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Radio set production
Television set sales
Radio set sales (except auto)
Receiving tube sales
Cathode-ray tube sales

| 1952 Total |
| ---: |
| $6,096,279$ |
| $10,934,872-r$ |
| $6,144,990$ |
| $6,878,547$ |
| $368,519,243$ |
| $6,120,292$ |

First Quarter Totals

| 1952 | 1953 | Percent Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1,324,831$ | $2,259,943$ | $+70.58 \%$ |
| $2,367,800$ | $3,834,784$ | +61.96 |
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| $1,505,883$ | $1,438,871$ | -4.45 |
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## International Hookup Televises Coronation

## BBC marshals resources, picks up $\$ 171,500$ tab to telecast ceremony

An international television network will bring scenes of the June 2 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II to viewers in Great Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. The British Broadcasting Corporation will use 20 cameras manned by 101 engineers and eight commentators to give complete coverage of the ceremonies.

Cameras will be installed at several locations within Westminster Abbey and at four vantage points along the route of the procession. The complete program will last seven hours. Extra cost involved in televising the coronation will be $\$ 171,500$.

- Network-Besides feeding the British television network, the signal will be transmitted by microwave to Paris where it will be used to feed the French 441 and 819-line transmitters after conversion from the British 405-line signal.

The French will also provide a microwave link from Cassel, on the London-Paris route to Lille. Here a Belgium-Dutch relay will carry the signal to Lopik in Holland via Breda. Conversion to the 625 -line standard will taker place at Breda and Dutch transmitters at Lopik and Eindhoven will broadcast the program to Belgian and Dutch viewers.

From Breda the 625 -line signal will also go via microwave to Cologne where it will feed the NWDR television network linking seven German cities.


HYDROGEN THYRATRONS ranging from a few kilowatts to 40 megawatts produced from emergency development program led by Signal Corps engineers. Ropid expansion on M-Day is possible because ...

## Keyer Tube Resources Are Pooled

In a crash program, new tubes and machines to build and test them were evolved together

To meet an extreme emergency military demand, normal development and production procedures were short-circuited to get keyer tubes for vital defense equipment.

Late in 1950 a review of production against requirements showed hydrogen thyratrons, needed chiefly to pulse magnetrons in radars, were in short supply. The problem was presented to the Signal Corps, and a round-the-clock program was initiated at the Signal Corps Procurement Agency, Philadelphia.

- Authority-Anticipating future needs, the Signal Corps group decided to establish multiple sources for the production of hydrogen thyratrons in the shortest possible time. To cover possible anti-trust violation suits, authority was ob-
tained from the Attorney General to allow pooling engineering knowhow among competitive companies.

At integration committee meetings, representatives from all branches of the armed forces met with engineers from all the companies involved. According to B. D. Aaron, Signal Corps project engineer, "the most difficult problem at first was to get them to ask the right questions. Once we got past that, production and testing information and advice were freely swapped." Engineers from some companies toured other companies' plants, to learn how to make the equipment and tubes that grew as the program went along.

- Ad Lib-There were few specifications to guide the program and practically no prototypes. Small tubes were scaled up to big ones; interim types were made and finalized. Samples were flown to

Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories for aging and engineering evaluation. Heavy equipment to heat, treat and test the tubes was built from whatever parts could be found. Components were flown to a plant in the middle west where 35 kva aging units were designed, rushed into production and shipped to tube producers. Other units were built in California and air-shipped to reduce hazards of transportation damage and attendent delays.

- Cooperation-When a company worked the bugs out of its production problems, complete engineering specifications were made of findings, and copies were sent to every other company in the program. Engineering time for the crash program, and for future production programs, was thereby cut from several years to several months.
Pilot plant production runs were established and contracts were written specifying that companies involved maintain production knowhow and tooling for a minimum of six years. "In case M-day comes," Aaron said, "production can be expanded immediately, without wait-
ing for contracts to be negotiated, bids to be given and orders placed. The machinery is all there, all ready and working."

Thousands of type-approved thyratrons now roll off the lines, for use in the services' Skysweeper AA gun, among other things, and a precedent for similar future problems has been established.

- Companies-Among those manufacturers involved in the hydrogen thyratron program were, for equipment production: American Television Mfg. Corp., Kip Electronics, Chatham Electronics, Douglas Laboratories, General Electric, Girdler Corp., Manson Laboratories, Marchant Research, Westinghouse.

For tube production: Amer. Television Mfg. Corp., Amperex Electronics, Bomac Laboratories, Chatham Electronics, General Electric, Kuthe Laboratories, Machlett Laboratories, Penta Laboratories, Radio Corp. of America, Sylvania Electric, Westinghouse.

The companies included stretch cross country from New England to California.

## Business Briefs

Controls-Last of price controls have been dropped in accord with Eisenhower's 'orderly decontrol of prices'. OPS plans June 30 exit.

Depreciation - Treasury is giving more liberal treatment of regulations on how fast plant and equipment can be written off for tax purposes.

Labor-End of price and wage controls brought some price rises, rumbles of reopening wage contract negotiations. Unemployment is about 1.8 million, near last year's 1.7 million, but employment is 1.8 million higher, which makes the labor market tight. Mid-
summer record of 63 million employed is expected.

Buy American-Enacted in 1933 under outgoing Hoover, the Buy American Act was upheld by Defense Secretary Wilson who turned down British low bid on Army contract. President Eisenhower backed Wilson, bucked Dulles and Stassen. The law's ' 25 -percent under' interpretation, broken last June, is holding again.

Copper-Price is down to 30 cents per pound. It's a buyer's market now; National Production Authority has stopped allocating the metal because of 'favorable developments in the overall supply.' Imports and scrap production are up.


DEFENSE volume shows as

## Electronic Companies Size Up Military Sales

## As defense spending cuts loom ahead, manufacturers look at military sales percentages

Electronic manufacturers, both large and small, will do well to prepare for an increase in their commercial business and a decline in their military production, Glen McDaniel, RTMA general counsel, told west coast electronic manufacturers recently. He declared it appears likely that military expenditures will be reduced or stretched out, "but how fast I don't know. Of one thing we can be sure, electronics and aircraft will remain paramount in whatever armament program is decided upon for the years ahead."

- Ratios-A survey of 15 manufacturers in the field reveals that defense sales in 1952 (black columns) ranged from 10 to 90 percent of total net sales, with an average for the companies of 45 percent. This is lower than an estimate made last year by the Defense Department who set military sales at 53.3 percent of total sales in 1952. (Electronics, p 6, Aug. 1952) The percentage was expected to be lower as the defense delivery schedule "stretch out" went into effect last year.
- Companies—In 1951, smaller electronic companies reported proportionately more military business than did large firms. But major electronic manufacturers indicate they increased their defense business substantially in 1952.
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for the armed forces by RCA were approximately double those of 1951. Sylvania estimates that 28.5 percent of its net sales in 1952 were accounted for by defense products, nearly double 1951's volume. Zenith also reported that production and shipment of material for the military services, at a low level in 1951,
increased materially in 1952 and amounted to approximately 10 percent of the company's net sales.

- Future-Although electronic manufacturers are concerned about the effect of a military cut-off on the industry, many would welcome the return to full civilian produc-
tion. Profits are higher and the commercial sales outlook for 1953 is very promising. Already most companies have experienced record first quarters. But even without top civilian sales the present electronic defense backlog, which is at a peak, could carry the industry's big volume well into 1954.


## ELECTRONIGRAPH—Natural Quartz Crystals



## Status of Quartz Crystal Growing Plants in U.S.

Industry changeover to small crystals, in plentiful supply from Brazil, eases needs

Production plants for growing synthetically the wartime needs of radio-grade quartz crystals could be built and equipped within a year if necessary. It may be assumed that military stockpiling of natural crystals has been geared to this time figure, hence there should be no shortages even if the Brazilian supply were cut off today.

Brazilian domination of the quartz market has been a bugaboo for a nation geared to the philosophy of always having a second source of supply. Most critical years were 1942 and 1943, when U-boats were sinking supply ships in the

Caribbean. An air lift solved this problem. Tension eased further, after the war, with the announcement that Signal Corps sponsored research on quartz crystal growing had paid off.

- Change in Demand-Crystals under 200 grams, considered as scrap early in World War II, now serve because the industry has become adapted to use of finished plates approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square or round. Small natural crystals cost only $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 4$ a pound, as contrasted to $\$ 15$ and up for the pound-size and larger crystals considered necessary heretofore.

Small crystals usually have much less twinning, hence give an even greater yield per pound despite increased geometric losses. With
larger crystals, only 30 to 40 percent of the weight ordinarily is usable because of defects.

- Growing Costs-Under developmental conditions at Bell Telephone Laboratories and at Brush Laboratories, costs have approximated $\$ 50$ per pound for synthetic crystals. With organized mechanized handling of the heavy autoclaves for loading and unloading, this cost may be better than halved in full production.

A further reduction in net cost per finished plate is possible because synthetic crystals are relatively free from flaws and hence may approach 100 -percent usability except for geometric losses in cutting. By varying growing time and
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choosing the right angle for the quartz seed plate, the synthetics can be made almost exactly the optimum size and orientation for cutting a particular type of plate with minimum cutting waste. Despite all this, the present cost of the synthetic product is way more than the current rate for radio-grade Brazilian quartz. However, it is reasonable to believe that large-scale commercial production eventually will be feasible because of a greater potential yield from synthetic quartz.
In the military picture, cost of raw quartz is secondary to availability. This is partly why the Signal Corps sponsors crystal-growing research at both BTL and Brush

- Process Details-Both labs grow the crystals by suspending seed plates in an alkaline solution between 350 C and 400 C and high pressure, with scrap natural quartz at the bottom. BTL uses a welded autoclave at $15,000 \mathrm{lb}$ per sq inch (ElecTRONICS, p 96, April 1951), and gets about 5 lb of quartz per month per cu ft of autoclave space.

Brush uses a continuously-rocked double-chamber autoclave at 5,000 lb per sq inch (Electronics, p 238, April 1953), and gets about the same output per cu ft.

# Broadcasters Made Money ln '52 

Station revenues for 1952 are 5 percent higher than total dollar take in 1951

Total revenue of the radio-broadcasting industry in 1952 amounted to $\$ 473.1$ million, 5 percent above the previous year. Figures are from a preliminary FCC report. While 7 networks, including owned stations, estimated total revenues of $\$ 101.0$ million or 2.9 percent below 1951, more than 2,300 radio stations estimated total revenues of $\$ 372.1$ million, an increase of 7.4 percent above 1951. Thus radio income for networks and individual stations followed the same pattern as did tv income for networks and individual stations in 1952. (Electronics, p 22, May, 1953)

Added to the estimated $\$ 336.3$ million total revenues of tv broadcasters, the combined industry revenues in 1952 reached $\$ 809.4$ million showing a marked increase of 18 percent above 1951.

- Income vs Revenue-Radio industry income before federal income taxes rose to $\$ 62.6$ million in 1952 after having dropped to $\$ 57.5$ million in 1951 from a peak of $\$ 68.2$
million in 1950. Networks, including owned and operated stations, estimated 1952 income at $\$ 11.2$ million or 11 percent above 1951 . Total income of 2,300 radio stations was estimated at $\$ 51.4$ million or 8.4 percent above 1951. The $814 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations licensed in 1941 and prior years, comprising slightly more that $\frac{1}{3}$ of all a-m stations, accounted for almost $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total revenues and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total income of all a-m stations.
- TV vs Radio-A total of $470 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations in tv markets estimated their 1952 revenues at $\$ 171.5$ million or 2 percent above 1951. In non-tv markets, $1,629 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations estimated their total revenues at $\$ 199.6$ million, almost 11 percent above 1951. Increased total revenues in 1952 were reported by about three out of five a-m stations in the tv markets and by four out of five a-m stations in the non-tv markets. Overall, 74 percent of the total stations reported increased revenues in 1952.

Losses were reported by 15.9 percent of the $2,276 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations. This is the smallest number since 1946 when 11 percent of the 1,015 then operating were unprofitable.

## U.S. Surveys Labor Picture

Number of stoppages has declined sharply since 1950 but total man-days idle have risen

Trend in work stoppages involving six or more workers and lasting for a full shift or longer shows up in a report by the Labor Department. Last year there were 30 such stoppages in the communications equipment field, radio, tv, equipment and parts manufacturers. This was the lowest number of disputes to be recorded since 1949. However, mandays idle as a result of the 30 stoppages totalled 327,000 , the largest number since 1950 when total reached 368,000 .

Although the number of disputes
was lower, the stoppages evidently affected larger companies for longer periods of time. In 1952, two companies in the electronics field had strikes involving 10,000 or more workers, while in 1951 there was only one such stoppage.

- Pattern-According to the Labor Department, the largest number of work stoppages have been caused by disputes over wages and shorter hours. Other prevalent reasons are: union organization, working conditions, interunion and intraunion matters.

Fluctuation, as seen in total mandays idle, seems to follow the sales pattern of the radio-tv industry. In
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1950, big sales year for manufacturers, man-days idle were highest. Then as business slumped in 1951 and regained in 1952, man-days idle followed the same course.

- 1953-There have been a number of work stoppages in the electronics industry so far this year but only one of any severity. It involves more than 10,000 workers and several weeks duration. But there are rumblings of more wage disputes in the steel industry that could affect electronics.


## Television Highlights NARTB Show

## Broadcasters see 3-D telecast; remote control and low-budget operation also discussed

Theme of the recent NARTB convention seemed to be "What else can you do with television?" The 1,500 conventioneers who crowded Los Angeles' Biltmore Hotel heard reports on three-dimensional tv, color tv, intercontinental tv and tv in a can. Low-budget operation of small-city television stations and remote control of a-m and f-m broadcast transmitters were discussed in several papers. Fifty-odd suppliers of broadcast equipment and services exhibited.

- Three-D-An experimental telecast over KECA-TV ABC-Paramount's L. A. outlet showed delegates how the illusion of depth may be achieved in television. Special receivers at the Biltmore using two picture tubes resolved their images on a 3 by 4 -ft viewing screen.


## Three-Dimensional Television Lens



Wide-angle lens giving 142-degree field of view, as used et the Navy's Special Devices Center, Sands Point, N. Y. in a gunnery trainer. A televisian system using this wide-angle lens and a spherical-screen projection receiver to provide three-dimensional television is presently under development at RCA

Viewers needed Polaroid glasses.
The emphasis was also on 3-D at the Statler where 1,000 SMPTA members concurrently held their annual confab.

- Color-Discussing the future of color television, RCA's General Sarnoff prognosticated that once the FCC authorizes color it will take industry nine to 12 months to tool up and produce. Sarnoff also predicted the failure of subscription television on a national scale.

Features of the NTSC color television system were discussed in a paper by Dr. W. R. G. Baker of GE.

- Around the World-Intercontinental television may be just over the horizon according to Neal McNaughten, NARTB's engineering manager. High-powered microwave relays and submarine cables with transistor amplifiers would do the trick.
- Low Budgets-Reflecting television's post-freeze trek to the hinterland, low-budget operation of a small-city station was the subject of a panel discussion. In the same vein, Federal engineers presented a paper on how to set up a television station with two technicians while GE demonstrated a packaged tv station designed for one-man operation.

Low-budget operations, it developed, are still not low enough for stations serving markets under 100,000 population. Tab for essential equipment comes to $\$ 300,000$ with yearly operating cost running between $\$ 175,000$ and $\$ 300,000$.

- Canned TV-Importance of canned entertainment in post-freeze television was attested to by at least six equipment makers. General Precision, Standard Electronics, Federal and RCA exhibited small cameras especially suited for film reproduction. Philco and DuMont both introduced continuous-motion film scanners.

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## Expansion Plans for Puerto Rico Plants

## Subassembly and parts plants plow back tax-exempt profits; many new plants are under way

Practically all of the electronic plants established in Puerto Rico in the last two years are actively expanding. Business is good down there, because most of this expansion money comes from profits inflated by tax-exemption.

Figures tell the story; present total square-footage of operating plants is about 115,000 and goes to an estimated 350,000 by year-end for expanded and new plants combined. Total present employment of 875 correspondingly jumps to about 3,500 . The accompanying tabulation gives the present picture in detail, as derived by combining latest figures of Puerto Rico's Economic Development Administration (New York City office: 600 Fifth Ave.) with observations made during editorial visits to operating plants.

- Profits-There are two methods of showing a high profit on electronic operations in Puerto Rico:

ELECTRONIC PLANTS IN PUERTO RICO

| Name of Firm | Location | Started | Sq Ft | Empl | Chiel Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ben Ida Electronics | Hato Rey | Jan. '52 | 3,500 | - | Amplifiers \& record |
| Borinquen Radio Components Corp. | Rio Piedras | Future | - | - | players <br> Radio hardware \& structural parts |
| Caribe Aircraft Radio Corp. (Related to Lavoie Labs) | Coamo | May '52 | 10,800 | 80 | Radar subassemblies, coils \& filters |
| Coradel Mfg. Co. | Caguas | June '52 | 5,000 | - | Lightning arresters \& lead-ins |
| Diversified Products Corp. | Carolina | May '53 | - | - | Ceramic insulators |
| Empire Industries Inc. John Hackes \& Siegler | Bayamon Hato Rey | Future <br> Future |  |  | Transformers Quartz crystals |
| Hemisphere Corp. (Related to National Moldite Co.) | Rio Piedras | July '53 | 11,000 | 30 | Molded coil forms \& ferrite cores |
| Hermetic Seal Products Co. of Puerto Rico Inc. | Hato Rey | Aug. '51 | 10,000 | 110 | Feed-through insulators |
| Hycor Co., Inc. | Vega Baja | Nov. '52 | 1,500 | 35 | Precision resistors \& toroids |
| Interamerica Electronics Corp. | Santurce | Future | - | - | Hearing aids \& components |
| Pamcor Inc. | Rio Piedras | May '53 | 11,500 | - | Terminals \& connectors |
| Phillips Control Corp. | San Juan | June '52 | 8,000 | 50 | Aircraft relays, coils \& solenoids |
| Port Electric Corp. Radell Corp. | Catano <br> San Juan | Future Jan. '52 | 3,250 | 70 | Radio tuning devices Deposited carbon resistors \& vhf coils |
| Rectifier Corp. of Puerto Rico | Fajardo | May '53 |  | - | Components |
| Rico Electronics Inc. (Related to National Video Corp.) | Vega Alta | Jan. '53 | 11,500 | - | TV picture-tube guns |
| Statham Instruments Inc. | Hato Rey | Future | - | - | Scientific instruments |
| Sylvania Electric of P. R. Inc. | Rio Piedras | Oct. '51 | 37,000 | 400 | Mica punchings, tube parts \& com. ponents |
| Triplett Electric Co. of P. R. Inc. | Bayamon | Apr. '52 | 8,000 | 65 | Meters and multimeters |
| Weller Mfg. Co. | Bayamon | Dec ' 50 | 8,000 | 60 | Soldering guns |

Method 1. Produce a product having high labor content and low transportation cost (practically everything in electronics field), placing emphasis on a topnotch labor training program, on good management and on an incentive program that rewards labor for extra effort. This method takes maximum advantage of the island's 45 -cent labor rate.

Method 2. Operate as a small, new firm which has a low base for U. S. excess profits tax but is expanding rapidly because of good management or because of a secret process
or successful new product. Such a firm can take maximum advantage of tax exemption.

- Wages-Minimum wages for labor in electronic plants are set by a committee of nine representing management, labor and the public interest equally. Applicable U.S. laws are ambiguous in specifying that wages on the island must not be so low as to constitute unfair competition with U.S. labor, yet not so high as to diminish employment in Puerto Rico. The commit-
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- Taxes-Present laws provide complete exemption from insular taxes until 1959. A new law now under consideration will give each new plant 10 full years of exemption. To show maximum untaxed profit, business transactions must be completed in Puerto Rico. Most firms achieve this by pricing their products FOB San Juan.
- Productivity - A government survey of five electronic plants in-
dicated that after an average of $8 \frac{1}{2}$ months of operation, worker productivity was 95 percent of that in mainland plants and quality of output was 88 percent of U.S. standards. Most of the workers involved had not worked in a factory before, but had high manual dexterity. Individual firms have achieved as high as 120 percent of mainland productivity on repetitive high-speed manual operations. Temperature and humidity are more comfortable than around New York City even in summer, hence do not affect production.

Productivity of native workers is a function of training, management and choice of human material, just as anywhere else. One firm uses with excellent success a modified piecework incentive program based on three-month output rather than daily output. If a worker attains the norm at the end of three months, he gets a raise ; if not, he gets fired.

## World Radio Output Increases

Radio receivers are still the number one electronic product throughout the world despite substantial gains made by tv abroad. The statistics from the United Nations show that more than 181 million radio sets are in use today, a probable retail value of over 9 billion dollars. By continents, as indicated in the chart, North America has more radio sets in use than the rest of the world combined.

In terms of receeivers per 1,000 inhabitants, the U. S. again leads with 620, followed by Sweden with 301 and the Falkland Islands in South America with 300. Two countries where set saturation is of no concern are French Equatorial Africa and Tanganyika, each with 0.2 radios per 1,000 inhabitants.

- Production-Although 17 countries in the world produced radios in the past 4 years only 11 reported complete production figures to the UN. Excluding the U. S., the rest

of the world produced 4.5 million radios in 1949, 5.7 million in 1950 and 6.3 million in 1951 , the latest reported year. U. S. production of radios during these years was nearly double the rest of the world's output in each year.

Germany was second biggest producer in 1951 with 2.2 million re-


Germany gets set to tap the European bicycle market with this \$11.40 bike radio. Loudspeaker is built into the lamp housing. Two dry cells fit under the saddle
ceivers that year, almost double its production of 1.1 million in 1949.
The United Kingdom followed Germany with an output of 2.1 million sets in 1951 compared to 1.3 million in 1950 when she was the world's second place producer.

Of 11 countries reporting, only Canada, Japan, Norway and Yugoslavia experienced a decline in set production between 1949 and 1951. India, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, United Kingdom and Australia were all on the upswing.

## Loudspeaker Business Follows New Trends

Volume this year is expected to reach 22.5 million units, a 3.2 million gain over 1952

Rtma recently estimated in a report to NPA that 1953 loudspeaker production would total 22.5 million units compared with 18.8 produced in 1952. The average weight of an Alnico 5 magnet per speaker is $1 \frac{1}{2}$ oz , so this year the industry will need approximately 2.1 million pounds of Alnico 5 material.

The increase over 1952 production is believed due to the opening
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of new tv areas and a lack of finished set inventory in the hands of the industry.

- Market-Approximately 7 million units will go to tv set producers and about 8 million to radio manufacturers, if predictions hold true. Remaining sales will be split up among hi-fi, industrial, military and replacement markets.
- Product-Some manufacturers see an increasing trend in radio and tv set design toward smaller sets, fewer combinations, more table models. This means smaller loud speakers and smaller dollar volume per unit for companies.

However, other loudspeaker manufacturers are optimistic because of the accelerating hi-fi trend which has made the public more fidelity conscious and has resulted in a noticeable increase in sales of heavier and larger units. It had also caused some set manufacturers to equip combination sets with larger cones, the 12 inch instead of the 10 inch, despite higher cost.

Manufacturers are now using larger loundspeakers in their portable lines. Motorola, with its new design that incorporates the magnet and associated components within the cone, now is able to use a 7 -inch loud speaker in place of a 4 inch (Electronics, p 8, May, 1953).

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PLOT of output indexes shows electronics out in front. On page 4 of each issue

## New 'Figures' Show Business Trends

Cumulative totals on page 4 of each issue compare current and previous year's output

Recently added to the regular 'Figures of the Month' page of Electronics is a new subdepartment called 'Figures of the Year'. The statistics printed each month under this heading show at a glance cumulative monthly conditions in the electronics business as compared to the same time last year.

This month's totals show a significant increase in general production and sales for the first quarter of '53 as compared to '52. Cathoderay tube production almost tripled, with an increase of 168.91 percent over last year. Radio and television set production remained high.

- Output Index-The 'Electronics Output Index' (also on page 4) continues to reflect a healthy situation in the industry. As shown in the accompanying chart comparing the electronics index with similarly compiled statistics on industry in general, output of electronics goods has increased about 100 percent since 1947, while increase in general industry amounts to around 25 percent.

Computed largely from Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Output Index shows activity in both military and commercial electronics. A slight drop-off may be expected during summer months as the American public turns to trout lines.

## Financial Roundup

OUtstanding gains for the first 3 months of 1953 compared to the same period last year were registered by companies in the electronics field. National City Bank of New York reports that total net income in the first quarter for 23 companies was $\$ 78.3$ million compared to $\$ 54.4$ million in 1952, a 44 -percent increase. Profit reports by individual companies in the first 3 months of this year are as follows:

| Company | Net Profit 1953 | $\left(3 \operatorname{mos}_{1952}\right)$ |
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| Admiral | \$3,056,878 | \$1,515.506 |
| CBS | 2,404.935 | 1.520.79\% |
| Hoffman | 476.646 | 491.675 |
| IBM | 7,520.105 | 6.397 .876 |
| Magnavox | 1,782,000 | 558.1410 |
| Minn. Honey | - , 332, 770 | 1.294 .583 |
| Motorolit | 3,174,208 | $\underline{-238.135}$ |
| RCA | 9,293,141 | 7.076 .520 |
| liaytheon | 1.355,(0)0 | 1188.000 |
| Sylvania | 3,679.243 | 1,403.\%1 |
| TelAutograph | 44.854 | 47.443 |
| Tune Sol ... | 55:318 | 492.241 |
| Zenith | 2,109,461 | 1,083.242 |

- Securities-Computer Manufacturing Corp. filed with SEC cover(Continued on page 22)


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Restricted stock options may be granted by GE to from 700 to 1,200 employees for the purchase of not more in grand total of 1.4 million shares of common stock. The stocks would be taken from unissued common stock of which there are 6,154,073 shares. Proceeds of the sales will go into general funds.

RCA placed privately with a group of institutional investors $\$ 10$ million in $3{ }_{4}^{3}$-percent promissory notes due May 1, 1977, bringing to $\$ 40$ million the amount borrowed under a $\$ 50$ million credit set up in February, 1952. Proceeds are to be used for working capital and to take care of increased volume of defense business.

Weston Electrical Instrument Corp. registered with SEC covering 107,055 shares of its capital stock, $\$ 12.50$ par, to be offered for subscription by stockholders at the rate of one new share for each 3 shares held on the record date. The company will use $\$ 2$ million of the proceeds to reduce bank loans. The balance will be added to general funds of the company.

## Hedging Plan Bolsters Lean Years

## Electronic manufacturers evaluate selling costs and plans to increase sales effectiveness

Analysis of the selling, general and administrative expenses of 13 electronic manufacturers for the past ten years indicates that companies are spending more for total sales, the expenditure last year reaching the highest point since 1943. But in 1952, as a percentage of net sales, which also reached record highs, sales expenses declined.

- Strategy-Selling costs have followed a fairly stable path since World War II because many electronic manufacturers allocate sales budgets by a set percentage of sales and spend more for sales when they are at a peak.

With defense cuts and tougher competition just ahead, electronic manufacturers are taling another look at this concept of tying expenditures to sales, in an effort to get more effective use out of their funds.

- New Approach-One plan for better sales spending was recently advanced by Gwilym A. Price, presi-

dent of Westinghouse. He proposes a tax law that will permit companies to set up funded promotional reserves as tax-exempt costs in good years, for spending in lean years.
- Price Plan-"The tax deductionreserve plan would overcome this normal tendency to reduce sales budgets when sales were low. Under such a plan, the Treasury would allow a company with a past history of spending on sales and market development to deduct tax-free a certain percentage of its gross. The company would spend this money for defined objectives, under approved conditions within a certain period."


## Station Power Gains Extend TV Markets

Important to televison receiver sales are existing tv markets in which stations have upped their power and increased coverage. Since June 1, 1951, over 60 tv stations have improved their facilities affecting over half the country's markets. NBC alone reports that 41 of its tv affiliates have boosted power since then.

- Markets-Although extension of coverage in terms of homes and audience is difficult to ascertain, set manufacturers agree that in old markets improved transmission by tv stations has provided a stimulant to business and has increased fringe sales just as improved to receivers did in the past. It is estimated coverage increased 5 to 10 miles in many markets.
- Future-A number of tv stations plan power increases in the near future and have FCC okays. Applications by 19 other stations are pending approval. Markets expected to get power boosts in the near future are: Boston, WNAC-TV; Cincinnati, WLWT; Columbus, WLWC; Buffalo, WBEN-TV; Austin, Texas, KTBC-TV.


## Transistor Improvement Promises Bright Future

Hermetic sealing and use of new materials may eliminate moisture and temperature bugs

Steady progress is being made toward solving the moisture problem and other troublesome factors in transistors. In an announcement by Zenith it was revealed that that company had been unable to make transistors stand up under hearingaid conditions. It was reported that the transistors they tried failed rapidly in service, evidently due to high moisture conditions prevalent near the body where hearing aids are normally worn.

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tron, has already announced her-metically-sealed transistors, and several of the larger transistor makers indicate plans to do likewise in the very near future. The sealing process involves potting the transistor in a tiny (but so far costly) can equipped with a glass seal.

- Other Developments-Better and less expensive transistor materials appear to be the goal of numerous research programs, some of which are bearing fruit. Battelle Memorial Institute announced successful tests on a compound of aluminum and antimony for transistors. Preliminary tests show possibility of characteristics superior to germanium and silicon where operation at high temperatures is contemplated. A further advantage lies in the low cost of AlSb-a half ton costs about as much as a pound of germanium.

Transistor-pure silicon may also become cheaper and available in greater quantities as a result of a new manufacturing process developed by du Pont. This new source will also help raise power and temperature limits for transistors, because silicon functions as a semiconductor as high as 400 F .

## Defense Contract Rules Revised

## Administration jettisons broadbase procurement policy; electronics may be exception

Future defense contracts will be awarded to the companies that can handle them best and cheapest and not necessarily to the firms or areas that need them most. Thus Deputy Secretary Roger M. Kyes announced a reversal of the Defense Department policy of spreading the work thin. Concurrently, the department announced that procurement would be placed in the hands of management men from industry. Presumably the Small Defense Plants Administration will expire quietly

- Loophole-Electronics manufacturers will probably not be affected greatly by the new policy. Kyes stated that marginal producers may still get contracts when the item manufactured is hard to get, in short supply or where the Defense Department wishes to keep the line open. Electronic equipment generally falls into these categories.

More significant is that the former broad-base policy had little effect on the electronics industry. Much lip service was paid to aiding small business but a small business was defined as one employing 500 workers or less, scarcely called small in the electronics industry.

- Broad Base-Figures supplied by the New York office of the Signal Corps Supply Agency show that from August 1952 until March 1953 this office let $\$ 780,903.17$ worth of contracts, each under $\$ 1,000$. Small business received a little more than half the work.

During the same period, the small business specialist at the Signal Corps' New York office serviced 8,947 firms and assisted small business in obtaining $\$ 6,372,855$ worth of contracts over $\$ 1,000$.

## Radio Networks Continue to Expand

## Webs are bigger than ever despite inroads of television; local sponsorship a boon

A glance at the chart (next page) proves network radio is bigger than ever and apparently still growing. Latest figures give total outlets as follows: NBC, 206 ; CBS, 217 ; ABC, 355 and MBS, 562.

One reason advanced for the growth of network radio in the face of television's inroads against the listening audience is that the networks are acquiring a-m outlets primarily for television CP's. Independent a-m stations in new tv areas have found network affiliation essential. Another powerful inducement to independents is network policy of making national shows available for local sponsorship. Mutual has expanded heavily in non-tv areas and has found bigleague baseball especially worldseries coverage an attractive feature.
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## FIGURES OF THE MONTH

|  | Year Ago | Previous Month | Latest Month |  | Year Ago | Previous Month | Latest Month |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RECEIVER PRODUCTION |  |  |  | TV AUDIENCE |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | (Source: NBC Research Dept.) | Apr. '52 | Mar. '53 | Apr. '53 |
| (Source: RTMA) | Mar. '52 | Feb. '53 | Mar. '53 | Sets in Use-total | 16,939,100 | 22,551,500 | 23,256,000 |
| Television sets | 510,561 | 730,597 | 810,112 |  |  |  |  |
| Home sets | 357,689 | 402,742 | 442,101 | BROADCAST STAT |  |  |  |
| Clock Radios | 175,169 | 210,924 | 275,079 | BROADCAST STAT |  |  |  |
| Portable sets | 99,720 | 87,711 | 177,656 | (Source: RTMA) | Apr. '52 | Mar. '53 | Apr. '53 |
| Auto sets | 343,314 | 491,062 | 654,367 | TV Stations on Air | 108 | 164-r | 179 |
| RECEIVER SALES |  |  |  | TV Stns CPs -not on air | 0 | 255 | 264 |
|  |  |  |  | TV Stns-Applications | 536 | 639-r | 612 |
| (Source: RTMA) |  | Feb. '53 | Mar. '53 | AM Stations on Air. . | 2,347 | 2,424 | 2,430 |
| Television sets, units Radio sets (except auto) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 537,122 \\ & 507,527 \end{aligned}$ | 603,704 | AM Stns CPs-not on air | 68 | 133 | 135 |
|  |  | 516,618 | AM Stns-Applications | 324 | 250 | 249 |
|  |  |  | FM Stations on Air ... | 632 | 607 | 600 |
| RECEIVING TUBE SALES |  |  |  | FM Stns CPs-not on air | 1 | 21 | 9 |
| (Source: RTMA) | Mar. '52 | Feb. '53 | Mar. '53 | FM Stns-Applications |  | 7 |  |
| Receiv. tubes, total units | 30,935,220 | 40,024,475-r | 44,691,200 | COMMUNICATION AUTHORIZATIONS |  |  |  |
| Receiving tubes, new sets | 19,513,454 | 27,730,235 | 31,367,831 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rec. tubes, replacement | 7,231,186 | 9,217,982-r | 9,949,321 | (Source: FCC) | Mar. '52 | Feb. '53 | Mar. '53 |
| Receiving tubes, gov't. | 2,776,796 | 1,393,962-r | 1,449,857 | Aeronautical |  |  |  |
| Receiving tubes, export Picture tubes, to mfrs. | $1,413,784$ 370,206 | 1,682,296 | $1,924,191$ 974,154 | Aeronautical Marine | 32,176 34,843 | 37,825 39,001 | 38,822 |
| Picture tubes, to mfrs. | 370,206 | 699,411 | 974,154 | Police, fire, etc. | 34,843 10,592 | 12,482 | 12,682 |
| SEMICONDUCTOR SALES |  |  |  | Industrial | 12,475 | 16,002 | 16,232 |
| (Source: RTMA) |  | Feb. '53 | Mar. '53 | Land Transportation | 4,847 106,832 | 5,636 116,697 | 16,660 112,666 |
| Germanium Diodes |  | 1,466,421 | 1,172,475 | Citizens Radio | 878 | 1,924 | 1,980 |
|  |  |  |  | Disaster | 29 | 101 | 189 |
|  |  | Quarterly Fi | es | Experimental | 458 | 529 | 415 |
| INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT ORDERS |  | Previous | Latest | Common carrier | 922 | 1,070 | 1,094 |
|  |  | Quarter | Quarter |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 3rd'52 | 4th '52 | EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS |  |  |  |
| Dielectric Heating | \$620,000 | \$320,000 | \$440,000 | (Source: Bur. Labor Statistics) | ) Feb. 52 | Jan. '53 | Feb. '53 |
| Induction Heating | \$3,400,000 | \$1,760,000 | \$2,420,000 | Prod. workers, comm. equip.Av. wkly. earnings, comm. | 273,100 | 410,900-r | 418,700-p |
| Welding Control | \$1,430,000 | \$1,810,000 | \$1,390,000 |  | \$65.14 | \$67.23-r | \$65.93-p |
| Other Electronic Control | \$860,000 | \$920,000 | \$970,000 | Av. wkly. earnings, radio | \$61.28 | \$63.74-r | \$64.40-p |
|  |  |  |  | Av. weekly hours, comm. Av. weekly hours, radio | 41.2 | 41.5-r | 40.7-p |
| INDUSTRIAL TUBE SALES |  |  |  |  | Av. weekly hours, radio 40.8 | 40.6-r | 40.5-p |
| (Source: NEMA) | 4th'51 | 3rd'52 | 4th '52 |  |  |  |  |
| Vacuum (non-receiving) | \$14,300,000 | \$10,580,000 | \$12,790,000 | STOCK PRICE AVERAGES |  |  |  |
| Gas or vapor | \$3,170,000 | \$2,950,000 | \$3,480,000 | (Source: Standard and Poor's) | Apr. '52 | Mar. '53 | Apr. '53 |
| Magnetrons and velocity | \$390,000 | \$570,000 | \$760,000 | Radio-TV \& Electronics | Apr. 292.5 | 310.7 |  |
|  | \$6,670,000 | \$8,500,000 | \$10,510,000 |  | 292.5 | 310.7 294.3 | 298.9 290.7 |
| Gaps and T/R boxes... | \$2,120,000 | \$1,700,000 | \$2,090,000 | p -provisional; r -revised |  |  |  |

## FIGURES OF THE YEAR

Television set production
Radio set production
Television set sales
Radio set sales (except auto)
Receiving tube sales
Cathode-ray tube sales

| 1952 Total |
| ---: |
| $6,096,279$ |
| $10,934,872-r$ |
| $6,144,990$ |
| $6,878,547$ |
| $368,519,243$ |
| $6,120,292$ |

First Quarter Totals

| 1952 | 1953 | Percent Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1,324,831$ | $2,259,943$ | $+70.58 \%$ |
| $2,367,800$ | $3,834,784$ | +61.96 |
| $1,279,783$ | $1,780,899$ | +39.16 |
| $1,505,883$ | $1,438,871$ | -4.45 |
| $85,934,322$ | $122,058,756$ | +42.04 |
| $1,040,829$ | $2,798,921$ | +168.91 |

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## International Hookup Televises Coronation

## BBC marshals resources, picks up $\$ 171,500$ tab to telecast ceremony

An international television network will bring scenes of the June 2 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II to viewers in Great Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. The British Broadcasting Corporation will use 20 cameras manned by 101 engineers and eight commentators to give complete coverage of the ceremonies.

Cameras will be installed at several locations within Westminster Abbey and at four vantage points along the route of the procession. The complete program will last seven hours. Extra cost involved in televising the coronation will be $\$ 171,500$.

- Network-Besides feeding the British television network, the signal will be transmitted by microwave to Paris where it will be used to feed the French 441 and 819-line transmitters after conversion from the British 405-line signal.

The French will also provide a microwave link from Cassel, on the London-Paris route to Lille. Here a Belgium-Dutch relay will carry the signal to Lopik in Holland via Breda. Conversion to the 625 -line standard will take place at Breda and Dutch transmitters at Lopik and Eindhoven will broadcast the program to Belgian and Dutch viewers.

From Breda the 625 -line signal will also go via microwave to Cologne where it will feed the NWDR television network linking seven German cities.


HYDROGEN THYRATRONS ranging from a few kilowatts to 40 megawatts produced from emergency development program led by Signal Corps engineers. Ropid expansion on $M$-Day is possible because ...

## Keyer Tube Resources Are Pooled

In a crash program, new tubes and machines to build and test them were evolved together

To meet an extreme emergency military demand, normal development and production procedures were short-circuited to get keyer tubes for vital defense equipment.

Late in 1950 a review of production against requirements showed hydrogen thyratrons, needed chiefly to pulse magnetrons in radars, were in short supply. The problem was presented to the Signal Corps, and a round-the-clock program was initiated at the Signal Corps Procurement Agency, Philadelphia,

- Authority-Anticipating future needs, the Signal Corps group decided to establish multiple sources for the production of hydrogen thyratrons in the shortest possible time. To cover possible anti-trust violation suits, authority was ob-
tained from the Attorney General to allow pooling engineering knowhow among competitive companies.

At integration committee meetings, representatives from all branches of the armed forces met with engineers from all the companies involved. According to B. D. Aaron, Signal Corps project engineer, "the most difficult problem at first was to get them to ask the right questions. Once we got past that, production and testing information and advice were freely swapped." Engineers from some companies toured other companies' plants, to learn how to make the equipment and tubes that grew as the program went along.

- Ad Lib-There were few specifications to guide the program and practically no prototypes. Small tubes were scaled up to big ones; interim types were made and finalized. Samples were flown to

Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories for aging and engineering evaluation. Heavy equipment to heat, treat and test the tubes was built from whatever parts could be found. Components were flown to a plant in the middle west where 35 kva aging units were designed, rushed into production and shipped to tube producers. Other units were built in California and air-shipped to reduce hazards of transportation damage and attendent delays.

- Cooperation-When a company worked the bugs out of its production problems, complete engineering specifications were made of findings, and copies were sent to every other company in the program. Engineering time for the crash program, and for future production programs, was thereby cut from several years to several months.
Pilot plant production runs were established and contracts were written specifying that companies involved maintain production knowhow and tooling for a minimum of six years. "In case M-day comes," Aaron said, "production can be expanded immediately, without wait-
ing for contracts to be negotiated, bids to be given and orders placed. The machinery is all there, all ready and working."

Thousands of type-approved thyratrons now roll off the lines, for use in the services' Skysweeper AA gun, among other things, and a precedent for similar future problems has been established.

- Companies-Among those manufacturers involved in the hydrogen thyratron program were, for equipment production: American Television Mfg. Corp., Kip Electronics, Chatham Electronics, Douglas Laboratories, General Electric, Girdler Corp., Manson Laboratories, Marchant Research, Westinghouse.

For tube production: Amer. Television Mfg. Corp., Amperex Electronics, Bomac Laboratories, Chatham Electronics, General Electric, Kuthe Laboratories, Machlett Laboratories, Penta Laboratories, Radio Corp. of America, Sylvania Electric, Westinghouse.

The companies included stretch cross country from New England to California.

## Business Briefs

Controls-Last of price controls have been dropped in accord with Eisenhower's 'orderly decontrol of prices'. OPS plans June 30 exit.

Depreciation - Treasury is giving more liberal treatment of regulations on how fast plant and equipment can be written off for tax purposes.

Labor-End of price and wage controls brought some price rises, rumbles of reopening wage contract negotiations. Unemployment is about 1.8 million, near last year's 1.7 million, but employment is 1.8 million higher, which makes the labor market tight. Mid-
summer record of 63 million employed is expected.

Buy American-Enacted in 1933 under outgoing Hoover, the Buy American Act was upheld by Defense Secretary Wilson who turned down British low bid on Army contract. President Eisenhower backed Wilson, bucked Dulles and Stassen. The law's ' 25 -percent under' interpretation, broken last June, is holding again.

Copper-Price is down to 30 cents per pound. It's a buyer's market now; National Production Authority has stopped allocating the metal because of 'favorable developments in the overall supply.' Imports and scrap production are up.


DEFENSE volume shows as

## Electronic Companies Size Up Military Sales

## As defense spending cuts loom ahead, manufacturers look at military sales percentages

Electronic manufacturers, both large and small, will do well to prepare for an increase in their commercial business and a decline in their military production, Glen McDaniel, RTMA general counsel, told west coast electronic manufacturers recently. He declared it appears likely that military expenditures will be reduced or stretched out, "but how fast I don't know. Of one thing we can be sure, electronics and aircraft will remain paramount in whatever armament program is decided upon for the years ahead."

- Ratios-A survey of 15 manufacturers in the field reveals that defense sales in 1952 (black columns) ranged from 10 to 90 percent of total net sales, with an average for the companies of 45 percent. This is lower than an estimate made last year by the Defense Department who set military sales at 53.3 percent of total sales in 1952 . (Electronics, p 6, Aug. 1952) The percentage was expected to be lower as the defense delivery schedule "stretch out" went into effect last year.
- Companies-In 1951, smaller electronic companies reported proportionately more military business than did large firms. But major electronic manufacturers indicate they increased their defense business substantially in 1952.

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for the armed forces by RCA were approximately double those of 1951. Sylvania estimates that 28.5 percent of its net sales in 1952 were accounted for by defense products, nearly double 1951's volume. Zenith also reported that production and shipment of material for the military services, at a low level in 1951,
increased materially in 1952 and amounted to approximately 10 percent of the company's net sales.

- Future-Although electronic manufacturers are concerned about the effect of a military cut-off on the industry, many would welcome the return to full civilian produc-
tion. Profits are higher and the commercial sales outlook for 1953 is very promising. Already most companies have experienced record first quarters. But even without top civilian sales the present electronic defense backlog, which is at a peak, could carry the industry's big volume well into 1954.


## ELECTRONIGRAPH—Natural Quartz Crystals



## Status of Quartz Crystal Growing Plants in U.S.

Industry changeover to small crystals, in plentiful supply from Brazil, eases needs

Production plants for growing synthetically the wartime needs of radio-grade quartz crystals could be built and equipped within a year if necessary. It may be assumed that military stockpiling of natural crystals has been geared to this time figure, hence there should be no shortages even if the Brazilian supply were cut off today.

Brazilian domination of the quartz market has been a bugaboo for a nation geared to the philosophy of always having a second source of supply. Most critical years were 1942 and 1943, when U-boats were sinking supply ships in the

Caribbean. An air lift solved this problem. Tension eased further, after the war, with the announcement that Signal Corps sponsored research on quartz crystal growing had paid off.

- Change in Demand-Crystals under 200 grams, considered as scrap early in World War II, now serve because the industry has become adapted to use of finished plates approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square or round. Small natural crystals cost only $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 4$ a pound, as contrasted to $\$ 15$ and up for the pound-size and larger crystals considered necessary heretofore.

Small crystals usually have much less twinning, hence give an even greater yield per pound despite increased geometric losses. With
larger crystals, only 30 to 40 percent of the weight ordinarily is usable because of defects.

- Growing Costs--Under developmental conditions at Bell Telephone Laboratories and at Brush Laboratories, costs have approximated $\$ 50$ per pound for synthetic crystals. With organized mechanized handling of the heavy autoclaves for loading and unloading, this cost may be better than halved in full production.

A further reduction in net cost per finished plate is possible because synthetic crystals are relatively free from flaws and hence may approach 100 -percent usability except for geometric losses in cutting. By varying growing time and
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choosing the right angle for the quartz seed plate, the synthetics can be made almost exactly the optimum size and orientation for cutting a particular type of plate with minimum cutting waste. Despite all this, the present cost of the synthetic product is way more than the current rate for radio-grade Brazilian quartz. However, it is reasonable to believe that large-scale commercial production eventually will be feasible because of a greater potential yield from synthetic quartz.

In the military picture, cost of raw quartz is secondary to availability. This is partly why the Signal Corps sponsors crystal-growing research at both BTL and Brush

- Process Details-Both labs grow the crystals by suspending seed plates in an alkaline solution between 350 C and 400 C and high pressure, with scrap natural quartz at the bottom. BTL uses a welded autoclave at $15,000 \mathrm{lb}$ per sq inch (ElecTronics, p 96, April 1951), and gets about 5 lb of quartz per month per cu ft of autoclave space.

Brush uses a continuously-rocked double-chamber autoclave at 5,000 lb per sq inch (Electronics, p 238, April 1953), and gets about the same output per cu ft.

# Broadcasters Made Money ln '52 

Station revenues for 1952 are 5 percent higher than total dollar take in 1951

Total revenue of the radio-broadcasting industry in 1952 amounted to $\$ 473.1$ million, 5 percent above the previous year. Figures are from a preliminary FCC report. While 7 networks, including owned stations, estimated total revenues of $\$ 101.0$ million or 2.9 percent below 1951, more than 2,300 radio stations estimated total revenues of $\$ 372.1$ million, an increase of 7.4 percent above 1951. Thus radio income for networks and individual stations followed the same pattern as did tv income for networks and individual stations in 1952. (Electronics, p 22, May, 1953)

Added to the estimated $\$ 336.3$ million total revenues of tv broadcasters, the combined industry revenues in 1952 reached $\$ 809.4$ million showing a marked increase of 18 percent above 1951.

- Income vs Revenue-Radio industry income before federal income taxes rose to $\$ 62.6$ million in 1952 after having dropped to $\$ 57.5$ million in 1951 from a peak of $\$ 68.2$
million in 1950. Networks, including owned and operated stations, estimated 1952 income at $\$ 11.2$ million or 11 percent above 1951 . Total income of 2,300 radio stations was estimated at $\$ 51.4$ million or 8.4 percent above 1951. The $814 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations licensed in 1941 and prior years, comprising slightly more that $\frac{1}{3}$ of all a-m stations, accounted for almost $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total revenues and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total income of all a-m stations.
- TV vs Radio-A total of $470 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations in tv markets estimated their 1952 revenues at $\$ 171.5$ million or 2 percent above 1951 . In non-tv markets, $1,629 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations estimated their total revenues at $\$ 199.6$ million, almost 11 percent above 1951. Increased total revenues in 1952 were reported by about three out of five a-m stations in the tv markets and by four out of five a-m stations in the non-tv markets. Overall, 74 percent of the total stations reported increased revenues in 1952.

Losses were reported by 15.9 percent of the $2,276 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{m}$ stations. This is the smallest number since 1946 when 11 percent of the 1,015 then operating were unprofitable.

## U.S. Surveys Labor Picture

Number of stoppages has declined sharply since 1950 but total man-days idle have risen

Trend in work stoppages involving six or more workers and lasting for a full shift or longer shows up in a report by the Labor Department. Last year there were 30 such stoppages in the communications equipment field, radio, tv, equipment and parts manufacturers. This was the lowest number of disputes to be recorded since 1949. However, mandays idle as a result of the 30 stoppages totalled 327,000 , the largest number since 1950 when total reached 368,000 .

Although the number of disputes
was lower, the stoppages evidently affected larger companies for longer periods of time. In 1952, two companies in the electronics field had strikes involving 10,000 or more workers, while in 1951 there was only one such stoppage.

- Pattern-According to the Labor Department, the largest number of work stoppages have been caused by disputes over wages and shorter hours. Other prevalent reasons are: union organization, working conditions, interunion and intraunion matters.

Fluctuation, as seen in total mandays idle, seems to follow the sales pattern of the radio-tv industry. In
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1950, big sales year for manufacturers, man-days idle were highest. Then as business slumped in 1951 and regained in 1952, man-days idle followed the same course.

- 1953-There have been a number of work stoppages in the electronics industry so far this year but only one of any severity. It involves more than 10,000 workers and several weeks duration. But there are rumblings of more wage disputes in the steel industry that could affect electronics.


## Television Highlights NARTB Show

## Broadcasters see 3-D telecast; remote control and low-budget operation also discussed

Theme of the recent NARTB convention seemed to be "What else can you do with television?" The 1,500 conventioneers who crowded Los Angeles' Biltmore Hotel heard reports on three-dimensional tv, color tv, intercontinental tv and tv in a can. Low-budget operation of small-city television stations and remote control of $a-m$ and $f-m$ broadcast transmitters were discussed in several papers. Fifty-odd suppliers of broadcast equipment and services exhibited.

- Three-D-An experimental telecast over KECA-TV ABC-Paramount's L. A. outlet showed delegates how the illusion of depth may be achieved in television. Special receivers at the Biltmore using two picture tubes resolved their images on a 3 by 4 -ft viewing screen.


## Three-Dimensional Television Lens



Wide-angle lens giving 142-degree field of view, as used et the Navy's Special Devices Center, Sands Point, N. Y. in a gunnery trainer. A television system using this wide-angle lens and a spherical-screen projection receiver to provide three-dimensional television is presently under development at RCA

Viewers needed Polaroid glasses.
The emphasis was also on 3-D at the Statler where 1,000 SMPTA members concurrently held their annual confab.

- Color-Discussing the future of color television, RCA's General Sarnoff prognosticated that once the FCC authorizes color it will take industry nine to 12 months to tool up and produce. Sarnoff also predicted the failure of subscription television on a national scale.

Features of the NTSC color television system were discussed in a paper by Dr. W. R. G. Baker of GE.

- Around the World-Intercontinental television may be just over the horizon according to Neal McNaughten, NARTB's engineering manager. High-powered microwave relays and submarine cables with transistor amplifiers would do the trick.
- Low Budgets-Reflecting television's post-freeze trek to the hinterland, low-budget operation of a small-city station was the subject of a panel discussion. In the same vein, Federal engineers presented a paper on how to set up a television station with two technicians while GE demonstrated a packaged tv station designed frr one-man operation.

Low-budget operations, it developed, are still not low enough for stations serving markets under 100,000 population. Tab for essential equipment comes to $\$ 300,000$ with yearly operating cost running between $\$ 175,000$ and $\$ 300,000$.

- Canned TV-Importance of canned entertainment in post-freeze television was attested to by at least six equipment makers. General Precision, Standard Electronics, Federal and RCA exhibited small cameras especially suited for film reproduction. Philco and DuMont both introduced continuous-motion film scanners.

Reporting on his company's sys-
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tem for recording tv programs on tape, John T. Mullin of Bing Crosby Enterprises claimed the tape would record both sound and picture with the quality of a live telecast.

## Movies Triple Audio Facilities

Newcomer in the 3 D field is CinemaScope, which uses a 65 -foot wide screen, a single projector and no glasses. Behind the screen are three speakers, each with its separate amplifying system and sound track, to produce a stereophonic sound effect.

Installation costs big theaters about $\$ 10,000$, little theaters less, according to Twentieth CenturyFox. The company expects 12,000 installations to be made by the end of next year.

## Expansion Plans for Puerto Rico Plants

## Subassembly and parts plants plow back tax-exempt profits; many new plants are under way

Practically all of the electronic plants established in Puerto Rico in the last two years are actively expanding. Business is good down there, because most of this expansion money comes from profits inflated by tax-exemption.

Figures tell the story; present total square-footage of operating plants is about 115,000 and goes to an estimated 350,000 by year-end for expanded and new plants combined. Total present employment of 875 correspondingly jumps to about 3,500 . The accompanying tabulation gives the present picture in detail, as derived by combining latest figures of Puerto Rico's Economic Development Administration (New York City office: 600 Fifth Ave.) with observations made during editorial visits to operating plants.

- Profits-There are two methods of showing a high profit on electronic operations in Puerto Rico:

ELECTRONIC PLANTS IN PUERTO RICO

| Name of Firm | Location | Started | Sq Ft | Empl | Chief Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ben Ida Electronics | Hato Rey | Jan. '52 | 3,500 | - | Amplifiers \& record |
| Borinquen Radio Components Corp. | Rio Piedras | Future | - | - | players <br> Radio hardware \& structural parts |
| Caribe Aircraft Radio Corp. (Related to Lavoie Labs) | Coamo | May '52 | 10,800 | 80 | Radar subassemblies, coils \& filters |
| Coradel Mig. Co. | Caguas | June '52 | 5,000 | - | Lightning arresters \& lead-ins |
| Diversified Products Corp. | Carolina | May '53 |  | - | Ceramic insulators |
| Empire Industries Inc. John Hackes \& Siegler | Bayamon Hato Rey | Future <br> Future | $\square$ | - | Transformers <br> Quartz crystals |
| Hemisphere Corp. (Related to National Moldite Co.) |  | July '53 | 11,000 | 30 | Molded coil forms \& ferrite cores |
| Hermetic Seal Products Co. of Puerto Rico Inc. | Hato Rey | Aug, '51 | 10,000 | 110 | Feed-through insulators |
| Hycor Co., Inc. | Vega Baja | Nov. '52 | 1,500 | 35 | Precision resistors \& toroids |
| Interamerica Electronics Corp. | Santurce | Future | - | - | Hearing aids \& components |
| Pamcor Inc. | Rio Piedras | May '53 | 11,500 | - | Terminals \& connectors |
| Phillips Control Corp. | San Juan | June '52 | 8,000 | 50 | Aircraft relays, coils \& solenoids |
| Port Electric Corp. Radell Corp. | Catano <br> San Juan | Future Jan. '52 | 3,250 | 70 | Radio tuning devices Deposited carbon resistors \& vhf coils |
| Rectifier Corp, of Puerto Rico | Fajardo | May '53 |  | - | Components |
| Rico Electronics Inc. (Related to National Video Corp.) | Vega Alta | Jan. '53 | 11,500 | - | TV picture-tube guns |
| Statham Instruments Inc. | Hato Rey | Future | - - | - | Scientific instruments |
| Sylvania Electric of P. R. Inc. | Rio Piedras | Oct. '51 | 37,000 | 400 | Mica punchings, tube parts \& components |
| Triplett Electric Co. of P. R. Inc. | Bayamon | Apr. '52 | 8,000 | 65 | Meters and multimeters |
| Weller Mfg. Co. | Bayamon | Dec. '50 | 8,000 | 60 | Soldering guns |

Method 1. Produce a product having high labor content and low transportation cost (practically everything in electronics field), placing emphasis on a topnotch labor training program, on good management and on an incentive program that rewards labor for extra effort. This method takes maximum advantage of the island's 45-cent labor rate.

Method 2. Operate as a small, new firm which has a low base for U.S. excess profits tax but is expanding rapidly because of good management or because of a secret process
or successful new product. Such a firm can take maximum advantage of tax exemption.

- Wages-Minimum wages for labor in electronic plants are set by a committee of nine representing management, labor and the public interest equally. Applicable U.S. laws are ambiguous in specifying that wages on the island must not be so low as to constitute unfair competition with U.S. labor, yet not so high as to diminish employment in Puerto Rico. The commit-
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tee meets about every two years, and it takes another year to put a wage change into effect.

For the electronics industry, the present minimum is $45 \phi$ an hour. In well-established plants, merit raises may bring this as high as $58 \phi$ an hour for assembly-line workers, with group leaders (supervising about 12 workers) making $\$ 150$ to $\$ 325$ a month. Machine-shop and maintenance electrician rates are $75 \phi$ to $80 \phi$ an hour.

- Taxes-Present laws provide complete exemption from insular taxes until 1959. A new law now under consideration will give each new plant 10 full years of exemption. To show maximum untaxed profit, business transactions must be completed in Puerto Rico. Most firms achieve this by pricing their products FOB San Juan.
- Productivity - A government survey of five electronic plants in-
dicated that after an average of $8 \frac{1}{2}$ months of operation, worker productivity was 95 percent of that in mainland plants and quality of output was 88 percent of U.S. standards. Most of the workers involved had not worked in a factory before, but had high manual dexterity. Individual firms have achieved as high as 120 percent of mainland productivity on repetitive high-speed manual operations. Temperature and humidity are more comfortable than around New York City even in summer, hence do not affect production.

Productivity of native workers is a function of training, management and choice of human material, just as anywhere else. One firm uses with excellent success a modified piecework incentive program based on three-month output rather than daily output. If a worker attains the norm at the end of three months, he gets a raise; if not, he gets fired.

## World Radio Output Increases

Radio receivers are still the number one electronic product throughout the world despite substantial gains made by tv abroad. The statistics from the United Nations show that more than 181 million radio sets are in use today, a probable retail value of over 9 billion dollars. By continents, as indicated in the chart, North America has more radio sets in use than the rest of the world combined.

In terms of receivers per 1,000 inhabitants, the U. S. again leads with 620, followed by Sweden with 301 and the Falkland Islands in South America with 300. Two countries where set saturation is of no concern are French Equatorial Africa and Tanganyika, each with 0.2 radios per 1,000 inhabitants.

- Production—Although 17 countries in the world produced radios in the past 4 years only 11 reported complete production figures to the UN. Excluding the U. S., the rest

of the world produced 4.5 million radios in 1949, 5.7 million in 1950 and 6.3 million in 1951, the latest reported year. U. S. production of radios during these years was nearly double the rest of the world's output in each year.

Germany was second biggest producer in 1951 with 2.2 million re-


Germany gets set to tap the European bicycle market with this \$11.40 bike radio. Loudspeaker is built into the lamp housing. Two dry cells fit under the saddle
ceivers that year, almost double its production of 1.1 million in 1949.
The United Kingdom followed Germany with an output of 2.1 million sets in 1951 compared to 1.3 million in 1950 when she was the world's second place producer.

Of 11 countries reporting, only Canada, Japan, Norway and Yugoslavia experienced a decline in set production between 1949 and 1951. India, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, United Kingdom and Australia were all on the upswing.

## Loudspeaker Business Follows New Trends

Volume this year is expected to reach 22.5 million units, a 3.2 million gain over 1952

Rtma recently estimated in a report to NPA that 1953 loudspeaker production would total 22.5 million units compared with 18.8 produced in 1952. The average weight of an Alnico 5 magnet per speaker is $1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ oz, so this year the industry will need approximately 2.1 million pounds of Alnico 5 material.

The increase over 1952 production is believed due to the opening
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of new tv areas and a lack of finished set inventory in the hands of the industry.

- Market—Approximately 7 million units will go to tv set producers and about 8 million to radio manufacturers, if predictions hold true. Remaining sales will be split up among hi-fi, industrial, military and replacement markets.
- Product-Some manufacturers see an increasing trend in radio and ty set design toward smaller sets, fewer combinations, more table models. This means smaller loud speakers and smaller dollar volume per unit for companies.

However, other loudspeaker manufacturers are optimistic because of the accelerating hi-fi trend which has made the public more fidelity conscious and has resulted in a noticeable increase in sales of heavier and larger units. It had also caused some set manufacturers to equip combination sets with larger cones, the 12 inch instead of the 10 inch, despite higher cost.

Manufacturers are now using larger loundspeakers in their portable lines. Motorola, with its new design that incorporates the magnet and associated components within the cone, now is able to use a 7 -inch loud speaker in place of a 4 inch (Electronics, p 8, May, 1953).

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PLOT of output indexes shows electronics out in front. On page 4 of each issue

## New 'Figures' Show Business Trends

Cumulative totals on page 4 of each issue compare current and previous year's output

Recently added to the regular 'Figures of the Month' page of Electronics is a new subdepartment called 'Figures of the Year'. The statistics printed each month under this heading show at a glance cumulative monthly conditions in the electronics business as compared to the same time last year.

This month's totals show a significant increase in general production and sales for the first quarter of '53 as compared to '52. Cathoderay tube production almost tripled, with an increase of 168.91 percent over last year. Radio and television set production remained high.

- Output Index-The 'Electronics Output Index' (also on page 4) continues to reflect a healthy situation in the industry. As shown in the accompanying chart comparing the electronics index with similarly compiled statistics on industry in general, output of electronics goods has increased about 100 percent since 1947, while increase in general industry amounts to around 25 percent.

Computed largely from Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Output Index shows activity in both military and commercial electronics. A slight drop-off may be expected during summer months as the American public turns to trout lines.

## Financial Roundup

Outstanding gains for the first 3 months of 1953 compared to the same period last year were registered by companies in the electronics field. National City Bank of New York reports that total net income in the first quarter for 23 companies was $\$ 78.3$ million compared to $\$ 54.4$ million in 1952, a 44-percent increase. Profit reports by individual companies in the first 3 months of this year are as follows:

| Company | $\text { Net } \underset{\mathbf{1 9 5 3}}{\text { Profit }}$ | $\left(3 \operatorname{mos}_{1952}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Admiral | \$3,056,878 | \$1,515.50f |
| CBS | -,404.935 | 1.520.79\% |
| Hoffman | 476,646 | 401.575 |
| IBM | $7.5 \pm 0.105$ | $6.79 \% \times 76$ |
| Magnavox | 1,782,000 | 558.1410 |
| Minn. Honevwell | - ,332,770 | 1.294 .583 |
| Motorola | 3,174,208 | ㄴ..23. 1.35 |
| RCA | 9,293.141 | 7.076 .520 |
| liaytlieon | 1.355.(0)0 | 4188.000 |
| Sylvania | 3,679.243 | 1.938, 01 |
| Telautograph | 44.854 | 47.443 |
| Tung Sol. | 552.318 | 492.241. |
| Zenith | 2,109.461 | 1.083 .242 |

- Securities-Computer Manufacturing Corp. filed with SEC cover(Continued on page 22)


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General Electric proposed a stock option plan for key employees. Participants selected will be given the right to purchase GE common stock of no par value at 100 percent of the fair market value on the date the option is granted.

Restricted stock options may be granted by GE to from 700 to 1,200 employees for the purchase of not more in grand total of 1.4 million shares of common stock. The stocks would be taken from unissued common stock of which there are 6,154,073 shares. Proceeds of the sales will go into general funds.

RCA placed privately with a group of institutional investors $\$ 10$ million in $3^{3}$-percent promissory notes due May 1, 1977, bringing to $\$ 40$ million the amount borrowed under a $\$ 50$ million credit set up in February, 1952. Proceeds are to be used for working capital and to take care of increased volume of defense business.

Weston Electrical Instrument Corp. registered with SEC covering 107,055 shares of its capital stock, $\$ 12.50$ par, to be offered for subscription by stockholders at the rate of one new share for each 3 shares held on the record date. The company will use $\$ 2$ million of the proceeds to reduce bank loans. The balance will be added to general funds of the company.

## Hedging Plan Bolsters Lean Years

## Electronic manufacturers evaluate selling costs and plans to increase sales effectiveness

ANALYSIS of the selling, general and administrative expenses of 13 electronic manufacturers for the past ten years indicates that companies are spending more for total sales, the expenditure last year reaching the highest point since 1943. But in 1952, as a percentage of net sales, which also reached record highs, sales expenses declined.

- Strategy - Selling costs have followed a fairly stable path since World War II because many electronic manufacturers allocate sales budgets by a set percentage of sales and spend more for sales when they are at a peak.

With defense cuts and tougher competition just ahead, electronic manufacturers are taking another look at this concept of tying expenditures to sales, in an effort to get more effective use out of their funds.

- New Approach-One plan for better sales spending was recently advanced by Gwilym A. Price, presi-

dent of Westinghouse. He proposes a tax law that will permit companies to set up funded promotional reserves as tax-exempt costs in good years, for spending in lean years.
- Price Plan-"The tax deductionreserve plan would overcome this normal tendency to reduce sales budgets when sales were low. Under such a plan, the Treasury would allow a company with a past history of spending on sales and market development to deduct tax-free a certain percentage of its gross. The company would spend this money for defined objectives, under approved conditions within a certain period."


## Station Power Gains Extend TV Markets

Important to televison receiver sales are existing tv markets in which stations have upped their power and increased coverage. Since June 1, 1951, over 60 tv stations have improved their facilities affecting over half the country's markets. NBC alone reports that 41 of its tv affiliates have boosted power since then.

- Markets-Although extension of coverage in terms of homes and audience is difficult to ascertain, set manufacturers agree that in old markets improved transmission by tv stations has provided a stimulant to business and has increased fringe sales just as improved tv receivers did in the past. It is estimated coverage increased 5 to 10 miles in many markets.
- Future-A number of tv stations plan power increases in the near future and have FCC okays. Applications by 19 other stations are pending approval. Markets expected to get power boosts in the near future are: Boston, WNAC-TV; Cincinnati, WLWT; Columbus, WLWC; Buffalo, WBEN-TV; Austin, Texas, KTBC-TV.


## Transistor Improvement Promises Bright Future

Hermetic sealing and use of new materials may eliminate moisture and temperature bugs

Steady progress is being made toward solving the moisture problem and other troublesome factors in transistors. In an announcement by Zenith it was revealed that that company had been unable to make transistors stand up under hearingaid conditions. It was reported that the transistors they tried failed rapidly in service, evidently due to high moisture conditions prevalent near the body where hearing aids are normally worn.

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tron, has already announced her-metically-sealed transistors, and several of the larger transistor makers indicate plans to do likewise in the very near future. The sealing process involves potting the transistor in a tiny (but so far costly) can equipped with a glass seal.

- Other Developments-Better and less expensive transistor materials appear to be the goal of numerous research programs, some of which are bearing fruit. Battelle Memorial Institute announced successful tests on a compound of aluminum and antimony for transistors. Preliminary tests show possibility of characteristics superior to germanium and silicon where operation at high temperatures is contemplated. A further advantage lies in the low cost of AlSb-a half ton costs about as much as a pound of germanium.

Transistor-pure silicon may also become cheaper and available in greater quantities as a result of a new manufacturing process developed by du Pont. This new source will also help raise power and temperature limits for transistors, because silicon functions as a semiconductor as high as 400 F .

## Defense Contract Rules Revised

## Administration jettisons broadbase procurement policy; electronics may be exception

Future defense contracts will be awarded to the companies that can handle them best and cheapest and not necessarily to the firms or areas that need them most. Thus Deputy Secretary Roger M. Kyes announced a reversal of the Defense Depart ment policy of spreading the work thin. Concurrently, the department announced that procurement would be placed in the hands of management men from industry. Presumably the Small Defense Plants Administration will expire quietly

- Loophole-Electronics manufacturers will probably not be affected greatly by the new policy. Kyes stated that marginal producers may still get contracts when the item manufactured is hard to get, in short supply or where the Defense Department wishes to keep the line open. Electronic equipment generally falls into these categories.

Aviation Weather Broadcasts Save Talk


Forecaster at La Guardia Field reads latest information onto magnetic tape (right) which repeats five-sector forecasts endlessly via relay transmitter (left) until next hourly forecast is recorded. Main transmitter in Manhattan broadcasts data on 162.55 mc from 6 am to 6 pm , KW035

More significant is that the former broad-base policy had little effect on the electronics industry. Much lip service was paid to aiding small business but a small business was defined as one employing 500 workers or less, scarcely called small in the electronics industry.

- Broad Base-Figures supplied by the New York office of the Signal Corps Supply Agency show that from August 1952 until March 1953 this office let $\$ 780,903.17$ worth of contracts, each under $\$ 1,000$. Small business received a little more than half the work.

During the same period, the small business specialist at the Signal Corps' New York office serviced 8,947 firms and assisted small business in obtaining $\$ 6,372,855$ worth of contracts over $\$ 1,000$.

## Radio Networks Continue to Expand

## Webs are bigger than ever despite inroads of television; local sponsorship a boon

A GLANCE at the chart (next page) proves network radio is bigger than ever and apparently still growing. Latest figures give total outlets as follows: NBC, 206 ; CBS, 217 ; ABC, 355 and MBS, 562.

One reason advanced for the growth of network radio in the face of television's inroads against the listening audience is that the networks are acquiring a-m outlets primarily for television CP's. Independent a-m stations in new tv areas have found network affiliation essential. Another powerful inducement to independents is network policy of making national shows available for local sponsorship. Mutual has expanded heavily in non-tv areas and has found bigleague baseball especially worldseries coverage an attractive feature.

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fident that radio and television can coexist. They point to sold-out daytime radio, increased away-fromhome listening and continued popularity of several night-time shows.

## Electron Art Advances Abroad

Electronics as an industry is global in its scope. No one country has a monopoly on research talent or engineering ingenuity.

- International-In a test of facilities for covering Queen Elizabeth's coronation, the British Broadcasting Company beamed a London tv show simultaneously to four European countries. Good reception was reported in West Germany, Belgium, Holland and France.

France uses both 441- and 819line pictures, Belgium uses 819 and 625 lines while Holland and West Germany both use 625 lines.

- England-Pluggable packaged circuits are building blocks for the model-401 electronic digital computer built by Elliott Brothers, London, for the National Research and Development Corp. Packaged circuits are mass produced and computers built to order from stock.
- Czechoslovakia-Communist Czechoslovakia's first television transmitter will soon be erected near Prague. Authorities stress that the Tesla-built transmitter uses only Czech-made components. Concurrently a plant in Strasnice has announced the first line of Czech television receivers.


## MEETINGS

May 6-June 1: International Telecommunications Union Conference, Palais Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland.
June 9-11: International Aviation Trade Show, Hotel Statler, New York, N. Y.
June 10-20:Automation, Servomechanism and Instrumentation Exhibition, Oslo, Norway.
June 11-12: IRE Professional Group On Communications Systems Symposium, AT\&T Long Line Auditorium, New York, N. Y. on June 11 and Overseas Transmitting and Receiving Stations of AT\&T, Lawrenceville and Netcong, N. J. on June 12.

June 15-19: Exposition of Basic Materials for Industry, Grand Central Palace, N. Y. C.
June 16-24: International Elec-tro-Acoustics Congress, The Netherlands.
June 20-Oct. 11: German Communication and Transport Exhibition, Munich, Germany.

June 29-July 3: ASTM Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, N. J. Aug. 19-21: WESCON (Western Electronic Show \& Convention), IRE (7th Region) and WCEMA (West Coast Electronic Manufacturers' Association cosponsors, Municipal Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.
Aug. 29-Sept. 6: West German Radio and Television Exhibition, Duesseldorf, Germany.
SEPT. 1-3: International Sight and Sound Exposition, Palmer House, Chicago. Ill.
Sept. 1-12: British 20th National Radio \& Television Exhibition 1953, Earlscourt, London, England.
SEpt. 21-25: Eighth National Instrument Exhibit, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, IIl.
Sept. 28-30: Ninth annual National Electronics Conference, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 9-12: Conference on Radio Meteorology, Austin, Texas.

## Industry Shorts

- More than 1,000 stations now operate on CONELRAD according to FCC Commissioner Sterling.
- Yakima to Spokane microwave relay system advanced another step as Pacific Telephone Co. awarded construction contracts for buildings at 4 of the 6 relay points on the $\$ 3$ million route. The system is slated for completion in December.
- Radio telescope built at Cambridge University, England, can penetrate to a distance of 6 billion light years into space, 3 times further than the 200 -inch Hale telescope of the Mount Palomar Observatory in California.
- Yugoslavia is buying underwater tv equipment, for dock and harbor inspection in its Adriatic ports, from Marconi's of England.
- Antenna masts of glass-fiber reinforced plastic are under study at the Signal Corps as possible replacement for metal and plywood towers.
- Digital computer that was ordered by Armour Research

Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology from International Business Machines to supplement other computers at the Foundation's computer center has been installed and is now in operation there.

- All-channel 17 -inch tv table model recently introduced by Emerson, will retail for $\$ 199.95$, lowest price so far.
- India's first electronics plant is to be built by the government with the cooperation of French Compagnie Generale de Telegraphic Sans Fil.
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## Corrosion, Moisture Interference Eliminated in Immersion Gauge

The difference between dependable "laboratory" accuracy or complete breakdown for a rugged immersiontype electronic fuel gauge may be attributed in part to its 59 machined Kel-F polymer parts, samples of which are shown here. Used primarily as dielectric insulators to isolate each of the three "probe" tubes which act as capacitor surfaces, the plastic parts are also subjected to constant vibration, corrosion from aircraft sludges and fuels, wear, and random concentrations of moisture.

The three-tube probe of the instrument which senses the weight of fuel in an aircraft tank may be completely or partially immersed at all times in volatile aircraft or jet fuel at temperatures ranging from minus $60^{\circ}$ to $200^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The unusual chemical inertness of the Kel-F-resisting corrosion or erosion of machined surfaces by the fuel or sludge-prevents any change in the critical spacing of $1^{\prime \prime}$ between the capacitor tubes essential to accuracy in the instrument readings. Electrical isolation of each capacitor tube surface is complete due to the excellent dielectric strength of Kel-F plastic. Dependable insulation, free from surface shorting or grounding caused by moisture or residues found in the fuel, is assured by the zero water absorption and non-stick characteristics of Kel-F.


The precision insulating parts required for this electronic instrument are produced by the Tri Point Manufacturing Company of Brooklyn, N.Y. Tri Point uses rod and tubing extruded from Kel-F polymer and then machines the necessary parts on standard automatic screw machines. The ready machinability of Kel-F permits this company to maintain tolerances within .001" on all parts supplied to the Aviation Engineering Corporation of Woodside, N.Y., manufacturers of this aircraft instrument.


## KEL-F ${ }^{\circledR}$ in UHF Pulse Cavity Insulates Against 3500 V, Under High Shock and Vibration Loads... $100 \%$ Humidity

The UHF pulse cavity assembly, shown above, utilizes insulating parts and circuit supports of Kel-F polymer to increase cavity efficiency in radar and other communications equipment. The excellent dielectric strength of Kel-F at low and high frequencies prevents both leakage of 3500 V pulses and radiation of $R F$ signals from the unit. Efficiency is further boosted by the high are resistance of the polymer.

Both ultimate operation and assembly phases of this cavity benefited because of the unusual mechanical properties of Kel-F trifluorochloroethylene polymer. The toughness-resiliency and high compressive strength -of the plastic allowed standard mounting methods to be used without danger of the plastic cracking or chipping. The exceptionally low "cold flow" of Kel-F assures that mounted parts will remain firmly in position, preventing misalignment. During operation, at temperatures from minus $60^{\circ}$ to $200^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., molded parts effectively withstand shock loads of 1200 foot pounds without failure. Additional stress from sustained vibration of 10 G 's, encountered in certain services, is taken in stride by the plastic without development of brittleness or loosening of mounts.

Shelley Products Limited, custom molders of Huntington Station, N.Y., supplied the Kel-F polymer parts illustrated to the Radio Receptor Company, Inc. of New York, N.Y. the firm which manufactures this cavity unit for the Armed Services. Using Kel-F trifluorochloroethylene polymer molding powders, Shelley Products readily injection-molded the required parts to specified tolerances. The use of Kel-F polymer for these parts resulted in a lower unit cost, as compared to similar materials, due to the ease with which Kel-F could be fabricated.

In addition to the excellent dielectric and mechanical properties of Kel-F, this polymer's unusual zero water absorption and "non-stick" properties serve to extend the application of this unit. The zero water absorption of Kel-F precludes efficiency loss through surface shorting, leaks or "tracking" caused by moisture. This property, combined with the "non-stick" characteristic of the polymer, prevents the accumulation of conductive residues or fungus growths, cause of shorting in tropic climates.


# Switch Rotor of KEL-F Takes Rough Handling, 75 Amp Current Surges, Ignores Oils and Greases! 

This injection-molded Kel-F polymer switch rotor with copper pole pieces withstands the impact of 75 amp . starting currents needed to propel electri-cally-powered heavy duty plant trucks. Because of the high dielectric strength of Kel-F, insulation is complete, and full power is transmitted to the drivemotor. Even after count less starts and stops during the course of a working day positive switching action is assured. At the elevated temperatures generated, the excellent dimensional stability of Kel-F prevents the rotor from softening and allowing the pole pieces to loosen or part from the switch shaft . . . and the polymer's high heat

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1. In 1953, about half of all the money spent on new manufacturing plants and equipment will come from depreciation reserves. For the future, manufacturing companies are relying even more heavily on this source of money. In the years 1954-56, they count on using their depreciation funds to pay for almost twothirds of the new plants and equipment now planned.
2. The amounts of money made available by depreciation allowances vary greatly from

[^2]industry to industry. Some industries, such as those producing steel, chemicals and petroleum products, will have relatively large amounts of cash available from their depreciation reserves. In considerable measure, this is because the government is allowing them to accumulate such reserves at an accelerated rate as an encouragement to build facilities required for national defense. But most of the companies engaged in the production of textiles, processed foods and many kinds of machinery have had little chance to benefit by this provision for accelerated depreciation. Hence, they have much less money available from depreciation reserves.
3. There is a definite shortage of investment funds in the industries that have relatively low depreciation allowances. Taken together, the coal mining, textile, food processing, machinery and other metal-fabricating industries plan to spend about $\$ 4.7$ billion for new plant and equipment this year. But they report that they would spend $\$ 1.5$ billion more per year during the period 1954-56 if sufficient funds were available.
4. Eighty-five per cent of the manufacturing companies covered by the survey reported that they plan to invest all their depreciation funds to keep equipment up-to-date and to provide capacity for new products and new markets. These companies could let their depreciation funds pile up as idle cash. But the intention is to spend most of them for capital equipment.

Hence, there is a direct relationship between the amount of depreciation funds available and the level of capital investment. And it is upon the latter that the level of general prosperity decisively depends. One-third of all industrial workers are engaged in producing or installing such equipment.

This fact that the level of depreciation allowances has a major bearing on the level of capital investment should not surprise anyone. In several foreign countries where these allowances have been increased, investment has boomed. The two nations with the highest ratios of investment to national income are Canada and Norway. Both countries adopted flexible depreciation policies after World War II. In Sweden and The Netherlands also, flexible depreciation allowances have contributed to rapid industrial expansion. Finally, the tremendous investment brought about by our own rapid amortization program shows dramatically the importance of depreciation in stimulating capital expenditures.

## Obsolete Tax Laws

In spite of this record, the fact remains that our laws and the business procedures that govern depreciation allowances - in particular the laws and rulings that govern the deduction of depreciation from taxable corporate income -are still based on antique and obsolete accounting concepts which take no account of depreciation's dynamic role in our economy. The internal revenue code still requires most companies to depreciate their equipment over a long period, even though these small annual allowances cannot possibly pay for the investment that is necessary to keep a plant up-todate under today's rapidly changing technology, with its production of new and improved machinery.

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## New Policy Needed

A sensible, up-to-date depreciation policy for tax purposes is long overdue. Either the Treasury must modernize the internal revenue code on its own initiative, or Congress must take the lead by writing into permanent law a flexible depreciation policy applicable to all companies.

Treasury experts now have before them a number of proposals to allow faster depreciation for the average firm. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has suggested that companies be allowed to deduct from taxable income 25 per cent of the cost of new equipment in the first year, with the remaining cost to be deductible over the life of the facilities. The Machinery and Allied Products Institute has long sponsored a formula that would allow full deduction in two-thirds of the estimated life of the property. In Congress, Chairman Reed of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation has stated that we need a more flexible depreciation policy. Senator Frear of Delaware has introduced a bill that would let a business make its own choice on how fast to depreciate its equipment.

It will take time and study to determine which of these various proposals best fits the needs of the economy without sacrificing unduly the revenue needs of the government. If we are to have a new depreciation policy, designed for a long period ahead, it must be carefully worked out. But this much is clear right now: The development of a flexible depreciation policy on the part of the federal tax authorities is one of the most important steps that can be taken to sustain prosperity. When we talk about depreciation, we are talking about the money that pays for almost twothirds of the new manufacturing facilities now scheduled for construction. We are talking about the new investment and the new jobs on which our continued prosperity depends.

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## CROSS <br> TALK

- COLOR . . . Several manufacturers have publicly demonstrated experimental compatible-color-television receivers and, in the main, the results have been good. There will, no doubt, be more such showings prior to official NTSC recommendations to the FCC, political and competitive pressures being what they are.

Gun-jumping is understandable, and in some instances unavoidable. The important thing is to be sure that demonstrations are carefully planned and executed, and that the public gets a realistic picture of what lies ahead, and how far ahead it lies.

- TRANSISTORS . . . Industry circles were fascinated by statements recently released by two hearing-aid makers. One said transistors don't stand up. The other said they do.

Since both manufacturers are reputable, one conclusion is that transistors do or don't stand up, depending upon what kind you use and how they are hooked up and packaged. This conclusion is by no means novel, because no one claims that transistors are perfect. It will be a long time before they are, if indeed perfection is possible in any manmade thing.

Meanwhile, transistors will continue to find their way into products for which they are suitable at this stage of the art, with refinements that broaden their applica-
tion coming along at a rate likely to be considered rapid even in the electronics industry.

- NEW MARKET . . . Materials-handling-equipment manufacturers find themselves in a fast-growing business these days; industry in general is committed to a more or less fixed labor rate, is increasing the efficiency of production machinery as fast as it can and now looks elsewhere for further savings.

There is business in this movement for makers of radio transmitters and receivers. Just the other day we saw five two-way-radioequipped fork lift trucks in a Standard Pressed Steel plant just north of Philadelphia. Here was an industrial communications system rendering much the same kind of service that has effected operating economies for taxicab companies.

Industrial Truck Association figures indicate that 29,668 fork trucks were sold in 1952, so the market is well worth anybody's while.

- MECHANIZATION . . . Beginning on page 130 of this issue is a production-technique story considered particularly interesting. Dip soldering has been known for many years. Never, however, has it been applied to such complex electronic equipment in precisely this way and on such a scale.

Perhaps even more important is the fact that printed circuits, plugin components and other allied techniques are everywhere at long last becoming major factors in the production of one type of electronic equipment or another. It is the simultaneous adoption of such things, rather than any one of them alone, that determines the shape of things to come in the field of electronics.

This may be the first commercially significant year for circuit mechanization.

- EXPORTS . . . International standardization work on electron tubes has just been upgraded. It used to be handled by the International Electrotechnical Commission on a subcommittee basis. Now it is handled by a full-fledged technical committee.

IEC meets in Opatija, Yugoslavia the end of June. Why is this important to us? Because you can't sell tubes in export markets if they won't fit the sockets.

- CHOICE . . . Two competitive receivers recently underwent a test. One operated beautifully but failed to survive a 30 -foot drop. The other had poor sensitivity, but was unaffected by the fall.
It is suggested that the prospective customer buy both sets, one for communications and the other to drop.


Rotary riveter, nicknamed the pipe organ, uses 40 -ton press to fasten 93 rivets in one operation after workers drop into each chassis the special sockets and pin plates needed for dip soldering. Rotary table indexes to next operator every 12 seconds, making capacity of machine 300 completed units per hour. Captive rivets are already on each piece loaded in

# Mechanized Dip Soldering 

First published details of revolutionary new electronic production technique built around a machine that solders 424 joints at once by dipping the inverted television chassis in a pool of molten solder. Similar dip-solder machines are used for radios

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Two Plants of the General Electric Company have been using a mechanized dip-solder process in the manufacture of radio and television receivers since 1949. Radios are being dip-soldered at the Utica, N. Y. plant and television sets at Electronics Park in Syracuse. The new technique was developed to replace the slower and less efficient process of assembling hundreds of parts in television and radio receivers with needle-nose pliers and a hand soldering iron.

The primary benefits from dip-
soldering as a production technique have been increased efficiency in the factory and better performance of radio and tv sets in the home.
In outward appearance, the dipsolder television chassis resembles to a large extent a conventional chassis. Actually, it is so constructed as to make possible the application of further automatic mechanized processes as they are developed and perfected.
The dip-solder chassis, with its excellent performance characteristics, represents the beginning of
a new era in receiver manufacture -the age of mechanization.

Many of the basic principles of the dip-solder process have long been used in radio tube production. Here, leads from the internal tube elements are connected to the pins in the base of the tube by dipping the pins of the assembled tube in molten solder.

Four years ago, the mechanized soldering method was first applied in the final assembly of components on television terminal boards. Since then, the method has been mastered


Loading chassis onto conveyor of dip-soldering machine for television assembly line. Hood with Lucite draws off rosin fumes, keeping them entirely away from workers


Appearance of top of television receiver chassis after dipsoldering of the 424 pin-type terminals having over 1,000 individual leads. Socket adapters are added after soldering

## of Television Receivers

to the point where the entire main chassis of both television and radio receivers, as well as terminal boards, are produced in this way.

Application of dip-soldering to moving-conveyor assembly of receivers involved almost 100-percent revision in subassembly lines, in component fabrication methods and in the main assembly lines. Each operation had to be changed and streamlined to serve more quickly and efficiently the highly mechanized system of final assembly.

## Ground Pin Riveter

In the metal parts section of the television plant, the basic tv chassis plate is first punched and formed. This plate, which forms the main deck of the chassis, moves to a section where one of the first steps is taken in preparing for the ultimate dip-soldering. Here the chassis plate is placed on a conveyor to pass through one of a
battery of ground riveters.
The ground riveter is a semiautomatic machine which assembles ground pins and spring washers and secures them to the ty chassis. An air-operated oscillating hopper orients and feeds the ground pins. Another mechanism feeds springsteel concave washers in strip form from a reel to a position directly beneath the machine's ram. A staking punch picks up a pin from the hopper, threads the pin through the washer, cuts the washer from the strip and stakes the assembly of pin and washer to the chassis. Sharp edges of the washer bite into the chassis to insure a good permanent ground connection.

Each television main deck has a punched hole at each location where ground connections to the chassis are needed. An operator removes the chassis from the conveyor and places it in the ground pin machine in such a way that a
vertical anvil projects through each of these holes in succession. A foot pedal is pressed to activate the air cylinder of the machine when the chassis is properly positioned.

Each ground pin machine operation leaves a hollow pin, like that of a radio tube, firmly secured to the chassis plate and ready for insertion of leads that are to be grounded. At present 41 ground pins are assembled to each chassis. Production per machine runs as high as 1,200 pins and washers per hour, which is five times as fast as the former method of positioning pins and washers by hand.

## Rotary Riveter

After insertion of ground pins, the television chassis travels by belt conveyor to a rotary riveter built around a 40 -ton Niagara press. This performs the equivalent of 93 individual rivet machine operations on 29 pin plates and terminal strips

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in one stroke. The capacity of the rotary riveter is 300 completed units an hour.

Individual pin plates and strips are purchased with captive eyelets at the ends of each. Two types of terminal pins are used on these plates. The bead chain type, used only in television, is a straight tubular pin slightly rounded at the top, with the same circumference at the bottom and the top. The second type, the split pin, is larger at the bottom than the bead chain type. The split pin is tapered to the top, and this tapered section is slit at four points. When the terminal lead wires are inserted in the pin, the split end grips and holds the component in position until the dipsolder machine completes the connection. The split pin is used exclusively in radio receivers and on television terminal boards. It is being used to a lesser extent in the television chassis.

Rising above the bed of the rotary riveter are 25 round vertical pipes in groups of five. These are kept filled with the different types of pin plates, pin-type tube sockets and pin terminal strips required, all having captive mounting rivets. At the five operating stations around the machine, operators pick the plates out of the pipe ends and position them in the empty chassis units as the table is indexed past them automatically at a preset production rate by a motor-driven Geneva drive. The general appearance of these pipes has earned the machine the nickname pipe organ.

For the last stop in its trip around the rotary riveter, the chassis passes under the riveting press. When in position, a camoperated limit switch and contactors operate the press to clinch all 93 rivets in one stroke.

Use of this machine saves considerable direct labor. In addition, it has completely eliminated the usual tripping of foot pedals and the resulting fatigue which accompanied the older individual-riveter method.

After manual removal from the
rotary riveter, the chassis is equipped with front and rear aprons on which operating controls have previously been mounted in subassembly operations. The chassis is then conveyed overhead to the start of one of the many main assembly lines.

## Ferris Wheels

Simultaneously with preliminary work on the main deck of the television chassis, the leads of hundreds of different components are being cut and formed in another section of the plant preparatory to insertion in the chassis. The automatic machines that have been developed for this purpose, known as ferris wheels, cut and form the ends of resistors and capacitors at a maximum rate of 2,200 pieces per hour. The ferris wheels are two circular tool holders which are mounted on the machine base in parallel and rotate continuously. One tool holder plate is adjustable along the horizontal axis by means of a screw thread and knob to fit the different lengths of components.

Mounted on the holders are eight sets of die blocks, evenly spaced around the circumference. The sides of these blocks are recessed so that forming of the component wire leads is completed in the recess and cutoff is performed against the bottom edge of the recess. Mounted rigidly on the machine are two cut-and-form blocks against which the die blocks rotate to cut and form the component leads.

In operation, the part is placed in two notches of the moving die blocks by hand. It is carried automatically through the cutting and forming stage and ejected by means of a rotating knockout to a chute at the rear. Under this chute is a corrugated cardboard box that serves for parts storage and fits directly into the parts dispensers on the main assembly line. This eliminates handling of the formed parts until they are actually inserted in the chassis.


Beginning operators use template with ground riveter, but soon memorize locations of holes for ground pins


Loading hoppers of rotary riveter

Two brushes under each machine rotate continuously to clean the cutting edges of the die blocks.

Each main television assembly line is laid out in the shape of an elongated U . The chassis units travel around on a moving conveyor in front of operators who work from a sitting position. In front of each operator are up to ten boxes and trays holding the components or wires for which she is responsible. Each component or length of wire is inserted in the chassis by placing its leads into two of the tubular terminals provided.

To take care of components which will be placed in the receiver after the chassis has passed through the


Bear of ground riveter, shawing spring-sieel washers in strip form and oscillating hopper for aligning terminal pins and feeding them down slide to chassis hole


After ground riveter pushes tubular pin through cupped washer, upper anvil retracts and pin is pushed through chassis onto pointed anvil


Biveter dies do work of 93 individual riveting machines in one stroke. Phototube af left stops press it chassis is missing


Loading molded paper capacitor on one of the eight pairs of die blocks of the ferris-wheel lead former and cutter


Rotating arm at rear, geared to main drive of ferris wheel pushes processed components out of die blocks to chute below


Parts boxes like these are placed under lead-forming machines for loading, and fit directly into metal dispensing bins on main assembly line. Elimination of handling operations insures that leads will be correctly bent for dropping into chassis pin holes


Television chassis in solder pool of machine, with rosin fumes rising in clouds. Air cylinder at top counteracts bellying of chassis with heat by lowering rods that hold chassis firmly down on bars projecting slightly above surface of solder pool

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dip-soldering process special loopwire terminals are inserted in some of the terminal pins.

Other special connections are provided for by key-shaped punched copper terminals inserted in the ground pins. Even shields in a dipsolder chassis are specially
designed. With a comb-shaped lower ealge, the shields are securely fastened by inserting the teeth into grounded terminal pins.

## Dip-Solder Machines

Finally, after its 424 terminal pins have received the components


Method of inserting shielded wiring in pin strip. Braided shield has already been pushed into a ground pin


Tube socket shields have comb-like teeth that fit into ground pin holes for anchoring simultaneously with leads
designed for them, the chassis reaches the dip-solder machine. Although this has a potential capacity of 350 chassis units an hour, actual production varies with the schedule of the assembly line which feeds it. On television lines, the machines are being used to flux and dip-solder a chassis measuring $13 \frac{1}{2}$ inches square and containing 424 terminal pins each having from one


Inserting punched copper strip in pin to which a lead of an above-chassis component must be soldered later


Inserting lead of molded paper capacitor in pin that already has three leads. Four leads are limit for easy insertion
to four leads. Similar machines are being used to solder 51 pins simultaneously in a terminal board and to solder 40 pins at once in a radio chassis.

A dip-solder machine consists of a flux tank, a solder tank, a sprocket-driven endless-chain conveyor which travels over the tanks, and auxiliary equipment.

Rods of cold solder, some of
which have been recovered from the machine, are dropped into a pot at the rear of the machine. Here the solder is raised to the carefully regulated temperature needed and automatically fed into the solder pot at a rate designed to maintain a constant level.

Each television chassis in turn is removed from its assembly line and fitted into a rack on an endless conveyor which carries it through the automatic solder operation. The chassis is lowered first into the flux and then into the solder tanks by four air cylinders. The conveyor stops, cylinder stroke and return, and dwell time in the flux and solder tanks are controlled by a series of snap-action switches and time-delay relays. An automatic timing unit is used to preheat the elements in the solder tank before the start of a work shift and to turn off the heat at the close of the shift. A solder temperature of 600 F is maintained by a thermostatic control.

Dross must be skimmed off the hot solder surface each time a chassis is dipped. Chrome-plated hinged wiper blades are built into the rear of each chassis-holding fixture to accomplish this as the fixtures pass over the solder tank.

Fumes from the operation are carried off by a hooded exhaust system installed over the machine.

As each chassis is lowered into its solder bath, capillary action draws the solder up into the tubular terminal pins. This provides uniform and complete solder connections at each terminal and little or no chance for excess solder to cause shorts.

After being removed from the dip-solder machine, the chassis is subjected to a violent vibration on a shake table. Imperfections in the dip-soldering job quickly show up under this unusual stress, as loose parts will come out. This rarely occurs in practice, but the shake table serves also to clear out scraps that fall into the chassis during assembly.

After the shake table operation, the television chassis is lifted back onto the main conveyor line. Here it passes through a series of stages during which it is prepared for installation of tubes, transformers
and other above-chassis parts.
The tube socket pin plates and transformer pin plates which were secured to the chassis by the rotary riveter require adaptation before the tubes and transformers can be mounted. Separate tube socket adapters are used, while r-f and i-f transformers are mounted right on their adapters. These adapters fit over the male pins on the chassis and receive the male pins of the parts. The tube socket adapters are placed on the tube socket pin plates by using a tool called the wobble gun.

Before adapters are fitted on terminal pins, dip-soldered leads which may project through the tops of the pins must be cut off. If this were not done, the protruding leads would prevent the adapters from being properly inserted over the pins. This clipping job is performed by special air-driven cutters.

The wobble gun is a special adaptation of a standard electric drill in which the drill chuck is replaced by a rounded plate. Behind this plate is a single ball bearing. When the tool is applied to the socket adapter it agitates in such a manner as to vibrate the adapter down on the connecting pins.

Before tubes are inserted in the television chassis, a final visual check is made to determine whether all connections have been made and all components are in proper position. So efficient has dip solder proved that only one repair station is operated for each television assembly line. At this repair station, any necessary adjustments are made by an operator using a conventional hand soldering iron, before the chassis passes on for completion of assembly.

## Other Dip-Solder Machines

Mechanized dip soldering was first used in the assembly of television receiver terminal boards and is still being used for that purpose. In addition, dip soldering is used on all GE table model radio receivers made at the Utica, N. Y. plant, including clock radios. A more recent adaptation is in connection with mechanized fabrication of individual components.

A slight variation in the method occurs when it is applied to smaller


Shake table clears chassis of loose solder and scraps, and also shows up imperfect joints


Method of using motor-driven wobble gun to push tube socket adapters onto socket pin plates

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subassemblies. Here, resistors, capacitors and wiring are handpositioned in the same manner as is done on the television lines, but it is not necessary to remove the terminal boards or radio chassis units from the assembly line. Instead, the dip-solder machine is so installed as to form an integral part of the assembly line itself. The terminal board or chassis continues traveling in its assembly rack directly through the flux bath. The length of the tank and the speed of the conveyor determine the time the part is immersed in the bath. When the part is ready for its solder bath, the solder tank is raised and lowered to perform the dip-solder operation.

In redesigning for dip-soldering, the television chassis had to be increased in size by 20 percent over the former conventional handsoldered model. No increase was necessary in radio chassis size.

Because the television receiver is
equipped with an interlock which automatically cuts off power when the back is removed from the cabinet, no protection is needed for those terminals which might be exposed. However, the radio receiver has no such interlock and some method of covering exposed terminals around tube sockets had to be found. The problem was solved by installing a steel. dough-nut-shaped shield around the base of each tube. This was later changed to a molded plastic cover fitting over almost the entire chassis.

A special tube socket is used in the dip-soldered radio chassis which eliminates the necessity of any adaptation to seat the tubes. Because the television receiver involves up to five times as many tubes as the radio recaiver, these special more-expensive and bulkie: sockets were found to be impractical. For that reason, adapter sockets are used in television sets.

Many important advantages and benefits have been realized since the dip-solder method of assembly was begun. Perhaps the most important of these is the increased reliability of the finished products. The hundreds of connections involved in a modern television receiver are made with absolute uniformity in respect to the amount of solder used and the degree of temperature applied. This means a consistent, reliable chassis and superior performance. Because the possibility of damaging components by overheating is eliminated, component failure in finished receivers is sharply reduced.

Less wiring is required in a dip-solder chassis as compared to a conventional chassis. This minimizes problems of establishing and maintaining lead-dress and spacing in the closely packed and complex interior of the receiver.

## Training Time

Dip soldering has meant a marked reduction in the time needed for training operators. The
time required to train personnel on an assembly line has been cut by one week where that line involves dip soldering.

No tools are required in the manual positioning of components, in contrast to the need for using crimping pliers, soldering irons and other tools in assembling the conventional chassis. Because this mechanization reduces the degree of skill required for final assembly work, the labor force is now more flexible and its distribution within the over-all production pattern is simplified to a great extent.

Breadboard mockups are mounted in front of each operator to show the wiring and component positioning assigned to her station on the television assembly line. Even a nowice operator can quickly compare the work before her with that on the breadboard. These training devices consist of actual components mounted on a full-size pictorial layout diagram of the pertinent portion of the chassis.

Another example of simplified training techniques is operation of the ground riveters. By supplying the untrained operators with a metal template which indicates the exact positions for the terminal pins, it is possible for the trainee to reach a satisfactory point of


Dip-soldering position on moving-conveyor line for a television subassembly terminal board. Here the solder tank is raised by air cylinders to come up to the panel
efficiency and production almost at once.

Since the installation of dipsolder machines on the television and radio assembly lines, a definite improvement in employee morale has been noted. This has been credited to several factors. With elimination of the hand soldering iron, the work is cleaner and much less tiring. Irritation from flux fumes which accompany hand soldering is completely absent because the entire dip-solder mechanism is enclosed and ventilated.

Those employees formerly engaged in the task of selecting, trimming, shaping, crimping and soldering each component are released from this work to be more efficiently used in the manufacture of component parts. This tends to


One of the molded adapters developed for use with special dip-soldered tube sockets. Projecting leads are sheared off before adapter is pushed on


This i-f transformer has a builtin adapter and spring-type mounting clips that make mounfing and connecting $\alpha$ single quick operation
streamline the entire assembly operation, shortens the assembly line and frees floor space for other manufacturing activities.

Manufacturing costs have been reduced through the lessening of the possibility of damage to components, and the margin of error in the assembly operation has been cut.

The reduction in the amount of wiring means an increase in the space available for components and aids immeasurably in parts standardization. This is of the greatest importance from a manufacturing standpoint but is, perhaps, of an even greater importance from a servicing standpoint. As an example, capacitors of equal value, supplied by different vendors, may show considerable variation in size. In a conventional chassis, oversize parts from one vendor might have to be wired outside the engineered pattern of the chassis. In the dipsoldered chassis, however, sufficient room is available to accommodate components of a different size than specified in the original design of the product.

Still another important advantage of the dip-solder technique is reduced service cost to the consumer. To break one connection in a handsoldered television or radio receiver, the serviceman might find it necessary to remove three or more individually soldered connections with several applications of heat. In a dip-soldered chassis, the service operation can be accomplished with a single touch of the soldering iron. This, too, reduces the possibility of damage by heat to delicate components, speeds up the repair job, results in less repair cost to the owner and causes less disturbance to the basic balance of the circuit.

# Broadcast Transmitter 



Studio engineer dials control impulses in sequence then selects desired monitor function to check remote transmitter

IN 1948, the Canadian Department of Transport amended its broadcast regulations to allow transmitter operation by remote control. The amendment specifically allowed two control systems, that of telemetering and marginal alarm relays, while provisionally allowing any other acceptable means. Telemetering is sending by telephone lines various voltage levels that are read on a meter at the studio to indicate the state of the transmitter circuits at any time. The marginal-alarm-relay system is a collection of relays at the studio that are actuated by sample voltages carried over telephone lines from the transmitter circuits.

It was felt by Canadian General Electric that telemetering would be superior operationally to the marginal relay system because in addition to indicating voltage levels of pertinent circuits, telemetering gives the amount of voltage drift should any circuit begin to fail. The marginal relay system can indicate only if circuit voltage levels have varied beyond certain preset levels. The alarm signal tells the studio operator only that the circuit volt-
age has varied but not how much.
In December 1949, the first remote control system was put into operation at CFAR, Flin Flon, Manitoba. The success of this venture resulted in equipping many other stations with remote facilities, 250 and 1,000 -watt omnidirectional antenna stations as well as 1,000-watt stations employing two and three-tower directional antenna arrays.

In operation, the studio engineer starts the broadcasting day by first energizing the studio equipment. Then using the dial-and-control unit, he actuates the power-on switch to turn power on at the transmitting site as indicated in Fig. 1. After the equipment is sufficiently warmed up he presses the transmitter-on lever, placing the carrier on the air. With all the equipment operating the various telemetered circuits are checked. This is done by dialing one number after another and marking on the station log the meter reading corresponding to each number dialed. The operation usually takes less than a minute.

If a reading is slightly off normal

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the station engineer can assess the significance of the variation and investigate the cause. A simple alarm system, on the other hand, can only advise of trouble that has already taken place, and cannot help in assessing the seriousness of the fault. Nearly all circuit failures give unmistakable warning signs before actually occurring. Orer-age tubes give less emission and therefore less r-f output; a failing transformer delivers less voltage to the high voltage circuits; a defective capacitor may intermittently bypass a circuit to ground. All these signs are revealed in the meter readings at the studio.

## System Elements

Besides on-off control, indication at the studio of all important transmitter circuits, frequency deviation, percentage modulation and r-f output, the control system makes provision for operating from the transmitter site during emergency conditions. In addition to the alarm system, an electronic lockout prevents energizing the transmitter from the studio during normal and emergency service periods.

Control of input power, while useful for placing power on and off under normal conditions, becomes of utmost importance during extreme circumstances, such as air-raid warnings or natural disasters. As broadcast signals serve as an effective beacon for aircraft receivers, it is imperative that a station be completely shut down within seconds of an air-raid warning. On the other hand, a station may be required to broadcast information to outlying areas during times of fire, flood or earthquake.

# Remote Control System 


#### Abstract

Telemetering system used since 1948 to control 1-kw Canadian a-m/f-m broadcast stations with omnidirectional or three-tower antenna arrays. Two pairs of telephone wires permit studio operator to start and stop transmitter at will or monitor various functions to avoid equipment breakdown


If the transmitter site is isolated at such times, remote control becomes vital to place the transmitter on the air during normal shut-down.

Another safety measure, is the automatic safe-failure feature. This instantly removes all input power from the transmitting facilities in the event power fails at the studio or the telephone control lines open up for more than 3 seconds. If ever commercial power, which may not be from the same source energizing the transmitter, should fail, or if the control lines are damaged due to wind, ice or snow storms, the station owner is safe in the knowledge that power is removed from the transmitter.

## On-Off Control

When power switch $S_{1}$ is closed, line 1 is energized with 48 volts d-c and thereafter is never de-energized for more than 0.25 second while the equipment is operating. The 48 volts from rectifier $C R^{3}$ operates repeater relay $K_{1}$ energizing con-tactor-holding relay $K_{2}$, which in turn operates the main power contactor $K_{3}$. This contactor applies power to the transmitter and equipment in the station audio rack.

Because it is essential that the transmitter be under complete control when on the air, the equipment is designed to remove input power in the event of power failure at the studio, or the opening of control lines for more than 3 seconds. This safe-failure function results if the 48 volts is removed from $K_{1}$. In order that transmitter shut down shall not be caused by brief power interruptions from the studio, $K_{2}$ will maintain the coil circuit of $K_{3}$ for three seconds after its own coil
circuit has been de-energized.
To place the transmitter on the air, transmitter-on key $S_{2}$ is operated and a reset impulse lasting 0.25 second is sent out over line 1. At the end of this impulse a voltage is applied to line 2 (line $2-2$ positive) energizing the on relay $K_{\text {, }}$, which in turn operates the on circuits of the transmitter. The reset impulse is necessary to insure that line 2 is connected through stepping relay $K_{5}$ to relays $K_{4}$ and $K_{8}$. It is obtained as follows:

Transmitter-on key $S_{3}$ contacts 1 and 2 ground the coil of $K_{7}$. This relay then operates, opening the circuit of line 1 , and at the same time de-energizing the coil of $K_{8}$. After the 0.25 second the armature of $K_{3}$ is released, completing the circuit of line 1 through its contacts 1 and 2 , while contacts 3 and 4 apply voltage to line 2 via contacts 7 and 8 of $S_{2}$.

The transmitter-off control also utilizes reset impulses. When trans-mitter-off key $S_{3}$ is operated, a reset impulse is sent on line 1. At the end of this impulse a voltage is applied to line 2 (line 2-2 negative) from contacts 7 and 8 of $S_{3}$. This voltage energizes the off relay $K_{8}$, which removes the carrier from the air but leaves the filament and control circuits on.

## Transmitter Indication

The status of the transmitter is indicated by three readings on the studio meter $M_{1}$. The first reading is obtained by applying input power to the transmitter. Rectifier $C R 2$ becomes energized and its current produces a 30 -percent reading on $M_{1}$, informing the studio operator the transmitter filaments are on.

The filament time-delay relay then starts to operate. When it has completed its cycle and the transmitter is ready for power, rectifier $C R_{3}$ produces current for a second reading of 70 percent on $M_{1}$. High voltage may now be applied to the transmitter, which in addition to placing the carrier on the air, energizes meter-multiplier resistors $R_{3}$ and $R_{4}$. These energized resistors supply current to produce the third reading on $M_{1}$ of approximately 95 percent. These percentages are adjustable by potentiometers $R_{1}, R_{2}$ and $R_{4}$. Status indications can only be realized when circuit selector relay $K_{\bar{\sigma}}$ is in the reset position. It is in this position when the equipment is first turned on and after each operation of the transmitter-on and off switches.

## Telemetering Of Circuits

In addition to status indications, meter $M_{1}$ provides up to nine telemetered indications of transmitter and monitor equipments. Each circuit is automatically chosen by the selector dial on the panel of the dial and control unit.

When the dial is pulled away from normal at-rest position, its contacts 1 and 2 close and ground the coil of $K_{7}$. This opens line 1 and de-energizes the coil of $K_{8}$. After 0.25 second, contacts 1 and 2 of $K_{8}$ close to complete the circuit of line 1 through the impulsing contacts 1 and 2 of the selector dial. When the dial is released, contacts 1 and 2 are operated by the dial mechanism, producing stepping impulses that are 0.03 -second-long interruptions of line 1 . These impulses are produced at the rate of 10 per second, the number of impulses for one


FIG. 1-Schematic diagram of Canadian GE remotecontrol equipment employing two telephone pairs and stepping switch for operating and monitoring 1-kw $\alpha$-m broadcast transmitter
dialing cycle corresponding to the number dialed.

For each stepping impulse, repeater relay $K_{1}$ releases for 0.03 second and its contacts 3 and 5 close
to energize the stepping coil of $K_{5}$. Each time this coil is energized, the armature of $K_{5}$ moves its wiper arms to the next contact until the ones corresponding to the number
dialed at the studio are reached. The first and second set of wiper arms connect both sides of line 2 to the signal to be measured after it has been amplified by the Autopot
or self-balancing potentiometer.
The third set of wiper arms picks off a sample voltage from the circuit to be telemetered. After each impulse the stepping coil of $K_{5}$ is released and its armature moves to the next notch in the wiper arms, ready for the next step. At the completion of the dialing cycle, dial contacts 4 and 5 open, releasing $K_{3}$ whose contacts 1 and 2 close and maintain the circuit of line 1 . The control circuits remain as outlined above while the studio operator enters the desired reading in the station log.

When the next number is dialed the wiper arms first return to the reset position before connecting the circuit to be measured to the Autopot and thence to line 2 . This is accomplished as follows:

Moving the dial interrupts the circuit of line 1 . Repeater relay $K_{1}$ is then released, its contacts 3 and 5 close, energizing the step coil of $K_{5}$. At the same time $K_{1}$ contacts 3 and 4 are opened, de-energizing the coil of step-holding relay $K_{8}$. After 0.1 second, $K_{8}$ contacts 1 and 2 open, releasing the step coil of $K_{5}$ and deenergizing the coil of reset holding relay $K_{10}$. Simultaneously, $K_{8}$ contacts 3 and 4 are closed, operating the reset coil of $K_{5}$, which returns the contacts of this relay to reset position. Since the reset impulse is automatically timed by $K_{8}$ to last 0.03 second, this operation will be correctly performed even if stepholding relay $K_{8}$ or reset timing relay $K_{8}$ are not in precise adjustment. It is noted that at the start of the reset impulse, relay $K_{5}$ will step up one before the reset function is performed. This is of no operational significance and could be avoided only by adding another
relay that would contributed little to the operation of the equipment.

The Autopot is a self-balancing potentiometer and amplifier used to amplify and partially isolate the quantities to be measured from the line. Since some of the quantities are of negative polarity, and since the input and output circuits of the Autopot have a common connection that must be grounded, it is necessary to provide automatic switching of polarity in the output circuit in order that $M_{1}$ will read in the same direction. This is done by wiper arms $K_{5 A}$ and $K_{5 B}$ and the Autopot, which accepts voltages of either polarity, reverses the negative voltages, and amplifies each separately. The step and reset buttons permit the telemetering function to be carried out manually at the transmitter site.

## Meter Zeroing

Because meter $M_{3}$ is very sensitive, it is necessary to compensate for stray leakage currents that may occur in the metering line. This is accomplished by zero potentiometer $R_{\overline{5}}$ in the dial-and-control unit, and it is adjusted so that with zero input to the Autopot, meter $M_{1}$ reads zero. There are two ways in which to do this, by dialing p-a plate current when the transmitter is off the air, then adjusting $R_{5}$; or if there is a spare position on the stepping switch, the spare would be dialed before adjusting $R_{5}$.

Telemetered indications extra to the transmitter proper are frequency deviation and $r$-f output level. In order to read the former, potentiometer $R_{0}$ must be adjusted so that $M_{1}$ is brought to center scale. This is done by operating fre-quency-monitor key $S_{4}$, dialing 9

## WHO CAN USE REMOTE CONTROL

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- Equipment described in this orticle fulfills requirements of the Department of Transport for Canadian a-m and f-m broadcast transmitters when they are operated by remote control.
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- Effective April 15, 1953, the Federal Communications Commission liberalized its rules to allow somewhat similar remote operation for United States transmitters of 10 kw or less power employing nondirectional antennas.

[^5]then adjusting $\boldsymbol{R}_{6}$ until $M_{1}$ is centered. This permits reading frequency drift in either direction, and also compensates for any drift in the monitor operating circuits and variation in line-leakage currents. Radio-frequency output is preset by adjusting $R_{7}$ after dialing 5 at the studio. Variations in reading on $M_{1}$ indicate variations in transmitter r-f output level. The remaining monitor indication, percentage modulation, is not telemetered, but warning is given of overmodulation through use of alarm circuits.

## Alarm Circuit

The alarm circuit is normally used only for extending the overmodulation circuit of the modulation monitor, but other circuits can be connected to it. When over 100percent modulation occurs, $K_{11}$ is operated, disconnecting line 2 from the telemeter circuit and applying 48 volts d-c across the line. This operates relay $K_{12}$ in the dial and control unit, whose contacts 4 and 5 energize the alarm indicator light. At this time $M_{1}$ is protected from the initial application of the 48 volts by capacitor $C_{1}$ and resistors $R_{8}$ and $R_{\text {p }}$. Further protection is provided by contacts 1,2 and 3 of alarm relay $K_{12}$, which disconnect the meter from the line and short circuit the meter movement when an alarm occurs.

In case of emergency such as a failure of the studio lines, the transmitter equipment is immediately shut down as outlined in safe-failure procedure, but it can be re-energized and operated from the transmitter site. Emergency operation switch $S_{5}$ permits operating the transmitter completely independent of studio control. Two studio signals are provided to show the switch is in use. A light indicates $S_{5}$ is in emergency position, and the alarm relay is operated at the studio when conditions are returned to normal. For matters of personnel safety, lockout switch $S_{8}$ prevents operating transmitter control relays $K_{4}$ and $K_{0}$ from the studio while an engineer is working on the equipment. It, however, does not prevent shutting down the entire equipment by means of the power switch at the studio.


NOTS Aeroballistics Laboratory at Inyokern. Gun platform for firing rockets is at right end along with control room; missile stop is at left end of building

## Microsecond Photography

Electronically controlled flash lamps used in connection with 46 precision ballistics cameras provide up to 138 pairs of silhouette images of a rocket fired at sandbags in 500 -foot indoor range, for determining aerodynamic and ballistic characteristics during flight


Interior of rocket test laboratory, as viewed downrange from station 3. White reflective strips on ceiling are required for silhouette photography. Sandbag missile stop is at far end. Camera takes six images in sequence, as at top of page


Instrumentation, lamp setup and ballistic camera at one station. Opposite position for station has only one vertical rack as photoelectric ungating equipment serves for both sets of flash lamps. Tubes to detect missile are set into floor of building


FI $\{$. Orientation used for cameras so each obtains six images of rocket


FIG. 2-Cross-section of range, rhewing one pair of cameras with lamp banks

# of Rocket in Flight 

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ELlectrical-discharge photoflash lamps used as the sources of microsecond-duration illumination for photography of rocket models in flight demand the design and development of electronic instrumentation to meet specific performance and control requirements. The special requirements are imposed by the high accuracy desired in the experimental data and the physical size of the available laboratory.

The desired accuracy in the determination of the aerodynamic and ballistic coefficients of the freeflight rocket models requires that the transverse components of the center of gravity of the model at each instant of flash photography be determined to within 0.001 ft and the longitudinal component to within 0.01 ft . Each corresponding time coordinate must be known to
within 1 usec, hence the time of each light flash must be measurable with an accuracy of $10^{-8} \mathrm{sec}$.

Most of the electronic instrumentation directly associated with the flash lamps is located at intervals along each side of a 500 -foot-long enclosed range which serves as an aeroballistics laboratory. This physical distribution of the instrumentation introduced problems in the control and monitoring of the equipment. Centralization of all instrumentation to provide remote control and monitoring from a single location was decided upon and governed the design of the necessary equipment.

## Aeroballistics Laboratory

For experimental determination of the aerodynamic and ballistic characteristics of rocket models,
inert models are launched from $40-$ mm and 3 -inch guns. The rockets pass in free flight through the 500 -foot-long range building and are photographed at 4 -foot intervals during their flight. Photographic coverage is provided by 23 pairs of precision ballistics cameras arranged so that the fields of view of adjacent cameras are overlapping. This arrangement, shown schematically in Fig. 1, provides continuous coverage of the rocket model during its flight through the laboratory. Every camera photographs the model six times to give a total of 138 pairs of images.

Figure 2 shows the orientation of the pair of cameras at each of the 23 stations. Adjacent to each camera is an array of three elec-trical-discharge flash lamps, the sources of microsecond-duration
illumination of the rocket models in transonic and supersonic flight. Each lamp is operated at 18,000 volts with a $0.02-\mu$.f or $0.04-\mathrm{f}$ f discharge capacitor. Each bank of flash-tubes provides a series of accurately timed light flashes during the interval that the rocket model is in the field of view of the two related cameras.

The circle of 3 -foot radius shown in Fig. 2 is the circle of maximum anticipated dispersion of the model; flash illumination is provided throughout the corresponding cylindrical volume, with reflex reflective sheeting serving as the background for silhouette photography of the rockets in flight.

## Master Timing System

The master timing system in Fig. 3 continuously provides accurate timing signals to each of the stations of the laboratory. These signals are then gated in synchronism with the passage of the rocket model to produce the precisely timed light flashes. These expose negatives to give 138 pairs of photographic images of each rocket model, from which determinations of the corresponding position coordinates must be made.

A secondary time standard which provides a $120-\mathrm{kc}$ signal is followed by a series of binary counters. This array of counters serves as a frequency divider to provide a selection of 96 frequencies in the range from 29.3 to $15,000 \mathrm{cps}$. Parallel outputs provide 1 -microsecond pulses of 10 volts across 100 ohms.

Each of the binary counters may be switched from the frequencydivider circuit. The first four counters provide division by $1,2,4$, 8 or 16 , depending upon the number of active counters. Four of the remaining five counters in the chain are connected to feedback circuits. The possible combinations provide a selection of 32 integral division factors of 1 through 32 , inclusive.

To obtain the desired accuracy of $1 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ in determination of the time coordinates, it was necessary to take account of the time of transmission of the signal from the master timing system to the most distant station. A 500 -foot-length of RG-22A/U Twinax cable carries


FIG. 3-Master timing system used to insure that time of each flash will be determinable to within 1 microsecond
the timing signal to station 23 ; the time delay over this distance is ${ }^{\frac{3}{4}}$ usec. Compensation for this time delay is provided by using the same length of cable to each of the stations.

## Station Triggering System

The electronic instrumentation associated with the electrical-discharge flash lamps at each station is shown in Fig. 4. The light screen and two photoelectric units constitute the triggering system which initiates the flashing of the elec-trical-discharge flash lamps. Two photoelectric units are needed to cover the circle of dispersion, as shown in Fig. 2. The light screen is a 9 -foot-long linear array of six 60 watt GE Lumiline incandescent lamps. To provide a continuousline light source, light from a 25 watt showcase lamp is reflected by a prism at each of the five gaps between the lumiline lamps. The light screen is operated with d-c voltage; flicker with a 60-cycle power source was found to be about 7 percent, far too great since the triggering system must respond to a modulation of 1 percent by a rocket model passing through.

The photoelectric unit utilizes a 1P21 photomultiplier tube followed by a 2-stage amplifier and a 2050 thyratron, connected as in Fig. 5. The 1P21 is operated with a total dynode voltage of only 408 volts
(giving an amplification of 8,000 ) in order to obtain a good signal-to-noise ratio ( $10: 1$ ) with 1-percent modulation. The amplifier has a maximum gain of 300 and has halfpower points at 30 and $10,000 \mathrm{cps}$.

This photomultiplier-amplifier combination was found to give a more favorable signal-to-noise ratio than was possible with greater gain in the photomultiplier tube and less in the amplifier. The thyratron is biased at -6 volts and when fired will deliver a 5 -microsecond pulse of 60 volts across 100 ohms. This signal initiates action in the gating unit.

## Gating Unit

The purpose of the gating unit is to pass six timing pulses of a preset frequency; this will result in the flashing of the electrical-discharge lamps in synchronism with the passage of the rocket model. A block diagram to illustrate the action of the gating unit is given in Fig. 6. The triggering signal from either or both of the photoelectric units trips the start thyration of the gating unit. The thyratron signal in turn starts a cycle of the one-shot gate-forming multivibrator. The multivibrator pulse carries six of the timing pulses over the voltage barrier of the diode gate. The timing signals passed by the gate drive the blocking oscillator; the negative output of the latter is fed


FIG. 4-Photoelectric system used for ungating precision timing signals at each station in sequence as rocket flies down the range
through parallel outputs to driver units of each station. The open gate is closed by the phantastron gatewidth timing circuit. ${ }^{1}$

The phantastron action is started by the first of the six timing signals coming through the system; the period of the phantastron cycle is determined by the preset control voltage. The voltage-control dial is calibrated to read directly the gate widths equal to the time required for the rocket model to travel the photographic length of each station. It is expected that the velocity of the model can be predicted to within 1 percent; in fact, it is planned to fire identical models on an outdoor range to check their velocity and stability before launch-
ing them through the Aeroballistics Laboratory.

The range of velocities of the rocket models will be from 800 to $6,000 \mathrm{ft}$ per sec. The corresponding gate widths are set somewhat greater than would be expected (25-3.3 milliseconds) for a station length of 20 feet, since the photographic fields of view are overlapping and hence longer than 20 feet. The gate widths are set for the time of travel of the model over 26 feet. In the event of a failure in the phantastron gate-width circuit, the gate-forming multivibrator will close the gate when it returns to its initial state in a natural period of 40 milliseconds.

The phase relation between the
single triggering pulse of the photoelectric unit and the continuous timing signal is entirely arbitrary. Depending upon this phase relation, the start of the flashing of the lamps may occur immediately after the photoelectric signal or may be delayed as much as the period of the timing signals. The timing signal frequency is chosen to give one flash at each 4 feet of travel of the model, hence the first flash may occur with the missile anywhere between the plane of the triggering system and 4 feet farther down-range. This randomness is a small cost to pay for the gains from the use of the master timing system.

The schematic diagram of the gating unit is given in Fig. 7. When start thyratron $V_{1}$ is fired, it remains in a conducting state until it is reset by an external circuit which momentarily removes the plate voltage. This makes it impossible for the gate to be re-opened by the sabot which will sometimes follow the rocket model.

The negative pulse from the start thyratron is applied to the normally cut-off plate of gate-forming multivibrator $V_{3}$. Half of dual-diode $V_{2}$ isolates the multivibrator and prevents its being triggered except on firing of the start thyratron.
The positive pulse from the multivibrator opens gate diode $V_{4}$, thus permitting the timing pulses from transformer $T_{1}$ to pass. These pulses are amplified by $V_{5}$ to drive blocking oscillator $V_{0}$. The output pulses of this oscillator, of 1-usec duration


FIG. 5-Multiplier phototube and amplifier circuit arrangement


FIG. 6-Gating unit, showing timing signals on square-waves


FIG. 7-Circuit of gating unit used to pass timing signals only when rockel is in camera range
with a negative peak level of 25 volts, are conducted to the driver units through output plugs. These negative pulses are also amplified and inverted by $V_{0}$, and the first of them starts the phantastron action of $V_{8}$.

The pulse output of the phantastron is differentiated by an R-C network. The trailing-edge pulse is passed by the lower half of diode $V_{2}$ and cuts short the action of the gateforming multivibrator, thus preventing further timing pulses from passing through the diode gate. If it is desired to close the gate by means of the signal from the photoelectric triggering system of the next station, that signal is amplified and inverted by $V$, to cut off the gate-forming multivibrator.
Local or remote operation of the relay at $V_{\&}$ results in a single flash of the lamps at the station. This gives a simple check of the per-
formance of most of the circuitry of the station system.

## Driver Unit

The driver unit serves to raise the level of the timing pulses from the gating unit and provide highvoltage, low-impedance outputs to drive the hydrogen thyratrons of the flash units. A circuit diagram of the driver unit is given in Fig. 8. The burst of six timing pulses from the gating unit is amplified by $V_{1}$ which in turn drives cathode follower $V_{2}$. The output of the latter drives buffer amplifier $V_{3}$, followed by three 807 cathode followers. The signals from these are $1-\ldots$ sec pulses with a level of 400 volts across 500 ohms. These signals are passed by a coaxial cable to the flash units. The driver unit also provides a regulated negative bias of 150 volts for the flash-unit thyratrons.

Each flash unit contains the
resonant-charge ${ }^{2}$ and thyratron-discharge ${ }^{3.4}$ for the capacitor of its associated flash lamp, as shown in Fig. 9. The 1.25 -henry charging reactor is in series resonance at 1,000 cps with a $0.04-\mu \mathrm{f}$ flash capacitor (used for the two outer lamps of each three-lamp array) and at $1,414 \mathrm{cps}$ with a $0.02-\mathrm{\mu}$ f capacitor (for the center lamp). A 5 C 22 hydrogen thyratron serves as the switch in the discharge circuit of each flash unit.

## Flash Unit

The flash lamp is operated at the end of a 25 -foot length of the 52 ohm RG-8/U cable and appears quite well matched. Tests were made with a rotating-mirror camera to measure the simultaneity of the flashing of the three lamps in each array; the flashes were found to occur within 0.25 usec of each other.


FIG. 8-Driver unit used to amplify fiming-signal output of gate


FIG. 9-Flash unit arrangement used for individual flash lamps


FIG. 10-Disconnect unit serving as safety system


FIG. 11-Circuit of high-voltage power source for flash lamps

The flash units are connected to the high-voltage power supply through disconnect units, as in Fig. 10. An antenna transfer relay in the disconnect unit serves as the series switch between the highvoltage power source and the flash units at each station. The coil of this switch is so interlocked with other circuits that it is energized only when the filaments of the hydrogen thyratrons of the three associated flash units are turned on and the door of the rack housing these units is closed.

## High-Voltage Power Source

The source of power for the flash lamps is a $500-\mathrm{\mu f}$ energy-storage capacitor bank. Design studies proved it to be more economical to operate the lamps from a capacitor bank than to design and construct a high-voltage rectifier which would deliver the peak power required
upon instantaneous demand. The reason for this is that even though the power demand for the fraction of a second required by the rocket model to pass through the laboratory is high, the total energy required is very small. The power requirement for six lamps flashing at any one time at the maximum planned rate of 1,500 times per sec is approximately 50 kw . The total energy for the six flashes at any one station is about 200 watt-seconds, and the total energy required by the flash lamps of 23 stations is 4,600 w-sec. The energy stored in the 500-uf capacitor bank at 10,000 volts is $25,000 \mathrm{w}$-sec. The efficiency of the resonant-charging cycle is 90 percent, hence the total energy drawn from the source is 5,100 w-sec or approximately 20 percent of the total available energy. This means that the last flash (the 138th) will be only 80 percent as
bright as the first. This difference is hardly noticeable, however, in the logarithmic response of photographic emulsions.

The $500-\mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor bank is charged by a surplus radar power supply (RA-38 of the SCR-268), shown in Fig. 11. This supply can deliver one-half ampere at 10,000 volts and hence charges the $500-\mu \mathrm{f}$ bank in a few seconds.

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# Automatic Pinboy for 



Major components of the automatic pinspotter. Electrical control unit determines proper opercting cycles for sweep and table

T1 He aUTOMATIC PINSPOTTER is an electromechanical device that will perform the bowling functions usually performed by the pinboy. This includes setting up the bowling pins, clearing the alley of downed pins, returning the ball to the bowler and rearranging the pins for the next bowling cycle. The present unit uses electronic circuits for sensing and controlling the mechanical functions of the machine.

## Operating Cycles

The functions of the automatic pinspotter are categorized into the following cycles: first ball, second ball, strike and foul. Two sets of standard ten-pins are employed. In a normal first-ball cycle, where some pins are left standing, a timedelay is provided to allow wobbling
pins to either fall or stand. A table then descends, grips the standing pins, and raises them to allow a sweep to remove the dead wood. Standing pins are then replaced on the exact spot from which they were lifted.

After a second ball is bowled the sweep clears all pins from the alley. The table descends, spotting a new set of ten-pins and the machine is again ready for a first-ball cycle.

If the table descends in a firstball cycle and finds no pins standing, this information is transmitted to the electrical control which changes the machine function to a strike cycle. The sweep clears the deck and a new set of ten-pins is set ap.

If a bowler gets a spare in the tenth frame, he is allowed a third ball. If pins are left stauding, the

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alley must be cleared and the machine returned to a first-ball cycle for the next bowler. A reset button, accessible to the bowler, cycles the machine to the start of a first-ball cycle.

The major components of the pinspotter are placed on the main frame mounted over the pin setting area. The sweep pushes fallen pins from the alley into the pit. As the pins and ball fall into the pit, they are conveyed by a continually operating conveyor belt toward the rear of the machine. A cushion allows the pins to pass under to the rear of the pit and guides the ball to one side of the pit where the ball is lifted by a vertical belt to a track which returns it to the bowler.

A large wheel, at the rear of the pit elevates the pins to a distributor belt.

The distributor is an extendable, movable conveyor which indexes from one pin location to the next placing the pins in the unoccupied pockets of the table. The bowling pins are held till the machine reaches its spotting cycle, at which time they are brought into a vertical position and place on the alley.

Offspot pins are replaced by freefloating clamping pads which adjust themselves to the pin position. They are then locked, holding the pin firmly during the up and down movement of the table

## Control Chassis

The electrical devices associated with the pinspotter include drive motors, switches and solenoids which are interconnected, synchronized and controlled by the electrical control chassis. Operation at the correct time during the cycle is controlled by a bank of cams and miniature switches, relays and starters.

# Bowling Alleys 

# Four distinct operating cycles allow the automatic pinspotter to handle all possible bowling situations including replacement of offspot pins. Electronic circuits are used as foul detector and to provide time delay to allow pins to settle. 

Latch type relays perform the memory functions. These relays control the start of the machine cycle and determine whether a first or second-ball cycle is being performed. They also control the table and decide whether pins should be placed on their spots or whether the respot mechanisms should be brought into play. In addition, the memory unit controls the table cycle, regulates the number of pins being delivered by the distributor and overrides other machine functions in the case of a foul as determined by a photoelectric foul detector.

The memory relays are actuated by switches located in various components of the machine. Over-travel switches on the table connecting rods, turn the machine off if a pin jams under the table.

## Time Delay

An electronic time delay functions on the first-ball cycle to delay the lowering of the table and on the second-ball cycle to delay the start of the sweep. A parallel-connected 6SN7 dual-triode is used. When
the starting contact in the cathode circuit closes, the tube begins to pass current as the timing capacitor charge is dissipated. As tube current increases, a sensitive relay coil is energized, making circuits in the appropriate control centers. Principal design considerations in selecting an electronic timer centered around the simplicity, reliability and low cost as compared to mechanical, thermal, pneumatic or hydraulic delay systems.

## Foul Detector

The foul detector automatically cycles the machine when a foul is committed by the bowler.

Both plates of a 6SN7 (see accompanying circuit diagram) are connected to the relay coil and both grids are normally negatively biased to approximately -40 volts $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{c}$, preventing the tube from drawing plate current. The type 927 phototubes have low resistance when exposed to light and pass sufficient current to keep the grid negative. When the light beam is interrupted, the phototube resistance increases


Circuit of the foul-detecting unit. Cam-operated switches control foul bell and light
to a high value, practically stopping the current flow through the grid resistor. The grid then loses its bias through the $10-\mathrm{meg}$ ohm resistor to ground and allows half the tube to conduct energizing the relay. The upper contact on the relay then opens the ground connection which normally keeps positive plate bias off the other 6SN7 grid, thereby making this half of the tube draw plate current also through the relay which then becomes locked in the energized position.

The relay contacts in the energized position ring the foul bell and apply power to a motor operating a double cam. The cam closes a switch which lights the foul light and applies power to its own field coil. It then closes a second switch which unlocks the relay, stopping the bell in two seconds. The cam shaft turns exactly one revolution, near the end of which the grid control switch opens. At the end of the revolution, the motor switch opens, shutting off motor and foul light.

An unusual feature of the foul detector is the use of a high sensitivity amplifier operating 10 megohms above ground, controlled by a phototube some 60 feet away, without the need of shielded wiring when run alongside the 6 volt a-c light source line. Actually, the a-c line serves as a shield to the grid lead such that undesirable pickup in the grid lead is cancelled or eliminated by proper phasing and balancing of the a-c lines with respect to the grid lead.

A variable time delay provides adjustment for the phototube response time so that the unit can be set to discriminate between the short interruption of the bowling ball and the longer interruption caused by a bowler's foot.

# Determining Properties 


#### Abstract

Resistance-temperature characteristics of bulk germanium and other semiconductors are determined oscillographically by pulse-heating method. Measurement from temperature of liquid hydrogen to 650 K takes less than a second to achieve


ELeCTRICAL PROPERTIES of semiconductors are determined by the density of the carriers which transport the electric charges, the temperature dependence of the carrier concentration, and the mobility of the carriers. To determine these quantities, Hall and resistivity curves must be taken as functions of temperature.

## Measurement Techniques

If the conventional method of obtaining resistivity-temperature curves is employed, a stable temperature is established within the semiconductor and the resistivity measurement is then made at that

[^7]particular temperature. Successive temperature and resistivity measurements give the characteristics of the specimen under observation. The fact that thermal equilibrium must be established before each resistivity reading means that the process of obtaining this data may take many hours.

During the extended execution of these measurements, processes may take place within the semiconductor (such as oxidation, healing out of defects, and so on) which would substantially alter its resistancetemperature characteristics. This is tantamount to completing the experiment with a specimen different from the one with which the experiment commenced.
To overcome this difficulty one may employ a method ${ }^{1.2}$ for the
simultaneous ascertainment of the temperature and resistivity that is very rapid as compared with the processes which might cause changes in the electrical properties of the sample. Such a dynamic method was worked out by Ehrenberg and Hirsch ${ }^{3.4}$ who applied it to the study of the electrical properties of thin films of such materials as lead sulphide.

## Apparatus

The apparatus (Fig. 1) consists essentially of a circuit to measure the resistance of the specimen, a circuit to provide power to heat the specimen and a circuit to measure the temperature of the specimen as its temperature is increased.

A small, constant, nonheating, measuring current $i_{a}$ of between


FIG. 1-Block diagram of equipment used in determining resistance-temperature characteristics of bulk semiconductors

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0.05 ua and 25 ma is passed through the specimen. This range of current provides a voltage across the specimen which, when amplified, will be sufficient to produce a measurable deflection on the oscilloscope. This current develops potentials with respect to ground. A subtracting unit (Fig. 2) determines the voltage difference between the probes applied to the specimen. The resulting difference signal is amplified (in the $A$ amplifier, Fig. 2) and applied to a switching arrangement ( $V_{s}$ and $V_{T}$, Fig. 3). This switch applies the signal for one half of the switch cycle (switching frequency 60 or 120 cps ) to the final amplifier (Fig. 3) from which the signal then goes to the vertical deflection plates of the cathode-ray oscilloscope.

Since the measuring current $i_{a}$ is constant, the voltage developed across the voltage probes on the specimen manifests itself in a deflection of the crt beam proportional to the instantaneous resistance of the specimen.

## Heating Circuit

Mercury vapor rectifiers, the power input to which is controlled by a continuously variable transformer, provide a rectified but unfiltered alternating current ( 60 cps ) to heat the sample. To make the heating time shorter or longer, depending on the rate of the disrupting process taking place within the semiconductor, the length of time that the heating current passes through the specimen may be varied from 0.060 to 0.75 second by means


FIG. 2-Circuit determines voltage drop across probes on surface of semiconductor and provides amplified version for oscilloscope presentation


FIG. 3-Switching circuit alternately samples specimen resistance signal produced by circuit of Fig. 2 and signal from gold film resistance thermometer circuit (Fig. 5)
of the pulse width control $P_{1}$ (shown in the timer section of Fig. 4).

During the half cycle when there is heating current passing through the specimen, another electronic switch grounds the terminals of the A amplifier. If not grounded, the voltage developed across the specimen by the relatively large heating current might be sufficient to overload the $A$ amplifier.

## Gold Thermometer

The gold film resistance thermometer receives a constant current of 2 to 10 ma . The voltage drop across the thermometer is proportional to the thermometer resistance. The voltage necessary to return the temperature or $B$ trace to fiducial zero can be read from the calibrated potentiometers $P_{3}$ or $P_{\text {s }}$ (Fig. 5). The change in voltage across the thermometer can be ascertained from the deflection of the $B$ trace above the fiducial zero on the face of the oscilloscope. Referring to a thermometer calibration chart it is possible to obtain temperature as a function of relative change in resistance of the thermometer. Thus deflections of the $B$ trace may be interpreted in terms of the temperature of the specimen.

The thermometer signal is applied through the same electronic switch as the resistance signal. During the half cycle when it does not apply the specimen resistance signal to the cathode-ray tube, the switch permits the temperature signal to be passed to the vertical deflection plates of the oscilloscope. In effect, the switch alternates every $1 / 120$ or $1 / 240$ second (depending on the switching frequency) the signal to be applied to the vertical deflection plates of the cathode-ray tube. The instantaneous temperature and resistance of the specimen may be ascertained because curves representing each appear as two discontinuous traces on the face of the oscilloscope.

A time base provides linear sawtooth sweep voltage for horizontal deflection plates.

## Specimen Holder

Figure 6 shows a diagram of the essential parts of the specimen holder. The platinum potential probes and piano-wire springs are
sheathed in pyrex glass and all are incorporated in a single unit. The pyrex glass extends down below the end of the piano wire for about 3 inch. A small tip of the platinum wire extends through the bottom of the tip of the pyrex glass, and the other end of the platinum wire extends out the side of the pyrex, whence it goes to the appropriate terminal on the base of specimen holder. This arrangement is used to reduce the amount of heat conducted away from the specimen by the potential probes.

A wooden support is provided as a support for the thermometer against which it is pressed. Wood was chosen because its thermal conductivity is several orders of magnitude less than asbestos. The piano-wire springs that serve to press the potential probes against the specimen also serve to press the specimen against the thermometer that is backed by the wooden support.

The heating and measuring current electrodes consist of platinum foil interposed between the plated ends of the specimen and the mica supports.

The bakelite base of the specimen holder is circular in shape and fits a sealed container designed to hold the specimen and specimen holder for resistivity measurements starting at low temperatures. Brass is used for the container because it has a high thermal conductivity. Circular rings provide a seal for the top of the container, Electrical contact is made from the terminals on the base of the specimen holder through Sperti seals to the outside of the container.

To make measurements starting at the temperature of liquid nitrogen, the container with the specimen holder in it is submerged in the coolant bath.

To diminish the time lag between the actual temperature of the specimen and the response of the thermometer, the mica backing on which the gold film is painted was made as thin as possible by splitting the mica sheets under water with a steel needle. It was possible to obtain mica about $2.5 \mu$ to $2 \mu$ thick. From these thin mica sheets the thermometer blanks are cut, roughly in the shape of a T. The blanks are
then painted with three layers of gold bright. After the first two layers, the thermometers are baked at 200 C ; after the third they are baked for 3 hours at 400 C to insure that all the vehicle is driven off.

The resulting gold film is then scratched with a sharp stylus to provide a narrow, high-resistance electrical path. The room temperature resistance of a thermometer should be about 180 to 200 ohms.

The gold film resistance thermometer is calibrated in percent change in the resistance as a function of the absolute temperature. The average sensitivity of these thermometers is about a 10 -percent change in the resistance for a change of 100 C in temperature.

## Specimen Preparation

The semiconductor specimens used in these experiments were usually 3 or 4 millimeters wide, 12 to 14 millimeters in length, and less than 0.5 millimeter thick. A thicker specimen would bring about a time lag between the response of the thermometer and the transient temperature of the specimen, as the specimen will tend to be hotter in the middle. If the sample is thin and if the thermal conductivity is relatively high, the entire specimen will be at an almost uniform temperature.


The specimen is ground to the desired thickness with carborundum powder and then etched. The specimen is plated on each end to facilitate better electrical contact to the heating and measuring current electrodes. If the contacts here are not good, there may be sufficient power dissipation in the contact resistance to burn holes in the platinum foil of which the electrodes are made. This danger is particularly evident when the specimen is heated to higher tempera-
tures by a large current density.
Calibration and adjustment procedures are as follows: Assume that a semiconductor crystal has been placed in the specimen holder, the resistance channel or $A$ circuit is connected and the gold film resistance thermometer is connected to the input terminal. Let the initial temperature of the specimen be room temperature. To heat the specimen to 500 C in 0.5 second, the procedure would be as follows:

With $S_{7}$ (Fig. 2) in position 2


FIG. 6-Specimen holder design is largely responsible for versatility of bulk semiconductor resistance-temperature characteristic equipment


FIG. 5-Circuit permits scope presentation of specimen temperature by producing signal proportional to resistance of gold film thermometer

determines length of current pulse that is passed through semiconductor specimen to heat it to the desired temperature


FIG. 7-Calibrator circuit. Precision resistors are selected by $\mathrm{S}_{1}$
and $S_{5}$ (Fig. 5) closed, $S_{10}$ (Fig. 5) should be in position 2 which is the zero position for the thermometer channel.

Resistance selector switches $S_{s}$ (Fig. 2) and $S_{14}$ (Fig. 5) are set to the lowest gain position, and $P_{s}$ (Fig. 3) is adjusted to shift the $A$ and $B$ traces together to a fiducial zero (the horizontal line drawn at an arbitrary position on the face of the cathode-ray oscilloscope) after these traces have been brought into coincidence by means of $P_{6}$ (Fig. 5).

Switch $S_{8}$ (Fig. 2) is then set to maximum gain. If the $A$ trace shifts substantially $P_{1}$ (Fig. 2) is readjusted to make the d-c level independent of the gain. Switching $S_{8}$ back to the minimum gain, and resetting the zero by means of $P_{8}$ and $P_{8}$, the procedure is repeated until there is no shift in the $A$ trace as the gain is varied.

This procedure is repeated for the $B$ trace using $S_{14}, P_{7}$ (Fig. 5), $P_{8}$ and $S_{8}$ for resetting the zero.

Either $P_{s}$ or $P_{5}$ (Fig. 5), depending on which channel is used, is then adjusted to reset the zero of the temperature trace. Current selector $S_{11}$ (Fig. 5) is set so that when the $B$ signal has been compensated for, $P_{3}$, which is a calibrated potentiometer, reads between 300 and 500 millivolts. Switch $S_{0}$ is closed and $S_{10}$ set to position 2 to check the zero. If it is necessary to reset the zero by means of $P_{8}$ and $P_{\mathrm{a}}$ one must first make sure
that the specimen has returned to the original temperature.

## Typical Values

As an example assume that $P_{3}$ (Fig. 5) reads 400 millivolts. The thermometer calibration chart shows that a temperature of 300 C , corresponding to 30 percent increase in the resistance of the gold film thermometer, is equivalent to an increase of 120 millivolts. Switch $S_{10}$ is then set to the calibration position. Selecting 100 millivolts on the calibrator ( $S_{0}$ Fig. 7), $S_{14}$ is adjusted so that an increase of 120 mv from the thermometer produces a full-scale deflection of the $B$ trace. If a round number correspondence is desired between the temperature of the specimen and the $B$ deflection (for example $300 \mathrm{C} \approx 60 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) to facilitate calculations. $P_{7}$ (Fig. 3) is used as a fine control; otherwise $P_{7}$ is on zero gain.

Next switch $S_{8}$ is closed and $S_{10}$ set to ground. It is always advisable to keep $S_{8}$ and $S_{7}$ in the normal position when not actually making a measurement. In this way it is easier to see if the traces have drifted from the fiducial zero on the scope. With $S_{7}$ in position 4, and $S_{8}$ in position 6 (maximum gain), the calibrator (and $S_{0}$, Fig. 7) is adjusted to give 5 volts. The $A$ trace should not change its position by more than a few millimeters. If the shift is substantial one can adjust $P_{10}$ (Fig. 2). The adjustment should not be necessary more than once
every few months or so.
Switch $S_{\text {; }}$ is then moved into position 3 and $S_{8}$ in the position of minimum gain. The $A$ deflection is now calibrated in terms of millivolts per millimeter of deflection of the $A$ trace. Turning switch $S_{7}$ to position 1 and selecting the $A$ current by means of $S_{1}$ and $S_{2}$ (Fig. 7), a convenient deflection of the $A$ trace at room temperature may be chosen.

If the specimen resistance is small it is better to increase the $A$ gain by means of $S_{s}$ (Fig. 2) than to increase the $A$ current to give a larger deflection. In this way a larger resistance is kept in series with the $A$ current source, thus insuring a constant current for the specimen, even though the resistance of the specimen may change. Continuing with the procedure, $S_{7}$ is returned to position 2 which grounds the $A$ channel. The horizontal sweep frequency is adjusted so that one complete sweep takes 0.7 second.

With $S_{4}$ (Fig. 4) closed the length of the timing pulse is set to 0.5 second by counting the $60-\mathrm{cps}$ switch pulses between the beginning of the trace and the position of the timing pip until they run up to 0.5 second. With the heating current switch (not shown) open and the pulse switch $S_{2}$ (Fig. 4) on the automatic position, depress the key for a trial pulse. When $S_{7}$ is moved to the measure position there should be no change in the deflection of the $A$ trace. If there is, the polarity of the d-c heating unit input should be reversed. This will change the phase of the shorting signal with regard to the electronic switch of the vertical amplifier.
If trial heating pulses are permissable, $S_{8}$ (Fig. 5) is opened (turned to 0 N ) and a heating pulse is passed through the specimen.

As much resistance as possible should be left in series with the specimen to insure a constant measuring current. The heating current is adjusted to give appropriate temperature rise. Length of the heating pulse is selected by $P_{1}$.

If trial heating pulses are not permissable the proper setting of heating current must be estimated from previous experience.

Between observations $S_{7}$ is returned to position 2 and $S_{8}$ OFF
(closed) to check for any drift of the traces from the fiducial zero. Before making another pulse measurement the specimen must be returned to the temperature from which it is supposed to start by checking the fiducial zero.

Figure 9 shows a typical oscillogram resulting from the pulse heating measurement of germanium. The points of the traces of the oscillogram are not straight lines because, the voltage activating the electronic switch which alternates the signal to the oscilloscope is not exactly square. This explains a slight hook at the start of each line. The reason the lines are not all of the same length is that the horizontal sweep voltage is not linear. Since there is slight cooling during that half of the cycle when there is no heating current passing through the specimen, each new line of the temperature trace starts at a little lower position (lower temperature) than the previous line.

## Calculation

To interpret the oscillogram in terms of resistivity versus temperature, various adjustments must be recorded at the time the measurement is performed. Knowing the sensitivity of the $A$ amplifiers and the sample measuring current, the resistivity may be obtained for each point of the curve. Knowing the compensating voltage in the thermometer circuit and the sensitivity of the $B$ amplifier, the percentage change in resistivity of the thermometer may be obtained. From the
initial temperature of the thermomter and the thermometer calibration, the temperature may be calculated for any time.

A plot of the logarithm of the resistivity of various germanium samples as a function of $1 / T$ gives the typical curve observed with conventional methods. The following is a table of the energy gaps for germanium calculated from the slope of such curves in the intrinsic range obtained by the pulse heating method.

| 0.12 | ohm cm | 0.73 ev |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1.2 | ohm cm | 0.76 ev |
| 4.3 | ohm cm | 0.75 ev |
| 5.7 | ohm cm | 0.73 ev |
| 13.0 | ohm cm | 0.74 ev |
| 21.0 | ohm cm | 0.75 ev |

These values are in agreement with those obtained by the conventional method.

If it is assumed that the number of carriers is constant, and if the scattering is due to lattice vibration, in this temperature range the resistivity should follow the $T^{3 / 2}$ law.

In the temperature range between 110 K and 230 K the curve for the higher resistance sample follows the $T^{3 / 2}$ law. Below this temperature range the resistivity is higher than predicted by the $T^{3 / 2}$ law. This is to be expected because the resistivity resulting from impurity scattering can no longer be considered as negligible. Above this temperature the resistivity is lower than expected. In this range the intrinsic electrons and holes begin to make their contribution to the con-


FIG. 8-Schematic diagram of display unit
duction process. Because the number of carriers increases, the observed resistivity is lower than predicted by the $T^{3 / 2}$ law. In agreement with this discussion, the traces for the lower resistivity sample show a narrower temperature range in which the $T^{3 / 2}$ law is fulflled ${ }^{8, ~} b, 7$,

Similar results were obtained by pulse heating of silicon. Since, in general, silicon does not go into the intrinsic range until a much higher


FIG. 9-Tracing of typical oscillogram of resistance-temperature characteristic for germanium sample
temperature than germanium, one must increase the heating current. Calculation of the width of the forbidden energy gap yields a value of 1.09 ev .

The results of the pulse heating of tellurium were as follows: the energy gap is 0.33 ev and two high temperature slopes are observed; the second slope gives a value of 0.58 ev and corresponds to an increasing number of defects at high temperature. ${ }^{8}$

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## British TV Relay Uses



Antenna tower and repeater station on Britain's microwave television relay


FIG. 1-Output stages of microwave repeater showing function of twt amplifier

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© Panning 250 miles from Manchester, England to Edinburgh, Scotland, Great Britain's new $4,000-\mathrm{mc}$ television relay links the Kirk O'Shotts transmitter with the rest of the BBC network.

The relay, which includes seven repeater stations, is unique in that it marks the first use of travelingwave amplifier tubes in regular service. Each repeater station uses four of the tubes, type CV-2188, one in each of the microwave transmitters and two on standby.

A $37-\mathrm{mc}$ frequency difference is established at each repeater between incoming and outgoing carriers. The incoming $4,000-\mathrm{mc}$ signal is converted to 60 mc by a silicondiode mixer and amplified in a conventional wide-band amplifier. As shown in Fig. 1, the microwave carrier is restored in a germaniumdiode mixer. The unwanted carrier and image frequency are removed by a waveguide filter and the mixer output, about 25 milliwatts, is increased by the traveling-wave amplifier to about 1.5 watts. The amplified microwave output is fed by waveguide to the parabolic antenna located on top of a tower, which may be from 20 to 200 ft high. One of the towers is illustrated, with its repeater station.

## Traveling-Wave Tube

The CV-2188 operates at 3,000 volts and a current of 16 milliamperes. This provides a maximum power output of 2 watts as compared with the 100 -milliwatt output of earlier tubes ${ }^{1,2}$. Ordinary manufacturing techniques have been used in production of the new tube, thus it can readily be made in quantity.

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## Traveling-Wave Tubes

Traveling-wave amplifiers, designed for mass production, prove satisfactory in 4,000-mc television relay from Manchester to Edinburgh. Tubes deliver 2 watts maximum power output; gain is 20 db over 80 -me passband. Average tube life exceeds 3,000 hours


Principal features of traveling-wave tube, type CV-2188

The photograph and accompanying sketch of the tube show its essential features such as electron gun, helix and collector. The base connections are to heater and cathode, heater, and first anode. The helix lead is brought out to a side cap so that the full helix voltage is not applied between the base pins.

The tube fits into a waveguide circuit as shown in Fig. 2; the cooler mates with the tapered collector and is attached by a nut after putting the tube in the circuit. An air flow of 4 cubic feet per minute through the cooler dissipates 40 watts of beam power.

One illustration shows part of a repeater bay with the travelingwave tube connected in its circuit. The tube is mounted vertically in the left-hand rack. The relative size of the unit may be judged from the
waveguide dimensions: 2 in . $\times$ 0.667 in . The apparent bulk of the unit is due to the focus coils, as shown in Fig. 2.

Size of the focus coils is determined by the distance between them. A large gap requires larger diameter coils than a small gap in order that the drop in field remain unchanged. The relatively small narrow dimension of the waveguide is advantageous in that it allows the weight of the focus coils to be kept down. The magnetic field has an average value of 300 oersted.

## Operation

The cathode is operated 3,000 volts negative, the helix at ground potential and the collector at 50 volts positive, to prevent secondary electrons returning to the helix. The exact voltage required for maxi-
mum gain and output varies from tube to tube, but lies between 2,800 and 3,200 volts.

The gun has two anodes, a first, whose voltage is adjusted to give a collector current of 14 milliamperes, and a second operated at helix potential. The first anode works at about 1,100 volts and draws less than 250 microamperes. Helix current is usually less than 1 milliampere but can be as high as 4 milliamperes without damaging the helix. A typical tube operating under these conditions will give a gain of 20 db at low power levels and 16 db at maximum power output of two watts. Figure 3 shows the variation of gain and power output with frequency, helix voltage and input power.

The large bandwidth of this type of tube can be seen from the curves:


FIG. 2-Cutaway sketch showing traveling-wave tube connected in its circuit


Part of repeater bay with traveling-wave tube mounted in its circuit
it is more than 800 mc between points 3 db below the maximum value of gain. Operation at a current higher than 14 milliamperes is not recommended as the life may be reduced. The maximum variation in gain between tubes operated at optimum voltage and 14 -ma collector current is about $\pm 2 \mathrm{db}$. The variation in power output is somewhat less.

## Construction

The electron gun is designed to produce a parallel beam of electrons of the same diameter as the cathode, 0.090 in . The magnetic field insures that there is only a small increase in beam diameter upon entering the uniform potential region following the gun anodes.

The cathode is mounted on a mica insulator, sandwiched between two ceramics to prevent buckling, and surrounded by a focusing-cup held at cathode potential. The two anodes are also mounted on mica insulators, and the whole gun assembly is held together by support rods passing through the insulators as shown in Fig. 4.

It is essential to construct the tube with helix and gun in line if satisfactory focusing is to be obtained. This is achieved by centering all parts from the bulb, which is made by joining a piece of preci-sion-bore hard glass, 0.394 in . $\pm 0.001 \mathrm{in}$. diameter, to tubing just over an inch in diameter.

This tubing is then shrunk on to a mandrel to an accurately known diameter collinear with the precisionbore glass. The copper collector is also sealed on centrally, using a conventional feather-edge seal. The helix is wound of $0.028-\mathrm{in}$. wire on a $0.131-\mathrm{in}$. mandrel at 19 turns per inch. When inserted in the preci-sion-bore tubing it is held tightly by three glass rods centerless ground to an accuracy of 0.0002 in.

A connecting-tube from the helix slides into the second anode of the gun. The gun elements are mounted centrally on their micas, which are a good fit in the lower part of the bulb. The gun, mounted on a stem, needs only to be inserted and dropsealed to be aligned with the helix.

After pumping and basing, an alignment ring is cemented to the
base on the center line of the bulb. Thus when the tube is in its circuit, it is held centrally by the ring and a pin supporting the cooler nut. No movement of the tube is necessary to focus it.

A system of deflector coils mounted around the gun provides a transverse field of a few gauss to correct residual errors in tube construction and in winding and assembly of the circuit coils.

## Tube Life

The high current density at which the oxide-coated cathode works and the high anode voltage mean that any gas in the tube would quickly destroy emission. Every precaution must be taken to remove gas. For example, the helix is vacuum-annealed before assembly. The processing time has been kept reasonably short. It takes only about two and a half hours to pump a tube, including glass-baking. The tube has a continuously-operating zirconium getter in parallel with the heater. The getter consists of a tungsten spiral coated with zirconium that absorbs any gas evolved during life. To prevent its emitting electrons, there is a shield surrounding the getter.

In unattended operation, as in microwave relay use, the circuit of Fig. 5 is used to keep the cathode current constant, correcting any fall in cathode activity by increasing the first anode voltage. The anode voltage is allowed to rise from about 1,100 to 2,000 volts during life. If any sudden failure occurs, the repeater is switched over to standby. Any tubes having a high anode voltage, which indicates that they are soon to fail, are replaced on regular maintenance visits. An average tube life of over 3,000 hours is obtained.

## Matching

Figure 6 shows a typical coupling arrangement. The probe extending across the waveguide picks up the wave and excites the helix. The cup, flush with the internal waveguide face, is a choke roughly a quarter wavelength long. The susceptance of the junction is cancelled by the adjustable piston. It is possible to get a voltage-standing-wave ratio of less than 2:1 from 6.5 cm to 8.5

( A$)$

(B)

(C)

FIG. 3-Electrical characteristics of traveling-wave tube showing variation in gain


FIG. 4-Details of electron gun used in the traveling-wave tube


FIG. 5-Circuit used to stabilize twt cathode current
cm with the piston set in one position.

It is necessary to have a better match than this in radio-relay use because of the long length of waveguide between the traveling-wave amplifier and the antenna. Fre-quency-modulated signals suffer harmonic distortion in such a long line if it is not well matched at both ends, as a reflection from the output end will travel down the line and be reflected at the input before being transmitted. Such signals will have a time lag behind the original signal ${ }^{3}$. The distortion will be proportional to the length of line and the product of the reflection coefficients at the two ends. The possible height of the antenna tower and the match at the antenna are such that the vswr, looking into the traveling-wave tube, must be less than 1.1:1.

It was considered impossible to design the tube to meet this requirement everywhere between 3,600 and


FIG. 6-Method for coupling waveguide to twt helix
$4,200 \mathrm{mc}$. Therefore the admittance has been given wide limits, to eliminate the need of a precise test in manufacture. A tuning device has been incorporated in the circuit to give as good a match as required. This gives a bandwidth of approximately 80 mc , which is quite sufficient for one-channel use. The tuning is simple; only one control is necessary.

## Attenuation

It is essential that the tube shall not oscillate under normal conditions, and this requires that the loss backward along the helix, which is equal to the cold attenuation, shall be greater than the forward gain at every frequency where considerable reflection occurs at output and input. In fact, the attenuation needs to be greater than this to provide adequate buffering between crystal-mixer and antenna. The time-delay between mixer and an-
tenna is large, since it includes the electrically-long waveguide filter, the traveling-wave tube, and the waveguide feeding the antenna. The delay distortion mentioned previously can occur if there is appreciable reflection at the mixer and the antenna. This distortion is reduced by having a net loss in the mixer-antenna-mixer path. Such a loss is contributed by the difference between the attenuation and the gain of the traveling-wave tube. The CV type-2188 tube has a minimum attenuation of 32 db and thus gives a net loss greater than 12 db .

Part of this attenuation is provided by the resistive wire used for the helix, but most is due to a region of lumped attenuation placed about a third of the way along the helix from the gun end. This lossy material must be in intimate contact with the helix, as the short wavelength associated with the low wave velocity causes the electric field to fall sharply with distance from the helix. Nickel coating evaporated on the inside of the bulb for about 7 in. prevents propagation outside the helix, which could otherwise give rise to feedback. Nickel is preferred to Aquadag, as it is less readily scraped off on inserting the helix assembly.

## Conclusion

The tube described utilizes conventional techniques and several hundreds have been made with a shrinkage as small as that encountered with ordinary tubes. The tube has been found to meet the requirements of unattended operation and has shown the practicability of traveling-wave tubes in microwave relays. Since this tube was designed, the art has progressed rapidly towards providing greater power at a lower voltage, and there seems every likelihood that, with its inherently wide passband, the traveling-wave tube will prove preferable to the klystron or the triode as the output amplifier in microwave relay stations.

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# Magnetic Amplifier With Reset Control 

Simplified explanation of revolutionary circuit developed by Ramey is presented. Permits design of miniature magnetic amplifiers with very high gain and speeds of response of the order of one-half cycle at the operating frequency

PRIOR to the introduction of the reset circuit to be discussed, the magnetic amplifier was considered by many engineers to be a complex device heavily based upon empirical data. Since the announcement of the reset circuit several years ago ${ }^{1}$, the correspondence between theory and experiment has been greatly strengthened, and the design problem simplified considerably.

The new circuit offers a further advantage in greatly improved performance. Time delay, an inherent disadvantage in magnetic amplifiers, has been reduced to a negligible minimum for many applications, including moderately high-speed servo systems. Using the new circuit intrinsic time delay is reduced to a half cycle at the operating frequency, and since $400-c \mathrm{~s}$ s power is commonly used in servo systems, the response of the amplifier is ordinarily faster than that of the mechanical elements of the system.

To set the stage for the simplified explanation of the new circuit that follows, a brief review of previous magnetic amplifier concepts will be presented.

## M-A Progress

The simplest magnetic amplifier is the saturable reactor. Though very useful in many applications, it suffers from limited gain and slow response. To improve its performance, the self-saturation feature has been developed ${ }^{2}$. This consists

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basically in placing rectifiers in series with the load windings. Load current can flow in only one direction and the core is no longer demagnetized by the negative load currents. In both circuits, output power is varied by a d-c current in a control winding which establishes a level of control mmf that in turn sets the flux at the start of each cycle and determines the conduction angles and hence the load power.


FIG. 1-Simple saturable reactor and self-saturating magnetic amplifier circuits

The self-saturating circuit has greatly improved performance, yet it is not nearly adequate for many automatic control systems. Its shortcomings stem directly from the use of the same control scheme as that of the saturable reactor. In both cases, a d-c current level must be established in a control winding of appreciable inductance. There is the usual $L / R$ time constant associated with this current when the control voltage is changed, and this becomes the major constituent of the magnetic amplifier's delay.

The second difficulty concerns the voltages induced in the control winding from the load circuit. The control-circuit impedance to these voltages must be high, or circulating currents will flow and reduce the load-circuit impedance before firing. Special core structures will, in some instances, buck out these voltages, but the problem is always present with the more common toroids. It is especially serious in half-wave circuits, some of which are very useful for reversible control amplifiers.
To reduce these circulating currents, the control coil must often be padded with a series resistance or mismatched to the driving source. Control power is dissipated in the resistor, and the power gain of the amplifier reduced.

The twin problems of slow response and control circuit induced voltages present in both the saturable reactor and its self-saturating
improvement appear because of the method of control: current or mmf is the independent variable. Figure 1 A is the simple saturable reactor, and Fig. 1B the self-saturating circuit. Identical cores are used for both circuits each with a control winding and a load winding. The load is $R_{L}$ and $R_{v}$ is the padding resistor. The a-c line voltage is symbolized by $E_{L}$.

## Ramey's Circuit

The new magnetic amplifier to be discussed has an intrinsic time delay of one-half cycle of line frequency, no analogous induced voltage problem and very high gain. The chief virtue is its simplicity, and the remarkable characteristics that follow from the adoption of a realistic control scheme.

Optimum core materials for these circuits are nickel-iron alloys with rectangular flux-current loops. Because of their high retentivity, the core can store a flux level nearly equal to the saturation value. This flux storage with no applied mmf is a necessary feature of the amplifier with reset control.

The basic theoretical relationship pertinent here is that between the flux in a coil and the voltage across it. Magnetic theory states that the flux linkages in a coil at any instant are exactly equal to the value of the integral of the voltage across the coil at that time. For the application under consideration, with sinusoidal line voltages, this can be restated in simpler form: the flux change in the coil at the end of a half cycle is proportional to the volt-time integral, or the area under the voltage waveshape across the coil during that half cycle.

The fundamental difference between the new circuit and the saturable reactor and self-saturating scheme can be stated as follows: here voltage integral, flux and flux density are the independent variables in the control scheme, as compared to current, magnetomotive force and magnetizing force in the earlier circuits.

A half-wave, nonreversible reset circuit is shown in Fig. 2. The load current flows thru path abce while control action is established through abde. A single winding on a rec-tangular-loop core is active for both
the load and reset half cycles. Current can flow in the load $R_{L}$ only during the positive half cycle of line voltage because of the polarity of the rectifier in the load path. Similarly, control current can flow only during the negative half cycle. The resistance $R_{c}$ adjusts the duration of current flow in $R_{L}$ and hence is the control element for the amplifier.

The circuit reduces to simpler configurations with extreme values of $R_{0}$. When it is very large, the control path disappears, leaving the self-saturating circuit of Fig. 1B with no control mmf. This is the condition of maximum output.

When $R_{G}$ is very small, the resistances in series with the coil during both half-cycles are very small in comparison to the self impedance of the winding. Hence, for all practical purposes, the coil is connected directly across the line, and only a small magnetizing current can flow. This is the condition for minimum output. Varying $R_{c}$ between these two limits controls the load power in the manner described below.

## Control Action

Just before the start of the negative half cycle of line voltage, load current has been flowing, and the core completely saturated. Operation is along path 3,4 on the fluxcurrent loop of Fig. 3A. At the voltage reversal at 1 load current ceases, but the high retentivity of the core material maintains the flux just slightly below the saturation value at 1 . In the following negative alternation of line voltage, current flows only in the reset or control


FIG. 2-Magnetic amplifier with reset control. The core is reset by current flowing through $R_{O}$ during each half cycle when load current is blocked by rectifier in series with load
path, abde (Fig. 2). The drop across the rectifier is very small, so that the line voltage divides between the coil and the control resistance, the actual voltage waveshapes depending on the magnetic characteristics of the core and the value of $R_{c}$. This reset current is very small compared to the load current, and its peak value equals the maximum horizontal coordinate of the left flank of the flux-current loop.

The flux in the core must change by an amount proportional to the area under the coil-voltage curve during this reset half cycle. It moves from point 1 to point 2 (Fig. 3A), a change equal to $\phi_{c}$. The value of $R_{c}$ determines the division of reset line voltage between itself and the coil, and hence the flux change $\phi_{c}$. Thus its function is to set the flux in the core at the end of reset and the start of the load half cycle.

At 2 , the line voltage reverses, the reset rectifier blocks, and conduction starts in the load path with the current at first limited to a small value by the width of the flux-current loop and the magnetic characteristics of the core. All the line voltage appears across the coil, since its instantaneous unsaturated impedance has been chosen very much greater than $R_{L}$. The voltsecond area of the coil voltage from 2 onward grows, and the flux rises proportionately with it.

At some instant, point 3, enough area has accumulated to bring the flux back to the saturated level. Since no further flux change is possible, the coil impedance drops abruptly, and all of the line voltage appears across $R_{r}$. Load current flows during the rest of the positive half cycle, and the average load power depends on the conduction angle $\theta_{L}$. At point 4 the line voltage again reverses, load current is blocked by the rectifier, and the action repeats itself.

Conduction angle $\sigma_{L}$ depends on the degree of reset, and the initial value of flux at the start of the load alternation. If $\phi_{G}$ decreases, point 3 will be closer to 2 , the coil will fire sooner, and the load power is increased. Thus an increase in $R_{\theta}$ brings about a corresponding, though not proportional, increase in the load power. Figure 3 B shows
the conditions for a higher value of $R_{c}$. The flux-current loop for this case is similar to Fig. 3A, but with a smaller value of flux change $\phi_{c}{ }^{\prime}$.

Another comparison can be made between mmf and reset-control amplifiers. In both, load rectifiers permit output current to flow during one half cycle only. Also, the conduction angle $\theta_{L}$ is determined by the flux in the core at the start of the load half cycle. The two differ only in the method by which this initial flux level is established.

With mmf control, ampere-turns is the independent variable which sets the initial value of flux at a point just to the left of point 2 on the flux-current loop of Fig. 3A. In reset control, voltage-integral is the independent variable, and the initial flux is set by controlling the coilvoltage area during the reset. Thus the load circuit action is the same in both schemes, and the load conduction angle $\theta_{L}$ is controlled by the initial flux level at the start of the load cycle, regardless of its derivation.

Since the flux changes during load and reset periods are exactly equal, the equivalent coil-voltage areas must also be identical. The positive and negative half-cycle areas of line voltage are the same; hence the area of the voltage across $R_{C}$ must equal that across the load $R_{L}$. This establishes a basic identity; for this circuit, the average (d-c) control voltage equals the average load voltage. Therefore, if the control voltage is known, the load current, voltage and power can be predicted (shaded areas, Fig. $3)$.

## Control Resistance

The characteristics of $R_{C}$ can be established fairly simply. Its value can be specified for chosen maximum and minimum conduction angles in terms of the unsaturated coil impedance. As an example, current practice with Deltamax and Orthonol cores, for a range of conduction angles from 30 to 170 degrees, requires a variation of $R_{c}$ between 0.02 and 2.5 times the coil impedance. The latter is obtained by dividing the peak line voltage by the peak coil current flowing with the reactor connected simply across the line. This, however, is an em-


FIG. 3-Voltage waveforms and flux-current curves show effect of variation in control resistance on output
pirical relationship. Its analytical confirmation requires data on the volt-ampere and flux-current characteristics of wound cores not presently available. The resistance $R_{C}$ must be able to withstand the peak line voltage (full output) and the peak coil magnetizing current (full reset). It must absorb a varying amount of power from the circuit, which maximizes at approximately half output.

Although a variable resistance is required as the control parameter, this amplifier can be controlled by practically any form of waveshape of voltage. It was shown that the average control voltage must equal the load voltage. This must hold whether the control voltage is externally derived, or merely the voltase drop of a magnetizing current across a control resistance. The one requirement for voltage control is that the internal impedance of the control source be low, otherwise, with no control voltage full reset and minimum output will be impossible.

Using the figures cited above, the control-source resistance would have to be 0.02 times the coil impedance or less, if a minimum conduction angle of at least 30 degrees were required. This may require a mismatch between control source and amplifier. It should be noted that the source will always absorb, rather than deliver, power from the amplifier, because of the direction of flow of the reset current.

This discussion has purposely assumed ideal circuit elements. This will not be the case in practice. Rectifier leakage may prevent full output if the sum of the leakage and the control circuit current has peaks exceeding a value established by the d-c coercive force of the core material. The saturated inductance of the coil delays reset and load current commutation. With wrappedcore toroids, typical values are 10 to 15 degrees. Stacked laminations give larger delays. Available core materials only approach the rectangular loop, and load-current voltage drops in the rectifier and coil must be considered.

The load circuits of these amplifiers can be connected in the same configurations previously developed for the self-saturating or mmf-control amplifiers. The reset circuits must be determined by the nature of the control impedances or voltages available. It is expected that study of available active impedances will result in composite control amplifiers far superior to presently available cascaded magnetic amplifiers with mmf control.

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FIG. 1-Shunt-type diode limiter with self-rectified bias is connected across last i-f plate circuit

USE OF amplitude modulation for mobile vhf services such as civil and military aircraft, civil defense and civil air patrol imposes intelligibility limitations in the presence of strong impulse interference. Such receiving conditions occur when stations are located in areas where automobile traffic is heavy and relatively close to the receiving antenna.

Amplitude-limiting devices of many types ${ }^{1}$ have been designed into vhf receivers to minimize the effects of impulse interference; and many of them do a creditable job if the noise voltages appearing at the receiver input are not excessive. When the impulse noise increases, however, many noise limiters fail to maintain intelligibility of the incoming signal.

Although noise-reduction circuits have been suggested that do not depend upon amplitude limiting for their operation, amplitude limiting is the noise-limiting technique having widest application. Only amplitude limiting will be considered in this article.

## Interference

Impulse noise, as generated by an ignition system, is a train of highly-damped oscillations, the repetition rate of which varies with the rpm of the motor. The waveform of each impulse and the amount of radiated energy depend upon the electrical characteristics of the ignition system. In general, the duration of each impulse is extremely short and its energy is spread over a wide range of frequencies. If a receiver of limited bandwidth is subject to such impulse noise, the duration of each

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noise wave train is progressively increased as it passes through each succeeding tuned circuit on its way to the final detector. After detection, the pulse is further integrated by the i-f filter and the audio system.

## I-F Limiters

Since ali intelligence carried by an incoming a-m signal is lost during the limiting of a noise pulse, the shorter the duration of the limited pulse, the lower the loss of intelligence. Optimum impulse-noise reduction is obtained by limiting the amplitude of the noise pulse at a point in the receiver where bandwidth is maximum commensurate with selectivity requirements.

The desirability of limiting impulse noise before excessive integration by receiver selectivity has been pointed out. ${ }^{2}$ Nevertheless, many vhf receivers in use do not take full advantage of their overall bandwidth when they use noise limiters following the final detector. Integration by the i-f filter is largely responsible. In addition, such limiters do not prevent the avc system from responding to a train of noise pulses, thereby desensitizing the receiver.

What is needed is an effective i-f limiter requiring a minimum of parts and capable of effective noise limiting prior to the final detector. Such a limiter, if it is to be used in mobile receivers, must be capable of adjusting itself to variations in the received signal and must allow the designer to choose the degree of limiting desired. If such a limiter can automatically adjust itself to the degree of modulation of the incoming signal at a
roughly syllabic rate, its effectiveness can be increased. The limiter to be described is designed to improve intelligibility of $a-m$ speech signals in the presence of strong impulse interference, when retention of speech quality is of less importance than intelligibility. Effective noise limiting under such conditions requires some degree of flattening of the positive modulation peaks by the limiter and such distortion is not conducive to maintenance of speech quality. The designer, however, may make his own compromise between the degree of noise limiting desired and the distortion produced by limiting.

## Circuit Details

The i-f limiter illustrated in Fig. 1 is a conventional full-wave shunttype diode limiter with the added provision of self-rectified bias. Each diode assumes a bias roughly equal to the peak value of the applied i-f voltage. The time constant of the bias circuit is largely determined by $C_{3}$ and the shunt resistance consisting of $R_{1}$ and $R_{0}$ in series. The $R_{p}$ of the last i-f amplifier and the value of $C_{s}$ determine the charging rate. Limiter bias rises with positive modulation of the incoming signal and tends to follow the modulation level at a syllabic rate; i-f voltage variations not ironed out by the avc are accommodated in a like manner.

Opening $S_{1}$ allows the bias to rise to the peak value of the applied i-f voltage and stay there, thus in effect removing the limiting action. Crystal diodes have been used in place of the 6AL5, but their comparatively low back resistance acts as a finite shunt across $C_{3}$, limiting

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# Shunt-type diode limiter in last i-f plate circuit reduces impulse noise in mobile vhf receivers. Circuit is applicable in civil defense, aircraft, airport-control-tower and other vhf a-m equipment operating in heavy ignition-noise areas 

the flexibility of control over the degree of limiting.

The limiter circuit is used across the primary circuit of the last i-f transformer as circuit parameters are more favorable for effective limiting at this point. A shunt limiter of finite forward resistance performs best when working out of a high-impedance source into a high-impedance load, and such conditions are best met by the indicated circuit. Impulse-noise pulses are limited to a level determined by the limiter bias which in turn is determined by the average peak level of the applied i-f voltage.

For effective limiting, the receiver must have sufficient gain up to the limiter to assure proper lim-
iter action on weak signals. The requirements in this respect are quite similar to an f-m receiver equipped with a limiter. Unfortunately, diodes do not look like a low resistance until the input voltage is measured in volts.

## Receiver Application

This limiting circuit has been incorporated into two vhf receivers with excellent results. The first receiver, designed for civil-defense operation in the 144 to $148-\mathrm{mc}$ range consists of a cascode r-f stage, triode mixer and three stages of 4 -mc i-f having a bandwidth of approximately 60 kc . A block diagram is shown in Fig. 2A. In this receiver, $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ are replaced by a 2 -meg-


FIG. 2-Limiting circuit has been successfully used in civil defense receivers using both single and double conversion arrangements
ohm variable resistor to allow adjustment of the limiting level. This provision for adjustment of the limiting action is not necessary once the designer has chosen the desired degree of limiting.

Switch $S_{1}$, indicated in Fig. 1, may be eliminated if limiting is desired at all times, and the two fixed resistors $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ may be combined into one. Delayed ave is used in this receiver to allow maximum gain on weak signals for better limiting.

The second receiver is a doubleconversion unit with a similar r-f and mixer arrangement. Figure 2B shows its block diagram. One stage of 10.7 -me amplification is used between the first and second mixer with two stages of $455-\mathrm{kc}$ i-f following the second mixer. The gain up to the limiters in both receivers is comparable, but the bandwidth of the second set is approximately 6 kc as opposed to 60 kc for the single-conversion unit.

The noise-limiting performance of this circuit arrangement, in both mobile and fixed operation, has provided a degree of performance not obtainable with the conventional type of noise limiter. While the narrow-band receiver provides better intelligibility in the reception of very weak signals in the absence of heavy impulse noise, the wide-band receiver is more effective in preserving intelligibility under conditions of heavy impulse interference.

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## TRANSISTORS: Theory and Application

# Transistor Action 

## Part IV

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IN THE FIRST three articles of this series concepts particularly appropriate to transistor theory and not normally encountered in the study of vacuum tubes have been discussed. A superficial view of transistor operation was given ${ }^{1}$, and some simplified principles of quantum mechanics were considered which will assist in a deeper understanding of transistor action ${ }^{2}$. In addition, special aspects regarding the nature of the electron have been reviewed ${ }^{3}$ for use in the analysis of the microscopic structure of the solid materials used in transistors.
In this article the application of these very general theorems is made to the study of germanium and silicon to provide better insight into the nature and structure of semiconductors.

## Atom Structure

This section concerns primarily the Ge and Si atoms. Mention has been made that the present theory of the structure of matter envisions a nucleus containing protons ( + ) about which are distributed electrons ( - ) in sufficient quantity so that the total charge of the atom is zero. It is essential to bear in mind that the normal atom, if not disturbed or ionized, is neutral or has zero charge.

The electrons outside the nucleus are arranged in shells or rings as indicated diagrammatically in Fig. 1. The atomic number of german-


FIG. I-Schematic representation of germanium and silicon atoms shows electron rings surrounding nucleus. Note the 2-8-18-4 arrangement for $G e$ and $2.8-4$ arrangement for Si . First three rings for Ge and first two for Si are complete rings.
ium is 32 ; this means that there are 32 electrons rotating around the nucleus as indicated. From previous discussion, ${ }^{3}$ it is not to be inferred that these electrons are at any time physically distributed as shownthe positions of the electron shown may, for convenience in thinking, be regarded as the most probable locations.

An electron shown in the sketch as being in the outer ring of 4 has a fairly large probability at various times of being just outside the nucleus and even closer to it than the two electrons of the inner ring. Similar remarks apply to all the

[^10]other electrons. For electrons we always speak of probability with regard to their position and only for convenience in discussion do we draw ultrasimplified sketches like Fig. 1. More correctly, we should show a smeared-out picture as in Fig. 2 where the shaded portions show areas of high probability.

For discussion, consider that an atom consists of a nucleus surrounded by one or more concentric rings of electrons. A ring is regarded as complete if it has a particular number of electrons associated with it. The ring nearest the nucleus, or ring No. 1, requires two electrons to be complete. The next outer ring, ring No. 2, has eight electrons, and ring No. 3 has eighteen electrons (eight for argon) when complete. Both the position of the ring and the number of electrons in it must be known to de-

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# Study of physical properties of common transistor semiconductor materials and impurities. Conduction by holes and electrons is explained to provide working knowledge of principles for following articles on transistor electronics 

termine whether a particular ring is complete.

## Energy Levels

It is possible to knock out one or more electrons from any of the rings about the nucleus. In the case of the incomplete rings such as the outer rings of four electrons shown for the two elements in Fig. 1, it is possible to cause an additional electron or more to become attached to the atom in the incomplete ring. In either case, whether the atom gains an electron (or more), or loses an electron (or more), the atom is said to be ionized.

To knock out electrons from the various rings of the atom requires energy. This energy may be obtained, for example, from heat in the form of thermal agitation, by bardment by some other particle, or particle, or by subjecting the atom to electric fields.

One of the ways of determining in which ring of an atom a given electron exists is by measurement of the amount of energy required to ionize the atom with respect to an electron in that particular ring. The study of ionization of atoms is quite complex and actually is of little concern here. It is essential, however, to bear in mind: (1) The ionization energy for an electron in an inner ring is greater than that for an electron in an outer ring. (2) For a given position of a ring with respect to the nucleus, say the second ring, more energy is required to remove an electron from a complete or full ring than from an incomplete or unfilled ring.

In general when an electron is at a given energy level there is a greater probability that it may
move or jump to a lower level than to a higher level because, to jump to a higher level, energy from some outside source must be supplied. On the other hand, due to random processes, there is a finite probability that an electron will jump to a lower level.

The point of interest here is that in consequence of this oversimplified picture, electrons in the states of higher energy have a greater probability of change or transition to new levels than electrons in the lower energy levels. If an electron changes its energy level frequently, or the probability of such change
of energy is large, we say that the electron is in an unstable state, and contrariwise, if the probability for an energy transition is small, the electron is in a stable state.

## Stable Electrons

The fact that electrons in completed rings are more stable than those in the incompleted rings is actually the crux of the matter of interest to us. If a certain state of a system is more stable than another, the probability will always be greater of finding this system in the stable state. Because the stable condition is the one of high-



FIG. 2-Artist's conception of germanium and silicon atoms showing smeared-out region about nucleus which represents probability of finding an electron in this region. Lighter regions both near the nucleus and at outer edges indicate regions where probability is small
est probability in certain substances, some natural and some artificial, the atoms tend to adjust themselves and their electrons into a state of stability.

Whereas the atoms of the elements are frequently found in an ionized condition, ionization is restricted to the incomplete rings, normally-full rings seldom, if ever, being found in an ionized condition. As a result, simple chemical compounds involve interactions among the electrons in the incomplete rings only, and for this reason these electrons are called the valence electrons. (Latin: valeo, to be worth, or to be strong.) Because only the valence electrons enter into chemical combinations under normal circumstances, diagrammatically only the valence electrons are usually shown and the complete rings are understood and omitted. Subsequent diagrams for the germanium and silicon atoms show only the four valence electrons.
In Fig. 3 are shown several atoms of carbon. Carbon is tetravalent (four valence electrons), atomic number 6 , and the two electrons of the inner ring are not shown, as per the convention mentioned. Note that for the inner or first ring two electrons constitute a completed ring. In the particular substance whose atomic structure is shown by this crude sketch, the valence electrons of atom 1 are shared, as it were, with the valence electrons of atoms 2, 3, 4 and 5. With this arrangement atom 1 behaves as though its second or outer ring were now complete and had 8 electrons in it.

Admittedly this is over-simplified, but the observed fact is that an electron in an incomplete ring, and having an energy level $E_{1}$, is actually found to occupy a lower energy level $E_{2}$ when it is part of an electron-sharing arrangement, such as shown in Fig. 3.

Whatever is said about a single atom and its electrons in reality applies to the countless myriads of such atoms and electrons which constitute the semiconductor material. Each electron of an atom such as No. 1 is shared with a suitable nearby valence electron such as from atom 2, and this pair of electrons thus may be said to form a bond which, because it involves valence electrons, is called a valence bond. This term is part of the basic terminology in semiconductor theory and is frequently encountered in the analysis of transistor action.

The four valence bonds shown for the carbon atoms give rise to a type of substance which the reader knows as diamond. Of particular significance in transistor work is the fact that the atomic structure for pure germanium and silicon is exactly as shown for diamond in Fig. 3 One need merely write Ge or Si in the place of the C in the figure to have the correct picture.

## Semiconductors

Interesting and useful information about silicon and germanium can be deduced from the simple picture of the valence bond structure. First, to have electric current there must be carriers of electric current. Except for special cases when the carriers may be holes ${ }^{1}$ the carriers
are negatively-charged electrons.
As a corollary, if large numbers of electron carriers are available, the current may be large and other things being equal, we say the circuit involved has low resistance or high conductivity. Contrariwise, if the number of available or free electrons is small, the circuit has high resistance or low conductivity.

A free electron is one that is not in the sphere of influence of the nucleus or that is not in a circumnuclear ring. When an electron is in a valence bond it is in a stable state of low energy and is considered to be bound in the valence bond, and not free to take part in conduction.

From the preceding we may reason as follows: (1) Most of the electrons in a material whose structure involves valence bonds are bound. (2) Hence very few electrons are free to take part in the conduction process. (3) Since the number of electrons free to take part in conduction is small, the material is not a good conductor. Since the three preceding statements are applicable to germanium and silicon, these materials fall into the category of part conductors, or semiconductors.

## Forbidden Band

Because energy must be imparted to the electron to get it out of its orbit about the nucleus, it is fairly clear that free electrons have, in general, a higher energy level than electrons in a ring whether the ring be completed or not. As has already been defined in Part II a series or ensemble of adjacent energy levels is called an energy band.

In Fig. 4 A is shown a sketch indicating a conduction band or the levels of energy of free electrons. The ensemble of energy levels for the electrons in the valence bonds, or covalent bonds as these are sometimes called, forms a band of energy levels which is called the valence bond band. As indicated in Fig. 4A the energy levels in the valence bond band are lower than the energy levels in the conduction band.

The interesting point about this picture of the structure of germanium or silicon is that between these two bands is a series of energy levels which, for a given material,
is never observed to exist. These form an energy gap which is also called the forbidden band.

An insight into the importance of this concept of forbidden bands, conduction bands and valence bond bands is obtained from the consideration that it is feasible to classify the conductors, the semiconductors and the insulators by this means. In the case of conductors (Fig. 4C) there is no forbidden band or energy gap at ordinary temperatures. There is an overlapping of


FIG. 3-Covalent bond structure in a tetravalent atom lattice. Such valence bonds may involve atoms of carbon (diamond), germanium and silicon, among others. Note how each electron is bound by valence bond and not free to take part in conduction process
the conduction and valence bands, and valence bonds may or may not exist.

This implies that very large numbers of electrons whose energy falls in the conduction band are always present. If this situation exists in a given material, the material is a conductor by definition.

In the case of insulators the energy gap is very large, perhaps of the order of twenty electron volts. ${ }^{2}$ The number of electrons which at room temperatures will acquire sufficient energy by thermal agitation alone to jump the gap and make the transition from the valence band to the conduction band will be small (Fig. 4B).

Bearing in mind from previous discussions that the most probable state of the electron is in the lower energy levels or in the valence band, it may be seen that if the energy gap is large the number of electrons which will be found in the conduction band is small, and by definition the material is an insulator.

Semiconductors have a conductivity in the range between conductors and insulators, and have an energy gap of the order of one electron volt. For the semiconductors germanium and silicon, the width of the forbidden band is 0.7 and 1.11 electron volt respectively, and by comparison the energy to remove an electron when covalent bonds are not involved is of the order of 0.05 electron volt. Thus a useful criterion for classifying conductors, semiconductors and insulators is on the basis of the width of the energy gap.

Because the energy gap for germanium and silicon is small, even at room temperatures some electrons are available for conduction, having broken from their valence bonds. While the number of electrons raised to the conduction level by thermal agitation is sufficient to place these two substances in the category of the semiconductors, it is insufficient to support a satisfactory degree of transistor action. Impurities such as arsenic (As), antimony ( Sb ) and boron ( B ) are frequently present in germanium and provide additional carriers to alter the conductivity. These and other impurities, gallium ( Ga ) and indium (In), for example, may be added in controlled amounts to produce a desired value of conductivity. Even the purest germanium now available contains sufficient impurities to provide free electrons or holes which materially increase the conductivity. In Fig. 5 is shown a basic arrangement consisting of an impurity atom, such as arsenic, in a matrix of germanium atoms. Arsenic is a pentavalent element which
means that its outermost and incomplete ring has five electrons. The closed rings of arsenic are three in number, consisting of two, eight, and eighteen electrons respectively, and do not enter into the picture, as mentioned earlier in this article, but their presence must be understood.

The atoms in a solid are arranged in a definite order or pattern and this specific arrangement of atoms is called a lattice (Fig. 7). The positions of the atoms are called the lattice sites, and when one atom displaces another from its normal lattice site, it is said to enter the lattice structure substitutionally. On the other hand if an atom assumes a position within the volume generally enclosed by the lattice structure without being located at a lattice site, it is said to enter interstitially.

The important characteristic of certain types of pentavalent impurities, such as arsenic or antimony, is that they exhibit a greater affinity for certain lattice sites within the structure of the germanium than the germanium atoms normally at those sites. Arsenic may be added when the germanium is in a molten state and upon solidification it is observed that arsenic atoms have entered the germanium lattice structure substitutionally. The electrons in the outer ring of the arsenic atom then form their own covalent bonds with adjacent neighbors, as the figure shows, and thereby form a stable structure for the electrons of both arsenic and germanium which are involved in the valence bonds. But arsenic is pentavalent and there is one electron


FIG. 4-Energy level diagrams show differentiation of semiconductors, insulators and conductors by presence and width of various bands


FIG. 5-Germanium crystal structure, showing an atom of arsenic replacing one of germanium to form its own valence bonds with adiacent atoms and leaving one electron to add to the possible current carries. The fifth valence electron of the arsenic does not enter into a valence bond. A small amount of energy will bring it up to the conduction band of energy levels where it can act as a carrier of current
left over. There are no adjacent electrons for this excess electron to form convalent bonds with and in accordance with the stability picture described this electron is very easily ionized from the sphere of influence of the arsenic nucleus. It readily enters the conduction band to act as a free electron and a carrier.

To remove such an electron from its ring, only about 0.05 electron volt is required and this energy is readily available from thermal agitation at room temperature. By comparison, 0.72 volt would be required to remove this electron if it were in a covalent bond.

## Donors

Thus the impurities provide additional carriers for this semiconductor at room temperature. Because these impurity atoms contribute an electron they are called donors, and it is a convenient mnemonic to italicize the $n$ to show that donors give rise to $n$-type semiconductor material.
This is an important concept: $n$-type germanium is due to a donor impurity and the majority carriers of electric current are negative particles or electrons.
The discussion here refers to a typical or prototype reorientation in the material, and in the germanium pellet used in the transistor there are myriads of such impurity
atoms contributing corresponding numbers of electrons. In a sample of high-purity germanium, one impurity atom per $100,000,000$ germanium atoms is a typical ratio. Controlled amounts of impurities are added in the manufacture of transistors to obtain an optimum impurity concentration. In such purposely contaminated germanium samples a comparable figure is one impurity atom per $10,000,000$ germanium atoms, or roughly ten times that of the high-purity germanium.

A trivalent impurity such as boron may be added to germanium when in the molten state and upon solidification the atoms of boron replace atoms of germanium in their lattice sites. Each boron atom robs an electron from a neighboring valence bond, bringing to four the number of electrons in its valence ring. Having robbed this electron, as shown in Fig. 6, the boron atom forms its own covalent bonds with adjacent germanium atoms and thereby enters into a stable arrangement in the lattice structure. But the valence bond from which an electron has been taken now has a deficiency of one negative charge.

## Holes Redefined

At this point it is suggested that the reader review the introductory definition of a hole given in the first article of this series. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ It was stated
that when an electron is removed from a neutral atom a positive charge is created and this is of the nature of a hole. However, this is a preliminary definition.

In an accurate definition, the particular net positive charge remaining when an electron is removed from a covalent bond is a hole. Strictly speaking, holes are an attribute of atoms whose electrons enter into valence bonds; merely removing electrons from a neutral atom does not create a hole in the semiconductor sense of the word.

In this respect we are not talking about two tiny balls of fire spinning about the nuclei of which one has been removed to the boron atom. We are speaking of wave packets whose descriptive wave functions define the probability of finding these wave packets in the region of the germanium nucleus and whose quantum states are described by different quantum numbers when in a valence bond, compared to the quantum numbers when not in a valence bond.

The redistribution of the quantum states of the electrons in the system when one has been removed from a valence bond is for physicomathematical purposes conveniently described in terms of the positive net charge remaining and this convenient abstraction is called a hole.


FIG. 6-Germanium crystal structure showing an atom of boron replacing one of germanium, adding an electron to its valence ring of 3 and forming covalent bonds with nearest neighbors. A hole is created in the valence bond where the "robbed" electron had been

When so regarded the hole is endowed with a true positive mass, a true positive charge, a real velocity, and a real energy, and the system acts as if such a positive particle exists.

The ball of fire picture is inadequate for such an analysis and if heedlessly applied on a microscopic level within the atomic structure of the solid will give inconsistent and inadequate explanations of observed phenomena.

## Acceptors

Returning to the action of the trivalent impurities, because the boron atom has taken on an additional electron it is called an acceptor and the impurity which acts in this manner is called an acceptor impurity. The word acceptor is written with an italicized $p$ as a mnemonic for the fact that the material thus created is said to be a $p$-type material because the majority carriers of current are the positive charges or holes.

Holes are regarded as true carriers of electric current because observed conduction phenomena in semiconductors can be explained only by the assumption that holes may play the same role in the conduction process as do electrons. Normally both electrons and holes are present in a semiconductor material and both may act as current carriers in the conduction process.

In $n$-type germanium, electrons greatly outnumber the holes, and are therefore referred to as the majority carriers; the holes are then called the minority carriers. In $p$-type material where the holes outnumber the electrons, holes are the majority carriers and the electrons are the minority carriers.

Normally $n$-type germanium is used in point-contact transistors. Both $n$ and $p$ types are used in junction transistors. These types of germanium are the only two that are known and used in transistors at present.

## Lattice Structure

In Fig. 7 is shown the lattice structure or array for the germanium and silicon crystals. A crystal may be regarded as the fundamental building block or iterative unit of


FIG. 7- $A$ three-dimensional representation of the crystal lattice of germanium. Note the hexagonal arrangement of the atoms. Corner atoms are considered as shared by eight similar cubic crystals with a common vertex, and the total contribution of all the corner atoms to a unit crystal is one atom. Crystal refers to the entire cubical structure; lattice refers to the arrangement of atoms within the crystal volume
which certain materials such as germanium and silicon are made. When silicon and germanium freeze from their molten state they invariably freeze as a series of small repeated units called crystals.

In Fig. 7 the lines that outline a cube show the fundamental unit to be a cubical solid or volume. It is not necessary for all the atoms which form the crystal to be entirely within this cubical volume. For instance, each of the corner atoms is shared by the eight crystals which have a common corner at that lattice site. The eight atoms which actually compose the crystal are arranged in a regular geometric pattern of three dimensions which is called the lattice. It is not necessary that for every such cubical unit or crystal all the atoms be at their lattice sites nor that the arrangement always be as regular as the figure implies. The existence of interstitial atoms has already been mentioned, but in addition irregularities in the form of dislocations of various kinds are the rule rather than the exception. References to order and disorder in the literature refer to the irregularities in the crystal structure.

In speaking about crystals, it is particularly important to distinguish between the word crystal as used by the physicist and as used by the metallurgist. When the
physicist says single crystals he means the microscopic iterative units each consisting of atoms arranged as discussed previously. Regular and regularly-arranged crystals as defined by the physicist which are formed without creating boundary planes or so-called grain boundaries compose a single crystal in the sense of the metallurgist.

The crystal of the metallurgist is a large single piece of metal which may, in some cases, weigh several pounds. In examining a crystal, the polycrystalline structure is recognized by the presence of lines on the surface of the material. The single crystal is recognized by the complete absence of such boundary lines or grain lines on its surface. The use of single-crystal germanium has contributed materially to the development of uniform and reproducible transistors.

## Summary

(1) The fundamental structure of germanium is crystalline and the crystal is cubical in shape.
(2) The electrons belonging to these atoms in the crystal enter into stable configurations known as valence bonds. The breaking of a valence bond produces a free electron and a hole.
(3) Pentavalent impurities such as arsenic displace atoms of germanium in the lattice structure to form four covalent bonds with the nearest neighbors allowing the fifth valence electron to be readily removed. In this way the arsenic impurities act as donors giving rise to $n$-type material.
(4) Trivalent impurities such as boron enter substitutionally into the lattice structure of germanium, acquire an additional electron into the valence ring and form four covalent bonds with the nearest neighbors. In this way the boron impurity atoms act as acceptors giving rise to $p$-type material.

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# Audio Impedance and 


#### Abstract

Modified bridge technique permits measurement of a-c circuit values with minimum of components. Impedance and phase angle are read off directly, eliminating calculations, from this simple meter that requires no standard of inductance or capacitance


ALTERNATING-CURRENT circuit parameters can be measured over a range of 0 to 100,000 ohms impedance at frequencies between 30 and 15,000 cycles using the circuit shown in Fig. 1. The value of the measured impedance is given as a complex impedance in polar form. A null method of indication is used for both the magnitude impedance and phase-angle indications. Calibration is independent of frequency and magnitude of the applied signal voltage.

The operating principle involves a comparison of a voltage across a calibrated resistance with respect to a voltage across an unknown impedance where the resistance and impedance are in series. When the voltages are equal the impedance of the unknown will equal the value of the calibrated resistance. If two equal arms are added to form the bridge circuit shown in Fig. 2, the sum of the unbalance voltage $E_{d}$ as it is related to the voltage across the calibrated resistance will be proportional to the phase angle of the measured impedance. The result is given in terms of magnitude impedance and phase angle.

By means of a system of balanced rectifiers and a switching arrangement, the voltages are converted to direct current and compared by a null indication method.

## Operation

When the voltage across the calibrated resistance is equal to the voltage across the unknown impedance then equal voltages will be applied to the grids of the cathode followers.

For equal input voltage from the cathode followers the output of the balanced diode rectifiers

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is zero. Thus, a null is obtained when the value of the calibrated resistance is equal to the value of the unknown impedance.

After the magnitude impedance has been determined, the ganged switches shown in Fig. 1 transfer one side of the balanced rectifier from the output of $V_{2}$ to the output of the cathode follower $V_{3}$, the grid of which is driven by voltage that may be present at the junction of the right-hand arms of the circuit. The voltage at the cathode of this tube is proportional to the function of the phase angle of the measured impedance and is compared with part of the voltage appearing across the calibrated resistance.
The voltage across the calibrated resistance is impressed on the grid of $V_{1}$ and appears across the potentiometer $R_{2}$ forming part of the load in the cathode circuit of $V_{1}$.

The other side of the balanced rectifier is now connected to the arm of the potentiometer rather than directly to the cathode of $V_{1}$. By this means a part of the voltage across the calibrated resistance is made available for comparison with the unbalance voltage. The resistance $R_{1}$ connected between the cathode of $V_{1}$ and the potentiometer is necessary to drop the voltage across the potentiometer to a value equal to that appearing at the cathode of $V_{3}$ when the phase angle of the unknown is 90 deg.

The relative value of these voltages and the ratio of the resistance of the potentiometer to resistance of $R_{1}$ is explained by reference to
the vector in Fig. 3, where

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E_{d}=\frac{E}{2} \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \text { and } E_{R}=\frac{E}{2 \cos \frac{g}{2}}
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If the unknown is a resistance, the junction of the $A$ and $B$ (Fig. 2) will be at zero voltage; therefore the arm of potentiometer $R_{2}$ will be at zero voltage and at a position corresponding to zero phase angle. Conversely, if the unknown is reactive, the arm of the potentiometer will be at a position determined by the value of the unbalance voltage $E_{d}$. The potentiometer can thus be calibrated in terms of phase angle. The dial graduation in degrees is nearly linear. It should be noted that a balance for magnitude impedance is made before the phase angle is measured. Except for this requirement there is no interaction between the controls used for magnitude impedance and the phase-angle measurement.

The sign of the phase angle can be determined by changing the frequency of the signal source slightly in a known direction and observing its effect on the impedance. Since a variable frequency oscillator is usually available as a signal source this method has been used. However, the sign of the phase angle could also be determined by connecting suitable values of capacitance across the standard or unknown arms of the bridge circuit, thereby adding to or subtracting from the value of the reactance of the unknown with its resultant effect on impedance.

The high input impedance of the cathode followers reduces the loading effect on the bridge circuit, which is the principle source of error. The low output impedance of

# Phase-Angle Meter 



FIG. I-Circuit of the bridge, balanced rectifier and indicator. To save space in actual equipment, phase and calibrated resistance are mounted coaxially
the cathode followers reduces the loading effect of the stray wiring capacitance as well as loading caused by the diodes. This also permits the use of a low-resistance wire-wound phase-angle control.

Potentiometer $R_{3}$ connected as part of the load resistance on the diodes is used to balance the diode rectifiers. It will also compensate for slight gain differences in $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$.

## Zero Check

In addition to the switch positions necessary for the impedance and phase-angle measurement, a third position checks zero setting of the vacuum-tube voltmeter. This is accomplished by disconnecting the calibrated resistance and unknown arms from the circuit and at the same time grounding the junction of the $A$ and $B$ arms. Since these arms are of equal value they can function as an accurate voltage divider to provide identical voltages to each of the cathode followers. While the primary function of the check is to eliminate error owing to drift of the vacuum-tube voltmeter used for null indication it also checks the electrical symmetry of the cathode followers $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$ and the balanced diodes.

The voltmeter used for null indication is a series-balanced d-c amplifier ${ }^{1}$ with a microammeter for a load. Its stability is good and a regulated power supply is not required. Zero adjustment is by means of the $1,000-0 h m$ variable resistance in the lower half of the 6SL7, in Fig. 1.

The value of the calibrated resistance that determines the range of the instrument is 0 to 100,000 ohms, made up of a combination of decade steps and a continuously variable control of 0 to $1,000 \mathrm{ohms}$. The reactance of the resistance should be held to a low value. The control calibrated in phase angle has a value of 1,000 ohms.

It is necessary to give the bridge transformer special consideration. The capacitance between the secondary and ground should be held to a low value. If this is not done the accuracy of the instrument will be affected at the higher frequencies. It is also necessary that the primary have a d-c resistance of such a value as to provide proper bias for the 6AQ5 input tube.

The impedance ratio of the transformer is a compromise value because the load impedance is variable. Load impedance is fixed by the value of the unknown impedance


FIG. 2-Simple bridge circuit shows derivation of voltage $E_{l}$


FIG. 3-Relationship of voltages shown above is described in text
being measured. The compromise ratio decided upon was approximately 200 to 1 . The transformer is driven by a cathode follower to minimize the effect of this variable load impedance and to reduce waveform distortion.

The transformer was constructed from an audio driver type with a turns ratio of approximately 1 to 1 of which the inside winding has a d-c resistance of about 500 ohms. The outside winding of the transformer was removed and an electrostatic shield placed over the inside winding. Wood spacers support the secondary with an air space between it and primary and between secondary and core, minimizing capacitance to ground.

Suitable combinations of resistance and capacitance were used to calibrate the phase-angle dial. With a variable-frequency source a minimum of such combinations is necessary to complete the calibration.

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## Analog Computer Solves



FIG. 1-Stepping switch in control unit governs analog multiplication of initial data values by proper coefficients. Free-running multivibrator is basic timing unit

# Geophysical Problems 

Subsurface features can be studied from measurements made on earth's surface but interpretation of data is laborious and time consuming. Specially designed analog computer saves time and effort. Digital read-out enhances accuracy and stability

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GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION is often carried on by making magnetometric or gravimetric measurements on the surface of the earth and interpreting them in terms of subsurface features. The analog computer to be described was devised to perform rapidly the arithmetic operations required to interpret potential-field data.
The need for rapid computation of geophysical data arises from the large number of calculations required. A typical region of interest may be 1,000 square miles, which for half-mile grid spacing contains 4,000 values of initial data. For every value of initial data a separate computation is required that consists of summing as many as 43 terms, each term being a product of one of the initial values by one of a set of predetermined coefficients. Since, as many as five different sets of coefficients may have to be applied separately, analysis of a typical area may require more than 20,000 lengthy calculations.

## Other Applications

The computer, however, is not restricted to geophysical problems since the operations performed are of a more general type where, given a large set of values of initial data and a smaller set of coefficients, it is desired to pair each coefficient with a selected member of the large set of numbers, multiply each pair of terms, and sum the products. The coefficients are then repeatedly paired with different groups of numbers from the large set, and

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Computer operator reads answers on counter-chronograph (center), initial values are set up on data boards, left and right
multiplication of pairs and summation of products continues.

## General Description

Initial data is stored on a large jack board arranged in the desired grid pattern. An array of voltages, is presented, each voltage proportional to the measured value of the field at the corresponding field grid point. A movable plug board whose plugs are arranged to select a desired set of grid voltages engages the jack board.

Selected voltages from the plug board are fed separately to the fixed contacts of a stepping switch whose rotating arm samples each contact in succession. The arm is connected to a precision resistive divider whose output taps are arranged so the included resistance is proportional to the coefficients required in the computation. Several sets of coefficient dividers are in-
corporated in the computer and are readily chosen by a selector switch.

The taps of the voltage divider connect to a second bank of fixed contacts of the stepping switch. Sampling the jack-board voltages in synchronism with the proper tap of the voltage divider makes available a succession of voltages, each proportional to the product of a measured field value by a predetermined coefficient.

Read-out is initiated by feeding the voltages to a voltage comparator, which produces a pair of pulses for each voltage input, whose time spacing is determined by the magnitude of the voltage. These pulse pairs activate one of two electronic counter-chronographs, the choice depending upon the algebraic sign of the coefficient. Here successive time-interval measurements are accumulated. Subtraction of negative-term accumulation from
positive-term accumulation occurs at the end of each sampling cycle, and the final answer is read out directly.

This type of read-out is accurate because it does not require appreciable power from the voltage source nor does it upset any voltage relations. Its circuits can be designed to make it relatively independent of variations, with resultant long-time stability.
Fundamental timing of the system, which controls the rate of operation of the stepping switch, and hence the rate of accumulation of partial products, is adjusted for about five operations per second. Once data are set into the jack board, the process of 43 multiplications and final summation is accomplished in about 10 seconds.

## Layout

A front view of the apparatus is shown in the photograph. The panels at either side contain inputdata controls to adjust the voltages at the jack board located at desk level in front of the operator.

The computer has a storage capacity of 900 values, corresponding to a grid region of 60 columns by 15 rows. The jack board contains 1,740 jacks, so interwired that the computation of each row of points, after the first, requires resetting only 60 input-data values per row. One series of 3,300 computations made twice for checking purposes, was performed at an average rate
of slightly less than one minute per computation.

The plug board is shown inserted in the upper portion of the jack board. Two counter-chronographs are located above the jack board. The answer is obtained from directreading neon-light indicators on the lower counter-chronograph. All operations are controlled from the control panel in the operator's left hand.

## Data-Input Circuit

The data board, jack board and plug board comprise the data-input section shown schematically in the upper left portion of Fig. 1. One 100,000 -ohm shunt potentiometer and one $5,000-\mathrm{ohm}$ series potentiometer on the data board are connected to each jack of the jack board making any voltage from zero to $V$ independently available at each jack. Jacks are arranged in a two-dimensional hexagonal array. The plug board, with plugs also arranged in a hexagonal pattern, engages the jack board. Each fixed contact of $S_{1, s}$ connects through a correspondingly numbered plug to a selected jack.

The arm of $S_{14}$ is always loaded by a resistive voltage divider. One of several dividers may be selected. Total resistance of each divider is 100,000 ohms but the amount of resistance across each tap is preset in accordance with the desired calculation. The arm of $S_{1 B}$ selects in succession each voltage


FIG. 2-Voltage comparator converts voltage product from analog unit to corresponding time intervals that are summed by counter-chronographs
presented to $S_{\text {is }}$ by the plug board, multiplied by one of the factors determined by the voltage divider. This succession of voltages is led to the voltage comparator through $S_{2}$, the calibrate-operate switch located on the control panel.

## Inserting Input Data

Each input-data control is set by a comparison scheme using only one precision element. Data insertion consists of adjusting the voltages at the jacks of the jack board so that when the jacks are loaded by a 100,000 -ohm resistor, the voltages present are proportional to the initial input data.

Use is made of $R_{1}$, a 10 -turn potentiometer, with better than 0.1 percent linearity, and a direct-reading dial. It is connected, in series with $R_{4}$, between the primary voltage source $V$ and ground. If all the initial input data in the region of interest are in such units that the numerical values lie between zero and 1,000 , then the voltage appearing at the arm of the $R_{1}$ which is proportional to the dial reading, can readily be adjusted to be proportional to any initial input value.

## Control Unit

The control unit governs the motion of the rotating arms of the stepping switch. Relay $R E_{1}$ controls the motion of the rotating arms of $S_{1 S, b, G \text { and } d}$ and the makebreak contactor $S_{I F}$. The switch is so designed that each interruption of current through $R E_{1}$ causes the switch to move one step.

Power from $T_{1}$ is rectified, passed through $S_{3}, R E_{1}$, and the normally closed contacts of $R E_{2}$. Dual-triode $V_{1}$ is a free-running multivibrator, with a period of about 0.2 second; $V_{2 A}$ is a cathode follower; $V_{2 B}$ is diode-connected and is used as a damper.

Rise in voltage at the plate of $V_{1 \Delta}$ causes increased conduction in $V_{24}$; the resulting rise across $R_{2}$ activates the relay $R E_{2}$, opening its normally closed contacts. Opening the contacts of $R E_{2}$ interrupts current flow through $R E_{1}$ causing arms $A, B, C$ and $D$ of $S_{1}$ to move one step. This motion causes $S_{1 F}$ to close momentarily, shorting out $R_{3}$ and a negative-going trigger synchronized with the stepping of the
rotating arms of $S_{1}$ is fed to the delay multivibrator in the voltage comparator.

## Scale Factor

Since voltage source $V$ is common to the data board and the potentiometer ( $R_{1}$ ) used for data insertion, the reference voltage obtained at the arm of $S_{1 B}$ is always proportional to the desired computation, independent of the value of $V$. However, it is advantageous to set voltage $V$ so that the time interval determined by the voltage comparator for voltage $V$ input is a round number, such as 10,000 microseconds.

## Voltage Comparator

Conversion from voltage to time is accomplished in the voltage comparator. For a given voltage input, the output is a pair of pulses whose time separation is a linear function of the magnitude of the reference voltage. Since the reference voltage is obtained from a series of switching operations, sufficient time delay is incorporated in the voltage comparator to allow transient voltages to disappear.

A linearly rising voltage waveform synchronized with the insertion of a reference voltage is produced. The start of this rising voltage is coincident with the first, or start, pulse. When the rising voltage is equal in magnitude to the reference voltage, a second pulse is produced. This pulse pair is fed to a counter-chronograph and the time interval accurately measured.

The circuit diagram of the comparator is shown in Fig. 2. The trigger input is obtained from $S_{1 /}$, hence is synchronized with the motion of the stepping switch $S_{1}$. Dual triode $V_{1}$ is a biased multivibrator, with $V_{1 B}$ normally conducting. The negative-going trigger changes the state of $V_{1}$, but recovery is automatic. The time between triggering signal and recovery is determined by the values of $R_{1}, R_{2}$ and $C_{1}$.

Pertinent waveforms are illustrated in Fig. 3. Figure 3A is the waveform seen at the second plate of $V_{1}$ (Fig. 1). The waveform at the first plate of $V_{1}$ (Fig. 1) is exactly synchronized with this waveform, but is positive-going instead of negativengoing. Thus, at zero
time, $R E_{\mathrm{g}}$ is opened and the stepping switch moves. Because of mechanical linkages between the motion of the stepping switch and the activation of $S_{1 k}$, the negative-going trigger to the comparator does not start until time $A$. Its waveform is shown in Fig. 3B. This trigger activates $V_{1}$ whose output is seen in Fig. 3C. The negative-going recovery at time $B$ becomes the delayed input signal to $V_{2}$, the sweepgate multivibrator.
The sweep-gate multivibrator is a biased multivibrator. Its output waveform, shown in Fig. 3D, has a duration of about 12,000 microseconds, so chosen to be slightly longer than the maximum single count. It is differentiated by $C_{2}$ and $R_{3}$, and amplified by the biased amplifier $V_{3 A} ; V_{3 B}$ is a direct-coupled cathode follower whose output is the start pulse. This pulse is about +75 volts in amplitude, with a rise time of 0.2 microsecond. Its occurrence in time is coincident with the leading edge of the sweep-gate waveform. The sweep gate is also used as a gating pulse for switch tube $V_{44}$ that initiates the linearly rising waveform from which the stop pulse is derived.

## Counter-Chronographs

The counter units are commercial electronic counter-chronographs. Each counter chronograph consists of an oscillator, a switch and a counter. The oscillator is crystalcontrolled at 1 mc and operates continuously. The switch can be opened by a start pulse and closed by a stop pulse. Only while the switch section is open does the oscillator signal enter the counter and the reading of the counter, therefore, indicates the number of cycles of the crystal oscillator produced during the interval between the start and stop pulses.

For present purposes, several modifications have been made: (1) The lock-out circuits of both counters have been removed. Thus, the elapsed times between the start and stop pulses of successive pairs of pulses can be accumulated. (2) Either counter can be made inactive by application of a disabling voltage. While in a disabled condition no count is indicated, even though start and stop pulses are applied.


FIG. 2-Waveforms from voltage comparato:
(3) The counters have a storage capacity of $10^{6}$ counts, or 6 decades, before the final decade delivers an output pulse. A self-stop circuit has been added so that the output pulse of the sixth decade of the second counter furnishes a stop pulse to both counters.

## Test Circuit

The purpose of the test circuit is to check the electronic portions of the system by introducing an artificial problem whose answer is know and observing the machinecalculated answer. The circuit, shown in Fig. 1, is similar to one of the data-input units. With the plug board removed from the data board and the test switch in on position, a constant voltage is applied to the arm of $S_{14}$. The test problem, therefore, is the artificial problem of a uniform field distribution. The magnitude of the test voltage, hence the magnitude of the uniform field, can be adjusted to any desired value between zero and maximum. Because the coefficients for the computation are known, the correct answer is easily calculated and the overall performance of the computer can be checked.


VENEER EDGE GLUER-Conveyor brings small sheets of veneer sto:k into machine at right, where rollers apply glue to edges and hold edges together during passage between electrodes of electronic generator. Continuous glued sheet emerging at 45 feet per minute is cut automatically into large sheets by air-operated cliper at left in this Northwest Syndicate. Inc. installation


FIG. l-Three basic production techniques employed by woodworking industry for elecironic curing of glue lines

## Dielectric Heating Cuts

Case histories of successful applications in which electronic glue-curing improves quality and speeds production of wood products as well as cuts costs. Included are continuous edge-gluing of veneer and core stock, curing all glued joints simultaneously in television cabinets, forming veneers into curves, and gluing entire freight car walls

DIElectric heating is the quickest way to get uniform nondestructive heat into electrically and thermally nonconducting wood. It makes possible a complete gluecuring cycle in wood-bonding of less than one minute, compared to the conventional 30 minutes of oven glue-heating and nine or more hours of glue-drying in woodworking
applications. The speed and uniformity of heating provide as further advantages a greatly improved quality of product, economy of operation, minimized space requirements and an efficient produc-tion-line setup.

In general, dielectric heating gives a glue-curing production rate of 100 to 250 square inches of glue-
line per kilowatt-minute for wood bonding, with power in terms of heater output.

## Methods Employed

Electronic wood-gluing is generally performed by one of three basic methods-through heating, edge-gluing or stray-field heating, as shown in Fig. 1.


PANEL EDGE GLUING-One-man edge-gluing machine setup developed by Elecironic Heating Corp. for producing large panels and core stock used in furniture. Glue is applied to edges of pieces by conveyor-type applicator at right, after which operator places them on bed of machine to start sequence of moving into press, applying pressure, heating for about 40 seconds, opening press and ejecting


FIG. 2-Examples of electrode shapes and locations used for some of the commonest types of joints in wood materials

## Woodworking Costs

The electrodes are parallel to the glue lines in through heating, this method being used where laminated sections are glued together to make plywood sheets or curved panels; it is also used in many assembly operations.

In edge-gluing the dielectric heater electrodes are perpendicular to the glue lines. This method is used for core stock and panelgluing, veneer splicing and some assembly work. Since the electrical conductivity of glue is greater than that of wood, the glue line absorbs most of the radio-frequency energy available, making this method somewhat faster than through heating for the curing of equivalent

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glue-line area of wood products. Stray field heating makes use of fringing fields between adjacent electrodes to cure glue lines accessible from only one end of the object. It is used to attach structural members to the inner and under sides of cabinet panels.

## Veener Production

One of the more recent unique applications is continuous edge-
gluing of veneer stock ranging in thickness from $1 / 28$ inch to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. ${ }^{1}$ By dielectric heating, narrow selected clear stock, sliced or rotary cut, may be glued edge to edge, the stock flowing at right angles to the run of the grain and at a continuous speed up to 45 feet per minute. These veneers may vary from four feet to eight feet in length measured parallel to the grain. As the continuous glued sheet emerges from the off-bearing end, a clipper automatically cuts the stock into any desired widths, usually producing sheets of stock for plywood faces 4 feet by 8 feet in size. This device replaces methods of holding the veneers edge to edge with
gummed tape or much slower methods of joining the wood edge to edge with glue set by contact with heated platens.

One of the earliest and outstanding uses of dielectric heating is the setting of glue in laminated sheets or plywood. ${ }^{2}$ After the gluing and lay-up operation, several plywood sheets are stacked within a hydraulic press and heated electrically, as shown in Fig. 2, to 250 F for complete glue setting, in less than 10 minutes for 24 -inch stacks, after which finishing operations on the plywood can be immediately carried out. This method contributes to in-line production and eliminates storage space and drying-room needs ( $10-15$ hours for complete glue-setting) associated with the older oven-heating process.

## Lumber Edge-Bonding

The principles involved in the continuous electronic edge-gluing of veneers have also been applied with excellent success to lumber in continuous forward movement. ${ }^{1}$ Units are being built for the continuous edge-gluing of lumber in stock lengths or submultiples thereof up to 75 inches in length,
$\frac{1}{4}$ inch to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches thick in softwoods, and random widths moving through the electronic press at 15 lineal feet per minute. Submultiples of 75 inches, such as three rows of panel stock 24 inches long or four rows of 18 -inch long stock, may be run simultaneously. As the continuously glued strip or strips emerge from the off-bearing end of the press, a flying-saw mechanism traveling with the moving stock cuts it off into given panel widths.

Electronic edge-bonding of narrow boards to form large panels and core stock is applied in the manufacture of desks, tables and other types of furniture. ${ }^{3}$ One 5kilowatt one-man edge-gluing panelmaking unit operates at a frequency of approximately 5 mc and will glue panels up to 37 inches by 50 inches, with thickness from $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 2 inches. The heating time is usually 30 to 50 seconds. The entire operation, handled by one man, is automatic; one pushbutton starts the sequence of applying top and edge pressure, heating, opening press, and ejecting panels. Production is continuous at the rate of a panel in less than a minute, with finishing
operations following immediately.
Rway Furniture Co. makes use of electronic edge bonding equipment to glue and cure 10,000 square feet of panels in a two-shift, 18hour day. The operation is fully automatic, with the operator's only duty being to load boards on the feed belt and remove completed panels. Time cycles vary with the type of wood stock being gluedsuch as poplar, birch, ash or elm, but are always below 40 seconds.

For core stock or edge-gluing applications, where narrow relatively inexpensive boards are glued edge to edge to form large panels, the basic installation consists of the r-f generator, an air or hydraulic-operated press for application of edge pressure to the core panel, and a layupinfeed táble with glue spreader.* A typical installation of a Westinghouse $10-\mathrm{kw}$ r-f generator and Earle Hart Co. core press turns out one-inch-thick panels approximately 36 inches by 84 inches with heat cycles of 35 seconds. Based on increased production and labor savings, press-generator combinations costing about $\$ 15,000$ pay for themselves in less than a year.

Production from these edge-glu-


CABINET WALL GLUING-Glue used to join mounting blocks and other wood members to panels of television cabinet subassemblies are cured in about 15 seconds in this Westinghouse 10 -kw installation. Man at right places blocks and strips in pallet-type positioning jig; outer panel is set over this after glue is applied
ing presses runs up to 10,000 board feet per eight-hour day; the production figure depends on the type of wood being glued and the average number of glue lines in the panels, and assumes that room-temperature-setting urea glues are used. For estimating purposes, hardwood core panels can be cured at a rate of 150 square inches of glue line per kilowatt-minute of heater output; for soft woods, the production rate is about 250 square inches of glue-line per kilowattminute.

Production rate by edge-gluing has been a controversial subject. In edge-gluing a tennis racket, for example, it is possible to get production rates ranging up to 750 square inches of glue line per kilo-watt-minute: in this anplication the volume of wood is very small relative to the volume of glue line and little power is lost to the wood. The rates of 100 to 250 square inches of glue-line per kilowattminute apply in general to core stock and panel production.

## Subassembly of Wood Products

Butter tubs from wood scraps is another achievement of dielectric
heating. Wisconsin Butter Tub Company's plant in Marshfield, Wisconsin uses a Bell Machine electronic edge-gluing press and special machines designed by the user to do this job. ${ }^{5}$ Scrap pieces, too short to be used in the sash and door industry, are electronically glued in a press. A conveyor-type glue spreader applies urea resin glue to one edge of the boards and delivers them to the operator who assembles a press load of eight 16 by 16 by $1_{4}$ inch panels on a press layup table. The gluing operation is fully automatic, with the charge being pushed at the touch of a foot pedal into the press, which in turn applies pressure to the panels; a complete set is obtained in a gluecuring cycle of less than a minute.

From the glued panel, four slightly tapered pieces with beveled edges are cut on a circular saw. These pieces then go to a bandsaw where they are clamped in a special rotating fixture and are split in two pieces, each having one curved surface. From the bandsaw they go to special planers where the one flat surface is planed to a curve paralleling that of the sawed face, giving the final shape of the tub or bucket
staves. Bottoms and covers are also turned from electronically glued panels. Electronic gluing, in use here for over two years, has stepped up production to 2,000 per day, these being used as containers for butter, shortening, oleomargarine, jams, jellies, mincemeat, sauerkraut and fish, and as hand-painted wastebaskets for the novelty trade.

## TV Cabinet Assembly

Probably one of the most competitive markets in the woodworking industry is that encountered in the manufacture of tv cabinets. Here the elimination of a few screws on each cabinet can represent thousands of dollars in annual savings, and r-f heating has been able to do just that. An air-operated press for gluing the several sides of a console tv cabinet together in one operation has eliminated driving screws or clamping for a prolonged glue cure period. ${ }^{4}$ This air-operated installation turns out 500 cabinets per 16 -hour day. Based only on labor saved in not having to drill and drive screws as was previously done in assembling cabinets, it has been possible to cut production time by 20 percent,


BOXCAR WALL GLUING—Entire wall subassembly for plywood freightcar is here being prepared for moving into electronically heated press to cure glue joints between reinforcing strips and plywood faces. Equipment was developed by Thermex Division of The Girdler Corp. Resulting cars are stronger than conventional steel cars
with a corresponding reduction in labor cost. In addition, elimination of the screws saves 3.9 cents per cabinet, or about $\$ 4,300$ in a 222 work-day year. This manufacturer has about 30 r-f generators performing practically all types of gluing jobs.

Stromberg-Carlson has gained increased output of television cabinets per assembly fixture, reduced production costs, and improved cabinet quality through the use of dielectric heating. Further, rejects for repairs dropped from as high as 15 percent in humid weather with older gluing methods to $\frac{1}{2}$ percent under the same conditions but with electronic glue-curing. Production loss due to high humidity and slow-drying is no longer a factor. Production savings due to the installation of r-f heating for assembly gluing paid for the electronic equipment in nine months.

In the manufacture of television and other types of cabinets, strayfield heating has proved particularly useful for the quick curing of glues joining mounting blocks and other wood members to the inside of panels. The electrodes consist of straps at alternating positive and ground potential. The wood pieces are jigged on the wood members on the conveyor; glue is next applied, and cabinet panels are placed on top of the pieces just before the subassemblies are pushed through the press for setting of the glue. This setup is suited to in-line production and an endless conveyor belt system. The heat cycle of one installation with a 10 -kilowatt output electronic heater is about 15 seconds, the actual total 8 -hour production being in excess of 1,000 panel sides. Labor costs at a plant having six electronic installations of this type average 9 cents per panel less than with older methods involving clamps, for an annual saving of about $\$ 20,000$ a year.

Progressive Hoosier Cabinet Co. is another woodworking manufacturer who has experienced manpower, floor area and material cost savings in the glaing and curing of panel-to-frame television cabinet assemblies with electronic bonding equipment. One girl simply applies glue to frame members, loads the
machine with two panels at a time and pushes a button. After the 50second heating cycle another girl removes bonded cabinet subassemblies completely cured, ready for machining. Output averages 80 panels per hour.

## Boxcar Walls

Massive subassembly work is also being done with dielectric heating as a production tool. A plywood freight car, stronger and lighter than conventional cars, has been made possible by electronic curing of glued joints. Pressed Steel Car Company preassembles the boxcar sides, and top and floor panels, as complete units. Each assembly is then moved into an r-f heating press which cures the glued joints. This new technique permits fast production of freight cars built sturdily for rough railroad service.

## Forming Curved Surfaces

Glue-curing and forming operations for laminated clock cases, chair seats and backs, piano sections, sporting goods and other wood products are being done by through heating with 13.6 -me r-f energy. Units with outputs of 2 kw and 10 kw are in operation at The Seth Thomas Clock Co. and The American Furniture Co., resnectively. Generally a pair of dies existing from previously used methods is faced with sheet brass electrodes, these dies and installed electronic equipment being capable of handling production requirements. Considerable cost savings over previous slow glue-curing methods requiring a large number of dies are achieved by these more advanced production systems.

## Imorovement in Quality

With ele tronic glue-curing, radical changes in moisture content of the lumber and pockets of resin must be watched, because arcing and open glue lines will result. An electronic edge-gluing machine is considered not only an instrument for more efficient production but also an electromechanical inspector for controlling quality. ${ }^{6}$ With an electronic edge gluer, lumber that has more than 4 or 5 percent moisture differential to the panel itself will be rejected, because the gen-
erator will refuse to glue it, the machine having been set for a certain cycle for properly dried stock. Lumber of mixed species, mixed densities, low temperature, excessive thickness variations and poor jointing will be revealed by unglued joints.

High-frequency heating provides increased production and lower labor costs, particularly where production volume justifies the setting up of special jigs to glue specific joints or formed plywood. The production cost of fabricating waterfall bends on beds (shown in Fig. 2) was cut 40 percent by using r-f to set the glue in a routed joint after the bend was formed with pressure. A table-model television cabinet is being assembled in a jig and completely bonded in $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~min}$ utes, where the old method required 4 hours drying in clamps while piled in a heated room.

With r-f, the production of plywood drum-type gasoline tanks for the armed services jumped 25 percent, the labor cost dropped 20 percent, the quality was improved and the tooling cost was only 50 percent of the cost estimated for the old method. Mass production of bent plywood furniture has been made possible with the use of high-frequency heating. In one quick operation the veneers are formed into simple or compound curves and the adhesive set to hold the form required.

In the mounting of plywood onto frames for the manufacture of case tops and furniture, r-f stray-field heating of glued joints has eliminated nailing and filling the nail holes, with 50 peicent reduction in the labor costs involved. These few examples indicate the contribution of r-f heating toward quality and reduced costs of many wood products.

## R-F Drying of Lumber

Another advance by the woodworking industry has been its application of dielectric heating to the drying of hardwood lumber to a desired moisture content.' The 65 -year-old plant of G. F. Mooney and Son, Inc. cures green-state white birch to be used in the handles of household and industrial tools in 12 to 15 hours by dielec-


CURVES-Forming and glue-curing laminated cases for clocks wih Westinghouse equipment. Glue is automatically applied to individual laminations by roller of machine in foreground


JOINTS-Air-operated press and Westinghouse high-frequency generator equipment for setting glue in joints of entire television receiver console cabinet in one two-minute operation
tric heating, compared to 12 to 36 days in conventional dry kilns or four to six months by the open-air drying process. This new system has made possible year-round cutting and drying of lumber and has enabled the company to reduce its lumber inventory by 60 to 70 percent and still meet customer reqnirements. Further, quality is maintained, the dried wood being completely free of warping and checking.

## Modernization of Factories

Dielectric heating equipments are not necessarily used only by those industrials whose equipments are all 100-percent up-to-date. There are plants in which the only modern production unit is an electronic heater. In one such plant, nearly all work is done by hand; piles of lumber, cabinets and materials are carried from one department to another on the heads of laborers. ${ }^{8}$ Skilled craftsmen handfit all joints. Hand-carvings, handsanding and hand-rubbed finishes are the rule. Child labor is em-
ployed on jobs where much elbowgrease and little else is required. The apprentice system is in effect, and the foreman is not known as the foreman but is called the teacher. This factory is known as Industria Mueblera, S. A., in Mexico City.

Every gluing operation in this factory-from attaching the finest carved overlays to laminating large sheets of curved plywood-is done with industrial high-frequency dielectric heating equipment. Small subassemblies are glued together in a matter of seconds with a small portable unit containing a set of electrodes in a hand gun. Complete cabinet assemblies are placed in hydraulically operated box clamps where electrodes are arranged to assemble the whole cabinet in a one-shot operation.

This case may be somewhat extreme, but is an example of the acceptance of electronic equipment for heating dielectric materials, even where associated production techniques are obsolete by present standards.

These successful applications of
dielectric heating are made possible by the cooperation among users, glue manufacturers, woodworking equipment makers, electronic equipment companies and industrial electron tube manufacturers. All deserve credit for analyzing the potential applications of dielectric heating as an industrial tool and developing materials, components and units to meet specific requirements. Particularly is this so in the electron-tube industry. Only with high-frequency tubes in the neesed power levels, developed to give long life for economical service, could this advanced heating method have been made reliable and cost-saving for the woodworking industry.

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# Reducing Distortion 

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FRequency-division multiplex is widely used in point-to-point communications to provide several independent voice channels on a single vhf or uhf carrier.

The simplest kind of frequencydivision multiplex starts with a single voice channel that modulates an r-f oscillator called a subcarrier. The subcarrier in turn modulates the vhf or uhf transmitter. If another voice channel is desired, it is added by modulating a second subcarrier frequency. The subcarrier outputs are then combined to modulate the transmitter. More voice channels may be added as long as each modulates a different subcarrier frequency.

## Intermodulation

If either the mixing network or the transmitter's f-m characteristic is nonlinear, certain intermodulation products are generated. The products generally produce beats and signal distortion. The beats may fall anywhere within the r-f spectrum including the receiver passband. If the beats falling within the passband are of sufficient amplitude, they may override or distort the desired signal information and render the entire subcar-


FIG. 1-Signal-to-noise ratio vs r-f volt age input. Dashed line shows noise increase with all channels operating
rier communications system unusable.

In one present-day system, all subcarriers fall within the 160 to 960 -kc spectrum. If 12 channels are used, it is possible to space the channels so that no harmonics of any one carrier fall on top of another carrier. This arrangement does not, however, eliminate all possible beats that occur within the spectrum. The system also requires a wide spectrum for its 12 channels.

This paper discusses a method for analyzing beats or distortion terms in a frequency-division multiplex system with a view toward decreasing distortion while using the smallest possible spectrum. Expressions are derived for the second, third and fourth-order distortion terms and for the distortion due to these terms.

It is found that by limiting the applied peak-to-peak voltage regardless of the number of channels used, keeping individual channel voltages equal in magnitude and restricting the frequency spectrum to one octave, significant reductions occur in percentile distortion.

An operational 24-channel system appears in the photograph. Each of the cabinets contains six com-


FIG. 2-Signal-to-intermodulation ratio versus r-f voltage input illustrates agreement of calculated and measured results
plete channels. At the top of each cabinet are stacked six terminal equipments with the six subcarrier receivers and transmitters below. Each cabinet's power supply is located at the bottom.

## Experimental Results

Actual measurements made on this system indicate close agreement with theoretical calculations based upon the equations to be derived. The chart in Fig. 1 was plotted from actual measurements. The solid line represents the signal-to-noise output of a single channel operating alone. The dashed line represents the signal-to-noise output of the same channel when the 23 other subcarriers are turned on. The signal-to-noise ratio is reduced because of increased noise arising from intermodulation products or beats that fall within the passband of the receiver under observation.

The r-f input is merely the combined output of the subcarrier transmitters. It is applied to a video amplifier that modulates the uhf carrier.
The difference between the two curves in Fig. 1 measures the increase in noise due to beats. Taking this difference, the signal-to-intermodulation ratio may be obtained. This is plotted as the dashed line in Fig. 2. Close agreement between theory and practice may be seen by comparing this dashed line showing actual results with the solid line indicating the theoretical signal-tointermodulation ratio derived using the equations to be discussed.
There will be no increase in intermodulation if all the subcarrier transmitters are now modulated by the voice-channel outputs. This is because a modulated f-m signal is a single vector that merely changes

# In Microwave Systems 

Limiting applied peak-to-peak voltage, regardless of number of channels, and restricting frequency spectrum to one octave reduces percentile distortion in frequency-division multiplex systems. Expressions are derived for second, third and fourth-order terms and resulting distortion
phase with modulation. There is no variation in amplitude and no new carriers are introduced. However, it is possible for sideband splatter to occur if the subcarrier receivers are not selective enough to reject adjacent-channel signals.

## Theoretical Analysis

The analysis is based upon computations of spurious frequencies and their magnitudes when multiple sinusoidal voltages are applied to the input of a nonlinear network. The nonlinear response may be expressed as a power series

$$
\begin{equation*}
i=a_{1} e+a_{2} e^{2}+a_{2} e^{3}+ \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $i$ is the instantaneous network response, and $e$ is the instantaneous value of the applied voltage. The coefficients $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}$, etc are determined by the nature of the nonlinear network. We may define the percent distortion

$$
\% D=\frac{\begin{array}{c}
\text { sum of the squares of a } 1 \mathrm{ll} \\
\text { spurious responses }
\end{array}}{\begin{array}{c}
\text { sum of the squares of all } \\
\text { desired responses }
\end{array}} \times 100
$$

To simplify the computation, the desired responses will be assumed to be represented in the linear power-series term only, although it is appreciated that the odd-order terms of Eq. 1 will also yield an onfrequency response.

Since we are dealing with multiple sinusoidal voltages, the applied voltage may be represented as a summation of sine waves

$$
\begin{equation*}
e=\underset{j=1}{\sum_{1}^{n} E_{1} \sin \left(\omega_{2} t\right)=E_{1} \sin \left(\omega_{1} t\right)+} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Furthermore, it is considered desirable from the point of view of distortion to keep the maximum possible peak-to-peak applied voltage constant and independent of the number of channels $n$, as well as


Complete 24 -channel system. From top to bottom, each cabinet contains: six voicechannel terminal equipments, six subcarrier receivers and transmitters, and power supply
keeping the peak amplitudes of all the individual sine waves equal. These conditions are easily achieved in practice and are represented mathematically by

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{j=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{E}_{j}=E_{1}+E_{2}+E_{3}+\cdots(\text { a constant })  \tag{4~A}\\
& E_{j}=E / n
\end{align*}
$$

All terms other than the linear term in Eq. 1 yield distortion products that may fall in our band of interest. Hence, we may break our problem into parts by investigating the effects of the second-, third- and fourth-order terms separately. For each order term it is necessary to determine if it falls within our receiver band and if it does we must find out how much distortion it will cause.

We may start the analysis by evaluating the second-order distortion. The evaluation of the effects of the second-, third- and fourthorder distorting network will be made in terms of the $a$ coefficients
of Eq. 1. How to evaluate these coefficients for any system will be shown later.

## Second-Order Distortion

By limiting this analysis to the first two terms on the right-hand side of Eq. 1, we may write

$$
\begin{align*}
i= & a_{1}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{E}{n} \sin \left(\omega_{j} t\right)\right)+ \\
& a_{2}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{E}{n} \sin \left(\omega_{i} t\right)\right)^{2} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

If the indicated operations are performed and all d-c terms are neglected, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& i=a_{1}\left(\frac{E}{n}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_{i}+a_{2}\left(\frac{E}{n}\right)^{2} \\
& \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_{2 j}+\sum_{j, k=1}^{n} S_{i-k}+\sum_{j, k=1}^{n} S_{j+k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $j$ does not equal $k$ and the $\sin (\omega, t)$ terms have been replaced by the symbol $S_{j}$. Therefore, $S_{3}$ represents sinusoidal waves of unit amplitude having a frequency $\omega_{j} / 2 \pi$. Furthermore, the $\sin \left(\omega_{j} \pm \omega_{k}\right) t$ terms here have been replaced by $S_{3} \pm_{k}$ respectively.
In the determination of the percent power distortion we only need to substitute the proper terms of Eq. 6 into Eq. 2. This operation will yield the following expression for the percent distortion $D_{2}$ due to a second-order distorting network

$$
\begin{gathered}
\% D_{2}= \\
a_{2}^{2_{2}}\left(\frac{E}{n}\right)^{4}\left(\frac{1}{4} \sum S_{2_{2 j}}+\right. \\
\left.\quad \sum_{S_{j-k}}+\sum S^{2} S_{i+k}\right) \\
a^{a_{1}^{2}}\left(\frac{E}{n}\right) \sum S^{2} S_{j}
\end{gathered}
$$

The limits on the summation signs have been dropped for convenience.

Table I-Number of Terms In Each Summation as a function of Number of Channels

| Type of Term | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of Such } \\ \text { Terms as a } \\ \text { Function of } n \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $S_{j}, S_{2 i}, S_{3 j}$ etc | $n$ |
| $S_{j-k}, S_{j+k}$ | $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ |
| $S_{2 j-k}, S_{2 i+k}$ | $n(n-1)$ |
| $S_{j+k+l}, S_{j-k-l}$ | $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}$ |
| $S_{j-k+l}$ | $(n-1)(n-2)$ |
|  | 3 |
| $S_{3 i-k}$ | $n(n-1)$ |
| $S_{2(j-k)}$ | $\frac{n(n-1)}{\mathscr{Z}}$ |
| $S_{2 j-k-l}$ | $n(n-1)(n-2)$ |
|  | 2 |
| $S_{2 j+k-l}$ | $n(n-1)(n-2)$ |
| $S_{i+k+i-m}$ | $\begin{gathered} n(n-1)(n-2) \\ (n-3) \end{gathered}$ |
| $S_{j+k-l-m}$ | 8 |
| $S_{j-k-l-m}$ | $\begin{gathered} n(n-1)(n-2) \\ (n-3) \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 24 |



FIG. 3-Relative distortion versus number of channels for second-order terms

Because we are concerned with a steady-state analysis we will consider the time average over many cycles of the $S_{j}{ }^{2}$ terms. The time average of all such terms is the numerical value $\frac{1}{2}$ and this factor occurs in all terms of the numerator and denominator in the same manner. It is, therefore, possible to factor this $\frac{1}{2}$ term and cancel it out of the equation. The problem, therefore, reduces to finding the number of terms in each summation as a function of the number of channels $n$.

It is readily found from Table I that the number of $S_{j}$ and $S_{z j}$ terms is $n$ while the number of $S_{J_{-k}}$ and $S_{j+k}$ terms are equal in number and equal to $n(n-1) / 2$.

Using these relationships we may write the following equation for the percent of second-order distortion

$$
\begin{align*}
\% D_{2}= & \left(\frac{a_{2} E}{a_{1}}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{1}{n^{2}}\right) \\
& {\left[\frac{1}{4}+(n-1)\right] \times 100 } \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

A plot of $\% \mathrm{D}_{2} /\left(\frac{a_{2} E}{a_{1}}\right)^{2}$ is shown in Fig. 3. We see that when the peak-to-peak voltage is held constant, the total distortion decreases steadily as $n$ increases beyond 3 , and in fact, for large $n$ the distortion is inversely proportional to $n$. This distortion results in d-c terms not computed, in double-frequency terms, and in sum-and-difference terms. If the multiplex system is contained within an octave, none of these terms is contained within


FIG. 4-Relative distortion versus number of channels for third-order terms
the frequency range of interest.
Now that we have evaluated the effect of the second-order term, we may proceed by determining the effectiveness of the third-order term in causing distortion products within our receiver band.

## Third-Order Distortion

Even though the multiplex system is contained within an octave, spurious components will lie within the band of interest if third-order distortion is present.

By use of Eq. 1, 3 and 4 we see that the current due to the cube term alone may be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
i_{3}=\frac{a_{3} E^{3}}{n^{3}}\left(\sum S_{i}\right)^{3} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

By trigonometric relationships $i_{3}$ may be expanded into

$$
\begin{align*}
& i_{3}=\frac{a_{3} E^{3}}{n^{3}}\left\{\frac{9}{4} \sum S_{j}+\frac{1}{4}\right. \\
& \sum S_{3 j}+\frac{3}{4} \sum S_{2 i+k}+\frac{3}{4} \sum S_{2 j-k}+\frac{3}{2} \\
& \left.\left[\sum S_{j+k+i}+\sum S_{j-k-l}+\sum S_{j+k-l}\right]\right\} \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$

If as before we divide the sum of the squares of the distortion terms of Eq. 10 by the sum of the squares of all the desired responses, take the time average of all of these terms and determine the number of the various terms, we obtain for the percent power distortion

$$
\begin{gather*}
\% D_{3}=\left(\frac{a_{3}}{a_{1}}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{E}{n}\right)^{4} \\
{\left[\frac{9}{16}(n-1)(2 n-3)\right] \times 100} \tag{10}
\end{gather*}
$$



FIG. 5-Relative distortion versus number of channels for fourth-order terms

Evaluation of this distortion term was facilitated by the use of Table I which shows the number of individual terms that may be expected from a given type of sinewave signal as a function of the total number of channels $n$.

$$
\text { A plot of } \% D_{3}\left(\frac{a_{3}}{a_{1}}\right)^{2} E^{\dagger} \text { as a }
$$

function of $n$ is given in Fig. 4.
In the foregoing analysis for $\% D_{3}$, all terms such as $S_{2 j-k}, S_{j-k-I}$ and $S_{l-k+l}$ were included as causing distortion since they might fall within the receiver band. Considering an octave band we see that if the channels are all spaced equal distances apart and if the distance between channels is twice the distance from the extreme channels to the edge of the octave, then some of these terms will fall outside of the band of interest. In order to determine the relative number of such frequency components that do fall within an octave it is necessary to make a probability evaluation. This evaluation will be discussed in a later section.

To help understand why the relative $C_{c} D_{3}$ drops off as fast as is evidenced in Fig. 4, the following table has been prepared for large $n$

|  | VoltagePower <br> Per <br> Channel | Total <br> Power |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Funda- <br> mental <br> Signal | $1 / n$ | $1 / n^{2}$ | $1 / n$ |
| $C_{0} D_{3}$ | $1 / n^{2}$ | $1 / n^{4}$ | $1 / n^{3}$ |

If a completely analogous procedure is followed for the fourthorder distorting term, the expression for $\% D_{4}$ is

$$
\% D_{4}=\left(\frac{a_{4}}{a_{1}}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{E}{n}\right)\left(\frac{n-1}{8}\right)
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(21 n^{2}-78 n+76.25\right) \times 100 \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Evaluation of this term involves the relations indicated in Table I.

A plot of $\% D_{4} /\left(\frac{a_{4}}{a_{1}}\right)^{2} E^{\circ}$ versus $n$ is given in Fig. 5.

From a practical viewpoint we can readily see why distortion decreases with increasing $n$. From Eq. 4A we see that the total peak-to-peak voltage is constant. If one frequency is used, this maximum will be reached on every cycle, yielding distortion terms. If two frequencies are used, the probability that their maximum values will add in phase to yield this same maximum is much reduced. If $n$ frequencies are used, the probability that they will ever add in phase to the maximum allowable value is very small. This means that the center portion, which is more linear, will be utilized more and more. The result is to decrease the distortion substantially because the nonlinear portion of the network is reached less and less.

The price of this decreasing distortion as channels are added is that each channel puts out less voltage or power; there will be some lower limit for the minimum usable carrier power per channel, based on a signal-to-noise analysis.

Furthermore, by containing the frequency range within one octave, we see that many frequency terms fall outside the band of interest, reducing the distortion. Figures 3,4 and 5 show that the greatest reduction of distortion is realized when a large number of channels is utilized.

The table above shows that for large $n$ the total distortion power decreases more rapidly than the total fundamental power by a factor of $1 / n^{2}$, which explains in a qualitative way the reason for the reduction in the percentile distortion.

The above results would therefore indicate that for any nonlinear network, it is desirable to limit the
maximum possible peak-to-peak applied voltage, to keep all the individual voltages equal in magnitude, and to limit the frequency spectrum to one octave if possible. Although Eq. 8, 11 and 12 yield the expected percent distortion due to the second-, third- and fourth-order terms respectively, they are of little value unless their various coefficients can be evaluated. The following section is therefore devoted to determining these coefficients. Due to the obvious importance of the third-order term, its coefficient will be evaluated first.

## Evaluation of the Coefficients

The coefficients of any of our distorting networks may be evaluated


FIG. 6-Total distortion due to thirdorder terms


FIG. 7-Distortion falling within an octave and due to third-order terms
in a practical situation by putting a single sine-wave signal into the system and then analyzing the resultant output waveform. If we have a third-order distorting network and limit our band of interest to an octave it follows that an input of the form $E(\sin \omega t)$ will yield

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { Output }=a_{1} E \sin \omega l+a_{3} E^{3} \sin ^{3} \omega t \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

If this term is expanded and the distortion terms selected, we may write
Percent Third-Order Voltage Distortion $=$ $\frac{a_{3} E^{3}(1 / 4) \sin (3 \omega t)(100)}{a_{1} E \sin (\omega t)}$

If this distortion is measured as 10 percent, it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\frac{a_{3}}{a_{1}} E^{2}\right)^{2}=0.16 \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation 11 may therefore be written

$$
\begin{align*}
& \% D_{3}=\frac{0.16}{n^{4}} \\
& {\left[\frac{9}{16}(n-1)(2 n-3)\right] \times 100} \tag{16}
\end{align*}
$$

This evaluation permits the existing curve shown on Fig. 4 to be evaluated directly in decibels. Figure 6 shows a plot of Eq. 16. We have, therefore, reduced the mathematics to a practical situation. The coefficients could have been evaluated for any percentage of system distortion.

## Comparison of Networks

It has been shown that a single second-order distorting network has no distortion products that fall into an octave. However, if all of the output products of one second-order distorting network are fed into another second-order distorting network, the output of this second network will have distortion products that do fall into an octave. Insofar as one third-order distorting network produces products that do fall within the octave, the question arises, which produces more distortion components within the band of interest: two second-order distorting networks in cascade or one third-order distorting network, assuming that each network has the same percentage distortion.

The expression for the percent


FIG. 8-Average crosstalk per channel versus third-harmonic voltage distortion
power distortion due to 10 -percent third- order voltage distorting network that may lie within one octave has already been given by Eq. 16.

A similar derivation for two $10-$ percent second-harmonic voltage distorting networks in cascade yields

$$
\begin{align*}
& \% D_{22}= \frac{0.0064}{n^{4}}\left[\frac{9}{16}(n-1)(2 n-3)\right]+ \\
& \frac{0.000064}{n^{6}}  \tag{17}\\
& {\left[\frac{(n-1)\left(21 n^{2}-78 n+76.25\right)}{8}\right] \quad }
\end{align*}
$$

The first term of Eq. 17 is seen to be identical to the right hand side of Eq. 16 except that it has a smaller coefficient. These coefficients are found to differ by 14 decibels.

The last term of Eq. 17 has a coefficient that is 40 db smaller than the right-hand term of Eq. 16. Also by inspection it can be seen that the last term of Eq. 17 decreases faster, with increasing $n$, than does Eq. 16. Hence this last term of Eq. 17 may be disregarded completely. For the conditions chosen, then, Eq. 17 is always substantially smaller than Eq. 16. This may be represented mathematically as $D_{22} \ll D_{3}$.

The conclusion therefore is that two second-order distorting networks in cascade, each having 10 percent voltage distortion, produce less on-frequency power distortion in one octave than one third-order distorting network having 10 percent voltage distortion. It can be shown that this is generally the case.
If only second-order distortion is known to exist in a system, then if one-octave filters are inserted after
each second-order distorting network it should become impossible for any on-frequency distortion components to appear at the output of the system.

## Probability

Equations 11 and 16 include all the terms having frequency terms of the kind $S_{8 j-k}, S_{j+k-l}$, and $S_{j-k-l}$. The probability that all of the terms of the kind $S_{2 j-k}$ fall within an octave is $\frac{1}{2}$, while the probability that all the terms of the kind $S_{9+k-i}$ and $S_{j-k-l}$ fall within an octave is ${ }^{2}$. Using this information Eq. 16 becomes

$$
\begin{gather*}
D_{3}=\frac{0.16}{n^{4}} \\
\{(n-1)[0.281+0.75(n-2)]\} \tag{18}
\end{gather*}
$$

Equation 18 therefore represents a more accurate evaluation of the total power distortion that would be expected to fall within an octave if one were given a third-order distorting network with a 10 -percent voltage distortion characteristic.

If Eq. 18 is written for any amount of third-order harmonic distortion it becomes

$$
\begin{aligned}
& D_{3}=\left(\frac{a_{3}}{a_{3}} \frac{E^{2}}{n^{2}}\right)^{2} \\
& \{(n-1)[0.281+0.75(n-2)]\}
\end{aligned}
$$

A plot of Eq. 18 expressed in decibels is shown in Fig. 7. A plot of Eq. 18 A versus percent thirdharmonic voltage distortion is given in Fig. 8.

The theoretical signal-to-intermodulation ratio is obtained using Eq. 16 or Fig. 8. Taking the subcarrier bandwidth into account, these yield directly the theoretical signal-to-intermodulation ratio at the subcarrier receiver input. For comparison with experimental findings, this information is then converted to signal-to-intermodulation ratio at the subcarrier receiver output by use of standard formulas and is plotted in Fig. 2.

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FIG. l-Block diagram of binocular stimulator showing pulse lengths and phase relationships of signals in two separate output channeis. Ring counter gives single negative pulses on successive output taps

# Pulsed Light Measures Flicker Perception 

# Medical apparatus for diagnosis flashes light at rate of 4 to 60 pps and has variable on-off period ratio. Ring counter used to control frequency division, phase shift and pulse length is adaptable to other pulsing circuits 

AN InTERMITTENT LIGHT stimulus with a repetition rate of 10 or 15 pulses per second is generally perceived as flickering. If the repetition rate is gradually increased beyond the critical flicker frequency (cff), the flicker will suddenly vanish and the light will appear completely steady.
Critical flicker frequencies may range from about 5 to 60 cycles depending in part on light characteristics such as color, brightness and on-off ratio. However, for given stimulus conditions the cff will vary from one individual to the next. Physicians, physiologists and psychologists are interested in discovering the reasons for these individual differences in the perception of intermittent light.

## Electronic Modulation

In earlier studies intermittent light was produced by mechanically chopping light rays with sector disks or perforated cylinders. Flicker rate was changed by means of variable speed driving motors. Mechanical devices are generally cumbersome with relatively poor frequency stability. For this reason

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completely electronic instruments for producing the modulated light are becoming more popular.

The electronic device described here incorporates various improvements over previous instruments ${ }^{1,2,3}$ of this type. A larger frequency range, a linearized calibration curve and the possibility of varying the on-off ratios and phase relationship of two separate high-intensity light sources make this a versatile and useful laboratory instrument. Although the apparatus was designed for a specialized application certain circuit features, especially the use of a ring-counter for phase shift and pulse-length control as well as frequency division, are of general interest.

The instrument has a precision dial covering a frequency range from 4 to 60 pps with vernier frequency adjustment. During calibration a tuning eye indicates synchronism of the internal oscillator with 60 -cycle current.

For binocular stimulation two
high-intensity glow-modulator tubes supply rectangular light pulses. A milliammeter is used for balancing the tube currents.

A control for varying the phase relationship between the two trains of light pulses makes it possible to change the phasing in 36 -deg steps over a range of 360 deg . Two other switches control the relative lengths of the light pulses. On-off ratios such as 1 -to- 9,2 -to-8, 3-to-7 may be selected as desired. Both the phase relationships and the on-off ratios are maintained with a high degree of accuracy and are completely independent of frequency.

## Basic Design

A block diagram of the apparatus is shown in Fig. 1. A master oscillator, with a frequency range of 40 to 600 cps , keys a thyratron pulse generator giving short positive pulses for triggering the decade ring counter. At the counter, the frequency of the master oscillator is divided by a factor of ten yielding a flicker frequency range of 4 to 60 pps .

Negative output pulses from any of the ten counter tubes may be
chosen by means of three ten-position switches connected in parallel. The selected impulses trigger two separate flip-flop circuits used as rectangular wave generators. One triggering input of flip-flop 1 is permanently connected to the output terminal of the first counter tube. A negative pulse appearing on that terminal will flip the circuit on and a second impulse selected with switch $A$ will turn it off. The block diagram shows switch $A$ set to the third counter output position. In this case the on period of flip-flop 1 will be two counts ( $2 / 10$ cycle) and the off period eight counts ( $8 / 10$ cycle).

Flip-flop 2 is turned on with a negative impulse from switch $B$. 'The switch thus controls the phase relationship between the outputs of the two flip-flop circuits in 36degree steps. With the switch set as shown in the block diagram, flip-flop 2 will be turned on five counts after flip-flop 1, and the two circuits will operate exactly 180 deg out of phase. The on-off ratio of flip-flop 2 is controlled by switch $C$. The same ring counter thus determines the relative pulse lengths and phase relationships of two separate wave trains.

The flip-flop circuits drive the power amplifiers that supply the


FIG. 2-Circuit diagram of visual testing apparatus. Only one output channel is shown
necessary currents for the glow modulator tubes.

The circuit of the oscillator, buffer, and pulse generator is shown in Fig. 2. The oscillator consists of a Wien bridge type R-L coupled circuit. The R-L coupling is used in place of the usual R-C combination to achieve a linear relationship between frequency and shaft rotation of a linear potentiometer.

Greatly increased feedback at higher frequencies was not completely compensated for by the variable resistance characteristic of the Mazda lamp in the cathode


Binocular stimulator with light source shown at right
circuit and higher frequencies are slightly compressed on the dial.

Special high-Q, low-frequency inductors are used in the tuned circuit. Even then, 40 cps represents about the lowest practical frequency for sustained oscillation. This is reduced by the decade ring counter to a lower limit of 4 cps .

The frequency control consists of two 5 -inch, 100,000 -ohm potentiometers mounted on a common shaft. A smaller potentiometer is placed in series with each of the larger units for vernier calibration.

A buffer amplifier boosts and isolates the oscillator output and supplies the push-pull voltages for driving the thyratron pulse generator.

The pulse generator consists of two 844 thyratrons in a platecoupled parallel switching circuit. This circuit provides a simple method of obtaining steep triggering pulses for the ring counter. Positive pulses appear across the cathode load of one thyratron and are differentiated by the grid circuits of the counter. The repetition rate of the pulse generator is determined by the frequency of the master oscillator.

## Ring Counter

The ring counter is used for frequency division as well as for pulse length and phase control. Thyratrons can handle the relatively low pulse repetition rates of this instrument but a vacuum tube ring counter would be necessary for high frequencies. The thyra-


Second channel is similar to first except that calibration indicator is left out
tron circuit ${ }^{5}$ has the advantage of requiring somewhat fewer parts than a comparable v-t circuit.

Positive triggering pulses are applied simultaneously to the grids of all counter tubes. With none of the thyratrons conducting, the trigger pulses are of insufficient amplitude to override the high negative bias on all grids and the circuit remains at rest.

A motor-driven timer is used momentarily to ground the grid of tube $V_{1}$ about 20 seconds after the set is turned on. The positive voltage now on the cathode of $V_{1}$ will reduce the negative bias of the second tube $V_{2}$ to a point just slightly below firing level. The next positive trigger on the grids will fire $V_{2}$. Through the coupling capacitor the cathode voltage of $V$ is momentarily added to the cathode voltage of the first tube driving it positive with respect to the plate and extinguishing the tube. The cathode voltage of $V_{n}$, now in a conducting state, also reduces the negative bias on $V_{3}$. The third tube is cocked and is ready to be fired by a subsequent triggering pulse.

Negative output pulses are obtained across the plate loads of successive counter tubes. Impulses to trigger the flip-flops at any count from 1 to 10 may be selected with the ten-position switches.

## Flip-Flop Circuit

The negative triggering pulses selected by the ten-position switches on the ring counter are supplied to two separate output channels.

Each channel consists of a flip-flop circuit, an output amplifier and a glow-modulator light source. One channel also incorporates a tuning eye calibration indicator.

To preserve the rectangular wave shape at frequencies as low as 4 cps the output of the flip-flop is direct-coupled to the 6L6 amplifier. Use of the ring counter made direct coupling in previous stages unnecessary, since the lowest frequency for the master oscillator, pulse generator and ring counter is 40 cps .

The 6L6 output tube has a variable cathode resistor for adjusting the current through the glow modulator. The unbypassed cathode resistor also provides negative feedback to the tube improving its response.

With the exception of the tuning eve circuit, the second output channel is identical with the first. It is supplied with negative triggers from two separate ten-position switches in the ring counter for phase shift and pulse-length control. A selector switch is provided in the cathode circuits of the 6L6's to energize either or both stimulus lights. Another switch in the common ground lead of the two 6L6 cathode circuits serves as stimulus key. To prevent interaction, the two output tubes have separate high voltage supplies.

The glow modulator tubes are mounted in two separate 2 by 2 -inch slide files. The subject looks at the light through a hole drilled in the front. Wires for the tube pass
through a second hole in the rear of the box. A lengthwise slot in the bottom of the container permits adjustment of the light. The grooved sidewalls hold a metal iris, ground-glass diffusing plates and neutral tint filters for intensity control. The containers are painted a flat black both inside and out. For binocular stimulation both light sources are inserted in a larger viewing box, while for monocular experiments a single light source is clamped to a laboratory stand.

Preliminary calibration tests indicate that frequency stability of the instrument is on the order of $\pm 0.1 \mathrm{cps}$. The output waveforms viewed on an oscilloscope appear perfectly rectangular for all frequencies, current values, on-off ratios and phase relationships.

The instrument described was designed for a study directed by Henry Misiak of Fordham University, and supported by a research grant (G-3704) from the National Institute of Neurological Disease and Blindness, of the National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service.

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# Graphical Design of 

Tuning Elements

Procedure for preparing simple design chart from which combinations of coil turns and capacitance range can be found for tuning a given frequency range. Applies also to tuned lines. Simple measurements give required data for a family of curves, eliminating cut-and-try or calculation methods

FOR parallel resonant circuits, the resonant frequencies of coils plotted against tuning capacitance on $\log -\log$ paper are, within limits, parallel straight lines. A scale perpendicular to a family of such curves is proportional to the logarithm of the number of turns for any given winding length and diameter of coil. These simple relations form the basis for the graphical tuned-circuit design procedure presented here.

Transmission lines used as tuning elements may be plotted in the same manner as coils. The scale perpendicular to a family of coaxial or open-line curves is proportional

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to the logarithm of the line length for lines of the same impedance and proportional to the logarithm of the impedance for lines of the same length. As the slopes of both the coil and transmission line families of curves are the same, it is possible to determine accurately the transmission line or coil parameters for use together or separately as tuning elements when solving superheterodyne tracking and similar tuning problems.

An infinite number of special or


FIG. 1-Example of graphical design procedure for $\alpha$ coil 1 inch in diameter and $11 / 2$ inches long, with various numbers of turns spaced to fill entire length. Accuracy is excellent up to approximately 200 me as method takes into account distributed capacitance and other sources of error usually neglected because of calculation difficulty. Charts for other coils can be prepared after a few simple measurements
general charts may be prepared from a relatively few measurements with simple equipment. A $Q$ meter, a calibrated grid-dip meter or any other device capable of determining the resonant frequency of a tuned circuit may be used.

## Coil Examples

Figure 1 illustrates a typical family of curves for coils 1 inch in diameter and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Graphs for each individual coil of a given number of turns are constructed by drawing a straight line through two or more corresponding points on the graph. These points are located by determining the resonant frequencies of parallel circuits using the desired coils with known values of capacitance, as shown on the graph. The spacing between the graphs for individual coils is approximately proportional to the logarithm of the number of coil turns.

The information recorded in Fig. 1 is sufficient to determine the coil or capacitor requirements for any application requiring a coil with the dimensions given. For example, a 20 -turn coil will tune from 4.7 to 11.5 mc with a total capacitance variation of 200 to $30 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$. To tune an oscillator above this frequency in a superheterodyne receiver having $0.5-\mathrm{mc}$ i-f (requiring oscillator tuning from 5.2 to 12 mc ), the same coil could be used with a total capacitance variation of 165 to 27.5 wuf. The exact oscillator tuning


FIG. 2-Chart for National XR-50 coil form. Dotted lines indicate change obtained when using XR-50 iron slug. Copper slug gives shift in opposite direction from the solid lines


FIG. 3-Chart for shorted quarter-wave tuned parallel line having a characteristic impedance of 157 ohms. Diagonal overlay scale shows logarithmic spacing of curves
from data taken with coils of a few turns. This effect is illustrated in Fig. 1 by the compression of the scale for coils of less than 10 turns where the above-mentioned factors are of appreciable comparative magnitude. The log scale from the graph paper is a convenient scale for use as an overlay on the chart.

Figure 2 shows a similar family of curves for a commonly used commercial coil form. The inductance variation made possible by positioning the slug is illustrated by the dashed lines.

## Transmission-Line Examples

Figure 3 illustrates a typical family of curves for different lengths of a shorted quarter-wave tuned parallel line of 157 ohms characteristic impedance. This chart was prepared in the same manner as Fig. 1 and 2. The spacing between individual graphs is proportional to the logarithm of the line length. The stray and lead effects are more pronounced on this graph as they are a proportionally greater amount of the total inductance and capacitance for a practical tuner of this type, particularly as the frequency approaches the natural resonant frequency of the tuning element and the distributed capacitance approaches the tuning capacitance.

Figure 4 illustrates a typical family of curves for transmission lines 10 inches long with various impedances. The spacing between individual graphs is proportional to the logarithm of the characteristic impedance of the line. Connections and normally neglected factors be-


FIG. 4-Chart for 10 -inch length of transmission line used as tuning element. Solid curves are for parallel lines: dotted curves are for coaxial lines of same length
come appreciable for extremely lowimpedance lines, as evidenced by the apparent shrinking of the log scale for graphs of low impedances.

Coaxial lines (dotted lines on Fig. 4) may be plotted together with open lines (solid lines on Fig. 4). With a given capacitance variation available for tuning a line of given physical length, the tuning range (but not tuning ratio) varies considerably with impedance. With the selection of a low-impedance line the highest maximum frequency for a given minimum capacitance can be obtained.

## Applications

Other similar charts may be rapidly prepared. From two or more experimentally plotted graphs of individual elements approximately within the desired range, a family of curves may be drawn to permit accurate selection of the desired tuning elements. Frequency doublers or power amplifiers may be accurately ganged by this system. As charts for progressively larger power coils or doubler coils all have the same slope, the choice of capacitors and inductors to gang and track becomes relatively elementary. This technique also applies to open or coaxial lines and permits the same techniques to be used on higher frequencies. Figure 3, for example, illustrates the tuning ranges of several lengths of 157ohm line. From Fig. 4 the line impedance and loading capacitance may be determined for tuning a desired frequency with a 10 -inch long line.

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#### Abstract

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## Transistor Oscillator Circuit

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FIG. 1-Transistor oscillator suitable for fixed-frequency audio source, using twoterminal inductance

Transistor oscillators engineered for special applications have appeared in the literature, ${ }^{1}$ but as yet few have been reported that require no specially-constructed components and give stability comparable to that of conventional tube circuits. In this early stage of the art, specific transistor circuits are of value in clarifying the concepts learned in higher-level texts and papers. The circuit of Fig. 1 is presented with this in mind. In addition, it provides a fixed-frequency audio source of value in laboratory and testing instruments having waveform, stability, and tolerance to component and voltage changes as good as is found in similar simple tube circuits.

Figure 1 shows constants for a frequency of 1,000 cycles. Output is 3 volts with a high-Q inductor, internal impedance around 20,000 ohms. Battery drain is less than 50 microamperes. The transistor is the readily available CK722. Inductor $L$ need have only two termi-nals-no taps or multiple windings. The oscillator is class C. In-phase feedback from collector to emitter is effected by two capacitors $C_{1}, C_{2}$, connected in a kind of Colpitts circuit. Optimum feedback ratio

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$C_{2} / C_{1}$ varies from 10 to 50 , depending on the impedance and $Q$ of the tuned circuit.

The effect of changing the ratio is evidenced principally in the waveform. Emitter resistor $R_{1}$ determines mainly the angle of conduction, hence the battery drain and the internal impedance; any value from 5,000 to 100,000 ohms will work. The purpose of resistor $R_{2}$ is to limit reverse collector-current flow during that part of the halfcycle when the collector is positive. Its value depends on the Q of the tuned circuit. With zero resistance at $R_{\mathrm{n}}$, the positive peaks of the voltage wave have flat tops. Waveform improves rapidly as $R_{\mathrm{z}}$ is increased

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to a thousand ohms or so, then more slowly. Oscillation stops at around 40,000 ohms.

A germanium diode can be substituted for the resistor $R_{z}$, its cathode poled toward the tuned-circuit terminal, to remove this reverse collector current. It was found however that the output wave contained small discontinuities at the points where the diode stopped conducting, an effect absent with the resistor. Since the resistor value is not critical, it seems the preferable element to use.

With laminated silicon-steel-core inductances, such as ordinary chokes, which typically have a Q of 6 at $1 \mathrm{kc}, R_{2}$ may not be necessary.

The upper frequency limit for this transistor in the circuit of Fig. 1 is generally about 50 kc (although there are instances of oscillation at 2 mc ) and in multivibrator and similar circuits 20 to 30 kc . In the
class-C circuit, the collector current rises as the upper frequency limit is approached, indicating an increase in the angle of flow.

While the oscillator will operate with ary supply voltages over 1.5 v within the ratings of the transistor (lower voltages than 1.5 were not tried), the only advantage in increasing them is to raise the voltage or power output. A collector-toemitter supply voltage ratio in the order of 3 to 1 appears to give the best waveform. In general, higher collector voltages will increase the voltage level but the angle of current flow will decrease. To obtain greater power output the current must be increased by raising the emitter source voltage or decreasing $R_{1}$.

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## New UHF Transmitting Tubes

A 250-WATT POWER tetrode driver and a 5 -kw power output tube for uhf transmitting applications have been announced by GE. Both tubes are designed for use as broadband amplifiers in class-B television service and as class-C amplifiers or oscillators in grounded-grid circuits with both grids at r-f ground potential.

The GL-6283 has a continuous rating of 150 watts at frequencies up to 900 mc , with a synchronized peak power gain of seven. Up to 900 mc the GL-6283 may be operated in a quarter-wave-output cavity. Above 900 mc , operation is in a three-quarter-wave mode.
As an r-f amplifier in class-B tv service, typical operating conditions with a six-me bandwidth are: plate $1,500 \mathrm{v}$; screen, 300 v ; plate current, 0.325 amp ; driving power at tube, 35 watts; power output, 250 watts.

For typical operation as a class-C r-f power amplifier and oscillator in a grounded-grid circuit the plate voltage would be $1,400 \mathrm{v}$; screen voltage, 250 v ; and plate current 0.230 amp . Driving power of 15 watts gives a power output of 150 watts.

The GL-6182 power tetrode is a water-cooled tube rated at 5 kw up to 900 mc , using quarter-wave cavity. Three-quarter-wave mode operation is possible at frequencies above 900 mc with reduced power output.

As a class-B r-f amplifier with a plate voltage of $8,000 \mathrm{v}$ and screen


FIG. 1-Cut-away view of GL-6283، 250 . watt uhf driver


FIG. 2-Five-kw power output tetrode GL-6182
voltage of 600 v , plate current is 1.3 amp , grid current 0.30 amp . Driven by 300 watts, power output is 5,000 watts with a six-mc bandwidth at 900 mc .

## New Magnet Materials

BISMANOL is the name applied to a manganese-bismuth alloy devised by U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratories. The material is not new, having been described by F. Heusler in 1904 and again described in 1939 in British patent 596,966 . It is again described in U.S. patent 2,576,679.

The material is manufactured by a reaction between molten bismuth and manganese produced in a slowly rotating stainless steel vessel covered by an inert atmosphere and maintained at a temperature of $1,300 \mathrm{~F}$. When the reaction has been completed, the material is cooled and the excess bismuth squeezed out of the melt at approximately 25 tons per sq in.

The resulting mass of crystals of MnBi are then pulverized to under 325 mesh and compacted under a pressure of 6,000 to 10,000 pounds per sq in. together with a very strong magnetic field in the order of 10,000 oersteds or more.

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[^13]Below is a Quick-Reference-Guide to the J, L, and Y Series Helipots. For complete information, write for Data File 602.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diam. Resist. Range | (a) $13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ $50-50,000$ ohms (b) | 50-50,000 ohms (b) | 50-100,000 ohms (b) |
| Power Rating | 2.5 watts | 4 watts | 5 watts |
| Active Elec. Rotation | $356^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | $357^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | $358^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ |
| Coil Length | $4.6^{\prime \prime}$ | $5^{\prime \prime}$ | $8^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Mounting | $Y$-Threaded Bushing. YS-Servo Flange, Sleeve Bearing. YSP-Servo Flange, Ball Bearing. YF-Two-hole Servo, Sleeve Bearing. YFP-Two-hole Servo, Ball Bearing. | Threaded Bushing (Spec.). Servo Flange, Ball Bearing (Std.). | 1.-Threaded Bushing. <br> LS-Servo Flange, Sleeve Bearing. LSP-Servo Flange, Ball Bearing |
| Max. No Ganged Sections IC) | 14 | 8 | 8 |
| Max. No. Tap Connections per Section (c) | 17 | 21 | 33 |

(a) Model Y Series Helipots are available in both linear and non-linear versions.
(b) Higher or lower resistance values can be furnished on special order.
(c) Sections can be ganged and tap connections added, during manufacture

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[^14]density of about 4,800 gauss, a coercive force of some 3,650 oersteds and a maximum energy product of $5.30 \times 10^{8}$ gauss-oersteds. This latter figure compares favorably with Alnico V, but the coercive force is much higher and the residual flux density is much lower than that of Alnico V. A shorter and fatter Bismanol magnet is therefore required to supplant an Alnico $V$ magnet in any given design. The amount of magnet material utilized in both cases is about the same.

Pure crystals of MnBi contain 20.8 percent manganese and 79.2 percent bismuth. Besides a current market price of $\$ 2.25$ a pound, in ton lots, the greatest obstacle to mass development of Bismanol is the fact that the entire world's annual production of bismuth is insufficient to supply even the total requirements of loudspeaker manufacturers in this alloy.

Another permanent magnet material with promise of immediate
adoption is Ferroxdure. This ferrite, in the form $\mathrm{BaO} 6 \mathrm{Fe}_{2} 0_{3}$ may find immediate use for focusing television cathode-ray tubes.

Although it has a residual flux density of only 2,000 gauss, a coercive force of 1,500 oersteds and a maximum energy product of 0.80 gauss-oersteds, the availability and low cost of its constituents combined with the high coercive force of the material makes it almost ideally suited to this television application.
The material is manufactured by intimately mixing fine powders of ferrous and barium oxide, presintering at a temperature about $1,800 \mathrm{~F}$, pulverization and mixing with a binder and finally sintering at about $2,300 \mathrm{~F}$. The material is developed by North American Philips Co., patent holders.

This information is contained in a private communication from Earl M. Underhill, Crucible Steel Co. of America, Harrison, N. J.

## Broadcast Remote Control

Unattended operation of a-m and f-m broadcast transmitters of ten kilowatts and less power into nondirective antennas became legally possible by change of FCC rules effective April 15, 1953. System
details of two manufacturers' equipment are shown below. Circuit details of another telemetering system are given on page 138 of this issue of Electronics.

Equipment available from the


Shawinigan Falls, P. Q. radio station CKSM is remotely controlled by this CGE equipment. Dial is located at studio. Transmitter engineer tests selector with pushbutton

## Transistor Broadcast Regenerator

By Peter G. Sulzer Kensington, Md.


The circuit of the receiver shown above is self-explanatory. It should be noted, however, that not all of the available type 2517 transistors will oscillate up to the top of the broadcast band.

Bias resistor $R$ is subject to considerable variation and should be adjusted to produce about 0.5 ma collector current.

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Rust Industrial Co., Inc. comprises two units, one at the broadcast studio and one at the transmitter. Two pairs of telephone wires are required for control and metering. These facilities are additional to audio lines.

Figure 1 indicates the system interconnections. Switch $S$ initiates operation by supplying $12 \mathrm{v} \mathrm{d}-\mathrm{c}$ to the control line. The LOWER switch in unit $B$ increases the voltage to 25 v and the raise switch increases it to 50 v . Telephone dial $C$ interrupts the control-line voltage by the number of impulses dialed and steps $D$ to show the number by means of indicating lights.

Relays $F, G$ and $H$ bridged across the control line are voltage-selective. Relay $F$ follows dial pulses on 12 volts and in turn operates $N$, which does not release during dial impulses. However, if control voltage fails for two seconds, relay $N$


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FIG. 1-Remote control provides for raising and lowering functions, as in tuning final stage
takes the transmitter off the air. Relay $G$ operates on 25 volts but falls out above 12 v . Similarly $H$ picks up at 50 v and falls out above 25 v .

Relay $F$ operates stepping system $I$, which gives visual indication of the particular function chosen. Reversible motors and contactors connected into the individual channels are operated according to the studio engineer's instructions by means of the LOWER and raise switches. The stepping switch also connects to the metering line any one of nine different metering elements (of which three are indicated). All potentials or currents are converted to a low direct voltage proportional to the parameter being measured.

In stepping position 0 a standard voltage source $M$ at the transmitter
is connected to the metering line. Standardizing control $L$ at the studio is then adjusted for a standard deflection in order to correct all readings for variation in line resistance owing to temperature changes.

## Tone-Dial System

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FIG. 2-Step control uses tones with stepping switch for monitoring


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FIG. 3-Monitoring voltages are obtained in several ways
the voltage or current being monitored and this is shown on a meter at the studio. The other pair is bridged with a center-tapped hybrid coil. Audio tones are sent over the pair but dial impulses use, in effect, two sides of this line against ground.

Various suggested means of obtaining monitoring voltages are shown in Fig. 3.-A. A. Mck.

## Power Requirements for Transistor Circuits

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TWO EASIC QUESTIONS relative to transistor power-sources concern present-day and future power requirements. The fact that transistor characteristics are essentially ideal implies that in class-A and class-B operation the theoretical limit of 50 percent in power efficiency may be realized in practice, and perhaps 100 percent efficiency can be approached in class-C amplification. Hence, in power applications these rule-of-thumb efficiency figures can be used to calculated the magnitude of the power required from the primary-power source. Further, because of the ideal shape of the characteristics, the rule may be applied in any power range from the micropower levels of presentday transistors to the probable large power-level operation of power

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FIG. 1-RM cell load voltage vs time at constant load at 70 F . Inset, typical voltage regulation
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In addition to the actual quantity of primary power to be supplied by the power-supply source, there are three other important characteristics. Of primary interest is a requirement for uniformity of electrical characteristics: that is, constancy of voltage, or constancy of current, with respect to time. In a transistor, the collector sensitivity in respect to changes in emitter voltage is quite high, as has been mentioned by Wallace and Pietenpol and others. For this reason it is necessary frequently to provide the emitter-bias from a constant-current source, such as a high resistance in series with a constantpotential source.

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voltage; and to increase the collector current, by adjustment of the emitter bias. Thus, normally, the transistor is biased and powered for the output desired, within its rating, using low values of collector current and collector voltage for lowpower applications. The mercuryoxide cell has a constancy of voltage such that it may be used as a secondary standard for voltage. Thus many cells can be added in parallel and/or series to increase the power output for equipment to any desired level.
Transistor applications usually


FIG. 2-Variation of potential with 20 ma drain of RM-1 cell
require a different arrangement of potentials on transistor control elements than those required by vacuum-tube elements. The baseemitter circuit of a transistor, which corresponds to the gridcathode circuit of a vacuum tube, is usually low in impedance. Power is consumed in this circuit. The supply must be capable of supplying a bias current rather than a bias potential, as is usually supplied for a vacuum tube. This bias current may be opposite to, or in the same direction as, the collector current, depending on the type of transistor and the circuit connections.

Junction transistors belong to two major classes: the npn, in which conduction is primarily by diffusion of negative charges through the junction; and the pnp, in which conduction is primarily by diffusion of positive charges. This situation is similar to a hypothetical one that might exist in the vacuum-tube industry if we should discover a thermionic emitter of positrons. The obvious requirement in this situation is to establish the collector potential for the npn as positive



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FIG. 3-EMF vs storage time at two temperatures
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Figure 1 (inset) shows the general characteristics of the RMcell system. The equilibrium period $T_{2}$ represents practically 97 percent of the cell life when the current drain is relatively low, as shown for a type RM-1 cell in Fig. 1. In the equilibrium period, the potential is constant (at 98 percent of no-load potential) within less than $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ percent at low levels of drain. At high levels of drain, the potential will vary by $\pm 2$ percent from 90 percent of the no-load level, as shown in Fig. 2. The equilibrium period at this increased drain would be approximately 67 percent of the cell life.

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FIG. 4-Percent total capacity vs storage time al 70 F

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FIG. 5-EMF vs temperature at light loads
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## Noise Reduction in Intercom Systems

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Of first importance in the elimination of noise in intercommunication systems is the design of the amplifiers. Circuit arrangements that allow audio signals to the speaker only when the system is in actual use will overcome many noise objections. Power supply and other circuits that are inherent sources of noise must be constructed in accordance with good engineering practices. However, from an economic standpoint, it is necessary that a minimum number of components be used.

Fortunately, the voice frequencies that must be transmitted over the intercom system are higher than the line frequency, so filter requirements of the supply are quite nominal. Amplifier components should be so chosen that a relatively large attenuation is presented at frequencies below 200 cps .

Assuming that the aforementioned principles are followed, there are still several considerations necessary to obtain satisfactory noise rejection. Transmission level will directly control the signal-tonoise ratio. All other factors being equal, a system that transmits the signal at a relatively high level is desirable as this keeps amplification required at the receiving end to a minimum, and amplification of line noises is kept to a minimum.

One means of obtaining a high transmission level is the use of a split-amplifier circuit, one section of which is shown in Fig. 1. Two identical circuits are used, one located at the control position and the other at the remote position of the system. In use, the function of each of these circuits is switched from preamplifier to power ampli-

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noise. From a practical standpoint, however, it will be found that ohmic losses fix the low-impedance limit. A good compromise appears to be about 45 ohms.

Noises introduced through ground routes will be less severe if a transformer type power supply is used but the increased cost is not justified in the average installation.

## Ground Coupling Noises

The type of wiring used for the audio link between stations has a profound effect upon noise pick-up. The most common, and perhaps the most frequently misunderstood, noise source is introduced into the intercom system by means of ground coupling. The most prevalent cause for such noise is the voltage drop in building wiring caused by varying load currents.

Depending upon the character of the load devices and wiring adequacy, the voltage between ground and the low side of the line may contain high harmonics of the line frequency and miscellaneous noise potentials amounting to 10 volts or more peak amplitude. This voltage is applied directly to the $B$ lead of intercom a-c/d-c plate supplies. Since the earth ground connection does not have zero impedance, it is possible to have ground coupling to noise sources located in nearby buildings using a separate service and ground connection.

Referring to the input circuits shown in Fig. 2, it can be seen that the negative return of the plate supply is coupled to the audio line


FIG. 2-Three input circuits for intercom systems


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Electrostatic coupling between the audio line and the various master stations in the system contributes stray voltage, depending upon the design of the stations and individual ground couplings. Assigning the symbol $C_{N}$ to the capacitance between the audio line and B-

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E_{N}=E_{M} \frac{C_{G}}{C_{G}+C_{N}}
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The noise actually reaching the grid of the first amplifier stage depends upon details of the input circuit. For the three circuits of Fig. 2, assume the following typical values: $E_{14}=10$ volts between ground and low side of line, $C_{G}=1,000$ u.f line to ground capacitance, $C_{P}=0.1 \mu \mathrm{f}$ bypass, $C_{T}=100$ uuf input transformer total primary capacitance and $x_{r}=10^{4}$ input transformer attenuation of electrostatic signal.

Calculations are based on the use of unshielded audio line. In Fig. 2A; $C_{n} \cong C_{P}$, therefore $E_{N} \cong 0.1$ and the electrostatically coupled input to the grid is $\alpha_{T} E_{y}=10^{-5}$ volts, a negligible amount. However, due to the unbalanced configuration, currents from $C_{G}$ will flow through the primary and induce an additional noise potential.

With primary and secondary impedances of 50 and 50,000 ohms respectively, about 10 millivolts on the grid can be expected at 200 cps under the assumed conditions. If the primary is allowed to float, as in Fig. 2B, this unbalanced current can be largely eliminated at the expense of raising $E_{N}$ to 9 volts because of the reduction in $C_{y}$. The grid input due to electrostatic coupling then becomes $\alpha_{T} E_{N}=0.9$ millivolts. When added to the induced signal originating from stray unbalances, this still represents a worthwhile total improvement over circuit 2A. Connecting the grid to the winding end most distant from the primary is important in this


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arrangement of the circuit.
The balanced and bypassed arrangement of Fig. 2C similarly reduces induced noise while maintaining electrostatically coupled noise at $10^{-5}$ volts. The disadvantage of this circuit lies in complication of the talk-listen and channel selector switches since neither line terminal can be made common.

Aside from the choice of input circuit and plate supply, ground noise susceptibility can be controlled by proper installation. Shielding the audio line is eftective in troublesome situations. The shield should not be grounded but returned to the station common, otherwise the noise is aggravated. Twisting of leads does not help prevent this type of noise unless the primary is balanced.

In all cases, locating signal leads away from ground or grounded objects (such as pipe or steel beams) reduces giound-coupled noises. Isolating transformers assist in eliminating coupled noise if the undesired signal is not connected to the secondary, the secondary is effectively earth grounded, and mag. netic coupling to the isolating transformer is avoided.

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## Tramsistor-Controlled

## Garage Door

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The transistor amplifier circuit, block $C$, is controlled by the pick-up coil and in turn controls the intermediate relay $K_{z}$ circuit that activates the garage motor drive mechanism.
Block $D$ contains the motor-drive mechanism and motor relay $K_{8}$.

## Circuit Operation

The circuits included in the various blocks of the functional block diagram are shown in Fig. 2.

The function of the initiator and pick-up is to provide a means of coupling between the car and the transistor amplifier circuit. When switch $S_{1}$ is closed, the resulting current flowing in coil $L_{1}$ sets up an alternating magnetic field that induces a voltage in coil $L_{2}$. This voltage is then used to drive the transistor amplifier.
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FIG. 2-Transistor-controlled automatic garage door mechanism
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## Motor Driving Mechanism

Many different drive mechanisms could be used to complete the operation of this door opener. The particular installation illustrated in this article is one that has been in operation for twenty years.

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## Operating Characteristics

The power necessary for standby operation in this circuit is very small; the transistor itself requires one kilowatt-hour every four years. This is less than the exciting energy required by the various transformers in the circuit.
The coil coupling, between $L_{1}$ and $L_{2}$ required in this application is low enough with a 12 -watt input to coil $L_{i}$ to permit operation with a coil spacing of twenty inches. This permits the automobile a 17 -in. leeway to the right or left of the center of the driveway. The speed of operation of the circuit is sufficient to give reliable operation when passing over the buried coil at 12 miles an hour.

## Frequency Economy in Mobile Radio

By K. Bullington Bell Telephone Laboratories

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FIG. 1-Estimated intensity of unwanted signals at 150 mc for 100 watts radiated power
ence conditions that result from third-order intermodulation alone rises from 9 for 3 working channels to 50 for 5 channels, to 450 for 10 channels, and to 495,000 for 100 working channels. Some of these interference combinations overlap and fall on the same channel; but even considering all possible duplication, intermodulation interference rapidly becomes controlling as the number of closely spaced channels working in the same area is increased.

The interference levels to be expected at various distances from an unwanted 100 -watt transmitter are estimated on Fig. 1. For example, at a distance of 5 miles the unwanted signal is likely to be 25 to 60 db above the set noise in a typical mobile receiver. If the receiver has at least this much i-f selectivity against the unwanted signal, no interference can occur. On the other hand at a distance of only 500 feet the total selectivity required is about 115 db . It is not sufficient to provide all of this selectivity in the i-f stage. The required suppression

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The importance of the division between i-f and r-f selectivity is shown in Fig. 2. Two strong unwanted signals intermodulate and produce in the receiver itself a third unwanted frequency whose approximate magnitude (in the absence of $r$-f selectivity) is shown on the ordinate. The abscissa is the distance from the receiver to one of two unwanted transmitters while the parameter on the curves is the distance from the receiver to the second unwanted transmitter. Since the magnitude of this intermodulation product can be 40 db or more above set noise, it is evident that serious interference results whenever it falls on the desired frequency of the receiver.

It is not technically feasible to achieve enough radio-frequency selectivity to permit unrestricted and unco-ordinated use of many channels in a given area, unless the channels are, on the average, separated by about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 percent of the operating frequency. This means that in the 152 -to- 162 mc band only about a dozen interference-free channels can be obtained in the same area.

Lacking adequate r-f selectivity, operating frequencies might be chosen with sufficient care so that the more serious intermodulation products are avoided. However, the number of possible interference products increases by at least the cube of the number of channels and the usefulness of this method is also limited to about a dozen interfer-ence-free channels in a given area.

Still another way to reduce the intermodulation interference is to space the transmitters far apart, but Fig. 2 indicates that appreciable interference can occur near an unwanted transmitter even when the transmitters are separated by as much as 5 miles. If a separation of several miles were required between base stations the selection of transmitter sites would be difficult and the number of channels that could be assigned to a given city would be severely limited.

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channels are needed in a given area, it does not seem possible to avoid intermodulation interference unless the level differences are reduced by geographical and operational co-ordination. This means that the level of the potential interference can be permitted to be many db above set noise as long as it is always at least 10 to 20 db below the desired signal at all possible locations.

The first step is to use the twofrequency method of operation with adequate separation between the frequencies used for the opposite directions of transmission.

Another important feature is to locate all base transmitters at or near a common point so the level differences between the desired and undesired signals will never be excessive.

Under these conditions r-f selectivity or intermodulation problem in the mobile receiver can be eliminated by the use of automatic gain control in the r-f stage of the mobile receiver. In regions where the desired and undesired signals are weak the receiver has full sensitivity, while at locations near the transmitters both the desired and undesired signals are reduced in level before reaching the first converter. In order that the agc circuit be fully effective it is necessary that the transmitters be grouped together and that the desired carrier be transmitted to control the gain of the receiver.

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In the direction of transmission from the mobile transmitters to the base receivers, the above coordinating methods cannot be used, but equally effective ones are available. The r-f selectivity requirements can be reduced substantially by radiating only 1 or 2 watts from the mobile transmitters. In order to regain the full coverage area, multiple base receivers at different locations are needed and this use of space diversity techniques provides an opportunity to pick the receiver having the best signal-tonoise ratio. Moreover, the effects of the low power in the mobile transmitter and the better r-f filters that are possible in fixed locations together with the diversity provided by the multiple base receivers reduces the possibility of intermodulation interference to negligible degree.

Editor's note: The conclusions presented herein have been condensed from the author's paper. "Frequency Economy in Mobile Radio Bands', BSTJ, Jan. 1953.

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The primary source of heat in electronic equipment is the electron tube. The power dissipated by the heater (or filaments) and the plate and screen produces the major portion of the heat in the typical re-ceiving-type electron tube. The heater may produce up to 50 or 60 percent of this heat.

If the tube envelope becomes too hot, electrolysis will cause a decrease in the insulating properties of the glass, which may result in a complete insulation break-down. High envelope temperatures also increase the possibility of the tube becoming gassy either by releasing absorbed gases or by injuring the glass-to-metal lead seals. Detrimental shifts of tube characteristics, short-life cathode emission current and grid emission current are also caused by high temperature. To prevent these types of failures, there must be sufficient transfer of heat to maintain the temperature of the tube parts at a safe value.

When large electron tubes are replaced with electrically equivalent smaller types, there is a tremendous reduction in the conducting and radiating area without a corresponding reduction in dissipated power. Many small electron tubes are required to dissipate as much, and sometimes more,, heat than their larger prototypes. Hot spots may occur on the tube envelopes


FIG. 1-Schematic diagram of subas. sembly used in potting tests



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FIG. 2-Cross-section of potted unit with tubes in place
despite design efforts to prevent this. In compact miniature equipment, tubes are often placed close together, which causes the envelope temperature to rise still higher, because of reradiation and radiation from other tubes.

Several methods of maintaining the envelope temperatures of miniaturized electron tubes within rated values and distributing the heat such that hot spots are no longer a problem, were investigated. These objectives were to be obtained while maintaining tubes and circuitry in as compact an arrangement as possible.

For experimental purposes, the rectifier-regulator circuit shown in Fig. 1 was built to supply 160 ma at 120 volts. This unit approximates a subassembly of a developmental radar set and temperature requirements were set accordingly. The maximum allowable tube envelope temperature was 250 C , when the minimum-sized unit assembly was placed in still air at 125 C ambient temperature.

The tubes, all subminiatures, were placed in two parallel rows and spaced about 0.15 in. apart. The temperatures were measured with chromel-alumel thermocouples of the ring type (as recommended by several tube manufacturers), while the liquid temperature was measured with simple welded thermocouples. Thermocouple wire only 0.003 in . in diameter was used to minimize conduction through the thermocouple leads. Temperatures were measured at the base and at the top of the tubes, these being the hottest and coolest points, respec-

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tively, for the tubes used.
When the unit was placed directly in still air at 125 C , the envelope temperatures at the bases of the type 5639 and 5995 tubes were over 250 C with only heater power applied. When the plate voltage was also applied, the temperature of the bases of these tubes rose slightly over 320 C . The 5995 and 5639 have maximum bulb temperature ratings of 250 C .

Metallic fin structures about the tubes were tried, but had little effect in still air at 125 C ambient. Poor contact between the bulb surface and the metal as well as reradiation between the fins probably account for there being no significant cooling by this method.

The unit was next enclosed in a container to evaluate the effect of liquid potting. Figure 2 is a cross: section of the container showing the tube arrangement. The temperature of the liquid, when the unit was potted, was measured half way down the container near one end, and about half way between the end tube and the container. The fins shown are insulated from the case and are used to provide electrical connections to the tubes and to transfer heat from the tube leads to the potting fluid. The tubes are held in position by small, thin ceramic spacers held tightly in place by the tube lead connections to the fins


FIG. 3-Temperature chart for type 5639 tube in potted unit. Liquid temperature with heaters on ( $\bar{A}$ ). liquid temperature with heaters and plate power on (B), temperatures of tube base with heater on (C) and with heater and plate on (D)


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FIG. 4-Comparison of potting in two different fluids and in still air
and by the spring mounting at the tube tops. This mounting does not interfere with the circulation of the potting fluid. Use of expansion devices, such as bellows, to limit pressure rise caused by expansion of the fluid was found unnecessary. The only requirement is the provision of sufficient space within the container for expansion of the liquid. The pressure developed in the unit described at 125 C ambient was 14.3 pounds per square inch gage.

Temperature measurements were taken with the unit oriented so that the tube bases were on top. Thermally, this is the worst possible position, since the hottest portion of the tubes used are at their bases in contact with the upper (and hence hottest) layers of the liquid. When the unit was oriented differently, the temperatures of the tube surfaces were slightly lower.

The potting liquid used was DowCorning Silicone DC-200 fluid of 100 centistokes viscosity. Lower viscosities of this fluid were not used because of the tendency to thicken at high temperatures over extended periods of time.

Results of operating tests made with the potted components are summarized graphically in Fig. 3 and 4. These tests indicate that liquid potting is useful where it is necessary to keep the temperatures of electrical components at safe operating values while maintaining


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$$
F_{\mathrm{o}}=\frac{\frac{\pi}{2} F_{\max }}{\tan ^{-1} \frac{1}{2 \pi F_{\max } C_{\min } R_{\mathrm{o}}}}
$$

Having determined the parameter $F_{n}, C$ can be expressed as

$$
C=\frac{1}{2 \pi F R_{\mathrm{o}} \tan \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{F}{F_{\mathrm{o}}}}
$$

where $C$ is the value of capacitance corresponding to a frequency $F$.

## The Approximate Method

The approximate method is based on the assumption that the capacitor is divided into a large enough number of segments to permit the approximation

$$
\Delta C=\frac{0.112 \times 10^{-12}}{D} \rho^{2} \Delta \theta
$$

$\circ$ and $\theta$ are polar co-ordinates in inches and radians respectively and $D$ is the spacing in inches.

Let the maximum angle of rotation be divided into a large number of equal parts and let $\rho_{n}, C_{n}$ and $F_{n}$ represent the radius, capacitance and frequency at the $n^{t h}$ segment respectively.
To a first degree of approximation then $\rho_{n}$ in a small interval between $C_{n-1}$ and $C_{n}$ is
$\rho_{14}=3 \times 106 \sqrt{D \frac{C_{n-1}-C_{n}}{\Delta \theta}}=\left(1.2 \times 10^{6}\right) \times$
$\sqrt{\frac{D\left(F_{n} \tan \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{F_{n}}{F_{0}}-F_{n-1} \tan \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{0}}\right)}{R_{0} \Delta \theta F_{n} F_{n-1} \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{F_{n}}{F_{0}}\right) \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{0}}\right)}}$

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rotation can be expressed by the simple equation

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& F=F_{\max }-k \theta \quad \text { where } k=\frac{F_{\max }-F_{\min }}{\theta_{\max }} \\
& C=\frac{0.112 \times 10^{-12}}{D} \int^{\theta} \rho^{2} d \theta+C_{\min } \\
& \rho=3 \times 10^{6} \sqrt{\frac{d C}{d \theta} D} \\
& C_{\min }=0.5 \times 10^{-12} \\
& \frac{d C}{d \theta}=\frac{1}{2 \pi R_{\mathrm{o}}} \times
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\left[\frac{k}{\left(F_{\max }-k\right)^{2} \tan \frac{\pi}{2 F_{0}}\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right)}+\right.
$$

$$
\left.\frac{\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{k}{F_{0}} \sec ^{2} \frac{\pi}{2 F_{\mathrm{o}}}\left(F_{\operatorname{tax}}-k \theta\right)}{\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right) \tan ^{2} \frac{\pi}{2 F_{\mathrm{o}}}\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right)}\right]
$$

$$
\rho=\frac{1.2 \times 10^{\mathrm{j}} \sqrt{\frac{k, d}{R_{0}}}}{\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right) \tan \frac{\pi}{2 F_{0}}\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right)}>
$$

$$
\tan \frac{\pi}{2 F_{0}}\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right)+\frac{\pi}{2 F_{0}} \times
$$

$$
1\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right) \sec ^{2} \frac{\pi}{2 F_{0}}\left(F_{\max }-k \theta\right)
$$

The expression of $\rho$ versus $\theta$ thus derived applies to a set of two capacitor plates. Of course, as the number of plates is increased, the required geometry is not changed. It is only necessary to multiply p by an appropriate constant.

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$$
\begin{aligned}
F_{\mathrm{o}} & =\frac{\frac{\pi}{2} \times 8.9 \times 10^{8}}{\tan ^{-1} \frac{10^{4}}{2 \pi \times 8.9 \times 0.5 \times 77}} \\
& =\frac{1.33 \times 10^{9}}{0.91}=1.48 \times 10^{8}
\end{aligned}
$$

The length of the line is approximately 2 inches

$$
\begin{aligned}
& k=1.3 \times 10^{8} \\
& \rho=\frac{2.7 \times 10^{8}}{(9-1.3 \theta) 10^{8} \tan 0.1(9-1.3 \theta)} \times
\end{aligned}
$$

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& =1.1 \text { inches }
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

Since the results obtained are inconsistent with the original assumption of small dimensions relative to $\lambda$, it becomes necessary to revise the design. It is impractical to reduce the spacing significantly. So the number of capacitor segments may be increased to obtain the desired dimensions. Increasing the number of segments by a factor $n, \rho$ is reduced by a factor $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

It will be found in practice that after having arrived at a certain design it is frequently impossible to realize the postulated $C_{\mathrm{m} 1 n}$. It is then necessary to base the new design on the value of $C_{\mathrm{m} \text { !n }}$ measured on the first model. A succession of such steps may be required before a final design is evolved.

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## Oscillator for Comparison Measnrement of Power Frequencies

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FIG. 1-Circuit of comparison oscillator


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$$
f=\frac{1}{2 \pi \sqrt{R_{1} R_{2} C_{1} C_{2}}}
$$

The theory of operation of the conventional resistance-capacitance oscillator is given by many texts in the electronic field, ${ }^{2,3,4,5}$ and Sulzer ${ }^{6}$ has listed several variations of the oscillator. However, the circuit shown in Fig. 1 deviates from the conventional sufficiently to warrant an explanation. The oscillator is composed of a double-triode 6SN7 connected so that half the tube functions as a cathode follower in the feed-back loop to drive the other half as a cathode-driven amplifier. The output of the amplifying half of the 6SN7 is applied to the re-sistance-capacitance network composed of $R_{1}, R_{2}, C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$, and the feedback voltage obtained from across the parallel branch $R_{2} C_{2}$ is used to drive the cathode follower half of the 6SN7.

The frequency of the oscillator is determined by the phase shifting action of the R-C network. The components of this network were chosen so that the temperature coefficients were as low as could be readly obtained. Accuracy of frequency adjustment was obtained by using components of fixed value except for a small portion of $C_{1}$ and


FIG. 2-Arrangement for calibrating oscillator



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The common cathode resistor, $R_{K}$, is composed of two tungsten-filament lamps and acts as an automatic degeneration control in the feedback loop. This degeneration is accomplished by the resistancetemperature characteristic of the tungsten. The plate load resistor of the amplifying half of the 6SN7 was kept small to minimize the effect of the load and to decrease the harmonic content of the output. The effects of loading on the oscillator was further minimized by the cathode follower 6C5.
The output signal is obtained from the cathode pin of the 6 C 5 . The input impedance of the 6 C 5 is given by Ryder ${ }^{7}$ as $Z_{\text {in }}=1 / j \omega C_{\text {1n }}$ where $C_{t n}=C_{g p}+C_{g k}(1-A)$. This shows that regardless of the load placed on the 6C5 the effect reflected back to the oscillator is minimized.

The oscillator was calibrated by using the output signal to drive a synchronous clock through an amplifier and the clock was checked against the time signals of the Bureau of Standards at one hour intervals. Reasonable care allowed the elapsed indicated time of the clock to be checked to the nearest second. Since this would represent an accuracy of one part in 3,600 , the accuracy of the calibration was $1 / 3,600 \times 100$ or 0.0278 per cent.

If the time interval used in the calibration had been extended, the accuracy would have increased accordingly. It was possible to repeat the calibration readings to the nearest second even after considerable time had elapsed. The short-time accuracy of the oscillator was checked by operating against a Western Electric 6010B oscillator. When the two instruments were compared with an oscilloscope, a maximum drift of one-half cycle

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over a five-minute period was observed. A block diagram of the connections used for calibration is shown in Fig. 2.

To use the instrument to measure frequency, the output of the oscillator is connected to the vertical amplifier of an oscilloscope and the power source is connected to the horizontal amplifier. The dial of the oscillator is adjusted until the trace on the screen of the oscilloscope is stationary. The calibration curve will then give the frequency corresponding to the dial reading.

If the signal is adjusted so that the trace on the oscilloscope is a straight line, the visual accuracy of the measurement will depend on the focus limitations of the oscilloscope. When a sharp image on the oscilloscope is used, a drift of one degree becomes apparent in the thickening of the trace with the straight line adjustment.

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# Stability-Long Life-Uniform Characteristics in TRANSISTORS and DIODES 



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## Production Techniques

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Assembly of RCA Victor single-channel uhi selector. Operator is inserting resistor lead in tiny punched slot for grounding to chassis. Simple wood jig supports chassis during assembly work

## UHF Chassis Slots

Punched slots in the chassis side walls of a new one-channel uhf television selector serve a number of different purposes in connection with production-line assembly. Two of the slots are precisely dimensioned to serve as exits for two 300 -ohm transmission lines. A larger slot serves as a mechanical support for a printed input filter strip; this strip also contains a slot, and the two slots mesh at right angles when the strip is in place.

Smaller slots, just large enough for leads, serve as a quick and simple means of grounding resistors and other components to the chassis.

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## Drawing Integral Eyelets on Tube Sockets

A newly developed die having twelve working stations draws eyelets on metal saddles for tube sockets, eliminating the need for separate individual mounting rivets and punched holes. The die is used in a 35 -ton press operating at 120 strokes per minute, hence can turn out 7,200 saddles an hour.

The first two operations are trimming and blanking of the 0.014 -inch cadmium-plated cold-rolled steel
strip that is automatically fed into the machine. The cup for the plastic socket is drawn next, and wings are bent up to gather material for the eyelets. Three draws are then made on the eyelets, followed by a piercing operation, a final draw, and sizing of the eyelets. The center of the cup is then pierced out and the finished saddle is blanked from the strip.

When crimped to its plastic


Top and bottom dies for producing integral-eyelet saddles for tube sockets. Aligning pins on upper die, surrounded by ball bearings, slide up and down in mating cylinders of lower die. Blank strip stock enters at right, and finished saddles are ejected at left, as indicated by strip shown below



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socket at another work position, a socket is obtained that can be securely fastened to a chassis without rivet feed problems. Overall cost is appreciably less than for a comparable assembly having captive rivets, hence the integral eyelet technique offers promise for new mechanized production techniques.


Dimensions of finished saddle having integral eyelets

Interchangeable die sections and open stations make the die flexible for production of different types of similar saddles for tube sockets. Spring-loaded pads keep the strip flat as it passes through the press, preventing damage to drawn eyelets. This new machine tool technique is speeding up press work on tube parts at Sylvania's Emporium, Pa. plant.

## Using Refrigerator as Oven

Installation of appropriate heating units in an ordinary electric refrigerator converts it into a handy low-cost oven for baking out electronic components. The refrigerator can be an inexpensive secondhand unit in which the cooling mcehanism has failed. The cooling coils can be removed to get additional space inside.

## Climbing Flux

The extra-active noncorrosive liquid flux used in connection with some dip-soldering operations will not stay in an open container, hence stoppers or corks should always be replaced after removing part of the contents. If not done, the liquid will at times climb right up the inside of the bottle and creep out over the top.

Producing Circuits with Molten Metal Spray


Examples of the three major steps in producing circuit wiring by metallizing. Leftadhesive mask applied to dielectric panel after insertion of eyelets. Center-appear. ance of masked panel after metallizing. Right-completed amplifier unit after stripping of mask, assembly of components and mounting

A MASS-PRODUCTION process for forming electrical circuits involves spraying molten copper, aluminum or silver on the parts through special masks. As developed by Spraywire Laboratories, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., the process starts with cutting a stencil coinciding with the wiring design to be produced. This stencil is applied to a dielectric panel and sandblasted to form grooves along the desired wiring location. Molten metal is sprayed through the stencil into these grooves with a standard Metco metallizing gun, and the stencil is removed to complete the process.

The stencils are made from a special masking tape developed for the Spraywiring process by Minnesota Mining \& Mfg. Co. The tape is adhesive on one side, and has a sufficiently hard surface to withstand the effects of sandblasting and
metallizing. Each stencil is used only once, but cost can be held down in production by die-cutting the stencils in continuous strips.

If feed-through eyelets are applied to the panel beforehand, components can be assembled before the sandblasting operation. The leads exposed on the wiring side will then be sandblasted along with the eyelets and grooves, and the metallizing operation will produce permanent joints. This eliminates the need for soldering.

In a somewhat different application of metallizing for conduction at the Friez Instrument Division of Bendix Aviation Corp., the ends of ceramic resistors for temperature control units are copper-coated with a metallizing gun so that leads may be soldered on. Here it is necessary to hold the preliminary sandblasting and the metallizing to close tolerances in order not to disturb


Setup for spraying molien copper on ends of rotating resistors. Gear drives for the resistors are under the metal housing

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the essential characteristics of the resistors. Since installing metallizing equipment, production of these resistors has been stepped up 400 percent. Two guns are used in alternate 24 -hour shifts.

The gun in use is rigidly held in a horizontal position at the edge of the bench by means of a steel stand bolted to the bench. Resistors to be sprayed are inserted 14 at a time in a fixture employing motor-driven gears for rotating the units during spraying. Two large gears mesh together. Equally spaced around each large gear are seven meshing small gears, each rotating one of the resistor holders.

## New Electric Are Torch Cuts Ceramics and Concrete

An electric arc that can be used on nonconductive materials and without a ground connection of any kind is now available from the ChemoTec Division of Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., Flushing, $N$. Y. under the tradename DynaTrode. The welding rod has two conductors embedded in a hard cement-like material in such a way that a flame-type electric are about 8 inches long is created in air between the ends of the conductors when the rod is inserted in its special holder and energized. Each rod lasts about 45 seconds and costs about 30 cents. The power source can be any conventional d-c arc welding machine capable of generating 400 amperes or more. Newest development is a smaller rod that will work with a 200 -ampere machine.

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## Sleeve-Forming Machine

Tiny rectangular pieces of Kovar metal are tweezer-fed into an ingenious yet simple machine constructed by production engineers at RCA's Harrison, N. J. tube plant, for rolling into sleeves that are approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long and $\frac{1}{3}$ inch in diameter. The completed cylinder serves as a heat insulator, preventing heat from being conducted away from the sprayed portion of the cathode in uhf pencil triodes.

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Dropping flat piece into sleeve-rolling machine. Finished sleeves drop into tray at lower left

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## Chassis-Holding Fixtures

FOUR different types of fixtures for supporting a chassis on a ball-andsocket holding tool are illustrated here. The first three, used by Du-


Type of holder used for gripping side of chassis. A screwdriver is required for inserting and removing a chassis. This setup is sufficiently rigid for heavy soldering and assembly work


Closeup of chassis-holding fixture, showing also how C-clamp is used to fasten holding tool to bench


## SPECIFICATIONS

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AN AIR or electrically operated wire-wrapping tool, developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories for connecting wire leads to relay terminals, is giving better, more uniform and less costly connections at a much higher production rate than was possible with previous wiring methods. Solderless wrapped connections can be used with a wide variety of materials, including aluminum.

The new tool is now being used extensively in commercial practice by Western Electric Co. for wiring to flat spring relay terminals. Although it was originally expected that tinned terminals and wire would have to be used, with subsequent soldering to give a stable lowresistance junction, it has recently been shown that soldering is not required if certain dimensional conditions are satisfied by the terminal and the wrapping tool.

The tool consists essentially of a


Using air-operated commercial version of wrapping tool for making solderless connections to plain rectangular ter minals on a relay rack


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rotatable spindle housed in a stationary sleeve. To make a connection, the bare end of the connecting wire is inserted in the outer groove of the spindle up to the insulation, then bent upward and back along the spindle so that the insulated portion of the wire is anchored in one of the notches in the outer housing of the tool.

The operator holds the insulated wire against the housing with his left hand, then applies the tool to the terminal so that the terminal enters the round hole in the spindle. The trigger-type electric switch or air valve on the tool is then operated, causing the spindle to rotate. This wraps the bare connecting wire around the terminal under tension.

Since the wire is anchored at the


Commercial versions of wrapping tool, with air-operated model below. Both have trigger-type control for starting and stopping the rotation of the inner spindle


End of wrapping tool, with wire in position ready for wrapping. Wire is inserted in outer slot of spindle as shown, and terminal goes in round hole of spindle
notch, it is free to move only at the bare end. The wire is thus drawn out of the slot to form a helix on the terminal. The number of turns in the helix is determined by the length of the bare wire inserted in the slot of the spindle.

When the end of the bare wire emerges from the slot, the tip extends outward from the helix as a tail. By careful design of the tool, this tail is kept short enough to avoid contact with adjacent terminals in congested areas. The length of the tail is determined by the distance between the slot and the terminal hole in the spindle and, in the case of a rectangular terminal, by the position of the slot at the moment that the end of the wire emerges from it.

Although initial models of the wrapping tool were hand-operated, using a rack and gear to obtain the required rotary motion, the commercial versions make use of either electrical or air power to eliminate operator fatigue and to promote


Muzzle of wiring tool, showing appearance of connection at the instant when two turns have been wrapped around terminal by rotation of the inner spindle in the direction shown by the curved arrow

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The problem of cutting adhesive tape into the various lengths required in the manufacture of television receivers is solved in two different ways at Olympic. Both use tools originally made for other purposes, one being a wire cutter and the other an ordinary single-edge razor blade.

Adhesive-backed cork strips that go under the steel clamping band of a picture tube are cut to length with a bench setup built around a model C20 Simplex wire cutter made by Wenco Manufacturing Co., Chicago. The guillotine-type blade of this cutter is operated by a foot pedal. Attached to the bench at the right of the cutter is a yardstick,


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A pipe mounted in a bench vise provides a holder for the spool of tape to be cut. This arrangement is admittedly temporary, and was used only because the vise happened to be there already. The operator merely pulls the tape through the cutter to the stop and operates the foot pedal. The adhesive coating on this tape is protected with strippable cloth, hence cut pieces can be stacked without danger of sticking together.

To cut plastic adhesive tape into strips for fastening deflection yoke leads together, the operator unrolls the tape onto a piece of plywood, cutting each length off the roll with a razor blade. When the board has been covered with these long strips, a few quick cross cuts with the blade divide them all into the desired shorter lengths. The individual pieces are then lifted off the board with fingers as needed. Quantities required here were small enough to justify this unmechanized procedure.

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Electronic heating setup for silver-brazing exhaust tube to pencil triodes on wood rack at right. Metal box with viewing window provides operator protection. At upper right is hydrogen flow meter
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## Deflection Yoke Production Techniques

Production of 70-degree and 90 degree deflection yokes in DuMont's E. Paterson, N. J. plant involves


Pressing 90-degree yoke coils to shape


Placing yoke coil assembly in insula-tion-wrapping fixture, after placing tape on slide, adhesive side up, and placing end of varnished cambric strip on tape
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|  | 1/16" | Std. values to $50,000 \Omega$ tol. to $\pm 1 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & 320^{\circ} \\ & \text { tol to } \\ & \pm 2^{\circ} \end{aligned}$ | As low $3 s \pm .3 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \text { watts } \\ & a^{2} 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \end{aligned}$ | Servo or threaded bushing | Type RVI-S7 function: <br> $\frac{E}{2} \frac{\text { out }}{1 n}=\sin \mathrm{E} / 1.78 \pm 4 \%$ of <br> poat omplitude |
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As the next step, the operator cuts the upper leads each to a different length with side-cutting pliers, to facilitate placing the final end plate over the leads. After the leads have been inserted in the eight holes of this plate, the leads are all cut off flush with the top of the plate and then soldered to the plate. Care is taken to solder as quickly as possible, to minimize heat rise. The copper jig quickly absorbs any heat that does get to


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Final soldering operation
soldered one by one just as for the other end. The holes in this plate are countersunk, and solder must be applied carefully so it does not project above the surface. For the intended application, filing of surplus solder was not permissible.

This elaborate assembly technique was necessary because space limitations in the final equipment prevented use of longer leads.

## Dual-Head Tapping Machine

TAPPIng holes on both sides of Uchannels for transmitter cabinets has been speeded up at the Brooklyn, N. Y. plant of Karp Metal Products Co. by the use of two automatic tapping heads mounted facing each other. The pre-drilled channel is placed between the two heads and the holes aligned with the taps. A


Dual-head tapping machine uses singlelever control to speed tapping of holes in U-channels. The W -shaped linkage is in foreground. Dual-outlet coolant pipe is directly over taps
single control lever is then operated to move both heads toward the channel simultaneously.

Control of both heads from one lever is accomplished through a Wshaped linkage. Coolant for both taps is brought through a flexible tube to a dual outlet head positioned over the work.

## NEW PRODUCTS

Edited by WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN

Control, Testing and Measuring Equipment Described and Illustrated . . . Recent Tubes and Components Are Covered . . . Fifty Trade Bulletins Reviewed



## H-F IMPULSE RELAY features high sensitivity

C. P. Clare \& Co., 4719 W. Sunnyside Ave., Chicago 30, III. Type T high-frequency impulse relay was developed for use in applications that require a highly sensitive relay completely free from contact bounce and capable of a prodigious number of operations at extremely high speed. This relay has a pull-in time of $120 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ and a drop-out time of 100 usec that enable it to follow $2,500 \mathrm{cps}$; aperiodic to $1,000 \mathrm{cps}$. In a typical application it has a life expectancy, following a run-in period of $1 \times 10^{8}$ operations, of $5 \times$ $10^{9}$ operations with a $0.75-\mathrm{ma}$ contact load over a 6 -month period without readjustment.


## SIGNAL GENERATOR displays characters

Wang Laboratories, 296 Columbus Ave., Boston 16, Mass. Model DS157 character display signal generator supplies all the necessary sig-
nals to display any character on the screen of a c-r tube. Every character is formed by properly intensifying the beam when it scans across an area of the screen. Hundreds of different characters can be made available at the same time. Characters are displayed at a rate of 10 ,000 per second. No control or adjustment is necessary. No special c-r tube is required.


## CONVERTER BOOSTER

 is handy in fringe areasBlonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc., 526 North Ave., Westfield, N. J., announces the model BTU-1 Ampliverter, a single-channel uhf converter with more than $17-\mathrm{db}$ gain and a very low noise factor. The unit will produce clear, sharp, snow-free pictures in locations where ordinary converters fail to do so. The new model features three tubes (6AF4, 6BK7A and 6 CB 6 ), a germanium mixer and a self-contained power supply. All three sections are fully shielded to minimize oscillator radiation. Double-tuned r-f circuits reject spurious signals and provide correct band-pass and flat response. The Ampliverter has input terminals for both uhf and vhf antennas.

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## POWER AMPLIFIER

## is rated at $1,000 \mathrm{w}$

John Fluke Engineering Co., 1111 W. Nickerson St., Seattle 99, Wash. Model 200A power amplifier is specifically designed to furnish a source of variable frequency alternating current for component and equipment testing at the frequencies specified for Army and Navy equipment, and at those encountered in foreign power systems. It is rated at a full 1,000 w at 75-percent power factor with distortion of not more than 1.5 percent at unity power factor, and not more than 3 percent at 75 -percent power

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## FLEXIBLE COUPLING has new type insulation

The James Millen Mfg. Co., Inc., Malden, Mass., has developed an entirely new type of insulated flexible coupling. Instead of the conventional riveted strap assembly, the new coupling is injection molded as a single unit. This method of assembly eliminates back lash, materially shortens the overall length, increases the electrical leakage path and very substantially increases the voltage breakdown rating over couplings of the conventional riveted construction, while maintaining an equally high degree of flexibility and a greater accuracy of hub alignment.


## NULL DETECTOR designed for a-c bridges

General Radio Co., 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. Type 1212-A unit null detector has been designed primarily as a balance indicator for a-c bridges. However, it is useful as a sensitive wide-frequency-range voltage indicator. Its frequency characteristic is flat
within about 1 db from 50 cycles to 500 kc and it is satisfactory as an indicator at frequencies from 20 cycles to 5 mc . An approximately logarithmic relationship between meter reading and input voltage gives an on-scale range of about 120 db . The full-scale deflection is about 100 v while a signal of less than $40 \mu \mathrm{v}$ deflects the meter by one percent of full scale.

## NEW THYRATRONS are interchangeable

Amperex Electronics Corp., 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., announces two improved versions of standard hydrogen thyratrons, types 4 C 35 and 5 C 22 . The new Amperex types are 6268 and 6279 respectively. Incorporating self-contained and self-regulating sources of hydrogen, these new tubes exhibit a minimum life expectancy of over $1,000 \mathrm{hrs}$, which is at least twice that of standard types. Both tubes are completely interchangeable with the tubes replaced.


## ANTENNA ADAPTOR is designed for uhf use

Channel Master Corp., Ellenville, N. Y. Model 415 Econo-Dapter is a high gain, all-channel, uhf triangular dipole specifically designed to add uhf to the millions of vhf Super Fan installations now in existence. The precise distance is prefixed, and the uhf dipole is veed forward so that it is always parallel to the vhf fan elements that function as a highly efficient sheet reflector. The Econo-Dapter features "free space" terminals that prevent
the accumulation of dirt, ice or rainwater between the feed points, which can short out the picture. Its ultrarigid construction prevents vibration that can cause picture flicker.


## TUBE TESTER

## contains $3 \mu$ mho ranges

The Hickok Electrical InstruMEnt Co., 10527 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio. Model 533AP tube tester is now available as a radio-tv and communication technician's portable for on-location or shop bench servicing. It is built with patented dynamic mutual conductance circuits to permit tube tests under simulated operating condition for better matching of tubes in tv or other electronic equipments. The unit contains three micromho ranges of 0 to $3,000,6,000$ and 15,000 . It includes a new built-in bias fuse to prevent accidental damage to bias potentiometer. Measurements are $16 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{in}$. wide, $18 \frac{3}{8} \mathrm{in}$. long and $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. deep, and net weight is 24 lb .


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## LAB COIL KIT contains 10 type $C$ coils

Cambridge Thermionic Corp., 457 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass., has made available a new coil kit to aid design engineers, lab technicians and others engaged in developing prototypes and pilot models. The kit contains 10 coils of the LS6 size, type C, with silicone Fiberglas collars. The coils cover a range of from $2 \mu \mathrm{~h}$ to $800 \mu \mathrm{~h}$, the range of each slightly overlapping
the next coil in the scale. The kit comes complete with mounting hardware and also contains a chart on the inside top cover listing all data of interest to the designer-information such as inductance range, wire size, number of turns and $Q$ value.


## ELECTRICAL TAPE

is only 3 mils thick
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STAKING MACHINE reduces operator fatigue
Black and Webster, Inc., 445 Watertown St., Newton 58, Massachusetts, has developed a new, improved all-electric staking machine called Electrostake. The machine is powered by a solenoid rather than the spring-loaded trip hammer used on most conventional stakers. The fast, effortless solenoid operation, plus other features, reduces operator fatigue to a minimum makes possible 25 to 50 -percent increase in production and provides complete safety for the operator. A portable machine, the Electrostake is ideal for any assembly-line operation where two or more assembled parts must be pressed firmly together and then staked or riveted with a sharp blow. Typical applications include assembly and subassembly work involved in manufacturing instruments, electrical
components, cameras and many other small products.


## TINY TRANSFORMER

 weighs only 1.3 ozStandard Transformer Corp., 3580 Elston Ave., Chicago 18, Ill., has announced a line of miniature audio transformers made with nickel steel laminations, with a frequency response of $\pm 1 \mathrm{db}, 30$ to $15,000 \mathrm{cps}$, maximum level 0 db . The Tinytrans are sealed and potted in $\frac{7}{8}$ in. square, anodized aluminum cases with phenolic terminal boards. Total height, including terminals, is only $1 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{in}$. The case has two 2-56 threaded inserts, $\frac{11}{6}$ in. centers, for easy chassis mounting. The entire transformer weighs only 1.3 oz .


## CRYSTAL DETECTOR

 for 8,500 to $9,500-\mathrm{mc}$ usegeneral Precision Laboratory Inc., 63 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville, N. Y., announces availability of a novel tunable crystal detector in RG-52/U or RG-6S/U waveguide. This addition to the company's specialized microwave components is designed for the 8,500 to $9,500-$ me range and utilizes two screws for adjusting to optimum vswr. Its simplicity of design and ease of operation represent an advance

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## FAST-ACTION RELAY

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## TELEVISION PROBE

is pocket-size voltmeter
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## ROSIN CORE SOLDER is active yet noncorrosive

Federated Metals Division, American Smelting and Refining Co., New York, N. Y., has developed RTS 200, an active yet noncorrosive rosin core solder. Oxide films and corrosion products on the parts being soldered need not slow down operations, because this solder pierces such retarding agents four times faster than ordinary solders. The chemicals used in this new solder are commonly used in industry and have no toxicity factor whatsoever. RTS 200 is available in a wide variety of wire sizes, compositions and quantities.


## TRANSMITTER RACKS are rigidly constructed

Premier Metal Products Co., 3160 Webster Ave., Bronx, N. Y., announces the manufacture of a line of transmitter racks rigidly constructed of 16 -gage steel. Panel mounting angles are ${ }_{18}^{3}$ thick and are tapped $12 / 24$ on universal spacings. Rear doors are hung on loosejointed hinges and have flush snap catches. The racks are available in two sizes- $67 \frac{3}{8} \times 22 \times 18 \mathrm{in}$. with
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## CIRCUIT TRACER

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Delta Electrical Specialty Co., 1456 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, Calif. Versatile in its use, the new Circuitracer is a compact, 3 -in-one convertible, quick-change tester. It is used to quickly locate grounds, opens, or shorts in dead or live circuits. The unit has been designed to trace virtually all types of circuits for continuity and the presence of either d-c or a-c voltage. Live circuits as low as 2 v or as high as 600 v can be tested, as can dead circuits and devices. This pocket-size test laboratory will withstand rugged industrial use, yet weighs only $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{oz}$. The location of the signal light in the tip at point of contact makes circuit tracing fast and accurate.


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[^22]nounces the model J miniaturized tuning fork resonator having a maximum weight of 8 oz and case dimensions of $1 \mathrm{in} . \times 2 \frac{3}{18} \mathrm{in} . \times 21 \frac{1}{6}$ in. high. It is available in any frequency from 400 to $2,000 \mathrm{cps}$ and in an accuracy rating of either 1 part in 10,000 or 1 part in 2,000 for operation from -40 C to +85 C . The units are completely temperature compensated and are solder-sealed and evacuated. Their internal silicone rubber mounting plus their external provision for mounting to a chassis via silicone rubber grommets provide excellent shock and vibration isolation. Due to their high effective working $Q$ of approximately 10,000 , these resonators provide an excellent means for generating accurate fixed audio frequencies.


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## is a 3-conductor type

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Bowser Technical Refrigeration, Terryville, Conn., is now manufacturing a walk-in chamber that is capable of simulating altitudes from sea level to $80,000 \mathrm{ft}$ and can produce a climb rate of $5,000 \mathrm{ft}$ per minute. It can be used for testing radar antennas. With an interior free working space of $9 \mathrm{ft} \times 9 \mathrm{ft}$ $\times 7 \mathrm{ft}$ high, the chamber can be cooled from 140 F to -76 F in two hours and heated from -76 F to 140 F in one hour with a temperature control of $\pm 2$ deg. Humidity range is up to 95 percent. Illustrated is one of the chambers being loaded for delivery.


## LOCKING COLLAR

 designed for small shaftsWaldes Kohinoor, Inc., 47-16 Austel Place, Long Island City 1, N. Y., has added to its line of retaining rings a low-cost fastener that provides a positive shoulder, secure against thrust and vibration. Designated as the series 5555 Truarc grip ring, the retainer can be assembled and disassembled in either direction on a straight ungrooved shaft with Truarc pliers. The basic design principle of complete circularity around the pe-


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## TV ATTENUATOR handles excessive signals

Vidaire Electronics MFg. Co., Lynbrook, N. Y., is manufacturing a new tv attenuator that eliminates overloading due to strong signals. Known as Tel-Atten, the new unit was designed to reduce buzz in intercarrier sets, and most cross-modulation effects. It also features 1,000-to-1 change in signal reaching antenna posts and vernier adjustment for all signal areas. The instrument was designed for all tv sets troubled with excessive signals such as poor synchronization, multiple images, buzz in sound and beats in picture. Installation is simple for it connects with only three leads and is mounted with just two screws. Model A-2 measures only $3{ }^{5}$ in. $\times 2 \frac{3}{8}$ in. $x 14 \mathrm{in}$.


## CAPACITOR

 has new tunable elementCambridge Thermionic Corp., 457 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass.,
has announced a new tubular, variable ceramic capacitor, CST-50, that incorporates a tunable element of new and unusual design. Because of this feature which practically eliminates losses due to air dielectric, a large minimum-to-maximum capacitance range ( 1.5 to $12 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$ ) is realized-surpassing that of capacitors many times larger in physical size. The CST-50 stands only 19/32 in. high when mounted, is less than $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{in}$. in diameter and has an 8-32 threaded mounting stud. The mounting stud is split so that the tuning sleeve can be securely locked without causing an unwanted change in capacitance. The CST-50 is provided with a ring terminal that has two soldering spaces.


## TAPE HANDLER records and plays back

Potter Instrument Co., Inc., 115 Cutter Mill Rd., Great Neck, N. Y., has announced a new high-speed, low cost magnetic tape handler for digital data handling and general computer recording and playback. One unique feature of the device is its ability to start and stop intermittently within 5 milliseconds from external signals thus making it possible to record, play back or compare blocks of information. Fully reversible drive at speeds of 15 and 30 inches per second is provided. New photoelectric proportional servo tension controls provide uniform tape tension over the recording head at all speeds. Independent reel drives, controlled by the servo systems, assure freedom

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## POWER RHEOSTATS have deep ceramic cores

 Tru-Ohm Products, 2800 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 18, Ill., has added three new power rheostats to its line. Sizes available now are 50,75 , 100 and 150 w. Each of the models incorporates an extra deep ceramic core on which the resistance wire is toroidally wound and bonded in place with vitreous enamel. This construction results in better heat dissipation and a more conservative power rating. Positive and constant brush pressure is provided with an exclusive torsion spring assembly. Other features include rugged mechanical design for long rotational life, minimum backlash, low contact resistance and smooth, uni-form windings for practically stepless resistance control.


## D-C POWER SUPPLY has 0.1 -percent regulation

Lawn Electronics Co., East Freehold Rd., Freehold, N. J., is now in production on the model 630-A regulated d-c power supply. The unit features 0.1-percent regulation, less than 1 mv ripple and less than 0.5 -ohm output impedance. The output voltage is continuously variable from 0 to 600 v with either the positive or negative terminal grounded, and the unit will supply up to 300 ma at any voltage setting. The unit also features a bias supply variable from 0 to -250 v stabilized to 0.1 v and a 6.3 -v 6 -ampere center-tapped filament supply. Dimensions of the unit are 19 in . wide $\times 8{ }^{3} \mathrm{in}$. high $\times 10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. deep.


RING SEAL TRIODE has ratings to 110 mc
Machlett Laboratories, Inc., Springdale, Conn., announces the ML-6258, a forced-air-cooled ring seal triode incorporating a highefficiency radiator. Designed specifically for r-f heating application in the 2 to 3 -kw range, but well adapted to a-m, f-m and to transmission, it has plate input and dissipation ratings of 7 kw and 3 kw



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## DEFLECTION YOKES

 that feature five leadsHalldorson Transformer Co., 4500 No. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill., has available two new deflection yokes featuring R -C network flexibility. A fifth lead (four are conventional) is interconnected with components in the yoke to provide external rearrangement of the network to suit different tv set requirements. With the DF601 and DF602, all network variations are easily accomplished without digging into the yoke-the lead ends merely being properly combined during the yoke installation.


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## INDICATORS

show elapsed time
Vocaline Co. of America, Inc., Bristol Motor Div., 90 Coulter St., Old Saybrook, Conn. A new line of running time indicator series ET-1 for industrial or laboratory application is being made available in the following two models: ET-1A counts to 99,999 hours by hours; ET-1B counts to $9,999.9$ by tenths of hours. Utilizing the Circle B motor, this low-cost series features compact, extremely small size2 -in. diameter $\times 2 \frac{1}{8}$-in. depth-that can be readily adapted for panel or unit mounting. This standard series operates on 115 v 60 cycles but can be easily altered for use with other voltages. Among uses for the series are determining equipment operating time for guarantee purposes and indicating hours of oper-


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## DECADE ATTENUATOR <br> for audio and video

The Daven Co., 191 Central Ave., Newark 4, N. J., has available the series 790 attenuation network. This type decade attenuator is particularly useful in gain and loss measurements on filters, transformers, amplifiers and associated transmission equipment, for both the audio and video range. This decade is a direct-reading precision noninductively wound attenuation network designed for operation over the 0 to 1 -mc range. Use of precision noninductive resistors and a specially designed circuit reduces frequency discrimination to a minimum. Networks are available for various impedance requirements.


## POWER SUPPLY

has twin regulation
Universal Electronics Co., 2012 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, Calif., has available a new twinregulated power supply, model 520 AT. The unit features two entirely separate regulated power supplies in one housing, each supply giving 0 to 500 v d-c at 0 to 200 ma at any setting. Two $4 \frac{1}{2}-\mathrm{in}$. meters may be switched to monitor either supply. Supplies are each floating above their chassis, hence may be used in a variety of ways to give positive or negative outputs or connected in series to give 0 to $1,000 \mathrm{v}$ at 0 to

200 ma . Also furnished are two 6.3 va a-c outputs at 8 amperes each.


## H-V POWER SUPPLY has 500 to $1,500-\mathrm{v}$ output

Scientific Specialties Corp., Snow and Union Sts., Boston 35, Mass. The PS-22 electronically regulated supply is designed for use with photomultiplier tubes, counters and other devices requiring a closely regulated, well stabilized voltage. Output is 500 to $\mathbf{1 , 5 0 0} \mathrm{v}$, conservatively rated for 1 -ma load. The output voltage changes less than 0.05 percent from zero to full load. Input power is 115 v ; single phase, 60 cycle a-c; approximately 50 w .


## MINIATURE BLOWER weighs only 26 oz

Induction Motors Corp., 55-15 37th Ave., Woodside 77, N. Y., has announced the type BC1615B-12 miniature blower for cooling various types of electronic equipment. The blower is built to deliver 22 cfm free air at $115 \mathrm{v}, 60$ cycles, single-phase power supply. It weighs only 26 oz and operates in temperature range from -65 to +85 deg. Designed to rigid Air Force specifications, it can be used in cooling radar equipment, amplifier units, transmitters, oscillators and other electronic equipment The motor is built to close toler-


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This seems to be the gist of the current FCC announcement. Beginning June 30th, 1953, the Commission has expressed its intention to seek out all offenders. Exceptions, so it is said, will be few, and these only for "reasonable" extension. In the Commission's own words:
"Part 18-The operation in the industrial, scientific, and medical service, of medical diathermy equipment, industrial heating equipment and miscellaneous equipment of a type which emits radio frequency energy upon frequencies within The radio spectrum constitutes a serious source of interference to authorized radio communication services operating upon the channels of interstate and foreign communication unless precautions are taken which will prevent the creation of any substantial amount of such interference."
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Junction Transistor. Federated Semi-Conductor Co., 66 Dey St., New York 7, N. Y. A single-page bulletin covers the RD2525 n-p-n junction transistor. Characteristics of the unit described, which include a collector dissipation of 50 mw and a minimum alpha of 0.99 , are particularly suitable for grounded emitter operation. The bulletin data give ratings, typical operation, a collector voltage and current chart, dimensions and price.

Filter Reactor Tube. Hytron Radio \& Electronics Co., Danvers, Mass. Bulletin E-199 gives mechanical and electrical data and characteristics charts for the type 6216 filter reactor tube, an electron tube of beam power design that has miniature 9 -pin construction. When used in appropriate circuits, the tube described replaces the iron-core filter choke, particularly in airborne and vehicular electronic equipments, thus materially reducing the weight and space normally required by the iron-core choke.

Printed Circuits. Methode Mfg. Corp., 2021 W. Churchill St., Chicago 47, Ill., has published a new printed circuit handbook entitled "Utilization of Prefabricated Wiring." The 32 -page booklet provides comprehensive and detailed engineering information to those interested in applying printed wiring techniques to electronic equipment. Among the subjects dealt with are present applications of printed circuitry, layout of wiring schematics, selection of materials and components, Underwriters' re-


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Liquid-Level Control. Therm Instruments Co., 1166 El Camino Real, Belmont, Calif. A singlethyratron electronic liquid-level control operating without radio frequency from a single capacitive type probe is described in a folder, Form LL4-453. The publication illustrates the single-unit control, the probe, and alternative sochematic arrangements for installtion. Specifications are included.

Instrumentation. Tektronix, Inc., P. O. Box 831, Portland 7, Oregon. Short Form catalog No. 5302 gives illustrated descriptions of a wide variety of instruments. Included are seven different types of oscilloscopes, two square wave generators, an amplifier, two preamplifliers, a time mark generator and a series of waveform generators. Prices for all are listed.

Tube Booklet. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J. An up-to-date catalog of electron tubes describes 495 different receiving types and kinescopes that have their chief application in radio and tv receivers. Entitled "RCA Receiling Tubes for A-M, F-M and Television Broadcast" (Form No. 1275-F), the booklet contains characteristics of each type, together with socket connection diagrams arranged for quick and easy referpence. Information on ty picture tubes is presented in a special chart that lists and describes 45 types. Each tube type is listed in numerical-alphabetical sequence, according to its type designation.

Plastics for Engineering. Dixon Saddle Co., P. O. Drawer 7, Bristol, R. I. A recent brochure is descripfive of Rulon bearing material that is slippery throughout, from outer skin to inner core, (containing no oil, graphite or other substances usually referred to as lubricants); Teflon extrusions and moldings supplied in a variety of forms for a variety of applications; and

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Carrier Terms. Lenkurt Electric Co., 1113 County Rd., San Carlos, Calif., has issued a character study of carrier equipment and dictionary of carrier terms in bulletin EB-101. Definitions of 150 terms commonly found in telephone and telegraph carrier equipment literature are given. The 16 -page booklet also includes a general discussion of carrier equipment theory.

VHF Receiver. Collins Radio Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A 4-page folder illustrates and fully describes the 51M-6, a vhf communications receiver that has a single preset crystal-controlled channel and is designed for unattended, continuous aeronautical ground station reception of a-m radiotelephone signals. Technical specifications are included.

Picture Tube Substitutes. Transvision, Inc., New Rochelle, N. Y., has released a newly revised picture tube interchangeability replacement guide. The list shows popular types of picture tubes that may be used to replace hard-to-get types, noting such modifications (if any) that should be made when direct replacement is difficult.

X-Ray Analysis. North American Philips Co., Inc., 750 South Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has available a new folder containing two reprint articles entitled: "How X-ray Diffraction Gets Answers to Difficult Questions" and "Catalysts: The Inside Story." Illustrated with photos and charts, the new folder discusses x-ray diffraction work with clays, rubber, plastic polymers, boiler scales and catalysts. In the case of catalysts, fourteen approaches for x-ray studies are listed.

Engineered Mounting Systems. Robinson Aviation Inc., Teterboro, N. J. The 16 -page Visualizer bulletin No. 750 illustrates the development of all-metal engineered mounting systems for the maxi-
mum vibration isolation and shock protection of electronic equipment. By visual means, the bulletin defines vibration and shock, shows the effect of vibration on equipment, what can be done about vibration, and the application of MET-L-FLEX (knitted stainless steel wire) as the resilient and damping element. It explains vibration control from theory to practice and shows the development of the single and dual-stage systems from the classical example of an equivalent mechanical system.

Telemetering Booklet. The Bristol Co., Waterbury 20, Conn. Bulletin M1710 contains information on the use of the company's Metameter telemetering instruments for remote recording, indicating, and totalizing of electric variables over distances ranging from a few feet to many miles. Timely information and engineering data are included on the subject of modern telemetering methods. The company's new electronic Dynamaster transmitters and receivers are described and information is given on various methods of transmission, including carrier current, microwave, vhf and uhf radio and multiplexing. A number of typical installations of Metameter telemeters are illustrated and described.

Sound Recording Tape. Minnesota Mining ānd Mfg. Co., 900 Fauquier St., St. Paul 6, Minn. Output versus bias current curves for Scotch brand magnetic recording tapes are discussed in "Sound Talk" bulletin No. 21 recently announced. Graphs are included on which the curves of 12 different Scotch brand magnetic tapes are shown, representing four basic tape constructions. The bulletin is available upon request.

Components Catalog. The Victoreen Instrument Co., 3800 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. A new 8 -page catalog of components is now being distributed. It contains detailed specifications, illustrations, typical circuits and applications for the company's components including: vibrators.

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Electronic Facilities. AiResearch Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Booklet $4-0-1$ covers the available electronic facilities and activities of the company. Newly compiled, the booklet gives a detailed account of the company's electronics group in the laboratory and on the production line. More than 60 pictures complete the 16 -page booklet.

Electronic Wattmeter. Keithley Instruments, 3868 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio. A new 2-page bulletin describes the model 110 electronic wattmeter. It includes complete specifications and full description of features, which include a range of 0.3 to 9,000 watts, 20 to $3,000-\mathrm{cps}$ response, unusual convenience and accuracy in measuring low impedance devices.

Radiotelephone Equipment. Kaar Engineering Corp., Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, Calif., has completed a comprehensive summary catalog covering all its mobile radiotelephone equipment. The equipment presented in easy-reference form is designed for use in the 152 to $174-\mathrm{mc}$ band, the 25 to $50-\mathrm{mc}$ band and the 1,600 to $6,000-\mathrm{kc}$ band. The company's complete line of accessories is included in the catalog.

Recording Potentiometers. Minne-apolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Brown Instruments Division, Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Three new 4-page specification sheets describe and illustrate ElectroniK recording potentiometers. Specification sheet 160 covers circular chart recorders; sheets 164 and 165 cover single and multiple record strip chart recorders. Construction and engineering details are included.

Hermetically-Sealed Relays. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. General purpose hermet-ically-sealed relays for electronic
applications are described in bulletin GEA-5729A. The two-color publication uses photographs, specification charts, and dimensional diagrams in discussing the application, performance and features of the relays, which are designed to meet or better all provisions of MIL-R-6106, Joint Military Service specifications for relays, and to meet performance requirements of MIL-R-5757B.

Teflon Catalog. The Polymer Corp. of Pennsylvania, Reading, Pa. The latest technical data on Teflon for the chemical, electrical and electronic industries is available in an 8 -page catalog. Applications and possibilities for the material are described in detail along with Teflon's outstanding properties and characteristics. The booklet is illustrated with a complete set of tables, charts and sketches. A special summary deals with design considerations in using Teflon while extra help is offered through a technical service section on the cover. The booklet catalogs Polypenco Teflon in the forms of rod, tubing, slab and tape with specifications on size, shape and tolerance.

V-T Electrometers. Keithley Instruments, 3868 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio. Vacuum-tube electrometers are the subject of a new 8 -page bulletin. Nineteen application diagrams are included, plus a full description of accessories, which permit measuring a wide range of d-c voltages, currents as low as $10^{-14}$ ampere resistance to $10^{10} \mathrm{ohms}$.

Facility Brochure. The Victoreen Instrument Co., 3800 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, announces the availability of a new 16-page booklet entitled "Creative Engineering and Production Facilities." This is a pictorial presentation of the development, engineering and production facilities in the company's four divisions.

Inverter-Amplifier. Allegany Instrument Co., 1000 Oldtown Rd., Cumberland, Md. A single-page bulletin illustrates and gives tech-

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nical specifications of the model 305 inverter-amplifier. The lowdrift d-c amplifier described may be used with wire strain gages, load and pressure pickups, accelerometers and thermocouples. Size of the unit discussed is $6 \frac{2}{2} \mathrm{in}$. $\times$ $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in} . \times 9 \mathrm{in}$. deep, and weight is 7 lb.

Universal Bridge. The Clough Brengle Co., 6014 Broadway, Chicago, Ill. A single-sheet bulletin illustrates and describes the model 712 capacitance-resistance-inductance bridge, a general-purpose miniaturized instrument having a basic 2-percent accuracy. Weighing 14 lb and occupying the cubic space of a vtvm, the unit discussed is designed for field maintenance applications, or for use in the lab where bench space is at a premium.

R-F and Pulse Connectors. Diamond Mfg. Corp., 7 North Ave., Wakefield, Mass. The recent 48 page catalog 53 is intended to be used as a guide for the procurement of r-f and pulse connectors by personnel of development laboratories, equipment manufacturers, procurement agencies and field installations. Engineering and electrical data are supplied for each connector of a particular type, and each is accurately described and cross-referenced with the tabulated data required to facilitate the selection of compatible cables and connectors.

Spectrophotometers. Beckman Instruments, Inc., South Pasadena 1, Calif., has released bulletin 303-59, a 28-page catalog of ultraviolet and visible spectrophotometers, picturing all sample cells and other accessories. The two-color brochure contains detailed descriptions and illustrations of the model B and DU spectrophotome-ters-precision instruments that measure and identify substances by passing light through them. Such auxiliary units as the flame, reflectance and fluorescence attachments also are described. The catalog features an extensive section treating the complete line of the company's spectrophotometer cells, interchangeable sample com-
partments and cell adapters. A composite price list-index is also furnished.

Magnetic Amplifiers. Magnetic Amplifiers, Inc., 632 Tinton Ave., New York 55, N. Y., has available a booklet on its line of magnetic servo amplifiers that are adjustable and permit the user to stabilize his servo loop over wide ranges of performance requirements, load conditions and gear ratios. Also given is information on a standard line of high-gain push-pull magnetic amplifiers, saturable transformers, and 400 or $60-\mathrm{cps}$ servo systems.

Connectors. Coaxial Connector Co., 35 No. 2nd Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. A 4-page catalog contains an illustrated technical description of the company's line of UHF and BNC series connectors, as well as its 12 types of waveguide flanges. The UHF series described are for small and medium-sized cables and are generally satisfactory at frequencies up to 200 mc with some voltage reflections. The BNC series covered are for use where the peak voltage does not exceed 500 v , and where frequency applications do not exceed $3,000 \mathrm{mc}$. Also listed are what the individual waveguide flanges mate with.

Vidicon Components. Radio Corporation of America, Harrison, N. J. A new 16-page booklet supplies technical information on de-flection-circuit components for the type 6198 Vidicon, the new small camera tube for industrial tv applications. Used in the recommended circuits shown in the booklet, these components feature characteristics that provide good sweep linearity, high deflection sensitivity, efficient coupling between circuits, proper focusing and accurate alignment of the electron beam. A copy of Form No. CTV-1016 may be obtained on request.

Transistor Solders and Fluxes. Division Lead Co., 836 W. Kinzie St., Chicago 22, Ill. A 2-page bulletin describes a number of transistor solders and fluxes that are already


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Locknuts. Industrial Fasteners Institute, 3648 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio, has published a 24 -page bulletin sponsored by 21 manufacturers of locknuts. A study of the descriptions and illustrations included will provide useful information leading to successful application. Names of the companies manufacturing each individual type of locknut are given.

Carbon Monoxide Detector. Taller \& Cooper, Inc., 75 Front St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y. A 12-page booklet tells about the company's advanced carbon monoxide detector. Included are special features such as automatic operation, unitized construction and quality instrumentation; a functional description that gives illustrations and operation data; component and panel information; specifications, and suggested and notable installations.

Hermetic Sealing. General Hermetic Sealing Corp., 99 East Hawthorne Ave., Valley Stream; L. I., N. Y., has just prepared a new 4page folder on "The Why and the How of Hermetic Sealing" for electrical and electronic components and assemblies. Typical applications as well as facilities are described. Copies are available on request.

Permanent Magnets. Thomas \& Skinner Steel Products Co., Inc., 1122 E .23 rd St., Indianapolis 5, Ind., has released a catalog listing its complete line of standard permanent magnets. Available in Alnico 2, 3 and 5 for use in a wide range of industrial applications, the standard magnets listed may be ordered from stock to aid designers and engineers who want magnets quickly to produce working models for experimental purposes, to fulfill moderate production requirements,
or to adapt to a standard application without tooling delays. Ask for catalog No. 1252.

Sound Recording Tape Coatings. Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co., 900 Fauquier St., St. Paul 6, Minn. The magnetic properties of Scotch brand sound recording tape coatings is the subject of "Sound Talk" technical bulletin No. 22 now available. The bulletin discusses the properties of four basic types of magnetic coatings manufactured by the company, including 14 different magnetic tape constructions and two sprayable dispersion magnetic coatings. It is intended especially to provide design engineers and experimenters with data to determine field intensities necessary to magnetize the various tape coatings, as well as the resulting magnetic flux. Four graphs are included in the bulletin showing typical hysteresis loops and magnetization curves for the four basic types of magnetic coatings.

Printed Circuit Guide. Centralab Division of Globe-Union Inc., 900 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wisc. Printed Electronic Circuit Guide No. 2, revising and up-dating the original guide, has been announced. In the guide listing section over 100 users of printed electronic circuits are listed with 445 different manufacturers' part numbers. Complete testing data are given so that the units covered can be checked to make sure they are in good operating condition. Also included is a guide showing the number of each type of unit now in use.

Control Instruments. MinneapolisHoneywell Regulator Co., Brown Instruments Div., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Catalog 1530, "ElectroniK Controllers," comprises 56 fact-filled pages describing all types of the company's control instruments that are used to measure and control a multiplicity of process variables. Included are detailed specification and control action descriptions and ratings for both electric and pneumatic type controllers. The literature also presents


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engineering data on the Electr-O-Line and Electr-O-Pulse electric control relays.

Speech Equipment. Collins Radio Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Catalog 111 is a 48 page booklet covering the company's line of speech input consoles, remote equipment, rack mounted equipment, test and monitoring equipment, antenna accessories, racks and panels, custom equipment and turntables and transducers. The units described are illustrated and indexed.

Small Bobbin Winder. Geo. Stevens Mfg. Co., Inc., Pulaski Rd. at Peterson, Chicago 30, Ill., has available a catalog sheet illustrating and describing the new model 38-A miniaturized bobbin winder. Of special interest are the slowstart feature that avoids possibility of wire breakage, and the instant resetting automatic counter that saves time by permitting instant resetting of the winding cycle by merely touching a lever.

Metal Pretreatment. Specialty Coatings, Inc., Division of Thompson \& Co., 1085 Allegheny Ave., Oakmont, Pa. A new six-page folder describes Vinsynite pretreatment for all types of metals. It includes details of the manner in which Vinsynite is used in finishing six different types of metal products for good paint adhesion and corrosion resistance. It also gives test data to show that Vinsynite is unaffected by severe distortion and exposure to standard ASTM salt spray test.

Tape-Wire Recorder Replacements. Standard Transformer Corp., 3580 Elston Ave., Chicago 18, Ill., has prepared a tape-wire recorder replacement guide, listing 63 models of 22 companies manufacturing tape and wire recorders. The guide is published to fill a need for authoritative information on power transformer, filter choke and audio output transformer replacements. Manufacturer and model number, manufacturer's part number and Stancor part
numbers are listed for all models included in the guide.

Coaxial Fittings. Coaxial Connector Co., 35 No. 2nd St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is offering a cross index of Army-Navy coaxial fittings in a handy 22 in. $x 14$ in. wall chart. This useful quick-reference guide lists designations from government part numbers to equivalent manufacturers' part numbers.

Circuit Selectors and Stepping Relays. G. H. Leland, Inc., 123 Webster St., Dayton 2, Ohio. Bulletin 353 CSR contains engineering data on Ledex circuit selectors and stepping relays. A complete description of the product, its method of operation, mechanics of control, both selective and stepping, Cascade Master-Slave homing circuit diagram, spark suppression, types of mountings, rectifiers and remote Selsyn circuit are just a few of the many subjects discussed and illustrated in this informative bulletin.

Electron Tube Interchangeability. Lewis and Kaufman Ltd., 50 El Rancho Ave., Los Gatos, Calif. Leaflet Form 253 provides interchangeability data on a series of Los Gatos electron tube types. Each tube in the series is covered with a brief type description and list-price information as well as a tabulation of the existing tube types with which it is directly interchangeable.

Printed-Circuit Components. Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J., has available an 8-page booklet covering printed-circuit components designed for use in tv receivers utilizing intercarriersound systems and having picture i-f and sound i-f carriers of 45.75 mc and 41.25 mc , respectively. The components illustrated and described feature high gain, full bandpass response and excellent skirt selectivity. Dimensional diagrams and response characteristics are shown.

Dynamic Tape Tester. Taller \& Cooper, Inc., 75 Front St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y., recently published a

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bulletin illustrating and describing its dynamic tape tester, a precise, coordinated function generator that is applicable to the computer and control field. The unit described consists of six plugin type function plate assemblies driven from a common synchronous motor shaft through a gear train; and a reversing clutch is provided for rewinding the tape at the conclusion of a run. The equipment discussed is designed for $115-\mathrm{v}$, 60 -cycle operation.

Transformer Catalog. Ferranti Electric, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y., has available a 4-page catalog illustrating and describing a line of hermeticallysealed transformers designed to MIL-T-27 specifications. In the line described are military standard filament transformers, military standard plate and filament types and military standard audio types; also filter reactors. Detailed specifications and prices on all types are given.

Component Developments. Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass. A recent bulletin deals with electronic component developments, particularly high-temperature metallizedpaper capacitors, Aerofilm capacitors, electrolytics operating above the present 85 C range, and new micas for working temperatures up to 125 C . Also included is information on duct-type noise-suppression capacitors, subminiature bypass capacitors, miniature bathtubs, Borofilm resistors with temperature coefficient of 100 ppm or less, hermetically-sealed ceramiccase Carbofilm resistors, high-voltage plate assemblies and ceramic capacitors, and printed-wiring development.

Sound Analyzer. Hermon Hosmer Scott, Inc., 385 Putnam Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. A single-page bulletin gives an illustrated description of the type $420-\mathrm{A}$ sound analyzer. The unit discussed features filters that are adjustable separately in half octaves, portability, small size, light weight and versatility. Technical specifications, response curves and prices are included.

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## IRE Takes Part In Study Of Bureau Of Standards

The Institute of Radio Engineers has nominated William L. Everitt, radio authority and Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Illinois, to serve on a committee of scientists formed, at the request of Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, to evaluate the present functions and operations of the National Bureau of Standards in relation to the present national needs.

The nomination came as a result of telegrams sent by Secretary Weeks to leading scientific and engineering societies requesting each to select one of their members to serve on the committee. M. J. Kelly, president of Bell Telephone Laboratories, will serve as chairman.

Dr. Everitt's nomination was made only after assurance had been received from Secretary Weeks that the committee will operate under the National Academy of Sciences, that it will not be concerned with personnel relationships between the National Bureau of Standards and the Department of Commerce, and that the report of the committee will be made public.

Dr. William L. Everitt has had a distinguished career as engineer, educator, consultant and author of text books and scientific articles in the radio field, and has held teaching posts at Cornell University, University of Michigan and Ohio State University.

## ELECTRONICS AND PLASTICS SHARE HONORS



Two industries whose interests are closely allied, electronics and plastics, shared honors at an awards luncheon in Hollywood, Calif., sponsored by the Plaskon Division of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company. Awards of merit were presented to Glen E. Swanson, president of Standard Coil, and Mr. Wilcox. founder and president of Wilcox Plastics. Inc., on the occasion of the production of the 100 millionth Standard Coil television tuner board using alkyd plastic segments molded by Wilcox. Left to right are Mr. Swanson, Dr. Lee de Forest, inventor of the electronic tube, who presented the awards; Henry W. DeVore, Plaskon sales executive and Mr. Wilcox

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## RTMA Adds New Members

The RTMA board of directors approved the membership applications of nine new companies as follows:

Adler Communications Laboratories, Continental Electronics Corp., Dale Products Co., Microwave Associates, Inc., MorganRhein, Inc., Square Root Manufacturing Corp., Tempo T-V Products Co., Translite Electronics Corp., and Varian Associates.

## Overseas Businessmen Survey U.S. Electronics

In A 5 week, 4,000 -mile tour of 20 U. S. manufacturers in 18 cities, from Massachusetts to Iowa, a group of 9 visiting business men from 7 foreign countries covered a cross-section of the U. S. electronics industry. The international group, all foreign representatives of Ad. Auriema, Inc., independent exporter and sponsor of the "Observatour", observed the latest developments in the U. S. electronics industry, and obtained information on U. S. merchandising techniques.

One of the plants visited was the Stevens Paper Mills, Inc., which makes capacitor paper. The group also attended the IRE Show during its run in New York and expressed amazement at the size of the industry as represented by the hundreds of exhibits.

## Philco Plans Canadian TV-Radio Plant

Philco Corp. announced plans for a new plant to manufacture television and radio receiving sets in the

suburbs of Toronto, Canada
According to an announcement by Syclney L. Chapell, president of Philco International Corp., the manufacturing facility will be erected this year within the planned community of Don Mills. All pro-
duction and administrative activities now conducted in the plant in Toronto will be transferred to the new site early in 1954.

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## Westinghouse Expands In The Tube Field

In two new plants Westinghouse has undertaken the manufacture of an extensive line of electronic tubes. At Bath, New York, 145,000 square feet of working surface will produce the receiver tube line; at Elmira, New York, 40 miles away, 365,000 square feet of plant will produce tv picture tubes and industrial, broadcast and x-ray tubes. Also, at Elmira, a pilot operation is set up for semiconductor production.

Not yet in full swing, the Elmira plant is turning out 2,000 picture tubes a day, with three shifts of about 130 workers total. The assembly line consists of an efficient conveyor belt layout, leading from nearly automatic machines that seal in the faceplates and necks. In other nearly automatic machines, the phosphor screen is added (above). Finally, in long automatic furnaces the tubes, each on a separate vacuum stand, are heated, evacuated and sealed off.

Appointment of two Westinghouse executives to newly created
posts has been announced by E . W. Ritter, vice-president in charge of the Electronic Tube Division.

John G. Thompson fills the position of product manager at the Bath plant, and Franklin P. Hinman is assigned to duties of product manager at the Elmira plant.
A. George Rogers has been appointed manager of operations for the Westinghouse Television Radio Division, Metuchen, N. J.

Mr. Thompson, in his new position, is responsible for coordinating all engineering, manufacturing and sales activities of the receiving tube section of the division. Mr. Hinman is responsible for coordinating power tube engineering, manufacturing and sales at the Elmira plant. His duties also include direct management of power tube manufacturing.

Mr. Rogers, a veteran of 26 years in the electronics industry, has had extensive experience in engineering positions which included design, test and quality control assignments. In administrative posts, he
has directed plant organization, production planning and standardization of inspection and manufacturing techniques.

## RCA May Establish Service Lab In Japan

An electronic industry service laboratory for the assistance of RCA licensees may be set up in Japan, according to B. E. Shackelford, director of the license department of RCA International, who is in Japan to study the question of establishing the lab and also the possibility of a manufacturing investment by RCA in the country.

It is reported that RCA has, at present, license agreements with 17 Japanese firms.

## Baker To Receive RTMA Medal Of Honor

W. R. G. Baker, chairman of the National Television System Committee and director of the RTMA Engineering Department since 1934, was unanimously chosen by the RTMA Board of directors as recipient of the second annual RTMA Medal of Honor for outstanding contribution to the radiotv and electronics industry.

He was nominated for the award by the annual awards committee headed by Leslie F. Muter, and will receive the medal at the RTMA convention in Chicago, June 15-18.

The award was established last year to provide industry recognition of the person, company or organization which has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the industry. The first Medal of Honor was awarded to Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of Radio Corp. of America.

Dr. Baker also was chairman of the first National Television System Committee which in 1941 proposed to the FCC the present transmission standards for black and white television. The present National Television System Committee is engaged in conducting field tests of a compatible color television system developed by the committee following the pooling of technical infor-

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Dr. Baker, who recently testified before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, was highly lauded by chairman Charles Wolverton (R.,N.J.) for his great service to the industry and to the government in directing the NTSC's recent activities in color television.

## Raytheon Appoints New Radio-TV Head



Henry F. Argento
THE appointment of Henry F. Argento as vice-president and general manager of Raytheon Television and Radio Corp., was announced recently by C. F. Adams, Jr., president of Raytheon.
Mr. Argento has been with Raytheon since 1932, and has most recently served as assistant vice-president and assistant manager of Raytheon's power tube division.
Graduating from Harvard with a degree in physics, he entered business as a research engineer at the Radio Frequency Laboratory, Boonton, N. J., in 1931. A year later he joined the Raytheon organization.

## General Maude Heads USAF Research Center

Maj. Gen. Raymond C. Maude, formerly director of Air Force Communications at Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, has assumed command of the Air Force Cambridge Research Center at Cambridge, Mass., according to an announcement by Lt. Gen. Earle E. Partridge, com-
manding general of the Air Research and Development Command in Baltimore.

Recently appointed deputy commanding general of the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, General Maude succeeded Maj. Gen. James F. Phillips as commanding general of the Center. General Phillips is retiring from active duty after 30 years of continuous service with the Army and Air Force.

Appointed director of Air Force Communications in the summer of 1951, Gen. Maude has guided U. S. Air Force communication-electronics activities through a period of intensive expansion.

During World War II, Gen. Maude served in Europe as communications officer of the Ninth Bomber Command and later as director of communications for the 29th Tactical Air Command. In August, 1945, he was named communications officer of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe.

## Fairchild Appoints Missile Director



Francis J. Gaffney
The appointment of Francis J. Gaffney to the post of director of engineering for the Guided Missiles Division of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. was announced by Edwin A. Speakman, general manager. Mr. Gaffney, who was general manager of the Polytechnic Research and Development Company, is widely known for his work in the field of microwave measurement and pulse circuit techniques. During World War II he headed the


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After the war, Mr. Gaffney joined the Polytechnic Research and Development Company as chief engineer. He became general manager in 1950.

## Pioneer Constructs New TV Picture Tube Plant

Construction of a new plant for manufacturing tv picture tubes will be started for Pioneer Electronics Corp. of Santa Monica, it was announced by L. M. Parrish, president.

Located in West Los Angeles, the new plant will have $30,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of enclosed space and $20,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of paved ground for parking, loading and for potential expansion.


Proposed Pioneer Plant
It is expected that the new plant will add a 500 -percent increase to the company's production of 1,500 picture tubes a week.

The building will cost an estimated $\$ 200,000$ to build. Pioneer will invest an additional $\$ 250,000$ in new equipment. Special-purpose vacuum tubes for aircraft manufacturers, now made in a separate building, will also be produced in the new plant.

## Hobbs Elected V.P Of Harvey-Wells

Marvin Hobbs, who recently joined Harvey-Wells Electronics as director of engineering, has been elected vice-president and a member of the board of directors.

From 1950 to 1952 Mr. Hobbs was on the staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, as director of the Electronics Division of the Munitions Board and the Defense Department member of the Electronies Production Board. Prior to that period, he spent 20 years in the
industry in engineering positions with RCA, Scott, General Motors and Zenith. During World War II he was chief of the Electronics Branch, Radio and Radar Division, War Production Board, and operations analyst on the staff of the Far East Air Forces.

## Marconi Opens Tube Plant In Italy

A NEW factory for making electronic tubes has begun production at Aquila, Italy. Belonging to the "Marconi Italiana" company, the plant makes transmitting tubes and receiving tubes. Two hundred workers are now employed and the number will be gradually raised to 300 in the course of a year.

Hoffman Names Whitney Assistant To President



Marvin G. Whitney
Marvin G. Whitney has been appointed as assistant to president of Hoffman Radio Corp. with current assignment on television engineering, quality control and product design, according to an announcement by H. Leslie Hoffman, president.

A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he was with RCA in various product and plant manager capacities for the period of 13 years. This included broadcasting and industrial equipment manufacturing at the Camden, N. J. plant and later government equipment manufacturing in the same factory

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## Olympic Buys Electrona

R. Bowling Barnes, president of Olympic Development Company, subsidiary of Olympic Radio and Television, Inc., announced the acquisition of the Electrona Corp. of Irvington, N. J.

The Electrona Corp. will continue operations at its Irvington laboratories under the direction of Carl Bosch, who becomes vice-president and director of research of Electrona. It will be directly affiliated with the Olympic Development Company.

Carl Bosch, who received his doctorate from the University of Berlin, and his staff are currently engaged in both civilian and military research work with particular emphasis on radiation detection.

## Crawford Elected Radiart President



Harry C. Crawford

Octave Blake, president of the Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp. and chairman of the board of its subsidiary, the Radiart Corp., announced the election of Harry C. Crawford as president of the Radiart Corp., replacing L. K. Wildberg.

Mr. Crawford has been associated with Cornell-Dubilier and Radiart for the past 8 years as works manager as well as comptroller and assistant treasurer. He
was industrial engineer for 2 years with Douglas Aircraft and spent 5 years as vice-president and sales manager with International Piston Ring Co., coming there from Thompson products where he served 20 years as business manager of their automotive parts replacement division.

## Iron Fireman <br> Goes Electronic

What has been known as the Heat ing Control Division of Iron Fireman Manufacturing Co. will now be designated the Electronics Division, Frank S. Hecox, company vicepresident and treasurer recently announced.

The division will continue to manufacture electrical controls and other items of Iron Fireman equipment, Hecox stated. The new name was selected to eliminate local confusion with other Iron Fireman operations and to reflect an expansion into components for electronics systems and other types of electrical instruments. "Our plan for the next five years will lead us more and more into the electronics field in addition to our continuing research and development on electrical motors and automatic controls," Hecox declared.

## Mitchell Elected President Of RCA Communications

Election of Thomas H. Mitchell as president of RCA Communication, Inc. was announced recently by Brig. General David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of RCA.

Mr. Mitchell, executive vice-president of RCA Communications since 1944, succeeds H. C. Ingles who retired at the age of 65 . Mr. Ingles has served as president for 6 years, having joined RCA Communications soon after his retirement in 1947 as a Major General and Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army.

A graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Mr. Mitchell entered the communications field in 1927. He worked for two years in the Pacific sales division and engineering department of RCA Communications, and in 1929 became district manager for the Radio-


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marine Corp. of America in Los Angeles. In 1930 he transferred back to RCA Communications where he held increasingly important posts.

After service as a Colonel in the Army Communications Service during World War II, Mr. Mitchell rejoined RCA Communications as General manager and soon after was elected executive vice-president.

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New IRC plant
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## Raytheon To Merge <br> Radio-TV Subsidiary

Raytheon Television and Radio Corp. will be merged into the Raytheon Manufacturing Corp., the parent company, as of the close of business on May 31, 1953, it was recently announced. The merger will
coincide with the beginning of the new fiscal year on June 1, 1953.

In announcing the planned merger, C. F. Adams, Jr., president of Raytheon, said, "this action will complete the integration of all the company's operations into a single corporate structure. The television, radio and government business now being carried on by Raytheon Television and Radio Corp. will be continued as a divisional operation of the parent company, comparable to its other operating divisions with its headquarters continuing to be in Chicago. The merger will not affect the internal management structure of the new division, its policies or any of its personnel or distributor-dealer arrangements."

## DuMont Named Microwave Distributor For Motorola

The Television Transmitter Division of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., has been named as sole distributor for Motorola microwave equipment for the tv broadcast industry, it was announced recently by James B. Tharpe, national sales manager of the DuMont division.

## Dumbar Joins <br> Dalmo Victor



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John Ruze

APpointment of John Ruze as director in full charge of the Gabriel Laboratories was recently announced by John H. Briggs, president.

The new director became head of the antenna design section at Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories during World War II. In this position he directed the development and design of many radar and IFF antenna systems.

In 1946 he joined the Air Force Cambridge Research Center where he served as assistant chief of the antenna laboratory. Here he specialized in microwave optics, especially wide-angle metal-plate lenses and high-gain steerable antenna arrays.

## John K. West Elected A Director Of NBC

Election of John K. West as a member of the board of directors of the National Broadcasting Company was announced recently by Brig. General David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of RCA and NBC.

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with headquarters in Hollywood, a post he has held since 1950. General Sarnoff said that Mr. West's election to the NBC board of directors was not only in recognition of fine performance of his duties but also of the growing importance of the West Coast in radio and television broadcasting.
Mr. West has long been associated with RCA, having been engaged in sales, advertising and public relations for the RCA Victor division beginning in 1930. He was named vice-president in charge of public relations for the RCA Victor division in 1947.

## Quam-Nichols Plant <br> Ready In July

The Quam-Nichols Company's new factory and executive offices on Chicago's South Side will be fully occupied by mid-July, according to Matt Little, president.

A feature of the new plant is the experimental and development laboratory designed by J. P. Quam, board chairman of the company and inventor of many of its products.


Quam-Nichols factory
The new building will have more than twice the productive capacity of the old plant. Moving from the present plant will begin in late May, with full production in the new plant scheduled for July 20, at the end of the summer vacation periods.

## Corning Appoints Five To New Division

Five major appointments in Corning Glass Works and the establishment of a new operating division in the company were announced recently.

Three new officers, John L. Hanigan, Frederick H. Knight and Henry H. Sayles were elected vicepresident, secretary and assistant secretary respectively. Thomas

Waaland was appointed director of industrial relations and John F. G. Hicks was made general manager of the newly formed International Division of Corning Glass Works. The International Division will consolidate under one head all foreign activities of the company, including export sales, foreign licenses, exploration of new overseas markets and relations with Corning's foreign subsidiaries and associates.

## TelAutograph Buys <br> Electrotechnic Corp.

Louis R. Kurtin, chairman of the board of TelAutograph Corp., announced that the firm has completed negotiations for the complete purchase of Electrotechnic Corp. of Azusa, California.

Purchase of the facilities of Electrotechnic will augment the research and manufacturing capacities of TelAutograph and supplement the electronic manufacturing operations of the concern.

Electrotechnic will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of TelAutograph Corp.

General Dry Batteries Appoints Byrom


James L. Byrom
General Dry Batteries, Inc., Cleveland, has appointed James L. Byrom to the new position of director of engineering, it was announced recently by president Walter A. Onorato.

The position was created, Mr. Onorato said, as part of a broad


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program to strengthen the company's functional organizations and to expand all phases of engineering activities in producing its full line of dry-cell batteries.

For the past 5 years Mr. Byrom has been vice-president and general manager of the Chandler-Evans Division of Niles-Bement-Pond Co. at West Hartford, Conn. Before that, he served 4 years with Underwood Corp. as chief engineer and 14 years with National Carbon Co. in Cleveland as head of the machine development department.

## New Heppner Plant

A SECOND plant has been opened by Heppner Manufacturing Co., Round Lake, Ill. Located in Mendota, Ill., the new plant is devoted exclusively to manufacturing ferrite rod antennas and flyback transformers.

## Becker Joins Ampex



Carl H. Becker
Carl H. Becker, German physicist and audio engineer, has joined the staff of the Ampex Electric Corp., the firm recently announced.

From 1930 to 1943 he was chief sound engineer and physicist for UFA, German motion picture producer. While with UFA he developed stereophonic film-recording.

When the German government banned the production of civilian films in 1943, he organized Stereophone Ltd. in Bavaria. He was president of the organization until
he came to the U. S. last fall.
At Stereophone, a research, development and manufacturing organization, he was directly connected with such activities as the analysis of explosive sound pressures with stereophonic equipment, bombsight and release equipment, magnetron transmitters and power supplies for magnetrons and klystrons and the acoustical control of torpedoes and guided missiles. The company also manufactured complete film studio equipment and was engaged in the development of magnetic video recording.

## Allemang Made V.P Of Planning For Philco

Herbert J. Allemang, management consultant who joined Philco as a corporate officer in 1951, has been appointed vice-president in charge of planning for Philco Corporation, it was announced by William Balderston, president.

In his new capacity, Mr. Allemang will be responsible for the long-range planning of manufacturing facilities, organization and operations of Philco.

Cardwell Appoints
Engineering Director


John A. Doremus
Ralph H. Soby, president of the Allen D. Cardwell Mfg. Corp., recently announced the appointment of John A. Doremus IV as director of engineering.

Mr. Doremus, formerly chief engineer, Carrier and Control Divi-


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## Aircraft Engineering <br> Gets Electronic Division

AN electronics division has been established at the Oakland, California Airport plant of Aircraft Engineering and Maintenance Co.
According to Douglas F. Johnson, president, the unit will produce component parts of electronic devices and communication equipment. The company will handle final assembly of parts and do research.

Grand Elected Chairman Of Granco Products


Jack Grand

Jack Grand has been elected chairman of the board of directors of Granco Products, Inc. The company was recently organized for the design, manufacture and distribution of converters for uhf television reception and uhf measuring instruments.

Mr. Grand has been associated with the electronics industry for 30 years in merchandising and manufacturing.

## General Electrosonics <br> And Segalock Merge

General Electrosonics, Inc. has merged with Segal Lock and Hardware Co., Inc. according to a joint announcement by G. Emerson Pray, president of General Electrosonics,
and Meade Johnson, president of Seal Lock. The merger is expected to provide the electronic industry with an immediately large new resource.

Under the plan of the merger, Mr. Pray and Capt. L. B. Blaylock, vicepresident of the company, who was formerly in charge of the research and design section of the radio division of the Bureau of Ships, will continue in the active management of General Electrosonics. However, the factory will be consolidated at the plant of the Norwalk Lock Commany, major producing subsidiary of Segalock.

According to Mr. Pray, the merger was undertaken to provide the organization with the enlarged manufacturing facilities needed for rapid expansion. The Norwalk Lock Company was interested in expanding into the electronics field. The merger offered a means to acquire an organization of engineers with special knowledge of current electtronic developments plus fully equipped laboratories and test equipment which could not be duplicated in less than a year of assembling and purchase.

Svihel Heads Kuljian
Electronics Department


Bernard T. Svihel
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A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Mr. Svihel was for 6 years a member of the electrical engineering staff at MIT, where he served for a time as a project engineer in charge of the MIT Rockefeller differential analyzer. For 4 years he was with the Franklin Institute in charge of electronic computation and simulation.

## Perkin Moves Into New Plant

The Perkin Engineering Corp. has announced its move into a new $10,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ plant in El Segundo, California.


New Perkin plant
The plant is fully equipped with modern machinery and facilities for the production of the company's line of electronic equipment.

## Boonton Names Gilman Chief Engineer

The appointment of Samuel Gilman as chief engineer of Boonton Radio Corporation has been announced by G. A. Downsbrough, president and general manager. Mr. Gilman was formerly associated with American Machine and Foundry and with Westinghouse Electric.

Leeds \& Northrup And S.A. Integra Merge

The formation of Integra-Leeds \& Northrup Ltd., Birmingham, England, is jointly announced by Charles S. Redding, president of Leeds \& Northrup and Maurice Bouffart, managing director of S. A. Integra, Liege, Belgium.

The new firm succeeds to the
business formerly conducted in Birmingham under the name of the Integra Co., Ltd., which was a branch of the Liege firm and for some years has been the English agent for L\&N products. That business will be expanded to include the manufacture of the products of both Leeds \& Northrup and S. A. Integra. Ownership of IntegraLeeds \& Northrup Ltd. is shared by Leeds \& Northrup and the owners of the former Integra Co., Ltd. Managing director will be Jean Register, previously manager of the Birmingham firm. Mr. Redding will be a member of the new company's board of directors.
"Creation of the English company," say its spokesman, "will strengthen the long-standing and cordial relationships of S. A. Integra and Leeds \& Northrup. S. A. Integra will act as agents for both the American firm's and the new English firm's products in Belgium."

## Hallock Advances At Bardwell \& McAlister



Robert D. Hallock

Robert D. Hallock has been advanced from the position of chief engineer to plant manager of Bardwell \& McAlister, Inc., according to John N. Valianos, executive vicepresident. In this new capacity Hallock will be in charge of both engineering and production.

Prior to joining Bardwell \& McAlister, Mr. Hallock was associated with Solar Mfg. Co., Standard Coil


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## Transformer Engineers Acquire Miller Corp.

THE business of William Miller Corp., has been acquired by the Transformer Engineers group, also of Pasadena. The new company, William Miller Instruments, Inc., will continue to manufacture the Miller line of recording oscillographs and related equipment as well as specialty transformers manufactured by Transformer Engineers. E. E. Hoskins is president of the new company. He has been president of Transformer Engineers since 1945, and prior to that was vice-president and chief engineer of Consolidated Engineering Corp. George W. Downs, formerly vice-president and chief engineer of William Miller Corp., is vicepresident and E. M. Graham, former treasurer of Transformer Engineers, is treasurer of the new company.

William Miller plans to devote his time to his other interests which include Applied Physics Corp. and Research Engineering Corp. of Pasadena.

## JFD Opens New Plant

The newest addition to the JFD Manufacturing Co. was recently opened in Brooklyn, N. Y. The new all-brick building provides 140,000 sq ft of additional space for the expanding firm.

## OTHER NEWS

Clendenin Ryan Of IT\&T Enters Governorship Race At a meeting of the board of directors of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., Clendenin J. Ryan resigned as a director of the corporation in order to enter the race for the governorship of New Jersey as a candidate of the Independent Voters Party.
Mr. Ryan, who has served on the board since December 1948, has taken an active interest in the cor-
poration's affairs. In offering his resignation, he said that his tenure had afforded him a great deal of satisfaction and further stated:
"It is with a feeling of profound regret and reluctance that I offer my resignation from the board of directors of IT\&T, but I see no other course."

## Garco Joins Garrett



Garco
Garca, a $5 \frac{1}{2}$-foot, 250 -pound robot created by Harvey Chapman, a Garrett Corp. engineer, has joined the company to demonstrate its products. His brain is a modified temperature regulator which operates his right arm through an electronically controlled servo-mechanism. He has solenoids to move his jaw and lip, step motors to rotate his eyes and a two-way transmitter to give him a human voice. His electronic brain is a basic servo-system multiplied 6 times. Six channels include subminiature potted twostage amplification units, one for each channel.

## MIT Offers Courses On

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signed, according to Ernest H. Huntress, director of the MIT summer session, for those unfamiliar with digital computers who must determine how newly-available computing systems can be applied to their problems and the advantages that might accrue.
To bring industrial engineers current information in the rapidly expanding field of transistors, MIT will also offer a special summer program in transistors and their applications from July 20 to 31.
The aim of the program will be to define those areas in which the transistor may have immediate application and to make some prediction of its future. Approximately one-fourth of the MIT summer program will be devoted to a development of the theory of the operation of transistors, starting from familiar physical principles.
A third course, presenting a formalized theory for the analysis and synthesis of feedback control systems, will be given at MIT from June 22 to July 3.

## GE Surveys TV

Service Work
Seventy percent of radie and television setowners responding in a market research survey completed recently by General Electric's Tube Department reported that the quality of the service work done on their sets has been either good or excellent, John T. Thompson, manager of replacement sales for the department, said recently.
Seventy-eight percent of the setowners felt that the charges for parts and labor were reasonable, Mr Thompson said.

While comparative figures are not available, Mr. Thompson said that in his opinion the new figures represent a considerable improvement over past years. He attributed the improvement to a concerted effort by the service industry to improve the quality of its work and increased public awareness of the tremendous problems that the rapid growth of television has posed for the service industry.

The survey covered setowners in cities and towns of all sizes in all television areas, and only setowners
who had had service work done on their sets in the last six months were contacted.

The following figures representing the overall results of the GE survey: Quality of service: 78 percent, reasonable; 22 percent, high. Speed of service: 44 percent, fast; 43 percent, average; 13 percent, slow.

The survey also showed that 90 percent of the setowners contacted had their repairs done by a service dealer or service department of an appliance store, and that only 7 percent had repairs done under a service contract.

## VOA Needs Engineers

THE Voice of America has vacancies for unmarried radio engineers to operate its new 1,000 -kilowatt standard-band stations on Okinawa and the Philippines. A shortage of family-type housing precludes consideration of additional applications from married engineers at this time.

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## NEW BOOKS

A Machine Wiser Than its Maker

By Norbert Wiener*
THE last ten years have seen the emergence of a new point of view on communication as well as a new point of view on automata as communicative mechanisms. The work in these fields may already be divided into two stages. The earlier stage was that in which my own work figured, and in which Claude Shannon, who has been one of the most original contributors, was devoted to the elucidation of the notion of communication itself, to the theory and practice of the measure of communication, to the study of control as a phenomenon of an essentially communicative nature, and in general to the grammar of the new science which I have called cybernetics.

Dr. Ashby's work represents a chapter of cybernetics, the inception of which dates back to the earliest days of the science, and which is devoted not so much to the first questions of definition and vocabulary of ideas, but to those questions of the philosophy of the subject which involve the specific properties of cybernetic systems and which, although they go back to the definitions, represent questions of fact and of logic which go considerably beyond the definitions.

Among the questions with which he concerns himself are: What is learning? In order for a machine to be able to learn, does the capacity for learning have to be put into the machine by a highly specific organization, or can machines with a large measure of random organization show the phenomena of learning? Can a machine be wiser than its maker?

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vital core of the problems of evolution and more particularly of Darwinian evolution by natural selection. On the mechanical level, these problems arise in connection with the much more limited man-made machines, and concern the restrictions to which man must submit himself when he deliberately usurps the functions of the demiurge.

Man-made vs Nature-made Machines
Giving all possible weight to the greater capacity and adaptivity of structure and function which nature's machines show in comparison with those of human manufacture, the man-made machines have added a new weapon of natural experiment and conceptual experiment to the armory of science. Just as the fruit fly seems to have been made explicitly for the purpose of changing genetics from the science of secular observation, which it would necessarily be if it were confined to man and the larger domestic animals, into a science compatible with the space and time limitations of the small biological laboratory, so the machines bid fair to reduce our study of biological processes of learning and adaptation, of individual development and evolution, to a scale on which we can handle these elusive concepts with something of the certainty and precision of the physical and engineering laboratory. Among the scientists who are not merely talking in these terms but actually doing something about it, Dr. Ashby is well to the forefront.

The main concept of natural selection as applied by Darwin to the theory of evolution is that the flora and fauna of the earth represent a pattern which has been arrived at as a residual pattern rather than by any direct process of striving for perfection. They do not represent a block of marble emerging into the shape of perfect sculpture under the hands of the creative artist, but rather one of those wind-sculptured pillars of sandstone which adorn the canyons of Utah. The fortuitous vicissitudes of erosion have added up to make these pillars of stone over into the guise of castles and monuments, and even of human and animal figures. Yet their


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As to these two sorts of natural selection, namely natural selection by the destruction of the unfit, and natural selection by the extremely rapid manner in which we run through the unstable, the latter is the one indicated when we have phenomena of conservation which prevent the mere removal of the unstable. Ashby considers highly complicated machines where the different elements are coupled to one another in something of a random manner so that we know something about the statistics of coupling and very little about the detail. These machines would in general be explosively self-destructive if we did not introduce into them safety elements similar to what we call amplitude limiters in


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electric circuits. These limiters have the effect of causing the system to show a certain sort and measure of conservation. Therefore the Ashby machines tend to spend a large part of their existence in time in relatively stable states, whereas their instabilities, although they do exist, are so restricted in time as to show very little in a statistical study of the system.

It should be remembered that it is the relatively stable states which interest us in the phenomena of life and behavior rather than the absolutely stable ones. Absolute stability is only to be attained at very large values of the entropy, and is essentially the heat death. However when a system is excluded from this heat death by some of the conditions to which it is subject, it will spend most of its existence in states which, while not states of pure equilibrium, are equi-librium-like. That is, the entropy is not an absolute maximum but is either a relative maximum or at any rate changes very slowly in the neighborhood of these states. It is such equilibrium-like states rather than true equilibria which are associated with life and thought and all of the other organic processes.

## Machines with Eyes and Ears?

I think I am thoroughly in the spirit of Dr. Ashby when I say that these equilibrium-like states are in general states in which there is a relatively small transfer of energy between the system itself and its environment, but nevertheless a relatively large coupling of information. The systems of which he is thinking have eyes and ears and thus obtain the wherewithal to adapt themselves to the outer environment. They approach automata in their internal energy balance, but are very far from automata in their external entropy or information balance. Thus the type of equilibrium to which they approach may be an equilibrium in which they are well adjusted to changes in the outer environment and to a certain extent insensitized to such changes. They exist in a state of partial homeostasis.
In his homeostat, Dr. Ashby de-
signs an instrument with this sort of coupling to the external environment, and with a certain degree of randomness in its internal structure. Such a machine can learn to a limited degree: that is, it can adjust itself by its mode of behavior to a stable balance with its environment. Nevertheless, the actual homeostats so far designed in detail by Dr. Ashby, although they have an ability to absorb information from the environment, contain in their own structures a degree of information and a mass of decision relatively large when compared with that which flows in through what we may call their sense organs. In short, these machines can learn but are not in fact wiser than their makers, or indeed nearly so wise. Nevertheless, Dr. Ashby is of the opinion that machines can indeed be made which are wiser than their makers; and in this I fully concur with him. There is no a priori restriction of the amount of information which an instrument can observe through its sense organs to that not involving a larger number of decisions than have already been built into its structure. In general the ability of a system to absorb information from outside starts growing rather slowly compared with the amount of built-in information. And it is not until the built-in information has passed a certain point that the capacity of the machine for absorbing further information begins to catch up with what is intrinsic in its structure. But in a certain degree of complexity, the acquired information not only can equal that which has been originally placed in the machine but can vastly exceed it; and from that stage of complexity on the machine begins to particibate in some of the important characteristics of a living being.

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you start will die down the moment its stimulus is removed, and will never keep constant or build up. It is only when the fire lighter reaches a certain size or when a certain number of molecules accumulate together in the atomic pile, or when the mass of uranium isotope reaches a certain explosive size that new things begin to happen, and that we see more than fugitive and incomplete processes. Similarly, the really imposing and active phenomena of life and learning only begin after an organism has reached a certain critical degree of complexity, and although this complexity is probably attainable by purely mechanical means of not excessive difficulty, nevertheless it strains such means to their very limit.

It will be seen from this discussion of only some of the items and ideas contained in it, that Dr. Ashby's book gives us an inspiring insight into new vistas of thought. Dr. Ashby, indeed, though he has a highly mathematical imagination, is not in the full sense a trained mathematician and it remains for trained mathematicians to carry out many of the ideas which he has sketched. He does not claim to be a trained mathematician but he is obviously a man of insight and genius, and his book must be read as one of the first fruits in a field deserving of much further cultivation.

## Electronic Digital Computers

American Institute of Electrical Engineers, 33 W. 39th St., New York 18, N. Y'. 1952, 114 pages, $\$ 3.50$.

THE publication of the papers and discussions presented at the Joint AIEE-IRE Computer Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 10-12, 1951, forms an excellent summary of the proceedings. It brings together into one wellwritten book the detailed facts about various large and small computing systems as well as operational experience with these systems.

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tems have been improved and that much more operational data is now available on these systems, as well as some important new ones not considered in the proceedings, does not detract from the worth of the manuscript. Though not complete in respect to all computers and systems, of the time of the conference, nevertheless it is definitive with respect to most of the systems discussed.

As an indication of the continuing esteem that some computing engineers and mathematicians have for the book, one may cite their use of it in courses on computers as a text and a reference book.

The systems discussed at the conference include machines with magnetic drum storage for main memory, acoustic delay line machines, electronic tube storage, electrostatic tube storage and relay memory. Some operating experience with each type of machine, though not with each system, appears in the papers. There are some misleading remarks in several of these operational discussions. However, we in the computer field have faith that we will eventually live up to the claims! The operational discussions are quite well founded in fact, considering the generalities that one is forced into to discuss this facet of computers.

At the conference, papers by several English authorities were given on two of the English computing systems. Each of the machines discussed sprang from a University, the Ferranti machine from the University of Manchester and the EDSAC from Cambridge.

The Ferranti machine grew out of research on the storage of radar data and was initiated by the Telecommunications Research EstabIishment at Great Malvern in 1946. The project moved to the University in 1947. EDSAC can trace its history back to the Moore School of Electrical Engineering where Dr. Wilkes took a summer course in computers in 1946.

The ability of each of these machines to grow with the times is true of most of the American systems discussed. Indeed some growth of the systems is indicated in the papers.

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With the exception of some of the Bell Relay machines these are general-purpose machines. The special-purpose machines such as the digital differential analyzers and algebraic linear equation-solving machines were not discussed at this meeting. One must go elsewhere to learn about them.

In addition to the papers mentioned there are three general papers and one on transistors. One of the general papers, Jay W. Forresters' concluding remarks, "Digital Computers: Present and Future Trends", presents some evaluation of the other papers and some opinions about the future trends. It might be worth while for the reader to read this first before plunging into the details of the other papers.

Mr. C. R. Strang of Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc. discussed their experiences in the use of electronic computers in the past and present, and future expectations. His graphs of their needs in personnel, floor space, power, and cost to man these machines are powerful proof of the fact that these machines are here to stay-and that it will be necessary in the future to make even better ones.-R. C. Douthitt, Computer Research Corp., Hawthorne, Calif.

## Photoconductivity in the Elements

By T. S. Moss. Academic Press Inc., New York, and Butterworths Scientific Publications, London, 1952, 263 pages, $\$ 7.00$.
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covery of photoconductivity there have been several periods of intense activity in the field. We could say that the subject has gone through several periods of being "fashionable" and that at present we are in the middle of another revival.

What distinguishes a physical research subject from, let us say, hoop skirts, is that the changes from one revival to another are very profound. In that sense alone are we dealing with a new subject, and a modern presentation, representing new viewpoints and new information, becomes more than necessary. Indeed, the last specialized book partially covering this field is, to this reviewer's knowledge, more than 20 years old, and the number of scientific publications which appeared since then make the earlier book completely obsolete.

Without a doubt the publication of a new book on this subject is very timely and definitely overdue. In that sense the book written by Dr. Moss, an expansion of his doctorate thesis, fills a very acute need. However, there is a slight reservation in the preceding statement because it is this reviewer's wish to see the subject covered a little more thoroughly. Several restrictions present themselves. The first is indicated in the title. It deals with photoconductive elements and excludes all compounds. From the point of view of pure physics, a study of the chemical elements may offer the possibility of sticking to fundamentals and may permit greater simplicity in the treatment. In view, however, of the greater practical importance of photoconductive compounds, we will still have to wait for an authoritative and more embracing treatment of the subject.

A second restriction is the somewhat summary treatment of the theoretical aspects. The book is divided in two parts-Part I: Theory; Part II: Experimental Methods and Results. The theories are discussed for more than one-third of the book. However, this is not a purely theoretical treatment of the subject. There are several short chapters which give the necessary experimental background to theory;


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the result is that the theory is condensed to a degree where extensive study of other books is needed for enjoying the contents of the present one. This review must compliment Dr. Moss on the thoroughness of his list of references.
Many readers will profit greatly from this lucid presentation of a very timely topic, especially from the experimental section. Others will find something lacking. The author very obviously has complete mastery of his subject and succeeded in giving a really fine introduction into the photoconductivity of the elements. Let us hope he will soon follow up with a treatment of the compounds. The publishers and printers have to be commended, too, for an excellent job.-L. Marton, National Bureau of Standards.

## Direct Current Machines

for Control Systems
Arnord Tustin, Electrical Engineering Department, Birmingham University. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1952, 306 pages, $\$ 10$.

Specisl direct-current machines have been developed for use in control systems. With the growing use of such machines it is natural that a special text should be written about them. On the other hand, we see a subject-d-c machines-that was once considered a beginning course for engineers, emerging now as an advanced course.

Topics common to a beginning course on d-c machines, such as static characteristics and winding inductance, are presented. The unique contribution of the book is, however, the extension of these topics to such details as dynamic characteristics and the effect of inductance on time constant. The material is developed as a foundation for machine design and serves also to give the user of such machines an appreciation of the characteristics he can reasonably expect from them. The development of input-output transfer functions and response-vector loci for basic combinations of control generators is especially helpful in analysing the charactertistics to be expected from servos that include rotating power amplifiers.

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## Theory of Electric <br> Polarisation

By C. J. F. Bottcher. Elsevier Press, 402 Lovett Blvd., Houston, Texas, 1952, 492 pages, $\$ 10$.
IT IS EASY, from reading many electricity ond magnetism text-books, to get the impression that the wellknown Clausius-Mosotti equation

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Bottcher's book is truly an introduction to the subject, for roughly the first quarter of the book is devoted to a careful exposition of the electromagnetic theory starting with elementary considerations and leading up to solutions of various boundary-value problems concerned with dipoles and multipoles, and thermodynamic treatments, which are useful for later applications. Most physicists would probably prefer to see this part of the book condensed rather drastically, since it takes so long to get to the real subject, but to a much larger group of readers this feature will be greatly appreciated. It makes the book quite suitable, for example, as a textbook for a course in physical chemistry or as a source of background for an electrical engineer who wishes to understand more about dielectrics than is provided by the tables in handbooks. In this connection the last two chapters, dealing with loss and relaxation in dielectrics and polarization of solids, including ferroelectricity, should be very helpful in giving at least a partial understanding of variation of dielectric properties from zero frequency up through the microwave region.

The middle part of the book is devoted to exposition of the "classical" theoretical work and to the problem, of great interest to chemists, of determination of dipole moments of various molecules from dielectric measurements. If a very general (and therefore not completely accurate) characterization of this theoretical work were to be made, one might say that the basic point of view remains that of Clausius-Mosotti in which the

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notions of internal field and local polarizability are the central things, and that one tries to patch up these concepts by various elaborations intended to take into account more of the actual physical situation. However, few of these attempts lead to any impressive improvement in the agreement between theory and experiment (except that of Onsager, which removes the " $4 \pi / 3$ catastrophe"), or to an appreciably deeper understanding of physical processes in dielectrics. Rigorously, one would have to adopt from the start a more global point of view and recognize that in condensed phases the internal field and local polarizability are really not precise concepts and it is necessary to think in other terms. The catch is, of course, that the resulting theory is so complicated that little progress has yet been made in it.

These remarks should not convey too great a feeling of pessimism; for all its shortcomings, the existing theory is close enough to the truth to be of great use to scientists in many fields, and it will always have a place in science, because it is so much simpler than any rigorous theory. The less ambitious an undertaking is, the more likely it is to be successful, and it is fortunate that the author, by restricting his attention to the "classical" theory, has succeeded in producing a comprehensive but very readable account of one phase of the theory of dielectrics.-E. T, Jaynes, Stanford University

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Principles of Alternating Current Machinery, 4th Edition. By Ralph R. Lawrence and Henry E. Richards. McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1953, 622 pages, $\$ 7.50$. A text for senior students, strongly analytical in treatment, dealing with generators, motors, converters and rectifiers. Brought up to date by rather thorough revision.

Consulting Services, 14th Edition. Association of Consulting Chemists and Chemical Engineers. Inc., 50 East 41 St., New York. N. Y., 140 pages, $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11, \$ 1.00,1953$. A listing of over 100 consultants and laboratories working in the field of chemical engineering. A number indicate they are experienced in electronics.

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Thanking you in advance for any courtesy in this matter, I remain
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lrofessor of Engineering Mechanics Rurger's Unversity New Brunswick, New Jersey
(Editor's Note: We were quite pleased to find that this article, which represents somewhat of a departure from our usual run of articles, was so well received. More articles on the mechanical and other allied aspects of the electronics industry will be forthcoming in future issues.)

## Holes in Horns

Dear Sirs:
SOME TIME ago I read an article on an experiment in which a signal was bounced off the surface of the moon. The rather plaintive comment was made that the horn antenna did not perform as expected, but was much more "leaky" than anticipated. A photograph of the horn, set up outside the Collins Radio plant, makes the cause rather fantastically obvious, to my mind; the horn walls were constructed of ordinary hexagonal chicken wire

I have always considered, and correctly I believe, that a perforated sheet reflector should be considered as a series of close-spaced reflectors of dipole-plus length, like a venetian blind, accurately oriented in the plane of antenna polarization. The chicken wire resolves to a series of subdipole-length reflectors strung together with resistors (subdipole length at the frequency used). That this horn would be said to be leaky, and rather ineffective, would seem to be an understatement

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with holes in it as a substitute for a solid reflector seems to be a very common practice, which deserves some comment. A great deal of effort and time is devoted to improving the performance of receivers and transmitters, and then the gains are blithely lost in the antenna system. In the case of the comparatively low-frequency Collins horn, a fence-wire of rectangular, welded design is available which would have been much more suitable for the purpose.

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The perforated sheet with round holes in straight lines is a good reflector but contains unnecessary material with increased weight and wind resistance. The perforatedsheet with the holes in a zig-zag pattern (in an attempt to eliminate more material) is bad; this may be regarded as a hexagonal chickenwire design with gussetted corners, lacking the continuous current path in the plane of polarization.

Charles C. Littell, Jr. Engineering Associates Dayton, Ohio

## Gunshots

## Dear Sirs:

I was rery interested to read in the February edition of Electronics, an article by J. L. Hathaway and R. E. Lafferty entitled "Gunshot Generator for Television Studios" ( p 140). I was actively engaged during the last war in designing and developing synthetic sound effects generators for use in the training of the various branches of the Armed Forces.

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## Filter Chokes

Dear Sirs:
GoIng through the lines of my article on filter chokes (Miniaturization of Airborne Filter Chokes, Electronics, p 180, Apr. 1953) I was pleased by the perfect editing job you did. Less pleasant for me however was an error I spotted a few minutes later, and which goes back to the manuscript. Under Example 2, the third sentence should naturally read:
"Considering that the specific resistance $\zeta$ at $200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ is just about twice the value for copper at room temperature, use $48^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $10^{4} \zeta / \alpha \xi$. Then $\beta=100 / 48=2.1$."

The following calculations have to be changed correspondingly. In the part of the text identifying the terms of Eq. 1 on page 180, $l_{n}$ is the length of the airgap. In Fig. 1, $b$ is constant and on page 183, in Step 4 under subtitle "Use of Calculation Chart", the note bearing the asterisk should read "Based on $\zeta=1.75 \times 10^{-8}$ ohm-cm."

Walter E. Tanner Bell Aircraft Corp.

## How Many Ohms?

Dear Sirs:
THE schematic drawing of the amplifier described in the March 1953 issue of Electronics by Howard T. Sterling and Alan Sobel in their article entitled, "ConstantCurrent Audio Power Amplifier", p 122, fails to specify the plate coupling resistor values for the first 6AK6 stage.

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(Editor's Note: According to the authors of the article mentioned above, the missing values on the plate load resistors should be 39,000 ohms. They suggest that the drafting omission cited by Mr. Maus might be the use of the word maximum where it should be minimum in the note regarding the feedback phasing capacitors.)

## Workmanship

Dear Sirs:
On page 129 of the April 1953 issue of Electronics, the item, "workmanship" under Mr. MacDonald's Crosstalk has struck a responsive chord in our organization. It so accurately expresses our own feelings that we are hereby requesting permission to reproduce it in part or in its entirety.

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$2.77 \mathrm{~V} @ 4.25 \mathrm{~A}$
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$800 \mathrm{VCT} / 65 \mathrm{MA}, 5 \mathrm{VCT} / 3 \mathrm{~A}$
700 VCT
$700 \mathrm{VCT} / / 80 \mathrm{MA}, 5 \mathrm{~V} / 3 \mathrm{BA}, 6 \mathrm{~V} / 1.75$
$2500 \mathrm{~V} / 6 \mathrm{MA} .300 \mathrm{VCT} 135 \mathrm{MA}$
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$1100 \mathrm{~V} / 50 \mathrm{MA}$ TAPPED $625 \mathrm{~V} 2.5 \mathrm{~V} / 5 \mathrm{~A}$
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$27 \mathrm{~V} / 4.3 \mathrm{~A}, 6.3 / 2.9 \mathrm{~A}$
$650 \mathrm{VCT} / 50 \mathrm{MA}, 6.3 \mathrm{VCT} / 2 \mathrm{CA}, 5 \mathrm{VCTT} / 2 \mathrm{~V}$
$400 \mathrm{VCT} / 35 \mathrm{MA}, 6.4 \mathrm{~V} / 2.5 \mathrm{~S}, 4 \mathrm{~V} / .15 \mathrm{~A}$
400VCT/35MA, $6.4 \mathrm{~V} / 2.5 \mathrm{~A}, 6.4 \mathrm{~V} / .15 \mathrm{~A}$
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$592 \mathrm{VCT} / 118 \mathrm{MA}, 6.3 \mathrm{~V} / 8.1 \mathrm{~A}, 5 \mathrm{~V} / 2 \mathrm{~A}$
$6.4 / 7.5 \mathrm{~A}, 6.4 \mathrm{~V} / 3.8 \mathrm{~A}, 6.4 \mathrm{~V} / 2.5 \mathrm{~A}$
$6.4 / 7.5 A, 6.4 \mathrm{~V} / 3.8 \mathrm{~A}$
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$\mathrm{BC}-929.3 \mathrm{~A}, 2.5 \mathrm{~V} / 5 \mathrm{~A}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { D-163253 } & 5200 \mathrm{~V} / .002 \mathrm{~A}, 2.5 \mathrm{~V} / 5 \mathrm{~A} \\ 2.5 \mathrm{~V} / 20 \mathrm{~A}, 12 \mathrm{KV} \text { Test }\end{array}$
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| 1050 |

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D-166228
Per Deg. Fahr. Max. Current 25
MA AC/DC
Bead Type. DCR is $1525-2550$ Ohms
Bead Type. DCR is 1525-2550 Ohms.
Disk Type DCR: 355 Ohms (a) 75
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| -5-23 | 1.95A | 1-22 | TS-15B/AP | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS.89// } \\ & \text { TS-90* } \end{aligned}$ | TS-184/AP | TS-324/U |
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| AT-68 | 1.97A | 1-24 | TS-18 ${ }^{\text {APN }}$ |  |  | TS-338 |
| M-39 | I-98 A | IE-21A | TS-19 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS-96/TPS-1 } \\ & \text { TS-98/AP } \end{aligned}$ | IS-194/CPM-4 <br> TS-195/CPM | TS-359A/U |
| A-48 | l-106A | IE-3C | TS-93/AP | TS-100/AP |  | TS-363/U TS-375 |
| E-67 | [-114 | IF-1EC | TS-24/APM-3 | TS-100/AP |  | TS-375 <br> TS-377/U |
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| EK-376 | \|-117 | IS-189 | TS-26/TSM-1* |  |  | TS-389/U |
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| BC-439 | l-126 | LAE-2 | TS-32A/TRC-1 |  | TS-205AP TS-207 | TS-419 |
| E -638 | I-130A | LAF | TS-33/AP ${ }^{\text {T }}$ |  | TS-207 | TS-491/U |
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| EC-936A | l.140A | ME- ${ }^{\text {a/U }}$ | TS-45/APM-3 |  | TS-2308 | TS-589/U |
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| EC-1066A | 1-157A | OAX | IS-55/AP | $\mathrm{TS}-146$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS-251 } \\ & \text { TS }=257 / A W R \end{aligned}$ | TS-620/U |
| EC-1201A | -167 | P4 | TS-56/AP | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS-146 } \\ & \text { IS-147/AP* } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS } 257 / A W R \\ & \text { TS-963 } \end{aligned}$ | TSX-HSE |
| EC-1203 | \|-168 | P4E | TS-59 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS-263 } \\ & \text { TS-2688* } \end{aligned}$ | TSS-4SE |
| EC-1236, A | 1.177 | SG-E U | TS-60/U | TS-153 | TS-20888* | TVN-8SE |
| EC-1255, A | 1.178 | TAA-16WL | TS.61/AP | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS-153 } \\ & \text { TS-155 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TS-270A } \\ & \text { TS-281/TRC. } 7 \end{aligned}$ | TUN-8HU |
| EC. 1877 | l-186 | TS-1 ARR | TS-62/AP | TS-159.TPK | TS-285/GP | TTX-IORH |
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| F101 | 1.4 | 1.25 | F106 | 1B, 1A | 1.50 |
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| Fl08 | 1A, 113. 1C | 2.00 | F121 | 5B, 1C | 2.75 |
| F109 | 1.A, 1C | 1.75 | F122 | 1 C | 1.50 |
| F110 | $1 \mathrm{~A}, 2 \mathrm{C}$ | 2.25 | F123 | 2 C | 2.00 |
| F111 | 2A, 1 B | 1.75 | F109 | $1 \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.75 |
| F112 | 2A, 2B, 2C | 3.00 | F117 | 1C, 5.4 | 2.75 |
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| F114 | 3A, 1B | 2.00 | F110 | 2C. 1/ | 2.25 |
| F115 | $3 \mathrm{~A}, 2 \mathrm{C}$ | 2.75 | F115 | 2C, 3A | 2.75 |
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| DUAL COILS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stock No. | Ohms | Price each | Stock No. | Orms | Price each |
| K141 | 50/2000 | 2.25 | K145 | $1000 \% 1000$ | 2.25 |
| K142 | 125/1300 | 2.25 | K106 | 1100.500 | 2.00 |
| K143 | 200/1000 | 2.00 | K142 | 1300,125 | 2.25 |
| K106 | $500 / 1100$ | 2.00 | K144 | 1800/ 500 | 2.50 |
| K144 | $500 / 1800$ | 2.50 | K141 | 2000.50 | 2.25 |
| K143 | 1000/200 | 2.00 |  |  |  |

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of Coil to Price of Frame)

| Stock No. | Ohms | Price each | Stock No. | Ohms | Price each |
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| K101 | 0.75 | 1.25 | K109 | 1000 | 1.75 |
| K131 | 5.0 | 1.25 | K136 | 1200 | 2.00 |
| K102 | 12 | 1.25 | K111 | 1300 | 1.75 |
| K132 | 175 | 1.25 | K137 | 1425 | 2.25 |
| K103 | 250 | 1.25 | K138 | 1500 | 2.25 |
| K104 | 450 | T. 50 | K139 | 1600 | 2.25 |
| K105 | 500 | 1.50 | K112 | 2010 | 2.25 |
| K133 | 600 | 1.50 | K140 | 2300 | 2.50 |
| K134 | 700 | 1.50 | K113 | 3000 | 2.50 |
| K10 ${ }^{-}$ | 750 | 1.50 | K116 | 6500 | 2.75 |
| K135 | 800 | 1.75 | K118 | 40,000 | 3.25 |
| K108 | 900 | 1.75 |  |  |  |
| SLOW-ACTION COILS |  |  |  |  |  |
| SLOW-MAKE |  |  | SLOW-RELEASE |  |  |
| Stock |  | Price | Stock |  | Price |
| No. | Ohms | each | No. | Ohms | each |
| K122 | 33 | 1.50 | K149 | 3.13 | 1.50 |
| K146 | 125/1300 | 2.50 | K123 | 75 | 1.50 |
| K125 | 300 | 1.75 | K124 | 200 | 1.50 |
| K147 | 500/1500 | 2.50 | K150 | 800 | 2.00 |
| K148 | 1300 | 2.00 | K151 | 1000 | 2.00 |
| K146 | 1300/125 | 2.50 | K152 | 1300 | 2.25 |
| K147 | 1500/500 | 2.50 | K12 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 2500 | 2.50 |
| K126 | 2000 | 2.00 |  |  |  |
| A-C COILS |  |  |  |  |  |


| Stock |  | Price |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| No. | Voltage | each |
| K119 | 6VAC | 1.75 |
| K12i | 110VAC | 2.60 |
| Double Throw. |  |  |

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|  | Cat. ${ }^{\text {H }}$ | Price | Cat. ${ }^{\text {l }}$ | Price | Cat. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Price | Cat. ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | Price |
| Sl'ST (1A) | R506 | 2.00 | R467 | 2.00 | R176 | 2.00 | R48. | 2.00 |
| SPST (1A)d. | 11507 | 2.25 | R1468 | 2.25 | R06 | 2.25 | R485 | 2.25 2.00 |
| SPST (1B). | 11508 | 2.00 | R1469 | 2.30 |  | 2.00 | 18486 | 2.00 2.25 |
| SPST (1b)d.b | 115509 | 2.25 2.50 | $\mathrm{PH492}^{\mathrm{R}}$ | 2.50 | R493 | 2.50 | +494 | 2.50 |
| ${ }_{1}{ }^{\text {1 PSST, }}$ 2A | 11510 | 2.75 | 1 1499 | 2.75 | 1 1500 | 2.75 | 14501 | 2.75 |
| 1PST, 2 B | $1351 \%$ | 2.75 | R518 | 2.75 | R519 | 2.75 | R520 | 2.75 |
| Spdr (1C) | 13512 | 2.50 | R471 | 2.50 | R. 479 | 2.50 | 13488 | 2.50 |
| SfDT (1C) d.b | 12513 | 3.00 | 11.472 | 3.00 | 1480) | 3.00 | 11238 | 3.00 |
| 1C, 1A. | 11514 | 3.25 | 11473 | 3.25 | 148181 1482 | 3.25 3.25 | R 489 R 490 | 3.25 3.25 |
| 1C.13 | 11515 | 3.25 3.50 | R1474 | 3.25 3.50 | R482 R 483 | 3.25 3.50 | R490 R 491 |  |
| DPDT (2C) | R516 | 3.50 | 12475 | 3.50 | Nis3 | 3.50 |  |  |
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BOY TYPE DC RELAYS
 OTHER ALLIED TYPES AR: 12 VDC: SPST (1A) 75 Ohm 18429 AN 13D33: 24 VDC: SPST (AA) d.b. 175 Ohm 7. ampa continuous duty (Electrical and
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| No. | Series | Hole | LB | Other Data | ach |
| SMIl | 100 | 1/8 ${ }^{7}$ | 1 | Motiel | . 12 |
| S12 | 100 | $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 | Steel | . 10 |
| S1312 | 100 | Stud | 2 | Steel Base | 12 |
| S14 | 100 | 1/8" | 4 | Steel | . 12 |
| St8 | 100 | $3 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ | 8 | Steol | . 15 |
| ST51 | 150 | 1/4" | 4 | Stainless | . 20 |
| SM54 | 150 | 1/4" | 4 | Monel | . 25 |
| S60 | 150 | 1/1" | 10 | Steel | . 20 |
| S83 | 150 | 1/4" | 33 | Steel | . 30 |
| Sllo | 200 | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 10 | Steel | . 28 |
| SM120 | 209 | $3 / \mathrm{B}^{\prime \prime}$ | 20 | Monel | . 35 |
| SM145 | 200 | $3 / 8$ " | 45 | Monel | . 45 |
| S279 | 279 | $3 / 87$ | 250 | Steel | 1.00 |
| PD53 | 100 PH | 1/8" | 3 | Dural | . 20 |
| P54 | 150PH | $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 4 | Steel | . 25 |
| P56 | $150 \mathrm{P}^{\text {H }}$ | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 6 | Steel | . 20 |
| PS106 | 200 PH | 1/4* | 6 | Steel | . 20 |
| PL106* | 200 PH | 1/4" | 6 | Steel | . 25 |
| PT10, | 200 P1I | 1/4" | 6 | Staiuless | . 35 |
| PT120 | 250 PH | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 20 | Stainless | . 40 |
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[^32]:    Yes here is positive proof that advertising in the SEARCHLIGHT SECTION of ELECTRONICS produces results! Following are a few lines from some letters that were sent to us voluntarily:
    "Very satisfactory response to our previous insertions"
    "Continue the advertising. We have had a great many replies"
    "Our two inch ad sold $\$ 2,630$ worth of equipment in one week"
    "Ran a single 4 " ad and sold all equipment advertised. Thanks"
    "The results were very, very good"
    Such enthusiasm proves what we have been saying all along: when you want to sell surplus new or used electronic components and equipment, you con do it best through the

