right provide reference pulse and two pulses of variable phase

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#### Synthesis Principle

Consider a voltage  $e_1$  of rectangular waveform having a frequency  $f_1$  and duty cycle  $1/N_1$  (see Fig. 2). Voltage  $e_2$  has a frequency  $f_2$ (greater than  $f_1$ ) and duty cycle  $1/N_2$ . Now suppose that  $e_2$  is passed through an amplifier that is gated on by  $e_1$ . Then in order that one, and only one, pedestal of  $e_2$ shall appear in the amplifier output per cycle of  $e_1$ , it is necessary that the period

$$\frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{N_1 f_1}$$

and therefore

(1)

 $f_2 = N_1 f_1$ But if the pedestal is to appear at the same point in each successive gate,  $N_1$  must be an integer. Thus  $f_2$  is a harmonic of  $f_1$ . (Over a cer-



FIG. 2-Basic waveforms illustrate synthesis principle

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tain range of positions the pedestal appearing within the gate may be split, a part of one pedestal appearing at the end of the gate and the corresponding remainder of the previous pedestal appearing at the beginning.)

This argument can be extended to a series of any number of harmonic rectangular waveforms; for, if a harmonic voltage  $e_n$  is gated by the peak voltage of a sum of  $e_1$  and harmonic voltages  $e_k$  such that

$$\begin{array}{l}
f_k + 1 = N_k f_k \\
k = 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)
\end{array}$$
(2)

then one, and only one, pedestal of  $e_n$  will appear per cycle of  $e_i$ . This result is illustrated in Fig. 3.

A consequence of Eq. 2 is that

$$F_n/f_1 = N_{n-1} \dots N_2 N_1$$
 (3)

If the phases of the fundamental and harmonic voltages comprising the gate are independently adjustable, then  $f_n/f_1$  is the number of possible positions of the  $e_n$  pedestal within the  $e_1$  period. If, as in Fig. 3, the phase adjustments are so constrained that each low-frequency pedestal has a leading edge coincident with a leading edge of  $e_n$ , it will be impossible for a split  $e_n$  pedestal to appear; the number of possible positions of the pedestal remains the same.

#### The Circuit

In the CRPL generator, n = 4,  $f_1 = 25$  cps,  $N_1 = 4$ ,  $N_2 = 10$ , and  $N_3 = 10$ . The instrument is essentially a frequency divider consisting of a cascade of ring counters of the type described by Sharpless<sup>4</sup>. Ring counters divide an in-

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FIG. 4—Block diagram of incremental delay pulse generator

coming frequency by a count N equal to the number of units in the ring, each unit being in operation for 1/N times the counting period. Such a counter is therefore ideal for generating the rectangular waveforms required for synthesizing the incrementally delayed pedestal.

A block diagram of the generator is shown in Fig. 4. An initial count-of-ten provides the 10-kc input to the delay portion of the circuit. Plug-in scale-of-two counters using type 12AU7 or 12AT7 tubes form the last two count-of-ten rings and the count-of-four. Connections are made to the normally cut-off plates of the scale-of-two counters in each ring, and these connections are arranged on a tap switch, seen as one of the dials in Fig. 1. The movable contact on this switch receives a variablephase pedestal which is added in a mixing stage to the pedestals from the two other rings. This sum voltage is connected to a clipper stage that responds only to the peak of the sum. The clipper output is therefore a 25-per-second pedestal. 0.1 millisecond long, that is variable in phase in 0.1-millisecond steps.

In this case, the gating action has been accomplished by simple clipping rather than by actually gating an amplifier stage. In Fig. 4, clipping and differentiating operations are represented by the blocks labeled shaper. The leading edge of the pedestal is differentiated and amplified to form the output pulse. Two such channels are furnished. With suitable isolation, any number of independent channels could be provided. Without isolation. continued addition of connections directly to the plates of the ring counter will increase shunt capacitance at each plate and eventually



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cause faulty operation of the rings. The reference pulse is the output, suitably differentiated and amplified, of the count-of-four. The marker scale is generated by combining the differentiated outputs of the rings in a mixing stage, markers being added separately to the scale, as desired, by means of the front panel toggle switches. The pulse output of each ring is available at a separate connector for auxiliary synchronizing service.

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FIG. 1—Half-wave rectifier circuit for displaying phase angle between two sine waves as shown in Fig. 2

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These devices are all somewhat complex. Where only occasional measurements are made, one may look for a simpler instrument. Such simple devices can be built in at least two ways, without using any tubes. The principle involves halfwave clipping of one or both signals, or sharpening into pips.

#### Half-Wave Clipping

A simple arrangement of considerable utility is shown in Fig. 1. The positive half of one sine wave is clipped off, and the negative half of the other, by means of two identical circuits. One output is fed to the horizontal input of a cro, and the other to the vertical input. The two voltages appear alternately. The resulting display is an Lshaped figure when the two voltages are in phase, as shown in Fig. 2. When the phase angle is between 0 and 90 degrees, the display takes



FIG. 2—Oscilloscope voltages and resulting display for circuit shown in Fig. 1

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This disp'ay is ambiguous about 0 degrees, that is, it will not distinguish between lead and lag. Above 90 degrees the legs of the L shorten, and the figure is not readily interpreted. Its value is in the measurement of small angles, less than about 60 degrees, and its accuracy is greater for the smaller angles.

In order for clipping to occur accurately at the zero line, the d-c resistance on the source side of the rectifiers must be low compared to the load resistance. Inductances L (Fig. 1) are shown for this purpose. For work between about 50 and 10,000 cps these inductances may be ordinary radio replacement type filter chokes, of 15 henrys or so.

#### Sharpening Into Pips

Another useful accessory in indicating phase is a differentiating network that sharpens one of the two signals into pips. The pip breaks at the positive-going zeroaxis crossing of the voltage wave in the circuit illustrated, Fig. 3. This circuit is intended to operate out of a source such as an audio oscillator, supplying 10 volts or more with a source impedance of a few hundred ohms or less. The first crystal rectifier clips off the negative halves of the wave. Following the crystal load resistor are two R-C differentiators  $C_1R_1$  and  $C_2R_2$ , each with a back-connected shunt



FIG. 3—Tubeless circuit for converting sine waves into pips for crt indication of phase angle between two signals

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FIG. 4-Typical phase-angle indication using pip method. In A a saw-tooth sweep is used—in B sweep in sinusoidal

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The pips so derived are mixed or added directly with the other signal and fed to the vertical input of a cro. The display consists of a sine wave with a pip superimposed on each cycle at a location dependent on the phase relation between the two voltages. Figure 4 illustrates the type of figure obtained. Since the pips start at the positive-going zero-axis crossing, the occurrence of pips at this point on the composite wave indicates zero phase angle. This type of display is unambiguous all the way to 360 degrees.

A differentiator of this sort, unfortunately, has a large signal loss. With a 10-volt input, the height of the pips, by the time they have been made suitably short, is only about 50 millivolts. Hence the comparison voltage should be adjusted in level to around 0.5 volt or perhaps less. The upper frequency limit of Fig. 3 is about 3,000 cycles, due to the difficulty in obtaining sharp pips with such a simple tubeless circuit. The time constants of the differentiators are usable over a frequency range of about 2 to 1. For the range 250 to 500 cps the best value for  $C_1$  is 0.002  $\mu$ f, for  $C_2$ , 0.001  $\mu$ f. For other frequencies the capacitances should be varied accordingly.

The true zero-axis crossing point is announced by the left-hand or leading edge of the pip. If the pip is a bit long, the crest and the trailing edge should be ignored.

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the bottom of Fig. 4. Here, instead of the internal sweep of the cro being employed, one of the sinusoids is used to provide horizontal deflection. The pips obtained from the other signal are fed to the vertical input. When the phase angle is zero, the leading edge of the pip will appear at the middle of the horizontal line. With lagging or leading angles, the pip will move to the

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lies in the ambiguity of this display about 180 degrees. An attractive possibility for phase measurement lies in the scheme of sharpening both signals into pips, using one pip to trigger the sawtooth sweep of a cro, and applying the other pip to the vertical cro input. The display would consist of a horizontal line carrying a pip, and the position of the pip along the line wou'd be a direct linear measure of the phase angle. The accuracy would depend entirely on the linearity of the cro sweep and the relative shortness of the retrace time.

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#### Theoretical Limitations to **Impedance Matching**

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THIS PAPER outlines a procedure whereby the theoretical limitations to impedance matching of simple circuits can be determined. It is shown that many antennas can be represented with adequate accuracy by a simple RLC circuit. Curves are included which show the relation between attainable vswr and a factor equal to (Bandwidth  $\times$  Q). An example is worked out showing



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FIG. 1—Smith Chart shows antenna characteristic before (dashed) and after (solid) compensation

the agreement between theory and experiment for a flush antenna with a 10-percent bandwidth.

The dotted line on the Smith Chart (Fig. 1) is the measured impedance curve for an antenna before compensation. Rotation through a section of 50-ohm line, the impedance takes the form of the solid line curve. This latter impedance can be quite accurately represented by the equivalent circuit of Fig. 2A.

When the shunting susceptance of the parallel resonant circuit has been subtracted, the impedance follows the curve defined by the square points. This curve represents the series resonant circuit shown in the figure.

Inspection of the series resonant impedance curve shows the circuit to have a Q of approximately 15. This is determined from the definition for Q,  $Q = f_r/\Delta f$ , where  $\Delta f$  is the frequency band between the half-power frequencies, and  $f_r$  is the resonant frequency. The halfpower frequencies are the frequencies at which the series resistance is equal to the series reactance. Inspection of the Smith Chart shows



FIG. 2—Equivalent circuit of antenna after rotation through section of line (Ā) and equivalent circuit (B) of antenna and matching network

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these frequencies to be approximately 216.5 mc and 230 mc, while the resonant frequency is approximately 222 mc. Thus

$$Q = \frac{222}{230 - 216.5} = 15.3$$

Fano has shown' that optimum matching to a simple series resonant circuit is achieved by a matching network of the form shown in Fig. 2B, which consists of alternate shunting parallel resonant circuits, and series circuits.

When the network to be matched already includes, as in this case, a shunting circuit of smaller susceptance than the first element of the matching network, this susceptance can be considered as being lumped with the first element of the matching network. For such a condition the match which can be achieved is the same as when the series circuit alone is to be matched.



FIG. 3—Optimum matching to simple resonant circuit obtainable with network of n elements

The curves of Fig. 3, which are derived from results obtained by Fano, give the optimum match to a simple resonant circuit which can be achieved with a matching network of *n* elements. For the present example the circuit to be matched has a Q of 15.3. The fractional bandwidth  $\hat{\epsilon}$  over which the match is required is defined by the formula  $f_2 - f_1/\sqrt{f_2 f_1}$ , and in the present instance has the value

$$\delta = \frac{f_2 - f_1}{\sqrt{f_2 f_1}} - \frac{234 - 214}{\sqrt{234 \times 214}} = 0.0895$$

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we see that the optimum match which can be achieved with a twoelement matching network (one shunt element and one series element) results in a vswr of approximately 1.5.

Fano shows that

$$\int_{f_1}^{f_2} \ln \frac{1}{\rho} \, df \leq \text{ constant}$$

where  $\rho$  = reflection coefficient.

A little study reveals an importance application in this condition. It shows that if the optimum match is to be achieved over the band of frequencies between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , then the match at any point in that range can not be better than the optimum. Thus, for example, if a perfect match exists at one point in the range,  $\varrho = 0$  at that point and  $1/\rho \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, the contribution to the integral, which represents the area under the curve ln  $1/\rho$ , is very large for a small range of frequencies in the vicinity of the point. Since the value of the integral is bounded, this means that the contribution at other sections of the range must be small; that is,  $1/\rho$  must be small,  $\rho$  large, and the match poor.

The performance of the antenna after matching gives substantial confirmation of the theory. The vswr oscillates about the value 1.5. A match better than optimum at the ends of the band has been obtained at the expense of a match poorer than optimum in the center.

The foregoing discussion applies to impedances which can be represented by the circuits of the type shown in Fig. 2A, in which the



FIG. 4—Impedance curve of network which cannot be matched to value given by Fig. 3

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shunting element has susceptance smaller than that required for the first element of the optimum matching network. If the susceptance of the shunt element is larger than this value, the excellence of the match which can be achieved is poorer than the value indicated by the curves of Fig. 3. In terms of the impedance curve on the Smith Chart, too large shunt susceptance means that the impedance curve of the uncompensated impedance is already wrapped too tightly as shown in Fig. 4.

Although the example which has been considered in the above discussion was a series resonant circuit shunted by a parallel resonant cir-



FIG. 5-Counterpart of impedance of Fig. 1 for which matching criteria apply is shown in A. Associated matching network is shown in B

cuit, the curves of Fig. 3 apply equally well to an impedance of the type shown in Fig. 5A.

Furthermore, all the arguments which were applied to the matching of a series resonant circuit apply equally well to the matching of a parallel resonant circuit if reactance is substituted for susceptance, and so on.

Thus, a parallel resonant circuit is best matched by a network such as the one shown in Fig. 5B which begins (at the load end) with a series element.

The match to a circuit such as the one in Fig. 5A is only as good as is indicated by the curves of Fig. 3 if the reactance of the series element is smaller than that required for the first element of the optimum matching network of Fig. 5B.

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Dynamic Pressure Measurement. Electronic Associates, Ltd., 778 El Camino Real, San Carlos, Calif., describes in form SA5-950 a newly developed measuring system for directly obtaining true dynamic



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pressure variations. It contains a discussion of the problems involved in correcting conventional measurements for phase and amplitude errors inherent in tubingconnected pressure-sensing cells. Types and capacities of cells are tabulated from the  $\pm 2.5$  to  $\pm 10$ psi ratings and from the  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. long x  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diameter to the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. long x  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diameter sizes, including special wedge-shaped units for difficult mounting situations such as near an airfoil trailing edge.

Electronic Cores. Metal Powder Association, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y., has released Standard 11-50T defining the terms commonly associated with electronic cores made from iron powder. It also specifies the preferred dimensions of standard insert iron cores and threaded iron cores. Specifications include core diameters, lengths, screw inserts, insert size of tuning and insert cores, screw driver slots for inserts, spaded inserts and screw driver slots molded in cores. Price is 25 cents per copy.

Geophysical Transformers. Triad Transformer Mfg. Co., 2254 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Calif. Catalog GP-51 discusses a new line of miniaturized Geoformers (geophysical transformers) designed for use in the frequency range from 5 to 500 cycles. By the use of improved winding techniques more efficient magnetic materials, and new shapes in core and case, the units described perform all the functions of the items they replace in one-seventh the volume and onesixth the weight.

Selenium Rectifiers. Syntron Co., Box 220, Homer City, Pa., has available a four-page bulletin dealing with metallic, dry-cell selenium rectifiers. It gives illustrations, advantages, applications, a table showing cell sizes and ratings, and ordering information. Thirty-eight applications are listed.

Distribution Transformers. Marcus Transformer Co., Inc., 32-34 Montgomery St., Hillside 5, N. J. Safety in avoiding explosion and

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Control Apparatus. Electrical Remote Control Co., Ltd., 13 Evanston Ave., Highams Park, London, E. 4, England, has available bulletins dealing with the type TPH heavy-duty photoelectric control apparatus, type PRP time control unit, type MDC, synchronous camoperated timers and type DS heavy-duty relays. Write for list numbers 72, 31, 26 and 11.

Precision Instruments. Dawe Instruments Ltd., 130 Uxbridge Rd., Hanwell, London W7, England, has available a catalog containing over forty bulletins giving full details on a wide range of precision electronic instruments for scientific, industrial and photographic applications. Illustrations and specifications for each instrument are included.

High-Fidelity Sound Equipment. Hudson Radio & Television Corp., 212 Fulton St., New York 7, N.Y. The latest catalog contains complete descriptions of all the standard brand components required to assemble a high-fidelity sound system for home or professional use. It includes an explanation of high fidelity, what it is, how it functions, how to evaluate the performance of the various components, explanation of terminology, how to install, and so on. It also gives a complete description of each unit. with prices.

Phono Accessories. General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y., has prepared a 16-page phono accessory catalog, with descriptions and data on variable reluctance cartridges, replacement baton styli, tone arms and phono preamplifiers. Photo-

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Voltage Measurement. Hewlett-Packard Co., 395 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif. Volume 2, No. 3 of the Journal covers the model 410B h-f vtvm, a unit designed to have an input capacity of approximately  $1.5 \ \mu\mu$ f. Frequency range of the instrument described is from 20 cps to 700 mc, and its a-c voltage range is from 1 volt full scale to 300 volts full scale in six ranges.

Scintillation Counting Equipment. R-C Scientific Instrument Co., 335 Culver Blvd., Playa Del Rey, Calif., has issued a brochure containing information on an entirely new line of instruments for scintillation counters. Models covered are the CX14 Scintiscaler, AX10 Scintimonitor, LAX12 gamma Scintimeter and TAX11 Scintilocalizer. Illustrations, applications, description, features, specifications and prices for all are given.

Sand Core Drying. Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., 935 South 70th St., Milwaukee 1, Wisc. A recent four-page folder deals with the advantages involved in the use of the new electronic sand core drying method whereby heat is furnished by a 20kw dielectric heater and current is transmitted through heavy coaxial cable. The process is completely described and illustrated.

TV and F-M Servicing. Simpson Electric Co., 5200 W. Kinzie St., Chicago 44, Ill., is issuing a small illustrated folder on six instruments for f-m and tv servicing. Included in the group are: model 335 plate conductance tube tester; model 488 field strength meter; model 476 Mirroscope; model 303 v-t voltohmmeter; model 260 a-c/d-c volt-ohm-milliammeter and the model 480 Genescope. Pictures of all six are shown and descriptions include sizes, weights, specifications as to ranges, and prices.

Transmission Lines & Antenna Equipment. Andrew Corp., 363 E. 75th St., Chicago 19, Ill. Bulletin 10-D is a thirty-page description and price list of a long line of coax cables for uhf, transmission lines

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Radiation-Detection Densitometers. The Atomic Center, 489 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y., has available bulletin 490 describing model 400-R Photovolt self-contained densitometer for the accurate measurement of density of dental-size x-ray films as employed in film badge systems for personnel monitoring in radioactivity laboratories and x-ray installations. Price of the unit discussed in the bulletin is \$225. Also available is bulletin 270 describing the model 500-R photoelectric instrument having similar functions, but priced at \$370.

Rack-and-Panel Type Connectors. Cannon Electric Development Co., 3209 Humboldt St., Los Angeles 31. Calif. A new bulletin coded DPM-2 covers the two miniature rack-andpanel connectors, types DPM-14 and DPM-A20 for radio, aircraft and special instrument applications. Dimensional sketches and photos are shown.

Broadcast Audio Equipment. Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J. Full description, features, uses and specifications of the type RT-11A magnetic tape recorder are outlined in Form 2J6934, a recently issued two-page brochure. Other available literature includes Form 2J6936, describing the Starmaker ribbon-pressure microphone; Form 2J6834-Re, featuring a new wall housing for the LC-1A Olson speaker; and Form 2J6935, which presents information on a new lightweight pickup tone arm combination for use with the type 70-D turntable.

Tube Insulators. American Lava Corp., Chattanooga 5, Tenn. Bulletin 502 discusses the requirements of vacuum-tube insulators and outlines the main facts about various technical ceramics especially adapted to those requirements. A chart gives detailed physical characteristics of the five most frequently used ceramic compositions. Particular attention is



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Insulation Resistance Testing. Associated Research Inc., 3758 West Belmont Ave., Chicago 18, Ill. Bulletin 2-A covers a line of Vibrotest models for insulation resistance testing. The units described require no cranking or levelling and are fully portable and rugged. Illustrations and complete technical specifications are given.

Isometric Engineering. The Isometric Co., 1819 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Great need for acceleration in today's production line prompted publication of a booklet describing Isometrics, a method which shows the untrained worker, by means of illustrated charts, the correct rotation of assembled The method described, parts. which eliminates special training and supervisory aid is adaptable for use in radio wiring assembly, radar mechanical assembly, the aircraft industry and essential government work. Also discussed is the company's engineering service.

Audio Equipment. Sun Radio & Electronics Co., Inc., 122-124 Duane St., New York, N. Y. The second edition of the audio equipment catalog contains much technical information written for the layman on the principles involved in fine music reproduction. A large section of the 100-page book is devoted to questions and answers most common to high-fidelity aspirants or owners. The balance contains listings, prices and specifications on hundreds of components and subassemblies relative to high-fidelity music reproduction in the home or public places.

Bolometer Amplifier. Pickard & Burns Inc., 240 Highland Ave., Needham, Mass. Bulletin No. L100 deals with model 100 bolometer amplifier which is designed to meet the basic problem of amplification and metering of testing devices for antenna systems and various r-f networks. The instrument described incorporates a tunable variable-bandwidth filter,





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**Precision Instrument.** Kalbfell Laboratories, Inc., 1076 Morena Blvd., San Diego 10, Calif. A recent mailing piece discusses the model 402A dynamic Micro-Miker, a precision instrument for the measurement of capacitance and inductance in video amplifier design and maintenance. Description, important features and chief uses, as well as illustrations, are included.

**TVI Suppression.** Don Good, Inc., 1014 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. A small brochure deals with a line of accessories that will effectively eliminate or reduce interference to tv reception from such sources as: amateur radio stations, diathermy equipment, x-ray, industrial induction heaters, household appliances, neon signs and the like. Included are a Telepass (a tv high-pass filter), two variable Teletraps and two variable TVI Traps (one high and one low band).

Test Systems for TV Manufacturers. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. Custom-built test svstems which provide complete facilities for mass-production test and alignment of tv receivers are described in a new brochure available to television manufacturers. The system discussed can be adapted to a wide range of production requirements varying from as few as 100 units to over 1,000 units per day. It provides three major test operations: i-f and trap alignment, r-f alignment, and video, chassis and final tests.

Tiny Volt-Ammeter. Pyramid Instrument Corp., 49 Howard St., New York 13, N. Y. The 16-page manual No. 110 tells how to make one's job easier with the Amprobe, a pocket-size snap-on a-c volt-ammeter. It describes the functions of the new tool for anyone who installs, repairs, services or maintains electrical equipment. The unit discussed measures only 71



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Automatic Controls. Barber-Colman Co., Rockford, Ill. The Control Story is a new booklet outlining in nontechnical language the operation of automatic controls for heating, ventilating and air conditioning. Cartoons scattered through the text highlight the points covered. Copies are available free for the writing.

Electronic Voltmeters. Ballantine Laboratories, Inc., Boonton, N. J. Catalog 14 tells the story of the company's line of sensitive precision vacuum-tube voltmeters. This issue is a revision of the previous catalog and in addition features two new voltmeters, models 302B and 310, and a new line of multipliers. Chief features, illustrations and specifications for all types are included.

All-Band Generator. The Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10514 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio. A recent 4-page folder illustrates and completely describes the model 292X microvolt signal generator which covers all a-m, f-m, tv and mobile frequencies in 7 ranges. The unit discussed herein is crystal controlled and has a modulated and unmodulated output from 0.2 to 100,000  $\mu$ v through a 10 to 1 attenuator.

Solderless Connectors. Buchanan Electrical Products Corp., 1290 Central Ave., Hillside, N. J. Bulletin 750 gives a four-page treatment of a line of Underwriters' approved "pres-Sure-connectors" for solderless splicing and terminating of electrical wires. It contains detailed descriptive data, installation instructions and ordering information on splice caps, insulators, Termend lugs and a four-way "pres-Sure" crimping tool.

Mercury Plunger Relays. Ebert Electronics Corp., 185-09 Jamaica Ave., Hollis 7, N. Y. A four-page catalog illustrates and lists a line of heavy-duty one-, two- and threepole mercury plunger relays and

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sensitive relays. It contains an outline of typical features and prices, as well as relay hookups and dimensional diagrams.

D-C Indicating Amplifier. Leeds & Northrup Co., 4901 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa., has published an 8-page folder describing and illustrating a stabilized d-c indicating amplifier that can be used as a direct-reading microvoltmeter, a preamplifier for recorders to extend range down to low levels, and a high-sensitivity, short-period null point detector. Diagrams and specifications are included.

Soldering Booklet. Weller Electric Corp., Easton, Pa., has announced a new revised edition of Soldering Tips, a 20-page pocket manual discussing in nontechnical language a variety of difficult operations, time-saving methods, fluxes and solder tables. Step-by-step illustrations make each point clear and easy to remember. Price is 10 cents.

Tube Engineering. Electrons, Inc.. Newark, N. J., has published a new engineering manual and catalog completely covering the subject of gaseous discharge rectifier and control-rectifier tubes. Amply illustrated with diagrams, it includes data on the ratings, applications and life expectancy. Information is also given on tube protection, efficiency, regulation, filters, load, mechanical design and tube variations.

**Precision Potentiometers.** The Gamewell Co., Newton Upper Falls 64, Mass. A new engineering bulletin comprised of 11 data sheets describes a line of precision potentiometers. General features, linear and nonlinear units, condensed specifications and special applications are covered. Curves representing interesting functions are included.

Magnetic Amplifiers. Vickers Electric Division, Vickers Inc., 1815 Locust St., St. Louis 3, Mo., has issued a new group of Service Sheets for the DH-2 handbook dealing with magnetic amplifier output characteristics. It is quite



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**Electrical Resistance Instruments.** Tech Laboratories, Inc., Bergen and Edsall Blvds., Palisades Park, N. J., has issued bulletin 431, a catalog made up of a series of bulletins showing a variety of precision resistance instruments. Included are several types of attenuators and potentiometers, microhmmeters, special transmitters and oscillators, and special electronic control devices.

Instrument Catalog. Wheelco Instruments Co., 847 W. Harrison St., Chicago 7, Ill. In the new condensed catalog just released, a selection of typical indicators, controllers and combustion safeguards are illustrated and briefly described. An accompanying 4-page price list contains the listing, description and current price applying to nearly all of the company's standard instruments.

Plug-In Assemblies. Dietz Design & Mfg. Co., Grandview, Mo. A single-sheet bulletin announces and illustrates a complete line of plug-in housings and assembliesfor coils, relays, filters, crystals and so on. Catalog numbers and dimensional drawings for the thirty standard models are given. Use of the units described will benefit any electronic equipment subject to frequent servicing.

Tape Drive Recording Mechanism. Cook Research Laboratories, 1457 Diversev Parkway, Chicago, 14, Ill. Bulletin PD-14 treats of the type MR-12, a portable 12-information channel tape drive recording mechanism for use in geophysical seismic analysis work. The unit described is also useful for high-quality audio recordings. Complete specifications are given.





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Specifications for the instruments were determined by a special NSRB Civil Defense Radiological Committee composed of representatives from the Atomic Energy Commission, the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Public Health Service, the National Bureau of Standards, and the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

Personal dosage indicators now existing are not considered suitable for civil defense. Research is under way to modify these instruments or develop new ones.

#### New Recommended **Standards Published**

THE RTMA recently issued new standards for home phonograph playback needles. Designated as REC-126-A, the publication specifies that for 78-rpm records the needle tip shall have the following radius: (a) for metal point 0.0027 in. with tolerance + 0.0003 in., - 0.0002 in.; (b) for jewel points 0.003 in. with tolerance + 0.0002in., -0.0003 in.

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A second use of the radar is the detection of heavy cumulus clouds, which show up on the screen with a characteristic echo. Thunderclouds approaching an airport can be located with ease and their speed and course can be plotted for the benefit of aircraft flying in the vicinity.

As the network of meteorological radar stations could be turned to defense uses at short notice, their locations will be kept secret.

#### **TV To Aid Test Pilots**

A SYSTEM employing tv for testing airplanes has been tried out at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Radio waves from the ground control the maneuvers of the airplane being tested while one or two video cameras focus on the instrument panel, recording the data on screens set up in the ground control station. All tests indicate that the use of tv to replace test

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#### BUSINESS NEWS

TRACERLAB, INC., Boston, Mass., recently contracted to purchase a site of approximately 17 acres in West Concord, Mass., to construct a new building to house its engineering and manufacturing operations as well as certain phases of its radiochemical program.

MASSA LABORATORIES, INC., Cleveland, Ohio, has announced the opening of its new laboratories and manufacturing plant in Hingham, Mass., for the development and production of electroacoustic apparatus.

HUDSON WIRE Co. will soon establish another magnet plant at Cassapolis, Mich., for the production of bare and insulated wires for electrical and radio-electronic applications.

SONOTONE CORP., Elmsford, N. Y., manufacturer of hearing aids, has started production of miniature tubes for radio and television sets.

RAYTHEON MFG. Co. has started production in its new pilot plant in Quincy, Mass. The new plant is operated by the Receiving Tube Division of the company and is engaged in the manufacture of electronic tubes of subminiature and miniature construction for military requirements exclusively.

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PYROFERRIC Co., New York, N. Y., has acquired a manufacturing plant at 14 N. Bleeker St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., to meet the increased demands for its iron cores and powdered metallurgy developments.

ELECTRO-VOICE, INC., announces the expansion of their laboratory and research facilities. A new r-f double-screen room for tv-booster research and a polycylindrical-surfaced speaker - comparison room have been added. New test and measurement equipment for the laboratory and additional model-making tools and machinery are included in the program.

LENKURT ELECTRIC Co., San Carlos, Calif., manufacturer of radio and wireline telephone and telegraph carrier equipment, has begun construction on 16,000 sq ft of added production space to its present plant.

SKINNER, HARLAN AND IRELAND, INC., Indianapolis, Ind., is a newly organized consulting engineering firm. The firm will specialize in permanent magnets and soft magnetic materials but will accept consulting projects in any allied field.

THOMPSON PRODUCTS, INC., Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturers of parts for the automotive and aircraft industries, have entered the electronics field to help solve problems arising from coaxial switch needs.

PLATCO RADIO, INC., has been organized as a radio transmitter and receiver manufacturing firm by Murray Platt with quarters at 489 Broome St., New York, N. Y.

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FLEETWOOD LABORATORIES, INC., Bronxville, N. Y., has been formed to manufacture x-ray thickness gages for foil and light-gage metals. President and chief engineer is W. B. Lurie, former design engineer in charge of the high-voltage laboratory at Machlett Labs.

#### PERSONNEL

THOMAS G. BANKS, JR., former sales engineer, has been appointed to the newly created position of director of research and development at Gates Radio Co., Quincy, Ill.

F. C. CAHILL, supervisor of the receiver section at Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, N. Y., has been named supervising engineer of a combined engineering group to be known as the radar section. The new group, a combination of the former receiver and radar sections, now comprises about 40 engineers.

J. GILMAN REID, JR., chief of the engineering electronics section of the National Bureau of Standards since 1939, has been appointed chief of the Bureau's electronics division.

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HARRY R. SMITH, formerly senior development engineer in television broadcasting equipment at the television transmitter division of the Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc., was recently appointed head of the television transmitter development department of Standard Electronics Corp., subsidiary of Claude Neon, Inc., New York, N. Y.

PHILIPS B. PATTON, former field engineer, has become manager of the sales engineering department of Lenkurt Electric Co., Inc., San Carlos, Calif., carrier equipment and component manufacturer.



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GEORGE M. LEBEDEFF, formerly chief engineer at Heintz and Kaufman and an engineer with Federal Telegraph Co., has taken the post of chief engineer of Lenkurt Electric Co.

WILLIAM J. JACKSON, formerly associated with WPIX television and also the NBC development laboratory in New York, was recently appointed chief engineer of tv station KEYL, San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN W. MCNALL, in charge of the emission section of the Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s Lamp Division Research Department, Bloomfield, N. J., has been appointed division engineer of the department.

BENJAMIN MARGOLIN, formerly engaged in design and development engineering with General Motors and Baird Associates, has been appointed to the Henry P. Segel Co., Boston, Mass., in a sales capacity.

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THIS MONTH'S puzzle problem was submitted by William H. Fritz of Mamaroneck, New York.

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The solution arrived at by Fritz will be published in next month's Backtalk along with a new problem. Readers are encouraged to submit problems. For each problem that is printed in this department, a payment of five dollars will be made. The correct solution must accompany each problem.

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Solution: A fuse in the center leg would have to be able to carry at least 1.11 amperes, whereas the two fuses in series with the plates of the rectifier tube would each have to be good for 0.785 ampere.

#### **Engine Analyzers**

DEAR SIRS:

IN regard to the article "Aircraft Ignition Tester" by Bauer and Sands published in your October 1950 issue, the authors point out that their tester is the only one that can find intermittently firing spark plugs and bad spark plug connections.

To support this claim, Bauer and Sands cite a case, involving a Wright G-200 engine, in which their tester indicated intermittent ignition in a cylinder where a new spark plug had been installed. Examination showed failure to connect the ignition lead properly to the plug. "No other type of tester could have found this trouble", said the authors in their article.

This statement is not entirely accurate. The criticism presented here is not intended to snipe at or squelch pioneering work in the field of engine instrumentation. On the contrary, more attention to this field of investigation should be strongly encouraged. Perhaps the authors' oversight is due to their enthusiasm or the fact that their work was done earlier than their report indicates. It is, however, desirable to put the record straight.

At least eight other types of ignition testers (sometimes called analyzers) which can locate this type of trouble have been developed in recent years. Two are fairly well known in the United States. The best known of these devices has existed since early 1946 when its first tests were made on the engine stands at Wright Aeronautical Corp. During these tests, more

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than 20 major types of ignition troubles, including the type referred to above, were detected by the tester.

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According to Cetrone, "The two principal functions of the engine analyzer are: the location and identification of engine ignition system malfunctions such as fouled plugs, faulty magneto capacitors. and grounded high-tension leads; and the location and identification of what might be termed vibration faults, such as detonation, incorrect valve clearances and valve bounce."

#### Other Troubles

In addition to grounded hightension leads, Cetrone also lists among troubles detectable by the analyzer "shorted secondary (identifiable either in individual leads or in the magneto), large plug gap, small plug gap, shorted primary capacitor, no combustion, and magneto mistiming." In addition to "breaker point bounce" Cetrone also shows a photograph of an "open secondary" which the analyzer also can identify specifically as being in the magneto or in a particular plug lead.

Each of the troubles cited here is a possible variation of the intermittent firing condition caused by troubles the same as or different from what Bauer and Sands detected.

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Filament Voltage		
Series	12 6 ×	
Parallel	6.3 v.	
Filament Current		
Series	0.9 a.	
Parallel	1.8 a.	
Maximum		
d.c. Plate Voltage	600	
d.c. Grid #2 Voltage	250	
d.c. Grid #1 Voltage	-175	1
Plate Dissipation (w.)	2 x 20	
d.c. Plate Current (ma.)	2 x 100	-
Grid to Plate	< 0.08 mmfd.	
Input	6.7 mmfd.	1
Output	2.1 mmfd.	

MOUNTING POSITION: Base up or down. Horizontal with anode leads in horizontal plane.

Fits 829B Type Socket.

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