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▶ SPECIAL REPORT ... Engineers, for all their skill and ingenuity, must work within the physical limitations of the materials on hand. This is true whether the job is designing a more economical flyback transformer or a circuit to work in the hot, gamma-ray infested nose of an intercontinental missile.

The chemist, physicist and metallurgist come to the aid of the electronic engineer. When materials such as electrically conductive plastic, soldering flux that is chemically active but still noncorrosive and organic plastics that bond metal parts tight as a weld appear, the "materials breakthrough" is at hand.

Editors Markus and Findlay have dug into all kinds of materials for more than six months for facts and figures on these products that will provide the components and circuits of tomorrow.

In their report, coming in the October issue, they provide downto-earth information that will help the engineer select the material best adapted to his new design. Data on new foaming plastics for radomes and loudspeaker enclosures, laminates especially designed for mechanized production and unique wire insulations illustrate the diversity of subjects covered.

The report also covers new pushbutton sprays that make encapsulating electronic circuits as easy as



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# TALK



**MATERIALS for ELECTRONICS,** our special report in the October issue, will contain information supplied by many companies. Some went beyond the call for data and sent along samples of fabricated components. Editorial assistant Barbara Hearst (above) is cataloging some of these for future reference

spraying shaving lather. Some new substances now in pilot production that will be available for tomorrow's designs are included.

Comprising 32 pages, *Materials* for Electronics will contain sections on adhesives, casting resins, ceramics and mica, coatings and tapes, foam plastics, glass, laminates, magnetics, metals and chemicals, plastics, wires, solders and fluxes. ▶ SQUEEZE . . . Editorial curiosity, piqued by trade gossip about a forthcoming fully automatic page printer, led to the article on computer input and output equipment on page 142, this issue.

Paradoxically we found ourselves last month with the article wrapped up and data on the automatic printer that triggered it not yet materialized. News being the perishable commodity it is, we decided to run the story regardless.

At the last minute our Cleveland office wired details on the printer a web-fed device that weds a character-reproducing cathode-ray tube to an electrostatic printer. This rounded out the feature article. Also, a photograph of the device appears in this month's *Industry Report*, page 16.

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## FIGURES OF THE MONTH

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Year Ago
RECEIVERTRODUCTI			
(Source: RETMA)	June '56	May ' <b>56</b>	June '55
Television sets, total With UHF	553,025 78,512	467,913 58,116	589, <b>9</b> 73 59,892
Color sets	nr	nr	nr
Radio sets, total	1,073,775	1,060,165	1,204,935
With F-M	nr	nr	9,106
Auto sets	296,256	282,611	584,567

#### RECEIVER SALES

(Source: RETMA)	June '56	May '56	June '55
Television sets, units	439,362	392,080	430,347
Radio sets (except auto)	839,830	566,357	421,387

#### RECEIVING TUBE SALES

( 5	Source: RETMA)	June '56	May ' <b>56</b>	June '55
	Receiv. tubes, total units	39,037,000	33,015,000	40,819,961
	Receiv. tubes, value	\$32,176,000	\$27,145,000	\$31,254,324
	Picture tubes, total units	776,601	906,732	706,890
	Picture tubes, value	\$13,663,408	\$16,123,625	\$13,244,499

	Quarterly Figures				
INDUSTRIAL TUBE SALES	Latest Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago		
(Source: NEMA)	4th '55	3rd '55	4th '54		
Vacuum (non-receiving) Gas or vapor Magnetrons and velocity	\$9,967,411 \$3,251,621	<b>\$9</b> ,027,845 \$3,438,835	\$9,338,181 \$3,4 <b>9</b> 8,123		
modulation tubes Gaps and T/R boxes	\$13,726, <mark>323</mark> \$1,578,767	\$10,9 <b>9</b> 8,967 \$1, <b>42</b> 1,138	\$15,249,651 \$1,788,780		

#### MILITARY PROCUREMENT

(Source: Defense Dept.) 1st '56	4th '55	1st '55
Army	\$48,477.000	\$2,833,000
Navy	\$20,378,000	\$43,147,000
Air Force	\$131,938,000	\$133,503,000
Total-Electronics \$194,018,000	\$200,793,000	\$179,483,000

#### Latest Previous Year Month Month Ago **BROADCAST STATIONS** (Source: FCC) July '56 June '56 July '55 TV stations on air. 499 496 461 TV stations CPs-not on air 116 113 123 TV stations - new requests 42 43 17 A-M stations on air. 2.922 2,896 2,748 A-M stations CPs-not on air 119 124 125 A-M stations-new requests 263 274 201 F-M stations on air. 530 530 538 F-M stations CPs-not on air 19 16 17 F-M stations-new requests 7 10 4 COMMUNICATION AUTHORIZATIONS (Source: FCC) June '56 May '56 June '55 Aeronautical 48,745 47,660 43,855 Marine 56,915 56.038 50.714 Police, fire, etc. 20,718 20,422 18,415 30,597 Industrial .... 30,287 24,845 Land transportation .... 8,990 9,073 7,668 Amateur 150,549 150,222 139,993 Citizens radio 18,602 17,835 12,334 327 327 Disaster 317 Experimental 706 698 **6**25 2,308 Common carrier ..... 2,283 1,950 EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Source: Bur, Labor Statistics) May '56 May '55 Apr. '56 547,400-p Prod. workers, comm. equip. 544,500-r 493,500-r Av. wkly. earnings, comm. . . \$75.14 -p \$75.52 -r \$71.38 Av. wkly. earnings, radio. \$71.82 -p \$72.00 -r \$69.25 Av. wkly, hours, comm. . . ... 40.4 -p 40.6 -r 40.1 Av. wkly. hours, radio. . . . 39.9 -р 40.0 -r 39.8 SEMICONDUCTOR SALES ESTIMATES May '56 Apr. '56 Mar. '56\* Transistors, Units 897,862 832,676 707,817 STOCK PRICE AVERAGES (Source: Standard and Poor's) July '56 June '56 July '55 405.1 484.8 476.3 560.4 p-provisional r—revised nr-not reported \*1955 not available

FIGURES OF THE YEAR	FIGURES FOR 1956	FIRST SIX	<b>MONTHS</b> Percent Change	1955 Total
Television set production	3,415,202	3,828,793	-10.8	7,756,521
Radio set production	6,659,165	7,058,889	— 5.6	14,894,695
Television set sales	2,868,250	3,202,995	— 10.4	7,421,084
Radio set sales (except auto)	3,391,102	2,429,018	+ 39.6	6,921,384
Receiving tube sales	227,656,000	226,502,000	+ ~	479,802,000
Cathode-ray tube sales	5,15 <mark>2</mark> ,743	4,914,024	+ 0.05	10, <mark>874,23</mark> 4

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## INDUSTRY REPORT

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## Long-Range Missiles Swell Industry Coffers

Parallel development of cruising and ballistic missiles keeps many firms busy

DEVELOPMENT of long-range missiles, felt by some to be the key to national survival, is a top job for the electronics industry. About \$5 billion have been spent for guided missiles.

This year \$1.2 billion may be spent. Much of this money goes for guidance systems and test equipment.

▶ Backstopping — To insure success in developing an intercontinental missile, the Air Force has two parallel programs: ballistic missiles or rockets that follow a parabolic course out of the earth's atmosphere and cruise missiles or high-speed pilotless aircraft that fly within the earth's atmosphere. Recently the Air Force has hinted at a second space satellite program.

▶ Ballistic Missiles — The Air Force ICBM program includes Atlas under development by Convair, San Diego, and Titan under development by Douglas, Santa Monica. Ramo-Wooldridge of Los Angeles has scientific and engineering direction of the project under the Western Development Division of the Air Research and Development Command.

Supplementing the Air Force missiles are Jupiter I, an Army-Chrysler development, and Jupiter II, a Navy-Chrysler development. These missiles are outgrowths of the 250-mile Redstone missile. Guidance contractors include: GE, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bell Labs, Whippany, N. J.; Arma division of American-Bosch-Arma, Garden City, N. Y.; A. C. Spark Plug division of GM, Milwaukee, Wis.; Burroughs, Paoli, Pa.; and Remington Rand Univac division of Sperry Rand, St. Paul, Minn.

► Cruising—Backstopping the bal-

listic missile programs are cruise missile developments. These include the now-operational Martin Matador, the Northrop Snark, the Navy's Regulus built by Curtiss-Wright. Just completing initial test is the North American Navaho. Test vehicle for the Navaho cruise missile project was the twin turbojet aircraft X-7.



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## Electronics Speeds News Coverage

Largest communications network covered party presidential candidate selections

ESTIMATED at 45 million homes, the U. S. television audience was treated to two weeks of highly coordinated programming during the conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Radio broadcast signals covering the earth originated from these same conventions in Chicago and San Francisco, respectively. Countless telephone or teleprinter cir-

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French development is one of small pickup units used by CBS. Amplifier, transmitter and battery are contained in the pack. Camera held in hand

cuits were set up to help spread the news.

A special facsimile circuit using Times Facsimile equipment was used to transmit newspaper pages from New York to San Francisco.

► Common Carrier—Brunt of switching and distributing electronic news signals fell upon AT&T which operated 73,000 channel miles of broadband tv circuits to feed 400 stations in 270 cities. Some 1,600 radio stations were furnished audio circuits.

More than 760,000 miles of teletypewriter circuits were kept humming and 600 teleprinters clacked the stories. A wide-band facsimile circuit linking New York with San Francisco whined out copy at 175 sq in. a minute, comparable to 600 words a minute.

▶ Networks—Despite competition among broadcasting groups, much of the coverage was done on a pool basis—six cameras covering each convention floor and about 75 microphones. In addition, ABC had 20 cameras of its own, CBS had 25 and NBC 35. Of high interest were the several small tv cameras shown in the photographs.

▶ Pictures—Use of facsimile to distribute news pictures around the country is constantly expanding. A recent development is sending positive images rather than the negative images which wire services have been furnishing their clients since the middle thirties.



West German import (Electronics, p 196, Aug. 1956) designed to inspect boiler tubes was snapped up by ABC to supplement subminiature ty gear

A positive image is favored by television stations. Often a positive image is sent to the editorial room of a newspaper while a negative one arrives simultaneously in the illustration department.

► Services—The Associated Press reports that it serves about 500 newspapers with receiving facilities for negative facsimile images while



RCA-NBC camera uses ½-inch vidicon and 70 transistors for all circuits except transmitter, a cavity-stabilized oscillator. Range is one mile

about 100 newspapers and 100 television stations receive positive images. AP has about 350 facsimile transmitters around the country.

The United Press reports 142 newspaper facsimile clients and 115 television stations. International News Service has about 100 machines installed in television stations, industrial and commercial establishments.

## U.S. Proposes Tax Reduction Plan

Internal Revenue Service asks industry comment on plan for more liberal research deductions

COMPANIES that support research programs will be allowed more liberal income tax deductions on the money they pour into research and experimental projects under a new regulation now being circulated by the Internal Revenue Service for industry comment. The proposal sets out the rules and procedures that the government will apply to firms taking such deductions. It carries out the deduction granted by Congress for research and experimental spending in the 1954 revision of the Internal Revenue Code.

Companies will be allowed to apply the rules retroactively to research costs incurred during taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1953 and ending Aug. 16, 1954.

▶ Definition—The proposed regu-

lation defines research and experimental expenditures as expenditures incurred in connection with a taxpayer's trade or business which are not deductible under any other provision of the Internal Revenue Laws such as depletion allowed extraction industries and which represent research and development costs in the experimental or laboratory sense.

Included are costs incident to development of an experimental or pilot model, plant process, product, formula, or invention and improvement of such existing properties. A firm may deduct research costs whether it does its own work or farms it out. However, farmed out work cannot be deducted unless it is the type of research that the company could deduct were it handling the job itself.

The research contractor must be an individual or a research institute, foundation, or engineering

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## -key COMPONENT in SYLVANIA'S "power-pack" for hybrid auto radio offers new features for general power applications

Sylvania's new Power Transistor Type 2N242 was developed as part of the hybrid auto "power-pack" which includes the Sylvania type 12J8 driver tube. The 2N242 provides 21/2 watts class A output with 5% total harmonic distortion.

For general power applications, ten watts collector dissipation is provided. Other general-purpose features of this new power transistor include a welded hermetic seal for ruggedness and a storage temperature of 85° C to eliminate heat problems under idle conditions. Thermal drop characteristic of the 2N242 is 2° C per watt.

#### **GENERAL FEATURES OF THE** 2N242 POWER TRANSISTOR-

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- 2 amps max. collector current
- 40 volts max, collector voltage
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company. It cannot be a rival manufacturer.

▶ Depreciation—A firm may deduct depreciation or depletion allowances on land or other property it buys or improves for use in a research project. It cannot deduct the money it spends to acquire or improve the property.

Not deductible as research and experimentation is money spent for quality control testing or inspection of materials or products; efficiency, marketing or management surveys; advertising or other promotional expenditures.

▶ Ways—Deductions may be taken as a current expense for the tax year when the money is actually laid out, or as a deferred expense, permitting the taxpayer to take the deduction over a period of at least five years, starting when the research results begin to yield income. The regulation spells out conditions under which a taxpayer may elect these alternatives.

## Hot Tube Developed For Military Use

Hard-glass device raises heat barrier nearly 100 degrees, costs less

HIGH-temperature electron tubes, able to withstand 300 C have been produced under a manufacturing methods contract with Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Sylvania Electric has completed a pilot line for the manufacture of type 6049, SD 1063A tubes under the contract.

The high-temperature, hard-glass tube is used on devices, like missiles, requiring high temperature ratings.

▶ Cost—Production cost has been reduced from \$30 a tube to \$7.50. Based on joint services present requirements of 100,000 tubes a month, the cost reduction represents a minimum saving of about \$27 million a year, plus additional savings because of the tube's increased life expectancy and greater reliability.

## **Business Briefs**

► Largest stock offering in U. S. financial history is the way AT&T's issue of 5,570,000 shares at \$100 per share is described. The proceeds will be used for expansion

► Transistor production rate of 2 million units a year by 1957 is scheduled by General Transistor Corp., which plans to offer 100,000 shares of common at \$3 per share. Proceeds will be used for additional machinery and equipment, to repay bank loans and for working capital

► Computer field growth prospects are reason behind recent placing of \$1.5 million in debentures by Electronic Associates. Proceeds will go for expansion

► Television tape recorder manufacturer, Ampex Corp., which now has 100 of the units scheduled for production in 1957, sold 100,000 shares of its common at \$33.50 per share for working capital

► Electronics manufacturer, Kay Lab, whose sales are estimated to be 63 percent in electronic instruments and 37 percent in industrial tv, plans the sale of 336,300 shares of class A common, \$1 par, at \$2.50 per share. Proceeds will be added to working capital

► Loudspeaker plant expansion underway by Altec Lansing in California will be financed by Altec Companies' sale of 100,000 shares at \$13.50 per share

► Agreement to borrow \$150 million from Prudential Insurance Co. of America has been made by IBM. The net profits for the company hit \$31.8 million in the first half of this year compared to \$23.8 million in the first six months of 1955

## **Electronics Patents Increase**

Almost as many were issued in first half of this year as in all of 1955

EXPANDING research activity in the electronics industry is evidenced by the increasing number of patents issued in the field. The Patent Office issued 3,084 U. S. electronics patents in the first six months of 1956 as compared with 3,130 in all of 1955.

► Assignees—The government obtained about 10 percent of the patents issued in 1955, 321 patents. Of



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## **NOW...** magnetic shift registers from SPRAGUE



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these, 150 went to the Navy, 80 to AEC, 46 to Army, 22 to Defense. 10 to Air Force, 8 to Commerce, 2 to Interior and one each to Agriculture, R. F. C. and U. S. A.

▶ Fields—A total of 674 patents was issued to companies whose major endeavor applied to phonograph, radio, television and home appliances, 264 were applicable to telephone and telegraph equipment, 220 to atomic energy, 151 to aircraft and guided missiles, 92 to petroleum and 72 to business machines. The remainder, some 1,657, applied to electronics generally.

▶ Firms — RCA received 262 patents in 1955. Other corporate assignees included: Bell Telephone Laboratories, 170; GE, 118; Westinghouse, 85; IT&T, 51; Bendix, 50; Raytheon, 44; Stromberg-Carlson, 32; IBM, 30; DuMont, 29; Sperry Rand, 26; Collins, 24; Philco, 23; Motorola, Sylvania and Hughes, 22 each and Phillips Petroleum, 10.

► Abroad—Foreign patent breakdown showed 115 issued to British organizations or individuals, 40 to German, 33 to French, 21 to Swedish, seven each to Swiss and Dutch, four each to Belgium and Canadian, two to Moroccan and one each to Italian, Japanese, Australian, Czech and Liechtenstein. Not included were 70 patents issued to Hartford National Bank and Trust, trustees for a Netherlands company.

## Transistor Sales Quadruple In Year

MANUFACTURERS sold over one million entertainment and nonentertainment type transistors in June and nearly 5 million units in the first six months of 1956, according to RETMA.

Total transistor sales in June were reported to be 1,130,756 units with a dollar value of \$3,645,293. Sales during the first half of 1956 totaled 4,758,603 units with a dollar value of \$13,728,111. The half-year figure compares with a total of 1,260,827 units worth \$4,741,958 in the first six months of 1955.



RADAR surveying equipment and individual two-way radios appear as Jack

## **Electronics Boosts Army Efficiency**

Battle helmet contains radio while jeep radar station speeds gun siting

AMERICAN artillery fire has won a well-justified reputation for accuracy. One reason is that guns are surveyed into position.

This fact is not unknown to enemy forces. U.S. Field Artillery surveyors are prime targets for enemy snipers.

► Jeep Radar—The job of surveying in field guns may become a lot less hazardous with a jeep-borne radar set designed by the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories and developed by Motorola. The equipment measures 50-mile stretches.

Measurements are made between two jeep-borne stations. An automatic computer determines the time a signal requires for 10,000 round trips. Each radar station consists of a 25-ft collapsible antenna mast and three carrying cases—all weighing only 200 lbs. The station can be operated by one soldier.

▶ Battle Hat—Two-way radio communication for all combat soldiers may be possible with a transistorized f-m receiver-transmitter that weighs only one lb. The set is built into a soldier's helmet and operates one-half day on its set of small batteries.

Designed for short-range conversations, its range can be increased by an auxiliary antenna. At full range, the transmitter can reach receivers up to a mile away and receive powerful signals at greater distances.

A Signal Corps development, the radio set uses a thumb-sized microphone. It is equipped to send an acknowledging beep signal when the soldier depresses a button on the helmet.

## Two-Way Radio Gets Set For Expansion

Equipment manufacturers, military and business users push two-way radio communications

MOBILE radio business is continuing to increase. Leasing of equipment is gaining momentum, plant expansion is in progress, users are taking on more equipment and the industry in general foresees substantial future growth for the field.

▶ Rental — Leasing of two-way radio is on the upswing. GE was recently awarded a large leasing contract by the USAF Air Materiel Command for commercial two-way radio equipment. The lease, involving several million dollars worth of fixed station units and mobile radios, covers ground communication equipment to be used by Air Force bases and installations in the U. S. The company also recently signed a leasing agreement with a major (Continued on page 14) PERMANENT MAGNETS and ASSEMBLIES For Wave Guides, Traveling Wave Tubes and Magnetrons

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truck rental firm involving several thousand units.

Another company, Tele-Dynamics, now has a total of more than 350 lease accounts for two-way radio using approximately 2,000 mobile units and 50 fixed stations. For some years the Bell System has leased two-way radio equipment and estimates that it now has some 25,000 mobile units on lease, representing about 3 percent of the market.

► Use—Railway and Air Express is increasing its use of two-way radio equipment. It now has 226 radio dispatched units of which 42 are used on depot tractors and 184 on street vehicles. The company owns the tractor radio equipment but leases the 184 street units.

With the equipment the firm has reduced pickup and delivery time by more than half. It plans to expand two-way radio use on its nationwide fleet of 13,000 trucks and tractors.

▶ Building—GE believes that industry sales of radio communications equipment will double in the next five years. It plans to build a new \$4 million plant for the equipment in Gainesville, Fla. The company points out that the radio communications industry has grown 15 times in the past nine years.

▶ Statistics—FCC figures indicate the rise in two-way radio business. Number of transmitters authorized in fiscal 1955 totaled 767,893 compared to 652,794 for 1954. RETMA estimates that 160,000 applications for the service will be made in 1956 and 173,000 in 1957.



Desk-adapted Motorola two-way radio equipment is used in the Pentagon for interoffice and mobile communications



TRANSLUCENT plastic radome for DEW-line (left) and over-the-horizon antenna

## Continental Defense Pushes Ahead

Contracts covering DEW-line, Sage and White Alice may reach \$3.5-billion mark

for White Alice (right) are latest additions as . . .

RECENT additions to the overall continental defense system indicate electronics' share in this effort.

▶ DEW-Line — Overall cost of DEW-line is estimated at \$400 million. Estimates of electronics' share are not available for security reasons. However, the costs of labor and transportation required to erect such a system in remote areas are substantial.

Use of a new self-supporting glass fiber radome of struts, trusses and thin, flat panels reduces the hazard of collapse of the present rubber domes with attendant immobilization of the antennas.

Developed at Bell Telephone Laboratories, the dome can be erected in 18 hours, the maximum period for which weather in the Arctic can be predicted.

► Sage—Overall cost of the Sage project is estimated at from \$1 to \$3 billion.

The recent \$12-million production contract for airborne datalink radio units awarded GE by the Air Force is a likely addition to Sage.

The data-link system provides fighter planes with intercept messages from a ground control station. The unit converts the message, which includes heading, altitude and speed required to vector fighter to target, for display on a cockpit indicator.

Intercept information could also feed plane's autopilot or be transmitted to guided missles.

▶ White Alice—The White Alice project will ultimately span 3,300 miles and have stations at some 33 sites. Cost of the project is estimated at \$100 million.

The first section of this uhf system, which is to be used to improve vital communications between the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and the DEW-line, is to go into operation this October according to Western Electric, prime contractor on the Air Force project.

## Community Antenna Systems Keep Growing

Number of operations nears 500, nearly double the number of two years ago

WITH an estimated half million U. S. families now receiving tv programs through some 500 community antenna systems, the field has become an important and apparently permanent part of the tv broadcasting picture. There were less than 10 systems in 1950, some 275 in 1954 and nearly 500

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operating or planned for operation this year.

▶ Where—In Pennsylvania mountainous terrain makes regular tv reception difficult over a large part of the state. There are some 87 community antenna systems in the state. Oregon has 44 systems; West Virginia, 38; Washington, 33; California and New York each, 28; Texas, 25; Idaho, 25 and Kentucky, 21. Some 40 states and Alaska have community tv systems in operation.

▶ Makers—About a score of companies specialize in community an-

Printer Ties Computer Speed

Scans face of special cathoderay tube; honeycomb computer memory is also introduced

ELECTRONIC digital computers often out-distance mechanical devices used to print out their results. See p 142, this issue.

► All-Electronic—Special cathoderay tubes have been developed that spell out alphabetic and numerical information as fast as the computer can produce it. However, photographic processes have been used to obtain a permanent image; this introduces some delay. A possible answer is combining such a special crt with an electrostatic dry-printing process.

Experimental production model

tenna equipment. One firm that has supplied equipment to many of the existing systems owns five community systems directly.

▶ Future—FCC proposal to shift all tv to uhf may have some effect on the future growth of community tv if it helps to put uhf stations into markets that would otherwise utilize antenna systems. However, community antenna system operators do not seem immediately concerned and are continuing to expand. So far this year about 10 more systems have begun operations and at least that many more are planned.

of a continuous electrostatic printer developed for General Dynamics by Horizons, Inc. of Cleveland handles 4,000 to 5,000 characters a second. Development is underway to extend this to 10,000.

► How It Works—The machine displays on the face of a Charactron crt data received as electrical impulses. A modified Xerographic printing process produces a permanent image. Common newsprint is web fed through the machine to receive the image.

The Charactron is a product of General Dynamics' Convair division while Xerography was developed by Haloid of Rochester, New York.

Applications of high-speed electronic printing systems may include



Laboratory model of Horizons, Inc. highspeed electrostatic printer. Eye of printer that scans crt face is at lower left. Web of newsprint passes through slanted surface at the upper right



Reading and writing storage tube using glass honeycomb memory. Television screen in background shows magnified portion of storage mesh that provides 250,000 cells a sq in.

reading out answers from engineering and scientific computers, automatic customer billing, preparation of inventories, payroll and production-control information and magazine subscription fulfillment.

▶ Memory—Another problem in computer design is the memory. Size of the memory often proves a bar to computer installation. One solution proposed by GE is a onesq-in. honeycomb consisting of a sheet of glass in which holes have been etched and filled with metal.

The memory is part of a storagetube system in which a reading electron beam picks up charges stored in the metal dots. Holes spaced 500 to the inch provide 250,-000 cells a square inch. Each cell will recognize ten levels of charge intensity as established by the writing gun. Applications for the memory also include television cameras and scan converters for radar systems.

## UHF Continues In Limelight

#### All-uhf tv channels proposal pushed by congressional and business spokesmen

FEDERAL Communications Commission proposal for a long-range shift of all or part of U.S. tv stations to uhf and the immediate beginning of selective deintermixture, seems to be gaining support. The Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce approved the plan although three members of the Committee have filed dissenting views. The Committee urged the FCC to move as rapidly as possible to accomplish its program and said selective deintermixture should be effected as broadly and rapidly as possible.

▶ Report—The FCC released figures on the 1955 financial picture of uhf stations. They show that 103 uhf stations had total broadcast revenues of \$28.5 million in 1955. This compares to \$25.4 million in (Continued on page 18)



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1954 for 125 uhf stations.

Despite the gain in revenue, the 103 stations had a loss of \$4.5 million in 1955 although the loss was down substantially from the \$10 million loss for 125 stations in 1954.

► Time According to W. R. G. Baker, RETMA president and GE v-p, the average life of a tv set is seven years. He said that we are now entering a period of mass-replacement purchases of tv receivers. An early decision by the FCC to move tv to the uhf channels will insure that sets purchased will be capable of receiving uhf programs, he said.

Baker also urged that station operators should have the right to transmit simultaneously on both vhf and uhf channels during the proposed transition and should be permitted quick amortization of transmitters.

## **Military Electronics**

▶ Military spending for this fiscal year is going up, says Defense Secretary Wilson. He plans to ask Congress for more money next year. Estimated defense spending for this year is \$36 billion

▶ Fast tax amortization certificates that allow new defense plants to be depreciated within five years instead of 25 were awarded to 7 electronics firms in July. Amount certified totaled \$18.1 million compared to \$4.4 million in June. Biggest certificate covering \$7.5 million went to IBM

► Government contracts awarded to Canada's electronics industry by the Canadian Department of Defence during May totaled \$244,000 compared to \$6.6 million in April

► Directive, issued by Defense Secretary Wilson, to improve reliability of new electronic equipment, calls for adequate design development and testing prior to equipment release for production as well as for adequate pilot production. The new procedure will not become a part of military contracts, but it is assumed that compliance with the directive is a requisite for approval of equipment

► Transistorized timing signal generators and other electronic timing equipment totaling over \$500,000 is being built on a crash basis for Patrick Air Force Base by Electronic Engineering

► Contracts for military airborne radar and indicating systems and development of new diffused transistors are included in \$7 million in new business announced by Texas Instruments

## Government Examines Test Equipment Field

Survey of business shows its importance to military equipment maintenance and operation

SURVEY of the electronic test equipment field by the Department of Commerce will aid military planners in helping improve the quality of instruments being procured and strengthening the defense posture of the industry.

► Volume—The study shows that there are some 262 manufacturers of electronic test instruments in the U. S. For 81 of these manufac-



turers, the production of generalpurpose electronic test instruments comprises more than half of the firms' total activity. These companies account for nearly 60 percent of the \$157 million annual volume of the industry.

For 101 of the companies, test gear accounted for less than half of the firm's activity although other products made were closely related. These 101 companies accounted for \$41 million, 26 percent of total sales.

For the remaining 80 companies, (Continued on page 20)



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test equipment production represented less than half of total activity. Other products of a different nature were the main business. These firms accounted for only 16 percent of the total test instrument dollar volume.

▶ Size—Companies with over 500 employees accounted for 20 percent of the \$157 million annual volume of the field. Those with 150 to 500 workers accounted for 26 percent; 50 to 150 employees, 27 percent; 15 to 50 employees, 19 percent and those firms with under 15 employees accounted for 8 percent of total volume. The largest producer has less than 1,000 employees and receives less than ten percent of the total orders for the equipment. Fifty-one companies or 20 percent employ 9,000 workers or 75 percent of the total work force and produce \$115 million each year or about 75 percent of total annual dollar volume.

▶ Equipment—The survey estimates that 36 firms produce voltage and current measuring instruments, 46 make frequency and time interval measuring instruments, 39 build impedance and standingwave-ratio measuring instruments, 31 manufacture power and electromagnetic field measuring instruments, 45 make waveform measuring and analyzing instruments, 75 make signal generating instruments, 38 produce active network type instruments for test and meas-

uring purposes and 44 companies build passive network type instruments for test and measurement purposes. Two of the three largest producers make equipment of every basic type.

▶ Military—The average military production since 1951 has been about \$21 million a year. For the last three years through 1955 the average has been \$12.5 million a year. Present requirements for military general-purpose electronic test instruments are less than 10 percent of the total volume.

During the entire period from 1951 through early 1956 largest military production has been concentrated on signal-generating equipment with a total volume of \$43.8 million. Frequency and time interval measuring instruments ranked next with a total of \$31.2 million, followed by waveform measuring and analyzing instruments with \$15 million and impedance and electromagnetic field measuring instruments with \$10.6 million.

Companies with over 500 employees accounted for only 5 percent of total military production volume in the period from 1951 to early 1956. Those with 150 to 500 employees for 30 percent; 50 to 150, 21 percent; 15 to 50, 35 percent and under 15, 9 percent.



TAIL OF B-52 is loaded with electronics as . . .

## H-Bomb Carrier Gets Stinger

Defense system using radar and computer to control guns goes into production

ATTACK vulnerability on the B-52 intercontinental bomber has been determined to exist primarily at the tail.

► Contract—To provide a defense against possible attack at this point, a \$200-million contract for the production of a new fire control system was awarded Arma division of American-Bosch-Arma by the Air Force. Of this, 40 percent is subcontracted to other manufacturers while 20 to 25 percent is subcontracted for small parts.

► System — Radars are used to search, acquire and track the target. Tracking information is fed to the computer which generates the gun lead angle.

Provisions are made to track a target while still searching for others. An optical sight enables the gunner to control the guns manually. No provisions have been made for iff equipment.

The top blister shown in the photograph is the optical portion while the center contains the search equipment and the bottom the tracking equipment.

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## How to Design for Isolation during Sustained Acceleration

It is becoming increasingly important that vibration isolators continue to provide isolation during sustained acceleration. This is a requirement in some classes of guided missiles. If the force-deflection characteristic of the isolator is linear, it is easy to calculate the required deflection by multiplying the static deflection of the isolator under the deadweight load by the sustained acceleration expressed as a dimensionless multiple of the gravitational acceleration. Unless it has clearances at least equal to this calculated deflection, the isolator bottoms during the sustained acceleration, and provides no vibration isolation. One way to alleviate this effect is to use an isolator having non-linear force-deflection



characteristics, as shown by this dimensionless curve and defined by the equation

$$\frac{\delta}{h} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left[ 15.37 \left( \frac{\ddot{x}_s}{f_0^2 h} \right) \right]$$

where  $\delta$  is the deflection of the isolator under the sustained acceleration  $x_s$ , is the natural frequency under normal deadweight load, and h is the "effective thickness" of the loadcarrying spring. When sustained acceleration increases the static force on the isolator, deflection increases, but less than if the stiffness of the isolator were linear. This increase in deflection is accompanied by an increase in stiffness; i.e., by an increase in the slope of the force-deflection curve. The effective natural frequency is thus increased because there is no increase in mass, and the transmissibility increases.

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## High-Frequency Heating Grows



#### Factory sales double as more industrial applications are found

VOLUME of induction and dielectric heating apparatus has more than doubled in the past eight years and is now approaching an annual volume of nearly \$17 million. Both types of equipment have grown substantially although induction dollar volume has moved faster and farther than dielectric.

► Leader — Induction heating apparatus accounted for about 70 percent of total high-frequency heating volume. Factory sales rose from \$7.6 million in 1947 to \$14.7 million in 1954.

During the same period factory sales of dielectric heating apparatus increased from \$2.4 million to \$3.6 million. But in the past two years dielectric sales have risen more sharply due to increased use in thermosetting plastic production. (ELECTRONICS, p 16, April, 1956.) For individual companies, sealing unit sales for 1955 ranged from \$50,000 to \$1.2 million representing for some companies a ten-fold increase within the past five years.

► Use—Behind the big rise in sales of induction heating equipment are the substantial savings the equipment affords in metalworking. For example, a nut-forming company recently installed an induction heating unit and stepped up capacity 50 percent.

## FCC Actions

Arranged with CAA for FCC field engineers to make joint flights for purpose of checking interference to aviation radio communications

► Authorized State of Ohio to install first private microwave tv in police developmental service. System will transmit automobile registration data from licensing bureau to highway patrol headquarters

► Shifted an educational reservation from vhf to uhf. This first instance of such a move is predicated on lack of evidence that channel would be used by educational interests in the foreseeable future

► Amended tv rules to permit channel assignments on basis of coverage and spacing measured from transmitter (rather than from post office). Mileage separation between transmitters is not reduced

► Added subpart to rules governing restricted radiation devices to cover permissible radiation from community antenna systems. It is a compromise between FCC April 1954 proposal and comments

▶ Permitted international fixed stations to send QTT and abbreviations for operating company and message-center city in Morse-code, omitting call signs

► Modified landing point of previously authorized AT&T twin deep-sea cables between Hawaii and U. S. from Point Reyes to Point Arena, California

► Leaked (via Commissioner Hyde's speech to Associated Police Communications Officers) impression that action might be forthcoming on two-year-old channel-splitting docket. Police radio men have not favored splitting

## Industry Eyes Retirement Plans

Manufacturers liberalize pension plans as fringe benefits become more important

COMPANIES in the electronics industry are liberalizing employee retirement plans. This is indicated by the Bankers Trust Company's latest study of employee retirement plans of industrial employers, for the period of 1953 through 1955. Employees covered by the plans of the study total approximately four million, about a third of all industrial employees currently covered by pension plans. ► Growth—GE has now paid out \$150 million in pensions to employees. Monthly pension payments under the firm's present pension plan average \$102 for employees who retired during the first four months of 1956. Over 33,600 employees have retired under GE pension plans. Of them, some 16,500 are on the active pension rolls at present.

Consolidated Electrodynamics, which started a profit-sharing retirement plan some three years ago, now has a trust worth \$1.6 million. Some 800 cligible employees re-(Continued on page 24)



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ceived a total of \$211,095 representing 12 percent of the firms profits before taxes in 1955.

Sylvania has 17,650 employee members in its retirement and savings plan, under which the firm contributed \$2.9 million and employees \$2.1 million last year. Payments by the company in 1955 to those who left the company as well as to beneficiaries and pensioners amounted to \$1.3 million.

American Bosch Arma costs were \$1.6 million for two pension plans in 1955 compared to \$843,955 in 1954.

Zenith provided \$2.9 million for its profit-sharing retirement plans in 1955 and Burroughs made payments of \$2.8 million. Texas Instruments paid \$341,560 to its pension trust in 1955 compared to \$336,607 in 1954.

► Trends—The Bankers Trust study shows that companies have moved in the direction of covering all employees, regardless of position, with pension plans. Some 90 percent of the companies surveyed had full coverage.

A trend toward more liberal eligibility requirements for membership in conventional or nonunion plans was also shown. However, over 50 percent of the 239 plans studied have minimum conditions which an employee must meet to qualify for a pension.

▶ Retirement—Age 65 continues to be the normal retirement age for men. Only 3 percent of the plans have a retirement age higher than 65.

The retirement age for women is the same as for men in 95 percent of the plans. Provisions for earlier retirement either at the employees election or with the companies consent are included in 92 percent of the plans surveyed but only 46 percent permit retirement in case of disability. About 38 percent of the plans allowed early retirement only with the company's consent.

Vesting or the right to leave an employer without forfeiting accrued pension is provided in some form in about 74 percent of the plans.





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## New Materials Perk Up Magnets

Military pushes magnetic developments as electronics consumption grows

WITHIN past months, two new magnet materials have been announced by the military. Purified manganese-bismuth, developed by Westinghouse for the Air Research and Development Command, is expected to yield permanent magnets with high resistance to demagnetization. (ELECTRONICS, p 7, July 1956).

Flakenol has been developed at Naval Ordnance Laboratory as a magnetic core material for electronic filter and communications systems. It is composed of iron, silicon and aluminum, has a high permeability and low eddy-current loss coefficients. Use of the new material may save many tons of nickel annually.

► Industry—About 175 million magnets were produced last year and the electronics industry used 50 to 75 percent. Over 40 million magnets were used in home radio and tv sets alone. One magnet maker foresees an annual production of 250 million magnets by 1960.

▶ Nickel—Use of nickel in magnets had climbed from 1.2 million pounds in 1951 to an estimated 2 million pounds last year, representing about 25 percent of all the nickel used in electronics.

► Cobalt—About 28 percent of total U. S. consumption of cobalt is

used in magnets, according to Battelle Institute. World cobalt production was a record 14,000 short tons in 1955, up from 8,000 tons in 1950. Currently, about 55 percent of the cobalt consumed in the U. S. is produced in North America.

► Cores—Over 200 million magnetic cores are used by the electronics industry annually. A ferromagnetic plastic has been developed that is available in flexible rod and flexible tape as well as rigid cores.

## Manufacturers Push TV Sales to Hotels

Market still holds potential for volume sales as new hotels and motels wire for video

ALTHOUGH most leading hotels and motels have tv sets available either as standard equipment in each guest room, in public rooms or as an additional service provided upon request, tv manufacturers are intensifying sales efforts in the field.

Two manufacturers have recently completed 1,000-set sales to established hotels. Another set maker is getting ready to supply nearly 500 color tv sets to a new hotel now under construction. The hotel has already been wired for direct tv reception as well as for closed-circuit tv within the hotel itself. Al-(Continued on page 26)

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most 100 miles of wiring have been used including 14 miles of coaxial cable.

Much new hotel or motel construction is now providing concealed cable conduits with outlets in all public and guest rooms for the eventual installation of tv. Receiver manufacturers see a big sales potential not only in older established hotels and in new units under construction but also in the hotel tv replacement market for both monochrome and color television receivers.

▶ Market—There are approximately 52,000 motels with 885,00\ units, and about 15,000 hotels witk. some 1.5 million rooms. Together they add up to a market potential of almost 2.4 million sets. About 25 percent of the market has been sold, an increase of about 15 percent since 1951. In New York City only about 25 of its hotels are 100percent tv equipped.

► Sales—Many set manufacturers have handled hotel and motel tv sales and installation through companies that specialize in the business.

These companies may sell the equipment outright, providing specialized installation, or may make lease arrangements in which they install, service and maintain the equipment. In all there are about ten hotel tv firms, each handling an individual manufacturer's receivers.

▶ Programs—A new corporation has been formed to make each hotel equipped with tv its own closedcircuit tv station. Through vidicon equipment in each hotel, Hotel TV Broadcasting Corp. will bring a specialized program service to each hotel on a regularly scheduled basis.

The company's plans call for expansion of hotel tv program service to at least 25 additional U. S. cities in the next two years, with a minimum of 50,000 hotel rooms to be included in the system. Initial installations in New York will be in two hotels, each with over 1,000 rooms. The service is scheduled to start in New York City during September.







TV pictures have been transmitted from this helicopter at altitudes between 500 and 2,500 ft to a receiving location 50 miles distant. The tests were conducted at 894 mc. Developed at Philco, the new system may be used by the Navy for control of amphibious landings. The firm has also developed an airborne tv system for use in Air Force jet aircraft reconnaissance. The new Navy tv system includes an f-m transmitter of 100 watts erp, image orthicon camera, coder and high-gain antenna which is dropped after the helicopter is airborne

## X-ray Business Holds Growth

Industrial volume shows fivefold growth since 1947. Medical and dental sales lag

ANNUAL sales of x-ray equipment to industry for nondestructive testing and inspection have grown at a faster rate than sales to any other x-ray market, and are now approaching \$4 million a year. In 1947 factory shipments totalled approximately \$700,000. During the same period factory sales of medical x-ray units declined some \$6 million to a current volume of about \$21 million. Dental x-ray units have maintained a yearly vol-



ume of about \$2 million since 1947.

▶ Parts—With the increasing number of x-ray units of all types in use in the U. S., the parts and tube business for the equipment has grown. Tube sales volume including rectifiers has risen steadily and now accounts for about \$10 million annually. Other parts such as transformers and diffraction equipment account for about \$7 million.

## Financial Roundup

#### Net profits for the first six months of 1956 show up better for many firms

ALTHOUGH many companies in the electronics field have enjoyed greater net profits during the first half of 1956 than in the comparable 1955 period, surveys indicate that for the industry in general, net profits are down substantially from last year's first six months.

This is indicated in the First National City Bank of New York report on the net income of 25 firms in the radio tv electrical equipment field. The report shows that net profits in 1956 for the 25 companies (Continued on page 28) There's a standard PERKIN model for your every need!

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	6-5WX	6 ± 10%	5	±1%	95-130 V 1 phase	1%
	6-15WX	6 ±10%	15	±1%	95-130 V 1 phase	1%
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110.0	12-15WX	12 ±10%	15	±1%	95-130 V 1 phase	1%
	115-5WX	115 ÷ ±10%	5	± 42%	95-130 V 1 phase	1%
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was \$150.4 million compared to \$184.8 million for the first half of 1955, a decline of 19 percent. For the second quarter alone, the net profit of the companies was down 10 percent from that in the 1955 period, going from \$93.3 million last year to \$84.3 million for the second quarter of 1956.

▶ **Profits**—Following are the net profit reports of companies in the electronics field, for the fiscal periods indicated:

	Net 1	Profit
Company	1956	1955
ACF 6m	\$6,855,000	\$8,008,000
Clevite 6m	1,556,087	2,672,957
Consolidated 9m.	1,555,648	
Consol. Electro.		
6m	568,147	295,961
Daystrom 3m	527,000	496,000
A. B. DuMont 6m	*484,000	*1,249,000
Electronic		
Specialty 3m	5,000	
Hoffman		
Elect. 6m	783,972	419,179
IBM 6m	31,868,620	23,870,992
Kay Lab 6m	71,239	<b>*</b> 23,775
Magnetics 6m	91,458	51,276
Minn, Mining 6m.	17,670,767	15,781,268
Motorola 6m	3,066,207	2,945,001
NCR 6m	9,383,984	7,614,578
Packard-Bell 9m;	487,847	362,131
RCA 6m	20,037,000	22,061,000
Servomechanisms		
6m	307,447	227,544
Stewart Warner	0 4 5 0 0 0 0	0.010.000
6m	3,178,028	2,810,383
Sylvania 6m	7,323,515	6,088,019
Lear 6m	1,017,044	870,300
Westinghouse 6m	<b>•</b> 11,713,000	29,417,000
Van Norman 6m.	465,910	300,357
Zenith 6m	2,930,824	3,126,061

\*Loss

## Picture-Phone TV Gets A Boost



Experimental Picture-phone tv system developed by Bell Labs uses two ordinary telephone lines, a conventional vidicon camera and either a pair of latrons or a small c-r tube with a magnetic-drum storage system. One complete picture is transmitted every two seconds, requiring a 600-cps bandwidth

## **Meetings** Ahead

- Sept. 10-12: Information Theory Symposium, IRE, MIT, Cambridge, Mass.
- Sept. 10-14: Electron Transport In Metals And Solids, International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, Ottawa.
- Sept. 11-12: Second RETMA Conference on Reliable Electrical Connections, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- Sept. 14-15: Sixth Symposium, IRE, PGBTS, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh.
- Sept. 14-15: Conference On Communications, IRE, Roosevelt Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
- Sept. 17-21: Eleventh Annual International Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit, ISA, New York Coliseum, New York, N. Y.
- Sept. 20-21: Annual Meeting, IRE PGNS, Mellon Institute Auditorium, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Sept. 24-25: Industrial Electronics Conference IRE, AIEE, Hotel Manger, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Sept. 24-28: Trade Fair of the Atomic Industry, Atomic Industrial Forum, Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.
- Sept. 26-29: 1956 Convention of the Audio Engineering Society, New York Trade Show Bldg., New York, N. Y.
- Sept. 27-30: New York High Fidelity Show, New York Trade Show Building, New York.

## Industry Shorts

► Radar designed specifically to track storms for the Weather Bureau is being built by Raytheon. There are 39 units costing \$3.8 million on order with delivery scheduled to start early in 1958. Eight of the units will be used by the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics. (See ELECTRONICS, p 14, July 1956.)

► Factory unit sales in the phonograph field for the first five months of 1956 totaled 975,747 units made up of 95,138 record player attachments, 737,230 phonographs and 143,379 phonograph combinations.

- Oct. 1-3: IRE Canadian Convention, Automotive Bldg. Exhibition Park, Toronto.
- Oct. 1-3: Twelfth Annual National Electronics Conference, Hotel Sherman, Chicago.
- Oct. 1-4: Semiconductor Symposium Electrochemical Society, Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Oct. 8-12: SMPTE 80th Convention, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Oct. 8-9: Second National Symposium on Aeronautical Communications, IRE, Hotel Utica, Utica, N. Y.
- Oct. 10-11: Engineering Convention of the Central Canada Broadcasters Association, Seaway Hotel, Toronto.
- Oct. 11-12: URSI Fall Meeting, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.
- Oct. 15-17: Radio Fall Meeting, IRE, RETMA, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
- Oct. 16-18: Conference On Magnetism & Magnetic Materials. IRE, AIEE, APS, AIMME, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass.
- Oct. 22-23: Fall Meeting of Assembly, Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics, Hotel Marrott and CAA Technical Development Center, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Oct. 25-26: Second Annual Technical Meeting of the IRE Professional Group on Electronic Devices, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

▶ Radio telescope, measuring 250 ft across, being built by Manchester University in England, is to be equipped as a radar transmitter to track man-made satellites as they circle the earth.

► Australia's first tv station in Sydney began test operations and is scheduled to begin regular commercial telecasting in September. Two other tv stations in Sydney and three in Melbourne are under construction.

► Industrial tv is being used by Zenith to aid guards to regulate the flow of truck traffic in and out of its main plant in Chicago.



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	RP113		YES	YES
	RP151		NO	NO
J	RP152	50	NO	YES
	RP153		NO	YES
	RP16		YES	NO
	RP162	25	YES	YES
	RP160		YES	YES
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G	RP 207	75	NO	YES
22	RP 203		NO	YES
	RP25		NO	NO
<b>r</b> 1	RP25:	100	NO	YES
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	PP301		NO	NO
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# THE SHORTAGE OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS: What Caused It?

WHY is the United States confronted with a serious shortage of scientists and engineers?

One reason, discussed in earlier editorials in this series, is that the increasingly complex technology needed for national security and for an expanding economy has raised enormously the demand for technically trained people.

But it is clear also that too little has been done to increase the supply of scientists and engineers and to make most effective use of the limited number now available. It is with this second reason for the shortage that this editorial deals.

Too few bright young people have been attracted to careers in the sciences and engineering. Many with technical training have been leaving these professions, with the exodus from teaching being especially alarming. And the technical talent now employed in industry, government and education is, in too many instances, being utilized less effectively than it might be.

#### **Paying for a Miscalculation**

A legacy of the depression provides part of the explanation for the current shortage of young people entering scientific and engineering careers. Because of low birthrates in the 1930s, there are now about one million fewer boys and girls of college age than there were in the early 1940s. Not until 1960 will there be as many in the 18-21 age group as in 1945. And from the brightest young people of these ages must come, not only scientists and engineers, but the new members of all the professions needed by our growing economy.

A miscalculation in the late 1940s, when our future needs in various occupations were being gauged, provides another part of the explanation. Occupational counselors and high school students were advised that, because of heavy postwar enrollments in engineering and other technical fields, "it is likely that the shortages of trained men will be alleviated in a few years."\*

Instead of being alleviated, however, the shortages became more acute. Job opportunities grew rapidly, while graduating classes dwindled. Fewer than half as many students received degrees in engineering in 1955 as in 1950, the peak postwar year. The trend has been reversed, but graduating classes will not be large enough to narrow the gap for several years.

#### Lost Talent

Beyond these temporary conditions, there is another explanation for the failure of the number of scientists and engineers to keep pace with our rising needs. This is the staggering loss between high school and college of young people with the talent to be successful in science and engineering. Last year between 60,000 and 100,000 high school graduates of college ability failed to enroll in college for financial reasons and perhaps an additional 100,000 did not enter college because of lack of interest.<sup>†</sup>

Of the most intelligent 20 percent in the group of college age, fewer than half enter college and only about a third graduate from college. Educational authorities estimate that fewer than 2 percent of those in the college age group who are mentally equipped to obtain Ph. D. degrees will actually obtain such degrees.

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<sup>\*</sup>U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook (Bulletin 940), p. 63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Charles C. Cole, Jr. (assistant dean, Columbia College, Columbia University), *Higher Education*, November 1955.

schools, where future scientists and engineers receive their first training in science and mathematics. There are serious weaknesses and signs of deterioration in this vital part of our educational system.

One-quarter of all American high schools offer no chemistry or physics. One-quarter offer no geometry. In many of the schools offering science and mathematics courses, the quality of instruction is low. Last year in the New York City school system alone more than 10,000 students were in science classes taught by teachers who were not trained in science.

This is a situation that threatens to become much worse. Between 1950 and 1955 the number of graduating teachers qualified to teach high school mathematics dropped 53 percent and those qualified to teach science dropped 59 percent. Furthermore, only about 60 percent of the graduates certified to teach mathematics or science in 1955 entered teaching as a career.

On the students' side — partly because of inadequate guidance programs — there has been a drift away from science and mathematics courses. The result of low student interest, and poor high school programs, in science and mathematics is virtually to foreclose careers in science and engineering to many bright young people. They miss the necessary basic training. Many who do attempt to obtain college training in these fields are ill-equipped. Engineering school deans report that fully half of their students enter with deficiencies in mathematics.

#### **Misuse of Trained People**

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Engineers and research scientists complain also that too much of their time now is spent on tasks that draftsmen and technicians could perform. Unfortunately for easy solution of this problem, however, there is an acute shortage of technicians as well. Worse still, there are indications that some companies in industries using large numbers of engineers have gobbled up technical manpower at a faster rate than they can effectively employ these scarce people.

Another drain on the supply of newly-trained scientists and engineers is military service. About 8,000 of this year's 27,000 engineering graduates were in ROTC programs and committed to active duty after graduation. Dr. A. W. Davison, chairman of the Engineering Manpower Commission of the Engineers Joint Council, says that in most cases no attempt is made by the Armed Services to assign these young officers to duties for which their engineering education specifically prepared them. They are not only withheld from industry and education for two years but also are not utilized in defense programs requiring more engineers and research scientists.

Some of the causes for the present shortage of scientists and engineers — bad advice a few years ago and a college age group held down by depression birthrates in the 1930s — are gradually being overcome. But others, such as the deterioration of science and mathematics training in our public schools and the many instances of ineffective utilization of scarce technical talent, enjoy no such prospect of automatic correction. The final editorial in this series will deal with some practical suggestions for meeting these problems.

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### SIMPLIFIED SWEEP CONTROL

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Calibrated fixed sweeps extend from 0.2  $\mu$ sec/cm to 2 sec/cm. A variable control makes the sweep range continuous from 0.2  $\mu$ sec/cm to 6 sec/cm. Here again a warning light indicates an uncalibrated condition when variable control is in use.

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Triggering versatility is one of the many highly-useful qualities of the Type 515. You can trigger the sweep from either the positive or negative slope of an internal, external, or line-voltage signal. On any of these signals, you can trigger the sweep at a selected amplitude level. You select either ac or dc-coupling through the trigger circuitry. You can synchronize the sweep with sine-wave signals up to and beyond 20 megacycles. You can block out the low-frequency component of a composite signal, permitting the high-frequency component to trigger the sweep. These complete triggering facilities make possible a steady display of just about any signal you are likely to encounter.

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Typical Q vs. frequency characteristics of AT-10.



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	LENGIN DIA.	WIDTH	HEIGHT
AT-O, AT-6	1-1/16"		1"
AT-10, AT-4	1-19/64		1-1/4"
AT-15	1-31/32"		1-7/8"
AT-11, AT-12	45/64"	45/64"	3/4"
AT-1	1-3/4"	1-3/4"	1-1/4"
AT-2	2-3/4"	2-3/4"	2-1/4"
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World's largest supplier of industrial metallic rectifiers announces a <u>complete line</u> of quality

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International Rectifier Corp. has long been recognized as a leader in the development and manufacture of rectifiers of all types. Now, in addition to a complete line of Selenium and Germanium units, International is pleased to announce the availability of a COMPLETE LINE of Silicon rectifiers in production quantities. This brochure contains brief specifications on types now available for low and medium power applications.

You are invited to submit your application problem to our Application Engineering Dept. for an experienced and practical solution.

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# PIGTAIL CONSTRUCTION

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Available in 100 and 300 ma Ratings

Magnetic Amplifier Type	Power Supply Type	Rated PIV Volts	Rated DC Output Current <sup>2</sup> , ma
3AS2	3AS1	50	300
3BS2	3BS1	100	300
3CS2	3CS1	150	300
3DS2	3DS1	200	300
3ES2	3ES1	300	300
3FS2	3FS1	400	300
3GS2 3GS1		500	300

Magnetic amplifier type diodes are designed for application requiring exceptionally low reverse leakage and forward voltage drop. Power Supply type diodes offer low reverse leakage and forward voltage drop for standard industrial applications.

STABILITY

QUALITY

116 MIN

.310 MAX

.308 MAX

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MIN

4 WIRE LEADS (both ends) All dimensions in inches

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MAX

DIA

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# HIGH VOLTAGE

HERMETICALLY SEALED

STYLE J

## PIGTAIL CONSTRUCTION

Туре	Rated PIV Volts	Rated DC Output Current ma @ 75° C ambient
EM1J2	600	125
FM1J2	800	125
GM1J2	1000	125



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STYLE T

Magnetic Amplifier Type	Power Supply <sup>1</sup> Type	Rated PIV Volts	Rated DC Output Current <sup>2</sup> , 3 ma
3AT2	3AT1	50	800
3BT2	3BT1	100	800
3CT2	3CT1	150	800
3DT2	3DT1	200	800
3ET2	3ET1	300	800
3FT2	3FT1	400	800
3GT2	3GT1	500	800



MAX

Volts	Current <sup>2</sup> , 3 ma	SLOT
50	800	.055 x .125
100	800	.25
150	800	
200	800	HEX. 12
300	800	
400	800	THREAD
500	800	All dimensions
		in inches

2. No current derating at ambient temperatures up to 100° C. 3. Mounted directly on copper fin 2" x 2" x .025"

# RELIABILITY

100% production and quality control test procedures. At all times, quality is controlled in accordance with the terms of the U.S. Signal Corps Reduced Inspection Quality Assurance Plan (RIQAP) which has been in force at International Rectifier Corporation for over one year. Under the interservice agreement, this quality level is equal to or better than that required by any of the military services.

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# STACKS

### HERMETICALLY SEALED

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SEALED

Range of

300 to 1600

900 to 3200

1700 to 6000

3100 to 8000

CARTRIDGE

Maximum DC Output

Current 1, 2

Range

100 to 60 ma

80 to 50 ma

70 to 50 ma

55 to 45 ma

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International silicon stacks are recommended for maximum reliability and optimum performance in applications formerly requiring marginal operation of other rectifier types. The high efficiency and high temperature characteristics of these stacks reduces the heat loss load which must be removed.

These stacks consist of hermetically sealed junction diodes mounted on copper cooling fins. They are stacked in essentially the same manner as other metallic rectifiers, including the inter-connections required for the specified rectifier circuit.

The table at right provides a partial listing of standard assemblies now available. For engineering details on additional types, contact your nearest International representative, or our Application Engineering Department at the factory.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SILICON JUNCTIONS on 2"x 2" FINS

SILICON	MAX A.C.	DC OUTPUT*		CIRCUIT	MOUNTING		
TYPE	INPUT	VOLT	AMP	UNCON	(±.06 INCH)		
66B1H1B2E \$8	70	27	1.25		1.0"	1	
66B1H1B2E <b>T8</b>	105	43	1.25	Single	1.0"		
66B1H1B2E U8	140	58	1.25	Phase	1.0" Fig.		
66B1H1B2E V8	210	89	1.25	Half	1.0″ A	_	
66B1H1B2E W8	280	117	1.25	Wave	1.0″		
66B1H1B2E X8	350	145	1.25		1.0″		
66B1B1B2B \$8	70	54	2.5		2.5″	8 - 2 -	
66B1B1B2B <b>T8</b>	105	86	2.5	Single	2.5″	000	
66B1B1B2B <b>U8</b>	140	116	2.5	Phase	2.5″ Fig.	) ( )	
66B1B1B2B V8	210	178	2.5	Bridge	2.5″ B	eas	
66B1B1B2B W8	280	234	2.5		2.5″	FIG A	
66B1B1B2B X8	350	290	2.5		2.5″	110.7	
66B1C1B2E \$8	70	27	2.5		1.0″		
66B1C1B2E <b>T8</b>	105	43	2.5	Single	1.0″		
66B1C1B2E U8	140	58	2.5	Phase	1.0" Fig.		
66B1C1B2E V8	210	89	2.5	Center	1.0″ A		
66B1C1B2E W8	280	117	2.5	Tap	1.0″		
66B1C1B2E X8	350	145	2.5		1.0"		
6681T1828 S8	70	86	3.75		3.44″		
66B1T1B2B T8	105	135	3.75	Three	3.44″		
66B1T1B2B U8	140	182	3.75	Phase	3.44" Fig.		
66B1T1B2B V8	210	273	3.75	Bridge	3.44″ B	13	
6681T1828 W8	280	364	3.75		3.44″	32	
66B1T1B2B X8	350	455	3.75		3.44″	1900	
66B1S1B2E <b>S8</b>	70	42	3.3		1.25″	200	
66B1S1B2E <b>T8</b>	105	67	3.3	Three	1.25″	510.0	
66B1S1B2E <b>U8</b>	140	92	3.3	Phase	1.25" Fig.	FIG. B	
66B1S1B2E V8	210	139	3.3	Half	1.25″ A		
66B1S1B2E W8	280	185	3.3	Wave	1.25″		
66B1S1B2E X8	350	231	3.3		1.25"	All dimens	
66B1U1B2B \$8	70	43	4.5		3.44″	in inche	
66B1U1B2 <b>B T8</b>	105	70	4.5	Three	3.44"		
66B1U1B2B U8	140	91	4.5	Phase	3.44" Fig.		
6681U1828 V8	210	136	4.5	Center	3.44″ B		
66B1U1B2B W8	280	182	4.5	Тар	3.44"		
66B1U1B2B X8	350	227	4.5		3.44″		



Into resistive and/or resistive-inductive load

# CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS H-SINGLE PHASE HALFWAVE C-SINGLE PHASE CENTER TAP 1.040 D-VOLTAGE DOUBLER LOAD S-3 PHASE WYE (HALF WAVE) **B-SINGLE PHASE BRIDGE** T-3 PHASE BRIDGE 00000 M= SINGLE PHASE, MAG. AMP. BRIDGE U-6 PHASE STAR (3 PHASE CENTER TAP) Y-3 PHASE MAG. AMP. BRIDGE Z-3 PHASE MAG. AMP. BRIDGE

1. The rated maximum dc output current is determined by the number of junctions connected in series.

2. No current derating at ambient temperatures up to 75° C.

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All dimensions

in inches

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**Bulletin SPR-1** 


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Receiver	10	3G-4059	400	26	0.180	1.4	11.8		-	_	_	25	11	0.070	11/2°	
Differential	10	3G-4071	400	_	_	_	_	11.8	0.070	0.30	11.8	90	45	0.050	30′	
Resolver	10	3G-4063	400	26	0.033	0.40	11.8	11.8	0.050	0.20	18.0	235	42	0.050	30′	
Resolver	10	3G-4067	400	26	0.011	0.10	11.8	11.8	0.018	0.10	20.3	450	165	0.050	30'	
Control Transformer	11	2C-4105	400	26	0.040	0.030	11.8	11.8	0.085	0.19	22.5	91.5	14.2	0.050	20'	
Transmitter	11	2C-4125	400	26	0.150	0.80	11.8	-	_	-	-	20	4.3	0.050	20'	
Transmitter	11	2C-4123	400	26	0.230	1.0	11.8	-	-	= ]		10.3	4.0	0.070	20'	
Control Transformer	15	2G-4005	400	26	0.065	0.40	11.8	11.8	0.150	0.40	21.4	40	10.2	0.050	15'	
Transmitter	15	2G-4025	400	26	0.225	1.25	11.8	-	_	-	-	9.5	3.8	0.070	20'	2
Receiver	15	2G-4009	400	26	0.10	0.45	11.8	-	-	-	-	16	6.7	0.070	45'	2
Differential	15	2G-4021	400		-	-		11.8	0.325	0.9	11.8		-	0.040	20'	5
Differential	15	2G-4041	400	-	-	-	-	11.8	0.120	1.3	11.8	14	10.2	0.050	15'	
Resolver	15	2G-4017	400	26	0.014	-	18.0	18.0	0.015		21	239	180	0.050	40'	
Transmitter 12 Power	18	3H-3309	400	26	0.77	2.3	11.8	-		-		1.032	0.675	0.050	20'	
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► MONEY TALKS . . . Inadequate maintenance often renders military electronic equipment submarginal in operation and, at times, useless. One reason is the high turnover of military electronics personnel; civilian engineers supplied by industry on contract cannot do the job under all field conditions.

Long-term solution of the problem may require better inducements for career electronics officers. Physicians and surgeons receive higher rank and bonus pay, and are relieved of duties not related to their specialty. A similar setup may be required for electronic engineers in the armed forces.

► CENTIHEIT, FAHRENGRADE ... Research men specifying characteristics of new materials seem to state temperature in Centigrade, while production people appear to use Fahrenheit. So some manufacturers use C in their printed matter, some use F, some use both, and others flick back and forth between the two from one product to another.

The result is pretty confusing to the potential buyer.

► LANGUAGE BARRIER ... The crys of French crows, recorded on tape, excite American crows, who obviously recognize the sounds made by their own kind. But our local birds do not respond to these cries as they do to sounds

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made by their immediate neighbors, exhibiting confusion more than anything else.

► ALL IS NOT GOLD... We seem to be living momentarily in an era of "something for nothing" selling. Perhaps this is because when business is good some suppliers try to make a killing, and many people who ordinarily would be more conservative are sucked into buying dubious extras.

One example of this current phenomenon is the craze for trading stamps at the corner store. We thought this gimmick went out with grandma. In our industry the period is marked by rapidly increasing complaints from purchasers, particularly of test instruments, that equipment does not live up to publicized claims. Not that it is bad merchandise, but that it was over-sold.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

Television telephones farthest along in the laboratory now transmit just enough frames per second to give picture definition consistent with voice quality; conservation of wireline bandwidth is major objective

Miniaturization of airborne equipment has progressed to the point making it a safe bet that many aviation devices of the future will be complete within the indicator case except for sensing devices and power

Promising magnetic powder consisting of iron, silicon and aluminum will soon be commercially available

Several companies now have contracts to produce automatic navigation devices using the sun, or a star, for the fix

## TRENDS IN COMPUTER

**UMMARY** — Electronic data-processing machines of the future will need INPUT DEVICES that accept source documents directly without transcription on punched cards, perforated or magnetic tape and OUTPUT DEVICES that will keep pace with high-speed computing circuitry. Character readers, highspeed printers, special cathode-ray tubes and dry-printing techniques offer possible solutions that may also benefit the printing and publishing business

**S** POTTY PROGRESS in mastering the three R's is not uncommon among precocious eight-year olds. Undeniably the automatic digital computer has earned straight A's in 'rithmetic. But thus far less perfect grades in reading and 'riting have kept it off the business honor roll.

Large internally programmed computers such as Univac, IBM 700 series, Bizmac and Datamatic are fed from magnetic tape. In many installations, card-to-tape converters enable the computer to accept data on punched cards. Smaller computers can sometimes accept punched cards or punched paper tape.

However, in business each transaction must often be substantiated by an original document which may be a voucher, invoice, cancelled check or duplicate sales receipt. These documents are today seldom produced as punched cards, magnetic or punched paper tape. Restrictions on the form of input data mean that computer installations sometimes must have batteries of typists preparing data on punched cards or other media.

In scientific computing installations, too, the computer language problem can be considerable. At one guided-missile test range a proposal is afoot for a quarter-milliondollar unit to convert between two types of magnetic tape and two kinds of punched paper tape in use at the establishment. Computer output is likewise a problem since results for management information are best printed out in page copy. In some cases auxiliary equipment must convert results from magnetic tape to punched cards then print them out. Printing speeds of 150 lines a minute or so provided by mechanical bar printers are much slower than the computer's speed of operation.

Ideally, therefore, the computer should be able to accept data prepared in the native language of the business world and print out its results in page copy. For most efficient operation, input and output equipment should keep pace with the computing process.

#### **Conductive-Dot Code**

Reading source documents electronically involves either scanning printed characters to obtain recognizable code signals or using a special code to represent the characters.

The Stanomatic system developed



**READING** Operator at console feeds checks into SRI's Electronic Recording Machine Accounting (Erma) system. Models under development will read directly characters printed in magnetic ink. Present system relies on code bars

## INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICES

#### By JOHN M. CARROLL Associate Editor ELECTRONICS



by Standard Register of Dayton, Ohio uses a code in which patterns of electrically conductive dots represent numerals 0 to 9. A Stanomatic unit has been in operation for some time at the First National Bank of Chicago where it is used to identify serial numbers on travelers' checks. The bank handles some 20,000 to 30,000 checks daily.

The system provides for thirty digits across the face of a check. Each digit requires five bits. The first bit represents the value 1, the second bit 2, the third bit 4 and the fourth bit 7. The fifth bit is a parity check so that the one's count for a given digit will always be two. Therefore, numeral 1 is represented by 10001 and 2 by 01001 and so on.

#### **Reading Head**

A reading head is provided for each bit position. The reading head consists basically of a balancedbridge circuit which is unbalanced by the presence of a conductive dot on the paper. Stanomatic handles 500 documents a minute. At present output consists of punched cards carrying the information contained in the dot pattern.

The dot pattern is applied at the time the check is imprinted with the name of the agent bank. Dot imprinting may be accomplished by letterpress using special ink, typewriter using special ribbon or carbon paper or by a special sales register. The sensing and decodADDRESSING Equipment for maintaining subscription lists includes punched card feeder and two 900-line-a-minute wire printers. One printer prepares magazine mailing labels for entire list. The other addresses promotion literature to holders of expiring subscriptions



**PRINTING** High-speed printer for Univac computer attains speeds up to 600, 130 character lines a minute. Printing mechanism includes rotating print drum and electrically controlled print hammers

ing unit uses about 1,000 electron tubes.

Another type of source document reader which uses a dot pattern code is under development by Todd of Rochester, New York, a Burroughs Corp. subsidiary. Details of the system have not as yet been released but it uses a pattern of



FIG. 1—Scanning patterns for letters Eand F show how electronic character readers translate printed characters into electrical pulse sequences

phosphorescent dots to represent characters.

#### Magnetic-Bar Code

Coding may also be achieved by magnetic patterns. Erma, a datahandling system developed by Stanford Research Institute for the Bank of America uses a code of five magnetic bars to represent each numeral.

In this system 00101 represents 1, 10100 represents 2 and so on. Erma reads 100 checks a minute each having an 11-digit number. The information may then be filed on magnetic tape or drum. Reading speed is about 1,000 characters a second. A photograph shows an operator at the control panel.

The bars are printed with ink containing magnetic oxide powder. Five reading heads are used for each digit. The printed bar is first magnetized before passing under the reading head.

First model of Erma will be delivered to the bank's San Jose, California branch where it will handle the bookkeeping for 50,000 checking accounts. The second development phase of the program is



Character font displayed on face of RCA tube. Any desired font can be imaged on tube's photocathode, making the tube useful for composing reproduction copy as well as providing a 100,000-word-aminute output

aimed at producing a unit to recognize arabic numerals printed in magnetic ink.

Also operating on the principle of recognizing magnetized code patterns, National Cash Register's Post-Tronic equipment will likewise be used for bank bookkeeping. The reading heads scan magnetic symbols in the form of two magnetic bars along each of eight strips on the back of each form. Regular production of the equipment is scheduled by NCR for later this year.

#### **Reading Printed Characters**

Use of special codes presupposes control of the source when special imprinters are required. Greater

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Ferromagnetographic printer uses rotating magnetic drum to receive latent magnetic image which is made visible by iron filings. These are absorbed by waxsurfaced paper to provide positive page copy

flexibility would be provided by a system capable of reading typed or printed characters and translating then into electrical code sequences upon which the computer can operate.

A machine developed by Intelligent Machines Research of Arlington, Va., translates typed or printed alphabetic or numerical material into electrical signals capable of operating card punches or other equipment. Models operate at 100 characters a second but can be made to work twice to three times as fast if required. Prices start at \$15,000.

Two of the machines are in use reading account numbers on oilcompany invoices. The information



FIG. 2—Wheel-and-hammer printers rely on electromechanical pulse generator to tell which character is under print hammer. Coincidence of character pulse with input from computer releases print hammer through thyratron circuit

is punched into cards after being read electronically. The account numbers are produced by imprinters used at the various gas stations.

Another machine is used to read typewritten names and addresses. The information is then punched into cards. Up to four lines of typewritten material can be handled. A machine is under development which will read two widely separated lines on paper invoices and punch the data into cards.

The typed or printed material is scanned photoelectrically. A photocell is focused on a small dot that travels continually up and down as the document moves at right angles to it.

Figure 1 shows how the reading circuits translate a printed character into a distinctive electrical code sequence. The pattern is then recognized by logical circuitry and signals produced to actuate the card punch or other equipment.

Another character reader operating on the photoelectric scanning principle has been developed by Laboratory For Electronics of Boston. This machine uses a column of photocells to recognize the printed characters. The machine can read arabic numerals at rates up to 1,600 characters a second without restriction as to type style. It could be made to operate at twice this speed.

In a project sponsored by Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, such a machine was built to read numbers on bank checks. With the checks fed at 16 a second, the machine was able to read 400 characters a second. Output could be to a sorter, printer or accumulator. Future developments are under way to determine the identity of a character using statistical techniques which may further remove restrictions as to size, style and quality of printing.

Another character reader was developed by the Burroughs Corp. and field tested in the First National City Bank of New York where it was used to read serial numbers on travelers checks. The machine handled 7,200 checks an hour. It used photoelectric scanning and operated a card punch.

Character recognition equipment

is reportedly under development at IBM. This work has been directed towards reading characters printed in magnetic ink.

#### Wheel Printers

High-speed printers working off digital input are either wheel-andhammer printers or wire printers. The Synchroprinter produced by Anelex of Boston is an example of the wheel-and-hammer printers. An electric motor drives a print roll or drum which consisits of a print wheel for each character of a line. Around the periphery of each wheel are engraved the characters available for printing at that particular position in the line, 10, 18 or 36 according to the model. Figure 2 illustrates operation of a wheeland-hammer printer.

An electromechanical pulse generator attached to the motor shaft emits a pulse each time a character is in print position. Another pulse generator emits a pulse once each revolution to determine the start of the pulse cycle. The pulse stream is fed to an electronic counter. When the character identification signal from the pulse generator matches the desired character signal from the computer or other input device, the counter triggers a thyratron circuit which operates the printing hammer. One type of wheel-and-hammer printer, the Univac high-speed printer is shown in a photograph.

#### Wire Printers

The Burroughs Series G is representative of wire printers. Characters are made up of dots printed by wires selected from a 5-by-7 matrix. Figure 3 shows how characters are built up from such a dot pattern. Input is from punched cards. The punches are sensed by the card brush.

When coincidence between pulses from the card reader and the synchronizing pulse generator is established in one of the AND gates, two thyratrons are triggered and the actuating pulses sent through a network of relays and diodes to the proper wire groups. The pulses actuate electromagnets



FIG. 3—Wire printer uses coincidence of synchronizing and character pulses to trigger thyratron control tubes. Relay contacts and diode matrix set up 5-by-7 pattern in print head. Strip at top shows sample of wire printing

and the wires are moved about 0.025 in. by mechanical linkage. Two wire printers along with card feed and electronic control unit are shown in a photograph.

The Burroughs Electrographic technique may do away with mechanical travel of the printing wires. Here the character is produuced first as a latent electrostatic charge pattern on high-resistivity coated paper. The image is made visible by inking with powder which is fixed by heat. The charge pattern is made up by electrical discharge from point electrodes to a grounded metal platen. A matrix printing technique is employed.

The paper moves continually past a row of seven electrodes maintained a fixed distance from it. Figure 4A shows the recording head structure. A character is made up from five successive choices of the seven pins.

An electronic pulsing circuit as shown in Fig. 4B is connected to each pin. A 40-microsec input pulse is required. A 5-by-7 magnetic matrix and decoding circuits as shown in Fig. 4C provide a buffer between the pulsing circuits and the information source.

Table I lists several high-speed printing devices that may be used as output devices for computers. For the purposes of this article, the lower speed limit for so-called highspeed printers has been more or less arbitrarily established at around 300 lines a minute. For some computer applications, even this is faster than necessary and there are many electromechanical bar printers that operate satisfactorily around 150 lines a minute. For some applications, electrical typewriters working at about 10 characters a second are adequate.

#### **Character Display Tubes**

A display device designed to operate at speeds compatible with high-speed electronic computers ideally should not be restricted by mechanical operations such as travel of print hammers. One approach is use of cathode-ray tubes designed to display numerical and alphabetic characters.

The Charactron tube, a development of the Convair Division of General Dynamics, directs a beam of electrons at a thin metal disk which may have 64 characters arranged in an 8-by-8 matrix cut out like a stencil. As illustrated in Fig. 5A, the beam is defocused such that its diameter is sufficient to cover the largest character in the matrix while selection plates placed between the electron gun and the metal disk direct the beam at the desired character.

After the beam is extruded through the character stencil, it passes through a convergence coil and compensation plates which redirect the beam along the tube axis. A final deflection system, which may be either electrostatic or electromagnetic, positions the beam to strike a desired spot on the phosphor screen.

A 19-in. Charactron will display up to 15 characters an inch. Some special 5-in. tubes are capable of showing 65 character an inch. Printing rates of 100,000 characters a second at densities of 150 characters an inch do not seem unreasonable.

#### **Permanent Display**

The Typotron shown in Fig. 5B is a character-display cathode-ray tube developed by Hughes Aircraft which can hold a display as long as desired. The tube provides 63 characters in its matrix and is similar to the Charactron. Final deflection is electrostatic.

Display persistence is achieved with a dielectric storage mesh in front of the phosphor screen and flood gun mounted beside one of the final deflection plates. The flood gun covers the target with lowvelocity electrons.

The high-velocity charactershaped beam bombards the storage screen charging it positively by secondary electron emission. Flood electrons then penetrate the storage screen where the positive charge exists and are accelerated toward the phosphor screen. The flood electrons serve also to regenerate the charge pattern. To erase a written pattern, the mesh potential is dropped below its normal value, Printing rates of 25,000 characters a second have been achieved.

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#### Photocathode Tube

An electron tube for teleprinting that works on a somewhat different principle has been developed by RCA and is illustrated in Fig. 5C. The tube has a photoemissive cathode on which a letter chart or character font is projected. When a potential of about 100 v is applied to the conductive coating, electrons are liberated from the cathode in the form of the entire character font.

The first focus coil directs the beam such that only the desired character is allowed to pass through the small selecting aperture. The metal cylinder following the selecting aperture is held slightly negative to suppress secondary electron emission.

The second focus coil and positioning coils position the singlecharacter beam to strike the desired spot on the phosphor screen. The beam is accelerated by 20 to 30 kv on the conductive coating near the phosphor screen.

The tube has a 5-in. circular face. Any kind of font can be imaged onto the photocathode propractically viding а unlimited choice of characters and type styles. Up to 4,500 characters have been reproduced on the tube face. Character display can take place at speeds up to 10,000 characters a second. In tests, 2,000 characters a second have been recorded on 35mm photographic film. A photograph shows the face of the RCA tube as an example of how it reproduces alphabetic and numerical characters.

#### Xerography

When a permanent record is desired of information displayed on a cathode-ray tube face, it has usually been necessary to photo-



FIG. 6—Drum-type Xerographic printer is one possible answer to continuous direct computer read out. Output is displayed on special cathode-ray tube and made permanent by electrostatic dry-printing process



FIG. 5—Charactron display tube extrudes electron beam through character stencil to form pattern (A). Typotron adds storage mesh and flood gun to achieve permanent display (B). RCA tube forms all characters by projecting type font on photoemissive cathode, then selects desired character (C)

graph the tube face. A continuous in-line output in such a system is impossible. However, several so-called dry printing processes are in existence or under development that may permit making one or several copies from a tube screen or other display device in a continuous operation. Many dry printing processes are electrostatic in nature and some are magnetic.

There are many dry duplicating processes that involve neither electrostatics nor electromagnetics. Some of these may be photographic, chemical or thermal in nature. Others employ standard printing processes such as lithography or modified letterpress. Only electrostatic and electromagnetic processes are discussed here.

Xerography, a development of

Haloid of Rochester, N. Y., makes use of a selenium-coated plate which is charged positively. Copy is then projected onto the plate. Positive charges disappear in light areas. A negatively charged powder is tumbled over the plate to bring out the latent image.

The image is then transferred to a sheet of paper or offset master by placing the master over the plate and applying a positive charge to it. The powder is attracted from the plate to produce a direct positive image which is thermally fixed.

#### Drum-Type Printer

Continuous recording from a cathode-ray tube face has been accomplished at least experimentally by a drum-type Xerographic

#### Table I—Typical High-Speed Printing Equipment for Computers and Data-Handling Systems

Manufacturer	Model	Characters Available	Characters a Line
Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. Cleveland, Ohio	851	Reproduces what it reads	250 a card
и и	855	и и	μ
u u	860	" "	ш ц
ш ш	862	<i></i>	"
" "	863	"""	<b>и</b> и
<b>64</b> 66	852	"""	" "
ш ц	856	"""	<b>"</b> "
Addressograph-Multigraph and Eastman Kodak Co. Rochester, N. Y.	Tape-Programmed Electronic Printer	1 <u></u>	
ANelex Corp. Boston, Mass.	Digital	Numerals 0 to 9	40
<i>u u</i>	Octo-Decimal	18	40
" "	Alpha-Numerical	36	40
""	56-120	56	120
""	56-24	Numerical or Alpha-Numerical	24
""	18-40	. 18	40
""	18-72	"	72
Atomic Inst. Co. Cambridge, Mass.			
Burroughs Corp. Detroit, Mich.	Series G	52	48
<b>и</b> и	Electrographic Printing Technique		
IBM Corp. New York, N. Y.	719	47	60
""	720	"	120
Potter Inst. Co. Great Neck, N. Y.	Flying typewriter	51	Up to 120
"	Magnityper		"
Shepard Labs. Summit, N. J.	190	Up to 64	80, 120, 140, 190
Sperry Rand Corp. New York, N. Y.	Univac High-Speed Printer	51	120

printer as shown in Fig. 6. There are stations around the periphery of a rotating selenium-coated drum that charge the drum's surface, expose it to an image of the crt face, dust the drum surface with plastic ink powder, transfer the ink pattern electrostatically to paper and brush the drum clean of ink powder for the next cycle. Paper is fed into the printer in a continuous roll. Finished prints come off a drum that fuses the image to make it permanent. See Fig. 6.

A web-fed electrostatic printer using a Charactron and a modified Xerographic printing process has been developed by Horizons, Inc. of Cleveland. It handles 4,000 to 5,000 characters a second and may be able to handle up to 10,000.

Another electrostatic printing process, an RCA development, is Electrofax. A uniform electrostatic charge is placed on paper coated with powdered photoconductor such as zinc oxide in resin binder. Charging can be accomplished by corona discharge from a wire mesh connected to negative 4 to 7 kv.

The plate is then exposed and the latent electrostatic image developed

by brushing fine pigmented thermoplastic resin powder over the plate. Since the powder takes on a strong positive charge when rubbed against iron, a magnetic brush is used. This brush is made up of iron filings attracted to a permanent magnet rod. The thermoplastic powder forming the image is fixed thermally by melting the resin onto the zinc oxide coating.

#### Smoke Printing

Smoke printing is under development by Standard Register of

Lines a Minute	Input Media		Principle of Operation	
800	Image-bearing cards		Printing scanned photoelectrically. Signals actuate bar-and-helix facsimile printing system. Produces four-line mailing labels $\frac{7}{8}$ in. wide	
4	""""		Produces labels in duplic	ate
u	""		Prints documents of vary	ving size
"	" "		Prints two original copies	s simultaneous
u	"""		Prints three original copi	es simultaneously
u	" "		Like 851. Compares pur	ched information on cards
u	"""		Like 856. Compares pur	ched information on cards
3,000	Magnetic tape. Punched card to tape converter handles 600 cards a minute. Selective tape re- cording system records punched-card data		Tape is read into electronic matrix which stores data and programs 5-by-7 wire printer. Sequence is plug- board controlled	
900	Magnetic tape and drum, punched cards and paper tape		Several print wheels comprise rotating print drum which is struck by solenoid-controlled hammers	
"	"	u	"	"
"	"	"	"	4
"	u	u	"	u
1,200 numerical 600 alpha-numerical	"	ű	"	ť
900	"	"	"	4
"	u	ű	"	u
900	Punched cards (tape available)	operation may be made	Electronically controlled	5-by-7 wire printer
300,000 characters (continuous tape)			Seven electrodes create pattern which is brough thermally fixed	5-by-7 electrostatic charge at out by ink powder and
1,000	Magnetic tape		Electronically controlled	5-by-7 wire printer
500	"		"	μ
300	Magnetic tape, puncheo	l cards & tape, computers	Uses rotating print who hammers	eel and solenoid-controlled
900	"	"	Uses rotating print dru hammers. Format contr	im and solenoid-controlled of by punched paper tape
900 alpha-numerical 1,800 numerical	Magnetic tape, punche computers	d cards and paper tape,	Rotating print drum, so Printers furnished to RC BTM	lenoid-controlled hammers. A, National Cash, GE and
600	Uniservo tape handler		Botating print drum, sole	enoid-controlled hammers

Dayton, Ohio. This is an electrostatic process that uses a fine pigmented mist or smoke to develop a latent electrostatic image. This process grows out of the so-called onset process in which conventional letterpress printing is accomplished by using an electrostatic field to assist in transferring ink to paper rather than doing it exculsively by mechanical force.

In smoke printing, the information to be printed is imaged onto a glass plate having a metallic coating on one side. The light creates an electric charge pattern in the coating. Ink spray is then given an opposite electric charge and a roll of paper interposed between the ink source and the charged plate. The ink is attracted to the paper and developes the latent electrostatic image. A smoke printer has been delivered to Wright Air Development Center.

#### Magnetic Printing

Ferromagnetography is a GE development capable of printing 2,500 lines a minute. The printing mechanism measures  $6\frac{1}{2}$  by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by

15 inches and is illustrated in a photograph. An image of the material to be printed is formed by magnetizing its outlines on a rotating magnetic cylinder. The process makes one complete cycle during a rotation of the cylinder.

Iron filings stick to the magnetized areas. Being black in color, the filings act like ink and form the latent magnetic image. Next a roll of heated paper coated with wax is pressed against the magnetized cylinder. The iron filings adhere to the wax coating and are absorbed as the paper cools. The survey discussed in this article reveals that electronic maintenance personnel want technical information emphasized in the following order

	Percentage	
Order	Concurring	ltem
1	100	Schematic Diagram
2	98	Circuit Description
3	91	Oscilloscope Waveforms
4	98	Voltage and Resistance Diagrams
5	99	Tube Replacement Instructions
6	97	Block Diagrams
7	85	Trouble-Shooting Chart
8	75	Called-Out Internal Views
9	50	Tube Location Diagrams
10	50	Resistor-Board Details

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### What to Emphasize in

**C** OMPLEXITY of modern electronic equipment has increased the need by maintenance technicians for good servicing information. How best to present this material in manual form leads to a reappraisal of traditional methods by Hewlett-Packard during the past year. This reappraisal has been based on experimentation and follow-up evaluation and more recently, on a survey conducted among several hundred people who maintain equipment and who can be considered manual users.

#### Requirements

Some say, to make a good maintenance manual, it is necessary only to follow the military specifications. The superiority of military manuals, however, has not evaded challenge. Some editors of commercial manuals feel the detailed nature of instruction, the cumbersome simplicity and rigid adherence to general specifications make the military manual difficult to use quickly. In addition, the objective avowed by at least one government agency is different from that of commercial manufacturers. A recent amendment to a Signal Corps specification says that in preparing the manuscript the writer shall assume that the reader has no previous knowledge of the equipment and that his education may not extend beyond the grammar school level.

In commercial manual preparation, an assumption is usually made that the technician or reader has a knowledge of electronics, has been trained to some extent in his art and understands most language on a technical level. Our survey indicates that the great majority of technicians possess technical competence well beyond the grammar school level.

Most technicians work in a repair facility which has technical requirements for the job. To assume a complete lack of technical background when preparing a manual would not only be in hazardous taste, but also economically unfeasable.

#### Types of Information

Aside from the parts list, maintenance information can be written or graphic in nature. It can be presented as rote procedures or indirectly as a circuit description. There are many traditional aids at the editor's disposal for presenting this information.

Each type of information is important, depending to some extent upon the nature of the equipment. However, some order of importance becomes helpful when making a preliminary manual to meet a production schedule or when preparing a simple manual on a limited budget. Technicians feel the list shown represents a desirable order of importance.

#### Schematic Diagram

By far the most important single piece of information, the schematic is by no means the most standard. Some schematics are naked and difficult to read, with little thought put into artful layout of information. Others are so loaded with miscellaneous data that the original intention is lost in a welter of signal paths, waveforms, checkpoints and voltage codes.

Some manufacturers, in an effort to simplify the schematic problem have broken up the circuit into functional elements which are reproduced separately, Others have gone to one large, military-type, fold-out schematic. About 75 percent of the technicians surveyed want both types as a minimum requirement in the same manual. When they were pressed to make a choice the split was even. Objections were directed at both types. The fold-out type wears out easily with use and is difficult to use in a confined space. The sectionalized type provides no overall circuit relationship.

Some manufacturers provide a block diagram. The block diagram does not occupy a prominent position on the priority list and while, **CUMMARY** — Analysis of survey of several-hundred maintenance manual users indicates definite preference for certain types of information, such as schematic diagrams, circuit descriptions and waveforms. Other types of information, such as resistor-board details, which are usually included in manuals. were found to be considered unnecessary

### **Maintenance Manuals**

as an aid to circuit description, it is invaluable, it was not looked upon generally with favor as a substitute for a large integrated schematic. When a piece of equipment is complex enough to warrant a set of sectionalized schematics, it deserves one complete schematic as well.

#### Schematic Information

Regarding how much information should be put on a schematic diagram, technicians want the following, in order of importance:

- (1) Component values
- (2) tube pin voltages

(3) functions of circuit sections labeled

(4) functions of tubes labeled. The following information, sometimes appearing on schematics, was considered unnecessary: common voltage points connected (simply tion, when accomplished thoroughly, is a primary servicing aid. About 55 percent of maintenance technicians feel it should be emphasized more than detailed service procedures. It must be aimed at providing a complete understanding of the instrument. This means lots of partial schematics, critical voltages and waveforms, either actual or idealized, provided some peakvoltage information is given.

The technician feels that if he understands a piece of equipment he can repair it with no other aid than a schematic. Supervisors, however, give a different impression. They feel that many bright technicians like to entertain themselves with their own analysis of a trouble rather than fixing it as quickly as possible. In high-volume distribution of equipment and manuals,

detailed service procedures are indi-

cated as well as a competent de-

would prompt many technicians to

say that all they need is a circuit

description, however it is felt that

It seems clear that technical pride

scription of the circuit.

complete reliance on a circuit description, no matter how complete, to accomplish fast repair of equipment demands a substantial technical proficiency on the part of the reader. Consequently such a description must take into account the exact technical level to which the material is directed.

#### Waveforms

The oscilloscope has become as essential as the voltmeter on the service bench.

The most satisfactory method for handling waveform presentation is to furnish input and output waveforms for critical tubes. However, unless peak voltages are given along with the sweep speed employed by the scope, waveform information is no good.

#### Voltage and Resistance Diagram

One of the oldest maintenance aids is the voltage and resistance diagram; many old timers believe in nothing else. Its rated importance indicates that it should be included in every manual and for simple equipment, it probably deserves to be ahead of the waveforms in priority. Most service men prefer to have the tube-pin voltages on the schematic. In this case, the tube-pin resistances could either be tabulated in the manual elsewhere or placed on a standard voltage and

Technicians consider parts list's essential. They like them set up straight through by circuit reference—no grouping. Show individual component manufacturer and his stock number

labeling the voltage was preferred); waveforms on schematic; signal paths.

#### **Circuit Description**

Sometimes referred to as theory of operation, the circuit descrip-

Maintenance Information in Order of Importance	Remarks
(1) Schematic Diagram	If equipment is complex, furnish both fold-out integrated type and single-page sectionalized type. Include component values, pin voltages and tube functions on schematic
(2) Circuit Description	The more complete the better
(3) Waveforms	Peak voltages should be given
(4) Voltage and Resistance Diagram.	Too useful and simple to leave out
(5) Tube Replacement Chart	Show adjustments to be made when tubes are replaced. Describe critical tubes
(6) Circuit Block Diagram	Good in circuit description, but well organ- ized schematic is superior for servicing
(7) Trouble-Shooting Chart	It should check and adjust unit completely, rather than act as catalog of possible failures
(8) Internal Views	Necessary only when chassis cannot be silk-screened clearly
(9) Tube Location Diagram	Mark chassis instead
(10) Resistor-Board Details	Mark boards instead

resistance diagram with voltages repeated.

#### **Tube Replacement Chart**

More frequently than not, troubles can be attributed to tube failure, this is particularly the case with conservatively designed equipment. Sometimes tubes are critical for one reason or another and simple replacement is only part of the answer. If circuit adjustments are desirable after tube replacement, the technician should be so informed. If tubes require selection for particular characteristics, this also should be stated clearly.

The most direct manner of getting this information across is to include a chart listing all tubes in the instrument with replacement notes for each tube position. The chart can refer the technician to an adjustment section or to a particular paragraph discussing the specific problem.

Many equipments cannot be restored to optimum performance by random tube replacement; and even if no adjustment is required, often there is a simple check that can be made after replacing noncritical tubes, as a matter of good practice.

The service technician wants tube replacement information in-

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dexed in one place in the manual so that he can quickly determine whether or not further work is required.

#### Circuit Block Diagram

While an aid to teaching and circuit description, the circuit block diagram falls off in importance when the technician sits in front of a piece of equipment that won't work. Its position on the priority list indicates that it must be supplemented by other information before it can be included in a manual of servicing instructions.

#### **Trouble-Shooting Chart**

When service information becomes extensive enough to include a trouble-shooting chart it should be systematic. Starting with the power supply, measurement points giving ripple specifications, voltages, degree of regulation and the like, should be organized so that completing the procedures will uncover most substandard performances. If nothing else, the chart could be a repeat of production testing procedures for such things as calibration adjustments, checking performance specifications and setting-up proper operation. Make the trouble shooting chart check-out the equipment rather than list many

possible causes of equipment failure.

When adjustment resistors and capacitors are not marked on the chassis with a circuit reference or function, it is desirable to include photographs or preferably drawings to locate them. A picture literally is worth a thousand words if a writer has to tell a technician how to find a particular trimmer buried in a complicated chassis.

#### Locating Key Components

Technicians feel that using callouts for every component on a chassis is unnecessary. Call-outs, should be limited to electrolytics, adjustments, particular test points or critical components. The majority prefer to have the chassis marked rather than having to refer to internal views. Many replies were received saying, "No good. Mark the chassis."

#### **Tube Location Diagram**

A simplified drawing of the instrument calling out location of tubes is considered necessary only in two cases: where tubes and circuit references are not marked on the chassis; where a piece of equipment is large and contains a great many tubes located on various decks.

Detailed drawings of resistor boards are not only given a low priority, but are considered unnecessary by a great many technicians on the basis that the circuit-reference information they contain should be on the boards themselves.

#### **Parts List**

Another section of the maintenance manual is generally a list of replaceable parts. At least 80 percent of the technicians concurred on its organization as follows:

(1) List parts in numerical order by circuit reference straight through. No grouping, repeat if necessary.

(2) List value, type or composition, tolerances and ratings.

(3) List equipment manufacturer's stock number.

(4) List component manufacturer's name and stock number.

The last point is not the least important since furnishing this information makes replacing parts from a local supplier much easier.

## Servo Amplifiers Use Power Transistors

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**UMMARY** — Transistor servo amplifier using pulsating collector supply voltage rectified from a-c servo power supply has much lower collector power dissipation than a comparable class B amplifier. One prototype circuit described controls an a-c servo motor. A second circuit is designed for d-c loads and works well into two resistors or an electrohydraulic control valve. Both circuits use germanium power transistors and junction rectifiers



Breadboard of servo amplifier for a-c loads showing the two power transistors with their heat sinks and four junction rectifiers in bridge circuit



Laboratory test-bench setup used to evaluate performance of servo amplifier designed to control a two-phase directional servomotor

**I**NCREASED AMBIENT temperatures limit maximum power output and reliability of airborne control equipment using semiconductors. Therefore, a more efficient servo amplifier was developed so that the internal temperature rise, above ambient, of the semiconductors would be kept to a minimum.

A servo amplifier in a positioning system raises error signal power to a sufficient level to operate a positioning controller. In general when the error signal is d-c, a zero-center d-c amplifier and polarized d-c controller are used. When the error signal is phase-directional a-c, a single-frequency a-c amplifier and a two-phase a-c controller are used.

Alternating-current servo amplifiers are single-frequency amplifiers in which the error signal is essentially either in phase or 180 deg out of phase with the system power supply.

#### Amplifiers for A-C Load

Figure 1 shows the new servo amplifier driving a two-phase a-c motor. This circuit is identical to the conventional class B amplifier except that the collector power for the transistors is derived from fullwave rectification of the servo power supply.

The transistors with unfiltered



FIG. 1—High-efficiency servo amplifier designed to drive an a-c servo motor

the transistor at full load is shown for the on half cycles of  $Q_1$ . Figure 2B shows the same transistor voltage drop for pure d-c collector supply power as found in a conventional class B amplifier.

The motor shown in Fig. 1, can be series tuned by the capacitor to appear as a resistive load. In this case, as shown in Fig. 3, the transistors operate over a series of load lines which extend from peak load line  $Q_1$  through zero to peak load



FIG. 2—Load and collector supply voltage curves for high-efficiency amplifier (A) and for comparable class B amplifier (B)



FIG. 3—Common-emitter characteristic curves for H-2 germanium power transistors showing no-load (3-0-6), <sup>1/</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-load (2-0-5) and full-load operation (1-0-4). Dashed lines are for inductive loads

full-wave rectified power operate with maximum full-load efficiency because the wave shapes of the load voltage and the supply voltage differ only by the saturation voltage of the transistor. That is, the collectorto-emitter voltage for maximum transistor power output.

This is illustrated in Fig. 2A, where the voltage drop  $v_c$  across

line  $Q_{2*}$  At zero load drive signal the two transistors operate on the load line 3-0-6, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  load 2-0-5 and at full load 1-0-4.

Operation of the transistors into an inductive load has not been evaluated to date. However, a reduction in efficiency is expected. In Fig. 3, the dashed line is the load line for a typical inductive load.

#### **Power Loss**

The collector power loss for the amplifier is

$$P_{L} = (V_{cc} I_{c}/2) + (V_{cc} I_{co}/2) - (V_{L} I_{c}/2)$$

The collector loss for the same transistor operating class B is

 $P_L = (2/\pi) V_{cc} I_c + V_{cc} I_{co} - (V_L I_c/2)$ Since

$$V_{cc} I_{c/2} I_{c/2} + (V_{cc} I_{co}/2) < (2/\pi) V_{cc} I_{c} + V_{cc} I_{co}$$

the collector power losses of the transistors in the new servo amplifier are always less than in a comparable class B amplifier. Thus, the transistors in the amplifier shown in Fig. 1 always operate with cooler junction temperatures than they would have in a comparable class B amplifier.

At full load using typical values of  $V_{cc} = 30$  v,  $V_L = 29$  v,  $I_c = 1.4$ amp and  $I_{co} = 0.0001$  amp, power loss ratio is 6.4/0.7.

#### Efficiency

The maximum theoretical efficiency of the amplifier is 100 percent as compared to a maximum of 78 percent for class B amplifiers. However, the actual efficiency depends upon the quiescent value of the collector current and supply voltage, the saturation voltage and  $I_{co}$  of the transistors, the efficiency of the output transformer and the level of power output. In practice, the efficiency of this amplifier at full power output level operating into a resistive load using good quality transistors is greater than 95 percent.

The efficiency is given by

Efficiency in lpercent =  $(V_{cc} - V_c)/V_{cc} [1 + (I_{co}/I_c)]$ 

Since at maximum drive signal  $V_{cc} >> V_c \rightarrow 0$  and  $I_c >> I_{co} \rightarrow 0$ , collector efficiency  $\rightarrow 100$  percent.

Using typical values of  $V_{cc}/V_c = 30/1$  and  $I_{co}/I_c = 0.0001/1.4$  collector efficiency is 96.6 percent.

These efficiency calculations have been considered with the transistors operating at a drive signal which produces maximum transistor power output. Maximum collector power dissipation in the transitors does not occur at this point, however, but at some value of reduced transistor power output.

For the new amplifier this maximum power dissipation occurs when the drive signal produces an rms

#### DEFINITION OF TERMS

- $I_b \equiv$  Peak base current
- $I_c = Peak$  collector and load current
- Ico = Peak collector leakage with base open circuited
- $P_L =$  Collector power loss for one cycle
- v<sub>c</sub> = Instantaneous collector-to-emitter voltage
- vec = Instantaneous collector supply voltage
- $v_l \equiv$  Instantaneous load voltage
- $\mathbf{V}_b = \mathbf{Peak}$  base voltage
- $V_c =$  Peak collector-to-emitter voltage
- $V_{cc} =$  Peak collector supply voltage
- $V_L \equiv$  Peak load voltage

voltage, across the load equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ the rms supply voltage. Maximum possible collector power dissipation is 25 percent of full-load power.

In a comparable class B amplifier the maximum possible transistor collector power dissipation is 40 percent of full load (Fig. 4). Thus the first amplifier, within the transistors' maximum voltage and current limits and with its greater efficiency, is capable of a maximum power output of over 1.5 times its class B counterpart.

#### Amplifier for D-C Loads

A method for applying this new circuit to d-c loads is illustrated in Fig. 5. This circuit amplifies and rectifies the servo error signal to supply a d-c voltage across controller loads 1—2 or 3—4 depending upon the phase relation of the fixed-frequency power source and the error signal, thus determining the direction of control.

This circuit is really two halfwave amplifiers in parallel. One amplifier amplifies and half-wave rectifies the error signal when it is in phase with the reference voltage. The other amplifier performs the same function when the error signal and reference supply voltage are 180 deg out of phase.

The advantages gained by such an amplifier to control polarized directional-sensitive d-c loads are high efficiency and simplicity plus the fact that the zero-reference voltage has the low drift of balanced a-c systems. For maximum efficiency, the controller loads should be designed as resistive loads.

Smoothing capacitors can be added if desired as indicated in Fig. 5. However, this can be done only at the sacrifice of efficiency. Complete smoothing will reduce the collector efficiency to that of a class B amplifier.

The first functional test circuit Fig. 5 used two resistors as loads.

A second functional test circuit uses a centertapped electrohydraulic transfer valve. This valve was primarily designed to operate from the d-c output of an electrontube circuit and was therefore not well suited to the pulsating d-c output from transistors. The inductive valve load and the valve's fast re-



Servo amplifier designed for d-c loads drives electrohydraulic valve. Tantalum smoothing capacitors shown are necessary because of inductive load

sponse required the addition of smoothing capacitors to obtain the desired performance. These capacitors reduced the efficiency.

The two circuits are prototypes and better utilization of the amplifier can be realized by properly designed controller loads.

#### Conclusion

With a constant load impedance power output is insensitive to small source-voltage variations because the transistors are current amplifiers and tend to be self regulating. Low source voltage becomes a limitation when there is insufficient voltage to support the current through the transistor saturation resistance and the load.

The prototype amplifiers operate well on distorted a-c single-frequency power sources such as transistorized square-wave inverters.

The amplifiers are not frequency sensitive within the normal frequency variation range of the fixedfrequency power supply.

Over-driving protection of the amplifier can be accomplished by designing the input transformer to saturate at the maximum amplified rating of the phase-sensitive load or at the maximum temperature derated output power of the transistors.

A 20-watt amplifier will fit into a volume which is only slightly larger than a package of cigarettes.

Push-pull preamplifier stages can be added to increase the error signal drive. Collector power for these stages can be of the pulsating d-c type obtained from the bridge recti-



FIG. 4—Variation of average collector power loss with power output level for high-efficiency amplifier and class B amplifier



FIG. 5—High-efficiency a-c servo amplifier designed to drive a d-c controller. Two resistors simulate a resistive load

fier of the power amplifier. See The author thanks K. D. Johansen, G. L. Keister and R. A. Yereance for their comments during the preparation of this article, B. E. Bush and G. W. Freeman for conversations about the operation of the transistors and W. L. Belnap for construction of test circuits. **UMMARY** — Because time is money to broadcast stations, engineers must find ways to keep programs on the air continuously. Methods are simple, foolproof and inexpensive. Often commercial equipment is adapted to a particular mode of operation. Among the techniques and circuits applied by practical broadcasters are centralized alarms, insulating and shielding methods and even a novel link antenna orientation

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### How To Reduce

**T**O KEEP carrier and program on the air for the convenience of the public and the production of necessary revenue, broadcast engineers show great ingenuity.

Their first line of defense is a comprehensive maintenance program. But if and when failure occurs, their second line of defense is a system of alarms and indicators, alternate equipment and quick intercommunication.

#### Unbalance Detector Alarm

Combining outputs of two amplifiers by use of a bridge circuit is frequently done to insure continuity of service even though one amplifier may fail. In this case, considerable power may have to be dissipated by the dummy load that is a part of the bridge.

In the block diagram is shown the generalized output setup of a television picture transmitter. A crystal detector senses increased power in the dummy load whenever there is a failure of one amplifier, such as might be caused by arc-over in the plate cavity.

The relay actuated by the crystal diode flashes a warning indicator and a separate pair of contacts opens the main control circuit of the transmitter. This generally clears the arc, whereupon automatic application of plate voltage through the control circuit restores service to normal and, balance being restored, transmission resumes at full power. The dummy load can be designed to handle short-term overloads without damage.

#### **Remote Tower Meter**

The operating engineer must know at all times that transmitter power is actually being radiated from his antenna system. Current in each antenna tower at WNEW, New York, is simply read at the transmitter building using a microammeter calibrated in r-f amperes.

A 30-inch rod antenna is mounted near the base of the tower. It is connected through coaxial cable to a metal box containing two resistors, a capacitor and pair of semiconductor rectifiers



Unbalance power in dummy load operates signal relay



Simple pickup and rectifier supplies d-c to remote meter

as shown in the diagram. The line carries direct current that is measured by the meter.

#### **Eliminating Flashover**

Radio engineers working with high-power radio-frequency have always had the problem of maintaining the high-resistance qualities of the insulators used. Ingenious methods have been used to prevent damaging flashover across the large compression insulators at the foot of each WNEW (New York) antenna tower. Located in the New Jersey Meadows, the insulator surfaces are attacked by industrial smoke, salt spray and other conducting impurities.

It was decided that if rain water could be deflected from flowing across these surfaces, the incidence of severe arc-overs could be lessened. Accordingly, Lucite shields were attached using nuts and bolts



Plastic spray keeps arcover tracking to minimum on insulators



Cascode amplifier as used in iconoscope film camera



Lockup circuits provide central visual and aural alarm

### **Off-Air Time**

of the same material, as shown in the photograph. The high r-f field precludes use of metal fixtures.

This method proved only partially successful. After an arc-over, the glazed insulator surface is now sprayed with clear Krylon 1302 and has thus been protected from the damaging grooves of prolonged arcing. Insulators supporting the feed line have likewise been sprayed to good effect. A moistureresistant spray, Krylon 1301, is not recommended for this type of electronic or television use.

#### **Inverted** Antenna

Attempting to operate a 150-mc cue circuit between a nemo and the Empire State tower in New York City, Engineers of WOR-TV found great difficulty in reception, caused by the more than 20 transmitters of various kinds located on the tower.

The ground-plane antenna used, a commercial product with four rods set at an angle below the horizontal (exclusive of the top vertical rod) was tried in several locations in the normal position, with the ground plane pointing downward,

When the antenna assembly was turned upside down at a location below most of the more powerful transmitting antennas, interference was sharply reduced and reception become satisfactory on 150 mc. Station engineers theorized that the inverted ground plane was acting as a shield against interfering signals.

#### **TVI in Film Chain**

Sometimes reliability requires that equipment be modified to operate in an environment of which the manufacturer had no knowledge. Field changes made by broadcast engineers are often incorporated in later commercial models.

Television stations do not generally attempt to operate a film chain close to one or more high-power transmitters. When they do, it is necessary to isolate the low-level stages and provide shielding.

At WOR-TV in the Empire State tower, New York City, it was found necessary to make several modifications to the TK20A camera pickup head. Filters were installed in the power line to eliminate pulses and finger stock was fastened to the edges of the metal enclosure to insure good contact and perfect shielding.

To facilitate servicing as well as to shorten the low-level path between iconoscope tube and preamplifier, the latter unit was attached to a Jones plug, with a grid clip for connection to the ike, this unit uses the circuit shown.

This cascade amplifier was originally described (ELECTRONICS, p 166, Dec. 1953) as a modification to earlier camera chain equipment.

#### **Central Alarm Panel**

Individual alarms attached to equipment spread throughout the broadcast plant are likely to be confusing to operators in time of emergency. Such alarms have been centralized at WNEW, New York, where both visual and audible signals are actuated. In addition, the alarm circuit relays are wired to lock up so that the alarm continues until manually reset.

In this particular installation, each of ten relays and their associated parallel pilot lights are connected in series with a 12-volt d-c supply and the circuit to be monitored. For simplicity, only two relays are shown in the diagram. A test switch trips one of the circuits. Alarm circuits in use include antenna arc-over, diesel water temperature and oil pressure, Conelrad carrier-off, Conolrad 1,000-cps tone, dummy antenna water temperature and pressure. Other circuits have been included on the panel located at the audio rack to take care of future expansion of the alarm system.

Material presented above was obtained through the courtesy of Max Weiner and Karl Neuwirth of station WNEW and that of Harry Tilley and George Riley, WOR-TV.



Variable-speed drive and potentiometer transducer are at left; cathode follower, operational amplifier and modulator are at right

### **Potentiometer Tachometer**

**M**ANY DIFFERENT types of tachometers have been developed, including centrifugal, liquid, reed and electrical. This article describes a new electromechanical tachometer which covers a wide input range and also appears to be capable of a much higher sensitivity than any existing tachometer.

Signal-to-noise level is such that input speeds as low as 1/200 rpm are readily measured. The tachometer provides a continuous indication of both speed and direction of rotation. A high degree of linearity is achieved since only basically simple components such as resistors, capacitors, potentiometers and tubes are used.

#### System Operation

Figure 1 shows the overall system. Input-shaft rotation is sensed by a resistance potentiometer, which converts the input angle into a proportional electrical signal. The output from this transducer is fed to a cathode follower or isolation amplifier which prevents loading of the transducer and produces a low output-impedance level. A high-gain operational ampilfier with derivative feedback is connected to the cathode-follower output.

The output of the operational amplifier is a d-c voltage proportional to the input rate.

#### **Continuous** Rotation

It is possible to have unlimited mechanical rotation of the potentiometer transducer. However, an electrical discontinuity is encountered whenever the wiper arm passes over the dead space.

This difficulty may be partially overcome by using a continuous track with taps as shown in Fig. 2A. With such an arrangement, the output voltage of the potentiometer is continuous for unlimited rotation of the input shaft (Fig. 2B), but there is still a discontinuity in the rate of change of this voltage as the wiper arm moves past the 90 and 270-degree taps (Fig. 2C).

If it is desired to produce the characteristics of a true tachometer and measure actual shaft velocity with unlimited rotation, a more elaborate setup is required. The basic arrangement is shown in Fig. 3A. Here, two transducer channels are employed. Each potentiomerter is connected to its own operational amplifier. The two potentiometer shafts are ganged together with the arm of the output commutator switch that selects the output voltage from the appropriate operational amplifier for any angle of rotation of the input shaft.

Operation is described with reference to Fig. 3B, which shows how the potentiometers are phased. By using two ganged input potentiometers and two differentiating amplifiers, with a switching arrangement, true tachometer performance is obtained for unlimited rotation.



FIG. 1—Basic potentiometer-type tachometer system block diagram

**UMMARY** — Rotational speeds as low as 1/200 rpm are measured by electromechanical device that is at least 100 times as sensitive as existing tachometers. Consisting of linear potentiometer and operational-type differentiating amplifier, the tachometer's operating range can be varied over wide limits by changing time constant of feedback network or excitation on potentiometer. Shaft rotation may be in either direction

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### Has High Sensitivity



FIG. 2—Potentiometer winding for continuous electrical output (A), potentiometer output as a function of angle of rotation (B) and operational-amplifier output as a function of time for constant speed of rotation (C)

The switch continuously selects the appropriate potentiometer so that operation always takes place over the rising portions of the transducer output curves.

Switching is perfectly smooth, since the output terminal is never disconnected from the system and shorting is effected only between points of equal potential. The switch must be placed after the operational amplifiers rather than immediately after the transducers themselves. Also the transducers and amplifiers for the two channels must have matched characteristics.

Potentiometers may be easily matched by trimming the excitation voltages, if the linearity errors are small. Matching of the differentiating amplifiers is done by trimming the time constant of the R-C feedback network.

Special potentiometers with accurate taps are not required. Standard units with a small section of discontinuity between the fixed ends may be used. The two potentiometers must be mounted such that the outputs of the wiper arms are 180 degrees apart in space phase. Fabrication of the commutator switch is relatively simple since high angular precision is not required.

#### Isolation-Stage Circuitry

Because the input impedance of the differentiating operational amplifier is directly equal to the reactance of the input feedback capacitor, a buffer amplifier is recommended to isolate the potentiometer transducer. In most cases, a simple cathode-follower stage will serve this purpose. The output impedance obtained by this method is given by  $R_o = r_p/\mu + 1 \approx 1/g_m$ .

If an extremely precise derivative output is wanted, then an isolation amplifier such as a high-gain feedback amplifier with a lower output impedence is required.

#### **Operational Amplifier**

The derivative signal which is the desired output of the rate system is produced by the operational differentiating amplifier.

A schematic of the complete operational amplifier is shown in Fig. 4. Conventional push-pull stages are employed throughout. The d-c open-loop gain is of the order of 5,000.

By careful layout of the chassis wiring, stray capacitance feedback was kept to a minimum and no trouble was experienced from highfrequency instabilities.

If high-frequency oscillations are encountered, an R-C compensation network will cure the difficulty. Another possibility is to shunt the 5-megohm feedback resistor with a small capacitance of the order of 50  $\mu\mu f$ . This capacitor also reduces the high-frequency noise at



FIG. 3—Basic arrangement to measure actual shaft velocity with unlimited rotation (A). Diagram shows how potentiometers are phased (B) to obtain true tachometer performance for unlimited rotation

the output which arises because closed-loop gain increases directly with increasing frequency over a wide frequency range.

In the actual equipment, this noise was not found to be objectionable.

No precautions were taken to minimize drift in the d-c amplifier. For zero-frequency or d-c operation, the 2- $\mu$ f input capacitor acts as an open circuit and the first grid is effectively isolated from the input source. Thus, except for leakage resistances to ground, the input grid is effectively tied directly to the high side of the output. The drift at the output is of the same order of magnitude as that at the input grid.

For the amplifier tested, drift at the output was readily kept below 5 millivolts. The maximum output voltage available was +80 volts. Total warmup time was of the order of 5 minutes.

Chopper stabilization is unnecessary. In addition, d-c power supplies with only moderate regulation are adequate.

The 1,000-ohm balance potentiometer in the cathode of the first stage adjusts the tube biases for optimum linear operation.

#### **Diode Modulator**

In those applications where only a d-c voltage proportional to input rate is required, the voltage out of the operational amplifier may be considered as the output. However, in many control systems and computers, particularly those of the a-c carrier type, the output must be a scaled a-c carrier voltage rather than a d-c signal. Therefore, a d-c to a-c signal converter was included in the system. This includes a diode modulator followed by an L-C filter, which provides a sinusoidal output

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with a low degree of distortion.

The modulator is shown in Fig. 5. It is an electronic switch using a balanced-bridge to eliminate the reference carrier component from the signal output. The d-c input voltage is of much smaller magnitude than the amplitude of the a-c bridge reference voltage. This means the reference voltage opens and shorts the two diodes during alternate half cycles. When the diodes are shorted, point A is shunted to ground through the two 10,000-ohm resistors in parallel; the output voltage is low due to the drop across the 20,000-ohm input resistor.

On the next half-cycle when the diodes are open, there is no voltage divider action and the input voltage is transmitted directly through to the output with negligible attenuation. The output of the modulator is thus a square wave whose amplitude corresponds to the magnitude of the d-c input and whose frequency is that of the reference carrier which happens to be 400 cps.

The two trimmer capacitors minimize the quadrature component of the carrier voltage which would appear at the output due to residual-capacitance unbalance of the two diodes. This effect becomes more noticeable as the carrier frequency increases. The 2,000-ohm potentiometer compensates for unbalances due to the slight mismatching of the 10,000-ohm bridge resistors, the diode resistances or the two halves of the reference transformer. It is adjusted by bringing the output voltage to its minimum value with the d-c input terminals shorted together. For the circuit shown, a maximum noise level including harmonics of less than 10 millivolts was readily attained.

#### Filter

To convert the square-wave output of the diode modulator to a sinusoidal signal, a band-pass L-C filter was employed. The circuit elements and their values are given in Fig. 6. A bandwidth of  $\pm 20$  cycles was obtained with a center frequency of 400 cps. The amplitude and phase characteristics of the filter require that the deviation of the carrier frequency from its nominal value be kept extremely small if a reasonable accuracy of transmission is to be obtained. Powderediron cores are used for the inductive elements of the circuit to reduce errors due to magnetic nonlinearities.

A minimum error of at least a few percent may be expected from the input of the modulator to the



FIG. 4—Complete operational amplifier has d-c open-loop gain of 5,000

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output of the filter. If a high accuracy a-c carrier output from the tachometer is desired, a different type of modulator must be used. To obtain the minimum possible error a servo modulator having a motor geared to a ganged potentiometer will probably be required. A circuit using thermal-resistance elements should be suitable where errors of the order of 0.5 to 1 percent can be tolerated. It is thus possible to get a sinusoidal waveform without a filter.

#### Results

Let the excitation voltage on the input potentiometer be such that the transducer gradient is  $V_n$  volts per revolution and let T be the time constant in seconds of the R-C feedback network in the differentiating operational amplifier. Then, if m is the overall gain of the isolation amplifiers and conversion circuits, the output gradient K in volts per rpm is  $K = V_p T_m/60$ .

In the experimental model, a 10.-000 ohm single-turn potentiometer was used with 67.5-volts excitation. Hence, the transducer gradient was 67.5 volts per revolution. A feedback resistance of 5 megohms and a feedback capacitor of 2  $\mu$ f were employed in the operational amplifier with a resulting time constant of 10 sec. The value of m including the modulator was approximately



FIG. 5-Diode modulator and cathode follower for d-c to a-c output signal conversion



FIG. 6-Four-hundred-cycle band-pass filter with component values



Underchassis views of cathode follower, operational amplifier and modulator

0.3. The output gradient obtained was therefore 3.4 volts per rpm.

The output noise level could be held to a maximum value of 5 millivolts which corresponds to an input speed of 0.005/3.4 = 0.0015 rpm. In contrast, the gradient of commercially available induction generators is usually of the order of tens of millivolts per rpm or less. while the noise level is usually of the order of 10 millivolts. Thus an improvement of about several hundred to one in sensitivity has been achieved with the new unit.

The speed range over which the tachometer is capable of operating is determined at the lower end by the noise level and at the upper end by the maximum output of the operational amplifier. For the circuit of Fig. 4, a maximum output of about  $\pm 80$  volts was available. Thus with a noise level of 5 millivolts. the speed range is approximately  $80/(5)(10^{-3}) = 16,000:1$ . This represents a practical improvement of at least 2:1, as compared with the range of an ordinary inductiongenerator tachometer.

Scale factor can readily be varied to change the lower and upper limits of the speed range by changing either the feedback time constant the potentiometer excitation or level. It is therefore possible to measure not only relatively low speeds but also the higher speeds which normally fall within the range of other tachometers. The upper speed limit is determined by the wear characteristics of the

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particular transducer used.

Overall accuracy is determined by the precision of both the basic components and the various electronic circuits.

By careful selection of parts and circuitry it should be possible to at least equal the accuracy obtained in standard electromagnetic tachometers. Moreover, there is no need for the intricate temperature compensation which is usually required of high-accuracy electromagnetic types.

The scale factor is directly proportional to both the time constant and transducer excitation. This permits direct multiplication of the input speed by the voltage excitation on the potentiometer.

Overall linearity error of the first laboratory model was about 0.5 percent. This can be reduced by a considerable factor through various circuit refinements. For best results a potentiometer with infinite resolution such as the film or the single-wire type should be used for the shaft transducer.

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FIG. 1—Basic power-supply circuit (A) and actual circuit (B) showing transistor oscillator, rectifier-doubler with pi-section filter, and regulator which makes use of three corona-discharge tubes connected in series

## **CRT Power Supply Uses**

**UMMARY** —— High-voltage power supply uses 12.5-kc oscillator with positive-feedback tickler. Output voltage is doubled, rectified and held to 10 kv by three series corona-discharge tubes. Filament voltage for two electron-tube rectifiers is obtained from transistor oscillator coil. Only external power required is negative 30-v collector supply. Unit supplies high voltage for monitor picture tube in a televison repeater

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**P**OWER OBTAINABLE from a singletransistor voltage converter is limited by the allowable collector dissipation and the current gain at high levels of emitter current.

Since the current gain falls off with increasing emitter current, beyond a given value high power outputs can be had only at the expense of efficiency. For the transistors used in this study, this is about 500 milliamperes.

Thus with an input of 30 v, an input power of 15 w may be handled by the transistor. Assuming an efficiency of 60 percent, it would be capable of delivering 9 w to the load. Assuming the same current and efficiency, operation at 60 v would be expected to provide 18 w. However, the maximum dissipation rating of the transistors used

in power supply is only 10 watts.

At higher temperatures, increased collector current will cause greater transistor dissipation with consequent loss in overall efficiency. It is necessary to derate the output power sufficiently to keep the transistor junction temperature within safe limits. On the basis of published specifications, germanium power transistors seem capable of



Rectifier-doubler circuits, left, use 1X2A diodes and high-voltage capacitors. Entire unit is shown in case, center. Regulator circuit, right, includes three corona-discharge tubes. Power transistor uses front of case as heat sink

### **Transistor Oscillator**

operating at reasonable power levels to 70 C. Silicon power transistors may raise this limit.

#### **Basic Operation**

The simplified circuit of Fig. 1A shows that the transistor has two operating conditions. When the switch is in position 1, the emitter is reverse-biased and the collector current is almost equal to leakage current  $I_{co}$  of the reverse-biased collector-to-base diode. Since  $I_{co}$  is usually small, the collector dissipation  $(V_{BC} - I_{co} R_L) I_{co}$  is extremely small.

When the switch is in position 2, the emitter current depends on  $V_{BE}$ and the resistance of the forwardbiased base-to-emitter diode. This resistance is low and the current is large. The collector can never reach a collector current greater than  $V_{BC}/R_L$  and for this value, the voltage actually appearing at the collector is zero, causing collector dissipation to be zero.

However, the power in the load is  $V_{BC}^2/R_L$ . If sufficient emitter current can be supplied to bottom the collector, an appreciable amount of power can be handled in the collector with negligible dissipation.

While the switch is in position 2, however, power must be supplied to the emitter. This power can be held to a minimum by choosing  $V_{BE}$  just large enough to bottom the collector for the value of  $R_L$  used. Because of a peculiar characteristic of the collector in the zero and slightly positive region, it is advantageous to supply extra emitter current. This contributes power to the load and increases efficiency.

The low input resistance of the transistor allows small magnitudes of  $V_{BE}$  to supply the required emitter current for collector bottoming. The high-current alpha of the transistor should permit making  $V_{BC} - aI_cR_L = 0$  with reasonable values of emitter current.

#### **Circuit Operation**

The power converter is shown in Fig. 1B. The transistor has positive feedback from collector to emitter. When the transistor begins to conduct, the voltage developed across the primary winding of the transformer induces feedback in the tickler winding which increases the forward bias on the emitter. This increased drive further increases the collector current and the collector will be driven to a bottom condition. A voltage approximately equal to the supply voltage will appear across the primary winding.

For the collector to remain at bottom, the magnetic flux must continue to increase according to E = $-m \ d\phi/dt$ . This can be accomplished with little exciting current until the core is saturated. Upon core saturation, the demand for exciting current rises so sharply that the transistor is unable to sustain the flux increase.

The voltage across the primary winding decreases. This causes **a** reduction in emitter drive, further reducing collector current. The transistor quickly proceeds to **a** shut-off condition.

Collector voltage reaches a value about twice the collector supply voltage or slightly more, -60 to -70 v. This voltage is in the col-

lector breakdown region but the reverse-biased base-to-emitter diode insures that no appreciable current will flow. With restraining bias on the emitter, the collector can sometimes be driven to about -100 v.

When the transistor is completely shut off, the cycle is repeated at a rate determined by the resonant frequency of the transformer, approximately 12.5 kc. The collectorvoltage waveform is nearly square. It is close to zero during conduction and approximately twice the supply voltage during the shut-off period.

This waveform is shown in Fig. 2, left, along with the emitter voltage waveform which is similar. The output voltage waveform is of the same shape.

#### **Increasing Supply Voltage**

The efficiency of the circuit will be high because the transistor conducts only when the collector is bottomed. The efficiency of the transistor should approach a limit established by its inherent losses when functioning as an on-off switch. The inherent losses are nearly all attributable to the emitter power necessary to establish the desired collector currents.

Greater power output can be ob-

tained by increasing the supply voltage. Such an increase introduces no additional losses. The peak inverse collector voltage, however, is a limiting factor.

Since the collector voltage rises to approximately twice the supply voltage during the shut-off interval, supply voltage is fixed at approximately half the rated maximum collector voltage. The maximum collector voltage rating for the transistors used in common-base configuration, is 60 v. The supply voltage was 30 v.

#### **Collector Inverse Voltage**

The largest transistor losses take place in the emitter. The collector suffers small power losses during switching, but on the other hand actually delivers power back to the transformer. This is the peculiar condition that was mentioned previously.

When the emitter is overdriven, the collector characteristics can pass through zero into the positive region. Figure 2, right, shows a family of collector characteristic curves of a typical transistor. The sharp break around zero collector voltage does not occur until the collector is slightly positive.

If the collector is driven to ex-

actly zero during the conduction, the collector dissipation must be zero. If the collector is driven still further it becomes positive. The product of collector-to-base voltage and collector current represents power delivered to the primary.

This extra power can be deducted from the power supplied to the emitter. Thus the emitter supplies power directly to the load during positive collector operation. Such a condition therefore decreases the net losses and boosts the oscillator efficiency.

The limit occurs at the break in the collector characteristic. Beyond this point the emitter power requirements exceed the rate at which the collector can return power to the transformer. The efficiency will fall if the emitter is driven further.

Feedback can now be considered uncritical. Small variations in the feedback signal should not affect the efficiency much because the collector is heavily overdriven.

Supply voltage changes will not contribute as much to efficiency variations as they would if the collector were driven just to zero. Also, the interchangeability of transistors should not be as critical as in a nonoverdriven circuit.

#### A-C to D-C Conversion

The 15-kv peak-to-peak square wave on the secondary is applied to two 1X2A high-voltage rectifiers in a half-wave doubler. Filament power is obtained from the transformer. Smoothing is done by the capacitor-input pi-section filter.

Voltage is then applied across three corona regulator tubes in series. The first tube regulates at 5,000 v and the others at 2,500 v each. The operating current range of these regulator tubes is 25 to 1,000 microamperes.

The right-hand VXR-2500 is shunted by three 10-megohm resistors in series. One of these resistors is in parallel with the 5-megohm focus potentiometer. The 10 kv for the kinescope ultor is picked off at the anode of the VXR-5000. The variable focus voltage is picked off the voltage divider.

Power conversion efficiency tests



FIG. 2—Collector and emitter-voltage waveforms for transistor oscillator, left, and collecfor characteristics for power transistor with common-base connection right



FIG. 3—Load current-efficiency characteristic of power supply with test circuit (A) and voltage regulation properties (B)

for overall d-c to d-c conversion were performed for six different output conditions. The results are plotted in Fig. 3A. These tests were performed without the corona-discharge regulator tubes.

The rectifier doubler output was filtered and applied across a 6BD4A. The load circuit is shown in Fig. 3A. Runs two and three are much shorter than the others because at the lower currents for 11-kv output, the peak inverse collector voltage approached excessive values.

In the test the oscillator and load were adjusted for a given voltage output and maximum current, the load current reduced from the original starting current and overall efficiency plotted against the load current. The starting conditions for the six runs are given in Fig. 3A.

#### **Overall Efficiency**

The maximum overall d-c to d-c conversion efficiency was 64 percent. This occurred at 10-kv and 1 ma output. Efficiencies as high as 66 percent were reached by tuning the primary of  $T_1$ . This made the efficiency dependent on the tuning and thus far more critical.

Transistor dissipation was recorded by monitoring the shell temperature. The transistor efficiencies were calculated to be about 80 to 85 percent on the basis of temperature.

The tests of output voltage against load variation produced the data shown in Fig. 3B. This test was conducted without the coronadischarge regulator tubes. Measurements were made while the core gap was varied from 0 to 0.050 in. in 0.005-in. steps.

#### Core Gap

The optimum gap was approximately 0.020 in. The curves in Fig. 3B show only the 0 and 0.020-in. gap data plotted from no load to 1 ma load current. Supply impedance is approximately 3 megohms, derived from the slope of curve A between the 400 and 600- $\mu$ a points.

In another test, seven H2 transistors were tried. In these tests, d-c to d-c conversion efficiencies ranged from 46.7 to 60.2 percent. The average was 54.3 percent. This is considerably better than that found in tests of 15 transistors of the 2N57 type. The difference is attributed to the greater high-current alpha of the H2.

#### **Design Notes**

The design of the transformer is not exceedingly critical. Most core materials used for audio transform-

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ers could be used. The leakage inductance, however, should be kept to a minimum to avoid large voltage spikes on the collector during the transistor shut-off interval or in case of load removal. Such spikes could be troublesome and might even cause transistor failure.

#### **Turns Ratio**

The ratio of primary turns to tickler turns is obtained by the ratio of collector-voltage swing to emitter-voltage swing necessary to produce the collector-current variations desired. The number of primary turns is a compromise between copper losses and the need for restraining excitation current. The operating frequency also enters into the compromise.

Operating frequency is established on the low end by size and economical design and on the high end by the switching ability of the transistors. The high end is more desirable from a filtering standpoint. The transistors used in this study should produce good results from 2 to 14 kc.

The fact that the oscillator produces a square-wave output is not detrimental since the higher harmonics are filtered by any conventional network which is effective against the fundamental. A transistor regulator system might prove more efficient than corona-discharge tubes.

#### Rectifier Tube

The 1X2A tube was chosen in preference to a semiconductor rectifier because stacked dry rectifiers would not have saved any more space and they are generally not as efficient as electron-tube rectifiers at the voltages used in this converter. The unit measures 5 by 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by 7 in. It weighs 5.45 lb.

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#### The Front Cover



Operators measure distance between photoelectric detector screens on weapons range at Aberdeen Proving Grounds before checking projectile flight times electronically



### **High-Speed Printer**

**UMMARY** —— Flight-time measurements on projectiles fired from rapid-fire guns are printed out at rates up to 150 a second with 10-microsecond accuracy by electronically controlled stylus printer. Only valid rounds are indicated and each tenth round is emphasized. Binary-coded-decimal to decimal conversion system may be useful in other digital data-handling applications. Use of 3-5 printing matrix simplifies circuits while preserving intelligibility

Two equipment racks comprise timing and

printing portions of equipment

**M**<sup>ANY WIDELY different schemes have been devised and are in use for measuring and recording data at high sampling rates.</sup>

Mechanical printers are often limited to about 10 measurements a second. For higher sampling rates, data can usually be stored on magnetic tape or some other medium and later transferred to a mechanical printer for interpretation.

The system to be described prints arabic numerals pertaining

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to digital measurements made at rate as high as 150 a second. It was designed specifically for recording data concerning times of flight of projectiles fired from rapid-fire automatic weapons at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Although the application described is specialized, the techniques and circuits are readily applicable to other digital measurement problems.

#### System Design

The application called for measuring times of flight between two accurately spaced photoelectric detector screens to an accuracy of  $\pm 10$  microseconds, at rates as high as 9,000 times a minute. In addition, only rounds exhibiting flight times within predetermined maximum and minimum limits were to





FIG. 2—Recording tape fragment showing 3-by-5 matrix and additional data

FIG. 1—System includes circuits for timing, counting and accumulating binary bits as well as circuits for converting to arabic numerals and printing

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be measured. Throughout this article, the term round is used in the ordnance sense.

Figure 1 is a block diagram of the system. Start and stop signals are derived from a pair of photoelectric detector screens whose separation is known. When the projectile interrupts the light plane of the first screen, the output of a 100-kc crystal-controlled oscillator is gated into the time-of-flight counter. When the projectile passes through the second detector screen the gate is closed, interrupting the flow of 100-kc pulses. The count indicated by the counter represents the number of 10-microsecond increments elapsed during the projectile's flight between the two screens.

Each time the first screen detects a projectile, the round print driver conditions the print circuits to place a round mark on the recording paper. If the measured interval falls within the limits selected by the preset sense circuits, the four-digit number describing that interval is shifted into the readout register which activates the arabic converter and causes the interval to be printed out in four arabic numerals across the recording tape along with the round mark.

Each valid interval is also transferred to the accumulator, which adds each interval to those of preceding rounds. The completion of an acceptable interval also causes the valid-round counter to be advanced by one.

#### **Printing Operations**

Upon completion of a burst, or series of bursts, the operator depresses the readout switch signaling the equipment to print out the data contained in the accumulator and round counter. These data are shifted through the readout register through the transfer relay which permits use of a single register for both in-step measurements and accumulated and round count data.

Printing is achieved by passing electrically sensitive paper at right angles to a row of fourteen styli arranged in four groups of three each for printing numbers and two additional styli for total round marks and tenth-round emphasis.

Numbers are printed in a 3-by-5 matrix as illustrated in Fig. 2.

As the paper tape is moved past the stylus assembly, programmed pulses are applied to the styli causing dots to be printed on the paper. To ensure uniformly shaped numbers at different paper speeds, printing is clocked from papertravel increments by a photoelectric system that looks through a slotted wheel coupled to the papertape drive mechanism.

The four binary-coded decimal numbers are shifted in parallel into the readout register from the time-of-flight counter. The readout



FIG. 3—Twenty electron tubes are required for printing one arabic digit. Circuits include readout register, resistor matrix, converter drive and converter. Three-by-five dot pattern for arabic numerals 0 to 9 is also shown
register consists of 16 flip-flops. Each circuit has associated with it a loading tube whose grid senses the on or off condition of the corresponding counter stage in the time-of-flight counter and whose cathode receives a load pulse when a valid round interval has been established.

#### **Readout Register**

Figure 3 shows the circuits associated with one digit of readout register and arabic converter. The bottom row of tubes comprises a portion of the readout register pertaining to any one of the four digits to be printed.

Prior to transfer of the digit into the register, a negative reset pulse is applied to the reset bus, conditioning  $V_1$ ,  $V_3$ ,  $V_4$  and  $V_6$  with their left-hand sections conducting and their right-hand sections cut off.

Load tubes  $V_2$  and  $V_5$  have their grids connected through one-megohm resistors to points in the timeof-flight counter so that a negative potential is applied to load-tube grids associated with off counter stages, and zero potential is applied to the load-tube grids which are associated with the on counter stages.

Initially, the load signal input bus is held at a positive potential, preventing the load tubes from conducting. The load pulse reduces the common cathode potential of the load tubes to zero. Load tubes whose grids are at ground potential conduct, but those having negative grid potentials remain cut off.

Conduction of plate current by a load tube causes a voltage drop at the normally high-potential plate of the corresponding readout register. The action of the flip-flops preserves this momentary change after the load pulse is removed. Thus the counter indication is transferred simultaneously to all 16 flip-flops of the readout register.

#### **Resistor Matrix**

The resistance matrix, composed of 910,000 and 820,000-ohm resisttors connected to various readout register tube plates, converts the binary-coded decimal notation to conjugate-pair notation for activating the converter drive tubes which

convert from conjugate-pair to decimal notation.

Tubes  $V_{\tau}$  through  $V_{11}$  each convey two decimal digits to the arabic converter,  $V_{\tau}$  being involved with O and 1,  $V_1$  with 2 and 3,  $V_8$  with 5 and 6 and so on. Tube  $V_{12}$  looks at the one's stage of the binary-coded decimal register and determines whether the odd or even number of the activated converter drive tube applies.

#### Conditioning

Upon receipt of a load pulse, the first two stages of the readout register four-tube group will be turned on. That is,  $V_{\perp}$  and  $V_{3}$  will be conditioned with their right-hand sections conducting and their lefthand sections cut off. The reverse will be true of stages  $V_{\perp}$  and  $V_{0}$ .

The right-hand plate of  $V_{i}$  will be at a low potential and its lefthand plate will be at a high potential. These conditions are conveyed to the right-hand and left-hand grids, respectively, of odd-or-even tube  $V_{12}$ . The high potential at the left-hand grid of  $V_{12}$  causes that tube section to conduct. Similarly, the low potential at the right-hand grid holds that section cut off.

Because of plate-current conduction in the left-hand section of  $V_{12}$ , the cathode of that section will be at a positive potential, while the right-hand cathode will be clamped to ground by the 1N48 diode.

Since the left-hand cathodes of  $V_{\tau}$  through  $V_{\mu}$  are connected to the positive potential cathode of  $V_{xey}$  those tube sections will not conduct for either possible grid potential level that is furnished by the conjugate-pair matrix associated with the readout-register

The right-hand cathodes of  $V_{\tau}$ through  $V_{11}$  are, however, connected to the ground potential cathode of  $V_{12}$ , and those tube sections will conduct if their grids experience the ground potential level furnished by the readout-register conjugate-pair matrix.

The grids of converter drive tube  $V_s$  are connected through resistors to high-potential plates of readout-register tubes  $V_a$  and  $V_4$  for numeral 3. All other converter drive tube grids are connected to at least one low-potential readout-register tube plate.

Since the left-hand cathode of converter drive tube  $V_{\bullet}$  is positive, plate-current flow will be prevented in that section, despite the ground potential applied to its grid. The right-hand cathode, however, is at ground potential, and plate current will flow in that particular tube section,

Thus plate current associated with the right-hand section of converter drive tube  $V_*$  will flow through the vertical 3's bus in the arabic-converter matrix, lowering the potential on horizontal busses 4, 7 and 10 and the grid potentials of the converter tubes to which they are connected.

#### **Digit Scanning**

The first digit scan pulse, which is applied to terminal  $\alpha$ , affects cathodes of converter-tube sections whose grids are not connected to horizontal matrix busses that are attached to the current-carrying vertical 3's bus. Thus these grids are at high relative potential.

When the cathodes connected to bus *a* are brought to the + 150-v reference potential during the first digit scan pulse, all three tube sections conduct and the three styli are energized, causing the top row of dots to be printed on the recording paper.

As the paper advances, the second digit scan pulse is applied to bus b, bringing the right-hand cathode of  $V_{15}$  and the left-hand cathode of  $V_{20}$  to reference potential.

The right-hand grid of  $V_{14}$  is at low relative potential because it is connected to horizontal bus 4, which is connected through a resistor to the conducting vertical 3's bus. This low grid potential prevents printing the first dot in the second row, as required for printing a 3.

The second dot in the second row is likewise inhibited by the lefthand section of  $V_{20}$ , and the third dot in the second row is allowed to print because the left-hand grid of  $V_{15}$  is connected to horizontal bus 6 which is not connected to the conducting vertical 3's bus.

This process continues until all five rows have been scanned and printed.

## PORTABLE COLOR

**CUMMARY** — Checking and adjustment of color circuits in monitors, matrix adders, encoders and receivers are facilitated. The instrument is used mainly to check gray scale setup, quadrature setting, hue or phase adjusting for I, Q, R-Y and B-Y decoders, relative I and Q gain setting (or R-Y, B-Y or G-Y setting). It can also be used for matrix, color killer and color cross coupling checks

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**C** OLOR SIGNAL SYNTHESIS is provided by the equipment to be described.

The output signal contains a horizontal sync pulse, a 3.58-mc reference burst, a black bar, a color bar and a white bar. The color can be set by pushbutton control for any of the following NTSC standard signals: 1, Q, R-Y, B-Y,  $G-Y \angle 90^{\circ}$ , saturated red, blue, green, cyan, yellow or magenta bars. Each saturated signal contains the correct proportions of chroma and luminance.

Arrangement of stages is shown in the block diagram of Fig. 1.

A selection of four different operating conditions is available, complete color, chroma only, black and white only, and black and white plus burst.

The signal is available at either video or radio frequencies with phase accuracy of all color signals held at 2 degrees or better. A novel feature is the generating of a signal phased 90 degrees from G-Y, called  $G-Y \ge 90^{\circ}$ . This signal facilitates matrix checks on color monitors and receivers by providing a null signal for G-Y adder. (Same relationship and balance function as B-Y to R-Y.) It is also useful in working on matrix adders and encoders.

#### Circuits

The r-f portion of the instrument uses a dual triode. One half is a 4.5-mc crystal-controlled oscillator, the second half is the picture oscil-



FIG. 1—Functions of stages and their interconnections for providing wide range of output signals for adjusting receiving, transmitting and monitoring equipment

lator, continuously variable from channel 2 to 6.

The essential elements of a standard RETMA encoder and bar generator are provided except that no vertical interval is produced. Referring to the block diagram of Fig. 1, the subcarrier generator  $V_1$ is a 6AU6 or 6AK5 electron-coupled oscillator. Its output feeds a bifilar phase splitter.

The output of the phase splitter, consisting of two 3.58-mc signals of zero and 180-degree phase, is fed to a number of R-C phase-shifting networks to allow selection of a desired color signal. In each case, the R-C is so chosen as to give correct phase and amplitude for each color output; both these functions are adjustable.

While +I, +Q, +(R-Y), +(B-Y),  $G-Y \angle 90^{\circ}$  are independent of amplitude, the amplitude is such that with a pedestal, the subcarrier for any one pulse would not be higher than sync.

Amplitude of the color information is adjusted by a series output attenuator. As part of the same switching arrangement, the pedestal for the amount of brightness Y also varies so that when a pushbutton is engaged for yellow, it automatically adds the correct proportion of Y component. The amount of Y component is proportional to the brightness of each color.

Essential circuits are shown in Fig. 2. The master timing oscillator is a cathode-coupled square-wave multivibrator,  $V_2$ . This oscillator is adjusted for a duty cycle of 2 to 1

## SIGNAL GENERATOR



FIG. 2—Complete circuit of color signal synthesizer includes encoder, bar generator and other necessary units

so that the basic signal is at black level at the beginning of the trace for  $\frac{1}{3}$  of its time, then at white level for the remaining  $\frac{2}{3}$  trace.

The master oscillator triggers a color bar multivibrator  $V_{s}$ . This multivibrator in turn generates a pedestal which adds from white toward black, so that for any given color signal, it makes a pedestal from white toward black corresponding to the amount required for the Y component. This is accomplished by feeding the output of the color bar multivibrator to the attenuator steps on the pushbutton switch.

For maximum pedestal, it would equal black. For any other intermediate pedestal, it is set by the Y attenuator. The black pedestal signal generated by the master oscillator is not quite square; it is, therefore, passed through clipper  $V_{54}$  for squaring and a delay line, to delay the starting time of the horizontal sync generator,  $V_{3}$ . This provides synchronizing pulses with a front porch.

The trailing edge of the horizontal sync multivibrator is fed to a burst gate multivibrator  $V_*$ . The output supplies a gate pulse whose duration is adjustable, governing the length of time that the burst will be on.

#### Variable Burst

The output of the burst gate multivibrator is fed to the burst modulator  $V_{\rm s}$ . The burst is fed into grid 3 and, at the same time, a sample of the zero-phase 3.58 mc is fed into grid 1 of the same tube. An attenuator control permits adjusting burst amplitude. It is normally set to be equal in amplitude to sync pulse. The burst information at the plate of  $V_{\rm s}$  is on for only the burst gate time.

The color bar multivibrator gen-



Waveforms 1 through 7 are outputs of Chromalyzer and 8 through 14 are those at points in receiver circuits demonstrating use of instrument in calibrating and checking

erating the Y pedestal also provides the color bar gate to allow the color modulator  $V_{\tau}$  to open, passing through the different phases and amplitudes of chroma depending upon the position of the pushbuttons. The output of  $V_{\epsilon}$  and  $V_{\tau}$  (modulators) will show burst and color information.

This output is fed to adder  $V_{zs}$ . At the same time, the pedestal generated in the color bar multivibrator and fed through the Y attenuator is added to the chroma information. Sync, as well as black pedestal, is also added so that in  $V_{zs}$ the complete signal is put together. The high-frequency components of the chroma signal are added by capacitive coupling. The Y attenuator output, the pedestal and the sync are added through a resistive network.

The Y pedestal output is a precise RETMA signal except for vertical interval which, in a color set, contributes no useful information.

#### Output

The composite negative output from  $V_{zb}$  is fed to an r-f oscillator, whose frequency range is between channels 2 and 6. The oscillator is cathode modulated.

The sound carrier generator adds **4.5-mc** carrier to the video.

Video is available at 1.5 v in

75 ohms, black negative. With a 500-ohm termination, 4 or 5 volts can be obtained. Signal from the instrument can be fed through the r-f portion of a receiver for overall response checking.

The four-position function switch selects the following operating conditions: position 1-complete signal (sync, burst, black, chroma, white) for overall checking purposes, Position 2-chroma information only (with burst): This allows checking for cross coupling into the Y channel and facilitates decoder measurements and adjustments. Position 3—Y signal alone (luminance): This allows gray scale check, B, R, M, G, C, Y buttons. Position 4-Y (luminance) plus burst. This enables checking performance of the color killer (if one is used) or the ratio of lock to unlock in a subcarrier regenerator. This is done by switching from Y alone to Y with burst.

In aligning typical receivers using I—Q decoders, quadrature is set up by looking at the output of the Q channel with the I button depressed; if correctly aligned, the output should be zero. Similarly looking at the output of the I channel with the Q button depressed, the output should be at maximum and the same condition should prevail in the Q channel with the I button depressed. The R-Y and B-Y signals are made up of I and Q components. If the receiver has I and Q gain controls, these may be readily adjusted for correct B-Y and R-Y output.

To prevent demodulator loading, the oscilloscope is connected to the cathode of the I or Q phase splitters. Should these points be inaccessible, the oscilloscope can be connected at any of the tricolor tube guns and the chroma-alone position of the instrument used.

If the receiver has a narrow band decoder of the R-Y, B-Y type, it becomes possible to set quadrature using B-Y and looking at the output of R-Y for zero or R-Y looking at the output of B-Y for zero. The nulls are much more sensitive as indicators than the maximums. Assuming that I and Q or R-Yand B-Y decoders are properly adjusted, the output of the matrices (with Chromalyzer set for chroma only) which form R-Y, B-Y and G-Y may be examined.

For example, looking at B-Y with the R-Y signal, the relative gain of Y and Q are set for zero output at B-Y. In the same way, by depressing B-Y, the R-Y matrix is checked for null. The G-Yadder should read zero since signal of  $G-Y \ \ 290^\circ$  is used to give a null reading.

To check the composite signal for correct proportions of I, Q and Y or R, B and G, a color button is depressed and the adder output or tricolor tube grid input is examined. If the decoded signal is correct, sync, with space corresponding to burst, (if there is burst keyout in the receiver) black, color and white will show in sequence. Both color and white should be of equal amplitude.

Similarly, red can be checked by pushing the red button and looking at the output of the red channel. Further checks may be obtained with yellow, cyan and magenta. These must show an equal amount of color in two channels.

The final check is the overall subjective viewing of red, blue, magenta, green, cyan and yellow to see if the correct colors come up. Since a black signal and a white signal are also present, it is possible to adjust the background and screen controls.

## Quasi-Complementary Transistor Amplifier

**CUMMARY** — Transistorized phonograph amplifier uses a quasi-complementary output circuit to provide 6 watts output with less than 1-percent distortion at midfrequencies. Input signal passes through three preamplifiers and a predriver stage before reaching the quasi-complementary output stage. Output feeds directly to loudspeaker voice coil. Operation is satisfactory over temperature range from 0 to 50 C

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**O**<sup>PERATING</sup> between a variablereluctance pickup and a conventional 16-ohm loudspeaker, the amplifier to be described has a frequency response flat within 1½ db from 30 to 15,000 cps and tone controls with boost and cut for bass and treble.

A discussion of some considerations in a transistor phonograph amplifier precedes the description of the circuit.

#### Distortion

Distortion in a transistor amplifier is usually due to variations with current of either the currentamplification factor, the transconductance or both. When driving a grounded-emitter transistor amplifier stage from a current source (generator Z >> input Z) distortion depends on the variation in collector-to-base current-amplification factor. At high currents, the current-amplification factor usually diminishes.<sup>1</sup>

When a grounded-emitter transistor amplifier stage is driven from a voltage source, (generator  $Z \ll input Z$ ), distortion may arise from the dependence of transconductance on base-to-emitter voltage. This nonlinearity in tranconductance may be caused by too low or too high an operating current.<sup>2</sup> Either of these distortions can be reduced by negative feedback.

#### Frequency Response

A system employing an RCA SPC-1 variable reluctance pickup and the RIAA recording characteristic requires high and low-frequency equalization in the reproducing amplifier. High-frequency equalization can be obtained by making the amplifier input resistance equal to 7,000 ohms. Since the common-emitter transistor input resistance is generally less than 7,000 ohms, the input resistance can be increased by adding resistance to either the base or emitter circuit.

If a resistance,  $R_{\rm s}$  is connected in series with the emitter, the input resistance is increased by approximately  $\beta R_{\rm s}$  where  $\beta$  is the collector-to-base current-amplification factor. Here the input re-



Compact transistorized amplifier uses 12-watt filament transformer, with rewound secondary, as power transformer

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sistance depends directly on the value of  $\beta$ , which may be different for different transistors.

#### Noise

The noise performance of these two input circuits is not the same. For a low-power transistor operating at an emitter current of about one ma, the s/n ratio of the circuit with added base resistance is generally 10 to 15 db lower than that of the circuit with added emitter resistance. Hence, the configuration for better interchangeability of transistors is not compatible with the configuration for lower noise.

The required low-frequency equalization can be accomplished by an R-C low-pass filter in which the attenuation increases at a rate of 6 db an octave. Above 500 cps, the attenuation stays constant. The location of this filter is dictated by noise and overload. Location at the amplifier input may cause objectionable noise. Location at highlevel stages may cause overloading at high frequencies in the early stages. A good compromise is to place the filter immediately after the first stage.

#### **Quasi-Complementary Circuit**

The basic quasi-complementary circuit is shown in Fig. 1A. If a sine-wave signal is applied to the input terminals, the two upper transistors conduct during the negative half-cycle and the two



FIG. 1—Basic quasi-complementary circuit (A) and modified circuit to lower input resistance (B)

lower transistors conduct during the positive half-cycle. During the conduction of the two upper transistors, emitter-following action makes the emitter voltage of  $Q_7$  follow closely the input voltage at the emitter of  $Q_5$  which, in turn, follows the input voltage at the base of  $Q_5$ . Since the input current is amplified by  $Q_5$  and  $Q_7$ , the output current is equal to  $\beta_5\beta_7$  times the input current.

Similarly, during the conduction of the two lower transistors, emitter-following action makes the voltage at the emitter of  $Q_{\rm o}$  follow closely that at the base and the output current is equal to  $\beta_{\rm o}\beta_{\rm s}$  times the input current. If  $\beta_{\rm o}\beta_{\rm \tau} = \beta_{\rm o}\beta_{\rm s}$ , the input resistance during either half of input signal wave is approximately equal to  $\beta_{\rm c}\beta_{\rm \tau}R_{\rm L}$ . Therefore, the quasi-complementary circuit is in balanced operation. In practice, the basic configuration presents too high an input resistance so that the d-c coupling resistor of the preceding stage usually tends to shunt a large portion of the input signal current. This high input resistance can be reduced by connecting one or both of the stages in common emitter configuration.<sup>8,4</sup>

#### **Modified Circuit**

For the quasi-complementary circuit, a scheme as shown in Fig. 1B may be used. Capacitor C is connected between output junction point A of the series-connected output transistors and tap D on coupling resistors  $R_1R_2$ . This returns the input current through C and  $R_2$ . So long as  $R_1$  is much greater than the input resistance between the driver base point B and point A during conduction, useful signal



FIG. 2-Complete amplifier schematic. Tone controls provide either boost or cut

will not be diverted into  $R_1$ .

For the negative half cycle the input resistance between B and Ais approximately  $r_5 + \beta_7 r_7$ , where  $r_{\rm s}$  and  $r_{\rm c}$  are the base lead resistances of  $Q_5$  and  $Q_7$ . For the positive half-cycle, the input resistance is approximately  $r_6$ , the base lead resistance of  $Q_0$ . For perfect balance, these input resistances could be made equal by connecting  $R_s$  in series with the emitter of  $Q_n$ , as shown. However,  $R_3$  can usually be dispensed with if  $R_1$  is large.  $R_2$ should be much greater than  $R_{L}$ since the former is in shunt with the latter.

#### **Complete Circuit**

The complete schematic diagram of the amplifier is shown in Fig. 2. There are six stages, consisting of the quasi-complementary driver-output circuit, a predriver and three preamplifiers. Transistor  $Q_1$  is an experimental transistor similar to the 2N104 but with somewhat higher collector-to-base current-amplification factor  $\beta \simeq 85$ . Transistors  $Q_4$  and  $Q_5$  are experimental pnp transistors with characteristics similar to those of the 2N109 but with a collector breakdown voltage of over 40 v. Experimental npn transistor  $Q_6$  has characteristics complementary to that of  $Q_5$ . Both  $Q_7$  and  $Q_8$  are pnp power transistors.

In the first stage, an unbypassed resistor  $R_{i}$ , connected in series with the emitter reflects an input resistance of 7,000 ohms at the base. The base-to-emitter bias is furnished by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  connected between collector and base. These resistors with collector resistor  $R_{s}$ constitute a d-c feedback circuit for stabilizing the operating point against ambient temperature variations." Similar biasing arrangements are used in the next two stages. By passing capacitor  $C_1$ , connected to the junction of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  presents degeneration. Resistor  $R_{\rm s}$  linearizes the transconductance of  $Q_z$  and reflects an input resistance of approximately 800 ohms.

#### Predriver

The predriver  $Q_4$ , operates class A. The output is directly coupled to the input of the driver. Resistors



FIG. 3—Curves show distortion with change in power out (A) and frequency response for two input conditions (B)

 $R_{0}$ ,  $R_{8}$  and  $R_{10}$  form the return path for the d-c collector current of  $Q_4$ . The flow of d-c through  $R_{10}$  creates a forward base-to-emitter bias for drivers  $Q_5$  and  $Q_6$  which eliminates crossover distortion. The required bias voltage to maintain class B operation of the driver decreases with increase in temperature. The thermistor, in parallel with  $R_{10}$ , provides this bias.

Since the voltages at the emitters of  $Q_5$  and  $Q_7$  follow closely the voltage at the collector of  $Q_4$ , any change in collector current will upset the balance of the subsequent stages. To hold  $Q_i$  collector current constant, emitter resistance  $R_{0}$  and negative d-c feedback through  $R_{\tau}$ are used.

#### Feedback

Since the output is capacitively coupled to the 16-ohm load, the d-c power supply need not have a center tap. Negative feedback is applied from the hot side of the loudspeaker voice coil to the base of  $Q_4$  through  $R_{11}$  and  $R_7$ .  $C_2$  is connected in parallel with  $R_{11}$  to give a step-response in the feedback loop for stability. The use of  $R_{12}$  between emitters of the drivers helps to temperature stabilize the driver stage. Resistor  $R_{13}$  also serves this purpose by reducing the external d-c resistance between base and emitter to a low value.

The peak a-c voltage swing at the collectors of the transistors  $Q_{4}$ through  $Q_s$  is nearly equal to the supply voltage. Since the no-signal supply voltage is 40 v, the transistor breakdown-voltage must be in excess of this.

#### Output

The envelope of the power-output transistor is electrically connected

to the collector and must be insulated from the main chassis. The envelope should also have good thermal contact with the main chassis to remove the heat generated in the transistor. For these purposes, an anodized aluminum plate which insulates electrically but conducts thermally, is sandwiched between the power transistor and the main chassis.

#### Performance

Amplifier distortion is shown in Fig. 3A. Note that the distortion for 100 cps and 400 cps is below 1 percent at six watts, whereas the distortion for 5,000 cps is somewhat higher because of the reduction in current gain and negative feedback.

The frequency response is shown in Fig. 3B. Measurements were made with the tone controls at midposition and the volume control at maximum. The upper curve shows the response to an RIAA test tone record using the SPC-1 variable reluctance pickup. The lower curve was taken with a signal generator whose output voltage was adjusted to conform with RIAA characteristics and connected in series with a variable reluctance pickup head. At other volume control settings, the frequency response does not vary appreciably.

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## Energy Source Delivers Half-Sine Pulses

**UMMARY** — For certain pulse applications such as providing an energy burst for testing fuzes where a rectangular waveform is not essential, reliable and predictable half-sine pulses are acceptable. Pulse generator described uses 2D21 thyratron and provides half-sine-wave pulses at power-line frequency or each time a pushbutton is depressed. This circuit can also be used as a frequency meter

**P**ULSE TECHNIQUES require reliable and predictable pulses. A predictable pulse has an established and well-defined spectrum. The rectangular pulse is a most popular variety and there are many methods of generating such a waveform.

In many applications, a rectangular pulse is not essential and the half-sine-wave pulser will provide an acceptable waveform.

#### Theory of Operation

The circuit of Fig. 1A contains the essentials of the half-sine-wave pulser. A thyratron is biased beyond cutoff for the applied d-c voltage V. The plate voltage is applied through an isolation resistor and a series resonant circuit is connected in shunt with the tube. Since the tube is cut off, the capacitor will charge to the available plate voltage, anticipating the firing of the thyratron. If a trigger pulse is injected into the thyratron to fire it, the capacitor will discharge through the inductor and tube into the load resistor which is in the cathode circuit of the tube. Since the conducting drop of the tube is small, the discharge will theoretically follow the relationship

 $i = (V/LN) \exp(-mt) \sin Nt$ where  $N = [(1/LC) - (R/2L)^2]^{1/2}$ and m = R/2L

If the damping term is small, a necessary condition for best operation, the equation becomes

 $i = [V/(L/C)^{1/2}] \exp(-Rt/2L) \sin t/(LC)^{1/2}$ The surge impedance  $(L/C)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  determines the amplitude of the damped sinusoidal waveform, the damping is determined by cathode load R and the radian frequency of oscillation is  $1/(LC)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

#### Deionization

Although the first half-cycle is in accordance with the equations, the second half-cycle, Fig. 1B, puts a negative voltage on the tube to extinguish it. This negative plate voltage will quench the thyratron, stopping oscillations. Hence only the first half-sine wave of the discharge pulse exists.

The first negative pulse must be of sufficient magnitude and time to deionize completely the gas tube. Keeping the damping term small will insure that the negative pulse



FIG. 1—Basic circuit of half-sine-wave pulser (A) and current waveform showing a damped sinusoid (B)



FIG. 2—Half-sine waveform (Å), waveform at 60 cps (B), plate voltage waveform of thyratron (C) and effect of increasing inductance on pulse height and width (D)



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Rear view of half-sine-pulse energy source showing thyratron and variable inductor in foreground. Power-supply design is conventional

is sufficiently large. During the time that the tube fires, the isolation resistor allows a current to be passed into the thyratron.

This leakage current acts as a pedestal upon which the half-sine wave rides and represents an addition component of tube current to be cancelled during the second halfcycle. The isolation resistor should be large enough to limit this current to small values and at the same time allow the voltage across the capacitor to recover to the supply voltage. As narrower pulses are generated, this resistor can increase since the duty cycle will decrease if the pulse is repetitive.

The peak current is approximately

$$i_{\rm neak} = V/(L/C)^{1/2}$$

Pulse width is

$$t_o = \pi (LC)^{1/2}$$

If the pulse is repetitive at an interval T seconds, the rms value of the current is

## $i_{ m rms} = [V/(L/C)^{1/2}] \; (t_o/2T)^{1/2}$ and the average value is

$$i_{
m ave} \, = \, [\,V/(L/C)^{1/2}] \, \, 2t_o/\pi \, T$$

In a typical operation L was 50 millihenrys and C was 0.05 microfarad. The surge impedance was calculated to be 1,000 ohms and, with a 250-v supply, the peak current would be 250 ma.

Similarly the pulse width was computed as 157 microseconds. The

rms current would be 17.1 ma and the d-c current 1.5 ma if the pulses were generated at a rate of 60 cps.

Actually, measurements were within 6 percent of the theoretical values. The form factor for this waveform was 11.4 indicating a high ratio of rms to average value.

#### Modifying Circuits

Pulse amplitude can be varied by adjusting the supply voltage or by changing the surge impedance. The values of L or C control the pulse width. The circuit has been used to generate pulses down to 1.0 microsecond wide at 60-cps rates.

Recovery time limits the maximum pulse width and the minimum pulse width is limited by the trigger pulse width and the isolation resistor. By selecting different thyratrons and different parameters, the circuit can be scaled up or down.

The output is taken off the cathode load and the impedance seen looking back at the cathode is the surge impedance of the resonant circuit. Since the damping should be small, it is desirable to work into low impedances for symmetrical waveforms.

The basic waveform is shown in Fig. 2A for a 200-microsecond pulse. At a 60-cps repetition rate the waveform is shown in Fig. 2B. In Fig. 2C the plate voltage of the thyratron is shown. The initial flat region corresponds to the pulse discharging. The tube drop is low. Afterwards the plate goes negative putting the thyratron out.

The recovery at a slow rate, is determined by the charging time constant. During the charge, the inductor is not significant and the isolation resistor is most important. In Fig. 2D the capacitor value is progressively increased. The pulse widens and the amplitude increases as the capacitance increases.

#### **Triggering Circuits**

To trigger the pulser, any source of clean narrow pulses can be used. The firing pulse must be shorter than twice the half-sine wave so that the second half of the discharge cycle will deionize the tube. The differentiated output of a multivibrator or a Schmidt trigger will provide excellent pulses if they are sufficient to overcome the cut-off bias of the thyratron.

#### **Repetitive Pulsing**

A convenient pulsing arrangement is shown in Fig. 3. Repetitive pulses of line frequency or single pulses are available. In both cases the pulse shape and amplitude are identical.

In the REPEAT position, the voltage across a small neon tube when supplied with 60-cps power through a dropping resistor, is injected into the thyratron grid. The voltage which appears across the neon tube is shown in Fig. 4A. It is a clipped sine wave with a discontinuity at





FIG. 4—Trigger waveforms show trapezoidal voltage across neon with sharp discontinuity on leading edge (A) and waveform differentiated to provide trigger (B)

FIG. 3—Complete pulser for generating half-sine pulses either at power-line frequency or singly each time pushbutton is depressed

the leading edge of the pulse. This discontinuity is caused by the neon tube voltage drop suddenly falling from the firing potential to the maintaining potential. The drop is sudden and when differentiated by passing through a small coupling capacitor into the thyratron grid is sufficient to fire the thyratron. Only the positive triggers, Fig. 4B, will be effective.

To get a single triggering pulse, d-c is used for the neon supply. When the normally closed momentary pushbutton  $S_1$  is opened, the voltage across capacitor  $C_1$  rises by being charged through the 220,000ohm isolating resistor.

This voltage builds up until the neon fires putting a pulse through 10,000-ohm resistor  $R_1$  in series with the neon. Since this voltage drop has an initial discontinuity, it is differentiated and passed to the thyratron for firing.

#### **Energy Burst Source**

In the study of electric firing primers and associated ordnance devices it is useful to have available a known amount of energy as a short burst. If the input resistance R is small and of constant value, the energy E in watt seconds delivered to it will be

$$E = \int_{o}^{t_o} i^2 R \, dt$$

where the pulse width is  $t_o$ . Current i is the instantaneous current pulse, a function of time. Under repetitive conditions P, the power in watts in the resistor is

$$P = i_{\rm rms}^2 R$$

If the number of pulses a second is known, multiplying both sides by the repetition period T yields the energy burst E in watt seconds

$$E = PT = i_{\rm rms}^2 R T$$

If the half-sine wave pulser is driven from the line and the rms current measured, the energy content of each pulse is known. By switching to the ONE-SHOT position, that amount of energy can be delivered.

Since the current pulse amplitude varies directly as the supply voltage to the thyratron, the energy follows the voltage squared. Similarly, the energy burst varies directly as  $C^{3/2}$  or as  $1/(L)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

#### **Frequency Meter**

The average pulse current flowing is directly proportional to the number of pulses a second. If an incoming signal is shaped to trigger the generator once a cycle, the average current can be interpreted as a frequency. Accuracies of better than 1 percent of full scale were obtained using this method.

#### **Practical Circuit**

Figure 3 is a complete circuit of a half-sine wave pulser used as an energy-burst source. A conventional power supply is stabilized by a v-r tube. A series control tube with an adjustable grid voltage feeds the pulser circuit and controls the pulse amplitude.

The filament winding is rectified to provide 9 v of bias which can be adjusted to set the fixed bias of the thyratron. A trigger circuit provides either 60-cps or one-shot operation. To adjust the pulse width, a tunable inductor is in the discharge circuit.

Using the 2D21 tube, current pulses of peak value equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ampere were possible with average currents of a few milliamperes. The entire circuit can be scaled up to provide larger pulses.

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FIG. 1—Block diagram of afc-stalo system. Stalo has 1.93 percent bandwilth and provides minimum of 15 mw at S band

## Stable Local Oscillator for S-Band Radar

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**CUMMARY** — Tunable crystal oscillator, followed by cascade of harmonic amplifiers for output at desired frequency, has excellent short-term stability for mti radar local-oscillator service. Continuous frequency range of 1.3 percent is obtained by using six crystals with motor-driven switching and afc systems. Harmonic-amplifier cascade has sufficient power output to allow for drop-off in efficiency when operated off resonance

**M**<sup>OVING</sup> TARGET INDICATION (mti) gives radar the ability to detect moving targets and to discriminate against fixed targets. The most common type of mti uses a phase measurement to establish if the radar return signal is fixed or moving.<sup>4</sup>

Because a phase-measurement method is used, the local oscillator of the radar receiver must have exceptional short-term (pulse-topulse) frequency stability. The phase of the signal at the receiver detector is related to the phase of radar return, the phase of the local oscillator of the radar receiver and other fixed phase shifts in the receiver r-f and i-f circuitry. Since a change in the local-oscillator frequency will result in a change in received signal phase and consequently will yield false information from the receiver, the stability of the local oscillator is more important than that of any other oscillator in the mti radar system.

When the local-oscillator stage

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and associated control circuitry and vibration mounting are packaged, the resulting unit is a stable local oscillator or stalo.

#### Stalo

The stalo uses a stable crystal oscillator, operating at a low frequency, followed by a cascade of harmonic amplifiers yielding output at the desired frequency, as shown in Fig. 1. This type of stalo offers excellent stability and, by crystal-tuning techniques, has a



FIG. 2—Mechanical assembly of stalo

continuous frequency range of about 1.3 percent for motor-driven afc. Since some frequency overlap is desirable, a total of six consecutively tuned and switched AT-cut crystals are used, each crystal having a 0.25 percent tuning range.

In development, it was established that stray capacitances (coil-to-ground, switch-to-ground, crystal-case-to-ground) were detrimental to the tuning range. The layout shown in the photograph is the best grouping of components consistent with a minimum of distributed capacitance.

Figure 2 shows the mechanical assembly and Fig. 3 is the schematic diagram of the oscillator.

The circuit is a modified Colpitts type that uses the crystal, the associated inductance and tuning capacitor  $C_1$  in series as an inductance.

Capacitor  $C_1$  and the coil associated with the crystal tune the crystal. An individually adjusted coil is required for each crystal because of minor variations in crystal shunt capacitance from crystal to crystal. An afc servo-motor drives both capacitor  $C_1$  and switch  $S_1$ , which activates the next crystal in line for continuous frequency coverage.

Figure 4 shows a tuning characteristic of a typical oscillator. Capacitor  $C_1$  must be of the dualstator differential type because of this characteristic. For example,



Side views of oscillator chassis show optimum component layout for minimum distributed capacitance



FIG. 3-Oscillator is modified Colpitts type

for constantly increasing frequency, a minimum of capacitance at  $C_1$  is required at the high-frequency end of one crystal range whereas a maximum of capacitance at  $C_1$  is required at the low-frequency end when switching to the next crystal.

Crystals are switched for every 180 degrees of continuous rotation of the tuning-capacitor shaft. Switch  $S_1$  is driven in the proper



FIG. 4—Idealized straight-line tuning characteristic of oscillator

direction by a Geneva mechanism on the servomotor shaft. During the switching interval, the oscillator is turned off and the afc ceases to function. To keep the servomotor running in the proper direction during this switching interval, two snap-action switches are used; a directional lever actuates the proper switch thereby providing a fictitious error signal for the afc servo amplifier. In addition, during the switching interval when the Geneva mechanism is in motion,  $C_1$ is allowed to rest in the position of maximum or minimum capacitance through an intermittent gear drive.

#### **Crystal Frequency**

Choice of crystal frequency is dictated by several requirements. For maximum tuning range, the fundamental mode of AT-cut crystals exhibit best performance. To

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FIG. 5-Harmonic amplifier cascade gets frequency multiplication of 162 from cascaded frequency double and triplers

minimize the number of sidebands at the output frequency a highfrequency crystal, well above the intermediate frequency of the receiver, should be used. Unfortunately, at present fundamental mode AT-cut crystals are not ground to frequencies above about 20 mc.

If low frequency crystals are used care should be exercised to ensure that harmonics of the crystal frequency fall as far as possible from the intermediate and signal frequencies of the radar receiver. In this unit, the optimum crystal oscillator frequency was found to be nominally 18 mc.

#### Harmonic-Amplifier Cascade

A frequency multiplication of 162 times is obtained by cascading second-harmonic and third-harmonic amplifiers. To deliver the required output power over a 1.3percent band without retuning the amplifier after shifting the frequency, it was necessary to build sufficient power capability into the harmonic-amplifier cascade to allow for the drop-off in efficiency when the many stages are operated offresonance. The coupling between transmission-line resonators is adjusted for maximum power output over a given band and is not set for optimum coupling at the center frequency.

Bandwidth of an amplifier inter-

stage is governed by  $\Delta f_{\rm adb} = 1/2\pi RC$ where R is shunt load on the interstage and C is interstage tuning capacitance.

Maximum bandwidth is obtained when the R-C product is a minimum. The harmonic-amplifier cascade shown in Fig. 5 uses interstages that are primarily tuned by parasitic capacitances. Interstages that are inductively resonated are laid out for minimum stray-wiring capacitance.

Interstages with transmissionline resonators use resonators of the shortest physical length and of high characteristic impedence, since the characteristic impedence has a bearing on the bandwidth of the resonator. Some of the inductively tuned interstages are resistance loaded to obtain the proper bandwidth. A push-pull mode of operation is used to further increase the bandwidth of the interstage without resistive loading.

A level control is incorporated to monitor the excitation voltage on the final harmonic amplifier. The control maintains the excitation constant by operating on the screen voltage of push-pull tripler  $V_{25}$  and  $V_{26}$  in the proper manner to vary the gain of the harmonic amplifier cascade and hold the output power to within 3 db of a 15-milliwatt minimum.

Since the harmonic-amplifier cascade was made broad band, it does

not appreciably attenuate side bands that are spaced multiples of the crystal frequency away from the output frequency. A 36-mc side band is attenuated early in the harmonic-amplifier cascade by using many 54-mc interstages to favor the third harmonic of the crystal at the expense of the second harmonic. The side bands most likely to cause trouble in this system are the 54-mc side bands, which are estimated to be about 20 db below the output signal of the stalo.

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## **Operational Amplifier**

**CUMMARY** — High order of zero-offset stability, in conjunction with 0 to 10-kilocycle bandwidth, is obtained for dual-channel computer and control amplifier by combining conventional and chopper amplifiers. Effect of factors such as grid currents, phase-gain stability, chopper choice and filter networks is considered with regard to amplifier design

ANALOG COMPUTERS and a variety of electronic controls include, as an essential building block, a high-gain amplifier with frequency response from d-c to several kilocycles. Where an operational amplifier is used in an integrating circuit, even slight drifts accumulate through the process of integration. Hence the need arises for far greater zero stability than can be obtained in conventional vacuum tube d-c amplifiers.

#### **Counteracting Offset**

Several special techniques have been used to achieve the high order of stability required. One circuit, shown in Fig. 1A, consists of a chopper amplifier in which the d-c input is modulated by the moving contact and one fixed contact of the chopper, amplified by a conventional R-C coupled amplifier, demodulated by the other fixed contact and the moving contact of the chopper and finally filtered to provide a d-c output. This amplifier has the advantage of being free of zero drift, but its upper frequency is limited, at best, to half the chopper frequency. For reasons of filter design, the upper frequency limit rarely exceeds 1/10 the chopper drive frequency.

Other methods of modulation and demodulation, such as magnetic or diode modulators, rely upon two bucking voltages that are unbalanced by the d-c so that closely matched components must be used. This limitation leads to some drift and zero offset. Because the chopper is inherently a passive element, it is superior as a modulator and demodulator where zero reference level is to be maintained.

#### **Chopper Stabilization**

One way of combining a conventional amplifier and a chopper amplifier is shown in Fig. 1B. Amplifier G is an amplifier such as that shown in Fig. 1A; it passes d-c and a narrow low-frequency band.

Amplifier A is an electron-tube amplifier that passes all frequencies not passed by amplifier G. By adjusting the filter networks  $R_iC_i$  and



FIG. 1—Carrier-type chopper amplifier (A) can be combined in various ways with direct-coupled amplifier (B through E) to provide stable wide-band amplification with negligible offset

 $R_{e}C_{e}$ , the frequency responses of each channel can be mated to produce a flat over-all response from d-c to the upper frequency limit of amplifier A.

Mixer M at the output passes the entire frequency band of the circuit from d-c up and also presents a low output impedance. The mixer must thus be a direct-coupled electron-tube circuit and may just as well be included in amplifier A. That is, amplifier A can be considered as consisting of an R-C coupled preamplifier A' and a wide band directly coupled power amplifier A'' having two inputs.

This change leads to the circuit of Fig. 1C. Drift and offset arising in stages of amplifier A'' following the mixing point appear in the output. These drifts are small compared to the enormous amount of stable d-c amplification available from amplifier G. Thus, output  $e_d$ from the chopper amplifier can be returned to the input of amplifier A' eliminating filter  $R_1C_1$ . Of the two inputs presented to amplifier A' input  $e_d$  from the chopper amplifier will usually be many thousand times the magnitude of direct input  $\epsilon$ . Additional feedback is needed around amplifier A' to maintain an overall flat response.

These circuit changes lead to the Goldberg circuit shown in Fig. 1D.

#### Theory of Operation

In Fig. 1E amplifiers G and A are shown in cascade, as they really are, with amplifier G bypassed for a-c and the feedback loop including both amplifiers.

## Has Chopper Stabilization

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Considering the amplifier at d-c only, offset arising in amplifier Ais referred to its input and treated as an unwanted noise, n. The loop equations are

$$\epsilon = e_i R_f / (R_i + R_f + e_o R_i / (R_i + R_f) \quad (1)$$
  
and  $e_o = -(\epsilon GA + nA)$  (2)

Eliminating  $\epsilon$  and assuming that

$$\frac{GAR_i}{(R_i + R_f)} >> 1$$

$$e_o = -e_i R_f / R_i - n(R_f + R_i) / (GR_i)$$

(3)

Replacing feedback gain  $R_r R_1$ by  $A_n$ 

$$e_o = -A_e \left[ e_i + \frac{n(1+1/A_e)}{G} \right] \quad (3a)$$

The first term of Eq. 3a represents the desired output; the second term is the unwanted offset, which is made negligible by making G large. This is a case of noise in a feedback amplifier. The further along the amplifier chain the noise is introduced, the less its effect on the output. Thus chopper amplifier G provides large gain at d-c with negligible offset. Subsequent stages comprising amplifier A introduce relatively little drift in the output. The circuit of such an amplifier is shown in Fig. 2.

#### **Phase-Gain Stability**

Amplifiers A and G must of themselves be stable. Because d-c amplifier  $V_1$ ,  $V_{24}$  and  $V_3$  in Fig. 2 is flat to O cps, it introduces phase shifts that can cause oscillation only at the high frequency end. Although  $R_1$  and  $C_1$  are in the feedback loop around amplifier A, they constitute only one stage and so have an ultimate roll-off of only 6 db per octave on the low frequency





FIG. 2-Complete schematic of one channel of dual-channel amplifier

end. By the Bode-Nyquist method,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  increase the high-frequency response while  $R_2$  and  $C_4$  provide the necessary 10 db per octave roll-off with a step. For greatest stability, maximum feedback should be used ( $Z_f = 0$ ).

The a-c amplifier,  $V_4$  and  $V_{28}$ , must also be stable and although it has no separate feedback directly around it, its a-c gain is high and can lead to oscillation unless the circuit is properly shielded and the components isolated from each other. With a high- $\mu$  twin triode such as the 12AX7 ( $\mu = 100$ ) and even with cathode degeneration, it



FIG. 3—Response of d-c amplifier A with feedback as parameter

is possible that two stages in a single envelope will break into oscillation. This is especially likely if  $V_{44}$  is one such stage because its grid is about 2 megohms above ground. The ruggedized 5751 provides adequate isolation between triode sections.

#### **Chopper Choice**

Another source of feedback is introduced by the chopper if a single chopper is used to modulate and to demodulate the signal through amplifier G. With one spdt chopper, the output is brought to the chopper socket adjacent to the input. One common practice to avoid this possible path for feedback is to use a make-before-break chopper so at least one end of amplifier Gis grounded at any instant. However, if the chopper chatters or if the contacts wear so the action becomes that of a break-before-make chopper, the amplifier will break into oscillation.

In many cases, low-gain operational amplifiers are desired in which the gain of amplifier G may be only a few hundred. In this

#### Table I-Dual-Channel Operational Amplifier Characteristics

<i>Electrica</i> Gain of Internal Total In Offset D	<i>l</i> Chopp <b>er St</b> abilizing Ar Gain of D-C Amplifier ternal Loop Gain at D iscrimination at Unity	nplifier -C Gain	10,000 at d-c (80 db) 10,000 (80 db) 100,000,000 (160 db) - 75 db
Operation	nal	Percent Linearity	Percent Linearity
Gain	<ul> <li>– 3-DB Response</li> </ul>	Over 100-v Range	Over 200-v Range
1	d-c to 100 kc	0.015	0.5
10	d-c to 30 kc	0.3	1.0
100	d-c to 20 kc	3.0	10.0

case, one can use a break-beforemake chopper with impunity. Only when the a-c gain of amplifier Gapproaches 30,000 will trouble be encountered.

If the chopper fits a septal socket, grounding the center bayonet of the socket and using shielded leads help considerably because most of the coupling capacitance is in the tube socket and not in the chopper. Rolling off the frequency response of the R-C coupled amplifier, just above the carrier frequency by adding shunt capacitance, also helps.

If gains above 30,000 are necessary, two break-before-make choppers are used, one for modulation and the other for demodulation. This arrangement is feasible on the basis that d-c operational amplifiers usually come in pairs. Many applications require multichannel recording. Hence, operational amplifiers may be packaged in pairs so that one spdt chopper can modulate the input to two amplifiers and the other chopper can demodulate the outputs from both amplifiers.

#### Filter Networks

Instability also occurs if the amplifier as a whole oscillates with both amplifiers A and G providing the internal loop gain. The two phase shifting networks involved in this loop are the filter networks at the input  $(R_aC_b)$  and output  $(R_iC_b)$  of amplifier G.

Network  $R_s C_s$  is usually designed to have time constant as long as 20 seconds, to keep ripple caused by chopping the signal from getting into amplifier A. As a consequence, the high-frequency oscillations are apt to be in the neighborhood of a tenth of a cycle. If the time con-



FIG. 4—Response of a-c amplifier G

stants of the two filters are equal an ultimate roll-off of 12 db per octive, which although it may not actually cause oscillation, will cause low-frequency ringing. This ringing can be stopped by making  $R_iC_4$ equal to  $R_sC_5/G$ .

To prevent the chopper modulation frequency from appearing at the input of amplifier A,  $1/C_2R_5$  is made much smaller than the chopper modulation frequency. To keep  $C_5$  from grounding the input to amplifier A at high frequencies, it is necessary that  $R_3$  be considerably greater than  $Z_4A$ .

#### Noise

At the input to the d-c amplifier, thermal noise becomes important. With large amounts of feedback, the 60-cps filament pickup is heavilv degenerated, but phase shift at the high-frequency end of the d-c amplifier results in the high-frequency components of thermal and shot effect noise being fed back out of phase opposition and, at the upper frequency limit, possibly even in phase. For this reason, feedback cannot be relied upon to reduce high-frequency noise; the noise must be minimized at its source. Well shielded wire-wound precision resistors are preferable in this portion of the circuit; composition carbon resistors may suffice. Deposited carbon resistors suffer from excessive low-frequency pulsation, which usually makes them undesirable.

#### **Grid Currents**

If the first grid of amplifier Gdraws current, a d-c voltage  $E_c$ , is established across  $R_{\phi}$ . If coupling capacitor  $C_{\phi}$  has any leakage resistance, the chopper will modulate a small portion of  $E_c$  as an error signal. If the leakage resistance of  $C_{\phi}$  is m times the resistance of  $R_{\phi}$ , the chopper will generate a



Dual-channel chopper-stabilized amplifier has 0 to 10-kc bandwidth



FIG. 5-Response of overall amplifier is flat over wide frequency range

square wave on the grid equivalent to approximately  $E_{c}m_{c}$ .

To minimize the effects of this grid current, a high resistance capacitor is used for  $C_{\pm}$  and the cathode biasing on this stage is chosen to restrict the grid current to a small value. The grid-current crossover bias for a 12AX7, for example, is -0.85 volts. For this reason, starved pentodes cannot be used in the first stage of amplifier G.

A second source of error owing to grid current is at the input to amplifier A. Coupling capacitor  $C_1$  prevents grid current drawn by the first grid of amplifier A from flowing into the junction of  $Z_1$  and  $Z_{i1}$ . If these impedances are purely resistive, this direct current will cause an offset at the output of magnitude  $I_aR_i$ . Because this offset is an equivalent input noise, the chopper stabilizing amplifier cannot compensate for it.

Considerable care is needed in

laying out the circuit around summing point A to avoid stray leakage paths that could cause current injection at this point. Capacitor  $C_1$  should be of good quality, well shielded and have high leakage resistance. A reset switch momentarily shorts  $C_1$  when the amplifier overloads and saturates.

#### Performance

Measurement of gain A is straight-forward in the midband range, although considerable d-c drift will be experienced in amplifier A because measurement must be made with no feedback or chopper stabilization. Care must be taken to prevent d-c misalignment in amplifier A from driving the output stage into saturation and so reducing the overall a-c gain. Trim rheostat  $R_7$  can be used for temporary manual alignment or the -250- supply to the output stage can be varied. The response of amplifier A is shown in Fig. 3.



Components and leads of amplifier are isolated along shielding ground planes

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If  $G_1$  is the a-c gain of  $V_4$  and  $V_{2B}$  the d-c gain of the chopper amplifier from point A to point C will be approximately equal to  $G_1/4$ .

This is not gain G because it does not account for the transmission loss in differential amplifier  $V_{1B}$ . The chopper signal  $E_2$ appears at the grid of  $V_{1B}$  and must be referred to an equivalent voltage  $E_1$  appearing at the grid of  $V_{1A}$ . This can be done by multiplying  $E_2$  by the gain D of the differential amplifier. This gain G is approximately

$$G = DG_1/4 \tag{4}$$

Gain D will usually be in the vicinity of 0.3 or less. Although it can be calculated, it is usually easier to measure. Resistance  $R_s$  should be as small as possible to make Dlarge. The response of amplifier Gis shown in Fig. 4.

#### Offset and Drift

After initial warm-up, the longtime drift is negligible compared to the steady component of offset. The value of offset depends on the frequency characteristics of the operational networks. If these are pure resistors, in the order to 1,000 to 100,000 ohms, offsets of 1 my or less referred to the input may be expected. When the computing resistors enter the megohm range, the offset may increase to 10 mv referred to the input. Offset due to grid current is small; when used as an integrator, the integrating capacitor will retain its charge accurately for long periods of time.

The amplifier has an output range of +200 v d-c from a source impedance of 8,400 ohms with no feedback. Average output noise is about 10 mv of high frequency thermal noise with some chopper switching transients.

With 100 v a-c peak-to-peak in one channel of the amplifier, the pickup in the other channel is below the noise level up to 1 kc and rises slowly to -50 db at 100 kc.

Overall response of the amplifier is shown in Fig. 5; additional characteristics are shown in Table I.

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## **One Knob Tunes**

**CUMMARY** — Dual-mode reference cavity and differential amplifiers are combined in feedback loops to provide automatic control of X-band klystron oscillator. Changing cavity frequency produces error signal which drives servo to change klystron cavity size and repeller voltage. Frequency may be directly read with accuracy better than 1 mc within the usual 15-percent band

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W HEN working with high standing-wave ratios and high-Q cavities the one-knob tuning system, principles of which are applicable to klystrons at all frequency ranges, can advantageously replace the klystron-power supply combinations used where high stability is

not required. The ease of operation, coupled with the fact that the frequency is directly calibrated in megacycles, permits an operator to change frequency at will and be positive of oscillation.

The reflex klystron frequency source described herein is electroni-



FIG. 1—Cross-sectional view at left shows dual-mode reference cavity and crystal detector. Bottom view showing feed system is at center while curves at right show output as a function of frequency (top) and result after subtraction (bottom)



FIG. 2—Block diagram of basic stabilized oscillator (A) and modifications required to provide one-knob control (B)

cally stabilized.<sup>1</sup> A portion of the r-f output is fed into a dual-mode reference cavity tuned to the desired frequency. This cavity, a passive element that can be both rigidly controlled and accurately calibrated, is a right circular cylinder. The electrical field induced by the input may be considered vectorially as resolved into two equal components at right angles. These two components are slightly detuned with respect to one another and couple to each one of the twospace orthogonal modes as shown in Fig. 1.

The outputs are detected and fed to a differential amplifier where the two responses are subtracted. If the klystron frequency is different from that of the reference cavity, a net error voltage is developed at the input to the amplifier. This error voltage is amplified and fed back to the klystron reflector to correct the frequency to that of the reference cavity, except for a small residual error. This error is (error without feedback)/(loop gain +1).

A voltage-level changing stage is included in the differential amplifier and adjusted so that in the absence of any error, the reflector voltage output corresponds to peak power for the klystron mode. The frequency is then practically that of the reference cavity. Figure 2A shows the components of this basic system.

The basic system requires two controls for fixed frequency opera-

## **KLYSTRON OSCILLATOR**

Front view of oscillator showing tuning knob and servo-motor. Smaller chassis at left is the control differential amplifier





Top view of oscillator shows dual-mode cavity at bottom and waveguide connections to klystron oscillator at left

tion and three for tunable operation. Even if the klystron and the reference cavity are mechanically tuned to the same frequency, the reflector voltage may cause the klystron to not oscillate because of drift in the high gain d-c amplifier. A voltage level control is then necessary to initially get the klystron to oscillate and then to lock to the cavity.

Once the system is locked it will remain so, for any internal drift will be corrected by the feedback loop. Over the electronic tuning range, with the system locked, the frequency may be varied by the reference cavity tuning control alone, but as the klystron power output decreases, it must be repeaked by mechanical retuning of the klystron cavity. If  $V_E$  stands for peak power reflector voltage, the range where oscillation is possible is  $V_E \pm \Delta V_E$ . When the system is turned on however, it is probable that the amplifier output will be outside this range and oscillation or locking impossible until the drift is corrected.

#### **Reflector Voltage Level Control**

One method of returning the klystron output to the specified range is to sweep through that range temporarily, at which time a correct reflector voltage will be presented to the klystron reflector. If the klystron is mechanically tuned to the same frequency as that of the reference cavity, the system will begin to oscillate. If the sweep is not turned off, the feedback loop will compensate for the frequency errors that will be caused by the undesired portions of the sweep. There would always be a net residue of error, however, as a result of loop compensation. Therefore, from the standpoint of stability it is preferable to turn off the sweep as soon as locking takes place.

#### **Reliable Method**

A simpler and more reliable method is one that uses the circuitry of the amplifier to return the amplifier output to the correct level and eliminates the extra circuitry required to return the amplifier to its normal state once locked. The first stage of the differential amplifier, Fig. 3, is unbalanced by a small cathode potentiometer. During oscillation the voltage input to the amplifier is sufficient to override



FIG. 3—Differential amplifier provides correct reflector voltage throughout entire klystron range

this unbalance. When the system is unlocked and there is no input to the amplifier the unbalance will produce saturation of the second stage of the amplifier.

The actual amount of the unbalance is unimportant, 0.2 volt being sufficient to result in saturation and still leave a wide margin of safety. When the system is locked, this unbalance means the operating point will be point P on the diagram in Fig. 4 rather than point O, the operating point for a balanced system. With peak to peak amplitude typically 1 to 2 v, the margin of safety is still adequate.

When saturated, the plates of the second stage, points A and B of Fig. 3, are at constant positive and negative values, regardless of line voltage, temperature or time. An NE-51 neon lamp conducts and essentially places the potential of point A at C. This voltage presents the correct reflector voltage to the klystron. The klystron oscillates and, assuming the klystron is mechanically tuned to the same frequency as the reference cavity, locks.

As soon as the system locks a voltage develops at the input of the amplifier and the second stage is desaturated. The NE-51 shuts off, divorcing points A and C, and visually indicates that locking has been accomplished. The correct reflector voltage level is now maintained by the feedback loop and point B becomes a reference point for peak



FIG. 4—Dual-mode cavity discriminator curves showing operating point when system is locked on frequency

power reflector voltage for any frequency within the electronic tuning range of the klystron. Any deviation in the desaturated value of point B will indicate a deviation from peak power. Point B, therefore, has significant saturated and desaturated values for the peak power and unlocked conditions respectively. Negative 75 volts was chosen as the saturated value and -30v for the desaturated or locked condition at peak power.

Since peak power reflector voltage is not constant with frequency, a linear potentiometer,  $R_{\rm I}$  is mechanically coupled to the reference cavity to regulate the amount of current delivered by the constant-current voltage-level-changing stage.

#### **Mechanical Tuning**

The major significance of the -30-v value is that it will be affected by any mechanical misalignment between the klystron cavity and the reference cavity. For example, if the klystron cavity were mechanically detuned under locked conditions, the feedback loop would cause the reflector voltage to change in an effort to electronically correct the klystron frequency and point B would also change.

The result, provided the detuning were not extensive enough to unlock the system, would be operation at less than peak power. Any change in the locked value of point B would indicate the necessity of mechanically tuning the klystron cavity to match the setting of the



FIG. 5-Control differential amplifier feeds servo motor to change cavity size

reference cavity.

If the klystron tuning characteristics were constant from tube to tube, as they are for external cavity klystrons, automatic tuning could be effected simply by a mechanical coupling between the reference cavity tuning control and the klystron tuning screw. Since the klystron type used is not reliable enough to permit this, a secondary feedback loop is used to motor-drive the mechanical tuning screw as shown in Fig. 2B.

#### Differential Amplifier

Before it can be applied to the motor, the error voltage must be converted. A differential amplifier, shown in Fig. 5, amplifies only the changes in the -30-v value and the positive or negative voltage output energizes a differential relay. One coil of the relay is energized by a negative output, the other by a positive. A differential relay allows either an a-c or d-c motor to be used.

Although the voltage energizing the motor is eliminated as soon as tuning is accomplished, the motor continues to run for a brief period because of inertia. This problem is solved by the establishment of a dead zone (see Fig. 5 and Fig. 6) at the input to the second stage of the control amplifier. A diode limiter in each grid circuit grounds voltages caused by motor instability. This method eliminates relying on the pull-in or drop-out characteristics of the relay, making accurate and easy setting of the dead zone width possible.

The wider the dead zone, the less precise will be the mechanical tuning of the klystron and the reflector voltage will vary within the  $V_R \pm$  $\Delta V_R$  range. As a result, there will be some variations in power output.

#### Low-Inertia Motor

A compromise between power output constancy and motor stability is achieved by using a motor speed of about 12 rpm. This keeps the dead zone narrow. Because of the relatively low-speed motor, the dead zone produces output power variations of less than 1/2 db for any mechanical setting over the entire tuning range of the klystron. Running a low-inertia motor at



FIG. 6—Voltage changes effecting servo operation. Dead zone appears owing to motor inertia



FIG. 7—Relay and limit switch arrangement for servo motor

the same speed results in a narrower dead zone. However, its speed will always be limited regardless of inertia, hence it is possible to tune the frequency control so quickly that the motor can not track fast enough to prevent unlocking. This is of no consequence if the motor maintains the proper direction while the system was unlocked, since relocking would take place as soon as the correct setting is found. The time between unlocking and locking is determined by how far the correct setting is from the setting at the time of unlocking. With this distance maximum, the interval with this motor is not more than a few seconds.

Information for a polarity reversing switch is provided by the nature of the change in voltage at point B. When unlocking results from an increase in frequency, the antecedent detuning causes the voltage at point B to swing more negative. When unlocking occurs, the

change to -75 v is from a voltage more negative than -30 v. When unlocking is caused by a decrease in frequency, the change is from a value more positive than -30 v. As the diagram in Fig. 6 illustrates there is a greater change in the latter case. By making use of this change, a signal is provided for a polarity reversing circuit.

#### **Polarity Reversing**

The polarity reversing circuitry functions as follows: when this type of change occurs in the second stage of the control differential amplifier, plate bypass capacitor  $C_1$  becomes a short circuit and energizes relay  $K_1$ . This closes contact  $K_{14}$  of Fig. 7. At the same time, relay  $K_{z}$ closes, since point B swung to -75 v. Closing the contacts of these two relays energizes relay  $K_s$  which closes holding contacts  $K_{34}$ ,  $K_{3B}$  and  $K_{3C}$ . Contacts  $K_{3R}$  and  $K_{3C}$  reverse the polarity of the signal and a voltage of the correct polarity is sent directly to the motor. As soon as the system relocks,  $K_2$  and  $K_3$  open, and the circuit is denergized and reset.

When the system is turned on, it may be unlocked and there will be no change at point B to utilize when the -75 v is inadequate for the directional sense required. Thus the motor will run in the wrong direction until the upper limit of the tuning range is reached at which point switch  $S_1$  will close and perform the function of  $K_1$ . The motor will reverse and run until the correct setting is found. If the system does not relock, switch  $S_2$  will short out relay  $K_3$  and reverse the motor again to protect the klystron.

#### Uses

This instrument may be used as a basic unit in a tunable mti radar system. Considering the one-knob oscillator as a basic building block that was complete in itself, the tuning procedure of the entire mti system could be significantly simplified, whether the transmitter were a wide band klystron or a magnetron.

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## Eccentric-Line Impedance Nomograph

**CUMMARY** — Chart permits finding characteristic impedance of eccentric coaxial lines in terms of conductor dimensions and amount of eccentricity. Scales may be multiplied by factors of ten to increase useful range of chart

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**D** ISPLACING the conductors of a coaxial transmission line relative to each other while keeping their axes parallel results in a configuration called an eccentric line because of its appearance in cross-section. The accompanying chart gives the characteristic impedance  $Z_c$  in terms of eccentricity.

The chart is based on the relation

$$Z_e = 60 \ln \left[ \frac{D}{d} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{2e}{D} \right)^2 \right] \right]$$

where d is the diameter of the inner conductor, D is the inner diameter of the outer conductor and e is the axial offset or eccentricity of the conductors. Any consistent set of dimensions may be used.

For zero eccentricity (e = 0), the familiar impedance formula is obtained, 60 times the Napierian logarithm of the major-tominor diameter ratio. This case also appears on the nomograph and may be used where the line is truly coaxial.

All scales except  $Z_e$  may be multiplied by the same factor to extend the usefulness of the chart. The common multiplying factor is most conveniently a power of ten so the significant figures are retained.

The chart deals only with transmission lines having air



dielectric. To determine  $Z_c$  for solid dielectric lines divide the chart value of the square root of  $\epsilon_r$ , the relative permittivity or dielectric constant.

#### Example

An example will clarify use of the nomograph. Given: D =1.16, d = 0.32 and e = 0.25; find  $Z_e$ .

Locate D = 1.16 along the calibrated line and follow this value in curvilinear fashion to intersect with the eccentricity value e = 0.25, which is plotted horizontally. From this intersection return horizontally to the line of zero eccentricity. Now connect d = 0.32 and the last point determined with a straightedge, to give  $Z_e = 65$  ohms.

If for the same example e were zero,  $Z_e$  could be read with a straightedge as 77 ohms.

To illustrate use of a scale multiplication factor, the diameters selected in the example, 1.16 and 0.32, are ten times those for RG-58/U cable expressed in inches. The cable has a dielectric constant of approximately 2.2 and  $Z_e = 77/\sqrt{2.2} = 52$  ohms. For an eccentricity of 0.025 inch, referring again to the first example,  $Z_e = 65/\sqrt{2.2} = 44$  ohms.

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## **Slab Line Nomograph**

•UMMARY — Design of air-dielectric slab line used as transition or matching section between coaxial and strip transmission lines. Nomograph relates characteristic line impedance, diameter of inner conductor and separation between parallel ground planes

By ELIO SION

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CLAB LINES have numerous D applications in microwave transmission circuits.

The slab line is a doubleslotted coaxial line whose outer shield has been unwrapped and extended to infinity in both directions. The resulting configuration consists of a round cylindrical conductor between two parallel planes, for which exact impedance formulas have been developed.1

The simplified formula<sup>2</sup>  $Z_{a} =$ 138  $\log_{10}$  (4S/ $\pi D$ ) used in the construction of the accompanying nomograph for such slab lines is accurate to within 2 percent for values of S/D > 1.5.

Suppose it is desired to design a slab line of 100 ohms impedance with an inner conductor 0.025 inch in diameter. Enter the left-hand column at D = 0.025 and connect that point with a straight line to  $Z_o = 100$ ohms on the right-hand column. The center column yields the separation between plates as 0.105 inch.

To prevent radiation the width of the ground plates should be, as a rule of thumb, at least five times the separation between plates. Here 5 imes 0.105 = 0.525 inch, so make the plates at least 4 inch wide.

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coaxial lines and strip transmission lines

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### **Cardioscope Checks Heart During Operation**



A heart-rhythm monitor developed for use in the operating room gives the surgeons visual and aural indication of the patient's heart condition during an operation. Value of the instrument is in warning surgeon of heart difficulties at the moment they start. Shown here in use in a Los Angeles Hospital, the heart signal is picked up from taped leads on patient's wrists and legs, similar to cardiograph technique. The chassis, shown at left with designer Oscar Dallons, uses printed circuit construction.

### Transmission Program for WWV and WWVH

TIME and frequency standards as broadcast by National Bureau of Standards stations WWV (Maryland) and WWVH (Hawaii) are available 24 hours a day in the United States and over much of the world. The broadcast program is shown in Fig. 1.

Transmissions provide standards of r-f and audio signals with accuracies shown in Table I. Two audio frequencies are now transmitted, the 440 cps A above middle C and a 600 cps tone. The latter was chosen as giving the maximum number of integral multiples and submultiples as well as being convenient to use with 60 cps power line frequency.

The standard time pulse marking second intervals consists of 5 cycles of a 1,000-cps tone at WWV and 6 cycles of a 1,200 cps tone at WWVH. Minute intervals are marked by omission of the pulse

## Table I—Standard Frequency and Time Transmissions

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	WWV	WWVH
R-F Signal Frequency in me	2.5, 5, 10, 20, and <b>25</b>	5, 10, and 15
Frequency stability at trans.	1 part in 10 <sup>9</sup>	5 parts in 10º
Frequency deviation at trans.	2 parts in 10 <sup>10</sup> per day	4 parts in 10 <sup>13</sup> per day
Time Signal (seconds) Frequency	1,000 cps	1,200 cps
Duration	0.005 sec	0.006 sec
Accuracy	1 part in 10	$\mu^{8} \pm 1 \ \mu \text{sec}$
Audio Tones Frequency Accuracy	440 and 1 part	600 cps in 10 <sup>9</sup>
Propagation Forecast	19.5 and 49.5 min past hr	9.4 and 39.4 min past hr

at the beginning of the last pulse of every minute and commencing the minute with two pulses spaced 0.1 second apart.

When ionospheric conditions are normal and the correct time of day is selected, a frequency standard can be checked with the transmissions to an accuracy of 1 part in  $10^{\circ}$  in a few hours. In general it is best to make the check over a 24-hour period.

Universal Time (equivalent to Greenwich Mean Time) is announced every five minutes in telegraphic code using the 0-to-24 hour system. At WWV a voice announcement of Eastern Standard Time is given before and after the code announcement.

Forecasts of radio propagation conditions are made twice an hour from both stations. A letter and digit are used to classify conditions at time of broadcast and for the next six hours. Letters N, U, and W indicate present conditions of

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KR 5	100-200	has two	19"	101⁄2″	13″	\$240
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KR 2	195-325	3 Amp.	19"	7"	71/2"	\$ 90
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FIG. 1—Division of time for standard signals

Other time and frequency standards transmissions are made at regular intervals by the U.S. Naval Observatory from four transmitters. The Dominion Observatory

#### Table II—Time and Frequency Transmission In Other Countries

Call Sign	Location	Carrier Frequency Mc	Modulation c/s
LOL	Buenos Aires,	2.5, 5, 10, 15,	1, 440, 1000
ZUO	Johannesburg, South Africa	5	1 — —
ZLFS	Lower Hutt, New Zealand	2.5	
MSF	Moscow, USSR Bushy, England	10, 15	1 1000
JJY	Tokyo, Japan	2.5, 5, 10, 15	1. 1000
1BF	Torino, Italy	5	1, 440, 1000
	Uccle, Belgium	2.5	

in Canada transmits time signals on three frequencies from Ottawa, Canada (ELECTRONICS, p. 182 and 196, June 1955). Previous timesignal information appeared p 190, Jan. and p 192 Apr. 1956.

Other stations broadcasting standard signals are given in Table II.



Low-flying aircraft that might come in under the beam of long-range search radar in the continental defense system are detected by installations that require no resident attendants. Model was constructed for MIT Lincoln Laboratory by Atkins and Merrill

### Tubes Run Shake Table



Vibration tests on electronic equipment can be made at frequencies as high as 2,000 cycles using the electromagnetic shaker shown. Primary exciter is an audio-frequency oscillator driving audio-amplifier stages to actuate the vibration device that is not unlike a huge loudspeaker. Demonstrating the effect of shock mounts in their new Teterboro, N. J. laboratory are C. S. Robinson and G. deF. Larner of Robinson Aviation

### Automatic Microimage File

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### **Radome Test Range**



To solve problems in transmission-reflection, beam pattern distortion and bore-sight error, Wright Air Development Center is completing construction of an aircraft radome test range. Technical

tests are being made on a transmission-reflection unit (left). The test tower (right) is 1.900 feet from the transmitter. Receiving equipment here detects effects caused by radome

sets of numbers, letters, or other symbols, or even single stages of electronic circuit diagrams. Quantity and kind of data is limited only by the size of the individual frame (1/10 sq in.) and the photographic resolution of the film emulsion. Although the basic storage capacity of the machine is for a 10,000frame matrix, the matrix can be



FIG. 1—Block diagram of NBS automatic microimage file system. Instrument searches for and prints out one frame every 2 sec

interchanged with others from a static file.

Machine input is from perforated teletypewriter tape containing coded locations of the desired frames in print-out order. The assembled data comes out on a 10-in wide strip of photosensitive paper of any required length. Individual frames are enlarged to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. squares. Commercial automatic developing equipment processes the paper.

The instrument combines digital computer electronic circuits and a pair of precision servomechanisms that search X and Y axes of the matrix. The location of the desired frame is fed into a 20-bit binarydigit register from the teletypewriter tape. The register consists of capacitor memory and coincidence identification circuitry. The first 10 bits control the Y position selection while the second 10 bits control the X position.

The matrix is supported on a drum 10 in. in diameter and is fastened at one edge with dowel pins to insure accurate location. The drum is servocontrolled in both linear and rotary axes of motion, corresponding to the X and Y axes of the matrix.

The servos that shift the matrix to the chosen coordinates are mechanically coupled to two code commutators associated with each axis. They control the coordinate positions to which the matrix is located. They are photo-etched with 100 tenbit numbers corresponding to the teletypewriter binary bit code. Two



Rear view of microimage file shows matrixing system at left and electronic control circuits at right



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### Helicopter Blade Tracker



To minimize vibration that would otherwise occur if helicopter blades do not follow the same flight path and rotate in the same plane, Chicago Aerial Industries, Inc. has developed an electro-optical device that requires no attachment to the blades. Equipped with a computing analyzer and remote meter, the unit will track from 120 to 1,500 rpm

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of the drum with uniform overtravel in locating every position on the matrix. A single induction motor supplies all motive power to the machine.

At the beginning of the cycle of operation, a teletypewriter tape reader reads a 4-digit number into the 20-bit register in terms of a binary-digit code. A space symbol is customarily inserted in the tape following each 4-digit number. On detecting this space symbol, the machine's program control stops the tape reader, engages the magnetic clutches on the X and Y servos, and looks for the compatible code on the two coordinate axes. When the compatible code is found, the clutches disengage and magnetic brakes stop the drum. A print lamp is briefly turned on to expose the selected microfilm frame on the photosensitive paper. When exposure is complete, the tape advances to the next instruction, the drum returns to its zero position and the machine proceeds with the next search cycle.

printed in a row across the width of the print paper by a step-positioning mirror which automatically advances the image one space on the photographic paper for each printout. Upon completion of a line, a line-feed servo advances the paper a fixed amount.

The instrument recognizes two other symbols, the carriage return and the line feed. These symbols instruct the machine to return the step-positioning mirror to its zero position, and to advance the paper one line. Whenever desired, these functions can be inserted into the tape.

Although the machine was primarily designed as an outscriber for obtaining programmed printing, it can temporarily be set up as an inscriber to prepare its own matrices. Using the same machine to prepare a matrix insures that each frame will be accurately located during subsequent use.

The foregoing information was obtained from the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

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### **One-Third Watt Phonograph Amplifier**

By W. A. MCCARTHY Raytheon Mig. Co. Newton, Mass.

DESIGNED to be used in conjunction with a small phonograph motor, the combination of transistors and turntable make the record player highly portable. The motor is a 3-volt D'Arsonval type with a current drain of 20 ma. Speed control is attained by series rheostat, feeding from a 4.5-volt battery supply. The amplifier is operated from a

The amplifier is operated from a 9-volt supply and has an undistorted power output of 333 milliwatts with an overall power gain of 62 db. It uses four Raytheon pnp fusion alloy junction transistors. A high impedance, low-noise-input stage uses



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Prototype transistor phonograph

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The amplifier has an overall signal to noise ratio of 75 db, using a low-noise 2N133 in the first stage. The frequency response of the amplifier is 3 db down at 70 cps and 3,500 cps. The high-frequency portion of the response curve has been intentionally reduced to provide equalization from the record to the output.

## Grainless Coating for CRT Screen

CONVENTIONAL cathode-ray tube screens consist of powder phosphor settled on a surface of glass or other material. Incident light will be scattered from particle to particle, giving diffuse background illumination. If the phosphor is deposited as a uniform, grainless, layer instead of powder, the diffuse scattering is absent and higher contrast and resolution are possible.

Superimposed layers of this kind, with an appropriate activator in each layer, may have application in color television using a system in which penetration is controlled by the voltage of the cathode-ray beam. Continuous sheets of phosphor should give considerably better color separation than layers of granular powder.

Such a continuous-layer phosphor screen also has advantages in applications which depend upon the response of a phosphor to an impressed electrical field, as in the case of the electroluminescent cell. Continuous, uniform thickness layers of material on which electrodes can be deposited make possible uniform fields over large areas.

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FIG. 1—System for producing grain-free coating on cathode-ray tube screen

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a transistor driven memory of this kind is entirely feasible.

A block diagram of the memory system, developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories, is shown in Fig. 1. It includes the storage array, magnetic-core switches for selecting the desired memory locations, and transistor amplifiers.

Drive amplifiers provide currents for switching the magnetic cores and read amplifiers amplify the signal obtained from a switched core to a level which can drive circuits associated with the memory.

▶ Drive Amplifiers—Three drive amplifier designs, known as the digit-inhibit, selection-switch set, and memory-drive, are employed in



Transistorized memory uses 98 low-level and 62 high-level transistors to store 1.024 eighteen-bit numbers



FIG. 1-Block diagram of memory system

the system. To switch memory cores, a drive of 320 milliampereturns lasting four  $\mu$ sec is required. The memory is operated with coincident currents applied to single

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turn windings on the memory cores. Therefore, the digit-inhibit and memory-drive amplifiers must provide current pulses of about 160 ma lasting at least four  $\mu$ sec. The cores in the magnetic selector switch have multiturn windings. The selection switch set amplifier must provide current pulses of about 70 ma lasting for five  $\mu$ sec.

A schematic of the digit-inhibit amplifier is shown in Fig. 2. Two junction transistors, one a low-leve!  $(Q_1)$  and the other a high-level unit  $(Q_z)$ , are employed. Normally  $Q_1$  is conducting, so that its collector is near ground potential. Thus  $Q_{z}$  is cutoff and no current flows through the magnetic-core load. When a



FIG. 2-Digit-inhibit amplifier

digit-inhibit signal is received,  $Q_1$ is cutoff and its collector starts towards -8v. This carries the base of the output transistor negative and it starts to conduct. Collector current quickly reaches a value set

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by limiting resistor  $R_i$ . At the end of the digit-inhibit signal  $Q_i$  starts to conduct bringing its collector near ground and turning off  $Q_2$ . Current through  $L_i$  is forced into the base of  $Q_2$ , resulting in very rapid switching.

The selection-switch set amplifier is quite similar to Fig. 2 except that  $R_1$  is 330 ohms and the applied voltage at the selection-switch set winding is -20v.

The memory-drive amplifier, very similar in general arrangement to Fig. 2, supplies the current which resets the selection switch and flows through the selected address



FIG. 3-Circuit of read amplifier

of the memory. The required 200ma pulses are obtained from a circuit where the collector supply voltage is -20v and  $R_1$  is about 70 ohms.

► Read Amplifier—The read amplifier accepts the output of a digit plane and develops an output which can control a base current of about 1 ma in a memory control unit transistor. The digit plane output may be either a positive or negative pulse, making a polarity-reversing scheme necessary to obtain the same output polarity regardless of input pulse polarity. This can be

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Output of the read amplifier is combined with an accurately-timed strobe signal in a gate circuit. For the output voltage to change, both  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  must be cutoff simultaneously. This occurs when the output of the read amplifier is a 1 at the same time that the strobe signal is applied.

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FIG. 1—Typical series-tube voltage regulator

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When the glow area moves in these discrete amounts, there is an accompanying shift in voltage drop across the tube, varying from a few tenths of a volt to several volts in



FIG. 2—Voltage-regulator tube curve tracer

magnitude. It is these jumps that cause changes in the output voltage of any system that is referenced to the voltage-regulator tube.

Figure 2 shows a simple test circuit for observing this characteristic in voltage regulator tubes by sweeping them at a sixty-cycle rate. The curves shown in the photograph represent the voltage appearing across the tube as it first rises, then drops abruptly as the tube starts to conduct, remains more or less stable as the current rises to maximum.

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ferent tubes in this circuit, it will be found that small breaks, or pips, occur at random intervals along the conduction portion of the curve. The pips in the lower curve of Fig. 3 represent sudden jumps in the glow area as it expands and contracts across the cathode surface as a result of the changing current through the tube. These are the points where the tube would have a negative-resistance characteristic.

These pips occur most frequently near the minimum current end of the regulation curve. Few occur near the maximum current end of the curve. Considering the manner in which these changes occur, it is logical that they should be most frequent when the minimum area of the cathode is covered by the glow area and least frequent when it is completely covered.

After the cathode area is covered by the glow, if additional voltage is placed across the tube, the glow area goes into a new mode known



FIG. 3-Regulation curve (lower) shows sharp breaks that are eliminated (upper curve) in new dark-starting tubes

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This results in the glow area spreading out over the cathode.

This reaction is greatly aided by the presence, in normal environments, of stray electrons, or particles of radiant energy, such as photons of light, cosmic rays, or rays from radioactive matter in the earth's crust. These stray particles enter the gap and appear to trigger the ionization process. When these particles are effectively shielded away from the tube, it then appears that ionization occurs only at much higher voltages and is considerably more erratic.

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$$\frac{\omega L_1}{Q_1} = g'_m X_2 X_3 \tag{1}$$

where  $g'_{m}$  is the effective transconductance of the tube and  $X_{2} X_{3}$  the reactance of  $C_{2}$  and  $C_{3}$  respectively. Maximum stability with respect to changes caused by the tube occurs when the reactances  $X_{2}$  and  $X_{3}$  are as low as they can be made and still sustain oscillation. It is evident that to satisfy both the condi-



FIG. 1—Frequency stability of oscillator over one-hour period



FIG. 2-Basic circuit of Clapp oscillator

tions for maximum stability and for oscillation,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  can be made only as small as  $g'_m$  and the Q of the tuned circuit permit.

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when  $L_1$  is made as large as possible. Since linearity of operation is a relative quantity and no oscillator operates entirely free from harmonics, the inductance for a stable oscillator should have both high Q and high L. Coil Q increases with diameter and with length. Increase with length is rapid when the ratio l/d is small and slow when the ratio is large.

Since the entire tuned circuit must be fully shielded in a practical oscillator, the shield space is likely to be the determining factor of the coil dimensions and Q. To preserve high Q with a shield, it should be clear of the coil by at least a coil diameter in all directions.

If L is made as large as possible for a given frequency of operation, the variation in L as a function of temperature will likewise be large. This factor alone can cause more drift in frequency if the coil is placed near the tube or any other source of heat than all the other causes of instability together.

Hence it is important that the tuned circuit and its shield be physically isolated from the tube or any other heat source. The Clapp oscillator is particularly well suited to accomplishing this. Because the tube coupling impedances are low, the tuned circuit can be physically isolated from the tube by any desired distance, and the connections between the two made by coaxial cables.

From Eq. 1 the best tube to use for a stable oscillator is one which will give highest  $g'_m$  under the operating conditions. In the choice of tube lies the prospect of getting the reactances  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  down to an absolute minimum.

Frequency change is proportional to the changes in interelectrode capacitances of the tube.<sup>2,3</sup> Most tubes which have high  $g_m$  also have relatively high input and output capacitances; hence the best tube overall is the one with the lowest ratios of these capacitances to  $g_m$ . However, if  $X_z$  and  $X_z$  are made very small, the tube capacitances have so little effect that the advantage of using the highest possible value of  $g_m$  tends to offset the dis-



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advantage of higher values of tube capacitances.

Of the standard tube types, the 6AC7, 6AG7, 6CL6 and 12BY7 pentodes are typical of those having the highest rated values of transconductance in class-A amplifier operation. At zero grid bias the transconductance is higher but the screen grid and plate dissipation exceed safe ratings.

By reducing screen grid voltage it is possible to operate these tubes at zero bias without exceeding the dissipation ratings. Under these conditions, the 6AC7 operating with lower plate and screen currents than the other tubes can give an operating transconductance of

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If the conditions for oscillation are established with the highest possible values of Q and  $g'_m$  and the lowest possible values of  $X_{\bullet}$  and  $X_{3}$ , a final adjustment for maximum stability of operation is to set the operating point just within the threshold of oscillation. The adjustment may be made either by means of screen grid voltage control or by control of the value of  $X_{a}$ . When so adjusted the tube operates almost as a class-A amplifier, with little grid current.

Because of the relatively large inductance used in the Clapp oscillator for any given frequency, the necessity for rigidly supporting the coil, its series capacitor and the connecting leads assumes great importance. In particular, the junc-



FIG. 3-Circuit of high-stability oscillator

tion between the coil and the series capacitor, being the point of highest impedance in the tuned circuit, is a critical region mechanically.

In most practical forms of this oscillator the series capacitor  $C_1$  is used as the tuning capacitor. With L as large as possible, a minute change of stray capacitance in or near the coil side of  $C_1$  causes a relatively large change in frequency. Two-bearing variable capacitors are rigid enough to be used as tuning capacitors in this manner but one small enough to provide a satisfactory tuning range usually requires connecting one or more others in parallel with it. The extra leads involved add that much more chance for instability owing to small change in capacitance.

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ables construction of an oscillator less subject to mechanical instability. Its degree of merit in this respect depends on the choice of values of the two capacitors rather than on the fact that two are used.

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The variable capacitor used for tuning the oscillator should be as large as possible consistent with covering the desired frequency range. The small series capacitor should be fixed and mounted rigidly to the coil, directly adjacent to it.

The experimental oscillator incorporating these features, which gave the test result of Fig. 2, is shown schematically in Fig. 3. The tuning range for this oscillator is 3,500 to 3,600 kc. If more tuning range is needed it can be obtained by reducing the value of tuning capacitance.

A preferred method from the standpoint of maintaining maximum stability is to switch in different values of the small fixed capacitance  $C_1$ . If such a switching arrangement is used, the individual fixed capacitors should all be permanently attached to the coil and switched on the low-impedance side.

Capacitor  $C_1$  (Fig. 3) is used to lower the plate-circuit coupling reactance to the point where, with an appropriate value of screen grid voltage, oscillations can be made to cease at any setting in its range. In this manner it provides a convenient method of setting the oscillator just within the threshold of oscillation.

Capacitor  $C_3$  allows the total value of small series capacitance

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in the tuned circuit to be set exactly for the desired tuning range. Once so set it is considered to be fixed. Capacitors  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are both mounted on an insulated strip directly next to the coil.

The stability characteristic of Fig. 1 is typical of a number of trials. Ambient temperature was nearly constant at 65 F. Frequency changes after an hour of operation remained within the same limits as during the first hour. For each test the oscillator was initially set to 100 cycles higher in frequency than a crystal oscillator and the beat frequency measured by comparison with the output of an audio-frequency oscillator on an oscilloscope.

Expressed in parts per million, the stability of this oscillator is within 6 parts per million if the first five minutes of operation are included and within 3 parts per million after the first five minutes.

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## **Production Techniques**

#### Metal Strap Holds TV Chassis on Plywood Sheet



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Loading vertical chassis on fork lift truck. Chassis is positioned so its bottom edge hooks under metal cleat fastened to plywood sheet chassis under one of the eight cleats on the board. Another board is then placed on top of the load, resting on the projecting flanges of the chassis and eight more units are loaded or

With this arrangement, a sixteenchassis load can easily be transferred from the end of the production line to a temporary storage area while awaiting cabinets or picture tubes. Storage on edge utilizes the strength of the chassis, eliminating the need for storage shelves in the warehouse and giving far greater utilization of space than would an elaborate horizontalchassis storage system.

#### Winding Machine for Oxide-Coated Aluminum-Foil Coils



New machine for winding coils from oxide-coated aluminum foil has automatic regulation of tension and winding speed to reduce operator training time

A MINIATURE winding machine for self-insulated aluminum foil has been developed by Jobbins Electronic Enterprises of Menlo Park, Calif., in continuation of their oxide-coated-aluminum research described on p 244 of July 1956 ELEC-TRONICS (Winding Focus Coils with Aluminum Foil). Initial experience indicates that cost of such coils can be less than for copper-wound coils. With newly improved coating techniques and increased foil-winding speeds, labor costs per coil are about the same for both. The aluminumfoil coil weighs only about half as much as copper coil, however, and aluminum foil at present costs roughly half as much per pound as copper wire.

► Test Results — One requirement that has been met with the new aluminum coils is rigorous environmental testing. The coils were able to withstand a 1-kv breakdown test while operating normally at a temperature of 250 C at an altitude of 80,000 feet. Production of these



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high-altitude coils involved winding foil as thin as 0.00025 inch and  $\frac{1}{3}$  inch wide. Although the speed of this winding equipment is still not high, it does permit building experimental transformers and a-c solenoids. These small-size coils are promising, although the present rather slow production rate makes the cost too high for any but the most exacting requirements.

► Large Coils — For larger coils, up to 4 ft in diameter, it is now well established that anodized foil is a highly practical material. However, there has been a continuing demand for coils with holes drilled in them for access to tuning adjust-



At right is large aluminum-foil coil for focussing klystron, with cooling fins attached to outer edges of foil. Housing and air-cooling blower are at left



Transformer coil using oxide-coated aluminum foil, with transformer using equivalent copper wire in background

ments. This was formerly not considered practical because of the extremely thin oxide film. Now, however, coils with radial holes of any size or shape can be produced by punching rather than drilling, then reinsulating the raw edges of the foil.

#### **Crystal-Slicing Lathe Reduces Germanium Waste**

ROTATION of germanium or silicon crystal ingots while slicing into wafers permits use of thinner diamond saw blades, with correspondingly less waste. This principle is utilized in the new Microtomatic precision slicing machine made by The DoALL Co., Des Plaines, Ill., which also dices the resulting wafers into tiny squares.

► Savings—For most transistors the ingot is first sliced into wafers 0.010 to 0.015 inch thick. For conventional sawing of a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inchdiameter crystal bar the thinnest practical diamond saw cuts a kerf 0.030 inch wide, which means that much more of the \$400-a-pound material is reduced to dust than to usable wafers. With the new slicer, it is possible to use a 3-inch-diameter saw that reduces only 0.015 inch of material to dust.

▶ Machine Details—The face plate on the motorized headstock of the machine, to which the end of a germanium crystal can be cemented, is adjustable to bring the crystallographic plane into coincidence with the plane of rotation. The headstock is mounted on the 6 by 18 inch work table, which moves on hand-scraped ways feeding the rotating ingot into the cutting wheel at rates as low as 1/16 inch per minute. The cutting saw need be only large enough to cut to the center of the work.

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Compound headstock permits aligning proper crystallographic plane of germanium ingot to cutting plane of saw after centering ingot to face plate



Close-up of work table with guards removed for visibility and slicing fixture in place. Work piece is rotated so that small-diameter thin circular saws can be



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indexing can be adjusted to the length of the ingot or ingots being sliced. The slicing operation is automatic, requiring no attention by the operator until the entire work-load is reduced to wafers.

▶ Dicing—Some large power transistors make use of a complete wafer as produced by the slicing operation, but most transistor



Procedure for dicing 0.250-inch-square blanks

blanks are made by cutting the thin wafers into tiny squares. The wafers are held for dicing by cementing them to ceramic plates which are, in turn, held by a fixture on the work table. The fixture is a serrated chuck with back stop and clamps to hold up to five  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inchsquare plates. Each plate can be covered with germanium or silicon wafers, so that a full work-load might be 20 or more wafers.

The spindle for dicing has a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch extension to permit mounting and spacing a number of 3-inchdiameter circular diamond saws. A typical setup might be twelve blades spaced 0.25 inch apart so that the entire width of the fixture is covered at a single pass. Slow table feed is used and the depth of cut is set to cut through the wafers in one stroke.

If wheel spacing corresponds to



View of machine arranged for dicing operation on germanium wafers. Spindle shaft extension here carries twelve 3inch-diameter diamond saws each 0.015 inch thick, spaced 0.250 inch apart. Blanks 0.250 inch square are produced in two passes. Wafers are cemented to ceramic plates and pass is made through these plates. Plates are then turned 90 degrees and another pass taken, dicing wafers into segments of desired size



DoAll Microtomatic precision slicing machine, model MTA-1, equipped with motorized slicing fixture. Operator is adjusting table feed. Cross index, adjustable from zero to 0.250 inch occurs at return stroke



Close-up of dicing operation

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the desired blank size, the plates are turned 90 degrees and the strips of wafers are diced in a second pass. If small blanks are required, it may be desirable to space the blades two or three times the width of a single blank because the adhesive area on very small blanks is reduced to a point where the force of the blades cutting simultaneously at both edges tends to tear the blanks away from the ceramic mounting plate. Using wider-spaced blades, the accurate cross index is used to position the work for a second cut along the other side of each blank.

► Quartz—The extremely slow and smooth feeding table, coupled with the vibrationless spindle, also permits slicing piezoelectric crystals.

#### **Continuous Furnace Cures Tape Resistors**

A CONTINUOUS furnace for curing tape resistors has been designed and constructed under the direction of B. L. Davis of the National Bureau of Standards. The furnace uses a liquid heat exchange medium to achieve highly stable temperature control. Curing temperature can be held to  $\pm 1$  degree C on long-term operations.

The furnace is well suited for a production line facility. It processes each resistor identically and makes possible the manufacture of closer-tolerance tape resistors for module wafers or printed-circuit plates.

▶ Construction—Resistors move on a continuous belt through a pair of concentric Schedule 40 steel pipes  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ft long. The inner pipe is 6 in. in diameter while the outer pipe is 8 in. in diameter. The space between the two pipes is sealed at both ends and at two intermediate positions, thus providing three in-



Continuous furnace for curing tape resistors uses a liquid heat exchange medium to achieve highly stable temperature control



Temperature distribution curve throughout furnace



Cross-section of furnace

dependent chambers. The two end chambers are each  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft long and the intermediate or heating section is about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ft long.

An organic heat transfer medium-a eutectic mixture of 26.5percent diphenyl and 73.5 percent diphenyl oxide (Dowtherm A, available from Dow Chemical Co.)passes as a vapor into the intermediate section. Here it gives up some of its heat, condenses and returns to the vaporizer. With a condensing vapor, all the heat is transferred at the saturation temperature, thereby maintaining all the heated surface at the same temperature. The condensate returns by gravity, thus providing circulation without pumps.

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with the liquid heat exchange medium. The themal inertia and the convection currents within the liquid help stabilize the temperature gradients of the end sections. In addition, a heavy copper liner inside the inner pipe helps insure stability in the temperature gradients, from the room temperature at the outer ends of the furnace to the curing temperature that is maintained throughout the intermediate chamber. The center section can be held to within  $\pm 1$ degree C of its normal operating temperature.

A continuous belt carrying the resistors moves axially through the inner pipe. Belt speed and curing temperatures are adjustable over a wide range. Normally, however, the MBS tape resistors, when mounted on printed-circuit plates, are cured at 300 C and spend 4 hours in transit from cold entrance to cold exit, giving a production rate of 175 resistor wafers per hour.

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Setup for welding nickel tab to stem lead. Operator is holding transistor work carrier in position against right-angle metal stop with left hand while dropping tab into position with tweezers in right hand

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► Welding Tab—After forming the leads, the work carrier is slid over to another positioning block at the same work position, to place one of the stem leads directly under a



Placing germanium pellet on nickel tab with vacuum lifter at soldering setup. Insulated cable goes to one end of heater strip

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firmly against the metal positioning piece that is bolted to the work table. The operator picks up a previously cut pellet of germanium with a vacuum lifter and drops it into position over the tinned end of the nickel tab. Again a recess in the fixture contributes to precise positioning of the pellet.

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Loading slide into manually-operated bench test fixture

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At first step, operator moves left-hand of lever of fixture back and forth a few times to break in slide under test. Right hand is on lever that will later be swung upward to check holding power of cam on slide



Pushing start button of robot tester after loading slide into fixture. Lower air cylinder simulates action of pushbutton, while upper air cylinder applies downward force to check holding power of cam

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eration of the pushbutton that will later go on the end of the slide, then repeats the locking and unlocking actions slowly one last time while watching the pointer indication on the left-hand scale. This scale is calibrated in ounces of actuating force, with tolerance limits marked.

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Next, the operator checks the holding power of the cam on the slide by moving a lever that applies



Closeup view of slide in fixture. Operator has just moved pivoted metal tab with right hand to lock slide in position. Snapaction switches monitor performance of tester

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plied with a strip of polyethylene dipped in liquid rosin while watching the operation through a bioncular microscope. The previously prepared whisker wire was then held in position against the indiumplated emitter hole with tweezers and an adjacent heater wire was energized by a foot pedal to solder the whisker in place by radiant heat



Whisker-plating fixture, with pivoted lever in vertical position. Reel of nickel wire is under thumb, and plating bath is directly below. In foreground is lever that operates whisker-bending part of fixture

with a blob of indium eutectic on its end. Under radiant heat, this fuses readily to the indium previously plated on the germanium.

The collector whisker was similarly soldered to the other side of the germanium.

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Applying flux to whisker wire in handsoldering jig



Soldering whisker wire to emitter with radiant heat in hand soldering jig



Automatic whisker attacher for surfacebarrier transistors. Rack at right holds associated controls

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After soldering, the other ends of the whiskers are welded conventionally to the leads projecting up through the transistor stem.

▶ Whisker Plating—Before whiskers are soldered to the pellet of a surface-barrier transistor, the tiny wires must be plated with a yellow indium eutectic alloy in a precisely controlled manner. The fixture developed initially for this purpose does the plating automatically under control of a timer.

The spool of 1.5-mil or 2-mil nickel wire used for the whiskers



Whisker-forming and attaching mechanism



Control equipment for automatic whisker attacher

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Initial volts

Results of electrical tests on Grade 500

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obtaining testing information by the point-by-point plotting of vswr as a function of frequency is particularly slow where tuning component is involved. To tune one rotating joint, for example, might require that 100 sets of points be plotted before the bandwidth requirements are met. Also, the ef-



Complete production test setup for waveguide components, with reflector power supply at left on bench and motor-driven klystron on vertical plate assembly at its right. Hewlett-Packard ratio meter and DuMont oscilloscope on shelf are used in tests

fect of adjustments made is uncertain until after about 20 points are plotted.

► Klystron—An investigation was made into the feasibility of converting an existing test-bench klystron to a mechanically-driven



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sweep oscillator which would cover the required band and give a visual presentation of the required information either on an oscilloscope or X-Y plotter. With the availability of commercial reflectometers and ratio meters, the problem remained solely with the mechanically driven r-f source.

A type VA-94 klystron was investigated as to tuning rate, repeller characteristics versus tuning rate, and power output over the required band. This information is plotted in Fig. 1. Since this tube is an external-cavity klystron, it lends itself to modification to mechanical operation. The tuning



FIG. 1—Characteristics of VA-94 klystron. Linear tuning-rate curve permits adaptation for mechanical drive

mechanism in the tube, as supplied by the manufacturer, consists solely of a plunger pin on the end of a No. 10-56 screw. The conversion to accept mechanical drive consists of converting the screw to a bushing carrying through it a pin with a comfortable sliding fit and of the same diameter as the original pin, as in Fig. 2.

► Mechanical Drive—To insure a long life, the bushing is made of bronze and the plunger or pin of polished stainless steel. The desired plunger motion information was translated from the turn-versusfrequency information in Fig. 1. Since the required motion is relatively small, approximately 0.018 inch per turn, operation directly from a cam was deemed in advisable

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Sweep

Width:

Output Voltage:

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in view of the extremely close tolerance involved in making a linear cam with such a small deviation. Therefore, a cam with a larger deviation with a bell crank of the proper ratio in the arms was decided upon as the best solution. The mechanical schematic of this



FIG. 2—Method of replacing tuning screw of klystron with spring-loaded plunger pin that can be pushed in and out by cam arm



FIG. 3—Arrangement of gears between motor drive and cam used for moving tuning plunger in and out of klystron at desired sweep rate

arrangement is shown in Fig. 3.

▶ Tracking—The problem of reflector tracking was solved by replacing the original reflector supply bleeder network with the one shown in Fig. 4. The operating point is selected by inserting the reflector tracking potentiometer between the arms of dual potentiometer  $R_1$ ; the range of tracking potentiometer  $R_2$  is adjusted by varying the current through the

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FIG. 4-Reflector tracking and sweep circuits as modified for mechanical drive of sweep oscillator



Rear view of klystron frame, with drive motor at left. Klystron can be seen in opening near left end of frame

to give some fineness when turned manually. A 60-rpm gear reduction motor is ideal for oscilloscope presentation; about 1 rpm is satisfactory for X-Y plotter operation.

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Model E-C2	4800 to 9,600 mc	20 to 150 mw
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Model E-X2	7500 to 15.000 mc	15 to 40 mw

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sistence screen. Absolute measurements in vswr are not to be expected because of the frequency dependence and nonsquare-law characteristics when crystal detectors are used. Some improvements in this respect can be expected with the use of bolometers. However, as a go-no-go and minimizing type of testing operation, this system is an invaluable time saver. Having available vswr standards of the nonfrequency-dependent type is a valuable adjunct to this equipment, making its use by unskilled personnel more reliable.

The unit just described is a



End view of klystron frame, showing gear train used between drive shaft in foreground and cam at rear between plates

prototype. Some improvements in future units could include such features as an integral motor and cooling fan for the tube, over-riding clutch for driven or manual operation, and complete packaging of the unit.

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# analog-to-digital

BENDIX AVIATION CORP., Pacific Division, 11600 Sherman Way, N. Hollywood, Calif., has available an analog-to-digital converter designed for accurate long-distance transmission of data representing voltage, current and power. It uses a conventional pointer-type meter without modification of the movement or loading of the output shaft.



► Components—The basic elements of the meter-reader are: a photocell and light source assembly; a pointer path length mirror; a small motor; a code disk; a sensitive relay; and a group of digit storage relays, one for each digit of the code disk.

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The network was mounted on an anodized engraved aluminum face plate containing Teflon feedthroughs to minimize leakage problems. Four studs were provided for mounting. The network was then encapsulated in thermosetting resin with zero percent shrinkage characteristics to avoid external pressure effects on the resistors, and to meet the MIL-R-93 Government specification. The same method of construction can be furnished in a variety of sizes and configurations. Circle P2 inside back cover.

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▶ Properties—It will not generate a conducting carbon path due to arcing. It has a volume resistivity of 10<sup>15</sup> ohm-cm and a surface resistivity of 10<sup>18</sup> ohms at 100-percent relative humidity. It has zero water absorption and is fungus resistant. A thermosetting fiber glass wrapping is used over the Teflon to permit liquid resin im-

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The phototube can also be supplied in vacuum. Circle P9 inside back cover.



# CAPACITORS low inductance type

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# **CORE TESTER** performs varied functions

BURROUGHS CORP., Electronic Instruments Div., 1209 Vine St., Philadelphia 23, Pa. The newly developed magnetic core tester, BCT 301, designed expressly for testing tape wound bobbin cores, provides precise control over the frequency pattern, amplitude, and rise time of the core driving signal, and allows extremely accurate measurement of the switching time of the core as well as the amplitude of the output voltage.

▶ Makeup—Mounted on a single 6-ft relay rack, the BCT 301 consists of: (1) a core mounting jig designed to minimize not only pickup by the secondary but also other disturbances caused by air flux. (2) A pattern generator. (3) Two current drivers that convert the voltage pulses from the pattern generator into the positive and negative constant current pulses used for driving the cores. (4) A calibrator designed to measure the currents and voltages associated with the evaluation of

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magnetic cores under pulse conditions. (5) A power supply which provides seven regulated d-c voltages. Circle P11 inside back cover.



# **RECORDER DRIVE** nine-speed type

DAMON RECORDING STUDIOS, INC., 117 W. 14th St., Kansas City 5, Mo. New design permits disk recording and duplication either from disks or tape at smooth precise standard speeds of 16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, 45 and 78.22 rpm, plus exactly double speed for each when desired, plus additional speeds helpful in laboratory recording work. Two hysteresissynchronous motors are used and efficiently isolated. A filtered coupling shaft is included incorporating a protection clutch.

▶ Users—These machines are recommended to those who use direct drive type disk recording lathes, dubbing turntables and associated equipment having a wide frequency range. Price is \$850. Circle P12 inside back cover.



## **RECEIVING TUBES** stacked ceramic design

EITEL-MCCULLOUGH, INC., San Bruno, Calif., has developed rugged and small stacked ceramic re-

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ceiving tubes. Life of the new tubes is so long that they will be wired directly into electronic airborne and missile equipment, thereby eliminating the need for tube sockets. They can withstand heavy accelerative forces from shock or vibration, while suppressing noise output.

Their metal-ceramic construction inhibits deterioration of electrical characteristics even when operating continuously with envelope temperatures of more than 300 C.

► Types—The company is in production on four of these new tubes. They include the 33C3A2, a twintriode amplifier; the 5C2A, a sharp-cutoff pentode; and two developmental tubes: the CD-19, a medium-mu triode; and the CD-22, a beam power amplifier.

A four page descriptive brochure contains specifications. Circle P13 inside back cover.



FREQUENCY CONVERTER low-cost, lightweight

TEL-INSTRUMENT ELECTRONICS CORP., 701 Garden St., Carlstadt, N. J., has announced model 400A, a new and improved low-cost, lightweight frequency converter delivering 100 v-a of 400-cycle power. It occupies little more than a cu ft of space in either bench or rack-mounted design and weighs only 60 lb.

The unit has no moving parts, uses standard components and has only eight tubes. Voltage regulation, no load to full load, is 0.25 percent; frequency regulation, no load to full load, is better than  $\pm 1$ cps; total harmonic distortion is better than 3 percent and all three performance characteristics are

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## LITTLE FILTER is hermetically sealed

ASTRON CORP., 255 Grant Ave., East Newark, N. J., has announced a new miniaturized r-f noise suppression filter, style No. AF1046. This hermetically sealed filter surpasses the requirement of specification MIL-1-11748. The 2-section filter incorporates four toroid coils and a capacitor section. The rugged construction enables it to withstand great amounts of shock and vibration as well as severe climatic conditions. Circle P15 inside back cover.



## **PRECISION POT** is 1 7/16 in. in diameter

HELIPOT CORP., 916 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. Series 5000 precision potentiometer is a new unit developed to fit A.I.A. di-

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#### LITTLE CONNECTORS for printed circuit use

NUGENT ELECTRONICS Co., INC., New Albany, Ind., is producing a miniature connector for printed circuit application N530. The connectors presently in production have 0.040 diameter pins with 0.312 spacing and are for  $r_{\rm f}$  thick printed circuit boards.

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#### **CONNECTORS** used with printed circuits

ELCO CORP., M Street below Erie Ave., Philadelphia 24, Pa., has announced a new improved line of Varicon connectors for use with printed circuit boards. Five sizes are available: 12, 20, 30, 36 and 44 contacts, individually located on both sides of the board. The contacts make good connections with the printed circuitry regardless of normal warpage or variation in

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Bulletin 103 contains further data and specifications. Circle P24 inside back cover.



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#### ANTENNA SYSTEM for 450 to 470 mc

ANDREW CORP., 363 E. 75th St., Chicago 19, Ill., has developed a new antenna system for the 450-470 mc communication system. The basic part is the type 201 basestation antenna which provides a

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Additional engineering specifications and performance details are given in bulletin 8417. Circle P26 inside back cover.



**RANDOM NOISE GENERATOR** may be operated from 6 v

STARR INSTRUMENT Co., 44 Starr Lane, Jamaica Plain 30, Mass. Model 1 random noise generator is designed to supply a random noise signal up to 100 db for testing the attenuation of screened enclosures and for performing susceptibility tests to military specifications. It may be operated from a 6-v storage battery or any 6-v d-c power supply delivering from 5 to 10 amperes. Signal strength may be varied from 60 db to 100 db by varying the voltage from 4 to 6 v d-c.

The signal source is an autotransformer fed into a spark plug enclosed in a ventilated dome. The circuitry is designed to prevent shock to the operator by being enclosed in a nonconducting fireresistant box. An off-switch is provided.

► Other Uses—Additional applications are: checking radio and ty

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#### **POTTING SHELLS** for miniature connectors

DEJUR-AMSCO CORP., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y., has announced potting shells for several types of its electrical connectors.

A sealing compound applied in a molded plastic potting shell after wiring the connector contacts, provides complete protection of solder cups and wires. It seals the connector against moisture and prevents cable strain under extreme vibration and repeated connect and disconnect of plug and receptacle. Circle P28 inside back cover.



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printed circuit use. The units are temperature compensated to 0.15percent from -55 C to +85 C.

▶ Further Data—Specifications are as follows: for operation at 1.3 mc—100 kc bandwidth at 6 db, 200 kc bandwidth at 60 db; for operation at 12.5 mc—300 kc bandwidth at 6 db, 1,100 kc bandwidth at 60 db. Size of the new filters is 18 in. by 2½ in. by 2 in. high. Circle P29 inside back cover.



#### MULTIMETER features high sensitivity

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Camden, N. J. Type LM-1 multimeter features sensitivity of 20,000 ohms per volt for both a-c and d-c; one range-selector switch; and built-in overload protection device which can be reset to protect meter from accidental burnout. The compact instrument is designed for wide range of industrial and laboratory applications requiring highly accurate measurement of a-c and d-c voltages, d-c current and resistance. Circle P30 inside back cover.



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• Other Specifications—Dielectric absorption is 0.05 percent with insulation resistance at 25 C being  $1 \times 10^{12}$  ohms. Power factor at 1 kc is a maximum of 0.05 percent. Temperature range is -55 to +85C with a coefficient of -100 parts per million per deg C. Capacitance range is  $0.0001\mu f$  to  $1 \mu f$ . Circle P31 inside back cover.



#### HIGH Q COILS for low-frequency uses

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Pyramid capacitors also owe their exceptional performances to the type of materials used in their manufacture and the production methods which Pyramid engineers have devised. For example, in the new Pyramid IMP capacitor, a new, exclusive plastic molding technique was developed which bonds casing, impregnated element, and tinned copperweld leads into one compact assembly capable of withstanding severe physical abuse. In addition, this unit is heat and moisture resistant withstanding the RETMA humidity-resistance test to a remarkable degree. In another capacitor, type MT metallized paper units, vacuum impregnation is employed and the ends of the capacitor are sealed with plastic. Then, as a final step, the entire unit is completely coated with a highly moisture resistant wax. It is production techniques such as these which, in conjunction with high quality papers, impregnants (such as Halowax, Mineral Oil, or Silicone Base Synthetic Oil), and metals, that account for the excellent stability and long life that Pyramid capacitors exhibit.

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13. Small-base oil-paper capacitors, types PKM, PKMF, PKMS, PKMT, and PKMB.

14. High-voltage oil-paper capacitors, types PLM, PLMF, PLMS, PLMU, PLMR.

15. Kraft-tube metallized paper capacitors, type MT. 16. Metal-can metallized paper capacitors, types

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**OPTICAL FILTERS** for radarscopes

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The new reflection-trap filter can also be combined with a linearpolarizing filter so the observer can vary the brightness of the display, simply by pushing a knob, without readjusting the scope. **Circle P34 inside back cover.** 



## GAS TUBE NOISE SOURCES for airborne applications

ROGER WHITE ELECTRON DEVICES, INC., 96 Fourth Ave., Haskell, N. J., has announced development and production of compact, gas tube noise sources for airborne microwave applications. Already finding wide use for the calibration and test of radars, and microwave equipment and communications systems, the devices feature extreme compactness; the unit for the S band being only 3<sup>‡</sup> in. long, and units for higher frequencies are correspondingly smaller.

▶ Other Features — These noise sources pass all environmental military specifications for shock, humidity, vibration and temperature cycling. They will provide an excess noise ratio of 18 db  $\pm 0.5$ db. They will fire and operate at conventional airborne power sup-

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ply voltages. Operating effectively from 2.6 to 26 kmc, the noise sources require no warmup time, and correction for ambient temperatures is unnecessary. Circle P35 inside back cover.



#### **BATCH COUNTER** for use on production line

SPELLMAN TELEVISION Co., 3029 Webster Ave., Bronx, N. Y., announces an electronic batch counter for use in production line predetermined counting in the range of 0 to 99 counts. It will count speeds up to 4,000 per sec.

Model 99 incorporates a mechanical indicator on the front panel which is limited to counts of 1,000 per minute and shows batch counts up to 999,999. The unit also has spacing adjustment control on the front panel which will control an internal relay or external relays and solenoids with delays up to 60 sec. The relay in the unit has two sets of spst contacts; one set normally open and one set normally closed. Circle P36 inside back cover.



TEST INSTRUMENT measures magnetic fields

MAGNAFLUX CORP., 7300 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago 31, Ill. The Magnatest FM-200 (precision magnetic field meter) is an extremely

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#### **D-C POWER SUPPLIES** magnetic amplifier type

ARNOUX CORP., Box 34628, Los Angeles, Calif. Subminiature, highlyregulated, magnetic amplifier type d-c power supplies are rugged and stable enough for missile use. Units are available in many sizes and ratings from 5 v for strain gage and transducer operation to 550 v regulated plate voltage supplies.

Designed for maximum reliability, these units contain no vacuum tubes or transistors. Circle P38 inside back cover.

### **GRID PULSER** for firing thyratron tubes

HANSON-GORRILL-BRIAN, INC., 85 Hazel St., Glen Cove, N. Y. This universal grid pulser generates voltage spikes as high as 150 v to fire thyratron tubes at accurate phase points in response to low level input signals. The unit has two floating inputs to provide greatest freedom in circuit design. Although it provides very fast half

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GENERATORS for frequency changing

MOTOR GENERATOR CORP., Hobart Square, Troy, Ohio, has placed on the market a new line of synchronous motor driven frequency changing generators, to convert 60 cycle current into a 400-cycle power source accurate enough for the most exacting application in aircraft and missile test work.

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#### CONVERTERS feature long life

NORDEN-KETAY CORP., 99 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. The new analogto-digital converters are available in a complete range of counts up to 543,288. These units are conservatively estimated to operate for 4 million revolutions, or better than 500 million counts at 200 rpm before cleaning is required.

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More complete information is available in bulletin 372. Circle P41 inside back cover.

#### RECORDER

#### used with analog computers

REEVES INSTRUMENT CORP., 215 E. 91st St., New York 28, N. Y., has developed a new 6-channel REAC recorder designed specifically for use with analog computers. Among its new features is the introduction of automatic recording of reference data. Pen zero, attenuator setting and electrical offset for each channel, as well as paper speed, are recorded on the chart at the start of each run. This reference data is recorded at a speed independent of the actual paper speed setting. As soon as

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the reference data is entered, the

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erate," and the run is thereafter

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160-5F 5 watts Type N fem.		Law then 1.09 do to 4 KMC			
160-5M	5 watts	Type N male	Less than 1.08, dc to 4 KMC.		
160-20F	20 watts	Type N fem.	) Less than 1.08, dc to 1 KMC; (		
160-20M	20 watts	Type N male	👌 less than 1.15, dc to 4 KMC. 🕥		
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**CENTRIFUGAL BLOWERS** permanent-magnet type

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► Ranges—Voltages range from 6 to 115 v d-c; air volume (at 0 static pressure and 70 F) for a typical unit is 20 cfm.

Catalog F4344-3 describes the company's p-m centrifugal blowers, motors, gearheads and generators. Circle P44 inside back cover.



#### METAL TUBULARS miniature polystyrene type

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other electronic devices, the new miniatures are particularly suitable in radiation type batteries. Capacitance range is from 0.0001 to 1  $\mu$ f and voltage range is from 100 to 1,600 v d-c.

► Advantages—Both inserted tab and extended foil construction are offered and various circuit styles and bracket arrangements in accordance with MIL-C-25A are available. The units also can be supplied with a vinyl sleeving.

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## FERRITE CIRCULATOR for X-band use

MICROWAVE DEVELOPMENT LABORA-TORIES, INC., 92 Broad St., Wellesley 57, Mass., announces a new X-band Ferrite circulator with a front-toback ratio approaching 300 to 1. Model 601 circulator is a medium power microwave component developed around the nonreciprocal differential phase shift principle. Power entering the circulator is transmitted in sequence from one terminal to another. That is, power entering at A leaves at B, while power entering at B leaves at C. Power entering at C leaves at D, while that entering at D returns to A. The component is ideal for such uses as a low-loss, broad-





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band isolator, or in passive duplexing applications.

► Typical Characteristics — Frequency range is 8,500 to 9,600 mc; isolation, 30 db minimum; insertion loss, less than 0.2 db; return loss, 30 db minimum; input vswr, 1.2 maximum; waveguide, RG-52/U-RG67U; flanges, UG-39/U, 135/U at B, C and D; input terminal, UG-40 A/U, UG-136A/U. Circle P46 inside back cover.



#### KLYSTRON OSCILLATOR for 8,500 to 10,500 mc

AMPEREX ELECTRONIC CORP., 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L. I., N. Y. A new X-band, waveguide output, two-cavity klystron oscillator features excellent frequency stability and low microphonics.

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RATE GYRO a rugged unit

GLOBE INDUSTRIES, INC., 1784 Stanley Ave., Dayton 4, Ohio, has introduced a new rate gyro. The motor is d-c powered and governor controlled so that output is independent of line voltage. The size is  $2\frac{3}{100}$ in. diameter by 47/16 in. long and weight is 1.7 lb.

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which can be set to close at any desired rate within the range of the unit. The standard unit also incorporates a dashpot for damping, and the natural frequency of the gyro is in the range of 5 to 10 cps. The gyro is well suited for rate stabilization, position control, telemetering and rate switching. Circle P49 inside back cover.

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### TV TUNER with neutralized triode

STANDARD COIL PRODUCTS CO., INC., 2085 North Hawthorne Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. The Neutrode television tuner features lower noise figure, better sensitivity and many other improved qualities.

▶ Typical Values—Field tests have revealed more than 32 db gain and less than 7 db noise (channels 2 through 6), and more than 28 db gain with less than 8 db noise (channels 7 through 13). These figures are for the tuner as a whole of which the neutralized triode is a prime stage.

By employing printed circuitry, the tuner has consistently better wiring, greater uniformity, improved performance and lower inspection costs. Circle P50 inside back cover.

### RESISTORS for limited space uses

PRECISION, INC., 730 Lyndale Ave. North, Minneapolis, Minn. Ideal for printed circuitry or for use in limited space application, preciseohm AW and BW resistors measure only 1 in. in diameter, approximately ½ in. in length. Type AW is rated at 0.25 w; type BW, at 0.5 w.

► Specifications—Tolerances of 1,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 1/10 percent are stand-

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### SILICON RECTIFIERS for airborne equipment

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- Its selection as architect-engineer for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's atomic aircraft research center at Dawsonville, Ga.
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### **POWER PACKS** for programming uses

ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENTS Co., INC., Lewis St., Eatontown, N. J. The circuit design of these newly developed power supply units is intended for applications requiring remote control and/or programming according to commands from an operator or control system such as in tube-test programming, automatic production testing, and

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### VIDEO TRANSFORMERS offer simplified circuitry

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- Whisker Loader: allows accurate measurement of contact area between pointed .005" diameter wire and semiconductor surface. IBM Bulletin No. 300.
- Thimbleful of Liquid Memory: using the nuclei of hydrogen to store information. IBM Bulletin No. 301.

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in the same position it first occupied, for electrical pulse forming. Our knowledge and understanding of pulse-forming techniques have been greatly increased by the use of this instrument.
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The effect may be understood in terms of the magnetic moments and angular momenta or spins of the hydrogen nuclei. In the d-c magnetic field, the nuclear moments are aligned so that the net moment throughout the sample is parallel to the field. A weak r-f pulse tilts the net moment away from the d-c field, about which it then precesses. But, due to inhomogeneities in the field, moments in different parts of the sample process at slightly different rates . . . get out of phase with one another, and hence cannot be detected. The strong r-f pulse rotates all of the moments so that those which were farthest ahead in phase become farthest behind, and conversely. Subsequent precession brings the moments back into phase, giving rise to the echo signal.

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DEJUR-AMSCO CORP., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y., announces a new series 18 precision Continental connector available in 20 and 27 contacts. The 0.053 in. diameter solder cup can accommodate two No. 20 wires, if necessary.

► Highlights — Outstanding features include nonrotating, floating contacts that assure self-alignment

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of each individual contact. This reduces the engagement and disengagement force normally encountered when using connectors with fixed contact. Clear anodized, aluminum hoods provide positive cable support and strain relief. Positive polarization is achieved through the use of a reverse type guide pin and guide socket arrangement. A unique polarizing screw-lock guide pin and guide socket are also available in this series connector. Circle P68 inside back cover.



**TEFLON LEAD WIRE** of the subminiature type

HITEMP WIRES, INC., 26 Windsor Ave., Mineola, N. Y., has made commercially available the DQT high-temperature subminiature Teflon lead wire. It is available in sizes from No. 34 Awg to No. 20 Awg, in 8 solid colors.

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The fame that comes to products because of Nautilus, Nike and the like will nefer be known to the new Sigma 11F relay. Instead, the 11 holds promise of becoming  $\mathcal{T}he$ People's Relay, designed for and solely useful in Things to Help People: For example, the 11 might be notoriously unreliable for opening bomb bay doors, but on grounded garage doors it vorks to perfection. The same thing applies to such obercomplikaten items as radar scanners, antiaircraft searchlights and drone missiles: the Volksrelay belongs in T-Fee antenna rotators, automatic headlight dimmers and remotecontrolled toys.

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is not affected by the high molding temperatures encountered during the fabrication of the slip-ring assembly. Circle P69 inside back cover.



FREQUENCY METER for standard broadcasts

BERKELEY DIVISION, Beckman Instruments, Inc., 2200 Wright Ave., Richmond 3, Calif. Model 5571 frequency meter permits direct digital frequency reading from 1 cps to 42 mc, and also functions as a frequency ratiometer, 0-1 mc period meter,  $\mu$ sec to 10-million sec time interval meter, 0-2 mc eput meter, and a high-speed straightforward counter. Circle P70 inside back cover.



### **DIGITAL ENCODER** is all-electronic

RADIATION, INC., Melbourne, Florida. Model R-1047-40-1 advanced digital encoder is designed to accept 0 to 10 v input levels and generate 24,000 8-bit binary code groups per second defining the input at an overall accuracy of one part in 256. Designed to operate in either air or ground systems, the coder's all electronic circuitry, in-

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cluding solid state components, is mounted on etched circuit plug-in cards to provide for increased operational reliability and ease of maintenance.

Weighing only 8 lb, the overall dimensions of this piece of equipment are only 6.13/16 in. high by  $9\frac{1}{16}$  in. wide by  $6\frac{3}{4}$  in. deep. Circle P71 inside back cover.



### **BEAM PENTODE** 1,000-w plate dissipation

PENTA LABORATORIES, INC., Santa Barbara, Calif., has available the new PL-172 external-anode beam pentode transmitting tube. It is 4 in. in diameter and 5 in. high. It has a maximum plate dissipation rating of 1,000 w, a maximum allowable plate voltage of 3,000 v and a maximum current rating of 1 ampere.

▶ Uses—In addition to serving in ordinary class B and C applications, the PL-172 is designed to meet the critical requirements of linear amplifier operation, and will deliver a useful power output of over 1.5 kw as a low-distortion class AB, linear amplifier. The suppressor and screen grid terminals are ring contact surfaces, which provide isolation between circuits and contribute to the high overall stability of r-f amplifier stages using the new tube. Circle P72 inside back cover.

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BOMAC LABORATORIES, INC., Beverly, Mass. The BL-257 is a new hydrogen thyratron ruggedized for vibraTEFLON\*

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▶ Ratings—Electrical ratings are 8.0 kv peak anode voltage, 90 amperes peak current and 100 ma, maximum anode current. It is rated for ambient temperature range of −50 C to 90C and for an altitude of 10,000 ft in air. The tube may be immersed in oil for high altitude application. Circle P73 inside back cover.



### COAX CABLES are extra rugged

FEDERAL TELEPHONE AND RADIO Co., 100 Kingsland Road, Clifton, N. J., has available a new line of extra-tough Teflon coaxial cables which will operate successfully in environmental temperatures from -100 to +500 F. The rugged cables are designated as types RG 87A/U, RG 140/U, RG 141/U and RG 142/U. Their electrical characteristics and physical specifications are available on request. Circle P74 inside back cover.

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### **New Literature**

Microwave Silicon Diode. Microwave Associates, 22 Cummington St., Boston, Mass. A useful 8-page microwave silicon diode brochure is available. Catalog 56S is intended to bridge the gap between the specification and application of microwave diodes and is directed to the designer of microwave receivers and test equipment as well as production, maintenance and purchasing personnel.

The brochure is extensively illustrated with performance curves and data of mixer and video diodes for operation over the 1,000 to 75,000 mc range.

Subjects discussed include: factors in silicon diode selection; silicon versus germanium, diodes as video detectors; mixer diode considerations; reversible polarity diodes; diodes for high level modulator use; diode pairs for balanced mixer use; broader bandwidths; and pricing. Circle L1 inside back cover.

Electronic Components. Keystone Electronics Corp., 423 Broome St., New York 13, N. Y. A 28-page catalog, No. 56, will prove most helpful as a guide in choosing the following components: Terminals, terminal boards, diode holders, battery holders and radio electronic hardware. Technical information, dimensional drawings and descriptive wording accompany each item. Circle L2 inside back cover.

Mass Spectrometers. Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., 300 North Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Bulletin 1824B is a 16-page booklet illustrating and describing types 21-610 and 21-620 process-monitor mass spectrometers designed for continuous or individual sample analysis. The electronic system is completely covered. Price lists and ordering information are included. Circle L3 inside back cover.

Silicon Rectifiers. Sarkes Tarzian, Inc., Rectifier Division, 415 N. College Ave., Bloomington, Ind., has published a 20-page silicon rectifier handbook. Included is information on theory of operation, manufacturing process, characteristics, construction, electrical ratings and mechanical dimensions, and engineering data. Price is \$1. Circle L4 inside back cover.

Test Instruments. Beckman Instruments, Inc., Shasta Division, P. O. Box 296, Richmond, Calif., has available a 4-page, 2-color catalog describing its line of electronic test instrumentation including expanded scale voltmeters and frequency meters, vtm's, oscillators, resistance bridges, power supplies, wide-band amplifiers, WWV receiver and decade inductor. Circle L5 inside back cover.

Pulse Oscillator. Electro-Pulse, Inc., 11861 Teale St., Culver City, Calif., has available a new 2-page bulletin on the model 3420B pulse oscillator. The model described produces pulses at repetition rates from 100 cps to 3.3 mc. It is useful as clock pulse generator, for flip-flop resolving time studies, and high speed circuitry development. Circle L6 inside back cover.

Resistor Engineering Guide. International Resistance Co., 401 North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. Comprehensive data on IRC's complete line of resistors and special products is listed in the revised 1956-1957 official Resistor Engineering Guide. Data given include JAN or MIL equivalent, rated wattage, standard tolerances, temperature rise, temperature coefficient, maximum operating temperature, ohmic values available, dimensions and approximate prices. Circle L7 inside back cover.

**Transformer Catalog.** Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., 3501 W. Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill., has available a new Stancor transformer catalog with new design format and new readable type face. Selection is simplified through a cross index of part numbers and by type of application. The 570 transformers for tv, radio, communication, industrial and other elec-

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tronic applications are listed. It is listed as catalog No. S-102. Circle L8 inside back cover.

Navigator System. Bendix Aviation Corp., Pacific Division, 11600 Sherman Way, N. Hollywood, Calif. A 20-page, 4-color brochure covers the Bendix-Decca Navigator system. The system gives accurate, reliable and continuous position fixing for helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft, ships and land vehicles, and is ideally suited for terminal area traffic control and landing approach procedures. Circle L9 inside back cover.

Electronic Counter. U. S. Engineering Co., 40-24 22nd St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. A recent brochure illustrates and describes the Feed-A-Matic, a hopper for feeding, orienting and counting up to 200.000 items per hour. Included are chief features, operation information, a long list of possible items handled, and applications to production and to packaging. Circle L10 inside back cover.

**Transformers.** Triad Transformer Corp., 4055 Redwood Ave., Venice, Calif., has available the 1956 edition of the company's general Catalog. The catalog illustrates and describes nearly 700 items; 76 of which are new to the line. Circle L11 inside back cover.

Transistorized Power Supplies. Electronic Research Associates, Inc., 67 E. Centre St., Nutley, N. J. A single-sheet bulletin covers a line of transistorized regulated d-c power supplies. Included are tabular data (including prices) on adjustable voltage, laboratory and industrial types, as well as fixed voltage, miniaturized types. Circle L12 inside back cover.

Laminates. Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Mich., has issued a 4-page illustrated brochure on glass cloth laminates bonded with the company's silicone resins. It features case history descriptions of a wide range of specific electric and electronic applications. Typical physical and dielectric properties are detailed. A list of current manufacturers and fabricators of sili-

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cone-glass laminates is also included. Circle L13 inside back cover.

Microwave Catalog. Microwave Associates, Inc., 22 Cummington St., Boston, Mass., has available an illustrated 4-page brochure listing all of its products. Catalog 56BG provides useful microwave silicon mixer and video diode performance data and operating characteristics of pulse and c-w magnetrons, TR and ATR radar switch tubes, reference cavities and narrow and broadband waveguide pressure windows.

In addition, a complete list of waveguide components and test equipment conveniently arranged by function and waveguide frequency range is included. Circle L14 inside back cover.

Relay Catalog. Ohmite Mfg. Co., 3637 Howard St., Skokie, Ill. Catalog R-29 gives complete information on the four popular Amrecon relay models—DOS, DOSY, DO and CRU, which are available from stock in 65 different types.

Models DO and DOS described fill many industrial needs for a compact, lightweight relay that handles power loads usually requiring much larger, heavier units. They are particularly adaptable to aircraft and mobile equipment where severe shock and vibration are encountered.

The increased operating sensitivity of the model DOSY described, equipped with twin coils, make it adaptable to a wide range of electronic control circuits.

Model CRU relay discussed is noted for its wide range of available contact combinations. Additional information is given in catalog R-29. Circle L15 inside back cover.

Testing Cores. Burroughs Corp., 1209 Vine St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. A new technical bulletin, number 136, gives the latest helpful information on how both manufacturers and users of tape-wound or ferrite cores can benefit from using pulse control systems to test cores by digital techniques.

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Microphones. The Astatic Corp., Conneaut, Ohio, has released a fully illustrated 14-page catalog covering a complete line of microphones and microphone accessories. An entire section of catalog S-442 is devoted to the Futura series of dynamic microphones, their specifications, features, performance, accessories plus architect's and engineer's specifications. All microphones in the line are illustrated with photographs and line drawings showing various applications and uses. List price for each microphone is included. Circle L17 inside back cover.

Plastic Products. Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Manheim, Pa., has released a new brochure covering plastic products made of Teflon and Raylon. In addition to furnishing complete information on the chemical, electrical and mechanical properties, it also provides complete specifications on the various sizes in which sheets, tape, molded and extruded rods and tubes of Teflon and Raylon are available. Typical applications for the products are also suggested. Circle L18 inside back cover.

Data Handling. Berkeley Division, Beckman Instruments, Inc., 2200 Wright Ave., Richmond 3, Calif. Newly developed systems for data handling and a new series of analog computers are described in short form catalog C-703. Engineered systems described include those for data reduction, data handling, data logging, industrial measuring and recording and industrial process control.

Three new analog computers, plus four components for control systems are outlined in the new catalog. Components include amplifiers, electronic multipliers, and function generators.

The catalog also describes newly

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developed frequency meters, decimal counting units, events-perunit-time meters, time interval meters, nuclear scalers, and nuclear sample changers. Circle L19 inside back cover.

Industrial Laminates. The Improved Seamless Wire Co., 775 Eddy St., Providence, R. I., has published a 12-page, 2-color catalog containing information on the manufacture of improved laminated sheet, wire and tubing for industrial use. Comparative tables of weight and other technical information will also be found in the catalog.

Copies will be forwarded upon receipt of requests on company letterheads. Circle L20 inside back cover.

Spray-Clean Technique. Cobehn, Inc., Passaic Ave., Caldwell, N. J., has issued an 8-page booklet describing the Spray-Clean technique. The booklet describes and illustrates the ultimate in chemical cleanliness for the components of such units as transistors, diodes, vacuum tubes, miniature slip ring assemblies, potentiometers and other precision parts.

Actual applications of the method are illustrated in the booklet, and illustrations are also shown of the equipment and the solvent used. Circle L21 inside back cover.

Retractile Cords. Koiled Kords, Inc., Box K, New Haven 14, Conn., has issued a new, 2-color catalog showing the company's complete line of retractile cords for industry and communication application. More than 25 illustrations picture as many different uses for these springlike cords that extend to approximately six times their retracted length and when released return to their neatly coiled normal size. Circle L22 inside back cover.

Components Brochure. Thordarson-Meissner, Seventh and Bellmont, Mt. Carmel, Ill., has available a 4-page brochure with technical information on 59 new components for use in transistor circuits. Included are data on 36



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audio transformers, 10 i-f transformers, 7 ferrite antenna coils. 5 oscillator coils and a midget variable capacitor. Circle L23 inside back cover.

Bathtub Capacitor Cans. Northern Metal Products Co., 9599 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park, Ill., has available a new catalog illustrating a complete line of bathtub capacitor cans and covers. Northern features a line of triangular ear and regular bathtub-type cans, available in lake copper or steel, and with hot solder coating and extruded holes, as desired. A line of transformer housings and lids is also available.

The company's modern facilities are available for producing chassis and other large and small electronic parts to specifications in production quantities or in small run lots. Circle L24 inside back cover.

Potting Shells. DeJur-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y., has available free a data sheet illustrating various shapes and sizes of potting shells. Dimensions and specifications are included. Circle L25 inside back cover.

Services and Facilities. National Scientific Laboratories. Inc., 2010 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C., has prepared two illustrated brochures describing the activities of its field engineering division, and the laboratory facilities of its research and development division.

The ability to furnish engineering services and personnel at all technical levels is emphasized. The service described is world-wide and available to both industry and government.

Skills and lab facilities available are described as broad fields of interest covering electronic devices, transistor applications, radio interference measurement, electro mechanical study and analyses. Circle L26 inside back cover.

VSWR Measurement. Color Television Inc., 935 E. San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, Calif. Band-sweeping equipment for continuous display or recording of vswr in the region 8,500 to 9,600 mc for laboratory

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research or production-line testing applications is described in a new leaflet, identified as Form 125-256. The system illustrated in the literature is of the instant-reading, ratiometer type.

Description of the unit points out that the continuous display independently adjustable as to both center frequency and sweep width anywhere across the rated spectrum, provides an ideal facility for observation of adjustments made on broadband microwave components while undergoing measurement.

Specifications listed in the sheet cover details on the meter scales, the c-r indicator, the klystron oscillator, the bidirectional coupler. the calibrated load, and the output arrangements for use with an Esterline-Angus recorder. System accuracy of  $\pm 2$  percent is indicated, physical arrangements and dimensions are given. Price of the complete system described is \$4,950. Circle L27 inside back cover.

Power Supplies. Kepco Laboratories, 131-38 Sanford Ave., Flushing 55, N. Y. Bulletin B356 is a 4-page folder covering a line of 33 voltage regulated d-c power supplies. Features and specifications are included. Circle L28 inside back cover.

Pressure Pickup. Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., 300 N. Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Bulletin CEC-1539B deals with the type 4-311 pressure pickups which are especially suited for measurement and control applications that involve severe vibration, acceleration and ambient-temperature variations. Complete specifications are given. Circle L29 inside back cover.

Variable Transformers. Standard Electrical Products Co., 2240 E. Third St., Dayton, Ohio, has issued a new 22-page catalog, No. A56, on its expanded and redesigned line of Adjust-A-Volt variable transformers in auto, isolated and metered models for bench and panel mounting.

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photographs, dimension drawings, wiring and circuit diagrams. Included for the first time are the 9 new basic motorized variable transformers. A complete specification and application index is also included. Circle L30 inside back cover.

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Oil impregnated Tubulars. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Mineral oil impregnated metal-clad tubular capacitors, designed for workhorse applications in military electronic circuits, are described in a recent 12-page bulletin, GEC-1390. The Kovar glassto-metal process is used to seal the capacitors described, which are highly resistant to oil leakage and moisture penetration. The units are built to MIL-C-25A specifications. Circle L31 inside back cover.

Test Chamber. Tenney Engineering, Inc., 1090 Springfield Road, Union, N. J., has published a 4-page folder discussing its TR chamber especially designed for accurate controlled low or hightemperature and relative humidity testing. The 2-color folder contains informative details regarding applications, performance, construction and specifications data about the TR line. The chambers described are designed to meet temperature and humidity test requirements of several military specifications. Circle L32 inside back cover.

Resistors. International Resistance Co., 401 North Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa. Bulletin P-2b covers types PW-5, PW-7 and PW-10 resistors. Comprehensive data on construction, design, applications, ranges, ratings, tolerance temperature coefficient identification and dimensions are given. Charts and graphs are included. Circle L33 inside back cover.

Electric Insulation Products. Insulation Manufacturers Corp., 565 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill. An illustrated, informative 20page catalog on electrical slot insulations, wedges and fabricated parts, with selection guides and ordering data, is now available.

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the user quickly to electrical insulating papers, plain, cuffed, creased or crimped; dispenser packaged paper coils; paper and plastic film combinations; asbestos base plastic wedges; and hard fiber washers. Catalog 19 also includes dimension tables and upto-date prices. Circle L34 inside back cover.

Leak Detector. Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., 300 N. Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Bulletin 1830 is a 4-page folder illustrating and describing the type 24-210 leak detector for the testing of evacuated or pressurized systems. Features, specifications and a price list are included. Accessory and associated equipment are also shown. Circle L35 inside back cover.

**Recorders.** Leeds & Northrup Co., 4934 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Concise information about Speedomax G recorders for precise measurement of rotational and linear speeds, and about the tachometer generators used with them, is available in an illustrated 4-page data sheet.

The sheet completely lists the features and specifications of both round and strip chart recorders, and tabulates the characteristics and speed ranges of both standard and explosion resistant tachometers. It is designated as data sheet ND46-27(1). Circle L36 inside back cover.

Waveguide Components. Jarrell-Ash Co., 26 Farwell St., Newtonville 60, Mass., has available a 4-page catalog of waveguide components for use in the 26.1 kmc to 39.5 kmc (8-10 mm) band. The units described are being introduced in this country by the company, U. S. representatives for Hilger & Watts Ltd., London, England. Circle L37 inside back cover.

Photoelectric Shaft-Position Encoder. Electronics Corp. of America, 77 Broadway, Cambridge 42. Mass., announces bulletin 4605 describing type 309-13 shaft-position encoder. The unit discussed is a precision photoelectric analog-todigital converter for direct read-

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ing of shaft positions to an accuracy of one part in 8,192. It is used in mechanical testing, missile guidance, radar, optical tracking and other applications in which the angular position of a rotating shaft expressed as digital information is required.

The bulletin describes and illustrates the principle of operation and gives full specifications as to accuracy, readout rate, size and mounting. Also described are other ECA shaft-position encoders with nonlinear readouts and accuracies up to one part in 65,536. Circle L38 inside back cover.

Modular Enclosure Systems. Amco Engineering Co., 7333 W. Ainslie St., Chicago 31, Ill., has available a 4-page folder illustrating and describing a line of low-cost modular enclosure systems. Included is information on flexibility, construction, accessories and general specifications. For complete descriptive literature and price list, send for catalog No. 101. Circle L39 inside back cover.

**Precision Potentiometers.** The Gamewell Co., Newton Upper Falls 64, Mass., has released a new 1956 precision potentiometer catalog.

There is an introductory section giving details on Gamewell engineering, laboratory and production facilities and five separate product sections. These product sections cover the redesigned RL-270A series, the RVG miniatures, sinecosine potentiometers, the new low-cost G-20 model and the RL-257 toroidal unit.

Detailed description, technical data, dimensional drawings, specifications alternates and power rating curves are included. Circle L40 inside back cover.

Laminated Tubing. Lamtex Industries, Inc., 51 State St., Westbury, L. I., N. Y. A 4-page illustrated brochure describes TUFF-TUBE, a new laminated fiber glass-epoxy tubing. The brochure contains information on high temperature characteristics, electrical properties, weight and strength, plus detailed technical data in accordance with ASTM testing procedures.

Also included is an illustrated section dealing with suggested ap-

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plications of this material, of interest to designers in the aircraft and electronics field. Circle L41 inside back cover.

Soldering Equipment. Phillips Mfg. Co., Inc., 2816 Aldrich Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn., has issued 5 illustrated literature sheets on its line. Three of the sheets present the heavy-duty models 250 and 500 Versa-Tool and the SF-100 Flash. The other two illustrate the lightweight quick-heating models 75 and 300.

Complete specifications and servicing information are given and the tools are shown in operating position. The Versa-Tool is also shown open for servicing. Circle L42 inside back cover.

Miniature Tube Shielding. The Fred Goat Co., Inc., 314 Dean St., Brooklyn 17, N. Y. A 4-page folder illustrates and describes (with dimensional diagrams) the Uni-Shield, designed for use with both 7-pin and 9-pin miniature tubes, and available in a full range of sizes. The tube shields described were especially designed to aid in the solution of assembly and operational problems that have arisen through the development and use of the printed circuit, the vertical chassis, the hot chassis. Circle L43 inside back cover.

Vibration Meter. Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., 300 N. Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Bulletin 1566 is a 4-page folder illustrating and describing type 1-128 vibration meter. Chief features, operation information, data on controls and specifications are given. Circle L44 inside back cover.

Galvanometric Recorder. Houston Technical Laboratories, 3701 Buffalo Speedway, Houston 6, Texas. Bulletin R-501 contains complete specifications and engineering data on the new Recti-Riter, a galvanometric recorder which writes a truly rectilinear trace. The unit described, priced from \$385, enables one to view a recorded sine, square or other shape signal in true form without curvilinear distortion. Circle L45 inside back cover.



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### Plants and People

#### Edited by WILLIAM G. ARNOLD

Electronics manufacturers plan new factories, expand present facilities and acquire additional plant space through mergers. Engineers and executives in the industry are promoted, move to new positions. Technical societies elect officers for 1957

#### **IBM To Build Military Electronics Laboratory In New York**



IBM's new Kingston, N. Y. plant for military electronics and other products

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MA-CHINES CORP. plans construction in Lexington, Ky. of additional manufacturing facilities for the company's electric typewriter division and construction of a laboratory in Kingston, N. Y. for the military products division.

Charles F. McElwain, general manager of IBM's military products division, which was reorganized late last year as an autonomous unit of the company, said his division's new laboratory would be built on presently owned land opposite the Kingston plant. Construction on the 150,000-sq ft building will begin in the fall of 1956. It will accommodate 700 employees now employed elsewhere on research and development in connection with the giant computers being produced for SAGE, the Air Force's continental air defense system.

Presently, IBM employs approximately 4,900 people in its new Kingston operations, 3,100 in defense work and 1,800 in the typewriter plant. The plant provides 780,000 sq ft of floor space. Total of 439,000 sq ft of the present Kingston plant is used for military electronics.

#### Sylvania Opens Computer Center, Expands Tube Plant

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC is now operating its nationwide 18,000-mile private communication network and data processing system. Focal point of the system and network is a new 50,000-sq ft data processing center in Camillus, N. Y.

The leased Western Union network consists of 71 Sylvania stations linking various facilities in 61 cities and towns in 20 states. Heart of the system is a Remington Rand Univac computer.

► Tubes—The company also announced that a 50,000-sq ft addition to its television picture tube plant in Fullerton, Calif. has been completed.

The addition doubles the size of the plant, originally a 51,000 sq ft facility completed in 1954. The new addition provides space for warehousing, a function now performed



New Sylvania Data Processing center in Camillus, New York

in the original section of the plant. The space released in the main plant will be devoted to increased manufacturing capacity.

► Appointment — Herbert Bandes has been appointed to the newly created post of chief engineer, semiconductors, of the electronics division of Sylvania.

Dr. Bandes is responsible for the development and engineering of transistors, diodes and other semiconductors devices manufactured at



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He <sup>4</sup>had been engineering manager—semiconductors. He came to Woburn last year, having previously been manager of the chemistry laboratory at Sylvania's corporate research center at Bayside, N. Y.

#### Magnavox Plans Computer Plant

Plans have been approved for a new Magnavox plant to be erected in Urbana, Ill. It will have a minimum of 47,000 sq ft of space and may be expanded to 83,000 sq ft. The initial construction will include offices, laboratories and manufacturing space for computers and business machines for industry. Ground is to be broken almost immediately. About 200 people will be employed upon completion of the plant. Eventually 500 to 700 may be employed.

American Bosch To Operate U.S. Plant



American Bosch Arma plant in Chicago for defense output

AMERICAN BOSCH ARMA has received a facilities contract from the U.S. Air Force to operate a government-owned factory in Chicago which covers nearly 750,000 sq ft of floor space.

The plant is to be acquired to

support the company's defense production program. It would be operated as the Chicago division of American Bosch Arma Corp.

Manufacturing operations will involve highly classified projects for the U. S. Air Force.

#### Kaar Joins Hoffman As V-P And Engineering Director

IRA J. KAAR has been elected to the newly created position of vicepresident and engineering director for Hoffman Electronics Corp.

Since 1949 he has been manager of the engineering department for General Electric's electronics division. He has been with G.E. since 1924.

"We feel indeed fortunate to have Mr. Kaar join our company," H. Leslie Hoffman, president, stated, "particularly in view of the company's plans of tripling its engineering and research activities within the next two years. In addition to expanding the specialties which the company has already established, it is planned to set up several new distinct sections of engineering approach that will have significance, both from a military electronics and a commercial electronics viewpoint."

Kaar's most recent assignment with G.E. was manager of the color systems technical project. Prior to his appointment as head of the engineering department in 1949, he was manager of the receiver division of the electronics department with responsibility for engineering, manufacturing and sales.

#### **Consolidated Acquires Company, Sells Computer Division**

CONSOLIDATED ELECTRODYNAMICS CORP. acquired Electronic Industries of Burbank, Calif.

Electronic Industries, specializing in etched circuitry development and production, will become a wholly owned Consolidated subsidiary.

But it will retain its present name and activity. Hugh F. Colvin, CEC president, will be president of the new subsidiary and George B. Clark will serve in the capacity of vice-president and general manager.

The company also announced that John J. McDonald has been ap-

pointed assistant director of the systems division of the firm.

For the past three years he has been manager of the company's central regional sales office in Chicago. He joined Consolidated in 1951 as a field engineer.

▶ Buy—Electro-Data Corp. was acquired by Burroughs from Consolidated Electrodynamics.

Burroughs plans to produce and sell electronic data processing systems in the division.

Consolidated's James R. Bradburn, who was president of Electro-Data, has been named a vice-presi-

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dent of Burroughs and general manager of the new division with headquarters in Pasadena, Calif.

#### **Parts Group Elects Officers**

A. N. HAAS, JR. of Bud Radio in Cleveland was elected chairman of the Association of Electronic Parts & Equipment Manufacturers.

Helen S. Quam of Quam-Nichols Co. in Chicago was named vicechairman; Kenneth A. Hathaway of Ward-Leonard Co. was named treasurer, and Kenneth C. Prince was reelected executive secretary.

Haas also was named to the board of directors of the Radio Parts & Electronic Equipment Shows, the annual trade show which EP&EM co-sponsors. Haas succeeds Wilfred Larson of Switchcraft in Chicago as head of EP& EM. Mrs. Quam succeeds Wayne Cargile, formerly of Permo in Chicago, as vice-chairman.

#### **Texas Instruments Promotes Engineers**

HARRY L. OWENS has been appointed chief engineer of the semiconductor-components division of Texas Instruments. Promoted to assistant chief engineers are: Boyd Cornelison, semiconductor products; Charles E. Earhart, contract projects; John R. Pies, resistors and transformers; and Lawrence meters, applications, Congdon, qualifications and evaluation, and automation. Charles T. Mankus has been appointed administrative engineer. Cecil P. Dotson has been appointed manager of manufacturing for the semiconductor-components division.

#### **GE** Establishes **Computer** Lab

GENERAL ELECTRIC has established a computer laboratory at Menlo Park, Calif.

It is part of the industrial computer section and will be known as

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the ERMA Systems Laboratory. Headquarters will be temporarily located in 8,000 sq ft of rented facilities at the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, until permanent arrangements are completed.

About 15 scientists and engineers will begin work at the new laboratory immediately and more will be added by the end of the year.

George Jacobi has been named manager of the laboratory. He was formerly supervisor of engineering for the general engineering lab's analog computer unit.

Engineering work at the new laboratory will initially be devoted entirely to the development of the ERMA data-processing system.

At the conclusion of the ERMA program in about three years, the new laboratory will broaden its development activities to include a wide variety of allied electronic computer problems.

The ERMA systems laboratory will be responsible for engineering phases of the program. Manufacturing operations will be carried out in Syracuse, N. Y., headquarters for the industrial computer section, and at other plants.

#### Atlas Missile Plant Construction Planned

CONSTRUCTION of a \$40-million plant for Convair division of General Dynamics devoted to research. development, manufacturing and preliminary testing of the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile as well as related projects will get under way later this summer and is scheduled for completion in 1957. Cost of the land, buildings and some equipment will be borne by Convair. Special equipment, including machine tools, will be paid for by the U.S. Air Force. The facility will be known as Convair-Astronautics.

The plant will be on a 252-acre site on Kearny Mesa, adjacent to San Diego's Montgomery Field.

It will consist of a one-storyhigh bay factory building of approximately 500,000 sq ft; two sixstory office buildings, each having almost 107,000 sq ft of working area; a 147,400-sq-ft engineering



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laboratory; a cafeteria-auditorium; a 75,000-sq-ft instrument and computer center and several specialpurpose test and utility buildings. In all, the plant will have about a million sq ft of floor space.

More than 6,600 engineering, production and administrative personnel will be employed at Convair-Astronautics by 1958.

#### Aerovox Appoints Chief Physicist



Howard I. Oshry

HOWARD I. OSHRY has been appointed chief research physicist for Aerovox Corp.

Dr. Oshry was previously senior chemist with Koppers, with Mellon Institute and was director of research with Erie Resistor Corp.

#### Emerson Names Engineer Head

LOUIS G. PACENT, JR., vice-president in charge of manufacturing at Emerson Radio, has been named vice-president in charge of engineering and manufacturing of the company's radio-tv-phonograph division.

Pacent has been associated with the Emerson organization since 1944 when he became the company's chief industrial engineer. He subsequently served as manager of production services, manager of production engineering, assistant to the executive vice-president and

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assistant to the vice-president in charge of manufacturing.

From 1946 to 1949, Pacent was works manager and then vicepresident in charge of manufacturing of Radio Speakers, Inc., an Emerson subsidiary.

#### Thordarson-Meissner Acquires Mark

THORDARSON-MEISSNER of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, manufacturers of transformers and coils, has bought, for cash, all the assets and goodwill of the transformer division of Mark Electronics of Bloomfield, N. J. Mark designs and produces flybacks for original equipment manufacturers. All of Mark's transformer production facilities will be moved into the Thordarson-Meissner plant in Mt. Carmel.

Several of the Mark engineering and production staff have joined the T-M organization as part of the move.

#### California Firm Changes Name

MORAND ELECTRONICS CO. in Los Angeles will change its name to National Electronics Corp.

The firm recently purchased El Ray Motors of North Hollywood, manufacturer of fractional horsepower motors.

#### Hycon Eastern Adds Space

HYCON EASTERN of Cambridge, Mass. acquired an additional 7,000 sq ft of production space.

This provides the firm with more than 57,000 sq ft of space at its present location. An additional 11,000 sq ft is expected to be added shortly.

The new area will allow increased production of crystal filters.

#### Daystrom Appoints Two Engineers

DAYSTROM PACIFIC CORP. appointed Robert Hodges as vice-president of engineering and Frederick J. Har-



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Hodges was formerly general manager of the electronics division of Fairchild Controls Corp., and previously spent 19 years with Arma Corp., starting as a junior development engineer and becoming technical assistant to the president.

Harrison was formerly factory manager of the west coast division of Lear, and previously operated his own business.

#### Sterling Precision Names Chief Engineer

SOL LEVINE has been appointed chief engineer of the instrument division of Sterling Precision Corp. of Port Washington, N. Y.

He was previously chief engineer of Edo Corp. where he was associated for the past ten years. Prior to joining Edo, he was a senior engineer with Bendix Aviation Corp. and a physicist with the Signal Corps Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, N. J.



Sol Levine

The instrument division of Sterling designs, develops and manufactures a wide variety of precision electronic and electro-mechanical devices and components.

In addition to its production plant at Flushing, N. Y. and its Port Washington engineering department, the division maintains a 72-acre radar antenna test site for special antenna testing and calibrations for radar equipment and

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guided missiles. Its Cambridge, Mass. engineering laboratory specializes in the development of high precision gyros and related instrumentation under the direction of J. J. Jarosh.

Other major divisions of Sterling Precision Corporation include American LaFrance Corp. manufacturer of fire-fighting apparatus and fire-protection equipment; Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Co. manufacturers of steel office equipment; the Prescott Co. manufacturer of heavy duty sawmill machinery, pumps and heavy industrial machinery components; Sterling Engine Co., manufacturer of gasoline, gas and diesel engines, and a fiber glass plastics division which produces reinforced fiber glass plastic products.

#### **IT&T** Promotes **General Lanahan**

MAJOR GENERAL FRANCIS H. LANA-HAN, U.S.A. (Ret.), has been elected executive vice-president of IT&T's Federal Electric Corp. He became vice-president and general manager of the division in 1955 upon his retirement as deputy director of logistics for the U.S. Army.

Since he joined the company it has entered its period of greatest growth, having been awarded contracts by the U.S. Air Force for the maintenance and operation of the DEW Line, distant-early-warning radar network guarding the northern approaches to the North American continent, and for similar responsibilities in connection with the WHITE ALICE communications network in Alaska. The latter currently is under construction to improve older facilities and add new radio links in some of the more remote areas.

#### **Stromberg Forms Electroacoustics Group**

AN ELECTROACOUSTICS RESEARCH GROUP has been formed in the research and advanced development department of Stromberg-Carlson division of General Dynamics Corp.

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Frank H. Slaymaker

Frank H. Slaymaker, formerly chief engineer of the special products division of Stromberg-Carlson.

The electroacoustics research group will consolidate existing research programs in this field and will implement expansion of Stromberg-Carlson research into other related areas not previously covered. In addition to investigations of magnetic recording techniques and improved sound reproducing equipment, studies will be made of underwater sound, ultrasonics, application of information theory to the analysis of speech sounds and other related subjects.

Slaymaker joined the firm in 1941 as a research engineer.

#### Gulton Acquires Allegany, Adds Engineers

ALLEGANY INSTRUMENTS Co. of Cumberland, Md., has been acquired by Gulton Industries.

Allegany manufactures precision electronic equipment primarily for the aircraft, rocket, metal fabricating, automotive and paper industries. The addition of the company adds a completely equipped plant of 17,000 sq ft to the Gulton organization.

Gulton also announced that Bernard Bernstein, formerly in charge of nuclear instrumentation development at GE, has joined the engineering staff of the firm.

Other new personnel that have joined Gulton include Abraham Soble, a physicist previously a private consultant in the fields of piezoelectricity, transistors, atomic



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physics and applied mathematics; Edward Weinberg, production supervisor, formerly division superintendent of Automatic Mfg. Corp. and president of Gem Radio and Television Corp.; Miss Eleanor Ullman, chemist, previously associated with Vitro Corp. of America and Victory Engineering Co.; and Gunther Fenner, an electrical engineer who served with Blonder Tongue Laboratories.

#### General Ceramics Sets Foreign Plant

GENERAL CERAMICS CORP. of Keasbey, N. J. and Ducon Condenser Ltd. of Sydney, Australia, have formed a joint company known as Ducon-General Ceramics Pty Ltd. that will start operation in Sydney, Australia. It will manufacture ferrites, steatite, and other electronic ceramics in a new plant set up for these purposes for the Australian market.

#### RCA Appoints Missile Head



Harry R. Wege

HARRY R. WEGE has been appointed manager of the RCA missile and surface radar department.

He has been operations manager of the department since its establishment last November to coordinate engineering, design, production and marketing activities for RCA electronic surface radar equipment, missile launching systems and surface display and infor-

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mation handling systems for military use.

Wege joined RCA in 1929 and for nearly a decade was engaged in engineering special radio receivers for commercial and government applications.

In 1940, he was appointed supervisor of a newly created radar engineering group. Within 10 years, increasing radar development activities resulted in the reorganization of the expanding group as a separate engineering section, with Wege as manager.

#### Warwick Forms Research Unit

A NEW RESEARCH and development department has been established at the Warwick Manufacturing Corp. in Chicago.

Edward S. White, formerly chief electronics engineer at Warwick, has been promoted to the newly created post of director of research and development to head the department.

#### Penn State Selects President

ERIC A. WALKER has been named president of the Pennsylvania State University, succeeding Milton S. Eisenhower, who has resigned after heading the institution since 1950.

Dr. Walker, dean of the college of engineering and architecture since 1951, was appointed vicepresident of the University last year. From 1945 to 1951, he held the dual position of professor and head of the department of electrical engineering and director of the ordnance research laboratory at Penn State.

#### Collins Appoints Foreign Chief

JOSEPH R. PERNICE, chief of the electronics section of NATO's production and logistics division, has been appointed managing director of Collins Radio Co. of England. The company was organized last year as a subsidiary of Collins Radio Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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In his NATO post, which he had held for the past six years, Pernice directed the activities of the international groups on electronics. Their purpose has been to exchange technical information, aid in the development of production plans and further standardization among member nations.

#### Alliance Adds Three Buildings

ALLIANCE MANUFACTURING Co. subsidiary of Consolidated Electronics Industries, has announced the lease, with option to buy, of three buildings formerly occupied by the Mc-Caskey Register Co.

Alliance has been using the 81,-000 sq ft McCaskey plant for storage. The firm plans to spend approximately \$50,000 in expansion and remodeling.

#### Ampex Organizes For TV Tape



Charles P. Ginsberg

AMPEX CORP. has formed a video engineering department, in addition to the audio engineering department. Charles P. Ginsberg who was project engineer for the development of the Videotape recorder since its conception over three years ago, has been appointed chief engineer of the new department. Named as senior project en-



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Ross H. Snyder has been named manager of the video sales section of the company. He has been with the firm since 1952 and will continue in his previous capacity as manager of theatre equipment and custom products sales for the audio division. Previously he was chief audio engineer for KJBS in San Francisco and a consultant on audio investigation for Consumers' Research.

#### PCA Moves To New Quarters

PCA ELECTRONICS has moved its Santa Monica factory to new, enlarged quarters in Sepulveda, Calif. The new plant has approximately 15,000 sq ft for production use, representing a total investment of over \$200,000.

#### Marchant To Build New Plant

MARCHANT CALCULATOR plans to build a \$4 million factory in Oakland, Calif.

The new home office and plant will have 500,000 sq ft of office and factory work space. It is anticipated that the initial moves from present facilities will be made in midsumer of next year.

At the present time, the Oakland operations of the firm are conducted in two large factories and ten other buildings.

All of these widely scattered actvities will be consolidated in the new building.

#### Society To Honor Burns

ROBERT M. BURNS has been selected to receive the Edward Goodrich Acheson Gold Medal and Prize of The Electrochemical Society. Presentation of the medal and prize of one thousand dollars will be made at a dinner to be held on October 2, 1956, at which Dr. Burns will deliver the Acheson Medal Address, at the 110th Meeting of the Society in Cleveland, Ohio, September 30-October 4, 1956.

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every two years for conspicuous "contribution to the advancement of the objects, purposes, or activities" of the Society.

Dr. Burns, formerly chemical director of Bell Telephone Laboratories, is now a scientific advisor to Stanford Research Institute and to the Sprague Electric Co.

#### **General Quesada Heads Topp Industries**



General E. R. Quesada

LT. GEN. ELWOOD R. QUESADA (Ret), former head of the missile systems division of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., has accepted the position of chairman of the board of Topp Industries, of Los Angeles, and State College, Pa.

He will serve as board chairman and chief executive officer.

General Quesada retired from the Air Force with the rank of Lieutenant General in 1951. Prior to joining Topp Industries, he was a director of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. and later vicepresident and director of Lockheed Aircraft Co. and general manager of its missile systems division.

#### **Filtron Opens Another Plant**

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plant is expected to employ 200 additional people, and will be used to supplement the firm's original west coast factory, built last year. William Lana will be general manager of both units.

#### Ford Motor Leases Space

FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S new subsidiary, Aeronutronic Systems, has leased the Grand Central Terminal buildings in Glendale, Calif.

The terminal buildings will house the firm's administrative offices and equipment for a product program. The activation of electronic, nucleonic, computer and control, and aerophysics laboratories will begin immediately.

Consideration is now being given to the selection of a permanent building site for Aeronutronic in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

#### **Bell Aircraft Goes Automatic**

BELL AIRCRAFT CORP. formed the Bell Automation Corp., a new wholly owned subsidiary in Rochester, N. Y., which will specialize in the field of automatic controls and systems.

First product to be introduced is the Electro-Way, an electronically controlled, continuous weighing system for the conveyor belt handling of bulk materials.

Officers of the new corporation are president, Leston P. Faneuf, vice-president and general manager of Bell Aircraft; vice president, Terence M. Nolan, manager of product planning of Bell; and secretary and treasurer, William G. Gisel, who is secretary and comptroller of the parent company.

Frank S. McCullough has been named general manager of Bell Automation. He has been with the parent company since 1952 as an electronics engineer in charge of a product design group. Previously, he was president of the Buffalo Electronics Corp. and was employed in various supervisory engineering capacities by the Frederic Flader Co., Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Aviola Radio Corp., Vega



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#### Sprague Moves Two To New Posts

GEORGE H. L. NORMAN has been appointed sales manager of the Pacific division of the Sprague Electric Co. at Los Angeles, Calif. He joined Sprague in 1954. He was previously with Corning Glass. He succeeds George S. Kariotis, who has resigned.

Gilbert B. Devey has been appointed to Norman's former post of company coordinator of computer activities.

Frederick J. Nichols was named manager of filter operations at the Sprague Pacific division. He will have charge of the manufacture of radio interference filters in addition to his present responsibilities as head of the field engineering radio interference laboratory.

#### Chromatic Selects Vice-President



Morgan A. Gunst, Jr.

MORGAN A. GUNST, JR., has been named vice-president of Chromatic Television Laboratories and general manager of the company's west coast development laboratory in Emeryville, Calif.

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company is engaged in research and development in the color television and radar fields utilizing the Lawrence color picture tube.

From 1946 to 1951 Gunst was associated with the radiation laboratory of the University of California as assistant executive in the director's office. He was a staff member at the Radiation Laboratory of MIT from 1943 to 1945, one year of which was spent with the British branch. From 1940 to 1943, Gunst was a senior engineer for Lockheed Aircraft.

#### Acoustical Society Elects Officers

RICHARD K. COOK of the National Bureau of Standards was named president-elect of the Acoustical Society of America. He will take office in 1957.

R. Bruce Lindsay, chairman of the department of physics of Brown University and director of the Brown ultrasonic laboratory, is currently president.

Leo P. Del Sasso, of the University of California at Los Angeles, was elected vice-president of the society for the coming year. Wallace Waterfall, secretary of the American Institute of Physics, was re-elected secretary and Herbert A. Erf, of the H. A. Erf Acoustical Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, was reelected treasurer.

#### Leeds & Northrup Names Engineering Head

LEEDS & NORTHRUP CO. appointed G. Lupton Broomell, Jr., as assistant director of engineering, acting head of engineering and inspection departments, and member of the executive operating committee. He succeeds John W. Harsch, director of engineering, who is retiring.

Broomell, who has been chief engineer, joined L&N in 1937.

#### Appoint Schwartz To New Doelcam Post

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tor Co. He had been divisional vice-president.

He will be responsible for the direction and coordination of operations in all departments of the Boston division.

Schwartz joined Doelcam in 1947 after a period as a research assistant at MIT and, later, a member of the engineering department at American Bosch Arma Corp.

#### **Packard-Bell Promotes Unger**

WILLIAM L. UNGER has been named assistant to Richard B. Leng, vicepresident of the technical products division at the Packard-Bell Co.

Unger has been with the firm since 1955 as assistant chief engineer, administrative.

#### **Olympic Acquires Presto Recording**

OLYMPIC RADIO & TELEVISION of New York purchased Presto Recording Corp. of Paramus, N. J.

Presto, manufacturer of tape and disc sound recording and playback equipment, will operate under its present management but as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Olympic. The new division also makes blank recording discs, directionfinders, antennas, transmitters and radar equipment.

George J. Saliba, president of Presto, will continue to direct the operation as vice-president and general manager.

Under the new arrangement, the David Bogen Co., a subsidiary of Olympic, will transfer part of its manufacturing activities to an 80,-000 sq ft plant adjoining the Presto factory. Present Bogen facilities in New York will be retained.

Presto, which continues as a separate manufacturing entity, will remain at its present plant.

#### **Maxson Fills Plant Manager Post**

OSCAR E. HOLT has been appointed manager of the W. L. Maxson Corp. plant at Old Forge, Pa.

He has been assistant plant manager since 1955, and manager of the research and development division, electromechanical engineering



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department located in New York. Before joining Maxson, Holt was chief physicist and chief test engineer at Reaction Motors in Rockaway, N. J. Earlier he served as a chief flight test engineer with the Curtiss-Wright Corp. at Columbus, Ohio. He replaces A. J. Westmaas, who resigned.

#### **Gabriel Elects Executive V-P**



Thomas J. Riggs

THOMAS J. RIGGS, JR. has been elected executive vice-president and general manager of the Gabriel Co.

He comes to Gabriel from the F. L. Jacobs Co. Detroit manufacturer of automotive parts and metal stampings. He had been president of that company since 1954. At Jacobs he served successively as general sales manager, executive vice-president and president.

#### **New Company** Formed In Florida

A NEW COMPANY, Dbm Research Corp. has been formed at Cocoa Beach, Florida. The primary objective of the new corporation is to coordinate the research and development capabilities of private industry with the requirements of the Department of Defense, particularly in guided missile instrumentation.

Officers of the company are Cliff E. Mattox, president; A. R. Beach, vice-president and treasurer; and David Gordon, vice-president.

Mattox was head of the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories

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electronic control and guided missile test range instrumentation division and later was the chief engineer and range director of the Air Force guided missile test range in Florida.

Beach was deputy technical director of the Air Force missile test center and guided missile test range in Florida until recently.

#### Westinghouse Names Baltimore Managers

B. M. BROWN has been appointed manager of the Baltimore, Md., divisions of Westinghouse.

Brown, manager of the Baltimore air arm division since 1953, replaces F. W. Godsey, Jr., who has resigned.

S. W. Herwald will succeed Brown as manager of the air arm plant. He has been manager of engineering there. N. V. Petrou, who has been manager of development engineering, is the new engineering manager.

#### Food Processor Goes Electronic

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND Co. of Minneapolis, has purchased halfinterest in the Applied Radiation Corp., a producer of linear electron accelerators and other electronic equipment.

ADM processes agricultural crops and marine oils, and is a producer of chemicals. The Applied Radiation Corp., known as ARCO, is located at Walnut Creek, Calif.

Applied Radiation will remain a separate corporation. Completion of new lab and manufacturing facilities are scheduled for this fall.

#### Levinthal Promotes Project Engineer

JOSEPH SWANSON, previously senior project engineer, has been advanced to the post of assistant to the chief engineer at Levinthal Electronic Products of Redwood City, Calif. The firm specializes in medical electronic equipment, microwave communications and control apparatus, and scintillation crystals. Swanson has been working primarily in the fields of highpower modulators and medical



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electronics. Previously a research associate in the systems-study and -development group, electronic research laboratory, Stanford University, he has also been a staff member in the Moore School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

#### New Transformer Company Formed

FORMATION of a new manufacturing entity, known as Utrad Corporation, to continue operation of the transformer manufacturing business of Utah Radio Products Company Incorporated, is announced by Arnold R. Kaufman, president of Utrad.

The new operation will continue with the manufacture of specialty electronic transformers. Personnel is essentially the same as that of the Utah transformer operation. Utrad has purchased all the machinery, equipment and engineering data of Utah.

The new company is located in Huntington, Indiana.

#### Marvelco Sets Research Center

AN ADVANCED ELECTRONIC RESEARCH and development center has been established in San Diego by the Marvelco electronics division of National Aircraft Corp.

Immediate work in electronics systems encompassing telemetering, data-handling and display, guidance-navigation, and computer research and development will be undertaken by a staff of 20 research and development engineers and scientists at the new facilities.

The San Diego operation will function as a separate department of the electronics division with James W. Browder, manager and John P. Day, technical director.

#### Mosler Safe Buys Electronics Firm

RESEARCH PRODUCTS of Danbury, Conn., manufacturer of electrical and electronic monitoring and security devices, has been purchased by the Mosler Safe Co.

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#### I-T-E Appoints R-F Design Head

DAVID F. BOWMAN has been appointed to head a new r-f design department within I-T-E Circuit Breaker Company's special products division in Philadelphia.

He was formerly chief engineer with Developmental Engineering Corp. of Washington, D. C. Earlier he was associated with Airborne Instruments Laboratory.

#### Servomechanisms Leases Space

THE EASTERN DIVISION OF SERVO-MECHANISMS in Westbury, L. I., has leased 17,000 sq ft of space.

The company has signed a twoyear lease on the additional space.

At the termination of this two year period, the company expects to have new Long Island facilities ready for occupancy by the entire eastern division.

The company also announced the appointment of Clement Joseph Savant, Jr., to the position of chief engineer of the western division.

He will be responsible for all phases of western engineering operations. He has been with the company in an engineering capacity since 1955.

Since 1954, Savant has been a member of the teaching staff at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Before joining Servomechanisms, he had served as senior research engineer at North American Aviation, and research engineer for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at California Institute of Technology.

#### Mid-Century Selects Division Head

NORMAN L. IRVINE has been appointed director of sales, western division, of Mid-Century Instrumatic Corp. of New York City.

He previously headed the com-

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putation laboratories at Aerojet-General in California.

Irvine's duties will include supervision and coordination of all sales efforts of the twelve state western division, as well as directing the research and development activities of Mid-Century on the west coast.

Norden-Ketay Promotes Schaefer



Carl F. Schaefer

CARL F. SCHAEFER has been appointed to the post of technical director of the Norden laboratories division, Norden-Ketay Corp.

Schaefer, who joined Carl L. Norden in 1942, assisted in the formation of the laboratory staff at the Naval Ordnance plant, Indianapolis at that time and in 1943 was one of the key personnel of Carl L. Norden, Inc. selected to organize the Norden Laboratories Corporation as a research and development company.

#### New Environment Firm Formed

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#### GPL Names Division Engineers

DONALD S. KELLOGG has been named chief engineer of the avionic engineering division of GPL. William H. Heath has been appointed assistant chief engineer. The new post of director of research has been assumed by Dr. George R. Gamertsfelder and that of chief product engineer by Otto J. Kolb. A special planning staff has been formed under Donald S. Basim.

Department heads are Frances B. Berger, L. Raymond Chapman, Arden H. Frederick, Everett B. Hales, Harry J. Reed, John C. Duffy and Harold D. Decker.

#### **Titeflex Consolidates And Expand Plants**

THE \$1.5-million move consolidating the facilities of Titeflex at Springfield, Mass., is completed.

The plant now comprises over 300,000 sq ft, having been enlarged by 40,000 sq ft during the consolidation. There remains approximately 16 acres for further expansion.

#### Edison Buys Infra Facilities

THOMAS A. EDISON has acquired the Roseland, N. J. plant, equipment and inventory of Infra Electronic Corp.

The new facility will be operated as plant two of the instrument division and will make and market the same precision instrument system components now being produced. The factory makes servo and synchro motors and other components.

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total of 26,000 sq ft of floor space. William H. Balentine, who has been named assistant division manager, will be the general manager of the plant. He was previously manager of plant operations for the Edison instrument division.

# Armour Research Establishes In The West

BRANCH LABORATORIES have been established at Tucson, Ariz., by Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Alfred J. Hoehn, assistant manager of the electrical engineering research department, will head the branch facility.

He currently is directing work on two projects for the Army Electronic Proving Ground at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

# Bendix Fills Transistor Post

HOWARD OSTRAN has been appointed to the new position of factory superintendent of the recently opened semiconductor products plant of Bendix Aviation's Red Bank division.

He joined Bendix 10 years ago, and was on the staff of the Eclipse-Pioneer division as a wage administrator. Prior to his new appointment he was chief industrial engineer at the electron tube plant of the division.

Before joining Bendix he was an industrial engineer for RCA.

# **Electric Regulator Acquires Products**

ELECTRIC REGULATOR CORP. of Norwalk, Conn., has acquired from Texas Instruments of Dallas, Texas, the regulator business formerly handled by the Burlington Instrument Co. of Burlington, Iowa.

Principal product involved is a voltage regulator which has been manufactured by Burlington for a number of years and, since last February, by Texas Instruments. It is now being produced by Electric Regulator.

Manufacturing plans for other Burlington products have not been announced, though it is likely that



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Electric Regulator's Regohm will be substituted for several types of regulators, including the Ward-Leonard line, which use the same mounting chassis as Regohm.

# **Raytheon Elects** Vice-President

CARLO L. CALOSI has been elected a vice-president of Raytheon. He will serve as a consultant and participate in the management of the company's microwave and powertube operations.

Dr. Calosi recently returned from a leave of absence in Italy where he served with Finmecanica and its subsidiary electronics company, Microlambda, which is one of Raytheon's manufacturing licensees abroad. In 1948 he organized Raytheon's research division and served as its manager for three years.

He joined the Submarine Signal Co. in 1944, two years before its merger with Raytheon. After the merger he worked on numerous projects at Raytheon including the industrial applications of ultrasonics before becoming manager of the research division.

In addition to his responsibilities in connection with microwave and power-tube operations he will serve as consultant in connection with Raytheon's foreign license and export program.

# **Du Mont Names Control Head**

FRED WALZER has been appointed as quality control manager of the technical products division of Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories. Prior to his new position, he served as a section head in quality control for the cathode-ray tube division.

Previous to joining Du Mont in 1949, Walzer was associated with the quality control department of National Union Radio.

# Instruments Adds **Engineering Executive**

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administrator. In his new position he will be responsible for coordinating and scheduling of the electronic research and development activity which is presently being carried out by the firm for the Department of Defense.

Billhimer has been associated with the Otis Elevator Co., Airborne Instruments Laboratory, and Federal Manufacturing.

## Sanborn Builds New Plant

CONSTRUCTION is underway on the Sanborn Company's \$1,500,000 plant with some 128,000 sq ft of manufacturing and office space. It is being built on 16.3 acres of land in the Waltham, Mass. Research and Development Park.

# ECA Appoints Chief Engineer

ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF AMERICA has promoted Ernest Jellinek from assistant chief engineer, Photoswitch division, to chief engineer, Fireye division, heading up the development and design of electronic fire and explosion detection and extinguishing systems for aircraft.

Prior to his association with ECA, he was with the General Electric Co. in various phases of electronic development and design.

# Major Armstrong Foundation Established

THE NAME and works of the late Major Edwin Howard Armstrong will be perpetuated in the Armstrong Memorial Research Foundation, established by his friends and associates.

Besides G. E. Burghard, president, the incorporating members of the Foundation include vice-president, Harry W. Houck, who is president of Measurements, Inc.; secretary, Thomas J. Styles, who was a laboratory research associate of Major Armstrong, and treasurer, Joseph Stantley, who is president, Continental Sales Corp.

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## Electronics and Electron Devices

By ARTHUR LEMUEL ALBERT Macmillan Co., New York, 1956, 582 p, \$8.00

THIS book is a third edition of an introductory treatment of electron devices and their underlying physical principles. In addition to the material usually presented in textbooks of this sort, chapters on semiconductor devices, wave shaping and control circuits, and magnetic amplifiers are also included.

► Format—The objective that the author sets for himself is "to provide a textbook for junior and senior college and university courses on basic electronics and electron devices." However, the result falls short of this mark. Most of the treatment is superficial consisting mainly of qualitative discussion coupled with many diagrams and illustrations. Although the number of topics covered is fairly large, any detailed explanation of a particular subject is avoided by referring to a fairly complete bibliography that is included at the end of each chapter. Thus, in many cases, the reader is left in a position of having been introduced to the name of a particular theory or device without having the opportunity of understanding it if he confines his attention to this textbook alone.

► Formulas — Furthermore, any mathematics beyond that of the simplest algebra is generally avoided with only an occasional use of the most elementary calculus. Many of the formulae are simply stated without derivation and some conclusions are not justified by the preceding discussion. A notable exception to this is the discussion of transistor amplifiers where the analysis is more detailed. However, several errors in the text were noted such as the one on p 396 where the author states that if " $I_c = -E_s$  $(r_{\scriptscriptstyle b} + r_{\scriptscriptstyle m})/\Delta$  and if the impressed voltage  $E_g$  equals zero, then, for  $I_c$ to equal zero,  $\Delta$  must also equal zero."

▶ Magnetics—Another notable im-

provement over the rest of the text is the chapter on magnetic amplifiers which was written by J. J. Wittkopf. Within the limitations set by the length of the chapter, a fairly clear discussion suitable for undergraduate students is presented, although here again the analysis could have been more detailed.

A set of rather simple problems is given at the end of each chapter which are supplemented by a group of questions requiring short essay type answers.

Although this book is too elementary for the college student, it may find use as a descriptive introduction to modern electronic devices for readers having some familiarity with elementary algebra and who wish to obtain a passing acquaintance with this subject.—Armen H. Zemanian, College of Engineering, New York University, New York, N. Y.

## **Color Television**

By DONALD G. FINK Philco Corporation, Philadelphia, 1956,

154 p.

THIS book was written "to introduce and simplify the basic theory of color television, and to quickly train the reader (one who now enjoys a working knowledge of monochrome television) to master the techniques of trouble-shooting and servicing color television circuits regardless of their manufacture".

After a brief review of the philosophy of black-and-white television in Chapter 1, the author introduces the basic concepts of colorimetry in Chapter 2. Such physical color fundamentals as hue, brightness and saturation are clearly explained; however, the physiological and psychological aspects of color are not covered.

► Signals — Chapter 3, Transmission and Reception Methods and Standards, discusses the signals necessary to convey color and brightness information. Starting with a review of vector theory, suppressed carrier modulation is covered in some detail. Frequency in-

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terlacing is also looked into.

Chapter 4 describes the various circuits of a typical shadow-mask crt color receiver. The crt and its directly associated circuits are taken up in detail in Chapter 5.

Chapters 6 and 7 are concerned with crt and receiver adjustments and alignment. Chapter 8 discusses troubleshooting methods and show typical waveforms for different parts of a receiver.

Installation of a color receiver, including the antenna and transmission line are covered in Chapter 8,

▶ Questions—The end of the book contains a series of review examinations, one for each chapter, which will test the readers understanding of the subjects covered.

Written primarily for the service technician, this book will also be of interest to the engineer who wants to learn the essentials of color tv without getting into the details of colorimetry.—H.A.M.

## International Dictionary Of Physics and Electronics

D. Van Nostrand Co., Princeton, N. J., 1956, 992 p, \$20.00

CONTRIBUTED definitions of some fifteen scientists and educators have been combined in one monumental volume that emphasizes the terminology of pure science while at the same time presenting the working language of those concerned more with practical applications. Laws, basic principles, equations and concepts are presented along with the definitions of instruments, apparatus and components. Wherever possible, definitions established or recommended by professional groups have been included.

► Coverage—The major subject divisions are listed by the publisher as: units and dimensions; general principles; mechanics; the gaseous state; the liquid state; the solid state; heat and thermodynamics; acoustics; optics; electricity; electronics; meteorology; atomic and nuclear physics; mathematical physics; quantum mechanics; relativity. Radio and television terms are included as well, though of course they constitute only a small per-





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► Contributors—The following are listed as contributors to the volume: Professor Walter C. Michels (Pres. Amer. Assoc. of Physics Teachers) Bryn Mawr College; Professor N. F. Beardsley, Wright Field, Dayton Ohio (formerly of University of Chicago); Professor R. T. Beyer, Brown University; Professor H. C. Corben, Carnegie Institute of Technology; Dr. Robert Lindsay, Southern Methodist University; Dr. Robert B. Lindsay, Brown University; Professor J. C. May, Yale University; Dr. K. Mendelssohn, Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford University; Professor George Murphy, New York University; Dr. Chester H. Page, National Bureau of Standards; Dr. Rudolph Sher, Brookhaven National Laboratory; Dr. Benson R. Sundheim, New York University; Dr. A. A. Townsend, Cambridge University; Dr. A. D. Yoffe, Cambridge University; Professor S. M. Ziman, Cambridge University.

► Commentary — The publishers and contributors deserve commendation for tackling this publishing venture and bringing it to a successful conclusion, in a scientific field where the language and terminology is expanding so fast that the work will be out of date before it is a year old. With Weld's "Glossary of Physics" long out of print, there has been a real need for such a work.

With such a large staff of contributors, however, it is inevitable that there be a wide variation in the style and quality of definitions. Some approach the encyclopedic style in length, while others are so terse as to be almost worthless. Fortunately the majority of the definitions, particularly those in the field of physics proper, are excellent.—J.M.

## Taschenbuch der Hochfrequenztechnik

Edited By H. MEINKE and

F. W. GUNDLACH Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Germany, 1956, 1,408 p

A TECHNICAL handbook should serve two purposes; (1) it should



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provide an easily accessible technical survey of the subject and (2) it should serve as a starting point for further investigation of any particular application. Both of these functions are admirably fulfilled for the field of high-frequency electronics by the handbook edited by Professors Meinke and Gundlach. With the assistance of more than 30 contributors, a thorough survey of high-frequency techniques has been prepared. Its accessibility to the reader is facilitated by a detailed index. For extensive further information bibliographical references to books and periodical literature are attached to each of the 26 chapters.

The book is almost evenly divided between electronic components and electronic circuits. The components described and analyzed include both passive elements in their special high-frequency forms and active elements such as magnetrons, traveling wave tubes and transistors. Generally, the term high-frequency technique has been applied rather loosely and the subjects of interest to the electronics engineer engaged in present day developmental work have been included. There are extensive treatments of antennas, propagation, tubes and transmission lines, to give a few examples of the components treated. Among the circuit subjects there are chapters on amplifiers, mixers, relaxation oscillators and modulators.

► Techniques—The editors have limited themselves to a discussion of techniques and have not treated applications at all. It is obvious that some limit had to be placed on the subject matter and it would appear that this separation line is a logical one. Thus there is no discussion of systems construction or other devices incorporating highfrequency elements.

The publishers have accomplished no mean feat in compressing all this subject matter into a single volume which is readable. The drawings and graphs are particularly good. The text is compressed but clear. However, the equations are well spaced. The resultant effect is that the book does not appear at all crowded except for the bibliog-



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▶ Tradenames — The American reader will probably be surprised by the advanced technical level of the European work which is presented. However, in addition to the language handicap, which we should learn to overcome, the American engineer will find the component portion not as useful as might be desired. This is due to the references to European trade names for glasses, ceramics and alloys for which information here is not generally available. This is hardly a valid criticism since the handbook is primarily intended for use in Germany. From another point of view, this handbook will probably be the most easily accessible collection of whatever information there is available on such European materials. The bibliography and the authors of the various section might then be used to obtain further details on the subject. Unfortunately, the few photographs of actual structures have not reproduced well in their reduced size. This has apparently been recognized and drawings are used much more extensively than photographs.

This handbook will serve to remind the American electronics engineer that we are hardly alone in advanced technical development and that there may be know-how we should import as well as export.---M. ETTENEERG, Electronic Tube Research Dept., Sperry Gyroscope Co., Great Neck, N. Y.

# Thumbnail Reviews

Part 7, Volume X. Proceedings XI General Assembly U. R. S. I. General Secretariat U. R. S. I., Brussels, Bel-gium, 140 p, \$3.00 (paper). Reports on reading held at The Hague during August and September, 1954, and concerns work of commission on radio electronics. Book includes list of reports and papers submitted to the Commission and Reports of the National Committees.

Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Conference on the Administration of Research. New York University Press, New York, 1956, 107 p, \$4. Collection

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of papers delivered at a conference held September 7-9, 1955 at Northwestern University. Subjects include research interrelationships of Government, universities and industries; sources of research operations; means for improving research relationships and the future of research.

World of Atoms. J. J. G. McCue. The Ronald Press, New York, 1956, 660 p, \$6.50. Introductory course to science considers mechanics, chemistry, electricity, radioactivity, quantum mechanics and nuclear physics. Provides a broad survey of the field of natural science.

Theory of Photons and Electrons. J. M. Jauch and J. Rohrlich. Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., Cambridge, Mass., 1956, 487 p, \$10. Presents uniform radiation theory in conformity with principles of relativity and quantum mechanics. The book is on the advanced graduate level.

Government-Industry Cooperation In Standardization. American Standards Association, New York, 1956, 94 p, \$3. Proceedings of Sixth National Conference of Standards sponsored jointly by National Bureau of Standards and American Standards Association. Contains numerous papers by representatives of industry, government and the armed forces.

Worldwide Radio Noise Levels Expected in the Frequency Band 10 Kilocycles to 100 Megacycles. W. Q. Crichlow, D. F. Smith, R. N. Morton and W. R. Corliss. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1955, 36 p, \$0.30. Level and variability of atmospheric, celestial and man-made noise measurements made at Boulder, Colorado, Front Royal, Va. and Tatsfield, England.

The Radio Amateur's Handbook. American Radio Relay League, West Hartford, Conn., 1956, 156 p, \$3 (paper). Enlarged theory section includes new chapter on semiconductors. Material has likewise been added in the high-frequency sections to include a series of simple converters and construction data on vhf beam antennas. Additions have been made to the chapter on measurements and lists of vacuum tubes and semiconductors.

Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, Vol. 4--Cross Sections Important to Reactor Designers. Columbia University Press, New York, 1956, 356 p, \$7.50. Part of proceedings of Geneva Conference held August 8 to 20, 1955. Collection of papers from Canada, U. S., Great Britain, France, U. S. S. R. and Scandinavian countries containing recently declassified data on cross sections of fissionable and fertile materials.

World Radio-Television Valve Handbook. Lund Johansen. Gilfer Associates, New York, 1956, 195 p, \$2.50. Tube manual listing receiving tubes, crt's, crystal diodes and transistors with data, uses and interchangeability. Covers U. S. and foreign types.



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# Backtalk

## **Allocation Problem**

DEAR SIRS:

A PRESS announcement last week regarding the FCC study of a plan to "deintermix" television vhf and uhf, with the recommendation that eventually all tv broadcasting be placed in the uhf band, is exceedingly interesting to those engaged in the engineering profession.

It is about time that the engineers made their voice known to the FCC and to their representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives in this regard. Although many engineers agree that the uhf television broadcast band is eventually the proper answer, many engineers will simply "let Charlie do it". Only politics would rule unless the engineers make the facts known to their representatives.

There is no point here in discussing the engineering reasons why uhf television broadcasting is the right direction to move. Any engineer who has read the pages of ELECTRONICS and the other trade publications knows the reasons well enough. The real point, and the deciding factor, will be what the senators and representatives believe their voters want. Actually, the voters want one thing, and that is certain, more tv stations. Not understanding the engineering reasons, they would obviously recommend to their representatives vhf frequencies, not realizing that this would eventually lead to the same hopeless mess that exists in the a-m broadcast band.

It is up to the engineers, not only those who are interested in tv broadcasting, but those who want additional frequencies for other uses, to write their representatives to accept the uhf band for tv broadcasting, and reassign the existing vhf bands for other commercial purposes. Any engineer who has studied the situation will realize that this is the only real answer in the United States, where radio frequencies are at a premium, and the FCC must assign to the best of their ability to serve the most of us with adequate services.

This letter is an appeal to the

thousands of engineers to write their representatives their feelings in the matter. Don't let the politicians have a chance to make this issue a political one without engineering approval. Give them the engineering facts first, before they go to their homes and get the laymen to approve an unworkable and illogical plan of frequency allocation.

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THERE are some corrections in the illustrations for my article appearing on page 145, July issue of ELECTRONICS. On page 145 two illustrations at the top of the page are reversed

Of greater importance is the fact that circuit 1-B on page 146 has been changed from a common collector connection to a common base connection. The circuit as shown cannot possibly operate, since the entire bias voltage appears between the emitter and base connections and the collector is essentially floating.

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