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Appointments follow SPC re-organization changes

The Communications Department, formerly under the Electrical Engineering Division of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, now reports directly to **W. B. Clipsham**, assistant general manager in charge of engineering. The change was made recently when the Electrical Engineering Division was sub-divided into a Construction Division and an Electrical Design Division.

Head of the Communications Department is **Harold Kaldor**, communications engineer since 1956.

Beckman sales engineer serves western Canada

Appointment of **Donald G. Drew** as process sales engineer in the northwest section of the United States and western Canada has been announced by the Scientific and Process Instruments Division of Beckman Instruments, Inc. The announcement was made by Paul E. Paules, western regional manager for the division.

Mr. Drew's territory will include the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Muirhead Instruments' appointments

Staff appointments were recently announced by A. J. Muirhead, executive vice-president of Muirhead Instruments Limited, Stratford, Ont.

R. W. Watler, P.Eng., has been named general manager of the company. **R. G. Roth, B.A.**, **C.A.**, has been appointed accountant.

Muirhead Instruments Limited are makers of precision electrical instruments.

H. Shannon

CGE names manager of sales for tube section

Ross E. Magnus has been appointed manager of sales to equipment manufacturers for Canadian General Electric's Electronic Tube Section. In his new position, Mr. Magnus directs and is responsible for the national sales of General Electric tubes, capacitors and devices to original equipment manufacturers in the entertainment, industrial and defense markets, according to V. B. Dowdell, manager of marketing, who made the announcement.

Mr. Magnus joined the Canadian General Electric Company in 1953. After completing various company training programs, he was appointed as a sales representative to call on equipment manufacturers, in which capacity he has served for the past three years.

Arborite Company appointments

The Arborite Company Limited announces the appointment of Allen G. Ballard as manager of the new Continental-Diamond Fibre Division in Toronto, exclusive fabricators and distributors of industrial laminates. Mr. Ballard has been associated with Continental-Diamond since it was founded in 1919. A former subsidiary of the Continental - Diamond Corporation of Newark, Delaware, its assets were recently purchased by The Arborite Company Limited.

Edward L. Crossman has been named assistant manager of the new division, which operates a plant in Toronto and sales offices in Montreal and Vancouver. Mr. Crossman joined Continental-Diamond in 1929, and is well-known throughout the industry.

Divisional appointments by RCA Victor

G. L. Mansour, vice-president, Consumer Products, RCA Victor Company, Ltd., has announced two senior company appointments.

C. F. Whittaker, formerly manager of Product Development, Home Instrument Marketing, is appointed to the new position of general manager, Home Instrument Merchandising Division.

H. B. Shannon becomes manager, Brand Line Sales, Home Instrument Merchandising.

Jacques Wolff, formerly general manager, Home Instrument Marketing Division, has been transferred to RCA International. He will take up his new position in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Whittaker joined RCA Victor as a field engineer in 1946. He served as western sales manager and branch manager before being appointed manager of Product Development for Home Instruments in 1959. In his new position he will report to the vicepresident, Consumer Products.

Mr. Shannon first joined RCA Victor as an equipment salesman in 1953. In 1956 he was promoted to manager, Industrial Sales and the following year was transferred to the RCA Victor Semiconductor and Materials Division in Somerville, N.J.

Staff changes at Instronics

John E. Knowles, president of Instronics Limited, Stittsville, Ontario, has recently announced several staff changes in the company.

John Westlake, formerly ITTESCO depot manager in Montreal, has been employed by Instronics Limited as Western Canada sales manager, located at 4912-26th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Douglas Leach, formerly Ottawa sale representative, is located at 113 Winthrop Avenue, Pointe Claire, P.Q., and will act as sales manager for the area of Quebec and the Maritimes.

L. G. Cote, formerly Capt. Cote of the Directorate of Signals, Ottawa, join Instronics Limited, October 1, as general sales manager.

For the present Mr. Leach will retain the duties of advertising manager. A sales engineer to replace Mr. Leach in the Ottawa area has not yet been located.

Edward Rockerfeller joins Instronics, October 1, as service manager.

G. C. Gibson joins Elcom Marketing Ltd.

E. E. (Ted) Thompson, president of Elcom Marketing Limited, announces the appointment of George C. Gibson to the firm's staff as of September 12 to be responsible for component sales to industrial electronic, electrical apparatus and appliance manufacturers.

Mr. Gibson has been with Philco Corporation of Canada Limited for the past five years with responsibility for sales, firstly in Northern Ontario and latterly in Toronto West. Prior to this, he was service manager for Hallicrafters Canada Limited for three years. During the last war he was loaned by the RAF to assist in the training of wireless operators at No. 1 Wireless School in Montreal.

Northern Electric appoints six vice-presidents

Six Northern Electric officials have been promoted to the rank of vicepresident, R. D. Harkness, president of the company, announced recently.

A. B. Hunt, general manager, research and development, becomes vicepresident, research and development; C. A. Peachey, general manager, communications equipment division, becomes vice-president and general manager, communications equipment division; J. G. Little, general manager, wire and cable division, becomes vicepresident and general manager, wire and cable division; F. F. Fulton, general manager, telephone contract division, becomes vice-president and general managr, telephone contract division; V. O. Marquez, general manager, sales division, becomes vice-president and general manager, sales division; S. B. Wickes, comptroller, becomes vice-president and comptroller.

These appointments reflect the growth of the company and the many new developments which have occurred during recent years in all spheres of the company's activities.

Canadian equipment sells in the United States

U.S. Radium Corporation has announced plans to sell in the United States a line of Geiger tubes produced by Electronic Associates Limited of Canada.

Electronic Associates developed its first Geiger tube in 1946. Since that time EA tubes have been used in a variety of industrial and research applications.

United States Radium Corporation is a leading supplier of radiation sources and related nuclear products.

Wholesale Radio appointment

George R. Gardiner, chairman of the board of directors, recently announced the appointment of W. F. Saynor as general manager of Wholesale Radio & Electronics Limited, a subsidiary of Zenith Electric Supply Limited.

Paisley Products appointed Canadian distributor

Announcement has recently been made of the appointment of Paisley Products of Canada, Ltd. as sole distributor for London Chemical Company of Chicago. The latter company manufactures a line of chemical products widely used in the electrical and electronic industries.

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north of Arctic Circle

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Туре	Minimum Peak Reverse Voltage and Minimum Forward Breakover Voltage (Volts)	Maxmum Average Forward Current (amps) at 25°C case at 100°C case		Hex size of Package	Package	
TCR 520	50	20		10		
TCR 2020	200	20		10		
TCR 4020	400	20		10	i 1/16	Q
TCR 510	50	10		5		
TCR 2010	200	10		5		
TCR 4010	400	10		5		
Туре	Minimum Peak Reverse Voltage and Minimum Forward Breakover Voltage (Volts)	Maximum Ave Forward Curr (arr.ps) at 80°C cas	rage ent e	Maximum Gate Current to Fire (ma)	Maximum Holding Current (ma)	Package
2N1595	50	:		10.	25	
2N1599	40C	1		10.	25	F
TCR 4001	400	I		0.2	5	
2N1600	50	3		10.	25	
2N 1604	400	3		10.	25	Р
TCR 4005	400	5	2	20,	25	

TRANSWITCHES

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Туре	Service	Minimum Breakover Voltage VB11 (Volts)	Maximum Forward Current Ix (ma)	Maximum Gate Current to Turn-On Ic: On (ma)	Maximum Gate Current to Turn-Off I., Off (ma)	Package
TSW-31 *	Military	30	50	1.0	10	
TSW-101A	Military	100	100	1.0	15	S
SW-30	Commercial	30	30	1.5	10	

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Type	Minimum Breakover Voltage Vico (Volts)	Maximum Current Range (ma)	Maximum Gate Current to Turn-On (ma)	Typical Output Capacitance (µµf)	Package
TSW-315	30	1 to 200	.02	5	S
TSW-1015	100	1 to 200	.02	5	S

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Туре	Service	Maximum Collector Voltage (V _{C1})	Maximum Critical Injector Current (ma)	Maximum Collector Cutoff Current (µA) 25°C 150°C	Maximum Temperature Range (°C)
3N56	Military	15	0.5	0.2 10	-65 to +150
3N57	Commercial	15	0.5	0.2 -	-55 to +100

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Ratings at 150°C

Туре	Maximum Average Forward Current (Amps)	Peak Recurrent Inverse Voltage (Volts)	Maximum Inverse Current (ma)	Package
Г К21	.5	200	.2	М
T K41	.5	400	.2	M
ТК61	.5	600	.2	M
1N2506 (SL710)	.1	1000	.2	G
1N2507 (SL712)	.1	1200	.2	G
1N2508 (SL715)	.1	1500	.2	G
1N538 (JAN)	.25	200	.35	G
1N540 (JAN)	.25	400	.35	G
1N547 (JAN)	.25	600	.35	G
2W9†	.05	900	.2	В
2₩15	.05	1500	.2	В
2W20A	.075	2000	.2	B
1N253" (JAN)	1.0	95	.1	E
1N254 (JAN)	0.4	190	.1	E
1N255 (JAN)	0.4	380	.15	E
1N256" (JAN)	0 2	5"0	.25	· E
TM67	3	600	.5	E
TM47	3	400	.5	E
TM124	1	1200	.5	E
IM104	1	1000	5	E
TM155	0.4	1500	5	E
1N249A	20	100	5	С
1N250A	20	200	5	С
ER402	20	400	5	С
1N411B	50	50	15	J
1N412B	50	100	15	J
1N413B	50	200	15	J
181028	50	400	15	1

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Туре	Minimum Common Emitter Current Gain, Ø	Maximum Collector Voltage Vor Peak (Volts)	Typicał Cut-Off Frequency (MC)	Maximum Collector Cut-Off Current (# 25°C. at V _c max (µa)	Packa
		FAST SWIT	CHING		
2N728 (ST6008)	20	30	150	5	R
2N729 (ST6010)	20	15	150	5	R
2N754	20	60	30	1	R
2N755	20	80	30	1	R
		LOW LEVE			
2N1247 (ST1026)	15 (л 5 да (D.C.)	6	5	.005 ((a 3V)	F
		LOW N	OISE		
2N1248 (ST1050)	15	6	5	.01 (<i>a</i>) 3V	F
		GENERAL P	URPOSE		
2N336	78	45	13	50	F
ST904	18	30	9	10	1
ST905	36	30	10	10	I
		MILITA	RY		
USN 2N332	9	45	7	50	F
USN 2N333	18	45	9	50	F
USN 2N335	37	45	10	50	F
USN 2N337	20	45	20	50	F
USN 2N338	45	45	30	50	F
USN 2N117	9	30	8	10	н
JAN 2N118	18	30	10	10	н
USN 2N119	36	30	11	10	н
		HIGH RELI	BILITY		
2N543A	80	45	15	0.5	F
2N480A	40	45	11	0.5	F
2N475A	20	45	10	0.5	F

		MEDIUN	1 POWER	2	
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		HIGH V	OLTAGE		
Туре	Maximum Power Dissipation at 100°C Case (Watts)	Maximum Collector Voltage V.: max (Volts)	Minimum D.C. Common Emitter Current Gain, B	Typical Collector Saturation Voltage (Volts)	Package
2N547	5	60	20 (# 500ma	3V (11 500ma	F-1
2N549	5	60	20 (# 200ma	2.5V (# 200ma	F-L
2N551	5	60	20 (// 50ma	1V (# 50ma	F-1
2N498	2.5	100	12 (# 200ma	4V (# 200ma	F-1
2N65/	2.5	100	30 (** 200 ma	4V (11 200ma	F-1
2N1054	5	125	20 (a 200ma	2.5V (/ 200ma	F-1
2N1055	5	125	20 (# 50ma	1V (# 50ma	F-1
		FAST SV	VITCHING		
2N545	5	0)	15 er 500ma	3V (11 500ma	F-I
2N546	5	30	15 (# 500ma	2V (11 500m a	F-1
2N696	1	60	20 (a 150ma	1V (a. 150ma	F
2N697	1	60	40 (cr. 150ma	1V @ 150ma	F
		HIGH	BETA		
2N1116	5	60	40 (m 500ma	3V (** 500ma	F-1
2N1117	5	60	40 (m. 200m a	2.5V (# 200ma	F-1
		1 W	VATT		
2N339A	1.2	60	20 (// 5ma**	1V (// 20ma	N
2N340A	1.2	85	20 (m 5ma *	1V (# 20ma	N
2N341A	1.2	125	20 (# 5ma**	1V (// 20ma	N
2N342	400mw*	60	9 (1 5ma**	2V (# 20ma	N
2N343	400m.w.	60	28 (# 5ma**	2V (# 20ma	N
		*Ambient temp "A C. current r	perature rating gain		

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Туре	Maximum Collector Voltage V _e (Volts)	Typical D.C. Common Emitter Current Gain β	Typical Collector Saturation Resistance (ohms)	Typical D.C. Input Voltage (Volts)	Package				
2N1647	80	30 (4 500ma	1.5 (<i>a</i> 1 amp	2 (a. 1A	Т				
2N1648	120	30 🐖 500m a	1.7 @ 1 amp	2 🤐 1A	T				
2N1649	80	50 (a 500m a	1.5 (# 1 amp	2 (a 1A	Т				
2N1650	120	50 (# 500m a	1.7 (a 1 amp	2 (<u>a</u> 1A	T				

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	Stud Package (D)	Flange Packaged (0)	Maximum Collector Voltage V _c (Volts)	Minimum D.C. Common Emitter Current Gain, B	Typical Collector Saturation Resistance (ohms)	Typical D.C. Input Voltage
	2N1616	2N1210	60	15 (a. 2 amps	.8 (a 2 amps	1.2 🤐 2A
1	2N1617	2N1211	80	15 (a 2 amps	.8 (a 2 amps	1.2 (u 2A
	2N1618	2N1620	100	15 (a 2 amps	.8 (# 2 amps	1.2 (<i>a</i> 2A
	2N1212	2N389	60	12 (@ 1 amp	3 (a Lamp	5 (# 1.5A
	2N1208	2N1250	60	15 (# 2 amps	1.5 @ 2 amps	2.5 (a. 2A
	ST415	2N424	80	12 (a 1 amp	3.5 (a. 1 amp	5 (a75A
	ST450	ST440	60	10 (a 1 amp	5 (a 1 amp	6 (a 1A

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		DIFF	USED		
Туре	Maximum Inverse Operating Voltage (Volts)	Maximum Average Forward Current @ 25°C (ma)	Maximum Recovery Time (µsec)	Military Types	Package
1N643	180	40	0.3	USA	A-1
1N658	100	200	200 0.3 USA		A-1
1N659	50	50 100 0.3			A
1N660	100	100 0.3		А	
1N661	200	100	0.3		A
1N662	90	40	0.5	USA	A-1
1N662A	90	200	0.5		A
1N663	90	60	0.5	USA	A-1
1N691	70	200	0.8*		A
1N693	180	200	0.8*	0.8*	
1N808	100	100	0.3	0.3	
1N809	200	100	0.3		A
1N840	40	300	0.3		A
1N906	20	50	0.0041		A
1N914	75	10	0.004:		A
1N922	100	500	0.03		A
1N928	100	20	0.15		A
1 Construction 1		•Switching from 10ma	n 500ma to 40 v to 6 volts	olts	
		1	BONDED		
1N251	30	30	0.15	JAN	A-1
1N252	20	40	0.15		A
1N993	8	20	0.004		A



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		HIGH CO	DNDUCTANCE		
Туре	Maximum Inverse Operating Voltage (Volts)	Maximum Average Forward Current at 150°C (ma)	Maximum Inverse Current at 150°C (µa (@ V)	Military Types	Package
1N457	60	25	5 @ 60	JAN	A-1
1N458	125	25	5 @ 125	JAN	A-1
1N459	175	25	5 @ 175	JAN	A-1
		SUBMINIA	URE RECTIFIER	RS	
Туре	Maximum Inverse Operating Voltage (Volts)	Maximum Average Forward Current at 150°C (ma)	Maximum Average Inverse Current at Rated Voltage (µa)	Nilitary Types	Package
1N645	225	150	15 @ 100°C	USAF	A-1
1N646	300	150	15 @ 100°C	USAF	A-1
1N647	400	150	20 @ 100°C	USAF	A-1
1N648	500	150	20 (g. 100°C	USAF	A-1
1N649	600	150	25 @ 100°C	USAF	A-1

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- Low inverse currents
- Excellent stability
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Forward Voltage drop @ 10ma	1.0	.5	volts max.
Inverse current (a6 volts	30.0	10.0	µа max.
Maximum inverse voltage rating	8.0	15.0	volts
Maximum temperature	75.0	75.0	*C

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Specifications and ratings at 25°C

Туре	Minimum Forward Current at + 1V (ma)	Maximum Inverse Current at Specified Voltage (µa (@. V)	Maximum Operating Voltage (volts)	Description
1N270	200	100 (a - 50	80	
1N277	100	250 (a) =50 (a) 75°C 75 (a) =10 (a) 75°C	100	IAN TYPES
1N276	40	100 (a50	50	(Package A-1)
1N281	100	500 (a) - 50 30 (a) - 10	60	
1N283	200	20 (a) -10	20	
1N695 1N695A	100	2 (a) -10 20 (a) -10 (a) 70°C 10 (a) -20	29	COMPUTER
716G	40	$ \begin{array}{r} 100 \ \alpha & -50 \\ 20 \ \alpha & -10 \end{array} $	60	(Package A)
1N278	20	125 (a) -50 (a) 75°C	50	HIGH
T20G	20	500 (a) -50 (a) 75°C 30 (a) -10 (a) 75°C	50	TEMPERATURE TYPES
T22G	40	20 (m - 10 @ 75°C	15	(Package A)
T9G	100	20 (a) - 50 2 (a) - 10	60	HIGH
T13G	40	2 @ -10	20	(Package A)

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D. A. Golden Speaks on Defense Sharing

Addressing electronics manufacturers attending the C.N.E. Directors' Luncheon on Radio and TV Day, David A. Golden outlined the main aspects of the work of his department in the development and production sharing program. Mr. Golden is Deputy Minister, Department of Defense Production in the Federal Government.

"It would be impossible," Mr. Golden said, "for modern transportation, modern communications, modern business and education to assume their present forms without electronics. What is not so obvious, however, is the role played by electronics in defense and the role which defense plays in introducing new concepts, techniques, and skills into the electronics industry".

Mr. Golden said that the primary purpose of the production sharing program is to provide greater opportunities for Canadian industry to compete for defense business in the United States. The key words here are "opportunity" and "competition". All that officials can do is to ensure that the opportunities are afforded to industry; the competing for these opportunities can only be done by industry itself.

"Many Canadian companies have been successful", Mr. Golden said, "in participating in United States contracts". He cited a number of examples to show that contracts have been won for memory drums and tape readers, klystrons, short range battlefield radar, tropospheric scatter communications systems, rigid radomes, and navigation computers. He went on to say that a concentrated effort is required, and should be confined to those areas where a company knows it has genuine competence and is likely to be competitive as far as price and delivery are concerned."

Outlining his department's view on development sharing Mr. Golden said that, "over the longer term, there will be three main aspects of the development sharing program:

- (1) A formal U.S. military requirement, its development funded by the U.S. Government, for which Canadian industry competes with U.S. industry. There is evidence that contracts of a study or research nature may be obtained by a relatively modest effort on the part of the contractor. Over a period of years, work in the research area could lead to unique development capabilities in Canada and should greatly improve our competitive position for future development bids.
- (2) An original Canadian concept, financed by Canada, but whose successful development would be of confirmed interest to U.S. military. Support is being given to a number of Canadian companies, some of them in the electronics industry, and we are hopeful that production orders will result in at least some instances.
- (3) A formal U.S. military requirement, the development of which, by mutual agreement, is financed by Canada using Canadian facilities and capabilities. Much time has been spent on preliminary problems such as ownership and use of proprietary rights, responsibility for project monitorship, availability of specifications and classified documents, security clearances, and the like. An agreement has been signed between Canada and the U.S. army as a result of which we hope to be able to negotiate about a half dozen significant Canadian development projects before the end of this fiscal year."

Mr. Golden concluded his address by saying that the Government can encourage; they can provide goals and opportunities; and, within limits, can give financial support. But only industry can provide the drive by its ingenuity, energy, and willingness to take risks. Mr. Golden said that he believes in Canadian industry, its management, its technicians, its workers, and its dynamism.



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How to meet the inroads of foreign competition in the Canadian electronics market? "Diversify," says J. McK. McLean, Vice-President and General Manager of General Instrument-F. W. Sickles of Canada Ltd., one of the country's largest producers of electronic equipment and components.

Stressing the company's long range confidence in the Canadian electronics industry, Mr. McLean announced a new line of semiconductors will soon go into production at the firm's 50,000 sq. ft. plant in Waterloo, Ont. New facilities are now being installed and additional staff will be employed so that manufacture of the new silicon and germanium devices can begin in early autumn.

The new line will be patterned after similar devices manufactured by the parent company, General Instrument Corporation, Newark, N.J., one of the leading producers of semiconductors in the U.S.

Railway and Power appointed Canadian representative

Railway & Power Engineering Corporation, Limited announce their appointment as Canadian distributor of Wood Electric Co., Inc., Lynn, Mass., who are manufacturers of Circuit Breakers and RF Coaxial Connectors.

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S. Ramey of the Hewlett-Packard Company is shown above conducting a seminar on the use of Hewlett-Packard instruments. A series of seminars, held in Montreal, Valcartier, Ottawa and Toronto, were sponsored by Atlas Instrument Corporation, Toronto, Canadian representatives for the Hewlett-Packard Co.

Atlas Instrument Corp. hold service seminars

The Hewlett-Packard Company of Palo Alto, California and their Canadian representative, Atlas Instrument Corporation recently concluded a series of service seminars on the use of a wide range of instruments manufactured by Hewlett-Packard. The seminars were held in Montreal, Valcartier, Ottawa and Toronto and covered service and calibration techniques applicable to Hewlett-Packard instruments.

The sessions consisted of lectures and practical demonstrations augmented by slides and technical notes.

The lectures and demonstrations were conducted by S. Ramey of the Hewlett-Packard Company.



Shown above is IBM's travelling showcase containing \$60,000 worth of modern business equipment. The van has completed an eastern Canadian tour and in October will tour the Prairie Provinces, ending up in Vancouver in November.

Transistorized two-way radio for Sask. utility

The Saskatchewan Power Corporation is currently investigating the practicability of low-band transistorized mobile two-way radio sets for its communication system. Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. has announced receipt of an order for ten 30 watt transmitter-receiver sets which the Corporation will compare under Saskatchewan conditions with conventional equipment now in use.

The Corporation maintains an extensive VHF radio network for the operation of its electrical and natural gas systems. Some 650 mobile units in vehicles and 43 fixed base stations provide a province-wide system of rapid communication for the transmission of instructions, or the reporting of operating conditions.

Coast to coast tour for IBM showcase

With a successful eastern tour under its belt, a travelling show of IBM machines is rolling west from Toronto.

Known as the IBM Series 50 Showcase, it gives businessmen and the general public a chance to see a machine system capable of IBM's punched card methods at a price within the reach of small companies.

Opening in Hamilton on September 6, it will then travel to London and Windsor. In October. it will tour the Prairie cities of Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton and will windup with a Vancouver appearance in November.

Lorain announces

Canadian distributor

C. P. Stocker, president of Lorain Products (Canada) Limited, has announced the appointment of Automatic Electric Sales (Canada) Limited as exclusive Canadian distributors for all products except those required by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, which will be sold through Northern Electric Company Limited.

Lorain Products (Canada) Limited manufacture a complete range of Sub-Cycle Ringing Machines, Power Supply Units and Flotrol Battery Chargers, developed and produced by their parent organization at Lorain, Ohio, U.S.A. These products have been widely used and accepted by communications companies in Canada for many years.

The Canadian company, located in St. Thomas, Ontario, now provides modern manufacturing facilities in Canada.

Automatic Electric Sales (Canada) Limited, a major supplier of communications equipment, offers national sales distribution from its sales offices and warehouses across Canada.

Toronto section IRE

hears Col. Rorholt

On Thursday, September 22, 1960 the Toronto Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers held a joint meeting at which Colonel Rorholt, head of Norwegian Joint Signals Administration, spoke on "Manning and Operation of Microwave Systems in Arctic and Sub-Arctic Areas".

Colonel Bjorn Arnold Rorholt is head of the Norwegian Joint Signals Administration and chairman of the Norwegian Joint Signals Board. His organization is charged with the planning, building and operation of microwave relay systems and other electronic installations in Norway.

View of Raytheon Canada Limited's new headquarters-plant in Waterloo, Ontario, officially opened (Tuesday, September 27) by the Honorable Raymond O'Hurley, Minister of Defense Production.



Seated above, left to right, are members of the Montreal Section IRE Communications Symposium Committee. They are: D. J. Watson, chairman, finance committee: J. J. Schwartz, assistant general symposium chairman; E. P. Turton, general symposium chairman; R. J. Wallace, president, Montreal Section and chairman of the steering committee; David L. Thibodeau, chairman of publicity and public relations; A. F. Wells, chairman local arrangements committee.

Geloso forms Canadian Electronics, Ltd.

Mr. Samuel J. Spector, President of American Geloso Electronics, Inc., 215 Park Avenue South, New York 10, N.Y., has announced the formation of Canadian Geloso Electronics, Ltd., with headquarters at 700 Weston Road, Toronto 9, Ontario, Canada, as an affiliate corporation to sell and promote the sale of Geloso's complete line of products exclusively to the growing Canadian market.

Canadian Geloso Electronics, Ltd., is under the leadership of Mr. A. T. R. Armstrong, a long established leader in the Canadian electronics industry. Geloso quality products are made by SPA Geloso of Milan, Italy.

Among the first Geloso products to be introduced in the Canadian market, are the Geloso StenOtape Dictating Machines, Tape Recorders, Amateur Transmitters, Amateur Receivers, Microphones, AM/FM Radios, FM Tuners, and some electronic components.

Blonder-Tongue acquires Benco Television

Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc. have acquired controlling interest in Benco Television Associates, Ltd. of Toronto.

The Benco is Canada's oldest and largest firm in the community and master antenna field, and markets a wide variety of other industrial electronic products.

Blonder-Tongue is a leading U.S. producer of equipment for community and master antenna installations, as well as antenna boosters, UHF converters and AM/FM radios.

The two firms have major distribution in both countries.

In a joint statement just released Blonder-Tongue Board Chairman Isaac S. Blonder and Philip Freen, president of Benco, said that the new affiliation is significant in pointing up Canada's increasing importance in manufacturing and marketing, particularly in the electronics field.

Raytheon factory officially opened

A new electronics plant was dedicated at Waterloo, Ontario, recently by the Honorable Raymond O'Hurley, Minister of Defense Production, with the official opening of Raytheon Canada Limited's new headquarters.

Built to house the expanding activities of the firm, the new 34,000-squarefoot, single-storied brick headquarters combines under a single roof the marketing, engineering, production, sales and management f unctions formerly located in three separate sites in the Waterloo-Kitchener area.

Located on a 25-acre tract, the new \$400,000 building investment is the latest milestone in Raytheon Canada's rapid progress, John R. Cann, executive vice-president and general manager, pointed out.

Formed in 1956 with only three employees, the firm now has 190 employees with a \$650,000 payroll and multi-million dollar sales.

In the past year alone, Mr. Cann stated, both payroll and number of employees have increased about 30%.

If proposed plans are achieved, Mr. Cann continued, Raytheon Canada in 1963 will have an annual payroll of more than \$1 million. Employee count will rise to about 270, and sales volume will more than double today's figures.





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Precision Approach Radar For Malton

Transport Minister George Hees has announced that a precision approach radar (PAR) will be installed at Toronto's Malton Airport this fall, and is being proposed for several other major Canadian airports in the next four years.

The equipment at Toronto will complement the Transport Department's existing surveillance radar which enables air traffic controllers to guide aircraft to a point from which pilots may complete their landing by reference to their instruments.

The new equipment will provide the air traffic controllers with highly accurate and detailed information on the position of an aircraft on its final approach to the runway. With this information the controller directs the pilot by radio, enabling him to stay both on course and on the glide slope to the touchdown point. This method is particularly valuable when visibility is reduced by precipitation or fog.

Activity On Split Channelling

All Sponsors and Committees have been notified of a letter received from the Director, Telecommunications and Electronics Branch, Department of Transport, F. G. Nixon, which explains that the Department is extending the frequency range of Radio Standards Specifications 126 and 127 to cover the full band 150.8 to 174 Mc/s to apply to certain areas along the Canada-United States border. The effective date was September 1st, 1960.

The Department has now combined and re-issued these specifications as Radio Standards Specification 126, Issue 2, **Provisional**. There is no change in the technical requirements of the replaced specifications except that the frequency range has been extended. The introduction of this new issue will not affect in any way type-approvals previously granted under the replaced specifications. The Land Fixed and Mobile Committee is meeting on September 28th at the Board of Trade Building, Toronto, and the main item on the agenda will be the discussion of the Recommendations on the Department of Transport Radio Standards Specifications mentioned above.

Will Beam Signal To North Pole

The first CBC radio station north of the Arctic Circle will go on the air by November of this year. The new station, CHAK, will have a power of 1,000 watts and will be located at Inuvick in the Northwest Territories, 1,200 air miles north of Edmonton.

The station equipment travelled 3,500 miles by truck, train, and barge from the manufacturer's plant in Toronto. The studio will be located in the center of the townsite and the transmitter and 190 foot mast a mile and a half away on the road to the airport.

This is the first time that a Canadian radio station will be broadcasting regularly in the Eskimo language.

Dot Index Of Land Mobile Assigned Frequencies

The CRTPB Vice-President, C. J. Bridgland, has announced the receipt from the Department of Transport of a data processed list of Radio Frequency Assignments for Fixed and Mobile Radio Stations, dated July 19, 1960. The list was presented to the Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board by the Department for reference at the headquarters, 200 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario.

The General section of the list covers all Fixed Stations, including "Point-to-Point", and Mobile Base Station functions are included in three volumes: (A) 30-50 Mc/s, (B) 150.8-174 Mc/s, and (C) 450-470 Mc/s. Broadcast Stations, Microwave Relay, and other fixed stations are also included in this grouping and could be requested under the appropriate frequency band if sufficient need arises. Detailed Information for Fixed and Base Stations includes the assigned frequency, the date in service, the call sign, and the name of the station.



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Paper (1)

CONTROL OF INTERFERENCE BETWEEN SURFACE MICROWAVE AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

by

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and Jack Smith' Satellite technology is capable of expand-ing global communication capability by orders of magnitude, but only by sharing requencies with earth-surface services which now occupy the spectrum. Co-exist-ence principles' are here applied to microwave links, as being illustrative of services employing horizontal high-gain antennas in frequency bands of interest. 600-channel active satellites in both sta-tionary and 3000 mile circular orbits are considered, as well as a 60-channel passive (ECHO-type) system. The assumed minimum elevation for earth-terminal antennas is ten degrees. Actual antenna patterns are approximated by simpler 3-dimensional "keyholes". Possible sources of interference are microwave) or "orbital" (to, from or via the satellite). All are examined for all three satellite systems and at 2.0 and 6.5 Mmc microwave frequencies. Methods of calculating interference levels are illus-trated.



S. G. Lutz

Dr. W. L. Firestone

S. G. Lutz Dr. W. L. Firestone The surface problem, of siting high-power low-noise passive-satellite terminals and co-ordinating the adjacent microwave systems, may be worst but the vertical angle of terminal antennas prevents main-beam and reduces tropo-scatter interfer-ence. For a 16 Kw terminal transmission at 2Kmc to be 20 db below microwave receiver noise might require smooth-earth separation of 90 miles if the terminal is in the microwave main beam. This is reduced to 35 miles if microwave routes are dog-legged to not beam at the terminal. Pro-tected terminal sites and local frequency coordination permit reduced separation. Microwave main-beam interference with satellites can come only from a narrow ring at the satellite's horizon and from only the fraction of stations within this ring having their beams toward the satellite. Such interference would remain below receiver noise even with a 10:1 microwave growth. Integrated sidelobe interference from all stations in sight of the satellite is even less. This beam-interference ring for a sta-

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less. This beam-interference ring for a sta-tionary satellite is fixed; an important advantage (oward interference control. In fact, from any point on earth there are at most two horizontal directions inter-secting the stationary orbit. Even with this orbit eventually filled with satellites, horizontal beam interference can be con-trolled by protecting these two directions.

1. Motorola, 2. Hughes Aircraft, 3. General Electric, 4. "On the Co-existence of Celest-ial and Terrestrial Communication" by S.

G. Lutz and F. A. Losee. Fourth National Aero-Com Symposium, Utica, New York, October 1958. Hughes Report No. OP-13, October 1958.

Paper (2)

THE MM-600 MICROWAVE SYSTEM between RIMOUSKI AND MT. CARLETON

N. M. Lopianowski, J. E. H. Elvidge, L. A. Martin RCA Victor Company Limited



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J. E. H. Elvidge

L. A. Martin

Because of the high quality of the MM-600 equipment special test equipment has been developed for maintenance purposes. Some of these special units and the testing procedures used are described. The remainder of the paper presents the results of tests performed on the system. These tests include both video and message performance. Photographs of oscilloscope traces actually obtained on the system serve to illustrate the results of these tests.

Paper (3) NEW CONCEPTS IN MOBILE RADIO DESIGN Maurice A. Robbins Canadian Marconi Company

Canada's population distribution and our national consciousness have combined to produce a set of communications, re-



are made along the U.S. border while "individual merit" allocations are made in the interior.
c) The use of multi-frequency systems is common here and rare in the U.S.
d) The emphasis on fringe area performance here, particularly in the prarie mobile radio telephone service.
e) A thrifty interest in low maintenance costs and an increasing market for higher quality communications equipment.
f) A growing need for a compact mobile unit that can be easily adapted to multi-channel systems, used with selective calling and various group calling systems. An intensive study has been made of service records of a mobile radio system, employing 800 mobile units. This information has led to a systematic evaluation of recurrent faults, and in many cases, size-able reductions in their rate of occurrence. The above information has been used to be a the problement of the decision of a north or both of the service information has been used to be a the problement of the problement of the decision of a north or both of the problement.

The above information has been used to assist in the design of a new mobile unit, which should show a considerable improve-ment in reliability, over previous units.

Recent trends in automotive styling have led to a versatile packaging arrangement. The new unit can be mounted in one, two, or three sections, the later two arrange-ments requiring interconnecting cables. This system permits greater adaptability to the various types of vehicles.

to the various types of vehicles. A brief description will be given of the outstanding circuit features of both trans-mitter and receiver. These include exten-sive use of transistors, high receiver sensi-tivity while maintaining 100 db spurious response attenuation and a transmitter whose P.A. plate circuit efficiency has been increased to 80% (at 160 No). Multi-channel circuits will be shown, with automatic channel reversion and other system features.

OPENING LUNCHEON Duluth Room Friday, November 4 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

A TRANSISTORIZED G. Husson and B. N. Sherman Canadian Marconi Company Montreal, Canada

A description is presented of an instru-ment providing 30,000 discrete frequencies between 2 - 32 Mc/s in steps of 1 Kc/s with the stability of the driving frequency standard. It will be shown how any number from 2,000 to 32,000 can be produced from the arithmetic processes of addition, sub-traction, multiplication and division, with the most economical use of a set of readily available basic numbers. Practical elec-tronic processes perform these operations.



B. N. Sherman

G. Husson

B. N. Sherman G. Husson In particular, use is made of the phase locked loop principle. A variable frequency oscillator (VFO) covers the 2-32 Mc/s range and, for each desired frequency, a suitable arrangement of frequency conver-sion and filtering allows this VFO to lock on a fixed frequency directly derived from the standard. Thus no frequency error exists between the wanted frequency and the standard, since the comparison is made with a phase discriminator. Also, spurious signals and noise generated respectively by mixers and harmonic generators, are greatly attenuated, since the phase locked loop acts as an "active filter". In particular the "catching range" of an automatic phase control (AFC) loop is examined and a method is shown whereby this catching range can be greatly increased by very simple and economical means.

Paper (15)

DATA SYSTEMS P. Pascali

Northern Electric Company Limited

Digital data is normally transmitted over long distances by modifying the character-istics of a sine wave by modulation tech-niques. To date, four modulation systems have been proposed.

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rate in this system is in the range of 600 bits/sec. The most reliable system is frequency shift. It has an advantage over A.M. methods as a result of its immunity to impulse noise and level variations. This modulation method was adopted for B MEWS, an all transistorized and highly reliable system. F.M. systems have a dis-advantage in that the maximum trans-mission rate attainable is about 1000 bits per sec. The carrier frequency lies in the range of 1500-1800 cycles and the fre-quency difference between mark and space must be equal to the bit rate in order to avoid inter symbol interference. In B MEWS three oscillators are used to derive the three frequencies i.e. carrier, mark, and space. Development is presently underway on phase modulation systems for high speed reliable data transmission. This is achieved mainly due to a more effective utilization of the voice frequency bandwidth. In such systems, however, synchronization between transmitter and receiver is absolutely essential.

essential. The system briefly described herein, and commercial applications of these principles are the basis for the talk on "Data Systems".

Paper (16)

A NEW ELECTRONIC TUBE, THE LECTRON

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The LECTRON, as its name suggests, is n electronic tube intended for "reading" magnetic tape. In one method of

In one method of video recording on magnetic tape, the signals are written and read by cross-wise scanning of the tape with multiple high speed rotating heads

high speed rotating heads. For many reasons (tape wear, synchro-nizing difficulties, cost of equipment), it would be advan-tageous to read the tage by purely elec-tronic means, with-speed mechanisms.

programs.

monitoring and editing of recorded video programs. For the above motives, a new electronic tube the LECTRON has been developed in the "Laboratoire d'Electronique Appli-quée", Eccle Polytechnique, Montreal. Other methods have been previously described for reading recorded tape by electronic means, but their use is limited to lengthwise recorded tape. Our LECTRON involves the action of the recorded dipole fields on a beam of photo-electrons by means of an appropriate electrode arrangement. A number of prototype LECTRONS have been developed and have shown promising results; our tubes and associate equipment are relatively simple. We have considered the application of the LECTRON mainly to video recording but it seems possible that it may also be useful in other fields such as computing and control devices.

In other neurs such as computing und control devices. The lecture will be given by Mr. J. C. Bernier and Messrs. P. J. Piché and R. P. Langlois will take part in the discussion.

Paper (17)

THE TRANSISTORIZED THYRATRON RING COUNTER

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transistor circuit applications, and virtually all of the currently available types are eliminated.
This paper describes a recently developed ring counter which satisfies the above requirements and others as well.
The bi-stable element of the "Transistor-rized Thyratron Ring Counter" are PNPN (or NPP) configurations, made up from two separate transistors. Individual transistors were used in three elements so that each stage could be temperature stabilized and so that anti-saturation circuit techniques could be employed. As a result the operation is practically independent of ambient temperature conditions and operating frequencies as high as one megacycle can be attained with general purpose, germanium, switching transistors.
The interstage capacitive storage components found in ordinary ring counters have been replaced by "interstage transistors". This arrangement eliminates the necessity of any capacitors in the circuit whatsoever and allows the upper frequency response of the ring counter to approach the intrinsic capabilities of the particular transistors utilized.
All of the bi-stable elements are connected to a common anode resistor which is selected so that it will pass enough current to sustain conduction in only one stage. Hence, one stage alone can be conducting at a given time and no bias current is demanded from that stage to keep the ring is unlimited. (I_c. considerations do impose a practical limit.)
Since the PNPN configuration yields a "thyratron type" operation, each stage is capable of driving a considerable load. (Approximately 10MA/stage for the ring counter illustrated.)
An additional feature can be realized when two interstage transistors are employed per stage. If one of these transistors are employed per stage. If one of these transistors are employed per stage. If one of these transistors are employed per stage. If one of these transistors are employed per stage. If one of these transistors are employed per stage. If one of

ing the difference in numbers of pulses from two sources. The ring counter described is an all semiconductor device and as such, will operate on nominal transistor supply volt-ages. The many operational features, the reproducibility and the already wide acceptance of the "Transistorized Thyra-tron Ring Counter" indicate a bright future for this unique device. A patent is being sought.

Paper (18)

A SOLID STATE SELECTOR FOR TELEPRINTER CIRCUITS

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The solid state selector was developed to modernize existing teleprinter plant and to permit the use of low cost printers in circuits where selection is required. How-ever, its applications can be extended to include message routing signal regeneration and others. The circuitry involved has been designed so that the major component of the selector can be used for such applications as error detection where small amounts of computation are involved. Two basic transistor circuits are used

Two basic transistor circuits are used in the selector, the resistance coupled NOR circuit and flip-flop. These are ar-ranged in groups on printed circuit boards and wired as required for the particular application at the printed circuit connector.

A separate printed circuit board contains the miscellaneous circuits such as the trigger for coupling the line to the selector, the pulse generator for timing amplifiers for driving selector magnets and relays, and a flip flop and gates for control.

and a flip flop and gates for control. Emitter follower circuits are provided where a large number of NOR circuits are to be driven from one flip flop and for additional relay drivers. All circuits were designed using "Worst Case" methods. That is all circuits must operate satisfactorily under the worst extremes of all components and voltage at the worst extremes of temperature. A selector can be divided into three main parts: The control and timing circuits, a six bit shift register to convert the serial signal to parallel for use by the selection gates, and finally, the selection circuits. The input and output circuits are included with the control. These are considered in detail including circuit and physical design.

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Further uses of the basic equipment are also considered. In particular, the details of an error detection system are discussed.

of an error detection system are discussed. In the design of this type of equipment reliability and error free operation is paramount. This has been achieved by use of reliable components, and using the minimum number of components. The result is a calculated mean time to failure of over two and one half years.

Paper (19)

MINIATURIZED SOLID STATE DEVICES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS John Clark

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This paper primary compares in the development of miniaturized isolators and Y-junction circulators. From the standpoint of nuiniaturization of coaxial isolators, the most significant recent advance is an isolator design that eliminates the necessity for a bulky external magnet and, incidentally, solves the problem of magnet shielding. This "Internal magnet" design will be described and the theory of its operation briefly discussed. Complete characteristics including size and weight will be presented in frequency bands of interest for communications purposes. Additional information will be presented on the temperature performance of these devices, including information on differential reflection coefficient under conditions of temperature change. Typical uses of these devices will be presented, along with some discussion of the system problems they solve. Miniaturized coaxial Y-junction circulators are a more recent development than the "internal magnet" isolators. Sufficient time will be devoted to explaining the nature of their operation to give some anglications. These circulators, in general, can be made with biasing fields that are either above or below ferrimagnetic resonance. The nature of each of these types of operation will be explained, and their implications for communications applications for example, designed for operation will be explained, and their implications for communications applications for c

Paper (20)

THRESHOLD EXTENSION FOR A QUADRUPLE DIVERSITY TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER SYSTEM

P. S. Christensen P. S. Christensen Northern Electric Laboratories J. P. Wilde Bell Telephone Co. of Canada The IF bandwidth of an FM receiver is normally chosen to give equal intermodula-tion and thermal noise under average propagation conditions. In a tropospheric scatter system, the received signal level

fluctuates violently about the average so that any fixed IF bandwidth will only be the optimum choice for a small proportion of the time. Careful design of circuitry can insure that the intermodulation noise which is controlling during periods of high received signal level is kept within system requirements. In periods of poor propagation the thermal noise will raise sharply and may reach 30 db above inter-modulation noise. Better overall perform-ance will result if the receiver bandpass can be narrowed as the signal fades to reduce the controlling thermal noise. While the above argument indicates that

reduce the controlling thermal noise. While the above argument indicates that a continuously variable IF bandwidth is desirable the main advantage can be secured by automatically switching to a narrow IF bandwidth when the thermal noise becomes excessive. The reason for this will be explained. The paper discusses the choice of IF bandwidth for a system carrying 48 multiplex channels on a quadruple diversity scatter link, and describes the receiver block schematic for bandwidth switching on an already existing system. system.

The choice of the switching point is discussed with graphs illustrating the factors involved in assuring a smooth transition in the voice channel signal to noise curve during switching from broad to narrow band.



J. P. Wilde

P. S. Christensen

The paper concludes with experience obtained during the first installation on the Emeril/Knob Lake path of the Bell Tele-phone Co. Quebec-Labrador Scatter System. A tape recording to demonstrate the effect of threshold extension is available.

Paper (21)

AN AUTOMATIC COMPUTER TO COMPUTER COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR VOICE-BAND APPLICATION

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Digital communication over long distan-ces using voice frequency facilities im-poses severe accuracy, efficiency and cost requirements on these facilities.

requirements on these facilities. An application exists where data must be collected, reduced and transmitted over long distances with an extremely high order of accuracy, speed and reliability. Data from many sources and of varied types is assimilated in several large random-access core storage units located throughout the world. Key data must be transferred between these locations with the probability of error introduced by the transmission system reduced to a minimum. In addition, routine alphanumeric traffic is handled between transmission of key data with less stringent error detecting requirements. requirements.

requirements. Any system used for this application must reduce the probability of undetected errors entering the system during transmission to a value less than that normally obtained in closed computer systems. The system must also possess a high trans-mission line utilization efficiency, and be capable of on-line computer-controlled operation. Feedback verification control is incorporated for automatic message hand-ling and the control of repeating message blocks in error.

The system developed for this application transmits digital data over existing volce-band circuits. Because of the stringent technical requirements, the system incor-porates a number of unique features designed to minimize the probability " undetected errors occurring" burst noise envirus

Paper (22)

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION WITH A COMMON ANTENNA.

W. V. Tilston, Sinclair Radio Laboratories Limited, Downsview, Ontario



W. V. Tilston W. V. Tilston W. V. Tilston The manner in which the isolating requipment is to be constructed. Here, several possibilities exist, and of these only those containing solely passive linear networks are treated. Networks including, bandpass, band-stop, low-pass and high-pass filters are described and are the particular advantages and disadvantages of each type. It is shown that the particular filter type to be used depends, among other things, on the number of transmitters and re-requences are to be fixed or variable. Examples are given of two channel and

Examples are to be fixed or variable. Examples are given of two channel and eighteen channel set-ups, which illustrates the different approaches that can be made to the problems.

In addition, practical information is given on how the various types of filters may be constructed and used in the various frequency bands from 2 Mc. to 10,000 Mc. An account is given of the difficulties encountered when the frequency separa-tions become very narrow, and of what steps have been taken to overcome them to date. One of the difficulties discussed is that of combining the desirable off-reso-nant properties of band-pass filter duplex-ers, with the low insertion-loss properties of the band -reject types. This has been overcome by the use of a hybrid-ring duplexer which allows a transmitter and a receiver to be operated on one antenna with a frequency spacing of 500 Kc/s in the 150 Mc. band.

Paper (23)

CBC TELEVISION NETWORK PROGRAM DELAY CENTER G. E. Waters

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation



Canadian Broadcasting Corporation This paper discusses the geographical problems which prompted the Cana-dian Broadcasting Corporation early in 1956 to undertake the project of pro-viding an establish-the project of pro-viding an establish the project of pro-viding an establish in the to a lo ng the coast to coast micro-wave network at which television programs originat-nada could be re-orded and later re-played to sections of the TV network in other time zones. The selection of the city and the thendant services are investigated and avail-able facilities are described.



Decisions which had to be taken regard-ing the methods to be employed, the quantity and layout of equipment for the proposed center are discussed. The system design in its simplest form as mentioned shows how a minimum number of electronic units can be utilized and yet a maximum of operational con-venience can be attained. Auxiliary and test equipment which have been installed are mentioned and the uses to which this equipment has been put are described. The systems performance is given and the results obtained are outlined. Briefly the Video System of the station including the recording process is within ± 3 db up to 2.5 megacycles and is within 10 db at 4 megacycles. However this response seems to be relatively less important than the

more faithful grey scale reproduction for which the video tape recorders are noted. The observance of good engineering practices has assisted in the performance of the system being more than adequate to pass the network signal to the recorder, and to pass the replayed signal back to the microwave network without any significant deterioriation.

An alternative method of delaying TV programs is indicated and comments on its comparative complexity are mentioned.

The operational problems associated with the recording and double replay of TV programs are outlined and the staff requirements for the entire operation are given. An emergency operational procedure is described for incoming network failure.

Paper (24)

A VARIABLE REACTANCE AMPLIFIER FOR A UHF TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER RECEIVER Stanley S. Kostashuk

Stanley S. Kostashuk Northern Electric Company Ltd., Belleville, Ont. A description is given of a variable react-ance amplifier which has been developed for use as the front end of a tropospheric scatter receiver operating at approximately 900 Mc/s. An overall receiver noise figure of 2 db with an amplifier RF Bandwidth of 10 Mc/s to the 1 db points is achieved. A review is given of some of the problems encountered in adapting a reactance ampli-fier into an operating system.

Time table for Technical Papers

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2:30	p.m.	to	5:00	p.m.	Technical Sessions in The Gatineau and St. Maurice Rooms

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Paper (4) 3:10 p.m. "A New 450 Mc Radio Relay System" Author: G. H. Colberg, Northern Electric Co. Ltd.

Paper (5) 3:50 p.m. "A Two Hop 450 Mc/s Diffraction Plus Scatter System For Telephone Service" Author: J. C. Gillespie, Manitoba Telephone Systems

Paper (7) 4:30 p.m. "An Improved Design of Radio Relay Equipment in the 132 to 174 Mc/s Range" Author: A. A. Seljack, Philips Electronics Industries Ltd.

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Paper (19) 2:30 p.m. "Miniaturized Solid State Devices for Communications Systems" Author: John Clark, Sperry Microwave Electronics Co.

Paper (14) 3:10 p.m. "A Transistorized Frequency Synthesizer" Authors: G. Husson, B. N. Sherman, Canadian Marconi Company

Paper (16) 3:50 p.m. A New Electronic Tube "The Lectron" Author: J. C. Bernier, Ecole Polytechnique.

Paper (17) 4:30 p.m.

"A Transistorized Thyratron Ring Counter" Author: J. A. Pecar, University of Detroit.

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9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exhibits 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Technical Sessions in The St. Laurent and St. Maurice Rooms

St. Laurent Room 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Paper (1) 9:30 a.m. "Control of Interference Between Microwave Links and Communication Satellite Systems' Authors: W. L. Firestone, S. G. Lutz, J. Smith, Motorola Inc., Hughes Aircraft Co., General Electric Co. Paper (10) 10:10 a.m. "Siting of Microwave Systems in a Radar Environment" Authors: A. J. Kingan, L. W. Dennison, Bell Telephone Co. of Canada Paper (11) 10:50 a.m. "Electromagnetic Wave Propagation Over Natural Obstacles" Author: M. P. Bachynski, RCA Victor Co. Ltd. Paper (9) 11:30 a.m. "High Frequency Oblique Sounding" Author: W. L. Hatton, D.R.T.E. Communications Laboratory

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Alfax Paper & Engineering Co., Washington Street, Westboro, Mass. Booths 38-39.

Attending Personnel: M. Alden, president; E. D. Cross, chief engineer; S. C. Sviokla, plant manager.

Exhibits: Electrosensitive recording paper, new simple recording techniques of "Flying Spot" recorders by ALDEN.

Ampex of Canada Ltd., Room 607A Commonwealth Bldg., 77 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, Ont. Booths 1-2.

Attending Personnel: Charles Wirth, Data Products marketing manager; Edward Koller, Data Products sales manager; James Detlor, manager, Ampex of Canada Ltd.; Maurice Greffard, Data Products service engineer. Exhibits: CP-100, portable laboratory magnetic tape recorder/reproducer; FR-100B general purpose scientific magnetic tape recorder/reproducer; PR-10 professional audio monophonic/ stereophonic tape recorder.

Andrew Antenna Corporation Ltd., 606 Beech St., Whitby, Ont. Booth 3. Attending Personnel: R. P. (Dick) Matthews, manager; John C. Annett, sales engineer.

Exhibits: HELIAX, new fiberglas high gain antenna, microwave antennas, HUBLOC construction technique.

Atlas Instrument Corporation Ltd., 50 Wingold Ave., Toronto 19, Ont. Booths 11-12.

Attending Personnel: F. W. Sargeant, field sales engineer; L. C. Bradford, field sales engineer; M. Kusmierak, field service engineer; A. L. Rosenthal, P.Eng., manager.

Exhibits: Precision electronic measuring instruments for communications application.

Automatic Electric Sales (Canada) Ltd., 185 Bartley Drive, Toronto 16, Ont. Booths 4-5.

Attending Personnel: C. L. Littler, manager, Telephone Equipment Division; R. C. Fawcett, manager, Carrier & Radio Division; E. E. Hucal, manager, Supplies Division; A. C. Stewart, manager, Industrial Products Division; R. McCracken, district manager; J. R. Simpson, radio systems specialist.

Exhibits: Lenkurt Type 71A Light Route Radio System; Lenkurt Type 81A Exchange Trunk Carrier; Lenkurt Type 54A Urgent Alarm & Supervisory System; Automatic Electric AT-2 and AT-3 Repeaters; Automatic Electric Telephone - Type Relays; Lorain Power Supply Units; Electronic Secretary Telephone Answering Units (Models DCR, BPR, MR, Tt and Teletrainer); Telautovision Industrial Closed Circuit Television.

Bach-Simpson Ltd., 1255 Brydges St., P.O. Box 484, London, Ont. Booth 29. Attending Personnel: G. F. Bates, H. Leah.

Exhibits: Panel Meters and accessories — featuring New Controller Indicator Systems.

Barnard Stamp & Stencil Ltd., 8 George St., P.O. Box 295, Hamilton, Ont. Booth 32.

Attending Personnel: R. F. O'Connor. Exhibits: Rejafix marking and printing equipment.

Beatty Bros. Ltd., Fergus, Ontario. Booth 23.

Attending Personnel: A. A. Royle, supervisor of engineering sales; H. Van Denham.

Exhibits: Beatty Masts.

Belden Mfg. Co., 415 S. Kilpatrick Ave., Chicago 44, Ill. Booth 24. Attending Personnel: James F. Olson,

manager, Export; Mr. Timmons, electronic engineer.

Exhibits: Electronic wire and cable. Boston Insulated Wire & Cable Co., Ltd., Hamilton, Ont. Booth 16.

Camloc Fastener Corporation, 22 Spring Valley Rd., Paramus, N.J. Booth 42. Attending Personnel: Bennet F. Becker, eastern sales manager; Herbert F. Peppel, sales representative. Exhibits: Quarter-turn fasteners, electronic chassis latches, container latches.

Canadian Electronics Engineering, Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company Ltd., 481- University Ave., Toronto 2, Ont. Booth 35.

Attending Personnel: Harold Price, editor; Ian Dutton, associate editor; K. E. Winchcombe, Montreal editor; C. A. King, advertising manager.

Exhibits: The technical publication serving Canada's electronic industry in research, management, design and application.

Canadian Westinghouse Co. Ltd., Electronics Division, P.O. Box 510, Hamilton, Ont. Booths 9-10.

Attending Personnel: K. B. Jenner, E. M. Hepburn, G. Pope, A. J. Lipinski, W. W. Fines.

Exhibits: "Microscatter".

Allan Crawford Associates Ltd., 5590 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont. Booths 33-34.

Attending Personnel: James H. Smiley, Wiliam G. Jordon, George H. Singer, John Zevenbergen, Al Crawford, Gordon Micklewright, Olivia Padgett. Exhibits: Phase measuring instruments and phase shifters, data reduction equipment, Electronic Associates' totally transistorized analog computer, complete line of John Fluke power supplies, precision voltmeters, calibration equipment and bridges, precision pulse generators, Ferrite Isolators, devices and specialized antenna systems, Weinschel precision attenuators, and attenuator calibration equipment.

Eitel McCullough, Inc., 301 Industrial Way, San Carlos, Calif. Booth 8. **Attending Personnel:** R. D. B. Sheppard, Canadian representative; G. Badger, sales manager, klystrons; F. A. Speaks, assistant director of marketing; C. Warner, sales engineer; P. T. Kirwan, export manager.

Exhibits: Power transmitting tubes, power klystrons, reflex klystrons, TWT's, negative grid tubes.

Electrodesign, 9124 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal, Que. Booths 27-28. Continued on page 52

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Exhibitors – personnel – products

Electronics and Communications, Age Publications Limited, 450 Alliance Ave., Toronto 9, Ont. Booth 41.

Attending Personnel: T. W. Lazenby, editor; H. E. (Bud) Dallyn, sales manager; Derek Reynolds, advertising manager; J. R. (Tom) Graham, Montreal Representative.

Exhibits: Photographic display of new products of the Canadian electronics industry and *Electronics and Communications* magazine, Canada's pioneer journal serving the electronics industry in engineering and management.

The Institute of Radio Engineers, 72 West 45th St., New York 36, N.Y. Booth 30.

Attending Personnel: William C. Copp, exhibits manager; Herbert A. White, sales representative.

Exhibits: IRE pins, membership forms, directory, Proceedings of the IRE, IRE Transactions, and all matters pertaining to IRE.

Instronics Limited, P.O. Box 100, Stittsville, Ont. Representatives in Toronto, Montreal and Calgary, Alta. Booth 52.

Attending Personnel: John E. Knowles, president; Larry G. Cote, sales manager; Ronald W. Price, Ontario sales manager; Douglas E. Leach, Eastern sales manager; Edward F. Rockafellow, service manager.

Exhibits: RACAL communications equipment, Kahn Labs' communications equipment, Potter high speed printers, Lavoie Labs' communications test equipment, Empire Devices' noise and field intensity meter, miscellaneous smaller equipments of particular interest to the communications industry.

International Systcoms Ltd., 8235 Mountain Sights Ave., Montreal 29, Que. Booth 26.

Kay Electric Co., Maple Ave., Pine Brook, Morris Co., N.J. Booth 25.

Attending Personnel: Thomas Dougherty, sales engineer.

Exhibits: Sona-Sweep Model M, Therma-Node, Auto-Node, Transmission Measuring Set, Ligna-Sweep SKV, 20-0 or 30-0 Attenuator, Marka-Sweep Model Video 50.

E. G. Lomas, 227 Laurier W., Ottawa, Ont. Booth 45.

Attending Personnel: E. G. Lomas, J. Jolly, K. Lomas, Erik Stromsted.

Exhibits: Mixer and variable capacitance diodes for communications circuitry — Integrated mixer preamp assemblies — Solid State sine wave inverters and harmonic generators — Flexible waveguide.

McCurdy Radio Industries Ltd., 22 Front St. W., Toronto, Ont. Booth 6. Attending Personnel: G. E. McCurdy, Ken MacKenzie, Norman Farr, John Simpson.

Exhibits: Audio Consoles.

Microwave Systems, 46 Crockford Blvd., Scarborough, Ont. Booth 43.

Attending Personnel: G. Grant Cooper, manager, Microwave Systems; H. H. Emker, vice-president, Radio Frequency Laboratories, Inc., Boonton, N.J.; T. P. Matthews, sales manager, Technicraft Division, Thomaston, Conn.

Exhibits: R. F. L. Terminals for telegraph, control, telemetering; Technicraft waveguide products.

Northern Electric Co. Ltd., 1600 Dorchester St. W., Montreal, Quebec. Booths 49-50-51.

Attending Personnel: Engineering personnel from research and development laboratories and Belleville electronics manufacturing plant.

Exhibits: Parametric amplifier, 450 M/c radio equipment, "OJ" carrier, video monitors, semiconductors.

Payette Radio Ltd., 730 St. James St. W., Montreal 3, Quebec. Booth 7. Attending Personnel: W. G. Garnham. Exhibits: Contact Cleaner, Components, Precision Potentiometers, Breadboard, Embossing Machine, Conduit, Insulating Tape, Relays, Resistors.

Potter & Brumfield Canada Ltd., Oxford St., Guelph, Ont. Booth 31. Attending Personnel: Alan Laws, manager; Norman Silberberg, representative; Ken Tucker, representative. Exhibits: Electro-magnetic relays.

Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Booth 37.

Attending Personnel: Wally Matheson, Gerald Halpin, John H. Davis. Exhibits: Appropriate text and reference publications for electronic and

communication specialists.

Pye Canada Ltd., 84 Northline Rd., Toronto, Ont., 1167 St. James St. W., Montreal, Que. Booth 47.

Attending Personnel: F. F. Richaur, chief engineer; M. F. Golding, Quebec service manager; David L. Thibodeau, Quebec sales manager.

Exhibits: Two-Way Radio and associted items, Portable Loud Speaking Equipment.

RCA Victor Company Ltd., 1001 Lenoir St., Montreal 30, Que. Booths 13-14.

Attending Personnel: Ken Logan, George House, Bill Roloff — Communication System Sales Department; Gina Leahy, manager, Communication Projects.

Exhibits: Microwave products, data processing products, SSB equipment.

Radionics Ltd., 8230 Mayrand St., Montreal 9, Que. Booths 17-18. Attending Personnel: S. H. Ungar, president; G. G. Beyrouty, sales engineer; H. Watson, sales engineer; J. Lastra, sales engineer; R. Delcamp, sales engineer.

Exhibits: Precision microwave components and equipment, Antenna and Receiver test equipment, Travelling

Wave Tubes and Backward Wave Amplifiers, Oscilloscopes and general purpose test equipment.

R-O-R Associates Ltd., 1470 Don Mills Rd., Don Mills, Ont. Booths 21-22. **Attending Personnel:** J. S. Root, manager; E. J. Wootten, systems engineer; W. W. Hastings, field engineer; W. N. Mainguy, field engineer; R. Wood, field engineer.

Exhibits: Microwave tubes for communications, carrier telephony test sets, audio frequency analyzers, carrier signal generators, logarithmic amplifiers.

Sigma Instruments Inc., 170 Pearl St., South Braintree, Mass. Booth 47. Attending Personnel: Frank C. Burridge, district sales manager; Donald H. Stewart, district sales supervisor; Douglas T. Shaw, Canadian representative.

Exhibits: High speed polar relays for relaying pulses, magnetic amplifier relays, 60 and 400 cycles, stepping motors and stepping switches incorporating flush printed circuits.

A. C. Simmonds & Sons Ltd., 100 Merton St., Toronto 7, Ont. Booth 36. Attending Personnel: David S. Simmonds, G. Douglas Pettifer.

Exhibits: Guardian relays, solenoids, stepping switches, etc.; Johnson variable capacitors, sockets, inductors, connectors, etc.; Mallory tantalum capacitors, premium-grade and computergrade electrolytic capacitors, silicon rectifiers, vibrators, etc.; Ohmite resistor and rheostat products; Shure mobile communication microphones.

Sinclair Radio Laboratories Ltd., P.O. Box 179, Downsview, Ontario. Booth 44.

Attending Personnel: Peter Yachimec, general manager; Dr. W. V. Tilston, director of research.

Exhibits: Antennas and duplexers.

Spaulding Fibre of Canada Ltd., 70 Coronet Rd., Toronto 18, Ontario. Booth 48.

Attending Personnel: V. Christensen, sales manager; M. P. Komar, sales engineer; D. I. Kearney, sales engineer; J. N. Kelly, sales engineer; M. E. Davis, liaison engineer.

Exhibits: Fabricated industrial plastics, fiberboards, vulcanized fiber.

Texas Instruments Incorporated, P.O. Box 312, Dallas, Texas. Booths 19-20. Attending Personnel: Paul Zuk, John Sawatsky, Brock Hayes, Tom Conners. Exhibits: Semiconductors and components.

Whittaker Electronics Ltd., 1171 Whitmore Ave., Ottawa 3, Ontario. Booth 46.

Attending Personnel: Ernest E. Whittaker, president; Allan Smith; Lorna Pelton, secretary.

Exhibits: Electronic and electromechanical components, test equipment.

The use of transistors for power conversion

Part 1-Basic circuits and laminations

Much of the pioneering work on the commercial use of static power conversion equipment has been done in Canada and the problems of design and development of equipment to meet Canadian requirements are discussed in the following article.

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The basic circuit of most static converters is that of the saturable core transistor switch or multivibrator. (Ref. Figure 1) The principles of operation or design of this oscillator have been well covered elsewhere (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) and will not be treated in detail. Examination of the capabilities of this circuit indicate that there are several serious disadvantages which limit its use commercially.

The maximum voltage that can be applied to the input terminals of the basic oscillator of Figure 1 is determined by the voltage breakdown of the transistors between collector and emitter. During part of the switching cycle, the voltage between collector and emitter will be twice that of the input. not including spikes or transients that may be present. Hence the practical limit for input voltage is usually little more than 30V DC.

A considerable amount of "hash" is transmitted to the primary power supply due to the input current waveform where the input supply is a common source of power for mandatory. As the capacity of the oscillator is increased, the isolation becomes increasingly difficult to maintain. Transformers that operate in the saturated condition with large input currents tend to be physically noisy due to a magnetostriction effect. This noise is proportional to transformer power output and frequency.

There are practical limits beyond which the power handling capabilities of the oscillator transformer cannot be increased. This transformer operates with a saturated core and is responsible for about two thirds of the lost power in the circuit of Figure 1. Even under more or less ideal conditions, the overall efficiency will not likely exceed 85 per cent. Consequently, the problem of removing heat from the control core and windings becomes increasingly difficult and costly as the size of the transformer increases. Application of this circuit is thus limited to roughly 150 watts continuous output with a maximum efficiency of about 85 per cent. The use of semiconductors in power equipment is a relatively new branch of electronics. Proof of performance of germanium and silicon rectifying elements stimulated attempts to make application of the transistor to this field. The development of the square wave transistor power oscillator¹ made the principle of static conversion from DC to AC and subsequently, DC to DC practical. With this tool, the military design engineer was able to achieve efficient and light weight conversion.

Commercial use of the transistor for power conversion did not become widespread until fairly recently. The two main reasons for this lag were firstly, a lack of circuit development to cover the larger input voltage and power requirements, and secondly, a hesitancy to develop new equipment for an untried market. Although it is not generally appreciated, the pioneering of much of the commercial use of static power conversion equipment has been done in Canada. Problems of design and development of equipment to meet Canadian requirements will be discussed in two parts. The first will deal with the basic problems and limitations of early equipment and, the second with the description of equipment with capabilities of input voltages in excess of 130V DC and power outputs of a kilowatt and upwards.

The output waveform of the oscillator is square with voltage spikes which must be removed if reasonable transistor life is to be expected. The amplitude of these spikes can be calculated from the equation $e = L \frac{di}{dt}$ where L is the leakage inductance of the

transformer primary.

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The AC output from the basic oscillator is not in itself of much practical use. The output is very rich in harmonics and suffers from an inherent frequency instability not apparent in the formula

f =	Edc	$N \equiv$	prim. turns
-	4NBs A	A =	core area
	INDSA	Bs =	sat. flux density

This instability is caused by change in the saturation flux density with load. The result is that the frequency tends to increase with increasing load even though the input voltage remains constant. In order to make an effective substitute for 60 cycle mains power, considerable circuitry is required to remove harmonics and stabilize the frequency. These are special problems that necessitate a more detailed discussion than is possible in this article.

It is necessary at this point to define an inverter as any DC powered equipment which produces an AC output. Similarly, a converter is defined as any DC powered equipment which produces a DC output. One use of the basic oscillator (or inverter) for which the disadvantages do not apply is illustrated by the equipment of Figure 2.

A simple inverter

The Transistor Switchboard Supply as shown, makes use of the basic circuit of Figure 1 to generate a 20 cycle output for bell ringing purposes. The frequency stability, power output and waveform requirements are



ideally met with the circuit of Figure 3. A pure sine wave output is not required hence waveshaping by means of capacitor C3 is adequate. A controlled 120 cycle signal for a telephone reversion tone is obtained by designing the filter R_1 and C_1 such that the rectified input signal has a sufficiently large ripple for modulation of the 20 cycle output.

Voltage spikes at the collectors of transistors Q1 and Q2 are eliminated by a simple RC filter across the transformer primary. Since the inverter has its own power supply, the need for filtering and isolation from the primary supply is met. In general, where there is a choice of input supply or voltage, the basic circuit fulfills the simple needs of the equipment described. A more common requirement is operation from a 48 or 130V DC battery.

Increased input voltage

The inverter of Figure 1 is of little use where inputs of 48V or larger are demanded. It is true that the problem might be solved at 48V by use of hand selected transistors but this is a rather poor design technique.

The development of the simplified series circuit of Figure 4 was found to be a satisfactory method of sharing the input voltage across the transistors. A unit which has given field service proof of these principles is shown in Figure 5.

Operation of the series circuit of Figure 4 depends on the correct phasing of the feedback to the base of



Figure 2 — Transistor switchboard supply



the transistors. Assume say Q1 and Q3 are driven to conduction while the feedback to Q2 and Q4 is such as to prevent conduction. The transformer core is driven to saturation by a current through two transistors in series. At saturation, a reversal of the base feedback will occur and oscillations will be sustained as in the case of the simple inverter⁵.

Several interesting points can be stated about the series circuit which may not be apparent at first glance.

- (a) Precise Voltage Division.
- (b) Equal Current Sharing.
- (c) Unmatched Transistors.

Suppose transistors Q1 and Q2 are of the same type and manufacture and that the large signal gain of these units is less than Q3 and Q4 (any type). If then Q1 and Q3 are conducting, then the same collector current flows through both units. The maximum current is thus limited by the transistor with the least gain. The applied voltage will be divided equally between Q1 and Q3 (or Q2 and Q4).

The validity of this statement can be demonstrated by consideration of the factors which might cause an unequal division. It can be seen that transformer unbalance and variations in the "bottoming" of the transistors are the only two factors involved. In practice, transformer unbalance is less than 1 per cent and can be disregarded. For small transistors, the "bottoming" may vary greatly between units, even of the same type. However, for the larger power transistors, the "bottoming" voltage is very small and at worst would not result in an unbalance greater than that due to the transformer. Providing the peak voltage and current capacity of the transistors is not exceeded, the circuit will function quite well with four transistors of considerable difference in type and capacity.

The case of unequal current gain of transistors Q1 and Q2 is usually insignificant due to a tendency to overdrive at the base. If however a very great difference in gain exists, the circuit may oscillate asymmetrically due to saturation of the transistor with the least gain. If on the other hand, both transistors have comparable gains, but lack drive, the waveform will be symmetrical. The frequency would remain virtually unchanged, but the time of conduction of each transistor would be reduced. This is equivalent to the case of an overloaded unit where the protective "bias" reduces the drive.

As an example of the stability of the circuit and



Figure 5 — 20 cycle ringing tone generator. This unit operates from 24 or 48V DC to provide 20 cycle output for bell ringing.



independence on transistor characteristics, four transistors of different types and capacities can be utilized. The circuit will function quite well providing the peak voltage and current of the smallest unit is not exceeded. small oscillator transformer operating in a similar manner to the basic oscillator of Figure 1, with the addition of a non-saturating power transformer which carries the current to the transistor collectors. The power output from the oscillator transformer is generally from 2 to 4 per cent of the larger transformer. Since there is no difficulty in obtaining 95 per cent efficiency in the latter, a highly efficient inversion can be obtained by use of relatively inexpensive transformers. Figure 6 illustrates one form of the twotransformer circuit which gives a considerable extension of power over that obtainable from the basic circuit.

Theoretically, it might be supposed that there is no limit to the power that can be obtained from the two-transformer series circuit where parallel operation of transistors is allowed. In practice, circuit complexity under favorable conditions determines a practical limit to output. Recent improvements in the current handling capacity of transistors has placed the practical limits of conversion in excess of 5KW. In the second part of this article, a discussion of high power equipment will be given.



Figure 7 — Static power converter type CX48. Operates from 24 or 48V DC output and gives 130V DC output at 2.5A or 24V output at 10A.

Extension of power capabilities

As previously stated, the power handling capabilities of the circuit of Figure 1 are limited. The use of the series circuit of Figure 4 does allow an improvement, but not sufficient as the power transfer is dependent on a transformer which is operated in the saturated condition. The "two-transformer" unit of Figure 6 illustrates a means of obtaining efficient transformer action and minimum oscillator transformer loss. The DC-DC converter of Figure 7 utilizes a two transformer technique.

Basically, the two-transformer circuit is that of a

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Part II of Mr. Pinnell's article on "The Use of Transistors for Power Conversion" will appear in the November issue of Electronics and Communications and will deal with high power equipment.

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The design of broad band radio relay equipment for use in a long haul military system

The employment of new circuit techniques and new and better components means that future equipments will not only have better performance but will be much more compact and will consume less space and power.

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The Canadian Marconi Company has supplied to the Canadian government two of the largest microwave systems in the world today - the communications system on the Mid-Canada Radar Line, and the Adcom II Communications System. Without counting the other microwave radio relay systems supplied by this company, these two systems alone account for more telephone channel miles than the aggregate of all systems installed by any other single supplier of microwave equipment in the world, excepting only those systems installed by the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and its associated companies.

The successful construction, installation and operation of these systems has provided a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Canadian Marconi Company. This article is intended to give a brief résumé of the factors affecting the design of high quality radio relay equipment, and of the design philosophy and the principles of design which have been followed by the Marconi laboratories in the development of equipment suitable for use in both commercial and military systems.

In particular, this article will describe a commercial equipment operating in the 2000 Mc/s frequency range, capable of carrying up to 600 telephone channels of toll line quality. This equipment, the Canadian Marconi Company DQ 58B radio relay equipment, is in service in the Adcom II communications system, where it forms a part of the Defense Communications System of North America, carrying vital SAGE data signals.

In most areas of design and performance, radio relay equipments used for commercial and military systems are quite similar. In two areas, however, the requirements differ in some degree.

The standards of performance required of modern long haul radio relay equipments in use in commercial systems, are extremely high; nevertheless, the standards required of equipments operating in military datahandling circuits are often even more stringent. Commercial circuits are usually required to carry only voice signals, which tend to load individual circuits for only a fraction of the total time; while a data channel usually carries a high level signal all the time. Therefore, the overall loading caused by a number of voice channels is usually much less than that caused by a number of data channels. For this reason, standards of performance on military data-carrying channels are usually extremely stringent.

In the operation of commercial circuits, the operating authority ordinarily adopts all means possible within the operating budget of his system to provide reliable, interruption free service. In a military system, whether carrying voice communications or data signals, the urgency of the signals is such, that no interruption of signals can be tolerated. The highest possible reliability must therefore be achieved in both equipment and system design. These matters will be treated in detail later in this article.

In selecting an equipment for use in a large military defense circuit in Canada, it was found that commercial design practice in radio relay equipment has reached a sufficient standard, that the Canadian Marconi Company DQ 58B, a standard commercial equipment, was suitable for use in vital defense systems.

Design standards

The standards which designers of radio relay equipment usually attempt to meet are those recommended by the CCIR (Comite Consultatif Internationale de Radio). While this article does not propose to examine these standards minutely, it may be useful to outline these requirements briefly, and to consider how they are used in the design of radio relay equipment.

In brief, the CCIR standards are not those of a radio system at all; they refer, rather, to the noise in a single telephone channel in a telephone system, without reference to whether that channel be carried on a radio system, a cable or a wire line. The specifications state that the noise in a telephone channel, not including noise contributed by multiplex or exchange equipment, but only that contributed by the system itself, at a point of zero reference level, over a circuit 2500 km (or 1500 miles) in length, shall not exceed

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a mean of 7500 pw in any hour. Further recommendations allow the reference system to have five sections, such that at the four intermediate terminals (usually assumed to be spaced at 300 mile intervals) the traffic is fully demodulated and available for distribution.

In order to obtain some conception of the stringency

of these specifications, it is useful to realize that 7500 pw of noise in a telephone channel at a point of zero reference, represents a weighted signal to noise ratio of 49 db. The average telephone handset alone contributes a signal to noise ratio of 35 to 40 db. The noise in a telephone circuit, with a signal to noise ratio of 40 db verges on the inaudible. This means that if a radio system 3000 miles in length were built to meet CCIR standards, pro rata, the noise contributed by the entire radio system would be less than that contributed by the exchange or handset at its terminal.

The difficulties encountered by a design engineer attempting to meet these standards may readily be imagined. The circuits used and performance obtained in modern radio relay equipment, represent the limit of the art of design. The problem of measuring the performance of a single station, much less that of a single unit or even worse of a single stage, may be understood by considering that the distortion allowance for a station is less than 1/100 that for a single AM broadcast transmitter. If for example one were to undertake to measure the distortion caused by a modulator, one would normally modulate a signal, using the instrument, demodulate it again, using a high quality demodulator, and measure the distortion of the signal. In the case of a high quality, broad band modulator, as used in radio relay systems, the performance of the modulator unit has been advanced to the limit of the art. The performance of the best available demodulator - which is usually that also used in the same radio relay equipment - is of the same order as that of the demodulator. It is therefore impossible to differentiate between distortion contributed by the modulator and that contributed by the demodulator. It is obvious that this situation



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Figure 3 — Canadian Marconi Company Travelling Wave Tube — type N1001/B201. This tube delivers in excess of 100 watts in the 2000 Mc/s frequency range, and offer extreme reliability.

creates great difficulties in a design laboratory — difficulties which are only overcome by the application of great care in design, a great deal of ingenuity, and of wisdom born of extensive experience.

There are, of course, good reasons for requiring such an extremely high standard of performance on long haul heavy route systems. In fact, the standards are chosen to permit the provision of a telephone channel of adequate quality on circuits completely circling the world. In more practical terms in radio systems consisting of a large number of stations in tandem, sufficient margins of performance must be built into the equipment that the severe degradation of a single hop or even several links such as may occur in severe fading conditions, will not degrade the system as a whole to a point where it is no longer of service. Further, the margins of performance should permit expansion of the system at a later date, either by lengthening the system, or by the addition of spur links (of possible lower quality). In addition, it must be recognized that the performance of any electronic equipment will gradually suffer some degradation over years of service. Since it is rarely permissible to interrupt the service to allow for realignment of equipment in order to regain the original performance of the system, it is necessary to allow a sufficient margin of performance in the original design to permit some degradation in service.

It is noteworthy that modern design techniques have greatly alleviated most of the difficulties noted above. It is now possible to design equipment with extremely stable performance, by using circuits which are relatively insensitive to aging effects, temperature, and even to tube degradation from aging. Modern switching and combining techniques, together with better systems designing have greatly reduced the effects of severe fading or difficulties in individual links.

In designing radio relay equipment to meet the standards recommended by CCIR, it is necessary to



Figure 4 — Canadian Marconi Company DQ-58B repeater cabinet. This equipment is a broad band equipment operating in the frequency range 1700-2300 Mc/s.



Figure 5 — Canadian Marconi Company DQ-58B repeater cabinet, showing facilities for front access to all chassis and components.



apportion the noise allowance for the whole system to the various sources of noise and distortion in the equipment. This division is done on the basis of the knowledge and experience of the designer; the performance of individual units is therefore specified by the designer, not by the international authority. From the previous discussion, it will be seen that the designer is forced to place performance specifications on each unit which represent the limit of the art. Baseband amplifiers, if amplifiers and rf amplifiers, filters, mixers, limiters, modulators and demodulators, interconnecting cables, rf cables and antennas, all represent sources of distortion. To each of these units, a noise allowance is made; the total noise allowances of all units in the system must add up to less than the total system allowance made by CCIR. The causes of distortion for each individual unit are then analyzed in terms of the noise allowance for that unit, leading to the specification of performance parameters for that unit.

For example, in an fm system, distortion in if amplifiers, rf amplifiers, in mixers and in filters, arises from variations in the phase response of the circuit with the signal frequency. This phase response is in turn related to the amplitude response of the circuit. From the noise allowance made for the unit, it is therefore possible to specify the necessary phase and amplitude response of the circuit. For a 600 channel system, the rf — if bandwidth requirements for each unit ordinarily works out to a bandwidth of about 20 mc/s, whose response is flat to within 0.1 db. In practical terms, this means that an if amplifier or an rf filter must have a 20 mc/s bandwidth flat to 0.1 db. Not only does this design represent the limit of the art of design, but the measurements of this performance also represent the use of instruments and techniques which are on the limits of modern practice.

It is of interest to consider the case of the input and output matching of the equipment, the matching of the rf feeders and the matching of the antennas. It is obvious that severe mismatches in any of these cases, where the mismatches are frequency dependent, will cause troublesome variations in amplitude and phase response. However, another effect is also present, even in the case of slight mismatches (Figure 1). A signal leaving the transmitter, and reaching the antenna, encounters a slight mismatch. Some small fraction of the energy is reflected back down the line to the transmitter where it encounters another mismatch. Again, a small fraction of the reflected energy is reflected. This energy is out of phase with the signal being transmitted at that instant and therefore represents a source of distortion. It will be seen that the amount of this distortion is proportional to the reflection co-efficients of the mismatches at each end of the transmission line, and to the length of the line. For this reason, this effect is usually known as the long lines effect. The noise allowance usually made for this source of distortion in a 600 channel system, yields a specification for the effective VSWR at the antenna and the transmitter, for a 100 foot transmission line of about 1.06 over the significant operating rf bandwidth. These considerations explain in some degree the apparent preoccupation of microwave engineers engaged in radio relay work, with the attainment of outstanding matching performance in all components. An enormous amount of work has been given to the design of antennas and transmission lines or waveguide runs, capable of meeting this extremely stringent requirement. In recent years, the increasing availability of microwave ferrite isolators has somewhat alleviated this problem in some cases, since these components pass energy in only one direction, and have

the effect of absorbing reflected energy. Nevertheless, such components represent only a partial solution, since it is not possible to use a ferrite isolator effectively in many of the more economical configurations of microwave components used in radio relay systems (Figure 2). Further, a ferrite isolator, of itself, may present a severe mismatch to the transmission line. It is necessary that the VSWR of the ferrite isolator meet the requirements calculated for the long lines effect. This in itself, often represents a formidable problem.

Radio relay systems usually use frequency modulation in order to take advantage of the noise improvement achieved with this system, and the possibility of eliminating external atmospheric noise and AM interference. It is interesting to note that the case of the long lines effect, and the necessity for obtaining superlative matches in rf components, is one case where the choice of an fm system materially increases the difficulties of a designer. Whereas, VSWR's of components required in fm systems lie in the region of 1.05, comparable VSWR's in AM systems lie in the region of 1.5, since distortion arising from this individual source in AM systems is very much less than that in fm systems. The equipment designer may be excused for wishing he could, in some manner, obtain the advantages of both systems, without any of the attendant difficulties.

One of the major sources of distortion in any radio relay system is in the traffic modulators and demodulators. Because of the difficulties in designing such units, the noise allowance ordinarily made for a modulatordemodulator pair is relatively high; it is in the order of 200 pw. This is a major fraction of the allowance of 1500 pw for a CCIR section of 300 miles. If each of the 11 stations in the standard section contained a modulator-demodulator pair, the noise for the section contributed by this cause alone, would cause the CCIR noise allowance to be exceeded by 30 per cent. In order

to achieve CCIR performance, therefore, it is necessary to design through or non-demodulating repeaters, for use at intermediate stations, in order to avoid the unnecessary repetition of this source of noise. It will also be seen that on systems shorter in length than the CCIR standard section, the noise and distortion contribution of the modulator-demodulator becomes proportionately larger, and when combined with the noise contribution of the other components, makes it an extremely difficult task to attain pseudo CCIR performance on shorter systems on the basis of a pro rata 3 pw per km of system. Indeed, equipments which obtain this performance must, of necessity, have some margin of performance over CCIR standards over a standard section. It is for this reason that CCIR specifications are not given for systems other than the standard system of 1500 miles.

Reliability

One of the primary considerations in the operation of any communications system, is its reliability. Every operating authority aims to have useable circuits available for as nearly 100 per cent of the time as possible. In the case of commercial circuits, outage times represent loss of revenue, and, in some cases, further losses because of penalties exacted by customers for lack of service. The possible amounts of these losses must be balanced against the additional cost of equipment required to reduce outage time, and to increase reliability. In the case of military systems, the vital nature of the information being passed over the system is often such that virtually no outage time can be tolerated, and that ultimate reliability must be achieved.

The experience and knowledge obtained by companies and designers in supplying military systems, now makes it possible to provide commercial radio relay systems of extremely high reliability, at a cost which is economically possible. For a system of 10 hops provided with duplicated radio equipment, is is now feasible to quote reliability in the order of 99.98 per cent





Figure 8 — A printed circuit broadband modulator unit, together with its associated AFC unit. These chassis can carry 600 telephone channels or one TV channel to standards in excess of those required for CCIR performance.



Figure 9 — A printed circuit demodulator unit, together with its output unit. These units provide CCIR performance for 600 telephone channels or one TV channel.



Figure 10 — Canadian Marconi Company DQ-58C modern unit, showing means of resoluting and ease of replaceability of plug-in printed circuit modulator and demodulator units.

on a long term basis. This represents a total system outage time averaging only one hour and 44 minutes per year. This high reliability is obtained by reducing the number of faults per equipment to 6 per year, together with the provision of an equipment design and a servicing facility which permit the average time consumed in repair of any fault to be reduced below 2 hours. This must include time elapsed before a service technician arrives at the site. This calculation assumes, of course, that modern techniques are employed for the duplication of equipment and for automatic switching or selection of operative equipment when a fault occurs.

Techniques involved in the design of modern radio relay equipment, the use of modern components of higher performance and reliability, together with the knowledge obtained from long years of experience, enable the modern designer to develop circuits and equipments of inherently higher stability and reliability. Whereas it was formerly necessary to operate components and circuits at or near the limits of their capabilities, it is now possible to operate virtually all components at conservative ratings. This results in units which not only have many fewer faults, but which are much easier to adjust and whose adjustment is non-critical. This in turn, means that higher performance can be attained over very extended periods of time without the periodic readjustment which was formerly necessary.

Improvements of this nature have occurred throughout the designs of radio relay equipment; in modulators, demodulators and if circuits higher performance can now be achieved with a much greater degree of stability. Indeed, in the proper design of radio relay circuitry, the designer should choose the form of circuit which offers higher stability and greater freedom from critical adjustment over that offering still higher performance.

An excellent example of the improvements obtained in the use of modern components, is the trend to the use of travelling wave tubes in wide band equipment. The tubes formerly available for the generation or amplification of microwave power, such as microwave triodes or klystrons, suffer from a number of limitations. Because they operate in cavities, they tend to have limited bandwidths of operation. Adequate bandwidths for wide band systems can only be obtained by very careful adjustment of the associated cavities. a factor which inevitably leads to the need for relatively frequent readjustment in service to maintain optimum performance. Further, the small physical size of these tubes limits the power which can be drawn from them, and further, means that they are inherently fragile with relatively short lives. The travelling wave tube on the other hand, is a physically large, robust tube, with relatively large power output, and, an added advantage, a much higher gain than its competitors. The N1001 travelling wave tube, shown in Figure 3, operating at 2000 Mc/s, gives a power gain in excess of 40 db, compared with a gain of about 10 db from a microwave triode. Further, the travelling wave tube is inherently a broad band device, since neither it nor its mount contains any frequency limiting devices. This means that the travelling wave tube can be operated with no critical adjustment. A travelling wave tube in the Canadian Marconi DQ 58B equipment can be replaced, and the system returned to full operation in under 120 seconds, nearly all of which is taken up in filament warm-up time. And lastly, and most important of all, the travelling wave tube, if properly designed, can give very extended lives because of its relatively large size. The N1001 tube in Figure 3, is guaranteed in the DQ 58B equipment, to give a life in excess of 8000 hours: it is confidently expected that such tubes will give an average life in excess of 15000 hours. In a test system which has been in operation for 18 months or 13000 hours containing 24 travelling wave tubes, not a single tube of the N1001 type has required replacement. One tube of this type was operated for a period of over 5 years (34000 hours) and when eventually removed from service for purposes of exhibition, showed no appreciable degradation in its performance. It can readily be appreciated that the availability and use of components and techniques such as these, contributes greatly to the improvement of equipment reliability.

Of course, it is insufficient to merely design better and more stable circuits using longer life components, since even the best circuit will inevitably develop faults. It is further necessary to design equipment in such a manner that faults can be anticipated and avoided by preventive maintenance and can be easily identified and located if and when they occur. These aims can be accomplished only if an equipment contains a carefully designed monitoring and metering system. For example, the Canadian Marconi Company DQ 58B equipment (Figure 4) incorporates a system of front panel meters which measures the currents of all tubes, and the levels of signals at significant points throughout the equipment. This means that a maintenance technician, noting all meter readings on bi-weekly or monthly visits to a station, can detect any gradual degradation in circuits, and replace failing components or tubes. Thus all but catastrophic failures should be avoided. Of course, the same metering and monitoring facilities permit the rapid location of a fault. The metering facilities shown on the DQ 58B equipment are only one form of the very necessary comprehensive monitoring system which is essential in any radio relay equipment which is required to give reliable service.

In order to achieve the maximum reliability, it is essential that the service technician be able to service the equipment quickly and efficiently. This can only be achieved if all portions of the equipment are readily accessible for servicing. Figure 5 shows one method of obtaining the necessary accessibility. Further, it is essential that individual units be readily replaceable, since it may be necessary to replace units in the field and return the faulty unit to base for repairs. Provisions of this nature must be made in order to achieve the ultimate in reliability.

The competent and conscientious design engineer is not satisfied merely to design a circuit which should be more reliable and less critical to adjustment. He can only be certain he has achieved his purpose by actually operating his equipment under field conditions in an extended life test. For this reason, radio relay laboratories often contain racks of units, operating on life test; many laboratories operate extensive test systems, which serve two important purposes. They not only permit the performance of the equipment to be determined when operated in a system, but they provide

Figure 11 (left) — Canadian Marconi Company DQ-58C terminal rack. This equipment, operating in the frequency band 1700-2300 Mc/s, is capable of carrying 600 telephone channels or one TV channel to CCIR standards.

Figure 12 (right) — Canadian Marconi Company DQ-58C terminal rack, with panels open, showing ready access to all circuits.

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priceless data on the life and reliability of the equipment. For example, the four station test system of DQ 58B equipment operated by the Canadian Marconi Company, has operated for a period of over 18 months, with a fault record much less than the 6 per year per equipment allowed in the reliability calculations. Life test data from this link and from even more extended tests on individual units would indicate that the excellent reliability figures discussed earlier, can be achieved and surpassed with ease.

The Canadian Marconi Company DQ 58B

The DQ 58B equipment, chosen for use in military defense circuits, represents the results of design considerations such as those discussed in this article. This equipment is one of a family of DQ 58 equipments, all operating in the 2000 Mc/s frequency band, and intended to carry 600 telephone channels of toll line *Continued on page 75*



product panorama

For further information on New Products use Readers' Service Cards on pages 67 and 68.

Oscillographic recorder Item 609

A new two-channel oscillo-graphic recorder with h e a t e d stylus direct writing is housed completely in a portable case less than one cubic foot in size. Its compactness and broad recording capabilities make it extremely useful in the plant, laboratory or on field assignments. The new Sanborn Model 320 system has two current-feedback amplifiers— each with floating and guarded inputs, and a rugged, two-channel recorder assembly with low im-pedance, enclosed galvanometers. new two-channel oscillo



The dependability and small size of the instrument are achiev-ed through the use of completely transistorized circuitry with most of the components for each chan-nel mounted on one easily serv-iced card; the remaining ones are easily accessible. The Model 320 also has pro-vision for connecting an external monitoring 'scope to either chan-nel; pushbutton chart speeds of 1, 5, 20 and 100 mm/sec, and a marker-timer stylus with internal 1 second timer. Over-all dimen-sions are 12%' sq. x 8%' high and the system weighs approx. 55 lbs. Complete specifications are available on request from 5 an b or n Company, industrial Division, 175 Wyman Street, waltham 54, Mass., U.S.A.

Sigma series 33 relay Item 610

Sigma series 33 relay Item 610 For applications where relay compactness and dependable operation under extremes of vi-bration and temperature are required, Sigma Instruments, Inc. now has available a new 100 milliwatt adjustment of their subminiature Series 33 relay. Major characteristics of this relay are DPDT contacts rated for 2 arm, resistive loads; polarized, magnetically biased operation — armature normally occupies one closed position when the relay is unenergized. The new adjustment of the "VG" and has the following standard specifications: 30 g to 5000 cps vibration, 70 g shock and constant acceleration will not cause contacts to open, with relay energized or de-energized; -65°C to 4125°C operating temperature amperes (28 VDC/120 VAC, re-sistive load) for a minimum of 100,000 operations at +125°C; single coli; 0.80° x 0.40° x 0.90° nigh; weight-18 grams; hermeti-cally sealed enclosure; plug-in, solder terminal or 3° wire con-nections in 0.100° grid; and stud or flange mounting. On special order, the 33 VG is available with dual colls, and gold alloy con-tacts rated at 0.5 amp. for dry circuit applications. Further information from Sig-ma instruments, Inc., 192 Pears 5, So. Braintree 85, Mass.

Terminals Item 611

Item 611 Where a single- or multi-sused in place of lines over diffi-cult terrain or to off-shore islands, it is now possible to pro-vide subscriber partl-line service. Developed by the Secode Cor-foration, a system consists of ne C.O. terminal and one sub-scriber-end terminal. All the necessary facilities for signalling and talking, in both directions, are provided; included are sub-scriber talking battery, coded ringing to and from the central office — divided code ringing, as which are usbscriber end is subscriber end terminal. Completely self-contained, each terminal is powered by li7-voit 60 cycle supply; mounts in a standard 19-inch rack and has all ot the radio equipment and table from time. There information available from the subscriber. The information available from the subscriber and table from the subscriber and table from the rack and has all ot the radio equipment and table from the subscriber. The information available from the subscriber subscriber.

Temperature indicator

Item 612

Fielden Electronics Ltd., an-nounces a precision self-balancing electronic temperature indicator designed to operate with resist-ance bulbs but the use of tran-sistors, and modern production methods, enable the instrument to be offered at a price com-parable with filled systems or galvanometer equipment.



The indicator is presented in a sealed case similar in size and appearance to a mercury-in-steel indicator or to a circular scale electrical meter and, in fact, the extensive tests carried out on the equipment have convinced the manufacturers that it is no more likely to require attention than a normal electrical indicating meter. meter

meter. Resistance bulbs are used as the temperature sensitive ele-ments and with the inexpensive cable specified, these can be any distance from zero to 300 ft. away from the instrument without affecting the calibration or

affecting the constraints of a calibra-curacy. The instrument has a calibra-tion accuracy of 0.5% of range and reproducibility is better than 0.25%. It is, therefore, particu-larly suitable for those industries where high accuracy, long term larly suitable for those industries where high accuracy, long term stability and trouble free service are prime requirements but, in view of the low cost and simple installation, it offers a modern replacement for filled systems and galvanometer type indicators. For further details, contact Measurement Engineering Ltd., Arnprior, Ont.

Ground outlets-plugs Item 613

Item 613 Amphenol Canada Limited an-nounces the availability of a new 160 series of heavy duty U ground outlet type plugs and receptacles. Available in five styles, they are ideal for use in home appliances and tools, industrial equipment and replacement parts. Features include . . rugged construction . . . molded in grounding pin . . . mounting plate and motor housing shell make ground when installed in equip-ment.

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ment. Electrical rating 125 volts at 15 amps. They are CSA approved. For further information, write to Amphenol Canada Limited, 349 Carlaw Avenue, Toronto 8, Ont.

Insertion loss scanner

Pye Canada Limited, 84 North-line Road, Toronto 16, Ontario.

Klystron tube mounts

Klystron tube mounts Item 615 Klystron Tube Mounts, which will eliminate the problems of setting up a complex apparatus for testing and operating Klys-tron tubes, have been introduced by Narda Microwave Corporation, Mineola, LI., N.Y. Designed for ultimate conven-ince and safety, these mounts incorporate adequate forced cool-ing (with the enclosed fan direct-ing the air away from the oper-ator), and positive electrical connectors. A mating cable connector is supplied with each mount. mount.



Klystron tubes are positioned in the mount so as to provide free and easy access to the Klys-tron tuning adjustments. In the case of Model 991 (for Sperry Klystrons), an output SKL to Type N adapter is provided. Constructed of rugged cast aluminum, Narda Tube Mounts are available for use with Varian, Sperry, Raytheon and EMI Klystrons. Complete specifications are available from The Narda Mierc

Complete specifications are available from The Narda Micro-wave Corporation, 118-160 Her-ricks Rd., Mineola, L.I., N.Y.

DC digital voltmeter Item 616

Item 616 A new low cost DC Digital Voltmeter for general laboratory and industrial applications has been introduced by Electro-Logic Corporation. This unit, known as the Model V-1 converts an un-hown voltage into decimal num-bers with an accuracy of 0.5% of ull scale. The V-1 has high speed response, 1/24th of a second for full scale. Quick response saves annoying delays normally occur-tory decimality of the second for full scale. Quick response saves annoying delays normally occur-tory with even expensive digital voltmets. Thas the acknowledged advantages of reliable digital presentation is both digital and quasi-digital readout can be obtained with this a bright number on a dark field



in a viewing window. In the quasi-digital mode the numbers do not "frame" as in the digital mode but slide smoothly by the window: particularly useful for observation of trends or inter-polation between numbers. The V-1 is available in three ranges 0-2.5V, 0-250V (ranges of 0-0.25 and 2500 volts can be supplied). For further information contact Computing Devices of Canada Ltd., P.O. Box 508, Ottawe, Ontario.

Level trigger

Item 617

Item 617 Cambridge Thermionic Corpor-ation has added a new high speed 10 MC Level Trigger to its expanding line of CAMBION(R) computer components. CAMBION's level trigger is a circuit possessing an output which rapidly assumes the one level when input voltage is raised above critical triggering level and quickly changes to zero level when input voltage falls below turnoff level. The design of the model #LT-1 Level Trigger provides a unique storage feature . . . If the input is open circuited at any time, the output remains at the value cor-responding to the last input voltage applies. The level trigger is only 0.35 cubic inches in size and has a superior frequency response from DC to 10 MC. It weighs only 9 grams and operates over a wide temperature range, -.55°C to +.55°C. The standard 7-pin base design permits easy insertion into sockets for deve-lopment work, dip-soldering in printed circuit boards an rapid incorporation into finished com-puters.

For further information, write Cambridge Thermionic of Canada Limited, 2425 Grand Boulevard, Montreal 28, P.Q.

Coaxial isolators

Item 618

Item 618 Special Microwave Device Operations of Raytheon Company has added two broadband coaxial isolators to its product line. The new units, designated IcLM2 and IcSM2, open new design possibi-lities in "L" and "S" band equipment. The Model IcLM3 operates in the "L" band region from 1250 to 1600 megacycles. Designed to handle peak power of 5 KW and average of 25 watts, it has mini-mum isolation of 20 db, a VSWR of 1.25, and insertion loss of 1.0 db maximum. Overall length of the 3.8 lb. unit is 12 inches.



The Model IcSM2 covers 2000 to 4000 megacycles in "S" band and handles peak power of 5 KW with an average power capability of 5 watts. Maximum isolation is 30 db with a minimum of 20 db. Maximum VSWR is 1.25. Maxi-mum insertion loss is 2.0 db with 1.0 db possible over a narrow band. Overall length of the new isolator is 9.8 inches. Weight is 2.3 bb. lbs

2.3 lbs. Both new isolators have Type N female connectors. Special Microwave Device Operations, Raytheon Company, 130 Second Avenue, Waltham 54, Massachusetts.

Instructional servo systems

Item 619

Item 619 A Servo System intended for demonstration purposes and stu-dent use is available through The Glendon Instrument Company Ltd. It will illustate the princip-les of closed-loop position control. Many important aspects of basis theory such as the effect of gain on alignment accuracy and the combined effect of gain and damping on translent response may be demonstrated directly on the equipment by visual observation.

may be demonstrated directly on the equipment by visual observation. The equipment consists of a Servo Control Unit and a Servo Assembly. The system operates on DC signal throughout and can be switched to operate as a velocity-lag system characterized by a single fixed time constant of 0.16 second in the forward path, or to a condition in which a suitable time constant can be determined by the users' own mechanical loading on an ex-tension of the motor shaft. Two ranges of forward gain are available, a low gain which gives a wide range of linear operation, and a high gain to enable the improved performance with com-pensating networks to be realized. The Giendon instrument Com-pany Ltd., 46 Crockford Bivd., Scarborough, Ontario.

Micro-circuitry

Item 620 A new technique in Micro-circuitry has been developed by IRC. Called the MU circuit, it is particularly adaptable for adder, pre amplifier, binary counter and logic circuits. MU circuits offer increased space efficiency and afford the designer the opportu-nity to use existing tried and proven circuitry ideas merely by translating them into MU cir-cuitry. Item 620

translating them into MO Cir-cuitry. For further information on IRC's New Micro-circuitry, write for a copy of Advanced Engineer-ing Bulletin AE-12 to IRC Re-sistors, Division of Renfrew Elec-tric Co. Limited, 349 Carlaw Ave., Toronto 8, Ontario.

Analog tachometer Item 621

Item 621 The Analog Tachometer Type SA 507 is a fully transistorized analog frequency meter utilizing the characteristics of a saturated core to provide constant voltage-time integral pulses. This output pulse train is used to operate a 3½" scale meter calibrated 0.3,000, 0.10,000 and 0.30,000 r.p.m. The instrument operates from a photo-transistor transducer type SA 508 which enables shaft speed measurements to be made without physical connection to transducer type MA .95B is available, operating direct from a strong, industrial type wooden case which provides sufficient space to house the batteries and phototransistor transducer. **Racal Instruments Limited, Western Road, Bracknell, Berk-**shire, England.

Recorder/reproducer

Item 622 Item 622 The first magnetic tape system that does the work of two by storing both analog and pulse data with equal facility has been announced by the Electrical Pro-ducts Division of Minnesota Min-ing and Manufacturing of Canada Limited.

Limited. Known as the model CM-100, this wide band recorder/repro-ducer is a product of the Mincom Division of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company in the United States

Division of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company in the United States. A unique characteristic of the CM-100 is its bandwidth of 400 cycles to 1.0 megacycle. Another feature is that there are seven wide-band tracks to a single $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide magnetic tape. Six speeds from 71/2 ips to 120 ips provide greater bandwidths at each speed than has heretofore been avail-able. For example, at 15 ips the CM-100 records frequencies up to 125 kc, at 60 ips it records fre-quencies up to 500 kc. More information regarding the CM-100 may be obtained by writ-ing to the Electrical Products Division of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing of Canada Lim-ited, P.O. Box 757, London, Ontario.

Microwave components

Item 623 Item 623 Long known as a major manu-facturer of microwave tubes, Bomac Laboratories, Inc., is now placing added emphasis on pre-packaged, pre-tested microwave assemblies, complete with com-ponents and associated hardware, ready for installation in the cus-tomer's radar unit.



Typical is the assembly shown typical is the assembly shown here — a "package" consisting of a branch guide duplexer and a balanced mixer, with magnetron, tunable TR tube, klystron and constable

balanced mixer, with magnetron, tunable TR tube, klystron and crystals. Bomac engineers will design on order the modulator for this typi-cal unit or other R.F. package to supply negative pulses for the magnetron, either as part of the same package or separately. Bomac Laboratories, Inc.. Salem Road, Beverly, Mass., U.S.A.

Sub-miniature switch

Item 624 A new completely sealed sub-miniature precision snap-action switch has been introduced by Micro Switch, Toronto, Ontario, a division of Honeywell Controls

switch has been introduced by Micro Switch, Toronto, Ontario, a division of Honeywell Controls Limited. This switch, Catalog Listing 1XEI, is the smallest and lightest environment-free switch available to meet the pressing demand for miniaturization combined with reliability in mobile, marine, air-craft and railway applications. The 1XEI, 616" wide x 600" high x 316" thick, and weighing only 20 oz., opens a new world of pos-sibilities for the designer of com-pact devices where space and weight savings are important. The switching unit and the ex-tending leadwires are embedded in epoxy resin within the treated, corrosion-resistant a l u m in u m h o u s in g; an elastomer seal around the actuating plunger completes the sealed construction to prevent entry of dust, dirt, and molsture. The IEX1 provides dependable operation in a tem-perature range from -65° to 230°F, and presents a single-pole double-throw c on t a ct arrange-ment. Electrical rating includes theney, inductive, 28 vdc; 5 amps, 115/230, 60 cycles. Ask for Data Sheet 169 from B. Colwell, Merchandising Dept, Honeywell Controls Limited, Van-derhoof Avenue, Toronto 17, Ontario. MIL rheostats

MIL rheostats and resistors

Item 625 Ohmite Manufacturing Com-pany has now expanded what is claimed to be the world's largest stock of ready-to-ship power re-sistors and rheostats to include MIL rheostats and resistors.



These components will be stock-ed in all popular values and tol-erances listed by MIL-R-26C and MIL-R-22A, respectively. At pres-ent, Ohmite is also stocking tantalum capacitors to meet MIL-C-3965B: Styles CL24, CL25, CL34, CL35, case slzes Cl, C2, C3; and Styles CL44, CL45, case size T1.

CL3; and Styles CL44, CL45, case size T1. Distributors of Ohmite com-ponents throughout the country will also stock many of these MIL items enhancing even further Ohmite's renowned service to in-dustry through distributors. Com-ponents produced by Ohmite for military use include the products described above as well as adjust-able power resistors, precision resistors and relays. All these components are described in "Catalog 50", available upon request from Ohmite Manufactur-ing Company, 3680 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois, U.S.A.

Dynamic tube tester Item 626

Item 626 To meet the progressive trend in tube design, the new Avo Valve Characteristic Meter Mark IV has been introduced. It is de-signed to test almost any receiv-ing tube (American or European) and many small transmitting

ing tube (American or European) and many small transmitting types. AC voltages are used through-nates the regulation problems and inaccuracies usually associ-ated with DC circuitry. A new system of mutual conductance measurement permits readings up to 60 ma/V, and provides

extreme accuracy when measur-ing high-slope tubes. Facilities for monitoring filament current are included. Internal circuitry incorporates semiconductors, so that no warm-up period is re-quired. Rectifier tubes are checked at each piate separately at the full rated load and with an 8 mfd. condenser in circuit. This tester will provide all characteristics of a tube, whether checking to manufacturer's spe-cifications or in development or experimental work. Additionally, a quick "GOOD/BAD" check can be made. An overload relay is incorporated. R. H. Nichols Limited, Box 500, Downsview, Ontario.

Soldering iron holder Item 627

Item 627 To provide safer, more efficient production soldering, engineers at Ungar Electric have created a unique soldering iron holder, with safety guard design. One significant feature is the exclu-sive safety guard design which fully protects the soldering opera-tor against painful "hot tip" burns. With the Ungar Soldering Iron Holder, the operator no longer need worry about acci-dentally brushing against exposed hot irons. hot irons.



This new Unger Soldering Iron cradled safely and securely in one convenient place, increasing soldering efficiency and providing greater protection against iron Designed for versatility, the reakage. Designed for versatility, the foctures to add to the operator's convenience. The operator may attach the holder to (1) the top of the bench, (2) to a wall or side of the bench, or (3) to the under-side of the bench. In addition, the operator can adjust the angle of the holder, so that the soldering iron is positioned for easy, instant use.

use. For further information, write Ungar Electric Tool Co. of Can-ada, 44 Danforth Road, Scar-borough, Ontario.

R.F. converter-amplifier

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Parametric mode transistor operating at ultra-high and microwave frequency ranges has been developed by Hughes Aircraft Company for operation in circuits invented by Lenkart Electric Co. Inc. Pointer indicates transistor mounted in circuit. Inventors believe both will lead to circuit simplification in communications equipment and possibly in electronic computers.



The radio telescope of the Mullard Radio-Astronomy Observatory at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, Eugland — part of which is seen here — recently was instrumental in discovering a nebula 5,000 million light years away from the earth. The nebula, designated 3C295, was located by radio observations from Cambridge which enabled American astronomers at Mount Palomar to photograph the star galaxy, the most distant object ever seen in the whole universe.

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looking lenswise at your industry in action

In the photograph below a technician of C. R. Snelgrove Company Ltd., Don Mills, Ontario, is shown aligning crystal filters which are fast becoming a vital component in better spectrum utilization.





Antenna balancing at International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation's Federal Division employs Model SU-7 Dynamic Balancer in its VORTAC air navigation project. Device determines dynamic balance of rotating portion of VORTAC antenna.



The swept-band transmission measuring set, a new electronic instrument, which facilitates the testing of telephone circuits, determines if there is a defect in a telephone circuit. The signal characteristics are displayed on a Cathode Ray tube which is part of the instrument.



A new 100-watt transistorized two-way radio has been announced by Canadian General Electric Company Limited. It is the first transistorized twoway radio in the 100-watt category to be packaged in a case as small as four inches high, 85% inches wide, and 15 in ches long.



Plugging into a "home made" electronics tester that he built on spare time out of spare parts, Ernie Sweeney of North American Aviation's Los Angeles Division tests products to be used in triplesonic B-70 homber program. The multi-purpose tester will save hundreds of man hours in development of 2000-mph B-70.



Even a machine can show off its manners — the mechanical hands of the Pye master slave manipulator strikes a match and reaches across to light the cigarette of Miss Vivienne Minchen. This piece of electronic equipment was one of the major attractions at the British Pye Group's own radio, television and electronics show at the Royal Festival Hall, London, recently.

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Scanning the international scene

A television camera believed to be the first in the world with an integral zoom lens contained within the camera body has been developed jointly by the BBC Engineering Division and a firm of optical specialists owned by Rank Precision Industries Ltd. It has an unprecedented focal range of 2 ins. to 40 ins. and can zoom from long-shots to a close-up that apparently brings an object 20 times nearer to the viewer. Its development became possible through the revolutionary optical design of the lens. In its more conventional form this lens was first used operationally at Princess Margaret's wedding in Westminster Abbey and was used by the Italians to televize the Olympic Games.

A composite weather map of the entire United States, produced within minutes from more than 100 radar photographs taken simultaneously, and combined and transmitted over a nation-wide facsimile network, is the ultimate goal of a new contract just awarded by the United States Weather Bureau to Alden Electronic & Impulse Recording Equipment Co., Inc.

Under the contract, Alden Electronic will demonstrate the feasibility of its recently-devised plan which promises the simplest, fastest and most economical system of integrating critical radar weather data from coast to coast and ultimately from around the world.

The Alden system would yield a composite weather map within a few minutes after the hundredplus radar weather centers took their respective photos.

Tense moments of the dramatic 19½ mile jump from the rim of space by USAF Capt. Joseph Kittinger were recorded for leisurely study by U.S. scientists on an airborne magnetic tape recording system specially designed for Capt. Kittinger by a Los Angeles electronic firm, Leach Corporation. The tape recorder, at the time it was built into the Kittinger instrumentation system, was the smallest in the world. It weighs

only 24 ounces and can be held in a child's hand. Since then Leach has produced one half as small, $10\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.

The Kittinger recorder can keep a time-related record of heart beat, respiration, voice, rate of tumble, twists and turns of a falling body, and other data valuable to medical and physical observers, simultaneously on 14 separate magnetic channels.

Use of a TV camera to help a spacecraft land on the moon and a new vehicle called a cross between an airplane and a spacecraft were described by North American Aviation engineers at a meeting of the American Astronautical Society. Robert L. Peterson, a dynamics engineer, said a television camera mounted in a spacecraft also could be used to view the moon enroute to the landing site, to establish the local moon vertical and to send visual data back to a ground control station after the vehicle has landed. In spite of the great distance from the moon to earth, experts claim reception at the ground control station would be as good as everyday reception on a home TV set.

A new type of German milling machine, fitted with a British tape-control system, which anticipates errors and stops the machine before they would have been made, thus eliminating the scrapping of valuable workpieces, was shown publicly for the first time at the German Machine Tool Fair at Hanover from September 11 to 20. The machine --- a Droop and Rein FS80 vertical mill is controlled by the EMICON system, designed and manufactured by E.M.I. Electronics Ltd. This system incorporates a new angle safety unit, which foresees any program error or irregularity in the tape and brings the safety circuits into operation before the cutter arrives at that point. Previously, tape-controlled machines were equipped with a safety system which stopped the machine immediately an error had been made.

RCA offers course on transistors

This course, written by experts in the transistor field, is available to all service technicians, engineers and individuals who have a good basic knowledge of electronics.

The course includes semi-conductor physics, P N junction diodes, transistor principles, transistor equivalent circuits, biasing and DC stabilization, audio frequency amplifiers, transistors at high frequencies, transistor receiver circuits, servicing transistor circuits, switching circuits and many more.

Complete details on this course are available, without obligation, from RCA Institutes, 5581 Royalmount Avenue, Montreal 9, Quebec, Canada.

Shockley Transistor names Adams Engineering Ltd.

Adams Engineering Ltd., of Montreal and Toronto, Canada, has been named engineering sales representative for Shockley Transistor in Eastern Canada.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Frank J. Newman, sales manager for Shockley Transistor Unit of Clevite Transistor.

Adams Engineering represents many leading electronic engineering and manufacturing firms throughout the area in which they will serve Shockley. Adams maintains headquarters at 1500 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal, Quebec, with another office at 1999 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ont.

The Shockley organization specializes in the development and manufacture of advanced semiconductor products. The Shockley 4-layer diode is a new silicon, semiconductor switch used in electronic instruments, control systems, missiles, computers and communications equipment.



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Canada Wire in the Atlantic provinces

The initiation of the manufacture of plastic insulated telephone cables in the Atlantic Provinces is announced by Mr. O. W. Titus, President, Canada Wire and Cable Company Limited.

This will be the result of an immediate substantial enlargement of the present Western Wire and Cable Company plant at Lancaster, N.B., which will now become known as Canada Wire and Cable Company Limited, Atlantic Division.

M. C. Schofield, P. Eng., a native of New Brunswick, formerly the Superintendent of the Western Wire and Cable Company plant, is appointed Plant Manager.

Dialaphone appoints quality control supervisor

Appointment of Gus A. Schutze, formerly associated with Automatic Electric (Canada) Ltd., as quality control supervisor for Dialaphone, was announced recently by Austin M. Elliott, vice-president and general manager of the San Mateo company.

Schutze was associated with Automatic Electric in Canada for four years as quality control technician and telephone test equipment engineer. Prior to joining Dialaphone he was with the Rio Tinto Management Services at Elliot Lake, Ontario, as chief instrument technician on uranium extraction operations.

At Dialaphone, he will have charge of maintaining high quality standards in the production of the revolutionary automatic dialing instrument that is a companion to the telephone for business or home use.

CCBA annual conference

The ninth annual Central Canada Broadcasters Association Engineering Conference will be held Tuesday, October 25, and Wednesday, October 26, 1960, in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. This conference promises to be bigger and better, and as in the past it will be of direct interest to anyone who has any degree of technical interest in radio or television broadcasting.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday, October 25. Seven technical talks will be delivered during the two days. A tour through the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Network Television Operating Centers, is scheduled for the second afternoon. The conference will conclude with a reception and banquet at 6.30 p.m. Wednesday, October 26. A very interesting after-dinner speech will be delivered by an engineer from the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

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quality, or a single TV channel. While it is impossible to describe this equipment in detail in the space available, it may be useful to consider the block diagram of the equipment, in Figure 6, which shows the major features of a repeater equipment. It will be seen that the received rf signal is selected by the receive rf filter, and passed to a low noise crystal mixer, with a noise figure of about 12 db. The local oscillator signal is provided by a crystal controlled frequency multiplier chain. The resulting 70 Mc/s if is amplified, and passed to the transmit frequency changer, where it is mixed with the transfer frequency and translated to the output rf frequency.' The rf signal is then amplified by two stages of travelling wave tube amplification, and is delivered to the output rf filter at a level in excess of 10 watts. The transfer frequency is derived by mixing the master oscillator signal with the output of a shift frequency oscillator. The shift frequency oscillator, which has a crystal controlled AFC circuit, can be modulated by a traffic signal or a local EOW or supervisory signal. A portion of the IF signal is fed to a wideband demodulator circuit. Thus, drop and insert facilities are available at each repeater, without in any way affecting the through traffic performance.

Figure 7 shows the block diagram of a terminal equipment, and demonstrates how many of the same units used in a repeater are also used in a terminal. Indeed, if the IF connection to the transmit mixer in a repeater is broken, the result is very nearly a terminal equipment. The receiver remains unchanged. In the transmitter, the 70 Mc/s output of a wideband modulator is substituted for the IF signal in the transmit mixer, and the shift frequency is supplied by a crystal controlled oscillator.

Besides the features already discussed, it should be noted that the power supplies in this equipment use silicon rectifiers throughout. Extensive field experience shows that this provision virtually eliminates rectifier faults and replacements. Over a period of some years, no failures of silicon rectifiers have been experienced whatsoever in circuits where the rectifiers were employed at suitable ratings.

On high power tubes such as the N1001 travelling wave tubes, it is necessary to provide external means of cooling; forced air cooling is often used. In the DQ 58B equipment, a single large blower is mounted in the base of each cabinet, and the air supply is distributed to various points throughout the cabinet. This means that a single large long life blower is substituted for a number of small inefficient and unreliable blowers throughout the equipment. Further, the availability of a common air supply enables air to be used for cooling where it would not be used if it meant the addition of a blower. Small amounts of cooling air can be used in this manner to greatly extend the life of critical components. In a station, the air systems of two adjacent cabinets are interconnected in such a manner that one blower will supply air to two cabinets should one blower fail. This avoids virtually all systems failures which could occur because of blower failures.

The DQ 58B is a field proven equipment; it has now been produced in very large quantities on a factory mass production basis. In the laboratory design of radio relay equipment, a great deal of time and care must be devoted to the transfer of a laboratory design Continued on page 78



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Millivoltmeter

Item 629 A new RF millivoltmeter which quickly and accurately measures RF voltages from 1 millivolt to 10 volts at frequencies up to 1,000 MC is available from Hew-lett-Packard Company. Readings are wrtually free from the tomperature effects normally associated with sensitive RF meters.

associated with sensitive RF meters. The new millivoltmeter, Model 411A, includes two linear voltage scales in a 1:3 ratio. These linear scales, an outstanding feature of the instrument, help eliminate scale reading errors and provide maximum voltage resolution. The meter also includes a db scale for readings from -42 to +33 db. Model 411A is a compact, ver-satile unit which, according to the manufacturer, provides



greater accuracy than any instru-ment of its kind. Accuracy from 1 MC to 50 MC is $\pm 3\%$ of full scale; 50 MC to 150 MC, $\pm 6\%$ of full scale, and 500 KC to 1,000 MC, ± 1 db. Because of the milli-voltmeter's high temperature stability, accuracy changes are negligible from 10° to 40° C. Hewlett-Packard Company, 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Cali-fornia.

Micropot potentiometer Item 630

Item 630 Borg Equipment Division, Am-phenol-Borg Electronics Corpora-tion, has announced another addition to their broad line of Micropot potestiometers: the new Borg 205-3T (three-turn) Micropot. This new Micropot is specifi-cally designed to retain the quality advantages of the well-known Borg 205 ten-turn Micro-pot. The new three-turn design results in a major reduction of housing length. Over-all housing length is only 1-31/64".



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Complete information on the new Borg 205-3T Micropot may be had by contacting Atlas Radio Corporation Ltd., 50 Wingold Avenue, Toronto 19, Ontario.

Signal comparator

Signal comparator Item 631 Signal Comparator No. 224-023A is the latest addition to Avien's line of signal comparators. This unit provides go/ no-go compari-son of a signal voltage with re-spect to a reference. The com-parator is designed for use in ground based systems where 115 volt, 60 cps power is normal or preferred, and where equipment may not be subjected to the en-vironmental extremes encounter-ed by airborne systems. The Comparator features a compact construction, while low power datin permits ready inclusion into systems where space is at a pre-mium. Exceptional low hum and noise pickup also assure depend-able operation compatible with both military and industrial moni-toring requirements. For further information write Brian Engineering Limited, 5225 van Horne Ave., Montreal, P.Q.

Microminiature variable resistor

Item 632

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TV satellite transmitter

TV satellite transmitter Item 633 Benco Television Association Limited, 27 Taber Road, Rexdale, Ontario, announces a Low Power Television Satellite Transmitter, Model "T-5", with 8.9 watts P.E.P. output (5 watt pedestal level). This transmitter has been de-signed to meet the requirements of the Canadian Department of Transport, as set forth in the Department's Radio Standards Specification No. 155. The Model "T-5" is ideally suited to provide television re-ception for isolated communities when weak television signals are available on a nearby hill or mountain.

available on a nearby hill or mountain. The "T-5" is a conversion type unit which translates the distant, wanted VHF television signal into any other wanted VHF television channel. The complete equipment is contained in one weatherproof housing. Simple to install and economical to maintain. For further information, con-tact Benco Television Associates Limited, 27 Taber Road, Rexdale, Ontario.

Variable frequency power source

Item 634 A new 50-watt, variable-frequency power source, with better than 0.01 per cent amplitude stability and only 0.1 per cent harmonic distortion, now enables users of AC voltmeters, AC ammeters, and digital meters to calibrate their own instruments to laboratory standards.



Developed and manufactured by Krohn-Hite Corp., Cambridge, Mass., the Model LDS-1500 power source delivers a continuously-variable wide range of voltage and current — up to 1500 volts, and up to 12 amps, at any frequency between 20 and 2,000 cps.

The complete instrument is housed in a standard cabinet measuring 40" high, 22" wide, and 19" deep.

Further information is available direct from Krohn-Hite Corp., 580 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.



briefing the industry

■ In the first half of 1960 equipment manufactured by Automatic Electric (Canada) Limited has been exported to Pakistan, Australia, El Salvador, Venezuela, Mexico, Dominican R e p u b l i c, Haiti and Lebanon. Colombia and Ecuador will soon be added to this list. The above equipment is in addition to the apparatus being built and supplied to Canadian independent telephone companies from coast to coast.

J. McK. McLean, vice-president and general manager of instruments for F. W. Sickles of Canada Limited says that diversification is the answer to foreign competition in Canadian electronics industry. Based on this premise the company has recently announced that it will soon begin production of a new line of semiconductors at their Waterloo, Ontario plant. At the present time the firm is producing television tuners, deflection yokes, horizontal output transformers, IF transformers and radio coils.

John L. Burns, president of RCA New York said in Toronto recently that as defense business increases within his company more work will be assigned to RCA Victor Company Limited, RCA's associated company in Canada. Mr. Burns pointed out that already RCA Victor Company Ltd., Montreal, has been awarded a \$2 million contract for equipment for an "electronic skytrack", for use in conjunction with the detection and control system, part of the North American aerial defense system.

■ Inspectronics Limited is the name of a new underwater inspection television company which will operate from Brantford, Ont. The company has a capital of 12,500 preferred shares and 100,-000 common shares. Plans of the company call for operations from coast to coast in Canada and in the United States.

■ Canadian National - Canadian Pacific Communications have introduced to Canada a new and versatile piece of office equipment designed to meet communications needs where instantaneous transmission of material, as written, is required. The new unit, now undergoing tests with several major Canadian firms, is called "Electrowriter". CN-CPC expect the new Electrowriter units will supplement and broaden the already-extensive line of communications equipment offered for private wire service.

■ Canadians were told recently that they are almost alone in the world as "an industrialized nation encouraging importation of manufactured goods from nations with lower wages and living standards — to the obvious detriment of its own industries and economy."

George L. Wilcox, president of the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association, told the Electrical Day directors' luncheon of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto that present importation policies were not wise.

"We have a growing market right here in Canada for the things our secondary industry can produce," he said. "Why then must we ship our raw materials abroad, only to buy them back later in finished form, with the wages of other people and the costs of other producers added?"

On August 17, Dawson City got direct telephone and telegraph service with the rest of the world for the first time. Prior to the Canadian National Telegraphs' construction of the facilities, which started last September, the only communications service into Dawson City was by wireless telegraph. Telephone calls now placed over the new CNT line are routed to Whitehorse, then to Edmonton where connections are made with the Trans-Canada Telephone System for service to any world point.

■ Admiral International Corporation has announced the completion of arrangements for the manufacture of Admiral television receivers in New Zealand. The TV receivers will be produced under license by Collier and Beals Limited of Wellington.

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into a production design. It is essential to allow adequate margins of performance between that obtained in the laboratory under ideal conditions and expert adjustment, and that which must be achieved on factory built models under field conditions. However, it is an interesting sidelight to note that after a short time in a competent production shop, the performance of DQ 58B equipment being manufactured under mass production conditions, consistently surpasses the performance achieved in the laboratory.

It may be of interest to briefly consider the advances in design of the DQ 58 family of equipments, since the DQ 58B was placed in production. Figure 8 shows a printed circuit modulator unit, Figure 9, a printed circuit demodulator unit. Such units provide improved performance over broader bandwidths, both by the employment of newer components and tubes of higher performance, and by the application of printed circuit techniques to ensure accuracy and reproducibility in the positioning of components and wiring. In physical form, these circuits are in plug in chassis, which provide maximum economy in space and ease in replacement as shown in Figure 10. The provision of such units for all circuits in the equipment provides improvements in both performance and reliability.

Improvements in the design of travelling wave tubes make it possible to eliminate one of the travelling wave tubes in previous equipments, with no degradation in performance. A full rack of operating equipment, constituting a complete single terminal, and incorporating these improvements, is shown in Figure 11.

The advent of new components, such as the varactor and improved microwave ferrite devices, have somewhat simplified some microwave problems, and improved the performance which can be achieved. Units employing the techniques described are now on life test in Canadian Marconi laboratories.

The employment of these new circuit techniques and new and better components, means that future equipments will not only have better performance, but will be much more compact and will consume much less power.

The radio relay design engineer can look forward to providing better equipment for his customer in all respects, performance, economy, and reliability.



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Daystrom Limited (Heath Division), 2 Raitherm Road, Toronto 19, Ont.

DEW detector

Item 636

The model 5217 Dew Detector is a new instrument, developed by National Research Council and manufactured by Measurement Engineering Ltd. It is a simple, electronic, high impedance, millivolt relay, coupled with a



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For further information contact: Measurement Engineering Ltd., Arnprior, Ontario.



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S-5541	F6	500 MA.	600

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S-5546	F3	500 MA.	300
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S-5548	F5	500 MA.	500
S-5549	F6	500 MA.	600

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