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Type	Application	Level	Pri, Imp.	in Pri.	Sec. Imn	Pri Ros C	on Bor	List
*S0-1	Input	+ 4 V.U.	200	0	250,000	16	2650	\$6.50
S0-2	Interstage/3:1	+ 4 V.U.	10.000	0	90,000	225	1050	1.50
*\$0-3	Plate to Line	+ 20 V U.	10,000	3 m l.	200	1300	30	6.50
SO-4	Output	+ 20 V.U.	30.000	1.5 m l. 1.0 m l	500	1900	4.5	1.50
SO-5	Reactor 50 HY at	1 mil. D.C 3000	ohms D.C. Res.	1.0 11 1.		1000	4.3	6.50
SO-6	Output	+ 20 V U.	100,000	.5 m l	60	3250	3.9	5.50

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 *Impedance ratio is fixed
 1250:1 for SO-1, 1:50 for SO-3. Any impedance between the values shown may be employed.
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Туре	Application	Le	vel	Pri. Imp.	D.C. in Pri.	Sec. Imp.	Pri, Res. S	Sec. Res.	List
*SS0-1	Input	÷	4 V.U.	200 50	0	250,000 62.500	13.5	3700	\$6.50
SSO-2	Interstage/3:1	+	4 V.U.	10,000	0	9(1,000	750	3250	6.50
*\$\$0-3	Plate to Line	+	20 V.U.	10,000 25,000	3 mil. 1.5 mil.	200	2600	35	6.50
SS0-4	Output	+	20 V U.	30,000	1.0 mil.	50	2875	4.6	6.50
SS0-5	Reactor 50 HY at	1 mil.	D.C. 4400	ohms D.C. Res.				1.0	5.50
SS0-6	Ouptut	+	20 V.U.	100,000	.5 mil.	60	4700	3.3	6.50
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SM5DS and SM5LS are hermetically sealed in deep drawn steel can. Base and dimensions same as "G" version.

SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

"G" suffix designates hermetically sealed in glass.

"S" suffix designates hermetically sealed in deep drawn steel can.

"D" suffix designates winding that consumes .4 watt or more at rated operating point. Performance range is from 0.3 V. at 1.37 amp to 118 V. at 0.0034 amp. Standard winding draws approximately 0.5 watt at rated voltage with adjustment to pull in at 75% or less of rated voltage. Contact transfer occurs at approx. 35% of pull in voltage.

"L" suffix designates winding for current sensitive operation in which the coil consumes less than .4 watt. Maximum sensitivity of 0.075 watt can be provided with pull in at 2.75 MA minimum on slowly rising current with 10,000 ohm coil or 0.695 amp at 0.108 V. with 0.155 ohm coil. Standard adjustment to pull in at or below specified value and contact transfer during drop out to occur at approximately 50% of pull in value.

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Wire leads are correct height from chassis for shortest possible connection to tube sockets. Style 2322 (left) 45/64" high. Capacity range 5 to 2,500 MMF. Style 2336 (right) 15/16" high. Capacity range 6 to 5,000 MMF.

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NEW SHALLCROSS WHEATSTONE-MEGOHM BRIDGE

The new Shallcross 635-A Wheatstone-Megohm Bridge is a versatile direct-reading instrument for accurate measurements between 10 ohms and 1,000,000 megohms. It can be used to measure resistance elements and insulation resistance and to determine volume resistivity of materials. The instrument is basically a Wheatstone Bridge used in conjunction with a d-c amplifier. Two built-in power supplies operating on 115 volts, 60-cycles automatically provide the correct bridge voltages for the high and low ranges. Full information is available from the Shallcross Manufacturing Co., Collingdale, Pa.



METAL-ENCASED RESISTORS

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The Defense Production Problem

To win out in the struggle for freedom into which the Russian Communists have plunged us we must do at least four things. We must:

1. Speedily carry through a program of defense production which, at its peak, is scheduled to take about one-fifth of our national output.

2. Pay for this program as we go, by methods that will enable us to maintain the effort for an indefinite period — as long as may be necessary to insure peace and security.

3. Manage intelligently and endure intelligently a set of direct government controls which, in certain critical departments, will put our national economy for a time in a hateful straight jacket.

4. See that these emergency controls are not fastened upon us permanently thereby presenting to our Soviet antagonists a major victory for collectivism on our home front.

This is the first of a series of editorials designed to present in the simplest terms these key aspects of our struggle to preserve our free institutions.

A Staggering Task

The magnitude of the defense production job staggers the imagination. Over the next year it calls for a larger volume of goods and services than the 20 million people of the states of New York and New Jersey will use for all purposes. The (London) TIMES has observed that, taken alone, the increase of defense expenditures which has been budgeted for the federal government's coming fiscal year (about \$30 billion) "is in itself not far short of the total national income of the United Kingdom."

Yet so powerful is the production machine created by free American enterprise that, at the scheduled peak, the defense program will take only about one-fifth of our total national output. The exact form and dimensions of the program will, of course, be hammered out on the anvil of public and congressional debate. But the President's recent estimate of an annual rate of expenditure of \$45-55 billion for defense by the end of this year may well turn out to be somewhere near right.

To meet even these vast requirements of defense production we are in better shape technically than we were when we started to prepare for World War II. Our industrial plant and equipment is greatly improved. Over \$65 billion has been invested in it since V-J Day. Our working force is about eight million larger than it was ten years ago and much better trained.

The difficulty, and it is a very serious economic difficulty, is that we must fit the defense program into a productive machine that has been almost fully extended to meet the needs of a booming civilian demand. The present plan is to step up defense production during 1951 from about 7% to about 18% of our total national output. Because there is relatively little slack in our economy, this means that civilian production at the outset must be cut back as defense production is stepped up.

The cut-back of civilian goods must be especially severe in the case of products made of metal. This is particularly true of goods that use scarce strategic metals such as aluminum and copper. Of our total defense production program, about half will go for "military hardware" - airplanes, guns, munitions, tanks and the machinery to make them. By the end of 1951 defense requirements are scheduled to absorb most of the metalworking production not required for essential construction and for the spare parts necessary to keep existing equipment running. For a time at least, there will be a sharp cut in the supply of new metal products available to civilian consumers. The defense squeeze on both materials and manpower will also cut sharply into housing and other civilian construction.

For the Short Run - Controls

In the short run there is no answer to the problem of meeting defense production schedules except controls. Sharp reduction of non-defense expenditures by government is essential and would help greatly. But the basic fact is that we cannot increase our total production fast enough to meet immediately both civilian and defense requirements.

Controls are needed, therefore, to switch resources from civilian to defense production, and at the same time prevent the combined demand for critical products from sending prices right through the roof. In the case of many scarce strategic metals such as nickel, copper and cobalt, the task of increasing output is especially difficult because our limited supplies are tucked away deep in the earth in many quarters of the globe.

For the longer pull – and that is what we must face – there is another answer to our defense production problem that is infinitely better than controls. And this time, in contrast to World War II, it is all-important that we get the right answer to our defense production problem for the longer pull and that we get it right now. In World War II we geared our economy to meet the requirements of a relatively short and decisive conflict. Now our leaders, however they may differ as to methods, are well agreed that, at best, "the conditions under which we labor may persist for ten, fifteen or twenty years." That is General Bradley's phrase.

For the Long Pull — More and Better Production

For this longer pull, the constructive answer to our problem of defense production is clearly more and more efficient production all along the line. It is true that overall we now have the most efficient industrial establishment in the world. But, even so, much of it is far short of attainable efficiency. Some plants using up-to-date equipment and methods are as much as six times more efficient than others in the same industry that are lagging in modernization.

Our Director of Mobilization, Charles E. Wilson, has clearly in mind this problem of increasing our industrial efficiency. The first step in his job, as he conceives it, is to get out an adequate supply of weapons to equip the army, navy, and air forces already mobilized or in process of organization by us and our allies. The second step is to make sure of our capacity to produce both "military hardware" to meet any increased requirements and the maximum possible volume of goods for civilian use.

In concentrating on more and more efficient production, Mr. Wilson is squarely on the beam. We can attain his objective — by sustained effort on the part of each one of us backed by up-to-date industrial methods and equipment.

If we do that, we can maintain indefinitely an adequate defense effort and at the same time enjoy a standard of living higher than any other in the world.

Additional production and more efficient production are our surest safeguards against our two most menacing enemies on the home front—the deadly inflation that can destroy our free economy, and the strangling government controls that can destroy our political freedom.

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This four-gang assembly of Model F single-turn potentiometers has a special machined aluminum front end for servo-type panel mounting, with shaft supported by precision ball bearings and having a splined and threaded front extension. Each of the four resistance elements contains 10 equi-spaced tap connections with terminals, and all parts are machined for greatest possible stability and accuracy.

This standard Model A, 10-turn HELI-POT has been modified to incorporate ball bearings on the shaft and a special flange (or ring-type) mounting surface in place of the customary threaded bushing. This HELIPOT also contains additional taps and terminals at the $\frac{1}{4}$ - and $9\frac{3}{4}$ -turn positions.

This standard Model B, 15-turn HELI-POT has a total of 40 special tap connections which are located in accordance with a schedule of positions required by the user to permit external resistance padding which changes the normally-linear resistance vs. rotation curve to one having predetermined non-linear characteristics. All taps are permanently spot-welded and short out only one or two turns on the resistance element—a unique HELIPOT feature!

This six-gang assembly of standard Model F single-turn potentiometers has the customary threaded bushing mountings, and has shaft extensions at each end. The two center potentiometers each have 19 equispaced, spot-welded tap connections brought out to terminals. Each tap shorts only two turns of .009" diameter wire on the resistance element.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

Engineering Manpower may soon be the most critical of all commodities in the mobilization program. If there is any doubt about this in your mind take a look back in the Searchlight Section (classified advertising) of this issue under "Positions Open."

There are a number of reasons for the growing shortage of electronic engineers, and they may be enumerated as follows:

The last war nipped many a college career in the bud. Registration of engineering students remained below normal long after the shooting stopped. And many GI's, older and with family responsibilities, dropped out short of a sheepskin.

Washington officials have so far been preoccupied with three factors. . . Money, Materials and Machines. . . in the rearmament drive. We are just beginning to hear about engineering-manpower studies, and all of them will take time to complete. Meanwhile. there is danger that failure to arrange government research and development projects in order of importance and to postpone some of them so that there will be engineers left over for equipment production may complicate matters. (The Department of Defense has ordered that basic research in military programs be not less than 6 percent of each department's average annual research and development budget for the last five fiscal years.)

The need for electronic engineers on going military projects is already straining the peacetime supply. This fact notwithstanding, departments of some companies just getting under way on military orders are being loaded with engineers from other departments not having military orders in order to protect these engineers from the draft. There is, so far, little tangible evidence in Washington that engineers still working on civilian goods, but who will be needed later on military projects, can be held by other means.

Hiring of engineers for the purpose of obtaining military con-

tracts rather than for the performance of work already on the books (p 78, March) persists, and constitutes a further drain. One manufacturer of our acquaintance is currently delivering \$300,-000 worth of military electronic gear for every engineer engaged in its production. Another, by contrast, is delivering \$30,000 worth.

Pentagon Peregrination



Leader Plans, in which key manufacturers show the way to satellite plants, appear to be applicable to the engineering manpower problem. We know of a factory in which redesign permits highly complex gear that formerly required assembly by top-flight technical personnel to be produced largely by semiskilled labor.

There will be a "before and after" story about this operation in our feature columns soon. . . if we can find a way to tell it without running afoul of classified subjects.

The Speed with which things move in the nation's capital is illustrated by one of our own recent experiences.

We telephoned a top official of the Federal Civil Defense Administration at an address given in a press release received only a few days before, and were promptly invited to a new building in a different part of the city. Arriving there, we found our man after much broken-field running around scaffolding, plaster bags and loose

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SHOCK and VIBRATION NEWS

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BX cable. Then we had to retire to the hall with two camp chairs because hammering associated with the erection of partitions made conversation impossible in the office.

One week later we telephoned our man again. And found that he had moved once more. . .back near the original quarters, where there was more room for expansion.

Speaking Of Agencies, a Washington wag said of one (since superseded by another group) not so long ago that "it has an estimated half-life of two weeks."

Receiver Production in 1950, as reported by RTMA, broke down as follows:

Jan Feb March April May June Juny Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec	<i>TV</i> 438,700 479,900 686,600 542,600 302,500 327,500 720,600 843,800 833,300 738,800 858,500	$\begin{array}{c} Radio\\ 934,900\\ 1,059,200\\ 1,254,200\\ 1,254,200\\ 1,244,700\\ 1,491,100\\ 666,000\\ 1,303,700\\ 1,335,500\\ 1,229,900\\ 1,215,600\\ 1,505,600\end{array}$
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TV picture-tube sales to receiver manufacturers totalled 7,473,614 units valued at \$198,737,428. Of these, 72 percent were 16 inches or larger in size.

Radio receiving-tube sales totalled 383,960,599, of which 301,-483,350 went to manufacturers of equipment, 69,324,540 were for replacement purposes, 10,767,831 were exported and 1,384,878 went to government agencies.

Industrial Controls employing electronics can be too good.

A friend of ours recently shipped an x-ray thickness gage to a distant rolling mill and then discovered that the \pm 4-percent accuracy built in at considerable pain and expense was more of a handicap than a help. The mill works to 10 percent, and the instrument responded distractingly to variations in thickness considered normal.

Similarly, the instrument's undamped indicating meter jiggled more than plant workers were accustomed to. It had to be replaced with one having more internal damping and which was, incidentally, cheaper.

Detroit

Following Up our recent item (p 60, Feb.) on the use of radiotelephone equipment by highway departments, here's a list of cities, counties and states already operating such gear:

Cities

Cincinnati, O., shared with Water Works Dist. of Col., shared with Public Works Keene, N. H., shared with Public Works Rome, N. Y., shared with Public Works Worcester, Mass., shared with Public Works Works

Counties

Brown, Wisc., shared with Police Burlington, N. J., shared with Police Chautauqua, N. Y., shared with Police Chelan, Wash., shared with Police Columbia, Wisc., shared with Police Delta, Mich., shared with Police Door, Wisc., shared with Police Emmet, Mich., shared with Police Genessee, Mich., shared with Police Josco, Mich., shared with Police Genessee, Mich., shared with Police Iosco, Mich., shared with Police Jefferson, Wisc., shared with Sheriff Kandiyohi, Minn., shared with Sheriff Kenosha, Wisc., shared with Police Kewaunee, Wisc., shared with Police Kittitas, Wash., shared with Police LaCrosse, Wisc., shared with Police Oconto, Wisc., shared with Police Onondaga, N. Y., shared with Police Oswego, N. Y., shared with Police Shawano, Wisc., shared with Police Shawano, Wisc., shared with Police Suffolk, N. Y., shared with Police Winnebago, Wisc., shared with Police Wood, Wisc., Police controlled and oper. Wood, Wisc., Police controlled and oper.

States

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Zenith Phonevision sold 2,561 family-movie "tickets" to 300 Chicago subscribers, at \$1 per ticket, during a recent one-month test. The average subscriber patronized the service 81 times. During the first week he saw 3.1 movies; in the following three weeks he saw 1.8 movies per week.

The average picture reached 30 percent of the subscriber audience. The ten lowest-grossing pictures reached 22 percent.

Magnetic Recording Units having a retail value of \$15,000,000 were produced during 1950 by the 46 licensees (including 13 foreign) of the Armour Research Foundation.

For Several Months, a certain surplus television camera has been advertised as having 3,350-line resolution. We suspect a misprint for, if true, this degree of resolution would permit delineation of a gnat's eyebrow laid out on a piece of black velvet.



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If it is true that a sensitive relay is an ordinary design in which common principles and dimensions have been "squeezed" in order to gain performance, it logically follows that even as features of merit are accentuated, so also will be an occasional weakness.

An engineering group charged with the task of making sensitive relays successfully perform a variety of jobs (us) can obviously assist other groups having specific relay-using jobs to finish (you) as much by highlighting weakness as by tub-thumping strong points. For one thing, we are very well aware both of the weaknesses and of the best defenses against them. For another, we have the greatest possible interest in seeing you the user avoid trouble. Naturally, the more fully you describe your intended use of our product, the better we can help you get the benefit of its advantages.

It does not occur to us as either wise or useful to "catalog" weaknesses where they have restricted importance, or are complicated to understand, or are not fully evaluated. By the same token, we are perhaps only human if we call attention only to those apparently having a bearing on the problem at hand. But if you tell us what you are trying to accomplish, we can tell you of more pitfalls and how to dodge them in a five-minute telephone conversation than you are apt to find out in a month of study on any single application.



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CROSS TALK

▶ HIGH GEAR... This issue contains five articles directly concerned with our national defense effort: on the situation in Washington (p 82), on the conservation of critical materials (p 84), on quartz crystals for military use (p 96), on subminiature tubes (p 108) and on a cobalt-saving electrostatic-focus picture tube (p 118). At least two dozen other articles are in the works and will be printed as fast as they can be written and edited.

This augmented editorial program on mobilization-period needs and plans is intended to match the pace of our industry. For months, the mobilization effort in the electronics business has been strictly cerebral: lots of thinking and planning, much viewing with alarm, but not much doing. The signs are now clear that the mental phase is about to be supplemented with some powerful muscular effort. We hope to be helpful in channelling the motor impulses from brain to hand. So, from now on, our readers can count on a substantial portion of "defenseeffort" copy each month. Those cowering in ivory towers may object to this: but the times we live in leave no choice.

Bill MacDonald, managing editor of ELECTRONICS, has been spending the major part of his time for several months on this program. Much of this time has been spent in Washington (see "Washington Report," starting on next page), interviewing men in the three services, particularly in procurement, quizzing the communications people in civil defense and other agencies in and out of the Defense Department. Bill's story is the first of several to be written by our staff.

We realize that articles on mobilization could represent a dilution of the technical broth we serve each month, but we have no intention of neglecting our established cuisine. We have increased the number of editorial pages by about ten percent in recent months, relative to a year ago. Rest assured that so long as good technical papers are available we'll print them. But we'll also print everything worthwhile we can lay our hands on regarding the mobilization effort. Suggestions from readers on topics needing attention are solicited.

▶ PRIDE We are pleased and proud of the record hung up by the television-receiver industry during the past five years, up to and including this month. An advertising executive who should know told us that the television set is the only major consumer product that has, in the face of the great inflationary trend, offered steadily improved performance at lower cost since the war. This trend is so familiar to insiders, and the circuit and component changes that made it possible so well understood, that we take it for granted. Older, better-established items like automobiles and refrigerators (and radio sets, for that matter) can make no such boast.

The recent cause for pride is the way in which industry engineers have found ways to design around shortages without affecting the performance of television receivers. At the moment we have seen only one such redesigned set in operation, the Philco model demonstrated to the press in February. It worked fine; in fact it had us fooled completely in a comparison test with the older, cobaltincrusted model.

Cynics may argue that it's easy to lower the cost of a device originally priced too high, easy to "design out" components that never should have been designed in. But that's hindsight. It takes plenty of plain old-fashioned ingenuity and hard work to do it. And we're proud of the boys, at Philco and in every other plant, who did it.

▶ **REVERSE** . . . An engineer in the Westinghouse electron-tube organization reminds us that the trend to smaller, higher-performance, lower-cost tubes is a mixed blessing. Industrial users, including the biggest industrial user, the Defense department, still are leery of using tubes in many places where a mechanical or electrical linkage will do the job, albeit imperfectly, because "electron tubes are not sufficiently reliable." Our Westinghouse friend feels that the present urges in tube design development contracts, with a few notable exceptions, aren't making tubes any more reliable. He says a few development contracts should be let for new tube designs with reliability (life and constancy) as the prime objective. Let size, cost and efficiency go hang for once. Let's see what can be done toward making tubes as rugged and unchanging as a crowbar. We'll go along with that. The tube business is big enough to be able to take on a contract or two with a strictly reverse twist. Make the tubes bigger, more costly, lower the transconductance, lower the emission, lower the plate dissipation. But make 'em like the iron wheel of a freight car.

WASHINGTON Report

THE MOBILIZATION PROGRAM has created a number of major problems for manufacturers of electronic equipment. Five questions, in particular, are being asked by industry and realistic answers may constitute the key to 1951 business

> By W. W. MacDONALD Managing Editor ELECTRONICS

THE AMERICAN ECONOMY may have to function in a state of suspension somewhere between war and peace for an indefinite period. The country's position is not unlike that which applied around June of 1941, with lend-lease well along, mobilization under way and Pearl Harbor off in the indeterminate future.

Suspension between war and peace is considered probable through 1951, though the situation could quickly deteriorate. This would explain why many top men in Washington think as they do why, for instance, most of them are preoccupied with the urgent business of stockpiling sufficient equipment to fight a major war for a year and only secondarily concerned with civilian problems at this time. Tt would explain apparent inconsistencies such as the tendency to press for production along certain narrow lines while manufacturers whose productive capacity will almost certainly be needed later are temporarily left to fend for themselves. It would also provide a key to many questions being asked by the electronics industry, such as those that follow:

How Much Military Electronic Equipment Business Will There Be in 1951?

Money available from last year and recently appropriated for use this year exceeds the amount actually spent on electronic equipment in the peak year of World War II. The Services have materially stepped up orders in the past two months by negotiating contracts rather than calling for bids. It must be remembered, however, that the appropriated dollar buys perhaps 50 percent less equipment today than it did in 1944. It should also be appreciated that initially needed military items are not only still in process of design in many cases but are chiefly large, complex and expensive units such as radar rather than the relatively small, simple and inexpensive items most manufacturers are at present equipped to produce for the civilian market. Volume orders for items such as walkie-talkies, which lend themselves to engineering and mass-production techniques similar to those used in the manufacture of television receivers, will come later.

There will be less military equipment business in 1951 than the average manufacturer expects, despite the size of the mobilization program.

How Much Civilian Business Can Be Done During the Year?

Civilian-equipment manufacturing depends upon the availability of materials, and there is a distinct possibility that the Government has arbitrarily slapped on many controls to guard against dissipation of supplies that may or may not turn out to be critical and intends to relax them piecemeal when it is statistically certain this can be safely done. There are already signs of such piecemeal relief, and it may help a little even this year. Some manufacturers, furthermore, have taken a second and less jaundiced look at available supplies and think they may be able to maintain near-normal production through the first six months of 1951 and perhaps into the early Fall. Scrambling from week to week for needed materials is now taking on certain aspects of a "routine emergency."

Substitute materials are at least a topic of active conversation in all branches of the electronics industry as are simplified circuits that employ fewer or less critical component parts. Many manufacturers have such materials and circuits well along in the development stage (see p 84) but it does not at this writing seem that the work is sufficiently advanced throughout industry to give much relief before Fall at the earliest. Meanwhile, maintenance of production is more likely to be accomplished by efficient expediting.

There will be more civilian equipment manufactured and sold during the year than at first seemed possible.

Are Military Orders Likely to Compensate for Lost Civilian Business?

Firms active in the field of electronics are best divided into four categories when seeking an answer to this question: (1) The dozen or so that are highly diversified and mass-produce radios and television sets as just one of many allied activities and who have done research and development work as well as manufacturing for the Services on a more or less regular basis since World War II; (2) The many manufacturers who have specialized almost exclusively in the production and intensive marketing of radios and television sets and who represent a lion's share of the industry's dollar volume in peacetime; (3) Companies primarily engaged in moderate production of popular consumer items but somewhat more diversified than the second group and already doing some business with the Services; and (4) Established firms whose chief interest is in research and development and prototype models rather than mass production.

The first group, considered from a top-management rather than a departmental standpoint, should do reasonably well with respect to overall business; it is in no worse position than the other groups with regard to materials needed for civilian-equipment production and is the first source of supply for the Services. The second group is in the most vulnerable position and little immediate relief is likely from Government; the Services are aware of the long-term desirability of preserving the facilities of this group for future employment on mass-produced military items but are too preoccupied with current needs to do much for it right now. The third group is sufficiently flexible with respect to what it can produce in small as well as large quantities, and with regard to overhead, to weather emergency controls. And the fourth group, not too much bothered by material shortages, is apt to do well; basic research work farmed out by the Services may run three times what it did last year.

Considering the industry overall, military business is not likely to compensate for lost civilian business in 1951.

What Are the Chances of Early Government Relief in Hardship Cases?

The Services have until recently considered it desirable to deal directly with a relatively small number of highly integrated companies in the field of electronics. Although this desire persists, the rapidly increasing need for more equipment is bringing with it new interest in possible secondary sources of supply. Even if this interest were not genuine, civilian agencies associated with the Services under the mobilization program are pressing in that direction, and the Marshall directive that business must be spread around wherever possible cannot be taken lightly.

In several agency offices the preparation of lists of secondary-supply sources amounts at this moment almost to an obsession. The fly in the ointment is the fact that the Services are not yet completely convinced that firms on their own lists, or those on lists prepared by the industry itself, are properly qualified. It will take some time to find out; a combination of engineering ability and production facilities that meets the needs of the military is the immediate need.

Aside from their search for additional prime contractors to back up those already on the books, the Services are starting to insist that some specified percentage of the work involved in prime contracts be subcontracted. There has, so far, been little suggestion or dictation as to who the subcontractors should be. Prime contractors operating under such contracts are for all practical purposes serving as "leaders," much along the lines recommended by certain segments of the electronics industry before the mobilization program went into high gear. Yet it cannot be said that the leader plan represents official Government policy, for it is just one of many methods being used to stimulate military equipment production.

Controlled materials are being released to alleviate individual hardship cases after critical study of each plea for help rather than blanket study of the situation in any particular branch of the industry. The criterion is the percentage of a manufacturer's productive capacity at present devoted to, or quickly capable of being devoted to, production of military equipment currently needed or in the near future likely to be needed by the Services. Where relief is given in such cases some overflow of material may be permitted to go into civilian goods if this seems desirable in order to maintain a fully integrated operation. Plant expansions are approved or disapproved on the same basis. Their immediate and future usefulness in the military program is considered along very specific rather than general lines; consideration of the longrange usefulness of civilian-goods manufacturing facilities may be the next phase of Government planning but it is not much in evidence right now.

The chances of early government relief in hardship cases are slim unless the production of military equipment can be brought into the picture in very concrete terms.

What Can Distressed Manufacturers Do To Hold Their Organizations Together?

Direct contact with the Services is apt to produce immediate prime contracts only if a manufacturer can give very tangible evidence that he has the right kind of engineering and the right kind of production facilities to handle highly specialized military orders quickly. Neither a hat-in-hand nor a table-thumping approach is likely to get anywhere.

Subcontracts are best obtained by approaching prime contractors; a good word from the Services may help but can't do the whole job. Prime contractors, it should be noted, are being besieged by well-meaning people who have miscellaneous production capacity of a kind that cannot readily be used in the manufacture of currently needed military gear. Spot checks among prime contractors indicate that a certain amount of engineering, as well as productive capacity, is essential in a subcontracting organization despite the fact that overall engineering problems are handled in the leader plant. Good subcontracts for firms in the field of electronics need not, it should also be noted, necessarily be electronic in nature.

Maintenance of civilian-goods production depends almost wholly upon a manufacturer's mental and mechanical agility in devising ways and means of getting around material shortages. Here also it should be noted that it may be possible to utilize an appreciable part of a plant's engineering and productive capacity and, perhaps, even its distribution channels, by supplementing a line such as television sets with some nonelectronic product to which the market is receptive and for which critical materials are not needed.

Prime contracts, subcontracts, a conventional and an unconventional civilian-goods line ... at least three of these four may be needed to hold a distressed manufacturing organization together through 1951.

Conservation of



OLD PHILCO TV SET using permanent-magnet-focused picture tube weighed 39-pounds 10-ounces

Electronic equipment manufacturers, aided by component-part and accessory makers, strive to maintain civilian business during the mobilization period with its attendant government controls. Redesign of many items saves scarce metals. New televisionreceiver circuits provide performance equal or superior to older models

LOOKING AHEAD With RCA

CRITICAL-MATERIAL SAVINGS per million 17-inch tv sets in current production, by comparison with similar models made in the last half of 1950, are shown in regular type. Additional savings expected to result from the use of electrostatically focused picture tubes later in the year are shown in bracketed italic figures

Material	Pounds Saved	Material	Pounds Saved
ALNICO-5* in Beam Bender	4,400	COPPER in Hookup Wire	47,000
in Focus Magnet	None	in Capacitor Leads	11,850
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	(310,000)	in Power Transformer Shorting Band.	190,000
in 8-inch Loudspeaker	72,000	in Tubes	33,000
in 12-inch Loudspeaker	135,000	NICKEL in Ferrite Cores	12,400
ALUMINUM in Picture-Tube Protective Cup	62,000	in Tubes	33,600
in Shield	100,000	STEEL in Focus Magnet	500,000
-		STEEL in 12-inch Loudspeaker	142,000
BRASS in Focus Magnet	None (22,000)	TIN in Solder	50
in 12-inch Loudspeaker	50,000	ZINC in Focus Magnet	None
in Volume Control	12,200		(310,000)
* Albico-5 contains 24 perc	ent cobult 14 nick	el 8 aluminum, 3 copper and 51 percent iron	

Critical Materials



NEW PHILCO TV SET using electrostatically focused picture tube weighs 27-pounds 8-ounces

OR NEARLY TWO YEARS manufacturers of electronic equipment, aided by makers of component parts and accessories, have been quietly yet intensively searching for ways and means of holding the quality of their products up . . . in the face of increasing costs . . . without pricing themselves out of the competitive market. This has been particularly true in the field of television, where the prize for the factory that could produce a good set for less money, or a better one for the same money, has dangled tantalizingly ahead like a bundle of hay before a horse's nose for an even longer time.

Korea and the resulting declaration of a national emergency gave the program increased impetus and importance, for it is obvious that circuits which hold costs down do so by conserving materials as well as manpower. And conservation of critical materials is now essential if the industry is to preserve some civilian business without much immediate assistance from the Government. Even if this is done, other factors (see p 82) may still make the going tough in 1951.

Many firms are known to have new designs which conserve currently critical materials at least well along in the development stage, and production models will soon be out in the open for others to study. Philco has already announced a "performance-with-conservation" tv chassis and publicly demonstrated that it provides reception superior to 1950 models. No more costly to produce initially, the new design may actually cut costs at the factory level as much as 20 percent when the production peak is reached. The circuit diagram and other details have been offered to the industry. RCA's announced approach, while not identical, has the same objective of preserving or improving performance while at the same time conserving critical materials. This objective is already being applied to current production. Many ideas have been passed along to licensees, where they may very well set a pattern.

TV, Radio and Phonographs

RCA considered substituting electromagnetic loudspeakers for p-m types which used an average of 2.5 ounces of Alnico-5 but decided against it at this time because the field coil of a satisfactory substitute would have required an additional pound of copper, and copper as well as cobalt is in short supply. Instead, p-m loudspeakers are at present being retained but the largest magnet used weighs 1 ounce and the average weighs 0.75 ounce. Loudspeaker redesign also resulted in savings in associated brass and steel parts.

The average focus magnet for tv picture tubes produced last year contained 5 ounces of Alnico-5. Methods of reducing the amount of Alnico-5 required are being actively investigated and this work may later bear fruit. Meanwhile, a return to electromagnetic focusing has been considered and discarded. It would require the use of a focusing coil employing 2 pounds of copper wire and the direct current flowing in the coil would have to be adjustable. The power supply would have to be enlarged and this would require more copper and iron in the transformer or more electrolytic capacitors and selenium rectifiers, both of which use critical alu-

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Replacing metal picture-tube frame-assembly straps with fabric.

Replacing metal picture-tube protective cup with Royalite and fibre.

Removing one electrolytic capacitor, unnecessary with electrostatic focusing.

Reducing amount of foil in other electrolytic capacitors, permitted by lowered powersupply voltage.

Saving is 0.563 pound per receiver, or 68 percent.

ALNICO-5 is conserved by

Replacing p-m loudspeaker with electromagnetic type.

Replacing p-m with electrostatic focuser.

Replacing Alnico-5 with Alnico-3 beam bender containing no cobalt.

Saving is 0.476 pound per receiver, or 100 percent.

BRASS is conserved by

Substituting steel for more critical metal in some hardware and screw-machine parts. Reducing amount of critical metal in control bushings.

CADMIUM is conserved by

Changing plating on deflection chassis and other metal parts to noncritical materials wherever soldering requirements permit.

COPPER is conserved by

Removing high-voltage power transformer entirely, employing a voltage-doubling selenium-rectifier system that reduces primary-power requirements 20 percent.

Using a smaller filament transformer.

Reducing amount of wire in audio-output transformer, using compensating circuit to maintain sound quality.

Using 24 instead of 22-gage hookup wire.

Shortening leads on tubular and mica capacitors.

Eliminating width and linearity coils by using new and more efficient deflection circuits.

Reducing size of horizontal-output-transformer coil by using new and more efficient circuit and new type-6V3 damper tube originally designed to facilitate reception of CBS color.

Replacing ribbon-type ground and mounting straps with wire,

Saving is 1.236 pounds per receiver, or 26 percent.

FERRITE is conserved by

Reducing size of horizontal-output-transformer core by using more efficient circuit and 6V3 damper tube.

Replacing deflections-yoke core with flake iron, a newly developed noncritical material.

Using new resistor-type width-control circuit, eliminating both coil and core.

Omitting linearity-control coil and core by using new circuits.

Saving is 0.529 pound per receiver, or 51 percent.

SILICON STEEL is conserved by

Using voltage-doubling selenium-rectifier system eliminating high-voltage power transformer.

Reducing size of audio-output-transformer core. Saving is 7.399 pounds per receiver, or 58 percent minum. Instead, a 17-inch electrostatically-focused picture tube has been developed (see p 118) and sets using this tube will be in production in the second quarter of 1951. As the supply of electrostaticallyfocused tubes increases, changeover is planned for all models. This may be possible by July.

Alnico-3, which contains no cobalt, is being used in beam benders in place of Alnico-5.

Nickel oxide is used in the ferrite cores of many radio and tv receiver coils. A change in the ferrite formula from 13 to 10-percent nickel oxide has already been effected and cores using the new material are in use. Laboratory work aimed at further reducing the amount of nickel oxide required contemplates substitution of some magnesium oxide, reducing the nickel-oxide content of cores to perhaps 5 percent. Early tests indicate that this might be possible by Fall.

Copper is being conserved by using a 20-mil-thick shorting band instead of a 40-mil-thick band in power transformers. The band re-mains 2 inches wide. Hookup wire has been reduced from 22 to 24gage. Copper-clad steel wire is extensively used in place of pure copper wire for the leads on wirewound resistors and chokes. The length of copper leads on paper and ceramic capacitors has been reduced. Television deflection yokes use almost as much wire as power transformers. Work now in progress to reduce the amount of copper in such vokes appears promising. The use of smaller wire gages in transformers may be possible due to reductions in power demand brought about by receiver circuit refinements.

Brass is being conserved by substituting steel, particularly in record changers. Shorter brass mounting bushings are being used on some variable controls. Aluminum cups heretofore used to protect the ends of picture tubes protruding from the backs of cabinets have given way to plastic. It may soon be possible to reduce chassis size, which would save steel and plating materials. Further word on this and other conservation measures is expected in May. Conservation measures are by no means confined to electronic equipment such as television and radio sets. Efforts are also being made to save critical materials elsewhere.

Installation Material Savings

The subsidiary RCA Service Company is conserving critical metals by changing its television installation techniques.

Aluminum used in receiving-antenna masts was reduced 50 percent in the first quarter of 1951 by a number of methods. Conventional 8-foot aluminum masts were replaced by 6-foot steel masts wherever possible. The 12-foot aluminum masts using 13-inch tubing with 0.083-inch wall and weighing 4.75 pounds were replaced by 10-foot aluminum masts using 1[§]-inch tubing with 0.072-inch wall and weighing 3.46 pounds. This saves 1.29 pounds of aluminum per unit, or 27 percent. The 12-foot masts will eventually be replaced by 10-foot masts made of 13-inch, 16gage steel tubing. Antennas themselves have been lightened by reducing the wall thickness of 1/2-inch aluminum tubing from 0.042 to 0.035-inch, saving 10.4 percent of the metal per installation. Α stronger alloy is used, at slightly increased cost.

Copper is used in substantial amounts in television-receiver transmission lines. The length of the average line has been reduced from 123 feet per installation to 83 feet, which represents a net reduction of 32 percent. This has been accomplished by placing antennas as near as possible to receivers, by measuring required lengths of lines more accurately and by splicing and soldering short lengths. The 300ohm ribbon used in the past had seven strands of 28-gage copper wire in each conductor and a pound of copper yielded 147.5 feet of line. A new type, considered adequate and soon to be used, employs seven strands of 30-gage wire, which will yield 234-feet of line per pound of copper and achieve a net saving of 33 percent.

Since copper may become still more critical, tests are being conducted on 300-ohm transmission lines using steel wire having a thin skin of copper. While the total weight of the metal would be approximately the same, the major part of the copper would be replaced by steel with a net reduction of $82\frac{1}{2}$ percent in copper usage. Coaxial cable uses even larger amounts of copper. Tests are being conducted in cooperation with Anaconda Copper on thin aluminumfoil sheath to replace the copperbraid shield of such cables. Cable now used in multiple-antenna systems requires 22.5 pounds of copper per 1,000 feet. Twenty pounds of this total are in the shield. The type under development uses 2.5 pounds of copper plus ³/₄ pound of aluminum per 1,000 feet.

Steel usage will be increased as this metal is substituted for aluminum in receiving-antenna masts. It has, however, been found that such items as roof mounting brackets lend themselves to redesign. In one instance a bracket

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IF the 7,463,800 tv sets produced by all manufacturers in 1950 had been like the new Philco design the following savings would have been realized

2,100	tons	of	ALUMINUM
440	tons	of	COBALT
4,600	tons	of	COPPER
2,950	tons	of	FERRITE
27,600	tons	of	SILICON STEEL

weighing 7.4 pounds has been replaced by two alternate types weighing 5.75 and 4.9 pounds respectively. The new brackets have adequate strength and save $29\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the required steel.

Zinc is ordinarily used as plating for steel masts and brackets. A plastic coating is now being used and saves 0.32 pound of zinc per installation.

Electron Tube Metals

Even in electron-tube manufacturing a number of important conservation measures are being taken. A new anode material has been developed to a point where it seems to meet all the requirements as a substitute for pure nickel strip. The new material is known as S8S1 and consists of a cold-rolled steel strip which is nickel-plated, coated with nickel oxide and then bonded to a deoxidized aluminum base and carbonized. In some applications a satisfactory carbonized strip can be made without nickel plating, by applying a nickeloxide coating over plain steel and carbonizing.

Nickel-plated Armco iron, a steel containing less than 0.05-percent carbon, is being extensively used as a substitute for pure nickel wire. In some instances 18-8 stainlesssteel wire is being substituted for 18-12 stainless-steel wire. Possible substitution of 18-8 stainless-steel wire for nickel wire in certain noncritical tube components is being studied. An example would be getter loops.

Copper used in power tubes, which include many transmitting and industrial types, continues to resist substitution measures. The metal is being conserved in the manufacture of conventional retypes by substituting ceiving nickel-plated-iron grid side rods for the copper rods which normally account for 90 percent of the copper used in such types. A 30percent reduction in the amount of copper used as grid side rods appears possible by May. A further reduction of 19 percent in the amount of copper used in receiving types also seems possible by reducing the diameter of wires connecting tube elements and base pins.

The principal use of copper in cathode-ray tubes is in the exhaust tubulation, which is pinched off after the tube is evacuated. Glass is being substituted for copper tubulations as rapidly as possible.

The percentage of tin used in solder employed in tube manufacturing normally ranges from 35 percent to 60 percent. At the present time it is being held to 35 percent and in the near future nearly all tube production will use 20percent-tin-content solder.

Additional techniques developed to permit continuance of civilian business will undoubtedly see the light of day in the next few months. The conservation of critical materials is by no means a static condition at this writing.—W.MacD.



Launching a balloon train at Fort Churchill, Manitoba. The balloons are inflated in the tent, out of the wind

Cosmic-Ray Radiosonde

Geiger-Muller counters trigger a multivibrator which keys a uhf transmitter. Received c-w pulses suppress superregenerative receiver hiss and a signal converter operates a recording oscillograph. Altitude and temperature are indicated by modulation intervals

and frequency

CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS of cosmic radiation can be observed only near the top of our atmosphere. At an altitude of 100,-000 feet, only 1 percent of the atmosphere remains overhead so measurements are generally made near this level.

During recent investigations¹ of primary cosmic radiation involving expeditions both to the tropics and to the arctic regions, the policy of confining observations to limited types of measurement per flight was adopted; many simple flights are preferable to a few complicated ones.

Reduction in weight permitted by limitation of instrument function simplifies launching procedure.

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It becomes feasible to conduct repeated flights with identical arrangements, thereby providing many independent checks. Complications associated with telemetering many types of information simultaneously are avoided. It is also possible to follow the progress of a flight without analyzing a photographic record, and audibly to determine counting rates as frequently as necessary to facilitate preliminary plotting of the results.

Hedging

Finally, the consequences of failure of any essential component are far less serious. Particularly valuable, moreover, is the "hedging" afforded against premature bursting of balloons. A flight which does not attain an altitude sufficiently high to provide all desired data need not be discounted as a total loss. The data may serve quite satisfactorily as confirmation



FIG. 1—The balloon-borne instrument without its Pliofilm cover

Joint program with the ONR and the AEC. Field expeditions sponsored by the National Geographic Society.



FIG. 2—The complete balloon-borne unit, with dashed lines indicating sub-assemblies

and Telemetering System

of results obtained in another higher ascent.

The complete balloon-borne instrument is shown in Fig. 1, while Fig. 2 is the circuit diagram. The assembled apparatus comprises several units, which are constructed and tested separately. These are:

- (1) Geiger-Muller counters.
- (2) Coincidence selector circuit.(3) Multivibrator keying unit.
- (4) Radio transmitter.
- (5) Pressure and temperature elements.

(6) Power supply. A terminal strip on the multi-

vibrator chassis serves as the junction point between the battery pack and the various circuits. All con-



Another view of the instrument pictured at the left

nections are effected through a single connector plug. In accordance with instructions attached tc the instrument, the finder of a landed flight disconnects the batteries, so that upon recovery they may be checked in a condition representative of that prevailing during the flight.

All components are mounted on an aluminum framework. The weight of the complete instrument, exclusive of lead absorber and rigging, is 10.3 lb.

Although temperatures of -55 C prevail in the stratosphere, the gondola is maintained close to room temperature by invoking the "greenhouse effect". A double layer of Pliofilm encases the apparatus, and the interior of the bag becomes heated by solar radiation.

Counters and Selector Circuit

Each instrument contains four G-M counters arranged to record quadruple coincidences.

The individual counters GM_1 , GM_2 , GM_3 and GM_4 are 20 cm in length and 1 cm in diameter. The filling, consisting of a mixture of 86 percent argon and 14 percent

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butane at a total pressure of 12 cm of Hg, provides stable self-quenching operation. The counting-rate plateau exceeds 200 volts and is independent of temperature between -60 C and +50 C. The net efficiency of the counters exceeds 99 percent.

Tubes V_1 , V_2 , V_3 and V_4 comprise a mixing circuit into which counter pulses are introduced for the purpose of selecting fourfold coinci-Discrimination (ratio of dences. the amplitude of a fourfold coincidence to a threefold event) at normal operating voltages exceeds 50. Time constants are such that when background cosmic-ray intensity attains a maximum value in the stratosphere the rate of chance coincidences between genuine threefold events produced by single particles traversing three counters and a discharge arising from an unassociated particle passing through the fourth counter is negligible.

Multivibrator Keying Circuit

When a negative pulse from each of the G-M counters cuts off all of the associated selector tubes a positive pulse sufficient to overcome the bias appears on the grid of V_{\bullet} . This positive pulse produces a negative pulse at the grid of V_{e} , thereby cutting off the latter normally conducting tube. A portion of the positive pulse which is consequently produced at the plate of V_s is fed back to the grid of V_{5} , thereby maintaining the latter in the conducting stage for a period dependent upon the associated time constants. Plate current thus flows through the load of V_5 , relay REL, for a time sufficient to permit the separation of the normally closed contacts. Ungrounding of the junction $C_1 - R_1$ results in the application of a large positive voltage pulse to the grid of V_5 , which maintains the flow of current through the relay for a relatively long time interval conveniently adjusted by changing capacitor C_1 .

Sufficient time-delay to record a c-w radio signal could be attained with a conventional multivibrator arrangement but the method involving feedback from the keying relay



FIG. 3—The baroswitch. It signals height of ascent

affords a considerable economy in battery drain.

Radio Transmitter

The radio transmitter, a modified version of the type utilized in meteorological radiosondes, employs a twin-triode tube, V_{7} , of which one-half serves as a modulator while the other acts as ultra-highfrequency oscillator. The modulator is of the "trigger" type, oscillating at the frequency of the tuned circuit formed by L_1 , L_2 and capacitors C_2 and C_3 . The oscillating frequency is approximately 1 megacycle per second. The oscillations are intermittent, being controlled by the resistance-capacitance circuit composed of capacitor C_4 and the resistance network formed by R_2 , R_3 and a temperature-sensitive resistor.

The uhf oscillator operates at 72.2 megacycles. Contrary to conventional procedure, oscillations occur only when the modulating oscillator is off. When the latter is on, its plate draws current and a negative voltage appears across resistor R_4 . This induces a negative voltage across R_5 , which is a portion of the uhf grid resistor. This voltage blocks the oscillator.

The output of the uhf oscillator is coupled inductively to a halfwave vertical antenna by means of a single turn at the center of the antenna adjacent to the plate coil.

Pressure and Temperature Elements

Barometric pressure is measured by a baroswitch. The contact surface, visible in Fig. 3, consists of 80 silver contacts alternated with insulating spacers. Every fifth contact is twice as wide as the others. As the instrument rises through the atmosphere, the evacuated aneroid diaphragm expands, causing the contact arm to move across the commutator. The baroswitch is calibrated under a bell jar, so that the pressure corresponding to any contact number is determined. In the present application, only certain contacts are operative.

Whenever the contact arm passes over one of the retained contacts, relay REL_2 in Fig. 2 is actuated. This ungrounds the grid of the modulating oscillator, permitting it to function with intermittent oscillations, and also closes the transmitter key relay REL_1 , thereby applying plate voltage to the uhf oscillator. The frequency of the audible tone which is thus transmitted varies as a function of the temperature of the temperaturesensitive element, which is a resistor composed of semiconducting material having a high negative temperature coefficient. The temperature measurement depends upon the ratio of resistance at one temperature to that at any other. Calibration consists of observing



FIG. 4—Time-altitude record of a typical flight

the audio frequency at any single temperature. The frequency is determined by beating the incoming tone in headphones against the output of a calibrated audio oscillator with a continuously variable frequency control and setting the latter for zero-beat.

During a flight, the on and off times of the contacts are logged and from this the altitude-versustime curve, Fig. 4, can be plotted. Coding afforded by close-spaced groups permits positive identification in the event that any of the contacts fail to function.

Pressure measurements are reproducible to within $\pm 1 \text{ mm}$ of Hg in the high-altitude regions, and, although any individual reading could be subject to error owing to occasional frictional effects, altitude determinations based upon the plotted curve minimize any such uncertainties.

In the range of normal room temperatures which usually prevail within the instrument during flight the temperature may be determined within ± 1 C.

Power Supply and Tests

An assembled battery pack is visible in Fig. 1. Separate supplies are provided for transmitter and counter circuits. The high voltage for the counters is furnished by three Eveready type-493 batteries in series with six type-412 batteries, providing a total of 1,035 volts. With a unit of this type, the apparatus will operate satisfactorily for 12 hours.

Extensive tests are conducted upon each instrument. Each one is operated in a vacuum chamber and indications of corona discharge or sparking are continuously watched for as the pressure is lowered until a value much lower than the minimum encountered in practice is attained. The observations are repeated as air is slowly admitted into the chamber. High voltage breakdown is avoided by the application of Superla wax at points susceptible to arcing.

All tubes are painted prior to assembling of the apparatus, so as to render them opaque. This obviates photoelectric effects, particularly at high altitudes where ultraviolet intensity increases considerably. The instruments are also completely enclosed and masked with tape. Tests of the coincidence-selector circuit are conducted with a generator which furnishes pulses nearly identical with those characteristic of the counters.

Each instrument is required to operate reliably over a wide range of battery voltages. The transmitter is tested with respect to signal strength and frequency-split between tones and counts.

Ground Receiving Station

A block diagram of the ground receiving system is shown in Fig. 5.

Information is transmitted in the form of a c-w radio-frequency pulse corresponding to each selected cosmic ray event, while audio-modulated signals indicate atmospheric pressure and temperature within the gondola.

The c-w pulses suppress the superregenerative hiss of the radio receiver, and, actuated by the signal converter, a direct-inking oscillo-



Cosmic-ray radiosonde receiving and recording equipment, inside the trailer

graph records a mark on a moving paper tape. The audio-frequency oscillator is used for temperature determinations, and the cathoderay oscilloscope serves for monitoring purposes. The time recorder inserts a pip on the tape every minute, and the manual key permits the entry of coded notations on the moving tape.

Radio Receiver

In addition to simplicity, compactness and sensitivity, the funda-



FIG. 5-Receiving and recording setup used on the ground

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mental principle of operation of a superregenerative receiver makes it ideally suited for this particular application.

Inasmuch as the recorder can be actuated only by the interruption of the superregenerative hiss, local interference such as ignition noise does not produce a record on the paper tape. The broadness of tuning is also desirable in view of gradual drift in the transmitter frequency which may occur during the course of a flight, and because of the slight split in frequency between the short c-w pulse indicating counts and the relatively lengthy pressure signals.

The receiver used employs a fourtube circuit consisting of one stage of tuned r-f and a self-quenching detector, transformer-coupled to a first stage of audio which, in turn, is resistance-coupled to a power-output stage.

A motor-driven, vertically polarized folded-dipole antenna with director and reflector constitutes a directional array which provides ample gain for the detection of signals transmitted over distances of several hundred miles under line-of-sight conditions. For measuring signal strength, and orienting the antenna for maximum re-



FIG. 6—The signal converter. It translates c-w radio pulses received from the balloon into pulses of 60-cycle power that operate the recorder

sponse, it is switched to a Hallicrafters S-36 superheterodyne. A Panoramic adapter is a useful adjunct.

It is possible to determine the landing point of a flight on the basis of the bearing of the antenna, and the altitude at which signals cease during the descent. Estimates are usually correct within 10 miles.

Signal-Conversion Circuit

Audio output of the radio receiver is fed into the circuit shown in Fig. 6. In the normal state, the hiss noise after fullwave rectification by V_1 provides a positive potential which bucks the negative bias of V_2 by an amount sufficient to maintain only a small plate current. Under these conditions, V_3 is nonconducting.

When superregenerative hiss is suppressed by an incoming c-w pulse, the grid of V_2 swings to a negative voltage greatly exceeding that corresponding to zero plate current, thereby turning V_3 on. This permits a small 60-cycle a-c signal which is fed on to the grid of V_4 to appear at the output of the converter circuit.

It is apparent that the operation of this electronic switch is independent of signal strength, provided only that the latter exceeds a minimum value. Although rarely necessary in practice, the maximum sensitivity of this circuit permits operation on a practically inaudible signal. Sensitivity adjustments are R_1 and R_2 . Although electrical interference cannot produce spurious output pulses, by virtue of the fact that noise increases the positive bias, a sufficiently intense disturbance can inhibit the transmittal of real events to the oscillograph. Compensation for noise background is provided by the adjustment of potentiometer R_s . Counts which may be missed occasionally because of transient interference are inserted manually by depressing pushbutton switch S_2 .

Switch S_1 is normally in operate position during operation with the radio receiver. However, the calibration of cyclic barographs of the Olland type necessitates recording on paper tape, and this is accomplished with S_1 in calibrate position and the barograph contacts connected as indicated.

The type-BL201 magnetic oscillograph² utilized for continuous recording of signals has been described in detail elsewhere³.

Field Techniques

A self-contained mobile laboratory serves as the base of operations. A Landola house-trailer contains the ground-station receiving equipment, work bench and living facilities, including toilet, shower, kitchen and four bunk beds. The trailer is completely shielded electrostatically.

Ballooning techniques which cause flights to rise rapidly (approximately 800 feet per minute) through the lower atmosphere and then more slowly from 40,000 feet to the ceiling altitude are used. Rates of rise between 200 and 500 feet per minute in the upper regions, considerably smaller than have been customary, reduce statistical uncertainties. The number of counts recorded by a given instrument is inversely proportional to the ascent rate. It is also advantageous for descent to commence immediately after the ceiling is reached, so that the original curve can be retraced.

Altitudes are determined from measured pressures on the basis of the standard atmosphere'. Actually, as far as the cosmic-ray data are concerned the pertinent quantity is atmosphere pressure, which represents the amount of air above the instrument. However, although altitudes are ultimately converted back to pressure in the final analysis, it is convenient to plot the performance curve as a function of time because of the straight-line relationship on a linear scale. The rate of rise in the upper atmosphere is constant, and this permits extrapolation above the highest pressure mark.

The composition of the balloon train depends upon desired performance and weight of the load. For example, four Dewey & Almy type - J1400 neoprene balloons (weight approximately 800 grams) and two J100 balloons (weight approximately 100 grams) may be inflated in such a manner that the larger balloons do not provide sufficient lift to support the instrument initially. The smaller pilot balloons, which provide initial free lift, burst at a relatively low altitude after the larger balloons have been expanded sufficiently by superheating resulting from adsorption of solar radiation to lift the train the rest of the way.

The free lift of each balloon must be controlled carefully if a slow ascent rate is desired, and this can best be accomplished inside a shelter out of the wind.

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FIG. 1-The r-f section with the shield removed



Front-panel view of the pulsed-signal radar test generator

Radar Test Generator

Triggered or free-running pulses and c-w signals are provided from 47 to 76 mc for testing radar and other wide-band i-f circuits. Output is variable from 0.1 microvolt to 0.1 volt with pulse widths of 0.25, 0.5 and 1 microsecond

DURING THE DEVELOPMENT of sensitivity time-control circuits for a new radar set, it was found that a special pulsed signal generator with continuously variable output voltage over a wide range and a very low c-w background level was needed. Such an instrument was designed and built for laboratory use and has been employed in many applications.

The generator has either pulsed or c-w output, from 0.1 μ v to 0.1 volt, into a 50-ohm load over a frequency range of 47 to 76 mc. It can be triggered or operated freerunning and gives output pulses of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, or 1- μ sec duration. The output attenuator is direct reading and the instrument has an output meter for calibration purposes.

Circuit Analysis

The r-f section uses a push-pull variable-frequency Hartley oscillator which is capacitively coupled to

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a push-pull power amplifier. The amplifier is driven class C and has a self-resonant tank coil which is loaded to give approximately a 15mc bandwidth with a center frequency of 60 mc. The tank coil is arranged to feed energy into a short section of wave guide operating below cutoff which is used as a calibrated attenuator.

In order to get good energy transfer into the guide with a uniform wave distribution, the coil is wound with a flat face mounted very close to the guide opening. A movable pickup loop in the attenuating guide is made from a 50-ohm resistor to give the proper source impedance to feed a 50-ohm coaxial cable. This cable ends on the front panel and must be externally terminated in a 50-ohm load.

The r-f section is completely enclosed in a tight silver-plated box internally subdivided into four sections. The output tank is carefully isolated in one of these subdivisions to prevent stray oscillator pickup and thus reduce the c-w background level during pulsed operation. All power wires enter the r-f section through button-type feedthrough capacitors and series 60mc traps which are completely isolated along with the pulse-forming line in another one of the subdivisions. The oscillator and modulator wiring is in the third section while the fourth contains the tubes, each with an individual shield.

Figure 1 shows a view of the r-f section with the shield removed. In the foreground is the inverted oscillator tube with its coil and tuning capacitor directly above it. To the left of the oscillator tube are the 6AS6 amplifier tubes with a shield dividing their bases. This shield prevents coupling around the tubes while they are cut off between pulses, thus keeping down the c-w background level. The output coil can be seen behind this shield. It is wound on a semicircular form with the flat side directly opposite the opening in one end of a short section of circular waveguide.

At the other end of the waveguide, but not visible in Fig. 1, are the rack and pinion which move the 50-ohm pickup loop along the length of the waveguide. A short piece of flexible coaxial cable takes the ouput to the front panel terminal behind which is mounted the crystal rectifier for measuring the output voltage. Directly to the right of the oscillator tube is the pulse transformer. Behind the oscillator tube is the 6D4 modulator, the socket behind the oscillator coil. Part of the pulse-forming line can be seen behind the shield to the right of the pulse transformer.

Output Measurements

A 1N21C crystal and a $200-\mu a$ meter with a variable resistor in series, see Fig. 2, are used to measure the output voltage during c-w operation. With the pickup loop in the end of the waveguide near the output coil, the voltage at the output terminal is over 0.1 volt, which is high enough to give a large reading on the output meter. This amount of output can be accurately measured by some external means and then the meter calibrated accordingly.

The meter gives no useful indication for outputs below 0.01 volt and it would be difficult to measure lower output accurately by other means, particularly in the microvolt region. However, if some higher value of output is known exactly, then all lower values can be accurately determined because of the known exponential rate at which a signal decreases in amplitude with distance along a waveguide operated below the cut-off frequency.

The dial which moves the pickup loop can be directly calibrated in output voltage providing its index can be adjusted to give a correct reading at some high value of output.

One good method of measuring the output voltage is with a thermistor bridge. The thermistor must be shunted with a noninductive resistor to give a parallel resistance of 50 ohms for proper termination. The bridge power reading must then be corrected for the power lost in the shunt resistor to give full output power. The voltage is



FIG. 2-Schematic diagram of the r-f section of the radar test generator



FIG. 3—Characteristic curve of 6AS6 class-C r-f amplifier with constant control-grid excitation

found from the formula $E = \sqrt{PR}$.

The output meter can also be calibrated without applying power to the signal generator by feeding an audio signal into the r-f output terminal to simulate an r-f signal. If a frequency of about 10 kc is used, it should be high enough to give crystal characteristics corresponding to r-f conditions but still low enough to be measured with a vtvm.

It is necessary to gate the circuit to give a clean pulsed r-f signal of known amplitude. It is not practical to gate the oscillator or amplifier control grids because then there will be a reaction on the oscillator frequency. It is necessary for the oscillator to run continuously under the same load conditions for stable operation. Therefore 6AS6's were chosen for the r-f amplifiers because their high suppressor transconductance permits them to be suppressor modulated.

It was found that when the amplifier grids were being excited by the oscillator, the plate current could be completely cut off with approximately -5 volts on the suppressors and as the suppressor voltage was increased from -5 volts up to +12 volts, the plate output would increase almost linearly. Any further increase in suppressor voltage causes only a slight change in output, see Fig. 3. When the suppressors are driven positive there

is a flow of current in the suppressor circuit, therefore they must be driven from a fairly low impedance.

Pulsed Output

For pulsed output the 6AS6's have a suppressor bias of -7 volts which keeps the plate current safely cut off. If the suppressors are then gated with a positive pulse having an amplitude greater than 19 volts, the peak output will be fairly constant because of the saturation effect of the suppressor as mentioned previously. This makes it possible to get a measureable peak pulse amplitude, for if the tubes are operated c-w with more than +12 volts on the suppressors the c-w output will equal the peak pulsed output and can be measured, as described previously.

When the amplifier plate current is cut off by the suppressor, the cathode current is not greatly affected, and it all tends to flow to the screen grids. To prevent excessive screen dissipation under these conditions the screen current is decreased by feeding the screens through a series resistor to drop their voltage. However, when an output pulse is required, and the suppressors are driven positive, the screen voltage must rise instantly, thus greatly limiting the size of the screen by-pass capacitor that can be used. A compromise must be reached between r-f degeneration and a screen-circuit time constant which will allow it to follow short pulses.

The modulator consists of a gas triode used to discharge a lumpedcircuit pulse-forming line of variable length coupled to the suppressors of the 6AS6's through a pulse transformer. The number of L-C components in the line can be switched from the front panel for pulses of 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ µsec duration.

The positive pulse output is sufficient to drive the suppressors well into saturation. The d-c bias on the grid of the modulator can be adjusted from the front panel between the limits of -7 and -33volts for best operation. The d-c bias for the 6AS6 suppressors is selected by the pulse—c-w switch.

For c-w operation, a bias of +20volts is obtained from a voltage divider to allow the 6AS6's to operate at suppressor saturation. For pulsed operation a bias of -7 volts is applied, just enough to safely hold the 6AS6 plate current cutoff except when positive pulses are supplied from the modulator.

Trigger and Power Circuits

The remainder of the instrument, consisting of trigger and power circuits, is built on a separate chassis,

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FIG. 4-Schematic diagram of the power supply and trigger chassis for the generator

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see Fig. 4. The triggering pulse for the modulator is obtained from a driver in the form of a blocking oscillator which is biased to prevent free-running condition. The а driver is triggered by a cathode follower whose input is the voltage across a ring tank in the plate circuit of a triggering blocking oscillator. The circuit is arranged so that the cathode-follower grid does not swing positive until approximately 3 µsec after the ring tank is excited by the triggering block-This triggering ing oscillator. blocking oscillator also drives a phase-splitting tube directly, without delay, to give either a positive or negative external trigger output. This is useful for triggering a synchroscope just before the r-f output pulse so that its effect can be easily observed in a test circuit.

The triggering blocking oscillator can be allowed to run free over a frequency range of approximately 70 to 10,000 cps or a negative bias can be applied to its grid for external triggering. The external positive or negative trigger pulses are fed through a gain control, phase-splitting tube, phaseselector switch, and cathode follower to drive the triggering blocking oscillator. When the pulse-c-w switch is in the c-w position the triggering blocking oscillator is made inoperative by opening its cathode circuit. This switch also chooses proper bias for the 6AS6 suppressors and compensates for the different current requirements of pulsed and c-w operation.

The plate supply uses two 6X4's in parallel in a full-wave rectifier circuit with a capacitive input filter to give +260 direct volts. An OA2 is used to supply +150 volts regulated to the r-f section. The heater winding plus another 6.3-volt winding are connected in series to drive a voltage doubler using selenium rectifiers to supply the negative bias voltages required. The a-c input is fused and passes through a shielded 60-mc filter to prevent r-f from leaking out along the power line.

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Harvesting of an autoclave in which quartz crystals have been grown at high temperature and pressure. Operators are removing thermocouples that measured temperature differential along length of steel container. Wire frame in bomb supports wafer-thin quartz seed plates on which crystals grow

Growing Quartz Crystals

Perfected technique gives large, perfect crystals in quantities that mean eventual independence of Brazilian sources. Quartz scrap, alkaline solution and seed plates are sealed into steel bomb by welding, then heated to 400 C to develop 15,000 psi for optimum growth

OUR COUNTRY is again acutely conscious of shortages of raw materials important to the defense program.

During World War II, one of the most critical shortages of a material necessary for the successful conduct of hostilities was that of natural quartz crystals. Millions of small plates, of the order of onehalf inch square and one-tenth of an inch thick, made of quartz free from flaws and twinning, were vital to the operation of mobile radio transmission equipment. After the war, even though the demand for quartz for military use was greatly reduced, the Bell System had difficulty in getting sufficient amounts of the larger-sized quartz crystals for use in telephone communications apparatus.

These circumstances emphasized the need for research in developing

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commercial procedures capable of producing useful large quartz crystals artificially, so that the government and the communications industries might be independent of sources of supply outside the United States. The fact that the Brazilian government was considering placing an embargo on the export of raw quartz crystals, to conserve one of its more important natural resources, added to the urgency for such research.

Background

Geologists have long speculated on how nature formed large, clear quartz crystals. Their efforts to solve the problem in the laboratory date back about 100 years. A comprehensive review of this work was published by Kerr and Armstrong in 1943.¹ The most significant achievement noted in this summary was that of Spezia in Italy², who grew about 5 mm additional length on the ends of a natural Japanese twin quartz crystal. This was accomplished in a pressure vessel in alkaline solution in a period of six months.

After the recent war, reports were received from Germany on the work of Nacken³ on growing quartz crystals. This geologist, at the University of Frankfort, had worked on various aspects of crystal growth for more than ten years and eventually succeeded in growing quartz by a hydrothermal method. With Nacken's results as a starting point, the Bell Telephone Laboratories⁴ and others have made



FIG. 1—Quartz crystals grown by Nacken process. Transparent quartz plate at left was grown from seed plate next to it. Rod of clear Vitreosil (amorphous silica) is at right, and partially recrystallized section of this rod is next to it

for Military Needs

encouraging progress towards an understanding of the problem. Important contributions to the process of growing quartz hydrothermally have been made by Brush Development Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Prof. A. C. Swinnerton, Dept. of Geology, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Squier Signal Corps Laboratories, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey; Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

To appreciate the significance of the progress made in this work, some of the more important background information, and the steps leading to the success thus far achieved, are outlined.

Nacken's Techniques

One method described by Nacken which seemed promising was based on experiments at constant temperature in alkaline solution at or near the critical point for water, this being at 374.2 degrees C and 3,200 psi. Experiments on the solubility of silica in water or alkaline solution led Nacken to the conclusion that amorphous silica is ten-fold more soluble than quartz at high temperature and pressure. Recent investigators have been unable to verify this. P. H. Egli, in a private communication, suggested that amorphous silica dissolves at a rate tremendously more rapid than the solution can tolerate for single quartz crystal growth.

Whatever the true explanation, Nacken demonstrated that quartz could be grown rapidly, for a short time, under these hydrothermal conditions. Unfortunately the supersaturation increased so rapidly that quartz not only deposited on a suitable seed, but also as spontaneous nuclei on all the internal surfaces of the autoclave. Within about one day growth nearly stopped. What occurred in the sealed high-pressure vessel could not be studied very effectively by visual means, but the growth of quartz from amorphous material may be inferred from an examination of the materials at the end of a test.

In Fig. 1, the clear quartz plate gained about 0.004 inch in thick-



Examples of large quartz crystals grown by autoclave technique in 32 days. Weights, from top to bottom, are 321 grams, 143 grams and 71 grams

ness on each major face after one day of exposure in a dilute sodium carbonate solution, supersaturated with silica dissolved from amorphous nutrient, under conditions approximating those described by Nacken. Before the test, the quartz plate had ground, opaque surfaces. Initially the amorphous silica was in the form of a clear cylinder of Vitreosil glass, and this was largely converted to a porous mass of fine quartz needles. A small core of transparent amorphous silica remained, as shown in the cross-section of a piece of this nutrient material in Fig. 1. Subsequent check tests showed that the growth on each side of the seed plate, amounting to about 0.004 inch, occurred in the first few hours.

Supersaturation Troubles

As the autoclave approached operating temperature, the solution became so supersaturated with respect to quartz that the seed grew rapidly. Spontaneous seeding also occurred, both on the walls of the container and on the surface of the nutrient material. Within a matter of a few hours the amorphous supply had become covered with quartz needles, the solution lost its supersaturation, and growth practically ceased.

Further solution of the amorphous silica continued under the porous layer of quartz, but it was immediately followed by redeposition at that point. This accounted for the appearance of the cross-section sample shown in Fig. 1. Failure to achieve continuous growth was encountered by Nacken.

To understand the limitations of the method used by Nacken to grow quartz in the vicinity of the critical point for water and to understand the steps taken to overcome these limitations, it is important to consider the liquid-vapor density relations for water at this point. As temperature rises, as shown in Fig. 2, the density of liquid water decreases in a sealed container and the vapor density rises. At the critical point of 374.2 degrees C, the two are equal. The critical density is at the point of intersection of the average-density line with the liquid-vapor density curve.

To attain more rapid growth

rates, advantage was taken of an important fact regarding crystal growth. It is generally the case that crystals grow better from solutions having a higher concentration of crystallizable material, than if the substance is only sparingly soluble. For this reason further experiments were made at much higher pressures and somewhat higher temperatures, where the increased density of the alkaline solution was favorable to greater solubility of the silica.⁵

Nacken reported using up to 50 percent filling of the autoclave with alkaline solution. Under these conditions, as the temperature is increased, the density of the solution decreases somewhat, but long before the critical temperature is reached the container is filled with solution and the density remains at about 0.5 with further increase in temperature. At the critical



FIG. 2—Liquid-vapor density relations of water near its critical temperature at which density of liquid and vapor are equal

temperature the pressure greatly exceeds the critical 3,200 psi.

With fillings greater than onethird the free volume at room temperature, it was found better to use a temperature differential method, with the top of the autoclave slightly cooler than the bottom, and to operate at a somewhat higher temperature.

Initial experiments with a 50percent fill were encouraging, but not until the autoclave was filled to 80 percent of its free volume with alkaline solution and operated at 400 degrees C did satisfactorily rapid growth become a practical possibility. Under these conditions the pressure is about 15,000 psi. It is difficult to hold such pressure with conventional gasket-type seals without a trace of leak. Even a very slight leak seriously alters the operating condition and the rate and quality of growth, because the pressure is developed by the heated solution within the autoclave.

A welded autoclave design capable of withstanding these conditions was developed for use with the temperature gradient method. With this equipment it has been possible to grow quartz crystals at rates as high as 0.05 inch in thickness per day. This thickness is measured on each of the major surfaces of a CT-cut plate. This cut is nearly parallel to the minor rhombohedral faces of the quartz crystal. Growth on such surfaces is known to be considerably more rapid than on the principal or major rombohedral faces of the quartz crystal.

Welded-Liner Autoclave

The apparatus in which quartz crystals have been grown effectively is shown in Fig. 3. Enclosed in a hollow steel tube or bomb, having relatively thick walls to withstand the great pressure developed within it, is a thin-walled seamless steel tube or liner made of ordinary low-carbon steel. Cups are welded into each end of this liner to hermetically seal it. This liner tube contains the ingredients for growing quartz. In the bottom of the tube is a layer of broken pieces of pure quartz, serving as nutrient material. A seed of clear quartz, free from inclusions, misoriented areas or other defects, is hung from a wire frame near the top of the tube, above the nutrient layer. Sufficient aqueous alkaline solution composed of sodium carbonate or sodium hydroxide, or both, is added to fill the free space within the sealed tube to 80 percent of its volume at room temperature.

The liner tube closures at each end are welded with an atomic hydrogen flame where the lip of the cup is in contact with the ends of the tube.

Into each recessed end of the liner is fitted a retainer cap. The difference in length of shell and liner permits clearances between the flanges on the retainer caps and the ends of the outer shell. The screw caps apply enough retaining force to hold the welded rims in the tapered grooves of the retainer caps and thus prevent spreading of the

The pressure of the exwelds. panding liquid, as the temperature rises, distends the liner so that it fits snugly within the retaining walls at all points, much as though it were a rubber balloon.

The liners are of inexpensive steel and are discarded after each It is known that strong run. alkaline solution causes intercrystalline failure of stainless steel at high pressures in a matter hours at high temperatures". of This design prevents contact of the alkaline solution with the outer stainless steel container. There is no indication that the alkaline solution damages the carbon steel liner tubes under the operating conditions described.

The top retainer cap and screw cap are drilled to provide a safety diaphragm blowout if the pressure exceeds 20,000 psi. The wall thickness of the top cup and the diameter of the hole in the retainer cap in contact with it are such that the liner cup section will rupture at this pressure.

Temperature Gradient Method

The filled autoclave is set on a metal hot-plate in the well-insulated furnace design of Fig. 4. The hot plate is heated to about 425 to 450 degrees C, depending on the size of the autoclave and its length. The temperature at the top of the nutrient layer of quartz is maintained at about 400 degrees C, as by measured a thermocouple strapped to the outside of the autoclave just above the bottom screw cap. Another thermocouple mounted just below the upper screw cap is maintained at a temperature from 10 to 20 degrees below the lower one, by adjustment of the amount of insulation on top of the autoclave. A third thermocouple is usually placed at the midpoint of the tube.

This arrangement is left to cook for several weeks. Growth takes place on the seed in an orderly manner according to the following process: The broken quartz dissolves rapidly at the very bottom of the nutrient layer, and the hot alkaline solution soon is saturated with silica at this point. Movement by convection in the liquid is sufficiently rapid to transport the dis-



FIG. 3-Cross-section of steel bomb in which quartz crystals are grown

solved silica to all parts of the container and maintain the solution substantially saturated at some temperature between that at the bottom and at the top of the nutrient layer. Therefore the solution is supersaturated at the temperature in the top of the container near the seed crystal. This is the basically important condition for crystal growth, and silica deposits on the quartz seed.

Because of continuous motion in the liquid, the growing surfaces are constantly bathed by fresh supersaturated solution and the partially depleted solution is carried down to the bottom where it is again saturated at the higher temperature. The process continues as long as nutrient material is available for solution in the bottom of the autoclave. All of the free space above the layer of nutrient material is useful growing space, although the crystal farthest away from the nutrient layer grows more rapidly because it is cooler.

Quartz crystals of the size shown have been grown in a high-pressure autoclave 3 inches in inside diameter and 30 inches long. Over one pound of quartz was added to the three seed plates in a period of 32 days. The top crystal weighs 321 grams. The top seed plate was originally $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches long by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by $\frac{3}{16}$ inch thick. The other two plates were initially $1\frac{1}{2}$



FIG. 4-Cross-section of furnace in which bomb is kept at 400 C

inches square by $\frac{1}{5}$ inch thick.

Much more work is needed to evaluate optimum size of nutrient material, degree of supersaturation and growth rates, as well as influences of impurities on growth rate and stability of the solution. Because tests require from ten days to several months each, they are time-consuming, and interdependence of factors is difficult to evaluate. It is therefore not surprising that few quantitative relations are available thus far.

The accomplished fact is that crystals weighing up to nearly one pound have been produced in about one month. It appears reasonably possible to produce crystals weighing a pound or more in from two to three months, based on a growth rate of only 0.025 inch per day on each growing face. This is well within the limits of controlled growth which have been obtained experimentally, and compares favorably with rates of growth of other useful piezoelectric crystals now being produced commercially.

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FIG. 1—Basic relationships used in setting up tower equations with spatial relationships shown at (A) and vector addition in (B)



FIG. 2—Vector diagram to show how, if the spacing S between the antenna towers remains fixed, the arc subtended by E_2 can be calibrated in Θ

Pattern Calculator for A-M

Graphical method useful for original design work on a pair of a-m broadcast antenna towers is also particularly applicable if a new pattern or change in frequency is necessary. Requires only dividers and transparent overlay

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THE CALCULATION of directional antenna patterns is often a long and tedious job and is usually at best a laborious exercise in trigonometry. The graphical calculator to be described is readily applicable to two-tower arrays and once the antenna spacing has been established it is a simple matter to observe the change in pattern shape with variations of phasing angle and antenna-current ratios. Although this graphical calculator can be used in original designs its obvious merit is evident when the towers are already installed but perhaps a change in operating frequency is necessitated.

The determination of the shape of a pattern is accomplished by the addition of the field vectors from each of the towers in an array. Figure 1A is a graphical illustration of the geometry involved and is used to establish the notation used.

Development

Tower 1 is used as a reference while tower 2 is considered to be spaced at S degrees from tower 1 with a phase angle of P degrees. Movable point Q is sufficiently remote from the array so that the lines from Q to tower 1 and Q to tower 2 are considered as being parallel. The angle θ is subtended between the line of the towers and a line from the movable point Q to tower 1. Thus for any position of point Q the total phase displacement between the field vectors of tower 1 and tower 2 is T degrees where $T = P - S \cos \theta$.

The resultant field at some angle θ is determined by the use of a vector diagram as shown in Fig. 1B where E_1 and E_2 are proportional to the field of towers 1 and 2 respectively. Note that as the angle θ is varied the phase displacement angle T changes and as a result the position of E_2 with reference to E_1 is dependent on the angle θ . Actually the radius vector E_2 describes the arc of a circle.



FIG. 3—Patterns can be computed to slide-rule accuracy using enlargements of these calculators. They are given for antenna spacings of 90, 135, 180 and 225 degrees

In Fig. 2 the following relationships become evident. When T = P $-S \cos \theta$, and when $\theta = 0$, T = P-S, also when $\theta = 180$, T = P + S.

Thus the arc subtended by the rotation of the vector E_2 is (P + S)— (P - S) = 2S degrees. Therefore if the spacing S remains fixed, any such arc whose circumference is calibrated in θ may be used with any combination of current ratio and phasing angle. This calibration of the circumference in θ is also accomplished by solution of the equation $T = P - S \cos \theta$, where θ is the variable.

For purpose of illustration, graphical calculators have been com-

puted for spacing angles 90, 135, 180 and 225 degrees.

Example

In a determination of the shape of a pattern all that is necessary is a pair of dividers and a transparent overlay sheet. Suppose, for example, we have the following array: $E_1 =$ 1.0, <0; $E_2 = 0.5$, <+60; S = 90degrees. Note that the phasing angle minus the spacing angle is equal to 60 - 90 = -30 degrees.

First a straight line is drawn on the transparency that is then placed in register on the pattern calculator (90 degrees) so that the line passes through the common point of the

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two vectors and through a phasing - spacing angle of -30 degrees.

From the common point measure a distance to the left on the line that is proportional to E_1 . With the common point as center, draw a circle with a radius proportional to E_2 . The resultant for any angle from the tower line is then the sum of the vectors E_1 and E_2 , it being recognized that the position of E_2 at any angle is the intersection of the circle described by E_2 with the line representing that angle from the tower line.

The resultant vector will be in the same units as were used for E_1 and E_2 .



Any crystal clock at CRPL (like No. 1) can be used to drive the spark recorder through a frequency-divider chain and power amplifier. The phasing control allows adjustment of the starting point. A waxed-paper chart, calibrated in 0.002-sec strips, is drawn at three inches a day between the lower knife-edge and the spiral helix that rotates ten times a second.

Any other crystal clock or standard of frequency (like No. 2) can be compared with No. 1. An appropriate low-frequency output from No. 2 triggers the spark generator. A spark jumps between the spiral helix and the nearest point on the knifeedge through the paper, melting the wax to produce a visible dot. If the frequency of No. 2 is the same as that of No. 1, a spark will occur each time the same point of the helix passes. The result is a vertical line. Any difference in frequency will result in a slope.

The smaller helix rotates once a second. The point at which a spark jumps between it and the calibrated knifeedge shows which 0.1-second interval is being recorded on the larger helix.

Pattern-forming circuits impress a circle of 100 dots 0.1 millisecond apart on the face of the cathode-ray chronoscope. Each tenth dot is blanked out for ease in counting. The signal from the spark generator produces either a dot between the markers, or it brightens an existing dot.

The chronograph can be read to within 0.5 milisecond and the chronoscope to within 0.02 millisecond

Comparing Outputs from

Intercomparison of crystal clocks by means of an improved spark chronograph, or by cathode-ray chronoscope, to \pm 0.5 millisecond and \pm 0.02 millisecond respectively. Mechanical and electronic equipment described has other industrial uses and has been modified to standardize chronometers and clocks



Typical pattern display on cathode-ray chronoscope tube. Small dots are 0.1 millisecond apart, with every tenth dot blanked out to facilitate counting dots clockwise from zero to enlarged dot representing time difference

WHEN THE National Bureau of Standards decided to improve its equipment for intercomparison of crystal clocks, it was found that the spark chronograph technique, installed in 1939, was still the most practicable. The spark-chronograph is a device that uses a spark to leave a time-mark on a special type of paper-as in certain kinds of facsimile receiving equipment. Increased resolution in new equipment described here results from improvements in pulse-shaping and spark-generating circuits. It is now possible to record time differences to a precision of ± 0.5 millisecond. A new cathode-ray chronoscope visually shows up day-to-day

changes to better than ± 0.05 millisecond.

The equipment shown in simplified form in the box records the change in time kept by a number of clocks in terms of a very stable reference clock used to control the chronograph itself.

In the instrument described, a slope to the right on the chart indicates that the clock supplying the high-voltage pulses is running fast. A line slope to the left indicates that the clock is runring slow. The difference in rates may be evaluated by measuring the amount of displacement over a given period. If the spark-generating equipment is switched in turn





FIG. 1—Remodeled chart recorder for use as a spark chronograph. Special waxed recording paper has been removed to show details

Rear view of spark generator with shield covers removed

Precision Time Standards

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to each of several clocks, the chronograph provides a convenient method of intercomparing and recording their operation.

The complete chronograph installation illustrated also includes two crystal clocks, with the exception of the 100-kc oscillators that are located in separate temperature-controlled compartments. The rack at the left contains all of the equipment essential to the chronograph operation. The right-hand rack contains duplicate dividing circuits controlled by a different oscillator. This equipment constitutes a separate crystal clock that may be connected to drive the chronograph in case of failure of the normal source.

details of the Construction chronograph are shown in Fig. 1. The most difficult task was winding and shaping the raised spirals on the two drums. It was decided that drums of insulating material with stretched wire spirals would not be suitable for continuous operation as the drums might chip, crack, or warp. Taut wire spirals on any type of drum might be subject to displacement or breakage and on a metal drum might not be high enough to ensure the sparks jumping to the spiral instead of to the drum. Therefore the drums were made of stainless steel cylinders pressed onto steel hubs, with a single-turn groove cut in each 1 in.

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wide and is in. deep. A steel spline previously sharpened to approximately the desired shape was formed and soldered into each groove, and then the final shaping and grinding was done.

The rotor of the synchronous motor is connected to drive the larger drum at the same speed. A gear train is used to drive the smaller drum at one-tenth the speed of the larger drum. Beneath the smaller drum is a knife-edge divided into ten equal parts, which is useful when reading seconds pulses. As the large drum rotates ten times per second, it does not indicate on which revolution the spark is occurring. By throwing

the switch blade (left) to the up position, the high-voltage pulse is transferred to the numbered knifeedge and the spark jumps to the nearest point of the helix on the small drum, giving a visual indication of the proper tenth of a second. The two drums are so geared and synchronized that the distance between two scribed lines on the numbered knife-edge corresponds exactly to one complete revolution by the larger drum. No means of recording this indication is provided because it is only necessary to make such a check when starting or resetting a clock. The incremental changes from day to day are so small that they may be read directly on the chart record.

One difficulty encountered with the smaller drum is worthy of note. As originally constructed, both the knife-edge and the helix were ground to sharp edges. However, when the instrument was tested it was impossible to get a reliable spark with the voltages available. Flattening the edges slightly and thus increasing the area eliminated any further difficulty.

The large drum caused no trouble because the edges are rounded slightly so that the paper will pass freely between the electrodes and



FIG. 2—Normal record (A) shows that signals are faster than reference; at (B) is record of 60-cps signals, and (C) shows 100-cps signals. Chart width represents 0.1-second time difference

the presence of the chart paper aids the discharge.

The knife-edge beneath the large drum (not visible in the photograph) is mounted on ceramic spacers, directly behind the paper drive roll. The spacers are fastened to the frame supporting the paperdrive mechanism and screw adjustments are provided to shift the whole assembly and thus adjust the gap.

The paper drive was taken from



FIG. 3—Schematic of the chronograph power amplifier, with phasing-control selsyn in upper center

a commercial recording milliammeter. The only changes required were special gears to reduce the paper speed to three inches a day and a reduction of the tension on the spring-driven takeup reel to prevent tearing of the waxed paper, which seems to be a bit weaker than the conventional recording paper.

The large drum is directly driven at ten revolutions a second, hence one sweep of the helix covers a time interval of 0.1 second. The length of the drum is five inches and the paper is the same width, thus 0.001 second is represented by 0.05 inch across the paper chart. The chart is ruled with ten lines to the inch so that it is easy to interpolate to the nearest millisecond. A sample of the normal record obtained over a twenty-seven-hour interval is shown in Fig. 2. The distance between two vertical ruled lines represents two milliseconds time difference. At the time the record was taken all of the local crystal clocks were running faster than the one controlling the chronograph drum, as indicated by the slope of all the records up and to the right. Lines 1, 2 and 4 were made by 10-cps pulses, while 3 and 5 were made by seconds pulses. Record 3 was made by the radio signal from station The fact that it runs WWV. vertically up the chart shows that the clock controlling the chronograph drum is very closely synchronized with that generating the pulses transmitted by WWV.

The records made by the 10-cps pulses are much darker than those made by the seconds pulses because more sparks occur during the time the signal is applied to the chronograph, thus melting more of the wax. As generally used, each clock is connected in turn to the spark generator input every fifteen minutes by a motor-driven switching arrangement mounted directly below the chronograph. Each signal is applied for only a few seconds so that there is a considerable period when no signal is applied. Pushbuttons are provided for each clock so that a signal may be applied manually, during the period of no automatic signal, to indentify

each record without recourse to a coding system. The pushbuttons also make it possible to take daily readings rapidly without waiting for the automatic switch to bring each signal onto the record.

Power Amplifier

Figure 3 is a circuit diagram of the power-amplifier unit. The 60cps input comes from the clock frequency-divider chain. Tube V_1 is an amplifier at 60-cps to drive the continuous phase shifter, which is a three-phase selsyn. The output of V_1 is first fed to a fixed phaseshifting network to give three voltages approximately 120 degrees apart that are applied to the stator of the selsyn. The output is taken from the single-phase rotor and by varying the position of the rotor the output voltage may be shifted through any desired angle relative to the input voltage.

The output of the phase shifter feeds directly into the 3-to-1 divider stage, V_2 . This divider is a fractional-frequency generator⁴ used because it has no free-running frequency. Therefore, if the input fails, the chronograph will stop to avoid giving false readings. The 20-cps output of V_2 is fed to a copper-oxide bridge rectifier frequency doubler (CR_2) and the 40-cps component is reflexed through V_2 to increase the level. Then it is mixed with the 60-cps input signal in a copper-oxide ring modulator (CR_1) and the 20-cps difference frequency provides the desired output.

This divider is not self-starting. A pushbutton and pulsing circuit are provided in the cathode lead of V_2 to initiate frequency division after the input signal has been applied. The 20-cps output of V_2 is also fed through a gain control to the grid of V_s , which is a voltage amplifier feeding V_4 . This is the driver for the push-pull output stage, which provides from 5 to 7 watts of 20-cps power to the motor. The most suitable coupling was obtained with an ordinary power transformer to give the required 30-volt output. All tubes except V_1 are operated with fixed bias obtained from the 19-volt filament supply.

The spark generating equipment consists of the grounded helix and the insulated knife-edge in shunt with an inductor in the plate circuit of a 6BG6G high-voltage beampower amplifier V_4 , as shown in Fig. 4. When a pulse comes along it suddenly biases the tube to cutoff, causing the field around the coil to decay rapidly. The high voltage generated causes a spark to jump between the knife-edge and the helix. To get a reliable spark and avoid scattering of the record the pulse applied to the grid of the 6BG6G tube must be sharp and of fairly high amplitude. Such a signal is not usually obtainable from the output of the crystal clocks, so suitable pulse-shaping circuits must be provided.

Pulse Problems

Another requirement of the pulse-shaping circuit is that it provide the desired pulse at the grid of V_4 for different types of input signals. For example, the clocks pictured generate seconds pulses of the type broadcast by radio station WWV; that is, five cycles of 1,000cps frequency repeated once each second. Other clocks give sharp, differentiated output pulses at the rate of ten pulses per second.

Since it has been the custom on the broadcasts from WWV to have the first half-cycle of the five-cycle pulse modulate upward in a positive direction, all of the clock outputs have been polarized the same way, and it is necessary to maintain and sharpen only the leading edge of the pulse. The clock output is applied directly to the grid of V_1 , which is biased just below cutoff by a resistor from the plate supply to the cathode. When a signal arrives, the negative portion is clipped off entirely and only the positive portion is transferred to the plate circuit as an amplified pulse of negative polarity.

As it is desired to record only the beginning of each complete pulse, some means must be provided to prevent getting a spark from each succeeding positive half-cycle of the five-cycle seconds pulse. For this purpose an integrating circuit is placed in the grid circuit of V_2 having a time constant of approximately 0.01 second, which is sufficient to prevent the grid of V_2 returning to zero voltage between these pulses, but is also short enough to avoid any adverse effect on the 10-cps pulses. Tube V_2 is also biased by means of a resistor from plate supply to cathode, but only to about two volts above cutoff. The output of V_1 passes the integrating network and becomes a negative pulse with a sawtooth top, driving V_2 beyond cutoff and holding it there until the pulse ends, thus clipping the sawtooth top and giving a pulse in the plate circuit closely approximating a square This pulse could be made wave. sharp enough to trigger the spark tube but it is of the wrong polarity and has insufficient amplitude. Therefore, it is fed through a differentiating network to the grid of V_{s} , which is also biased slightly below cutoff to clip the negative peak generated in the differentiating cir-



FIG. 4—The spark generator shapes several different kinds of input pulses to form a spark without appreciable scatter

cuit. The output of V_3 is a negative pulse having a peak amplitude of about 130 volts, a sharp leading edge, short duration and very little positive overshoot. This pulse is coupled to the grid of tube V_4 and develops a satisfactory spark for recording. The voltage applied to the spark gap may be varied by adjusting the 5,000-ohm resistor in the cathode of V_4 , changing the current through the coil, and thereby changing the voltage induced when the current is cut off. For a current of 10 milliamperes the voltage obtained is approximately 6,000 volts.

When the covers of the sparkgenerating unit illustrated are in place, all of the high-voltage circuits are completely shielded, thus reducing the radiation to radiofrequency equipment being used in the same laboratory.

Performance

The pulse-shaping circuit makes the chronograph versatile for recording signals other than those already mentioned. Tests with sinewave input show that the circuit will operate between 10 and 400cps with less than ten volts rms applied, and over a much wider range with greater input amplitude. Samples of the record obtained with 60-cps and 100-cps sine-wave signals are shown in Fig. 2B and 2C.

There are other possible uses for the chronograph such as checking the stability of oscillators and dividers, or rating clocks and chronometers over fairly long periods of time by recording the drift relative to the primary standard of frequency. As a simple test, a crystal cartridge was used to pick up the ticks of several pocket and wrist watches. The signal was amplified and applied to the chronograph. Most of the watches showed drift rates of ± 20 to 30 milliseconds per minute but could be adjusted easily to ± 5 milliseconds per minute. An instrument quite similar in principle is widely used by watchmakers for rapid adjustment of watches and clocks.

There was some uncertainty whether running the motor with 20-cps frequency would cause excessive hunting of the drum. However, tests have shown that the hunting is well within allowable limits for this application. One such test made use of a cathode-ray interpolation device, shown to the right of the chronograph in the rack illustration and described below. It permits reading time differences accurately to 0.1 millisecond and estimating to 0.02 millisecond by visual means. From a secondary winding on the spark generating coil a signal is obtained at much lower voltage and fed to the interpolation device. As one observer watches the oscilloscope and notes that the pulses are consistent within ± 0.02 millisecond while another watches the spark on the chronograph, it can be determined that the scattering is approximately



FIG. 5—Pattern-forming circuits in the chronoscope use the same time standard that drives the chronograph

 ± 0.25 millisecond. This observation means that the chronograph could be read to the nearest 0.25 millisecond were it not for inaccuracies due to the paper. The only scale is that ruled on the paper, and any shifting on the drive sprockets or shrinking or stretching due to changing temperature or humidity introduces an additional uncertainty of perhaps ± 0.25 millisecond, so that the record may be relied upon only to ± 0.5 millisecond.

The Chronoscope

To increase resolution a chronoscope can be used to supplement the chronograph. Output from a crystal clock and frequency divider is used to produce a circular sweep with fixed marker dots on the screen of a cathode-ray oscilloscope. A pulse from another crystal clock produces a bright spot on the sweep. By observing the position of this spot in relation to the marker dots it is possible to measure relative time changes within a very small fraction of the interval required for one circular sweep.

By choosing appropriate frequencies for the time base and marker dots, a wide range of time intervals may be covered, or a cascade system may be built to read coarse intervals in the order of 0.1 to 0.01 second on the first cathode-ray tube and vernier readings down to the microsecond range on the following tubes. This discussion will be confined to the instrument as used in conjunction with the spark chronograph.

Because the time-base and marker frequencies are obtained from the same frequency dividers the chronograph and chronoscope are locked in time phase as are the minute and sweep-second hands of a conventional clock mechanism. The circular sweep is obtained by applying 100-cps voltages in phase guadrature to the deflection plates of the cathode-ray tube. A 360-degree sweep is thereby accomplished in 0.01 second. The grid of the cathode-ray tube is biased below cutoff so that no trace appears on the face of the tube except when a positive pulse is applied with

sufficient amplitude to let the tube conduct. A 10-kc signal applied to the grid produces a circle composed of 100 dots, each 0.1 millisecond apart.

This scale would be exceedingly difficult to read if no reference points were provided, so a 1-kc sine wave is shaped to give negative pulses just wide enough to blank out every tenth one of the 10-kc dots. The pattern resulting on the face of the tube is illustrated. There are ten groups of nine dots with each group separated by the space of the tenth dot. By so grouping the dots it is easy to evaluate quickly the position of the signal. The numbers surrounding the cathode-ray tube correspond to millisecond readings on the chronograph. Therefore, from day to day the change in relative time as kept by two clocks may be measured within 0.5 millisecond by the change in displacement on the chronograph chart, and within ± 0.02 millisecond on the chronoscope.

The signal to be measured is fed to the chronoscope as a positive pulse with about three times the amplitude of the marker pulses. If the spark occurs while the cathoderay tube is nonconducting, even with the maximum negative voltage due to the marker signals, the tube will be driven to conduction and the signal will appear between the marker dots. Should the spark occur while the tube is conducting, the added positive voltage on the grid will cause enlargement of the dot on the face of the tube as shown.

Figure 5 shows a schematic diagram of the circuits used to obtain the circular sweep and to shape and mix the signals applied to the intensity grid. An oscilloscope trace (Fig. 6) of the voltage applied to the grid shows the nine cycles of 10-kc signal at high amplitude while the tenth cycle is much reduced. A time-signal pulse is also shown to the right but at much lower intensity since its repetition rate is only ten pulses per second.

It has been determined that the instrument described, using a three-inch cathode-ray tube, may be read within ± 0.02 millisecond. Should greater resolution be required, it can be obtained by using a larger cathode-ray tube to increase the span between adjacent markers and facilitate interpolation. For greater accuracy, 100-kc markers could be added. Another possibility is to use a second complete chronoscope, starting with either a 1-kc or 10-kc time base and 100-kc or 1-mc markers to permit higher resolution.

Operating Limits

To investigate the possible effects of windage or of pressure variations on the chronograph the complete unit was set up in a lowpressure chamber and the pressure was reduced to about one-third of atmospheric while watching the through an observation spark window. At reduced pressure the spark appeared to be a bit weaker but there was no noticeable shift After returning to in reading. atmospheric pressure the record was examined and it was found that at reduced pressure the scattering was only slightly greater than the normal ± 0.25 millisecond.

The chronograph is somewhat sensitive to variations in voltage to the driving motor, which apparently cause the rotor to lock in more or less tightly and thus cause a shift in the spark. However, this effect causes no difficulty in normal operation. Once the amplifier output is adjusted it remains essentially constant unless the d-c supply voltages vary. For a 10-percent change in d-c plate voltage the chronograph reading will change by about one millisecond.

Under normal operating conditions very little maintenance is required. All components are run considerably below rating and no electrolytic capacitors are used, even for the 100- μ f types in the power amplifier. During the year that the new instrument has been in operation it has been stopped only for quarterly cleaning, inspection and oiling. It would be possible to run for longer periods except for the coating of wax that condenses on the drum and other metallic parts within the chrono-



FIG. 6-Oscilloscope trace of voltage applied to grid of the chronoscope. Every tenth wave is attenuated. A 10-pps time signal is at right

graph case. This coating must be removed before it becomes thick enough to cause trouble.

Several other types of recording paper were considered to eliminate the wax vapor, but none gave as legible a record of the spark discharge. Contact printing of any kind was not permissible. Because it is desirable to stop the chronograph at intervals for inspection and lubrication, it was felt that the wax removal would not impose any serious limitation. These stoppages are of short duration, a few minutes at most, and the phase shifter permits resetting to exactly the same reading so that continuity of record can be maintained.

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Military Requirements

Conversion to all-out war production would, at present, find the electronics industry facing a serious shortage of subminiature tubes. Current production would be inadequate. Plans for expansion are already under way. Even these may have to be stepped up

E XPERTS AGREE that any future war will be an electronic war. The electronics industry is, in general, well equipped to meet such an emergency. In most branches manufacturing capacity is adequate, and materials needed for essential work are obtainable.

One important exception lies in the shortage of subminiature tubes that would accompany total mobilization for war. The subminiature tube business may be compared to the munitions business —it rises abruptly at the outbreak of war and drops even more abruptly when the war ends. '

Applications

By far the biggest use of subminiatures in the last war was in proximity fuzes. Since four or five tubes were expended with every fuze fired, the demand was enormous. The services have learned to depend on proximity-fuze projectiles, and they are expected to employ them generously in any future war.

The proximity fuze employs filamentary tubes. There are also many "expendable" applications for heater-cathode types. Every guided missile accounts for a large number, and sonobuoys and similar detection devices account for a handful of subminiatures that serve a useful purpose and are then abandoned.

Adding to the requirements are the ever-increasing miniaturizations of standard and special communication equipment to improve mobility and versatility. Subminiature tubes are, of course, specified and used. It has been estimated that these nonexpendable items alone will account for 100,000,000 subminiatures in a war year. This figure, combined with the tremendous requirements for guided mis-

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siles and proximity-fuze projectiles, indicates the future of the business in the event of war.

The most obvious advantages of subminiature tubes in military equipment are space, weight and materials conservation. Other advantages of subminiatures include (1) low drain on power-supply equipment, (2) the possibility of soldering tubes into circuits, thus eliminating space and weight usually contributed by sockets, (3) adaptability to unit and packaged design and construction, (4) high resistance to shock-both thermal and mechanical, and (5) smaller physical dimensions with resulting improvement in high-frequency operation.

Most subminiature tubes have lower dissipation ratings than corresponding types in the miniature $(T-5\frac{1}{2})$ and GT (T-8) sizes. Their dissipation areas are smaller. This fact is responsible for much research into ways and means for operating circuits at low power levels, and in constructing equipment with facilities for radiating and dissipating excess heat in order to allow the subminiatures to be operated within their prescribed temperature limits. Subminiatures have recently become available with 500-hour life when operated at 250 C, thus offering some relaxation of the previous temperature bugaboo.

Sockets are available for most subminiature types, for applications where plug-in construction is desired. The high shock resistance exhibited by subminiatures lies in the fact that vulnerability to mechanical influences is roughly proportional to the cube of the dimensions of the object. Thus the smaller dimensions are desirable.

When the idea of the proximity fuze was first conceived, there were no tubes on hand that would fill the requirements of size and ruggedness. Picking small size as the main requirement, engineers launched a series of tests with standard subminiature tubes in projectiles with reduced charges. These shells were fired and the projectiles later recovered. The tubes were then studied for failing parts, and those parts were strengthened, and the improved versions were again fired. but this time with a slightly greater propelling charge. This process progressed until a set of tubes was developed that would withstand full charge and operate properly when the projectile reached the vicinity of the target. From the data collected in these experiments, a set of specifications was written that led to the line of tubes finally used in proximity fuzes. The amazing record achieved by these weapons verifies the success of the cut-andtry tube development program.

Improved Characteristics

Thus subminiatures have. through extensive research and development projects over the past ten years, evolved from an almost novelty-like position in the electronics industry to an essential position of great importance. Today subminiatures are commercially available that will withstand 450 G mechanical shock, have longlife reliability ratings of 5,000 hours, pass fatigue tests at 2.5 G for 96 hours, and can be operated at high altitudes and temperatures.

There are now well over 500 different types of subminiature tubes, many of which were never actually placed in production. Large quantities of information have been collected concerning operation of these

for Subminiature Tubes



Subminiature tube fabrication requires special skill and over 150 different pieces of equipment. Photograph shows tube mount being assembled at Sylvania's plant

tubes under widely diversified operating conditions, but the data are still insufficient for many users. For instance, the tube that will withstand the tremendous shock of being fired from a gun will not necessarily stand up under a prolonged period of vibration that might be found in a guided missile.

Different Types

The subminiature tube industry is, at present, confronted with a controversy over physical construction. There are those who favor the round-bulb button-socket versions, and there are those who favor the flat-press tubes. In the button type, the tube leads are brought out in a circle around the round base of the tube, whereas in the flat configuration the leads are brought out in line across the tube. Both types offer advantages, to some extent dependent upon application.

In the flat-press plants, the header is sealed by a pair of jaws, much in the same way that electric light bulbs are sealed. The round, or button, bases are fabricated on machines similar to those used in conventional miniature tube manufacture.

The round button base offers a degree of added mechanical rigidity by virtue of more-than-one-plane suspension. The flat-press tubes are longer, but they are considerably narrower in one radial direction because of their flat shape.

The straight-line placement of tube leads on the flat-press type limits the number of leads available to six or seven, while most round types offer eight leads in a standard circular configuration, so that only a relatively few socket diagrams need be remembered. The circular configuration also permits higher interelectrode potentials and operation at higher altitudes, with less leakage, since greater spacing, in general, exists between leads.

Much controversy exists as to the relative ease and expense of manufacture of the two types. Some engineers are confident that present miniature-tube-making machinery can be readily converted to subminiature tube production, and others are skeptical.

Future Outlook

Whatever the configuration, the potential shortage remains. Just as the makers and users of electronic equipment are confused as to the relative merits of the two types of tubes available, so are they confused as to whom they will turn if their requirements suddenly skyrocket.

Unfortunately for the situation in general, subminiature tubes are still finding only a limited place on the civilian market, and present

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BIG NUMBERS-

• During the second world war 150,-000,000 subminiature tubes were made by one company alone. Production experienced an increase of over a thousand times, and at the end of the war subminiatures were being turned out at a rate of 10,000,000 a month by the same company.

• Requirements for a future war are expected to be even greater than last time. If war comes, much of today's tube-manufacturing capacity will have to be turned over to subminiature production — and even that might not be enough

military orders are not yet large enough to warrant sufficient expansion of production facilities to allow subminiatures to compete for most civilian applications on a cost basis.

Manufacturers and government agencies agree that decentralization of subminiature-tube-making facilities is important. Some makers of conventional tubes are already embarked on ambitious programs studying and planning for conversion to subminiatures, and the old-timers in the game are in fact expanding.

The problem will have to be met in case of war. Past experience has demonstrated an excellent probability that the problem will be met successfully and fairly rapidly. However, a great number of tube makers will have to alter their thinking and learn new techniques.

There is some doubt that subminiatures will achieve much general use in television receivers, because of their dissipation difficulties and their high cost. The cheapest tube to manufacture is the tube that is most easily handled. Even the miniatures fall below this optimum point, and subminiatures are far below, with consequent gloomy outlook for any substantial reductions in manufacturing cost, unless new techniques and production methods are developed.

Tube Characteristic Tracer

Pulsing grid voltage permits tracing desired characteristic curve high into positivegrid region. Hundreds of dots, one per pulse, produce continuous curve on cathode-ray screen. Multiple photographic exposures give family of curves



curves extending up to high peak-power levels in the positive grid region are needed for many radar and television applications but are not ordinarily available. The curve tracer to be described was designed at the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories to fill this need for a convenient instrument to measure characteristics of small tubes at high pulsed-power levels. Although designed primarily for taking data in the positivegrid region, it also covers negative - grid characteristics. It automatically displays directly on the fluorescent screen of a large cathode-ray tube the complete char-

TACUUM-TUBE characteristic

FIG. 1—Plate voltage is swept over desired range by 60-cycle a-c voltage superimposed on d-c voltage, while grid is driven by pulses riding on top of 60-cycle grid voltage. Resulting dots on oscilloscope screen trace out the desired characteristic



FIG. 2—Complete circuit diagram, including all power supplies since they play a major part in the operation of the tracer
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acteristic of the tube under test.

Figure 1 shows a simplified diagram of the instrument, with a triode as the tube under test. Rectangular pulses of small duty ratio are applied to the grid. The pulser is of low impedance and power supplies are bypassed in order that pulse voltage be substantially independent of grid current up to a few amperes. The tube is normally biased to cutoff and is made conducting only during the pulses.

Measuring Method

The primary of a pulse transformer is connected in series with the electrode whose current is to be measured. Its secondary is connected across the vertical plates of the oscilloscope. The 60-cycle power line frequency is applied to the particular electrode whose voltage is varied and to the horizontal oscilloscope sweep. A 60-cycle transformer in the plate circuit is energized when a characteristic in terms of plate voltage is desired. Likewise, the 60-cycle grid transformer is turned on when a grid voltage characteristic is taken.

The grid variation is achieved with constant-voltage grid pulses riding on top of the 60-cycle wave. This procedure is simpler than direct modulation of the pulse voltage. A point or dot on the tube characteristic appears on the oscilloscope screen for each pulse applied. Pulse repetition rate is made nonsynchronous with 60 cycles so that each pulse plots a different point. Successive pulses rapidly trace the complete curve as a series of closely spaced dots.

Pulse Generator

The pulse generator or pulser used to excite the grid of the tube under test with positive-voltage pulses of adjustable amplitude is shown on the complete curve tracer



Electron-tube curve tracer using pulse techniques for displaying on cathode-ray screen the characteristics up to high peak power levels in the positive grid region. Tube being tested is in recess at upper right

circuit diagram in Fig. 2. The pulser has a low output impedance so its voltage is substantially independent of grid current and the pulse top is essentially flat for a considerable percentage of the pulse width.

The pulser is a hydrogen-thyratron line type, chosen because of its simplicity and its low-impedance capabilities. Here it is operated directly into a 3.5-ohm resistance. In this case, the 1-ohm resistance of the thyratron during conduction is a significant fraction of the load into which the pulse-forming line discharges.

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With the power supply used, the pulser will deliver up to 450 volts at an output impedance of 2 ohms (3.5 ohms in parallel with the line plus thyratron impedance). An output switch provides somewhat lower impedance for lower pulse voltages.

The pulse-forming network is a five-section artificial line calculated to have a characteristic impedance of 3.3 ohms and a delay time of 3.3 microseconds. Capacitor values were adjusted until a level top was obtained on the output pulses, as in Fig. 3A. There is an initial rise for about 0.7 microsecond, after which the pulse height remains almost constant for 2.5 microseconds and then falls to zero in 2 microseconds.

The circuits for charging the pulse network are conventional, and consist of a variable d-c supply, a charging choke selected for d-c resonance charging at approximately 1,000 cps and hold-off diodes. A Measurements Corp. model 79-B pulse generator is used to trigger the main pulser at an adjustable repetition rate.

Oscilloscope Intensifier Gate

The period of approximately 2.5 microseconds during which the grid voltage pulse remains at a constant known level is the interval during which significant measurement of electrode current is made. It is therefore desirable to eliminate from view those portions of the current pulses occurring during the changing pulse voltage outside this interval. This effect is accomplished by setting the intensity control of the oscilloscope for dim or zero brightness and applying pulses to the Z-input of the oscilloscope in order to brighten the trace on the cathode-ray tube during the top flat portion of the grid pulse.



FIG. 3—Voltage waveforms at output of pulse-forming network (A), at Z-output of gate (B), and at secondary of pulse transformer (C)

As shown in Fig. 2, voltage from the pulser is applied to a Z-gate transmission line, which is shorted at the far end. The Z-output is taken at an intermediate position along the line where the pulse arrives after a required delay time and is cut off 2.5 microseconds thereafter by a reflection from the shorted end of the line. The connections to a transmission line and the Zoutput wave for idealized conditions of a rectangular pulse and lossless line are shown in Fig. 4. In effect, the positive polarity of the Z-voltage is a rectangular pulse delayed after the original and shortened. The negative-polarity portion merely blanks out the oscilloscope trace more completely after the desired current pulse has been brightened. Figure 3B is an oscillogram of the Z output of this gate when a voltage of the form shown in Fig. 3A is applied to its input.

The gate simplifies the waveshape requirements of the pulser, eliminates extraneous illumination on the cathode-ray tube and avoids confusion in the displaying and interpretation of the curve. In this regard, the gate is essential in a region of the characteristic where an increase in grid voltage results in a decrease of plate current. In such a region, the plate current rises higher before and after the flat top of the grid voltage pulse, producing pips that would be misleading without the gate.

Grid, plate and other electrode currents may be measured by the vertical deflection on the cathoderay screen due to the voltage drop across a small impedance in series with the particular electrode. The series impedance should be small so as to avoid appreciable drop in electrode voltage. As shown in Fig. 1, it consists of a 0.4-ohm resistance in parallel with the primary of a transformer. When the transformer primary is matched to the 0.4-ohm resistance, the combined resistance is 0.2 ohm, corresponding to a one-volt drop at 5 amperes electrode current.

Vertical Deflection

The transformer which couples to the vertical deflection input of the oscilloscope is a pulse type and measures only the pulse component



FIG. 4—Transmission line shorted at far end serves as gate that brightens trace during flat-top portion of grid pulse

of electrode current. This component, however, represents the entire current under the test conditions, wherein the tube is cut off between pulses. The transformer provides a needed step-up in voltage to the oscilloscope and isolates it conveniently from the power circuits. The secondary of the transformer is connected to the vertical input of the oscilloscope through a 50-ohm cable, which is matched at the transformer. The grid and plate pulse transformers are identical. The waveform in Fig. 3C of the secondary voltage of the transformer for the pulse of Fig. 3A shows some rounding at the front and back edges of the pulse, but the flat top is reproduced without noticeable droop. Thus the initial desired plateau region is retained.

Horizontal Sweep

A horizontal sweep is required that is proportional to the voltage on the tube electrode for which a characteristic is desired. Sixtycycle power-line voltage is used to provide electrode potential variation and horizontal signal. A phase adjuster (Fig. 2) consisting of a variable resistance across fixed capacitors is used to set the sweep in phase with electrode voltage variation. Exact phasing is indicated by coincidence of the observed characteristics corresponding to increasing and decreasing a-c electrode voltage.

A separate transformer is used for the sweep circuit even though its waveform may deviate slightly from that of the actual transformer used in varying the electrode potential. The separate transformer is more convenient and permits setting the amplitude of the sweep independently of changes made in the electrode a-c voltage.

Plate-Voltage Curves

To obtain a curve of plate current vs plate voltage, the grid bias is set at a value V_{po} chosen beyond cutoff for the maximum plate voltage V_p for which the characteristic curve is to be taken. The plate milliammeter indicates when cutoff is reached. Plate power supplies are turned up to the desired positive-plate excursion V_p with a-c alone or with a-c and d-c.

With plate a-c alone, the a-c is set at a peak voltage V_p and the plate excursion is from $-V_p$ to V_p . With a-c and d-c the a-c is set at $V_{p}/2$ peak volts, the d-c is set at $V_{zz} = V_{z}/2$ and the plate-voltage excursion is from zero to V_p . The a-c plus d-c setting is generally preferable because it utilizes the area of the cathode-ray tube more efficiently. By varying the relative proportions of a-c and d-c, the upper and lower limits of the plate voltage curve may be varied so as to view selected portions of the characteristics on an expanded horizontal voltage scale.

The slide-back peak voltmeter is set and switched to measure the peak grid voltage V_o to be used and the pulse generator is turned on and raised until the peak voltmeter just begins to show a reading. This reading indicates that the pulse voltage in series with the grid bias reaches a peak value of V_o volts with respect to the cathode of the tube under test. This adjustment completes the settings.

The plate-current pulse transformer is connected to the vertical input of the oscilloscope. The vertical amplification and horizontal sweep are set to give usable deflections for the characteristic on the cathode-ray screen. Use is made of the phase adjuster to bring phase coincidence of the characteristics resulting from ascending and descending plate voltage.

Calibration of current is obtained by setting the pulser at a given peak voltage and connecting a known resistance in series with the pulser and the pulse-current transformer primary. This calibration is accomplished by the calibrate switch in Fig. 2, which simultaneously disconnects the tube under test. More than one vertical calibration marker should be used if the vertical deflection extends beyond the linear range. No horizontal calibration markers are provided. The voltages at the ends of the horizontal base line are known from the conditions of test, and the intermediate voltages can be determined from uniform division of the line, since the sweep is linear.

Figure 5A shows a reproduction of a plate characteristic family taken for a 6C4 miniature tube at normal heater voltage. During test, supply, which establishes the total grid excursion, is set at a crest-totrough voltage of $V_{p2} - V_{p1}$. The grid drive (peak voltage minus the magnitude of grid bias) is set at = 0.5 $(V_{p1} + V_{p2})$, which is the grid voltage at the center of its excursion. To insure that the tube will be cut off except during the pulses, the grid bias should be equal to or greater than the tube cutoff bias plus $0.5 (V_{p2} - V_{p1})$. Grid voltages during tests are shown in Fig. 6A, and resulting curves for a 6C4 tube are in Fig. 6B.

For grid-current curves the procedure is identical except that the vertical oscilloscope input connects to the grid pulse transformer instead of to the plate transformer.



FIG. 5—Examples of families of plate-voltage characteristic curves obtained for type 6C4 miniature tube

the plate potential is varied from zero to 500 volts by means of a 250-volt peak 60-cycle sine wave superimposed upon 250 volts d-c. The grid is pulsed periodically to the fixed positive voltage designated on the curve.

Grid Curves

For curves of grid current vs plate voltage the procedure is the same, except that the oscilloscope vertical input is connected to the grid pulse transformer secondary so as to measure grid current. An example of the family of curves thus obtained is shown in Fig. 5B.

For curves of plate current vs grid voltage the variable voltage is on the grid, with all other electrodes at their specified d-c potentials. If the desired grid swing (abscissa of the curve) is to be from V_{g_1} to V_{g_2} , the grid 60-cycle Corresponding curves for a 6C4 are in Fig. 6C.

Curves on multigrid tubes may be obtained by using auxiliary d-c power supplies to maintain additional electrodes at fixed voltages. Power requirements are easily satisfied since the d-c drain is small even at high peak currents. Characteristics of elements other than grid and plate can be measured. Negative-grid-region curves are included. Diode curves are measured by connecting the diode plate to the grid terminal and following the procedure outlined for triode grid current vs grid voltage.

Photography of Curves

Exposure time must include enough dots or elements spaced close together to outline the complete curve. For a required N dots, occurring R per second, the exposure time is N/R seconds for a smooth



FIG. 6-Method of superimposing pulses on a-c grid voltage, and examples of families of grid-voltage characteristic curves obtained for type 6C4 miniature tube

curve. A limited number of dots will give a dotted outline of the curve. By using a great many dots, the individual elements join and form a solid curve. The number of such elements would be a minimum if they joined without overlap. This number is determined as follows: The average sweep contains a total of R/F dots, where F is the sweep frequency and R is dots per second. These R/F dots occupy the fraction $R\Delta$ of the sweep time interval 1/F, where Δ is the dot duration. Hence, complete coverage would require a minimum of $N = 1/F \Delta$ dots and exposure time $1/FR\Delta$ seconds.

Taking as an example a sweep frequency F of 60 cycles per second, a repetition rate R of 250 per second and a pulse duration Δ of 2 microseconds, the exposure time is $1/(60 \times 250 \times 2 \times 10^{-6})$ or 33.3 seconds. In this time there will be $1/(60 \times 2 \times 10^{-6})$ dots, or 8,333 in all. Increase in any of the factors F, R and Δ decreases the required exposure time.

Photographing the Traces

Photographs of all of the curves shown were taken with a modified Polaroid Land camera, having an f/3.5 lens and added screw adjustments for focusing. Exposure of about 30 seconds was used for each curve. Multiple exposures on the same film were used to obtain families of curves. The camera develops and prints its picture in one minute after each exposure.

Overall accuracy is considered to be well within practical limits so as to show individual tube characteristics and differences between tubes of the same type. The tracer displays data not obtainable practically using manual point-by-point methods. Reproducibility of data is good. Checks of plate current at corresponding points on plate and transfer curves have shown agreement within ± 2 percent.

Distortion of 60-cycle wave form was reduced by inserting a small resistance between the secondary of each power transformer and its capacitive load.

The horizontal deflection on the oscilloscope is the voltage scale and should be linear. Typical 5inch oscilloscopes show linearity within 1.3 percent when deflection is kept within half of the tube diameter. The vertical deflection indicates electrode current and should be moderately wide-band (1 mc or higher) for the pulse currents measured. Linearity, although desirable, is not essential because current markers are employed. Some stray pulse pickup current is present, about 2 milliamperes with the pulser at full output.

At high pulsed levels of power, changes in tube current at fixed voltages can occur during microsecond intervals. When these changes are large, the characteristic is no longer valid and a tube showing such rapid changes is limited in its suitability for microsecond pulsed applications. An appreciable change in current during the pulse interval manifests itself on the cathode-ray tube by changing the dots to vertical dashes having a height proportional to the change. A characteristic so taken

will show a broad instead of a fine line, the thickness of the line vertically indicating the degree of current variation during the pulse interval. The extent and manner of current variation present throughout the entire voltage range can be examined in detail using a The curve tracer synchroscope. thus serves to locate quickly regions where microsecond changes occur and to indicate the magnitude of the effect.

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Grading Grinding Wheels

Internal flaws are reliably detected and hardness checked nondestructively on factory floor by tapping each wheel with mallet. Resulting ringing tone is measured with direct-reading stroboscopic frequency meter fed by microphone through amplifier

RACKS IN GRINDING WHEELS are not always possible to detect by visual inspection. To solve this quality control problem, the Bay State Abrasive Products Co. of Westboro, Mass., makes use of a stroboscopic frequency meter called the Stroboconn¹. Each grinding wheel in turn is struck with a mallet. The resulting ringing sound is picked up by a microphone, amplified, and fed to a U-shaped neon flashing tube. The tube illuminates twelve rotating disks in the stroboscope. The pitch or frequency is then read and used as a criterion of freedom from flaws and consistency of hardness.

When one of the seven concentric patterns on a disk stands still, the frequency is read directly without computation. If no disk pattern ap-

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pears stationary, the tuning knob is adjusted until one does appear so and the reading on the tuning dial is added to the frequency value at zero setting. When interested in ratios or comparisons, as in the Bay State application, the reading is obtained directly in small logarithmic units called cents.

The Stroboconn can be used to measure any frequency within the range from 32.703 to 4,186.0 cycles. Higher frequencies can be measured by using an external frequency divider, with no loss of the 0.05percent accuracy. Lower frequencies can be measured by using frequency multipliers. The signal can be fed into the Stroboconn from a microphone, vibration pickup, photoelectric cell or any other source which will supply 1.5 millivolts.

A card file has been developed over a period of years by the Bay State Abrasive Products Co. giving the correct ringing frequency for nearly every size wheel produced, taking into consideration the diameter, thickness and hole size. As an example, a wheel $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick and 42 inches in diameter, with a 12-inch diameter hole and hardness grade K, has a ring of 228 cycles if of acceptable quality.

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Grinding wheel being tested for flaws by measuring its ringing frequency with a stroboscopic frequency meter. Instrument is enclosed in a temperature-controlled and dust-free compartment, cover of which is open here

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Principle of the Wagner Viscometer

The Wagner cup-and-ball viscometer is a secondary instrument. It consists of a steel ball (usually one inch in diameter) that is forced into a segment of sphere (the cup). In the cup are three studs 0.01 mm long that define the initial spacing between the cup and ball. At the edge of the cup is a small groove, which serves as a constant-pressure reservoir for fluid.

In normal cperation, a few milliliters of the fluid to be tested are poured into the cup and the ball is placed on the pool of fluid. Then the ball is pressed home against the studs so that any surplus flows out of the interspace to fill the reservoir. When the ball is seated the assembly is inverted. The ball is now held in place by capillary forces, but it starts to fall very slowly away from the studs. As it falls away the pressure on the liquid in the interspace decreases, and atmospheric pressure forces the material in the reservoir into the interspace.

When liquid sufficient to decrease critically the capillary forces holding the ball in the cup has flowed from the reservoir, the ball falls free. Viscosity in poises is measured as the product of a previously determined empirical constant and the time necessary for the ball to fall free (Poise, C.G.S. unit of absolute viscosity). **T**HE EQUIPMENT described here has been designed and built to fulfill the need for a viscometer that is not subject to the limitations involved in the Wagner cup-and-ball viscometer¹. The apparatus consists primarily of a modified reversed Wagner-type instrument and the newly designed capacitance-change timer. For our purposes, only the relative viscosities are of interest. As a part of this measurement, it is necessary to determine the time required for the ball to move a small predetermined distance.

Since the fluids we wished to investigate were known to be dielectrics, it was thought that a convenient and reliable method for measuring the spacing between the cup and ball could utilize the capacitor formed by the cup-fluid-ball combination. The first capacitance arises from the cup-fluid-ball combination at approximately 0.005inch separation and the second at about 0.003-inch separation. Both are of the order of several hundred micromicrofarads with a dielectric constant of 2.25. A bridge was considered, but rejected because it did not offer the convenience afforded by a variable-frequency oscillator feeding separate isolated tuned circuits.

Circuit Operation

In the complete circuit diagram shown in Fig. 1, the ball and cup, as noted above, are the capacitor in a variable-frequency Hartley oscillator V_1 , which feeds the two grids of V_2 through an attenuator and two isolating resistors. Each plate circuit of V_2 is tuned (the top halves— V_{24} , V_{34} and V_{44} will be called the high-frequency channel and the bottom halves V_{2B} , V_{3B} and V_{4B} the low-frequency channel) and responds only to the frequency of the tuned circuit. These two different frequencies represent the two different ball-and-cup spacings. The high-channel plate tank of V_{24} resonates when the ball passes the 0.005-inch spacing.

The r-f voltage of resonance is applied to the grid of the high-

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channel tube V_{34} through an attenuating network. When the peak amplitude of the voltage on the V_{34} grid is greater than the d-c bias applied, the tank in this section resonates and the signal is applied to the cathode of V_{44} through the 10-to-1 attenuator. The bias of V_* is so chosen that the maximum rms voltage output at resonance is 30 volts. The attenuator is adjusted so that the Eccles-Jordan trigger circuit will trip half-way up the highchannel resonance curve. This arrangement gives better reproducibility of the tripping points. Tube V_{44} is polarized so that it passes only the negative half of the sine wave.

When the high-channel section V_{44} conducts, it charges the 0.01- μ f capacitor; the *RC* time constant is such that the negative charge is maintained for a period considerably greater than the period of the sine wave. Since the capacitor is in the grid circuit of V_{54} , which is normally maintained at ground potential by 200,000 ohms to the



Modified Wagner viscometer with timer chassis in background. Cup and ball are shown at top. Conventional yoke and loading press are at center

Change VISCOMETER

Relative viscosity of nonconducting liquids is more quickly and accurately determined by means of a modified cup-and-ball viscometer. Response of tuned amplifiers to radio frequencies controlled by cup and ball operate clock registers

plate of V_{5B} , that grid goes beyond cutoff. When this happens, the plate goes to B+, allowing relay K_1 (normally held open by current flowing through its coil) to de-energize and close its contacts K_{14} and K_{1B} . When this plate voltage rises, it increases the potential on the grid of V_{5B} through the 200,000ohm resistor connected to it. This lowers the corresponding plate voltage, which in turn lowers the grid voltage on tube V_{54} and the second stable condition occurs, closing the contacts K_{24} and K_{28} of relay K_2 and turning on the clock. Since the circuit is symmetrical, it is a matter of chance which side will conduct first. Depressing switch S makes V_{54} conducting by temporarily breaking the negative return. This allows the initial condition to be set, and the circuit will return to its initial condition at the conclusion of each test. Operation of the low-frequency channel is the same as that described above, except that the signal biases the grid of V_{5B} and opens the relay contacts.

The contacts of the two plate relays K_1 and K_2 are connected so that, when tube V_{54} is conducting and V_{5B} is off, the timing clocks are not energized. When the changeover from one stable state to the other occurs, the clocks are energized and remain so until the ball has moved from the 0.005inch to the 0.003-inch spacing, at which point the clocks are turned off. Two clocks are used; one is graduated to 0.01 second with a 60second register and the other is graduated to 0.2 second with a 6,000-second register.

Modified E-J Circuit

The unique portion of the electronic section of this apparatus is the unconventional use of the final stage, the modified Eccles-Jordan trigger circuit. The plate loads are relays with resistances of 5,000 ohms, a value much smaller than normal, and the circuit is tripped with half sine waves rather than with the usual sharp pulses. These half sine waves charge capacitors in the grid circuits whose time constants are such that the grid-voltage change is maintained long enough to trip the flip-flop circuit. Quicker relay operation can be obtained with diodes across the relays to bypass the inductive kick but, for this use, operation is sufficiently fast without them. The cup and ball setup in a press with the timer behind it is illustrated.

This timing method can be used wherever the process to be timed can be related to a capacitance change or, if the flip-flop circuit is omitted, it could be used as a limit indicator.

The reproducibility of the tripping points has been determined and found to be considerably better than one-percent variation.

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FIG. 1—Complete circuit diagram of the capacitance-change timer

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FIG. 1-Cross-section of new electrostatic focus gun, showing path of electron beam and location of centering magnet

MATERIAL-SAVING

Electrostatic-focus electron gun eliminates magnetic assemblies using critical Alnico-5 and copper. Automatic correction of focus with line-voltage change or brightness adjustment is also provided. Focus voltage is obtained by rectification of pulses at the plate or the horizontal deflection amplifier

DRASTIC REDUCTION in television receiver and tube production was in prospect near the beginning of the year when orders were issued to conserve critical metals such as Alnico and copper.

Since the focusing magnet uses a relatively large amount of either or both of these critical metals, elimination of this component effects a substantial saving. The use of electrostatic-focus electron guns instead of magnetic-focus guns was immediately considered; but to many, who remembered the comparative tests which resulted in the choice of magnetic focus at the beginning of the post-war television expansion, it appeared that this solution would result in a serious loss of picture quality. Fortunately, an electrostatic-focus gun design was in development which proved to be the equal in performance of the magnetic-focus gun and which gave promise, moreover, of even superior performance.

In the past, two types of electrostatic-focus electron guns have been used. One is exemplified by that in the 5TP4 projection tube and in the prewar 12AP4. In this type of gun the beam is accelerated to about one-fifth the high voltage and then focused by further acceleration to full voltage at the end of the gun.

Focus performance is good, particularly at high voltages, but the gun does not lend itself to the application of an effective ion trap. Moreover, at the voltages normally used in directly-viewed tubes, focus is not satisfactory unless current is drawn by the low-voltage focusing electrode. This current re-



FIG. 2—Structure of electrostatic-focus gun compared with magnetic-focus gun

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quirement makes the design of the focusing-voltage supply difficult and reduces the signal sensitivity of the picture tube.

In the second type of gun, the beam is accelerated to full voltage and then focused by a short decelerating section at the end of the gun. This type of gun was first introduced for use in electrostatic-deflection oscillograph tubes,¹ and later in electrostatic-deflection kinescopes such as the 7JP4. This gun has a useful focusing field of smaller diameter than that of the previous

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type, and therefore, requires a corresponding reduction in the size of the beam which can be well focused.

In the electrostatic deflection tubes, the beam is heavily masked to limit deflection defocusing. Because of high-voltage acceleration in the gun, it could, if desired, use the same ion-trap systems devised for magnetic-focus guns. However, when this gun, combined with an ion trap, was used in magnetic-deflection tubes which require a larger beam diameter, focus performance —particularly with regard to deflection defocusing—was poor. It was recently determined that most of this difficulty is due to overlapping of the deflecting field with the lowvoltage region of the focus field.

New Gun

The new electrostatic-focus gun also uses a decelerating field for focusing, but overcomes the disadvantages of its predecessors. The gun provides more spacing between the electron lens and the deflecting field, and uses a short focusing field to minimize interaction. Another important improvement over previous designs is the use of the tilted gun introduced by RCA in the 16GP4².

This tilted gun gives optimum performance with the usual singlemagnet ion trap and provides better alignment of the beam in the focusing fields.

Figure 1 is a schematic cross-section view of the new gun, showing the relative size and position of its electrodes. Figure 2 is a photograph comparing the new gun with the magnetic-focus gun it replaces. The lower parts of the two guns are similar. Both have a tilted-lens electrostatic field between grid 2 and grid 3 which, in combination with the field from an external magnet, serves as an ion trap.

Grid 1 of both guns is offset about one-tenth inch on the stem, thus placing the gun itself on an angle in order to align the beam correctly in the electron lens and deflecting fields.² In both guns, grid 3 operates at high voltage and is connected to the conductive coating inside the neck by means of metal bulb spacers. The electrostatic-focus gun has two additional elec-



FIG. 3—Rectifier circuit for providing focusing voltage

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trodes; grid 4 focuses the electron beam, and grid 5 is connected to grid 3 to complete the decelerationtype focusing lens.

Focusing Voltage

With this deceleration-type lens, the potential at which focus occurs can be designed to be any voltage between a negative value with respect to the cathode and about onehalf the high voltage. On the basis of theoretical considerations, it has been proposed that the focusing voltage be set at cathode potential.^{*} Such a system, theoretically, would not require any external focusing adjustment. Actually, however, it is very difficult to make electrodes with the precision needed for such a system, and, in any case, adjust-



Seventeen-inch rectangular metal 17GP4, incorporating new electrostatic-focus gun. The electron gun is readily adaptable to all current glass or metal picture tubes. No change is needed in either the deflecting yoke or ion-trap magnet

ment would still be required to compensate for the small changes in focus due to changes in grid 1 voltage.

If a focusing voltage of approximately zero is used, a larger adjustment range is needed than with higher-voltage designs and the focus is a little poorer. If, as will probably always be the case, both focusing voltage and high voltage are obtained from the same circuit, the focusing voltage will be proportional to the high voltage and focus will be maintained automatically.

The focusing voltage selected for the new gun is less than 5,000 volts. The stem and base of picture tubes can easily be insulated for this value and the voltage can readily be obtained from a rectifier system connected to the plate of the horizontal output tube. A suitable rectifier circuit is shown in Fig. 3. This low-cost focusing-voltage supply produces a negligible drop in the high voltage.

This electron gun can be used in all sizes of picture tubes. However, because the gun-to-screen distance varies with tube size, the amount of focusing voltage required also varies. The grid 4 voltage is approximately 20 percent of the high voltage. It will be slightly higher for the larger tubes and slightly lower for the smaller (and shorter) tubes. The focus voltage of the new electrostatic-focus gun and other characteristics affecting interchangeability follow the recommendations of the JETEC Cathode-Ray Tube Committee.

Centering

Because of the difficulty and expense of providing raster centering by means of direct current in the deflecting yoke windings, it has become universal practice in magnetic-focus kinescopes to center the raster by tilting or shifting the magnetic-focus field off the kinescope axis.

Since this method is not practicable in electrostatic-focus tubes, centering can be provided in most cases by the use of a small magnet similar to the ion-trap magnet but of weaker field strength. This magnet is placed just below the deflecting yoke, as shown in Fig. 1, and centering is obtained by adjusting the strength and rotational position of the magnet on the tube neck.

Advantages of New Gun

The focus performance of the electrostatic-focus gun does not depend on a focusing magnet selected and lined up on the tube by the user, but rather on the symmetry of the focusing electrodes built into the tube. Good manufacturing control is needed to provide a well-focused spot but control is not exceptionally critical.

Because both electrostatic and magnetic focusing systems have reasonably low lens aberrations, the focused spot size depends primarily on the geometrical magnification ratio of the electron optical systems. Magnification ratio, and with it spot size, decreases as the gun is lengthened, but because the beam diameter in the deflecting field also increases, additional deflection defocusing results.

The electrostatic-focus gun has been made a little shorter than the magnetic focus gun it replaces to reduce deflection defocusing, at the cost of but a small increase in the size of the spot near the center of the screen. This design helps meet the need for better edge resolution with only a barely perceptible loss in center resolution.

Automatic Focus

In the event the high voltage changes because of line-voltage changes or brightness adjustments, focus is automatically corrected if the focusing voltage is obtained from the high-voltage circuit.

This feature eliminates the need for complicating receiver operation by either providing a user focus control or requiring the service man to make a compromise adjustment.

The service man is not required to make the critical focusing-magnet alignment which in the past has not always been the optimum one. The ion-trap magnet adjustment is also simplified because more space is available and the shunting of its field by the field of the focusing magnet is avoided.

The cost of the components for obtaining the voltage for electrostatic focusing compares favorably with the cost of a focusing magnet.

Elimination of the focusing magnet provides appreciable weight saving, and, as a result, a less rigid tube support can be used at the deflecting yoke.

An additional important consideration is that the electrostaticfocus gun is suitable for use in magnetic-deflection radar indicator applications. In these applications, the reduced weight and the unencumbered neck space available for rotating deflection yokes are of considerable value.

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Independent Control of Selectivity and Bandwidth

Simple R-C amplifier provides a wide range of bandwidth-frequency relationships without affecting selectivity or gain. Can be made to give constant absolute bandwidth in cycles per second for different center frequencies throughout audio range

N^{EED} occasionally arises for a tunable selective a-f amplifier having constant gain and selectivity but whose bandwidth is some specified function of the frequency to which the amplifier is tuned. A common requirement is for a bandwidth which remains constant as the center frequency is varied over a wide range.

The usual solution is to employ a fixed-tuned selective amplifier and to vary the operating frequency by heterodyne methods. A simple R-C amplifier can be made to give almost any desired bandwidth-frequency relationship when two circuit elements are tuned per stage. The special case of constant absolute bandwidth may be approximated conveniently by varying only one element.

An interesting property of this circuit is the ability to alter bandwidth, at a given operating frequency, without affecting selectivity or gain. (By selectivity is meant the ratio of response at resonance to the response of frequencies very far from resonance.) A single-stage amplifier of this type, adjusted to have a greaterthan-normal bandwidth for a given selectivity, will be found to have a response very similar to that of two conventional amplifiers in cascade, except for frequencies far removed from resonance.

This circuit fills the gap between selective feedback amplifiers having bridged-T or equivalent rejection filters in the negative feedback loop, and cascaded conventional amplifiers made selective by suitable choice of coupling-circuit time-constants. The former are too selec-

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tive for many applications, while the latter are often not selective enough, unless a large loss in midband gain is incurred.

The circuit consists essentially of an amplifier provided with a feedback loop having constant amplitude of transmission, but variable phase. At very low and very high frequencies, phase is such that the feedback is negative. At the resonant frequency it is positive and selective amplification results.¹ In such an amplifier, bandwidth may be adjusted not only by altering the magnitude of the feedback voltage, which determines the height of the resonant peak, but also by varying the rate of change of phase with frequency around the feedback loop, which broadens the response curve



FIG. 1—Selective amplifier tunable with approximately constant absolute bandwidth and constant gain between 300 and 6,000 cycles per second

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without affecting the height of the peak.

Phase Control

Control of the rate of change of phase is awkward with the circuits commonly used in selective feedback amplifiers, because the amplitude of transmission through the loop will also change. In the circuit of Fig. 1 this type of control is easily accomplished. In this circuit, V_1 and V_2 are the frequencydetermining, phase-shifting stages, and V_3 is a cathode follower for isolation. The condition for positive feedback is that the total phase shift through the feedback loop be

 $2 \tan^{-1} \omega R_1 C_1 + 2 \tan^{-1} \omega R_2 C_2 = \pi$ (1) We may solve for ω by noting the identity that

$$2 \tan^{-1}(x) + 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \pi \qquad (2)$$

Thus when $\omega R_1 C_1$ is equated to $1/\omega R_2 C_2$, the resonant angular frequency is found to be

$$\omega_{\rm res} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2}} \tag{3}$$

An interesting property of this circuit when $R_1C_1 = R_2C_2$ should be pointed out. If Q is defined as the ratio of the response at resonance with feedback, to the response at any frequency with no feedback, it may be shown that the fractional frequency deviation for 70-percent response is approximately

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = \frac{1}{d\phi/d\omega \times Q} = \frac{1}{2Q}$$
(4)

where $d\phi/d\omega$ is the rate of change of phase with frequency around the feedback loop. The approximation is within a few percent when Q is greater than five. Note that this is the familiar expression relating Qand bandwidth in ordinary resonant circuits. It is a coincidence that an amplifier having a feedback loop of this sort has a response in the vicinity of resonance which is substantially identical to that of a resonant circuit.

From Eq. 1

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\omega} = \frac{2 R_1 C_1}{1 + \omega^2 R_1^2 C_1^2} + \frac{2 R_2 C_2}{1 + \omega^2 R_2^2 C_2^2}$$
(5)

At the resonant frequency, if both time constants are equal, $\omega = R_1C_1$ $= R_2C_2 = 1.0$, and $d\phi/d\omega = 2$ as indicated in Eq. 4. Now let R_1C_1 be increased by some factor r. If ω is to be the same, R_2C_2 must be multiplied by 1/r. Equation 4 may then be written

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\omega} = \frac{2}{1+r^2} + \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{r}}{1+\frac{1}{r^2}} = \frac{4r}{1+r^2} \quad (6)$$

Thus for a given resonant frequency, $d\phi/d\omega$ and hence the bandwidth may be varied by multiplying one time constant by r and the other by 1/r. The ratio of the bandwidth when r is greater than 1 to that when r = 1 is $(1 + r^2)/2r$. It is seen that the bandwidth is nearly proportional to r when r is large.

Constant Bandwidth

For a tunable amplifier with constant percentage bandwidth, and with independent bandwidth control, R_1 and R_2 could be ganged, with C_1 and C_2 switchable in such a way that if one is increased by rtimes, the other is decreased by 1/rtimes. When these capacitors are switched, resonant frequency and gain remain constant, but bandwidth varies.

A physical picture of the way in which different time constants affect the slope of the ϕ — ω curve, and thus the bandwidth, may be from the phase-frequency had curve of Fig. 2A. The center curve the variation in shows each phase-shifting stage when the time constants are identical. The upper and lower curves show the variation per stage when one time constant is 10 times as great, and the other 0.1 as great. It will be seen that the sum of the phase shifts, when $\omega = 1.0$, is still 180 degrees, but that the slopes of the curves are



FIG. 2—Curves show operating characteristics of circuits shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 3

considerably less than that of the center curve.

If a tunable amplifier is desired whose absolute bandwidth remains nearly independent of center frequency, it is possible to set the two time constants equal at a frequency somewhat higher than the highest of interest. Tuning may then be done by varying only one time constant; to decrease frequency it is made larger.

Inspection of the equations will show that frequency is inversely proportional to the square root of the ratio of the tuning to the fixed time constant, and that r is directly proportional to the square root of this ratio. The resulting variation of bandwidth versus frequency is shown in Fig. 2B. It is seen that the actual curve approximates the slope of the ideal curve for constant absolute bandwidth very closely when the ratio of time constants is larger than about nine.

An example of the variation of bandwidth with resonant frequency obtainable in a tunable amplifier of this sort is shown in Fig. 2C. If the bandwidth-frequency variation of Fig. 2C is unsatisfactory for any reason, almost any desired variation may be obtained by changing both time constants simultaneously, but by different amounts. The ganged resistors or capacitors may further be so connected that for a given rotation of a common shaft, one time constant increases as the other decreases. If these changes are by unequal amounts, a very rapid increase or decrease in bandwidth can be obtained for a small change of resonant frequency.

The shape of the curve of resonant frequency versus shaft rotation will of course depend on the law of bandwidth variation chosen. This can be taken care of in the dial calibration.

Practical Application

An example of a situation in which the variable-bandwidth property is valuable is an audio-frequency filter for selecting code signals of different pitches. Such a filter might be used in the audio output of a communications receiver equipped with an intermediate-frequency crystal filter to augment the overall selectivity.

In the most selective position, crystal filters have a bandwidth of the order of 100 cycles. This bandwidth is equivalent to a Q of 5,000 at 500 kc, a Q of 50 at 5,000 cps and a Q of 3 at 300 cps. With the selective amplifier of Fig. 1 and identical tuning time-constants, it is not at all difficult to obtain a response equivalent to that of a tuned circuit having a Q of 100 at 300 cps. The selectivity would be desirable, but the associated bandwidth of 3 cycles between 70-percent points is prohibitively narrow for many practical applications.

To make audio selectivity more nearly match i-f selectivity no matter what the pitch of the incoming signal, the tuned amplifier may be so designed that both time constants are equal at the highest audio frequency of interest, say 6,000 cps. Then resonant frequency may be changed by varying one time constant alone. The audio bandwidth will be the same as that of the crystal filter, if the resonant rise is made equal to 60 at 6,000 cps. The bandwidth at 300 cycles will be 10 times as large as at 6,000 cps for the same selectivity. Thus it is half as large as it should be in order for the bandwidth in cycles to be the same at this frequency as at 6,000 cps, but this is close enough for practical purposes and is great improvement over the a equal-time-constant case.

Where large changes in time constant are required, resistance tuning is desirable unless considerable range-switching can be tolerated. The chief practical problem with resistance tuning is the varying impedance of the R-C phase-shift combination which at the higher frequencies acts as a finite load on the phase inverter and causes a reduction in the magnitude of the feedback voltage.

This problem is somewhat worse when only one time constant is to be varied, and tuning is to be over a wide range. The design procedure used with the circuit of Fig. 1 follows. First, a value for C_1 is chosen which makes its reactance at 6,000 cps (the highest frequency) equal to 5 megohms. This value is 5.3 $\mu\mu f$. Since this time constant must be 400 times as large to permit operation at 300 cps, the actual value assigned C_1 is 400 times 5.3 or roughly 0.002 μ f. Thus when operation is at 6,000 cps, the resistance of R_1 will be set at 12,500 ohms and the magnitude of the impedance across the cathode follower will be 1.4 times this. A change in the magnitude of the feedback voltage of the order of five percent may accordingly be expected.

To minimize loading on V_2 , the fixed resistance R_2 may arbitrarily be made 120,000 ohms. Then C_2 is the capacitance whose reactance is 120,000 ohms at 6,000 cycles, or approximately 200 $\mu\mu f$. Therefore at 6,000 cps, the time constants are equal; at 300 cps, R_1C_1 is 400 times as large.

It is possible to compensate to some extent for reduced feedback



FIG. 3—Tunable audio amplifier with independent bandwidth control and balanced feedback

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voltage at the higher frequencies by deliberately unbalancing the plate and cathode resistors of V_1 or V_2 (Fig. 1).

Expanded Bandwidth

The ability to obtain wider-thanusual bandwidth at maximum selectivity in a single stage is an interesting property of selective feedback amplifiers. The only way to accomplish the equivalent with conventional resonant circuits seems to be to employ more than one, either as a single-stage amplifier employing over-coupled circuits, or as two tuned amplifier stages in cascade.

Figure 2D shows a comparison between a one-stage R-C amplifier having a resonant rise of 100 times and a bandwidth five times normal, and two cascaded L-C tuned amplifiers having Q's of 10. The two response curves are very similar in the neighborhood of the response peak, although it must be pointed out that the response of the resonant circuits will continue to fall off at frequencies very far from resonance, whereas that of the amplifier will level off.

In Fig. 3 is shown the circuit of a laboratory tunable selective amplifier arranged for a constant-percentage-bandwidth variation with tuning, and incorporating a choice of three bandwidths at any desired selectivity.

A combination of positive and negative feedback is used to stabilize the response. Vacuum tubes, identical to those in the tuned positive feedback loop, have been incorporated in the untuned negative feedback loop. Thus changes in gain in one branch due to supply voltage variations are offset by substantially equal changes in the other.

Measured response curves at a single frequency for the three positions of the selectivity control are shown in Fig. 2E.

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MIXED FERRITES for Recording Heads

Inexpensive ferrite heads show promise as substitutes for units using critically short nickel. Advantages are simple construction with no laminations, minimized eddy-current losses at high frequencies and reduced head wear in continuous-duty applications

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HEAD WEAR and eddy-current losses are important problems in the design of ring-type heads for magnetic recording. Playback heads of high-permeability alloys, required for sensitivity, are constructed of thin laminations to minimize eddy-current losses but at the high frequencies now common in pulse recording, computing and telemetering, the required degree of fineness becomes impractical from a manufacturing point of view.

The iron oxide used in recording tapes is several times harder than the high-permeability-alloy head and causes wear. By careful design, this wear has been reduced to a minimum in machines used for intermittent operations but still is an important consideration for continuous-duty equipment.

Improved Magnetic Materials

Within the past decade there have been important advances in magnetic materials, particularly the ferrites¹, which show promise for solving these problems. Some of these materials. for example ZnOFe₂O₃MnOFe₂O₃, have permeabilities at room temperature approaching those of high-permeability alloys. These materials are such poor conductors that, depending on the material, eddy-current losses are not detectable below 1 to 30 mc. In addition, they are dimensionally stable substances with a Moh hardness of about seven, or in the same range as iron oxide.

These magnetic materials have become commercially available in this country recently. For example, the North American Phillips Co. supplies several grades of Ferroxcube and the General Ceramics and Steatite Corp. produces several grades of Ferramics, which have been described in detail.^{2,8}

Figure 1 shows the components of an experimental head made of Ferramic E or Ferramic G. A magnetic core was obtained by cutting a toroid of $\frac{2}{3}$ -in. outer diameter in half. After cutting, one gap was reduced in depth and the mating surfaces were smoothed. As the material is too hard to be machined, it must be cut with a silicon-carbide wheel (with water) and can only be ground and lapped by hard materials.

Experimental heads have been carefully tested as record, erase and playback heads, and have given generally excellent results. Ferramic E with the highest initial permeability gives best results in playback. Ferramic G, with high resistivity, may be slightly preferable for record or erase heads, particularly if frequencies in excess of 1 mc are to be used.

In actual use, magnetic tape will not wear the head material enough in hours of running to be detected microscopically. The abrasion resistance of these heads is so great that new problems in head construction are created. With soft materials, the final lapping of the contact surfaces is often done by the tape during the first minutes or hours of use. In the case of ferrites, the surface presented to the tape must be ground and lapped to perfection because any irregularities will scrape and damage the tape.

Design Features

For good head efficiency, the front-gap depth should be kept as small as possible. With soft materials, a practical limit is reached because the material tends to wear down. Thus, the front-gap depth is frequently made 0.05 to 0.1 inch so that wear of 0.005 to 0.02 inch will not cause too great a change in head characteristics. With ferrite materials, no detectable wear occurs and the core at the front gap may be made as thin as the precision of grinding techniques will allow.

It is desirable to keep the front gap thin because then a greater part of the total flux is useful in magnetizing the tape when recording. Also, in playback a greater fraction of the flux generated by the tape passes through the pickup coils instead of being shunted across the front gap. A thin front gap makes possible more turns and thus greater sensitivity while keeping the inductance low and the resonant frequency high. This is a decided advantage for use at high frequencies. A good discussion of these factors of head design is given in a recent paper by Rettinger⁴.

In the heads such as shown in Fig. 1, 250 turns were wound on each leg and the inductance at 1,000



Typical magnetic recording head showing how the front gap is reduced in depth

cycles was measured. The back gap, full cross section, was closed as well as possible and the front gap was spaced 0.0005 inch. For Ferramic E cores with a 0.050-inch front-gap depth the inductance was 44 mh, 11 mh for each coil, indicating negligible leakage flux. For cores with a 0.015-inch front-gap depth, the inductance was only 19 mh. These heads had the same signal sensitivity in pickup. For Ferramic G the inductances and sensitivities are about one-half as great.

Results of Tests

In tests at audio frequencies, heads of Ferramic E have performed in a manner substantially indistinguishable from more conventional ones with one exception to be discussed later. The loss at high frequencies is less with Ferramic E heads, with the frequency at which the difference becomes appreciable depending upon the laminations of the metallic head.

The exception mentioned previously concerns short-wavelength response as distinguished from highfrequency response. These two terms can only be used interchangeably at a given tape velocity. Some of the effects which limit high-frequency response of a recorder are true frequency effects such as eddycurrent losses and stray capacitance while other factors such as head alignment, gap resolution and tapeto-head contact depend directly on wavelength.

Ferrite structures tested have shown a granular structure that is coarser than is desirable in mag-



FIG. 1-Components of an experimental magnetic recording head using a core made of Ferramic E or Ferramic G. Core was obtained by cutting a toroid of 7/8-in. outer diameter in half and then reducing one gap in depth

netic heads and leads to less perfect gaps than are customarily obtained with metallic alloys. Coarseness of the basic particles makes the edge of the gap rough.

The best results were obtained by polishing with Arkansas hard stone which yielded gap edges with many irregularities of about 0.0003 inch and some larger. Such heads are less sensitive than metal heads to wavelengths of less than about 0.002 inch. However, it should be mentioned that these structures were made for inductance cores and pulse transformers, where this degree of coarseness is of no importance. There is nothing in the nature of the ferrites that precludes their being made in a much finer particle size.

Only preliminary measurements have been made and more definite advantages or shortcomings may appear as the heads are used in varying applications. For example, some materials are more affected than others by mechanical stress or temperature and some may become permanently magnetized more easily than others. These factors must be evaluated after use in different head mounts. From the magnetization characteristics of the best of the ferrite materials, one should expect a lesser tendency toward permanent magnetization, and a greater temperature coefficient, than in metal heads.

Conclusions

definite Ferrite heads show promise in continuous-duty machines, high-frequency recording,

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computing and telemetering and in erase heads to operate at higher frequencies than are now practicable without excessive heating. In addition, it seems that ferrite heads could be made roughly the equal of metallic heads in routine applications. If this proves to be true, ferrite heads may be used in everyday audio applications as well as special uses.

If cost alone is the determining factor, ferrite heads have a decided advantage. Molding and grinding a single piece is cheaper than punching, insulating and assembling dozens of laminations, and no annealing is necessary.

Ferrites are composed for the greater part of iron and oxygen with only small amounts of scarcer metals. Metallic allovs, on the other hand, consist of a high percentage of these scarce metals, particularly nickel. If the present shortage of nickel should become more severe, manufacturers may find themselves forced to develop ferrite heads regardless of any drawbacks they may have.

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Metal Evaporator Uses

THE PROBLEM of putting polished metallic finishes on nonconducting materials has, until recently, been solved for only a few combinations of base substance and metal. Chemical silvering of glass has made possible nearly all of the mirrors in use. On such silver coatings other metals can be plated, but the variety is limited. If plastics are used instead of glass, further difficulties arise in coating because of chemical reactions which occur in processing and the effects of heat on the plastic.

satisfactory One method of metallizing unplatable materials is to condense metal onto their surfaces from the vapor state. This technique has become standard in many plants manufacturing metalcoated plastics. Only a few metals, notably zinc and cadmium, do not form good mirrors when condensed on a polished surface at room temperature. Mirrors of rare metals may economically be made since the metal coating is very thin and only a small amount of metal is required.

Filament-Type Evaporators

If bright mirror surfaces are to be produced, evaporation must take place in a high vacuum, 0.001 mm



of Hg or less. In typical vacuumcoating equipment the bell jar in which work is done is evacuated by mechanical and vapor diffusion pumps. The jar rests on a base plate that provides a smooth seat for the sealing gasket attached to the rim of the jar. Power for heatFIG. 2—Laboratory evaporator modified to use high-frequency induction heating instead of the more conventional filament method of converting metals to the vapor state

ing the metal until it evaporates is brought through the base plate by means of vacuum-tight insulated bushings.

In most vacuum evaporators the metal is placed within a helical or conical filament made of high-melting-point metal such as tungsten or tantalum. The filament is heated from the power lines through a step-down transformer, usually with an autotransformer in the primary to permit close control of heating current. This method is satisfactory for many uses, but has certain disadvantages which limit its applications and produce unsatisfactory results for some metals:

Some metals have such high melting points that the directly heated filament burns out before much material can be evaporated.

A great many metals, when melted by heat from the fila-

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FIG. 1—Circuit of the high-frequency metal evaporator. Protective contactors are not shown

High-Frequency Heating

Elimination of conventional metal-heating filament makes it possible to convert more metals to the vapor state and deposit them on nonconducting materials. Surface contamination is avoided. Further progress depends on the development of better crucibles

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FIG. 3—Looking down into the vacuum chamber, showing the small watercooled work coil, the larger resonantcircuit coil with its tuning capacitor and, at the upper left, the coaxial connector

ment, react with the filament and destroy it before evaporation takes place.

Many metals do not wet the filament well when molten, and hence do not evaporate well.

Even when a molten charge does wet the filament wires, most of the heating power is dissipated by the filament and a relatively small percentage goes into the metal to be evaporated, a situation which is particularly serious for metals that are difficult to evaporate.

Some filament material evaporates simultaneously with the charge, and the resultant condensed surface is chemically impure.

H-F Induction Type

All of the above problems are solved if the directly heated filament is eliminated. In order to accomplish this, a laboratory evaporator was modified to use high-frequency induction heating to melt and evaporate the metal charge.

A number of new problems arose immediately. The efficiency of energy transfer from the r-f generator to the metal charge depends on how closely the two may be coupled. Because the charge to be heated was only a few cubic millimeters in volume, the frequency used for heating had to be much higher than that conventionally used in induction equipment (10to-500 kc). Calculations showed that for satisfactory energy transfer the operating frequency would have to be greater than 50 mc. At the same time a substantial amount of power was needed so that the metal could be brought to a high temperature quickly and not dissipate the heat to surrounding materials by conduction and radiation.

In addition to the electrical problems, several mechanical complications had to be resolved. First, a special vacuum-tight connector had to be designed to conduct high-frequency power into the vacuum chamber. This connector had to be of the coaxial type to operate at the frequency involved and had to have the outer conductor at ground potential to simplify connection to the vacuum unit. The insulating spacer was required to meet rigid mechanical, electrical and vacuum specifications. Second, a small water-cooled vacuum - tight work

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coil was needed to hold the metal charge and its container. Finally, crucibles capable of holding the metal at the high temperature at which evaporation takes place had to be investigated.

General Arrangement

The completed model uses an electronic generator which operates at 70 mc with 1-kw output. The simplified schematic diagram is shown in Fig. 1. Incoming 115-volt 60-cycle single-phase power is controlled by operation of a switch. This switch is equipped with a magnetically operated cutout which provides protection in the event of a heavy overload. Protection for the mercury-vapor rectifier tubes is provided by the time-delay relay. This relay (not diagrammed) is adjusted to insure a time delay of 30 seconds between the application of power to the filament circuits and



FIG. 4—Cross section of the coaxial connector, part of which is visible in Fig. 3

the application of high voltage to the rectifier tubes.

The radio-frequency circuit is fixed-tuned and consists of two type GL592 tubes connected for parallel operation in a tuned plate-tuned grid circuit. High voltage d-c for the oscillator tubes is obtained from a full-wave rectifier in which two type 8008 mercury vapor tubes are employed. Ripple is removed by the filter network in the output circuit of the rectifier. The output voltage of the rectifier is controlled by an input-circuit Powerstat, is continuously variable from zero to maximum and is the means for control of r-f power and, hence, of heating.

Figure 2 shows a view of the laboratory-model evaporator. The right-hand section houses the d-c power supply and control. The center section above the mechanical pump contains pump operating switches and filament supply transformers. The left-hand section houses the diffusion pump, baffles, base plate for the bell jar (shown lying on top of the unit at the right) and the r-f generator.

Attached below the base plate and forming a part of the vacuum system is a section of 4-inch-diameter tubing which houses the resonant circuit and the closely coupled work coil for heating the metal. Both coils, and the resonant-circuit capacitor, are shown in Fig. 3.

Design Details

The work coil is made of $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch copper tubing. It may be replaced by draining cooling water, removing the anchoring block and unsoldering the two joints visible in Fig. 3.

The vacuum-tight coaxial connector is shown in cross-section in Fig. 4. A Teflon plug comprises the insulator and support for the inner conductor. The problem of vacuum sealing this plug was solved by using Picein wax, which wets both the Teflon and the brass conductors and appears unaffected by the highfrequency currents. A ring, soldered at the high-vacuum end of the plug, supported it against atmospheric pressure and a Teflon rod through the entire assembly prevented slipping of the inner conductor. The position of the plug was chosen so that metal evaporated could not strike the Teflon. The generator end of the connection may be seen in Fig. 5, above the coupling capacitor.

Difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable crucibles for holding the metal charge during evaporation. The problem has not yet been entirely solved. Unglazed ceramics were rapidly permeated by molten metal and destroyed. Glazed



FIG. 5—The r-f oscillator provides 1-kw output at 70 mc. The two tubes are connected in parallel as shown in the circuit diagram of Fig. 1

ceramics were little better, because the temperature of the metal usually exceeds the melting point of glazes. Sapphire crucibles offered some encouragement, but usually broke after one heating of the higher-melting-point metals. The best crucibles tried so far are small thimbles of fused quartz. These are cheap, easy to make, and can be depended on to last throughout an evaporation. Platinum and other difficult-to-evaporate metals have been satisfactorily vaporized from these quartz thimbles.

Operation and Experience

In operation, a small crucible is placed within the water-cooled work coil but not touching it (to minimize thermal shock to the crucible) and metal is placed in the crucible. The surface to be metallized is positioned above the crucible, the bell jar is placed on the base plate and the pumps are started. After a vacuum of the order of 10^{-4} mm of Hg is obtained, the r-f power is applied and evaporation proceeds. An extremely good vacuum is needed because of the intense highfrequency fields existing in the jar. If the pressure exceeds 10^{-4} mm of Hg, these fields will ionize the residual gas in the chamber, dissipating the power in the gas instead of heating the metal.

Power should be applied to the metal rapidly so that it is heated and evaporated quickly and losses by conduction to the crucible are minimized. Some metals, however, have large quantities of adsorbed gas, and these must first be outgassed at low heat so that sizeable droplets of molten metal will not later be spattered by the rapidly expanding gas. If the metal gives up much gas upon heating, this gas will ionize in the high-frequency field and the metal will cool as power is transferred from it to the ionization process.

The evaporator as constructed has worked satisfactorily for a wide variety of metals. Its rated power of 1 kw at 70 mc has proved adequate. The results obtained with it show that all of the objections due to directly-heated filaments have been overcome. Uncontaminated surfaces of any metal may now be produced. In addition, the use of a crucible produces a welldefined beam of metal vapor rather than distribution over a 4π solid angle and results in a more efficient coating process. Furthermore, those areas of the bell jar not in line with the molecular beam remain uncoated, permitting observation of many evaporations without the necessity of having to clean the jar after each observation.

The process has some disadvantages when compared to directheating evaporators. The high-frequency generator is more complex and more expensive, and it must be shielded to prevent radio interference. The efficiency of heating drops as the metal evaporates and the charge gets smaller, and it is virtually impossible to evaporate a charge to completion. However, for the many cases where it is essential to evaporate metals which, for one reason or another, burn out filaments rapidly, or where uncontaminated metal surfaces must be obtained, the high-frequency evaporator is recommended.

Lattice-Type Crystal Filter

Crystal filters of the type described can easily be made for any frequency at which good crystals are obtainable. The attainable bandwidth is proportional to the center frequency, but can be made wider by coils or narrower by capacitors. Requirements for crystals, capacitors and terminating devices are not stringent

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THE selection of an intermediate frequency for a low-frequency, wide-range superheterodyne receiver presents many vexing problems. If a frequency below the lowest input frequency is chosen, image rejection becomes difficult at the higher input frequencies. If an intermediate frequency above the highest input frequency is chosen, good skirt selectivity is difficult to obtain, and oscillator instability is aggravated.

A recent design of a receiver to cover the 100 kc to 1.75-mc range in the smallest practical volume met this dilemma, not by the use of two different low intermediate frequencies, one for the low band and one for all other bands, as is now standard practice, but by the use of an intermediate frequency higher than the highest input frequency. Oscillator instability, it was believed, could be cured by taking adequate pains, but the high intermediate frequency chosen to eliminate bulky i-f transformers required special attention to the skirt selectivity problem. The potential simplicity of the lattice-type crystal filter led to its trial in this application, despite warnings in the literature on the subject that construction of such units for frequencies as high as 0.5 megacycle was fraught with difficulties. The success obtained, once a good source of crystals was discovered, has been most encouraging.

The filter described below is a band-pass filter centered at 2 mc with a pass band of approximately 4,000 cycles. This is effectively a highly selective voice filter, but the bandwidth may be altered for other applications. The design of such a filter is fairly simple, but several practical details must be given attention to assure a good response.

Design Theory

A lattice circuit is used to obtain a symmetrical curve and maximum



Components making up the filter are familiar. Zero-temperature-coefficient capacitors are used. High-grade variable capacitors can be used to determine parameters

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selectivity. A schematic of the circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The frequency of the series-arm crystals is 2,000.0 kc while that of the shunt arm crystals is 1,997.5 kc. The pass band extends from 1.997.5 kc to 2,001.5 kc. Although the difference between the series resonant frequencies of the two crystals is 2,500 cycles, a bandwidth of twice this, or 5,000 cycles, may theoretically be attained when they are used in a lattice circuit. The practical bandwidth is about 80 percent of the theoretical maximum.

Figure 2 shows the reactance curves of two crystals whose series resonant frequencies are 2,500 cycles apart. When these crystals are in the arms of a lattice, balance is obtained at the points where the reactances are equal in magnitude and of the same sign. This occurs at points A-A. Zero attenuation or complete lack of balance occurs when one crystal is capacitive and the other inductive, such as in the region B to C. From the reactance curves, a plot of the attenuation versus frequency can be drawn as shown by the dashed lines when the crystals are in a lattice circuit. For a uniform attenuation in the passband region, the parallel-resonant frequency of the lower-frequency crystal must be the same as the series-resonant frequency of the higher-frequency crystal. The parallel-resonant frequency may be lowered by placing a small trimmer capacitor in parallel with the crystal. Trimmer capacitors also allow the shape of the attenuation curve to be varied outside the pass band. High-rejection peaks are possible; or a gradually widening curve may be obtained if the greatest attenuation is desired at fre-



FIG, 1—Circuit for the 2-mc filter using eight crystals



FIG. 2-Reactance curves (solid lines) for crystals in the lattice network and the attenuation curve shown by a dashed line

quencies far from resonance.

For any one crystal, the separation of the series and parallelresonant frequencies is a function of the series and shunt capacitances of the crystal. Since the series capacitance is fixed by the seriesresonant frequency, it is customary to specify the shunt capacitance. The bandwidth is given by the formula $BW \equiv f_r c/C_o$, where c is the series capacitance, C_{\circ} is the shunt capacitance, and f_r is the series-resonant frequency. This formula is developed from the equivalent circuit of Fig. 3. The parallel resonant frequency is

$$f_{p} = f_{r} + \Delta f = 1/2\pi (LC^{1})^{1/2}$$
(1)
where $C^{1} = cC_{o}/(c + C_{o})$ (2)
and $L = 1/(2\pi f_{r})^{2}c$
From Eq. 1 and Eq. 2
 $1/C^{1} = (f_{r} + \Delta f)^{2}/(f_{r})^{2}c$ (3)
 $(f_{r} + \Delta f)^{2} = \frac{C}{C} + 1 = (1 + \frac{\Delta f}{C})^{2}$ (4)

$$\frac{1}{(f_r)^2} = \frac{1}{C_o} + 1 = \left(1 + \frac{1}{f_r}\right) \quad (4)$$

From Eq. 4, $c/C_o = 2\Delta f/f_r$ (5)

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$$c/C_o = 2\Delta f/f_r$$



FIG. 3-Equivalent circuit of the crystal as evaluated in the equations



FIG. 4—Test equipment used to adjust the filter. The potentiometer and signal generator are driven simultaneously by hand

or
$$\Delta f = f_r c/2C_o$$
 (6)
The bandwidth is twice Δf
 $BW = f_r c/C_o$ (7)

Equation 7 gives the theoretical maximum bandwidth. The ratio of C_o/c is about 138 for a -18.5-degree X-cut crystal, and about 250 for an AT cut. A wider bandwidth may be obtained with a smaller ratio. However, a crystal cut for a low ratio may not satisfy the requirements of temperature stability, spurious response or Q.

Practical Design

The crystals used were accurate to within ± 20 cycles and were free of spurious resonances within 50 kilocycles of resonance. The use of was split-plating crystals not deemed advisable at 2,000 kc because of possible spurious responses. For sharp selectivity, the Q of the crystals should be as high as possible. The crystals used had a Q of 130,000. For a conservative design, resonant frequencies of the crystals should not be separated by much more than 40 percent of the value given in Eq. 7. The attainable bandwidth is about 1.6 times the separation between the resonant frequencies of the crystals. For example, if a bandwidth of 1,500 cycles at 1,000 kc were desired, then two crystals might be ordered at 999 kc and two at 1,000 kc for each lattice. The pass band will then extend from 999 kc to about 1,001 kc if no external capacitance

is added. From Eq. 7, the C_o/c ratio necessary for a bandwidth of 1,500 cycles is 667. Since c is fixed, if the crystal C_o/c is 250, additional capacitance will have to be added in parallel with the crystal in order to reduce the bandwidth. (A wider bandwidth can be obtained by using a coil with each crystal, as shown by Mason¹). This capacitance is also necessary to adjust the shape of the curve at the larger values of attenuation. If the bandwidth cannot be reduced enough without harming the selectivity, crystals with narrower frequency separation should be used. The frequency, temperature, and spurious response requirements determine the cut of the crystal. The cut determines the C_o/c ratio, which fixes the attainable bandwidth.

The capacitors used across the crystals must have a very high Q for sharp selectivity. Ceramic or mica capacitors are satisfactory, but some of the less expensive variable ceramics are not. After the shape of the attenuation curve has been adjusted with trimmer capacitors, the capacitors can be measured and replaced with fixed capacitors. The values are not critical.

Test Setup

If an oscilloscope is used in a test setup as shown in Fig. 4, the process of trimming the crystals and then installing fixed capacitors can be accomplished for a filter in a half hour. The frequency control on the signal generator of the test setup is geared to a 10-turn potentiometer that supplies a voltage proportional to signal-generator frequency for horizontal deflection. The avc voltage is used for vertical deflection. A P7 screen in the oscilloscope permits observation of the trace left by the slowly moving spot and permits hand cranking of the signal-generator tuner.

A fairly wide range of adjustment of the attenuation curve may be obtained with only two trimmer capacitors across adjacent bridge arms. This simplifies the adjustments and makes a more compact filter. Occasionally a filter will have a good curve with no capacitors at all across the crystals. In this case the bandwidth approaches the theoretical maximum. The wiring capacitance should, in any case, be kept as small as possible, although its effect on attenuation can be balanced out.

The photograph shows a lattice filter with a fixed capacitor across each crystal. These crystals make neat, small packages. A fixed and a variable capacitor are shown to the left of the filter box. On the right, two views of a sealed crystal unit are shown.

The correct value of terminating impedance has been determined by trial to be about 8,000 ohms, which may be obtained by using series resistors or a tuned circuit. Either the input or output of the filter must be free from ground. The best results using two filters occur



when the input and output terminals are both isolated from ground by double-tuned transformers as shown in the circuit of Fig. 1. The transformers also serve to keep insertion losses low. The resonant impedance of these transformers was designed to be approximately 8,000 ohms.

It has been found that any capacitive unbalance to ground of the ungrounded terminals causes a poor response curve. It is important that the capacitances both between windings and to ground be small for these transformers. Shielding of the filter is important where large attenuation is desired. Much less trouble was experienced in obtaining a good response curve when transformers were used instead of resistors. However, the transformers must be tuned to the center of the pass band.

If two filters are used in series, a transformer between the two gives a flat pass band that is somewhat narrower than when the filters are coupled directly together. Direct coupling gives pass-band irregularity of 2 to 3 db, which may be partially smoothed out by an H-pad if use of a transformer is not desirable. An occasional sharp peak in the pass band is probably due to the crystal pairs not being of exactly the same frequency. The crystals should be held to a frequency tolerance of at least 0.001 percent.

A typical frequency response of the two-section filter is shown in Fig. 5. The bandwidth is 3,900 cycles in the pass band and is 12,000 cycles at 60-db attenuation. A maximum attenuation of 80 db was measured before the curve began to widen rapidly. The voltage insertion loss, including that of the transformers, was not greater than 10 db for a two-section filter.

The main effect that a 115-degree C heat test had on the curve was an overall narrowing of about 400 cycles. Zero temperature coefficient capacitors were used in the filter.

This filter was designed to give good adjacent-channel selectivity in a receiver using an intermediate frequency of 2,000 kc. Other applications for such a filter are numerous. The frequency need not be limited to 2,000 kc but could be made considerably higher or lower if desired.

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Mixer Harmonic Chart

Chart speeds identification or prediction of spurious frequencies resulting from beating of various harmonic terms in mixer output when one input frequency is variable as in wide-band signals for tv, f-m and military communication

T N MANY APPLICATIONS involving the mixing of two frequencies to produce a third, a major difficulty often encountered is the generation of spurious frequencies by beating together of harmonics. When near coincidence with the required terms, these spurious frequencies cause audible modulation of the required frequency that cannot be removed by subsequent selective circuits.

When there are only two fixed frequencies, it is fairly simple to write down all the combination terms involved. If one of the input frequencies varies, however, a graphical method is to be preferred, as this enables the immediate identification or prediction of the various beats and facilitates the choice of frequency ratios free from modulation or spurious frequencies adjacent to the wanted terms.

It was in dealing with such a problem that the accompanying chart was devised. It is based on the fact that the expression for the value of any combination frequency is $F_* = mF_* \pm nF_*$, where *m* and *n* are the orders of the harmonics of the two frequency sources F_* and F_* respectively, F_* being the higher of the two frequencies.

To use this chart, trace upward from the ratio F_o/F_x of the two primary frequencies to the heavy difference line $F_x - F_o$ or the heavy sum line $F_x + F_o$, depending on which output component is being used. From this intersection, trace up and down to the nearest slant lines; from each one, trace left to read the F_s/F_s value for that spurious combination frequency. Alternatively, the spurious frequencies can be figured from the identifying notations on the two near-

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est lines. Where intersections of two slant lines are nearest to the desired intersection, a beat audio modulation equal to the frequency difference will be produced.

Some problems may require the use of an expanded region of the chart showing higher combination terms. This may readily be constructed to any scale without plotting the whole curve from the origin. Assuming that the boundary limits of the required region are F_{*i}/F_x for the lower frequency limit and F_{*2}/F_x for the upper limit, the corresponding limits on the abscissa are F_{*i}/F_x and F_{*2}/F_x . Now

$$F_s = mF_o \pm nF_x \tag{1}$$

 $F_o/F_x = [(F_s/F_x) \mp n]/m \qquad (2)$

Substituting the four known boundary limits in Eq. 2 gives four equations involving m and n. Substituting for these the harmonic orders of the combination frequencies which it is desired to plot, two points are obtained which are connected by a straight line. This procedure is repeated for the main sum or difference frequency (m = n= 1) and other desired pairs.

A preliminary scrutiny of the structure of the general chart will be found helpful in quickly showing what order of combination frequencies are likely to be encountered in the particular region concerned.

Example of Use

In the design of a repeater station for a vhf relay, it is common practice to receive the transmission at a given frequency and retransmit at a slightly higher or lower frequency to reduce feedback difficulties. Rather than convert the input to the output frequency directly, it is convenient to convert down to a lower intermediate frequency, which may then be amplified more easily and reconverted to the output frequency.

Assume an input frequency F_x of 250 mc with a 3-mc bandwidth, and a required output frequency of 240 mc. A convenient intermediate-frequency value for F_x would be in the order of 50 mc. The problem is to choose local oscillator frequencies that will avoid radiation of spurious frequencies and minimize intermodulation distortion.

Trying first 50 mc for F_{\bullet} , the local oscillator value F_{\circ} becomes 200 mc and F_{\circ}/F_x for this is 0.8. Tracing upward, this is immediately seen to be a bad choice, because the desired main difference frequency line $F_x - F_{\circ}$ intersects both the $4F_{\circ} - 3F_x$ and $5F_x - 6F_{\circ}$ lines at this point.

By inspection, the nearest value of F_o/F_x that it is in a clear space on the heavy $F_x - F_o$ line is 0.775, which corresponds to an i-f value of about 55 mc. Tracing vertically up and down from the intersection of the 0.775 ordinate with the $F_x - F_o$ line, we find that the nearest spurious frequencies occur at $F_*/F_* = 0.33$ and 0.12. Their values are quickly figured as $F_{*}=$ 0.33 imes250 = 83.5 mc and $F_* = 0.12$ imes250 = 30 mc. If the bandwidth of F. is 3 mc, these 83.5-mc and 30-mc beats will be easily filtered out of a 55-mc i-f system by the tuned circuits.

Now converting up again, let F_o be 55 mc and let F, be the (Continued on p 134)



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desired 240-mc output frequency, so that $F_x = 240 - 55 = 185$ mc, the frequency required of the second local oscillator to get a sum-frequency output. Then F_o/F_x is 0.298. Tracing up from this value to

the sum line $F_x + F_o$, the two nearest spurious frequencies to this intersection are at $F_s/F_x =$ 1.4 and 1.2. For 1.4, the output is 1.4 \times 185 = 259 mc due to the combination $2F_x - 2F_o$. For 1.2, we have both $4F_o$ and $3F_s -$

 $6F_{\circ}$ giving $1.2 \times 185 = 222$ mc. Since the bandwidth is 3 mc, adequate selectivity should not be difficult to provide at 240 mc to discriminate against these 259-mc and 222-mc spurious components.





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Simplified Electronic Switch for Oscilloscopes

By L. N. VAN ALLEN Field Engineer Philco Corporation Philadelphia, Pa.

Two SIMULTANEOUS traces showing different phenomena can be obtained on a single cathode-ray oscilloscope by means of a simple electronic switch, which is triggered by the horizontal sweep generator in the oscilloscope. By this means, cleaner traces are provided since changeover occurs only at the ends of the lines.

Only three miniature tubes are required and plate current drain is negligible being less than five ma. These features make it possible to install the device in many existing types of oscilloscopes.

Referring to the schematic diagram of Fig. 1, V_1 , a 12AU7, is a conventional Eccles-Jordan multivibrator triggered by the flyback from the left-hand horizontal deflection plate of the cathode-ray tube. Outputs of the multivibrator alternately key in the two sections of V_3 , also a 12AU7, used as gated cathode followers to couple in the two input signals.

Only signal A or signal B will appear at the output at any one time since the other signal will be feeding into a triode without plate voltage. An output balancing potentiometer is provided to adjust the amount and direction of separation of the traces.

The 6AL5 diodes are used to discharge the coupling capacitors, C_1 and C_2 , during the negative half cycle of the square wave on each plate.

If desired, 6SN7's may be used for V_1 and V_3 and a 6H6 for V_2 . Alternately, a 6J6 may be used for V_1 . Crystal diodes are not recom-



FIG. 1—Circuit of electronic switch used to obtain two simultaneous and independent traces on an oscilloscope

mended for the clampers. Plate voltage is not critical and may be any value between 250 and 400 volts.

Electronic Control of Veneer-Peeling Lathes

By J. H. JUPE Middlesex, England

MOTOR SPEED variation is essential in cutting the hard and soft wood veneers used extensively in the manufacture of plywood because of the nature of production methods. The usual method is to peel a



General view of the veneer-peeling lathe at the Forest Products Research Laboratory, Princes Risborough, England



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THE FRONT COVER



THE COVER PHOTOGRAPH this month dramatizes one important application of the 4,000-tube Project-Typhoon electronic analog computer — determining the optimum trajectory of a radar-controlled, rocket-propelled guided missile for interception of an attacking bomber target with minimum waste of time and fuel. The models identify the paths traced by the inking pens on the elevation plotting board that shows results. If the two pens hit each other, interception is possible.

Designed and built by engineers of RCA Laboratories for the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, the computer permits solving any missile problem over and over, with characteristics varied each time, until the desired results are obtained. This keeps to a minimum costly scale-model or actual-size experiments involving expensive missiles, airplanes and ships. The Special Devices Center of ONR, at Port Washington, N. Y., was responsible for the Navy's part in the development.

The new computer is essentially a hybrid between analog and digital computers, designed to give a combination of flexibility and accuracy not obtainable from either system alone. Actual construction was preceded by three years of research and development work di-

rected by Arthur W. Vance, head of the Electronic Computer Section of RCA Laboratories, shown at the control console in the accompanying photograph. Once the problem has been set up on the approximately 100 dials and 6,000 plug-in switchboard connections mounted on the floor-to-ceiling panels surrounding the computer room, the computer can be started from this master control. Knobs at the left permit changing important variables between runs of a problem, to vary such major factors as amount of fuel carried and time of launching the missile.

The two plotting boards, used to produce a permanent record of the progress of an attack or dog-fight in elevation and azimuth respectively, are Variplotter units made by Electronic Associates, Inc. In addition, a three-dimensional trajectory model provides a visual picture of progress by making two suspended fluorescent balls travel the identical courses of missile and target in space. While a problem is in progress, 12 recording voltmeters record such factors as positions of missile fins, acceleration, velocity, rate of spin, and remaining distance between missile and target.

continuous layer from the circumference of a suitable log by means of a special lathe.

At the start of the operation, when the log is large, the rotational speed of the lathe must be relatively low in order to handle the veneer. When the log has been reduced to a smaller diameter, however, a higher speed is necessary to maintain a reasonable production rate.

An electronic method of achieving the desired motor-speed control has been developed by General Electric Company of England. The control system utilizes a method in which the voltage output of one of two tachometer generators is compared with a standard reference voltage. The difference voltage is used to correct any speed discrepancy present in the system.

The first tachometer generator, gear driven from the main driving motor, gives a voltage output proportional to lathe spindle speed. This generator is used for revolution control by presetting the spindle speed. The second generator, gear driven from a roller which in turn is driven by the log, is used to control peeling at a constant rate.

Voltage Standard

The standard voltage is derived from a speed-setting potentiometer connected across a transformer designed to maintain voltage output constant to ± 5 percent for an input variation of ± 10 percent. The magnitude of the standard voltage with which the tachometer output voltage is compared is therefore determined only by the speed-seting potentiometer and is independent of fluctuations in the supply.

The difference voltage is fed to a two-stage push-pull amplifier which is balanced initially by means of a bank of resistors and a potentiometer connected in the grid circuits of the input stage. The anodes of the tubes in the output stage are joined together through two telephone-type relays connected in parallel. The relays are energized from half-wave rectifiers of opposite polarity and the lack of balance between the output tubes produced by an incoming signal will cause either relay to operate.

Each relay is provided with two (Continued on p 156)

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New Navy Radio Telescope Nears Completion

GALACTIC RADIATIONS will be studied by the 600-inch parabola shown in the accompanying photographs. Mounted atop a building at the Naval Research Laboratory, the radio telescope will be used to receive radio-frequency signals that emanate from the sun, moon and stars.

The earth's atmosphere blocks much of the energy radiated by these bodies. Only two bands of energy can successfully penetrate through to the earth—those radiations falling in the visible spectrum, and a band of frequencies from about 30 meters up to a few millimeters. The radio telescope sees energy radiated at the latter wavelength.

The longer wavelengths of the radio-frequency signals provide a resolution somewhat less than that available with the light telescope. The shorter the wavelength used, the greater the resolution obtainable. This unit will initially employ wavelengths of 3, 10 and 30 centimeters. The resolution afforded by a wavelength of 30 centimeters is expected to yield valuable information about different portions of the sun.

The radio telescope is mounted on one of the navy's five-inch gun mounts. It is arranged to rotate a full circle in the horizontal plane and from the horizon to five degrees beyond zenith in elevation. An axis converter corrects for the inclination of the earth's axis and permits the reflector automatically to track the sun in its path across the sky.

The amount can be controlled manually, or connected to a fiveinch light telescope by remote control. If desired, the mount can also



Total weight of antenna and five-inch gun mount used to position it is about 75 tons



Fifty-foot radio telescope parabola is fabricated from thirty pieces of carefully-machined aluminum

be controlled from the mount itself.

The reflector itself consists of thirty aluminum sections bolted together to form the solid surface, which was machined to a tolerance of $\frac{1}{32}$ inch with a special boring machine.

The system was designed by the Naval Research Laboratory and engineered and constructed by Collins on a Navy contract. The overall installation weighs approximately 75 tons; the 50-foot dish weight is only about 14 tons, the rest being the weight of the gun mount.

The reflector is already installed, but the system has not yet been placed in operation. First the sections of the parabola will have to be accurately aligned and the exact focus determined for placing the receiving antenna.

In addition to the program at the Naval Research Laboratory research by radio astronomy using microwaves is being conducted at the National Bureau of Standards and at Cornell University.

Amplification at 50,000 Megacycles

HELIX-TYPE traveling-wave tubes have been built, operated and applied to certain communication systems up to about 4,000 mc. Experimental tubes have been developed that are capable of amplifying 1.25 centimeter waves, and theory indicates that, up to some practical limit, amplifiers for



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FM-AM SIGNAL GENERATOR TYPE 202-B

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SPECIFICATIONS:

RF RANGES: 54-108, 108-216 mc. FREQUENCY DEVIATION: 0-24 kc., 0-80 kc., 0-240 kc. FM DISTORTION: Less than 2% at 75 kc. deviation AMPLITUDE MODULATION: Continuously variable 0-50%. RF OUTPUT VOLTAGE: 0.1 microvolt to 0.2 volt.



UNIVERTER TYPE 207-A

The Type 207-A Univerter fills the widespread need for an FM-AM source in the frequency range of from 0.1 to 55 mc. This instrument is a unity gain frequency converter which subtracts 150 mc. from a signal derived from the Type 202-B FM-AM Signal Generator to produce an output of from 100 kc. to 55 mc. This is accomplished without change of signal level or of modulation and with negligible spurious frequencies. Thus the Type 207-A Univerter when used with the Type 202-B Signal Generator shown at the left will provide complete FM-AM Signal Generator coverage from 100 kc. to 216 mc.

In addition to the unity gain output, the Type 207-A Univerter provides a high level output of about 7.5 times the input thus making about 1.5 volts available for high level tests.

In order to facilitate band-width measurements, the Univerter is provided with an incremental frequency dial which is calibrated in 5 kc. increments over a range of \pm 300 kc. This permits selectivity curves to be taken on even the most selective mobile receivers.

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FIG. 1—Special BTL tube for amplification at 48,000 mc

higher frequencies may be designed by scaling down linear dimensions.

The photograph in Fig. 1 shows an experimental tube, developed by the scaling technique, that is capable of amplifications of a few db at frequencies as high as 48,000 mc.

For the starting point in this development, as described by J. B. Little in the January 1951 issue of *Bell Laboratories Record*, the structure of an existing 4,000-mc helix was chosen. A photograph of this tube is shown in Fig. 2 Ceramic rods are visible running parallel to the axis of the helix. These are included in the 4,000-mc tube to maintain constant spacing between the helix and the walls of the tube.

One of the first modifications, applied to extend the physical limit of the scaling-down technique, was to eliminate the parallel ceramic spacing rods. This was done by choosing a helix construction such that the helix itself is self-supporting by means of two tiny radial fins, one at each end. This change not only enhances the mechanical design, but enables electrons to flow on both the inside and outside of



FIG. 2—Close-up view of 4,000-mc traveling-wave tube from which 48,000mc tube was scaled

the helix with a consequent improvement in the possible electronic gain. This suspension system would not serve for larger tubes, because a larger helix would tend to sag.

The second modification was to make the input and output waveguides an integral part of the tube envelope. This eliminates certain hard-to-fabricate glass fittings and permits rugged metal construction. All metal parts must be nonmagnetic to avoid distortion of the magnetic field which is employed to keep the electron beam parallel with the axis of the helix.

A third modification eliminated the necessity for altering the pitch of the helix to facilitate matching of the waveguides to the helix. In the new type, matching is accomplished by terminating the helix in a cylinder formed by brazing the end turns of the helix together and



FIG, 3—The amplifier tube is placed between the poles of a large magnet that furnishes the required uniform field

properly orienting this junction in the wave-guide structure.

The helix was wound with 0.003in. wire on a 0.030-in. mandrel and stretched to 0.0065-in. pitch. The tube is operated at 1,000 volts and has a beam current of 1 milliampere. Figure 3 shows the tube fixed between the poles of the necessarily large magnet that furnishes the uniform field that controls the electron beam.

The signal source used was a 1.25-cm reflex oscillator feeding a crystal harmonic generator. Means were provided for passing the proper harmonic either through the tube or directly to the detecting device for purposes of gain measurement. The measuring equipment consists of a pad, a wavemeter, a calibrated variable attenuator and a crystal diode. The source is modu-



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FIG. 4—Curves show the gain of the new tube as a function of wavelength

lated by a square wave which the crystal recovers and furnishes to a preamplifier and thence to an oscilloscope for comparison.

Results of measurements on sevral such tubes are shown in Fig. 4. Gain is dependent on wavelength, but it should be noted that the frequency bandwidth between 6.3 and 6.4 cm wavelength is approximately 750 mc.

Amplitude of Vibration in Piezoelectric Crystals

E. A. GERBER Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

THE AMPLITUDE OF VIBRATION of a piezoelectric crystal has some influence on the parameters of such a crystal. First, vibration creates heat due to external and internal friction. This heat causes a change in frequency which depends upon the amplitude of vibration. Second, as has been observed by the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories and by others', the equivalent resistance of a crystal changes with the amount of excitation, probably due to nonlinear effects of the mounting structure. This resistance change is accompanied by a frequency change which apparently is instantaneous and not caused by heating.

For these reasons, it is important to know what excitation level can be permitted in crystals, either to prevent changes of the parameters or, in the case of very thin crystal plates, to avoid rupture. The excitation (the amplitude of vibration) is proportional to the r-f current through the crystal unit. Therefore, current can be used as a measure of amplitude. However, it is not stressed sufficiently in the literature that the ratio of ampli-

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NEW PRODUCTS

Edited by WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN

Stamped TV Tuner

FRANKLIN AIRLOOP CORP., 43-20 34th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y., has developed a television station selector having an intermediate-frequency output of 41.25 to 45.75 mc.



Use of this i-f results in greater immunity to image and f-m interference. The tuner is of the rotary switch type employing inductances for each of the 12 channels. Inductances and wiring are die stamped on low-loss Bakelite wafers. Tuned circuits are employed in the input, r-f, oscillator and mixer circuits. The r-f stage uses a 6BC5 tube while the mixer and oscillator uses a 6J6, resulting in a high-sensitivity unit.

Hermetic Sealing Components

NEO-SIL CORP., 26 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City 4, N. J., has developed its hermetic sealing components to a point where rejects resulting from breakage, strain, cracks, physical shock and the like are reduced to a minimum. As a unit Neo-Sil syn-



thetic compound is suitable insulation when bonded to various methods to resist abusive temperature cycling, salt water, high pressure, high vacuum and most acids and alkalies. Components will pass the grade one, class A requirements for Army, Navy and aircraft military equipment.

Radiation Survey Meter

EL-TRONICS, INC., 2649 No. Howard St., Philadelphia 33, Pa. Model PR-3 radiation survey instrument is specifically designed for portable and field use in measuring radiation intensities (beta or gamma) from all radioactive elements where a source of a-c power is not available.



The unit is waterproof, fungusproofed and has a provision for plug-in phones. The instrument, which features a vibrator power supply, operates from two $1\frac{1}{2}$ -volt low-cost batteries.

Flexible-Shaft Remote Control

KUPFRIAN MFG. Co., 218 Prospect Ave., Binghamton, N. Y. Representative of the many new applications for flexible-shaft couplings in the aircraft, radar, electronic and instrumentation fields is the illustrated nonmagnetic type prepared for the control of permanent-magnet type focusers for tv tubes. The reluctance of the magnetic circuit



is varied by a sliding steel collar controlled by a lead screw at the output end of the flexible shaft. The shaft is formed of highstrength bronze, and is sometimes enclosed within an insulating plastic or braided cotton sleeve. While normally controlled from the rear of the set, some units are designed to operate from the front panel.

Time-Measuring Unit

AMERICAN CHRONOSCOPE CORP., 316 W. First St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Model 110 high-speed chronoscope has 8 scale ranges for measuring time of 0 to 1, 0 to 3, 0 to 10, 0 to 30, 0 to 100, 0 to 300 milliseconds, and 0 to 1, 0 to 3 seconds. It operates on the principle that a charged capacitor will always lose a definite percentage of its charge when connected across a resistor for a definite period of time. The chronoscope has electronic circuits to do this and the percentage of charge lost is determined very accurately by a self-balancing potentiometer. Absolute accuracy is better than ± 1 percent of full scale on any range. It is possible to measure directly the duration of an open circuit,



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	Description	Typical Service	Profotype	Construction	Heater		Plate		Grid	Screen		Amp.	Mut.
Type					Volts	Amps.	Volts	Mo,	Volts	Volts	Ma.	Factor	Cond.
2C50	Dual Power Triode	Aircraft Control Equip.		Bantal	12.6	0.3	300	12.5	- 24	_	_	0.5	1750
2C52	Dual Amplifier Triode	Aircraft Control Equip.		Bontol	12.6	0.3	250	1.3	- 2			7.5	1/ 30
6AK5W	Pentode RF Amplifier	Military Ruggedized	6AK5	7 pin miniature	6.3	0.175	120	7.5	RL 200	120	25	70	5000
6AL5W	Dual Diode	Military Ruggedized	6AL5	7 pin miniature	6.3	0.3	Max Peak Inv 330 Volts Max					3000	
6AS6W	Pentode RF Mixer	Military Ruggedized	6A56	7 pin miniature	6.3	0.175	120	5.2	- 2	120	3.5	plate	3200
6C4W	RF Power Triode	Military Ruggedized	6C4	7 pin miniature	6.3	0.15	250	10.5	- 8.5			17	2200
6J5WGT	General Purpose Triode	Military Ruggedized	615 GT	Bantal	6.3	0.3	250	9		-		20	2400
Wôlð	Dual AF-RF Triode	Military Ruggedized	616	7 pin miniature	6.3	0.45	100	8.5	Rk 50			20	2000
6SA7WGT	Pentagrid Converter	Military Ruggedized	6SA7GT	Bantal	6.3	0.3	2.50	3.5	Ra 20000	100	85	30	3300
6SJ7WGT	Pentode RF Amplifier	Militory Ruggedized	6SJ7GT	Bantal	6.3	0.3	250	3.0	- 3	100	0.5		Conv. Cond.
6SN7WGT	Dual Triode	Military Ruggedized	6SN7GT	Standard alass	6.3	0.6	250	0	D	100	0.8		1050
6X4W	Fullwave Rectifier	Military Ruggedized	6X4	7 pin miniature	6.3	0.6	Max	Peak Inv. 1	250 Volte Mar	10.70		20	2800
12J5WGT	General Purpose Triade	Military Ruggedized	12J5GT	Bantal	12.6	0.15	250	0	2.50 ¥0115 Midx	10 70	ma. ac.	20	2/00
CK5654	Pentode RF Amplifier	Commercial Aircraft Ruggedized	64K5W	7 pin miniature	63	0.175	120	75	RL 200	120	2.5	20	2000
CK5670	Dual Triode	Commercial Aircraft Ruggedized	2C51	9 pin mininture	6.3	0.35	150	9.3	RK 200	120	2,5	25	5000
CK5686	AF-RF Output Pentode	Commercial Aircraft Ruggedized		O als added as	4.0	0.05	150	0.1	per sect.			35	5500
CK5694	Dual Power Triode	Industrial AF Amplifier	ANZC	9 pin miniature	0.3	0.35	250	2/	-12.5	250	5		3100*
CK 5725	Pentode RF Mixer	Commercial Aircraft Puseedized	4 4 5 4 14/	Significante glass	0.3	0.8	294	/	6	-	_	35	3200
CK 57 26	Dug! Diode	Commercial Aircraft Russed and	CASO VY	2 pin miniature	0.3	0.175	120	5:2	-2	120	3.5		3200
		to 7 w Cl	OALSW	/ pin minioture	6.3	0.3	Max. P	'eak Inv. 3	30 Volts Max.	lo 9 ma	. dc. per	plate	
		2.7 waits Class A	ourpur. 10 watt	s Class C input powe	r to 160 п	IC.							

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short circuit or voltage pulse (of 6 volts or more). The model 211 input adapter, used in conjunction with the chronoscope, separates the functions of starting and stopping the measurement of time intervals between the operation of one component and the subsequent operation of another, without stopping the system or synchronizing the indicating device.

Tiny Rectifiers

HARDY INSTRUMENT Co., 104-18 Metropolitan Ave., Forest Hills, N. Y., announces a new line of Microstak subminiature selenium rectifiers. The rectifier illustrated has an outside diameter of less than 3/32 in. for a completely insulated, or if desired, a hermetically sealed assembly. Length will vary according to voltage requirements. The plates are only $\frac{1}{16}$ in. in diameter and are available for such applications as direct mounting into the



base of a printed circuit, or other usages where an enclosed unit is not required. These units can deliver 300 μ a of current for an indefinite period of time. Companion units with ferrule or pig tail leads and current ratings up to 25 ma are also available. From the smallest to the largest, voltage ratings up to 25,000 volts are standard, and ratings beyond that can be provided as special units if required.

Horizontal Output & H-V Transformer

SQUARE ROOT MFG. CORP., 391 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, N. Y. The Coronasealed horizontal output and high-voltage transformer illus-



trated has transformer, coil and core entirely encased in a molded plastic form. The high dielectric strength of the plastic provides greater protection against corona discharge and the resultant fire hazards. Reduction of acoustical radiation is another important feature. When used in a high-efficiency 66 to 70-deg circuit, it will provide full deflection and up to 14-kv anode potential.

Electrostatic-Focus Tube

TEL-O-TUBE CORP. OF AMERICA, East Paterson, N. J., has announced an electrostatic focus magnetic deflection tv picture tube, completely free of corona effect. The new development incorporates a unique spot welding operation performed on the focus electrode of the electron gun mount that completely eliminates stray emission, the chief cause of corona effect in other brands of electrostatic focus tubes. The line currently includes all sizes from 14 in. to 20 in., both round and rectangular, with all available for immediate delivery.

Wide-Range Oscillator

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JETEC Begins Critical Materials Study

A SPECIAL task committee on critical materials used in the manufacture of radio-television tubes has been established by the Joint Electron Tube Engineering Council. The group was set up because of the need for a complete study of materials used in vacuum tubes in light of the modern concepts of the automatic control of many technical tasks in military operations.

A joint industry investigation of possible substitute materials and methods for handling them without impairing the reliability or specific characteristics required of the tubes is one of the objectives of the JETEC task group. Data is now being assembled on several materials in short supply, especially nickel and cobalt alloys and some steel alloys.

One important program already has been initiated by the industry in an effort to conserve critical materials. This is a change in the focusing system of c-r tubes which permits a substantial reduction in the uses of copper and cobalt.

Chairman of the special task committee is A. C. Gable of General Electric Co.; secretary is R. R. Batcher, chief engineer of the RTMA.

Role of F-M in Capital's Defense Plans

A PLAN for an air-raid warning system to blanket the entire District of Columbia in case of an emergency, through the use of a supersonically controlled broadcast and amplification system, has been announced by the Communications Advisory and Planning Committee of the D. C. Office of Civil Defense.

When completed, the air-raid warning system will cover the Dis-

trict of Columbia through the use of a 250-watt f-m radio transmitter, already on order, and 34 supersonically controlled f-m receivers equipped with high-power amplifiers. Three radio frequencies in the 40 to 50-mc band, made available to the Office of Civil Defense by the FCC, will be used. One frequency will connect the Command Center with 34 remote-controlled receivers equipped with high-power amplifiers and will be used for public air-raid warnings and for mutual aid purposes in extreme emergencies. The system will permit warning by voice as well as sound. A second frequency would permit communication between the Command Center and four Control Centers. These four centers will be equipped with 50watt f-m transmitters for this purpose. The third frequency will be reserved for special services such as communication with pack receivers and other mobile equipment,

Although the 34 receivers and amplifiers will be located in the District of Columbia proper, surrounding communities have been consulted and invited to hook up with the D. C. network through similar receiving and amplifying equipment. Permission would also be granted to private industry upon application.

Component Parts Reclassified

At the request of the Munitions Board, a reclassification of all electronic component parts was recently completed by the Radio-Television Manufacturers Association. The new categorical breakdown will enable the military and the electronics industry to identify readily component parts by listing them in one of eleven major groups requiring common production facilities, manpower, material and know-how. Thus, it is now possible for the Department of Defense to ascertain easily the industry's ability to produce any type of component. This important information had not been available to the military or to the electronic industry before.

New classifications are as fol-





Robert R. Burton (third from left), head of communications for the Federal Civil Defense Administration in Washington, recently visited General Electric's Electronics Park at Syracuse, N. Y. He met with members of a new Civil Defense committee of the GE Electronics Department to discuss possible applications of two-way mobile radio for civil defense. The committee is directing a broad program of assistance in the electronics field to civil defense organizations. Present at the meeting, from left to right, are Neal F. Harmon, Lacy W. Goostree, R. R. Burton, Paul L. Chamberlain. Ellis M. Trefethen and Roy D. Jordan



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The RTMA is working to complete similar breakdowns at an early date. The remaining reclassifications will cover electronic end equipment, electron tubes and devices and electronic test equipment.

RTMA Appoints Policy Committee

WHILE PRESIDENT of the RTMA, Robert C. Sprague appointed a policy committee to cooperate with national defense agencies in the conservation of critical materials in the radio-television industry. Establishment of the committee was authorized by the board of directors at a meeting in Chicago at which industry problems resulting from the shortages of critical materials were discussed at length.

Members of the committee are Benjamin Abrams of Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp.; W. R. G. Baker of General Electric Co.; Paul V. Galvin of Motorola MEETINGS

- MARCH 27-28: Joint Meeting of the Association for Computing Machinery and the Industrial Mathematics Society, Wayne University, Detroit, Mich.
- APR. 14: Fifth Annual Spring Technical Conference of the Cincinnati Section of the IRE, Engineering Society Headquarters, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- APR. 16-18: Spring Meeting of the U.S.A. National Committee of the URSI and the Professional Group on Antennas and Wave Propagation of the IRE, at the National Bureau of Standards, Connecticut and Van Ness Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- APR. 19-20: Armed Forces Communication Association National Convention, Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- APR. 20-21: Southwestern IRE Conference, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
 APR. 21: Fifth Annual New England Radio Engineering

Inc.; L. F. Hardy of Philco Corp.; Leslie F. Muter of The Muter Co.; A. D. Plamondon, Jr. of The Indiana Steel Products Co.; Robert C. Tait of Stromberg-Carlson Co.;



Award presentation to the National Bureau of Standards by the AIEE and IRE in recognition of the Bureau's contributions to science and engineering in the past 50 years. Scrolls were presented during the recent Conference on High-Frequency Measurements in Washington, D. C. Standing from left to right are: T. G. LeClair, president of the AIEE; E. U. Condon, director of the NBS; I. S. Coggeshall, president of the IRE; and E. Weber, chairman of the Joint AIEE-IRE Committee on High-Frequency Measurements

- APR. 30-May 4: SMPTE Spring Convention, Hotel Statler, N. Y.
- MAY 21-23: 1951 Parts Distributors Show, Hotel Stevens, Chicago, Illinois.
- MAY 23-24: Fifth National Convention, American Society for Quality Control, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.
- MAY 23-25: 1951 IRE Technical Conference on Airborne Electronics, Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.
- JUNE 18-22: ASTM Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, N. J.
- JUNE 25-29: AIEE Summer General Meeting, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- AUG. 15-18: 1951 APCO Conference, Everglades Hotel, Miami, Florida.
- AUG. 28-SEPT. 8: Eighteenth British National Radio Show, Earls Court, London, England.

R. G. Zender of Lenz Mfg. Co.; and Robert C. Sprague of Sprague Electric Co.

The next meeting of the RTMA board of directors will be held on April 12 and 13 at the Seaview Country Club, Absecon, N. J., at which time the RTMA officers and directors will be hosts to the directors of the Radio Manufacturers Association of Canada.

Southwestern IRE Conference

THE 1951 Southwestern IRE Conference will be held on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, on April 20 and 21. Keynoter of the conference, which has as its theme New Frontier in Electronics, will be Donald G. Fink, editor of ELECTRONICS; banquet speaker will be George E. Sterling of the FCC.

The tentative technical program is as follows:

The Radiation of a Cylindrical Antenna, by C. Lonczos of the National Bureau of Standards.

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THIS new book deals with the elementary theory of transmission lines, transmission line networks and electric wave filters. The treatment is applicable from voice frequencies through the microwave range. Written by a Lehigh University professor with a background of practical teaching experience, this book should serve nicely as a text for students of electrical communication. The quantitative viewpoint which characterizes the book should also make it a useful source of reference material for the practicing engineer.

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F-M Simplified; M. S. Kiver; Van Nostrand; 2nd edition; \$6.50.

Theory and Application of Industrial Electronics; J. M. Cage; McGraw-Hill; \$4.75.

The book is divided into four main sections. The first section deals with conventional transmission line theory, augmented through the use of modern transmission line charts which assist in its understanding and also facilitate calculations.

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The basic idea of the circuit shown in Fig. 1 is that of a twostage direct-coupled amplifier in which the input signal is applied between the grid of the first stage and the cathode of the second. Feedback is controlled by a resistor in the second-stage cathode circuit.

The first stage uses a 6AU6 pentode which provides a voltage gain, before feedback, of about 100. This tube is potentiometer coupled by resistor R_5 and R_6 to the second stage, V_{s} , a 6C4 triode which func tions as a current amplifier to operate the indicating meter.

In the cathode circuit of V_2 is the feedback resistor R_n . The high side of the input is returned to this resistor, which determines the sensitivity of the instrument. With a 1-ma indicating instrument and R_n equal to 600 ohms, the over-all full-scale sensitivity is 1 volt.

Supply Voltages

Since the circuit is nonsymmetrical, the high-voltage supply is regulated by means of a gas tube. In order to keep down the number of tubes, it is desirable to limit the total high voltage to 150 volts. If ground is taken as the low side of the input, 100 volts will be available for plate supply for the tubes and 50 volts as a negative supply



FIG. 1—Circuit diagram for d-c vtvm with feedback over two stages

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If the pentode screen is tapped onto the main divider $R_{\rm s}$ - $R_{\rm u}$, the effect of meter current reacts back on the screen potential in a regenerative manner. At very low values of feedback the circuit breaks into d-c oscillation and becomes a flip-flop circuit having only two stable states.

The positive feedback, in combination with the negative feedback, might possibly do more good than harm. It does, however, make the positive feedback ratio dependent upon the impedance on the powersupply side of the voltage divider which is undesirable.

Choice of Pentode

In view of the limited B supply available for the tubes and the properties of the Nyquist coupling circuit (the lower the quiescent d-c potential at the plate of V_i , the less signal lost in the divider R_s - R_s), it is necessary to choose a tube for V_i which will give adequate gain at low plate voltages and still operate with enough bias to avoid grid current.

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With overload characteristics in mind, the plate-load resistor R_{τ} for the tube operating the meter is chosen so that the plate current at balance is about 1.5 times the full-scale meter current. If a 500- μ a instrument were to be used, R_{τ} should be doubled in value.

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FIG. 1-Sweeping system employing three ultrasonic oscillators connected in parallel

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Simple Trigger Generator

BY R. S. RICHARDS

Defense Section National Research Council Ottawa, Canada

IN practically every laboratory it is sometimes necessary to find a source of short trigger pulses without tying up expensive test equipment. Figure 1 is the circuit diagram of a



FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of simple blocking-oscillator trigger generator

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The trigger generator consists essentially of an electron-coupled oscillator in which the grid drive is sufficient to bias the tube well beyond cutoff to initiate the blocking action. A single-layer coil is all that is required instead of a special iron-cored transformer.

The waveforms shown in Fig. 2 are typical. The measured values of duration and voltage were ob-

Values of C and R for Different Repetition Rates

C µf	R ohms	Freq (pps)
0.1	10,000,000	1
0.01	10,000,000	10
0.003	10,000,000	30
0.003	1,200,000	250
0.001	1,200,000	750
0.001	100,000	7,000
0.0001	100,000	70,000



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FIG. 2—Typical waveforms of blocking oscillator for component values given in Fig. 1

tained with the component values given in Fig. 1.

A wide range of repetition rates may be obtained by making suitable changes in the values of the grid capacitor and resistor. A few of the possible combinations are given in the accompanying table. The value of resistance has little effect on pulse length whereas the capacitor value controls both pulse length and repetition rate.

Geiger-Counter Pulse Simulator

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IN ORDER to test a Geiger-Mueller counter coincidence circuit under conditions approximating as closely as possible those encountered in actual operations, it is desirable to provide a controllable source of artificial pulses simulating those produced by the discharge of the counter tubes.

The circuit shown in Fig. 1 has been useful in testing various types of cosmic-ray apparatus in the laboratory and has been especially valuable in facilitating last-minute checking of balloon-borne cosmic radiosondes¹ immediately prior to release.

A neon-tube relaxation oscillator produces triggering pulses at a repetition rate determined by the associated RC time constant. The ranges covered by the coarse and fine adjustments are selected ac-

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FIG. 1—Circuit of the test generator for simulating Geiger-counter pulses

cording to the specific applications for which the instrument is intended.

A multivibrator circuit consisting of both halves of a 6SN7 is normally stable but oscillates through one cycle each time the neon tube flashes. The resulting flat-topped pulse, with a sharp rise, is long compared with a Geigercounter pulse. Moreover, its form is independent of the nature of the triggering pulse.

After passing through the pulsewidth network, the multivibrator pulse provides a negative pulse which can be made to simulate any Geiger-counter pulse by choosing appropriate circuit constants. A diode chops off the positive backswing which is characteristic of the pulse-forming circuit.

The output, consisting of negative pulses of the desired width and amplitude at any uniform repetition rate, is applied to the several elements of the coincidence circuit for performing certain tests.

Among the characteristics of the circuit which require checking are:

(1) Discrimination—the selector circuit must respond only to N-fold coincidences and must reject (N-1)—fold coincidences;

(2) Sensitivity—the circuit must function over a range of pulse amplitudes and widths;

(3) Dead time—the finite time required for the operation of a keying circuit or recorder should not exceed some specified length;

(4) Voltage range—all of the above characteristics must be preserved over a wide range of app'ied voltages.

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tude to current (and amplitude to voltage) depends to a high degree upon the operational frequency of the crystal, and that this fact must be taken into account in every correlation of crystals in oscillators.

It is the purpose of this paper to first derive, in a simple way, equations for these ratios; second, to describe measurements which prove these formulas; third, to compare these results with more elaborate general theories of a vibrating piezoelectric plate. Considerations will be limited to thickness modes; the results can be used, however, for other modes of vibration. The calculation of the ratios, amplitude to voltage and amplitude to current, is done by using the crystal unit impedance derived from its simple equivalent circuit.² Therefore, at larger currents and voltages, the results will be an approximation only due to the mentioned possible change of crystal unit parameters with the amplitude of vibration.

Calculation of the Ratios

For the purpose of obtaining the above expressions, we make use of the piezoelectric equation connecting the electric displacement D with the field strength E and the strain S^3 .

 $D = e S + \epsilon^{o} E$ (1) where *e* is the piezoelectric stress constant and ϵ^{i} the dielectric permittivity at constant strain. Instead of Eq. 1, we can write.

$$D = e \frac{2 \xi}{b} + \epsilon^s \frac{V}{b}$$
(2)

where ξ is the amplitude of vibration of the major surfaces of the crystal blank, b its thickness, and V the peak voltage across the crystal unit. If we differentiate Eq. 1 with respect to time, assuming a simple harmonic motion, and integrate over the area A of the crystal (which is assumed to be equal to the area of the electrodes), we have for the peak current I

$$I = i \omega \frac{2e}{b} \xi A + i \omega \epsilon^{e} \frac{V}{b} A$$
or
$$I = i \frac{1}{X_{e}} \frac{2e}{\epsilon^{e}} \xi + i \frac{1}{X_{e}} V$$
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the crystal unit impedance Z = V/I into Eq. 3, this equation can be solved either in terms of V or of I and thus yields the desired results.

$$V/\xi = -\frac{2e}{\epsilon^s} (a - ik)$$
 (4)

$$I/\xi = -\frac{2e}{\epsilon^*} \frac{1}{X_o} \left[k - i(1-a) \right]$$
(5)

The meanings of the symbols k and a are

$$k = R_s / X_o$$

$$a = \frac{f^2 / f_s^2 - 1}{C_s / C_o} \approx \frac{f - f_s}{f_A - f_s}$$
(6)

where f is the operational frequency of the crystal unit, f_* its series resonant frequency and

$$f_A = rac{1}{2} \left(L_s \, rac{C_o C_e}{C_o + C_s}
ight)^{-rac{1}{2}}$$

its antiresonant frequency, C_* its series capacitance and R_* its series resistance.

Table I shows the values of $\xi/|I|$ and $\xi/|V|$ at series resonance and antiresonance, and some useful approximations.

The values at series resonance and antiresonance differ by the factor $K_o/R_s = 1/k$ (if $k^2 < 1$ which is usually the case). The ratio 1/kis the ratio of the reactance of the static capacitance to the series resistance of the crystal. This ratio can be large; therefore, the amplitude can be very different at series and antiresonance for the same current or the same voltage. If we take, for instance, an average 1-mc crystal with a series resistance of 200 ohms and a static capacitance of 7 $\mu\mu$ f, we have for 1/k the value of 113. This means, that if this crystal is operated in an oscillator circuit close to its series resonant frequency, the current through the crystal and the voltage across it differ for the same amplitude of vibration by the factor 113.

Measurements

As stated previously, a vibrating crystal generates heat. The energy per second N, transposed into heat, is given by

 $N = b_1 \mid I \mid^2 = b_2 \xi^2$

where b_1 and b_2 are constants. If we assume that the frequency change is linear with temperature, we have

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = b_3 \ N = b_4 \ \xi^2$$

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$$b_{\delta} - \frac{\xi}{|I|} = \left(\frac{\Delta f}{|I|^2} - \frac{1}{|I|^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{b_6}{1-a}$$
(12)

 b_3 , b_4 , b_5 , and b_6 being constants.

As we see from Eq. 12, $(\Delta f/f 1/|I|^2)^3$ must be constant for a determined *a*. In proof of this, measurements⁴ have been carried out with a 777-kc circular crystal plate made from ammonium dihydrogen phosphate, cut (zxw) 45 deg, and used in its thickness shear mode. It has a very high temperature coefficient of frequency which was linear in the temperature range employed⁵, and it is assumed that any nonlinear effects of voltage on the frequency of operation—as mentioned previously—are negligi-

Table I—Formulas for Amplitudeto-Current and Amplitude-to-Voltage Relationships



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FIG. 1-Ratio of amplitude to current for ammonium dihydrogen phosphate crystal cut (zxw) 45 deg, thickness shear mode

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The results for different operating frequencies are shown in Fig. 1 which can be represented by the equation

$$b_5 \frac{\xi}{|I|} (1-a) = 1.8 \text{ ampere}^{-1}$$

which is in agreement with Eq. 7a and 12.

Figure 2 shows $\xi/|V|$ and $\xi/|I|$ for the AT and BT cuts of quartz, as calculated by means of the formulas in Table I. Fortunately, the piezoelectric constants are, in both cases, almost the same, namely 0.095 columb per sq. meter." Together with the dielectric permittivity $\epsilon^{*} = 4.5 \ 1/36\pi \times 10^{-9}$ farad per meter, we obtain for $\epsilon'/2$, the value of 2.1×10^{-10} meter per volt. It is possible to use only one curve for $\xi/|V|$ and $\xi/|I|$ by multiplying the latter ratio by 1/X, and by plotting the abscissa in opposite

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FIG. 2—Amplitude-to-voltage and amplitude-to-current ratios as functions of a for AT and BT aut quartz crystals

directions for the voltage and the current readings. The full curve is calculated by means of the approximate Eq. 7a or 8a and the dashed curves by means of the complete Eq. 7 or 8. The different marks at the right side of the graph give the values of $\xi/|V|$ at series resonance and of $\xi/|I|$ at antiresonance for different values of X_o/R_s . The higher this ratio, the more closely does the approximate curve come to exact values of $\xi/|V|$ and $\xi/|I|$. For practical use of this curve, we have to remember that the value of unit for a corresponds to the antiresonant frequency of the crystal alone. If the crystal is looking into the load capacitance presented by a Miller or Pierce oscillator circuit, for instance, the antiresonant frequency of the combination becomes lower; thus α will no longer reach unity, and its range becomes smaller.

Comparison with Theories

The derivations of these formulas are made under the assumption that the amplitude of vibration is uniform across the whole crystal plate. This is only an approximation because there is evidence that in the amplitude distribution pattern obtained by several investigators¹ with quartz plates vibrating in thickness shear modes, the amplitude falls off towards zero at least in certain directions. Furthermore, Hok' theoretically derived an expression for the amplitude distribution of a rectangular (yzw) cut



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quartz crystal vibrating in thickness shear mode. He found a sinusoidal distribution of the displacement along the X axis, and a distribution along the Z' axis which may be uniform or may be any part of a symmetrical sinusoidal distribution.

Van Dyke and Gordon^s worked out, both experimentally and theoretically, the formulas for the motional capacitance of partially plated AT and BT cut crystals of certain geometrical shapes. Their results confirm and complete Hok's derivation concerning the amplitude distribution. From the foregoing it is apparent that, at least for rectangular (yzw) cut crystals, the distribution of amplitude can assume either of the two extreme values of complete uniformity or that of a sine curve or can assume any value between these extremes.

The ratios of amplitude to voltage and amplitude to current for the sinusoidal form can be derived from Van Dyke's and Gordon's papers. The ratio of amplitude to voltage is found to be:

$$\frac{\xi}{|V|} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \frac{\epsilon^*}{2 e} \left[a^2 + k^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
(13)

and the ratio of amplitude to current to be:

$$\frac{\xi}{|I|} = \frac{\pi_2}{4} \frac{\epsilon^*}{2e} X_o$$

$$[(1-a)^2 + k^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
(14)

As it can be seen, we obtain the equations tabulated in the first line of Table 1, except divided by $\pi^2/4$, This factor apparently accounts for the sinusoidal distribution of amplitude. Therefore, we have a complete agreement between the several results. The assumption of different amplitude distributions does not change the character of the $\xi/|V|$ and $\xi/|I|$ curve, but only changes the values of the ordinate by a constant factor.

Conclusion

It can be stated (see Table 1) that two crystals of the same cut have the same amplitude of vibration only if the voltages across the crystals and the ratios $(f - f_{\star})$ $(f_{\star} - f_{\star})$ (Eq. 6) are the same. The latter expression shows that it is not sufficient to have the same frequencies, rather it is necessary that

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Table II—Measurements 82 CPS from Series Resonance

Fre- quency Shift (cps)	$\frac{\Delta f}{f} \cdot \frac{1}{\mathbf{I}^2}$ (ampere ⁻²)
-14 -30	4.48
-55 -85	4.43
$-119 \\ -163$	4.26
-1,394	4.49 4.36 (average)
	Fre-quencyShift(cps)-14-30-55-85-119-163-1,394

because the slopes $d(\xi/|V|)/da$ and $d(\xi/|I|)/da$ are small (see Fig. 2), it is recommendable to use current measurements close to series resonance and voltage measurements close to antiresonance. Especially, voltage measurements close to or at antiresonance are preferable since, according to Eq. 11a constants of the crystalline material only, and not parameters of the crystal unit, determine the relationship between voltage and amplitude of vibration in this case, provided k^2 is small in comparison with unity which is usually the case.

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FIG. 1-Basic idea of adjustable temperature coefficient capacitor

The principles upon which a capacitor of this type may operate are illustrated by Fig. 1. Two parallel capacitors are coupled electrically and mechanically so that a change of the amount of dielectric in one capacitor is accompanied by a compensating (opposite) change in the second capacitor. The dielectric constants K_1 and K_2 and plate geometrics are chosen to keep the total shunt capacitance constant. Assuming that the mechanical displacements d and the corresponding changes in effective electrode areas are the same for both capacitors, the total shunt capacitance will

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If the series capacitors C_1 and C_2 have vastly different T-C values, their individual effects in producing an equivalent T-C depend upon the relative amplitudes of C_x and C_y . For example, if the T-C of C_1 is positive and the T-C of C_2 is negative the total circuit will have a positive or negative T-C depending upon the contribution to the total by C_x or C_y . With this arrangement a capacitor can be designed which will be capable of maintaining its capacitance and yet be adjustable in T-C from a relatively large positive value to a relatively large negative value.

It is apparent intuitively from a study of Fig. 2 that for the widest latitude of variation in T-C, C_x and C_{*} must have the largest possible range of adjustability. In addition, it may seem fruitful to reduce the



FIG. 2-Schematic representation of arrangement for obtaining continuously variable temperature coefficient capacitor with constant value of capacitance



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magnitudes of C_1 and C_2 to an absolute minimum and yet maintain large T-C values for these elements. This procedure introduces difficulties, however, since capacitors having small capacitances and large T-C values are less predictable in the practical case. This results from the fact that these elements often employ relatively high-K materials which carry into any electrical circuit some undesirable instabilities.

For our purposes it appears to be most conservative to select a circuit of the kind proposed, such that

$$C_x = C_y = C_1 = C_2 = C_2$$

where C_x and C_y are the nominal (mid-range) values of capacitance for the respective variable air-dielectric capacitors. For this case it can be shown that the condition for constant equivalent circuit capacitance is given by

$$\Delta C_x = \frac{-\Delta C_y}{1 + \frac{\Delta C_y}{C}}$$

where

- ΔC_y = any change in C_y made to change the equivalent T-C value, and
- ΔC_x = the corresponding change in C_x necessary for a constant-capacitance condition.

This equation describes the conditions for tracking (maintenance of a constant equivalent capacitance) in a capacitor of the proposed design. If a parallel-plate construction is to be used, one air-dielectric capacitor can have linear capacitance variation with shaft rotation. In such a case the other variable capacitor would have to be designed with plates shaped in accordance with the tracking equation. A further refinement would involve plate shaping to make the two variable air capacitors identical in contour.

In order to test the foregoing theory, a capacitor was made which is capable of being adjusted in T-C value. Figure 3 shows a commercial capacitor modified for this purpose; its T-C can be adjusted to assume a large range of values. Tracking was not attempted in this test capacitor, the T-C variations being the point of main concern.

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FIG. 3—As the capacitance of one section increases, that of the other decreases, but the total capacitance remains fixed. The fixed positive and negative temperature coefficient capacitors are mounted under the modified two-section variable

ments of the proposed four-capacitor combination can be fixed ceramic capacitors which will add a neglible volume to the total. The air capacitors, however, must be individually set to their mid-values (in order to allow a T-C variation in two directions),

In some circuitry problems it may be possible to use the general scheme described without going to any effort to achieve mechanical tracking through the use of a common shaft or drive mechanism. A simple four-capacitor network can be employed and capacitance constancy indicated by a frequencymeasuring technique. The network will be applicable to the individual circuit where it is used but no simple T-C characteristics can be attached to it unless the capacitance tracking condition is satisfied. Such a network will have the advantage of using only commercially available components and may find some application in critically stabilized L-C circuits.

The information presented here was taken from NRL Report 3689, by John A. Connor. The original report includes mathematical derivations for the tracking equation and for an expression for the effective temperature coefficient of four capacitors in series parallel. Figure 3 is an official U. S. Navy photograph.

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FIG. 1—Thickness of thin coatings can be measured by measuring amount of radiation reflected by a surface

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Through the use of this system, the following measurements are made possible, which would not be feasible with conventional means: tin or zinc on steel, paint or lacquer on metallic surfaces, rubber and plastic on calendering rolls, selenium on aluminum or other backing materials, barium coating on photographic paper, chromium or brass on steel, fillers in paper and plastics, porcelain coatings, metal platings, such as nickel or chromium, superimposed on other metal surfaces, and plastic coatings on wire.

As shown in Fig. 1, the source is housed in the same container as the detector, which is an ionization chamber. The source is shielded from the detector in such a way that the only radiation reaching the detector is that which is reflected from the surface of the coating being measured.

The amount of radiation reflected depends on the atomic number of the coating material and on its thickness. As the thickness of the coating is increased, a point is finally reached where the maximum beta ray energy of the source is insufficient to allow particles to pass through the thickness of the material and return to the detector. If a coating of another material is placed on the first material, this steady current value, known as infinite thickness current, will change,

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FIG. 2—In making coating-thickness measurements, only linear portion of curve (A) is used

as illustrated in Fig. 2. If the atomic number of the coating material is greater than that of the base material, the infinite thickness value will rise, and vice versa. In making measurements of coating thickness, only the relatively straight portion of the rise (or fall) of the backscattering absorption curve is used.

This system is especially applicable to making average thickness measurements. Best results are obtained if the indicating instrument is damped to have a time constant of several seconds. Additional details on this method may be obtained by reference to the article from which this description is abstracted, "Measuring the Thickness of Thin Coatings With Radiation Backscattering" by Clark, Carlin, and W. E. Barbour, Jr., in the January 1951 issue (p 35) of Electrical Engineering.

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tor. It is impossible to get accurate indications of impedance of a circuit by determining its resistance with an ohmmeter. Not only does the passage of small currents through the tissues produce polarization manifest by altered resistance, but the inertia of the ohmmeter precludes its giving an instantaneous initial resistance value. The calculated values of current based on the resistance thus obtained, and the applied voltage are therefore usually in error.

The use of cathode-ray tubes for the determination of the impedence of the output circuit through tissues shows that the impedence is variable, dependent apparently on the current density and duration. Finally, since the contact resistance of the electrodes acts as the series arm of a voltage divider of unknown (and variable) value, it is impossible to calculate the current actually passing through the tissues if a fixed voltage is used. While it is possible to use an alternating-current milliammeter and a constant voltage supply, as Myers' did, the method is cumbersome and the current will change with any alteration in the total effective resistance of the circuit. With certain electrodes this change is very rapid, as high as 50 percent in 3 or 4 cycles.

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In summary, an electronic device delivering 60-cycle sine-wave currents of constant, predeterminable values for use in physiological experiments is described.

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Test Data Recorder

LEEDS & NORTHRUP Co., 4934 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa., has announced a new Speedomax electronic recorder featuring a range continuously adjustable over a 20 to 1 ratio, and zero suppression adjustable over more than twice the maximum range. Typical uses include measurements with strain gages, temperature difference meas-



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Output Power Meter

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into volume manufacture. Recent developments include a new storage and pulse handling component, the Static Magnetic Memory, designed and manufactured in conjunc-tion with the Harvard Computation Laboratory, and a multiple connection socket for the RCA SB256 Memory Tube. ALDEN'S skill and ingenu-ity at setting up assembly line techniques greatly *reduces* costs and makes available *pratical* com-ponents that permit the profitable application of many new ideas in the computer field.

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Oscilloscope Calibrator

TENSOR ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT Co., INC., 343 Classon Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y. The A-42F oscilloscope calibrator is essentially a source of continuously variable monitored voltage from 0.0005 volt to 100 volts rms. When used with any oscillo-



scope it enables the operator to make measurements of voltages within this range. It has the added feature of being calibrated directly in peak to peak volts and decibels as well as rms volts. Price is \$24.95 complete with tube and instructions.

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Good Tools and Methods Ease Machining of Copper, Bronze

The broad use of copper, phosphor bronze and other high-copper alloys pose a problem to products, methods and tool engineers in the electronic field from a machinability standpoint.

Oxygen-free copper, for example, has one of the lowest machinability ratings of any of the copper products, yet precision dimensions and high finishes are expected. At the same time, the mounting preparedness program calls for high production.

On much of the electronic production, the use of sulphur in the coolantlubricant is ruled out due to its attack on the metal with subsequent discoloration. Sulphur-free mineral oils and soluble oils are employed. Normally, when using a soluble oil, the 20-1 ratio of water to the oil is cut to 10- or 15-1 since lubrication is a greater factor than cooling with the lowered surface speeds and feeds used on copper and high-copper alloys.

Controlled Coolant Important

Of utmost importance is a well-directed, heavy supply of cutting compound. Care must be taken to insure the stream hitting the tool and the work and not splashing off into space. Sometimes a lower pressure will be the answer, as well as using two or more streams.

In drilling and tapping the cutting compounds should be so directed as to wash away the chips.

Carbides Reduce Problems

The use of carbide tools is strongly advised not only from the standpoint of longer tool life and increased speeds and feeds but from the finish requirements. They will more than pay for themselves in reduction of downtime and good results.

Tungsten carbide does not "load" up as rapidly as tool steels when machining copper. On highly ductile metals, rake angles of 2-8 degrees are normally recommended with clearance angles of about 7 degrees. However, these angles should be held to the lowest point possible to give added



Phosphor bronze terminals for micro-wave equipment turned in Swiss screw machines.

strength to the cutting edge yet carry the chip away. Tools should be set on center or slightly above rather than below the centerline of the work. Too large a radius will cause chattering and too small is likely to produce a threaded appearance.

Surface speeds of 200 to 300 feet per minute can be used depending on the depth of the cut. On finishing cuts, care should be exercised in the amount of stock left for the finishing tool. Sufficient metal must be left to permit the tool to cut rather than drag the chip off.

Hard-Chrome Plate Helpful

Fast spiral drills, polished and hardchrome plated, give excellent results, especially from the standpoint of chips welding to the cutting edges.

Carbide inserts have also proved worthwhile in producing good finishes with drills.

In chasing threads, cemented carbide has also helped to improve tool life as well as finish and accuracy of threads. Some concerns have used high-speed chasers which have been chrome plated.

Much has been written on the choice of taps for copper and the high-copper, non-leaded alloys.

Polished Flutes Suggested

Two things are pretty much agreed upon: polished flutes and chrome plate. Not only is welding reduced but the frictional load is diminished.

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On through holes, "gun" or "chip driver" taps are normally recommended. On blind holes, except when there is sufficient clearance between the tap and the bottom, chip drivers should not be used. Either two or three or four flutes are normally selected.

Tap breakage can result from running a tap too slowly or through dullness. Sharp taps are essential.

Machining of phosphor bronze rod for various terminal pins and connectors of both male and female types in Swiss screw machines is generally done with cemented carbide tools. High finish, concentricity and accuracy are normally required in these parts.

Flat Carbide Drills Used

Surface speeds between 200 and 300 fpm. are used. Flat drills of solid carbide are generally preferred to twist or fast spiral drills. Finishes with flat drills usually are equivalent to a reamed hole on this small work.

In cutting copper and phosphor bronzes, rigidity of tools and machines is important to eliminate chatter and "hogging in" and to maintain dimensional stability.

Cleanliness Essential for Plating

The majority of parts in micro-wave equipment is silver plated. Cleanliness is about half the battle in obtaining an intimate bond between the base metal and the silver.

Many types of cutting compounds are difficult to remove thoroughly. It is advisable to consult cleaner supply houses on the best method to remove the specific coolant.

Not only does an unclean surface on the base metal lead to blistering, flaking and peeling, but the plating baths may be contaminated.

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Relay Catalog. Price Electric Corp., Frederick, Md., has available a 60-page thoroughly-illustrated and technically descriptive catalog covering a line of 42 relays and controls for electronic and industrial applications. It contains a new section on hermetically sealed relays, as well as an index and cross-reference table.

Measurement Instruments. Kay Electric Co., Pine Brook, N. J., has ready for distribution the 1951 edition of its catalog containing 64 pages and covering 35 electronic instruments and accessories for audio to microwave measurements including the following: sweeping oscillators, marker oscillators, analyzers, attenuators, frequency meters, reflectometers and other specialized units for civilian and military uses.

Research & Analysis Instrumentation. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Philadelphia 44, Pa. The acceleration of research through the use of industrial and related instruments and apparatus is the subject of a recently published 84-page book, a compendium
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Carrier Amplifier. Consolidated Engineering Corp., 300 North Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena 8, Calif. Bulletin CEC-1522 covers the type 1-118 carrier amplifier, which, when combined with a recording oscillograph, presents a system of four channels for dyrecording measurement. namic The instrument described will be of particular interest to engineers engaged in mechanical-industrial design and development, as it greatly simplifies analysis and evaluation of the physical factors involved in successful product performance.

Power Resistors. Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc., Dover, N. H. Engineering bulletin 113 contains general specifications for the type H30N power resistors with insulated safety knob and convenient Edison screw base. The line described is being used as an easily replaceable resistor or heater, particularly in the tropics and where high humidity is a working condition. The resistor in question has a wide range of wattages and resistances, terminals and mountings, whereby the user can select such features as will best meet his particular requirements.

Strip Chart Recorder. Wheelco Instruments Co., 847 W. Harrison St., Chicago 7, Ill. Bulletin C2-2 describes the Capacilog line of electronically operated strip chart recorders. Besides explaining how direct-deflection, Wheatstonebridge circuit and pneumatic-control types of operating systems are applied to Capacilogs, the publication also lists model numbers and specifications of the various recorders and record-controllers. A separate price list supplements the bulletin.

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Current Measurements. Columbia Electric Mfg. Co., 4519 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. A recent 8-page folder covers the Tong Test a-c and d-c current measuring device. With the unit described ampere readings can be taken without breaking the circuit, scraping the insulation or even touching the conductor under test. Features, chief uses, typical scale ranges, many illustrations and a price schedule are included.

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Coil Winding. Universal Winding Co., P. O. Box 1605, Providence 1, R. I., has available a reprint of the first eighteen issues of its onepage bimonthly leaflet telling how to get the most from coil winding. The well-illustrated booklet contains some descriptive literature pertaining to the use and operation of coil-winding machinery and also some articles regarding coilwinding procedures in general.

Engineering Achievements. Westinghouse Electric Corp., Box 1017, Pittsburgh 30, Pa., in its January 1951 issue of the *Engineer*, lists and describes many new developments including: Thermalastic insulation for generators; a circuit breaker with a 10-million kva



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Ground Testing Instruments. James G. Biddle Co., 1316 Arch St., Philadelphia 7, Pa., has published bulletin 25-14 on Megger ground testing instruments for measuring resistance of earth to ground connections and for measuring earth resistivity. Aids to proper selection, application, typical tests, drawings and illustrations all help to make this a valuable booklet for those engaged in grounding surgeophysical prospecting, veys, electrical power and communication grounding problems, soil corrosion, electrolysis cathodic protection.

Induction Heaters. Sherman Industrial Electronics Co., Belleville, N. J., has available a catalog covering the new Megacycle line of induction heaters and including an induction heating data sheet. The publication contains numerous application photos of particular interest to production engineers at this time. Automatic soldering and brazing steups are shown, using h-f heaters plus either a turn-table or a conveyor table. The catalog also makes a free trial offer on the processing of sample parts.

Glow Modulator Tubes. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. A singlesheet bulletin discusses the types 1B59/R1130B and R1131C coldcathode light modulating tubes designed for use in facsimile equipment, oscillograph timing markers,



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Selenium Rectifier Handbook. Sarkes Tarzian, Inc., Rectifier Division, 415 North College Ave., Bloomington, Ind., recently published a 64-page handbook containing practical information on power conversion and suggested applications of selenium rectifiers. In addition to complete information on selenium rectifiers that have found wide use in radio and ty receivers, the handbook contains data on power rectifiers for highcurrent applications and highvoltage enclosed rectifiers for lowcurrent applications. Price is 25 cents.

High-Intensity Polariscope. West Shore Laboratories, P. O. Box 117. Marblehead, Mass. Outstanding features, illustrations and applications of the model B high-intensity Polariscope for production line use and laboratory investigations are shown in a recent 4-page brochure. It should be noted that with the instrument described strains in glass and plastic appear in colors of blue and yellow, and that the lenses are ground flat so that the unit may be placed under a microscope or on the production line. The polariscope in question is in use at the present time in several radio tube factories.

Video Sweep Generator. Manufacturers Engineering and Equipment Corp., 2115 Stratford Ave., Willow Grove, Pa. An eight-page bulletin describes and illustrates the Sweepmaster I video sweep generator, a radio-frequency generator designed to be used in conjunction with any standard cro when align-



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Voltage-Regulated Power Supplies. Kepco Laboratories, Inc., 149-14 41st Ave., Flushing, N. Y., has published four brochures on models 315, 510, 515 and 500R voltage-regulated power supplies. Each contains an illustration and complete technical specifications for the unit described.

Vehicular Capacitors. Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N. J., has available bulletin NB-140 covering a line of bypass and feed-through vehicular capacitors designed for the suppression of r-f interference. The capacitors described are hermetically sealed and built to withstand extremes of vibration and shock, and for operation over the temperature range from -55 to +85 C.

Vector Measurement. Advance Electronics Co., P. O. Box 2515, Paterson, N. J., has issued a singlepage bulletin illustrating and describing the type 201 Vectorlyzer, and instrument capable of measuring vector relations of alternating voltages from 8 cps to 500 mc. Other uses and specifications of the versatile unit are shown.

Shorted-Turn Indicator. Kartron Inc., Box 472, Huntington Beach, Calif. Bulletin 42 describes common troubles in unmounted electrical coils and how these troubles may be identified and thereby eliminated through the use of the shorted turn and open circuit coil checker. Basic circuit, chief features, operation data and complete description are given.

Testing Devices. Samwell & Hutton, Combine Works 1, Goodmayes Road, Ilford, Essex, England. Technical details and illustrations for a line of test and measuring instruments may be found in a series of releases enclosed in a cardboard folder. The instruments covered are the type 30 short-cir-

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Hot-Pressed Tungsten Carbides, Sintercast Corp. of America, 134 Woodworth Ave., Yonkers 2, N. Y. Engineering bulletin SP-101 contains timely information and data on Sinterforge carbides. The carbides described offer closer grain structure, greater uniformity, better properties and closer tolerances than the sintered tungsten carbides. Chief uses, shape and size limitations, various grades and their typical applications are shown.

Antenna Bulletin. Andrew Corp., 363 E. 75th St., Chicago 19, Ill. Bulletin 38-C outlines six reasons why the folded Unipole antenna is ideal for fixed station application in the emergency communication services. Mechanical features, specifications, outline dimensions and transmission line requirements are shown.

Recording Equipment. Radio Corp. of America, Camden 2, N. J. Form 2J-6895 is a 20-page brochure describing the latest professionaltype disc recording equipment, and including technical information on recording, fine groove techniques and studio recording installations. The booklet is illustrated with more than a score of photographs, as well as many block diagrams, graphs and schematic drawings.

Variable Trimmer Capacitors. JFD Mfg. Co., Inc., 6101 Sixteenth Ave., Brooklyn 4, N. Y. Complete technical details and illustrations of a line of piston-type variable trimmer capacitors are given in a single-sheet bulletin. The units described are 1 in. long, offer very low capacity, and can make and maintain smooth retracking and precise settings despite strong vibrations. Models discussed are the No. VC3 $(3\mu\mu f)$, No. VC5 (5 $\mu\mu f$) and No. VC11 (11 $\mu\mu f$). Illustrations include a photograph of the capacitor, a characteristic curve and linear results indicated in direct relation to settings of adjusting screw.

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The Instrumentation of Radiation Effects, by A. Reed of the U. of Texas.

Contribution Which Engineering Must Make for Medicine to Progress, by H. I. Kantor of the U. of Texas.

Tornado Tracking and Identification, by H. L. Jones of the Oklahoma Institute of Technology.

Modern Trends in the Design of Navigation Systems, by N. Marchand and M. Leifer of Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

Radio Astronomy, by C. R. Borrows of Cornell U.

Time Domain Concept of Communication, by H. G. Lindner of Coles Signal Laboratories.

Electronic Miniaturization Technique in Airborne Equipment, by R. Scal of the National Bureau of Standards.

Cincinnati IRE Conference

THE FIFTH annual Spring Technical Conference of the Cincinnati Section, Institute of Radio Engineers, will be held on April 14, 1951, at the Engineering Society Headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Papers to be presented include the following:

Results of RCA, NBC, UHF Television Studies in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, Area, by R. F. Guy of NBC.

Analysis of Television Reception at Ultrahigh Frequencies, by R. G. Clapp of the Philco Corp.

Color Television Colorimetrics, by H. L. Brouse of Avco Mfg. Corp.

Methods of Adding Color to Television Images, by R. B. Dome of General Electric Co.

Some Fundamental Considerations in Color Television, by A. V. Loughren of Hazeltine Electronics Corp.

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RTMA Increases Membership

TWELVE radio-television manufacturers were admitted to RTMA membership by the board of directors at a recent meeting in Chicago. These applications bring current membership total to 319. Following are the new members:

Arthur Ansley Mfg. Co., Doylestown, Pa., Bell Sound Systems, Inc., Columbus, Ohio; Cosmic Radio Corp., New York, N. Y.; Fada Radio & Electric Co., Inc., Belleville, N. J.; Forbes & Wanger, Inc., Silver Creek, N. Y.; General Vacuum Tube Corp., Ardsley, N.Y.; Pioneer Electronics Corp., Santa Monica, Calif.; Product Development Co., Inc., Arlington, N. J.; Radio Apparatus Corp., Indianapolis, Ind.; The Rodefer Glass Co., Bellaire, Ohio; Taylor Tubes, Inc., Chicago, Ill.; and Technology Instrument Corp., Acton, Mass.

BUSINESS NEWS

BENDIX AVIATION CORP. has opened new development laboratories for electronics research and development in Burbank, Calif. An enlarged development program on missiles, instrumentation and other electronic projects will be pushed in the new quarters.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORP., Wood-Ridge, N. J., has established an electronics division to meet the increased demand for flight simulators, trainers and other products now being developed.

RADIO MATERIALS CORP., Chicago, Ill., recently opened a new plant in Attica, Ind., to increase production of ceramic capacitors.

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. has begun construction on a new four-story tube manufacturing building located at the rear of its tube plant in Owensboro, Ky.

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THE J. M. NEY CO., manufacturer of precious metal alloys and component parts for industrial, electrical and electronic applications, has acquired a new plant in East Hartford, Conn., where production facilities are being expanded to meet increasing needs.

THE SESSIONS CLOCK CO., Forestville, Conn., has purchased Tyniswitch Inc., Middletown, Conn. The name will be changed to Tyniswitch Div. of Sessions Clock Co., with manufacturing facilities located in Forestville.

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BENDIX RADIO has leased Pimlico Airport in Baltimore, Md., to meet added space requirements of its production program. The buildings will be remodeled for use as laboratories and classrooms where Air Force ground personnel will be trained to maintain military electronic equipment.

PERSONNEL

ALLAN EASTON, formerly with Teletone Radio Corp. as chief engineer of the production engineering division, has been appointed chief of the microwave section of Radio Receptor Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.

R. M. BOWIE, formerly manager of the Physics Laboratories of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Bayside, N. Y., has been appointed to the staff of the company's vicepresident of engineering as director of engineering.



R. M. Bowie

E. S. Lee

EVERETT S. LEE, formerly executive engineer of the GE General Engineering Laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y., has been appointed editor of the General Electric Review. the company's monthly engineering magazine.

WILMER T. SPICER has been promoted from section chief of the technical publications department to chief engineer of maintenance



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J. A. Despres

R. P. Clausen

R. P. CLAUSEN 'was recently promoted from assistant chief engineer to chief engineer of the radio tube division, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Emporium, Pa.

E. A. LEDERER, formerly on the engineering staff of RCA at Harrison, N. J., has been made manager of engineering for the newlycreated electronic tube division of Westinghouse Electric Corp., Bloomfield, N. J.

W. NOEL ELDRED of Hewlett-Packard Co. has been appointed chairman of the newly established Palo Alto, Calif., subsection of the IRE.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD, formerly in electrical maintenance, engineering, and the research laboratory of Cannon Electric Development Co., Los Angeles, Calif., was recently appointed to the company's sales engineering staff.

STANLEY WEBSTER, member of the American Standards Association committee that drew up the present specifications for audiometers, has been appointed chief engineer of the Beltone Hearing Aid Co., Chicago, Ill.

JOHN R. SMITH, assistant to vicepresident for communications of the Southern Railway System, has been elected 1951 chairman of the



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communications section of the Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C.

GLEN MCDANIEL, vice-president of RCA, was recently elected first fulltime paid president of the RTMA.

EDWARD S. WHITE, previously associated with the RCA Industry Service Laboratory engaged in communications development work, was recently appointed assistant chief of advanced development of Air King Products Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.

WILLIAM HARGREAVES, formerly engaged in the development of servo motors, has been appointed vicepresident in charge of engineering for Transicoil Corp., New York, N. Y.

ROBERT F. FIELD, after 21 years' work in impedance standardization, electrical measurements, particularly with bridge circuits, and the study of dielectric materials, has retired from the General Radio Co. engineering department.



R. F. Field

D. B. Harris

DONALD B. HARRIS, formerly executive assistant to the director of research of Collins Radio Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was recently named technical assistant to the president of Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, N. Y.

JOHN L. DOONER recently left the antenna laboratories of Amy, Aceves and King to join the Brach Mfg. Corp. of Newark, N. J., a division of General Bronze Corp., as antenna research engineer.

CHARLES BANGERT, JR. has been promoted from assistant manager to manager of engineering for the Trumbull Electric Mfg. Co., Plainville, Conn.



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frequency transmission line networks and filters. Matrix algebra, a necessary tool in this approach, is reviewed for the benefit of the uninitiated and for the sake of completeness in a separate appendix.

In the final section an introduction to Maxwell field equations is given, including some applications thereof to electromagnetic wave propagation along wave guides. In keeping with current practice, the rationalized mks units are used in presenting the field equations.

Although a great deal of information is already contained in this book, it would seem to this reviewer that some improvement would be possible in a subsequent edition through an expansion of the section on wave guides.

The text is nicely illustrated throughout with descriptive diagrams, charts and circuits. Illustrative problems are given at the conclusion of each chapter.-PHILLIP H. SMITH, Military Electronics Dept., Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Transmission Lines and Networks

BY WALTER C. JOHNSON. McGraw-Hill Electrical and Electronic Engi-neering Series, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, 1950, 361 pages, \$5.00.

THIS is the first edition of a book presenting, in two parts, the basic principles of transmission lines and four-terminal networks, respectively. Although basically a textbook for undergraduate students, the material covered should be of considerable interest to practicing engineers in both the power and communication fields. In writing this book Professor Johnson has been able to draw on a backlog of material developed through pracclassroom experience at tical Princeton University to produce a very readable text.

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Part two of the book, comprising the last third, deals with four-terminal networks including attenuators, impedance-matching networks and filters. A review of network principles and theorems precedes the more specific analysis of these devices. The treatment is entirely conventional, Kirchhoff's laws being used, for example, as the basis for setting up the equations which describe network performance. The two final chapters discuss the theory, design and application of elementary types of electric wave filters.

This book is, on the whole, outstanding from the standpoint of clarity of presentation of the subject matter. Examples are worked out in detail at various points throughout the text which are of considerable help in this respect.— PHILLIP H. SMITH, Military Electronics Dept., Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Introduction to Industrial Electronics

BY R. RALPH BENEDICT, Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Wisconsin. Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, 1951, 436 pages, \$6.35.

As THE author says in his preface, industrial applications of electronic devices have multiplied rapidly during the last decade, with the result that interest among industrial engineers and engineering students in the subject of electronics has increased. This book is aimed at starting such students and engineers on the right path in their

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Encyclopedia on Cathode-Ray Oscilloscopes and Their Uses

BY JOHN F. RIDER AND SEYMOUR D. USLAN. John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York, 1950, 992 pages, \$9.00.

ALTHOUGH the authors explain in the foreword to this book that some readers having special interest may find that it has limited coverage, the book quite adequately backs up its title for the average reader. Nearly all of the chapters are descriptive and consist of running text rather than a dictionary style of unrelated definitions. The authors assume that the reader has a general background in electricity, magnetism and vacuum-tube theory and desires to know the inner workings of the oscilloscope and methods of using it in conjunction with electronic devices. More than a third of the pages are devoted to applications of the oscilloscope and auxiliary equipment to measuring, testing and adjusting communication and industrial electronic gear.

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Because this waveform section is a distinct innovation, the response received from readers will determine whether this illustrative material will be expanded in later volumes or appear in a separate volume. A complete set of synthesized waveforms could easily amount to more than 50,000 units, a monumental work.—V.Z.

Microwave Electronics

BY JOHN C. SLATER. D. Van Nostrand Co. Inc., New York, 1950, 406 p, \$6.00.

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two outputs, the cavity with several outputs and coupled cavities, and the periodically loaded wave guide. The second half of the book (200 pages) discusses fundamental principles of electronic devices, the klystron, the linear accelerator, the traveling-wave amplifier, the magnetron oscillator, and the cyclotron and synchrotron.

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Many readers will recognize part of the material as having previously been published in the *Review* of Modern Physics (1946) and in MIT Radiation Laboratory and Bell Telephone Laboratories reports.

Professor Slater uses a relation between the Q's which is somewhat more general than the one usually found. His definition (p 76) is:

$\frac{1}{Q_{Loaded}} = \frac{1}{Q_{Unloaded}} + \frac{g}{Q_{External}}$

where g is essentially the normalized load conductance. Slater's $Q_{External}$ is still the usual one, being defined as the ratio of energy stored in the cavity to energy dissipated in the matched load, but his formula holds whether the load is matched or not. For g = 1 the formula of course reduces to the usual one which holds for a matched load only.

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BY K. H. SPRING. (A Methuen monograph) John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1950, 108 pages, \$1.75.

THIS MONOGRAPH is concerned with the general problem of the interaction of radiation with matter, and specifically with the interaction of photons and electrons, primarily at the high energies encountered in x-ray, nuclear and cosmic-ray phenomena. The key experimental facts are presented and analyzed in terms of the quantum theory of radiation.

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Mobile Radio Handbook

EDITED BY MILTON B. SLEEPER, J. COURTNEY AND R. ALLISON. FM-TV Magazine, Great Barrington, Mass., 1950, 190 pages, 83×111 in., \$2 (paper) or \$4 (cloth).

THIS FIRST EDITION of a book addressed to company executives and public officials as well as to communications engineers begins to fill a growing need for information about the equipment and the uses for mobile radio. The chapter headings give a clear index to the many interrelated topics that are covered. Included are: basic system planning, FCC rules and frequency allocations, license application pro-

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In common with any manual that attempts to summarize and clarify rules and regulations, this one will doubtless be subject to early obsolescence. However, the great strength of the book is its many summaries of legal and technical information.

The typical "Milt Sleeper diagrams" and the added historical notes are the personal hallmark of the editor who has evidently labored to insure good value for workers in this important and growing field. —A. A. MCK.

THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE, 1950. National Electronics Conference, 852 East 83rd St., Chicago 19, Ill., \$4.00. Complete presentation of sixty papers presented at the conference, bound in hard covers.

MAKING MONEY IN TELEVISION SERVICING. By Eugene Ecklund. Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, 1951, 136 pages, \$1.25. Practical chapters on planning, starting and operating a television service organization, with emphasis on such business aspects as accounting procedures, service charges and customer relations.

RADIOFILE. Richard H. Dorf, Publisher, 255 W. 84th St., New York 24, 1950 annual issue, 22 pages, \$0.50. Subject index to technical articles published during 1950 in 15 radio and electronic periodicals, including ELECTRONICS.

TV MASTER ANTENNA SYSTEMS. By Ira Kamen and R. H. Dorf. John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York, 1951, 356 pages, \$5.00. Installation, maintenance, usage, manufacture and merchandising, as applied to 14 major types of nonamplified and amplified master antenna systems now available for apartment houses, hotels and other buildings. Nonamplified systems covered are: Amy, Aceves and King: Brach Mul-Tel; Lynmar; TEC. Amplified systems covered are: RCA Antenaplex; Intra-Video; Lynmar; Transvision Amplitel; Brach Mul-Tel; RMS; TACO; Multitenna; TEOC; Jerrold Mul-TV. Guest and Hotelevision video distribution systems are covered in a separate chapter.


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$$R_{2} = \frac{Q}{\omega_{m}C_{2}}$$

$$L_{2} = \frac{1}{\omega_{m}^{2}C_{2}}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{r^{2}}}}$$

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Last Month's Solution

THE PROBLEM published last month was as follows:

What is the resonant frequency of the circuit shown?



All inductances are 50 mh, and both capacitors have values of 0.01 µf.

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Equivalence

DEAR SIRS:

IN REFERENCE to the article "Resistance-Coupled Amplifier Bandwidth" by B. A. Lippmann, in the January 1951 issue of ELECTRONICS, it is only fair to point out that the equivalence of the R-C coupled amplifier to a single-tuned circuit has been discussed at least four years previously by J. Roorda, Jr. of Holland, in the October 1946 issue of Radio (now Audio Engineering). I should point out that the practical example in the Radio article contained a decimal-point error, which is not Roorda's slip, but the editor's.

R. G. MIDDLETON Woodside, N. Y.

Cross Correlation

DEAR SIRS:

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, ever since Norbert Wiener advanced his ideas in the field of Cybernetics, we have been hearing a lot of discussion on the subject of cross correlation and its use in the detection of signals when obscured by noise. However, nowhere do we see any public mention that cross correlation is simply a fancy name for a technique whose extraordinary ability to extract signals from noise was recognized and used long before Wiener et al, came into public notice.

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the cross-correlation integral. Consider a phase detector followed by an R-C filter as in the figure. If we

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consider the phase detectors to be square law, then the d-c voltages appearing across the load resistors will be, respectively

 $E = a_0 + a_1 (e_1 + e_2) + a_2 (e_1 + e_2)^2$

$$E = a_0 + a_1 (e_1 - e_2) + a_2 (e_1 - e_2)^2$$

The output of the detector is the difference of these two voltages. hence expanding them and combining terms gives

 $E_1 - E_2 = 2a_1e_2 + 4a_2e_1e_2$

The R-C circuit can be considered to be a reasonably good integrator if properly designed for the type of signals to be received, hence the system output will be

$$E_{0} = K_{1} \frac{1}{t} \int_{0}^{t} e_{1}(t) dt + K_{2} \frac{1}{t} \int_{0}^{t} e_{1}(t) e_{2}(t) dt$$

If we consider e_2 to be the local reference whose average value is zero, then only the second integral term remains, which is the cross correlation integral.

To reach this conclusion, it was necessary to assume square-law detectors and that the R-C network will produce a reasonably true average. Both considerations are normally satisfied in physically realizable equipment.

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May I also say how much I enjoy your publication and remark on the improvement in circuit diagrams over the past few years. American journals generally still have a long way to go to catch up to British practice but you now nearly always have B + lines at the top and B - lines at the bottom which is a great help. It is, however, a bit odd to refer to metres as meters, and I personally expect a "two-meter receiver" to have two meters (those devices which measure).

There is a small error on page 106 of the August issue, in Fig. 6. The slider of the 250,000 (we would denote it 250K) potentiometer is connected to B —, and as one end goes to B + there would be unpleasant effects if the control should be set at that end, and, of course in any case the unit could not work with the control set anywhere. The short line between the slider and B — should obviously be a capacitor.

International Television

The summary of the demonstrations of television seen by the study group on television standards, by D. G. Fink, was very interesting indeed to me. In such a study there will inevitably be a certain amount of opinion that one's own system is best and that the "others" must see the arguments and agree to changes; 25 or 30 frames per sec was a typical example where each wanted to be tied to mains frequency. It is difficult to make a cheap receiver operate on a different frequency and it is the cheap receiver which has to be made cheaply. It is relatively easy to make an expensive receiver.

For the same reason f-m for sound is a great disadvantage and it is a pity that the group did not take advantage of an experiment being carried out by our B.B.C. and which has been going on for

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several years so far-broadcast of the same programme, at about 90 mc, on f-m and a-m from the same site. By this means we are able to test the relative merits of the two methods. I have attended a number of tests and know of a great number more, and personally cannot tell the difference between the two programmes by fidelity or interference tests, provided the a-m receiver has a noise limiter consisting of a diode, or at the most a double diode. Nor have I met anyone else who can. When one considers the relative complexity of the f-m receiver in manufacture. tuning and servicing, I think there are strong reasons for a-m.

Positive Modulation

The fact that f-m on vhf is so often compared to a-m on m-f is very misleading. The B.B.C. experiment is much more instructive. The white dots experienced from interference on positive modulation systems can be inverted to black dots very simply or, more generally, limited to peak white, and the additional effort required is very much less that that to make the time bases run stably in the negative and less stable system.

The argument that such complexity is required to protect the scanning generators from thermal noise is baseless as few receivers can be operating at such high sensitivity. If they do, such receivers must be complicated in any case, but that is no reason why people with better signals shouldn't have a much cheaper receiver.

It is extremely rare for hold controls to be adjusted in modern British receivers, and most manufacturers tuck them out of the way so that they will not be accidently touched

I could go on with what I consider to be overwhelming arguments for vertical polarization, 405 lines. and 2.75 mc in a system which caters for both the very cheap and the very expensive receiver, but will conclude by stating that a modern British design using a total of 13 tubes has a sensitivity such that noise is just visible on full sensitivity (no extra sensitivity is therefore profitable), has but one tube each for horizontal and vertical



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scannings, the horizontal generator in addition producing extra high tension, and uses less than 50 resistors and 50 capacitors. Stability is such that hold controls are truly preset and it has interference limiting on sound and vision. It is intended for one programme only, but being a superhet could be made multistation by changing the r-f end only.

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Once again, thanking you for the great pleasure I get from your journal and wishing it every success, I remain, yours sincerely,

C. H. BANTHORPE Hayes, Middlesex England

Errata

DEAR SIRS:

THERE are several important errors in your printing of my article, "Thyratron Grid Circuit Design" (p 106, March, 1951).

Figure 1B, which is a sketch of anode current, should appear directly above that of initial inverse voltage to show their time relation.

Near the bottom of the first column on page 107 the reference should be to the circuit drawing labeled Fig. 2F, not 2G. Figure 2D caption does not apply to the drawing shown, but to the drawing shown as Fig. 2E. The correct caption for Fig 2D is "Discharge of stored energy in a capacitor charged negatively during the negative anode half cycle". Figure 2G title does not apply to the drawing shown, but to the drawing shown as Fig. 2F. The correct caption for Fig. 2G is "Recent developments in small magnetic amplifiers make possible another means for thyratron grid control. In the milliwatt power output range such amplifiers have response times sufficiently fast to be useful, as shown in the



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accompanying diagram".

In Fig. 4 the extra pair of grid resistors should be omitted.

The caption for Fig. 7C should read "Stray capacitance charging current flow through high-impedance transformer produces noise on the grids of the off tubes".

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DEAR SIRS:

PLEASE NOTE the following error in my article as published in your March issue (p 140). The word frequency, which was erroneously inserted in the title, the preceding index and the captions, should read "voltage". The title, for example, should read "Transistor Voltage-Multiplying Circuit" and not Transistor Frequency-Multiplying Circuit". As the circuit function denoted is entirely erroneous, I would appreciate publication of this correction.

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Nothing New

DEAR SIRS:

THERE IS really nothing novel about the broadcast-band converter circuit shown in connection with the article "Gain-Doubling Frequency Converters" on page 95 of the January issue. It is merely the old suppressor-gird - autodyne converter. which was used extensively in the early 1930's before the development of the penta-grid tube. At that time, it was abandoned due to its inefficiency and unreliability. However, it is possible that the increased suppressor transconductance of the tube which Aske used served to overcome those disadvantages. In such a case, the tube and not the circuit should receive the credit for the good performance that is observed.

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