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"What, No Pressure Cookers?"

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AnOpenLetter to Executives

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Radio Industry

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When you find time to consider post war problems, give a thought to what can be accomplished *now* by better industry standardization of components.

Prior to this war, the variety of tubes, resistors, condensers, coils and hardware was limited only by the desires or fancies of hundreds of engineers and by the ability of parts makers to tool and tool and tool. Possibly this haphazard procedure was a necessary adjunct to pioneering and growth.

The automotive industry experienced similar confusion in its early days, but with the advent of stability there also came standardization—of spark plugs, tire sizes, bumper heights, fan belts, sealed beam headlights, etc. Or maybe cooperative standardization helped to bring about industry stability.

Today—while post war radio sets are still in the making—is the time for top radio executives to insist that engineering and commercial departments work with the proper Committees of the Radio Manufacturers' Association to establish industry standards. If it is not done now, the next opportunity may be years away.

Here is an example of what can be accomplished. In one class of component, namely dry electrolytic condensers, there were more than 500 different types, ratings or sizes used as filters in the various radio sets made in a pre-war year. Chief Engineers appear to agree that between 30 to 40 standard units will meet all filtering requirements in 95% of the chasses built.

Should something like 40 electrolytics be adopted as standard type filters, the manufacturers of these condensers can produce in larger quantities and in more fully mechanized departments, furnishing a more uniform product at lower cost. It is probable that metal encased units—with their longer life—can be made so economically that inferior cardboard enclosures can be eliminated as standards. Some production can be maintained in "off-season." Set manufacturers' and service department inventories can be kept lower than heretofore. The public obviously will benefit by cost reduction in both sets and service charges.

Although condensers are used as an example, similar benefits and economies will accrue to the industry and the public by elimination of unnecessary types of other components.

This standardization is a matter which is vital to our industry's growth. If you believe in it, do something about it. Write or confer with the Chairman of the R. M. A. Parts Division, or contact the heads of the various special R. M. A. Committees on components. Only concerted industry effort will bring results. There is great need for leadership. Yours is solicited.

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T IS CHARACTERISTICALLY HUMAN to back a winner ... to ascribe precipitately to vitamins or sulfa drugs or plastics more powers and claims than sober research can keep up with. Plastics have their possibilities ... and their limitations. Good design is the reward of knowing both.

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INTERESTING COMPARISONS TO PROVE the point can be made between our type of plastics-Synthane-and certain metals. Synthane is made by applying heat and pressure to paper or fabric impregnoted with thermosetting resins. It is non-metallic, a fact which should at once suggest uses fundamentally different from those of metals. Actually, Synthane is an excellent electrical insulator, and so you find it in hundreds of radio and electrical products and applications, not in place of metal, but to insulate metal. That does not imply Synthane cannot replace metal. As a matter of fact, Synthane has taken over for metals in pulleys, bearings, panels, structural members, scales, dials. The reasons can usually be traced to one or a combination of the many properties of Synthane technical plostics.

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Brass	40,000-80,000	28,000-126,000 (u)
Cast Iron	16,000-45,000	80,000-200,000 (u)
Synthane	8,000-12,000	30,000- 50,000 (u)
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IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, TO REMEMBER that on a weight basis, Synthane may be stronger though redesign of a part for plastics may be necessary.

HARDNESS IS A PROPERTY in which another interesting comparison of Synthane with metals can be made. Brinell hardness, tested with 500 Kg. load, 10 mm ball, shows approximately these values: Alloyed aluminum 45-110, Brass 95-150, magnesium (drawn annealed) 29, annealed cast iron 77, Synthane 24-40.

BEHAVIOR UNDER TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS is characteristic of Synthane's non-metallic composition. For instance, whereas the thermal conductivity of aluminum alloys may range from .20 to .54 calories per second per square centimeter per centimeter of thickness per degree C., Synthane's thermal conductivity is about .0005 to .0008. The coefficient of thermal expansion of Synthane is about .0000140 inches per inch per degree F., approximately the same as alloyed aluminum, slightly more than pure aluminum, copper, brass.

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OBVIOUSLY, IN CERTAIN CASES there can be no question of whether to use Synthane plastics or a metal such as when the material must be an electrical conductor or an electrical insulator. In other cases, weight or strength may decide, or corrosion resistance, resilience, hardness, machinability. Or as often happens, the decision may rest upon the extent to which the material required meets many combined specifications. Synthane technical plastics are usually more desired for their combination of properties than for any one specific property for which another specific material or metal may be the only logical onswer.





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Aluminum Available Soon

Aluminum is now ready for release from its wartime priorities, since military demands for the light metal have reached the mere replacement stage. This freeing of aluminum opens up an important material for radio and electronic manufacturing. Also it may be expected that aluminum will serve as a test pattern for the release of other critical materials, as rapidly as war needs slacken.

Simplification, Standardization

With millions of civilian radios soon to be manufactured, a golden opportunity now presents itself for an industry-wide program of simplification and standardization of the radio parts and components entering into initial equipment. Where, pre-war, hundreds of different types and models were demanded, postwar, a dozen might serve better and more economically. Wartime standardization has shown the way. Now RMA should put civilian-parts simplification on a sound and permanent peacetime basis.

Would Cut Costs; Level Production

When special components and parts are demanded by the radio-set designer, the parts maker must put each order through as a special job. This is costly, and often best quality cannot be attained on such short runs. But standard parts of a simplified line can be produced during off-seasons for stock, making for lowest-possible unit prices. Such standard units also eliminate end-of-season surpluses and waste. And for jobber and repairman they reduce future inventories.

RR Communications Still Early American!

That recent derailment of the "Chief" in the southwest was a bad enough wreck to begin with, but for an uneasy few minutes it looked as if recent railroad history might repeat itself. Another crack passenger train was due, possibly to plow disastrously into the derailed cars.

We'd like to be able to report that the crew of the wrecked train signaled the oncoming flyer by radio, but such was not the case. According to the newspapers the frantic Indians and others aboard the "Chief" instead made a primitive signal pyre of oil-soaked mattresses. It was successful in stopping the second train, but we're sure there's a solemn moral here somewhere—for FCC, ODT and the 30 railroad applicants for communication channels.

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Television "Lines" Not Everything!

In every art the merits of certain factors have come to be judged by rule-of-thumb grading. Oriental rugs, Panama hats, leaf tobacco, a person's optimum weight, and even the weather, are all frequently evaluated by one single factor. This is usually better than a blindfolded guess, but is not conclusive to say the least. The television battle, being fought out in the press and by appeals to non-technical laymen, is being judged solely on the number of lines in a television picture frame.

Other Video Factors

Since real quality can be obscured by many other effects, such as the prevalence of hum, noise effects, multiple images, contrast, halation, aspect ratio, background illumination, and many psychological effects that vary with each viewer, it is refreshing to look back on a report by prominent television experts (Aug. 1940 Proc. IRE, pages 343 to 350) showing experimentally the satisfactory picture quality to be obtained from even 441-line pictures, when these other and so-called incidental effects are missing.

Dip in the Research Curve

Research, which has been tremendously accelerated because of new technics required for the military, probably will have to slow down for the want of new blood. Colleges have been stripped of students. The brain crop is going to be short. True, we shall have a small army of more or less technically trained men coming back from the wars, but they, too often, have been trained to follow orders—and blueprints—rather than to think. Perhaps the researchers have enough projects in progress to allow a safe coast over the dip in the curve of original work.

Punch Paragraph for Sales Talk

A manufacturer of electronic combustion controls and safeguards against explosions, makes a very impressive comparison between mechanical and electronic devices, by analogy:

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MEASUREMENT OF STATIC

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Improved type capacitor indicator for determining engine pressures has many industrial possibilities

• The important requirements of an ideal engine pressure indicator and its associated amplifying and recording equipment are:

1. It must give a linear and undistorted response to any instantaneous pressure encountered in an engine.

- 2. Its natural frequency must be well above any frequencies to be measured.
- 3. It must have an accurate predetermined calibration that will



Fig. 1.—Common form of capacitance variation pressure indicator. Fig. 2 (Right)—Complete pressure recording system

not be affected by temperature, time, fatigue, or external forces such as vibration, or shock.

- 4. It must be insensitive to all forces except the pressures applied to the diaphragm, that is, it must not pick up engine vibrations. This means that the moving element must have low mass.
- 5. It must be capable of indicating an atmospheric or any other desired pressure datum line.
- 6. It must be small in physical structure in order that it may be easily installed in modern engines.
- 7. It must be reasonably simple to operate.
- 8. It must be capable of recording pressures during a single engine explosion.

At the present time, no known pressure-indicating equipment meets all these requirements. Fortunately, however, the engine development engineer can compromise on some of them and still obtain instrumentation which is dependable and useful.

The condenser - type indicator lends itself to an exceptionally compact and sturdy construction

Fig. 3—Capacitance-variation converter and potential amplifier (left) with pressure-actuated C_{5z} and L_3 - L_1 mounted in indicator. Current amplifier circuit used with associated recording oscillograph (right)



and **DYNAMIC PRESSURES**

which is easily serviced, has a high natural frequency, and is relatively insensitive to shock and vibration. No mechanical linkage is required between the pressure diaphragm and the electrically sensitive element.

Some of the limitations of such equipment were overcome by using a resonance circuit in conjunction with the capacity-variation type of indicator developed in the General Motors Research Laboratories, one form of which is shown in Fig. 1. One limitation found with earlier equipment was that the capacitance of the connecting cable was in parallel with the capacitance of the pressure indicator itself, and so the effectiveness of the latter was obscured by changes in cable capacitance such as might be produced by vibration, etc.

To minimize this difficulty, it was necessary to use low-capacitance cable in short lengths only. This limitation required that part of the electrical equipment be mounted near the indicator which in some applications was inconvenient, if not impossible. To provide for remote location of the electrical equipment, an improved electrical circuit has been developed which utilizes low impedance link coupling between the indicator and the electrical equipment. Cable lengths up to 100 ft. have been used satisfactorily.

Figs. 2 and 3 show the general arrangement and the circuit of the equipment. The indicator illustrated has been drawn in its elementary form for simplicity. The capacitance formed by the diaphragm and the insulated electrode is altered by the pressure on the diaphragm.

The operation is based on the response of a tuned circuit L₂C₂ to a constant frequency as modified by changes in the absorption caused by the resonance conditions in a third circuit L₃C₃ linked to it. In this circuit a coil, L_{s} (Fig. 3) has been built as an integral part of the indicator assembly. The coil, L₃, is connected in parallel with the indicator capacitance, Cs, to form a tuned circuit with a resonance frequency of approximately 600 kc. The tuned circuit, L₃C₃, is closecoupled to the tuned circuit L₂C₂ by means of the link coils L, and Ls which are connected together by means of a low impedance (approximately 70 ohms) untuned cable. Changes in cable capacitance, such as produced by vibration, are negligible when reflected into the high

impedance tuned circuit. Therefore, long cables can be used satisfactorily between the indicator and the electronic units.

In the interests of simplicity of design and rigidity of construction, no provision has been made for changing the resonant frequency of the circuit L_sC_a . Therefore, it is necessary to tune the oscillator and detector circuits simultaneously to the resonant frequency of the indicator with ganged capacitors.

The tuning characteristic of the link coupled circuit is shown in Fig. 4. The operating range is the linear section midway between the maximum and minimum readings obtained.



Fig. 4—Characteristic curve showing conversion of capacitance variations into potential changes

The cutaway view of the latest type of indicator Fig. 1, shows that it consists of four principal parts: (1) a water-cooled frame and dia-





Fig. 6—Representative types of capacitive converters. Water-cooled indicator of high pressure type for standard (18 mm.) threads (A), 14 mm. threads (B), one inch threads (C) and (D), the latter showing the protective sleeve





Fig. 7-Oscillator-detector equipment





Fig. 10-(Above) Water-cooled balanced dia-

phragm unit for lower pressures, with enlarged

view of diaphragm assembly, Fig. 11 (below)

WATER TUBES

Fig. 8---(Center) Calibration system for static pressure characteristics, Fig. 9---Balanced dlaphragm unit for high pressure studies



phragm, (2) an insulated fixed plate and electrode assembly, (3) a coil assembly, and (4) an electrode shield and cable connector. The frame and diaphragm form an integral unit which is machined from a solid piece of Invar steel. Invar is used to minimize the effect of temperature changes in the diaphragm. Water cooling keeps the temperature of the indicator within the range where the low thermal coefficient of Invar is realized.

The water cooling of the diaphragm is an important design feature. After passing through the frame, the water flows through a series of interconnected concentric grooves machined on the bottom side of the heavy diaphragm which is sealed by a thin disk, copperbrazed in place. This construction makes the thin sealing disk an integral part of the heavy diaphragm, and thus eliminates any mechanical joints or linkages. The diaphragm is also extremely sturdy.

In order to minimize extraneous capacitance changes in the indicator assembly and the oscillator detector unit, it is desirable to have a large capacitance change in the pressure sensitive portion of the indicator. Since the capacitance between parallel plates varies as an inverse function of spacing, it is necessary to select a diaphragm thickness so that its movement is limited to approximately 15 percent of the initial air gap in order to obtain approximately linear re-Considering the natural sponse. frequency of the diaphragm, its elastic properties and limited diameter. a maximum diaphragm movement of 0.0003 in, was chosen. An air gap of approximately 0.003 in, was selected to obtain adequate initial capacitance, sensitivity, and linearity. The initial capacitance and sensitivity of the indicator is further improved by the use of a 0.0015 mica separator between the This mica also prevents plates. shorting of the plates by minute dust or metallic particles.

Since it is desirable to limit the movement of the diaphragm to approximately 0.0003 in., its thickness is determined by the peak pressure to be measured. The curves in Fig. 5 have been obtained by plotting diaphragm deflection the water-cooled 18-mm. inof dicator, versus pressure in lb. per sq. in. applied to the indicator diaphragm. A suitable diaphragm thickness for any given pressure measurement may be selected by reference to this chart. For example, with peak pressures of 800 lb. per sq. in., a diaphragm thickness of 0.065 in. should be used.

The indicator shown in Fig. 1, has a standard 18-mm. sparkplug thread. The fixed plate diameter is held to 0.415 in. in order to clear the root diameter of the 7/16 in. tapped hole in the frame. Spacing between the 0.415 in. diameter insulated plate and the 7/16 in. bore provides sufficient clearance to assure small electrical capacitance between the periphery of fixed plate and the frame. Fig. 6(A) is a picture of an assembled 18-mm. indicator.

A 14-mm. indicator, shown in Fig. 6(B), has been developed for applications where extreme compactness is necessary. However, this unit is not as rugged or as serviceable as the 18-mm. indicator. A larger indicator with a 1 in. diameter thread measures pressures up to 15,000 lb. per sq. in., Fig. 6(C), with a protective sleeve around the electrode assembly, as in 6(D).

The oscillator-detector unit is housed in a cast aluminum case to provide rigid construction, as in Fig. 7. Tube V1, in Fig. 3 and its associated circuits, form an electron-coupled high-frequency oscillator, with relatively high output and inherent stability. The rectifier or diode-detector tube V2, connected as a half-wave rectifier, is coupled to the oscillator through transformer T₂. The rectified current flowing through the diode load resistor R₄₆, read on the milliammeter is an indication of the voltage output across R₄₀.

The circuits $C_0C_{T0}L_0$, $C_1C_{T1}L_1$ and

 $C_{1}C_{T_{2}}L_{2}$ are all tuned to the same frequency. The tuned circuit $C_2C_{T_2}L_2$ is coupled to the indicator by means of the close coupled link coils L. and L., which are inter-connected with a low impedance cable. The output voltage developed across R₁₀ is balanced by a negative potential source through R_{5P} and R_{12P} to zero, thereby permitting direct-coupled amplification by means of V_3 . This amplifier tube V_3 is primarily used to obtain a low-impedance output source to minimize high-frequency losses in interconnecting cables to cathode ray or mechanical oscillographs.

In order to observe or record the output of the oscillator-detector unit under dynamic conditions, the output must be amplified to operate either a cathode ray or a galvanometer oscillograph as in Fig. 2. Since the voltage output of the oscillator-detector is large (10 volts) the use of a cathode ray oscillograph is quite simple, as no external amplifiers are needed besides the one contained in the instrument. A gain of 50 in the internal amplifier of the oscillograph is sufficient.

Calibration

The really important feature of direct-coupled amplification is the fact that it permits a static calibration of the indicator as in Fig. 8 and the measurement of low frequency pressure changes. The overall frequency response of the equipment has been built to be linear from 0 to 10,000 cycles per second.

Various methods have been developed for calibrating a singlecard indicator. These methods, in general, can be classified as follows:

- 1. Static calibration, which consists of applying a known steady pressure to the diaphragm of the indicator and recording the oscillograph deflection.
- 2. Dynamic calibration, which consists of applying a known dynamic pressure to the indicator diaphragm with a compressor or rotating valve, and recording the oscillograph deflection.
- 3. Calibration in the engine under firing conditions by a supplementary* instrument to indicate a point in the pressure cycle cor-

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responding to a known balancing pressure.

The disadvantage of the first two methods of calibrating is chiefly their failure to simulate actual engine conditions in regard to temperature. After calibrating in a suitable device, the indicator must be transferred to the engine. This transfer may introduce another source of error in the calibration because of the probability that the forces on the indicator frame in the calibrator will not be duplicated when the indicator is sealed in the engine.

For calibrating under engine firing conditions, two types of balanced pressure indicators are suitable: (1) the balanced valve and (2) the balanced diaphragm. After considering the characteristics of these two indicators, the balanced diaphragm was chosen as the more suitable. All balanced diaphragm indicators are similar to, or are modifications of, the indicator developed by the Bureau of Standards.

Balanced diaphragm indicators, in general, can be divided into two groups, namely, high- and low-pressure types. Fig. 9 shows the high-pressure balanced-diaphragm indicator designed and built in the General Motors Research Laboratories. The diaphragm of the highpressure indicator must be heavy enough (0.002-0.007 in.) to withstand the pressure encountered in the combustion chamber of an engine. The pressure necessary to move the diaphragm away from the contact (one to three pounds) usually is small, compared with cylinder pressures.

For use in manifolds of engines where maximum pressures are one to ten pounds, it has been necessary to build indicators with extremely thin diaphragms (0.0005 in.) in order to decrease the differential pressure necessary to open the contact. A specially designed indicator had to be built for use with these thin diaphragms to prevent wrinkling, buckling, twisting, sticking and diaphragm rupture and is shown in Fig. 10. Here the seat and diaphragm are assembled as a separate unit, Fig. 11, before installation in the indicator frame.

balanced diaphragm unit.

A thin diaphragm, 0.0005 in., is placed between the two clamping rings and held in place by six countersunk screws. This method of clamping prevents twisting of the diaphragm. The diaphragm is then stretched by screwing the bottom seat in place. The upper seat is then screwed against the top of the diaphragm, forming a seal where the bottom stretching seat makes contact with the diaphragm. Both the upper and lower seats contain many small holes for passage of the gas to the diaphragm. The clearance between the upper and lower seats is very small (0.002 in.) in order to limit the maximum movement of the diaphragm. After assembly, the insulated adjustable electrode is lowered until it makes contact with the diaphragm. Caution should be exercised when making this ad-justment to avoid rupture of the thin diaphragm.

Fig. 12 shows two low-pressure calibrated cards taken in the manifold of an engine. These cards clearly show the ability of the balanced diaphragm to follow lowpressure waves. Fig. 13 is a callbrated high-pressure combustionchamber record taken on an aircraft engine running at 2,600 rpm.

This type of indicator and its associated electrical equipment is not limited to pressure measure-The technic and equipments. ment developed for measuring pressure can be applied to studying the amplitude and wave form of small deflections of moving bodies.

From a paper delivered before the Detroit Section, Society of Automotive Engineers.

Fig. 13-(Below) Typical record of aircraft



^{*}The auxiliary pressure indicator described *The auxiliary pressure indicator described utilizes the principle that a diaphragm that separates two chambers bulges out in the direction of the space with lowest pressure. In this calibration a known and constant air pressure keeps the diaphragm against or away from a fixed contact until the cylinder pres-sure just exceeds its value, whereupon a high impedance electrical circuit is altered so as to produce a surge that is superimposed on the regular indicator diagram, or otherwise utilized to establish the pressure at a known reference level on those diagrams.—Editor. m that in +

CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION



• Large electronic tubes, such as X-ray and powerful transmitter tubes, must be carefully "out-gassed" during the exhaust process.

With the conventional arrangement, the equipment required for any two of the operations remains idle while the third operation is in progress. A new procedure developed by Machlett Laboratories and put into use in their Norwalk, Conn. plant, approximately triples the production capacity of such equipment by eliminating these idle periods for various components.

This procedure is to arrange a production line along which are located a series of five stations. At the first station, a set of four or more tubes are sealed onto the vacuum pumping equipment, which is mounted on a dolly. This dolly travels along a track and is connected to a power supply trolley, so that the tubes are being continually exhausted. It moves to the second station where the tubes enter a baking oven and remain for the required baking period. Moving next to the third station the highfrequency treatment is applied, and at station No. 4, the high-voltage processing takes place.

-Tubes are sealed on manifold of highvacuum pumping system on movable dolly

2—Dolly is wheeled to second station where tubes enter oven for baking process

3-HF bombarder station where internal parts are processed by induction heating



of LARGE POWER TUBES



4—The dolly with its tubes has been moved into lead-protected cabinet for high voltage bombardment. It is then advanced to next station

5-Upen completion of high voltage processing which can be inspected through load glass, dolly is removed and tubes are sealed off

In this arrangement for the continuous production fine manufacture of power vacuum tubes, dellies carrying four tubes each are moved along a track, stopping at each of four stations for the time necessary to complete an operation. Thay are sealed off at the last position in line



DEFLECTION BEAM TUBE

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Useful in direct current negative feedback circuits and for great variety of industrial applications

• Cathode ray tubes have gained great importance in recent years and are familiar to every worker in the wide field of electronics. They have been developed to a high degree of perfection and have found their principal prewar applications in cathode ray oscillographs and in television apparatus. The term cathode ray tube almost seems to imply applications of a kind where a fine beam of electrons is focused upon a fluorescent screen in order to produce a visible trace or image of the applied signals.

Another type of electron beam tube, however, has been known for many years in which no fluorescent screen is used 1, 2, 3. In these tubes the screen is replaced by one or more target electrodes whose object it is to intercept a varying amount of beam electrons whenever the beam is deflected from its normal position in accordance with an applied signal.

In Fig. 1 a simple deflection beam tube and its circuit are shown. The electron gun structure and the deflection system do not differ from the conventional design. The glass envelope is cylindrical, and carries a target electrode T near the end where the screen usually is mounted. The target is connected to a suitable tap on the voltage supply through load resistor R.

The signal voltage is applied to a pair of deflection plates D₁ while an initial adjusting voltage may be applied to the pair D₂ in order to

center the beam with respect to the target. For zero signal the beam may be in position B_1 where it just misses the target. In this position no electrons are collected by the target and the target current I is zero

As soon as a signal voltage of suitable polarity is applied to plates D₁ the beam will be moved along the path a . . . a in an upward direction, and a target current will flow. The current increases with increasing signal voltage and reaches its maximum value when the beam arrives in position B_2 . The curve of the target current as a function of applied signal voltage is determined by the configuration and electron density distribution of spot B and will in general have a shape as shown in Fig. 2.



voltage characteristic each target Fig. 2-Target current-sigwhile the of deflection beam tube maximum

get beam tube and its characteristic are shown in Fig. 3. Zero output voltage is obtained when a n equal number of electrons is collected by

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output voltage is reached when one or the other target intercepts the entire beam. The over-lapping target arrangement, also shown in Fig. 3, has certain advantages as compared



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Fig. 1—(Left) Simple deflection beam tube and circuit. When signal voltages are applied beam is displaced along line $a_{\dots}a_{n}$ B_{1} and B_{2} indicate beam positions for zero and maximum signal. Fig. 3—(Right) Two-target deflection beam tube and its characteristic

with mounting the targets in one plane.

Beam deflection can be accomplished by electrostatic or magnetic fields according to the well-known relations:

 $D = const \times e \times L$ for electrostatic deflection

 $D = const \times Ni \times L$ for electromagnetic deflection where

D = beam deflection in target plane

e = deflection voltage

Ni = ampere turns of deflectioncoil

L = length of path from deflecting field to target.

A glance at these equations reveals that control of the deflection beam tube can be obtained by changing e, i, or L. Since the electromagnetic field may be replaced by any other magnetic field (for example that of a permanent magnet) the following three control methods immediately are available:

1-Voltage applied to deflection plates

- 2-Current applied to deflection coils
- 3-Displacement applied to movable magnetic field of constant intensity.

Tubes of this kind have been used for a variety of applications in alternating current circuits 4, 5. Their use in direct current amplifier circuits, however, is subject to the usual limitations, as long as the performance is governed by characteristics of the type shown in Figs. 2 or 3. These characteristics depend entirely on beam intensity and geometry in the target plane and are subject to change whenever one of the many contributing factors changes.

The situation becomes radically different, however, when according to Ziebolz⁶ a secondary deflection system, which is connected in a negative feedback circuit, is applied in addition to the primary deflection means.

While application of negative feedback in ac amplifiers is common practice, negative feedback in dc amplifiers presents a number of



Fig. 4—(Above left) Deflection beam tube circuits with voltage feedback, (A1), current feedback, (A2), displacement feedback, (A3). In each case three types of input circuits are available: voltage input, (a), current input, (b), displacement input, (c). Fig. 5—(Left) Basic negative feedback circuit. Fig. 7—(Right) Calculated characteristics of basic circuit with nominal gain K = 100 when gain is varied

problems, since grids inserted in the electron path between cathode and anode control the intensity of the electron flow. The control grid, therefore, is a member of the grid and plate circuits at the same time, and both circuits have the cathode as common point.

In a one-stage amplifier negative feedback is not difficult. Frequently, however, the output level of the last stage differs from the input level of the first stage and prohibits a conductive feedback connection between output and input. Considerable work has been done to overcome this difficulty but, basically, simple and flexible negative feedback circuits, so readily available in ac amplifier design, are not possible in dc amplifiers using conventional tubes.

A different type of tube is required in which the interconnection between input and output circuits is eliminated. The deflection beam tube is such a tube. In it, control is effected by deflecting an electron beam of constant intensity with control members which are arranged adjacent to but not inserted in the electron path. Negative feedback, therefore, becomes a simple matter, and opens up a wide field of circuit solutions.

In order to review the possibilities

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a number of basic feedback circuits are shown in Fig. 4. The choice of three different input circuits is indicated schematically by the symbols for

electrostatic deflection--- (plates)---a electromagnetic deflection---- (coil)----b movable magnetic field--- (magnet)----c

The output of the beam tube is generally shown to be connected to an amplifier which, however, may not be required in certain applications. From the circuit output a feedback connection is made to a secondary deflection system which again may be any one of the three types listed above.

In circuit A1 an amplifier with voltage output is provided. A part of the output voltage, according

to the adjustment of an output potentiometer, is fed back to a pair of secondary deflection plates in order to produce a deflecting field opposing the primary beam deflection. In circuit A2 a current output is provided. Part of the output current as determined by adjustment of the output series resistor, is fed back to a secondary coil system again counteracting the effect of the input signal.

Circuit A3 is basically different from A1 and A2 inasmuch as a mechanical displacement is required as the output quantity of the circuit. This can be obtained by connecting the amplifier to a device which converts current or voltage into mechanical displacement. A simple example of a current-displacement converter is a solenoid. The feedback connection consists here of a mechanical link between the movable output member and the feedback magnet. The connection is such that movement of the feedback magnet tends to oppose the deflection produced by the primary deflection system.

The following Table I lists the nine circuit problems involved and their solution as given in Fig. 4.

		TABLE 1	
CIRC	UIT PROBLER	SOLUTION	
No.	Input Signal	Output Desired	Circult No.
1	Voltage	Voltage	
2	Current	Voltage	A1b
3	Displacement	Voltage	Alc
4	Voltage	Current	A2a
5	Current	Current	A2b
6	Displacement	Current	
7	Voltage	Displacemer	ntA3a
8	Current	Displacemen	itA3b
9	Displacement	Displacemen	ntA3c

Before discussing the merits of the nine basic circuits in practical applications a short review of their performance characteristics may be appropriate. Since all circuits are of the negative feedback type it will be sufficient to refer to the basic circuit shown in Fig. 5.

Using the notations of a voltage amplifier, the amplifier has applied to its input the voltage $e - \beta E$ and produces the output voltage

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{K} (\mathbf{e} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \mathbf{E})$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{K}}{1 + \beta \mathbf{K}} \mathbf{e}$$

which is the basic equation of









Fig. 9—(Above) Null circuits with deflection beam fube. Counterbalancing force produced by voltage, (N1), current, (N2), displacement, (N3). Three types of input circuits are again available. Fig. IO—Application of deflection beam tube in automatic pressure control system

negative feedback amplifiers. Obviously the output voltage will approach

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\beta} \mathbf{e}$$

when the term βK becomes large compared with 1.

Considering that β is constant. this simple review leads to the following remarkable features of the circuit:

- 1—The output is directly proportional to the applied signal;
- 2—The output is practically independent of the characteristic (K) of the amplifier;
- 3—The effective amplification is reduced by the factor $1/(1 + \beta K)$ as the price paid for obtaining the advantages of (1) and (2).

In order to check these characteristics in actual applications, two tests have proved valuable and their outcome can be predicted from the above analysis. In test 1

the output is measured as a function of the applied signal for different adjustments of the feedback ratio β . Sample curves are obtained readily from the basic equation when we define the maximum output E. = K eo. The resultant expression for the relative output and a number of curves for a gain K = 100 are shown in Fig. 6. The results of test 1 indicate the degree of linearity obtained and the reduction of effective amplinication.

In the second test the amplifier gain is changed below and above its nominal value K and the output is measured as a function of the relative gain

x = K'/K

for different values of β . For the purpose of easy comparison the signal is readjusted for every value of β so that for K' = K the output is always equal to E. In Fig. 7 the final expression for the relative

output and sample curves for K = 100 are shown.

The curves of Fig. 7 demonstrate strikingly the advantages of the circuit. As an example, when the amplifier gain drops by

Fig. 11-Experimental deflection beam tubes

50 per cent the output will drop only by 1 per cent, when a feedback ratio $\beta = 1$ is used. Consequently, any change of characteristics due to aging or replacement of tubes or parts and any change in supply voltages will have but a negligible influence on the performance of the circuit.

The result of actual tests performed on one of the basic circuits will be found in Figs. 13 and 14.

Circuit applications

Some applications of the basic circuits (Fig. 4) will now be discussed keeping in mind that the results of the last paragraph apply in all cases.

Circuits A1 and A2 are directcurrent voltage and current amplifiers of great stability and flexibility. The combination of beam tube and additional amplifier makes it possible to derive the overall gain from both devices at any desired ratio. In limit cases where the amplifier provides most of the amplification the beam tube may simply be considered as a stabilizing device for the associated amplifier.

The amplifier itself may be of conventional design but no special precautions with regard to its characteristics are required since it is included in the feedback loop. The output stage of the amplifier may be designed for any particular load condition. Considering, in addition, that three different primary deflection systems are avallable, a few of the applications are as follows:

Circuits A1a and A2a can be used as static dc voltmeters with voltage or current output: If a source of constant potential is connected to the output, circuits are obtained which furnish constant dc output voltage or current independent of fluctuating supply voltages or changing tube characteristics.

Circuits Alc and A2c may also serve as sources of constant voltage



or current output when the external magnet is fixed in its position relative to the tube. In other applications, the magnets may be moved according to a given time function. If a synchronous motor drive is used a periodically changing voltage or current may be obtained whose wave form and frequency may be varied within wide limits. It would not be difficult. for instance, to obtain an alternating current of perfect sine wave shape and of very low frequency, say one cycle per hour or one cycle per day.

Circuit A2b receives a small dc input current and furnishes a large dc output current with complete separation between input and output circuits. It may be termed a "dc transformer". The ratio between the two currents will be extremely stable.

Circuits A1c and A2c may be used for remote position indication where voltmeters or ammeters at the remote end indicate the position of a transmitter to which the magnet is attached. If the transmitter is a float indicating a liquid level, the device becomes a liquid level meter with remote indication. An interesting application is found in remotely indicating the movement of an object in a completely enclosed space without having any connection from the inside to the outside.

Circuits A3a and A3b permit controlling the position of the secondary magnet by a remotely located source of signal voltage or current. Circuit A3c, finally, constitutes a position transmission system where the secondary magnet reproduces the movement of the primary magnet. Referring again to the case of the movement within an enclosed space it is possible to obtain a corresponding movement on the outside without any connection.

The nine basic circuits, described so far, are negative feedback circuits. This implies that the secondary deflecting force is always slightly smaller than the primary deflecting force. The resultant small differential force deflects the beam from its zero position and thus produces the





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output value. Zero output is obtained only when the primary and secondary deflecting forces are also zero.

The deflection beam tube lends itself admirably to another group of basic circuits in which use of the null principle is made. In this type of circuit the beam must always return to its zero position thereby indicating complete equality of primary and secondary deflecting forces.

As shown in Fig. 8, the beam tube output is connected to a motor control amplifier which energizes a reversible motor. The motor in turn operates a device which controls the secondary deflection system. As long as the two deflection forces are of equal size the beam assumes its null position which results in zero output of the beam tube. In this case, the motor control amplifier does not receive any signal and the motor does not operate. The motor position, however, and the condition of the secondary deflection system directly indicate the value of the primary signal.

Whenever the balance between the opposing deflection forces is disturbed the electron beam will be deflected towards one or the other target and thus create an output voltage of a certain polarity. The motor will then be energized to run in a certain direction and thereby change the condition of the secondary deflection system until the beam has resumed its null position.

Fig. 15-Experimental model of position control circuit based on null circuit N3a



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Fig. 14—Measured characteristics of circuit A2a; beam intensity varied

The new position of the motor and the newly established condition of the secondary deflection system indicate the new value of the input signal. The motor position and the secondary deflection system may be calibrated directly in terms of the unknown input signal.

A review of null circuits is contained in Fig. 9 and Table II. In circuit N1 the motor operates a position-voltage converter, for instance a potentiometer, which produces at the secondary pair of deflection plates a voltage proportional to the motor position. In circuit N2 a position-current converter and an electro-magnetic secondary deflection system are used. In circuit N3 the motor directly positions a secondary magnetic field.

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OWI'S NEW YORK (See also Electronic Industries for Oct., 1943)



There are 20 sections in the Master Control unit each capable of taking programs from 60 incoming points and transmitting to 20 out-going channels. Unit operates entirely on pre-set basis with each section interlocked and protected by "mistake" circuit and alarm, preventing operator from pre-setting more than one program on same channet. Individual channels can be added or drooped without affecting remaining set-up. Re-



nes, or all, simultaneously. Panel in corner continuously indicates studios in use. Above is shown how the 960 relays are mounted in racks which slide like drawers so that equipment can be serviced. Each channel in master contro is completely interlocked so that there can be no possibility of cross channel feeding. Patch cords in upper photo were for temporary use during construction operations and are no longer used.

MASTER CONTROL



conding volume indicators (left) may be switched to any channel and continuously recerd modulation percentage. To right of them is monitoring panel enabling operator to monitor the 2C studios, the 4C transmission

lines and 23 receiving lines. Eclow it are emergency studio release controls and right of them studio break channel section enabling operator to pra-set and announcer to break, any combination of transmitting chan-



Each of the 20 sections in Master Control is complete in itself, may be tipped forward for maintenance. Behind technician is bank of 21 volume indicating meters which are ganged to selector relays allowing operator by push button to monitor three groups of lines of 21 each. Corner panel in upper left view contains 100 indicating lights continuously shewing condition of 20 long line circuits, whether incoming or outgoing. (Over)

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OWI's NEW YORK



All programs going through Master Centrol appear automatically on this Recording Console. Supervisor can pre-set to any channel and assign recording atte. Any of 14 lathes can be assigned to any channe or when necessary at 14 can be put on one channel for multiple recordings. Alcroscope at rich- of operator is for continuous examination of recording sapphires of which some 3000 a year are used. Upper panel at left con-



In this 14-bay bank of Western Beatric amplifiers there is an Indivicial amplifier for each of the 14 RCA precision lathes used for recording programs which may be fed on the lines through Master Centrol or used. for making pressings for shipment abroad. The complete amplifying equipment, only part of which is shown, includes a total of 46 amplifiers of various types including models 105, 118 and 1087, all Western Electric

MASTER CONTROL



tains indicating lights for 20 Memovos machines which automatically record every transmission. Below it is telephone recording installation for transferring incoming 'phone calls to individual phones at the fathes. Memovex machines start and stop automatically each time a sec tion is put in operation or knocked cowr. Below are some of the 46 Western Electric amplifiers used to drive the cutting heads on the lathes



Recording lathes are automatically interlocked into channels and the interlock is indicated by panel lights. When fed from studics, the pre-set and go ahead lights operate on separate panels making the recording operator

completely separate from the on air operator. Entire Master Control unit, which has been under construction more than a year and has just been put In operation was installed under supervision of Chief Engineer George Herrick

RECORDING SOUND ON

by GILBERT SONBERGH Associate Editor

Factors in the selection or design of equipment for recording and reproducing television motion picture sound

• The commercial sound motion picture is less than two decades old. although the idea itself dates back nearly half a century. Motion pic-ture sound track was recorded in 1900, although satisfactory reproduction of its record was not possible until the later development of electronic amplification. Today, the technic of simultaneously recording motion pictures and their accompanying sound has reached a high state of perfection, thanks largely to the vacuum tube. With the advent of large scale television, the sound motion picture will have ample opportunity to repay its debt to the science of electronics.

It seems inevitable that the expansion of television ultimately will result in greatly increased use of sound motion picture recording. News events* worth telecasting are more likely to occur during the day than at night, but they must be shown during the evening hours for widest audience coverage. Events occurring simultaneously at different locations must be separated in time for presentation via the television transmitter. In live dra-matic presentations, television studio limitations can be overcome by interspersing previously filmed shots made outdoors or under other conditions not feasible on the stage. In short, the commercial success of home television may greatly extend the production and utilization of picture and sound-on-film recording equipment. Certain deviations from established technics may be desirable for optimum television results.

In general, the ideal of motion picture sound recording is to reproduce rather better than faithfully the sounds fed into the microphone. There are several good reasons why it is not sufficient merely to reproduce the original. First, the conventional commercial recording system is monaural, or without perspective. Humans with two good ears and related mental processes are able to single out a sound to which they desire to listen, differentiating it from background noise and other sounds partly because of minute phase differences resulting from the time-difference in the arrival of the desired sound at each ear. This, obviously, the singlechannel recording system cannot do.

Second, reverberation time of the auditorium (or living room, in which the film is to be reproduced) is just as much a factor in the final result as is reverberation time in the studio where the recording was made, the final effect being the sum of the two.

Third, the volume range of the reproduced sound must be less than that encountered in nature, because of equipment limitations as well as audience comfort. Fourth, raising the average volume level of the reproduced human voice, which must be done in theaters or large rooms, introduces effective amplitude/frequency distortion, making the reproduction boomy or unnatural. When voices are raised in real life, the energy distribution center shifts to the higher sound frequencies.

Fifth, sound to accompany plctures allows no play of the listener's imagination, as in radio broadcasting, but must "match the picture" at all times. An outdoor shot, for example, must sound like the outdoors, even if it has been photographed inside studio walls. These and other limitations will be taken up in more detail in the following.

In brief, a motion picture sound recording system includes a microphone, an amplifier, an optical system to provide a recording light in the form of a concentrated, thin, rectangular beam or slit, a light modulating device to vary the amplitude or intensity of the beam, and an accurate mechanical system to impart uniform motion to the film recording stock, providing the linear time-base required.

To this equipment may be added

Professional quality 16 millimeter motion picture equipment, manufactured by J. A. Maurer, Inc., New York City. From lower left up: power supply, amplifier, and recorder. Recorder and camera (insert) are driven by synchronous motors at 24 frame-per-second speed. Two-man crew needed



The Republican National Convention in Chicago, middle of June, was handled in this way, motion pictures being flown to New York for transmission from WNBT and other stations.—Editor.

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various equalizers and filters to correct for inherent deficiencies in various parts of the system or to introduce intentional amplitude/ frequency distortion to achieve certain effects. Facilities for mixing the output of several microphones or preamplifiers may be provided. The main amplifier usually incorporates some form of avc or volume compression to simplify the work of the sound-recordist "riding the gain" and avoid overloading the amplifier or light-valve, overexposing the film itself in variable density recording, or "clipping" high-amplitude wave peaks on a variable area track.

Sound track types

The simplest form of variable area sound track is an oscillogram of the amplifier output with the area to one side of the trace dark and the area to the other side transparent. Such a track is produced by a mirror-galvanometer as the light-modulator, varying the height or length of the illumination of the slit under which the unexposed film passes.

The simplest form of variable density sound track consists of transverse striations or variations in density corresponding in opacity to the instantaneous values of the amplifier output. Such a track may be recorded either by a gas-discharge lamp in which the light output varies with the impressed voltage, or by a light-valve which varies the width of the recording slit above or below a mean value corresponding to the ac axis of the sound wave.

The gas-discharge device is no longer used because of the limited light output, lack of linearity, and poor dynamic response at the higher audio frequencies. A convential Wente type light-valve consists of two thin duralumin ribbons in a magnetic field. Passing the signal currents through the two in opposite directions causes the separation to increase or decrease from the mean spacing, admitting more or less light to the film. Many variations of these simple sound Positive prints of representative sound tracks. 1-A is simple variable area track, made by deflecting wedge-shaped light-beam across slit. 1-B and other variable area tracks are produced by changing shape of light source image with masks, as shown under each track. Arrow under 1-A shows direction of beam deflection from mean (no signal) position, as well as direction (either way) of film travel under slit. The push-puil tracks require two beams, deflected as a unit. Gueses of push-puil tracks are exactly analocous to classes of push-puil v-t amplifier operation, having to do with the proportion of the cycle during which each of the two reproducing phototubes receives light and passes current. Track 2-A is conventional density track produced by ribbon-type light valve, to which auxiliary shutter-type noise reduction has been added in 2-B. Class A op density only is shown, as other classes are similar in appearance. Both types of lightmodulators are described in accompanying text. Sound tracks from ERPI chart

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Proposed American War Standard for 16 mm. projector response. Hi cutoff is to reduce dirt-noise



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tracks are possible. A few representative types are illustrated.

Much has been written about the relative merits and demerits of the two types of sound records. The Hollywood studios are perhaps equally divided between variable density and variable area. Producers of commercial or industrial films favor variable area. The best possible area recording compared with the best possible density recording probably would yield identical results, but relatively it is easier to secure a good variable area track.

The H&D curve of a photographic emulsion is a record of the material's opacity plotted against exposure time, under given conditions of development. Such a curve is quite analogous to the anodecurrent vs. light-flux curve of a phototube or the plate characteristic curve of a vacuum tube. At the toe of the curve as well as at the shoulder, a change in exposure fails to bring about a corresponding increase in opacity sufficient to maintain a linear relationship.

As with single-ended vacuum tube amplifier operation, the variable density sound record's density variations, including positive and negative peaks, must be kept on the straight-line portion of the curve if audio distortion is to be avoided. This requires stringent correlation between exposure and development technics in variable density recording and an absolute accuracy in both. Variable area, while not automatic, merely requires a clean white and a good black, for average quality work. It is much less critical with regard to placement on the H&D curve. In the early days of television sound motion picture photography, there is danger that there may be much hasty photography and little cooperation between recordists and film processing laboratories, which conditions definitely indicate the desirability of variable area.

Comparing present-day, improved 16 millimeter picture definition with that of the television process, the latter will probably for some time be the limiting factor on picture quality. Thus, if strict economy should be a factor, 16 millimeter might be used exclusively. On this substandard film size the status of the art of variable area recording is considerably better than that of variable density. Whether the recording be on 16 or 35 mm. film, a possibility worth considering is that of shooting at 30 frames per second instead of 24, improving sound track quality and the smoothness of pictorial motion as well.

Since the motion of film must be intermittent for picture making or

projection and uniform for sound recording or reproduction, the sound record is always placed a convenient distance ahead of the corresponding picture on the film. This inherent requirement imposes restrictions on the cutting, splicing, and editing of finished sound film because there is no practical way physically to separate the sound track from the adjacent frames of pictures.

To escape this limitation, most sound motion picture work utilizes the double system, in which pictures and sound are recorded simultaneously on two lengths of synchronism running in film through the camera and through the sound recorder. Driving the two units are synchronous motors. selsyn motors or, for field work, a dc interlock type. Another advantage of the double system is that additional sound effects, music or narration may conveniently be added to the original record before it is combined with the picture record in the final print for projection.

The single system has the inherent advantage of simplicity; both records are made simultaneously on the same film in the same camerarecorder, a compact, combined unit. Such equipment is more portable. It has enjoyed considerable use in the newsreel field, where what is often wanted is a truthful record of what took place visually and audibly, without later editing or rearranging. The fact that the sound is wedded to the picture is not a disadvantage under such Single system must conditions. make some compromise between picture and sound track quality, since no one photographic emulsion is ideally suited to both types of records. However, satisfactory results for newsreel-type work can be obtained. It is quite possible that the single system technic would be ideally suited to wide scale news event recording for later television release.

It is safe to say that much of the commercial sound-on-film recording being done today is of poor The modern Hollywood quality. product is generally reliable-it is the non-theatrical type of film, usually released in 16 mm., that often offends. Such prints may be imperfect reductions of older Hollywood products or they may be direct 16 mm. work poorly recorded due to faulty equipment or personnel. Film making in the field, whether originals be 35 or 16 mm., is the type of work which television broadcasters will have to learn. Many variables which have been successfully "tied down" in the film studios still plague the efforts of the non-theatrical film producer, but much of the difficulty is a re-

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sult of the misapprehension that expensive recording equipment is foolproof.

Factors affecting final sound quality in the projection print may be divided roughly into four categories: Mechanical and optical perfection of the recording unit; quality of the electronic equipment and associated elements such as microphones and mirror-galvanometer or light valve; the film, exposure, processing combination; and the human element in maintenance and operation of the total equipment. If re-recording is employed, these same factors apply to that process as well.

Mechanical problems

Two major problems in recording equipment design and maintenance are the achieving of uniform film motion and a narrow, sharply focused, and correctly orientated recording light beam. Non-uniform film motion may be divided under three major categories. Slow speedvariations resulting in frequency modulation of the recorded sound audible as "wows"; sprocket-tooth flutter, faster speed-variations; and gear-tooth clash, frequency modulation at higher frequencies.

Good mechanical design minimizes all film motion problems. Sprocket-tooth design attempts to compensate for the inevitable varying degrees of film shrinkage and consequent non-uniform spacing of perforations. Good design and long "running in" procedures reduce gear-meshing and other mechanical troubles. In spite of all such precautions, however, it is impossible to secure sufficiently uniform film flow without mechanically isolating that point in the film path where the recording exposure is made. Usual practice involves passing the film around a rotating recording drum which is part of a flywheel driven through a filter. This filter may be mechanical (springs), hydraulic (oil-drive) or magnetic (lines of force provide the coupling). Each method is capable of good results. Tests of a given piece of equipment for film speed variations are best made with the cathode ray oscillograph and a constant frequency test film.

If an original sound recording is played back on a so-called filmphonograph for the addition of musical score or to "dub in" speech or sound effects not present when the shot was filmed, all of the reproducing and recording units employed must likewise be free of film motion irregularities which would cause any of the various types of frequency modulation of the combined sound track.

Sound recording on film approaches theoretical perfection only as the recording light beam is re-

duced to a mathematical line having no width. Since the beam must have finite width to provide light for exposure, certain distortion products are inevitably introduced, particularly at the higher frequencies, where the dimensional width of the beam becomes appreciable in terms of the linear distance the film stock travels during one cycle of the frequency being recorded. This is true both for variable area and variable density. In variable density recording, moreover, since the wanted signal causes varying exposure by increasing or decreasing the mean or no-signal width of the beam, high frequency sound signals are further distorted with increasing amplitude because of too great widening of the beam on that side of the signal's ac axis calling for more light and exposure.

A satisfactory compromise between the requirements of frequency response and recording light efficiency, using presently available recording emulsions, is .0005-in. slit-width for variable density and .0002-in for variable area on 35 mm. A still further downward revision of these figures is necessary to secure comparable results in 16 millimeter, due to the reduced linear speed of the film. A high quality direct 16 mm. variable area recorder may use a light beam only slightly wider than one ten-thousandth inch. These slit widths are achieved by optical reduction of the actual physical slit or mask image.

Sharpness of the beam at the film surface, or clear demarcation between the area of light and the areas of no light, is a prime requisite of the optical system, since any light scattering would effectively increase the slit width. Accurate focus and precise azimuth orientation at 90 deg. to the direction of film travel are other requirements. Any adjustments, of course, must be made under a suitable microscope. Certain types of recording units, adjusted during manufacture and sealed, require no field servicing under conditions of normal operation. Highest quality is ob-

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Inside of 20th Contury Fox mobile recording truck, a 35 mm. push-pull system. Efements are: 1-moise reduction equipment, 2-recorder control panel, 3-timit amplifier controls, 4-limit amplifier, 5-jack field, 6-filter and monitoring amplifier, 7-telephone equipment, 8-35 mm. recorder or film machine, 9-motor control panel, 10-rectifiers, 11-power input. Pre-amplifier not shown. Push-pull track, after editing, etc., is recorded as single-ended for distribution

MAINTAINING MILITARY

by ROLAND C. DAVIES

Electronic Industries Washington Bureau

Laying out, equipping and servicing radio highways of the sky regularly flown by Army Air Transport Command

• The building of the "Radio Highways of the Sky" along which the huge planes of the Army Air Transport Command and the military bombers for the United Nations have been traveling safely over jungles and mountains, through storms, fogs and darkness, has been performed by specialists of the U. S. Army Signal Corps. After these radio stations are installed-and they have been built by the hundreds in 52 foreign countries of the globe-the Signal Corps turns them over to the Army Air Forces for operation and then the radio guidance of flying falls upon the Army Airways Communications System, although the Signal Corps plant and engineering experts are always ready on call for major maintenance and repair jobs.

The Plant Engineering Agency, one of the units of the Army Communications Service of the Signal Corps, and a sister group, the Communications Engineering Branch, have worked hand-in-glove on the assignment of engineering, procuring and installing equipment for the Army Airways Communications and Weather Systems outside the continental limits of the United States. Other segments of the Signal Corps have also assisted the AACS-which deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the notable achievements of aviation radio communications in every part of the world during this war--among these is the Signal Corps Security Agency which has the responsiblity of safeguarding military communications and recogni-



Inside a training plane radio and navigation officers learn to use the complex equipment that keeps the pilot on the beam and insures the safety of the crew on every sort of mission

tion codes for the air forces of the United Nations.

The Signal Corps specialists who have placed in operation the radio equipment that has enabled the many thousands of military planes to shuttle across oceans and continents carrying men and materiel to the fighting fronts, oddly, have been trained on the rolling fairways of one of Philadelphia's swank golf courses, the Brookline Country Club. Instead of golf enthusiasts, Philadelphians have seen during the war young men in Army fatigue uniforms learning one of the most specialized of military trades. These specialists erect poles and string transmission lines; construct antenna towers and radio equipment; assemble transmitters, receivers, power plants and weather stations and then tear them down again. They keep on repeat-ing the process until they are skilled enough to install the apparatus under any conditions in any part of the world.

This is how the Signal Corps Plant Engineering Agency swings into action for a new airways radio and weather station:

A decision is made to extend an Air Transport Command route, necessitating communications and weather recording facilities at a new airfield. Regional and Sector control officers of Plant Engineering Agency and the Army Airways Communications System collaborate on the plans, which vary according to the geographical, climatic and tactical conditions.

Typical installation

One set of the plans is sent to Plant's headquarters, where men swing into action swiftly—for virtually every request bears an "urgent" tag. Plant engineers the equipment, procures it from commercial manufacturers, ships it to the scene, and sends out a team of from five to twelve men to install it.

But it is not so simple as it sounds. A typical installation requires an airdrome control tower, **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

an operations room, a transmitter and receiver plant, a radio range, a homing transmitter, a meteorological station and power units. The equipment includes radio transmitters varying between 25 watts and 40 kilowatts in power; radiosonde and other weather recording apparatus; high-speed tape radio apparatus; direction finders, and range beacons. An installation may have as many as five huge antenna towers.

Insure air safety

Without these facilities there would be chaos; the planes could not fly the routes with any degree of dependability. Each airfield must be in communication both with the planes and with other fields and headquarters, to control the flights and exchange weather data. The planes must be guided by navigational aids from the ground -the radio beams, homing devices and direction finders. For instance, the beam literally lays down a definite path for the pilot to follow: as long as the "on course" signal is heard, he knows the beam will lead him through the safest passes and clear him of the dangerous peaks. So the planes fly, aided by well over a half-million miles of radio and wire circuits.

In order to install the apparatus that makes the air routes dependable and safe. Plant's engineers and technicians must fly those routes before they become safe. The installation teams have had their quota of adventurous moments and have been under fire. One such moment came in an emergency call to Plant Engineering to install a duplex radioteletype channel to aid in the flying over the Himalaya Mountains. An eleven-man installation team set out in a transport plane for the China end of the route, a snow storm was encountered and, even though the plane crew threw out tools and artillery shells, the men had to bail out, but ten men finally made their way back through the jungle to civilization. They then continued their iob to install the communications channel in China even though they frequently had to dodge Japanese bombs being dropped on the air field

The Signal Corps units, always working against time, frequently have had to labor 14 to 18 hours daily in broiling heat or sub-zero cold and in several cases, men have worked through heavy tropical rainstorms without rest up to 36 hours. Time and again, to meet deadlines, the specialists have improvised equipment on the spot, have raided aircraft junk yards, have borrowed material and equipment from various services and have borrowed and purchased materials from foreign commercial concerns.

Occasionally, engineering must be done in the field to meet conditions never before encountered. Unusually violent and frequent electrical storms, bitterly cold temperatures and—in the high northern latitudes

Glider "Radio Base"

A wrecked glider was used as a radio control station by Col. John Alison for the landing of gliders on the "Broadway" air strip after the "Piccadilly" field has been obstructed by the Japs—this was part of the sensational feats of the First Air Commando Force — the AAF's glider organization — which carried Allied troops over the Japanese lines in Northern Burma last month to carve air bases out of the jungles, it has been revealed by the War Department.

At the same time, the Signal Corps experts are always hard at work developing short cuts and new streamlined methods that save time, personnel and materials. For wire communications Plant Engineering produced "packaged carriers," an innovation in which the best features of thousands of items of equipment were combined into compact units which were sent into the field with instruction pamphlets, for quick installation by non-technical men. Similarly, individual engineering for standard radio installations was reduced greatly by the provision of kits containing transmitters, receivers. antennae and other materials necessary for particular needs.

Hundreds of Army Airways communications towers have been installed in the United States and in 52 foreign countries by specialists of the US Army Signal Corps to guide army planes



PRODUCTION SHORT CUTS



4 Tubing cutter, devised at Argus, Inc., Ann Arbor, Mich., cuts insulating tubing into preset lengths at rate of 6,000 pieces per hour. Clder, foot-powered equipment cut up to 4,000 pieces per hour with heavy toll of operators. The unit (shown here with guards removed) is powered by a solemoid and actuated by a microswitch. Air blast disposes of the cut pieces

5 Electronic sorting and inspection table replaced needle micrometer hand operation at General Electric in sizing tiny contact assemblies. Operator slides assemblies down incline. If top of assembly touches first overhead contact it is oversize, and electronic relay acts to eject it into first chute. Second contact point is set at standard height less tolerance. Upon contact, assembly is kicked down chute for "correct" size. Undersize units miss both points

Ideas to speed production, inspection, and testing of war radio-electronic gear

J Dramatizing Humdrum Jobs

It can be very monotonous for a worker to repeat, day after day, some simple operation on a subcontracted job like punching out chassis stock for radio equipment. Many plants have learned the value of organizing exhibitions of the finished equipment ready for war communications duty. The workers making vital components otherwise might never know what the finished gadget looked like and could hardly be blamed for losing interest.

The latest such exhibition was arranged for employes of North American Metal Products Co., Chicago, prewar makers of metal stampings for cookie cutters and toys. The Signal Corps supplied two walkie-talkies, field telephones, and several larger transmitters and receivers. One unit of each type was assembled, the other broken up to show the parts of local manufacture. Signal Corps motion pictures and refreshments combined to make the Saturday afternoon a highly successful gathering from the morale standpoint.

2 Bucket Brigade—Water-Cooled Factory Girls

Sore need by Signal Corps for mine detectors brought sore arms and wrists to gals at International Detrola Corp., Detroit, Mich., in all night rush-order panic. Special train awaited the detectors, to give you an idea of the urgency. Anyway, the story is that those sore wrists succumbed to a quarter-hourly plunge in buckets of cold water!

3 Saved: 10,000 nickel nickels

Another example of an unnecessary operation and its successful elimination: Girl at a tube plant discovered that welding of tungsten top leads to platinum-plated grid side rods could just as well be done without using the conventional nickel flux. Result: saving of many hours' time and about \$500 worth of nickel annually.

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6 Transparent plastic tubing now covers cable terminals at Northrup Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif., instead of rubber tape. Result is neater, quicker job allowing final assembly inspectors to check soldaring without removing tape. Photo shows old and new methods. The plastic tubing is expanded over terminal by special beveled-end air hose nozzle



7 V-Mail technic on the home front renders service to industry in preserving records, drawings, and plans. Equipment manufactured by Microcopy Corp., Burbank, Calif., saves time, money and space in storing records, as well as providing "document insurance" in cases where originals are removed. New technic allows copying pencil drawings

8 Rotary drop test unit at Tung Sof, Newark, N. J., is useful research tool and production quality test instrument. Graduated hexagonal boxes rotate on common shaft. If normal breakdown of a certain tube type occurs in Drum No. 6, it is henceforth known as "bogie drum" for that type. All production must then pass tests up to No. 6 Two operations formerly separately performed can frequently be combined into one, at great savings of man and machine time. Photo shows \$50 bond winner at Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation's Marion, Indiana, plant. Girl operator demonstrates special punch and die set to form and cut wire in a single operation



USING CATHODE COUPLING

by W. MULLER

Useful applications of cathode follower systems at low and high frequencies. Basic circuit characteristics

• Among the large variety of tube circuits that are daily employed to carry out all sorts of jobs the "cathode follower circuit" seems to be sort of a stepchild among the greater part of electronic workers. In general while a few radio engineers and laboratory men seem to have recognized the value of cathode follower circuits and their applications, many others never have become fully aware of their features. The cathode follower is a most useful circuit in these times when parts are at a premium.

Primarily a cathode follower is nothing else but a circuit using a grid-controlled vacuum tube (any type) where the signal impressed on the grid is picked up across the cathode-to-ground impedance instead of from plate to ground as is customary (see Fig. 1). Its features which are advantageous include the matching of loads to a tube in a manner not possible with other connections: First: Easier matching to low impedance circuits. Second: Phase shift is largely eliminated. Third: Frequency distortion and discrimination are reduced to a minimum. Fourth: It can be used at all audio and radio (including ultra-high) frequencies. Perhaps there are

Fig. 1—Basic circuit of cathode coupled output stage. Input signal applied across R₁, C₁ has low reactance at all frequencies used



some other advantages, but the aforementioned are the most obvious.

The disadvantages are as follows: First: No voltage amplification results. That is, the theoretical energy transfer is unity, but in practice is slightly less (usually about 90 per cent of input signal). Second: The tube selected must be able to handle maximum signal at input, which in some applications might be almost any level. Third: The output signal is in phase with input signal, which might be objectionable in some cases. Fourth: Since there is no gain, but a slight loss, this might mean that additional amplification would be required. Certain other disadvantages are not listed since they have little bearing on the following.

Referring back to the first advantage, namely easier matching of loads at low impedances, assume the conditions in Fig. 2. where a

Conventional pre-amplifier and power amplifier system using transformers in Fig. 2. In Fig. 3, a cathode follower stage replaces low impedance output transformer for emergency service





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microphone or phototube preamplifier is to be matched into a 600-ohm line. Generally we use a preamplifier-to-line output transformer to do this, that is, the primary of the transformer is fed from the final tube in the preamplifier and the signal appearing across this primary usually is stepped down to match the desired secondary impedance of 600 ohms. On the other end of the line we have another transformer, usually step-up, that feeds the grid of the next amplifier, whatever this amplifier might be. This operation calls for two line-matching transformers, and if the installation is high quality, the transformers have to be the best. To apply cathode follower circuits to this application to eliminate the need for the transformers, first ascertain the operating level of the signal that would be normally delivered to the primary of the line output transformer. Then select a tube whose bias is large enough to cover the maximum excursions of the incoming signal, and connect as per

Fig. 3, and tap the cathode resistor at a point equal to the desired line impedance of 600 ohms. The gain of the next unit is then raised slightly so as to compensate for the loss incurred in the cathode follower. Since line levels for preamplifier circuits are low, no real



Fig. 4—Circuit for low frequency applications. Plate to ground capacitor can be several mfd problem will be experienced. Another point is that the grid input of the following circuit can be worked directly from the line, that is, high impedance input with no detrimental effects.

If the tube used happens to be a 6C5 then the impedances in the



Fig. 6—Additional by-pass capacitor C_1 of mica type is added for high frequency use

Fig. 5—RF test signal distribution system using cathode followers to take signal from coaxial line. Tubes at each test position produce negligible loading of line, give low impedance output



output load impedance can be varied from 1 to 2000 ohms, with any intermediate step, that might be desirable as in Fig 4. Distortion and frequency discrimination will be nil. Here a simple tube replaces a hard-to-get transformer.

This example covers one instance of the application. The next example will cover line matching where a number of points are to be supplied with signal energy as in the case of test positions in a radio set factory. The problem here is to feed a number of test positions with a 450 kc signal, as in Fig. 5. Here again the procedure is similar to the first problem. The required test voltage seldom runs over 3 volts. The line used will be coax. The master generator is terminated into the line either inductively or through a cathode follower. By tapping the cathode resistor as needed, the coaxial cable can be easily matched, terminating the far end into a fixed resistance. All test point positions have a cathode follower whose grid is fed directly from the line (high impedance input) and whose output can have a readily constructed output attenuator of the resistive type. Attenuation will be smooth and easily accomplished. No other forms of matching will be needed.

If the level on a line or output of a device runs as high as 100 or 200 volts, the only rule to be observed is to provide a cathode follower tube, whose bias is as large or larger than the max-(Continued on page 196)

FLEXIBLE STUDIO CONSOLE

by PHILIP C. ERHORN

Design of speech input set-up to afford sufficient facilities and great versatility for small control room

• Broadcast studio technic has been pretty well standardized but tends to become more complex particularly where changes in circuits must be made frequently as a consequence of studio changes, addition of facilities and so forth. Illustrated is a block diagram of a typical studio control console containing all the audio equipment normally used in program production.

Circuits involved in this particular arrangement, which may well serve as a model for a small station, are flexible, and no circuit jacks and patch cords need be used. All functions are controlled by reversible key switches. As indicated on the diagram, the facilities are set up for two studio operations, although several of these units could be used to advantage for medium size stations having several studios. In the very small station, the console will serve as master control to the transmitter, the line output feeding directly to the modulator circuits.

In Studio A two microphones are directly connected to preamplifiers, and a third microphone runs through a transfer key ahead of the preamplifier. In the normal or "off" position of this key, the third microphone is connected to the No. 3 preamplifier. With the key in the up position, a fourth microphone in the control room itself, is connected to the preamplifier. This microphone may be used for talkback use to the studio, in conjunction with an electrically interlocked loudspeaker relay, which will cut the control room loudspeaker to avoid acoustic feedback. It may also be used to talk on the air by the engineer running a record program, or reading news when he opens the station, and before the regular announcer arrives.

With this same transfer key in the down position, a fifth microphone located in Studio B, a news booth, will be tied to the third preamplifier. Two transcription pickups are connected to the No. 4 and No. 5 preamplifiers, although microphones could be connected if the turntable facilities are not wanted. The output of the five preamplifiers runs to five mixing pads. These mixing pads are tied to transfer keys which in the normal position place termination resistors across the pads. Thus if any input position is not being used, the impedance of the mixer will not be upset.

With these keys in the down position, the output of the mixer is fed to a booster amplifier (to make up for mixer insertion loss), and then through a master gain control to the program or line amplifier. The program amplifier feeds the output line through a line key and isolation pad (fixed). Bridged across the output of the program amplifier is a volume indicator meter and a pad connected to the input of the monitor amplifier. The monitor amplifier consists of a booster amplifier, high impedance interstage gain control and power amplifier to feed loudspeakers in the control room and both studios.

When the "microphone" keys are thrown in the up position, instead of feeding to the program amplifier, the microphone or turntable output is fed to the monitor amplifier for auditioning purposes. The transfer key on the monitor input must also be thrown from "air" to "rehearse." In this way it is possible to have, for instance, Studio A on the air, and at the same time the engineer can cue the transcription turntables in readiness for a following record program.

It will be noticed that three incoming remote pickup lines are also provided. One of these may be permanently connected to a network feed line. The remote lines are tied to transfer keys which in the up position feed through a terminating coil to the sixth mixer pad. Another transfer key associated with the sixth mixer pad, allows the remote line feed to be placed on the air or fed to the monitor for audition purposes.

With the remote line transfer keys in the down position, the output of a receiver or rf monitor cue line is fed to the lines for cueing the remote operator previous to his air time. These keys in the normal, or off position are connected to a ringer circuit in the control room. The remote operator has only to

Standard type Western Electric model 23C broadcast studio console



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call down the line with his portable ringer, and the studio engineer immediately knows he is being called. He can then listen on the remote line with the monitor in the rehearse or audition setting, and can plug a handset into line jacks to talk back on the line.

In the event that trouble occurs in the program amplifier, all microphone, turntable and the remote mixer-transfer keys are thrown to the audition position. The line key is transferred to the output of the monitor amplifier, and the VU meter is placed across the monitor output by means of a transfer key. The monitor amplifier is thus available for feeding program to the line output in an emergency. A headphone jack and transfer key switch the headphones from the output of the program amplifier to either the receiver cue circuit or the incoming remote lines. The key on the monitor input, when in the normal position, connects the output of the cue line to the monitor, and makes it possible to hear how the program quality sounds from a radio receiver.

It can be seen that with the remote line keys in the down position, an incoming feed will be tied directly to the monitor input through the cue line, if the monitor input transfer key is normalled. This is not an intentional feature, and will have no bad results. However it happens because it was thought advisable to feed cue to the remote line from a receiver rather than from the program or monitor amplifier. If the program amplifier failed, cue would fail. If cue were taken from the monitor,



termination coil, PR_1-PR_6 —Preamplifiers. P_1-P_6 —Pads. K_1-K_6 —Keys. KL—Output line key. PI—Output isolation pad. PB—Fixed bridging pad. KM—Monitor input transfer key. BA₂— One-stage monitor booster amplifier. G—Monitor gain control. MA—2 or 3-stage monitor amplifier, KP—Headphone monitor transfer key.

Speech input consoles, like everything else in modern broadcasting studios have undergone constant revision but good as they are none will do everything an engineer would like them to do. Diagrammed is a design representing a composite of the RCA 76B2 unit and the WE 23C model with suggested changes to adapt the equipment to the needs of most moderate sized studios

and the monitor used for rehearsal or audition, the cue would be cut. Naturally, when receiving from the remote lines, only one should be in the circuit at a time, although immediate transfer from one to another is possible, for example where a local remote feed is followed by a network line program.

Individual refinements may be added rather easily. Sequence operation of the loudspeaker re-

This is the RCA model 76B2 console as used in many broadcast studios



lays may be set up so that throwing a microphone key to either air or rehearse position cuts the studio loudspeaker. A separate talk-back key would enable the engineer to talk back to either Studio A or Studio B, in either case cutting the control room speaker when the talk-back was in use. The monitor amplifier could be so connected as to talk-back on the remote lines, and when the talk-back key was released, the remote line feed would be connected to the monitor. There are several commercial units available utilizing circuits of the same general order as the example shown. Some have self-contained power supplies, and others are supplied with a separate wall-box type power unit.

The control desk panel always features operating conveniences. The panel should slope away from the control engineer at an angle of about 30 deg. for increased operating convenience and relief from wrist strain when mixing a program. All mixing pads and master and monitor gain controls are placed near the bottom of the panel in a line. The mixer keys are placed directly above their respective control knobs. A rotary switch allows a milliammeter to be switched into each amplifier cathode circuit. A check can then be had on the performance of each tube. If program fails, a defective tube can be quickly located and replaced, or if none of the circuits show a reading, it would appear obvious that the power supply had failed.



PRODUCTION OF CATHODE

Viewing a few of the many processing operations carried on in one of the modern plants of the North





RAY TUBES

involved in manufacture as American Philips Company



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HIGH SPEED TIME BASES

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Application of blocking oscillator produces a time base suitable for analysis of micro-second intervals

• Usual sweep circuits have not proved particularly satisfactory for the observation and measurement of recurrent phenomena of very short time duration. For certain of these uses, it is necessary to maintain a calibration of at least 0.05 microsecond, and make possible repeatable measurements with that accuracy.

It is, of course, possible to construct the usual type of RC sawtooth generator, and with careful attention to the necessary bandwidth, build an amplifier to obtain sufficient voltage to operate the time base. Needless to say this method requires several tubes, entails considerable difficulty of design, and necessitates the use of many circuit components. After construction, even should the sweep circuit be satisfactory otherwise, individual variations of the several components with temperature, humidity, voltage, etc., make calibration difficult to maintain.



Fig. 1—Oscillogram showing blocking oscillator action giving short duration positive pulse

After due consideration of the factors involved in such a circuit, it would appear highly desirable to obtain necessary voltage for the operation of the time base directly from the saw-tooth generating circuit itself. Should this be possible, not only would the circuit difficulties be greatly reduced, but the calibration might prove to be much easier to maintain.

High energy content

Consideration of the usual means available for obtaining a saw-tooth voltage pulse of short duration indicate the necessity for a heavy current through a comparatively low value resistor, either for the period of time between sweeps or momentarily during a portion of the saw-tooth. It is obvious that the greater the voltage swing desired, the more current required through the saw-tooth generating circuit.

Hence, to use the first of the two methods would necessitate the utilization of a tube of large current carrying capabilities, and require a power supply capable of maintaining its voltage under the indicated current drain. Further, the resistor of the RC circuit would have to be capable of high heat dissipation. For example, if the resistor utilized were 1,000 ohms, the 500 volt saw-tooth required to obtain a fairly linear 300 volt sweep would necessitate a current drain of half an ampere with the voltage supply providing about 600 volts.

A cathode follower in the output would make possible the use of a higher resistor, but the added capacitance of the follower would tend to augment the nonlinearity of the saw-tooth, and hence make a smaller portion of it available for use. It appears likely, therefore, that there would be little gained. In view of the foregoing, this method appears impractical.

The second of the two methods of saw-tooth generation seems to offer more possibilities. If the plate dissipation of the tube used is taken as the limiting factor, it is evident that considerable current may be drawn for short periods. For example, if the allowable plate dissipation of a tube is five watts at one kilovolt, it would be possible to draw five amperes for a period of one microsecond one thousand times a second before the rating was exceeded.

The limiting factor here, of course, would be the peak emission capabilities of the tube. However, taking the case mentioned in a preceding paragraph, where the current needed amounted to one-half ampere, an ordinary receiving tube, such as the 6SN7, might be used, provided the repetition rate were kept within reasonable bounds.

The requirement, therefore, resolves itself into a problem of driving the grid into the positive region and holding it there for a period long enough to permit the plate voltage to reach the value indicated by the plate current and the resistor of the RC circuit. Since this period also represents the "returntrace" it should be as short as possible.

Because the tube is to be completely cut off for the period between sweeps, and during its conducting period run at saturation, an idea of the grid swing required may be obtained. If cut-off is ten per cent of the plate voltage, the grid would have to swing more than sixty volts for a plate potential of 600 volts. Probably under such conditions, a grid bias of about 70 volts would be safe, and a firing pulse of between 80 and 100 volts needed.

This firing pulse would have to be a square wave of fairly short timeduration. If the time-base of the sweep is to be two microseconds long — four inches at 0.5 microseconds per inch — it would be logical to wish the "return-trace" to be at least not more than twenty-five per cent of that period, or 0.5 microsecond. Since this will represent the time during which the tube is conducting, it will also represent the entire duration of the triggering pulse.

Thus, the requirements for the firing pulse: Total duration, from cut-off to cut-off, not more than 0.5 microsecond; amplitude of pulse above cut-off, at least 80 volts; shape of pulse, as near a square wave as possible, at least on the leading edge, while the trailing edge must not distort the linear portion of the saw-tooth. The pulse must have a maximum amplitude of sufficient duration to permit the plate voltage to drop to its minimum value.

Examination of the several circuits capable of producing a positive pulse suggests two or three possibilities. The first such circuit which comes to mind is the familiar "trigger" circuit, a modification of the multivibrator where the first grid is held below cut-off until the system is placed in operation by a synchronizing pulse. Investigation of the operation of this circuit indicates that a one microsecond pulse is about the lower limit of pulse duration obtainable due to the inherent slope of the wave generated by this circuit.

For pulses of approximately one microsecond at half amplitude the wave shape is about that of a triangle. Durations of less time result in a reduction of amplitude with the triangle shape being maintained. This fact more or less rules out the use of a trigger circuit directly. It might be possible to differentiate the leading edge of such a pulse, amplify the result, clip, and perhaps obtain a satisfactory firing pulse for the saw-tooth generator. The difficulties involved in such a process probably would be no less than those inherent in amplifying a saw-tooth, so it may be ruled out.

Another possibility lies in a thyratron. This tube will generate,

Fig. 2—Experimental set-up showing circuit utilized in analyzing oscillator operation



Fig. 3—Saw-tooth wave circuit, with alternato forms of output



when fired, a positive pulse of considerable amplitude across a resistor placed in its cathode circuit. The limitation here lies in the deionization time of the tube. However, the application could prove practical.

A third method of obtaining a pulse of the character required is the blocking oscillator. A simple circuit of this character, where the tube is run at cut-off and the operation started by a keying pulse, will depend for its pulse duration upon the inductance and capacity of the feedback transformer used, as well as upon the resistance and capacity in its grid circuit.

When the circuit is keyed by a positive pulse applied to the grid of the tube, a pulse having sufficient amplitude to overcome the bias voltage and start current flowing through the tube, the feedback action of the transformer will send the grid into the gridcurrent region, and the tube to saturation. Due to the inability of the plate voltage to maintain itself through the inductance of the plate winding of the transformer, the voltage at the plate will drop sharply.

Pulse polarity

The grid winding of the transformer, together with the effective capacitance in the circuit, will form a resonant circuit. Due to the presence of grid current, the gridcathode resistance will be rather low, and the circuit will have a fairly high "Q". This circuit will be shocked by the voltage induced from the plate winding and oscillation will start to build up.

This oscillation will have its positive polarity at the grid, making the low end of the grid winding negative. When the energy supplied from the plate winding has accumulated on the capacitor, the direction of current flow in the grid winding will reverse. The feedback action of the transformer then sends the voltage at the plate of the tube back to the level of the supply voltage, and the grid to cutoff.

The action results in the generation at the plate of a negative pulse of considerable amplitude. A third winding may be added to the transformer, which will serve to invert the pulses and hence, the circuit may be utilized to supply a positive pulse having high amplitude, short duration, and essentially flat topped. The curves obtained at various points in the circuit are shown in Fig. 1.

This circuit has been discussed at some length because of its particular application in the generation of fast time bases. In the pre-



Fig. 4—Saw-tooth waveform from circuit used in Fig. 3 using R_1C_2 output

ceding paragraphs attention has been given to the usual type of circuit in which the saw-tooth generator has its own tube, while the firing pulse is supplied from another tube or tubes. Such a circuit may be set up utilizing the positive pulse generated by the blocking oscillator to fire the sawtooth generating circuit.

However, the curves shown in Fig. 1, together with the function of the circuit as discussed, indicate that a heavy current passes through the blocking oscillator when it fires. The presence of this heavy current demand suggests its use directly in the generation of a saw-tooth. Such a circuit could be that shown in Fig. 3. The demand current is supplied by the capacitor C₁, while the R₁-C₁ combination provides the charge curve usable for the sweep. The type of curve obtained is shown by Fig. 4. The curves, Fig. 1, were obtained using the experimental setup, Fig. 2. The trigger pulse was introduced through a capacitor "Cin", which is comparatively small, relative to "C", thereby introducing as little of the trigger voltage into the system as possible. The curves were obtained at the points indicated: "Output", from "D" on the diagram to ground; "Tube Plate", from "C" to ground; "Tube Grid", from "A" to ground; "Low End Grid Winding", from "B" to ground; and "Across Grid Winding" between "B" and "A".

Examination of Fig. 4 indicates the presence of only approximately 60 per cent of usable saw-tooth voltage. It is entirely practicable to use a comparatively high plate voltage; the saw-tooth generated by this means, at least for short-duration sweeps, will usually run between 50 and 80 per cent of the plate voltage. Attention should be directed, however, to the fact that the plate dissipation of the tube used should not be exceeded at the

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BRIDGE - CONTROLLED

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Phase shift control based on a frequency-selective ac potentiometer circuit

• It has been shown by Black, Terman and others that inverse feedback may be used to obtain various frequency response characteristics in amplifiers. It has also been shown (Scott, IRE Proc., Feb., 1938) that a Wien bridge (or an equivalent T) may be used as the feedback network giving a response characteristic which is sharply peaked at the null frequency. This principle as in Fig. 1 has been applied to sound analyzers and to sine-wave generators requiring exceptionally pure output.



Fig. 1—Oscillating circuit consisting of feedback amplifier with frequency sensitive bridge network

Here the output of an ac amplifier is connected to a Wien bridge, the output of which feeds back through a transformer in proper phase to the amplifier input. At the null frequency, there is no feedback and the normal gain of the amplifier is attained. At other frequencies, however, the bridge will be out of balance and degeneration occurs. With proper design, the amount of degenerative voltage can be so large that the gain approaches unity at frequencies remote from the critical frequency, Fc, as shown in Fig. 2.

If the normal gain of the amplifier without feedback is large, then the ratio of gain or output voltage at Fc to the gain or output.



gain or output at other frequencies also

will be large and under these conditions, the equivalent Q of such a circuit easily may become greater than any value which readily could be achieved with ordinary capacitors and inductances or electromechanical equivalents.

Note that in Fig. 1 an additional feedback path is shown in dotted lines. The phase of the feedback by this path is such as to produce regeneration in the amplifier. If, now, the voltage divider in the output is varied continuously from zero voltage, there will be some setting at which the system will oscillate and with other conditions as previously stated, the output voltage will be a very pure sine wave at the frequency Fc, (the null frequency of the bridge). In typical cases, the harmonic content will be less than that obtained with other types of oscillators. A value of less than one per cent is easily obtainable.

The frequency range for which such a system is suitable, either as an oscillator or as a selective amplifier, is the same as the range for which resistance coupled amplifiers may be constructed. It extends, therefore, from sub-audible frequencies through the audio and supersonic ranges to an indefinite maximum of perhaps several megacycles.

In the application of such a bridge to vacuum tube circuits, as shown by Scott there is one serious inherent disadvantage. The bridge is a four terminal network. Therefore, a transformer is required to adapt it to use with an ordinary, unsymmetrical amplifier, and this introduces several limitations to such use, since it is difficult to obtain transformers having desirably flat frequency characteristics for a large range. Those suitable for a large range are expensive and often bulky. It is in no case practicable to secure transformers for so large a range as that representing the maximum for which resistance coupled amplifiers may be easily designed. These disadvantages were recognized by Scott and, in his paper referred to, he shows an equivalent T network which is directly adaptable to ordinary amplifier circuits, as shown in Fig. 3.

In the majority of applications of such circuits to practical use, it





is necessary that the frequency Fc to which the system tunes (or at which it oscillates) shall be adjustable. Referring to Fig. 1, the conditions for balance of the bridge are

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}$$
(1)
$$C_2 / C_1 = R_3 / R_4 = R_1 / R_2$$
(2)

As usually arranged

$$R_3 = 2R_{44}, R_1 - R_2 \text{ and } C_1 + C_2 \quad (3)$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi R_1 C_1} \qquad (4)$$
In the case however of

In the case, however, of the equivalent T circuit shown in Fig. 3,

$$C_{5} = C_{6} = 1/2 C_{7}; \quad (5)$$

$$R_{5} = R_{6} = 2R_{7} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C_{5}}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{5}C_{5}} \quad (6)$$

Therefore, in the equivalent T, it is necessary that three, rather than two, circuit elements be varied simultaneously, and this is a factor of major importance in the design of such circuits. Obviously, the variable elements (which can to most advantage be the resistors) should be ganged and controlled from a common shaft. Even a two-section ganged resistor, as required for the bridge proper, may give considerable difficulty in practical designs from backlash and mis-tracking. The three section unit required for the equivalent T network, presents far greater practical difficulties and for some applications is out of the question. It is these difficulties, in fact, which have led to the development of the method and the circuits

shown following. It is apparent ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES • August, 1944

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that there would be a distinct advantage in any new method involving the use of not more than two ganged variable resistors (or if required for some special reason, capacitors) if it could be applied directly to ordinary vacuum tube circuits. The advantage, actually, is greater than may appear since it is practicable to construct the two section variable resistor as shown in the sketch, Fig. 4.



-Balanced frequency-control element Fig. 4suitable for precise adjustments

Here, the two semi-circles represent identical resistance elements, preferably wire-wound on insulating strips bent to this shape. They may be either linear with respect to rotation or have a taper, which may be logarithmic to advantage. The moving arm is represented in the sketch by the straight line bisecting the circle formed by the resistance elements. By making the connections as shown, it is apparent that the resistance in the two branches will be the same, and the common connection will then be made to the moving arm which is common to both sections.

This simplified type of control is, of course, made possible by the fact that the two variable resistors in the bridge have a common connection. The construction eliminates the backlash common to all ordinary ganged variable resistors. Furthermore, by this means, tracking error is reduced to a negligible minimum for most cases and this at no material increase in cost. In the arrangement utilized, the Wien bridge is used, with the values listed as in eq. 3 for all frequencies. If we let e denote voltage developed across \mathbf{R}_4 , then 2e is equal to the voltage developed across R₃. These voltages are independent of frequency.

Let us designate the upper right



Fig. 5-Equivalent circuit arrangement Wien bridge

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hand arm of the bridge as the series arm, and the lower right hand arm as the shunt arm, since in these arms the resistances and the capacities are in series and shunt respectively. Also let e indicate the voltage across shunt arm at balance. Then 2e₁ is the voltage across the series arm at balance, but these voltages are not inde-pendent of frequency.

It will be evident that if the two resistance arms of the bridge are replaced by two sources of voltage having a common connection, and if the source corresponding to R. has a voltage e while the source corresponding to R. has a voltage 2e, and if the phase of these voltages, taken at the outer terminals 1 and 2 with reference to their common connection, differs by 180 deg. then obviously, balance will occur for this equivalent circuit precisely as in the bridge proper operated from the one source. Fig. 5 shows the equivalent circuit.

This is the principle of the basic method utilized in all of the fol-lowing circuits. The frequency selective ac bridge is replaced by a frequency selective ac potentiometer, in a sense. The two sources have a common connection which may be at ground potential for convenience, and the remaining output terminal then replaces the two output terminals of the bridge as will be shown.

Let us consider some of the con-



voids difficulties of Wien bridge circuit connections

ditions which exist in an ordinary resistance coupled amplifier. Fig. 6 shows the schematic for two triodes.

It is well known that if the output of T₁, taken, let us say from point 2, is connected to the input of T_1 the feedback will be degenerative. If, however, we connect the output of T₂, taken from point 3 to the input of T_1 , the feedback will be regenerative and the circuit will oscillate as an ordinary multivibrator. Let us regard the output of these two amplifier stages as two voltage sources and assign to the output of T₁, taken between point 2 and its own cathode, or ground, the value, e. Suppose, then,

that we adjust the voltage divider in the output of T_2 continuously from zero voltage. We will find some adjustment for which the voltage between point 4 and ground is 2e.

Neglecting the small shift due to capacities in the amplifier, the phase of this voltage 2e differs from that developed between point 2 and the common ground (e), by 180 deg. If, now, we make the outer connection of the shunt arm to point 2 and the outer connec-



Fig. 7-System for providing regeneration at selected frequencies for tone accentuation tion of the series arm to point 4, we thereby fulfill the require-ments given for the equivalent potentiometer.

The common connection for the two voltage sources is ground. The common connection for the series and shunt arms is shown as point 5 in Fig. 6. For the frequency at which balance occurs, the voltage, therefore, between point 5 and ground or cathodes is zero. It follows, therefore, that if the grid of T₁ is connected either directly or through its input impedance to point 5 as shown in the dotted lines, then for the critical fre-quency, Fe at which balance oc-

curs there will be no feedback for the conditions stated. The gain for the amplifier will, therefore, be a maximum.

If, on the other hand, the voltage divider in the output of T₂ is adjusted to some point giving a lower

voltage than 2e, then the voltage at point 5 will be derived principally from the shunt branch, connected to point 2 in Fig. 6 and therefore will be degenerative. However, degeneration will be at a minimum for the critical frequency, so that the amplifier gain will be a maximum as in the previous case.

If, on the other hand, the output of the amplifier taken from Rs, is adjusted continuously from the value 2e to larger values, the sign of the feedback will be posi-tive for Fc. The gain of the amplifier will, therefore, be greater than that normally obtainable without feedback at the peak frequency. Now, if the adjustable voltage is in-(Continued on page 186)

THE ENGINEER AS EXECUTIVE

by RAYMOND M. WILMOTTE

Consulting Radio Engineer

For management to get positive results it is essential that work of subordinates be interesting

• The problem of directing a small engineering concern is versatile to say the least, particularly if you happen to be an engineer and have knowledge of what is going on, what is being produced, and what are the things that your staff may want to kick about. During the war many of the problems have been changed but the versatile aspects have remained. The executive is faced with many ups and downs.

My organization is just small enough that I can keep in touch with all the engineering developments that are going on in it. We have covered a wide range from designing large communication circuits and installations along recognized lines through special aircraft equipment development, to radar in some of its most complicated forms. To say that I have been able to direct all these projects in detail is, of course, ridiculous.

When war was declared, we were asked to increase the staff to carry out certain jobs. It is in the selection of people that I have learned an interesting fact. In this organization most of the engineers have a good background of the theory and basic practice of radio and electronics, of what is possible and what is not possible, yet every one of these men attacks a problem from a different psychological angle.

I found that most of them attacked the problem with an almost certain knowledge that they would fail, that the problem was insoluble, or if it was not insoluble they were sure the component parts needed would never be obtained, and that the assistance available because of difficulties of obtaining skilled machinists, etc., would jam the development. On the other hand there were a few who, even though they might not have the same degree of knowledge, were able to bring to a problem a positive and creative attitude and felt that all problems were soluble unless proven otherwise.

In every case the work handled by these men has been superior, often more accurate and nearly al-



Raymond M. Wilmotte who has made notable contributions to the art of broadcast antenno engineering.

Born August 13, 1901.

- 1921—Graduated, first class honors, with degree of M.A. from Cambridge University, England. Published about 40 papers.
- 1921-1929—National Physical Laboratory. (The British counterpart of the Bureau of Standards.) Research Engineer.
- 1929-1931—Aircraft Radio Corporation—research and development on aircraft-radio equipment.
- 1931 to date—Consulting Electronics Engineer. Discovered that broadcast stations could fully and accurately protect each other by directional antennas. Designed and installed first of such antennas at WFLA. Developed automatic electronic devices. During war carried out development and service contracts for Signal Corps, Bureau of Aeronautics of U.S.N., and Office of Scientific Research and Development.

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ways faster than that handled by those having a negative attitude, who in the particular cases of this organization often had considerably greater technical knowledge. Being interested in psychology, this lesson I learned quickly, and I have spent many hours of thinking out ways of presenting a technical problem in such a manner that it became attractive, interesting, and led to a positive reaction instead of a negative one, even from the most introverted.

That, I think, is the principal job of the engineer executive. It is because of the importance of this particular job that in an organization such as mine the executive should be an engineer, for he should really understand the conflicts and troubles that assail a man in charge of a development project which is coming up against unexpected difficulties, which occur invariably, and some of which at first sight may seem insurmountable.

I have had sufficient experience coming up against these apparently insurmountable problems to have accepted the theorem that if something looks reasonable it can be solved even if it deals with people rather than things, and although a concern of this size does not have within itself all the knowledge necessary to solve all the problems that are presented to it, since that knowledge is available somewhere it is also available to it. Only pride or egocentricity prevents the members of an organization from making use of the vast knowledge that is available to it outside of itself. In this way, from the purchaser's angle, a small concern may often be better fitted to give advice than a large concern that is often handicapped by a sense that it must be different from its competitors, that its developments must have the trademark of its own inventiveness and no other, that it must contain all knowledge within itself. must have its own solutions for all new developments.

Another job of the executive is (Continued on page 214)



Fig. 1-Model 33-VTF indicating instrument, and the electronic unit with cover removed

This stage is coupled to the secondary of the power transformer in the Model 33-VTF for operation directly from an inverter or other source, independent of a 60-cycle power supply.

The Model 39-VTF for laboratory work, which operates from a 60cycle power supply and has a separate input for the multivibrator stage, requires negligible power drain from the source of frequency being measured. An input control permits operation over at least a ten to one voltage range. The Model 39-VTF also can be built with additional multivibrator stages to obtain checks at many points over a wide frequency range. Only two

FREQUENCY RANGE EXTENSION

• Although vibrating reed frequency indicators are being used in large numbers by the armed forces on 50 and 60-cycle gasoline engine generator sets and in increasing quantities in measuring the 400cycle power supplies of airborne equipment, accurate and compact units for measuring 800 and 1200cycle frequencies have not been available in standard production. Frequencies as low as 10 cycles and up to 550 cycles are easily measured with vibrating reeds.

Such indicators cannot operate much above the latter value with easily-read amplitude, due to the decreasing length and increasing stiffness of the reed. Even with sufficient power available, the reed will not give good indication at resonance without exceeding its elastic limit and breaking. The wellknown ability of the multivibrator to divide frequencies has been put to the task of extending the useful range of the vibrating reed frequency meter.

J-B-T Instruments, Inc. has been manufacturing a frequency indicator of the reed type* that is much simpler than the original European design of Frahm. This instrument contains a series of steel reeds passing through the axis of an exciter coil and into the field of a permanent magnet. The reeds vibrate vigorously whenever the fluctuations of the current are equal to the resonant frequency of the reed.

* Under patents pending of the Triplett Electrical Instrument Co.

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Application of multivibrator to reed type instrument permits measurement of frequencies up to 3600 cycles

Calibration is performed with standard oscillators, checked against standard frequencies derived from tuning fork oscillators. Fifteen frequencies are available at various outlets throughout the plant which permit the operator to calibrate reeds at any desired frequency. The forks are checked daily against Bureau of Standards time signals and are maintained within an accuracy of 0.05 per cent. Thus it is not difficult to produce frequency meters with an accuracy of plus or minus 0.3 per cent.

A special circuit was worked out which was capable of division by 2 or 3 with perfect stability over a wide voltage range, Fig. 2. This was accomplished without the possibility of division by undesired integers which would give false indications.

A single 6V6-GT/G amplifier stage, coupled from the multivibrator stage, which uses a 6N7-GT/G tube, gives ample power. This amplifier also proves useful in applications where very little power is available to operate an indicator directly.

With a 6X5-GT/G rectifier tube, this unit will be capable of measuring either 800 or 1200 cycles, depending upon the setting of its only control, the range switch.



Fig. 2—Circuit for use with inverter at 800 or 1200 cycles. Power consumption about 20 watts

stages will be necessary to check points between 400 and 3600 cycles.

The laboratory models have an input impedance varying from 75,000 to 500,000 ohms and are suitable for operation directly from an audio oscillator, or other high impedance line. The power consumption is approximately 25 watts. These laboratory models will be designed to cover a greater number of ranges, varying from 800 to 3600 cycles, or higher. Thus it will be possible to accurately check points in the audio spectrum such as 400, 800, 1200, 1600, 2400 and 3600 cycles.

No controls are used except the frequency range switch. Calibration at the factory is permanent and the instrument is always ready for use without further standardization. Frequencies outside the range of the instrument will cause no damage, however high, and are not indicated. The size of the electronic unit for this 800-1200 cycle inverter model is 4 5/8 in. deep x 5 1/2 in. wide x 6 in. high. Weight is approximately 6 lb. including the meter itself.

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TUBES ON THE JOB



Lab model HF generator and two types of tire fixtures. Repair time dropped to ten minutes

Concealed Weapon: Transmitter

In connection with testimony before the Lea Committee of the House of Representatives, Charles Wilson and C. A. Ellert of the Federal Communications Commission demonstrated the unusual transmitter illustrated. With such a unit concealed on his person, a man can walk down the street transmitting illicit information without giv-



FCC's Wilson and Ellert demonstrate 2-watt "wearable" transmitter. Antenna over shoulder

ing the least outward indication of his nefarious deed!

The transmitter worn by Mr. Wilson was built by C. A. Ellert, at right, technical supervisor of the Radio Intelligence Division of the Federal Communications Commission, for the purpose of generating a signal of sufficient strength to demonstrate loop direction finding methods as used by the Radio Intelligence Division.

This transmitter is a three tube modulated cw crystal controlled unit, operated on 3960 kc, and utilizing a 1S4 tube as a crystal oscillator, 1Q5 modulator and a 1Q5 with two watts input. It is powered by miniature dry batteries of 135 volts and $1\frac{1}{2}$ volts. It could easily be changed over to a 'phone transmitter by the addition of a microphone.

The antenna is capacity coupled to the final tank and consists of approximately six feet of flexible wire worn under the coat. It is draped over the wearer's shoulder and terminates down the trouser leg. The key lead is also concealed and terminate in a specially made "squeeze key" worn in the trousers pocket, thereby allowing the wearer to key the transmitter unobserved.

Similar transmitters used for illicit operation have been confiscated. They usually are built for 'phone operation in the ultra high frequencies.

Electronic Tire Repairs

Developed especially to meet the needs of the armed forces at the front lines, a new electronic method of tire repair vulcanizing promises to find wide postwar commercial application.

Chief necessities mothering the invention were reduction of the vast bulk and weight of conventional steam or electric equipment and the need to cut something from the two hours required for an average repair. The process was developed by Army Lt. Colonel C. W. Vogt, working with the Lakso Co., Fitchburg, Mass., at Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis.

Two types of tire fixtures are used. For sectional repairs, the tire wall is pressed between two spaced electrodes as illustrated. For spot repairs, many of which do not require removal of the shoe from the wheel, both electrodes are firmly applied to the outside wall. Dielectric losses occur in that area of the wall between the two electrodes, curing the repair to cord depth. With both types of applicators, two fabric bags filled with a sandy material effectively cause the electrodes to conform to uneven surface contours of the tire walls, thus obviating the need for the large number of costly molds associated with conventional equipment.

H F Heating Speeds Penicillin

Working with E. R. Squibb and Sons, RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N. J., have developed a new application of dielectric heating which



Dr. George Brown, of RCA Labs, with demonstration model of his high freq. penicillin drier cuts the time required for the bulk reduction of purified penicillin solution from 24 hours to 30 minutes. A two kw power oscillator is used to boil the penicillin solution under a low vacuum, evaporating water at the rate of two litres per hour.

Previous method of reducing bulk involved quick-freezing and sublimation under high vacuum. Use of the new process in this typical installation will mean a reduction of operating costs of a ton of dry ice per day, or about \$65 per 24 hours. reduction in maintenance costs associated with refrigerating and high vacuum equipment, reduction required floor space, in and smoother, faster flow of the vital chemical. The radio frequency unit was designed to be sold for approximately \$6,000.

Electronic Paychecks

Earnings of electronic and radio engineers are cited in an occupational study of the electronic field, conducted for the Occupational Index, Inc., of New York University, Washington Square, New York 3, N. Y., by Forrest H. Kirkpatrick of Bethany College (West Virginia) and John E. Crawford, Radio Corporation of America, New York City.

"The salarles in most electrical or electronic fields of engineering are comparable to the averages for similar ranks in other engineering areas," they report. "The choice of job should depend on interest and opportunity and other considerations rather than on any expectation of greater financial rewards in one job than in another.

"Apprentice engineers generally are paid about \$140 a month, from which they may advance to junior engineer, assistant engineer, and so on. An assistant engineer may earn from \$2,500 to \$3,500 a year. Beyond that, salaries depend largely upon the responsibilities of the job. Some chief engineers receive \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year, although such positions are relatively few in each organization."

New Twist in Tire Cord

Rayon tire cord manufactured by Industrial Rayon Corp. is now "set" by placing packages of the cord in a high frequency electrical field. Heat generated in the cord by this operation is distributed so uniformly that cones containing 18 pounds or more of rayon tire cord may be effectively treated. Such glant cones are used in the weftless method of tire construction.

The process is completed in a ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES • August, 1944

matter of minutes and results in the production of a cord in which the twist is uniformly set. Control of the moisture content of the cord may be facilitated by wrapping the cones of cord in moistureproof paper and processing them in this form.

The equipment originally installed for this process has been in operation at Industrial Rayon's Cleveland plant for more than eight months and includes high frequency power generating units having outputs of approximately 22,500 BTU per hour each. They were furnished by the Girdler Corp., through its Thermex Division, and each unit is capable of handling several thousand pounds of packaged tire cord in a 24 hour period.

Patent applications covering the use of high frequency heating for twist-setting of textile products generally, including tire cord, have been assigned to Industrial Rayon. The new process is also being used by The B. F. Goodrich Company, under license from Industrial Rayon, in connection with production of rayon tire cord.

Piezoelectric Probe

Developed by the physics department of the Leningrad, U.S.S.R., Medico-Pediatric Institute, a new tool for surgery depends upon piezoelectric principles and vacuum-tube amplification, providing an extension of the sense of touch. It consists of a small metal box. housing a bimorphous rochelle salt crystal pickup, fastened rigidly to the handle of an ordinary steel surgical probe. Contact of the probe with metal shell fragments, bonesplinters or other objects inside a wound, gives rise to partially damped high frequency mechanical oscillation of the probe. The electrical output of the crystal is fed to the pentode voltage amplifier, having a gain up to several hundred, which excites a pair of piezoelectric headphones worn by the surgeon. Thus, his normally sensitive touch-sense is materially aided by concurrent sounds heard in the 'phones. The overall am-plitude/frequency characteristic of the unit is such that low frequencies, representing unwanted noise, are attenuated.



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DIRECT READING FREQ METER

by R. D. HICKOCK, JR.

Vice-President, Hickock Electrical Instrument Co.

Iron core cross coil principle eliminates external reactor: reduces power consumption to under one watt



Fig. 2 — Balanced torques produced by resonant circuit networks

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Fig. 3 — Extent of calibration error caused by fluctuation in voltage



Fig. 4 — Capacitance and power factor changes due to temperature variation



Fig. 5 — Combined temperature error of the frequency indicator





Fig. 1—Internal elements of meter showing the coll assembly arrangement

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Fig. 7 — Frequency indicator in fiveinch case for panel mounting

• It has been customary to think of low range frequency meters in terms of vibrating reed types. The simplicity of reading and interpolating a moving coil instrument is a great advantage. Fig. 7 shows a space saving, self-contained frequency meter which uses a crosscoil principle, which serves the purpose of the external reactor commonly used.

A maximum of 0.8 watts at 115 volts is consumed by this type of frequency meter instead of the usual 2.5 to 7.5 watts. The reduction is due to the use of an iron core which, of course, greatly reduces the ampere-turns necessary to produce the required field intensity. Low power consumption is essential in self-contained instruments in order that temperature does not rise beyond safe limits from heat generated in the windings. The use of an external reactor has, in the past, allowed sufficient radiation area, but it has made temperature compensation difficult because of the possible difference in the ambient temperatures of the instrument proper and the reactor.

Referring to Fig. 2, coils F and A form one leg of a parallel circuit, while capacitor, C, and resistance, R, form the other. The moving coil, A, being in series with the field coils F, tends to align itself with the magnetic flux in the air gap. However, the current in moving coil B, because of the resonance of the network, is 90 deg. out of phase with the flux generated in the air gap.

As the frequency varies from resonance or center scale value, the impedance of the parallel circuit becomes inductive or capacitative in nature, depending on whether the frequency decreases or increases. The impedance increases as the frequency departs from resonance value. Consequently, the power factor and value of the current in moving coil B changes, and the coils and pointer are deflected in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.

The power factor through coil A is about 25 per cent, while it is about 97 per cent for the current through coil B. Consequently, for equal heat losses in the coils, the wire in coil B can be of about one quarter the cross section, and four times as many turns can be employed as in coil A. There results a high degree of deflection for a small change in power factor in coil B.

Damping is provided by an aluminum vane moving in the field of a strong permanent magnet adjustable when the instrument is assembled to suit conditions under which the meter is used.

The most important factors tending to cause false indications in frequency meters are variable line voltage, changes in ambient temperature and distortion of the voltage wave. Because of the high ratio of the torque produced by the moving coils to the torque inherent in the ligaments connecting the coils to the rest of the circuit, there is only a small error due to changes in line voltage, as shown in Fig. 3.

Change in ambient temperature (Continued on page 212)

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Possible uses include: Detector and AVC, clipper, limiter, FM frequency discriminator, special high-frequency diode, power rectifier.



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WHAT'S NEW

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Preform Heater

To meet the demand for automatic high frequency equipment for preheating plastic preforms, the Thermex Division of the Girdler Corp., Louisville, Ky., has developed the No. 2-P Thermex which operates at a frequency of 25 to 30 megacycles. Using 230volt, 60-cycle, single phase current, this model has an output in excess of 3,400 BTU's per hour. This compact Thermex unit measures 28 in. by 28 in., stands 47 in. high, and weighs only 614 lb. It is a flexible piece of equipment with built-in heating cabinet and removable 12×15 in. Being completely drawer-electrode. automatic, there is nothing to do but plug this Thermex in and load and unload the pre-form drawer. Closing the preform drawer turns on the high frequency power and timer. At the end of the prescribed time, which may be anywhere from 5 to 10 sec-onds up to 2 minutes, the red indicating light goes out, the operator removes the tray, and unloads the preforms into the mold cavities.

Electronic Sewing Machine

An industrial machine for bonding thermoplastic materials by dielectric heating has been developed by Richardson-Allen Corp., 15 West 20th St., New York, N. Y. Materials such as vinylite, Saran, Pliofilm and similar thermoplastics may be joined in a continuous airtight, watertight seam without use of cement, thread or other binder. Single or multiple seams may be formed simultaneously. Materials to be



joined are pulled through work wheels where high frequency power creates heat within the material to produce a bond. Wheels remain at room temperature. Model 1341-S power input 650 watts; adjustable motor speed. Pedal control of high-frequency power and drive motor.

Steel Towers

The Bantam King tower is made of four foot sections six feet in height, each of the sections being identical and interchangeable to form a complete tower from 30 to 100 ft. tall. For erection, the bases are set and the starting unit connected to these with three bolts at each leg, section upon section being added. The thirty foot tower, weighing only 596 lbs. less the base, ladders, boom and platform occupies a packing space of only eight cubic feet. The fifty foot tower, 998 lbs., occupies only fourteen cubic feet and the one hundred foot tower, weighing 2.154 lbs., occupies only thirty cubic feet. The thirty foot tower can be erected



by three men in two hours. Each tower includes in its equipment, base, fittings, turnbuckles, guys, ground anchors, boom winch, platform, platform frame. The top platform measures four by eight feet, providing ample space for its varied utilities. Harco towers do not require skilled or experienced riggers for erection. The free space down the center of the tower from platform to ground allows for rotary beam drive shaft mechanism. Harco Steel Construction Co., Elizabeth, N. J., also makes a tapering tower suitable as a vertical radiator for low angle radiation.

Circuit Breaker

The "Push-Pull" feature of the Klixon D-6751 is new in aircraft circuit breakers. The "Pull" feature permits the opening of the circuit breaker manually, in order that maintenance and repairs to the circuit can be accomplished without deenergizing the entire power system and retains the desirable feature of being safe against accidental tripping when operating adjacent switches. The button travels outwardly approximately ¼ in. and exposes a 3 colored band, part of which is luminous so that



indication is given under all conditions. A specially designed shunting switch is incorporated which provides non-trip-free action. The breaker will carry at least 120 per cent of rated current continuously, and trip ultimately at 138 per cent of rated current in an ambient temperature of 25 deg. C. (77 deg. F.). It is available in ratings from 5 amps. through 50 amps. with standard AN mounting dimensions and suitable for 30-volt dc systems Maker is Spencer Thermostat Co., Attleboro, Mass.

Bolometer

A new type of bolometer, for the precise measurement of small high frequency currents, has been brought out by Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc., Newark, N. J. It is essentially a very fine platinum wire mounted in an evacuated glass envelope. Current passing through the bolometer produces a change in the resistance of the wire. Sensitivity for 1 per cent change in resistance is 4.5 microwatts.

Spiral Abrasive

A new development, Elek-Tro-Cut Three-M-ite cloth reinforced spiral wound abrasive strip, has been developed by Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co., St. Paul. The center has been reinforced so that the strip can be bent into a suitable shape to reach through a center hole and be threaded through an oil hole for example. It is available in a wide range of grits, in diameters from 1/16th to $\frac{1}{4}$ in. and in lengths from 4 in. and shorter, up to 12 in.

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Impedance Concept in Wave Guides

S. A. Schelkunoff (Quarterly of Applied Mathematics, April, 1944)

A generalized impedance concept as either the voltage-current ratio, or as the constants in the expressions for the power as a function of voltage or current, respectively, or as the ratio between the electric and magnetic field intensities is introduced. The relations between the various impedances so defined are derived. This generalized impedance function is not affected by ideal transformers, i.e., the equivalent networks are identical but for the insertion of suitably dimensioned ideal transformers.

The ideas developed are adequate for expressing transmission properties of wave guides with discontinuities in terms of impedances and admittances associated with these discontinuities; equivalent circuits can be computed. For instance, it is shown that an infinitely thin, perfectly conducting iris between two wave guides of arbitrary cross-section can be replaced by an ideal transformer between two admittances.

Transmission Line Coupling in UHF Amplifiers

A. de Quervain (Association Suisse des Electriciens, Zurich, March 8, 1944)

Considerations on the use of transmission lines as coupling means in uhf amplifiers are given. At 1 to 2 meter waves, grid and plate resistance of a tube are of the order of 1000 ohms, the grid resistance being approximately one tenth of the plate resistance. Consequently, a comparatively considerable amount of energy is required at the input. Dimensioning of the lines is indicated by the fre-



UHF amplifier with transmission line coupling

quency range to be passed. Care must be taken to efficiently screen the apparatus.

The figure shows a two-stage amplifier for 1.7 meter waves, amplification factor equal to 300, having 3 inductively coupled band pass filters each consisting of two transmission line sections. An equivalent circuit for the coupling between the two amplifier tubes is shown beneath the actual arrangement. Coupling factors and resonant frequencies are adjustable.

Relay Testing

W. Bacon (Electronic Engineering, London, June, 1944)

The circuit shown permits automatic determination of the current at which the relay operates and the current at which it releases. Switch S is rotated through positions (1), (2), (3), and (4) during the testing process; one set of contacts is closed in each position.



Relay testing circuit

With the switch in position (1), the capacitor C is shorted and the current through the relay is very low. On turning to position (2), C charges through the resistor R_3 and the relay contacts C_2 until the operating current of the relay is reached, and C_2 changes over. C is now no longer being charged, but, if of large capacitance and good quality, will retain the charge it has for some considerable time so that the operating current of the relay can be read on the ammeter.

Switching to position (3) makes the grid voltage considerably more positive, thereby giving the saturate position. In position (4), C discharges through R_4 until the release current of the relay is reached. Then C_2 changes over, stopping the discharge, and the ammeter then indicates the release current of the relay. Turning to position (1) again restores the initial conditions.

A similar circuit is shown including an additional triode which permits the testing of any relay having contacts which open when the relay is operated, together with a circuit for testing relays which possess only contacts which close when the relay is operated.

Electron Lenses

J. L. Synge (The American Mathematical Monthly, April, 1944)

Starting from the variational principle of optics, the differential equations describing the electron paths are derived and investigated for the cases of rotational symmetry, i.e., for conditions being identical upon rotation of the system through an angle equal to $2\pi/n$, where $n=2, 3, \ldots$, including symmetry of revolution corresponding to n equal to infinity.

Neglecting the terms accounting for aberration, it is shown that, for focusing purposes, any rotational symmetry for which $n \ge 2$ is just as effective as symmetry of revolution. This means that in an electrostatic microscope circular holes are not essential, holes having the shape of regular polygons may be used. The same remark applies to the holes in a magnetostatic microscope.

Amplification of Voltage Impulses

H. Koehler (Electrische Nachrichten-Technik, Berlin, March, 1943)

The output voltage E_2 of the resistance-capacitance coupled amplifier shown is given by the following equation:

$$E_{2}\left(j\omega p+q+r\frac{1}{j\omega}\right)=\mu E_{1}R_{a}R_{g}C_{k},$$

where

$$\begin{split} p &= R_t R_a R_y (C_p C_k + C_y C_a + C_a C_k), \\ q &= R_t R_a C_a + R_t R_a C_k + R_s R_y C_y + R_t R_y C_k \\ &+ R_s R_y C_s + R_a R_y C_y, \\ r &= R_t + R_s - p \omega_c, \quad \frac{q}{p} = \Delta \omega, \end{split}$$

 ω_{\circ} is the center frequency of the pass band and $\Delta \omega$ is the pass band width down to $1/\sqrt{2}$ of the maximum amplitude at the center frequency ω_{\circ} .

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RECONVERSION—Blueprint for reconversion of electronic-radio manufacturing industry is to be studied at August 15 meeting of the Industry Advisory Committee with the WPB, Surplus Property Administration and armed services. The extent and speed of reconversion, of course, is dependent on the fortunes of war at that time. Two of the four recent WPB orders designed to pave the way for limited reconversion are deemed to be of particular significance.

HELPFUL ORDERS—The July 29 order permitting the placing of unrated orders for machine tools and equipment will be helpful for the procurement of tools, jigs and fixtures especially for the manufacturing of plastic set cabinets. The August 15 order setting up procedures under which individual manufacturers can get WPB permission for limited civilian production will aid the smaller companies of the industry, it is felt. Under Order P-43 the industry has already had permission to make a small number of models for purely experimental purposes.

MILITARY PRODUCTION SAGS—A variety of reasons have contributed to the slipping back of electronic-radio-radar production for the Army and Navy during the past two months. The armed services and WPB's Radio and Radar Division are strongly urging the industry to keep up production so as to deliver the required electronic and radio equipment to the fighting forces.

STILL A JOB TO DO—There is still a job to do and the Army and Navy will not allow the combat forces to suffer losses because of "too little" and "too late" equipment. The serious deficits in radio and electronics equipment deliveries in May, 17 per cent under 1944 requirements, were still worse in June. Aircraft electronic-radio apparatus was one of the worst spots.

REASONS FOR REDUCED PRODUCTION—The need of the armed services for a large number of new types of equipment, born from experience on the fighting fronts, has been a major contributing cause of the lag in deliveries. The shortage of engineering staffs of the companies has made this problem of production shifts a "headache" for many units of the industry. The summer heat and weekend vacations have caused an increase in the absenteeism curves. However, the Army and Navy leadership are confident in the ability of the industry's management and employes to carry on and to make up the lost ground in the remaining months of the third quarter.

NAVY PROCUREMENT RISING FAST—The Navy's requirements of electronic equipment came to the forefront as the tempo of the war in the Pacific accelerated. Deliveries now average well in excess of \$100,-000,000 monthly as contrasted with \$5,000,000 quarterly in 1941 and \$100,000,000 for the final quarter of 1942. The Navy's Radio Division of the Bureau of Ships disclosed that its deliveries now are five times as much as were produced in 1940 for the Army and Navy and for the entire civilian communications and broadcasting industries. In meeting the ever-changing battle requirements, the Navy has not only used its own laboratories, but has been greatly assisted by the research establishments of the industry, including the Bell Telephone Laboratories, General Electric, Bendix, Westinghouse, RCA, Sperry, Hazeltine and the laboratories of a number of other companies.

SURPLUS DISPOSAL—The RFC's Defense Supplies Corporation, aided by the specialists of the WPB Radio and Radar Division and of the Army, Navy and Maritime Commission, is now evolving an orderly program for the handling of the probable large quantities of surplus equipment of the armed forces which may arise if the war takes a sudden turn for final victory in Europe and the Far East. The DSC with Stuart K. Barnes, one of its vice-presidents, is testing methods for the disposal of the current small amounts of the surplus electronic-radio-radar equipment which have become available so as to formulate the best means of surplus disposal when V-Day comes. WPB Radio and Radar Division Director Ray Ellis appointed Sam Drucker of his staff to aid in the surplus disposal program with his full time being given to that problem. The Procurement Division of the Treasury Department is handling all surplus home broadcast receivers, but the bulk of the items will be handled by the Defense Supplies Corporation.

FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS -- Considerable progress has been made by the government agencies studying the tremendous problem of the postwar spectrum allocation The Inter-department Radio Advisory Committee has submitted a report on frequency needs and proposed allocations to the State Department which in turn has set up a special governmental subcommittee of its Telecommunications Postwar Planning Committee, headed by Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Radio Chief of the Bureau of Standards, to analyze this report. This State Department subcommittee commenced a series of conferences July 29 with the Radio Technical Planning Board and other branches of the communications and broadcasting industries to aid it in reaching a final determination, since the international aspects of radio wavelengths and interference are deemed paramount in the postwar allocations.

SPECTRUM OVERHAULED—For the domestic allocations, the FCC will consult with industry. While the results of the IRAC studies are still secret, it is known that IRAC gave the present spectrum allocation a considerable overhauling to fit in the new developments in radio, radar and electronics which have been created by military research. Aviation needs have been given the right-of-way in the projected allocations with considerably increased space below 200 megacycles.

TELEVISION TO MOVE UP?—Television, for the most part, is to be moved into the higher bands to pave the way for color video transmission. FM broadcasting was understood to have fared well with adequate bands, while the Marine, police and other safety services likewise were given good space assignments. Amateurs would function under the projected allocation in the highest experimental bands as they will be expected to carry their pioneering on as in the past.

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for example: ELECTRONIC TIMING

Industry is making increasing use of electronic timers in timing or controlling intervals that are beyond the accuracy and scepe of mechanical measurement. Such applications as measurement of the speed of a camera's shutter, welding control, plastic molding, photographic exposure and measurement of turbine speeds are typical.

Series 175 Relay

THERE'S A JOB FOR Relays BY GUARDIAN

The above diagram of an electronic timing circuit shows a capacitor and an adjustable resistor connected to the grid of a thyratron or "trigger" type of tube. As the capacitor discharges, the grid potential reaches a point where the tube becomes conductive and energizes a relay.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEMA's International Show Takes Shape

Discussed at National Electrical Manufacturers Association June meeting at Skytop, picturesque Pennsylvania resort, plans for the organization's International Electronics Exposition stepped forward apace. Aside from the fact that the affair is to be held in the latter part of 1945, provided conditions permit, no definite date or place have been selected as yet. One thing has been settled, though: exhibitors will not be restricted to manufacturers who are members of NEMA. The Expositon will be open to all manufacturers of electronic equipment and components. In accordance with the present plans of the sponsors:

1. Exhibits will be restricted as much as possible to working exhibits or demonstrations which utilize electronic principles.

2. There will also be an exhibit sponsored directly by the Electronics Section composed of graphs, charts, etc., showing the uses of electronic principles in industry and other non-mass entertainment fields.

3. Provision will be made for technical sessions or clinics under the sponsorship of technical groups in the industry on the subject of electronic principles.

4. It is expected that this will be the first of a series of annual expositions to be established as the outstanding event of the year in the electronics industry.

When the Permanent Exposition Operating Committee is appointed it probably will include among its members representatives of other NEMA Sections having a direct interest, such as Industrial Control, Panelboard and Distribution Board, Large Generating and Converting Apparatus, Switchgear, and X-ray, and possibly from one or two others.

RTPB Work "Effective"

The great amount of work involved in the task set for the Radio Technical Planning Board is progressing in a manner that is described as "effective but slow" effective in the sense that most Panels have their respective jobs well in hand; slow only to those who do not fully understand the tremendous amount of detail involved. It is unlikely that any Panel will be in a position to render a complete report before some time in September and it is judged impossible for RTPB to let its recommendations be known before the early months of 1945. Interlocking of work assigned to various Panels has operated to slow proceedings to some extent. Panel 2 on Frequency Allocation, for example, has had no formal meeting as yet, due to the fact that other Panels, notably Panel 1 on Spectrum Utilization, has had nothing ready to pass along. It is anticipated that in another 30 days it may be possible to make public a general summary of progress to date.

Conventions and Meetings Ahead

- American Institute of Electrical Engineers (H. H. Henline, 29 West 39th Street, New York), Pacific Coast Technical Meeting, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, Los Angeles.
- Institute of Radio Engineers (330 West 42nd Street, New York City), September 6, October 4, New York.
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (Smithsonian Institution Bldg., Washington 25, D. C.), Sept. 11-16, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Radio Club of America (11 West 42nd Street, New York City), September 14, New York.
- Associated Police Communication Officers (J. M. Wherritt, Police Dept., Jefferson City, Mo.), 11th Annual National Conference, Sept. 18-20, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (Ernest Hartford, 29 West 39th Street, New York), Fall Meeting, October 2-5, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- National Electronics Conference (B. Dudley, 520 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago), Oct. 5-7, Medinah Club, Chicago.
- Electrochemical Society (Colin G. Fink, Columbia University, New York City), Fall Meeting, October 12-14, Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Society of Motion Picture Engineers (J. Haber, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York), Semi-annual Fall Conference, October 16-18, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York.
- Electronic Parts and Equipment Industry Conference (H. Clough, Belden Mfg. Co., Chicago), Oct. 19-21, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.
- IRE and RMA Engineering Department, Annual Convention for Receiver and Tube Design Engineers, Nov. 13-14, Sagamore Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

Electronic Parts and Equipment Conference

The radio and electronic parts industry and trade have now jelled plans for the big get-together this fall. The event: Electronic Parts and Equipment Industry Conference. The place: Stevens Hotel, Chicago. The time: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 19-20-21, 1944. The sponsors: Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers (formerly Western Division, Sales Managers Club); Sales Managers Club (Eastern Division); and the National Electronic Distributors Association.

The three days will be occupied with luncheons, dinners, meetings, conferences, fellowship, and talk fests. For Friday, the NEDA meeting, manufacturers' meeting, representatives delegates meeting, distributors luncheon, and manufacturers luncheon are scheduled. Each registered manufacturer will have a conference booth in the exhibition Hall, to be used for conferences only.

The Conference Committee is: General Chairman H. W. Clough (Belden Mfg. Co.) Manufacturers: A. P. Akeroyd, (Raytheon Products Co.) R. P. Almy, (Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.); J. A. Berman, (Shure Brothers); J. C. Fishel, (Federal Mfg. & Eng. Corp.); Charles Golenpaul, (Aerovox Corp.); Harry Kalker, (Sprague Products Co.); Roy S. Laird, (Ohmite Mfg. Co.); A. H. Petersen, (American Phenolic Corp.); and A. E. Schaar, (Talk-A-Phone Mfg. Co.) Distributors: Geo. D. Barbey, (National Electronic Distributors Assn.); Randall Bargelt, (United Radio Supply, Inc.); A. D. Davis, (Allied Radio Corp.); Aaron Lippman, (Aaron Lippman & Co.); F. A. Morris, (Specialty Distributing Co.); F. A. MOITIS, (Specialty Distributing Co.); Sam Poncher, (Newark Electric Co.); William Schoning, (Lukko Sales Corp.); W. A. Shuler, (Shuler Supply Co.); and Robert M. Smith, (Radiolab).

Rochester Meeting

Annual Rochester Fall Meeting of members of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the Radio Manufacturers Association Engineering Department is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 13 and 14. As usual the gathering will be held at the Sagamore Hotel, Rochester, N. Y., with the two days devoted to technical sessions and committee meetings.

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* TELEVISION TODAY* *

New Developments in the Video Field

\$50 Picture Boxes

Leonard F. Cramer, who is vicepresident of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., Passaic, N. J., believes that one way to get television started quickly, and to snowball interest in it, is for someone to start manufacture and distribution of an inexpensive "picture box" at \$50 or \$75-a video receiver attachment that can be plugged into most any FM broadcast receiver for the sound that goes with the pictures. He gave members of the Television Press Club the idea at that organization's June meeting. No. DuMont doesn't intend to build anything of the sort, will stick to high quality complete receivers. But Cramer submits that the other would stimulate interest and whet appetites, eventually work owners up to the purchase of real receivers. He points out that "it is perfectly practical to extend the tuning range of an FM receiver to make available the sound channel of television."

WRGB Award

Presentation of the American Television Society's coveted award for the year 1943-1944's outstanding contribution to the art of television programming was televised over station WRGB, Schenectady, N. Y., recipient of the award, July 15. Dan D. Halpin, newly-elected president of ATS, presented the award to Robert S. Peare, vice president of General Electric Co., which operates the station.

See 100 Tele Stations

Five years after the war at least half the population of the United States will be in a position to see television broadcasts believes General Electric's Howard Perdiue. Late last month he told members of the American Television Society that by that time more than 100 master television stations are expected to be in operation.

AT&T Radio Relays

In addition to announced plans for a nationwide coaxial cable network that can be used for both television and FM, American Telephone and Telegraph Co. is about to embark on experiments looking to the use of radio relay or booster transmission for similar services.

*Tifle registered U. S. Patent Office.

Late last month FCC licensed AT&T to establish and operate experimental uhf transmitters in New York and Boston to function as terminals of a proposed wideband point-to-point repeater circuit suitable for FM, television, telephone, telegraph and facsimile. Twelve bands of frequencies were authorized as follows:

1,914,040	kc	to	1,925,960	kc
1,974,010	kc	to	1,985,990	kc
2,193,900	kc	to	2,206,100	kc
2,253,870	kc	to	2,266,130	kc
3,993,000	kc.	to	4,007,000	kc
4,052,970	kc	to	4,067,030	kc
4,292,850	kc	to	4,307,150	kc
4,352,820	kc	to	4,367,188	kc
11,489,250	kc	to	11,510,750	kc
11,689,150	kc	to	11,710,850	kc
12,288,850	kc	to	12,311,150	kc.
12,488,750	kc	to	12,511,250	kc

Television Organizations

American Television Society, 1140 Broadway, New York (CAledonia 5-7430)

President—Dan D. Halpin, RCA, Camden, N. J.; Vice-president— Ray Nelson; Treasurer—Don Mc-Clure; Secretary—Kay Reynolds; Directors: Norman D. Waters, George T. Shupert, David H. Halpern, Prof. E. C. Cole, Lela Swift, Charles Kleinman, J. R. Hutchinson.

Television Broadcasters Assn., Inc., 500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y. (LAckawana 4-4788) President—Allen B. DuMont, Passaic, N. J.; Vice-president—Louis Allen Weiss, Los Angeles, Calif.; Secretary-treasurer—Will Baltin; Provisional Assistant Secretarytreasurer—Jack R. Poppele, 1440 Broadway, New York City.

Society of Television Engineers (Pacific Coast)

Secretary-treasurer — Curtis W. Mason, c/o Earle C. Anthony, Inc., 141 No. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif.; RTPB Representatives: Frederic C. Wolcott, chief engineer, Gilfillan Bros., Los Angeles, Calif.; Frederick Ireland, General Radio Co., Hollywood, Calif.

Television Producers Assn., 1425 Broadway, Room 70, New York, N. Y.

Acting president — Bud Gamble, Farnsworth Tel. & Radio Corp.; Acting Vice-president — Edwin Woodruff, DuMont Labs.; Acting Secretary — Jay Strong; Acting Treasurer—Roger Caelos.

Television Press Club

Board of Governors—A. W. Bernsohn (Click Magazine), Richard W. Hubbell (author, editor, Television Review), T. R. Kennedy, Jr. (N. Y. Times), Ben Kaufman (Radio Daily), Stanley Kempner (Retailing - Fairchild's), Hermine Isaacs (Theatre Arts), Wanda Marvin (Billboard), Mike Wear (Varlety), Louis Winner (Communications Mag.).

Bunk Stages Television Demonstration



If prognostications of Franklin Sq. (L.I.) Bank hold good, 1,600,000 persons throughout the United States are saving to buy television receivers and will spend 652 millions of dollars on them, post war. Bank recently held a television demonstration, participated in by Preston R. Bassett, vice-president and general manager of Sperry Corp. (left), Lowell Thomas, and other celebrities, questionnaired depositors on savings earmarked for specific postwar products, got a return of 22 per cent who state they will buy television receivers at \$400

Because so many factors affect the choice of tubes for electronic reating, RCA engineers have summarized here some of the most inportant ones, and have prepared the table below to enable you to choose tubes by power output rating and frequency.

How to Choose Tubes

for Electronic

Heating

RCA	P0 OUT	WER PUT**	MAX. FREQUENCY		COOLING	AMPL.	
TUBE TYPE	at Max I Tube Watts	2 Tubes Watts	@ Max. Input Mc	@ % Max. Input Mc %	METHOD	FACTOR	PRICE
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892 • R 889 889 - R	10.000 10,000 10,000	20,000 20,000 20,000	- 1.6 50 25	20 @ 50% 150 @ 50% 100 @ 50%	F F	50 21 21	360.00† 220.00 325.00†
833-A* 827-R 806*	{ 1,440 1,000 1,050 450	2,880 2,000 2,100 900	20 30 110 30	75 @ 65% 75 @ 72% 100 @ 50%	F } N } F	35 16 12.6	76.50 135.00 22.00
8000* 8005* 826	375 170 86	750 340 172	30 60 250	100 @ 50% 100 @ 60% 300 @ 80%	N N N	16.5 20 31	13.50 7.00 19.00

*Indicates that intermittent ratings are available. **Tube output values are shown. Deduct circuit losses for power to load. N—Natural air cooling. F—Forced-air cooling. W—Water cooling. †—Renewal price when similar radiator in good condition is returned prepaid at time new tube is purchased

Fower Output: Not all RCA tubes available for electronic heating are listed above; those listed, however, make possible a range of tube output power in easy steps from 86 to 200,000 watts or more. Most types fall in the "medium mu" class, making them exceptionally stable, even under changing load, yet the "mu" is high enough to keep excitation requirements at an economical level. By utilizing tubes in push-pull or push-pull-parallel circuits, the power output required can be closely approached.

Power Supply: All power output values are for typical operating conditions under continuous service, and with d-c plate supply. If the oscillator tubes are to operate on a-c plate supply, the output power will be reduced.

In lower-power equipment, self-rectification may be economical; at high-power, however, the investment in power tubes is usually

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best used by supplying direct current to the plates, and getting full output.

Filament voltages supplied to tubes should be accurately adjusted and should not fluctuate. Attention to this factor will help to assure long tube life.

Output Frequency: The chart shows that the RCA tube line provides for relatively high power even at very high frequencies. For special applications not covered by the tubes listed here, write RCA tube engineers (address below).

Cooling: Of the tubes listed, all those delivering 1 kw or more require forced-air or water cooling. Where mobility of equipment is desired, forced-air cooling is usually preferred to water cooling. To prevent unnecessary maintenance, especially for water-cooled tubes, carefully observe the cooling requirements of the tubes.

Intermittent Service: Certain RCA tubes (marked *) have increased ratings for intermittent service.

Dependability: In industrial service, continuity of operation is very important. To assure dependability, electronic heating equipment should be designed with comfortable "safety factors," not only with respect to tubes, but also for other components whose

only with respect to tubes, but also for other components whose failure might cause tube damage and outage of the equipment. Electron tubes are inherently maintenance-free devices designed to give long life under normal operating conditions.

Take plant conditions, such as heat, dust, vibration, humidity, etc., into account when installing electronic equipment just as in the case of other industrial apparatus. Ordinarily, however, special precautions should not be necessary.

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Section

Chairman Capacitor-Paul Hetenyi, Solar Mfg. Corp., New York.

Coil-Leslie F. Muter, Muter Co., Chicago.

Fixed Resistor—J. H. Stackpole, Stackpole Car-bon Co., St. Marys, Pa.

Instrument-R. L. Triplett, Readrite Meter Works, Bluffton, O. Socket-Hugh H. Eby, Hugh H. Eby, Inc.,

Philadelphia. Special Product—W. R. MacLeod, King Labora-tories, Inc., Syracuse.

Switch-Robert A. O'Reilly, Oak Mfg. Co., Chicago.

Transformer—James M. Bennan, Jefferson Electric Co., Bellwood, III.

Variable Condenser—Russell E. Cramer, Radio Condenser Co., Camden, N. J.

Variable Resistor—H. E. Osmun, Centralab, Milwaukee.

Vibratot-Ray F. Sparrow, P. R. Mallory & Co., Indianapolis.

Wire-R. G. Zender, Lenz Electric Mfg. Co., Chicago.

Police Conference

The 11th annual National Conference of the Associated Police Communication Officers will be held at the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, September 18, 19 and 20, 1944. The serious manpower situation, frequency allocation, inter-city communications and interference problems are some of the important discussions for this three day conference which will bring together the leading police com-munication men of the United States. It is anticipated that equipment from many leading manufacturers will be on display.

IRE 1945 Slate

Dr. W. L. Everitt, now serving in the office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, has been nominated for the presidency of the Institute of Radio Engineers. Vicepresidential nominee is Dr. H. J. Van der Bijl, Director-General of War Supplies, Union of South Africa. Directors nominated for the term 1945-1947 are: S. L. Bailey, E. F. Carter, Keith Henney, F. M. Ryan, B. E. Shackleford and W. O. Swinvard.

Welding Information

Resistance Welders Manufacturers' Association, 505 Arch St., Philadelphia, has established an information service to assist in the solution of welding problems. Requests for information on welding and equipment will be answered.

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Volume Control Standard

After more than a year of deliberation American Standards Association has placed its stamp of approval on standards for volume controls for home radio. The standard is one of a series of war standards developed by the ASA war committee on replacement parts for civilian radio at the request of the Office of Price Administration, after consultation with the Radio and Radar Division of WPB.

Dr. H. H. Beverage Receives Award

In recognition of "a great contribution," the United States Army Signal Corps has awarded its coveted Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Harold H. Beverage, Associate Director of RCA Laboratories in Charge of Communications Research, Major General H. C. Ingles, Chief Signal Officer, who informed Dr. Beverage of the award, said: "Your tireless effort and valuable advice during the installation of a radioteletype circuit in the North Atlantic route constituted a great contribution to the Signal Corps in its gigantic task of furnishing the United States Army the world's greatest military communications system.'

Free Electronic Training

Free training in radio and electronics for technical workers in California war industries will be given in a series of short courses which the University of California will start in August in major war production centers throughout the state, as part of the Engineering, Science, and Management War Training Program of the United States Office of Education. The instruction is designed for full-time workers who are willing to devote two hours a week to class lectures and an equal amount of time to home study. The training will be offered in both elementary and advanced levels, to meet the needs of those of varying degrees of experience.

The program will include evening lecture courses in radio and industrial electronics, meeting weekly for eighteen weeks, and an evening elementary electronics laboratory, meeting three hours a week for sixteen weeks. An advanced lecturedemonstration course in industrial electronics is also planned for later in the year. For instructors, the University will draw upon members of its own faculty as well as leading engineers in the electrical industry.

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Army Studies "History of Communications"

The Army Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kan., has requested permission to use for instructional purposes the series of history of communications ads put out by the Universal Microphone Co., Inglewood, Calif. Lieut. Colonel Cecil Himes is chief of the dept. of communications.

Invasion Transmission

Press Wireless, Inc., made history Tuesday morning, June 13, when it transmitted and received the first news material to be radioed direct from the beachhead in Normandy to the United States. This was done from a mobile 400-watt transmitter of the company's own design and manufacture at a speed of 350 words per minute and upward. The transmitter was equipped with a low-hung doublet antenna and a Diesel driven power unit. Reception was effected at the Baldwin, Long Island, terminal of the company on one of the company's own receivers. The first dispatch, filed at the beachhead at 5:50 A.M., Eastern War Time, was delivered in a New York newspaper office in less than 21 minutes.



Herbert Gott, Traffic Chief, at Recorder In Press Wireless Operations Room, New York, on June 12, 1944, at 1:40 P.M., when first contact was made with mobile transmitter on Normandy beachhead

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Grayhill Makes Switches

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Type 853

Grayhill—that is the complete name of the company—has been organized by Ralph M. Hill and Gordon E. Gray to manufacture electrical and mechanical switching devices for the electronic and aircraft industries. General offices are at 1 North Pulaski Road, Chicago; the factory is in La Grange, Ill. Chief engineer and general manager is W. S. Lewis; Arnold Wassel is head of the plastic design engineering and production division.

Mec-Rad Expands

The Mec-Rad Division of Black Industries started construction of a new building, adjacent to the present plant at 1400 East 222nd St., Cleveland, to be devoted entirely to the manufacture of mechanical and electrical components. The new structure will provide more than twice the present floor space of the division. Expansion has been made necessary to complete contracts for the production of precision parts for high frequency antennas for our armed forces. In addition to doubling the productive capacity, the new plant will contain enlarged laboratory, testing and research facilities. Occupancy is scheduled for about September 1st. John Altmayer is General Manager of the Mec-Rad Division.

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To Make Resistors

Madison Electrical Products Corp. has been formed for the manufacture of precision wire wound resistors, electrical and radio assemblies, coil windings and special components used in communication work. The factory will be located in Madison, N. J., prime mover behind the venture being John G. Ruckelshaus, who will be the company's vice-president and chief engineer. The plant will be under the supervision of A. L. Livera, formerly assistant chief engineer of the Hardwick-Hindle Co. Sales offices will be maintained at 318 East 45th Street, New York and at 323 North 13th Street, Philadelphia.

Makes Birtcher Clamps

George S. Thompson Co., 5240 Huntington Drive, Los Angeles, has been formed by George S. Thompson, formerly vice-president of the Birtcher Co., and will manufacture stainless steel tube lamps under license to use all Birtcher processes and patents. John J. Thompson is vice-president of the company and Arthur Bruce is secretary.

Illinois Condenser Expands

Illinois Condenser Co. has added another floor to its plant at 1160 North Howe Street, Chicago, increasing production by 300 per cent. At the same time Jerome K. Kurland has been added to the staff in the capacity of chemical engineer.

Industrial Designers

Ruth Gerth, George Kosmak, Alexander Kostellow, and Rowena Reed have joined forces for the practice of industrial design and architecture, with offices at 228 E. 61st St., New York 21, N. Y. Telephone number is REgent 4-5359.

New Hytron Tubes

Three new tubes have been added to the miniature line produced by Hytron Corp., Salem, Mass. These are a 6AK5, sharp cut-off rf pentode; 6AL5, high frequency twin triode; and 6AQ6, double diode triode.

Service Plaque

The service men's plaque recently dedicated by The Brush Development Co., Cleveland, has a picture of each employe, in the order of his or her entrance into the various services. Under each picture is the employe's name, department, army or navy rank or rating, APO address and anything outstanding relative to service life.

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Ott to National Union

Dr. Ellis R. Ott, mathematician and scientist, who recently resigned as associate professor of mathematics at the University of Buffalo, has joined the staff of National Union Radio Corp. research and development laboratories in Newark, N. J., as an executive engineer and assistant to the director of engineering.

WCEM Adds Six

Six new members have been added to the membership of the West Coast Electronic Manufacturers Association: Brittain Sound Equipment Co., Los Angeles; Merle F. Faber, San Francisco; Harvey Machine Co., Inc., Los Angeles; Howard Pacific Corp., Los Angeles; The Lake Mfg. Co., Oakland; Special Electric Laboratories, Los Angeles. The inclusion of these companies brings the total membership to more than fifty firms.

Cyrus T. Read, who has been an active radio amateur since before World War I, has joined the headquarters staff of the American Radio Relay League, as assistant to secretary K. B. Warner. He is dividing his time between this work and his permanent job with the Public Relations Department of Hallicrafters, Chicago.

Frank A. Bailey has joined the sales engineering staff of the Operadio Mfg. Co., St. Charles, Ill.

E. F. Lazar, manager of the Federal department of the Sperry Gyroscope Co., has been appointed manager of Special Electronics, a new department to handle the sales activities of electronic equipment for the ground forces of the Armed Services, electronic tubes, ultra high frequency measuring instruments, and equipment for the broadcasting and telecommunications fields.

R. J. Keogh, E. E., has joined the engineering staff of Webster Products, 3825 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago 47, Ill. For the last two and a half years he has been assigned to work with Colonial Radio Corp., Buffalo.

David M. Kelly has been added to the engineering staff of the John C. Dolph Co., Newark, N. J. He will have charge of the Industrial Service Division, was formerly connected with the ITE Circuit Breaker Co., Philadelphia.

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Curtis A. Haines, formerly manager of the Mill Hall and Altoona, Pa., plants of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., has been promoted to the position of general manufacturing manager of these plants and new plants at Huntington, W. Va., and Lexington, Ky.

McNamee Joins Littelfuse

Bernard F. McNamee has been appointed to head research work on electronic products and applications by Littelfuse Inc., Chicago and El Monte, Calif. Prior to joining Littelfuse, he was in charge of the engineering department of Consolidated Engineering Corp., Pasadena.

Sinko to Santay

Corporate style of the Sinko Tool & Mfg. Co., Chicago, has been changed to Santay Corp. There is no change in the business or personnel of the company.

Bierman Permoflux Chief Engineer

Raymond C. Bierman has been appointed chief engineer of the Permoflux Corp. of Chicago, manufacturers of high-fidelity acoustical equipment. Mr. Bierman (a graduate of Purdue, 1932), was for seven years associated with NBC Blue Network as studio field engineer, and was previously with WLW.

As chief engineer of Permoflux, his activities embrace the improvement of all forms of acoustic transducers, particularly those operating on the dynamic principle using permanent magnetic materials. An interesting feature of Mr. Bierman's work is the design of factory testing equipment assuring extreme uniformity of all Permoflux production units. Aside from his radio engineering management activities, Mr. Bierman's chief hobby is flying and he is an enthusiastic amateur pilot.



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NEW BOOKS

Principles of Powder Metallurgy

By Franz Skaupy—Translated by Marion Lee Taylor, Ph.D. Published by the Philosophical Library Inc., New York, N. Y. 1944. 80 pages, clothbound, price \$3.00.

The translation of this monograph, on the important subject of bonding metal particles without fusion, calls attention to principles and technics that were used in Europe. While the date of the original manuscript is not stated, it may be presumed from the references (all of which appeared before 1930) that late practices are not included. However, the basic principles of powdered metal applications; the production, measurement and bonding of particles are well introduced and the properties and characteristics of objects so produced, may be of interest.

Industrial Electronic Control

By W. D. Cockrell, Industrial Engineer, General Electric Co., published by McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York and London, 1944. 247 + XII pages, 175 illustrations. Price \$2.50.

This book is an elementary guide to the study of electronic circuits, that are commonly in use for industrial regulation and control. It is written mainly for the service and maintenance worker and should do much toward dispelling the atmosphere of mystery that has surrounded such devices in many quarters.

The subject is handled by non-mathematical descriptions and operation of electron tubes, and the commonly used circuit components. This is followed by the basic principles of electronic circuits, and their application to industrial problems, including photoelectric circuits, speed control, relay applications and timing control and current regulation in welding process.

American War Standards

There has been prepared by T. H. Kemp, Acting Chairman, War Committee on Radio of the War Production Board, a bound compilation of the 21 American War Standards for electronic components, plus one additional proposed American War Standard. These have resulted from the standardization program initiated in the summer of 1942 by S. K. Wolf, then Assistant Director for

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(Continued from page 152) Production, Radio and Radar Division, War Production Board. These standards represent the completion of the program as far as the Radio and Radar and Conservation Divisions are concerned.

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The Operadio Bulletin, newsletter published by the Operadio Mfg. Co., St. Charles, Ill., is a new development in the company's sales promotion and public relations program. The first issue recently was mailed to distributors, sound service men, and industrial music outlets. Brief news items inform dealers of Operadio war production for the Army and Navy, and sales developments for the commercial sound division are also emphasized. Pictures, proofs of Operadio advertisements, and reprints of timely magazine and newspaper articles are included.

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All-Purpose Insulation

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Self-tapping Screws

Much useful engineering and production data about the application of self-tapping screws is given in a new Users' Guide, offered by Parker-Kalon Corp., 204 Varick St., New York 14, N. Y.

The eighteen pages are file size, tab-indexed, spiral bound, and arranged with a strong wall hanger. The guide includes a selector chart which tells at a glance which of nine types of self-tapping screws to use in various materials. Tables give recommended hole sizes, stock sizes and data on use of each type under different conditions. Application information covers use of self-



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Selenium Rectifiers

A new type of selenium rectifier with dual sealed-in electrodes is the subject of a catalog sheet just issued by Selenium Corp. of America, Los Angeles, Calif. Construction provides shock and vibration proof qualities as well as protection against moisture and an increased field of applications. It is interchangeable with conventional selenium rectifiers.

Formica Facts

Most persons know what Formica is—a laminated product of synthetic resins and paper or fabric which has been cured into a hard compact material by heat and pressure—but not so many may be familiar with the great variety in which the product is supplied, the various finishes and colors available and the manifold uses to which Formica is put in the electrical and other industries. To clear up some



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of that mystery the Formica Insulation Co., Cincinnatti, O., has issued a vest-pocket booklet of 32 pages that covers the making and uses of the product and contains much information on machining, punching, sawing, drilling, tapping, threading and turning and milling.

Twenty GI Years

Tracing "20 Years of Progress," General Instrument Corp., Elizabeth, N. J., has issued an elaborate 16-page booklet lithographed in four colors, plastic bound, that invites readers to be a GI guest at the first Worlds' Series after the war. Aside from that the booklet rather attractively ties together the country's history with the company's—and hints at what GI may be doing after the war.

Small Coax Line

Specifications, a description and engineering data on three-eighths inch diameter coaxial transmission line are included in a new twopage folder just issued by the Andrew Co., 363 East 75th Street, Chicago. The folder also illustrates and describes a number of transmission line accessories, such as terminals, seals, connectors, junction boxes, etc.

Cannon Wall Chart

A new wall chart (38 x 50) to match other Cannon type AN charts has been issued by Cannon Electrical Development Co., Los Angeles. The chart contains in condensed form practically all needed information on type K connectors. A total of 189 full scale insert arrangements are shown together with information on how to identify and select a K connector for a particular use.

Radio Components

Audio Development Co., 2833 Thirteenth Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn., has issued a new catalog covering the company's complete line of transformers, reactors, filters, equalizers, key switches, jacks, plugs and other components.

Technical Ceramics

Alsimag technical ceramics are being so widely used that a new 34page booklet descriptive of their production and uses likely will interest engineers. The booklet describes extrusion, pressing, casting, surface treatment and precision grinding operations. In addition

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Standard Transformers

A new bulletin describes the complete range of transformers made by Standard Transformer Co., Warren, O., to meet the smallest to the largest electric power requirements of the following types: Power, distribution, rural, street lighting, instrument, air cooled.

Precision Meters

Technical information on nearly a score of panel-type indicating meters is included in a folder produced by O. B. McClintock Co., Minneapolis. Included are round and square models for use on electrical test equipment, etc.

Adjustable Speed Motor Drives

A four-page, two-color technical bulletin No. WTM-44 has been issued by Weltronic Co., Detroit 19, Mich. It describes their new electronic, adjustable speed motor drives which operate any dc shuntwound $\frac{1}{2}$ hp to 15 hp motors from

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Oscillator-Reactance Tube

Tube 8 operates as oscillator and simultaneously as reactance tube. Regenerative feed-back to oscillator grid 10 is provided by transformer 6, while modulated quadrature-feed-back is supplied to reactance grid 24 by transformer 14,22 and 16,22. Parallel coils 14,16 are wound on saturable iron cores 18,20, and coupled to the third coil 22 with opposite polarity so that no voltage is induced in the coil 22 when the currents in coils 14 and 16 are equal. For unequal currents, however, a voltage 90°



out of phase with the plate current will be induced in coil 22, and the magnitude of this induced voltage will depend on the modulating current through colls 30 and 32 which controls the saturation of the iron cores 18 and 20. W. van B. Roberts, RCA, (F) April 21, 1942, (I) April 11, 1944, No. 2,346,331.

Suppressor Grid Rectification

Suppressor grid 20 and cathode 12 of a pentode are used as a detector or rectifier. Output from plate 14 is applied to the suppressor grid and rectified by the cathode-suppressor grid combination acting as a diode. The resulting dc potential developed across resistor R_1 is fed back to the control grid through resistor R_2 to be amplified or to regulate the gain or other characteristics of the tube. In the embodiment shown, which measures the input amplitude, the increased negative potential on the input grid causes reduction in the space current which is measured by meter M. The principle finds use in the stabilization of oscillator outputs, or of negative feedback amplifiers.

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F. B. Anderson, Bell Telephone Laboratories. (F) September 12, 1942, (I) April 11, 1944. No. 2,346,545.

Phase Modulator

In conventional phase modulators, the phase shift is not proportional to the modulating amplitude, the same increase in modulating voltage producing a comparatively small phase shift at large signal amplitudes. According to the invention, the amplitude of the 90 deg. - shifted - carrier wave, amplified by tube 12, is amplitudemodulated so as to make the phase shift in the output circuit 39 linearly phase modulated. For this purpose, amplification factor of tube 12 is reduced in response to an increase in modulating potential of either polarity by impressing suitable negative bias on suppressor grid 77. This negative



bias is derived from the audio amplifier, rectified by tube 116 having a load resistor 83 arranged to impress a negative bias on suppressor grid 77 during either half cycle of modulating potential. G. M. Brown, General Electric Co., (F) April 23, 1942, (I) April 25, 1944, No. 2,347,458. (Continued on page 168)

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Phase Modulator

It is intended to reduce the intensity of the 90 deg. phase shifted wave in a phase modulator with increasing modulation signal intensity of either polarity as explained in Patent No. 2,347,458. (See preceding summary.) According to the present invention, however, the regulating voltage applied to the suppressor grid 77 is derived from the voltage across output circuit 39; this voltage increases with increasing modulating potential. With the embodiment described and shown in the patent, the linear relationship between phase shift of the carrier wave and modulating signal intensity is so improved that substantially perfect linearity obtains, even though the carrier wave be shifted as much as 60 deg. in either direction. W. F. Goetter, General Electric Co., (F) May 28, 1942. (I) April 25, 1944, No. 2.347.459.

Electron Lens

At least one of the electrodes 31,32,33 of the electron lens is embedded in a dielectric medium 28 of greater dielectric strength than the dielectric 29 through which the electrons pass. All electrodes and the dielectric 28 are of annular form. This construction permits relatively short axial length of the lens and, consequently, a short focal length, without incurring substantial danger of electrical breakdown. The dielectric 28 may comprise an insulating vitreous or ceramic substance such as glass, quartz, porcelain, or it may be constituted of a finely divided inorganic material, such as mica or asbestos, cemented or bonded together with a glassy binder. for example,



lead borate. The shape of the lens field in the part of the lens traversed by the electron beam is to some extent a function of the shape of the exposed surface 30 of the solid dielectric 28 so that by forming the dielectric in an appropriate manner it is possible to minimize aberrational effects. Several suitable lens configurations are shown and described, and the method of manufacture is explained. C. H. Bachman, General Electric Company. (F) Dec. 31. 1941, (1) May 2, 1944, No. 2.347,982.

Measuring Sh<mark>arpne</mark>ss of Focusing

In secondary-emission, scanning microscopes. If the primary beam fails to strike the specimen, there will be no output current. Assuming that the specimen be moved slowly into the field of the beam, the time it takes for the secondary beam to rise from zero to maximum will be a measure of the relative diameter of the primary beam. For sharp focusing this time will be very short and a nearly square wave shape, having a large harmonic output, will be obtained. This output is passed through a high pass filter and applied to the horizontal plates of a cathode-ray tube or to an indicating meter. The amount of high frequency content, indicated by the meter or the cathoderay tube, is a measure of the sharpness of the focusing of the primary electron beam. J. A. Rajchman, RCA, (F) April 20, 1942, (I) May 2, 1944, No. 2,848,031.

AM-PM Modulator

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resonant at the intermediate frequency which has zero output at that frequency, F., as indicated by the amplitude-frequency characteristic on the diagram; its output will consist of side bands modulated in amplitude and frequency. In the following converter, the output of 24 is heterodyned back to the carrier frequency so that a constant carrier frequency, carrier-eliminated, amplitude-modulated output, i.e., the side bands only, is obtained. If this type of modulation is desired, it may be taken off lines 34 directly. If amplitude modulation with the carrier present is desired, the carrier is reinserted in the carrier and side-band combiner; the phase adjuster adjusts the phase



of the carrier with respect to the side bands so that the proper relation for amplitude modulation is obtained. If phase modulation is desired, the phase adjuster is set to introduce a 90 deg. phase shift with respect to the setting for amplitude modulation. M. G. Crosby, RCA, (F) May 1, 1942, (I) April 25, 1944, No. 2,347,398.

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It is intended to adjust the frequency of the tuning fork 2 while maintaining the amplitude constant so as to obtain a constant output voltage at terminals 4. Coil 21 drives the tuning fork 2, and the oscillations of the tuning fork 2, and the oscillations of the tuning fork induce a voltage in coil 14 which is amplified in tube 1. Network 15.16 introduces a 90 deg. phase shift. Part of the output of tube 1 is applied to the rate control circuit 20, another part is amplified in tube 3 and made available at terminals 4. When the variable contact 45 is adjusted to the mid point on the resistor 44, rate control network 20 produces a phase shift equal and opposite to that obtained in the phase shifting network 15.16. Under such conditions a current impulse flows in drive coil 21 in a direction opposite to the current flow of the initial current impulse. This produces an opposite movement of the tines of fork 2 causing a second voltage impulse to be generated in pick-up coil 14 having a sign opposite to that caused by the first movement of the times. This second impulse of voltage ex-



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most rapid repetition rate at which the saw-tooth is to be used.

It is necessary, when using the foregoing, to employ a fairly high plate voltage, and throw away a comparatively good sized portion of the saw-tooth. This suggests that perhaps some better method of obtaining a saw-tooth shaped wave might be available.

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Requirements for the generation of a saw-tooth have been noted:

- (1) Means for the momentary passage of a large amount of current.
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- (2) A capacitor to supply the current for the surge.
- (3) An inductance to delay the return of the voltage to normal.

These may be connected as shown in Fig. 3 using the inductivecapacitive output connections.

Now, as the blocking oscillator is fired, the initial current for the generation of the plate pulse is drawn from the capacitor C_2 ; the presence of the inductance L_i in the circuit prevents current from being drawn from the supply at this time. At the low point of the pulse, the grid cuts off, and the plate voltage returns to normal, with the capacitor C₂ recharging. The delay occasioned by the presence of the inductance L_1 in the circuit results in the capacitor C. recharging along a combination of the curve of the growth of current in a reactor, and the charge in a capacitor.

Fig. 5 shows the computed curves obtained from an inductance of 10 millihenries, a capacitance of 100,-000 micromicrofarads, a resistance



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Fig. 5. Growth of charge in circuit having inductance, capacitance and resistance

of 200 ohms (dotted curve), and a resistance of 1250 ohms (solid curve).

From the solution of the differential equation for a series LCr circuit, and assuming $r^2/4L^2$ to be small as compared with 1/CL, it can be shown that the charge on the capacitor will be equal to its initial charge, qo, after a time interval

 $t = (\theta + \pi/2) (1/CL - r^2/4L^2)^{-1/2}$ where

 $\sin \theta = r(C/2L)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

This then may be taken to be the approximate length of the sweep obtained in this manner. It might be noted that this time should also be that of the duration of the output pulse shown in Fig. 1, where the values are those of the grid circuit. L would be the effective inductance of the grid coil, while C would include the capacitance of the wiring, tube, etc.

It will be noted that the start of the curve is not abrupt. The linear portion, however, continues to a point well above the full charge line. This curve may be combined with the charge curve of a capacitor by placing a resistor in parallel with the inductance L1. This will have the added effect of "damping" the oscillation shown about the full charge line. The value of this resistor may be determined by experimental means; too small a value will cause distortion of the curve. The addition of this resistor will eliminate the gradual curve at the beginning of the slanting portion of the saw-tooth.

Reference to the equation giving the time of the sweep indicates that variation of C₂ would produce a change in the slope of the sweep. However, it also will be noted that the condition of 1/CL greater than $r^2/4L^2$ must be maintained to obtain the linearity desired. Therefore, a limiting value for C_2 will be found for each value of L and r in the circuit, beyond which the linearity will not be preserved.

Keeping these facts in mind, however, it will be noted that a

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It will be noted that the sawtooth obtained by the use of the circuit shown in Fig. 4 is negative. Inversion of the polarity by means of a tube is possible, but for very short sweeps, somewhat impractical. Consideration of the method of obtaining the sweep leads to the observation that since the delay in the inductance actually forms the curve, the magnetic field in the core must vary along the same curve. Hence, it should be possible to utilize a transformer of reasonably good frequency response to invert the saw-tooth. Further, the step-up and step-down abilities of the transformer may be utilized.

Twice the saw-tooth voltage, by inversion may accompanied easily be had by this means, and further, each end of the secondary winding may be connected to a plate of the cathode ray tube.

If a high-voltage tube is used for the saw-tooth generator, giving rise to a high voltage pulse, say of the order of 2,000 volts, the voltage pulse may be turned into a



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current pulse for use with magnetic deflection circuits by the use of a step-down transformer.

The curves shown in Fig. 1 were obtained by the writer with the aid of a sweep utilizing a step-up transformer. The oscillograph calibration was set at 0.25 microsec-onds per inch. The calibration has been maintained for some time without further attention. No difflculty has been experienced with "flicker" or "jitter.'

The saw-tooth generating circuit makes use of a 6SN7 and a twoto-one step-up pulse transformer, the low winding of which acts as the inductance in the saw-tooth forming circuit. The high-winding of this transformer has an inductance of approximately 10 millihenries.

Another pulse transformer, having a rather straight-sided characteristic, a comparatively low inductance, and a four-to-one step up ratio between the plate and grid coils is used to regenerate the tube. The low winding is placed in the plate circuit. By this means the grid of the tube is forced to a rather high positive level, and the conductance of the tube corres-pondingly increased. This insures a comparatively good-sized plate swing.

The portion of the oscillation on the opposite side of the axis from the saw-tooth was clipped after inversion by a 6H6. Calibration was accomplished by a "trimmer" across the output from the transformer. It was discovered that with the inductance used in the plate circuit of the tube, the distributed capacity of the transformer and wiring was sufficient, hence the capacitor, which would be used with longer sweeps was omitted. The circuit is shown in Fig. 6, while the sawtooth obtained is shown in Fig. 7.



Fig. 6. High-speed sweep circuit giving sawtooth output of waveform shown below in Fig. 7



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creased further, a point will be reached at which the system will oscillate. The amplitude of oscillation will be a function of feedback voltage and for small amplitudes, the waveform is an extremely pure sine wave. The same system is thus adjustable for operation as either a selective ac amplifier or as an ac generator.

In either case, with this method the feedback voltage is the resultant of two voltages derived from separate amplifier stages having a phase difference of 180 deg. The sign and magnitude of this voltage is a function of frequency as shown previously for the bridge arrangement. From the juncture of the frequency selective arms to that point where the feedback voltage is introduced, there is but one feedback path. In this respect, as in the others referred to, the method differs from others.

The basic method is applicable to any vacuum tube amplifier capable of providing the necessary phase reversal. A modification for a single stage, useful for limited accentuation of bass or other frequencies is shown in Fig. 7.

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between plate and cathode. It is assumed that this value provides satisfactory bias by its dc drop or that some other means is provided therefore. Let e = signal voltage across \mathbf{R}_e . Then 2e = signal voltage between plate and cathode. Now, if the shunt and series arms of equal R and the grid are returned to their common connection, there will be no feedback at the balance frequency so that the amplifier output will be a maximum, while all other frequencies in the operating range will be attenuated by an amount depending upon the voltage gain of the stage.

Obviously, there are numerous variations of the general method. For example, in some instances it may be advisable to utilize feedback over more than one (or two) stages. It is in such cases possible to transpose the series and shunt arms where required by phase considerations. All of the methods used, for phase inversion in supplying a balanced output stage from a single tube may be adapted to this purpose. It is convenient for such cases to note that if the shunt arm is connected to a point which would otherwise connect to the grid of one of the push pull output tubes, the series arm will connect to a point normal for the grid of the other.

The required voltage for the series arm, which usually will be two or more times the voltage at the point where the shunt arm connects, may be adjusted by varying either the input or output of the stage by any desired means. Furthermore, while the most generally useful and the simplest type of selective circuit branches are discussed here (equal resistances and capacities) it is apparent that other combinations of resistance and reactive circuit elements may be used instead. In general, the circuit of the Fig. 7 with the dotted line additions, using either triodes or pentodes, best illustrates the application of this method.



Fig. 8. Resistance-capacitance tuned oscillator of simple construction provides useful laboratory instrument

Fig. 8 shows a circuit which has been found to be very satisfactory for use in a general purpose audio oscillator. T_1 is a voltage amplifier pentode, T_2 an output triode. R_1 has a value somewhat larger than twice R_c , R and R_1 are equal 10,000-ohm wire wound sections of the control previously described. C and C_1 are equal within commercial tolerances.

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SOUND ON FILM

(Continued from page 101) tained when ultra-violet is used for the recording, since its effect on the emulsion is to confine the exposure to the surface and reduce diffusion effects.

Suitable microphones for sound recording on film are conventional types with a rather narrow unidirectional characteristic and substantially uniform output over the required audio frequency range. Except for noise reduction circuits, amplifiers for sound-on-film are likewise conventional high-quality components, "flat" to eight or ten thousand cycles. It is important that the output contain very little total harmonic disortion or phase distortion since these products will be added to distortion products contributed by the film itself, not to mention the reproducers.*

Since very little power output is required for operation of a light valve or mirror-galvanometer (on the order of $\frac{1}{10}$ watt) the problem is not complicated. Recording amplifiers frequently use push-pull throughout to minimize second and other even-order harmonic distortion. Volume-compression circuits help prevent overmodulation of the film record. Transformer coupling

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has been popular in the design of motion picture electronic equipment but equal or superior results at lowered cost and with less weight have given impetus to the use of straight resistance coupling wherever impedance matching problems are not severe. Inverse feedback is widely employed to provide uniform output over a wide range of input levels and to reduce distortion.

One of the most important distinguishing features of electronic equipment for motion picture recording work is the almost universal employment of some scheme for film-noise reduction.

In variable area tracks, the necessity for noise reduction will be evident upon consideration of the fact that, during reproduction. any dirt, dust, scratches, or partially exposed, developed silver grains obscuring the transparent area will cause unwanted modulation of the scanning light beam. Similar defects on the dark side or portion of the track will have little effect on reproduction because this exposed portion is nearly opaque. The common form of noise reduction operates to reduce the lateral dimension of this clear portion of the track to a value just sufficient to accommodate the peak amplitude of the envelope or oscillogram of the sound being recorded. This may be done in either of two ways.

If a portion of the amplifier output be rectified and filtered, a direct current is obtained whose value is in proportion to the average amplitude of the ac signal. This dc may be applied either to the mirror galvanometer or light-valve or to another galvanometer actuating one or two spring-tensioned shutters which under no-signal condition close down on the illumination from the outside of the track, opposite the side corresponding to the ac axis of the oscillogram, or both sides in bilateral or variable density work. This will be made clear by inspection of drawing 1-A in Fig. 3, if it is remembered that this is a positive photographic print of the track as exposed in the recorder. In the bilateral track, 1-B, the biasing current may conveniently be applied to the galvanometer itself.

Any such system reduces noise by maintaining a constant signal to noise ratio for any level of modulation amplitude. If no noise reduction is used, on low level modulation the recorded envelope occupies a small portion of the lateral dimension of the track and dirt or silver grains on the wider clear area introduce spurious modulation of the scanning light beam of a relatively large magnitude.

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often prevent the track-width from "opening up" in time to record the first waves of a large amplitude signal. This effect, known as "clipping," is reduced by designing for the lowest possible time-constant, in the bias amplifier and rectifier circuits, and reducing weight and inertia of the shutter or galvano-The problem is not genmeter. erally difficult.

Several alternative technics have been the subject of considerable experimentation. One method employs two microphones, one a few feet closer to the sound source. The first controls the noise reduction amplifier channel and shutter bias, and, by proper adjustment, opens the track adequately by the time the sound wave has arrived at the second microphone.

In recording variable density track, the bias may be similarly applied to the light valve itself. In this case, the ribbons are closed down under no signal conditions, opening up with increasing signal only sufficiently to reach the proper mean spacing to accommodate the negative peaks of the signal at any given amplitude without over-closing and producing "clash." This technic yields a sound recording whose average density is always as light as possible for a given signalvoltage input, so that the print for projection is always as dark as possible. When shutters are used with variable density for the noise reduction current, the so-called "squeeze" track of 2-B is produced.

Another method of noise reduction depends on the fact that most of the film ground-noise is in the higher frequency range. Thus, preemphasis in recording and de-emphasis in reproduction of the higher frequencies give some noise reduction without affecting the amplitude/frequency fidelity of the signal itself.

The majority of commercial theater sound reproduction systems are not capable of doing justice to the products of the recording systems in general Hollywood use. Most 16 mm. reproducers available commercially are inferior to the best available 16 mm. sound track, made either by optical reduction from 35 mm, or by direct-on-16 recording. This is regrettable from the television standpoint, since much of what will be telecast will probably be on 16 mm. film. Again it should be pointed out that the final distortion in the home is the sum total of all distortion introduced along the line. Television motion picture sound being dispensed at present is not of highest quality, and the available projectors are currently one of the most important limitations.

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on the emulsion. Since emulsion position of 16 mm. prints frequently varies from the standard (toward the screen) some provision for accurate, pre-set change of focus should be made. Moreover, most 16 mm. projectors are subject to non-uniform film-flow problems of one kind or another. Uniform motion is no less a requirement in the projector than in the recorder.

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CATHODE COUPLING

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imum signal encountered. When cathode follower tubes are used at high frequencies it is advisable to by-pass the plate circuits adequately as shown in Fig. 6. A plate isolation resistor can also be used to advantage especially where circuit interactions are experienced through the power supply.

The circuits shown are basic and small variations might have to be added in some instances of application.

Where it is desired to obtain greater power output several tubes The can be operated in parallel. only additional factor will be the total grid input capacitances of all the tubes in parallel which will be additive, but on the whole will not be detrimental in most cases.

The gain obtained, as mentioned is slightly less than unity. Referring to Fig. 1 the formula to be used is

$$G_m = \frac{\mu R_2}{R_p + R_2(\mu + 1)}$$

Where

 $\mu =$ amplification of tube

 $R_{z} = Cathode resistor in ohms$

Rp = Plate resistance

The apparent output impedance Z, Fig. 1 is

$$Z_{1} = \frac{R_{2}R_{p}(\mu+1)}{R_{2}+R_{p}/(\mu+1)}$$

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A conference was held in New York on January 22, 1944, at which representatives of technical societies, trade associations, the War and Navy Departments, the Aeronautical Board, the National Aircraft Standards Committee and of certain other industrial organizations concerned attended. At this conference, a draft of a proposed standard was agreed upon and circulated for formal approval to the interested organizations. As the result of the circulation, certain objections and suggested changes were received.

Differences were ironed out during subsequent conferences and through correspondence, so that finally the symbols described here were unanimously recommended. Arguments as to the relative ease of constructing the various symbols by ordinary drafting instruments are less important because of the widespread use of lettering guides and templates.

Already these symbols have been made available on commoner forms of drafting aides, such as the Leroy guide (Keuffel and Esser), one form of which is illustrated. Such aids will find much use in drafting departments where clarity and uniformity can be combined with speed in laying out a circuit, since the tedious work of showing resistors, inductances, etc., can now be handled by a single movement of a special pen.

Following recommendations apply to specific symbols:

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DEFLECTION BEAM

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10	Voltage	Voltage and	Nla
12	Displacement	Displacement	NID
13	Voltage	Current	N2a
15	Displacement	Displacement	N2b N2c
16	Voltage Current Displacement	Displacement	N3a N3b N3c

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As long as the two deflecting forces are in balance the motor will not operate, and control valve V is in the correct position to produce the desired pressure at point P. Whenever the pressure at P deviates from this value the unbalanced electron beam will cause the motor to readjust the valve until the pressure has been brought back to the correct value.

Experimental circuits

A number of experimental deflection beam tubes are shown in Fig. 11. While the principles of standard cathode ray tube design can be readily applied a few special points should be mentioned briefly.

Although it is very convenient to use standard electron gun systems there is no need for a spot cross-section of the beam. The beam current can be greatly increased by employing a wedge shaped sheet of electrons rather than a beam of circular crosssection. The focusing system in this case will be similar to cylindrical optical systems.

The fact that the angle of beam deflection is comparatively small may lead to deflection systems of increased sensitivity.

Desirable design

The design and circuit connection of the target electrodes should be such as to suppress secondary emission from the target plates. However, secondary emission may be utilized, in another type of tube design, to furnish the target current.

Use of comparatively small anode voltages may be desirable in industrial applications and proper shielding should be provided as a protection against undesired external fields.

An experimental circuit of a single-target tube with associated current amplifier is shown in Fig. 12. The circuit corresponds to circuit A2a of Fig. 4. A laboratory model of the circuit is shown in Fig. 13.

The circuit was used to perform the two characteristic tests discussed earlier. In Fig. 13 the output current I is plotted against the signal voltage for different ratios of i/I. The curves show the ex-

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pected strict linearity. The results of the second test are plotted in Fig. 14. Here the negative grid bias, i.e., the beam intensity, was changed and the output current measured. At the grid bias of -2.5volts, for example, the beam intensity was reduced by 75 per cent as taken from the curve i/I = 0.

In spite of this great change of tube sensitivity the output current was reduced by only 1 per cent when the current ratio i/I was equal to 1. A comparison of the experimental curves of Figs. 14 and 15 with the theoretical curves of Figs. 6 and 7 indicates excellent agreement. It should be noted that the theoretical curves were calculated for a gain K = 100 while the gain of the test circuit was greater.

Null circuits

The test unit was used also to investigate the performance of null circuit N3a (Fig. 9). As shown in Fig. 14 the unit was connected to the motor control amplifier at right which energized a motor visible in the rear. The motor carried a small permanent magnet which can be seen above the beam tube. Whenever the primary signal voltage is changed the motor will run and carry the magnet along the beam tube until the electron beam has resumed its null position. The new position of the magnet is, then, a direct indication of the input signal applied to the primary

Conclusions

The deflection beam tube, as described in this paper, appears to be a tool of great flexibility for a variety of applications. The outstanding features of the tube are its usefulness in direct current negative-feedback circuits and its properties as a null instrument. Its industrial applications comprise circuits for dc amplification, measurement of electrical and mechanical quantities, remote position indication and transmission, solution of calculating problems, alternat-ing currents of very low frequency and automatic control problems. Only a few of the many possible applications have been listed and described in this paper.

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Universal Microphone Co., Inglewood, Calif.

"Spark Suppression" Would Improve Radio Reception

Postwar America can look forward to vastly superior shortwave radio reception if automobile makers adopt the war-developed technic — "spark suppression" which eliminates radio interference from the engines of mechanized weapons, declares Delmar G. Roos, vice-president in charge of engineering for Willys-Overland Motors.

The resultant improvement in the field of high-frequency broadcasting would be of sufficient magnitude, he pointed out, to warrant enactment of legislation which would assure peacetime application of this radio development to all new automobiles.

Such a legal requirement, Mr. Roos added, would bring about the "suppression" of all cars and trucks on the highway within a period of five to seven years and thus, by releasing a vast number of shortwave bands previously denied the public, would clear the way for infinitely better reception.

This technic, Mr. Roos disclosed, has been in effective operation for more than a year on tanks, "jeeps" and half-tracks. Previously, it was difficult to transmit and pick up dispatches on certain shortwave bands, especially when these vehicles were traveling in convoy or close battle formation, owing to the radio interference emanating from their electrical equipment.

"In like manner," it was explained by the designer of the Army's standard-model Jeep, "every civilian car now on the highway emits radio disturbances which can be heard in homes several miles away on radios operating in the high-frequency bands."

If shortwave receiving equipment were to be installed in automobiles at the present time, he pointed out, the efficiency of the set would be seriously curtailed by the radiations from the vehicle itself, as well as from unsuppressed cars and trucks in the vicinity.

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Meter Rectifier

Selenium Corp. of America, 1719 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, has developed a new meter rectifier styled type N-6, con-sisting of six selenium rectifying elements enclosed in a tubular plastic case. Rating of the rectifier is 1.5 ma, and the maximum voltage to which it may be subjected is 150 volts ac. Frequency response is flat to 6000 cycles and at 20,000 cycles effi-ciency is 35 per cent of rated value. The participant of the subject of the sub rectifier may be used within a temperature range of -40 to +70 degrees C.

Appliance Tester

A new improved electrical appliance tester is now built to operate at an extremely low range of 0-20 watts as well as the high range to 2,000 watts. It tests all electrical appliances from bell transformers and clocks to electric ironers and ranges operating on the 220 volt three wire Edison system. This tester measures actual load values of volts.



amperes, and watts. It is fused. Overall dimensions are 91/2 in. high, 63/4 in. wide. 3 in. deep, weighs 8½ lb.; meter 4 ln. square. This is the new Model 900 manu-factured by the Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10528 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8. Ohio.

Vacuum/Pressure Pump

This two-cylinder pump is of the rotary type and is used for air pressures up to about 50 lbs. per sq. in. and for vacuum up to about 28.7 in. mercury. While one cylinder may be used for pressure the other may be used for vacuum, or both may be



used for pressure or for vacuum. One cylinder may pump into the other for the purpose of increasing the air pressure, or one may pump from the other to increase the vacuum as occasion may require. Maker is Leiman Bros., 189 Christie St., Newark. N. J.

Self-Locking Palnut

Minneapolis 15, Minn.

A new Palnut with a triple grip has been developed by The Palnut Co., 83 Cordier St., Irvington, N. J. The base of Type 6NAO is like a standard Palnut, with six spring steel jaws that fit the bolt thread. When the nut is tightened, its arched slotted

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jaws close in all around the bolt like the jaws of a chuck. A third grlp is exerted on the bolt by the top portion of the Palnut. The sides have been extended up and in, but instead of having a closed top, the ends of the "petals" are turned In, leaving a hole in the top slightly smaller in diameter than the outside diameter of the bolt. When the bolt extends through the top of the Palnut, it forces the top open so that a strong spring pressure is exerted here on the bolt. all around, thus giving triple grip.

Chest Microphone

This chest microphone set is a Signal Corps equipment item consisting of a chest unit, equipped with a switch; junction box; two cotton webbing straps; and two cords for connecting a throat or a lip mike to a transmitter. The unit has a toggle switch which has three positions,—on, off, and momentarily on. The junction box is on the chest plate directly above the switch, and has a molded bakelite housing. The microphone cord is a two-conductor stranded copper wire cord equipped with a JK-48 jack. The other cord which is plugged into the transmitter is three-conductor tinsel cord with a PL-58 plug. The set is a regular production item with the Trav-Ler Karenola Radio & Television Corp., 1036 West Van Buren St., Chicago.

Solderless System

A complete system of solderless knlfedisconnect splicing has been developed by Aircraft-Marine Products Inc., 1591 D North Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa. The system incorporates throughout the basic design of the manufacturer's splicing terminal in which identical ends are put into 4-point electrical connection by knifewiping action. The connection is main-



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This pocket multitester (Model 420) is compact and rugged, being $6\frac{3}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ in. and weighs 25 oz. Meter movements are guaranteed to be accurate within 2 per cent. Voltage multiplers are metallized matched pair resistors having a tolerance of 1 per



cent. The basic meter is 0.400 microamperes. Db meter, output meter, milliammeter and ohmmeter provide a total of 23 ranges. Ac and dc voltmeter up to 5,000 volts at 1,000 ohms per volt sensitivity. Maker is Radio City Products Co., 127 West 26th St., New York 1, N. Y.

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Molding Compound

A new phenolic molding compound of improved performance in high frequency electrical insulation has been developed by Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis. Designated as Resinox 7934, the new material is mica-filled and based on a newly developed phenol formaldehyde resin. Principal advantages of the product are low dielectric constant and power factor, extremely low water and moisture absorption and relatively high heat resistance.

Weld Control

A new voltage regulator for use with most G-E resistance-welding controls that include the phase-shift method of heat control, has been developed by the Industrial Control Division of the General Electric Co. It is designed to regulate the welding current automatically, so that it is held constant regardless of line-voltage variations of as much as plus 10 or minus 20 per circ. The regulator consists of a resistor circuit connected to the power line which supplies the welding machine, and an electronic circuit. When the regulator is in use, this electronic circuit functions not only to hold the average voltage of the main welding control panel automatically holding the welding current constant within close limits. The regulator, which is housed in a sturdy, easily opened steel enclosure, can be used on welding circuits whose power factor is from 20 to 70 per cent, and can be operated from 230/460/575 volts on a 50/60-cycle power supply. It operates whether or not the welding current is flowing. This feature enables it to compensate for a sudden voltage drop in less than three cycles, with approximately 75 per cent of the compensation taking place during the first cycle.

Continuity Tester

The W-J continuity tester tests for open circuits or shorts in coils, fuses, lamps, tubes, appliances, and in more complex assemblies. The unit lights up at point of application and eliminates the need for looking back and forth at a meter. The tester is excellent for intermittent or for constant production testing. It is made by Walker-Jimieson, Inc., 311 South Western Ave., Chicago 12, 111.

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National Electronic **Conference Program**

Program for the National Electronic Conference, scheduled to be held at Medinah Club, Chicago, October 5 to 7, has taken tentative form and already includes some 20 addresses by leaders in science and industry on nine general topics embracing television, ultra-high frequency propagation, radio, industrial measurements and special devices, industrial electronic controls, induction heating, medical applications of electronics.

Keynoting the objectives of the Conference will be an opening address by Ralph R. Beal, Research Director for the Radio Corporation of America, entitled, "Electronic Research Opens News Frontiers." W. C. White, Director of the Electronics Laboratory, General Electric Co., will speak on "Electronics in Industry" at one of the Conference luncheons.

The tentative program of technical topics for the Conference includes the following papers grouped according to main topic divisions:

(1) Television

Color and Ultra-High Frequency Television by Dr. P. C. Goldmark, Columbia Broadcasting System.

Reflective Optics in Television by I. G. Maloff and D. W. Epstein, RCA Manufacturing Co. Radio Relay Systems by C. W. Hansell, RCA Laboratories.

(2) Ultra-High Frequencies

- (2) Ultra-High Frequencies A Lighthouse Tube; a Pioneer UHF Development by E. F. Peterson and E. D. McArthur, General Electric Co. Principles of Klystron Amplifiers by Dr. Robert Haxby, Sperry Gyroscope Co. Developments of Electronic Tubes by I. E. Mourontseff, Westinghouse Electric and Mfa. Co.

- Mouroniseri, Westingheed Circuits for High Mfg. Co. Wire-Frequency-Range Tuned Circuits for High Frequencies by Dr. D. B. Sinclair, General Radio Co. Ultra-High Frequency Converters and Conver-sion Diagrams by Dr. Harry Stockman, Cruft Laboratory, Harvard University.

(3) Radio

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 A Method for the Generation of Quasi-Con-tinuous Frequency Spectra for use with Secondary Frequency Standards by Dr. Harold Goldberg and Richard G. Talpey, Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co.
 A Frequency Dividing Lock-In Oscillator F-M Receiver by G. L. Beers, RCA Mfg. Co.
 Incremental Permeability Tuning by W. J. Polydoroff, Consulting Engineer.
 Audible Audlo Distortion by H. H. Scott, General Radio Co.
 Broadband Carrier and Coaxial Cable Networks by F. A. Cowan, American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

(4) Industrial Measurements and Special Devices

- The Supersonic Reflectoscope; an instrument for Inspecting the Interior of Metal Parts by Means of Sound Waves by Dr. F. A. Fire-

- by Means of Sound Waves by Dr. F. A. Firestone, University of Michigan.
 Dynamic Strain Gages by C. A. Dohrenwend, Armour Research Foundation.
 The Mass Spectrometer and its Practical Applications by J. A. Hipple, Research Laboratories, Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co.
 Two-Million Volt X-Ray Unit by Dr. E. E. Charlton and W. F. Westendorp, General Electric Co.
 Industrial Fluoroscopy of Light Materials by Dr. Scott W. Smith, Kelly-Koett Mfg. Co.
 Application of Amplifier Theory to Mechanical Stability Problems by John M. Cage, Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.

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Electronic Mechanisms in Process Plant and Industrial Laboratory by T. A. Cohen, Wheelco Instrument Co. Electronic Measurements of Non - Electrical

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- Dr. P. S. Christaldi, Allen D. Currott. Laboratories. Electronics in Industrial Instrumentation by Walter P. Wills, Brown Instrument Co. Design Factors in the Application of Relays to Electronic Circuits by R. H. Herrick, Automatic Electric Co.

(6) Induction Heating

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 High Frequency Induction Heating by C. J. Madsen and R. M. Baker, Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co.
 New Methods and Techniques in High Fre-quency Heating by Dr. Eugene Mittelmann, Illinois Tool Works.
 The Use of High Frequency Electronic Genera-tors to Obtain Fontrolled Power Concentra-tions for Industrial Heating Applications by Dr. Wesley Roberds, RCA Mfg. Co.

(7) Electronic Applications in the Power Field

- (7) Electronic Applications in the Power Field A Survey of Power Applications of Electronics by A. C. Montleth, Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. Power Rectifiers and Inverters by J. A. Cox and G. F. Jones, Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. Electronic Power Converters by Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, General Electric Co.

(8) Medical Applications of Electronics

- Electronic Equipment In the Medical Profession by Dr. A. H. Carter, American Medical by Dr. A. Association.
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(9) Recent Theoretical Developments in Electronics

- tronics Theory of Microwave Oscillation Generators Using Velocity Modulated Electron Beams by Dr. E. U. Condon, Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. Theorem of Lorentz and Its Importance for all Problems of Electrons in Magnetic Fields by Dr. Leon Brillouin, Columbia University. Transient Response of Wide-Band Amplifiers by Dr. W. W. Hansen, Sperry Gyroscope Co.

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an engineering one in which he actually takes part in thinking out an engineering problem and weighing the various angles that are brought to him and making a decision as to what will be done, what the panel will look like, which is the best circuit to use, whether a proposal for solving a difficulty is worth the time that it will take to put it into operation, whether a particular development which has been going on for some time should be dropped or continued. This is his easiest task, assuming. of course, that he has a really thorough background of theory and practice, because here he acts as a critic. The work is done for him and he merely judges. If his work is difficult, it is his fault for not having the right men doing the work, or not stimulating them sufficiently so that they provide all the answers for him.

A job that falls on the executive's shoulders, which has not yet been mentioned, is that of getting business, and that again is a problem from which I feel the engineer has been kept away in most organizations. The reason is probably that most engineers are very much introspective, the fact that they are is probably the reason they have taken up engineering which deals principally with things as against some other profession which deals more with people.

However, since it is impossible to deal with things without dealing to some extent with people, most engineers have some extrovert qualities and to the extent that these extrovert qualities are valuable to the firm they should be compensated. In my opinion the engineer receives a salary for doing a job, and that is what his services in connection with the job are worth. On the other hand, he may do more than his job, he may be valuable in other ways to the concern.

He may make inventions which, when developed, may become remunerative and for them he should receive a corresponding part of the return of that invention; or he may be directly responsible for bringing in business and, provided he does it in a manner which fits in with the policies of the concern, he should receive a return from that business just as though he were a sales engineer. In other words, he should be part of the concern to the extent that his introvert and extrovert tendencies permit him, and he should be fully recognized for the value which these qualities produce. Since in the final analysis the burden of success rests on his shoulders, the engineer must be given a psychological sense of his responsibility and a proportionate and tangible economic reward.



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At a frequency ω , the ratio V_n of the output amplitude A_2 to the input amplitude A_1 , for n equal amplifier stages, will be:

 $V_n = \frac{A_{\perp}}{A_l} = \left[M \frac{R_s R_g C_g}{q} \sqrt{\frac{\omega^3}{\omega^2 + \omega^2 \left(1 - \frac{2\pi p}{q^2}\right) + \frac{\pi^3}{q^2}}} \right]$

The maximum of this ratio, V_{\circ} , which is located at the center frequency, for one stage is given by the formula:



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$$\mathcal{E}_{2} = A_{0-2} V_{0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4\left(\frac{\omega_{0}}{A\omega}\right)^{2}}} e^{-\frac{d\omega}{2}t} \sinh\left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{2}\sqrt{1-4\left(\frac{\omega_{0}}{A\omega}\right)^{2}}\right) t$$

and the time delay t_m after which the output amplitude reaches its maximum value can be found by the expression:

$$t_m = \frac{2}{\Delta \omega} \frac{\tan^2 \sqrt{1 - 4\frac{\omega_n^2}{\Delta \omega^2}}}{\sqrt{1 - 4\frac{\omega_n^2}{\Delta \omega^2}}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\Delta \omega} F_1^* \left(\frac{\omega_0}{\Delta \omega}\right)$$

The function F^* is shown in the graph.

The maximum amplification V_1 for a square wave input pulse is given by

$$V_{0} = \left[V_{0} \left(1 - \delta_{1} \left(\frac{\omega_{0}}{\Delta \omega} \right) \right) \right]^{2}$$



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where n is the number of stages. The function $1-\delta \left(\frac{\omega_0}{\bigtriangleup \omega}\right)$ is shown in the graph.

From the above formulae it will be seen that the delay time t_m is inversely proportional to the bandwidth and proportional to a function which increases with the ratio of bandwidth to center frequency. The logarithmic decrement of the amplifier is equal to the reciprocal of half the bandwidth. The amplification of a square wave pulse V_1 corresponds to the maximum amplification factor times a factor which approaches 1 with increasing ratio of bandwidth to center frequency.



The ratio of the impulse output voltage to the noise output voltage for one and two stage amplifiers, G_{r1} and G_{r2} , are given by, respectively,

 $G_{p1} = \frac{R_0}{9.2\sqrt{R_1 + R_2}} \cdot 10^{11} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1w}} \cdot 2(1 - \delta_1)^2$ $G_{p2} = \frac{H_0}{9.2\sqrt{R+R}} \cdot 10^{11} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1m}} \cdot \sqrt{2} (1-\delta_1)$

where R is the noise resistance at the amplifier input and R_n the equivalent noise resistance of the first tube. The ratio of impulse voltage to noise voltage increases with a decrease in the bandwidth $\Delta \omega_n$ but at the same time the delay time t_m also increases. It is advantageous to make $\omega_0/\Delta \omega$ very small as G_r will then assume its greatest value for a given t_m . If $\omega_0/\Delta \omega \gg 1$,

 $G_{rn} = \frac{A_{o}}{0.2\sqrt{R} + R} \cdot 10^{11} \frac{1}{\sqrt{Aw}} \phi_{n}$

the function ϕ_n is shown in a table, indicating that an increase in the number of stages improves the quality of the amplifier.

Magneto-Striction Noise

M. T. Dow (Bell Laboratories Record, June, 1944)

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netization of the steel wires, and these magnetic fluctuations induce voltages in the wires that appear as noise at the ends of the line. No effect is noticeable in copper lines, because copper is not a magnetic material. Results of experiments to establish the relationship between the intensity and frequency of the disturbing magneto-striction noises and the wire diameter, the wind velocity and other pertinent factors are reported.

Modulation and Frequency Conversion

H. Stockman (Journal of Applied Physics, May, 1944)

Mechanical models for the demonstration of square-law, screen grid, and suppressor grid modulators, as well as frequency converters have been designed. To explain their operation, relations and differences between modulation and frequency conversion, as well as those between the square law and the double - input systems are studied.

The difference between a converter and a modulator lies in the filter properties of the load. In a modulator the complete wave is passed on while in frequency conversion only the sum or difference term is passed on and the other frequencies are filtered out.

The square law systems operate on a non-linear portion of the converter characteristic (crystal, dlode, or single input tube); the doubleinput systems change from one straight line characteristic to another (multiple-grid tube). In the first instance, the added inputs are distorted by the non-linear characteristic so as to yield the essential product term, in the second instance, the gain is varied which again results in the product term to be present in the output wave.

The Etherscope

D. G. Hull (Electronic Engineering, London, May, 1944)

The etherscope is an experimental device designed to enable the signals from all stations in a given waveband to be viewed simultaneously on a cathode ray tube. It may be used either for viewing active short wave bands, (commercial; broadcast or amateur) or for automatically searching the comparatively inactive uhf bands, (police, aircraft service, etc.).

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Receiver tuning by various electronic means is discussed, and it is found that it does not meet wide-band requirements. Therefore, motor-driven tuning capacitors are used, and their speed synchronized with the time base by means of switch contacts operated from the motor shaft. Details of the capacitor design and of the accessory apparatus are given. With the device, a frequency excursion of some 15 per cent was obtained on the 45 megacycle band.

Action of the Geiger Point Counter

J. Morgan and J. Loyd Bohn (Journal of the Franklin Institute, May, 1944)

Investigations have been made on a point counter, i.e., a negatively - charged needle extending within a positive cylinder, to determine the dependence of the threshold voltages (with and without ionizing rays and for continuous discharge) on such factors as the geometry of the tube (and, particularly, of the point), the gas pressure and the nature of the gas used, the ionizing agent, and the material and position of the point.

A theory by which the operation of the counter is described is based on the presence of a high resistance layer of adsorbed gas at the point. It is further assumed that electron emission from the point may take place in the absence of ionizing radiation or as a result of positive ion bombardment of the point. This theory seems to be consistent with the phenomena observed by the authors and with those reported by other experimenters.

Coincidence Counters

C. L. Meaker and A. Roberts (Review of Scientific Instruments, June, 1944)

In testing coincidence counters, it was found that, with a very short resolving time, the fraction of the true coincidences was a function of both the counter voltages and the absorber between the counters. This dependence is explained by the difference in amplitude between the two counter voltages. The small capacitance in the input circuit to the last amplifier stages, followed by the mixer stage, differentiates the pulses, transforming the differ-

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Attenuation Equalizer

F. Pyrah (Post Office Electrical Engineers' Journal, London, April, 1944)

A small, two-terminal. shunttype attenuation equalizer for use with audio amplifiers is described. The maximum loss at low frequencies, the resonant frequency at which the loss is a minimum, and



the rate with which the loss decreases with change in frequency, from the maximum loss to the resonance (or minimum) loss are each independently adjustable. A 20 db range of basic loss can be covered.

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Induction Heating of Aluminum

E. H. Plesset and J. R. Chadwick (Iron Age, June 1, 1944)

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RCA's Electronic Institute for Industrial Engineers

An introduction to electronic power heating, plant broadcasting and industrial music systems, and industrial uses of the electron microscope was given to a group of industrial engineers of the Philadelphia Electric Co. at a four-day Electronic Institute May 16-19 by the RCA Victor Division of the Radio Corp. of America at Camden, N. J.

The program, first of its kind ever held, included talks, demonstrations, sound motion pictures, and tours of engineering laboratories and other sections of the RCA plant. The first three days of the institute were devoted largely to the principles of electronic power heating and the equipment and technics involved in the generation of high-frequency power and its application to various industrial processing operations. Plant broadcasting and communication systems and the electron microscope were described and demonstrated on the fourth day.

Welcomed by Jolliffe

The Philadelphia Electric Co. group was welcomed at the opening session on Tuesday by Dr. C. B. Jolliffe, chief engineer of the RCA Victor Division. At a dinner given by RCA at the Walt Whitman Hotel in Camden Tuesday night, the group was greeted by Frank M. Folsom, vice president in charge of the RCA Victor Division, and heard an address by S. B. Williams, editor of Electrical World.

Terming the institute a pioneer-

ing venture, David J. Finn, sales manager of RCA's Industrial and Sound Department, pointed out in opening the initial session that the field of electronics in industry is so new that "no one pretends to have all the answers. This new art and its applications," Fin said. "is as large and unlimited as your imagination cares to make it."

An explanation of electronic power heating was given by Fred W. Wentker, manager of the Electronic Apparatus Section, in a brief talk at the opening session.

Graphic evidence of its advantages was presented in demonstrations of soldering, drying, sealing, and other processes at frequencies of 400 kc to 200 mc.

Describe industrial sound

Presenting the subject of plant broadcasting and industrial music, Dan D. Halpin, of RCA's Sound and Picture Section, declared that these services are helping to compensate for manpower shortages in many war industries, both by direct saving of time, and by improving net output of workers.

Discussing point-to-point communication systems in industry, Russell Stier, commercial engineer, pointed out that industrial expansion, adding acres of floor space and thousands of workers, has made such systems essential for efficient direction and control of many plants. In this type of installation, he said, microphone stations are located at vital control points or at specific operating positions, while loudspeakers are so placed as to cover operating positions or local areas only.

Armstrong Honored by Signal Corps



Major General H. C. Ingles, Chief Signal Officer, congratulates Dr. Edwin H. Armstrong upon the occasion of Dr. Armstrong's receipt of the first Chief Signal Officer's Certificate of Appreciation. The presentation was made in General Ingles' office in June. Left to right: Col. J. D. O'Connell, Col. W. Preston Corderman, Brig. Gen. Frank C. Meade, Brig. Gen. Jerry V. Matejka, General Ingles, Dr. Armstrong, Maj. Gen. Roger B. Colton, Maj. Gen. William H. Harrison, and Maj. Gen. James A. Code, Jr.

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