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FIGURES OF THE MONTH

	Year Ago	Previous Month	Latest Month		Year Ago	Previous Month	Latest Month
RECEIVER	2			TV AUDIENCE			
PRODUCTION				(Source: NBC Research Dept.)	Feb '51	Jan '52	Feb '52
(Source: RTMA)	Jan '51	Dec '51	Jan '52	Sets in Use—total 1	1,142,500	15,777,000	16,129,300
Television sets	645.716	467.108-r	404.933-p	Sets in Use-New York.	9,442,400	14,931,100	15,262,600
Home Radio sets	750.289	567,929-r	368,875-p	Sets in Use-Los Angeles	2,145,000	2,800,000	2,840,000
Portable sets	75,294	78,056-r	68,433-p	Sets in Use—Chicago	835,000	1,090,000	1,100,000
Auto sets	346,799	222,115-r	195,147-p	Sets in Use—netwik conn.	840,000	1,090,000	1,095,000
RECEIVER SALES				COMMUNICATION A	UTHORI	ZATIONS	
(Source: Licensee figures)	Dec '50	Nov '51	Dec '51	(Source: FCC)	Jan '51	Dec '51	Jan '52
Television sets units	696 914	559 923	384.112	Aeronautical	29,496	30,370	31,076
Electric radio sets units	796 232	519,888	498.140	Marine	28,402	33,914	34,310
Battery sets, units,	98,785	69,599	92,533	Police, fire, etc	8,512	10,161	10,292
Auto sets, units,	417,250	238,275	212,417	Industrial	8,013	11,449	11,859
Television sets, value\$	136,179,031	\$95,055,472	\$62,450,714	Land Transportation	4,103	4,653	4,700
Electric radio sets, value	\$19,722,466	\$11,287,914	\$9,830,047	Amateur	90,964	100,922	103,570
Battery sets, value	\$1,819,895	\$1,320,649	\$1,711,553	Citizens Radio	422	749	192
Auto sets, value	\$10,984,002	\$7,340,214	\$6,191,627	Disaster	475	20	425
				Common Carrier	475	835	877
RECEIVING TUBE S	ALES			Common Carrier	052	075	011
(Source: RTMA)	Dec '50	Nov '51	Dec '51	EVELOWAENT AND		c	
Receiv tubes total units	38,723,601	32,710,369	28,000,471	EMPLOTMENT AND	FAIROLL	3	
Receiving tubes, new sets	30,278,479	20,405,712	16,176,537	(Source: Bur. Labor Statistics)	Dec '50	Nov '51	Dec '51
Rec. tubes, replacement.	7,122,502	8,539,275	7,117,041	Prod. workers, electronic	278,300	266,500-r	270,200-p
Receiving tubes gov't	165,142	1,371,886	1,699,914	Prod. wkrs., radio, etc	190,300	166,700-r	169,400-p
Receiving tubes, export.	1,157,478	2,393,496	3,006,979	Av. wkly. earnings, elect.	\$59.76	\$64.72-r	\$64.83-p
Picture tubes, to mfrs	686,815	460,566	371,751	Av. wkly. earnings, radio	\$56.96	\$61.25-r	\$60.88-p
				Av. weekly hours, elect.	41.5	42.0 -1	42.4-p
BROADCAST STATIC	ONS			AV. Weekly hours, radio.	41.1	41.5	-11.7 p
(Source: FCC)	Feb '51	Jan '52	Feb '52		CEC		
TV Stations on Air	107	108	108	STOCK PRICE AVERA	GES		
TV Stns CPs-not on air	2	0	0	(Source: Standard and Poor's)	Feb '51	J an '52	Feb '52
TV Stns-Applications	385	488	506	Radio-TV & Electronics	223.7	270.9	276.2
AM Stations on Air	2.237	2,331	2,336	Radio Broadcasters	202.4	261.4	268.8
AM Stations on air	116	75	74		(wastarly Figure	·
AM Stns-Applications .	273	311	313		Year	Previous	Intest
EM Stations on Air	665	635	636	INDUSTRIAL	Ago	Quarter	Quarter
EM Stacions on Air	18	13	14	FOULPMENT ORDERS			
EM Stris CFS-not on an	12	7	8		2.4 /50	2-4/51	2-4 (51
Fill Stills Applications ((Source: NEWA)	5ra 50		5010 000
NETWORK BILLING	iS			Dielectric Heating	\$300,000 \$1,100,000	\$600,000 \$2,300,000	\$210,000
(Source: Pub. Info. Bureau)	Dec '50	Nov '51	Dec '51				
AM/FM-ABC	\$2,898,508	\$3,220,760	\$3,300,219	INDUSTRIAL TUBE S	SALES		
AM/FM-CBS	\$6,544,490	\$5,257,454	\$5,278,508	(Source: NEMA)	3.4 '50	2nd (51	3rd (51
AM/FM-MBS	\$1,312,393	\$1,583,291	\$1,697,014	Vocum (non vocalular)	\$3 370 000	\$7 750 000	\$8.420.000
AM/FM-NBC	\$5,077,740	\$4,315,646	\$4,343,307 \$1,000,145	Gas or vanor	\$1,660,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,620,000
TV-ABC	\$1,298,616	\$1,911,243 \$4.405 E0/	\$1,700,145 \$1 736 260	Phototubes	\$230.000	\$360.000	\$275.000
TV-CBS	⇒2,204,902	\$847 373	\$937 875	Magnetrons and velocity	, _ 2 0 , 0 0 0	+,+	, _,
	\$3.274.757	\$6,535,907-r	\$6,592,673	modulation tubes	\$2,050,000	\$4,130,000	\$3,750,000
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Users of R-F Heating Equipment Face Radiation Checkup

FCC 1947 ruling bares teeth June 30. Welding deadline postponed

AFTER June 30, 1952, all radio-frequency heating devices used by industry are required to have certificates showing compliance with minimum radiation rules laid down in 1947 by the Federal Communications Commission. Users of such units are frantically working in two directions, (1) to meet the deadline and, (2) to convince the FCC that the deadline should be extended.

Written statements by qualified engineers that radiation of r-f energy at a distance of one mile from the installation is within prescribed limits are required, the object being to reduce interference with television and other communications services.

▶ Apparatus Affected—dielectricheating apparatus is used for such things as setting the glue in the manufacture of plywood; induction-heating apparatus is commonly used for hardening metals. Old equipment used for both purposes often radiates considerable energy outside the building in which it is used. Even modern equipment may radiate under some conditions of installation and operation.

R-F welding equipment has caused interference to aviation communications and instrument landing devices. But, because of its strategic importance in defense work, enforcement of radiation limitation will be withheld until January 31, 1954.

▶ Preventive Measures — Reduction of radiation may require anything from simple shielding and filtering to complete redesign of equipment. One large tube manufacturing plant reports that \$500,-000 will be spent in curing radiation of equipment used on sealing machines. In this case much old equipment is being replaced.

Paul Godley, Jr., consultant in Upper Montclair, N. J., tells us that a certification measurement job (measurement and certificate only—no preventive work) will take from three to six engineering days on the average, at about \$100 per day, where several radiating units are involved.

IRE Breaks All Records

MOSTLY on expense accounts, a grand total of over 29,000 engineers and executives paid their dollar apiece (\$3 for nonmembers) to see an all-time-high of 357 different commercial exhibits filling four floors of New York's Grand Central Palace to saturation. In addition, uncounted scores of satellite exhibits and engineerhiring setups in hotel suites further broadened the scope of the four-day mid-March electronic Mecca.

Nearby hotels were used by firms unable to get space in the main show, along with those who found peace and quiet more conducive to successful selling. To get people into these satellite exhibits, salesmen scouted the Palace for hot prospects and lured them over by mentioning a hot new item or a cool drink.

► Job Opportunities—Over 125 firms had cards posted on the fourth floor of the Palace listing the jobs they had open for electronic engineers and giving hotel room numbers for those interested in interviews. In addition, the New York City newspapers carried columns of engineer-wanted ads

Where Electronic Equipment Makers are Located



Concentration of companies is greatest in the northeast, with the north-central area in sizeable second place and the west coast coming up fast. Latest count of manufacturers in the field of electronics is 3,233

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throughout the show days. All sections of the country were equally represented, but last year West-coast ads predominated.

A survey of representative hiring suites revealed that all were getting promising nibbles, but hiring was at a much slower tempo than last year. Inducements to change jobs were on a more rational basis, with salary-upping offers generally under \$500 a year. Many firms were finding that young engineers could be coaxed back to their own home territory with little or no salary inducement if the boys happened to be homesick. Moving expenses were negotiated by most firms, generally on a share-the-cost basis; only a few, in the higher-salary brackets, were able to get the cat and dog moved free along with the family and furniture.

► Jammed Sessions—Every one of the 43 technical sessions and symposia drew a full house. At the Monday symposium on transistors, doors had to be locked after some 700 jammed the hall long before starting time. The overflow crowd here was so great that the session was repeated Thursday morning for 600 more.

An engineer who attended the full 20 hours of speeches had 23 hours left for exhibits, for an average of 3.86 minutes per exhibit. If he skipped all the papers, he still had only 7.22 minutes per exhibit during the 43 hours they were open. But he got no lunch or dinner while doing it.

Distributors Prepare For Unfreeze

DISTRIBUTORS across the country are already moving in on the potential business in tv equipment when the momentarily-expected lifting of the freeze occurs. A typical example is Graybar Electric, which late last month announced the signing of an agreement with Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, covering national distribution, by Graybar's 102 offices, of Federal's tv broadcasting equipment.

The agreement is aimed at supplying approximately 2,000 new stations eventually to be assigned in the uhf and vhf bands, says J. W. La Marque, sales manager.

FCC Staff Realignment Gives Walker a New Broom

Reshuffling of assignments and creation of new bureaus speeds work of the Commission

EFFECTIVE early in March, the Federal Communications Commission took the final step in its 'self-initiated' shakeup to streamline operations. It reassigned men and jobs as shown in the accompanying box.

Not a part of FCC's internal reorganization plan was Wayne Coy's sudden resignation to accept direction of the *Time-Life-Fortune* television enterprises. President Truman quickly elevated vice-chairman Paul A. Walker to the top post and tapped long-time Commission aspirant Robert T. Bartley for the empty seat.

Chairman Walker, 71, is serving out his regular term that expires June 30, 1953, under an executive order exempting him from compulsory retirement. His familiarity with current business is heartwarming to an industry long chilled by the television freeze. Delays in the final tv decision because of the change in leadership have been forecast as taking only an additional couple of weeks.

► Walker's Record—Walker does not make enemies, either within the Commission or on the Hill. He consistently votes with the majority. Believing his own and the Commission's decisions should speak for themselves, he is not in-(Continued on page 8)



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Sylvania Electric Erecting New Headquarters For Its Electronics Division



Plant under construction at Woburn, Mass., 17 miles north of Boston. To make microwave components and semi-conductor devices.

To satisfy the growing need for electronic products, Sylvania will soon open a modern new plant at Woburn, Mass.

This building of advanced design will provide an additional 100,000 square feet of air conditioned laboratory and production facilities for the manufacture of electronic equipment and components. When completely equipped, it will represent an investment of four million dollars. The new plant will serve as headquarters for all present Sylvania electronic production facilities in the Boston area.

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FCC Chairman Walker

clined to explain or apologize. As a devout and active churchman, he has sometimes urged religious and educational groups to make more use of tv and radio. He gets jobs done and keeps discussions short and to the point. His particular interest has been telephone and telegraph regulation.

► Bartley's Record—Director of FCC's Telegraph Division from 1934 to 1937, Bob Bartley, 43, en-



New Commissioner Bartley ,

tered private industry and rose to vice-president of New England's Yankee Network.

He joined the NAB back in 1943 as director of war activities. Since 1948, he has been administrative assistant to his uncle, House Speaker Sam Rayburn. Besides his impeccable political connections, Bartley made a good personal impression upon the Senate, which confirmed his term to July 1, 1958.

Bell System Circuits Will Cost \$60 Million

Additional television, telephone and telegraph facilities authorized by FCC

MICROWAVE radio-relay construction costing an estimated \$32.5 million in 1952 will provide brand-new Bell System circuits between Albany and Buffalo, N. Y., Washington, D. C. and Atlanta, Kansas City and Dallas, and Los Angeles and San Diego.

Balance of the \$60 million expenditure planned by Bell this year will go into coaxial cables and terminal equipment. Coax will be laid between Orlando and Tampa, Knoxville and Chattanooga, Memphis and Little Rock. New television circuits will extend service to Miami, New Orleans, Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston and to Oklahoma City.

Facilities for the circuits totaling more than 8 million channel miles are included.

S. A. Television Market Expanding

Government control may be handicap to receiver exports from U. S.

DESPITE OPTIMISM expressed in the United States, tv will not fully capture the South American market for at least another four years. This is the opinion of Ernest Marx, General Manager, Sales Division, DuMont, who has just returned from a tour.

In a verbal recap of his trip, Marx pointed out to an ELECTRONICS reporter that of six countries having or contemplating tv, four face some sort of government control.

► Stations Operating—Sao Paulo, Brazil, leads the South American tv race, with two stations already operating and three contemplated. Brazil's government is considering establishment of licensed plants where native industry would assemble receivers under supervision of United States technicians.

Argentina faces a political stumbling block in tv. The Peronist government will not allow receivers to be imported. Interested manufacturers must obtain a 'Peron Permit' to establish an assembly plant. At the present time, permits are very scarce.

Two other countries in S. A. face either full or partial government control. The governments at Lima, Peru, and Bogota, Colombia, feel that the present low standard-ofliving may make it feasible for them to provide, by loan or outright gift, receivers for people who cannot afford them.

► What About UHF?—"There is no use for uhf in South America now or any time," Marx said, "due to the great distance between cities." From Sao Paulo to Rio



Twelve cities in South America have, or plan soon to have television. Eight are located along the coast. Distance between Sao Paulo and Rio is 250 miles

de Janeiro, Brazil, the distance is 250 miles, (approximately the same as from New York to Washington) which is the shortest distance between any two large cities (Continued on page 10)

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MEET JAN-R-26A!

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in all South America.

Pointing out the distance from one end of the continent to the other is 11,954 miles, Marx said there obviously would be no congestion of stations.

► Standards Being Used — The table at right shows the standards

Everyman's Radio Now Works Two Ways

Citizens Band has over 700 authorizations and a new control frequency

BLUEPRINTED by FCC for nontechnical mass use of two-way radio communication, the Citizens Radio Service was launched in 1947 (ELECTRONICS, p 81, Nov. 1947).

The proposal envisioned simple licensing of commercial 'type-approved' transmitter-receivers that would allow the man in the street to talk from here to there. Although several designs were approved for radiophone use, manufacturers never produced equipment.

▶ Growing Business — Authorizations until recently in the hands of just a piddling few experimenters have now grown to a startling 700odd. Who is using Citizen Radio, and how? No detailed breakdown is available from FCC because a statement of use is not required when the station license is obtained. It is known, however, that the band is being used in two different ways:

Modified uhf taxi equipment is beginning to be employed by people who can't qualify for other classes of radiotelephone service. Most of them are interested in communication with moving vehicles, like newspaper, maintenance or laundry and dry-cleaning trucks. Taxis, police and commercial ventures might obtain authorizations, provided they were willing to take the chance of severe interference. A complete station of this type costs about \$600, requires no licensed operator, but must be installed and serviced by one. Because it has a Class A rating it can operate in regions of slightly less interference. now in use or being contemplated by new stations:

5	Stan	dard
Sao Paulo, Brazil	Lincs 525	Fields 60
Montevideo, Uruguay	525	60
Buenos Aires, Argentina	625	50
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	625	50
antiago, Chile	625	50

The other general use is for remote-control devices. Several equipments with Class B approval are in production. All Class B gear must operate in the center of the band where interference may be worst. They include garage-door openers and controls for model aircraft or boats. Suitable transmitters and receivers for models cost, respectively, about \$40 and \$30. Transmitters must not be tampered with but no operator license is required.

▶ Bright Prospects—FCC has supplied a fillip to the business by issuing a new 'Class C' authorization for remote control only. This assignment allows use of frequencies between 27,230 and 27,280 kilocycles rather than the regular Citizens band centered at 465,000 kc. Equipment for this lower frequency will be simpler to construct and just as easy to license.

Noble Experiment Is Noncompetitive

Radio message service will provide information on split channels

DAN NOBLE, pioneer of mobile f-m communications, recently dispatched personal letters to all operators of Miscellaneous Common Carrier systems, assuring them that Motorola (of which he is v, p.) is no competitor.

Noble recently set up Phoenix Radio Message Service, in Arizona, as a means of field testing new two-way communications equipment used between a telephoneanswering switchboard and moving subscribers' cars.

Technical data collected will be turned over to the Joint Technical Advisory Committee (JTAC) for formulating industry recommendations to FCC on so-called 'splitchannel' allocations. Usual channels require a width of 60 kilocycles. The Phoenix service narrows the channel to 20 kc.

Although tariffs of existing message services are a matter of public record on file with the Commission, a clear picture of operating costs is not always easy to arrive at. The Phoenix experiment is expected to furnish a typical set of cost figures, too.

Printed Parts Ease Microwave Component Bottleneck

A REVOLUTIONARY technique for producing complicated microwave components in minutes rather than months was announced by engineers of Federal Telecommunication Labs, research associate of IT&T, at the 1952 IRE National Convention. The new foil-coated plastic equivalents of complicated plumbing units promise to ease the present bottleneck in production of electronic equipment for guided missiles and jet planes.

Two examples are illustrated: the 5,000-mc magic T weighing 15 pounds and costing around \$700 can now be replaced by a two-inchlong plastic strip costing less than a dollar and weighing only a few ounces, and the 5,000-mc flap attenuator can be replaced with a three-inch plastic strip having only a simple riveted plastic flap.

► Materials Not Critical—Raw material for printed microwave components is sheet polystyrene, Teflon or a similar dielectric material about one-eighth inch thick,

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time and manpower, the new components are expected to have farreaching effects on the design and production of military and commercial microwave equipment. In particular, they open tremendous market potentialities for low-cost radio communication systems operating above 1,000 mc.

Magnetic Amplifiers Vie With Tubes For Development Dollars

New materials and military research contracts rapidly expand 'tubeless' branch of industry

TAKING a large bite out of today's defense dollar is a group of companies, some old and some new, specializing in the transformerlike magnetic amplifier.

In action, the magnetic amplifier serves as an electrical valve in the same way that the tube does, but with the advantages of extreme reliability, virtual indestructibility, high available power gains and high efficiency. The main limitation is speed of response, but this is not a serious defect in many applications. Two or three years ago, the magnetic amplifier was known to few and understood by even fewer. Then along came the threat of another international scientific foot race. The military handed out challenging orders for years-ahead electronic devices for doing fabulous things under fantastic conditions. Many of these jobs were naturals for the long-neglected magnetic amplifier, and the seed was planted.

► Who and How Big—Today the mushrooming continues. One-time loft operations have bonanzaed into profitable workings. The military continues to be numberone customer, but techniques

being developed show great promise for peace-time applications.

Typical comments from the twenty odd companies known to be in the magnetic amplifier business give graphic proof of prosperity. One company's average monthly income in 1951 was \$3,000. The same figure for 1952 will be around \$8,000, an increase of over 250 percent.

Another company tells of doubling its engineering staff inside of one year and increasing floor space by 500 percent to make room for more production.

Magnetic amplifiers are not alone in this contest for jobs as tube substitutes—transistors are also in there swinging. They do, however, enjoy a backlog of valuable experience and information, whereas transistors are still in the development stage. The business has been reborn of necessity and shows promise of an abundant and prosperous life.

New Law Will Up Sound Recorder Sales



Pharmacist Edward Liebson of New York records a doctor's prescriptionrefill order

THE Durham-Humphrey Act, which goes into effect April 26, will swell the national market for sound recorders. It requires pharmacists to furnish proof that a physician has authorized refill of every prescription in certain categories. A recording of the doctor's voice may be acceptable in some instances.

Over 50,000 drugstores in the (Continued on page 16) Advertisement

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U.S. have prescription departments. The Sound-Scriber Corp. of New Haven reports that it has already sold recorders to many of them, notably the Shulte and Liggett chains, for experimental use.

► Legal Questions—The legality of telephone recordings varies with the state and this question has not yet been fully resolved. Telephone company requirements regarding direct recordings also vary throughout the country and must still be clearly defined.

So far as the FCC is concerned, this federal body has already ruled that recorded conversations must be preceded by a warning 'beep' signal in the case of interstate communications. That the beep need not be used on intrastate telephone lines remains to be seen.

Educational Television Stands at the Crossroads

Top school leaders meet to discuss use in their fields

MORE than 60 college presidents and other educational top brass will meet on the campus of Pennsylvania State College during the week of April 21-26 to study, for the first time, means for integrating television into the country's educational system.

Under the title of Educational Television Program Institute, directed by Carroll V. Newsom of New York State Education Dept., the group will consult with technical, financial and operations experts in the commercial field. A closed-circuit tv system will be set up for demonstration. Art Hungerford of General Precision Laboratory, previously trainingaids technical expert for the Navy, will serve as assistant director.

Some \$70,000 necessary to underwrite the Institute have been chiefly provided by the Fund for Adult Education (Ford Foundation). The group also has the backing of the Payne Fund, Sloan Foundation and others.

► Timing—With FCC expected to lift the tv freeze by the time of the meeting, the college presidents will have some firm frequency allocations upon which to base their thinking. In its proposed allocations plan, the Commission provided 209 educational, noncommercial tv channels. Of these, 127 were uhf and 82 vhf. However, FCC has been swamped by some 838 petitions from colleges and school systems. Weightiest arguments for more channels came from New Jersey (which had been left entirely out in the cold) as well as Connecticut, New York and Wisconsin, all of which have extensive educationaltv plans at the state level. Ralph Steetle, executive director of Joint Committee on Educational Television, is confident that the final channels provided will be "more than 209".

► Competition—Some commercial broadcasters tend to swell up and turn red when educational tv is mentioned. Aside from the reservation of valuable channels, which can't be laughed off lightly in this spectrum-hungry world, commercial tv probably has little to fear from etv. Some systems will be so highly geared in with the school program as to offer little popular fare.

Many tv problems are common to both types of service, like networking and distribution of kinerecordings. But in the educational system greater reliance may have to be placed on privately owned and operated microwave links when off-the-air relaying is impossible.

Commercial tv stations in many places, says Director Steetle, are doing a fine job with educational programs of their own. They should be encouraged to continue. Particularly in communities and sections where the economy will not support an educational station, the commercial outlet will have to carry the whole load.

Hotel TV Comes of Age

Rugged, simple sets with hidden controls are needed

MAJOR CHANGES in the guest-television policy of hotels have recently taken place.

In the beginning, larger hotels were equipped with video distribution systems. 'Slave' units were brought to a guest's room upon request. The charge was so much extra per day. The smaller hotels had no ty facilities.

► Current Practice—Today, master antenna systems are taking over, with indoor antennas running a close second. Video distribution systems are fast becoming passé. Portable sets take their place. Average screen size is about 14 inches, with many 20-inch sets permanently installed in large hotels.

Nearly every hotel in New York City has tv facilities of one kind or other. For permanent installations, the charge is hidden in the regular price of the room. Smaller hotels charge from one to three dollars per day.

► Type of Set Needed—Hotels require tv sets that stand up under all kinds of abuse and are simple to operate, with most controls hidden. Because many hotel guests have never operated a tv set, too many controls on the front panel increase maintenance problems.

Lockheed Starts Training Program

FACED with a continued shortage of electronic technicians and the growing demand for aircraft even more heavily equipped with electronic devices, Lockheed has started an earn-while-you-learn training program.

The program is geared to turn out 600 technicians in 1952. In the first class, 25 are studying, with pay, on a regular factory shift from

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8 am to 4:45 pm.

Even technicians with five to six years of electronic experience will get a 12-week refresher course familiarizing them with Lockheed's current needs. Less experienced trainees will take a 27-week course in fundamentals plus up to 14 weeks of specialized work.

▶ Program Going Well—Response to the program has been good and there is already a backlog of applicants. So far, 20 percent of those accepted for training have been company employees. The remaining 80 percent have responded to ads in newspapers.

A similar program has gone into effect at Lockheed Service. An initial class of 50 is now in training.

First-Quarter Checks Go to Stockholders

JUDGING from figures reported by leading companies in the electronics industry on net profits and dividends paid, 1951 was a good year financially.

First-quarter dividends for 1952, now in the mails, range from 15 cents per share being paid by Aerovox, to Raytheon's 60 cents. Admiral and Philco are paying 40 cents per share; Sprague is paying 50 cents.

During 1951, Magnavox earned 77 cents a share for common stock, Stromberg-Carlson earned \$1.66

per share and is paying a regular dividend of 50 cents for preferred and 25 cents for common stock for first quarter. RCA paid \$1.00 per share in 1951.

▶ Nets & Grosses—Although industry gross income was higher, net profits were generally lower than 1950 due to increased federal taxes. RCA's \$598 million gross income netted the company \$31 million after taxes. Though grossing \$12 million more than in 1950, the company netted \$15 million less.

General Electric also showed less net profit compared with 1950, due to taxes. With almost $2\frac{1}{2}$ billion in gross income, the net for GE was \$138 million. In 1950, a gross of nearly \$2 billion gave a net profit of \$173 million.

The Canadian Admiral Corp., Ltd., netted \$217 thousand after a gross of over \$5 million. Western Electric made a net profit of \$45 million after taxes from a gross of \$805 million. Olympic Radio-TV Corp. grossed \$11¹/₂ million and put just over a quarter million dollars 'in the kitty'. Sylvania hit a new high by netting \$8,253,973 while grossing \$202 million, a record level. In 1950, the company paid nearly \$4 million to stockholders.

What's Behind the Figures– Licensee Radio–TV Set Sales

Second of a series explaining basis of statistics reported on Figures of the Month page

THE SECOND division of the statistical round-up which appears each month on page 4, labeled Receiver Sales, gives the monthly totals of radio and tv sets sold, in units and in dollar value. The figures given are those reported by licensees who pay royalties under patents controlling the design and production of all classes of domestic receivers.

The editors are not permitted to disclose the source of these figures, but it can be stated that they represent the sales of all major manufacturers except one. The totals are, therefore, representative of better than 90 percent, possibly 95 percent of the overall industry picture.

▶ Set Breakdown—The listings have the following significance: *Television sets* include table models, consoles, radio-phono-tv combinations and converters. Both directview and projection models are included. *Electric radio sets* include am, fm and am-fm table models and consoles as well as radio-phono table and console sets, but omit any type of set intended to be operated by batteries. *Battery sets* include table and console models as well as portables having provision for ac-dc and battery operation.

The dollar values published are the manufacturer's billing price, less excise tax. Latest month is the month during which the sales were actually billed. However, all reports are not received from manufacturers until the middle of the second month following. This accounts for the delay in publishing the figures (December sales published in the April issue).

Space on the Figures page does not permit a complete breakdown of the licensee sale figures, but the following typical data are available: In the electric radio set category, table models having a billing price over \$12.50 accounted in December 1951 for about 80 percent of the units and about 65 percent of the dollar value in that category, compared with 3 percent of the units and 14 percent of the value represented by all radio and radiophono consoles. Among battery sets, ac-dc portables account for 98 percent of the units; only 3 battery consoles were reported sold in that month.

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Fig. 1. -hp- 624A SHF Test Set

SPECIFICATIONS -hp- 624A SHF Test Set

RANGE: 8,500 to 10,000 mc.

OUTPUT: 0 dbm (1 mw) to -100 dbm into 50-ohm load. Type N jack.

OUTPUT ACCURACY: Within 2 db, -10 to -100 dbm into matched load.

INTERNAL MODULATION: Pulsed or fm.

PULSE MODULATION: Length variable from approx. .25 to 10 µsec. Rise and fall times, each, 0.05 µsec. Rate variable 35 to 3,500 pps.

- EXTERNAL SYNC: Internal pulser operates free running or in sync with external 5-v. peak pulse, pos. or neg., or 5-v. rms. sine waves. May be externally square-wave modulated. BNC jack.
- FM: Internal fm at power line frequency. ±7.5 mc deviation max. Also fm modulation by ex-ternal 35 to 3,500 cps voltages.
- TRIGGER PULSES: (a) Coincident with start of output rf pulse; (b) 3 to 250 µsec ahead of output rf pulse

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 7,125-7,425

 6,125-6,425
 6,850-7,150
 7,425-7,725
- OUTPUT: 0 dbm (1 mw) to -70 dbm into 50-ohm load. Direct-reading control. OUTPUT ACCURACY: Within 2 db, 0 to -70 db,
- into matched load INTERNAL MODULATION: FM from 1,000 cps in-
- ternal source; phase, deviation adjustable; max. deviatian +15 mc.

EXTERNAL MODULATION: FM, 50 cps to 10 kc. May be pulsed or square-waved externally. DETECTOR OUTPUT: Xtal detector to provide recti-

fied output when fm or pulsed power applied. (Other specifications similar to 624A)

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Fig. 2. Simplified circuit, -hp- 624A

-hp-624A SHF Test Set is a high-level, accurate, multi-purpose instrument designed to speed and simplify a wide variety of tests between 8,500 and 10,000 mc. It is an ideal one-piece unit for measuring receiver sensitivity or selectivity, transmitter tuning or power level, and is particularly adapted to testing complete radar or gunfire control systems or beacon equipment. The instrument includes pulsing circuitry providing a variety of highquality rf pulses.

-hp- 624A consists of a signal generator and a power and frequency meter section. The generator includes a modern klystron generator with excellent frequency stability and an output attenuator of the waveguide-beyond-cutoff type, insuring high accuracy and stability. The attenuator is not subject to temperature, humidity or age changes. The power and frequency meter section can be used to adjust the signal generator's frequency and level as well as measure external rf energy. The instrument employs 50-ohm Type N coaxial connectors, but for maximum versa-

.223 v. maximum rf output Direct tuning, reading Pulse and fm modulated Stable, accurate 100 db attenuator Measures external rf power **Measures external frequency** Compact, sturdy, portable



Fig. 3. Typical rf pulse, 0.25 µsec.

tility includes adaptors for waveguide connection.

-bp- 623B Test Set is designed for operation at frequencies between 5,925 mc and 7,725 mc. This overall frequency range is covered in six bands, each of which is a full 300 mc wide. Bands are selected by installation of the proper klystron tube (see specifications). The instrument is particularly useful in field-testing SHF radio relay stations and communications equipment as well as general tests involving fm modulated equipment. It includes a 1,000 cps modulator and may also be square-waved or pulsed by external sources with frequencies ranging from 60 cps to 100 kc.

Both -hp- 624A and 623B weigh less than 60 pounds, are of extra-sturdy construction and are equipped with carrying handles and snap-on cover. Sets also fit standard relay racks.

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Sales of television sets in the latest month were about evenly divided between consoles and table models. Among the consoles only one in 8 tv sets sold was equipped for phonograph reproduction. Direct-view sets far outdistanced projection models; only 142 projection sets were sold in December, out of the total of 384,000 tv sets of all types.

▶ 1951 Recap—Totals for the 12 months of 1951 reveal a sale of 5,032,942 tv sets with a value of \$894,476,000, nearly 5 million auto sets, over a million battery sets and 5,868,570 electric radio sets having a value of just under \$139 million. The average manufacturer's billing price for tv sets was \$178, for electric radio sets \$23.75.

Why GCA Costs So

Bulky components using critical materials blamed

FAMILIAR excuse given by the Air Force for high cost of modern planes is the need for complex elec-

Small British Business Under Big Pressure

BRITISH electronics industry had more than \$212 million outstanding in orders at the end of 1951, according to a survey made by London's *Financial Times*. Nine months earlier the figure was less than \$120 million.

Delivery of equipment now being ordered isn't expected much before 1954. New British fighters and bombers now being delivered to the RAF are missing much important electronic equipment.

Many military orders are in the research and development category.

The British electronics industry exported \$61 million of equipment last year; an increase of \$7.2 million over 1950.

tronic gear. However, the high cost of ground-controlled approach radar (GCA) is explained in terms of critical materials.

The table shows how many pounds are used in three Air-Force procured GCA sets. The first column refers to a new, mobile, air-



HIGH RESOLUTION—HIGH COST: Airport surface detection radar (ASDR) equipment could be used in conjunction with ground-controlled approach radar (GCA) to see aircraft and vehicles on runways. Haused in a trailer, with an antenna on a 30-foot temporary tower, this ASDR will pick off crows on a runway or a man a mile away.

transportable job costing \$617,295. The other two are not identified.

Material	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Carbon steel	4,031	54,600	2,452
Alloy steel	732	358	580
Stainless steel	3,459	918	400
Copper alloy	3,453	331	296
Copper wire	5,517	2,095	3,449
Copper casting	0	232	116
Aluminum	11,654	6,619	4,061
Nickel	412	0	0
Chrome	630	0	0

TV Service Goes on COD Basis

\$750 million will be spent this year on service calls to keep tv sets running

THERE HAVE been many changes, some good and some bad, in the tv servicing picture since publication in July 1950 of the ELECTRONICS survey: Why Television Receivers Fail in Service. These changes are important, because tv servicing is rapidly approaching a billion-dollara-year business that may overshadow even new-receiver sales figures.

On the credit side, manufacturers are making more reliable sets and the public is becoming more tolerant of minor defects in pictures, with the result that paying calls have dropped to an average of 3.5 per year as compared to 5.5 for 1950. At an average of \$12.50 per call including parts and with an estimated average of 17.5 million sets in use in 1952, this means that a minimum of three-quarters of a billion dollars will be spent this year on repairs.

► Contracts—Less than 5 percent of the tv sets in use are under service contracts today. On existing contracts the human factor still governs, so that calls per year are unchanged from the 5.5 figure of two years ago.

Dealers who handle all makes of sets are selling contracts with only about 10 percent of their new sets, but this figure can run as high as 30 percent for brands where the manufacturer has his own well-(Continued on page 22)

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established service organization serving the public.

▶ Repairs—Troubles found in tv sets have changed considerably from two years ago.

Tube replacements predominate as quality of components and quality of assembly work improves in factories. Antenna calls go down because people either fix the antennas themselves or let them rot away. False calls, when nothing is found to be wrong, remain the same as ever because people still knock plugs out of wall outlets and still call about interference or transmitter troubles. Capacitor troubles stay low except for certain deep-South humid localities.

The breakdown on service calls now is: picture tubes-5 per cent; other tubes-40; antenna troubles-3; back-of-set controls-15: deficiency in circuit design-2 (same as before); false callscapacitors—7; resistors—7; 8: tuners-6; other components-4; soldered joints-1; realignment-2.

Robots to Control Robots?

TOMORROW'S INDUSTRIAL NEEDS will require robots to control robots . . . machines designed to maintain other elaborate and highly automatic machines. So, at least, thinks J. R. Churchill, Aluminum Company of America official.

The Analytical Division Chief of ALCOA told members of the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association that as electronic and other automatic features are added, new industrial equipment becomes harder to service. Thus still other features that tend to indicate developing faults in advance of failure, and perhaps even correct them, may be needed.

Parts Essential-▶ Reliable Churchill said that as the trend toward automatic apparatus develops, makers of industrial gear must refrain from even the occasional use of cheap component parts. Parts designed to stand the gaff of factory use rather than those primarily intended for use in home-entertainment equipment are recommended.

MEETINGS

- APRIL 5: Connecticut Valley Section, IRE, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. APRIL 7-9: Radio Component
- Show, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W1, England. APRIL 15-17: AIEE, Southwest
- District Engineers, Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. APRIL 16-18: Audio-to-Micro-
- waves Symposium, Engineering Societies Building, 33 West 39th St., N. Y., N. Y. APRIL 19: Cincinnati Section, IRE Spring Technical Meet-
- ing, University of Cincinnati,
- Cincinnati, Ohio. APRIL 21-24: National Commit-tee of URSI-IRE, National Bureau of Standards, Wash-ington, D. C.
- APRIL 23-MAY 3: Ninth Annual British Components Exhibi-tion, Radio-TV Show, Manchester, England. MAY 2-3: Association for Com-
- puting Machinery, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- MAY 5-7: Second Government-Industry Conference, spon-sored by RTMA, NEMA, AIEE, at National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. May 5-16: British Industries
- Fair, Earls Court and Olympia, London, England, and Castle Bromwich, Birming-ham, England.
- MAY 12-14: National Confer-ence on Airborne Electronics,

- Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. MAY 13: RADIO CLUB of Amer-ica, Room 502, Engineering Societies Building, New York. May 16-17: Fourth Southwest
- IRE Conference and Radio Engineering Show, Rice Hotel,
- Houston, Tex. MAY 19-22: 1952 Electronics Parts Shows, Exhibition Hall, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill. MAY 22-24: Electronics Section,
- Quality Control Convention, Syracuse, N. MAY 23-24: 1
- 1952 Audio Fair, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.
- JUNE 8-12: National Association Electrical Distributors, Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic
- City, N. J. JUNE 23-27: AIEE Summer General Meeting, Hotel Nic-ole, Minneapolis, Minn. ug. 12-15: 1952 APCO Con-
- AUG. ference, Hotel Whitcomb, San
- Francisco, Calif. Aug. 27-29: Western Electronic Show and Convention, Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, Calif.
- SEPT. 8-12: National Instrument Conference and Exhibit,
- Cleveland, Ohio. Oct. 20-22: Radio Fall Meeting, RTMA Engineering Department, Hotel Syracuse, Syra-cuse, N. Y. Nov. 10-30: International Radio
- and Electronics Exhibition, Bombay, India.

Business Briefs

►Aeronautical Radio Inc., widely known for its work on tube reliability for commercial airlines is now working on a government contract to improve the performance and reliability of military tubes. The military, admitting significant early results, are not, yet, however, ready to give out details.

► Small-Boat radiophone potential is good, with total of 464,000 craft in US and only 28,000 equipped for communication. But even with proposed new allocations between 2 and 3.5 mc, frequency congestion will still restrict the market.

▶ Business Opportunity is great for the firm that comes up with a better design for military aircraft 'radomes', the exposed housings that protect warplane radars.

Radomes must not materially affect aircraft performance because of their size, shape, weight or position, nor reduce radar effectiveness because of their electrical characteristics. Above 350 miles per hour certain untreated laminated plastics are damaged by heavy rain in less than a minute. Over 600 mph even more rugged radomes rapidly disintegrate.

► A Contract for \$30 million has been awarded to the New York Shipbuilding Corp., Camden, N. J., by the Navy, to convert two former heavy cruisers, the USS Boston and USS Canberra, into guided missile ships.

► Radio-Frequency power used by industrial and allied apparatus exceeds the total transmitter power required by all forms of electrical according to communications, FCC statistics.









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C1A	Make before make	15	1	21/4"
C2B	Break before break	47	4	21/4"
DIA	Make before break	7	4	21/4"
D7A	Break before make	9		23/4"
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CLARE Type "R" RELAY

SPECIFICATIONS

SIZE Length: 1%"—Height: 1%4"— Width: 1"

WEIGHT Approximately 2 ounces

COIL Single or double-wound

OPERATING VOLTAGE Up to 230 volts d-c

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ARMATURE Single or double arm

CONTACT ASSEMBLY

Form A to C. Maximum of 10 springs in each pileup.

MOUNTING Two #4-40 tapped holes in end of heelpiece • This new CLARE Type "R" d-c Relay embodies many features of the famous CLARE Type "K" Relay, which was the first to combine the advantages of a telephone-type relay with the small size, light weight and resistance to vibration required to meet the rigid demands of aircraft service.

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ANTI-BREAKDOWN PROTECTION NEW Hermetically-Sealed Relay



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to give you better tube performance

• What do you expect when you order a tubular part with a flare or flange at one or both ends?

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NICKEL ALLOYS FOR OXIDE-COATED CATHODES: This reprint describes the manufacturing of the cathode sleeve from the refining of the base metal; includes the action of the small percentage impurities upon the vapor pressure, sublimation rate of the nickel base; also future trends of cathode materials are evaluated.



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ULTRA-LOW TORQUE .005 inch-ounce nominal starting torque

MINIATURE SIZE 7/8" diameter x 25/32" overall length

FEATHERWEIGHT Weighs only half an ounce (0.56 oz.) BALL BEARING CONSTRUCTION Two miniature ball bearings support shaft

Current developments in aviation electronics-including guided missile telemetering and control-are demanding not only the absolute minimum in potentiometer operating torque, but also the greatest possible reduction in space and weight requirements. The TINYTORQUE has been specially developed to combine these desirable features in a potentiometer of the highest possible precision and quality, coupled with rugged dependability and long life.



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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:

ACTUAL SIZE

Number of turns	1
Power rating	1/2 watt
Length of coil	2''
Mechanical rotation	360° continuous
Electrical rotation	355° +0° −5°
Resistance range	1000 to 100,000 ohms
Resistance tolerance	(std.) <u>+</u> 5.0%
Linearity tolerance	(std.)±0.5%
Starting torque (nominal)	.005 oz. in.
Running torque	Negligible
Mom. of inertia (rot. parts)	.000377 gm. cm.2
Net weight	0.56 oz.

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Contains 3,223 trade names, also the manufacturers', as an aid to users who know trade names, but not manufacturers.

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The only list of distributors that is broken down by states. Contains 843 firms for quick and easy reference.

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As simple as a telephone book - all in one section, alphabetically arranged, and amply crosssectioned to include all known terminology. Ordinary methods of questionnairing for product listings in a directory are quite often misconstrued and lead to inaccuracy which, although not intentional, are nevertheless extremely annoying to users.

Two years ago, the ELECTRONICS BUYERS' GUIDE created this verification symbol to clear up any confusion. Listings, in order to receive this symbol had to submit proof of product availability and unrestricted use. The idea met with approval by both advertisers and users, and in last year's issue the listings were 94% verified – definite proof that at last the "GUIDE" was approaching complete accuracy.

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Electronics, because of its exacting nature, necessitates every piece of equipment, from an electron tube to a fastener, being specified by manufacturer, type and number. Substitutes, if any, can only be made on consultation with the design engineer, who again becomes the determining factor. Though purchase orders emanate from various sources, the engineers are, in fact, the originators of all purchases. And they must be reached at the right time – when they are at work designing and specifying.

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The set of figures in the middle of this page is news of high importance to every American.

In effect, it says that there is no basis in fact for all this talk about a collapse of capital expenditures plunging us into a depression following the industrial build-up for defense.

Such talk assumes that without defense orders business would spend relatively little for new industrial plant and equipment. The figures below show that that assumption is not justified. penditures in 1953, 1954 and 1955, provided the money to carry them out can be obtained.

A Record in '52

As was expected, their plans call for another record-breaking volume of capital expenditures by business in 1952. But, as many did not expect, the McGraw-Hill survey also discloses plans for very heavy capital expenditures in each of the three years following. Expenditures now planned for those years are, to be sure, lower than those planned for 1952. But the significant fact is not that

	Actual Spending 1950*	Actual Spending 1951*	McGraw-Hill Survey			
			Planned 1952	— Preliminary Plans —		
				1953	1954	1955
Manufacturing	7,491	11,141	12,921	10,028	8,525	8,194
Mining	684	806	943	415	321	358
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Electric & Gas Utilities**	3,298	3,676	3,948	3,360	3,204	2,748
Other Transportation & Communications	1,392	1,592	1,721	1,671	1,943	1,839
ALL INDUSTRY	14,001	18,779	21,175	16,722	15,110	14,141

The figures come from the fifth annual McGraw-Hill survey of business plans for new plant and equipment. Companies were asked to report through that survey not only their plans for 1952, but plans they now have in hand for capital ex-

they are lower. Experience shows that plans made several years ahead always overlook many expenditures that are needed later.

The significant fact is that the expenditures already planned for 1953-55 are so high. For example, those now planned for 1955 would be higher than those of 1950, which, at that time, were second highest in our history.

If these plans are carried out we shall have an essential element of continuing prosperity. Sustained expenditures for capital expansion and betterment account directly for a large share of our employment and consumer income. Moreover, consistent modernization of industrial plant raises production efficiency and brings more and better goods and services within reach of more consumers.

It is not to be expected, of course, that we can come down from the peak of the defense boom without readjustments in some sectors of business. But if capital expenditures by business are carried out on the scale now planned, we shall be able to take any necessary readjustments in our stride, and continue to increase our industrial strength.

From V-J Day to the end of this year, manufacturing industries will have spent over \$60 billion for new industrial plant and equipment. This is more than the value of all the plant and equipment these industries had on their books at the end of World War II. It is this heavy outlay that causes some, assuming most postwar plans for industrial expansion and modernization will be completed, to fear a collapse of capital expenditure.

Plans to Go Ahead

But American industry still has plans to go right ahead expanding and improving its facilities. This was the most striking single finding of this year's survey.* It disclosed also that after 1952:

-83 per cent of the companies answering the survey are planning substantial further modernization.

- 48 per cent will need more capacity to make their present products.

- 33 per cent plan additional capacity to make new products.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized, however, that these plans represent what American industry wants to do. They are a concrete expression of hope and aspiration. As such they are extremely important, for they dispose of the idea that business considers the job of expanding and improving its facilities as finished, or anywhere near finished.

But the plans carry no guarantee of accomplishment. If they are to be realized, business must have the funds to carry them out. There is no assurance that the money will be available if the present level of corporation taxes is continued. Eight out of ten companies, according to the McGraw-Hill survey, will rely entirely on profits and reserves to finance their 1953-55 programs. So, in calculating their programs for these years, the companies were asked to assume relief from "excess profits" taxation.

Federal taxes now take at least 52 per cent of a corporation's profits, and 82 per cent of any profits in the so-called "excess profits" bracket. Despite this drain on their funds, companies are able to finance their 1952 programs because (1) they are borrowing heavily, and (2) many of them are getting government loans or special tax concessions on new facilities installed for defense purposes. But these are emergency aids.

Only Two Ways

When the present defense program tapers off, there will be only two ways by which business can possibly increase its principal source of funds for new plant and equipment. One way is to make more profits before the tax collector takes his cut. And the only way many companies, already operating at capacity and high efficiency, can do that quickly is by raising their prices. That is an unpopular method. Also, with the return to more competitive markets, it might be self-defeating.

The other way is for the federal government to release its strangle hold on business profits. The so-called "excess profits" tax—the 82 per cent tax which is really a tax on business growth—should be repealed, effective January 1, 1953. And a cut in the basic tax of 52 per cent on all corporate profits should come not much later. That is by all odds the most important single step toward assuring that business plans already made for capital investment in 1953, 1954 and 1955 are carried out. It is the most important single step toward sustaining our present prosperity.

Through its plans for continued expansion and improvement of its facilities, American business clearly points the way to avoid the depression that so many have feared – and the Communists have so ardently hoped – would follow the peak of defense mobilization. It will be a tragedy for our country and for Americans in every walk of life if we do not insist that business get the chance to follow this wise and constructive course.

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CROSS TALK

► AGIN NATURE ... The current conjecture is that the FCC plan for defreezing television stations will allow radiated power of 100 kw on channels 2 to 6, 200 kw on channels 7 to 13, and 1,000 kw (or possibly unlimited power) on the uhf channels 14-83. This looks like rather rank discrimination against the pioneering television stations, who ran up the red ink during the early years of tv broadcasting, most of which sit on channels 2 through 6. It also looks, less obviously, like some fairly ripe discrimination against a potfull of potential televiewers in remote areas.

The reasoning behind it has a bureaucratic ring. Seems like everyone is now agreed that stations on uhf channels will have a tough time competing with vhf stations, since nature has arranged that vhf signals carry farther, for given power and antenna height, than do uhf signals. The Commission is understandably anxious to have the uhf spectrum occupied, despite this disadvantage, and is accordingly doing everything in its power to augment uhf coverage by allowing higher power to be used. This is known as legislating a fact of nature into oblivion.

We predict the differential in allowed power won't last long, for the following reasons: Whatever power can be economically radiated on uhf channels, more power can be radiated for the same cost on the vhf channels. This is true because efficiencies are higher in vhf tubes and circuits. It is also true that whatever coverage you can get on uhf channels with high power, you can get more coverage on vhf channels with the same high power. This follows from the fact of nature cited above.

So, if you hold down vhf powers to 100 or 200 kw while allowing uhf stations 1,000 kw, you cut off service to those who live just beyond the range of either class of station, service which could be rendered only if the vhf stations were allowed higher power. These marginal viewers may not seem important right now, but lots of 'em are members of the grange, and we predict they'll be heard, and loud, just as soon as the rural Congressmen find out that the lack of service has been legislated, not imposed by nature. Then the power restriction on vhf stations will most certainly be abandoned. at least in those localities where interference levels permit increases in power without detriment to the existing service.

Some government engineers are muttering that the proposed differential in power is justified by the fact that coverage limitations on uhf channels will also restrict interference. But that's wishful cogitation in our book. A megawatt may create more interference but it will also serve more people than 200 kw. The interference pattern remains constant when all stations on the same and adjacent channels continue to operate with equal power, no matter what the absolute level of that power.

► FIGURES . . . To those who haven't yet studied our statistics page "Figures of the Month" (p 4 each issue) we recommend at least a cursory glance. We're amazed every time we read the proofs. Last month, for example, the number of amateur station licenses exceeded 100,000 for the first time. The figure this month is 103,570! Know how many receiving tubes are sold a month? Something like 30 million, 20 million of which go into new tv and radio sets. The current factory value of ty sets is about 9 times that of electric radio sets. The value of induction-heating equipment currently ordered is about 9 times that of dielectric The tv set population in ditto. Chicago and Los Angeles is a standoff. There are 506 applications for tv stations pending before the FCC. Advertisers spent \$28.4 million with the major tv and radio networks in the month of December 1951.

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USCG cutter "Cook Inlet" is typical Ocean Station Vessel engaged in weather and rescue service in the North Atlantic under ICAO agreement with other countries



Teletypewriter, telephone and radio-circuit connections from a representative Search and Rescue Coordination Center to cooperating agencies, aircraft and ships. There are many other possible interconnections among the various mobile units

S EARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) is an international civil service to insure greater safety of life at sea and in the air. Although of primary importance on or near the ocean, its charter provides for service to overland flights and in disasters such as floods.

The Department of Commerce, through CAA, is responsible for developing and integrating plans for civil aviation search and rescue on land of United States jurisdiction and acts as the coordinating agency in areas not otherwise covered by the Treasury Department. The Department of Defense makes its facilities available for civil needs when called upon by a coordinating agency. The Weather Bureau (Department of Commerce), Civil Aeronautics Board and the Federal Communications Commission also participate.

Role of Coast Guard

The Treasury Department, through the United States Coast Guard, is responsible for search and rescue facilities on and over the high seas, bodies of water and the land areas adjacent. For this reason, the role of the Coast Guard has been more romantic and varied than that of any other one agency.

The electronic equipment controlled by Commander, Eastern Area SAR Coordination Center (USCG) in New York City is representative of that used in other areas. It indicates the utter dependence of safety measures upon By A. R. DaCOSTA

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Typical radiobeacons useful to ocean vessels and over-sea aircraft. Conventional d-f equipment is used with first five in list

several modern electronic techniques.

The following description lists only equipment and operations of an unclassified nature not affecting the military or naval security of the United States. Details of all offshore aids to navigation and pilotage are likewise beyond the scope of this article.

Not illustrated is the Primary Radio Station common to each Coast Guard district. These stations handle all offshore radio traffic for the district besides guarding 500 kc (international distress frequency), 2,670 kc (CG calling and small-boat distress frequency) and 8,280 kc (interim U. S. h-f safety and distress frequency). These stations are also equipped to take m-f direction-finder bearings.

Each district maintains at least one cutter in constant communication with the shore and equipped with loran, radar and conventional direction-finding equipment. Cutter and Ocean Station Vessels crews are trained to pick up survivors from aircraft that are forced to ditch in the area that they are guarding. Such craft may sink within seconds or a few minutes of hitting the water.

The Search and Rescue coordinator may have to call upon FCC monitoring stations for assistance in obtaining long-range fixes on lost or disabled air and seacraft. The Commission operates the only monitoring and direction-finding net of its kind in the United States. There are sixteen stations interconnected by communications circuits on the

	TYPICA	AL RADIOBEACONS	
Lighted Buoy Marker ————————— Manasquan Inlet (see explanation) 312 kc		Low-power radio marker beacon for harbor en- trances and channels where shore installation im- practicable. 	

	294 kc	with 1,000-cps code superimposed.
e Bar Bar Sin hor	negat Lightship — — 286 kc nultaneous Fog- m Signal	100-mile range, omnidirectional, on 1, off 2 min- utes during low visibility; on from 20 to 30 minutes past and 50 to 60 minutes past each hour in fair weather. Fog horn sounds simultaneous with mcw radio signal. Time delay indicates distance.
<u> </u>	pe Cod (shore) —•— 302 kc	200-mile range, omnidirectional, carrier on 1, off 2 minutes with 1,000-cps code superimposed. Most powerful type of radiobeacon. Like all those above, can be used to take direction-finder bearings.
∅>)	Corner Reflectors	Radar corner reflectors mounted on standard lighted buoy give strong reflection for ship radar.
0	Ramark Presentation on PPI	Ship radar is detuned slightly to pick up Ramark beacon signal. All other targets disappear. Only azimuth of Ramark is shown on PPI.
% .)	Racon Presentation on PPI	Racon transmits a coded signal when triggered by signal from ship or other radar transmitter. Azi- muth, range (pip nearest center) and coding on PPI.
0	Loran	Crossing of electronic lines of position from two pairs of Loran pulse transmitters provide fix to vessel equipped with Loran indicator and charts of region.

Table I—Partial OSV Equipment

Type	Frequency Range	Emission	Power (watts)
Beacon Transmitters			
(VFO or Crystal)	275–510 kc	A2	750
Transmitters	0.2–400 mc	A1,A2,A3	25-500
(<i>Portable</i>)	2–5 mc	A1	10
	2 - 5	A3	3
(<i>Mobile</i>)	2–3 mc	A3	1
Receivers	0.2–400 mc	A1,A2,A3	
(<i>Portable</i>)	2-8 mc	A1,A2,A3	

Radar (surface search) (general search) Direction Finder (scope)	9 kmc 200 mc 250–1, 500 kc	P1 P1 A1 A2 A3	300 kw peak 500 kw peak	
Loran Receiver.	1,750–1,950 kc	P1		
Echo Sounder	18 kc		200	
Radiosonde	82 mc	Λ2	1	
Rawinsonde (Radar reflector attached to free balloon followed by radar)				



Ocean Station Vessels are manned, equipped and operated to provide all search and rescue functions as well as obtain meteorological and other scientific observations. Vessel is on station at center of 210-mile square (at right) and so indicates by beacom transmissions "OS". Ship at square marked would, instead, send "HN"

continent, with an additional one in Hawaii and one in Alaska. During fiscal 1950, the net handled 116 cases and in 1951, 168 cases.

Combined Operations

As an example of the unusual combinations of facilities often required in Search and Rescue, the well-publicized and completely successful rescue of crew and passengers of the seaplane, "Bermuda Queen" might be cited. This craft, flying westward with 69 persons aboard, passed Ocean Station Charlie. Two hours later, the pilot decided he would be unable to reach Gander, Newfoundland, and reversed his course to ditch alongside Coast Guard cutter "Bibb" on station Charlie.

Because of abnormal sunspot activity, communications between the craft and both Gander and the "Bibb" were impossible. Those between the "Bibb" and shore stations were badly impaired. However, a Trans-Canada plane attempting to relay between the "Bermuda Queen" and Gander was heard in Port Lyautey on the northwest coast of Africa.

From there, information was relayed to CAA in New York City via the Azores. Details of the ditching were available in New York in less than two minutes, despite the 5,-000-mile roundabout circuit. It is estimated that in this operation, some \$567,000 worth of electronic equipment alone was employed.

Table II-Representative SAR Equipment

SEAPLANES AND LAND	D PLANES WIT	TH DROPI	PABLE BOAT		
Type	Frequency Range	Emission	Power (watts)		
Transmitters	300–600 kc	A 1	125		
	3-18.1 mc	Al	125		
	200–1,500 kc	A1,A2,A3	100		
	2-18 mc	A1,A2,A3	100		
Receivers.	200–500 kc	A1,A2,A3	_		
	2–18 mc	A1,A2,A3			
Trans-Rec Comb	0.55-9.1 mc	A2,A3	15		
	100–150 mc	A3	8		
	100–150 mc	A3	6		
Automatic Direction Finder.	100–1,750 kc	A1,A2,A3			
	100–150 mc	A1,A2,A3			
Radio Altimeter	420 mc	P1			
Radar.	9 kmc	P1			
Loran Receiver	l,750–1,950 kc	P1			
COMMUNICATION TRUCKS					
Transmitters	300–600 kc	A1,A2,A3	100		
(VFO)	2–13 me	A1, A2, A3	100		
Receivers	100–400 kc	A1,A2,A3			
	0.48-30 mc	A1,A2,A3			
	0.5–14 mc	A2,A3			
Transceivers (Crystal)	2–3.5 mc	A3	10		
Auxiliary equipment includes handie-talkie sets, gas-driven generator, extra batteries, provisions for operations enroute					
PATROL BOATS					
Trans-Rec Comb	2-3.5 mc	A3	25		
Direction finder	220–1,600 kc	A1,A2,A3			
Radar	3 kmc	P1			
Rating New Test Methods

New statistical sampling technique reduces time and money spent in assembling products that are foredoomed to be rejects. Basis is simple *J*-index for evaluating different methods of testing component parts before assembly

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WITH FIXED-FREQUENCY magnetrons valued at \$1,000, the frequency-determining anode element can cost about \$100. If measurement of the raw anode frequency makes possible evaluation of the final tube frequency, then use of anodes which would fail to make an acceptable unit can be avoided. In short, it is less expensive to use a diagnostic test for rejecting magnetron anodes than to reject finished magnetrons.

Germanium diode-type crystal rectifiers commonly used in television receivers should be able to withstand the effects of humid atmosphere. By the use of a humidity chamber, the behavior of the final product under special conditions is used to forecast the behavior of the final product under some future condition. If the humidity test is too severe, however, many crystals would be rejected that would be perfectly acceptable. If the test is not severe enough, crystals which should be rejected will be sent out into the field. In the first case, consumer costs go up, which is always undesirable; the alternative is that consumer quality goes down, also undesirable.

To avoid being caught on the horns of this dilemma, we seek a test that will pass the most good crystals and reject the most bad crystals, thereby reducing waste to the advantage of both producer and consumer. If too many defective units get out, highly valued and carefully developed customer relations are seriously endangered.

As a result of long acquaintance with just such problems as these, the medical profession has developed methods for evaluating simplified new diagnostic procedures that replace well-established but timeconsuming laborious methods. In the balance of this paper one of these rating methods, known as the *J*-index, is discussed.

The *J*-index provides an objective method of choice between diagnostic tests when more than one such test is available. It is used to determine which test has a greater probability of accepting good parts and rejecting bad ones. It is the average of the abilities of the test to separate the good from the known good and the bad from the known bad.

Magnetron Test Problem

Suppose the present method of ascertaining the final frequency of a magnetron is to measure the resonance of its anode before assembly. This is a satisfactory diagnostic measurement; most of the anodes that it classifies as good result in tubes which are likewise classified as good.

A suggestion is made that since the resonant frequency is a function of the anode geometry, a resonance measurement with the anode at operating temperature would be a better diagnostic test, since the elevated temperature might alter the anode geometery by expansion, resulting in frequency shift.

Two tests are available for making a diagnosis: Method A, the cold resonance test, and method B, the hot resonance test. Failure to use the best test possible will result in the above-mentioned costly inefficiency. Consequently, one seeks an objective method of test rating, wherein these tests are rated against some test of known merit applied to a reasonably large number of units.

Use of the J-Index

Sometimes the best test from the point of view of ratings is not necessarily the best test from the viewpoint of the economics of the situation. For example, if it costs more dollars to make an error in rejecting good tubes than it does in passing bad tubes, we might elect to make a least costly error. The J test ratings, however, are based on the assumption that both errors are equally undesirable.

In the example, the comparison of the cold-resonance diagnosis to the completed tube classification as determined at final test is summed up in an index figure, called the J-index. Likewise, the elevatedtemperature resonance diagnosis is summed up in the same manner, giving rise to a J-index value for that test. These two indices are compared; the higher the absolute value, the better the diagnostic test.

The J-index offers ease of computation. The data is set up in tabular form, then multiplication, subtraction and division provide an excellent objective measurement of diagnostic efficiency.

Without the J test, conclusions

drawn which are based on a visual inspection of the data can often lead one astray. Fortunately, there is an extremely simple method of evaluating tests which should find great use among engineers because of the ease of computation.

Recently, Dr. W. J. Youden of the National Bureau of Standards published a paper in the Jan. 1950 issue of the magazine *Cancer* which pointed the way to an elegant solution in dealing with this problem. Engineers can learn much from biostatisticians about maximizing the information obtained from a minimum of data.

Errors

Two kinds of errors can be made in a diagnostic test. Units may be classified as good which are actually bad, and units may be classified as bad which are actually good. Those errors of diagnosis are called false bads and false goods, respectively, as shown in Table I.

No false bads and no false goods, that is, no mistakes in judgment characterize the perfect diagnostic test.

To compare two diagnostic tests, we must determine whether the differences in the experimental data are due to chance or due to real differences.

Meaning of J-Index

In a diagnostic test we seek to differentiate between the good and the bad. If a and b of Table I are equal, then the test has no ability to differentiate whether the known good are good or bad. Consequently, since a/(a + b) is the fraction of correct diagnoses, and b/(a + b) is the proportion of incorrect diagnoses of the known goods, then the difference between these fractions, (a - b)/(a + b), is a measure of the ability of the test to separate out the known goods. In the same vein, (d - c)/(d + c) is a measure of the discriminatory ability of the test on known bads. The averages of these two abilities is J:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \frac{a-b}{a+b} + \frac{d-c}{d+c} = \frac{ad-bc}{(a+b)(d+c)}$$

The J-index varies in numerical value from -1 to +1. A J-index of -1 simply means that perfect misclassification has been accomplished; in other words, the reaction one thought was characteristic of bad units was, instead, characteristic of the good. Thus one can always choose classifications so that the J-index varies from 0 to +1. When neither false goods nor false bads are present, the J-index is unity.

A negative J indicates that the known bad tubes are not as likely to be diagnosed as bad as were known good tubes. This contradiction to one's expectations is revealed as a negative number.

Accuracy of J

To compute the error in J, we assume a universe binomially distributed in which the standard deviation σ of the fraction defective in a sample from the mean number of defectives is given as

$$\sigma = \sqrt{PQ/N}$$

where P is the fraction defective, Q = 1 - P and N is the sample size taken in the evaluation of P. Consider the universe of known goods:

$$P = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

Table I---Classification of Errors in Diagnostic Tests

Basis of	C1	ТЕ	ST	Testal
Classification	Classification	Good	Bad	rotai
	(Good)	а	b (False Goods)	$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$
KNOWN	(Bad)	c (False Goods)	d	c + d
	Total	a + e	b + d	a+b+c+c

$$Q = 1 - P = 1 - \frac{a}{a+b} = \frac{b}{a+b}$$
$$N = a+b$$

Consequently, the standard deviation of the known goods is:

$$\sigma_{(+)} = \sqrt{\frac{PQ}{N}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+b} \frac{b}{a+b}}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{ab}{(a+b)^3}}$$

Similarly, for the standard deviation of known bads we obtain:

$$\sigma_{(-)} = \sqrt{\frac{cd}{(c+d)^3}}$$

Since independent standard deviations add as the square root of the sums of the squares, the standard error of the *J*-index is:

$$\sigma_J = \sqrt{\sigma_{(+)}^2 + \sigma_{(-)}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{ab}{(a+b)^3} + \frac{cd}{(c+d)^3}}$$

Thus we have defined the J-index and derived its standard error.

Confidence Level

The standard deviation of the difference between the two indices is used as a yardstick for objectively evaluating the difference between two J-indices. The statistic

$$t = \frac{J_1 - J_2}{\sigma_{diff}}$$

is approximately normally distributed. In this equation, J_1 is the *J*-index of the first test, J_2 is the index of the second test, and σ_{diff} is the standard deviation of the difference between the two *J*'s and is equal to

$$\sigma_{diff} = \sqrt{\sigma_{J1}^2 + \sigma_{J2}^2}$$

If the two tests were identical, then t will have a mean of zero but, due to random fluctuations of sampling, would vary between ± 3 for 99.97 percent of the time. If the tests were really identical, larger values of t would be rare and would be taken as evidence of a real difference between the two tests.

The confidence level is determined by the value of t. Returning to the case of the magnetrons, assume that failure to determine whether a magnetron is defective involves an expensive error. To reduce costs, it is proposed to reduce the shrinkage by testing the anodes at operating temperatures.

Example

Suppose 150 anodes are to be assembled. To avoid making mag-

netrons from initially defective anodes a search is made for an improved diagnostic test compared to the present cold resonance method (test A).

It is suggested that if the resonance is measured at an elevated temperature (test B), a better diagnostic test will result. To test this suggestion, all 150 anodes are measured cold and hot. Finally, they are completed and the product tested. The results are shown in Table II, in comparison to the diagnoses made by each of the methods.

Based solely on this data, is test A a better diagnostic test than test B? Of 55 known bad tubes, test A detected 63 percent of the total while test B detected only 36 percent of the total.

This seems to indicate that test A is better than test B. On the other hand, of the known 125 good tubes, test A classified only 60 percent correctly, whereas test B classified 68 percent correctly. Which of these two comparisons should be given greater consideration?

To evaluate and compare these diagnostic tests, we compute indices J_A for test A and J_n for test B:

$$J_A = \frac{ad - bc}{(a + b)(c + d)}$$

= $\frac{(35 \times 75) - (20 \times 50)}{55 \times 125} = 0.236$
 $\sigma_{JA} = \sqrt{\frac{(20)(35)}{(20 + 35)^3} + \frac{(50)(75)}{(50 + 75)^3}} = 0.0782$
 $3\sigma_{JA} = 0.235$

The 3σ limits are therefore 0.236 ± 0.235 , or 0.001 and 0.471. Three times the standard deviation is used since this will include 99.73 percent of the cases. Any values outside of the 3 σ limits can be assumed to be due to an assignable cause rather than chance.

$$J_B = \frac{ad - bc}{(a + b) (c + d)}$$

= $\frac{(20 \times 85) - (35 \times 40)}{55 \times 125} = 0.0291$
 $\sigma_{JB} = \sqrt{\frac{(20) (35)}{(20 + 35)^3} + \frac{(85) (40)}{(85 + 40)^3}} = 0.0771$
 $3\sigma_{JB} = 0.2313.$

The 3σ limits here are 0.0291 ± 0.2313 , or -0.202 and 0.260.

On first glance one might conclude that test A is a better diagnostic

Table II—Comparison of Results Obtained From Two Test Methods

Test Method –	Diagnostic Classification \rightarrow	Amount Test	Amount Test Calls Good	Total
	Final Test Classification ↓	Calls Dad		
A	Known Bad	a=35	b = 20	55
	Known Good	c = 50	d = 75	125
	Total	85	95	180
B	Known Bad	a = 20	b = 35	55
	Known Good	<i>c</i> = 10	d=85	125
	Total	60	120	180

test than test B, since $J_A > J_B$. Of what statistical significance, if any, are the differences in the data, or can they be explained as chance variations due to random sampling? If the three-sigma limits of the two J distributions did not overlap, we might conclude that the J's are significantly different. Since they do overlap, however, it is necessary to determine (at some level of assurance) whether the overlap is fortuitous or significant.

To test the significance of the difference of two indices, proceed as follows:

First, note that even if the two tests were identical, the difference between two indices would vary from experiment to experiment because of pure random chance fluctuations.

Second, arbitrarily select a critical value for t, so that if the tests were identical, only rarely would this critical value be exceeded. In this case we shall regard a value of t that would be exceeded only ten percent of the time by chance as evidence of a real difference in the tests; thus, we choose 1.64 as the critical value of t.

Third, compute t:

$$t = \frac{J_1 - J_2}{J_{diff}} = \frac{0.236 - 0.029}{\sqrt{(0.078)^2 + (0.077)^2}}$$
$$= \frac{0.207}{0.110} = 1.88$$

It should be noted that the *t*-test is suitable for use only when the sample in each group is fairly large, that is, something of the order of 25 to 30. When we have smaller numbers to deal with, special statistical techniques are required. However, as a generalization, it is undesirable to attempt to make a differential diagnosis based on small numbers.

Fourth, interpret the value of t obtained. Consultation with any table of areas of the normal curve will show that when t = 1.88 there is a 6-percent probability that two samples selected from a single universe could show differences this great or greater, due to chance.

Fifth is the conclusion: In this instance at the 10-percent level (t = 1.64) there is evidence of a real difference between the two tests and they should therefore be considered as definitely different. Consequently, these variations in data could not be due solely to chance and test A is a real improvement over the other.

To obtain greater assurance, the procedure would be to obtain a sufficiently large amount of data so that σ_{diff} will be reduced and t will get larger. This is true providing the ratios remain approximately the same.

A test as simple as the *J*-index has an almost unlimited field of industrial application. Ease of computation and ease of interpretation make it extremely utilitarian.

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Ultrasonic System

Volumes up to 20,000 cubic feet can be protected by single system of one transmitter and one receiver. Motion of an object within space changes frequency of emergy reflected from object, setting off alarm

MOTION OF AN INTRUDER within a confined space may be detected by the ultrasonic burglar alarm system developed by the Alertronic Protective Corporation of New York. The system does away with customary protective forms such as foil, dowel screens, electric linings, and open wiring.

The equipment operates on the Doppler principle. It consists of an ultrasonic oscillator, transmitting and receiving transducers and a receiver tuned to the frequency of the transmitted wave. For each transmitter there is one receiver. The transmitter and receiver are contained within the master control unit shown in the photograph. The transducers are connected to the control unit by shielded cables.

The space to be protected is filled with sound energy of a frequency

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slightly above the audible range. This energy is radiated constantly in all directions and the frequency of the received energy is constant. Some of the energy is received directly from the transmitter and some is received in the form of multiple reflections from surfaces within the space. As long as there is no movement within the enclosure, a stable standing-wave pattern is established and the received frequency remains constant. However, when movement of any object occurs, the frequency of energy reflected from the object increases or decreases as the object approaches or recedes. This difference in pitch



Transmittet and receiver circuits are contained within master control unit. Transmitting and receiving transducers are shown alongside chassis

is picked up by the receiver, amplified and used to set off the alarm.

The equipment also detects the presence of a flame. Because of the low density of the hot air composing a flame, ultrasonic energy is reflected exactly as with a solid The flickering flame and object. the hot cone of air above it, behave like a moving intruder, and set off the alarm. In general, the size of the flame that the instrument will detect depends upon its sensitivity setting. For any given sensitivity, it will detect a flame about one-quarter the size of the minimum detectable intruder.

Circuit Design

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of the ultrasonic transmitter and receiver. The transmitter consists of a Hartley oscillator driving a magnetostriction transducer. Transmitter stability characteristics are shown in Fig. 2.

The pick-up transducer also operates on the magnetostriction principle. Extraneous noise is minimized by the use of linear detection in the presence of the local oscillator signal rather than by sharp tuning. A crystal diode is included in the grid circuit of the relay control tube. The alarm relay is normally energized and its contacts are connected in series with the line to the central office. An open view of the master control unit chassis is shown in the photograph.

All units are equipped with tamper switches, so that if an attempt is made to disable the system the alarm relay will be released.

Detects Intruders



FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of the control-unit amplifier and oscillator. Reduced signal due to change of frequency when motion is present in protected area releases alarm relay

The tamper switch in the master control unit is in series with the rear contacts of the alarm relay.

Test Procedure

A small motor-driven vane built into each transmitter unit when actuated causes operation of the system for test purposes. This test may be conducted at will from the central station.

The procedure provides for an overall test of the system. The motor-driven vane at the transmitter tends to break up the standingwave pattern thereby creating a frequency difference which is detected by the receiver resulting in operation of the alarm relay. The test is accomplished by opening the central station subscriber's circuit which releases the test relay at the premises. The central station circuit then restores in time to receive the alarm thus initiated. The test circuit is shown schematically in Fig. 3.

Scope of Operation

In general a single system of this type can protect a volume of up to 20,000 cubic feet; the exact capacity depending on the contents of the enclosure. For example, if a large percentage of the wall area is occupied with sound-absorbing material, the range of coverage will be reduced. However, rugs along the floor or fabric along one wall only will not reduce the range appreciably.

If greater coverage of a single









enclosure is desired, the use of several units is recommended rather than just one.

In theory, when the system is set up and operating within an enclosure, a very definite and stable standing-wave pattern exists within the protected area. However in practice this wave pattern is influenced by normal variations of temperature and barometric pressure.

This results in a pattern of areas of high and low intensity which tend to creep so that what may be a particularly sensitive area at one moment may become somewhat less sensitive the next.

The inherent creeping characteristic of the system renders it almost impossible to predict the degree of sensitivity within any given area of the enclosure. However the intruder cannot determine which areas are covered by the radiation pattern.

Equipment sensitivity varies with both temperature and relative humidity, but to a greater extent with the latter.

Applications

A study of the equipment has been made by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. It was concluded that this system is practicable to install, to operate and maintain, is stable in normal and reasonably abnormal operating circumstances.

It is claimed by the manufacturer that the extent of coverage provided far surpasses that given by existing systems.

Several central station operating companies have been using this equipment during the past year. Other users include the Atomic Energy Commission, the Canadian Government and the Department of Defense.

Printed Circuits Used

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WIRING THE UNIT ASSEMBLY



FIG. 1—Two sides of a cross-grid wiring card prior to preparation for a pulse or video circuit. Connections can be made to the metal strips on either side. Cross connections require a hole pierced through the insulating card as well as the metal strips. A wire or a component lead is soldered to each side



FIG. 2—Components are usually attached to one side (A) and tubes to the other (B). The short length of metal strip between the connections to a component are cut with a sharp tool and removed in the developmental stage. Previously prepared cards are used for production units. Heater, plate-supply, input and output connections are brought to a plug



FIG. 3—When the wiring has been dip-soldered, the tubes are slipped into the metal cylinders (A) that hold them solidly and also act as shielding. The wiring card is fastened to a metal frame (B) along with the terminating plug. The metal frame serves as shielding and also helps dissipate heat from the tubes

N ELECTRONIC chassis where compactness and ease of manufacturing are important, the use of printed wiring to replace the usual harness of hookup wire offers many advantages. Difficulty is often encountered, however, in transferring the circuit from the haywire breadboard form to the production mockup or the actual product in a reasonable length of time during an accelerated development program. Consequently, a method has been developed that uses printed wires to replace the chassis wiring harness. At the same time, it retains the flexibility of the hookup wire harness.

Unit Development

The development of radar and computer electronic units usually passes through several stages. The electronic circuits are first tested on a breadboard chassis that bears little mechanical resemblance to the finished product, but allows the components to be easily changed. When the development of the circuit has advanced to the point where the number of components is fairly well known, layout studies of the product may be started.

Frequently in the case of complicated circuitry, especially when subminiaturizing techniques are used, several layouts must be tested by constructing various mockups before the mechanical layout and the circuit functioning are both satisfactory. During this period the circuit connections and the exact number of components are often revised many times, necessitating corresponding changes in layout. Furthermore, if the placement of

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in Development Models

Difficulties encountered in transferring circuitry from developmental breadboard to production model are eliminated by starting with simple, inexpensive cross-grid wiring cards similar to finished assembly. Connections are dip-soldered to improve product and save time

the wiring is at all critical, as in high-gain video and pulse circuits, the layout must take into account the location of the harnesses. In developing such units the use of printed wiring is frequently avoided owing to the complexity of the available processes, since the time and cost to develop the final unit may be prohibitive if each new component, circuit, or layout change requires a new printed wiring pattern.

Available Processes

At present four general processes for forming the printed wires are in use. One process consists in printing strips of silver paint on the surface of a ceramic base to form the interconnections between the various components. These strips are then fired to fuse the silver.

A second method uses sheets of insulating material to which copper foil has been cemented. The wiring pattern is printed on the foil with an acid resisting paint after which the unwanted copper is etched away leaving only the desired pattern.

Another technique involves spraying metal through a stencil on a plastic sheet to form the conductors.

In the fourth process the wiring harness consists of a stamped metal pattern that is bonded to an insulating surface. This usually involves the use of dies and for this reason is considered more a production method than a development one.

It is evident that the repetition of all of the steps in any of these four methods to accommodate the frequent changes in the development of complicated circuitry would require too much time for an accelerated program. A hookup wire harness cannot be directly converted to printed wiring at the last stage in the development of a preproduction model since the solution of the layout problems and new difficulties arising from the electrical characteristics of the printed wiring harness may require extensive redesign of the unit. Thus, the time spent in developing these circuits with hookup wire in mockup form may be wasted.

If the production advantages of printed wiring are to be effectively realized in a reasonable development time, the manner of using the available printed wiring techniques is most important. First, to permit a minimum of redesign, printed wiring should be used as early in the experimental phase as possible. Consequently, it is essential that the type of printed wiring to be used must have a high degree of flexibility to accommodate the numerous changes in layout and components during development.

Ceramic-Base Circuits

From this standpoint, painted conductors seem to offer certain advantages as they can be applied directly by brush or pen. However, the need for firing means that the circuit is not immediately available for use. A more serious disadvantage is the fragility of the conductors that causes numerous open circuits following the repeated solderings and unsolderings in the laboratory. Furthermore. even slight flexing of the ceramic base can produce minute breaks in the circuit that are often extremely difficult to locate.

The etched circuit on the other

hand has been found sufficiently rugged to withstand frequent soldering and considerable flexing, making it ideal for development work. To avoid re-etching the circuit each time a circuit change is made, the cross-grid pattern, a familiar device in the field of power distribution, has been found a satisfactory interconnecting means that provides complete flexibility.

Cross-Grid Cards

The grid consists of two layers of parallel conductors, all insulated from each other, with those in one layer arranged at right angles to those in the other. By making connections between the two layers and removing unwanted conductors any desired point-to-point paths may be established. Wide lines are provided for the filament circuit.

A cross-grid pattern that has been satisfactory in general video and pulse-circuit development is shown in Fig. 1. Here subminiature tubes and standard components are used. All components that may be mechanically mounted on their own leads, such as $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 watt resistors and small mica capacitors, are attached directly to the card, as shown in Fig. 2. A cross connection through the card at a crossover point is made by punching or drilling a hole through the conductor and plastic and inserting a wire pin, which is then soldered to both conductors. Unwanted connections are opened by simply cutting through the copper strip. In this manner all circuit connections are made.

The card is mounted on one side of a metal plate. On the other side the subminiature tubes are mounted in clips along with the larger cir-

cuit components. The tube leads pass through a notch in the plate and fasten directly to the wiring card as do the leads of the components mounted next to the tubes.

In addition to supporting the card, connector and tubes, the metal plate helps dissipate the heat of the tubes by conducting it to the frame on which the plates may be mounted, transferring the heat to the air, or radiating it directly. Space is left for the tube leads to connect to the conductors running across the card on the other side. All external connections are made through a plug that is attached with hook up wire to the end of the card. The entire chassis is assembled as shown in Fig. 3.

A mockup chassis to test the layout studies is constructed using this printed wiring card immediately following the breadboard stage of While the developdevelopment. ment continues, the circuit may be altered by utilizing the unused cross conductors to form new circuit connections, or by patching one conductor to another by means of bus wire without the necessity of reconstructing the entire chassis.

When a completely new layout is required because of a large number of changes there is little loss of time involved in connecting a new card, and since the crossgrid cards may be stocked in quantity the expense is negligible. Laboratory experience with this particular form of subunit assembly has shown that a technician can lay out and wire the chassis with the standard card faster than by using hookup wire to perform the same job.

Materials

Several types of insulating boards are now in use. Among them are XXXP Bakelite, Teflonimpregnated and silicone-impregnated glass-cloth laminates. Sheets of this material 16 inch thick with a 0.0027-inch thick copper foil bonded to each side are supplied by the manufacturer. A silk screen stencil of the cross grid pattern is made by photographing an ink drawing of the pattern usually three or four times full scale. Conductors 3/2-inch wide separated by 32 inch are convenient.

As previously mentioned, a most

important characteristic of the etched-copper process is the ruggedness of the wiring pattern. A cross section of the pattern is shown in Fig. 4. Component leads, tube leads, and bus wire may be directly soldered to this foil by ordinary means without the danger of causing an open circuit. Although the conductors may be only sig-inch wide, their adhesion to the insulating board is satisfactory if the application of a direct stress on the foil is avoided. This stress is prevented by making all external connections to the foil from the opposite side of the insulating board through holes as shown in Fig. 4.

Manufacturing

The interconnection grid of the manufactured product is copied directly from the mockup card. Those portions of the cross-grid that are



FIG. 4-Magnified cross-section of foil pattern on insulating card (A) and method of dip-soldering to avoid strain on the foil (B)

not actually used in the finished circuit may be eliminated at this time. The remainder of the cross-grid is reproduced on the production version of the card to give an exact electrical and mechanical duplicate of the circuit layout as developed. Furthermore, the other printed wiring processes may be utilized in the production model with the assurance that the electrical characteristics will be similar to those of the mockup card.

The mass-production advantages of printed wiring are now available. For example, when the etched wiring process is used many duplicate patterns can be reproduced on a large sheet. After etching, the sheets are sheared into separate cards. Because holes are drilled or punched for the component leads and cross-connection pins to form the chassis interconnections, the function of the wireman is replaced by more or less routine mechanical operations. The orderly arrangement of the card layout allows the resistors, capacitors, tubes and other components to be easily assembled to the card and permits rapid inspection.

Dip Soldering

An important process that may be used in the assembly of the card is dip soldering. Since all component leads come through the card in the same direction, the face of the card away from the components may be immersed in a solder bath soldering all the connections on that face simultaneously. Likewise the cross-connection pins, tube leads, and the external connection wires may be soldered to the grid by several dipping and assembling steps in the proper sequence. In this way all hand soldering operations can be eliminated.

The advantages of printed wiring as a production technique are becoming increasingly apparent. Experience with the cross-grid method of developing the chassis and wiring layout has shown that the transition from breadboard to production model need not be difficult. By introducing printed wiring at the earliest stages of circuit development the problems peculiar to its use may be solved from the start.

Furthermore, development costs are decreased by the saving in wiring time. The layout of the card utilizing conductors on both sides results in efficient use of space in addition to the simplification of the techniques. Consefabrication quently, it is felt that the use of the cross-grid pattern represents one step toward making mass production printed wiring processes available to experimental and developmental fields in which they have previously been infeasible.

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Constant Input-Impedance TV Second Detector

Performance of receiver using new detector circuit is superior to that of an equivalent receiver with a diode detector, particularly in respect to transient response. Intercarrier sound gain of 20 is byproduct of detector arrangement

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T N TELEVISION RECEIVERS, the video detector should be a device which, when supplied with a modulated input, delivers an output which is directly proportional to the modulation envelope of the input.

The detector should possess excellent amplitude linearity for accurate gray scale rendition in monochrome, and for acceptable color reproduction. In addition, it is necessary not only that the detector transient response be low in overshoot and adequately fast, but that the detector operation not deteriorate the transient response of associated circuits, such as the last i-f stage and the first video amplifier. As a matter of efficient receiver design, the detector should produce an output which is as large as possible compared to the input.

In two of these requirements the diode detector excels. Except at low levels, its amplitude linearity is excellent and it possesses a high rectification efficiency. However, it very seriously interacts with associated circuitry. The input impedance is low in magnitude and not a constant, particularly when the effect of the first video amplifier is considered. As a result of this varying input impedance, the amplitude-frequency response of the last i-f amplifier is altered, with a change in transient response. As shown by Kilgour and Glessner,¹ the effective input resistance of a typical diode detector, which is approximately square law at low levels, is

$$Re =$$

 $\frac{\pi R d}{E_1 \left[\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{1-D^2} \left(D^2+2\right)-2D \operatorname{Cos}^{-1} D\right]}$ (1) Where *D* is detection efficiency

$$D = \frac{E_o - E_2}{E_1} \tag{2}$$

and R_d = conduction R of diode, E_o = voltage at which conduction be-



FIG. 1—Conventional diode detector circuit is shown in (A). Revised circuit and its equivalent are shown in (B) and (C)

gins, E_1 = input voltage, and E_2 = output voltage.

From Eq. 1 and 2, the input impedance depends on the input level as well as on several parameters which in this idealized case have been considered constants. In actuality neither R_d nor D are constants at low levels. The situation is further complicated by consideration of the diode detector when connected to a typical video amplifier (Fig. 1A).

With the type tubes often used as video amplifiers, the input impedance is prodominately capacitive, principally because of Miller effect. Unfortunately, such capacitance will not be a constant, but will vary with the bias level of the video amplifier. This impedance variation in the load circuit of the detector will produce a variation in the detector input impedance. By applying the approach of Wheeler,² it can be shown that this variation assumes sizable proportions when the video amplifier capacitance variation is large.

The effect of any impedance variation on the last i-f amplifier stage is to change its response characteristics and produce poor definition and overshoot in a reproduced picture. For example, receivers, which have satisfactory i-f response curves when measured with standard sweep frequency techniques, often produce greater overshoot and poorer rise times than would be expected. Although this is partly

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due to the use of sweep frequency rather than pulse measurement techniques, it is also due to the fact that the i-f response is a function of the input signal.

In addition to these difficulties, the diode second detector poses extremely difficult problems when accurate design of detector video peaking circuits is considered. As the driving voltage for the peaking circuits is obtained from a nonlinear source (the detector), it is a ponderous if workable problem to calculate the transient response of such a circuit. As a result, the design formulas for video detectors are usually either highly idealized or highly empirical.

Triode Circuit

A useful, familiar circuit is shown in Fig. 1B. A triode is operated with a large cathode resistor so that it is self-biased nearly to cutoff. Detection is then obtained by means of the non-linearity of the grid-plate characteristic in the cut-off region. Such a circuit has been used occasionally in radio receivers under the misnomer of an "infinite impedance" detector, although the circuit possesses a finite input impedance.

The cathode follower has been thoroughly analyzed in many different applications.^{3,4} However, when used as a detector it is necessary to obtain not only the input and output impedance as a function of frequency, but these impedances as a function of input voltage. The demodulation transfer function is also desirable.

Referring to the equivalent circuit of Fig. 1C, the input impedance is:

$$Z_{in} = \frac{-\left[\frac{1+G_m R_k}{R_k} + j\omega \left(C_k + C_{gk}\right)\right]}{\omega^2 \left[C_1 \left(C_{gk} + C_k\right) + C_{gk}C_k\right] - j\omega \left(C_{gk} + C_1\right)\left(\frac{1+G_m R_k}{R_k}\right) \quad (3)$$
If C_k is small compared to C_k

If C_{gk} is small compared to C_1 , then:

$$Z_{\rm in} \approx \frac{-j}{\omega C_1}$$
 (4)

Therefore, if a tube with low gridcathode capacitance is used, the input impedance is a constant at any given frequency, and for all frequencies is the same as a typical i-f amplifier with the same input capacitance. However, this does not include transit time effects at high frequencies.

The output impedance of this circuit is

$$Z_o = \frac{R_k}{(1+G_m R_k) + j\omega R_k C_k} \quad C_{gk} < C_k \quad (5)$$

Here the only simplifying assumption was that C_{gk} was very small compared to C_k . From Eq. 5, the output impedance will be a function of g_m . However, g_m is a function of the input voltage e_g . To plot a family of curves for Z_o as a function of frequency at different values of e_{gk} , it is necessary to select a tube type and a typical value of R_k . Such a family of curves was plotted for a 6AU6, triode-connected, with a plate supply of 150 volts and R_k of 10,000 ohms. Figure 2 shows the magnitude of Z_o as



FIG. 2—Curves show magnitude and phase angle of output impedance of equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 1C

a function of FC_k , for e_{gk} from -1 to -5 volts. Figure 2 shows also the phase angle of Z_{g} .

Attractive Bandwidth

Even with a high value of C_k , such as 100 µµf, the bandwidth of the output circuit is still of the order of 10 megacycles at an e_{gk} of -4.75 volts. Because of feedback, a very large change in input level is required to produce even a small change in e_{gk} .

This means that over the normal

operating region of the detector, the output circuit is of sufficiently low impedance that even with a video amplifier having high input capacitance, excellent transient response can be obtained without recourse to any peaking circuits.

In addition to the input and output impedances, it is desirable to know the amplitude transfer characteristic of the circuit. A general analytical solution to the circuit was attempted. Such a solution requires representation of the tube characteristic, either by assuming it to be a linear device with g_m a constant, or by writing g_m as a function of e_{gk} . By assuming the tube to be linear, an unrealistic and rather useless solution is obtained. Therefore, if information of any practical value is to be obtained, the circuit must be treated as involving a nonlinear element.

Although this is a rather simple feedback circuit, the difficulty in obtaining the amplitude transfer characteristic, when g_m is a function of e_{gk} , as it is in this case, is enormous. Essentially it is necessary to solve a rather complicated differential equation involving the nonlinear quantity g_m . The fact that the circuit operates with negative feedback considerably complicates the situation. Although several approaches were attempted, no useful solution was obtained.

It was our feeling that in view of the difficulties involved, a general solution for this particular circuit was not justified, assuming a solution to be possible at this time.

The amplitude transfer charac-



FIG. 3—Amplitude transfer characteristic of 6AU6 detector. Note close proximity to straight line having slope of 1.6



FIG. 4—Direct-coupled video amplifier designed for use with detector circuit described



It can be seen that this characteristic very closely approximates a straight line, on log log paper, with a slope of 1.6. As the video signal is polarized such that an increasing input decreases the display brightness, the gradient and gamma of the detector are 1/1.6 or 0.625. A plot of a diode detector is also shown; its gamma is 1/1.25 or 0.8. It can be seen that the constant input impedance detector is not as linear as the diode detector, and when the overall receiver gradient is determined, the effect of the detector must be included.

Circuit Application

When this detector is employed in a receiver, several circuit problems arise in connection with the output signal polarity and the d-c component. The output signal is polarized black positive, which requires an even number of video amplifier stages to drive the cathode of the picture tube, or an odd number to drive the grid. This situation is a disadvantage from one standpoint.

It has become common practice to use a single video amplifier with a black negative input to drive the cathode of the picture tube. This arrangement affords the possibility of obtaining considerable impulse noise limiting in the video amplifier. When the constant-input impedance detector is used, either two stages can be used, with limiting in one stage, or a single stage driving the picture tube grid can be

used. In the latter case, noise limiting is somewhat less satisfactory but can be obtained by other methods.

If a direct-coupled amplifier is used to retain the d-c component available at the detector output, some difficulty may be encountered as the white level d-c voltage across the detector output resistor is of the order of 4 or 5 volts. Since the detector output is black positive, any signal above white level will raise the value of the cathode voltage.

A direct-coupled video amplifier particularly adapted to this detector is shown in Fig. 4.

The measured performance of this circuit with the constants shown is given below:

rise time=0.09 µ sec

overshoot=less than 10 percent gain (detector K to crt K) =14 \times peak to peak output=60 volts

with slight sync compression= 110 volts

total B supply=11 ma at 180 volts

If still higher output is desired, it is possible to insert a load resistor in the plate circuit of the first video stage and apply the voltage developed to the grid of the picture tube.

When a pentode, such as the 6AU6, is used as the detector, it is possible to obtain considerable intercarrier sound gain in the detector circuit. This is shown in Fig. 5. The 4.5-mc gain is of the order of 20 in this circuit. One of the advantages of this arrangement is that it avoids some of the com-



FIG. 5-Use of 6AU6 pentode detector provides intercarrier sound gain of about 20

plications involved in inserting satisfactory sound take-off circuits in the detector or video amplifier stages.

This detector has been included in several conventional receivers. It has been found that discrepancies between i-f sweep measurement and expected transient response are greatly reduced. The last i-f stage can be designed exactly like the other i-f stages. In addition, the removal of peaking requirements in the detector circuit simplifies the circuit and noticeably improves the transient response as compared to typical diode detector circuits.

In summary, it can be stated that the constant input impedance detector meets the requirements of the detector as an integrated circuit element in the television receiver. It overcomes some of the inherent weaknesses of the diode detector, although its amplitude linearity is somewhat inferior. Complete and rigorous analysis of the detector is exceedingly difficult because of its non-linear operation. When the detector is employed in a receiver with video and i-f circuits designed to take advantage of it, performance is superior to an equivalent receiver with a diode detector, particularly in respect to transient response.

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One of the klystrons in the series of reflex oscillators covering from 5,925 to 8,200 mc. Each klystron has a tuning range of 300 mc. Designed for wide-band transmitter in local oscillator of television relay service



Klystron linear amplifier with 5-kw c-w output at 1,000 mc

Recent Developments

Television transmitters, phase-coherent radars, multiplexed relay systems and induction heaters are some of the expanding applications of klystrons. Renewed development work promises to bring widespread usage of klystrons in other untapped fields

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY after the development of the klystron, it was realized that this tube was capable of performing most of the functions performed by conventional tubes at lower frequencies. Within a year, designs had been worked out for oscillators, amplifiers (including multicavity cascade amplifiers), f-m and a-m modulators and demodulators, multipliers, tubes capable of large power output and means for improving klystron efficiency. This can probably put the klystron into the magnetron class as regards efficiency.

With such a fast start, it may appear strange that during the war the klystron was used as a local oscillator and very little else. There was really nothing strange about it. It turned out that the British had been pushing radar much more vigorously than we during a short period before war broke out. During this period they developed the slotted magnetron into a practical instrument but they did not have a satisfactory local oscillator until they got the klystron. When the United States and Great Britain pooled their development resources, the decision was made to follow the British concept and push primarily for immediately useful equipment.

This decision paid off with a tremendous radar victory for the Allies. The result was greatly weighted in our favor, however, by the Nazis' decision to standardize their equipment a rung or two below us on the research ladder, at a point where radar could only be a minor weapon.

We finished the war with a large crop of young men who would normally be capable of new ideas, and most of them were absorbed into postwar work. But few were in a position to develop the new ideas they might have had. Military appropriations were cut drastically, leaving rather inadequate funds for postwar radar. Such funds as there were, were almost entirely devoted to procurement of service equipment or the refinement of existing equipment. The klystron art was almost at a standstill. Klystron engineers dreamed of commercial applications, but no one who held the purse-strings had enough faith in these new applications to provide enough money for new commercial development. Perhaps the only exception in the microwave field was the traveling-wave tube which did make considerable progress, principally under private support.

10-Megawatt Klystron

The first major progress in klystrons came because a group at Stanford University, supported by the Office of Naval Research, wanted to produce super-voltage electrons by means of a linear accelerator. This group defined the driver that it needed and, since no such tube existed, developed and made one. The resulting tube was



Tunable reflex klystron operating between 8,200 and 12,400 mc



Two-resonator klystron oscillator designed for fixed-frequency transmitter operation between 9,100 and 11,000 mc. Tube supplies a minimum of 4 c-w watts output power at a frequency of 10,000 mc

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a multimegawatt klystron amplifier which runs very consistently at 10 megawatts at 3,000 mc.

Although it occurred two and a half years ago, only recently has any serious effort been made to make use of this development in other applications. As an indication of the direction of thinking, most of the inquiries about such tubes have been slanted toward curing shortcomings of magnetrons rather than utilizing the inherent properties of klystrons.

With the untapped klystron potentialities which have been proved possible or will be proved possible in the near future, the imaginative enginer who is not bound by the habits of the past ten years again has a virgin field in which to work. His efforts, inquiries and requests will greatly stimulate the development of the tubes he needs. Development of high-power klystrons along with other postwar klystron work fits into a rather coherent pattern which, in conjunction with traveling-wave-tube developments. can usher in a new era in the microwave art

The combination of high-power, high-gain klystron amplifiers with reasonably broad band and with crystal control provides the means for creating a wide variety of systems ranging from television transmitters to phase-coherent radars.

Reflex Klystrons

The reflex klystrons with very small harmonic distortion make possible multiplexed relay systems with a large number of links. In addition, the grid-controlled klystrons create the possibility of crystal-controlled channels spaced very close together which can be easily amplitude modulated. The linearity of the amplitude modulation has not been studied in detail, but it appears to be about as good as any triode.

There is a great challenge in this communication field, for it appears possible eventually to replace all long wire lines and, perhaps, to reduce the cost of long-distance communication to a point where the whole country can be as tightly knit by communications as a single city is today.

Another commercial application for the high-power c-w klystron is in electronic heating. The plastics industry, for example, is badly in need of a method of internal heating for large masses of thermosetting resins which avoids over-cooking on the outside.

Another interesting possibility is the explosion of grains or other solid particles during a free-fall passage through a resonator. An oscillator is usually too load-sensitive for such service but an amplifier can meet the requirements. Still better is a klystron amplifier with a space-charge grid on the beam holding the output voltage constant over a wide range of loads.

Radar Application

Radar applications are predominantly military, although there is a large commercial field in air navigation control, marine protective and, perhaps, railroad radar.

The klystron can certainly offer more power than a magnetron since the first attempt resulted in more power than magnetrons have attained after long development. This is of minor importance, however, since increased radar range is difficult to achieve merely by increasing power and also because there is always a limit to the power which can be supplied to a radar set. Increased range is even harder to achieve by improving tube efficiency.

In general, radar systems put a

number of pulses on a target. If these pulses are incoherent with each other, the energy per pulse is constant and usual display methods are used, sensitivity is proportional to \sqrt{N} where N is the number of pulses per target per scan. Range is then proportional to the fourth root of the peak power, if the number of pulses remains constant, or to the eighth root of the peak power if the energy per pulse remains constant. It can also be readily shown that full utilization of the coherence between pulses will yield an equivalent power increase over the incoherent system equal to \sqrt{N} .

The majority of targets of interest to a radar system are moving targets. The existence of a coherent source of power greatly expands the possibility for moving-targetindicator systems, which could be made simple and dependable.

The pulsed high-power klystrons have been described elsewhere¹ so only a brief description will be given here. The tubes as now built are three-resonator cascade amplifiers operating at a very high voltage. Cathode emission density is very conservative for pulse work. Efficiency is in the neighborhood of 30 percent and can probably be considerably improved even without electron recovery. Because of the great dielectric strength of oil under pulsed conditions, the high voltage is not the great handicap that might be expected.

As mentioned, these tubes are spectacular in the minds of most people because of their power. However, the fact that these tubes are the equivalent of class-A amplifiers of very high gain and low noise level should become the most important feature in the long run. There is no reason why more cavities cannot be used to obtain still higher gain. The limit on gain is established by back coupling by high-speed electrons but most of this effect can be eliminated by proper design. Gain of 30 db is easily obtained and it should not be difficult to go beyond 40 db. Gains as high as 60 db may perhaps be possible. This gives the imaginative systems engineer a new challenge to make full use of the potential coherence and gain, as well as power, that this tube offers.

The high-power c-w klystron is in many ways similar to the pulsed klystron. Average power capacity is similar but operating voltage is much lower. One typical example is the high-power klystron developed by Varian Associates for a GE television transmitter². This tube is a three-resonator tube delivering 5 kw power output at 22 db gain with a bandwidth suitable for television. Again there is nothing to prevent the use of more cavities to increase the gain-bandwidth product to achieve 40 or 50 db and the power output can readily be increased many fold.

A similar tube has been developed in France and another tube of the same design is now operating on Cheyenne Mountain for the Bureau of Standards' Tropospheric Laboratory. The system of which this latter tube is a part is the best operating demonstration of signal coherence obtainable from a klystron amplifier. The frequency

OUTSTANDING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

(1) High-power c-w klystrons for uhf applications, especially tv, are now a reality

(2) Measurements on a reflex klystron under development prove that f-m harmonic distortion can be 60 db below the carrier with a ± 2 -mc frequency swing

(3) The floating-drift klystron can combine the high efficiency and predictability of a two-resonator tube with the tuning ease and simplicity of f-m of the reflex klystron

(4) A space-charge grid may be inserted in a klystron to control beam current, transforming a klystron amplifier into a modulator with as much as 20-db gain and 10-mc bandwidth

(5) Improved frequency multipliers facilitate crystal control at microwave frequencies

(6) Klystrons have now been specifically designed for microwave-relay link service in communications

stability of this system is as good as the crystal oscillator which drives the klystron through a multiplier chain—about 5 parts in 10^8 . It is unmodulated and puts nearly all its power into a 20-cycle band at 1,000 mc. Here is proof for anyone who may doubt that high-signal coherence can be obtained.

Floating-Drift Tube

The floating-drift-tube klystron was first built at Stanford University before the war but no serious attempt has been made until recently to perfect this design. Fundamentally, the design consists of a drift tube suspended in a resonator in such a way as to provide two gaps in which the resonator field interacts with the electron stream. The first gap accomplishes the bunching; the second absorbs the energy from the beam. This tube combines many of the good features of the reflex klystron and the two-resonator klystron. The principal reason why the floatingdrift tube has not been developed sooner is that its design is much more difficult because fewer parameters are subject to adjustment after the tube is made.

Much progress has been made in ruggedization of klystrons with the result that some klystrons can now withstand very high impact and can operate successfully under conditions of the most extreme noise and vibration. In addition, altitude has a negligible effect on the frequency of these tubes.

A great deal of work aimed at the improvement of existing klystron types has resulted in much more usable tubes than were available a few years ago. Improved efficiency of power klystrons is a project which has been in the minds of many since before the war, but until very recently little work has been done. Some work on efficiency improvement, however, is now being done at Stanford University.

Klystron Efficiency

There are two general ways, other than refinement of existing design, in which klystron efficiency can be improved. One method is by using two bunchers to improve the shape of the bunch entering the catcher. The high-power pulsed klystrons



Sectional and schematic diagrams of the reflex, amplifier and floating-drift klystrons

developed at Stanford are designed to take some advantage of this method. However, it is doubtful whether the full benefits have been obtained. The other method of improvement is segregation of the electrons passing through the catcher resonator into groups according to velocity and returning one or more of these groups to the power supply. The simplest system would segregate the electrons which pass through the catcher resonator with greater than the initial beam velocity and return these to the cathode.

Somewhat greater improvement in efficiency may be had by segregating three groups of electrons : one of electrons of greater than cathode velocity; another of those with normal velocity and a third group of electrons with less than cathode velocity. By returning these various electron groups to appropriate taps on the pulse transformer which drives the klystron, a considerable over-all improvement of efficiency could be achieved. By proper use of these methods, it should be possible to obtain klystron efficiencies which are comparable to those obtained with magnetrons.

Another improvement stemming from prewar days is the use of the electrons passing through the last resonator of a klystron receiver for purposes of detecting the signal. It is relatively simple to put a veloc-

ity sorter in the path of these electrons and segregate them into highand low-velocity groups. The d-c component of current in either of these groups is sensitive to the amplitude of the r-f signal.

Klystron detectors of this sort were built in the early days of klystron work before any crystal detectors were available. They were quite sensitive, but for low-frequency detection were extremely noisy and microphonic. It is quite probable that, by using a low-noise klystron or traveling-wave-tube amplifier before detection and then heterodyning to an intermediate frequency in the usual range, noise levels may be had comparable to those obtained in the laboratory with crystal detectors. Such systems should be much less temperamental than the usual crystal-detector system and be immune to over-voltage in the r-f and, therefore, should be considerably superior to crystals in field operation.

Low-Noise Klystrons

Considerable work has been done in producing low-noise travelingwave tubes since the war but little has been done to produce low-noise klystrons. In the case of travelingwave tubes, noise levels of 12 to 13 db have been obtained and it is probable that klystron noise figures at least as good may be had.

Another type of klystron which might be of considerable military value would be a tube capable of extremely short pulses which could give range information sufficiently accurate for artillery use against ground targets. Klystron control grids, described earlier, should be capable of gating the current in extremely short bursts. The buncher can operate continuously or on longer pulses. The catcher has a low Q and the output bursts are as short as the input bursts. To maintain high average-power output, such a tube would require highvoltage operation¹ but it has already been shown that such voltages are entirely feasible.

Money for development of klystrons is now much more plentiful than it was two or three years ago, and it is now possible to interest the Armed Services in projects sufficiently difficult that unorthodox methods must be used to solve them. which is one good method of getting advanced work done. However, the great pressure is on the delivery of tubes for specific purposes on a shorter-range basis.

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THE FRONT COVER

Delay line comprising boundary-displacement magnetic recording head (near transformer at left) and sixteen ordinary playback heads arranged around periphery of aluminum drum coated with magnetic oxides. Extra head below recording head on drum is for erasing. Close-up views of recording head and playback head are shown at top center and right respectively





FIG. 1—Typical playback remanence curve for conventional tape recording





FIG. 2—Comparison of new technique with conventional intensity recording

Boundary-Displacement

First published description of a new method of magnetic tape and drum recording that is analogous to variable-area sound-on-film recording. Initial application is for analysis of transient waveforms up to 100,000 cps. Audio uses look promising

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T^{HE} newly-developed technique of boundary-displacement magnetic tape recording is characterized by a high degree of amplitude linearity with no dependence on the magnetization curve of the medium and with no critical adjustments.

To date, development effort has been concentrated mainly on recording for instrumentation purposes. The equipments developed have employed noncontact recording on drum surfaces coated with magnetizable materials, and have served for the most part as components in special-purpose systems for the analysis of transient waveforms. Frequencies involved have ranged in the various units from 1 cps to 100,000 cps, with appropriate adjustments in drum speed.

It would hardly be possible to avoid interest in possible application to audio recording. It has been possible to divert a small amount of effort to the construction of an audio tape-recording system, with results that are sufficiently promising to justify intensive future investigation. The boundary-displacement system has also been applied experimentally to the production of visible oscillographic records of the recording signal, with no mechanical motion involved other than the constant velocity of the tape itself.

Conventional Tape Systems

About a decade ago, the performance of magnetic tape recording systems was so inferior as to be hardly competitive in quality with the results obtained by disc and photographic film methods. In recent years, however, this gap has closed rapidly. Improvement in the

HOW IT WORKS

Ordinary magnetic tape is used, but is magnetized to saturation at all times.

With no modulation on the tape, one half of the tape has one polarity and the other half has opposite magnetic polarity. An unmagnetized boundary strip running down the middle of the tape separates the regions of opposite polarity.

A conventional magnetic tape pickup head is used for playback. With no signal on the tape, the equal-width opposite-polarity fields cancel in the pickup and there is no output signal.

With modulation on the tapes the unmagnetized boundary weaves back and forth according to the waveform of the signal. The net flux acting on the pickup head varies correspondingly, because sidewise movements of the boundary reduce the width of the magnetized region for one polarity and increase it for the other polarity.

A special recording head is needed to produce boundary-displacement recordings on tape or on drums coated with magnetic powder.



Boundary regions in four examples of boundarydisplacement recordings on standard V4-inch magnetic tape, made visible by immersing tape in suspension of carbonyl iron powder in a cohol. Powder adheres to the regions of magnetic saturation. Fine lines in boundary region are due to nonmagnetic spacers in lamination stack of recording head

Magnetic Recording

quality of the recording media has reduced noise level and improved frequency response. The advent of a-c bias and erase techniques has led to mastery in large measure of the distortion resulting from the nonlinear remanence properties which are unfortunately characteristic of recording media.

The boundary-displacement recording system was initially concerned with the question of amplitude linearity. A typical playback remanence curve obtained by recording a strip of tape with a conventional ringform head is shown in Fig. 1. If an attempt is made to produce in the recording gap a field strength proportional to the recording signal, the remanent flux is an extremely nonlinear function of the recording current. One can, of course, apply to the recording head a d-c bias field¹ following a d-c saturation wipe of the

medium such that the linearity of the remanence curve is vastly improved. An even more linear relationship can be achieved by the careful insertion of an a-c bias field^{2.3} across the recording gap.

New Method

The boundary-displacement method attacks the problem of intensity nonlinearity from a different angle, by producing a magnetic record in such form that a continuous range of magnetization is not involved. A strip of tape recorded by this technique is effectively left in only one state—the relatively invariant state of residual magnetic saturation.

Figure 2 compares a section of tape recorded by a conventional intensity method with a similar recording produced by the boundarydisplacement system. In the intensity recording, the intensity of magnetization increases or decreases along the length of the tape as the recording signal rises and falls in amplitude. In the boundarydisplacement recording a small region of transition, which separates areas of oppositely polarized saturation, is displaced transversely from the center line of the tape by an amount proportional to the instantaneous signal intensity.

In playback, the boundary-displacement recording is read by a conventional type of pickup head whose gap spans the entire range of displacement of the boundary. The net flux in the pickup head is closely proportional to the difference between the elemental areas of positive and negative saturation scanned by the gap, and hence to the displacement of the region of transition, or boundary, from the center line.

Two properties are peculiar to the

boundary-displacement system. Linearity of recording is dependent not upon the remanence curve of the medium, but rather upon the geometry of the recording and pickup heads, and the full energy-storing capacity of the medium is available, since the limits of swing of the boundary correspond to full positive and negative saturation.

Recording Field Configuration

Several successful recording head designs have been evolved based on the principle represented in Fig. 3A. The upper diagram shows the longitudinal field pattern across the recording gap in the absence of signal, and the lower diagram illustrates the manner in which the signal to be recorded modifies this pattern. The horizontal coordinate represents points along the width dimension of the tape.

The zero-signal diagram portrays the static bias field across the recording-head gap. The intensity of this field is a function of position along the gap, varying linearly from an arbitrary positive value H_o at one edge of the tape to an equal negative value at the other edge, and zero at the midpoint.

In the presence of signal, a uniform signal field component h_s , which is proportional to the instantaneous signal amplitude, is superimposed upon the bias field to produce a vertical displacement of the resultant field intensity curve as indicated. A transverse displacement of the zero-field point away from the midpoint of the gap results. This displacement is proportional to the recording-signal amplitude under the conditions stated, so long as h_{\star} does not exceed H_{o} .

The manner in which such a field produces a boundary-displacement recording is indicated in Fig. 3B, which represents the residual magnetization of the tape as it leaves the gap. If the saturation field intensity H_m of the tape is small compared to H_{o} , the tape is divided into two regions of opposite longitudinal saturation which are separated by a region of transition. The transition region is displaced from the center-line in accordance with the signal intensity, and the amplitude d is a fraction h_s/H_s of the width of the tape.

The width of the transition region is proportional to H_m/H_o . Limitations of magnetic materials and driving amplifiers impose a practical limit on how narrow a boundary region may thus be achieved. Since the form of this region does not change with transverse displacement, it contributes nothing to the played-back signal so long as it does not intersect the edge of the tape. Failure to achieve an abrupt transition between the areas of opposite saturation results only in a minor reduction of the maximum amplitude of swing. The relations between bias, signal and boundary width are indicated in Fig. 4.

Head Structure

A recording head structure which produces the necessary field configuration for boundary-displacement recording is shown in Fig. 5. The bias field is derived from the transverse magnetomotive force drop across a series of stacked siliconsteel laminations whose plane is parallel to the direction of motion of the tape. The source of bias flux is a permanent magnet coupled to the ends of the stack by means of soft iron yokes.

The recording gap is formed by one edge of the lamination stack in conjunction with the mating edge of a homogeneously permeable signalflux member, whose section is in the form of a trapezoid open on one side. Because of the uniform reluctance of the gaps separating the signal-flux member from the lamination stack, the former adopts a magnetic potential midway between the potentials at the extremes of the latter. Thus the longitudinal field across the gap follows the zero-signal configuration of Fig. 3A. Current in the signal coil superimposes on the bias field a signal field which is uniform along the gap and achieves the desired transverse shift of the boundary. The relation-



FIG. 3—Operating principle of new boundary-displacement recording head



FIG. 4—Bias, signal and boundary width relationships for new method

ship of the reluctances and fields is given in Fig. 6.

The recording head structure is directional, so that the tape must be drawn across the gap from the lamination stack toward the signal flux member. If the direction of motion is reversed, the final field which acts on the tape is the strong transverse field from which the longitudinal bias is derived, and this causes partial erasure of the longitudinal recording.

Design of Recording Head

In designing the recording head. the transverse reluctance of the lamination stack must be made sufficiently high to absorb a major part of the magnetomotive force produced by the bias magnet. To insure linearity of the bias field, the total transverse flux into the lamination stack must be large compared to the active bias flux across the recording gap. The gaps between the signal flux member and the lamination stack and the distance of separation between the permeable laminations should be as uniform as possible to maintain linearity between the boundary displacement and the recording current.

Adjustment of the recording gap to suit the application is desirable. For contact recording a minimum gap is desired, and best high-frequency performance is achieved simply by butting the signal flux member against the lamination stack to yield an effective gap of a few tenths of a mil. For noncontact applications, in which a space of a mil or more must be maintained between the recording gap and the surface of the recording medium, a nonmagnetic shim of 3 to 5 mils thickness may be inserted in the gap without serious loss of highfrequency response.

The pickup head for boundarydisplacement recording is entirely conventional in form. To avoid noise due to irregularities of the tape edge, the width of the pickup head is ordinarily made slightly less than the width of the tape.

Frequency Response

Limitations of the high-frequency response in a boundary-displacement system stem from the same











FIG. 7—Example of response curve for boundary-displacement contact recording

sources as in a conventional intensity-recording system². These are the short-wavelength demagnetizing effects which are a property of the recording medium, and the inability of the recording and pickup head gaps to resolve wavelengths which are not large compared to the gaps themselves.

It has been shown experimentally that the frequency-response curve for a boundary-displacement system corresponds closely to the response derived from a d-c bias intensity recording system. A typical curve for standard red-oxide acoustic recording tape under contact conditions is given in Fig. 7. In the absence of recording signal, the noise played back from the recording medium in a boundarydisplacement system is equivalent to that produced by a d-c saturation wipe of tape. As a consequence, the absolute noise output corresponds closely to that derived from a d-c erase-and-bias intensity-recording system.

The maximum undistorted signal swing, on the other hand, is considerably greater than that derived from the intensity system. As a result, a dynamic range in excess of 40 db is readily achieved with presently available recording media. Since the recording gap applies a saturating d-c field, the difference between a-c erase and d-c saturation erase of the medium prior to recording is unimportant.

A second type of noise, which is largely avoided by the boundarydisplacement recording method, appears as an unwanted modulation of the recorded signal produced by minute surface irregularities in the medium and by variations in spacing between the recording-head gap and the medium. The latter effect is principally a matter of dirt in the case of contact recording and of drum eccentricity in the case of noncontact recording.

In boundary-displacement recording, a moderate increase in spacing between the recording gap and the medium merely diminishes the value of H_o in the medium without altering the linear form of the field pattern. The result is an increase in width of the boundary region; this is of no consequence, since the mean displacement of the boundary region remains unchanged, and the pickup head sees the same difference between areas of positive and negative saturated magnetization.

Figure 8 presents oscillograms comparing a boundary-displacement recording on the magnetizable periphery of a drum with a d-c bias recording on the same drum. The drum, the medium, the frequency of the recording signal and the pickup head are identical in both cases. The drum used for this comparison was deliberately constructed to provide an overall eccentricity of two mils, together with a series of relatively short-period surface irregularities. The effect of the boundary-displacement recording in reducing modulation effects is quite evident.

As has been pointed out, the distortion produced by a boundary-displacement recording is not a function of the magnetization curve of the medium, but rather of the geometrical precision of the recording head. Experimental results have fully confirmed this prediction. Thus far, no attempt has been made to construct heads to a maximum degree of precision, yet the units have consistently yielded exceedingly low values of amplitude distortion-in some cases as low as two percent.

Audio Applications

Development of the boundary-displacement technique has been aimed largely toward instrumentation applications. Early in the development, a few brief and incomplete tests were made of an audio recording system based on this technique. Despite a relatively crude recording head, the system compared surprisingly well with a supersonicbias system of good quality, both as regards dynamic range and distortion. The audio recording potentialities of the technique are undergoing further investigation.

Both the a-c bias and the boundary-displacement techniques are characterized by low-amplitude distortion. The achievement of a sufficiently intense a-c bias field in the medium becomes an increasingly difficult problem as signal frequencies are increased above the audio range, particularly under noncontact conditions. The a-c bias frequency must be several times the highest signal frequency, and the iron losses in the recording head under these conditions commonly lead to prohibitive power requirements and excessive heating of the head structure.

Visible Records

By immersing a boundary-displacement recording in a suspension of carbonyl iron powder in alcohol, a visible display of the recording current can be obtained because the boundary region then shows clearly. Visible records of this kind have been produced at frequencies up to several kilocycles. The principal limitation on frequency appears to be the rate at which the tape may be

pulled across the gap.

Records of this sort were of initial interest primarily as a tool in the investigation of recordinghead design. Beyond this, it appears that the method is applicable in general to problems of oscillography. That oscillograms of this kind can ever equal the definition and legibility of a photographic record is improbable. On the other hand, the relative simplicity and compactness of equipment, the ease and certainty of operation, and the avoidance of photographic process-



FIG. 8—Oscillogram showing modulation due to drum eccentricity for boundary-displacement recording, with corresponding oscillogram for d-c bias recording on same drum shown below for comparison

ing are immensely attractive features.

Both the recording and processing materials are inexpensive and readily available. It is possible to process a reel of tape by running it continuously through a processing bath, thus giving a visible record a few seconds after recording. The tape may be wiped clean of iron powder and reprocessed at will, or the powder may be fixed permanently by adding a suitable binder to the processing bath. In any case, the record may be replayed magnetically whenever desired for electrical reproduction; the presence of the iron powder has negligible effect on the played-back signal.

To summarize, the boundary-displacement system of magnetic tape recording is distinguished by the following characteristics, as compared with intensity magnetic-recording systems.

(1) A high degree of amplitude linearity is achieved which is wholly independent of the magnetization remanence curve of the medium.

(2) Maximum signal output corresponds to full tape saturation magnetization.

(3) Zero-signal noise output is comparable to that produced by a d-c saturation wipe of the tape.

(4) As a result of (2) and (3), the dynamic range is superior to that available from a d-c bias system, although perhaps somewhat inferior to that of a high-quality supersonic bias system.

(5) Performance is not critically dependent upon bias level.

(6) Recorded signal modulations due to inhomogeneities of the medium and to variations in gapmedium spacing are minimized.

(7) Problems attending the production of a high-frequency bias field in the medium are entirely avoided (of particular importance when the frequencies to be recorded are high, and when noncontact recording is involved).

(8) Under some conditions the recording may be processed very simply to yield an oscillographic display of the recording signal.

Development of the system has involved a number of persons. In particular, among the writer's associates, credit is due to S. M. Rubens as coauthor of the concept of the boundary-displacement magnetic record, and to J. W. Hogan and C. W. Fritze, who have contributed heavily to the reduction of the method to working form. In addition, acknowledgement is due to R. Herr and W. W. Wetzel of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. for advice and assistance in evaluating the initial attempt at an audio version of the boundary-displacement system.

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FERRORESONANT ——FLIP-FLOPS——

Carrier-frequency system permits count rates up to 100,000 per second with 2-mc carrier. Power consumption of decade with neon indicators and no tubes and no diodes is only one watt due to reactive nature of elements

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VERALL RELIABILITY in an auto-

• matic computing system is equal to the product of the individual reliabilities of all of the components involved. This is due to the fact that all of the elements are effectively in series. Thus a chain of ten elements, each of which has 90 percent reliability, produces an overall reliability of about 35 percent. This chain is not nearly as strong as its weakest link.

Statistics show that the weakest link in a high-speed automatic computing system is invariably the vacuum tube. For this reason a major part of the research effort here is being directed toward reducing to an absolute minimum the number of vacuum tubes required for each computer.

Diode gating has been utilized to such an extent that virtually all multiple control grid gating tubes have been eliminated. An analysis of each individual computer, however, shows a required number of



Ferroresonant flip-flops mounted on octal-base plugs are shown in complete threestage counter with neon indicators

basic stable states. In practically all high-speed computers these stable states are supplied by vacuum-tube flip-flops. These flipflops must not only maintain their stable states, but must also be able to deliver sustained power to their respective diode networks.

Research has shown the possibility of eliminating even these last few remaining vacuum tubes from



FIG. 1—Basic circuit and curves illustrate operating principle of ferroresonant flip-flop

computers, at least in the mediumspeed field. One device which has made this possible is the Ferroresonant Flip-Flop.

Ferroresonance

It is first necessary to examine the phenomenon of ferroresonance. Consider the circuit of Fig. 1A. If the frequency and the voltage of the generator are properly chosen, the circuit is bistable; that is, it has two stable conditions either of which it can maintain indefinitely.

To explain this bistability refer to Fig. 1B. Remember that L is an iron-cored inductor and as such will suffer a-c saturation over at least a part of the cycle if subjected to a sufficiently strong magnetomotive force. This saturation results in a reduction in the effective inductance of L. In fact, changes of 20 to 1 are quite common if the inductor is properly constructed.

A certain capacitance C has been

chosen and minus X_c has been plotted on the same graph scale. Now at point I_R the values of X_L and X_c are equal in magnitude and opposite in sign so that the circuit is in series resonance for this particular value of alternating current. This condition has been named ferroresonance because of the ferroelectric nature of the inductor involved, and is not to be confused with ferromagnetic resonance which occurs in magnetic materials when subjected to magnetomotive force which alternates at several thousand megacycles.

If this nonlinear L and the linear C are connected in series as shown in Fig. 1A and the alternating current is increased, the E-I curve of Fig. 1C will be obtained. The voltage across L and C will first rise, reach a maximum, then decrease to a value near zero at a current I_{R} . The nearness with which it approaches zero is dependent on the losses in L and C. After I_R is exceeded, the voltage across L and Crises in a normal fashion. It should be noted that before I_R is reached, the circuit is inductive, after I_R it is capacitive.

Note also that the curve shows a negative-resistance region. Thus if the proper operating voltage is chosen and the value of R is small enough, there exists two possible

stable values of I_{A-C} one at M characterized by low current and high inductive resistance, and one at Nwhere the current is high and the circuit is slightly capacitively reactive.

If a second winding were applied to the core of inductor L in Fig. 1A, it should be possible to raise the current in the circuit from point Mto point N by the application of a d-c trigger pulse which temporarily reduces the inductance of L and allows the current to jump to point N where the current holds since the device is self latching. Notice that the trigger pulse could be of either polarity since either could accomplish a temporary reduction in L.

Note also that successive pulses applied to the same winding will not return the current to point M since the alternating current flowing is sufficient to hold L in saturation. Thus, whereas the simple L-C circuit of Fig. 1A possesses the bistability necessary for flipflop applications it lacks the ability to change its state with each successive applied trigger pulse. For greater flexibility it is necessary to resort to the circuit of Fig. 2.

Useful Circuit

In this circuit the reactance of C_c is so chosen that one and only

one L-C combination can be in resonance at a time. If both should try to go into resonance, the voltage at point P would fall so low due to the added voltage drop across C_e that neither L_1C_1 , nor L_2C_2 could have sufficient voltage across them to maintain resonance. On the other hand if L_1C_1 and L_2C_2 should both try to go out of resonance, the voltage at point P would rise to such a value that one or the other should be forced to break down and go into resonance.

When connected in this way, these elements are somewhat analogous to a pair of gas tubes connected in parallel through a high impedance to a high d-c voltage. When the voltage is applied, the voltage across the gas tubes rises till one of them breaks down. Once this happens the other tube will not fire because its striking voltage is greater than the operating voltage of the tube already lit.

Getting back to Fig. 2 it is obvious that this circuit has several advantages over that of Fig. 1. It is a device which in many ways resembles its vacuum-tube counterpart. It has two inputs and two outputs, one output being always opposite in phase to the other. It is a balanced system in that it always draws the same current from the a-c supply.



Bottem view of three-stage binary counter employing ferroresonant flip-flops illustrates extreme simplicity



Photograph shows relative size of flipflop and vacuum-tube equivalent

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FIG. 2—More flexible circuit employs two separate cores

Assuming that L_1C_1 of Fig. 2 is in resonance, a pulse applied to input No. 2 will cause the voltage at P to drop; this causes L_1C_1 to go out of resonance and L_2C_2 to go into resonance. Now a pulse at input No. 1 causes the reverse action to take place. This type of flip-flop is well adopted to parallel-gated binary-counting systems, since each element is capable of considerable power gain and one flip-flop can drive several others through diode gates without drivers being necessary. Such flip-flops are capable of performing as binary counters, ring counters and stepping registers, by using suitable diode gating.

If a single-input flip-flop is desired, inputs 1 and 2 of Fig. 2 may be tied together and pulsed simultaneously. When this is done, successive trigger pulses will cause the flip-flop to change its state. To explain the reason for this, assume that L_1C_1 is resonant. The applied trigger pulse tends to drive L_2C_2 into the high-current condition resulting in a drop in voltage at point P Fig. 2. This causes the current in L_1C_1 to start to decrease.

At the end of the trigger pulse the voltage at P increases due to the fact that neither L_1C_1 nor L_2C_2 is in true resonance at this instant. This rise in voltage forces either L_1C_1 or L_2C_2 to go into resonance. Since L_1C_1 was decreasing in current at the instant the trigger pulse ended and L_2C_2 was increasing, the regenerative nature of the circuits assures that this trend be continued and that L_2C_2 go into resonance and that L_1C_1 go out of resonance.

This whole action takes place in a



FIG. 3—Complete circuit shows two stages appropriately coupled for binary operation. Ferroresonance phenomenon is adaptable to ring counter circuits



FIG. 4—Decade unit uses no tubes. Diodes are replaced with nonlinear thyrite elements

period equal to about 5 cycles of the applied power frequency. This circuit, like all single-input flip-flop circuits, is more critical to pulse width than the parallel gated system. It is not however as critical as might be thought from the above description. Typical limits for reliable triggering are from 1 microsecond to 4 microseconds in one unit tested. This was with a square pulse of 30 volts amplitude.

Interstage Coupling

Figure 3 shows a typical circuit for a two-stage carry-type binary counter wherein the output from the first stage is rectified and differentiated to form a trigger pulse for the second stage. The advantage of this type of counter over a parallel-gated counter is that it requires less components.

The ferroresonance phenomenon

is very readily adapted to ring counters with as many as 20 or more elements if desired. Thus an input pulse stream may be divided by any integer 1 through 20 or more by connecting the proper number of elements in the ring. Figure 4 shows a typical decade ring which requires no vacuum tubes and no diodes. The nonlinear properties of thyrite resistors perform the logical gating.

This decade lights neon lights to indicate the count and requires a total a-c power input of about 1 watt.

The low power consumption of the ferroresonant flip-flops is due to the fact that almost all of the components are reactive components and therefore do not consume power. The major part of the power consumed is due to the copper loss in the coil.

Noise-Immune

Impulse noise strong enough to disturb most synchronizing circuits is rendered innocuous by a single-tube sync clipper. Noise pulses, distinguishable from desired signals by their higher peak amplitude, produce no output and no residual charge



Test pattern received with the fringe lock control set for minimum protection. The noise source was a d-c operated buzzer inductively coupled to the antenna terminals through an attenuator



Improvement of test pattern achieved with control set for maximum noise protection. For both settings of the control with the noise source turned off, the picture did not move

O^{NE} of the main weaknesses of television receivers today is poor synchronization of the picture, especially in fringe areas.

The main source of trouble lies in the design of the sync clipper that separates the synchronizing information from the rest of the detected signal. But this task becomes exceedingly difficult when the antenna also picks up local interference which may be many times stronger than the signals of the distant station.

Engineers have been increasing the number of tubes assigned to do the sync-clipping job in an effort to make the circuit intelligent enough to reject this extraneous interference and accept only the legitimate sync information. But with the pressure of lowering costs, simpler and more effective methods have been eagerly sought.

This paper describes circuits capable of salvaging a maximum of sync information under severe noise conditions, using no additional tubes and only a few judiciously placed resistors.

Sync Clipper Troubles

It will be necessary to touch briefly on the design considerations of a conventional sync clipper to understand why the output goes to pieces under strong impulse noise conditions. As an example of a typical sync clipper, the 6BN6 gated beam tube¹ will be used because it will pave the way for a better comprehension of the inner workings of the noise-immune sync clippers to be described. Practically all conventional sync clippers are subject to the same troubles and for the same reasons.

Figure 1 shows the 6BN6 as a conventional sync clipper. The out-

Sync Separator

put of the video detector has an amplitude of around 2 volts peak, with negative polarity. If the video amplifier has a sync gain of 20, the composite video at its plate will be 40 volts peak, with the syncs positive. The syncs are located in the upper quarter of the composite video signal and may be separated by taking a slice out of this quarter.

The plate of the video amplifier is coupled to grid 1 of the sync clipper through a coupling capacitor and grid leak. The values of these two components are carefully chosen to fulfill two requirements. The lower clipping point is established by the resistor and the duty cycle of the normal signal, and the capacitor must be large enough to insure the transfer of the vertical sync information with a minimum of distortion.

Figure 2 shows how the 6BN6 operates as a conventional sync clipper. The upper quarter of the 40-volt video amplifier output is shown. The upper and lower slicing points are shown dotted. This illustrates the first basic fault of the conventional sync clipper noise pulses are treated exactly the same way as sync pulses. They are sliced top and bottom, and their full cross section appears in the sync output.

One additional fact pertains particularly to the 6BN6 tube—the curves for both grid and plate current are sharply cut off and become saturated immediately. In contrast to this, the corresponding grid current curve for an ordinary triode

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or pentode will continue to increase in the positive grid region. It was because of this internal grid current-limiting characteristic that the 6BN6 was used as a sync clipper in Zenith television receivers for over two years.

The second basic trouble with which almost all conventional sync clippers are afflicted is illustrated in Fig. 3. This condition is known as charging up of the coupling capacitor whenever noise pulses are strong enough and occur frequently. Here the 40-volt positive-going signal is applied to grid 1 through the large coupling capacitor.

The upper and lower clipping levels are shown together with their behavior during and following noise pulses. After the first noise pulse, the clipping level increases because the capacitor-charging grid current lasts several times longer than a horizontal sync pulse. No damage is noticed the first time, but after the second noise pulse, the clipping level has increased enough to cut the sync output in half. After the third noise pulse, the syncs are stripped for quite a few horizontal periods. When stripped syncs are fed to the horizontal sweep system

of a television receiver the result will usually be a tearing in portions of the picture or a squirming motion—depending upon the time constants and circuits used for automatic frequency control.

A triode or pentode sync clipper reacts much more violently to extraneous noise pulses than the 6BN6 because of the rising grid current characteristic of such tubes.

In addition to the damage done by sync stripping, the output of practically all conventional sync clippers contains the noise pulses themselves in full strength. Such pulses are likely to cause rolling and bouncing of the picture since they readily penetrate the integrator and can trigger the vertical sweep generator prematurely.

Noise-Immune Circuits

Figure 4 shows a sync clipper which offers a great improvement in performance over conventional sync clippers. This circuit is essentially the same as that shown in Fig. 1, except for the addition of a diode, a few resistors and a negative bias source. The object here is to separate all noise pulses whose amplitude is greater than that of the sync tips, and then to apply these separated pulses to the second control grid of the conventional sync clipper just described. This grid has limiting characteristics similar to those of the first control grid, and is available as a gating grid.

If the separated negative-polarity noise pulses are applied to the gat-



FIG. 1—Conventional type sync clipper using 6BN6 gated-beam tube

6BN6

FIG. 2—Operating characteristics of the circuit in Fig. 1



FIG. 3—Behavior of the conventional circuit burdened with impulse noise

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FIG. 4—Noise-immune sync clipper using diode noise separator

ing grid, the output current is cut off as long as the noise pulse amplitude exceeds that of the sync tips by a sufficient margin. The undesired noise pulses therefore disappear from the sync output.

The plate of the diode has a delay bias equal to the sync tip amplitude, so the diode will conduct only when its cathode goes more strongly negative than the sync tips. When this happens, negative-going pulses appear at the plate and are passed directly to the gating grid.

This circuit is very effective in avoiding one of the two basic troubles of conventional sync clippers: Its output contains no false sync information, and if the receiver has stable horizontal and vertical sweep systems, this improved sync clipper will give very good service. However, the second basic trouble, charging up of the coupling capacitor, still remains.

It is possible to eliminate the diode noise separator from the circuit just described without any sacrifice of noise immunity by shorting the diode, and removing the negative bias source together with its series feed resistor. In this case, the second control grid is biased positively to place the sync tips at the upper knee of the plate current curve so that the composite video will fall into the saturated region. This compresses the video and sync tips, but noise pulses of greater amplitude than the sync tips cut off the plate current and thus suppress the output for the duration of the noise pulse, just as in the previous circuit.

Improved Circuit

Figure 5 shows an improved version of the noise-immune sync clipper which retains all advantages of the circuits previously described, but which also overcomes the second trouble of most sync clippers: charging up of the coupling capacitor on extraneous noise pulses is prevented. This circuit is of great practical interest.

The main difference between this circuit and the preceding one appears to be that the connections to the two control grids have been interchanged. It has been known for some time that very good sync clipping is possible with either control grid of the 6BN6 gated beam tube, but the change has a profound effect.

Figure 6 shows how each element of the sync clipper helps to achieve the desired noise immunity. Grid 2, the gating grid, is biased positively so that the sync tips fall at the knee of its plate current curve. Space current is cut off by any noise pulse of sufficient amplitude.

In the absence of noise pulses, the electron beam reaches the second control grid. Normally, when this second grid goes positive during sync pulses, some electrons flow into the coupling capacitor to recharge it and maintain normal bias. But with noise gating applied to the first grid, a neat hole is cut into the beam current for the duration of each noise pulse and the supply of electrons available for charging the second grid is denied it every time a damaging noise pulse arrives at the video detector.

Thus we see that this circuit eliminates the noise pulses from the sync-clipper output, and at the same time, prevents the coupling capacitor from charging up on noise pulses and stripping the syncs. The improvement made by the substitution of this circuit over conventional sync clippers is really impressive, especially under the most adverse conditions of impulse noise and signal strength. With such a sync clipper the picture just stands still.

Operating Characteristic

The video amplifier forms an integral part of this noise-immune sync clipper, and a composite operating characteristic of the entire system proves instructive. The curves given in Fig. 7 show the sync-clipper plate current plotted against the video detector output. If it seems odd to have a negativegoing signal producing plate current in a tube, it should be remembered that the detector output is amplified in the video stage and reversed in polarity before being applied to the second grid of the sync clipper.

Let us follow a noise pulse and trace out the composite operating characteristic. At the starting point the detector output is zero, grid one is biased positively, say two volts, and the beam current is maximum, but the plate current is zero because grid two is biased beyond cutoff. As the pulse applied to grid one increases in the negative



FIG. 5—Improved version of the noiseimmune sync clipper



FIG. 6—Behavior of the circuit in Fig. 5 burdened with impulse noise



FIG. 7—Composite operating characteristic of the noise-immune circuit

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direction, the amplified pulse applied to grid two increases more rapidly in the positive direction.

As these grid potentials continue to increase in their respective directions, the plate current will suddenly go to saturation as it describes the portion of the characteristic labeled "grid 2 cut off" in Fig. 7. The pulse continues to move in the negative direction for another volt or so and then the plate current again suddenly falls to zero after the "grid 1 cut off" portion of the characteristic is reached. For the on time of the rest of the pulse, there is no plate current until the pulse, on its way down, crosses first the same "grid 1 cut off" curve and flashes through the saturated plate current region. and past the "grid 2 cut off" curve.

The bias adjustment on the first control grid controls the flat, saturated portion of the composite characteristic. When this adjustment is set for minimum noise immunity, the gating grid must be biased sufficiently positive that even the largest noise pulses hardly reach the "grid 1 cut off" curve. This adjustment is made by turning the series rheostat (Fig. 5) to zero, thus leaving only the series limiting resistor from plus 150 volts to the gating grid. The resistance of the rheostat may now be increased until one of two things happen. Either adequate noise protection is achieved, or the flat, saturated portion of the curve is reduced to the point where the sync tips poke into the "grid 1 cut off" curve and thereby cause a reduction in the amplitude of the sync output.

This composite characteristic of the noise-immune sync clipper shows how the amplitude of the signal at the video detector determines whether or not an output pulse is produced—if the video signal extends only into the flat portion, normal sync output obtains. But, if the amplitude is sufficiently larger, the output is withheld. An operating characteristic of this sort has been called an aperture characteristic. In principle it is not new to the art. But none of the older circuits seem to approach the economy and effectiveness of the circuits described in this paper.

Preferred Tube

In searching for the most economical tube to use for the noiseimmune sync clipper without any sacrifice in performance, the 6BE6 (pentagrid) was examined. This tube has a first control grid characteristic altogether different from that of the gated beam tube. The grid current keeps increasing as the grid goes more positive; it does not saturate at low positive potentials like the 6BN6. Therefore, another means must be used to compress the video and sync tips in the signal applied to the first control grid.

Good compression may be obtained by means of a series resistor in the grid circuit, because for positive grid potentials the grid current increases so rapidly. For the negative portions of the applied signal where no grid current flows, there is no compression and the space current is cut off almost as abruptly as for the gated beam tube. An idea of the degree of compression which may be obtained by this means is shown in Fig. 8. Here the operation without a grid limiting resistor is represented by the straight line while the curve represents operation with the resistor



FIG. 8—Compression of video portion of detector output by grid series resistor



FIG. 9—Compression characteristics of three tube types



FIG. 10—Fringelock circuit using 6BE6 pentagrid

inserted. When the first control grid is positively biased so the sync tips are placed at the onset of grid current, the compression of the video and sync tips is nearly as complete as with the 6BN6 tube.

Figure 9 shows plots of the relative compression characteristics of the 6BN6 gated beam tube, the 6BE6 pentagrid type tube, and the 6AS6 pentode. Each small division of the abscissa is one volt, and it is apparent that for the grid series and plate load resistors given, the 6BN6 and the 6AS6 tubes have about twice as sharp a cut off in the first grid as the 6BE6-one volt However, the versus two volts. performance of the 6BE6 in a television set is so close to that obtained with the 6BN6 that when impulse noise is applied it is difficult to distinguish between the two tubes. The more economical 6BE6 is therefore used in the noiseimmune sync clipper.

This circuit, known as the Fringelock and used in the current production of Zenith television receivers, is shown in Fig. 10. The sync pulses appearing at the output are of negative polarity and have an amplitude of approximately 25 volts. They are used without further amplification to synchronize the horizontal and vertical sweep systems of the receiver.

The Fringelock system was conceived and developed jointly by Robert Adler and the author in the Research Laboratories of Zenith Radio Corporation. Thanks are due to J. C. Spindler, W. J. Stroh, and L. J. Metevier, who conducted numerous field tests and assisted in adapting the system for use in production.

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SERVO DRIVE

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I N VIBRATING-REED oscillographs, a mirror assembly (either of the oscillating or the rotating type) must be operated in synchronism with the input signal to view the wave shape of this signal on a ground-glass screen. The mirror assembly must be driven at a constant speed so that the motion of the light beam imparted by it can be synchronized with the motion of the light beam due to the galvanometer mirror movement.

Ordinarily, a-c motors are used to drive such mirror assemblies, and are designed to operate at speeds corresponding to frequencies of one-half, one-fourth, or some lesser fraction of the input signal, allowing the viewing of one, two, or more complete cycles of the signal.

In the modification of a galvanometer of the oscillating mirror type, it was desired to operate the mirror assembly over a two-to-one speed range, with gradual adjustment of motor speed. The original oscillograph motor, an a-c type operating at 1,800 rpm only, was equipped with a semicircular shutter to block out the light source for half of each revolution. It was also coupled to the mirror assembly to impart a linear sweep to the light beam, the shutter serving to block out the return sweep.

The requirement of variable speed suggested that a d-c motor be used in this modification, but such a motor does not run at absolutely constant speed even though motor voltage is held constant. Slight variations in friction, heating and windage cause the motor speed to change gradually and continuously, preventing synchronization. However, if the motor field



End view of GE oscillograph showing servo drive chassis on shelf

voltage is held constant, the motor is highly sensitive to changes in armature current. Therefore a servomechanism was required that would have as its error signal the discrepancy between actual speed and desired (synchronous) speed.

Shutter Modulation

As indicated, the oscillograph was provided with a vibratingmirror assembly, and equipped with a shutter to block out the light beam during the return sweep. In later models a rotating mirror is used, making the shutter unnecessary. In this modification, the shutter can be used advantageously for another purpose. A phototube is placed within the housing of the oscillograph, and is struck by the light beam during the half-revolution that the shutter allows light to enter the housing.

The output of this phototube is a square wave having a frequency f_m identical with the speed of the shutter. The differentiation of this square wave produces a pulse

voltage, alternately positive and negative, and having this same frequency.

Since the frequency of the input signal to be observed dictates the true, or synchronous, speed at which the motor should operate, the pulse voltage should be made to have a frequency exactly one-half that of the input signal voltage. This situation is then analogous to the original conditions of 30 cps for the motor and line frequency of 60 cps for the input signal.

The input signal is used to trigger a sawtooth oscillator, producing one sawtooth wave per cycle of input signal voltage, both having a frequency f_i . The positive and negative pulses produced by the differentiation of the phototube output are added to this sawtooth voltage. If the motor is operating at its synchronous speed, this addition will superimpose a positive pulse on alternate sawtooth waves, and a negative pulse will appear on the remaining sawtooth waves, every pulse appearing at the same

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for Oscillograph Motor

Direct-current drive motor is held at constant speed when error-signal spikes superimposed on sawtooth pulses remain fixed. Principle used to extend useful range of mirror oscillograph between 50 and 250 cps can be applied to other industrial control problems

point on the sawtooth slope. Considering only the positive pulses and the sawtooth wave, it can be seen that, as long as the motor speed remains constant, the peak value of the sum will also remain constant, as shown in Fig. 1A.

On the other hand, if the motor speed begins to decrease, because of variations in source voltage or any of the other factors that tend to prevent a d-c motor from running at absolutely constant speed, the pulses will begin to spread apart at the instant of speed change. The first positive pulse appearing after the speed change commences will be at a different instant during the sawtooth cycle, and will be forced to appear higher on the slope.

The second positive pulse will appear even higher, the third higher still, and so on. Furthermore, the more extreme the speed change, the more rapid will be the increase in the peak value.

Conversely, if the motor speed begins to increase, the pulses will begin to appear closer together. The second positive pulse will appear lower on the slope, the third lower still, and so on, causing the peak value to decrease. This action can be readily understood by referring to Fig. 1B for motor speed increase, and Fig. 1C for motor speed decrease. In Fig. 1 the discrepancy has been exaggerated in order to emphasize the change in peak value. Thus there is produced a control voltage $(V_c, \text{ the peak value})$ of sawtooth plus positive pulse) which varies immediately with any discrepancy in motor speed.

Motor Control

Shown schematically in Fig. 2 is the motor-control circuit, which is patterned after a voltage-regulated power-supply circuit. The d-c motor used in this modification was a 40-volt, 1/90 hp type, requiring 100 to 150 ma of armature current for the range desired. For controlling this current a 6AS7 is used with both triodes in parallel. The grid voltage on the 6AS7 is produced by the current in a 150K resistor, the plate resistor of half a 6SL7 acting as an amplifier. The remaining half of this tube serves as a cathode follower.

As the control voltage V_c rises



FIG. 1—At (A) the frequency of the sawtooth f_i produced by the input signal is exactly double the frequency f_m of the shutter. The resultant control voltage V_c is constant. At (B) f_i is more than double f_m ; V_c is increasing. At (C) f_i is less than double f_m , causing V_c to decrease



FIG. 2—Basic motor-control circuit is similar to voltage-regulated power supply

owing to slight decrease in motor speed, the cathodes of both halves of the 6SL7 also rise, due to cathode-follower action.

However, the grid of the amplifier half of this tube is held at a constant potential of 37.5 volts by the VR75 tube and the voltagedivider network (two 100K resistors and one 1- μ f capacitor). When the cathode of this half rises, there is less plate current in the 150K resistor. The grid voltage of the 6AS7 decreases (becomes more positive), and more current flows into the armature, returning its speed to the proper value.

Should the motor speed exceed this value, V_o then begins to decrease, reversing the steps outlined above, and allowing less current to reach the armature. Hence, by utilization of the sawtooth voltage, the pulse voltage, and the circuit of Fig. 2, an extremely sensitive servomechanism is provided to return the motor speed to its true or synchronous value.

Moreover, by this means of motor-speed control, if the frequency of the input signal is changed, the frequency of the sawtooth voltage is also changed, and the motor speed is corrected to the new synchronous value.

Practical Control Unit

The actual means of utilizing the principles outlined above can be understood by reference to Fig. 3, a complete schematic diagram of the servomechanism circuit. The input signal is applied to one grid of a 6SL7, which provides two stages of amplification, the first a cathode-bias amplifier, the second an overdriven zero-bias amplifier.

These two stages provide a large positive pulse across the 330K resistor regardless of the wave shape of the input signal. This pulse is next applied to the grid of a 2050 thyratron, biased by a divider network supplied from B+. The plate of the 2050 is fed by another divider network from B+, and the tube acts as a relaxation sawtooth oscillator, producing a sawtooth voltage of input signal frequency across the 0.25- μ f capacitor.

The phototube that provides the motor speed intelligence is a 929 high-vacuum type mounted inside the oscillograph housing. The output appearing across the 1-megohm resistor is a square wave having the frequency of the rotation of the shutter.

This square wave is fed into two stages of amplication, performing • as outlined in the preceding paragraph, except that the tube used is

a 6SN7. The positive pulses appearing across the 5K resistor are clipped to a constant value by means of half a 6H6 (B). No clipping bias is required, since the tube resistance is sufficient to yield a suitable peak value of the positive pulses and to assure a relatively constant peak value at any frequency.

These positive pulses are then applied to the primary side of a 1-to-3 audio interstage transformer, with the sawtooth voltage placed in series with the secondary winding. The combination of the sawtooth and pulses are then coupled, by means of a 6J5 cathode follower stage, to the plate of the second half of the 6H6 (A). This half acts as a peak-sensitive rectifier, charging the 0.12 (or the 0.12 plus



FIG. 3—Complete servomechanism used to synchronize mirror-sweep motor with input signal continuously from 50 to 100 cps. Operation is also possible from 100 to 250 cps

(0.05) µf capacitor to the peak value of the combination, thus producing the control voltage V_c described earlier.

It will be noted that a multiposition range switch is used in several parts of the circuit. In the input signal stage, this switch has one position that is connected directly to an available filament winding of the power transformer of the power-supply circuit. This furnishes an internal signal of line frequency and permits the control circuit to function at this one frequency without the use of an external voltage source. For other frequencies within the appropriate ranges provided by the different positions, the external voltage source applied to the galvanometer input terminals must also be applied to the input signal terminals.

In the sawtooth output stage, this range switch adjusts the amplitude of the generated sawtooth voltage to the optimum value for most satisfactory operation. One position, with suitable values of resistance, must be used for the lower frequencies, while the other positions can be used with a second set of resistors.

Optimum Capacitance

In the peak-sensitive rectifier stage, this range switch performs a dual function. It switches in the optimum value of capacitance required to produce the proper time constant in the R-C circuit of the diode cathode, thus allowing the capacitor to charge quickly enough to respond to very minor discrepancies in motor speed, but not so quickly that the motor becomes unstable.

The range switch also connects in four different 1-megohm potentiometers, allowing individual adjustment of the output value of V_c . The pulses that represent motorspeed intelligence have a constant amplitude, but, because of the design of the sawtooth generator, the sawtooth waves do not. At low frequencies, these waves have a relatively high amplitude that diminishes at the higher frequencies, since the 0.25-uf capacitor has less and less time during which to charge. Thus the output-the peak value of the combination-must be

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diminished at the lower frequencies for satisfactory results.

The operation of this oscillograph requires a d-c bus for energizing the field of the galvanometer. Rather than supply the current for motor operation by electronic means, the d-c bus is used to provide current for both motor armature and motor field. A 750-ohm resistor in series with 120 volts provides the proper value of current to the motor field, while a 10K resistor provides the necessary drop from 240 volts to 75 volts required across the VR75 tube. Two 100K resistors and a 1.0-µf capacitor form a divider network to hold the grid of the amplifier half of the 6SL7 at a constant 37.5 volts.

The motor must be operated at the correct speed long enough for the control voltage to become a constant. A portion of this control voltage is provided by the rotation of the motor. With the motor at standstill, some separate starting means is necessary. Such means is provided by the resistor-potentiometer combination that is supplied by the regulated potential of the VR75 tube. The 3K potentiometer in this portion of the circuit is contained in a conveniently located control box, containing also a spdt switch. With this switch in the start position, an auxiliary voltage V_{σ} is available that can be easily varied to such value that the remainder of the series-control circuit will cause the motor to run exactly at synchronous speed. The detection of the true synchronous speed may appear difficult, but in reality is not.

Synchronous Operation

With the galvanometer suitably energized, the shutter turning, and the mirror assembly vibrating, the operator of the oscillograph observes a variety of patterns on the ground-glass screen that resemble those on a cathode-ray oscilloscope screen. When the motor reaches synchronous speed, these patterns resolve into one single cycle of the input signal. At this moment, the operator knows that the pulses have a frequency exactly one-half that of the sawtooth wave. Consequently the peak value of the combination that determines the control voltage



Belt drive couples motor to semicircular shutter and to mirror cam



Phototube mounting on door that gives access to the oscillograph prisms

 V_c is a constant. The operator then switches the spdt switch to the lock position and allows the servomechanism to assume control of the motor speed.

The motor armature is provided with two more features that should be explained. A 1K resistor connected directly across the armature terminals provides dynamic braking action, smoothing out the instability that results when the armature current is abruptly decreased, as it is when the motor speed has momentarily surged ahead. Tripping voltage for overvoltage contactor K_1 is adjusted to prevent the motor from running at excessive speeds. The B+ circuit is of the conventional full-wave rectifier type, using a choke-input filter. The use of d-c bus voltages for the high-current requirements diminishes the current required from this circuit.

By the use of this servomechanism circuit, the modified oscillograph can be used for observing the wave shapes of input signal voltages that are not of line frequency or that may be changing continuously. Satisfactory operation was achieved for signals between 50 and 100 cps, using one cycle for observation. Using multiple cycles, satisfactory operation was achieved between 100 and 250 cps.



FIG. 1—Action of sampling gate and holding circuit on typical radar signal. Held samples form the desired low-frequency signal that is easily transmitted over wire lines or low-frequency radio communication links. When the received signal is applied to the intensity grid circuits of a cathode-ray indicator, it gives a ppi radar picture having the essential characteristics of the original



Example of normal A-scope radar presentation (above), and sampled and synthesized version (below) of an identical video signal. Scopes used here differed slightly in gains and sweep speeds

Radar Signal Sampler

TRANSMISSION of video information which has a frequency spectrum of several megacycles requires carrier frequencies whose propagation characteristics limit the reliable maximum range to lineof-sight. If it is desired to relay video information directly over distances greater than line-of-sight, means must be provided to compress the video-frequency spectrum so that it may be efficiently transmitted and received over a low-frequency link.

The method and techniques involved in the signal sampler and synthesizer may have applications to such problems. For example, the frequency spectrum occupied by the video information applied to a normal radar plan position indicator may be compressed into a bandwidth which may be recorded or transmitted by communicationstype equipment. Though the bandwidth is compressed, most of the useful resolvable information presented by a normal ppi indicator may be preserved.

A principal requirement for a straightforward application of signal sampling and synthesizing techniques is that the high-frequency waveshape may be satisfactorily resolved by f_{II}/f_L points, where f_{II} and f_L are the high and low recurrent rates respectively.

If the high-frequency waveshape

Required inputs to the system, y in addition to the high-frequency s- signal, are a synchronizing pulse t, recurring at the high-frequency repetition rate and a linear saw-

tooth (or other shaped wave for particular applications) recurring at the desired low-frequency repetition rate. The output of the system is a low-recurrent-rate waveshape having the same general amplitude characteristics as the high-frequency signal.

is not repeated exactly every cycle,

an additional requirement is that

the general high-frequency wave-

shape does not change significantly

during one low-frequency period.

Essentially, the operation performed is that of frequency division, all the frequency components of the high-frequency signal being divided by the factor f_n/f_t . A further significant reduction in the bandwidth required to transmit the data is feasible since useless highfrequency components of the sampled and synthesized signal may be discarded.

Radar Picture Analysis

A radar ppi presentation is not a continuous picture but is generated by an electron beam acting on the face of a cathode-ray tube. As the radar antenna and the indicator's deflection coils are rotated, the action of the electron beam gener-

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ates radial lines on the face of the cathode-ray tube, each line being intensity-modulated in accordance with a received signal wavetrain. The number of intensity-modulated lines per second is equal to the repetition rate of the radar.

The signal sampling and synthesizing method of bandwidth reduction as applied to such radar returns takes advantage of the assumption that there is little or no significant change in the character of successive wavetrain returns during the time it takes the radar antenna to move one beam width. Somewhat less than this time is chosen as the period of the system's low-frequency linear sawtooth voltage.

Figure 1 represents pictorially several successive received video wavetrains, each wavetrain corresponding to successive radar returns up to a 25-mile range. Each wavetrain is sampled by a narrow range gate which continuously moves out in range to maximum range, then flies back and starts over again at zero range. The position of the sampling gate for several successive



Normal ppi radar presentation, using 1.6deg antenna beamwidth, 1-microsecond pulse width, 1.600-cps radar repetition rate, 12.5-sec antenna scan rate and 25-mile range setting



Typical example of result obtained by sampling and synthesizing video signal of pattern at left to compress bandwidth for long-distance radio relaying. Major outlines are still clear



In addition to radar relaying, potential applications of this signal sampler and synthesizer include missile guidance, reconnaissance, early warning, strip mapping and antijamming

Compresses Bandwidth

Permits relaying ppi radar presentations from planes to points far beyond line of sight, by sampling the video signal and synthesizing into a similar waveshape having a sufficiently low recurrence frequency for handling by conventional low-frequency radio links

radar repetition rate periods is also indicated in Fig. 1.

Traveling Range Gate

The relatively slowly traveling narrow range gate samples the instantaneous amplitude at zero range of the first of a series of essentially recurrent video wavetrains. When a second wavetrain is received, the range gate has advanced an incremental distance along the second line, this distance corresponding to a range increment of approximately 0.25 mile. This sampling process continues, with the range gate advancing 0.25 mile on each successive line, until on the 250th wavetrain the gate has advanced to a point where it samples a narrow increment of range corresponding to 25 miles.

During this sampling process, each sampled amplitude of the 250 successive wavetrains is applied as a narrow pulse to a holding circuit which maintains the amplitude of each sampled amplitude until the next arriving sampled amplitude determines a new amplitude of the held voltage. Thus the 250 successive sampled amplitudes are held and form a low-frequency signal having the essential amplitude characteristics of the original essentially recurrent video wavetrains.

If the linear sweep voltage of the system is applied to the sweep circuits of a ppi indicator which is rotated in synchronism with the normal indicator and if the held sampled and synthesized signal is applied to the indicator's intensity grid circuits, a ppi picture will be seen which has the essential characteristics of the normal ppi picture.

Complete System

The block diagram of a circuit which will sample a recurrent video wave shape and synthesize the samples into a similar wave shape recurring at a desired rate is shown in Fig. 2, and the circuit itself is shown in Fig. 3.

A synchronizing pulse recurring at the rate of the video signal input is applied to a delay multivibrator negative range gate generator V_{i} , whose gate width, for a particular application, was made approximately 25 radar miles. This negative range gate is applied to the grid of a start-stop sweep generator triode V_{2A} . This tube normally draws saturation plate current through its plate load resistor, since its grid is returned to the positive end of the power supply.

The negative gate from the gate generator drives the grid to cutoff, causing the capacitor in the plate circuit to begin to charge through the plate load resistor. The charging rate of this capacitor, voltage against time, is employed in succeeding circuits to produce the effect of pulse delay. When the negative gate is complete, the startstop sweep generator tube returns to its normally saturated condition.

Action of Delay Diode

Cathode follower V_{2B} is used to couple the start-stop sweep generator to the plate of delay diode V_3 . The cathode of V_3 is coupled by cathode follower V_{13} to a linear sawtooth generator, consisting of blocking oscillator V_{12A} , with output taken from the grid circuit, and a conventional triode amplifier V_{12B} .

Optionally, an external sawtooth may be applied to the SLOW SWEEP IN terminal, with the SWEEP SELECT switch in the EXT position. The amplitude of the sawtooth and the d-c level at the cathode of the cathode follower may be individually controlled by the SWEEP AMPLI-TUDE control and the GATE POSITION MANUAL control. The time constant of the circuit between the diode cathode and the succeeding clipper amplifier is such that the sawtooth sweep, composed of relatively lowfrequency components, is highly discriminated against.

When the amplitude of the startstop sweep voltage applied to the diode plate exceeds the amplitude of the d-c plus sawtooth sweep voltage applied to the diode cathode, so as to make the diode plate positive with respect to its cathode, delay diode V_s conducts. The signal from the delay diode, which consists of the portion of the start-stop sweep which remains after the diode begins to conduct, is applied to the grid of clipper amplifier pentode V_4 .

Little discrimination because of the intervening coupling capacitor is experienced by this signal, since it is composed of relatively high frequency components. The start of this signal is delayed from the synchronizing pulse by the time interval between the start of the charging of the capacitor in startstop sweep generator V_1 and the instant diode V_3 begins to conduct.

The signal from the delay diode is positive in direction and of greater amplitude than the clipper amplifier pentode's bias, resulting in clipping of the top of the start-stop sweep. The clipped wave, which appears as a square wave with a sloping leading edge, is amplified and inverted by the pentode and appears across its plate load resistor. An additional triode V_s amplifies and reinverts the square wave, sharpening its leading edge.

Gate Width Control

The square wave from the triode amplifier is differentiated and is applied to the grid of a variable-width pulse-shaper pentode V_{θ} , which is normally biased beyond cutoff. The positive pulse which occurs because of the differentiation of the leading edge of the square wave has sufficient amplitude to drive the grid from beyond cutoff to the conducting region, resulting in a clipped pulse. Upon amplification by $V_{\rm G}$ and gate generator triode V_{7B} this becomes a steep-sided flattopped pulse whose width is determined by a differentiating time constant GATE WIDTH control in the pulse shaper pentode's grid circuit.

The time interval between this pulse and the synchronizing pulse is determined by the setting of the GATE POSITION MANUAL control. The



FIG. 2—Arrangement of stages in signal sampler and synthesizer

range this pulse sweeps is determined by the SWEEP AMPLITUDE control; thus, a traveling gate is produced, the center of travel of which may be adjusted, and whose sweep range may be varied. The rate at which the range is swept is determined by the frequency of the internal sawtooth sweep or optionally by an external SLOW SWEEP IN.

The traveling gate is supplied to a gated video amplifier circuit (V_{τ} and V_s) to which is also applied the recurrent video signal which is to be sampled and synthesized. Thus the video signal is sampled once during each cycle of the synchronizing input pulses.

The range over which sampling takes place is adjustable and the recurrence rate of the sampling is the same as that of the start-stop sweep. The output of the gated video amplifier consists of video sample pulses caused by sampling by the traveling gate; the amplitudes of the samples are proportional to the amplitude of the video signal at the instant of sampling. The time interval between these pulses is approximately equal to the reciprocal of the repetition rate of the synchronizing pulse.

If the output of the video amplifier were connected to the vertical deflection plates of an oscilloscope whose horizontal sawtooth sweeps were synchronized with the sawtooth sweeps, a series of widely spaced pulses would be seen. If the SWEEP AMPLITUDE and GATE POSITION MANUAL controls were set so that the traveling gate travels the entire recurrent video signal input, the envelope of the amplitude modulation on these pulses will be similar in waveform to the recurrent video waveform as seen on an A-type scope presentation.

Holding Action

Holding circuit V_{10} minimizes the spaces between sample pulses so that a more continuous waveform may be seen. Saturation-level gating pulses, occurring at the same time as the video amplifier gating pulses, are applied by gate generator triode V_{11A} to the grid of V_{10B} which is biased beyond cutoff. The sample pulses resulting from the gated video signal are applied to the grid of triode V_{10A} .



FIG. 3—Complete circuit of signal sampler and synthesizer except for power supply, which is a conventional 5Y3G full-wave rectifier arrangement with two VR105 tubes in series across the output to stabilize 210 volts

The width of the gating pulses is slightly less than that of the sample pulses. The difference in width between these pulses is the actual effective gating pulse width. Upon simultaneous application of both sets of pulses, V_{10B} acts as a cathode load resistor for V_{10A} acting as a cathode follower.

The capacitor connected from the junction of grid, plate and cathode to effective ground rapidly assumes a potential proportional to the amplitude of input to the grid of V_{10A} . The pulse to the grid of V_{10B} drops to zero and the tube is cut off, but the capacitor holds a charge since no discharge path is present. The magnitude of the held charge is proportional to the amplitude of the sample pulse. The preceding operation is repeated at the rate of the synchronizing frequency.

The final tube in the circuit is cathode follower V_{11B} , used to couple from the held pulses to a load. An oscilloscope connected to this point would show a series of flat-topped steps, the outline of which approximates the original video wave form.

Potential Applications

Video data for strip maps, obtained by mounting a radar antenna rigidly on the side of an airplane, can be relayed over greater than line-of-sight distances by compressing the video signal. The sampler and synthesizer unit samples from the radar receiver's output only signals corresponding to those targets within a narrow increment of range. The position of the increment is continuously varied at a low-frequency linear rate from zero range to maximum range, or over any desired range between these extremes. The sampled signals are held and reassembled at the lowfrequency rate for transmission over a low-frequency link for remote recording or for direct recording. If the recording facsimile paper or film speed is properly synchronized with the speed of the aircraft and a straight course is maintained, a strip map of the terrain over which the aircraft passes will be produced.

The basic nature of the technique of signal sampling and synthesizing may, in addition to video applications, be employed for the generation of low-frequency waveshapes. For example, if the inputs to the system were a 1,000-cps sine wave, a 1,000-cps reference pulse and a 1-cps sawtooth, the output would be a 1,000-point approximation of a 1-cps sine wave. If two systems were employed, with the inputs to the second system being the same 1,000-cps reference pulse and 1-cps sawtooth as previously, but the 1,000-cps sine wave being applied through an adjustable phase shifter from the common source, then a phase difference of ϕ degrees between the two 1,000-cps inputs will cause a difference of ø degrees between the two 1-cps outputs.

Direct-Reading Instrument

Four-tube circuit provides rapid and accurate determination of tube noise resistance in single operation that can be performed by unskilled personnel. Auxiliary controls and meters permit plotting of tube characteristics as concomitant application

W HERE large quantities of lownoise tubes must be used, it is convenient to have a simple but accurate means for determining the noise resistance of a tube quickly with nontechnical workers. This is important, since tubes having unusually high noise resistance may not show any other undesirable characteristics and they may pass various quality control inspections at the factory.

The apparatus shown in the photograph and in the circuit diagram of Fig. 1 is capable of making such measurements. The noise resistance R_n of a tube is measured by comparing the noise of the tube to the thermal noise of a known resistance R. This is achieved by using the tube as the first stage of a sensitive, linear, tuned amplifier, having the resistance R in its grid circuit. The output noise power is measured with a quadratic detector such as a bolometer, a thermocouple or a crystal diode.

Measurement Theory

According to Nyquist's theorem the noise of a resistance R can be described by a noise emf e in series with R such that

(1)

$$\overline{e^2} = 4kTRB$$

In the equation k is Boltzmann's constant $(1.38 \times 10^{-13}$ Joule per degree), T is the absolute room temperature and B the bandwidth of the receiver. The noise resistance R_n of a tube is defined such that if a resistance R_n is inserted in the grid circuit of the tube it produces as much noise as the tube itself. This means that the tube noise can be described by a noise

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emf e_n in series with the input such that

(2)

 $\overline{e_n^2} = 4k T R_n B$

The noise output power of the amplifier due to the first tube and its input circuit is proportional to $4kT (R + R_n)B$, whereas the noise output power due to the first tube only is proportional to $4kTR_nB$. Let M_1 be the reading of the output meter in the first case and M_2 the reading of the output power meter in the second case, then

$$\frac{M_1}{M_2} = \frac{4kT(R + R_n)B}{4kTR_nB}$$

or $R_n = \frac{M_2}{M_1 - M_2} R$ (3)

so that the value of the bandwidth B does not enter into the final result.

The circuit diagram of the apparatus is shown in Fig. 1. In making measurements, SW is set to



Octal socket on front of tube noise resistance may be used with adapters for most tube types

the desired range of R and the amplifier gain is set so that M_1 coincides with the full deflection of the output meter. When SW is moved to the short circuit position the output meter reading shows M_2 . The meter is calibrated directly in terms of noise resistance.

Though one can evaluate R_n from Eq. 3 for the whole range $0 < R_n < \infty$ for each value of R, the measurement is most accurate in the range $0.1R < R_n < 5R$. For measuring tubes with widely different values of R_n one should use various values of R. The three values of R shown give overlapping ranges and any noise resistances between 50 and 50,000 ohms can be measured rapidly and accurately. This is sufficient for all practical triodes and pentodes.

The circuit has to be modified for the measurement of the noise resistance of mixer tubes because an untuned input circuit not only generates a noise band of the input frequency (which is converted to i-f noise in the mixing process) but it also generates i-f noise directly.

Circuit Design

The instrument is a four-stage linear amplifier. The bandwidth is a few thousand cycles; if it is much lower, the output meter reading will show fluctuations unless the time constant of the meter is large. A tuning frequency of 120 kc is used mainly because 120-kc band-pass filters are available commercially, otherwise it would be better to choose a lower tuning frequency.

The choice of the tuning frequency is important. For low tuning frequencies, tube noise increases due to Flicker effect. For high tuning frequencies the input capacitance C of the stage (tube

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FIG. 1—Complete circuit diagram of tube noise resistance-measuring circuit less regulated power supplies

and wiring) shunts the resistance R whereas the feedback through the anode-grid capacitance C_{ag} also becomes important.

Flicker noise gives a noise output power which varies as l/f, so that it becomes unimportant for sufficiently large f (>20 kc). Due to the capacitance C the mean square value of the noise voltage at the grid of the first stage of the amplifier is not 4kTRB but

$$\frac{4kTRB}{1+\omega^2 C^2 R^2}$$
(4)

The capacitance C thus gives rise to an error of 1 percent if $\omega CR = 0.1$. Taking $R = 10^4$ ohms and f = 120 kc we find that this occurs if C = 14 $\mu\mu f$. This means that the error is unimportant at 120 kc even for the highest R_n scale of the instrument.

The load resistance of the test circuit is sufficiently low that feedback through the anode-grid capacitance is small even for triodes. The main effect of this feedback is a change in input capacitance (Miller effect). This change in capacitance may be quite large for triodes with a high g_m , but those tubes have a low noise resistance (a few hundred ohms) so that they can be measured on the lowest R_n scale, where this change in capacitance has little effect especially because of the low tuning frequency.

The 8-pin socket for the test tube is mounted at the front panel. It is wired such that 6SJ7, 6AC7 and similarly based tubes can be tested directly. For other tubes one has to



FIG. 2—Alternate bridge arrangement which eliminates zero drift but requires more sensitive indicating instrument

wire adapter sockets. Input and output are well-screened for the 8pin socket in order to avoid capacitive feedback and similar precautions should be taken for the adapter sockets if possible.

Quadratic Detector

A thermistor is used as a quadratic detector for the measurement of the noise output power of the amplifier. A change in resistance of the thermistor measuring the output power is measured in a thermistor bridge using a 6J6 and a 100-µa meter in a balanced circuit. A filter section keeps the output noise voltage away from the grid of the 6J6. Zero drift is eliminated to a large extent by using equal thermistors in both arms of the bridge and mounting them close together so that they have comparable thermal environments.

It is also possible to replace the thermistor by a 1,000-ohm resistor and to measure the noise voltage across the resistor with a crystal diode as shown in Fig. 2. At low signal levels (up to a few μa rectified current) the crystal diode is a quadratic detector. Silicon detectors seem to be quadratic over a wider range than germanium diodes. The quadratic range can be extended by inserting a resistance R of the proper value in series with the galvanometer measuring the rectified current.

Use of a crystal diode rectifier has the advantage that the zero drift is eliminated completely, but a more expensive galvanometer is required.

Test Results

The results of a large number of measurements showed that the 6J4 and 6AG5 tubes have noise resistance values close to the theoretical value with very few exceptions. The 6AC7's were moderately good though there was a larger percentage of noisy tubes than for 6AG5. The 6J6 and 6AK5 were found to be rather poor; up to 50 percent or more of the tubes had a noise resistance of more than twice the theoretical value and there was a considerable spread in noise resistance. No marked difference was found between 6AK5's made by different manufacturers.

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Flexible Selectivity For

Single-tube circuit employs electronic Q multiplication to attain i-f selectivity equivalent to that obtainable with quartz crystal filter. Also provides increased flexibility and choice of null or boost to peak desired signal or eliminate interference

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FIG. 1—Simplified circuit for null in existing i-f amplifier response using electronic Q multiplication

A INDISPENSABLE COMPONENT of modern communications receivers is the variable-selectivity crystal filter, useful in both phone and c-w reception. Design of these filters has remained essentially unchanged since their introduction in the early nineteen thirties. Present crowding of the h-f bands suggests the desirability of improvement, particularly in respect to flexibility.

Electronic Crystal

A tunable electronic circuit can perform most of the functions of an i-f crystal filter—and more besides—and may be connected to existing receivers or amplifiers without wiring modification or noticeable loss in gain. The circuit may also be used for exalted-carrier double-sideband or single-sideband reception in a particularly simple manner. It should prove valuable for bandwidth control and interference elimination in a number of laboratory and other applications.

These objectives may be achieved by means of an L-C resonant circuit with electronic Q multiplication by positive feedback.¹ The equivalent Q of 465-kc i-f crystal filters is roughly 4,000. Resonant circuits have values of Q between 100 and 200 at this frequency; hence multiplications of 20 to 40 times suffice. While stability of circuits with positive feedback is not that of a passive element, occasional minor readjustment is not believed to be a serious disadvantage since operators tend frequently to alter filter settings to suit changing conditions.

The incorporation of an additional crystal filter in existing receivers requires major rebuilding. An electronic selective circuit, on the other hand, may be designed to provide a variable impedance which may be connected between the plate (or grid) of one of the existing tubes in an amplifier chain, and ground.² This impedance may take form of a tube whose effective plate resistance is modified by feedback. Thus, a high- r_n tube given strong negative voltage feedback at the frequency to be eliminated, represents a very low impedance at that frequency and a relatively high one at other frequencies where the feedback is negligible.

A simplified diagram of the connection for obtaining a null similar to a crystal rejection slot is shown in Fig. 1. Tuned circuits used in i-f tuned amplifiers have parallel resonant impedances varying between 250,000 and 25,000 ohms, with the higher values the most common. Thus if V_1 is one-half of a dual triode such as the 12AX7, insertion loss due to its plate resistance r_p will not be serious.

The box connecting plate and grid of this tube contains a tuned



FIG. 2—Circuit shown produces sharp peak in i-f selectivity curve

amplifier with Q multiplication obtained by positive feedback. The connection polarity in this box is such that the through phase shift at resonance is zero. Thus, V_1 has strong negative feedback at resonance.

Theoretical Analysis

It may be shown that Z, the effective plate resistance of V_{1} , is given by

$$Z = \frac{r_{p1} \left(1 - A_2 \beta_2\right)}{1 - A_2 \beta_2 + k A_1 A_2} \tag{1}$$

where A_1 and A_2 are the no-feedback gains of V_1 and V_2 respectively, β_2 the feedback fraction of V_2 , and k an attenuation constant controlling the magnitude of β_1 .

Thus Z becomes zero when $A_2\beta_2 = 1$. This is the condition for oscillation of the amplifier in the box, if V_1 were not connected. However, the path through V_1 represents negative feedback, and oscil-

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Two units containing elements shown in Fig. 3 may be used together to provide an extremely flexible arrangement with a choice of two nulls, two peaks, or one of each for separating desired and interfering signals



FIG. 3—A double-pole double-throw switch permits operator to choose between null and peak operation. In use, the peak may be moved across i-f amplifier pass-band for fine tuning without changing the pitch of signals coming through



FIG. 4—Actual oscillograms made on typical communications receiver shows remarkable performance obtainable with external circuit set in null position

lation will not occur even though $A_2\beta_2$ is equal to unity and the null is perfect. Oscillation will occur, however, when $A_2\beta_2$ is increased until it equals $(1 + kA_1A_2)$.

The amplifier A_2 has in effect two voltage feedback loops; one positive (β_2) and one negative (kA_1) , and the net positive feedback, which multiplies the intrinsic Q of the tuned circuit, is the difference of these two. The effective Q of the tuned circuit is

$$Q_{\text{eff}} = Q - \frac{1}{1 - A_2 \beta_2 + k A_1 A_2} \tag{2}$$

Since $(1-A_{z}\beta_{z})$ is always set to zero to give a perfect null, the effective coil Q is controllable simply by varying k.

To the extent that $A_1\beta_1$ (see Fig. 1) is large compared to unity at resonance, the variation of Z with frequency is essentially the inverse of the variation of the quantity β_1 , with frequency.

It is important that the magnitude of β_2 at resonance be as nearly independent of tuning as possible, to preserve the depth of the null. Since V_2 in Fig. 1 is essentially a constant-current generator, and the parallel-resonant impedance in its plate circuit (without feedback) is proportional to ωLQ , A_2 will vary directly with frequency if the total capacitance is varied for tuning. Even though the required percent tuning variation is small and the change in $A_2\beta_2$ small, the change in $(1 - A_2\beta_2)$ will nevertheless be noticeable. It can be greatly reduced by proper choice of the ratio C_1/C_2 , and by tuning with one capacitor alone.

One may express $A_2\beta_2$ in the following form:

$$A_2\beta_2 = g_m LQ \frac{(C_2C_1)^{1/2}}{(C_2 + C_1)^{3/2}}$$
(5)

where g_m is the mutual conductance of V_{2} . Since Q may be regarded as constant over the narrow frequency range under consideration, the problem is to minimize the change in the right-hand side of Eq. 5 when C_1 is varied. A minimum occurs when $C_2 = 2C_1$. For small variations about this value of C_1 , $(1 - A_2\beta_2)$ will be substantially constant.

To achieve a selective peak similar to that obtainable with a quartz crystal, the circuit may be modified as shown in Fig. 2. Assume that the switch is closed. The impedance level of the tuned circuit LC_1C_2 inside the box is made low compared with that of the plate circuit of the amplifier V_{o} . The response of the circuit in the box will then control the overall frequency response. Insertion loss, when LC_1C_2 is off tune, is high. However, when resonance is approached, and the Q of this circuit is multiplied by V_{z} , its parallel resonant impedance becomes large and the gain of V_{\circ}



FIG. 5—Typical crystal filter characteristic

may equal (or even exceed) the normal value. (Excessive positive feedback in V_2 will make the entire circuit oscillate). In this way the selective response characteristics of a crystal filter with the holder capacitance neutralized, may be closely approximated.

Exalted-Carrier Reception

Another type of overall response that may be obtained is the normal amplifier gain - versus - frequency characteristic with a sharp peak superimposed on top. Such a characteristic is useful for exaltedcarrier reception of a-m signals, or for reception of reduced-carrier single-sideband transmissions. The peak may be made narrow enough so that only the carrier receives extra amplification, all sidebands of significance being handled at the receiver's normal gain level.

This characteristic is quite useful with relatively stable receivers having bandspread tuning and S meters, since the tuning may be done by maximizing the meter indication in the usual way. The increased carrier-to-sideband ratio requires a noticeable increase in audio gain-control setting. For reception of reduced-carrier singlesideband signals, the response peak may be tuned. Symmetry of the resulting peak with respect to the normal passband is affected by tuning the resonant circuit in the receiver to which the unit is connected, and may be restored by a slight change in the tuning of this circuit when the superimposed peak is set to either side of passband center.

This response is readily obtained by decoupling the high-Q resonant circuit LC_1C_2 from the amplifier by means of the resistance R. The insertion loss otherwise caused by LC_1C_2 is greatly reduced; nevertheless, at the resonant frequency of LC_1C_2 a narrow peak appears on the transmission characteristic of V_{a} Assuming that the height of this peak is to have some convenient value (say 10 db), its bandwidth is determined by the combination of positive feedback and R required to give this particular height. The larger R is made, the greater the positive feedback required, and the narrower the resulting bandwidth.

The selective arrangements shown in Fig. 1. and 2 are readily combined in one device, with the desired function selectable bv means of a switch. Figure 3 is a schematic of a practical circuit designed for a frequency of 465 kc. Connection to the plate of the amplifier tube is made through a shielded cable, whose capacitance is tuned out by a slug-tuned inductance.

Since positive feedback is used, it is desirable that the plate supply be regulated. Total plate drain is about two milliamperes at 250 volts.

Feedback is controlled by two potentiometers in the cathode of V_2 . Capacitors C_1 and C_2 are adjustable padders whose ratio may be set to minimize variations in feedback with tuning. It is desirable that the circuit as a whole be connected to low-level stages in a given amplifier chain, to avoid the possibility of overloading on strong signals. Insertion loss in the null position, even when the amplifier incorporates low-C tuned circuits, is of the order of 3 db.

The performance of the device is illustrated vividly in Fig. 4 and 5. These oscillograms were made with a typical communications receiver, and the transmission scale is logarithmic. When the notch of the electronic circuit (Fig. 4) is tuned from one side of the response curve to the other, (leaving all other controls set) the width of the overall response remains constant. The depth of the null likewise remains substantially constant, being better than 40 db down from the normal response. In the case of the crystal filter (Fig. 5), considerable broadening occurs, particularly near the desired signal.

C-W Reception

The peak response curve for c-w reception closely resembles that of regular crystal filters. This peak, it should be pointed out, may be tuned through the receiver passband without appreciable change in height-thus providing flexibility not possessed by a crystal. Separating c-w stations by tuning the selective circuit rather than the receiver local oscillator, is believed to be more logical and normal than the conventional method, for changes in tuning do not then affect the pitch of the signal being received. If the operator is concentrating on a particular weak signal in the presence of several others, it is easy to become confused by the change in pitch of all signals when tuning a conventional receiver to center the desired signal in the crystal passband.

In phone reception, it is convenient to set the two electronic nulls at each side of the receiver passband, and let the completelyneutralized crystal determine how wide the passband will be. The nulls steepen the sides of the passband (much as in the case of m-derived filters) and can be set on top of any specific interfering signal that ventures near the frequency of the desired signal.

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2-Channel Rectangular Pulse Generator

Battery-operated generator delivers rectangular voltage pulses from two main output channels. Pulses from each channel are adjustable in amplitude from 0 to 80 volts in three decade ranges and adjustable in time duration from 25 microseconds to 7.5 milliseconds in three ranges

A STIMULATOR is described which delivers rectangular voltage pulses from two main output channels. The voltage pulses from each channel are independently adjustable in amplitude and time duration. The pulses delivered from the second channel are delayed by an adjustable time from those delivered from the first.

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Pulses are delivered from each channel at the same pulse repetition rate which is adjustable continuously over three decade ranges. This type of stimulator is necessary for certain studies in neuromuscular physiology and may be used also as an excellent general purpose stimulator.

Overall Characteristics

The equipment is a completely shielded self-contained batteryoperated unit which may be used satisfactorily in a shielded laboratory room. It has two main output channels and a synchronizing pulse channel. The synchronizing channel delivers rectangular voltage pulses of approximately 20 µsec duration adjustable in amplitude from zero to 120 volts in two decade ranges. The pulses from this channel may be used for synchronizing the sweep of an external monitor oscilloscope or for initiating the sweep of a recording oscillograph.

Each main output channel delivers rectangular voltage pulses adjustable in amplitude from zero to 80 volts in three decade ranges and adjustable in time duration from 25 usec to 7.5 milliseconds in three ranges. The output impedance of

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the two main channels depends upon the voltage-control dial setting but does not exceed 3,200 ohms resistance for maximum output voltage.

The voltage pulses of the synchronizing pulse channel are advanced in time from those of the first main output channel by an amount adjustable from 0.04 to 1.64 milliseconds in two ranges. Likewise the voltage pulses of the second main output channel are delayed in time from those of the first main output channel by an amount adjustable from 0.04 to 1.64 milliseconds in two ranges.

All of the operating adjustments of the stimulator are independent of each other and are calibrated. Changing one adjustment does not change any of the others.

The stimulator normally delivers repeating pulses from each channel. The pulse repetition rate is adjustable from 0.5 to 500 pulses per second in three decade ranges. Pulses always are delivered from all three channels at the same rate.

Provision is made for a d-c output for marking work and for a single-pulse output for special work. The single pulse is initiated by an external shielded switch which plugs into a jack on the stimulator panel. When this switch is operated, a single pulse is produced in each channel output. The synchronizing pulse appears first, the pulse from the first main channel second and then the pulse from the second main channel.

Circuit Operation

The schematic of the stimulator is shown in Fig. 1. The complete circuit consists essentially of multivibrators and switch tubes. The multivibrators are similar to those used in radar systems and have been chosen because of their good operating characteristics and reliability features.

The oscillator which provides the timing for the repeating pulses consists of V_1 and V_2 and the associated circuits with switch S_s on the middle position. It is a conventional free-running multivibrator with full positive bias on the grids of the tubes. The output signal is taken from the plate of V_2 . The amplitude of the signal is independent of the frequency.

A $30-\mu f$ filter capacitor is connected across the plate supply of the oscillator to stabilize the plate voltage and to minimize interference in the operation of other stages of the stimulator caused by battery-voltage fluctuations during the oscillator cycle. To stabilize the frequency of the oscillator, a separate battery is used to supply the filaments of the oscillator tubes.

The oscillator output signal is applied to the grid of V_s through a short-time-constant differentiating circuit. The tube acts as a clipping stage and operates at positive bias in order that clipping will occur on the negative part of the input grid signal. A positive rectangular voltage pulse appears at the plate of

 V_{s} . The width of this pulse depends upon where the input grid signal is clipped, which in turn depends upon the setting of potentiometer R_{z} . Tube V_{s} is direct coupled to the power output tube V_{*} which raises the power level of the signal and provides additional clipping for better wave form. The output voltage controls consist of the two potentiometers R_{*} and R_{s} . The 2,000-ohm resistor in series with the output terminal protects the tube in case the output terminals are short circuited accidentally.

Delayed Pulses

The synchronizing pulse advance circuit which consists of $V_{\mathfrak{s}}$ and $V_{\mathfrak{s}}$ delays the output pulses of channel 1 from the output pulses of the synchronizing channel. In effect this is the same as advancing the pulses of the synchronizing channel when channel 1 is taken as the reference. The circuit is a monostable multivibrator in which the screen of the normally nonconducting tube V_{s} is used as a plate. The free plate of $V_{\mathfrak{s}}$ which provides the output signal may be loaded without affecting the timing of the multivibrator. This circuit produces a voltage pulse having a very sharp trailing edge.

The adjustment of timing of the multivibrator is obtained by varying the resistance in the screen circuit of $V_{\rm s}$. Since the screen current is not greatly dependent upon the screen resistance, the voltage signal which appears at the screen and which is transferred to the grid of $V_{\mathfrak{s}}$ will vary with the value of screen resistance. This in turn will vary the time required for the grid of V_{\bullet} to return to the value which will allow the tube to conduct after the multivibrator has been fired. This method of varying the timing gives a calibration curve which is nearly linear.

The rectangular pulse signal from V_s is differentiated by means of separate circuits to obtain voltage pips for driving the pulsewidth control circuit of channel-1 and the channel-2 delay circuit. The positive pips are used since they are the ones delayed by an adjustable time from the output pulses of the synchronizing channel.

The pulse-width control circuit for channel 1 consists of V_{τ} , V_{s} and V_{s} . Tube V_{τ} removes the negative voltage pip in the signal from the previous stage and converts the positive pip into a negative pip necessary to drive the multivibrator proper, V_{s} and V_{s} . This is a monostable circuit with plate-togrid coupling one way and cathode coupling the other. Both tubes operate at fixed bias voltages obtained from a bleeder. The grid of V_{*} is connected to the bleeder through a 1N63 germanium diode to shorten the reset time of the multivibrator after it has completed its timing cycle. The bias adjustment R_{11} on the grid of the normally nonconducting tube provides the means of adjusting the multibrator timing.

Isolation Methods

This circuit offers the advantage of a control adjustment which has a linear calibration. Three ranges of timing adjustment are obtained by switching the timing capacitor in the plate-to-grid coupling circuit. A separate battery must be used for the filaments of V_s and V_s because of the cathode coupling.

In order to eliminate cross-interference effects between different multivibrators, the filament circuit is switched with a relay to shorten the filament leads from the tube socket to the chassis terminals, the cathode resistor is made as small as practical and the leads to the filament battery as well as the battery itself are shielded. The plate-



FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of the two-channel rectangular-pulse generator. The 3A4 tubes are selected for good cutoff characteristics

supply voltage for tubes V_{τ} , V_s and V_{\bullet} is passed through a filter consisting of a 1,000-ohm series resistor and a 30-µf shunt capacitor.

The output stage of channel 1 consists of V_{10} direct-coupled to the output from the pulse-width control circuit. This tube raises the power level of the signal and provides a small amount of clipping for better wave form.

The output voltage controls consist of potentiometer R_{17} and switch S_{10} . On the high-voltage range, the potentiometer serves as the plate load resistor. A 700-ohm series resistor serves to protect the tube in case the output terminals should be short-circuited accidentally. On the two lower voltage ranges, the plate load resistance is increased to about 50,000 ohms to reduce the drain on the plate-supply battery.

The three resistors in the plate circuit are chosen so that the total voltage which appears across R_{ii} is 1/10 and 1/100 that which appears on the high-voltage range. The quiescent plate voltage of the tube being lower on the two lower voltage ranges, the grid-bias adjustment is changed by switching out the 70,000-ohm resistor in series with R_{13} to keep the tube operating as a clipping stage. Since the tube is self-protecting against short circuits on the output terminals for these conditions, the 700-ohm series resistance is switched out of the circuit.

The circuits of channel 2 are essentially duplicates of the synchronizing-pulse advance circuit. the pulse-width control circuit and the output circuit of channel 1.

Single Pulse Train

For initiating a single voltage pulse in the output of each channel, circuit changes are made by the output-voltage waveform selector switch S_3 . On position 1, this switch decouples the oscillator, connects the grid of V_1 to a large negative bias and connects the grid of V_{s} to a separate network consisting of two resistors, a capacitor and a spdt switch S_4 . When S_4 is in the normal position, V_2 is biased beyond cut off. When the switch is operated, the grid is raised to +180volts and allows the tube to start conducting very rapidly. The out-



Output voltage waveform (A) and constancy of wave shape of the output voltage pulse with respect to nerve loading on the stimulator (B)

put pulses from the differentiating circuits connected to the plate of V_{ϵ} are sufficient to generate the synchronizing pulse signal and to fire the first multivibrator consisting of V_{s} and V_{s} . From that point on the operation is the same as for repeating pulses, except that the multivibrators fire only once.

The capacitor across S_4 prevents the circuit from resetting immediately when S_{\bullet} is released. This delay is introduced to prevent the multivibrators from firing more than once in case S_4 should chatter or make bad contact during the opening and closing operation.

D-C Output Circuits

When the output voltage waveform selector is switched to position 3, the multivibrators and output tubes are cut off and adjustable resistances R_{16} and R_{29} are connected in parallel with the output tubes of channels 1 and 2. Thus battery voltage is applied directly across the output-voltage control circuits and direct current is available at the output terminals. The resistances R_{16} and R_{29} are adjusted to match the apparent resistance of the output tubes when they are conducting so that the same voltage calibrations on the output-voltage control dials apply whether the stimulator is delivering direct current or rectangular voltage pulses.

Switching Provisions

Separate off-on switches are provided in each output channel to

reduce battery drain when all channels are not being used. The switches are wired in the filament circuits and turn off all tubes which function only in the corresponding channel.

The pulse-repetition-rate rangeselector switch S_2 is interlocked with the pulse-width range-selector switches S_{\bullet} and S_{\bullet} to turn off the pulse-width control circuits by switching off the plate supply voltage if both range selectors are set on the high ranges simultaneously. For long pulse widths at high pulse repetition rates, successive pulses would overlap and block the operation of the pulse-width control circuits.

The normally-closed contact on S_{\star} provides a means of starting and stopping the generation of output pulses. This switch plugs into the circuit through a phone plug and jack. When S_{s} is in position 2 with S_4 plugged in, V_2 is biased sufficiently negative to block the oscillator. When S_4 is operated, positive bias is applied to V_2 , the oscillator begins to function immediately and voltage pulses appear at the output terminals. When S_4 is released, the oscillator is blocked and the output pulses stop. Continuous pulsing operation is obtained by unplugging S₄.

The stimulator described in this paper was developed by the Bio-Mechanics Group, University of California, whose work is aided by a grant from the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, for use in neuromuscular research studies. The stimulator has been in active use for over two years and has given excellent performance, both as a general-purpose stimulator and for supplying synchronized pulses from two main output channels.

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Reeves model A-105 computer uses sixteen driftless high-gain d-c amplifiers. Removable pre-patch board permits patching for problems away from computer, saving set-up time, permitting problem storage and making multipleshift operation possible

THE REAC is a group of general-purpose analog computer equipments capable of solving nonlinear differential equations with a high degree of accuracy.¹ The newest version contains 16 high-gain driftless d-c amplifiers, 4 limiters of a new and extremely effective design, 6 automatic switching devices, and passive circuit elements which may be used in conjunction with the high-gain amplifiers to generate transfer functions.

Figure 1 shows a high-gain phase-inverting d-c amplifier con-

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nected to perform the operation of summation of variables. Integration with respect to time is achieved by substituting a capacitor for the feedback resistor. Three stages are used, providing the requisite phase inversion and an overall gain of approximately 30,000. The input stage is operated to draw essentially zero grid current, so that the current through the feedback resistor may be considered equal to the sum of the input currents, as indicated on the equivalent circuit.

The grid voltage has a varying component which drives the output voltage to a value dependent upon the input voltages, and a relatively steady component which is called the drift voltage because it is due to d-c amplifier drift after zerobalancing. The amplifier gain being high, the varying component of e_{ρ} changes only slightly (about 0.01 volt) as V_{o} varies over its full range (a swing of approximately 300 volts). The amplifier is balanced by adjusting the secondstage bias for zero output with the input points opened. Under these circumstances e_a is zero. This is the condition in which the amplifier is operated. With the amplifier properly balanced, $V_{\circ} = -(AV_{1})$ $+ BV_2$), which is the ideal performance equation of a summing amplifier.

Qualitatively the circuit of Fig. 1 is similar to a servo. Any error voltage at the input grid appears as a large voltage of opposite sign at the output where, by virtue of the voltage division across the input and feedback resistors from the output voltage to the various input voltages, it drives the input grid voltage back toward zero. The amplifier is thus a voltage servo which maintains a null at its input grid by virtue of current feedback. The input grid floats at a virtual ground. This, in effect, allows the various input circuits to be connected to the common point with no feed-through between them in the summing network. The highprecision values of commercially available passive components, particularly resistors, may then be used for accurate computation.

Grid Current

It is not possible to maintain zero grid current in a d-c coupled amplifier stage in which plate current is flowing; the grid current is a function of plate current and may be made relatively constant by operating at low plate current. Using a 6SL7 as an input tube in the circuit shown in Fig. 1, about 20×10^{-10} ampere of grid current flows. Because of the feedback arrangement, this current all flows through the 1-meg feedback resistor, producing an error of approximately 2 mv at the output.

To understand why grid current flows only through the feedback resistor, consider what happens if any grid current flows through the input resistor. The voltage across the resistor will change. Since the input end of the resistor is tied to a low-impedance source the voltage of which will not be affected by the small change in current, the voltage at the input grid will tend to change. The amplifier will oppose this action by driving the output voltage so as to buck this change.

All d-c amplifiers are inherently susceptible to drift because a slight change in grid-to-cathode voltage in the first stage (due to a slight variation in plate supply or heater voltage, resistor drift or input tube unbalance) is amplified in succeeding

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Chopper and auxiliary a-c amplifier provide continuous balancing to counteract drift. Input current is zero because all input-stage grid current goes through feedback resistor. Two-page table gives input and output networks for use with amplifier to generate variety of complex transfer functions for summation operation in analog computers

stages, producing a large change in output voltage. Despite the drift problem, the use of d-c amplifiers for analog computation is highly desirable because d-c voltages may be operated on with simple RC networks. Equivalent networks for a-c carrier systems are complex and are sensitive to carrier frequency variation. A d-c amplifier with an input resistor and a feedback capacitor provides more accuracy over a wider range of integration than any other analog device.

Balancing

Various methods have been used to solve the drift problem, most of which resolve themselves into frequent setting of a voltage level. The original REAC computer used a servo balancing system in which the amplifier inputs were opened and the output voltage supplied as the error signal to a servo driving the potentiometer from which the balancing voltage was tapped. A stepping relay and clutching system switched the servo amplifier and motor to each of the 20 amplifiers in turn. This eliminated the drift voltage at the instant of adjustment. Frequent adjustment was necessary and the allowable problem running time was limited by the amplifier drift rate.

An all-electronic continuous-balancing system has been developed², using a chopper in conjunction with an auxiliary a-c amplifier. The circuit version used in the REAC is shown in Fig. 2. Any voltage existing at the input grid is chopped into a 60-cycle signal by the vibrator which grounds the junction of R_2 and C_2 on alternate halfcycles. Note that grounding the input in this manner draws negligible current because the input grid is always within 2 mv of ground and the resistance to ground through the vibrator is more than 2 meg.

The amplifier output is half-wave rectified by the vibrator, filtered by R_s and C_s , and coupled to the second grid of the d-c amplifier input. The first stage of the input tube receives the input signal directly, while the other grid receives the output of the auxiliary amplifier. The auxiliary amplifier output is added to the direct-coupled signal by means of the common cathode resistor of the first stage.

The auxiliary amplifier has a d-c gain of about 1,000. Since it is in series with the basic amplifier, between the junction of the summing resistors and the basic amplifier, the combination has a d-c gain which is the product of the gains of the two amplifiers (about $30 \times 10^{\circ}$). Moreover, the auxiliary amplifier is drift-free so that the drift



FIG. 1-Basic computing amplifier and equivalent circuit



FIG. 2-Circuit used to counteract drift of d-c amplifier

voltage is less by a factor of about 1,000.

Stability

Certain stability problems arise when it is attempted to raise the loop-gain of a feedback system 60 db by the insertion of an additional amplifier in series. If the auxiliary amplifier, which provides the additional gain, has a bandwidth restricted to low frequencies so that the gain of the auxiliary amplifier falls to unity before the main amplifier gain is attenuated more than a small fraction of a db by the antising networks, and if the auxiliary amplifier is bypassed so that highfrequency components of the signal will pass directly through the primary amplifier, the combination may be made stable.

The gain-frequency characteristic of the amplifier is shown in Fig. 3. To satisfy the Nyquist-Bode stability requirements the characteristic curve should cross the unity gain (0 db) line at a slope of less than 12 db per octave. Each individual response curve satisfies this condition. With the series connection, however, if the sloping sections were to overlap, the combined attenuation would produce too steep a slope. It is thus necessary that the auxiliary amplifier frequency response be severely limited. Additionally, the auxiliary amplifier must be bypassed because the slope of its characteristic increases sharply below unity gain. Since the auxiliary amplifier is followed by a gain of roughly 30,000 the series combination would have unity gain at a gain of 1/30,000 for the auxiliary amplifier, at which point the slope of the characteristic is too steep.

Whenever there is a disturbance at the direct input, the balancing input must not be a larger disturbance because when coupled through the amplifier it would drive the direct input grid in the opposite direction past zero and oscillation would result.

A further stipulation is thus necessary for stability. The time constant of R_s and C_s at the output of the balancing amplifier must be equal to or greater than the time constant of R_1 and C_1 at the input multiplied by the gain of the balancing amplifier. In this fashion the amplified transient at the balancing amplifier output. is attenuated so that the amplitude of the transient input to the balancing grid does not over-compensate and cause the input grid to be driven in the opposite direction. Filter network R_1-C_1 is required at the input of the two-stage amplifier to isolate the input grid of the 6SL7 from the vibrator signal.

It is necessary for stability that the vibrator have make-before-



FIG. 3—Variation of gain with frequency for d-c amplifier



FIG. 4—Generalized block diagram of amplifier



FIG. 5—Examples of transfer function networks

break contacts. If one of the vibrator contacts is momentarily ungrounded, the in-phase a-c coupled through the vibrator capacitance will cause the balancing amplifier to oscillate. If one contact is grounded at all times, most of the feed-through is eliminated and the balancing circuit is stable.

Transfer Functions

The use of d-c amplifiers in combination with passive networks to generate complex transfer functions is a generalization of summation (or integration). The equations in Fig. 4 hold when e_g is essentially zero and very small grid current flows. Here Z_i and Z_a are the short-circuit transfer impedances of the respective networks. The short-circuit transfer impedance is defined as input voltage divided by output current for output shortcircuited, hence $(V_s/V_i) = (Z_o/Z_i$) = f(p) where p = d/dtand f(p) is a transfer relationship between output and input voltage dependent solely upon the networks (to the extent that e_g and I_g are close to zero).

An example is presented in Fig. 5, along with the networks that provide the desired transfer function. The input and output networks may be modified to adapt the component values available to the component values required by modifying the circuits individually without changing their time constant.

For example, the feedback network can be changed as shown in Fig. 5B. This actually changes the constant term 6 in the numerator but does not affect the differential terms. The reduction in feedback resistance value and increase in input resistance value drop the steady-state gain to 5/4. Originally the gain was 6. This factor can be picked up elsewhere in the computing loop.

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To generate a specific f(p), rewrite f(p) in the form Z_o/Z_i where Z_o and Z_i are each in a form correspond-

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ing to a function in the left-hand column. Choose input and output networks in accordance with the diagrams and relations adjacent to the function representing Z_i and Z_a respectively.

TRANSFER IMPEDANCE FUNCTION	NETWORK	RELATIONS	INVERSE RELATIONS	TRANSFER IMPEDANCE FUNCTION	NETWORK	RELATIONS	INVERSE RELATIONS
A 		A = R A = R T = RC	R = A R = A C = T A	$\frac{1}{pB} (1+pT_1) (1+pT_2)$		B = C ₂ T ₁ T ₂ = R ₁ R ₂ C ₁ C ₂ T ₁ + T ₂ = R ₁ C ₁ +R ₂ C ₂ +R ₁ C ₂	$R_{1} = \frac{\left(\sqrt{T_{1}} - \sqrt{T_{2}}\right)^{2}}{B}$ $R_{2} = \frac{\sqrt{T_{1}T_{2}}}{B}$ $C_{1} = \frac{B\sqrt{T_{1}T_{2}}}{(T_{1} - \sqrt{T_{2}})^{2}}$
A (I+pT)		A = 2R T = <u>RC</u>	$R = \frac{A}{2}$ $C = \frac{4T}{A}$	$\frac{1}{pB} \left[\frac{(1+pT_1)(1+pT_2)}{p \sqrt{T_1 T_2}} \right]$	⊊ C ₁ C _{2 R2} - {• {-	B = C ₂ T ₁ T ₂ = R ₁ R ₂ C ₁ C ₂	$R = \frac{(\sqrt{T_1} - \sqrt{T_2})^2}{\frac{B}{R_2}}$ $R = \frac{\sqrt{T_1 - \sqrt{T_2}}}{\frac{T_1 - \sqrt{T_2}}{B}}$
. (I+p@T)		$A = R_1 + R_2$ $T = R_2C$ $\theta = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$	$R_{1} = A\theta$ $R_{2} = A(1-\theta)$ $C = \frac{T}{A(1-\theta)}$	T ₁ ≠ T ₂		T ₁ + T ₂ = R ₁ C ₁ + R ₂ C ₂ +R ₁ C ₂	$C_{1} = \frac{B\sqrt{T_{1}T_{2}}}{(\sqrt{T_{1}} - \sqrt{T_{2}})^{2}}$ $C_{2} = B$
$\frac{A\left(\frac{1}{1+pT}\right)}{\theta < 1}$		$A = R_1$ T = (R_1 + R_2)C $\theta = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$	$R_{1} = A$ $R_{2} = \frac{A\theta}{1-\theta}$ $C = \frac{T(1-\theta)}{A}$	$\frac{1}{pB} \begin{bmatrix} (1+pT_1) (1+pT_2) \\ p^2 T_1 T_2 \end{bmatrix}$ $T_1 < T_2$		$B = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + 2C_2}$ $T_1 = RC_1$	$R = \frac{T_1(T_2 - T_1)}{2BT_2}$ $C_1 = \frac{2BT_2}{T_2 - T_1}$
$A\left(\frac{ *pT }{ *p\theta T}\right)$ $\theta < 1$		$A = \frac{2R_1R_2}{2R_1+R_2}$ $T = \frac{R_1C}{2}$ $\theta = \frac{2R_1}{2R_1+R_2}$	$R_{1} = \frac{A}{2(1-\theta)}$ $R_{2} = \frac{A}{\theta}$ $C = \frac{4T(1-\theta)}{A}$	$A\left(\frac{1+pT_{1}}{1+p^{2}T_{1}T_{2}}\right)$		$T_2 = R(C_1 + 2C_2)$ A = 2R ₁	$C_2 = \frac{\Delta T_2}{T_1}$ $R_1 = \frac{\Delta}{2}$ $R_2 = \frac{\Delta T_1}{4T_2}$
		$A = 2R_1$ $T = \left(R_2 \cdot \frac{R_1}{2}\right)C$	$R_{1} = \frac{\Delta \theta}{2}$ $R_{2} = \frac{\Delta \theta}{4(1-\theta)}$		$\begin{array}{c} C_2 \\ \hline C_1 \\ \hline R_2 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ R_1C_1 = 4R_2C_2 \end{array}$	$T_1 = \frac{R_1 C_2}{2} = 2R_2 C_2$ $T_2 = R_1 C_2$	$C_{1} = \frac{4T_{L}}{A}$ $C_{2} = \frac{2T_{2}}{A}$
	<u><u></u></u>	$\theta = \frac{2R_2}{2R_2 + R_1}$	$C = \frac{4T(1-\beta)}{A}$	_ <u>↓</u> ₽₿	— ! €—	B = C	C = B
		$A = 2R$ $T = \frac{R}{2} (C_1 + C_2)$ $\theta = \frac{2C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$	$R = \frac{2}{2}$ $C_{1} = \frac{2T(2-\theta)}{A}$ $C_{2} = \frac{2T\theta}{A}$	<u>∔</u> pB (i+pT)	^Rit	B = C T = RC	$R = \frac{T}{B}$ $C = B$
		$B = C_{1}$ $T_{2} = (R_{1} + R_{2})C_{2}$ $T_{1}T_{3} = R_{1}R_{2}C_{1}C_{2}$ $T_{4}T_{4} = R_{4}C_{4}R_{4}C_{4}R_{4}C_{4}$	$R_{1} = \frac{T_{1} + T_{3} - T_{2}}{B}$ $R_{2} = \frac{T_{1} T_{3} (T_{1} + T_{3} - T_{2})}{B(T_{3} - T_{2}) (T_{2} - T_{1})}$ $C_{1} = B$ $C_{1} = \frac{B}{C_{1} - T_{2}} (T_{2} - T_{1})$	$\frac{1}{pB} \left(\frac{1 \cdot pT}{pT} \right)$		B = <u>C</u> 2 T = 2RC	R = <u>1</u> C = 2B
		$B = C_1 + C_2$ $T_2 = R_2 \left(\frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} \right)$	$\frac{C_{2}^{2} - \frac{T_{1}T_{3}}{BT_{2}}}{R_{1} = \frac{T_{1}T_{3}}{BT_{2}}}$ $R_{2} = \frac{(T_{1}T_{2} + T_{2}T_{3} - T_{1}T_{3})^{2}}{BT_{2}(T_{3} - T_{2})(T_{2} - T_{1})}$	$\frac{1}{pB} \left(\frac{1+pT}{1+p\theta T} \right)$ $\theta < 1$		$B = C_1$ $T = R (C_1 + C_2)$ $\theta = \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$	$R = \frac{T(1-\theta)}{B}$ $C_1 = B$ $C_2 = \frac{B\theta}{1-\theta}$
$\frac{1}{pB} \left[\frac{(I + pT_1)(I + pT_3)}{I + pT_2} \right]$	R ₂ C ₂	$T_1 T_3 = R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2$ $T_1 + T_3 = R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2 + R_1 C_2$	$C_{1} = \frac{BT_{2}^{2}}{T_{1}T_{2}+T_{2}T_{3}-T_{1}T_{3}}$ $C_{2} = \frac{B(T_{3}-T_{2})(T_{2}-T_{1})}{T_{1}T_{2}+T_{2}T_{3}-T_{1}T_{3}}$ $B_{2} = \frac{T_{1}T_{3}}{T_{2}}$			$B = C_1 + C_2$ $T = RC_2$ $\theta = \frac{C_1}{C_1}$	$R = \frac{T}{B(1-\theta)}$ $C_1 = B\theta$ $C_2 = B(1-\theta)$
τ ₁ < τ ₂ < τ ₃		¹⁰ - ¹ 0 T ₂ = R ₂ C ₂ T ₁ T ₃ = R ₁ R ₂ C ₁ C ₂ T ₁ +T ₃ = R ₁ C ₁ +R ₂ C ₂ +R ₂ C ₁	$R_{2} = \frac{(T_{3} - T_{2})(T_{2} - T_{1})}{BT_{2}}$ $R_{2} = \frac{(T_{3} - T_{2})(T_{2} - T_{1})}{BT_{2}}$ $C_{1} = B$ $C_{2} = \frac{BT_{2}^{2}}{(T_{3} - T_{2})(T_{2} - T_{1})}$	$\int_{\overline{pB}} \left[\frac{(1+pT_1)(1+pT_3)}{1+pT_2} \right]$		CI+C2 B * CI+C2 TI = RICI	$R_{1} = \frac{T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{1})}{B(T_{2}-T_{1})}$ $R_{2} = \frac{T_{3}(T_{3}-T_{1})}{B(T_{3}-T_{2})}$
		B = C ₁ T ₂ = R ₂ C ₂ T ₁ T ₃ = R ₁ R ₂ C ₁ C ₂ T ₁ +T ₃ = R ₁ C ₁ +R ₂ C ₂ +R ₁ C ₂	$R_{1} = \frac{T_{1}T_{3}}{BT_{2}}$ $R_{2} = \frac{T_{1}T_{2}T_{3}}{B(T_{3}-T_{2})(T_{2}-T_{1})}$ $C_{1} = B$ $C_{2} = \frac{B(T_{3}-T_{2})(T_{2}-T_{1})}{T_{1}T_{3}}$	τ ₁ < τ ₂ < τ ₃		$T_2 = (R_1 + R_2) \left(\frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} \right)$ $T_3 = R_2 C_2$	$\begin{split} & C_{1} = \frac{B(T_{2}-T_{1})}{T_{3}-T_{1}} \\ & C_{2} = \frac{B(T_{3}-T_{2})}{T_{3}-T_{1}} \end{split}$

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Table I (con	tinued)—Transfer	Functions	of	R-C	Input	and	Output	Network	s
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TRANSFER IMPEDANCE FUNCTION	NETWORK	RELATIONS	INVERSE RELATIONS	TRANSFER IMPEDANGE FUNCTION	NETWORK	RELATIONS	INVERSE RELATIONS
$A \left(\frac{i * p T_1}{1 * p T_1 * p^2 T_1 T_2} \right)$		A = R ₂ T ₁ = 2R ₁ C T ₂ = $\frac{R_2C}{2}$	$R_{I} = \frac{AT_{I}}{4T_{2}}$ $R_{2} = A$ $C = \frac{2T_{2}}{A}$	$\frac{1}{pB} \left(\frac{1+p\theta T}{1+pT} \right)$ $\theta < 1$		$B = C_2$ $T = RC_1 \left(\frac{2C_2 + C_1}{C_2} \right)$ $\theta = \frac{2C_2}{2C_2 + C_1}$	$R = \frac{T\theta^2}{4B(1-\theta)}$ $C_1 = \frac{2B(1-\theta)}{\theta}$ $C_2 = B$
$A\left(\frac{1+pT_2}{1+pT_1+p^2T_1T_2}\right)$		$A = 2R$ $T_1 = 2RC_2$ $T_2 = \frac{RC_1}{2}$	$R = \frac{A}{2}$ $C_1 = \frac{4T_2}{A}$ $C_2 = \frac{T_1}{A}$			$B = \frac{C_1^2}{2C_1 + C_2}$ $T = RC_2$ $\theta = \frac{2C_1}{2C_1 + C_2}$	$R = \frac{T\theta^2}{4\theta(1-\theta)}$ $C_1 = \frac{2\theta}{\theta}$ $C_2 = \frac{4\theta(1-\theta)}{\theta^2}$
$A \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1 + pT_3}{1 + pT_1 + p^2 T_1 T_2} \end{bmatrix}$ $T_2 > \frac{T_1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \text{Complex} \\ \text{roots} \end{pmatrix}$ $T_3 > T_2$		$A = \frac{2R_1R_2}{(2R_1 + R_2)}$ $T_1 = \frac{R_1(R_1C_1 + 2R_2C_2)}{2R_1 + R_2}$ $T_2 = \frac{R_1R_2C_1C_2}{R_1C_1 + 2R_2C_2}$ $T_3 = \frac{R_1C_1}{R_1C_1}$	$R_{1} = \frac{AT_{3}^{2}}{2[T_{3}^{2}-T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})]}$ $R_{2} = \frac{AT_{3}^{2}}{T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})}$ $C_{1} = \frac{4[T_{3}^{2}-T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})]}{AT_{3}}$ $C_{2} = \frac{T_{1}T_{2}}{T_{2}}$			$B = \left(\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}\right)C$ $T = R_2C$ $\theta = \frac{2R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$ $A = R_1 + R_2$	$R_{1} = \frac{T \theta^{2}}{2B(2-\theta)}$ $R_{2} = \frac{T \theta}{2B}$ $C = \frac{2B}{\theta}$ $R_{1} = \frac{A(T_{2}-T_{1})}{(T_{2}-T_{1})}$
		$A = 2R_1$ $T_1 = R_2C_1 + 2R_1C_2$ $T_2 = \frac{R_1(R_1 + 2R_2)C_1C_2}{R_2C_1 + 2R_1C_2}$ $T_2 = \frac{R_1 + R_1}{R_2C_1 + 2R_1C_2}$	$R_{1} = \frac{A}{2}$ $R_{2} = \frac{AT_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})}{4[T_{3}^{2}-T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})]}$ $C_{1} = \frac{4[T_{3}^{2}-T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})]}{AT_{3}}$ $C_{2} = \frac{T_{1}T_{2}}{T_{2}}$	$A\left[\frac{1+pT_{2}}{(1+pT_{1})(1+pT_{3})}\right]$ $T_{1} < T_{2} < T_{3}$		$T_1 = R_1 C_1$ $T_2 = \left(\frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}\right) (C_1 + C_2)$ $T_3 = R_2 C_2$	$R_{2} = \frac{A(T_{3}-T_{2})}{T_{3}-T_{1}}$ $C_{1} = \frac{T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{1})}{A(T_{2}-T_{1})}$ $C_{2} = \frac{T_{3}(T_{3}-T_{1})}{A(T_{3}-T_{2})}$
		A = 2R T ₁ = R(C ₂ +2C ₃) T ₂ = $\frac{RC_3(C_1+C_2)}{C_2+2C_3}$	$R = \frac{A}{2}$ $C_{1} = \frac{2[2T_{3}2-T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})]}{AT_{3}}$ $C_{2} = \frac{2T_{1}(T_{3}-T_{2})}{AT_{3}}$			A = R ₂ T ₂ = R ₁ C ₁ T ₁ T ₃ = R ₁ R ₂ C ₁ C ₂ T ₁ +T ₃ = R ₁ C ₁ + R ₂ C ₂ +R ₂ C ₁	$ \begin{array}{l} R_{1} = \frac{AT_{2}2}{(T_{3}-T_{2})^{2}(T_{2}-T_{1})} \\ R_{2} = A \\ C_{1} = \frac{(T_{3}-T_{2})(T_{2}-T_{1})}{AT_{2}} \\ C_{2} = \frac{T_{1}T_{3}}{AT_{2}} \end{array} $
$A \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+pT_3}{1+pT_1+p^2T_1T_2} \end{bmatrix}$ $T_2 > \frac{T_1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} Complex \\ roots \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c} R_{2} \\ C_{2} \\ C_{1} \\ C_{1} \\ R_{1} \\ C_{1} \\ R_{1} \end{array}$	$T_{3} = \frac{K}{2} (C_{1} + C_{2})$ $A = R_{2}$ $T_{1} = 2R_{1}C_{1} + R_{2}C_{2}$ $T_{2} = \frac{R_{1}R_{2}C_{1}(C_{1} + 2C_{2})^{1}}{2R_{1}C_{1} + R_{2}C_{2}}$ $T_{3} = 2R_{1}C_{1}$	$\begin{array}{c} C_{3} = \frac{1 + 1 - \zeta}{A T_{3}} \\ \\ R_{1} = \frac{A T_{3}^{2}}{4 \left(T_{1} T_{2} - T_{3} (T_{1} - T_{3}) \right)} \\ R_{2} = A \\ C_{1} = \frac{2 \left(T_{1} T_{2} - T_{3} (T_{1} - T_{3}) \right)}{A T_{3}} \\ C_{2} = \frac{T_{1} - T_{3}}{A} \end{array}$			$A = R_{1} + R_{2}$ $T_{2} = \left(\frac{R_{1}R_{2}}{R_{1} + R_{2}}\right)C_{2}$ $T_{1}T_{3} = R_{1}R_{2}C_{1}C_{2}$ $T_{1} + T_{3} = R_{1}C_{1} + R_{2}C_{2} + R_{2}C_{3}$	$\begin{split} R_{1} &= \frac{AT_{2}2}{T_{1}T_{2}*T_{2}T_{3}-T_{1}T_{3}}\\ R_{2} &= \frac{A(T_{3}-T_{2})(T_{2}-T_{1})}{T_{1}T_{2}*T_{2}T_{3}-T_{1}T_{3}}\\ C_{1} &= \frac{T_{1}T_{3}}{AT_{2}}\\ C_{2} &= \frac{(T_{1}T_{2}+T_{2}T_{3}-T_{1}T_{3})^{2}}{AT_{2}(T_{3}-T_{2})(T_{2}-T_{1})} \end{split}$
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THERE ARE MANY tubes now available for use in broadband amplifiers. Pentodes are generally preferred to other types because of their relatively low grid-to-plate capacitance values. The chart below shows at a glance the relative suitability of 100 typical pentodes for use in broad-band amplifier circuits.

The important features of a pentode in this application are its transconductance or g_m , and the total capacitance to ground C, which is equal to the input plus the output capacitance. The plate resistance is much larger than the load resistance R and is usually neglected.

At normal frequencies the gain of the tube is $g_m R$. At high frequencies, if no compensation is used, the gain falls to 70 percent at the frequency where the re-

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actance of C is equal to R. If this frequency

 $f = \frac{1}{2 \pi R C}$

is taken as the bandwidth, then

gain \times bandwidth = $\frac{g_m}{2 \pi C}$

and depends on the tube characteristics rather than on the external circuit. More complicated coupling networks will extend the bandwidth, but the gainbandwidth product will still depend on the ratio of g_m to C.

Transconductance and total capacitance are used as coordinates. Different envelope styles are shown by different symbols. Using logarithmic scales, the contours of constant gain-bandwidth product are lines sloping upwards at 45 degrees. The most desirable tube for this service is towards the lower right corner of the chart.

One use of this chart is to indicate tubes that are electrically similar, such as the 6AU6 and 6BH6.

The chart also shows that an improved tube can be obtained either by increasing the g_m , as shown by types 6AG5 and 6BC5, or by decreasing the capacitance, as shown by types 6AG5 and 6AK5.

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Parallel-Output Push-Pull Circuit

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A NEW and interesting push-pull output circuit has recently been described by Arnold Peterson and D. B. Sinclair of the General Radio Company.¹ With this circuit, each tube in a push-pull pair delivers an output signal voltage and current which combine in parallel in the primary of the output transformer. In the usual push-pull circuit the output voltages combine in series with an output impedance which is four times larger than the parallel output circuit.

A modification of the General Radio circuit is presented in Fig. 1. The experimental circuit of Fig. 1 provides the simplifications of self biasing and perhaps more conventional circuitry in the driving and inverter stages for power outputs near 20 watts. The power-handling characteristics of this circuit as determined by observations of wave shape show no significant difference from the usual push-pull circuit with equivalent operating potentials. For the 6L6 output tubes indicated, somewhat excessive cathode potentials are developed at the higher levels for the cathode of V_1 . Other output tubes are available, however, that operate within of heater-cathode rated values potentials.

Self-biasing potential is developed across the cathode resistor R_1 which carries the current of both V_1 and V_2 . Only part of this potential is used to bias V_1 since V_1 is partially self biased by the d-c drop in the transformer primary winding contained in its cathode circuit. The potentiometer R_2 serves to balance



FIG. 1—Self-biased parallel-output push-pull circuit using pentode drivers. Power output is from 15 to 18 watts

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tube currents and compensate for the drop in the transformer winding. By-passing of the cathode resistor R_1 is not necessary.

In the parallel output circuit it is necessary to drive the upper output tube V_1 by a signal developed between the cathode and grid of V_1 . Since the cathode of V_1 contains the output signal voltage it becomes necessary to compensate the signal developed by the driver V_s which is in turn driven with respect to ground. This is accomplished¹ by deriving the plate-supply potential of V_s from the plate of V_s which contains the same a-c component as the cathode of V_1 .

To a first approximation, and disregarding any self-adjusting effects that occur, the introduction of the a-c signal component in the plate supply of V_s best compensates for the same a-c component existing at the cathode of V_1 when the driver V_s is chosen to be a pentode operating with a constant screen voltage.

With a pentode driver, the a-c component in its plate supply does not develop any appreciable component across its output load. The only appreciable output component developed across the output load of the driver V_s is due to the signal that appears at its grid with respect to ground. Thus the only appreciable signal presented between the grid and cathode of V_1 is derived from the grid-to-ground signal of V_s .

With the exception of the plate supply of V_s , the drivers are symmetrical and are preceded by a conventional phase inverter and coupling stage. The variable plate supply of V_s produces negligible



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FIG. 2-Push-pull output bridge (A) with only primary windings shown. Vertical division yields two parallel-type circuits; horizontal division yields two series-type push-pull circuits. Balanced output without a transformer (B)

departure from symmetry for a pentode as compared with triodes. The relative performance with respect to distortions however, remains to be determined.

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It appears likely that the usual series push-pull circuit and the parallel push-pull circuit may be combined to form a quadruplet push-pull stage of even greater symmetry than either alone. Such a suggested circuit is indicated in Fig. 2. It would require four drivers as well as a pair of centertapped primary windings on the output transformer. Only one phase inverter would be required, however. Each push-pull type would then appear to be only a part of the circuit of Fig. 2.

Inspection of the circuit of Fig. 2 reveals two series push-pull circuits connected in parallel or two parallel push-pull circuits connected in series. The output impedance should be twice that of the parallel circuit alone or half that of the series circuit alone. The quadruplet stage provides a balanced-to-ground or double-ended termination while the parallel circuit alone is single ended.

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Automatic VSWR **Measurement Equipment**

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MANUAL methods of measuring voltage standing-wave ratios are tedious, time-consuming and necessarily painstaking. The equipment shown in the photograph (p 156) was designed to facilitate such measurements with considerable economy of time, and to make permanent records of the results.

The operation of the instrument is illustrated by the simplified block diagram of Fig. 1. The modulated



FIG. 1—Basic block diagram of automatic vswr system. Automatic gain control and frequency calibration marker cavities are not shown

output of the 10-cm klystron is fed through a slotted-line section to the device being tested, and a flat load is connected to the other end of the device under test.

A reversing motor operates a lead screw to drive an electromagnetic pickup probe back and forth in the slot of the slotted-line section. The probe picks up an r-f voltage proportional to the electric field within the guide. The ratio of the maxi-



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A crystal in the probe assembly detects the r-f voltage picked up by the probe. The detected signal is in the form of square-wave pulses having a repetition rate of about 1,000 cps modulated by the variations in voltage picked up as the probe moves along its slot. This signal is amplified, demodulated and applied to a magnetic pen recorder. The actual vswr may be read from a calibration curve. The klystron cavity is automatically swept across a band of frequencies 200 mc wide in the 10-cm band. Repeller voltage tracking is provided by a geared potentiometer.

Three high-Q absorption cavities produce frequency calibration marks on the vswr record. Signals from the audio amplifier are also applied to a detector having a very long time constant, such that its output is not affected by the standing wave envelope, but is affected by slow changes in radio frequency output of the klystron oscillator



FIG. 2-Sections of typical recordings made with automatic vswr equipment

as the oscillator is driven automatically across the band. Its output provides agc for the audio amplifier, whose gain is set initially at a value such that under steadystate conditions (no probe movement) the meter on the amplifier reads that value (about 0.9 fullscale reading) at which the pen motor was calibrated. As an aid in this adjustment, a switch is provided for reducing the time constant of the agc detector. This same switch may be used to disconnect the agc circuit for manual measurements or checks.

Figure 2 shows a portion of three typical vswr records. The high spikes are switching transients and



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indicate where the probe motor reversed. Some of the transients are higher than others; some are missing entirely. This is due to the fact that different instantaneous voltages exist in the 60-cycle power each time the probe drive motor reverses. The vswr may be read between these reversals. It is read by noting the peak to peak deflection on the record and by translating it into vswr by means of a calibration curve. The calibration curve is made originally by inserting known vswr values and noting the recorder pen deflection. The final record may be read with approximately the same degree of accuracy as readings made using manual methods and similar equipment.

R-F Current Transformers

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A RECENT article by Lawrence Fleming (Current Transformers for Audio Measurements, ELECTRONICS, p 188, Jul. 1951) pointed out the usefulness of current transformers in making measurements at audio frequencies. This technique can be extended to radio frequencies if certain precautions are taken to avoid resonance effects.

The problem that stimulated research along these lines was to construct a current meter which could be used from about 10 kc upwards.

The circuit used to make experimental measurements is sketched in Fig. 1. In the primary was placed a common r-f meter (Weston thermocouple instrument). The current in the primary was held constant at 100 ma and the d-c current on the secondary side was measured as a function of frequency.

At low frequencies the circuit behaves as indicated in the formulas given by Fleming. At low frequencies the germanium diodes have more resistance at small current than at higher current so that the error is greatest at low currents. At the higher frequencies the upper frequency limit for the instrument

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was not set by the shunt capacitance of the germanium diodes but by resonance effects of the secondary of the transformer.

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Obviously Fleming had the same experience. However by winding the transformer in a different way it is possible to suppress the first and second resonances sufficiently to get an instrument (for 100 ma) good from 10 kc to 50 mc.

For a certain experimental case, a primary of one turn and a secondary between 80 and 90 turns was used. The d-c meter was a 1-ma instrument shunted until full deflection corresponds to 100 ma r-f on the primary side. The secondary was a single-layer winding on a Ferroxcube core. The primary turn was first located at about the center of the secondary. Capacitances were kept low by using thin wire for the secondary and keeping some distance (0.5 to 1 mm) between primary and secondary.



FIG. 1—Circuit used to make experimental measurements

The first resonance effect occurred between 20 and 30 mc. A voltage maximum occurred at the center of the secondary and touching by hand or with a piece of metal changed the secondary current. The standing-wave picture is indicated in Fig. 2. The voltage is taken zero between both ends of the secondary, because at these high frequencies the diodes are practically a short circuit. The resonance current flows at both ends inwards or outwards, which means we should expect the picture shown in Fig. 2B instead of Fig. 2A (current zero at both ends; voltage taken zero at both ends). However the current at the extremities is not quite zero for this resonance due to the capacitance of the crystal diodes and attached d-c instrument.

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The first resonance mode will theoretically not be excited when the primary is exactly at the current node. Experimentally it proved to be easier to split the primary into two turns located symmetrically (to point M in Fig. 2A) and fed in parallel. With some mechani-



FIG. 2-Standing wave picture

cal adjustment of one of these turns the first resonance could be suppressed. This is clear from Fig. 2A because with the turns at the right places (at C and D in Fig. 2C) the second resonance can also be suppressed at least theoretically. Practically it proved to be rather difficult to get complete suppression of the second resonance even by splitting the primary into four parallel turns, two symmetrical to C and the other two to D. However, with some care it was possible to build a meter sufficiently straight from 10 kc to 50 mc.

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FIG. 3—Resonant-mode suppression with cavities and lines

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The same type of suppression of certain resonance modes can be done with resonant lines or cavities. In Fig. 3A if we excite at both loops in phase, the first mode will be suppressed, the second strongly excited. Exciting in opposite phases favors the first and suppresses the second. The case of two parallel circuits in series each with an induced emf (Fig. 3B) has some resemblance with the lowest resonance frequency of the transformer as indicated in Fig. 2A and 2B. The current i in Fig. 3B is independent of C_1 and C_2 and equal to

$$i = \frac{(E_1 + E_2)\sin\omega t}{\omega(L_1 + L_2)}$$

when $L_1C_1 = L_2C_2$. With E_1 and E_2 proportional to frequency the current becomes frequency independent. However if $L_1C_1 \neq L_2C_2$ we get strong resonance effects in *i* unless $E_1 = E_2$ and $L_1 = L_2$.

In Fig. 4 are indicated (qualitatively) some standing-wave patterns on a resonating cylindrical coil. Voltage now is taken zero in current maximums. Fig. 4A gives patterns for an open-ended coil into four half waves on the coil. The current and voltage nodes are not equidistant when there are more than two on the coil. We can understand that somewhat, by considering the third mode. The middle half wave has a different coupling with the rest of the coil than the upper or lower half wave.

From the voltage patterns we see that the coil can be shorted when there are an even number of half waves on it.

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FIG. 4—Standing-wave patterns on a resonating cylindrical coil

coil. Actually these frequencies are somewhat lower because the shorting lead adds some capacitance.

On the shorted coil, we find another group of resonances here indicated as B modes in Fig. 4C. These differ from the A modes in that voltage and current patterns have been reversed. The frequencies are higher than for the corresponding A cases. This is undoubtedly caused by the fact that we don't have a circular symmetrical coil. With a shorted toroid coil we may expect the same frequencies in the A and B case. This proved to be true. Then the distances between modes are equal. The ends of the open coil and the ends of the shorted coil resonant in the A mode are sensitive. Touching by hand or with a piece of metal lowers the resonance frequency.

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British Commercial Radar

By MARVIN HOBBS

Electronics Advisor to the Chairman Munitions Board, Dept. of Defense Washington, D. C.

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FIG. 1—Single-phase four-stage cascade pulsactor circuit

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FIG. 2—Typical waveforms of magnetron voltage and current developed by the magnetic pulse modulator

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In the circuit of Fig. 1 the charge developed across the cascade capacitors is transferred from one to another via each succeeding pulsactor to build up the high switching rate required for the desired operation. In a laboratory model of the modulator, the supply to the step-up transformer at the input was 80 v rms at 1,500 cps. The voltage was stepped up to about 9,000 volts at C_1 through the resonating inductance and the transformer. Polarizing circuits are associated with the pulsactors to achieve single-phase operation.

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Superregenerative Reflex Receiver Circuit

MINIATURIZATION of communications equipment has made rapid progress in recent years, both in size of components and in modifications of circuits and improvement of performance of components that result in the cutting down of size and weight. Such progress has been brought about by circuit research, among other things, and in the course of this circuit research, many old techniques have been restudied and show promise for wide application in future developments.

As an example, Harry E. Stockman of Waltham, Massachusetts, radio and electronics consultant, has recently devised a scheme for increasing the gain of a superregenerative receiver.* The technique provides this increased gain without adding to the weight, size or complexity of that of a conventional superregenerator and lowfrequency amplifier combination.

Briefly, this is accomplished by redesigning the filter associated with the rectifying means coupled to or forming part of the superregenerative amplifier to pass the quench frequency. Then, a train of direct-current pulses corresponding to the train of high-frequency pulses produced by the superregenerative amplifier appears in the output of the rectifier rather than a current corresponding to the average value of these direct current pulses and representing the modulation on the received carrier as in the conventional receiver.

At the same time, the low-frequency amplifier is redesigned along the lines of a reflex amplifier. The high-frequency channel of the reflex circuit then amplifies the above-mentioned train of pulses. The low-frequency channel of the reflex amplifier amplifies the recti-

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FIG. 1—Circuit diagram of improved reflex superregenerative receiver

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By KENNETH J. DOLAN Chief Engineer Radio Station WARA Attleboro, Mass.

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FIG. 1—Switching arrangement for tape recordings

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of control is that employed in avc circuits of radio receivers and which functions by virtue of a variable- μ tube. The system normally employed in telephone compressors and expandors is that of an attenuation pad made up of varistors whose a-c resistance can be altered by a variable bias voltage.

(continued)

Both of these systems require comparatively high control voltages in order to achieve reasonable changes of overall gain. Stewart' has employed the variable anode impedance of a pentode tube as a feedback element in a negative feedback amplifier to achieve gain control in limiter circuits. This method has been modified by the author by employing a network of varistors as a feedback element in a similar amplifier.

Figure 1 shows one of many possible arrangements of this principle of gain control. If the control voltage is such that point A is made positive with respect to B, the impedance of the variators W_1 and W_2 is reduced to a low value and the gain of the amplifier is a maximum owing to the fact that the feedback resistor R is almost completely shunted. If A is made negative with respect to B, then the impedance of the varistors becomes high and the full effect of the feedback resistor is achieved resulting in a very low value of gain.

The gain-voltage characteristic of the amplifier depicted in Fig. 1 is shown in Figure 2. It will be noted that a range of nearly 30 db of gain is achieved for a bias change of two volts, with a gain of 5 db at zero bias.

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Signal voltages for operating the bias circuit are obtained from an additional winding in each hybrid transformer. This winding is, effectively, in parallel with the winding carrying the output power of each amplifier. Thus the voltage delivered to the bias circuit from either amplifier is directly proportional to the output level of that amplifier. Each of these voltages is rectified as shown in Fig. 4 and the rectified voltages are added to each other in opposition across the resistances R_1 and R_2 . The resultant voltage divides equally across the resistors R_{s} and R_{4} and produces bias of opposing polarity on the grids of the two triode tubes. Under quiescent conditions the voltage developed across the points XY is zero but with signal voltages appearing across the windings of the hybrid coils, a bias, its polarity depending on the relative amplitudes of these signal voltages, will be generated at Amplifiers shown these points.



FIG. 3—Block diagram of an arrangement of hybrid coils and variable-gain amplifiers

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"I then replaced the fuse at the power meter in the basement and came back to find all lights on, but the radio was turned off with a large sign across it, "Out of Order DO NOT TURN ON". I calmly removed the sign, turned on the radio and thus proved it in normal working condition."

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Bureau, some important information was omitted, and this omission effectively changed the meaning of several of the paragraphs.

In particular, on page 170, paragraph 2, line 4 should read . . . "of a superheterodyne *mixer* as negative feedback." It would be another story to take the difference frequency from the output of a superheterodyne rather than from the mixer.

In the first paragraph on page 174, reference is made to the gain variation with 26db of feedback and a plate supply of 100 volts. Here again, the deletion of the parenthetical statement (300 volts normal) gave a misleading indication of the actual operating conditions under which the variation was made.

The second paragraph on page 174 describes a figure labeled Fig. 2 but actually refers to a photograph that was not included with the report. It is rather obvious from the figure that the feedback voltage is not returned to the cathode. However, the material included in the last paragraph does refer to your Fig. 2.

Finally, on page 175, a word was deleted from line 3 of the last paragraph, which should read ... "gainbandwidth product ... " which has meaning while "gain-bandwidth" does not.

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TUBES ELECTRONIQUES PAR MODU-LATION DE VITESSE. By R. Warnecke and P. Guenard. Gauthier-Villars, 55 Quai des Grands-Augustins, Paris 6, France. 1951. An 800-page text in French on tubes of the velocity-modulation type and circuits thereof.

RECEIVING TUBE SUBSTITUTION GUIDE BOOK, First Supplement, by H. A. Middleton. John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York, 48 pages, 996, Lists in numerical sequence additional possible substitutions for tubes not available, plus discussion of tube substitution problems in television receivers.

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ZEIT- UND KURZZEITMESSUNGEN MIT ELEKTRONENSTRAHL-OSZILLO-GRAPHEN. By Paul E. Klein. Weid-mannsche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Berlin, 60 pages, DM 3.90. Methods of portray-ing waveforms in various coordinates, with circuits, mathematics and discussion. In German.

1950 'SUPPLEMENT TO SCREW-THREAD STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL SERVICES 1944. 113 pages, 1951, 50¢ U. S. Government Printing Office, Wash-ington, D. C. Replaces and augments sup-plement issued in June 15, 1949; revision of entire handbook to come later. Includes standards for thread form for coarse-thread series from ¼ to 4 inches, inclu-sive, and for fine-thread series from ¼ to 1¼ inches inclusive: Unified special threads and American National diameter-pitch combinations. Tables of tolerances, allowances and other thread data for threads of special diameters, pitches and lengths of engagement.

ASA GRAPHICAL SYMBOLS FOR SINGLE (ONE) LINE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DIAGRAMS. Contains 81 sections covering symbols for almost all electrical engineering work in the fields of power and communication. Each term is accompanied by drawing agreed upon by electric, telephone and telegraph, radio and public utility industries and govern-ment. Examples of the use of simplified one-line diagrams using the symbols are given. given.

THE EDISON EFFECT. By Vice Ad-miral Harold G. Bowen. Second in a series of case histories on the great in-ventor's principal inventions and their de-velopment into major American industries. Intended for general education purposes, particularly high school students, the booklet of some 70 pages is most at-tractively got up, and interesting to read. Available from the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, Inc., West Orange, N. J., at 50¢ per copy.

TABLE OF DIELECTRIC CONSTANTS OF PURE LIQUIDS. By Arthur A. Maryott and Edgar R. Smith, National Bureau of Standards. Circular 514, August 10, 1951, Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, 50¢. Static, or low-frequency, values for more than 800 substances divided into standard liquids, inorganic liquids and organic liquids. In many cases the temperature coefficient of dielectric constant is in-cluded. cluded





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TRAINING BY TELEVISION. Office of Technical Services, U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Washington, 24 pages, \$.75. Navy Special Devices Center report on comparative effectiveness of live television, recorded tv and standard classroom training procedures. Results show superiority of tv for rapid training of large groups.

INTRODUCTION TO LIGHTING. By Howard M. Sharp. Prentice-Hall. Inc., New York, 1951, 337 pages, \$6.65. Student text suitable for formal college courses in illumination and for industry training programs. All types of gas discharge lamps are covered, along with their radio interference problems. A 25-page chapter covers procedures for planning and installing effective lighting in factories.

ALMOST SINUSOIDAL OSCILLATIONS IN NONLINEAR SYSTEMS. Part I: Introduction—Simultaneous Oscillations. By Johannes S. Schaffner. Univ. of Illinois Bulletin Series No. 395. Engineering Experiment Station, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana. Ill., 1951, 64 pages, \$.60. First of a series of three bulletins, the other two of which will cover synchronization problems and transient phenomena. Mathematical analysis is based on replacement of nonlinear element by an equivalent linear impedance whose value is chosen so that, in the first approximation, the behavior of the oscillatory system will remain the same.

THE HANDBOOK OF MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL. Edited by M. F. Behar. The Instruments Pub. Co., Inc., 921 Ridge Ave., Pittsburgh 12, Pa., 1951, 181 pages plus ads, \$4.00. Sixteen chapters written by fourteen experts give broad surveytype coverage of each type of measurement and control, including all basic pneumatic, hydraulic, electronic and electric sensing and control instruments. Many tables of classifications, instrument operating ranges, percent accuracles and recommended procedures add to reference value.

INSPECTION AND GAGING. By C. W. Kennedy. The Industrial Press, 148 Lafayette St., New York 13, N. Y., 1951, 502 pages, \$7.50. Training and reference manual giving basic procedures that can readily be applied to electronic equipment and components manufacturing. Emphasis is on importance of psychology in inspection, and on relationship of process inspection to other phases of manufacturing. Rejections can mean personnel trouble unless the inspector is a bit of a diplomat, for few men like criticism of their work.

TENSOR ANALYSIS. By I. S. Sokolnikoff, Prof. of Math., Univ. of Calif. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1951, 335 pages, §6.00. Theory of linear transformations and matrices is developed first. followed by applications to geometry, mechanics, relativity, elasticity and fluid dynamics. Book is outgrowth of lectures given to graduate students interested in applications of mathematics.

EQUIVALENT CIRCUITS OF ELEC-TRIC MACHINERY. By Gabriel Kron. Consulting Engineer, GE. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1951, 278 pages, \$10.00. Develops stationary equivalent circuits for all rotating machines by means of a unified physical picture, without mathematical analysis. In General Electric series, written for advancement of engineering knowledge.

RADIO TUBE FUNDAMENTALS. By George J. Christ, Transmission Engineer, New York Telephone Co. Gernsback Library. Radcraft Publications, Inc., 25 W. Broadway, New York, 1951, 96 pages, \$1.00. Design differences in tubes, written for practical radiomen.

RADIOLOGIC PHYSICS. By Charles Weyl and S. Reid Warren, Jr. Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, Ill., Second Edition, 1951, 491 pages, \$10.50. Primarily intended to serve as text for courses in theoretical and applied radiation physics for medical students and graduate radiologists. Major changes NEW BOOKS

comprehensive and useful summary in Vol. 10 of the Radiation Laboratory Series. The engineer or physicist who wishes to derive his own formulas will find Lewin's book invaluable.

The reader should be familiar with many topics of advanced mathematics, such as functions of a complex variable, integral equations, variational calculus, and the like. Having this familiarity, he will find the various topics developed with great clarity. For example, many of the complex developments are followed by a brief summary. outlining the steps in the development. These summaries are of great assistance in providing a guide through the maze of mathematics.

Some of the techniques used are those of Schwinger and his cohorts in America, but many of the developments have originated with the author and others in England. These are sufficiently novel and advanced to merit considerable study by students of advanced waveguide techniques in this country.

The value of the book is enhanced by an extensive bibliography on waveguide techniques and related topics, occupying 22 pages. This bibliography has been compiled from the abstracts and references published in *Wireless Engineer* from January, 1941 to June, 1951, inclusive—THEODORE MORENO, *Varian Associates, San Carlos, Calif.*

THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

MANUAL FOR THE ILLUMINATING ENGINEER ON LARGE-SIZE PER-FECT DIFFUSORS. By H. Zijll, Philips Lighting Service Dept, Eindhoven. Netherlands. Philips Technical Library. Available in U. S. from Elsevier Press Co. Inc., 402 Lovett Blvd., Houston, Texas, 1951, 196 pages, \$4.25. In English. Gives basic formulas having application to diffuse lighting of television studios and to new Sylvania large-area light sources made from sheet glass.

AUDIO AMPLIFIERS AND ASSOCI-ATED EQUIPMENT, vol. 3. Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc. Indianapolis, 1951, 352 pages, \$3.95. Detailed analysis of 50 audio amplifiers and 22 f-m and a-m tumers not in previous volumes, including circuit and design data.

PRACTICAL ELECTION MICROSCOPY. By V. E. Gosslett, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, England. Academic Press Inc. 125 E. 23rd St. New York, 1951, 299 pages, \$5.50. Textbook covering principles and specimen preparation methods, with 290 references to significant litera-

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rium, the electron emission equations are derived and considerable attention is given to the meaning of the work function with this complex emitter.

Following the treatment of pure barium oxide in equilibrium, the performance of mixed alkaline earths is given as well as a review of investigations on oxides of other materials. In the final chapter a number of phenomena of considerable technical importance are treated under the heading of "Variations in equilibrium of oxide coatings". These include, in addition to the activation process itself, decay of emission on drawing current, deactivating effects and phenomena traceable to the interface layer.-W. E. DANFORTH, Bartol Research Foundation, Swarthmore, Penna.

Advanced Theory of Waveguides

By L. LEWIN. Illiffe & Sons, London, 1951, 192 pages, 30 shillings.

THE AUTHOR of this book assumes that the reader is already familiar with the essentials of waveguide theory and practice. The book deals with selected topics in advanced waveguide theory.

The first chapter is a summary of the essentials of electromagnetic theory as applied to waveguides, and the remaining chapters consider a number of topics in waveguide analysis. Among the topics considered are cylindrical posts in waveguides, diaphragms in waveguides, tuned posts and tuned windows, waveguide steps, junctions and tapers, radiation from waveguides, and propagation in loaded waveguides. This is a substantial though not comprehensive list of topics, but it has not been the aim of the author to summarize existing information. His aim is, rather, to present the principles and methods of analysis used in solving the theoretical problems that arise in waveguide work. The theoretical analyses have been carried through to produce formulas that may be utilized by engineers, but the engineer who wants only to use the resulting formulas will find a more



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tions are eliminated by introducing the Fermi distribution without derivation. The Fermi level is defined as the undetermined energy parameter which appears in that distribution; its thermodynamic interpretation and the concept of free energy are not dealt with. Happily (to this reviewer), the concept of "X-associated energy" is not introduced.

The theoretical calculations of thermionic emission are carried out entirely "from inside". The distribution of electron momenta within the material is assigned and the rate at which electrons surmount the surface barrier is computed. This approach is preferred by many because of its qualities of directness and concreteness. However, in omitting the equilibrium treatment of thermionic emission, the treatment in which the solid is visualized in equilibrium with an electron gas outside, a degree of generality is necessarily sacrificed. This generality is sometimes useful.

The foregoing remarks are not intended as adverse criticism of the book as regards its intended function. Primarily, it is a highly useful work in which a vast amount of experimental and theoretical material pertinent to the cathode field is brought together in a harmonious and illuminating manner.

After presenting the basic considerations regarding thermionic emission from metals, a general critical discussion is presented of various experimental methods for determining values of work function. These include, besides the common "Richardson line", the calorimetric method, contact potential, photoelectric effect and field emission.

Following this, material especially basic to oxide cathodes is presented in a chapter entitled "Phenomena in Ionic Solids." The term "interference level" is used instead of the common "impurity level" because of some illogicalness of the latter term where the "impurity" is an element of the compound, e.g., barium impurity in barium oxide. Ionic conduction is treated briefly, with the theory of an excess semiconductor presented in some detail. In the next chapter, dealing with an





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Electronics

BY P. PARKER, Northampton Polytechnic, London. Edward Arnold & Co., London, 1951, 1,050 pages, \$10.00.

A THOROUGH-GOING text on the theory, design and use of tubes and tube circuits, understandable to anyone with some collegiate back-ground and a knowledge of alternating currents.

Although written primarily for physicists who must understand and, perhaps, employ tubes in their work, this large book should be an excellent possession of anyone with an interest in electronics. Naturally the text must cover much that is in other books, but a cursory perusal of its contents will indicate that one will find here much that is found in only few and scattered books of similar title. Every chapter concludes with a good bibliography (mostly of English books) and a series of notes and references which point up the previous text matter and give additional information. A series of useful problems is part of each chapter.

The first eight chapters deal with tubes themselves, and the remainder of the 18 chapters cover the tube as a linear and nonlinear circuit element, oscillators, rectifiers, detectors, mixers, gas discharge tubes and phototubes plus seven appendices dealing with the kinetic theory of gases, thermodynamics of electron emission, magnetron and klystron theory, etc., some 20 pages of experiments and a final section of tabular matter.—K.H.

The Oxide-Coated Cathode

BY G. HERRMANN AND S. WAGENER. Chapman & Hall, London, 1951, 311 pages, 42 shillings.

THIS work is unquestionably one which any engineer or physicist concerned with thermionic cathodes should have at hand.

The authors first develop the theoretical ideas for pure metals and, in later sections, expand these concepts to handle more complex emitters, such as films or metals and oxide coatings.

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Dow Corning Corp. will invest over \$13,000,000 in a major expansion of plant capacity for its silicone products. Construction is already under way and the program is scheduled for completion by 1954.

Establishment of a Mobile Radio Communications Department in its newly acquired plant in Passaic, N. J., has been announced by Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., Clifton, N. J. The new facilities will add approximately 13,000 sq ft of space to the more than a million now provided by Federal's Clifton plant.

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Informal requests for authority to operate without phase monitors must still be submitted to Washington.

Radio Welding Rules

THE Federal Communications Commission has postponed the enforcement of its rules applying to welding equipment using radiofrequency energy until January 31, 1954. Although there have been many complaints of interference to air-to-ground communications, instrument-landing devices and other important radio communications, the Commission has decided that use of this type of welding equipment is vital to the national defense effort.

However, FCC feels that the twoyear period of grace should be ample for the development of interference-free r-f welders and also that existing equipment can generally be operated so as to cut down much of the present radiated energy. If existing equipment is shown to interfere, the owner must take immediate steps to correct the trouble.

Naval Research Seeks 400 Engineers

NAVY DEPARTMENT'S Office of Naval Research has issued a booklet containing available positions open for scientists in all fields. The electronics field has over 400 vacancies, with salaries starting at \$3,410 per year and going up to \$10,800.

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nature are expected to strengthen Britain's defense effort and help meet her military needs with a minimum of Mutual Security dollar expenditures for end-use items.

Plant Expansions Continue

COMPANY activities in the electronics field indicate that the trend toward expanded facilities is still on the upgrade. Here are some examples:

Lear Inc., aircraft electronics manufacturer, has begun construction of a new 70,000-sq ft building in Los Angeles. Approximately 21,000 sq ft of the new plant will be devoted to executive offices, general offices, engineering, drafting and experimental laboratories, the remainder to manufacturing.

The Beckman group of precision instrument and electronics manufacturers has acquired a 40-acre site in the Fullerton-La Habra area, south of Los Angeles, to centralize the activities now housed in 14 different facilities in the Pasadena area. The Beckman organization, which started out 12 years ago with 50 employees, now employs more than 1,100.

Raytheon Mfg. Co., Waltham, Mass., has bought an additional building in that city to house sections of the firm's expanding research.

The electronics division of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., has purchased a one-story building in Newton, Mass., at which some 200 persons will be employed in the manufacture of magnetrons and associated microwave tubes for radar systems.

The new electronics test equipment plant of *General Radio Corp.*, in West Concord, Mass., is expected to be ready for occupancy in June. Employment will run between 125 and 200.

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ing of amateur licenses will also be handled in this bureau.

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Britain Receives MSA Technical Aid

THE MUTUAL SECURITY AGENCY is putting American technical aid to work in Great Britain to modernize World War II radar landing equipment which would cost approximately \$16 million to replace.

To save the sets and enormous funds, three American radar engineers of Bendix Aviation Corp.— C. W. Hicks, F. L. Koch and J. C. Fritz—have been sent to London to work with British electronic engineers. Bendix had built the GCA sets Britain acquired under lendlease.

The Americans will remain in England for three months to make a survey of aircraft landing sets on commercial and military airfields and to advise British engineers on the substitution of British-made spare parts.

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Jean Seymour (left) project engineer, points out construction features of the broad-band broadcast antenna to George Q. Herrick, (right) Chief of Planning and Development for the Voice of America. Two such pairs of inverted pyramids are mounted on the deck of the Coast Guard cutter Courier for mobile relay broadcasting behind the Iron Curtain

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William H. Happe, Jr., previously associated with Federal Eadio and Telephone Corp., Clifton, N. J., as director of the Vacuum Tube Division, was recently appointed works manager of the Electronics Division, Curtiss-Wright Corp., Carlstadt, N. J.

Hans U. Hjermstad, in charge of engineering development for Sola Electric Co., Chicago, Ill., since 1948 as assistant to the president, has been named vicepresident in charge of engineering.

Jacob Millman, formerly associate professor of electrical engineering at the College of the City of New York, has been appointed professor of electrical engineering at Columbia University. He will teach courses and conduct research in the field of electronic circuits, pulse circuit techniques and radar.

James M. Moran, for the past six years in charge of the electronics department of Barkley & Dexter, consulting engineers, has been appointed executive vicepresident of Barkley & Dexter Laboratories Inc., Boston, Mass. Ferdinand W. Schor, formerly with Hallicrafters Co., was recently named chief engineer in charge of military engineering at Motorola Inc., Chicago, Ill.

J. A. Milling has become director of the Electronics Division, National Production Authority, U. S. Department of Commerce, succeeding E. T. Morris, Jr., who left to return to Westinghouse Electric Corp. He also succeeds Mr. Morris as chairman of the Electronics Production Board, Defense Production Administration.

Carl Blaker, formerly associated with Lear Radio, Inc. and with Wood & Cies, has been appointed chief engineer in charge of production for National Electronics Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

Albert Axelrod, connected with Loral Electronics Corp. for three years as project engineer, has joined the Advanced Development Laboratories of CBS-Columbia Inc. as senior engineer.

William S. Parsons, vice-president of Globe-Union Inc., has been elected president of Centralab Division of Globe-Union Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

French Industrialists Want More U. S. Equipment

THIRTEEN representatives of the French electronics industry recently made a five week tour of the United States studying methods of increasing output, lowering production costs and improving quality standards which might be applied to French defense plants.

Jean Thibier, manager of the Establessment Jacquet in Paris, says that with the help of the Marshall Plan, France has rebuilt its industries and is well on the way to recovery. Defense production is



French industrialists on tour of Bogue Electric Company, one plant in their five week study of American methods of production

under way but material shortages have already developed in such scarce items as copper.

Thibier hopes that French industry may be able to buy much-needed equipment and supplies from the United States. He is impressed with American developments in the field of television. Predicting rapid growth of tv in France, he says that at the present time the industry is confined to the Paris area, where "there are a few sets in use."

Overseas Positions for Radio Engineers

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE is looking for radio engineers for its Voice of America program at relay bases overseas.

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Interested American citizens of at least five years' standing, who are willing to serve at any post abroad for a continuous period of not less than two years, may obtain further information by writing a resume of their qualifications to the Division of Foreign Service Personnel, 1734 New York Ave. NW, Washington, D. C.

FCC Field Activities

RECENTLY established under a reorganization of FCC activities is the Field Engineering and Monitoring Bureau headed by George S. Turner. Mr. Turner, a veteran since 1924 in government radio supervision, will have charge of such aspects of the Commission's activities as station inspections, surveys, monitoring, direction finding, signal measurement and investigations.

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Network Symposium Scheduled

MODERN NETWORK SYNTHESIS (Audio to Microwaves) is the subject of a symposium to be held on April 16, 17 and 18, 1952 at the Engineering Societies Building Auditorium, 33 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y. This symposium, jointly sponsored by the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and the Office of Naval Research, will summarize the progress to date in the various fields of network synthesis and highlight new developments of current interest to engineers and physicists. American and European authorities who have made original contributions to the art will participate.

There is no registration fee for admission to the symposium. Proceedings of the Modern Network Synthesis Symposium will be published by Sept. 1952 at \$4 per copy.

Copies of the detailed program, hotel information and registration forms are available on request. All correspondence should be addressed to: Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Microwave Research Institute, 55 Johnson St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

Thirty Personnel Changes

THIS MONTH'S review of people in the news involves a combination of thirty new promotions and transfers.

Positions reported changing hands at Sylvania Electric Products Inc. are four: Walter A. Weiss moves from manager of the Radio Tube Division's plant in Burlington, Iowa, to general manufacturing manager of the Division. Albert Lederman, for the past five years secretary of the Panel on Electron Tubes, Research and Development Board, OSD, is now a technical representative of Sylvania Government Relations Dept. in Washington. Matthew D. Burns, formerly general manufacturing



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manager, has been promoted to general manager of the Radio Tube Division. C. A. Haines, com-

pany vice-president since December 1950, was recently placed in charge of a new executive department as director of Facilities Planning.

Recent additions to the Sprague Electric Co. are the following: John H. Harley, previously electrical design engineer with Douglas Aircraft Co., is the newest member of the radio interference filter group at the Culver City, engineering Calif., application laboratory. Frederick W. Reynolds, Jr., formerly with the Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, has been appointed to the application engineering staff of the Sprague New York office.

Promotion of five top members of the Instrument Division, Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., to new key posts within the division has been announced. The appointees and their new posts are as follows: P. S. Christaldi, formerly engineering manager, is now assistant division manager. G. Robert Mezger moves from technical sales manager to engineering manager. Emil G. Nichols has been promoted from assistant technical sales manager to technical sales manager. Melvin B. Kline, former head of the Special Proj-

ects Section of the Instrument Engineering Department, and William G. Fockler, former head of the Development Section of the same department, have been appointed assistant engineering managers.

General Electric Co. reports three recent promotions. Homer R. Oldfield, Jr., has been appointed resident manager of the company's Advanced Electronics Center at Cornell University. Up to now he had been manager of sales for all Government Department sales. Lawrence R. Cohen has been advanced from project manager in the Army Equipment section to sales manager for army equipment in the Government Sales Department of GE's Electronics Division. George C. Trotter was appointed sales manager for Air Force Equipment in the same department. He was formerly assistant manager of the Air Force section.

Radio Corporation of America also announces three appointments. Thomas D. Meola, for the past three years manager of public offices and sales of RCA Communications, Inc., has been elected a vice-president of that organization. Hugh P. McTeigue, manager of training for the RCA Service Co. for the past three and a half years, has been appointed to direct the company's accelerated military electronics training program. S. D. Conley, engaged up to now in RCA Victor engineering and sales activities, was recently named merchandise manager of the company's new air conditioner department.

Several other important personnel changes recently reported are as follows:

Charles H. Wirth, formerly sales engineer for Rangertone, Inc., has been appointed engineering representative for the Audio & Video Products Corp., New York, N. Y.

Air Associates, Inc., Teterboro, N. J., has promoted C. K. Krause from factory manager to division manager of its Electronic Products Division.

Merril F. Distad, formerly of the Naval Research Laboratory, has joined the staff of the Ordnance Development Division of the National Bureau of Standards to work



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motors designed to meet the needs of the military services. Construction and application in formation, performance characteristics and dimensions of representative examples of the company's motor, blower and fan line are given.

Rheostats and Resistors. Rex Rheostat Co., 3 Foxhurst Road, Baldwin, L. I., N. Y. Catalog No. 5 is a 16-page booklet covering the following: a standard line of tubular slide-wire rheostats and a new rheostat for extremely fine adjustment; a new type of double rheostat; a noninductive rheostat; tapered-wound rheostats and resistors; miniature slide-wire rheostats; and tubular rotary drive rheostats. Illustrations and technical data are included.

Precision Equipment. American Measuring Instruments Corp., 21-25 44th Avenue, Long Island City 1, N. Y., offers a 4-page folder illustrating and describing a line of precision units, subassemblies and components parts. The devices covered are applied on aviaproducts. communication tion equipment, signal devices, telegraph and telephone apparatus, and electrical and electronic equipment. The company's manufacturing services are also listed.

Permanent Magnets. Carboloy Dept. of General Electric Co., Detroit 32, Mich. Bulletin PM-100 includes a complete listing of stocked sizes and shapes of Alnico permanent magnets. The 20-page illustrated catalog contains pull curve and size information in tabular form. It contains a list of available patterns for various sizes of cast Alnico bars, blocks, rods, rings and sleeves. Also described are three types of permanent magnet magnetizers.

Servo System. Kalbfell Laboratories, Inc., P. O. Box 1578, San Diego 10, Calif. A recent mailing piece illustrates and describes three different elements in a servo system. Chief features, applications,, specifications and prices are included for the twin-T servo stabilizer, the twin-T filter and the twin-T peaked amplifier.









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Continuous Sampling Monitor. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Booklet GEA-5738 is a 4page, two-color bulletin on the continuous sampling monitor, a new device to simplify quality control. The publication contains photographs and diagrams of the equipment and explains the continuous sampling monitor's operation, construction and range. It is designed to complement the company's bulletin GEA-5627 on quality control instrumentation.

X-Ray Diffraction. North American Philips Co., Inc., 750 South Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has available an 8-page booklet titled "What is X-Ray Diffraction." The booklet points out how this nondestructive analysis method is helping to speed the defense program in identifying components or raw materials to assure uniformity, in identifying unknown materials and constituents of mixtures and in identifying impurities. Also covered are the uses in production for selection of raw materials, for production analysis and control, for tracing physical or chemical changes during technological processes and for checking quality of finished products.

Tube Testers. The Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10527 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio. Form TT5 is a 4-page folder illustrating and describing the latest 10-model selection of dynamic mutual conductance tube testers. The instruments described feature tube gas test, tube noise test and calibration in micromhos. Complete technical data for each model are included.

Precision Designed Motors. Air Marine Motors Inc., 2183 Jackson Ave., Seaford, L. I., N. Y. A recent loose-leaf perforated folder covers a line of small precision-built subfractional horsepower electric





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contents is divided into seven sections covering the following types of equipment: aeronautical, broadcasting, communications, maritime, navigational aids, crystals and electronic tubes, and miscellaneous. Under the last category are treated antenna equipment, sound reproduction, pressurized h-v variable capacitors and test and measuring instruments.

Technical Ceramics. American Lava Corp., Chattanooga 5, Tenn., presents on its 50th anniversary a detailed story on the custom manufacture of technical ceramics. This detailed presentation in pictures and diagrams should be of great value to any designer, engineer or purchasing agent dealing with technical ceramics. Also included is a property chart which details the characteristics of some of the most frequently used ceramic compositions. Individual technical bulletins on the different types are also available for the writing.

General Products. E. F. Johnson Co., Waseca, Minn. The latest general products catalog 972 is now ready for distribution. Products listed for the first time are the Viking 1 transmitter, Viking vfo, Faraday shield for Johnson plug-in links, the 229-201 rotary inductor, the 126-105 crystal socket and the company's new knob and dial line.

Saturable Transformers. Magnetic Amplifiers, Inc., 11-54 44th Drive, Long Island City 1, N. Y., announces a new bulletin describing a standard line of saturable transformers. Power output of the units discussed is phase reversible a-c with output levels of 1 w to 1 kw, both 60 and 400 cps. The bulletin lists applications and gives typical circuits with actual component values.

Small Gage Copper Wire. The Rex Corp., 51 Lansdowne St., Cambridge 39, Mass., announces publication of a new technical booklet on Nonstrip wire. It describes 125C microwall, insulated, multicolor-coded, small-gage copper wire utilized in both military and commercial services for aircraft, radio, instrument, telephone and

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Crystal Diode Replacements. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. A recent wall chart lists 68 different types of crystal diodes. Next to each is shown its construction, description, manufacturer and the Sylvania type replacement. Illustrations are included.

Pulse Generator. Carlson & Nicholson, Inc., 497 Maynard Drive, Buffalo 21, N. Y. A four-page folder illustrates and describes the model 7 pulse generator, an instrument designed for laboratory use, that generates video pulses from approximately 0.2 μ sec to 2,000 μ sec. Technical specifications, ordering information and a warranty notice are given.

Terminal Assemblies. Lundey Associates, Waltham, Mass., has prepared a folder made up of 17 loose-leaf pages illustrating and giving engineering data and method of assembly for a line of terminal assemblies for hermetic sealing. Dimensional drawings and much tabular material on inserts, insulators, conductors and cushioning washers are included.

Radio Equipment. Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., Marconi House, Chelmsford, Essex, England, has published a 405-page catalog showing a complete range of the company's radio equipment. The publication is heavily illustrated and well indexed. Table of





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X-Ray Diffraction & Spectrometers. North American Philips Co., Inc., 750 South Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has released a 60-page catalog on x-ray diffraction and Geiger-counter x-ray spectrometric equipment. The catalog also covers such components and accessories as tubes, rectifiers and cameras. A number of pages is devoted to wide-range goniometers, fluorescence analysis, universal working arrangements, Geiger tubes, electronic circuit panels and table model spectrom-Considerable space is eters. given to the electron microscope. Information is also provided on applications for x-ray instruments along with typical charts which show how specimens differ when analyzed by this powerful laboratory and production control equipment.

University Equipment. Audio Loudspeakers Inc., 80 S. Kensico Ave., White Plains, N. Y. Containing a wealth of concise and practical technical data, the Technilog, a new 28-page general catalog will be of special value to everyone interested in public-address and high-fidelity equipment. Product and application information are presented in simple language. Scores of curves, tables, charts, typical circuitry and practical discussions on such subjects as overload protection of loudspeakers, impedance matching speaker baffles, phasing and reverberation are included.

Electrical Insulation. Insulation Manufacturers Corp., 565 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill. A 24-page catalog contains com-

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fications for solderless cable connectors are given on a new catalog sheet, form WA54-164. Describing the models W-50, W-60, W-80 and W-100 for RG-8/U, RG-11/U and RG-59/U cable, the sheet gives dimensions and electrical characteristics.

High-Mu Power Triode. Lewis and Kaufman, Inc., Los Gatos, Calif. A new technical data sheet describes the type 100TH high-mu power triode. The tube is illustrated and described with dimensions, operating curves and electrical characteristics. Typical operation and maximum ratings are given for the tube in service as a Class AB audio-frequency power amplifier and modulator and as a Class-C power amplifier and oscillator.

Analog Transducers. Allen B. Du-Mont Laboratories, Inc., 1500 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J., has made a compilation that fills the long established need for an easy-to-use reference of transducers for use with c-r oscillographs. The compilation contains over 500 different types of analog transducers arranged alphabetically according to their functions. By using the publication one may find the model, manufacturer, and mechanical and electrical characteristics of the transducer required. For radiation studies a special section tabulating G-M tubes is included. A transducer accessory listing is also given. Price of the complete compilation is 50 cents.

Transformers and Reactors. Southwestern Industrial Electronics Co., 2831 Post Oak Road, Houston 19, Texas. A single-page bulletin announces a new line of miniature, hermetically-sealed, low-frequency transformers and reactors. The components described are characterized by their high performance, light weight, close electrical tolerances and excellent shielding. Complete technical data are given.

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laboratory applications in addition to its broad use in the telemetering field. The instrument described features automatic frequency control, automatic gain control and regulated voltage sources for critical stages.

Carbonyl Iron Powders. Antara Chemicals, Division of General Dyestuff Corp., 435 Hudson St., New York 14, N. Y., recently issued a 32-page booklet presenting basic information on carbonyl iron powders now widely used in high-frequency cores for radio, telephone, tv and radar. Contents include unique features, electromagnetic data, design data, stability information, use in closed magnetic circuits, formulas frequently used and a bibliography of pertinent publications.

Seamless Tubing. Uniform Tubes, Level Road, Collegeville 2, Pa., has published a new 4-page catalog covering its complete line of fine seamless tubing available in sizes from 0.010 in. o.d. to § in. o.d. and in metal of almost any desired analysis. One page is devoted to Pointer tubing (some of it finer than a human hair) that is used as the indicating needle in sensitive measuring instruments. The balance of the catalog is devoted to all larger tubing up to § in. and covers details of drawing and annealing operations, working tolerances and metals available.

Military Capacitors. Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass., has released a new catalog on militarygrade paper dielectric capacitors made in accordance with the requirements of specification JAN-C-25. Catalog 21 is intended to serve as a ready reference guide for engineering and purchasing agents in specifying and buying capacitors to meet stringent performance requirements for various branches and agencies of the Dept. of Defense. The 24-page, 2-color brochure is available on business letterhead request only.

Solderless Cable Connectors. The Workshop Associates, Division of The Gabriel Co., 135 Crescent St., Needham, Mass. Complete speciNEW PRODUCTS (continued) 15,000 rpm; full load speed, 7,500 rpm.



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Microwave Equipment. Westinghouse Electric Corp., Box 2099, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. Booklet B-5448 deals with type FB-1 microwave equipment. The 8-page booklet describes equipment designed to provide reliable communication channels for telemetering, supervisory control, voice communication, protective relaying, teletyping, facsimile and load control. The transmitter and receiver are block diagrammed with tube types indicated, and complete specifications for the equipment are presented.

F-M Receiver. Raymond Rosen Engineering Products, Inc., 32nd & Walnut Sts. Philadelphia 4, Pa., has available a specification sheet on its 842-C f-m receiver, a unit which will fulfill a variety of



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MIDWESTERN GEOPHYSICAL LABORA-TORY, Tulsa, Okla. Model 8 electromechanical actuator was designed primarily to stroke hydraulic servovalve pistons. It is usually driven from a servoamplifier utilizing two output tubes in push-pull. This actuator produces over 5 inchpounds of torque at a radius of 0.906 in. with 40 ma differential current in its two coils (2,900 ohms each). It has a maximum stroke of ± 0.020 in. and less than 2 percent hysteresis. The motor weighs 18 ounces, and has a no-load natural frequency of 425 cps.

Universal Motor

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC., Racine, Wisconsin, has announced a new universal motor, EMC model 1120, rated 1/40 to 1/12 horsepower. It was developed for laboratory equipment and similar applications where gear units are not used. Housing is ventilated. Bearings are porous bronze sleeve bearing with felt oil reservoir. Internal fan is standard. Weight is 2 lb. No load speed is

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THE OHMART CORP., 2347 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati 38, Ohio. Model AH-1 gammometer is an instrument designed for the analytical measurement of microcurie quantities of gamma activity. It uses the Ohmart Cell (in which radioactive energy is converted directly into electrical energy) as the radioactive element. thus eliminating need for a h-v power supply. Ranges are from as low as 0.1 microcurie to 10,000 microcuries full scale, calibrated in terms of Radium (standard), Iodine-131 or Cobalt-60. For measurement of ambient field intensity the units are available calibrated in milliroentgen per hour from 0.1 to 10,000 mr per hour full scale.



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Selenium Rectifiers

INTERNATIONAL RESISTANCE Co., 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa., has introduced its hermetically sealed selenium rectifiers with cell sizes as small as 0.060 in. diameter. Known as the Microstak line, these miniature units are available in a wide range of current and voltage ratings. Illustrated is the 36 v to 4,500 v peak inverse rating unit. Actual measurement of the 4,500-v unit is $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. long $\times \frac{3}{23}$ in. diameter. Technical data bulletin SR-1 is available from the manufacturer.



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Tiny Power Resistors

DALE PRODUCTS, INC., Columbus, Nebraska, has available miniature power-resistors in two, five and tenwatt sizes. They offer completely welded construction from terminal to terminal for trouble-free performance. A special silicone material seals the resistance element making it impervious to moisture. Standard tolerance is 1 percent but tolerances as high as 0.05 percent can be furnished if necessary. Temperature coefficient is practically flat. Resistance shift is less than 0.00002 percent per deg C. Illustrated price sheets are available on request.



Precision Gear Trains

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Rectifier Protection

FENWAL, INC., Ashland, Mass. Thermostat control on high-current selenium rectifier stacks is accomplished by building-in special thermoswitch units that turn off main power before chance overheating can destroy the selenium layer on the rectifier plates that compose the stack. The thermal switch circled at right is used to sound visual and audible alarms.



Selenium Rectifiers

INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER CORP., 1521 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif., announces a new line of hermetically sealed selenium rectifiers in metal cases filled with inert gas and provided with standard tube terminals to fit standard sockets. All standard tube mountings are available. The unit illustrated, No. W15CM, is rated at 390 v rms input; 550 v peak inverse; 120 ma, 160 v d-c output at 35 C ambient. Half-wave and bridge

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Parabolic Antenna

THE WORKSHOP ASSOCIATES, DIVIS-ION OF THE GABRIEL CO., 135 Crescent Road, Needham Heights 94, Mass. Faced with the requirement for an antenna to use with a completely pressurized system, the company has redesigned its standard 2,000-mc models to maintain a pressure of 8 to 10 lb per sq in. Solving the problem of increased radome density, vswr has been held under 1.25-to-1 for the dipole style feed. The new feed is designed to mate with 3 in. Teflon flexible copper air line, having 0.045-in. wall and 32-in. conductor. However, it can be simply adapted to brass line where desirable.



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Small C-R Tube

VACUUM TUBE PRODUCTS, 506 South Cleveland St., Oceanside, Calif. The large tube illustrated is the standard 5CP type of c-r tube. The small one is a miniaturized version called the VTP 5ESP type. This tube is approximately electrically interchangeable and is excellent for such applications as miniature radars for airborne use. It is made in screens of P1 through the company's recently registered P-19, an extremely long-persistence orange phosphor.



Servo Amplifiers SERVOMECHANISMS INC., Post and Stewart Aves., Westbury, Long

Island, N. Y., has available two new servo amplifiers featuring a hermetically-sealed, oil-filled packaging technique. The packaging design provides for greater heat dissipation and elimination of hot spots, longer tube life, greater resistance to vibration and shock, and a great saving in space. Designated as types SA104H (illustrated) and SA112H, they supply outputs of 9 w at 115 v and 3 w at 30 v, respectively. Type SA104H was primarily designed for use in high-performance servo loops and incorporates a derivative control network. The SA112H is intended for use in analog computer servo loops and is designed for velocity damping, furnished by a tachometer generator. The amplifiers are designed as miniaturized, plug-in units, in which all the electronic elements required for one function in a control system are packaged together.



Two-Gun C-R Tube

ELECTRONIC TUBE CORP., 1200 E. Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia 19, Pa. Type 52HAP7 two-gun multipost accelerator band c-r tube is similar to RTMA type 5SP7 except for being designed for operation at considerably higher accelerating voltages. A maximum of 25,000 v d-c can be applied to the final post accelerator anode. In addition, a new type aluminized screen permits greater luminous efficiency in tubes designed to operate at accelerating voltages above 5,000 v. Under typical conditions with the final anode operating at 10,000 v, the second anode potential maintained at 2,000 y (with the interim post accelerator anodes being fed from a series of 25-megohm bleeder sections) the focusing anode potential will be between 362 and 695 v with control grid cutoff between -30 and -90 v.



Terminal

INTERNATIONAL RESISTANCE CO., 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa., has available the type HS-1 solder-seal type terminal with a Polytrifluoromonochlorocmolded thylene resin insulating the solder seal ring from the center terminal rod. The Kel-F molded body is chemically inert to organic solvents, acids and fumes. It is unaffected by high humidity, has zero water absorption and high resistance to thermal shock (-70 to +190 C). Overall length is 1 to in.; dielectric strength, 5,000 v (rms) 60 cps; corona starting voltage, over 2,000 v (rms) 60 cps.



Gas Switching Tube

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady, N.Y. Type 6038 small broadband gas switching tube that resembles a miniature cigarette lighter was designed for viewing objects at close range on radar screens. The tube acts as a switch to decouple the transmitter from a common transmitting and receiving antenna to allow the antenna to receive the return signal after a radar signal has been transmitted. It cuts recovery time to only 8 usec at a power of 50 kw, with a pulse

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Miniature Tubes And Components Still in Spotlight . . . Insulating Materials Find Wider Use In Ruggedization Program . . . Industry Literature Briefed For Busy Engineers (see p 301)



A-M/F-M Tuner

ALTEC LANSING CORP., 9356 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif. Model 303A a-m/f-m tuner, which includes a built-in power supply and multistage audio circuit, was designed for use in home music systems but is also adaptable for industrial and broadcast applications. The a-m section is a superheterodyne type, designed to provide a broad-band flat-top curve. The f-m circuit employs two ground grid r-f stages, a separate oscillator and triode mixer stage, two stages of i-f amplification and a ratio detector. The cathode follower output stage of the amplifier enables the tuner to be connected to any power amplifier with a high-impedance input. Separation may be as great as fifty feet.



R-F Choke Coils

JEFFERS ELECTRONICS, INC., Dubois, Pa., is manufacturing a new series of radio-frequency choke coils featuring smaller size and extremely

wide range of inductance. Made with insulated copper wire, the coils have a rugged molded jacket made of a mineral-filled thermosetting compound that permits use under the most severe service conditions. The coils, made in types 101, 102 and 104, have no shorted end turns and the windings are soldered to the leads.



Ferrite Pulse Transformer

POLYPHASE INSTRUMENT CO., Bryn Mawr, Pa., is introducing a new line of pulse transformers taking advantage of the high-frequency magnetic qualities of ferrite core materials. Due to the high resistivity of ferrites, eddy currents are almost negligible and extremely short rise times are possible. A 1-µsec blocking oscillator transformer built to MIL-T-27 specifications is illustrated. Other ferrite transformers can be designed and manufactured to customer circuits or specifications for application as blocking oscillator, isolation, impedance matching, line driving, and wideband input and output transformers.



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carton. The width dimension of the carton is just right for bringing the set up to working height, hence cartons go through on their sides. The carton also serves in lieu of the wood pallet otherwise required for moving cabinets on roller conveyor lines.

Blueprint Hanger

LARGE blueprints used in assembling small quantities of an electronic unit are mounted on sheets of corrugated cardboard suspended by ropes going over ceiling pulleys, at DuMont's Television Transmitter Division plant in Clifton, N. J.

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Angle brackets hook over side of chassis to hold spacer black

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Racks for Spare Parts

A wood tray propped at an angle and partitioned with Masonite strips provides convenient storage for spare miniature tubes at repair positions for military radio communication equipment at Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., Clifton,



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PM

to .001%



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DISPLAY TIME:	1-5 seconds variable.
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Handy corrugated-cardboard holder for small parts

N. J. (an IT&T associate). Each time a tube is removed from the bottom of the row, the others in that row slide down so that one tube is always within easy reach.

In the same plant, strips of corrugated cardboard are taped together to form a holder for the variety of spare resistors and capacitors needed at repair positions. The cardboard is cut so that openings in the corrugations face upward to serve as receptacles for the leads.

Using Cartons as Pallets

ROLLER conveyor lines in the final test section of the CBS-Columbia television plant are positioned at the optimum height for working on consoles yet serve equally well for table-model sets. This dual-purpose use is achieved by placing each table-model set on its own empty



Table-model set rides through final test booth on its own carton, Sponge rubber strip around frame of mirror protects cabinets from scratches

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Method of storing mica spacers for type 4B32 xenon rectifier tubes

out, the glassblower breaks the vacuum at the tubulation, then heats the other end and blows out glass to form a wide opening. The bulb can be used over and over again.

Anti-Collision Blocks

TO PREVENT television chassis units from bumping each other and perhaps breaking picture tubes when the units are sent down a roller conveyor line without pallets, CBS-Columbia uses easily-attached wood blocks as separators. For one type of chassis an inch of separation was found adequate; here a short length of $2'' \times 2''$ wood was slit on a circular saw so it could be dropped over the side of the chassis as shown. Another chassis required six-inch separation for protection; here angle brackets were screwed to a 6-inch length of $2'' \times 6''$ wood. The brackets hook over the edge of the chassis.

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Slotted wood spacer block is easily attached and removed

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Dip-soldering television twin-lead plug. Normal twist and bends in stripped twinlead ends are sufficient to hold plug on end of line during dipping

on an insulating base material, use of a wax in the liquid flux gives a solder-repelling wax coating on the insulating base, thereby preventing formation of short-circuiting bridges of solder between terminals or between wires. A formulation recommended for this purpose by Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories is 1 part Glyco Wax No. S932 made by Glyco Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.; 1 part Kester No. 1015 activated rosin in alcohol flux, made by Kester Solder Co., Newark, N. J.; 1 part or more of toluene. Keep the flux bath warm (about 110 F) during use.

Storing Cleaned Mica

MICA spacers for tube electrodes are stored under vacuum in spare tube bulbs at Chatham Electronics Corp. in Newark, N. J. to keep the parts perfectly clean until needed on tube production lines. The spacers are punched, washed and degreased, then packed into a tube envelope that is open at one end and has a pumping-off tubulation at the other end. The large end is then closed by a glassblower, and the tubulation is fused to a vacuum line in a baking oven. The spacers are baked under vacuum for about 15 minutes, then sealed off and removed for storage. To get them for tube-cooling water . . .2 gals. per min. . . .or 90 gals. per min.

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the solder pot fits between the pins and the aligning key, and prevents the solder from touching the key.

All connections to a six-pin antenna plug for television receivers are soldered in one dipping operation after twin-lead ends and interconnecting wires are inserted, at the CBS-Columbia plant in Brooklyn, N. Y. The pins are dipped into Kester 115 liquid soldering flux before dipping into the molten 50-50 solder.

For success in dip-soldering, solder temperature should be held in the range of 400 to 450 F. Surface sludge should be skimmed regularly when soldering pins, for sludge can easily plug the hole in a pin and prevent solder from getting in. At CBS-Columbia, the pot is skimmed after about every six dipping operations.

Tube pins should be held in the solder for about two seconds to insure that the pins themselves reach solder temperature; this is essential to prevent solder from cooling prematurely and forming blobs on the pins as they are withdrawn. When faster cooling is desired after parts are withdrawn from the solder, the parts are dipped into carbon tetrachloride; this also serves to clean off surplus flux.

When dip-soldering terminals or etched wires that are closely spaced



Dip-soldering the pins of a ruggedized 5R4WGY tube in one operation. Thermostatic control for solder pot is at upper right. In right foreground is tool operated by foot lever, for cutting all projecting inner leads flush with ends of pins in one operation

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Fastening loop to cabinet with airactuated stapler

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Picture-Tube Holder

TO PREVENT scratching of the glass screen when putting plastic boots and rims on metal-wall picture tubes, the tube is placed face-down on a felt-covered wood doughnut at Emerson's Jersey City plant.



Felt-padded ring supports metal-wall tube while plastic dress is put on

Dip-Soldering Techniques

BASE PINS of ruggedized 5R4WGY rectifier tubes are all soldered cleanly in one dipping operation at the Chatham Electronics plant in Newark, N.J. Consistently reliable flow of solder inside the pins is achieved by use of a Robertshaw Thermostat for automatic control of solder temperature. A small pipe projecting up out of the center of



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Spraying masked i-i transformers for tropicalization. Two-shelf conveyor in background carries other sprayed units into baking oven near ceiling

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Die-Cut Television Antennas

A UNIQUE double-loop design for a built-in television antenna permits die-cutting three antennas at a time out of a single sheet of foil-coated cardboard. For protection and for convenience in shipping, loops are delivered by the outside vendor with waste cardboard still attached loosely. In the CBS-Columbia plant using these, the first operation is poking out the scraps and separating the loops. A short length of twin-lead is then riveted to the ends of the outer loop and an insulated wire stub is soldered to one twinlead terminal to improve matching.

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Loops before and after removal of scrap cardboard



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ing of costs, along with appreciable saving of valuable floor space.

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A continual waterfall down the rear of the spray booth creates a back draft that attracts spray com-



Re-usable terminal masks for plug-in electrolytics. Those in background have wood-dowel corner posts to permit stacking for air drying after spraying

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Half-way point in aging conveyor, with operator adjusting a rear control while watching screen in overhead mirror set at 45-degree angle. Inoperative sets are tagged, then pushed onto bench on other side of line for repair

parts. At the halfway point, the conveyor dips down to an inspection position where sets that have failed can be pushed off for repair before completing their aging.

The outlet box on each chassis carrier has a fuse receptacle and a pair of outlets, one being a spare. A cheater cord is plugged in one of the outlets at all times. The socket at the other end of the cord takes the most punishment since



Closeup of chassis-carrier, showing method of mounting power outlet and pulling Benbow power collector

it is used on each set in turn, but this cord is easily replaced when worn. The receivers operate without antenna, hence give only a raster on the screen during aging.

Outlet boxes of each group of ten chassis-carriers are connected in parallel by means of zip-cord that hangs loosely between the carriers. Power for the group is obtained with a Benbow caterpillar-tread connector riding on a power rail paralleling the conveyor. The connector is pulled by a spring attached to one of the carriers.

Three - phase constant - voltage power for the aging system is obtained from large voltage regulators mounted near the ceiling. Each phase energizes one-third of the length of the power rail; gaps between the three rails give a fiveminute off cycle for each set three times during its two-hour aging.

Tropicalizing Techniques for Military Radios

METAL and wood masks are used in place of masking tape for protecting openings, gasket surfaces and threaded portions of housings and components for military radio equipment during spraying for tropicalization and fungi-proofing at the Clifton, N. J. plant of Fed-



Simplest metal mask, for protecting gasket surfaces when spraying interior of housing for Signal Corps ground radio control set



Mask using metal disks and shaped inserts to block out openings



Use of stiff wire to support hole-blocking pieces in large opening in metal mask



Wood-strip masks for i-f transformers, used in pairs to protect both ends of units while spraying the coil and small components

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Lamps Indicate Errors in Cable Harness Assembly

A COMPOSITE assembly and test fixture developed by the Crosley Division of Avco Mfg. Corp. enables an operator to build wire harnesses and simultaneously test them. The cable board is of standard design using nails for delineating the routing of leads, except that push-type binding posts serve as terminal pegs for each wire-end in the cable.

Electrical circuitry under the cable board connects the terminal pegs to an indicating-lamp panel. For each wire in the cable there are two 6-volt panel lamps, connected as in the diagram so that both lamps for a given wire will light only when the wire is connected between the correct terminals.

As the wires of the cable are correctly added to the board one by one in numbered sequence, the corresponding pairs of numbered lamps light. If a wire is connected improperly, either the two lamps that light will be the wrong lamps (as for a wire from 1A to 2B) or no lamps will light (as for a wire from 1A to 2A). Either effect will be immediately noticed by the operator since the lamps are almost directly in her line of vision, hence



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Circuit used for error-indicating lamps

the mistake will be corrected before another wire is put in. When all wires have been installed, all the lamps will be on to indicate a perfect cable, and the operator can begin lacing.

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also be utilized to vary the repetition frequency as well as the amplitude of the square wave. For operation, the grid potential at the tube must be lower than its cathode potential when its capacitor is fully charged, otherwise the action fails. Therefore, if R_s or R_s has a large value compared with the internal impedance of the tube, the value of the cathode resistor R_1 or R_s should be greater than or equal to that of the grid resistor R_7 or R_8 for satisfactory operation.

Frequency may range from a few cycles to about 100,000 cycles. If C_1 and C_2 are chosen to be about 150 µµf, they will charge quickly and the cathode will follow the variations of the grid. The drop at the plate of the tube will not be able to drive the other grid beyond cutoff. The circuit then becomes an ordinary positive-feedback oscillator producing a sinusoidal shape.

Crack-Detector for Wire Threads

By JOHN H. JUPE Middlesex, England

A NEW CRACK DETECTOR of French origin has many applications in connection with the manufacture of radio tubes, picture tubes and electric lights because it can be used for thin wires. Diameters from 0.8 to 32 mm can be handled irrespective of whether they are insulated or are nonmagnetic.

The device is particularly valuable for use with molybdenum or tungsten wires and can effect substantial savings because 20 percent or more of the thin wires from these two metals may be unsuitable for lights or electron tubes,

The wire to be examined is slipped through the axis of a solenoid, thus constituting its core. A high-frequency current is passed through the solenoid and eddy currents are induced in the wire.

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FIG. 2—Voltage waveforms produced by free-running multivibrator

currents in both tubes will then be decreased.

Perfect balance of the circuit is impossible as there must be a little difference between the charging rates of the two capacitors. If C_2 is charging faster, V_2 will reach its negative bias region earlier than V_1 . When this happens, the plate current of V_2 decreases more, its plate voltage rises and brings the grid voltage of V_1 with it. The amount of plate rise of V_2 is large enough to cause V_1 to draw more current although its cathode voltage is increasing. This action is also due to the fast rate of grid rise for V_1 as compared to its cathode potential.

Next, the plate voltage of V_1 drops and plate current of V_2 decreases further. By cumulative action, V_1 conducts and V_2 is cut off. However, C_1 still charges to bring the cathode of V_1 up. While V_2 is conducting, C_2 will discharge through R_2 . When V_2 starts to draw current, the circuit is switched over, V_2 conducts and V_1 cuts off. Then, C_2 charges again to bring the cathode of V_2 up and C_1 discharges through R_1 until the conducting point of V_1 is reached. The circuit is then switched over again. The operation is repeated in a similar manner.

Coarse control for repetition frequency is provided by arranging different values for capacitors. Changing the position of the tap on voltage divider R_s and R_s or R_s and R_τ will result in an increase in the drop beyond cutoff and will reduce the repetition frequency. Any one of these resistors can be used as a fine control.

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Modified Free-Running Multivibrator

By LT. COL. CHANG SING Communications School Chinese Air Force Taiwan, (Formosa) China

THE PLATE-COUPLED or cathodecoupled multivibrator is a popular free-running circuit. The new freerunning multivibrator circuit to be described has novel arrangement of components.

Figure 1 shows the circuit. It consists of two self-biased amplifiers cross-connected with d-c coupling. With special choice of the cathode component values, the multivibrator action will be produced by the charge and discharge of two cathode capacitors.

When B^+ is first applied, both tubes have positive grid potential which causes heavy current flow. The capacitors C_1 and C_2 charge up and the drops across the cathode resistors R_1 and R_2 increase. By using large values for R_1 and R_2 , the cathode potentials can be made positive with respect to the grids as the capacitors fully charge. The



FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of the freerunning multivibrator. Valves for C_1 and C_2 may be in the range from 2.200 μf to $4\mu f$

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FIG. 2—Curves show life of two cell types for various loads

100 ma and has a flash current of 1 ampere. Its component parts are a nickel-plated steel outer can which is the external positive contact, an absorbent paper tube, a nickelplated steel inner can that is in contact with a pressed cylindrical cathode of mercuric oxide and micronized graphite, a polystyrene disc that insulates the anode from the steel can, a cotton disc that absorbs electrolyte and holds the anode against the top, a combination paper tube that absorbs and holds electrolyte and acts as barrier, appropriately spacing the zinc from the depolarizer, a pressed cylindrical anode of zinc-mercury amalgam in contact with a tin-plated steel top which is the external negative contact, and a polyethylene grommet that insulates the electrode and provides an air-tight seal when the cell is properly crimped. A cross section of the cell is shown in Fig. 1.

The electrolyte used consisted of 100 g of 85 percent KOH, 13.3 g of ZnO and 100 g water. The cell is balanced' by the use of an excess of mercuric oxide.

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Miniature High-Capacity Battery Cells

By RICHARD R. CLUNE Product Engineer P. R. Mallory Co. North Tarrytown, N. Y.

DURING the Second World War there arose a need for a power source to operate portable equipment requiring a high ratio of ampere hour capacity to volume at relatively high current densities. The development of a new dry cell to meet these conditions was undertaken and resulted in the RM* type cell.

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FIG. 1—Cross section of cell shows selfventing principle that prevents mechanical deformation and leakage

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Copper and its alloys are used in the electronic section in the form of ter-

minals, wire and other connectors.

Corrosion Resistance Important

In the mechanical or pneumatic section of the system, copper-base alloys are almost universally used to combat the corrosiveness of the moisture which is generally present in the compressed air.

Ease of working and machinability are main factors looked for in materials used for making the valves and fittings in the system.

Since accurate machining is necessary in valve blocks and fittings, free turning brass rod is used (61% copper, 3.4% lead and remainder zinc). This alloy has the highest machinability of all the copper-base materials, has good corrosion resistance to water and finishes are easily obtained.

High Ductility Needed

Depending on whether high or low pressures are involved, either a Bourdon tube or bellows is used.

For the Bourdon tube, a brass with

80% copper, 1% tin and the remainder zinc is usually specified. This alloy has good fatigue as well as corrosion resistance, plus high strength.

The bellows is generally made from a brass containing 80% copper and 20% zinc. This material has high ductility to form the bellows and workhardens sufficiently to give excellent temper, which in turn gives adequate spring characteristics. For more severe service conditions phosphor bronze (95% copper, 5% tin) is specified.

Copper tube is used for the air connectors in the unit.

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FIG. 4—Bias circuit

in the block diagram of Fig. 3 are both identical to that depicted in Figure 1. The points AB of these amplifiers are connected directly to the points XY of the bias circuit Fig. 4, but are so arranged that point A of the West-to-East amplifier is connected to point B of the East-to-West amplifier and point Y of the bias circuit. Thus, assuming that under guiescent conditions a signal arrives from the West line, the voltage developed across R_1 will be greater than that across R_2 , due to the slight amplification of the West-to-East amplifier. This will result in a positive increment to the grid voltage of V_1 and a negative increment in V_2 . Point Y will become positive with respect to X resulting in an increase in the gain of the West-to-East amplifier and a decrease in gain of the East-to-West. This effect is cumulative, resulting in the production of maximum gain in the former amplifier and minimum gain in the latter. As soon as the signal is removed from the West line the bias developed across XY will disappear and quiescent conditions will again be assumed.

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