

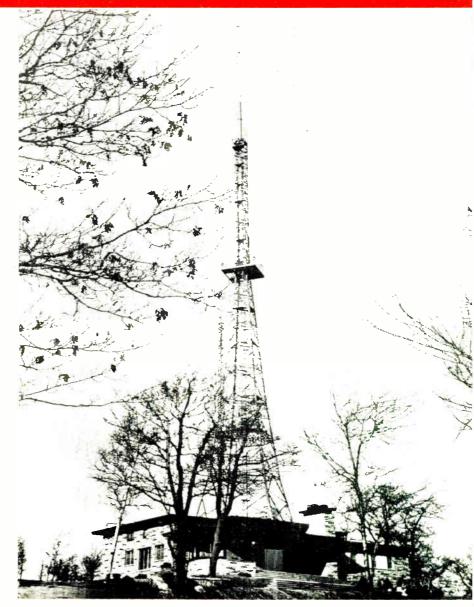
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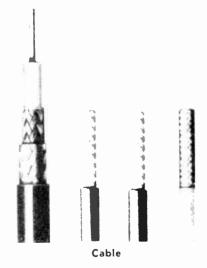
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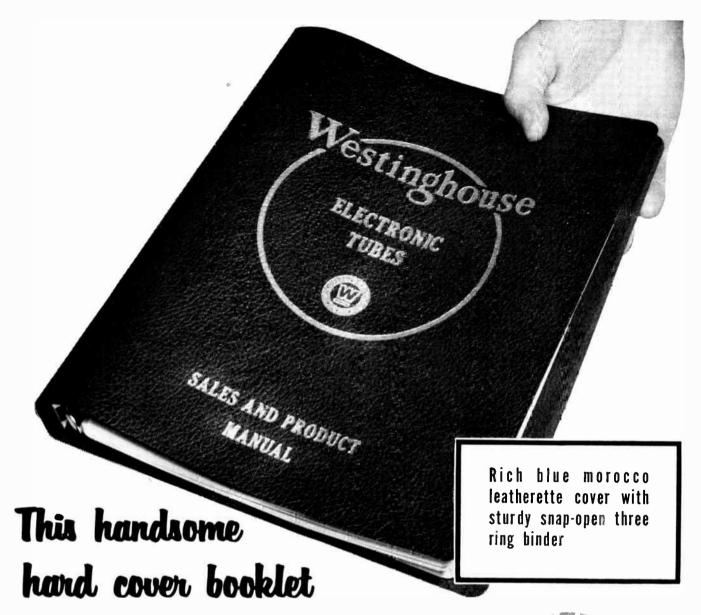
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7he EDITOR'S PAGE

Among the recommendations contained in the brief of the Radio-Television Manufacturers Association of Canada submitted to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects was the suggestion that the Department of Defense Production pursue to the fullest extent possible its overall policy of placing orders for electronic equipment in Canada. RETMA's brief pointed out that many orders placed with Canadian companies by the Department of Defense Production did not take into consideration that sometimes companies awarded business do not have manufacturing facilities in Canada, but in fact act only as sales offices for foreign companies.

Actually we cannot seen anything wrong with this policy of placing orders outside of Canada as long as the material required cannot be obtained from a Canadian manufacturing source. If, however, equipment is available from a Canadian source, then it is considered that every effort should be made by D.D.P. authorities to see that the business remains in Canada, which we believe is in accordance with the policy of the Department.

Unfortunately, however, there are rumours to the effect that a considerable amount of material which Canadian firms are equipped to manufacture is being purchased from outside the country. That such a situation should exist is a little confusing in view of the proclaimed policy of government authorities to build up in Canada manufacturing plants capable of producing strategic materials and components that would be difficult to obtain in time of emergency. Several such plants have been established in Canada in recent years and it is difficult to compromise reports with proclaimed government policy that such firms are being bypassed and orders for material which they are capable of producing are being placed with other than Canadian manufacturers.

The excuse has been offered that these Canadian firms are not yet capable of competing price-wise with outside competition, an excuse which in our opinion is hardly tenable, observing the slight cost differentials which have been involved in cases that have been brought to our attention, and the fact that the firms concerned have established operations in this country with the encouragement of doing business with those authorities who now reject their services.

In the July-August, 1955 issue of Electronics and Communications we editorialized to a considerable extent on the report that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had decided to do something about bringing color television to Canadians. So sorry! The story was wrong. It originated with reports that the C.B.C. had included an appropriation in their estimates for equipping a portion of the C.B.C. network with the necessary apparatus to re-telecast color programs originating in the United States. It now appears that this particular appropriation has been included in the C.B.C.'s estimates for some time, but so far as can be ascertained nothing has been done about purchasing the necessary equipment to provide Canadian viewers with color programs. So now

we are back where we started from and it looks as though the old question of who should act first in providing Canadian viewers with color programs will be trotted out, namely, should the television manufacturing industry act first by producing color receivers, or should the C.B.C. make the first move by making color programs available? If the C.B.C. has some valid reason for delaying the transmission of color programs, we suggest that it grant permission to the Department of Transport to issue private television stations the authority to carry color programs. We have a feeling that the management of private television stations would not take as long to make up their minds.

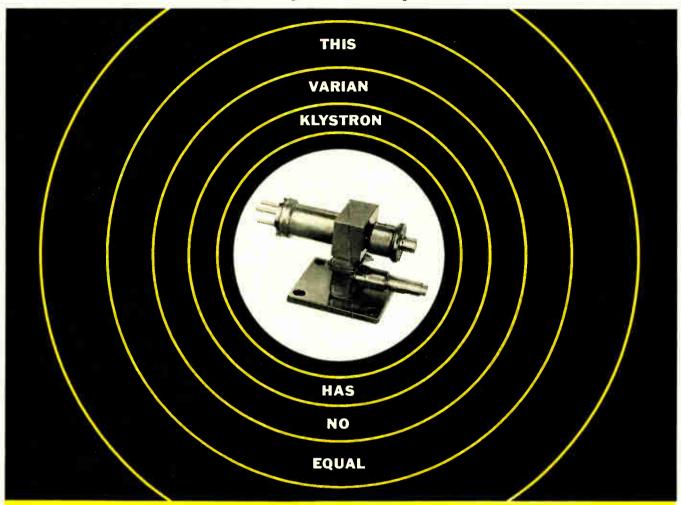
In a brief submitted to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects by the Canadian Marconi Company, it was suggested that the Royal Commission should urge the Canadian Government to give consideration to the early and appropriate revision of the British Commonwealth Agreement of 1931 before foreign shipowners complete their plans for Great Lakes service on completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The brief also urged that changes be recommended in the Canadian Shipping Act of 1934 to preserve the vital Canadian shipping and shipbuilding industries and any other measures that may be deemed advisable for their full implementation. We heartily agree with the suggestions contained in the Marconi brief and trust that the Canadian Maritime Commission in Ottawa, which seems to have been strangely silent on the possible problems that the seaway will produce, are sufficiently interested in the matter to be concerned with the protection of Canadian enterprise.

Recent reports indicate that 76 companies have contracted for roughly 85 per cent of the exhibition space at the Canadian IRE Convention and Exposition to be held in Toronto this fall. Observing that the convention is still six months away, the early and enthusiastic response of so many firms engaged in the electronics industry to secure exhibition space at the convention augurs well for the success of the enterprise. We hope, however, that the magnificent support of the industry in giving the convention its wholehearted backing in the matter of exhibiting its products at the Show will also be backed up by a recognition of the importance of sending adequate representation from their technical and engineering branches to the convention.

As pointed out by Dr. George Sinclair, head of the technical papers program, the convention will afford Canadian engineers the really first opportunity they have had to describe to a widely representative audience of fellow countrymen the technical advances made by them in the field of electronics. To attend the convention, therefore, is an opportuity that all engineers should take advantage of and an occasion to which engineering management should lend every assistance in the matter of personnel in attendance.

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> By BASIL JACKSON



New General Manager of RETMA

Carl A. Pollock, President of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association of Canada, has announced that Fred W. Radcliffe has been appointed General Manager and Secretary, effective April 16.

The position became vacant when Stuart D. Brownlee, who neld it for ten years, resigned to become Executive Vice-President of Canadian Admiral Corporation Limited.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Radcliffe relinquishes his position of Commercial Vice-President of RCA Victor Company Limited; he has been in the Commercial and Administrative Departments of RCA Victor for the past thirty-six years. He is very well-known in the electronics industry and has been actively engaged in the work of RETMA of Canada for a long time. He has served as a director for twenty years and has, in addition, been very active on a number of committees.

Originally studying for the teaching profession before World War 1, at the outbreak of war he enlisted in the Canadian Army and later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. After demobilization in 1919 he joined the RCA Victor Company and has held executive sales and administrative positions in Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Montreal; he has been a Vice-President of RCA since 1943.

Royal Commission On Broadcasting

RETMA has decided to present a Brief to the Royal Commission On Broadcasting in view of the significant part that products of the electronics industry play in the development of the television and radio services of Canada. The hearings begin on April 15 and the Royal Commissioners consist of chairman Robert M. Fowler, President of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, Edmond Turcotte, Canadian Ambassador to Colombia, and James Stewart, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Before the public hearings begin, the Royal Commission will initiate its own studies within its terms of reference. These include examination of the finances of public and privately-operated broadcasting operations, for both radio and television, and other problems within the orbit of interest of the Commission.

Technical Publications Available

The RETMA Office has a few spare copies of technical publications it has recently made available to engineers and other technical personnel in the industry. These are: Summary of Registered Crystal Diodes (JETEC Publication No. 3A) and Basing Diagrams For Electron Tubes — including Supplemental Index. (JETEC Publication No. 2A).

Both of these publications can be supplied, at nominal cost, by the RETMA Office, 200 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto 7, Ontario.

Electronics Division Name New Section

The name of the new Section in the Electronics Division has been decided upon — "Instrumentation And Data Handling". The scope of this new Section will include industrial, scientific, medical, computing data processing and similar electronic applications.

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RETMA REPORT

The Electronics Division of RETMA of Canada is one of the fastest growing of the three Divisions. It now has twenty-two member-companies, the same as the Receiver Division. The Parts and Accessory Division, with seventy-two member-companies, is the largest Division of RETMA.

Excise Tax On Radio And Television Receivers

On March 1 a delegation from RETMA of Canada was received by the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Walter E. Harris, and an appeal was made, on behalf of the electronics industry, for the abolition of the 15% excise tax currently levied against all radio and television receivers.

This tax, when added to the 10% sales tax, places a total tax of 25% on the manufacturers' selling price on these products.

The spokesmen for RETMA, consisting of Carl A. Pollock, President, W. H. Jeffrey, Chairman of the Government Acts and Regulations Committee, and Stuart D. Brownlee, Chairman of the Color Television and UHF Committee, pointed out to the Minister of Finance that the 15% excise tax actually discriminates against the Electronics Industry because the Excise Tax has already been reduced to 10% on automobiles and because, of all durable consumer products, only radio and television receivers are taxed at 15%.

It was also stated that the original reason for paying for the development of a national television service from the proceeds of the 15% excise tax was now no longer valid. The idea, in the first place, was that those relatively few owners of television receivers, in 1953, should pay directly, through the tax, for the cost of developing and maintaining the CBC's television service: now, with over 80% of the Canadian population within range of Canadian television stations, this argument was not logical.

The amount derived from the tax has increased over the years.

In 1953, when it was calculated by the Government that the CBC would require \$6,000,000 for the then-current year, in actual fact over \$11,000,000 was collected. This amount, of course, was in addition to over \$5,000,000 collected by the same 15% excise tax on radio receivers and phonographs for the same period. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 1955, the total excise tax collected on radio and television receivers amounted to \$21,500,000.

The table below shows the extreme variances in the excise tax since it was first introduced as a "temporary measure" in 1940.

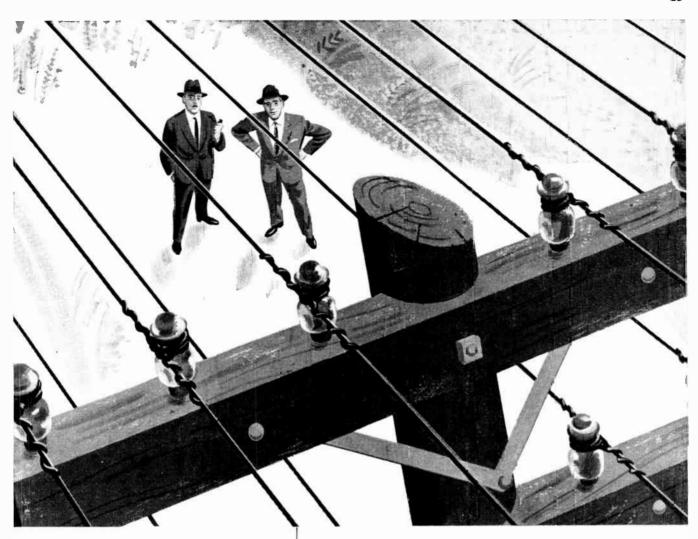
EXCISE TAX FLUCTUATIONS

ON RADIO AND TELEVISION RECEIVERS (1940 to 1956)

June 24, 1940	NIL	 10%
Dec. 2, 1940	10%	 25%
May 11, 1945		
Nov. 18, 1947	10%	 25%
July 31, 1948	25%	 10%
Sept. 8, 1950	10%	 15%
April 11, 1951	15%	 25%
April 9, 1952	25%	 15%
to present (1956)		

^{*}Sales Tax Increased From 8% to 10%.

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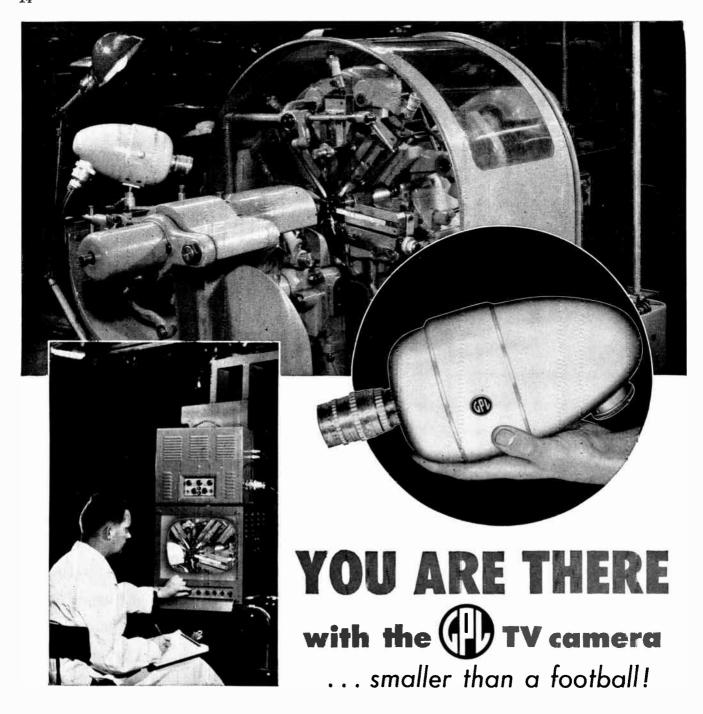
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- RETMA of Canada officials estimate that 5,000 color television sets will probably be sold in Canada in 1956, and that, as volume increases and programming spreads, improved manufacturing techniques will make possible a price reduction for this commodity.
- ★ A \$3,000,000 addition to Motorola's military electronics, engineering research and production facilities at Phoenix, Arizona, has recently been announced by Paul V. Galvin, Motorola's president.
- ★ At the recent U.S. Nuclear Congress Exposition held in Cleveland, Ohio, 20 per cent of the exhibitors were in the electronics industry. At the Geneva Atomic Exposition, held last August, approximately 40 per cent of the exhibitors were engaged in the electronics industry.
- * K. R. Patrick, president of Canadian Aviation Electronics Limited, in a brief presented to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects, said that it is essential that the Canadian engineering force be supported by skilled technicians at the rate of 10 to 1, and that an active program at all levels of government should be immediately pursued to double the rate of technical training throughout Canada.
- * Representations made to the Customs and Excise Branch of the Department of National Revenue by RETMA of Canada have resulted in two rulings on the payment of a 15 per cent excise tax to be reversed. Manufacturers of television tubes will no longer be obliged to pay excise tax on tubes purchased for use in tuners sold to receiver manufacturers, and excise tax will not be charged on television monitors.
- According to spokesmen for the inter-com and dictating machine industry, the future holds good possibility for expanded sales. A survey of U.S. prospects shows that the surface has only been scratched for sales to over 4,000,000 business establishments.
- ★ Multiplexing equipment for the longest private commercial microwave system in Canada is being supplied by the Stromberg-Carlson Division of the General Dynamics Corporation. The microwave system is being built for the Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission by the RCA Victor Company of Montreal.
- ★ Banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions now lead all other businesses in the use of closed-circuit television. About 15 per cent of industrial television installations are in use in financial businesses and are being utilized mainly to permit centralized bookkeeping and record filing.

- ★ A recommendation has been submitted to the District of Columbia Commissioners that the fire alarm box system be replaced by an emergency telephone system. The Washington Taxpayers' Association, which presented the recommendation, claims that a telephone emergency system would save the taxpayers' money.
- ★ RETMA officials in the United States report that 3,646,802 transistors were sold by manufacturers last year. This figure is nearly three times as large as the previous year's sales for transistors.
- ★ The Canadian Board of Transport Commissioners have approved an application of the B.C. Telephone Company to issue an additional 200,000 ordinary shares at a par value of \$25.00 each. The additional 200,000 shares brings the total outstanding to 1,000,000, and the total issued capital to \$49,000,000 of an authorized capital of \$75,000,000.
- ★ The American Federal Communications Commission has authorized the Sun Canadian Pipeline Company of Waterdown, Ontario, to operate mobile radio facilities in the United States. The pipeline company employs base station facilities of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.
- ★ The U.S. Corps of Engineers have announced the establishment of a computer branch which will be used to speed the solution of scientific problems through the use of digital computers.
- ★ Industry officials estimate that Americans will spend 300 million dollars for new television picture tubes in 1956. It is also estimated that more than 150 million small vacuum tubes in television and radio sets will be bought by Americans this year.
- ★ J. D. Ryder, Dean of Engineering, Michigan State University, says that automation and scientific industry have been the cause of a shortage of engineers that will likely be with us for years to come.
- ★ The anticipated demand for color television sets in the United States is considered by industry officials as being great enough to cause a shortage of color tubes. At the present time RCA's production of color sets at their Indianapolis plant approximates 960 per day.
- ★ Transistorized car radios are now in general use in the United States with General Motors, Chrysler and Ford all using them for installation in their factoryinstalled car radios.
- ★ Computer manufacturers have turned their attention to selling their equipment to small business concerns and are concentrating on the design of small, less expensive type computers to meet the requirements of small business concerns. Units which have been produced for sale in this market range in cost from \$32,500 to as little as \$17,000.
- According to figures recently released, at least ten Canadian companies and government organizations have placed orders for high speed computers in the price range of from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

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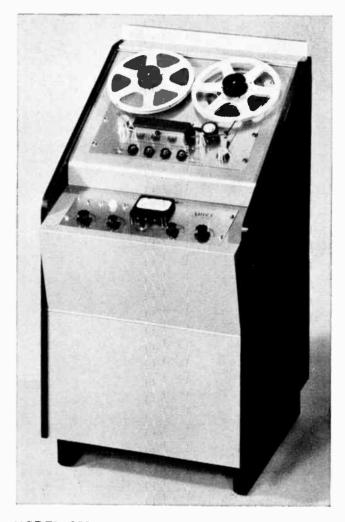
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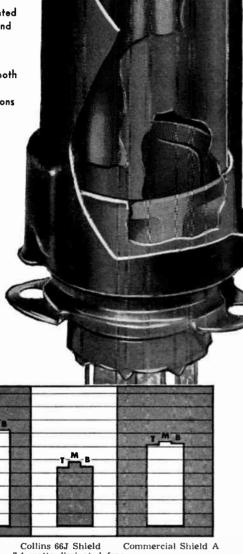
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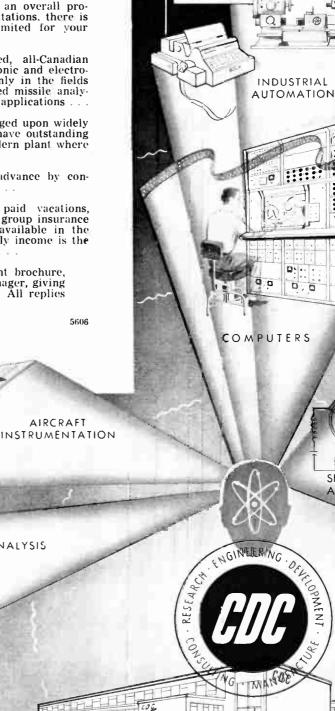
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TV Could Be The Answer---

There is no gainsaying the fact that there is a shortage of school teachers in Canada, in both the elementary and secondary schools and, to some extent, a shortage of instructors and professors in our colleges and universities. One of the reasons for the shortage, presumably, is the unattractiveness of salaries paid to this category of help and there is no reason to doubt that educational authorities have, to the best of their ability, paid as much in salaries as their budgets will permit. Unfortunately, however, the level of salaries permitted by educational budgets is not sufficient to attract additional recruits to the teaching profession, and the situation has developed into a stalemated problem with no apparent compromise in sight.

The lack of adequate teaching staffs for our schools is a problem of paramount importance and one which, if not remedied, may well have an adverse effect on the future of the country. The situation is not peculiar to Canada alone. A similar problem has confronted educational authorities in the United States too and, in an effort to overcome the problem, forward thinking groups are looking to the use of closed circuit television as a means of combatting the shortage of tagglers.

of combatting the shortage of teachers.

Recently in Pocatello, Idaho, Governor Robert E. Smylie conducted a class in political science at the Idaho State College, which was witnessed simultaneously over television by eleven different elementary schools in the nation's first demonstration of a completely televised public school system. Also televised was a fourth-grade reading and social studies class watched both by fourth graders and student teachers. The closed circuit educational network was set up at a cost of \$7,500.

Though many universities have experimented with closed circuit television within their own campus buildings, Idaho State is the first college in the United States to install a complete public school network. This new network makes it possible for a few specialized teachers, who formerly travelled from school to school, to reach a much larger student body by

broadcasting from the Idaho State College studio.

The use of closed circuit television for educational purposes would, of course, present some problems. Broadcasting from a central studio to classrooms in a whole school system would still necessitate supervision of individual classrooms, but supervisory personnel for classrooms working under such a method of teaching need not be comprised of highly qualified teachers of whom is demanded set academic qualifications. The ability to answer student queries or elucidate on televised lectures should surely be within the capacity of less highly trained personnel. It is quite conceivable that, as an outgrowth of classroom instruction by television, there may be born a new category of classroom supervisor to take the place of the fully qualified teacher required under the present system of individual classroom instruction.

Although there are many problems that would have to be ironed out in establishing a system of educational instruction with the aid of closed circuit television, none surely would be insurmountable, and the strong possibility that such a system would overcome the shortage of teachers is ample reason why educational authorities should devote some serious thought to this method of teaching, at least in the elementary schools.

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A LETTER FROM STATION CFAC. CALGARY, ALBERTA



E. C. CONNOR Technical Director **Broadcast Station CFAC** Calgary, Alberta

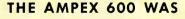
An accidental fall really proved the ruggedness of one of our Ampex 600's. It had had to be located on a narrow shelf four feet above a cement floor in an industrial building. Despite precautions someone pulled on the microphone cable at precisely the wrong moment and the recorder landed on one corner on the floor. The Ampex continued to record, and to the surprise of all concerned, it was impossible to detect the spot on the tape where the machine had fallen off the shelf. The only damage to the recorder was a displaced hold-back tension spring.

At present we have in service two Ampex 401's, two 403's, two 350's and two 600's. Required servicing has been much less than anticipated, and all are within specifications. To say that we are enthusiastic about the performance of our Ampex recorders could be considered an understatement.

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Portable Console PE-1000

By N. J. PAPPAS

POR some time there existed a demand for a portable console suitable for handling large remote broadcasts, but due to the limited Canadian market for this type of equipment it was not considered economical to design a unit for this function alone. By combining the needs of several other related fields, however, a unit was produced that would serve this purpose in addition to serving several other functions with the result that a larger market demand was created for the more versatile unit and thereby made the project practical.

The net result of the project was the production of a console unit known as the PE-1000, an instrument that may be used in medium sized studio operation or disconnected and taken to the scene of large scale remote broadcasts. This versatile console is ideally suited for semipermanent installations at exhibitions and forums, for TV mobile units and for professional sound reinforcing systems.

All the necessary functions of switching, mixing and amplifying the signal output of 11 microphones and four program lines is accomplished in this single unit. When required, it could simultaneously supply one standard program line, one monitor line, two headsets and one public address feed, and contains a 1000 cycle oscillator for level checks.

The 11 microphone inputs are terminated on receptacles mounted on the rear panel, from where they are led to telephone type keys for selection to the six pre-amplifiers. The preamplifiers consist of a shielded input transformer, a two stage amplifier and a step type potentiometer which is inserted between the first and second stage. By inserting the potentiometer between these two stages and by connecting all the pre-amps together in

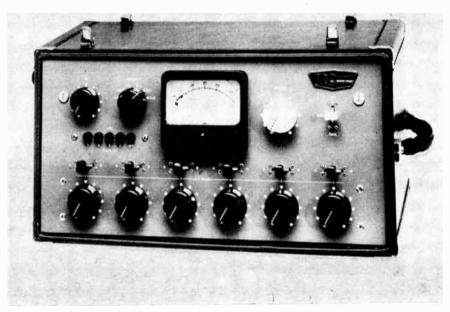
a fixed mixer, the need for output transformers is eliminated without the resultant fader interaction found in high impedance mixing circuits. From the mixer the program is fed through the line amplifier whose gain is controlled in the same fashion as the pre-amps, to a splitter pad for program and monitor line feeds. The output can be monitored visually with a standard vu meter which is connected ahead of the 6 db line pad. The output rating, after the pad, is + 18 dbm with less than 1 per cent harmonic distortion from 50-15,000 c.p.s.

In addition to the program channel this unit includes a second channel which can be used to feed and control a public address system. It may also be used for fold-back operation in recording and television studios. When used as a PA channel an individual microphone may be chosen on the PA selector and accentuated to the audience. For instance, if a program consisted of an orchestra and a vocalist, the vocalist's microphone may be selected and reinforced through the PA system. When individual reinforcement is not required, the mixed output can be fed to this channel. When an individual channel is chosen, the selector is connected ahead of the final stage of the pre-amplifier. Consequently a turntable can be fed into a particular channel mixed with microphone outputs from a live studio and at the same time, the output can be used for background music in the studio without any fear of feed-back.

A tone oscillator is included for line level checks which has a sine wave output that prevents cable crosstalk. Equally important is the fact that the oscillator will not operate if any microphone or line has been turned on, thereby preventing program disruptions.

The complete console can be housed in a leatherette carrying case or a metal cabinet. All the important controls are located on the front panel and all the secondary controls, receptacles and terminals are on the rear panel. Both panels are hinged for easy access to all components, and engineers responsible for the design of the unit have chosen all components with an eye to maximum dependability.

When the PE-1000 portable console is plugged into its power supply and companion producer's unit, complete program studio facilities are realized, including monitor amplifier for control and studio speakers, talk-back microphone and pre-amplifier, speaker cut-off relays, studio "on the air" light relays and headset intercom feeds.



• Front panel view of the Portable Console PE-1000.

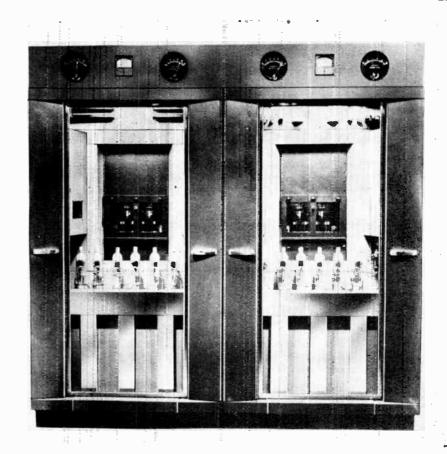
A NEW, compact, inexpensive 25 kilowatt television amplifier for Channels 2 and 6 is one of the latest developments in the manufacture of low-band television transmitters and amplifiers for use in high-band television transmission. The new amplifier, which has been produced as quality equipment, has also been engineered with an eye to purchase price.

Builders of the equipment state that by the incorporation of recent technological and design advances, the new amplifier possesses numerous practical and beneficial features. Among the unique characteristics are included: considerably lower investment cost than any available competitive make; smaller floor space requirements, 2 cabinets occupying a total of 23.5 sq. feet; reduced weight, 4,000 pounds total, or approximately 170 lbs./sq. ft.; low power consumption, 63 k.w. at 90 per cent power factor at black level; full-length glass doors to permit visual inspection of all tubes even when the amplifier is being operated; meets and exceeds all applicable FCC requirements for monochrome and color transmission.

The equipment has been designed to give highest quality performance with any make driver so that replacement or obsolescence of existing equipment is unnecessary when going to increased power operation. The instant patchover feature permits utilization of any driver unit for standby service, eliminating the need for an entire transmitter lineup solely for standby.

As a result of self-contained unitized design, where all components are housed in the two amplifier cabinets, the equipment is adaptable to any station layout; thereby providing maximum flexibility and minimum building alterations. Location of components within the frames are so placed to facilitate maintenance, and the overall size of the frames permit movement through standard doorways and elevators.

The visual and aural amplifiers, each housed in a single standard cabinet containing an amplifier and a high power rectifier unit, when combined constitute a complete TV amplifier, the output of which may be fed into a suitable antenna. In the visual amplifier cabinet are contained a coaxial input circuit, a four tube cavity, a coaxial output circuit, a rectifier unit, power supply and blowers. The input circuit consists of a shorted quarter wave line which provides a means to tune the input for flattest impedance match. A second shorted quarter wave line is incorporated in the top of the cavity and becomes the center conductor of the cavity. Tuning this quarter wave line raises the cathodes of the four triodes in the cavity above rf ground potential and drives them with the signal from the driver. The inverted cavity above the triodes appears as a resonant circuit between the grids



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and the plates. The triodes operate in a grounded plate circuit. The output is capacitively coupled from the hot side (grid side) of the cavity circuit to a shorted resonant line which is tapped to accomplish an impedance transformation. The tubes are operated as Class B linear amplifiers and their operating points are maintained essentially at projected cut off by a bias voltage, applied between cathode and grid of individual tubes from individual bias regulators.

The aural amplifier is generally similar to the visual amplifier. While the cavity is mechanically identical with that in the visual unit, the circuitry uses cathode and grid resistor biasing in place of bias regulators. Also, the input circuit is similar to that in the visual unit, but the output is different by reason of being capacitively coupled from the hot side of the cavity circuit directly to the antenna

line.

The rectifier unit, in both visual and aural amplifier cabinets, supplies high plate voltage by means of a three phase full wave circuit which utilizes six mercury vapor rectifier tubes. A complete system of interlocks, overload circuits and relays, time delays and safety switches protects the equipment from overloads and power transients.

Because a minimum of tube types are used in the equipment, the investment in spares to meet FCC requirements is minimized. And, due to the long life of final amplifier tubes, the operating cost is likewise minimized. Large faced meters and controls on the amplifier which have been "human engineered" for facility in handling, complete a product design which is virtually as easy to operate as AM broadcast equipment of comparable power rating.

Broadcasting Efficiency---

An Assessment Of Station Operation

By LESLIE L. HILL, Ph.D.

A LTHOUGH the predominant problems in high quality recording and reproduction are purely mechanical, the majority of broadcasting technicians are specialists in the electrical and acoustical fields, a fact which leads to certain difficulties and very often to undesirable compromises. Great strides, however, have been made by both producers and program planners to overcome the shortcomings and difficulties arising from this situation.

Very often faulty transmission is the result of deficiencies in broadcasting studio arrangements. It is expected however, that current experiments will result in closing more of the gap between a performance before a live audience and the audience listening to a radio transmission.

It should perhaps be noted that at the same time there is a distinct tendency on the part of broadcasters to dispense with skilled human labor, since it is generally believed that expert personnel can be replaced by modern equipment. It is true that the progress of electronics has contributed to reducing the amount of physical and mental effort on the part of studio operators, but one of the industries, where the individual still retains his full value, is the broadcasting industry. Even with the most modern equipment, it cannot be stressed too emphatically that properly trained personnel will continue to be a "must" in the broadcasting

It is well known that the broadcasting studio presents numerous problems in acoustics. The walls, the floor and the ceiling are faced with materials offering considerable damping to sound waves in order to avoid objectionable echoes and allow such control of reverberation as will promote naturalness of the signal and allow effective emphasis on certain sound frequencies. Movable drapings are provided so that compensation may be made for the sound-absorbing effect of varying numbers of persons who may be present. The artists and the microphone must be placed in such relative positions that there is no concentration of sound waves or blasting in the microphones.

A great number of electronic novelties have been introduced into the broadcast industry and have greatly improved the range of broadcasting, automatic operation and the quality of sound. Nevertheless highly skilled and trained engineers will always be required to operate and maintain the equipment in working condition. Large broadcasting corporations

and the master station networks, such as the CBC and BBC, continuously strive to improve the quality of their broadcasts in the interests of the general public by maintaining highly skilled technical personnel. It is, of course, realized that private station owners are confronted with financial considerations which may prevent them from hiring highly paid technical personnel, and they must be given credit for their efforts in improving broadcasting efficiency to the best of their ability as they have done over the past years. However, it is considered that an assessment of private station operation in Canada would do no harm and some of the points which come to mind in this respect are as follows:

- Based on comprehensive system testing, it is considered that an acceptable standard of sound quality is seldom achieved.
- It is believed that private station owners, in an effort to operate as economically as possible, in many cases do not have adequate equipment or qualified personnel.
- In order to achieve minimum lost air time, which means lost revenue and lost audiences, it is considered that small stations would benefit

from the use of two separate transmitters.

It is generally considered that many studio installations tend to be a makeshift with the exception of basic equipment, such as consoles and turntables. Such an installation can hardly be expected to produce efficient broadcasting results.

Another neglected aspect of broadcasting in the smaller stations is the lack of inter-communication and talkback facilities. Many installations are operating with outmoded equipment of this type. It is unfortunate that many of today's broadcast stations are years behind the times with respect to modernization. Most of their equipment has been in operation for ten years or more with no new replacement. On the other hand, those stations which have installed modern equipment have tended to operate without the use of properly qualified personnel.

In conclusion it may be said that most of the privately owned stations are of the utmost importance to the smaller towns and distant centers in Canada to which they are providing a service, which should be supported in every possible way by the listening public.

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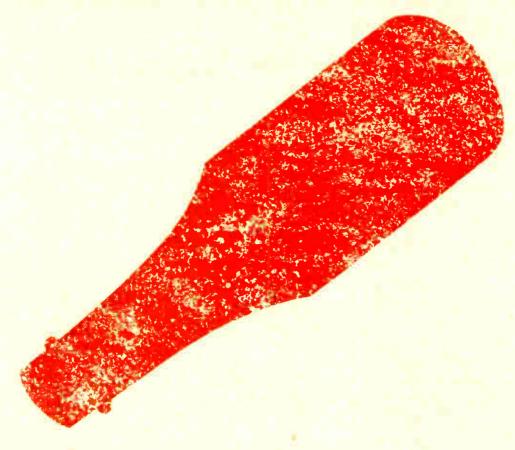
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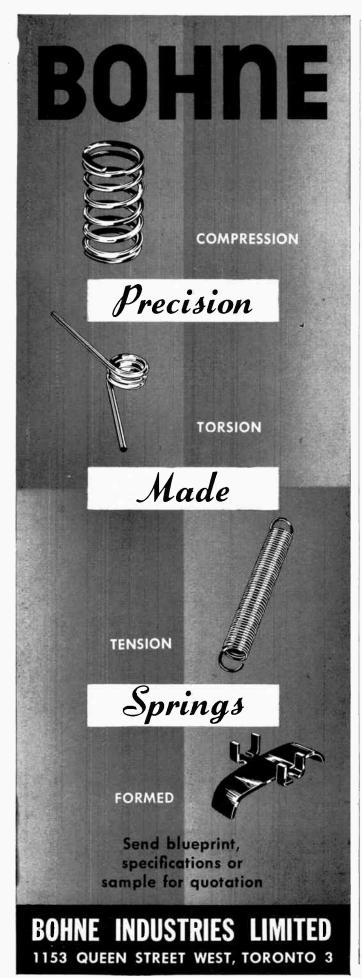
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Image Orthicon Connections

By A. G. Day P.Eng., Chief Engineer CKCO-TV Kitchener, Ont.

Anyone familiar with the principles of operation of an image orthicon camera tube could have nothing but great admiration for the ingenuity shown by the designers and manufacturers of this tube. That this erstwhile laboratory freak can be manufactured in quantity, even at such a high cost, is in itself, a remarkable achievement.

It is unfortunate, therefore, that one further modification was not made to this tube. The annular ring connections to the tube are brought out behind the shoulder of the image section, facing the rear. The socket contacts required for these connections are wholly contained within the encircling coil assembly, and cannot be serviced without complete dismantling of the tube carriage. Broadcasters will agree that sooner or later contact trouble does occur at these connections, and that the loss of the camera for from two to four hours is the result.

Were the annular ring connections to have been brought out to the front of the orthicon, the annular socket itself could have become the front indexing surface for the tube, with all socket contacts readily available for service through the front of the coil assembly. Lead dressing from the contacts of the front socket would have to be controlled so that leads cleared the image on the optical faceplate, and the faceplate would have to be inserted inside the annular ring, but neither problem should be insurmountable.

Please, Mr. Manufacturer, on new camera and orthicon designs, think of the broadcaster, and turn those connections to the front!

Film On The Iconoscope Without Shading Problems

By A. G. Day P.Eng., Chief Engineer CKCO-TV, Kitchener, Ont.

Many television stations are equipped with iconoscope film cameras. Those that are can solve a major shading difficulty on film programs by a rather simple trick which we have applied here at CKCO-TV.

The technique was evolved when we realized that the operating paramaters of the iconoscope were changed radically by the effect of the light application pulse during vertical retrace. The light application pulse is of course blanked out of the video by vertical blanking, usually in two locations, but even with beam retrace blanking, the video level of the pulse before video blanking will wander from positive to negative, with tremendous relative amplitude compared with the video. This pulse can be almost completely eliminated leaving an almost stable level of video, by operation of the backlight control alone. We therefore monitor the video before it reaches the first blanking amplifier, and keep our backlight adjusted to nullify the excursions of the application pulse either positive or negative.

We bolted a second-hand, two inch "Pocketscope" to the side of the iconoscope control unit, and connected it to the unused polarity output of the film camera head, ahead of any blanking amplifier. The video operator, having adjusted controls for a normal slide, which, with a constant light source, has no light application pulse, then need only adjust his backlight control as the scenes change on a film program. Occasional adjustment of contrast may be required, depending on the film, but normal control of shading is achieved with almost the ease associated with that of the vidicon.

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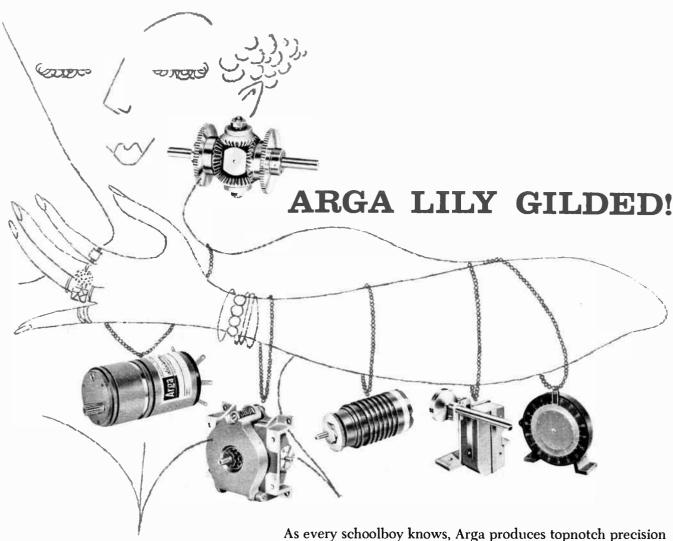
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New Visual Effects For Color TV

Courtesy R.C.A. Radio Age.

A SERIES of visual effects new to live television programming added spice to a number of recent NBC major color programs, marking the debut of a versatile new tool in telecasting.

The results appeared dramatically for the first time in "Alice in Wonderland", when Alice seemed to shrink in size before the camera while surrounding objects remained unchanged. In the Sadler's Wells Ballet production of "Sleeping Beauty", Margot Fonteyn, as the princess, appeared in one scene to float before the camera as a vision brought to Prince Charming and his retinue in the magic forest.

Behind these and other novel effects in other major programs, lay an ingenious NBC system known as the "color video inset", employing two cameras in a way which permits the foreground of a picture to be controlled independently of the background. The system was developed by the NBC Engineering Department, and was one of the last projects carried out under supervision of Robert E. Shelby, Vice-President and Chief Engineer of NBC, before his death on December 8th.

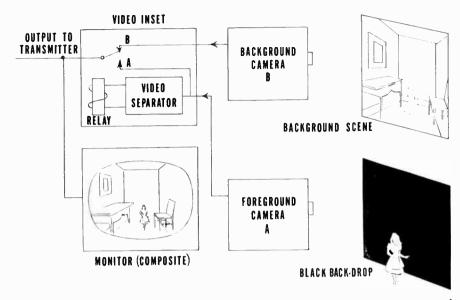
In announcing the successful use of the new system, Mr. Shelby had declared: "This is one of the most important developments to come out of the NBC Engineering Department. With the new system, producers can use camera techniques heretofore impossible in live color television. They can, for example, create giant 'spectacles' in relatively small studios, and they can bring a live outdoor scene into the studio to be used as a background."

How It Works

The "color video inset" works this way:

Two cameras are used simultaneously, one scanning a background scene, and the other scanning the inset object, which is placed against a black backdrop. An electronic mixing device automatically records a silhouette of the inset object (Alice, for example, in the shrinking scene), then "cuts" a correspondingly shaped hole in the background and makes the insert. The process requires precise control in production work as well as in electronic timing, which must be accurate to one ten-millionth of a second.

The effect of the inset, unlike that of a superimposed television image, is to



• Sketch shows how NBC's new color video inset employs two cameras to control foreground of a TV picture independently of the background to achieve novel effects.

present a solid picture without overlapping or transparency. In this respect, the new system is similar to the matting process in film, which requires complex lighting and processing work. Thus the inset permits the instantaneous use of live camera effects which could be achieved formerly only with the use of processed film

NBC engineers have pointed out that the color video inset broadens the whole scope of color television production. With its use, an actor may be placed against the background of a mountainside, a city street, or a seashore, brought into the studio "live" from any location that can be reached with a television camera.

Or, doing it the other way around, actors may be placed in spectacular settings which may be set up in miniature in the same studio, or even in another studio — the inset system reducing the apparent size of the actor to fit the background.

The color video inset is an extension and refinement of the black-and-white video inset. Both techniques were pioneered by the Development Group of the NBC Engineering Department, which interprets and adapts the laboratory research of RCA to the broadcasting uses of NBC.

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CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV installations can now be remote controlled to provide operator safety in hazardous locations, assure undetected operation in security and surveillance work and permit quick and accurate viewing of widely spaced objectives by a unique remote control TV system.

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• Complete remote control operation of closed-circuit television cameras is provided by this unique "servo pan and tilt" system shown at right.

three different "pre-set" directions simply by pushing a button.

These "pre-set" positions, which may be readily changed to meet varying observational tasks, greatly facilitate repeated viewing of more than one area or operation.



NEWS







More Electronic Engineers Needed With Combined Skill And Knowledge

Dr. John T. Henderson, of the National Research Council of Canada, was the featured speaker at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, during the week of March 19-22.

The subject of Dr. Henderson's address was "Borderline Engineers", whom he defined as those who work in an area where skill is required not



Dr. J. T. Henderson

only in engineering but also in some allied subjects. He cited such examples as ultrasonic and neural studies, electronic computer applications to transportation problems, electronic control of machine tools,

and electronic applications to medicine, surgery and dentistry.

Dr. Henderson stressed the need for more electronic engineers who are equipped with "a combination of engineering and scientific skills and knowledge".

It may be desirable, the speaker pointed out, for an engineering student to pursue more than four years as an undergraduate and obtain two or more degrees; or his broadening experience may be obtained by taking specially selected graduate courses in "outside" fields while actively working along conventional lines.

According to Dr. Henderson, "those men who contribute most to the development of any intermediate field will be those most likely informed in the two relevant subjects."

The IRE, Dr. Henderson said, had already recognized some important "borderline" areas by establishing professional groups in nuclear science and medical electronics, and he forecast that further scientific developments could very well give rise to other intermediate areas of interest to electronic engineers.

Dr. Henderson declared that in all humanistic applications of engineering there is insufficient communication between the various interested parties. Considering that natural phenomena recognize no political boundaries, he suggested that IRE members, when travelling abroad, could do much to promote international understanding and co-operation and thus help themselves by helping the IRE.

Stuart D. Brownlee To Be Guest Speaker At Chicago Show

Announcement is made by Canadian Electronic Sales Representatives that Stuart D. Brownlee, executive vice-president of Canadian Admiral Corporation Limited, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Canadian Luncheon to be held in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, on Wednesday, May 23rd, during the 1956 Electronic Parts Distributors Show.

Mr. Brownlee is well known to the Canadian Radio and Electronics Industry, having recently relinquished his position as general manager of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association of Canada, and president of Canadian Radio Patents Limited, to join Admiral.

CORRECTION

In the article Monitor For Aircraft Take-Off by Leslie L. Hill published in the March issue of *Electronics and Communications* the formula on page 32, paragraph 3 should read:

$$\lim_{\triangle t \implies 0} \frac{\triangle v}{\triangle t} = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

C. P. Clare & Co. Opens Canadian Sales Office

A new Canadian branch sales office was opened April 1st by C. P. Clare & Co., Chicago relay manufacturers.

Ronald W. Price, formerly with Measurements Engineering Ltd., and with wide experience in the Canadian electronics industry, is in charge as District Sales Manager.

The new branch office is located at 659 Bayview Avenue, Toronto 17, Ont.

Tenatronics Ltd. To Represent Bud Radio In Canada

Bud Radio, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturers of electronic components and sheet metal products, announces the appointment of Tenatronics, Ltd. as exclusive Canadian representatives.

Tenatronics, Ltd., is located at Davis Drive East, Newmarket, Ontario.

In addition to acting as distributors, Tenatronics, Ltd., will carry a large stock of Bud products to facilitate delivery to their many customers in Canada.

Additional Equipment Increases Bohne's Production Capacities

The latest machinery for precision spring manufacturing is now in operation at Bohne Industries Limited, Toronto. New spring coiling and multislide forming equipment has resulted in greater production and service facilities for the manufacture of precision springs — compression, tension, torsion and formed.

Stokes Establishes Canadian Subsidiary

F. J. Stokes Company of Canada, Ltd., has been established as a subsidiary of F. J. Stokes Machine Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Francis Dougherty, Jr., president of the American company, will also head the new Canadian subsidiary. Its other officers will be Francis J. Stokes, Jr., and Allan A. Hutchings, vice-presidents; David E. Stokes, secretary; and Erwin R. Scott, controller - all of whom hold corresponding positions in the parent company. J. William Robinson, a native Canadian who has been manager of the Stokes Canadian sales office in Montreal since it was opened in April, 1953, will continue in charge of all Stokes Canadian operations under the new company. Headquarters of the company are now located at 27 Wellington St. East, Toronto.

J. M. Mackrory Press Information Head For Canadian Westinghouse

C. W. Hale, public relations manager, Canadian Westinghouse Company, has announced the appointment of J. M. Mackrory as manager, press information services.

Formerly supervisor of technical publicity, Mr. Mackrory now assumes



I. M. Mackrory

responsibility for all press information services at Westinghouse, covering both technical and general information to press, trade publications, radio and television.

As manager of press information, Mr. Mackrory will

plan and prepare press releases and technical articles as well as provide photo publicity services for all divisions of the company.

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• Universal Magnetic Testing Set

Item 1043
The new Universal Magnetic Testing Set is a complete unit designed to make mea-surements that conform to the methods and specifications of the American Society for Testing Materials as described in their specifications on "Standard Methods of Testing Magnetic Materials". The price of the set, which includes the Epstein frame, makes it within the financial reach of any small laboratory doing core loss testing.



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Bulletin On Printed Circuitry

Item 1044

Just reprinted is a bulletin covering the advantages of printed circuitry for electrical and electronic systems. The bulletin, "Mechanize Your Wiring . . . With Copper-Clad Phenolite," was first offered last winter and proved so popular supplies were soon exhausted.

Now again available in a 2nd edition, the 12-page, 2-color bulletin uses photographs, schematics and tables to illustrate the advantages of printed circuitry over conventional hand-wiring methods. It also includes a discussion of the economies of printed circuits and a description of the ways in which printed circuits are produced.

Complete specifications are presented on the types and grades of Copper-Clad Pheno-lite most widely used as base material for printed circuits. Included among these is a new glass cloth epoxy resin with properties which recommend it for circuits requiring high heat resistance and excellent electrical properties under high humidity conditions.

Precision Glassware

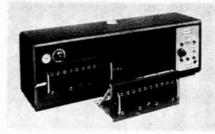
Item 1045
A four-page, two-color brochure featuring the use of precision glassware for electronic applications has recently been

The brochure describes in detail precision bore tubing which can be supplied with I.D. tolerance down to \pm .0002". In certain sizes the wall thickness can be made be-tween .015" and .3125". Precision bore capiltween .015 and .3125". Precision bore capillary tubing is also described. It is available in a range which runs from .004" I.D. to 1255" I.D. with tolerance limits set at \pm .0002".

Also available are special items in the electronics field made of Vycor Brand, Pyrex Brand and most of the electronics

• Portable Temperature Test Chamber

Item 1046
Production of a new Temperature Test
Chamber, Model TC-2A, has been announced. Completely portable and self-contained, the new model is a low cost unit especially designed for production line tests small products such as basic instruments, electronic sub-assemblies, mechanical components, etc.



Key features of the new model include a new anticipator-type thermostat which provides extremely accurate temperature control; three-heat selection switch; rugged welded aluminum construction and glass fiber insulation.

High-Alumina Ceramic

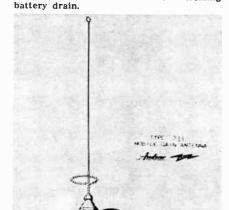
Item 1047
Type R-95 ceramic, a new high-alumina material has been developed for use in insulators and hermetic ceramic-to-metal seals. Custom-designed shapes of this material are now available to the electrical, aviation, nuclear, and chemical industries to meet a wide variety of needs.

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Mobile Gain Antenna

Item 1048
A new rooftop antenna for 450-470 MC range has been developed. This mobile antenna effectively multiplies mobile transmitter power by 1.5 without adding cost to the mobile communication unit or increasing



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This new mobile antenna has a stainless

steel radiator supported by a molded plastic insulator which mounts in a single 78" hole. The antenna is supplied complete with coaxial cable and connectors.

Telemeter Terminals

Item 1049
The Model 1025 Telemeter Transmitter
Terminal and the Model 1090 Telemeter Receiver Terminal have been designed to acceiver Terminal have been designed to ac-curately telemeter mechanical or electrical variables which will actuate a potentio-meter, slide wire, etc., or those which can be converted to a d.c. voltage or current. The transmitter converts d.c. millivolts to audio tones. The receiver converts audio tones to d.c. millivolts.

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NEWS

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Winnipeg Section of IRE Hold Joint Meeting With EIC

On March 7th the Winnipeg Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers held a joint meeting with the Engineering Institute of Canada.

The guest speaker was Mr. Le Roy A. Griffith, director of Transistor Engineering, Transistor Division, Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company of Minneapolis, Minn. The subject of Mr. Griffith's address was "Large Triode and Tetrode Germanium Power Transistor Characteristics and Applications".

Astron Purchases Ceramic Capacitor Plant

Astron Corporation of East Newark, New Jersey, has purchased Skottie Electronic Corporation, Inc., of Peckville, Pennsylvania, manufacturer of ceramic capacitors. The announcement was made by Joseph Frank, president of Astron Corporation, who described this new addition as another step in his corporation's expansion program.

Astron is represented in Canada by Charles W. Pointon Limited, 6 Alcina Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario.







• Recently announced staff changes at PSC Applied Research Ltd. include: (Above Center) Stein Sunde, production manager; (Left) Oswald S. Schmidt, assistant production manager; and (Right) James Speight, assistant to production manager. F. Manly Haines, who is a director of the company, has been named production director.

Electronic Computer Course

George Glinski, P.Eng., president of Data Processing Associates Limited, Ottawa, is presently conducting a course on electronic analog computation for the staff of the Mechanical Division of the National Research Council in Ottawa.

F. W. Pruden of the Division has initiated this program and support has been given by J. H. Parkin, director

Mr. Glinski is well known in the field of analog and digital data processing and has been lecturing on this subject at McGill University, Montreal and Carleton College in Ottawa for the past five years.

Hackbusch Electronics Canadian Reps For Caledonia Products

R. A. Hackbusch, president of Hackbusch Electronics Limited, recently announced that his company will be the exclusive representatives in Canada of the Caledonia Electronics Transformer Corporation of Caledonia, N.Y.

Caledonia design and manufacture transformers and other electronic assemblies for communications.

All Caledonia products and services will be available to Canadian manufacturers and service organizations through Hackbusch Electronics Ltd.

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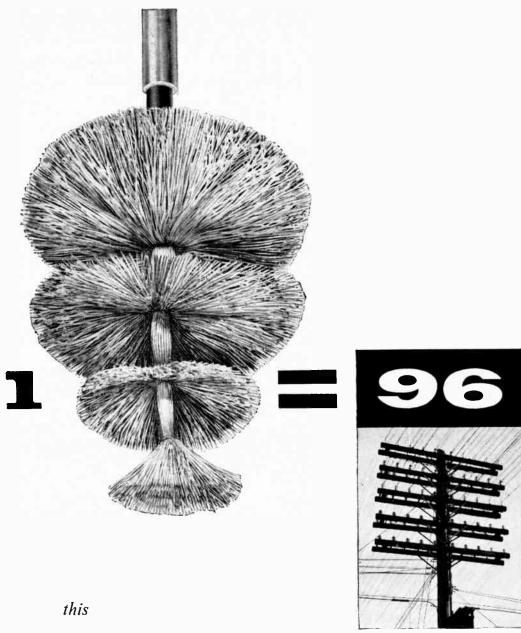
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This article describes a new development in portable communication equipment techniques.

This development has been carried out by Canadian engineers using private funds as a commercial venture, and has been brought to its present advanced stage in less than one year.

The basic design is capable of many variations to meet a variety of operating requirements and in view of its operational performance, it is felt that many uses will be found for it in such areas as Forestry Patrol, Surveying and Emergency Sea, Land and Air Operations.

Circuit units comprising the device are fully capable of being adopted for airborne use.

Portable Communication Unit Using Transistor Circuits

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D. W. HOLDSWORTH and S. KAGAN

RECENT advances in components, materials and circuit techniques have presented the design engineer with a unique opportunity to approach some old problems from a new viewpoint and thus achieve some radically new units of greatly increased utility. Such an advance is described in this article, the end result being an extremely small and rugged communication set with a number of novel features combined in such a way as to achieve extreme simplicity of operation and be capable of many varied designs embodying the basic features utilized in the unit.

At the commencement of this study, it was felt that a review of the basic philosophy of portable communication units was desirable and, in order to do this, a number of possible applications were considered. It was soon found that the requirements of most applications tended to be the same, namely:

- (1) Simplicity of operation the aim should be to achieve a unit which would approach the telephone in convenience, hence controls should be kept to a minimum.
 - (2) Light weight and small volume.
- (3) Rugged—able to withstand rough handling and transportation such as all the usual military environmental requirements.
- (4) Ability to withstand extreme temperatures and be capable of total immersion in water without damage.
- (5) Maximum possible range of operation.

(6) To be independent of dry battery supply sources.

An extreme case in which all these requirements must be met is that of air rescue operations in which an airman may be forced down in a hostile environment, possibly injured, and with slowed down mental processes. Since the RCAF is keenly interested in this field, some of the first models of this set have been tailored to such a requirement. However, slight modifications are presently contemplated which will enable the unit to become generally useful in a number of applications.

A number of pre-production models have now been tested operating in the 3 mcs emergency band. These units have shown a reliable ground-to-ground range of 15 miles, and have been operated at ranges of up to 30 miles.

These units weigh approximately 7 lbs. with antenna and headset and measure $8" \times 6\frac{1}{2}" \times 3"$.

Further work is proceeding on both single and multi-channel units to operate in the 30 mcs and 50 mcs bands.

Details of the external appearance of the unit are shown in the accompanying photographs which also give some idea of size in relation to the operator. The unit is in two halves which are normally clipped together and operated as one unit. The case is of molded epoxy fiberglass and each half is completely hermetically sealed. The upper half contains the receiver and transmitter and the lower, the power supply which

is connected to the circuit by means of a short flexible cable.

To operate the unit, the headset is adjusted and the antenna erected. The base of the antenna consists of a wedge-shaped molding arranged to mate with a slide on the top of the case. The wedge is self-cleaning and cannot be rendered inoperative by mud or ice. Inserting the antenna automatically switches on the receiver which has extremely low current drain. The antenna is a center loaded whip which may be tuned by rotation of the outer case of the loading coil.

A transmit/receive switch is connected to the receiver and telex cable so that it may be held inside a glove or pocket. When using handset the transmit/receive switch is integral with the handle. To call out, therefore, it is only necessary to operate this switch. Antenna current may be read on a small sealed meter mounted near the antenna wedge.

In the initial conception of the unit, it was decided that maximum efficient use would be made of a single 6-volt power unit and several methods of powering the circuits are possible. The first is a silver cell storage battery of 2 ampere hours capacity combined with a hand-operated generator capable of recharging the battery. This combination gives unlimited operation and is ideal for emergency applications.

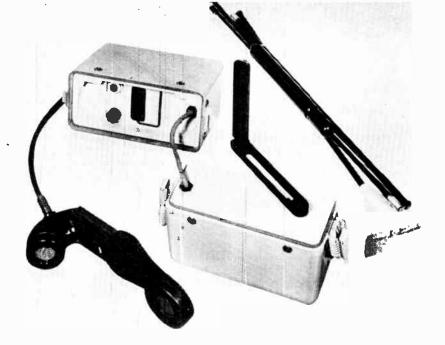
For field survey parties, etc., operating from a base camp, a higher capacity silver cell unit is available which can be recharged on a regular weekly schedule from a car battery or any other available source.

A further combination is a mercury cell power unit which must, of course, be replaced in the normal manner.

A feature of this unit is the very high transmitter power output of 3 watts which can be increased to 5 watts for special applications. This power, combined with the high sensitivity of the receiver is mainly responsible for the extreme range of the instrument.



 Compactness and ease of handling is shown in the above illustration of the portable communications unit.



Technical Aspects

The technical system design of a portable communication set can be split into certain major sections: Receiver. Transmitter, Power Supply, Handset, Antenna, Interconnections and Housing.

As this is a portable unit, it was felt that the power supply was the most critical feature. Heavy sectional batteries, of uncertain shelf life, poor performance under severe environmental conditions, and uneven sectional utilization, have in the past largely defeated the purpose of most equipment of this type. A fresh approach was decided upon which involved the use of a single secondary type sub-miniature battery of six volts and eighteen watt-hr. capacity. The inclusion of a hand driven generator to charge this battery in case of the lack of other charging facilities, has made the power supply as a unit, self-sufficient and independent of battery store, or other civilized amenities. The use of a single battery from which all necessary voltages are derived by high efficiency D.C. Transformation makes best use of the stored power available, by insuring that variations in duty cycle do not affect the efficiency. The result is a power supply capable of operating the receiver continuously for 500 hrs. At a duty cycle of 5 mins. transmit and 25 mins. receive every half hour, 10 continuous hours of operation are possible. This is provided by a battery weighing only 12 oz. and capable of withstanding fifty full charge-discharge cycles. The use of an alternate power supply which does not include the generator will increase these items by a factor of 3.

The requirements on the communication section were set as follows: Receiver Sensitivity to be 1.5 microvolts at a signal to noise ratio of 10 db. A.G.C. control up to 100,000 microvolts input. Audio response such that at least 85 per cent intelligibility results and an acoustic output of 80 db above the threshold of hearing or 80 phons. The power drain not to exceed 8 milliamps with no signal and 18 ma with signal. This dictated the use of transistor circuitry throughout. In the final receiver, seven transistors are used and all the

• This photograph of the portable communications unit shows component arrangement and illustrates the built in generator feature.

above requirements are met. The local oscillator is crystal controlled and only one trimmer need be adjusted to put the set on a new frequency. Total receiver weight is 2.5 oz.

The companion transmitter requirements were 3.5 watts minimum output into the antenna at an overall drain 1.8 amps from the battery and a modulation capability of 70 per cent minimum with an audio characteristic compatible with that of the receiver. In the final unit an output tube was used but modulation was achieved with transistor circuitry. Again all these requirements are met and total transmitter weight is 2.7 oz.

The use of transistors in both receiver and transmitter have provided a new degree of freedom to the designer. If properly utilized in circuitry logically arranged to suit transistors, many problems inherent in tube designs are avoided. An example of this is the second dector and audio output stages of the receiver. In their most logical configuration these provide the advantages of current drain proportional to signal strength and amplified A.G.C. as well as their primary functions of detection and audio power amplification. Processes of thought and engineering practices must be reoriented to utilize transistors. However, it is felt that this is a small price to pay when compared to the resultant gains.

 Light weight, small volume, rugged construction and simplicity of design are illustrated in the accompanying photograph of the portable communications unit.

In order to be free of moving mechanisms such as relays, a new approach was required for Antenna switching. The solution to this problem was found in the well-known principle of diode gating as used in computers. This afforded adequate switching of R.F. power from transmitter to antenna and from antenna to receiver as required. The total power drain required is 3 ma at 6 volts.

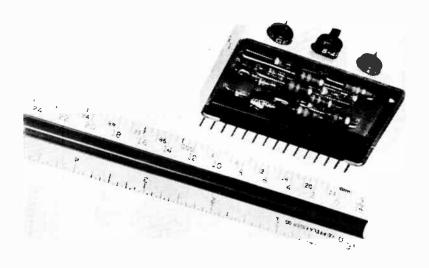
Two types of head sets are available, either the telephone type handset with an integral transmit button or a head harness type with a separate transmit switch on a cable. At the operating frequencies of 2 mc/s to 4 mc/s, portable antenna of reasonable efficiency is a major problem. A six foot center loaded whip was finally selected. Advanced techniques were used throughout, as shown most clearly in the loading coil which is only ¾-inch in diameter and 8 inches long. This reduction in size was accomplished by the use of a Litz wire coil and a ferrite tuning slug to achieve an adequate coil Q, rather than the conventional large air core, silver wire coil.

The equipment housing has received the same attention as the electronics. The newest materials and techniques were used throughout. Circuitry is mounted on printed boards, receiver, transmitter and other major sections are self-contained, plug-in units, permitting easy service access both to major section and individual components.

Extensive use is made of Epoxy-fiberglass materials for all structural elements. New fabrication methods were investigated, resulting in relatively inexpensive parts of near phenomenal strength and chemical resistance over a wide range of environmental conditions.

The authors feel that the experience gained doing this development has been of inestimable value in enabling new circuit components and techniques to be engineered, and it is felt that as further work proceeds, a wide extension of these techniques will be called for.

In conclusion, we would like to acknowledge the important contributions made by Messrs. E. J. Harrison, P. Golench and other members of Crosley Industrial Electronics Division who participated in this program.



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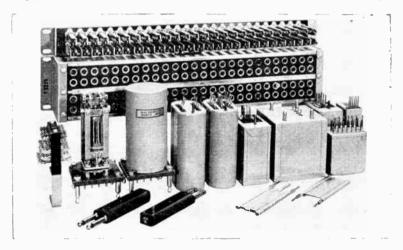
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NEW PRODUCTS

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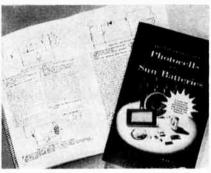
A new line of 6/12 volt mobile 2-way radios in the 25-54 m.c. and 144-174 m.c. bands, including new 6/12 volt dynamotor powered models, has been announced by a wellknown radio manufacturer. These new models, together with current 450-470 m.c. 6/12 volt models, provide a complete selection of 6/12 volt mobile radios. All mobile radio drawer units of the new series operation. radio drawer units of the new series operate from 6 or 12 volt electrical systems without any type of modification.

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Booklet On Sun Batteries

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A new technical booklet titled, "The Use of Selenium Photocells and Sun Batterles," has recently been published. Designed to be



of primary interest to engineers and amateur experimenters, this handbook contains 58 pages of technical information and over 35 illustrations, charts and diagrams which describe in detail applications and devices in which sun batteries and other photocell products are successfully employed.

Mercury 198 Source And Microwave Exciter

 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Item 1053} \\ \textit{Determination of wavelengths with accuracies to one part in one million can be obtained with the new model mercury 198 \\ \end{array}$ source and microwave exciter unit which are now available.

This apparatus, built for use in high dispersion interferometry, makes determina-tion of wavelengths easier and provides a higher level of accuracy in analysis.

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Cheaper And Smaller Transistors

Item 1054

One manufacturer has announced that it is now making transistors which are only .2" square and 1/8" thick. The president of square and 18" thick. The president of this company states that the price of tran-sistors has been reduced and that they now range from 75 cents to \$4.50. "Within two years," he said, "transistors may be below 50 cents."

His company also plans to further diversify its types of transistors and increase production from over 400,000 in 1954 to 2,000,000 units this year.

Condensed Standard Specifications Catalog

Item 1055

A new 1956 illustrated catalog of condensed standard specifications on a wide range of power supplies, voltage regulators,

voltage reference sources, frequency changers, etc. has just been released.
Included in the catalog are data on regulation accuracy, input and output voltages, ripple, recovery time, load range and other basic specifications. Also included to the of local technical representatives. other basic specifications. Also included is a list of local technical representatives and special service facilities.

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The new Raydist phasemeter, shown in upper left of illustration is the very heart of the precise positioning system, claimed to have many advantages over previous units. Tests show that with good signals it has 3 times the accuracy of the former instruments, and even greater accuracy improvement with poor signals, because in the new model the accuracy is less affected by signal strength. It should be vastly superior under thunderstorm conditions. The new phasemeter unit reduces the number of tubes by 8 for a complete 2-dimensional unit. In the new dynamic phasemeter only 80 watts of electrical energy are required for its operation in comparison with 165 watts for a 2-dimensional old type unit. The new

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therefore is capable of driving counters, potentiometers, digitalizers, and devices for which the previous units were not practical, except in the microtorque range.

The new Plotter, shown at right in the illustration is a small automatic plotter designed primarily for aircraft applications, which allows the pilot of a ship or aircraft to continuously see his position plotted directly on a chart, a feature which is of great assistance to the pilot in evaluating the data obtained with Raydist. This is a big advancement over the previously delivered automatic plotting boards used with Raydist, which by their size and weight were necessarily confined to use aboard ships or at fixed ground locations.

For some years past now this precise means of determining position electronically, has found wide application in such fields as navigation, tracking, hydrographic surveying and positioning of ships and aircraft. Recently it has also been used in connection with petroleum crews for helicopter navigation in taking crews and equipment to the drilling rigs. These new equipment developments will greatly increase the suitability of Raydist for helicopter navigation and will have wide application for this use in general navigation.

The introduction of the new dynamic phasemeter and the Raydist plotter is the first in a series of new and improved Raydist equipments to be brought out by the manufacturers, pioneers in the field of continuous wave navigation, tracking, and surveying equipment, since a lengthy patent litigation which was recently settled in the favor of the company.

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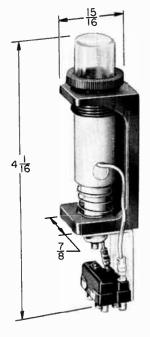
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NEWS

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CAE Executive Appointments

The appointment of W. M. Chamard as vice-president responsible for contracts and consumer product activities of CAE, and of R. C. Ludlow as secretary-treasurer, has been announced by K. R. Patrick, president and managing director of Canadian Aviation Electronics Limited.





Mr. Chamard was formerly vicepresident in charge of finance and is a member of CAE's executive committee. In his new capacity Mr. Chamard will be directly responsible for the marketing and manufacturing activities of the CAE Consumer Products Division.

Mr. Ludlow, who has held various positions with the RCA Victor Company including that of treasurer since 1947, will direct financial policy and planning for the CAE organization.

March Meeting Of Toronto Section, IRE

The speaker at the meeting of the Toronto Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers held on March 26th was H. Gruenberg of the Microwave Section of the National Research Council, Ottawa.

Mr. Gruenberg's subject was "The Use Of Ferrites In Microwave Components". He discussed load isolators, microwave switches, attenuators, modulators, phase-shifters, polarization changers, and other devices employing ferrites.

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Dr. Oskar Heil Joins Eimac Lab

Dr. Oskar Heil has joined Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Bruno, California, manufacturer of Eimac electronpower tubes. Dr. Heil has been named group leader of the Advanced Research Group recently formed in the research laboratory according to an announcement by Harold E. Sorg, vicepresident and director of research for the firm

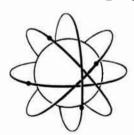
Dr. Heil, whose extensive and varied background in tube development has earned him international recognition. will direct research work at Eimac on new types of tubes and theoretical study of electron beams.

Westpol Company Ltd. Establish Etobicoke Plant

Announcement of the establishment of a new industry has been made by A. T. Janta, president of Westpol Company Limited, industrial engineers and manufacturers.

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Technical papers to be read at the convention of the Canadian Institute of Radio Engineers in October will undoubtedly be of a high caliber, embracing many research findings of Canadians and others. The convention's technical program is under Dr. George Sinclair of the Department of Electrical Engineering of the University of Toronto.



DR. GEORGE SINCLAIR

The support of the Federal Government has been evidenced by the participation of four of its research and technical bodies and Canadian trade commissions abroad have readily cooperated in promoting this convention exhibition. A letter from the Hon. C. D. Howe has complimented the I.R.E. on its enterprise in presenting this scientific assembly.

Already space for 166 displays has been sold in the Automotive Building, Exhibition Park, Toronto, where many of the world's leading manufacturers will exhibit the latest in radio, radar, television, control mechanisms, computors and the mysterious but important midget, the transistor.

It is in keeping with Canada's consistent role for peace that the theme of the atomic exhibits will be "humanity's boon — not doom".

Ladies' Night Scheduled For IRE, Toronto Section

The Toronto Section, Institute of Radio Engineers, will conclude the season's activities with a social evening on Monday, April 30th, to which members may bring the ladies. Dinner, followed by dancing, will be at the Boulevard Club, 175 Lakeshore Boulevard, Toronto.

M.C. for the evening will be B. de F. (Pat) Bayly and the guest speaker will be Bruce Smith of CJBC.

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HINTS FOR BETTER BROADCASTING

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Central Provincial Repair Shop Desirable

By Mary C. Burgoyne, Managing Director CKTB St. Catharines, Ont.

There are a few technical difficulties which we have come up against and which I am sure have been experienced by others throughout the industry.

The major drawback appears to be in the repair of radio broadcasting equipment. Speed is of the essence in the radio industry and when a certain piece of equipment needs repairing, the station is not always prepared to wait for a month or so until that equipment is returned. A second important factor is the cost of the repair job. In the case of microphones and pick-up heads, they must be returned to the manufacturers for repairs. The length of time required, the shipping expenses and the labor costs often make it more convenient and more economical to buy new equipment. We believe that a central repair depot for each province would be desirable where equipment could be repaired quicker and at a more reasonable cost.

Short Life of Pick-up Heads

It has also been our experience that pick-up heads, even though afforded the most tender care, have an alarmingly short life. It is evident that some sort of improvement is needed to lengthen their usability.

Standardization of Microphone Plugs

Another suggestion which we feel would improve the general efficiency of broadcasting would be the standardization of microphone plus throughout the industry. It is not incommon for a station, when a new microphone arrives, to have to change their present microphone connector or employ an adaptor. Even a greater hardship is encountered when doing a remote or setting up equipment in another city and a microphone is borrowed from a neighbor station. Here it is a safe bet that the equipment will not match.

Standard Loudness On Tapes

One factor which is a constant source of headaches to studio operators is the varying degrees of loudness on tapes received from national agencies. If a standard loudness was maintained by all agencies, as in the case of transcriptions which are excellent, the operator's job would be considerably easier.

Provision For Three Turntable Inputs

By Barry McR. Ogden. Chief Engineer CKCL Kingston, Ont.

I can think of a suggestion that undoubtedly has occurred to other engineers as well as to myself. That is, why don't the manufacturers of audio consoles make provision for at least three turntable inputs in their basic design? The RCA BC-2B console is an example. It can be easily modified to provide a third turntable input but at the expense of either a microphone or network input.

Improvised Improvements To Equipment

Firstly, on the turntable cue-program switches a relay circuit was installed to automatically lower the level of the air monitor speaker to facilitate proper cueing. This has practically eliminated "wowing-in" due to the operator failing to hear the low modulation when cueing.

A second taping studio was provided by utilizing a three channel presto recorder, building the amplifier section into a desk and rack mounting the power supply and mechanism. This arrangement permits one man operation and has proven invaluable for taping voice tracks and interviews without providing extra operators.

Mobile Coverage Made Easier

We found it of advantage to be able to use our mobile transmitter in locations where the station vehicle which usually contains the mobile transmitter could not reach—such as on the ice or on the bank of a lake. Since the controlhead and associated wiring is an integral part of the system and usually threaded through the car frame it is quite a chore as well as time-consuming to remove. To overcome this a (Continued on page 54)

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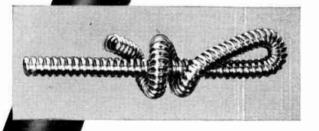
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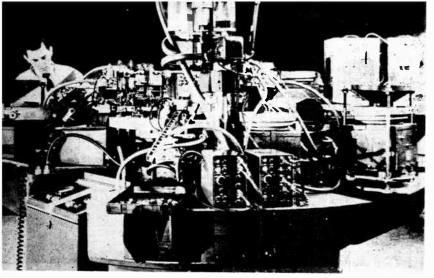


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The new machine automatically performs all of the battery assembly operations that normally require a human operator. The machine feeds, sorts, sizes, forms, orients and inspects

five different battery parts. These parts include such varied forms and materials as metal cylinders and caps, felt absorbent, neoprene grommets, pressed metal and a liquid electrolyte which is also metered into the battery assembly. Mercury batteries are finding increasing usage in portable radios.

The unit also features a "feedback" system, a characteristic of all true automation systems: if a part should fail to be inserted at one of the stations, then the particular subassembly with the missing part is rejected at a later station but meanwhile no further parts are fed into it.

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than 7,000 pounds. It carries the battery sub-assembly from one work station to another where parts are inserted or work is performed. Parts are fed from work nests located around the machine at the work stations. The machine can be positioned, i.e., "indexed", with an accuracy of \pm .002". There is room around the six-foot diameter table for 16 tooling stations, although not all stations are tooled for the battery assembly operation. The machine can also be built on a straight-line principle, depending on the particular job at hand.

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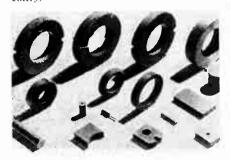
A low cost, ceramic permanent magnet material has been developed which combines adequate energy product with high coercive force, low residual induction, virtually 100 per cent electrical resistivity and exceptional resistance to demagnetization.

Known as Ceramagnet permanent magnets, the new units retain their energy even when used without "keepers" or under other closed-circuit conditions, and in the presence of strong opposing fields. As an example, Ceramagnet cannot be demagnetized by another magnet of a force up to 2.000 gauss.

Ceramagnet magnets are practically nonconductors. Electrical resistivity is 6 x 1010 ohms c.m. cube, making them ideally suited for high-frequency and high-voltage circuits. They can be placed in the direct path of electro-magnetic energy to rotate polarization plane, to focus cathode ray

tube beams or for similar purposes.

Their magnetism will be unaffected by their surroundings. They themselves will exert little or no proximity on nearby circuitry.



Another feature that may offer interesting possibilities is the fact that Ceramagnet temperature characteristics are linear, including retrace, to 400°C.

Made of non-critical, inexpensive barium and iron oxides, the new permanent magnets are classified among the hard magnetic materials. They cost materially less than metallic magnets. Also they weigh less — only 4.85 g.m.s./c.m.3.

Although the Ceramagnet energy product (0.915 x 10% gauss-oersteds at 600 gauss working point) is less than that of conventional metallic permanent magnets, their full energy is available under practically any condition.

Units are available in practically any size or shape. They are machinable by wet grinding and may be machined after mag-netizing. Although they can be magnetized in any direction, highest energy product is obtained by magnetizing across thinner sections.

• 3 Watt Variable Composition Resistor

Item 1057

A new type "VS" variable resistor will shortly be available. It is ruggedly built and surpasses JAN-R-94 specifications in every respect. It withstands the 200 hour saltspray test without corrosion, can be safely used at 150°C. (302°F.), and is completely dustproof.



THE "150" DESIGN CONCEPT 1. A system starts with an 8-, 6-, 4-, 2- or 1-channel basic assembly which includes a complete recorder assembly, and a Driver Amplifier and Power Supply (A) for each channel. 2. To this basic sembly are added interchangeable plug-in type preamplifiers (B) according to the measurement requirements.

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NEWS

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Canadian Electrical Supply Announces Retirement Plan

Michael I. Rosenthal, president of Canadian Electrical Supply Company Limited, has announced the establishment of a pension plan for employees of the company.

The plan has been worked out in conjunction with Centre d'Assurances, Montreal, and calls for employees to contribute 4 per cent of their salary, which will be matched by company contributions to the plan.

CDC Engineers Offer Special Service

Earl F. Johnson, head of the Semiconductor Applications Department of Computing Devices of Canada, has announced that a highly trained staff of engineers and scientists are now prepared to devote special attention to firms requiring solutions to problems concerning transistors and diodes.

Specialists working on this phase of activity at Computing Devices of Canada are: E. F. Johnson, Robert G. Burton, Geoffrey M. Kerrigan and Laurence W. Phillips. These men have had extensive experience in varied types of electronic engineering.

Four New Directors Elected To RETMA Board

Four new directors were recently elected to the Board of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Asssociation of Canada to fill the vacancies left by four directors who have resigned.

The new directors are:

H. C. Darroch of Crosley Radio and Television Division, Moffats Limited; W. F. Wansbrough of Canadian General Electric Company Limited; S. D. Brownlee of Canadian Admiral Corporation Limited: R. J. M. Allan of Addison Industries Limited.

The four directors who have resigned are:

I. Leslie, who has relinquished his position with Crosley Radio and Television Division, Moffats Limited: H. Smith, who is not now connected with the radio and television division of the Canadian General Electric Company Limited; V. Barreca, who has taken up a position at Canadian Admiral's United States plant; and H. Lightbown, who has retired from Addison Industries Limited.

This brings the number of directors on the Board to a total of 31, 12 of whom are elected by the Receiver Division, six by the Parts and Accessory Division, and six by the Electronics Division; there are six Honorary directors and a director of engi-

One of the newly-elected directors, Stuart D. Brownlee, was recently elected chairman of the RETMA Color Television and UHF Committee of the Receiver Division.

Magnetics, Inc. **Elect Top Executives**

Arthur O. Black has been elected president and William D. Dickey, executive vice-president of Magnetics, Inc., of Butler, Pennsylvania, by action of the company's board of directors.





A. O. Black

W. D. Dickey

Mr. Black, one of the founders of the firm, has acted successively as director of sales and executive vicepresident of the organization.

Mr. Dickey, who will also fill the role of general manager, brings to his post extensive experience in corporate management and administration. He joined Magnetics, Inc. in 1955 as treasurer.

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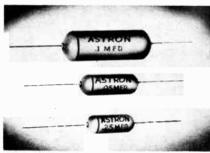
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NEW PRODUCTS

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Molded Plastic Metallized Paper Tubular

Item 1058
A manufacturer of capacitors and r.f. noise suppression filters, has announced that the Comet, first molded plastic metallized paper tubular, is now available in production quantities.



This new development, combines economy in commercial and military production with all the important operating characteristics and physical advantages of a metallized paper capacitor and the absolute protection a molded plastic shell.

of a molded plastic shell.

The Comet features: tough metallized paper capacitor section for miniature size, self-healing characteristics, light weight, and dependable operation; impervious immersion-proof, heat resistant, moisture safe, plastic shell; bonded end seal eliminates environmental effects; solid thermosetting impregnant for reliable operation over temperature range of — 65°C. to + 125°C. temperature range of - 65°C. to + 125°C.

vacuum impregnation guarantees uniformity of units; firmly implanted leads won't pull or melt out . . . makes soldering in tight places easy! Every unit is individually tested and guaranteed.

• Single-Turn Precision

Potentiometer Item 1059

simplified method of phasing multisection potentiometers is incorporated in the new Vari-Phase Precision Potentiometers.

These potentiometers permit external in-dependent phasing of each sectional cup without affecting the phase relationships of others in the group. Furthermore, the phas-ing may be accomplished after mounting in equipment, in order to correct or cancel out any mechanical or electrical errors that may have developed during or after assembly. The phasing is accomplished by loosening a clamping nut, moving the terminal board in the desired direction, then retightening. Vari-Phase Potentiometers have no clamping rings to hold cups, and therefore

a reduction in overall diameter is realized. Vari/Phase Potentiometers are available varieties retentioneters are available in five different sizes to meet the many functional requirements: 7_8 ", 1_{16} ", 15_{16} ", 2" and 3" diameters. Mounting conforms to Aircraft Industries Associated Standards, hut other types of mounting are also avail-

• Leak Detector Item 1060

The first non-destructive, atomic energy leak detection system known as Radiflo, for testing hermetically sealed parts and con-tainers, has been announced.

The Radiflo System provides a nominal sensitivity of 1 c.c. per 500 years, is ideally suited to the automation industry and custom testing among manufacturers, users, laboratories, etc., requiring products sealed to the highest standards of quality. Typical applications consist of hermetically sealed relays, evacuated metal bellows, special vacuum tubes, sealed switches, pressure vacuum tubes, sealed switches, pressure and temperature controls, bourdon tubes, etc. The system may be used in any leak detection problem whether for positive or negative sealed pressures, and on a semi or fully automatic basis.

The Radiffo System is economically adapted to mass production because large numbers of parts can be radiated or immersed and cleaned simultaneously. Thus, over 50,-000 parts may be tested per month, on a single shift basis.

Hydrogen Thyratron

Item 1061
A new hydrogen thyratron, the PL-165 is now on the market. The new tube has ratings intermediate between those of the 4C35 and the well-known PL-5C22, but is no larger than the 4C35. The new PL-165 is



especially designed for applications where space is limited to that occupied by the 4C35, but where the capabilities of the 4C35 are exceeded. Maximum ratings of the PL-165 are: Peak plate voltage, 12 k.v.; peak plate current 325 amperes. Maximum dimensions are: height overall, 6.25 inches; seated height, 5.63 inches; diameter, 2.56 inches.

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NEWS

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Third Annual Canadian Room

The third annual Canadian Room held in the Hotel Commodore March 18th to 23rd again played host to the many Canadians attending the IRE Annual Convention and Exhibition in New York City. Despite the worst snow storm to hit New York since 1946 several hundred Canadians managed to make their way to New York for the world's largest exhibition of electronic equipment. Close to three hundred Canadians and a number of American businessmen attended the Canadian Room. Included among the contingent of Canadians who visited the Canadian headquarters were management and engineering personnel representing the Canadian electronics and communications industries together with government officials from the three Canadian armed services, Department of Defense Production, National Research Council, Canadian Arsenals Limited, Inspection Board of Canada, Atomic Energy of Canada and the Department of Transport.

The Canadian Room is held annually during the Institute of Radio Engineers National Convention and Show to provide a meeting place for Canadian visitors to the show and their American business associates. Members of the operating committee for the 1956 Canadian Room were: Gerald Morello, Quality Hermetics Limited; Bill Deacon, Adams Engineering; Clare Fraser, PSC Applied Research Limited; Ed Lomas, E. G. Lomas Company; T. W. Lazenby, Electronics and Communications; Ray Peirce, Sperry Gyroscope Company of Canada; Seymour Janikun, Atlas Radio Corp., Limited; Ken Davis, J. R. Longstaffe Co., Limited; John Root, R-O-R Associates Limited and Bud Dallyn, Electronics and Communications.

W. Stanley Kendall Joins Computing Devices of Canada

Newly appointed contracts manager for Computing Devices of Canada Limited is W. Stanley Kendall,

formerly director of sales for Collins Radio in Canada.



W. S. Kendali

Mr. Kendall will be responsible for making the services and facilities of Computing Devices of Canada known to prospective customers for specialized elec-

tronic equipment in government and industry. He will work from the head office of the company at Bells Corners, near Ottawa.

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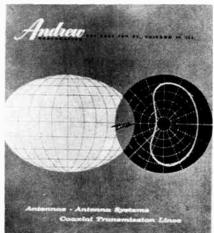
Engineering Considerations Of Carrier Telephone System

Item 1062
A 67-page booklet of engineering considerations on Type 45A Carrier Telephone

siderations on Type 45A Carrier Telephone Systems has recently been published and is now available to the telephone industry. The booklet describes transmission characteristics, system layout, line equip-ment, incidental cables, equipment con-siderations and auxiliary buildings. It contains many graphs and diagrams illustrating the various sections of the book, all of which will be of paramount interest to the telephone engineer.

New Antenna Products Catalog

Item 1063
One of the well-known designers and manufacturers of antennas, antenna systems and transmission line, has produced one of the most comprehensive catalogs, devoted to this segment of broadcasting and communications, that has come to our attention.



This 100 page catalog contains the proout description and engineering data of over 500 of their products. Twenty pages are devoted to system engineering data and related information that engineers specializing in this field of electronics will find informative. The catalog is available upon request.

New Tandem Transistor

Now available for the first time is a newly developed MT-1 tandem transistor which increases the utility and versatility of semi-conductor devices. Two d.c.-coupled transistor elements are housed in a single case and form a simple two-stage cascade. The tandem transistor combines extremely high current and power gain with a high ratio of input-to-output resistances. In addition it is a variable-B (Beta) transistor equivalent to a variable-u (Mu) pentode.

Ruggedized Panel Instrument

Item 1065
A new, ruggedized 1½" panel instrument has been designed for applications in aircraft, portable or other electronic equipment subject to shock, vibration or tem-

perature extremes.

Model 131 instrument is available in a wide variety of scales, ranges and specifi-cations. Standard features include a positive watertight sealing arrangement, high flux density Alnico No. 5 magnet, and a ruggedized version of the DeJur miniaturized external pivot D'Arsonval movement for maximum accuracy and stability.

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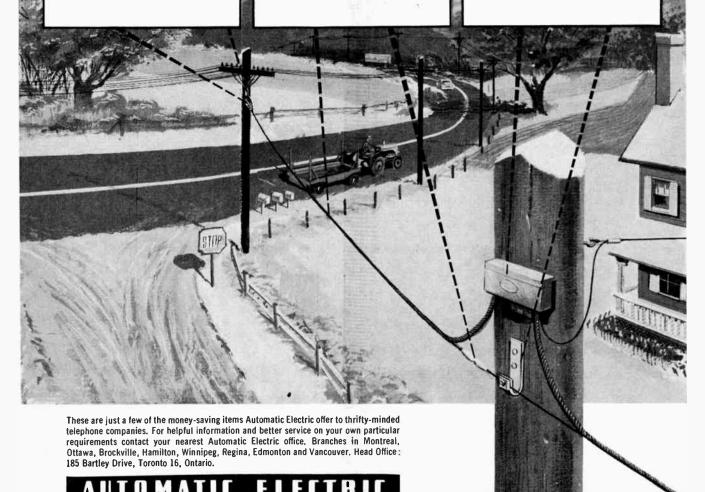
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simple control head providing squelch control and a monitor speaker were made up with interchangeable plugs, which allows the transmitter proper to be removed from the vehicle and set up within a few minutes and just as quickly installed again. A simple whip antennae was used with a suction cup mount or mast that can be jammed into the ice.

Alternating Key Switches

By B. H. Bedford, President CHVC Niagara Falls, Ont.

An idea that we employ is scarcely revolutionary, but several visiting station men did not have it themselves and

felt they could employ it.

On our control console, each key switch that brings in a microphone, turntable, or nemo input has an opposite position that throws the same piece of equipment into the audition mixing system. This is normal, I believe. But in our case the same key switch actuates another set of relays that throws all studio and control room loudspeakers over from the normal program system on to the audition system. The same is accomplished by the extension switch in the announce room. This means that pre-program business and instructions from studio to control room are made much simpler than with a separate talk-back system.

Carrying this further, the loudspeaker feed is also fed out on all nemo inputs up to the moment the nemo input is put on the air. From this the man on remote gets his cue, or an engineer testing lines in advance just needs to carry headphones, and the line company can easily check any line we have patched up. It also means that by flicking his mike on audition the control room man talks to a remote operator at will. The only time this does not work is on remotes over forty miles, where the carrier company inserts a one-way repeater. On all short remotes we avoid the expense of an order wire.

Generally this arrangement necessitates relays since direct switching would require many key contacts and difficulty might arise through high level and low level circuits in proximity.



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According to the manufacturers, the ATBEE makes an ideal power source for dosimeter chargers, timing circuits, trickle chargers, Geiger Counters, elec-

trostatic generators, scintillation counters and ionization counters.

This remarkable energy source delivers 17,000 volts per cell (measured by a Dept. of Defense Agency) with a maximum current of one millimicroampere. It measures one inch in diameter, 1% inches in height and weighs 5 ounces. Its usefulness as a power source can be seen from its 25-year half-life, high voltage, and linear charging rate, plus the wide temperature range over which it operates effectively. Because no chemical reaction takes place, the nuclear battery can be used in temperatures ranging from — 65°C. to + 65°C.

Currently, limited quantities of two versions of the unit are available. Designated as Models F-10 and F-50, they consist of three basic parts, a 2 or a 10 mc strontium-90 source of beta particles, an electrode which collects these beta particles, and a solid insulator which allows penetration of the high speed beta particles but prohibits any reverse flow of low energy particles.

The equivalent electrical circuit of the source is a parallel arrangement of three elements — a constant current source I_b, an internal resistance R₁ of the insulator induced b radiation and the geometrical capacitance C. Straight-forward circuit theory can be used to calculate the effect of any external circuit on these characteristics.

Insulation proved the critical feature in developing the source. Because physical and electrical properties of insulators are degraded by nuclear radiation, the manufacturer was forced to develop his own method of treating a plastic dielectric so that it would provide high volume resistivity under radiation and would not lose any appreciable tensile strength.

The manufacturer selected strontium-90 as the beta particle source because of its abundance in the fission process and its availability in large quantities, but other isotopes can be used when a different battery life is desired.





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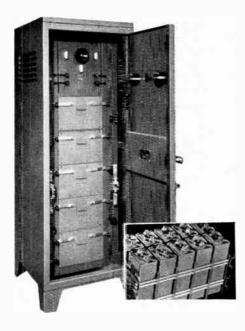
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NEWS

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Promotions Announced By Fiberglas

The appointment of Charles W. Ness as advertising and promotion manager of Fiberglas Canada Limited has been announced by T. J. Bell, executive vice-president of the company.





C. W. Ness

K. D. Hutchinson

Mr. Ness graduated from the University of Toronto as a metallurgical engineer in 1939. In 1946 he joined the sales department of Fiberglas Canada Limited and since 1950 has been manager of the textile products division.

Kenneth D. Hutchinson, manager of Eastern Canada sales, has been moved from the Montreal office to succeed Mr. Ness as manager of the textile products division.

Mr. Hutchinson has been with the Fiberglas Company since 1945, when he joined the Oshawa office staff. Six months later he was transferred to the Montreal sales branch and has been there ever since with the exception of the year 1949 when he was in the Toronto sales office.

Appointment At Decca Radar (Canada) Limited

E. E. Jenkins has recently been appointed manager of the Systems Division of Decca Radar (Canada) Limited. Since coming to Canada in 1951, Mr. Jenkins has been associated with the Northern Electric Company, Belleville, on the manufacture of the FPS-3 Search Radar. In 1953 he was on loan to Air Material Command in Ottawa to advise on the maintenance of ground radar equipment, and subsequently joined the Civil Service there.

Measurements Corp. Acquires Linear Equipment Labs, Inc.

The acquisition of Linear Equipment Laboratories, Inc. has recently been announced by Measurements Corporation of Boonton, New Jersey. The company has been located in Copiague, Long Island, New York but will move to the new location at Boonton, New Jersey.

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The Model 4201 Program Equalizer has been developed to provide utmost versatility for the compensation of sound recording and broadcast channels. High and low frequencies may be boosted or attenuated while the program is in progress with negligible effect on volume levels. It may be switched in or out instantaneously to permit compensation at predetermined portions of the program. This feature is especially useful in tape dubbing work.



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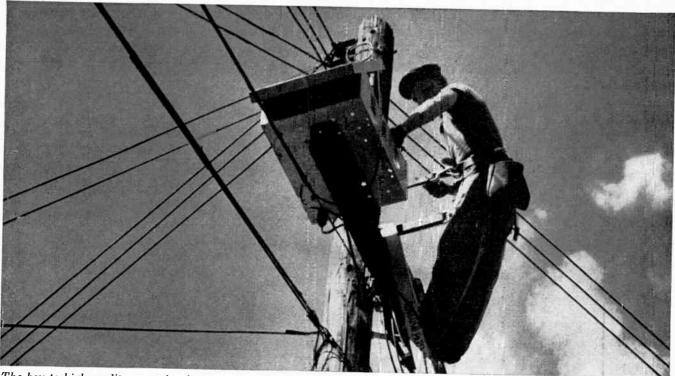
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The key to high quality reception for Dubuque TV viewers is provided by Jerrold's high-gain, low-distortion signal amplifying equipment. "Right down the line" — at the an-

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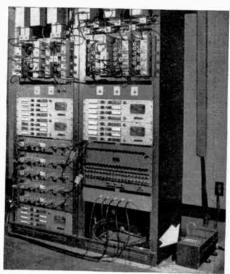
To provide Dubuque viewers with the highest quality picture possible, the system uses high-gain receiving antennas, mounted on a 420 tower. Jerrold high-gain amplifiers then forward signals through 12 miles of coaxial cable, branching into an amplified distribution network of 130 miles of coaxial cable embracing the whole of the city.

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• Fred W. Radcliffe, the newly appointed general manager of the Radio-Electronics - Television Manufacturers Association of Canada.

A. R. Williams Agents For Sealomatic Equipment

Recently announced is the appointment of The A. R. Williams Machinery Company Limited, sales division of Standard-Modern Tool Company Limited, as representatives for Sealomatic Electronic Heat Sealing equipment for the whole of Canada with the exception of the Province of Quebec.

The A. R. Williams Machinery Company Limited is located at 373 Front Street East, Toronto 2, Canada.

ARL Production Appointments Announced

The re-organization of PSC Applied Research's Production Division in line with the Toronto company's expansion plans is announced by Mr. J. M. Bridgman, managing director.

F. Manly Haines, a director of the company and former production mana-

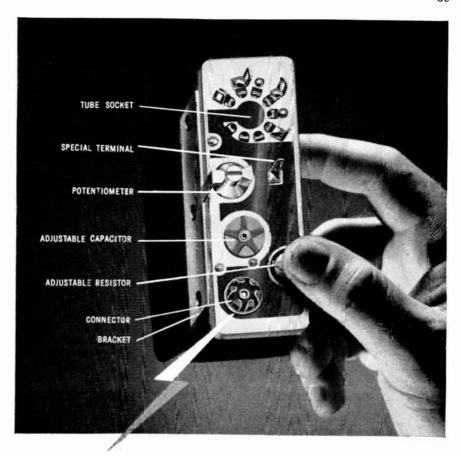


F. M. Haines

ger becomes production director.
James Speight,
formerly in research and technical supervision and administration of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission's plant at Strachan Avenue in Toronto, has

been appointed assistant to Mr. Haines. Stein Sunde has been appointed production manager. Oswald A. Schmidt becomes assistant production manager, precision instrumentation, mechanical and Roy Adams, assistant production manager, electric and electronic instrumentation.

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IRE Toronto Section Considers Directional Broadcasting

On Monday, April 9th, the Toronto Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers met to hear a brief account of directional broadcasting in Canada. The speaker was E. W. Farmer, M.Eng., P.Eng., M.E.I.C., a Senior Member of the IRE and Supervisor of the Communications Systems Engineering Group of the Canadian Marconi Company, Montreal.

During his talk, Mr. Farmer

developed an antenna pattern and demonstrated the design of the coupling equipment required to get the power into the antenna and realize the desired pattern.

New Modern Plant For Hycor

Hycor Division of International Resistance Company recently announced the opening of its new, larger plant in Southern California's San Fernando Valley.

According to the firm's management, the major purposes of the expansion are greater production economy, faster delivery and better all-round service.

David F. Knudsen Becomes Public Relations Manager For CDC

Computing Devices of Canada Limited has appointed a full time Public Relations Manager. He is David F.



D. F. Knudsen

Knudsen, for the past five years Editor of Electrical News and Engineering.

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was the first all
Canadian company to enter the
specialized field
of electronic computation. It is now

active in research, development and manufacture of electronic devices for government and industry. Mr. Knudsen will be located at the head office of the company at Bells Corners, near Ottawa.

Appointments Made By Canadian Westinghouse

Three appointments in the Canadian Westinghouse Company's television-radio division have been announced by W. A. Dewar, recently named marketing manager. They are: L. O. Johannson, who has been named television production manager, marketing department; Sesto Sinibaldi, appointed radio product manager; and C. F. Moor, who has been named as manufacturer's representative for Ontario.

Canadian Marconi Provide Chairmen For Workshop Seminar

A workshop seminar was held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, from April 23rd to April 25th by the American Management Association.



Geo. E. Rochford

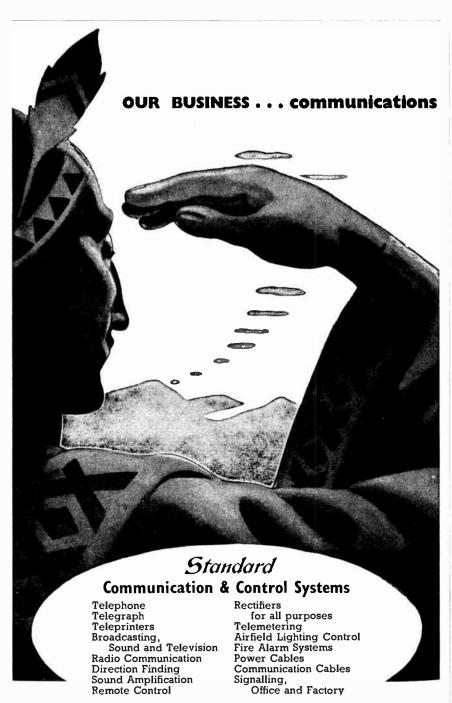


J. A. Howlett

George E. Rochford, production manager of Canadian Marconi Company's Commercial Products Division, Montreal, served as chairman for the seminar on Production Planning and Control.

Jack A. Howlett, personnel development officer of the Canadian Marconi Company acted as chairman of the discussion-type meeting which dealt with executive selection.

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J. H. Baldwin Heads Design Group At Minneapolis-Honeywell

Formation of a new design and development engineering group in the Aero Division of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. Ltd. which will work in the fields of automatic control and instrumentation, has been announced by Carl A. Anderson, manager of the Aero Division.

The new group will be headed by



J. H. Baldwin

John H. Baldwin, a native of British Columbia, who has been a supervisor in the Aeronautical Research Department of the Honeywell organization in the United States. Mr. Baldwin's experience includes that of project engi-

neer on the U.S. Navy's Automatic Carrier Approach and Landing System developed by Minneapolis-Honeywell and the development of reliability analysis systems.

J. E. Cuninghame Transferred From CGE To Syracuse, N.Y.

John E. Cuninghame, formerly with the Electronic Equipment and Tube Department of Canadian General Electric Company Ltd., has recently been transferred to the Microwave and Communications Department of the General Electric Company at Electronics Park, Syracuse, N.Y.

The new position involves the de-



J. E. Cuninghame

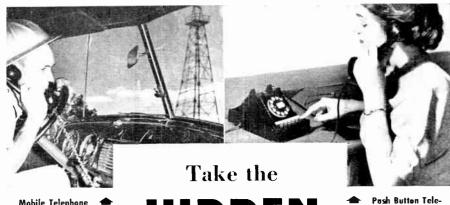
velopment of specialized electronic equipment of a classified nature for use by the United States Armed Forces and industrial users.

Mr. Cuninghame originally studied electronic engineering in the

United States in 1937. During the war he was a radar officer in the Royal Air Force and was one of the first 20 Canadians to be commissioned by the Air Force for secret radar work. Included among Mr. Cuninghame's special assignments were the building in Iceland of what was for many years the most northerly radar station in the world three months before Pearl Harbour, and the installation on the Western Front of the first "GH" radar stations to be used by Bomber Command.

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J. F. Hooper To Manage Mid-West Region For Rogers Majestic Electronics

S. G. Paterson, president and general manager, Rogers Majestic Electronics Limited, announces the appointment of John F. Hooper as manager, mid-west region, covering the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and north western Ontario to the head of the lakes.



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J. F. Hooper

sory control equipment and other communications products

In his new capacity, Mr. Hooper

manufactured by the company.

New CESCO Division For Industrial Sales

M. I. Rosenthal, president of Canadian Electrical Supply Co., Ltd., has announced the setting up of a "Government and Industrial Division" to handle inquiries and expedite orders.

The manager of the new division will be Mr. J. Pascal, who has had 27 years of experience in the radio and electronic fields and during the last 12 years has held various positions in the company.

Arthur H. Gregory Receives New Appointment At Northern Electric

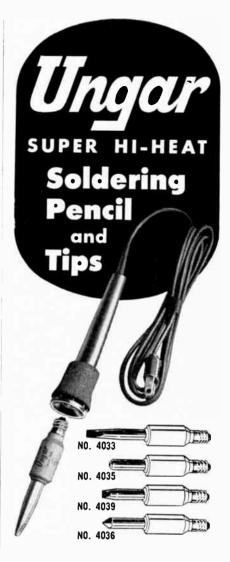
Arthur H. Gregory has been appointed manager of the semi-conductor products department of the Northern Electric Company's Communications Equipment Division in Montreal.

Mr. Gregory, who is a graduate of the University of Manitoba with a B.Sc. (Electrical Engineering) degree, joined Northern



Electric in Montreal in 1941, and was on the staff of the company's Pacific district between 1945 and 1954. He has had experience in both the electronics and telephone equipment engineering fields,

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Item 1066 A new concept in headset design has been produced by a nationally known manufac-turer of headsets, hearing aids and electronic components.

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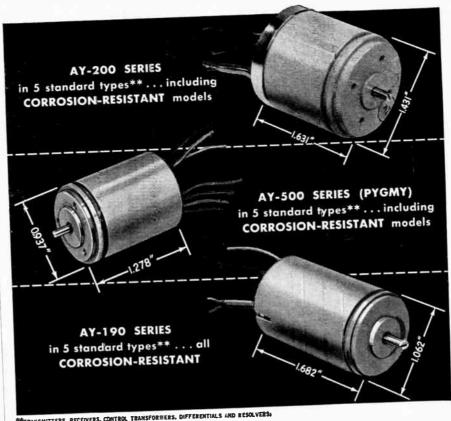
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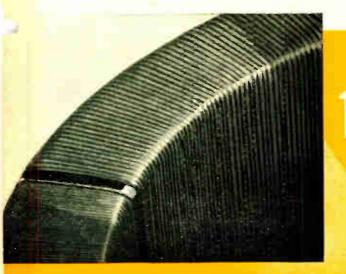
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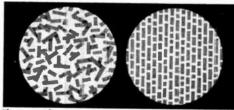
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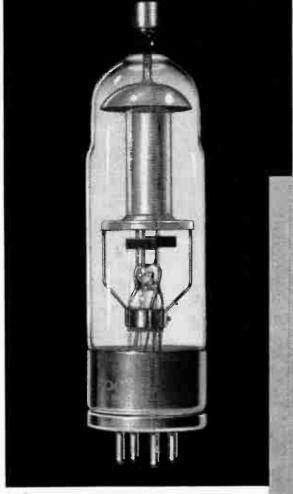
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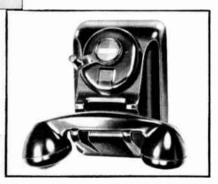


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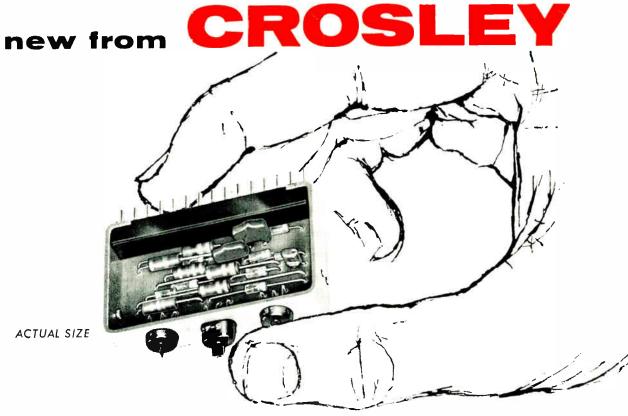
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