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COMMUNICATIONS--Time spent reading Electronics has often aided in design work, but in a recent instance it could come under the heading of speeding interoffice correspondence.

Two engineers, a floor apart at one of the larger government laboratories, had problems. One was looking for an application for nonlinear capacitors he had developed. The other required a compact f-m oscillator for use in his project. Both men independently plowed in time on research and design and came up with similar oscillators using a nonlinear capacitor.

Neither knew of the other's work until the upstairs man published an article in Electronics. When the downstairs man received his issue there wasn't much left for him to do other than trot upstairs to pick up a breadboard model and continue on with other parts of his project.

WORKING COPIES-A reader calls to our attention the fact that in at least one company plant, that of Burroughs new research laboratories at Paoli, Pa., there are very few recent copies of Electronics on the library shelves. And those few are dog-eared and marked from considerable use.

A check of the library files reveals that Electronics is taken out by engineers almost twice as many times as a second choice magazine.

COLOSSAL WAVEGUIDE-A subscriber from Maryland stopped in

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## talk

the office the other day to tell us that we don't have to pay $\$ 1.20$ for a single copy of an old issue. (Shoptalk, April, 1955) He very kindly offered to loan us, provided we don't cut or mutilate pages, any issue back to 1941, when he started his subscription. We are truly grateful.
He told us of an interesting project, part of which might be solved by a mile-long waveguide, to handle frequencies on the order of 35 megacycles. But ideas and data on possible construction are not easy to come by. Particularly since the structure should offer low wind resistance.

PHOSPHOR ART-The editors chose as their favorite of the scope trace patterns described in Industry Report, p. 24, the pattern illustrated on this page. We think it resembles the famous painting of Whistler's Mother.

Electronic artist Laposky used à modified Heathkit oscilloscope to display all the designs. Various types of oscillators, such as sine wave, sawtooth and square wave generators, were combined, along with phasing networks, amplifiers, modulating circuits and additional magnetic field circuits.

A 5BP11A cathode-ray tube was used for most patterns. Photography was generally by a singleframe $35-\mathrm{mm}$ camera with $\mathrm{f} / 2$ lens (and accessory close-up lens), on Linagraph pan and ortho films.

Only light from the phosphor was allowed to reach the negative.


Whistler's Mother, No. 9, and the originator of Electronic Abstractions, Ben F. Laposky, with some of the equipment he employed

SRO READERS-Many readers of Electronics may not have noticed the statement that appears in our indicia. (That's the name of the section in fine print at the bottom of this page.) In the second paragraph it points out that "Subscriptions are solicited only from persons engaged in theory, research, design, production, maintenance and use of electronic and industrial control components, parts and end products. Position and company connection must be indicated on subscription orders."

Because subscribers are primarily engineers, almost all requests for tear sheets of an article published ordinarily come from technical personnel of companies in
the electronics field. When the article "Electronic Computers for the Businessman" appeared in the June issue we noticed a change in the character of the requests. The majority were still from companies and laboratories very definitely in electronics, but many were from firms that make maps, slaughter cattle, write life insurance, give investment advice, and produce gasoline, to mention a few of the more unusual ones.

We suspect, too, that the warm weather has increased our pass-on readership, over the back fence to friends in other industries.

Thanks for the extra audience even though we can't utilize the box office.

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FIGURES OF THE MONTH

|  | Lotest Month | Previous Month | Yeor Ago |  | Latest Month | Previous <br> Month | Year Ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RECEIVER PRODUCTION |  |  |  | TV SETS INSTALLED |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | (Source: NBC Research Dept.) | May ${ }^{\text {5 }} 5$ | Apr. ${ }^{5} 5$ | May '54 |
| (Source: RETMA) | Apr. '55 | Mar. '55 | Apr. '54 | Total sets............ 3 | 35,809,000 | 35,504,000 | 30,083,000 |
| Television sets, total | 583,174 | 831,156 | 457,608 |  |  |  |  |
| With UHF | 103,088 | 115,726 | 112,833 | BROADCAST STATION |  |  |  |
| Color sets | nr | $n \mathrm{r}$ |  | (Source: FCC) | May '55 | Apr. ${ }^{5} 5$ | May ${ }^{\prime} 54$ |
| Radio sets, total ...... | 1,099,775 | 1,482,274 | 745,235 | TV stations on air | 454 | 453 | 397 |
| With F-M ....... | 13,894 | 23,859 | 14,008 | TV stations CPs-not on air | 124 | 121 | 176 |
| Home sets | 193,431 72,602 | 300,840 173 , | 165,232 73,590 | TV stations - new requests | 16 | 18 | 45 |
| Clock radios Portable sets | 72,602 265,866 | 173,944 233,465 | 73,590 175,424 | A-M stations on air.... | 2,711 | 2,717 | 2,575 |
| Auto sets | 567,876 | 774,025 | 330,989 | A-M stations CPs-not on air | - 103 | 98 | 111 |
|  |  |  |  | A-M stations-new requests F-M stations on air.... | 217 | $\begin{aligned} & 201 \\ & 539 \end{aligned}$ | 158 |
| RECEIVER SALES |  |  |  | F-M stations CPs-not on air F-M stations - new requests | 12 | 13 | 18 |
| (Source: RETMA) | Apr. '55 | Mar. '55 | Apr. ${ }^{\text {'54 }}$ |  | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Television sets, units Radio sets (except auto) | 411748 | 669,794 | 371,720 | COMMUNICATION AUTHORIZATIONS |  |  |  |
|  | 367,841 | 448,488-r | 427,911 | (Source: FCC) | Apr. ${ }^{\text {' }} 55$ | Mar. '55 | Apr. ${ }^{\text {'54 }}$ |
| RECEIVING TUBE SALES |  |  |  | Aeronautical | 42,045 | 40,991 | 42,998 |
| (Source: RETMA) | Apr. '55 | Mar. ${ }^{\text {'5 }}$ | Apr. '54 | Police, fire, etc. | 17,827 | 17,599 | 15,241 |
| Receiv. tubes, total units | 35,426,153 | 40,859,562 | 29,640,942 | Industrial ...... | 24,045 | 23,728 | 21,029 |
| Receiv, tubes, value.... | \$26,779,586 | \$29,742,529 | \$21,697,489 | Land transportation | 7,499 | 7,453 | 6,829 |
| Picture tubes, total units | 788,317 | 913,003 | + 727,655 | Amateur ... | 134,720 | 132,959 | 120,581 |
| Picture tubes, value... | \$14,620,075 | \$17,675,881 | \$14,994,779 | Citizens radio | 11,193 313 | 10,557 313 | 5,664 |
|  |  |  |  | Disaster Experimental | 313 600 | 313 600 | 271 550 |
| SEMICONDUCTOR SALES |  |  |  | Experimental Commor carrier | 600 1,917 | 600 1,860 | 550 1,549 |
|  | Mar. '55 | Feb. '55 | Mar. '54 | EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS |  |  |  |
| Germanium diodes, units Silicon diodes, units | 1,674,762 | 1,649,126 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1,061,010 | (Source: Bur. Labor Statistics) | Mar. '55 | Feb. '55 | Mar. '54 |
|  |  |  |  | Prod. workers, comm. equip. Av. wkly earnings, comm. Av. wkly. earnings, radio. | 355,000-r | 358,100-r | 362,300 |
|  | Quarterly Figures |  |  |  | \$70.58-r | \$70.40-r | \$67.55 |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$68.68 -r | \$68.11-r | \$66.76 |
| INDUSTRIAL | Latest <br> Quarter | Previous Quarter | Year <br> Ago | Av. wkly. hours, comm.... | 40.1-r | $40.0-\mathrm{r}$ | 39.5 |
| TUBE SALES Quarter Quarter Ago |  |  |  | Av. wkly. hours, radio | $39.7-\mathrm{r}$ | 39.6-r | 39.5 |
| (Source: NEMA) | 4th '54 | 3 rd '54 | 4th'53 | STOCK PRICE AVERAGES |  |  |  |
| Vacuum (non-receiving) | \$9,338,181 | \$8,803,740 | \$9,467,331 | (Source: Standard and Poor's) | May '55 | Apr. '55 | May '54 |
| Gas or vapor . . . . . . | \$3,498,123 | \$3,570,586 | \$4,854,222 | (Source: Standard and Poors) | May 5 | Apr. 55 | ay 54 |
| Phototubes . . . . . . . | $n \mathrm{r}$ | nr | \$405,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Magnetrons and velocity modulation tubes . | \$15,249,651 | \$13,112,244 | \$13,073,095 | Radio-tv \& electronics <br> Radio broadcasters | $\begin{array}{r} 471.4 \\ \cdot \quad 537.0 \end{array}$ | 448.0 519.1 | 305.3 322.1 |
| Gaps and T/R boxes... | \$1,788,780 | \$1,476,407 | \$1,707,730 | p-provisional; r-revised nr-not reported |  |  |  |

## 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

## TOTALS FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS

| 1955 | 1954 | Percent Change | 1954 Total |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | ---: |
| $2,771,426$ | $1,904,718$ | +45.5 | $7,346,715$ |
| $4,739,919$ | $3,326,800$ | +42.5 | $10,400,530$ |
| $2,355,740$ | $2,145,147$ | +9.8 | $7,317,034$ |
| $1,609,182$ | $1,487,247$ | +8.2 | $6,430,743$ |
| $152,762,153$ | $106,026,920$ | +44.0 | $385,089,458$ |
| $3,427,805$ | $2,690,519$ | +27.4 | $9,913,504$ |

# New TV Sets Utilize Automatic Production 

## Admiral and RCA introduce new receivers that make extensive use of etched circuits

TElevision receiver manufacturers are moving toward greater use of automatic production techniques and printed circuits. This is evident in the new models recently introduced by Admiral and RCA.

- Assembly-Three etched wiring boards assembled by automatic machines and dip-soldered have eliminated 425 hand-soldered connections from Admiral's new ty receivers. This mechanization has, according to the firm, reduced human error in assembly by over 99 percent.

The printed wiring in the new model represents from 75 to 80 percent of all circuitry. A total of 231 electrical components are mounted on the 13 -tube printed-circuit sections.

Over 75 percent of these components, including resistors, capacitors, wire jumpers and tube sockets, are inserted by Admiral-designed automatic assembly machines. The firm believes that by the end of 1955 practically every major manufacturer will be using printed circuits in its tv receivers.

- Boards-In the new RCA sets five etched wiring boards are utilized. According to the company, tests both in the field and in its labs have proven the advantages of such circuits for greater reliability.

Two firms plan to introduce tv sets next year that incorporate ACF's modules.


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## Puerto Rican Boom Hits New Highs

Back in June, 1953, Electronics took a long look at expansion plans for Puerto Rico plants. Today, just two years later, many of these plans have come true. Electronics has become the fastest growing new industry in Puerto Rico's fleurishing Operation Bootstrap.

At this point what is the score? Here are a few of the key fieures, just compiled by the island's New York headquarters.

- New Plants-There were then 21 electronic and electrical mamufacturers operating on the island. Today, the total is up to 34 , with some of the newcomers representing the biggest installations in the field.
- New Sales-For the first six months of 1953 total shipments to the continental United States came to $\$ 1,589,000$. For the furst half of 1954 (latest figures) they had more

than trebled to $\$ 5,511,000$.

- New Profits-Records of the Electronics Industry Association of Puerto Rico, recently compiled from 19 companies for fiscal 1953-1954, show: Gross profits (sales minus manufacturing costs) were 38 percent of net sales. Net profits after taxes were 28 percent of net sales.

In comparable U. S. figures for the industry, net profits before taxes averaged 20 percent of net sales. Subsidiaries of three major U. S. companies are averaging 30 to 40 -percent of net sales.

- No Income Tax-Without a vote in the United States Congress, Puerto Rico has never been subject to the Federal income tax (no taxation without representation). In addition, the island government has extended ten years of local income tax exemption to qualified manufac-
turers from the start of operations. But "runaway" producers, who close existing mainland facilities, do not receive local exemption.

Acceptable branch plants or brand new installations can reinvest 100 cents out of every profit dollar.

- Worker Productivity-Trained for decades in the highly skilled needlecraft tradition, Puerto Rican labor has shifted rapidly and successfully to the intricacies of electronic manufacture. A recent Economic Development Administration survey shows that Commonwealth workers average 90 percent of U. S. productivity standards after 10.3
months of training, and 89-percent efficiency. But several plants report over 100 -percent productivity "due to imnate manual dexterity" and "greater enthusiasm for the job."

The island's extensive network of vocational schools graduate more than 6,500 students yearly.

- Materials Available LocallyWith growth has also come integration and more local supplies of equipment for new manufacturers, including steel wire and wire products, screw machine products, construction materials, tool and die work, die-casting, compression and injection-molding of plastics.


## Transistors Progress at High Rate

## Phonograph preamp and microphone adapter appear. New production method unveiled

Single transistor in a combination equalizer and preamplifier circuit, is incorporated in higher-price models of RCA's high-fidelity phonographs. The stage is fed from a magnetic pickup cartridge and replaces a two-stage conventional equalizer-preamplifier. The circuit is said to be free of hum and microphonics and have less noise than equivalent vacuum-tube circuits.

The three-transistor adapter amplifier shown in the photograph permits using a dynamic microphone and headset in airborne intercom sets designed for carbon microphone and magnetic headsets. The adapter unit is wired into the microphone cable between the dynamic microphone and plug which fits into the existing jack.

- Other Advances-New technique in transistor manufacturing is GE's meltback process. This is a modification of the company's rate-growing technique that permits growing germanium or silicon crystals with thinner impurity layers than could be grown using the basic rate growing method.

These thinner layers extend the transistor's high-frequency cutoff as much as five times that of ordinary transistors. In addition im-


Transistorized RCA adapter makes possible substitution of different microphones and headset types
proved current and power-amplification characteristics are claimed. Potential applications include tv, radiar and other high-frequency circuits.

In the basic rate growing process, thick layers are formed in the crystal by cycling the rate of growth as the crystals are withdrawn from a pool of molten metal. Cooling to room temperature takes 20 minutes.

In the new meltback process, crystals are in the form of a thin wire and they cool in less than a second. Migration of impurities from layer to layer is greatly reduced and the thinner layers permit operation at higher frequencies than the thick layers allowed.

# Air Force Backs Electronics Industry 

## More contracts to come from air-frame manufacturers under weapons system policy

Air Force development and procurement program for electronics, while continuing at a relatively high level as compared with pre-Korea, will be well within the capacity of the industry. This was the forecast of Brig. Gen. Thos. P. Gerrity, USAF, director of procurement and production at material headquarters.

- Program-It will be a competitive environment, he said, where the Air Force, as a customer, will take full advantage of the competitive situation to obtain top quality products at the lowest price.

At the same time, he stressed that the Air Force does not encourage or condone entry into development and production of parts or subsystems by other than the industry normally providing such equipment.

A number of manufacturers have feared that the weapon-systems policy will result in the prime contractor establishing control over development and procurement of equipment. Under the weapons system concept, the Air Force makes the prime contractors-the airframe contractor-responsible for the total weapon system meeting performance guarantees.

- Teeth-Prime contractors with large contracts are expected to establish their own small-business program. Records will be checked by an Air Force administrative contracting office to be certain that small-business concerns are getting subcontract opportunities. During prime contract negotiations, Air Force buyers will call for a fair spread of subcontracting.

A special clause will continue to appear in all Air Force weaponsystems contract stating that the government is not approving any increase by the contractor of his

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- Expansion-General Gerrity said that Air Force is taking a closer look at requests for facility expansion. It is not the policy to furnish industrial facilities to industry where facilities are available through subcontracting, or where such industries should be privately
financed for expansion
As missiles reach the production phase, steps must be taken, General Gerrity said, to take better advantage of the electronic industry's capacity to produce on an economical basis. Air Force will encourage maximum subcontracting of components normally associated with the electronic equipment industry.



## TV And Radio Get Set For Summer

Production of sets slows down as the industry enters the traditional slump period

SEASONAL characteristics of the radio-tv set business are once again becoming apparent as the industry enters the summer months. However, as shown in the chart, the decline in April of this year is much less severe than in 1954.

Factory production of tv receivers declined in April to 583,175 units compared with 831,156 sets for March and 457,608 receivers produced in April of last year, according to RETMA. Total tv output for the first four months of this year was 2.7 million units compared to 1.9 million in ' 54 and 2.9 million in the ' 53 period.

April radio production was one
million sets compared to 1.4 million in March, 1955 and 745,235 in April, 1954. Total radio production in the first four months of this year was 4.7 million units compared to 3.3 million for the period in '54 and 4.9 million in '53.

- Percent-For the past four years the month of July has consistently been the period of lowest radio and tv production, mainly because it is the time when most set makers schedule plant vacations. During the month only 2 to 4 percent of annual output is produced compared to 6 to 8 percent in most other months.
On a percentage basis the pattern of tv and radio set production has generally followed an erratic course.

As shown in the table there is some similarity in the volume of set
production in the quarters of alternate years:

| TV | Quarters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 1951 ......... 41 | 23 | 12 | 24 |
| 1952 . . . . . . . . 22 | 16 | 22 | 40 |
| 145:3 ......... 31 | 2? | $\because 3$ | 24 |
| 1954 ........ 20 | 19 | 25 | 36 |
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For example, in both 1951 and 1953 first quarter volume was high while in 1952 and 1954 it was relatively low. So far this year, both radio and to output seem to be beginning to follow the percentage pattern established in 1951 and 1953.

## Broadcasters Focus On Color Equipment

## Stations wanting to broadcast live color pictures now have greater choice of equipment

Live Studio color broadcasts at low cost are possible with Du Mont's new Vitascan equipment in which camera and lights are effectively transposed (technical details in Electrons At Work).

Suitable only for use in a lighttight studio, the system employs stroboscopic light sources that are illuminated during the time that television scanning is blanked out. Persistence of vision in the human eye gives performers the feeling they have normal lighting.
If a small station is already equipped to broadcast color film, only about $\$ 16,000$ additional outlay is necessary for live studio color. A station that can now take color network programs but is not equipped to handle color film would pay $\$ 33,000$.

By contrast, a single color television camera and lights would cost in the neighborhood of $\$ 60,000$. Du Mont engineers estimate pickup tube cost (using special multiplier phototubes) as $5 \%$ an hour contrasted to $\$ 7$ an hour for image orthicons.
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## REVERSTBLE SLIICOW MIXER DIODES

Here's another step forward by Bomac - a reversible silicon mixer diode. The 1N415 and 1N416 series are the first silicon diodes to have selective polarity.

Polarity is indicated by the letters REV located at one end of the diode. To change the polarity, just switch the position of the end cap.

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# Magnetic Recording Moves Into New Markets 

## Tape equipment gains sales in new fields as applications increase rapidly

Total sales of magnetic tape recorders are expected to reach the 285,000 mark this year, surpassing 1954 unit sales by at least 20,000 units. Latest estimates by Minnesota Mining and Mfg. put 1954 unit sales to the home market at 255,000 units. Sales outside the home entertainment field this year are expected to hit the 15,000 mark compared to 10,000 units in 1954 . Tape sales are expected to go from 1954's dollar volume of $\$ 7.2$ million to $\$ 8.2$ million this year.

Last year about 75 firms were active in various phases of the industry. Today there are over 100 companies in the field.

- Wired Music—An increasing number of magnetic-tape units are being sold to firms that specialize in providing background music to factories, restaurants, stores, banks and other establishments. Three companies are currently manufacturing long-playing tape reproducer units for the background music field.
- Business-As yet, the magnetictape recorder has not made tremendous headway in the office dictation field but there are signs that this market may soon pick up. There are only a handful of firms that manufacture magnetic-tape recorders designed specifically for dictation use although a number of companies sell home-type tape recorders for this purpose. Latest entry in the dictation recorder field is DeJUR-Amsco which recently announced a new tape machine weighing 11 pounds and retailing for $\$ 169.50$. It provides push-button control of the tape for recording, listening, fast forward and reverse winding, and stopping.
- Film-Another market where magnetic recording equipment is beginning to be sold in greater quantity is the home movie equip-


Tape recorder designed for office use hos been introduced by DeJUR-Amsco
ment field. Most major firms now offer movie projectors equipped for
magnetic recording of sound on film. New sales impetus in this field is expected as a result of a new method, developed by Minnesota Mining, of adding magnetic sound track to film. It is done automatically by a magnetic laminator that bonds the track permanently to the film in a dry process using no solvents or liquid magnetic dispersions.

- Broadcasting-Magnetic tape equipment has been used to automatically control on-the-air operations of radio stations and is now being applied to the tv field. GE recently demonstrated an experimental system that handled all station breaks, commercials and programs of a tv station's film and side programming equipment through the use of inaudible tone signals recorded on magnetic tape.


## Community TV Expects Growth

## Wired systems weathered freeze end and hope to outlast satellite transmitters

BORN OF the 1948-52 television freeze, the community antenna system of wired television is still growing despite increased competition and possibility of auxiliary booster transmitters.

At its fourth annual convention in New York's Park Sheraton, National Community Television Association gathered a record crowd and reviewed its problems and accomplishments. There are over 200 active members of the organization. Eighteen exhibitors showed their wares.

- Size of Industry-Value of existing plants, which comprises mountaintop antennas, coaxial cable lines, wideband amplifiers and other electronic gear, is estimated at $\$ \mathbf{2 5}$,000,000 . The systems (there are three in competition at Williamsport, Pa.) use up about $\$ 10$ million worth of new equipment every year. Around 400 systems serve an estimated 320,000 homes and $1,200,000$ people.

Subscribers per system vary from a few hundred to 6,000 homes. Each installation runs anywhere from $\$ 150$ down to $\$ 50$. The monthly service charge seldom exceeds $\$ 4$.

- Future-Despite the nationwide competitive tv system possible with current frequency assignments, NCTA believes it has a market potential of at least 1,000 communities. With a system capable of handling seven or eight channels, even in color, many people may continue to prefer getting their tv reception the easy way.

Although some broadcasters are reported as being fundamentally opposed to allowing pickup and distribution of their programs, there seems to be little fear that the systems will collapse for lack of material. Telephone and power poles have usually been available, at a fee, for stringing cables through a town.

The greatest potential threat to the wire systems is installation of satellite transmitters of low power that will pick up a distant, weak signal and beam it down into the valley where residents can obtain the program through the air free.
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PRODUCTION of coin-operated phonographs at Wurlitzer increases as

## Juke Box Business Gains Volume

Other entertainment mediums have made inroads but the business is still growing

Setback that the coin-operated phonograph field suffered between 1947 and 1952 is being overcome. According to the Department of Commerce 61,000 units were shipped in 1953. Last year about 70,000 units were shipped. Some major manufacturers see shipments for 1955 going as high as 75,000 units.

Dollarwise this is by no means a small volume in the overall electronic phonograph market. The 61,000 units shipped in 1953 represented a total dollar volume of $\$ 37.0$

million or nearly 80 percent of the self-contained electronic phonograph business. There were 489,000 units of all other types of self-contained electronic phonographs produced in 1953 but they accounted for a dollar value of only $\$ 12.0$ million. Value for all phonograph shipments in 1953 according to the Department of Commerce was $\$ 60.9$ million. Thus, the coin-operated field accounted for over 60 percent of factory dollar value.

- Market-An estimated half million coin-operated juke boxes are in use in the U. S. The areas of greatest use follow the population with New York as the top market.

The export market is increasing in importance. There were 21,711 units exported in 1954 compared to 14,189 in 1953. Between 15 and 20 percent of nickelodians are replaced each year.

Big factor that has increased coin-phono sales is the movement to the 10 -cent play rather than a nickel.

- Product-Average price of a juke box is about $\$ 1,000$, an increase in the past few years as
hi-fi has entered the field. One model now on the market uses five speakers, another three and another a 15 -inch speaker.

Models have followed the changes in record speeds and sizes. Now, most of the units produced use the 45 -rpm system. A few years ago, the trend was to the installation of remote control units at individual booths. Now it is estimated that only about five percent of the units are so equipped.

## Government Probes Mergers In Industry

## FTC merger report samples U. S. industry acquisition rate and finds it increasing

Over 50 mergers or acquisitions have been consummated or planned by companies in the electronics field, in the first six months of this year. This is nearly equal to the total number of such activities that took place in the industry in all of 1954.

- Rate-Increasing merger rate in electronics follows that of industry in general. The recent report by the Federal Trade Commission shows that by the end of 1954 the rate of merger activity in manufacturing and mining had tripled the 1949 level. However the rate was substantially lower than occurred during the latter 1920's. During the period 1948-54, 1,610 formerly independent manufacturing and mining concerns were reported to have disappeared as a result of mergers and acquisitions.
- Industry-The FTC Repart shows that in the 1948-54 period, 70 firms in the electrical machinery industry classification, which includes electronics, acquired 111 companies, and ranked seventh in number of mergers out of 20 industries covered.

Two firms in the field each acquired five companies. American Machine and Foundry, now heavily engaged in electronics, made 11 acquisitions during the period. Litton
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Industries has acquired nine electronic companies in the past 18 months. However for 47 companies in the electrical classification only one acquisition was made.

- Assets-Companies with assets of under $\$ 50$ million accounted for 40 percent of the acquisitions in electrical machinery in the 1948-54 period. The report showed that 15.3 percent of the acquiring firms had assets of $\$ 50$ million and over, 29.7 had assets of $\$ 10$ to $\$ 49$ million; 14.4 percent had $\$ 5$ to 9.9 million; 26.1 had $\$ 1$ to 4.9 million and 14.4 had under $\$ 1$ million.
-Reasons-Advantages expected to be gained by acquiring companies through mergers include: additional capacity to supply a market already supplied, lengthened product lines, product diversification, facilities to produce goods formerly purchased, facilities to process or distribute goods formerly sold and other advantages such as empty plants, patents, tax savings or a valuable corporate shell.


## Mergers In Electronics (First six months 1955)

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STEEL ISLANDS are prepared for launching as

## Radar Platform Installation Starts

FIRST of several offshore radar platforms, nicknamed Texas Towers because they resemble offshore oildrilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, was recently launched by Bethlehem Steel at its Quincy Mass., shipyard. (Electronics, Sept. 1954, p. 10.)

The stations will be located along the Atlantic Coast from New York to Newfoundland, 80 to 100 miles at sea, to give warning of unfriendly craft approaching our shores.

Each island will support electronic equipment, provide a helicopter landing base and housing for a crew. The first platform will be delivered to the erectors who must have it in position not later than August 15 because installation cannot be made during the hurricane season. The Air Force handles contracts for the electronic gear.

- Protection-To support the platform, three legs, approximately 150 feet in length and 10 feet in diameter, will be filled with reinforced concrete. Painting, combined with cathodic protection, will protect the legs from corrosion except at the tidal and spray levels. A 35 -foot length of Lukens 10 percent Monelclad steel, the same thickness as the
balance of the columns, will be used to protect these areas.


## Toll Television Pondered By FCC

Proponents and opponents of paid television programs have filed comments, at the request of the Federal Communications Commission, indicating how they feel about adoption of rules and standards authorizing pay-as-you-see tr.

- Proponents-Zenith, Skiation and Telemeter are three systems suggested to distribute paid television entertainment and collect or bill the necessary fees.

Zenith proposes use of a punch card for billing that will also give the subscriber decoder information. Skiatron has developed a printed circuit card that solves the code and is also used to bill the looker. Telemeter would use a coin box that automatically displays the price of the show in progress. A picture advertising the program and a special sound channel appear on the set tuned to the pay channel before the
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## fee is deposited.

- Opposition-Broadcasters are vocal when they comment on pay-tv. Even the provisions of a bill proposed by Representative Carl Hinshaw of California to designate subscription ty as a nonbroadcast
service fail to satisfy most of them.
Jerrold Electronics says that any code can be broken and that pay tv will fall easy prey to bootleggers. The firm proposes a plan to adapt the community antenna technique to paid programs by web of coaxial cables in urban areas.


FIXED STATIONS like the one above are going mobile as

## Civil Air Patrol Radio Keeps Up

## Number of stations increases as the service expands mobile vhf operations

There are now over 10,500 Civil Air Patrol radio stations in the U. S. for a gain since 1953 of more than 3,000 stations.

In 1954 there were 9,188 stations and 7,302 in 1953. The 1953 total represented a drop in CAP stations over 1952 totals, but it was a paper decrease and not a physical reduction in the number of stations. This was due to a new FCC licensing procedure in which only complete stations were included in the total figure rather than individual pieces of equipment as previously.

- Mobile-Since 1954, the number of mobile transmitters has increased substantially, by almost 1,000 units, to a total of 5,630 stations. The rise has been a result of a drive for greater mobility in
line with Air Force policy and a limitation placed on the number of fixed radio stations in the CAP' communications system.

Airborne stations now number 515 , an increase of over 20 percent since 1954.

Present policy regarding the licensing of fixed h-f stations in CAP limits the total number of stations to two per region, two per group, three per wing and two per squadron. There are 4,451 fixed units.
-Shortages-According to CAP. the shortage of vhf equipment still exists and remains a serious problem. Of stations now installed, approximately half are ohf.

Multichannel lightweight vhf equipment suitable for installation in CAP aircraft is not available through Air Force sources and commercial types are considered too expensive.

Approximately 80 percent of the equipment has been purchased pri-
vately by members of the organization. The remainder comes from donations through the services and corporate and state purchases. There are some 15 states that have appropriated funds for CAP.
$\Delta$ Gear-A number of electronics manufacturers have been urged to build equipment for CAP use that is light in weight, low in cost and simple to operate and maintain. There has been some success in this regard. According to CAP, The Reisner Corp. has a suitable airborne air/ground vhf set. Other manufacturers such as Gonset, Crico and Lettine are also producing equipment for the program.

## Electronics Revives Aladdin's Lamp

House lamps that can be turned off and on by the touch of a hand will be available this fall as a result of a new electronic lamp control developed by GE.

Touchtron, as the device is called,


Electronic lamp control, left, allows lomps to be turned off and on by the touch of a finger, not a push
is an electronic switch that is actuated by a touch of the hand to two closely adjacent metal surfaces. These might be the metal base and a decorative band. The touch triggers a neon triode that operates a specially designed relay to turn the lamp on or off.

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## INDUSTRY REPORT-Continued

cial circuits to minimize external interference. It is expected that, initially, lamps using the device will cost about $\$ 15$ more than ordinary lamps.

## Plans Are Set For 1955 WESCON

AUGUST will once again focus attention of the electronics industry on California where the 1955 Western Electronic Show and Convention will take place, August 24-26 in San Francisco. More than 20,000 engineers, scientists and business executives will attend the show. Exhibitors displaying their products will exceed 600 .
-Growth-The show, which began as a regional event, has become of national importance to the electronics industry because of the growth of electronics on the west coast. This expansion is mirrored in the growth of two sponsoring organizations of the show, Region 7 of the IRE and WCEMA, the West Coast Electronic Manufacturers Association.

Although IRE nationally has increased from 37,000 members to 42,000 in the past year for a 12 percent gain, growth of the Seventh Region has been even greater. Examples are Phoenix, which increased 40 percent last year; Los Angeles, which obtained 700 new members during the past year; San Francisco, which has a 17 -percent increase and now also has the Palo Alto subsection with 663 members compared to 250 three years ago.

WCEMA, which started with a half-dozen companies is now made up of 186 firms in the electronics manufacturing, research and development fields in the western states.

- Technical-More than 25 technical sessions are planned. Speakers will discuss audio, antennas and propagation, circuit theory, vehicular communications, broadcasting and tv, telemetering, airborne electronics, information theory, management, electronic devices, computers, microwave theory and component parts.


NEW factory construction indicates.

## Electronics Growing In France

Radio and tv production increase as the industry expands plants and facilities

There are now over 200,000 tv sets in use in France, representing a gain of about 100,000 units since the beginning of the year for one of the largest increases in the history of French tv. It represents retail sales of approximately $\$ 28$ million.

At the end of 1952 there were 50,000 sets in use in the country and by the end of 1954 this figure had jumped to 125,000 . So far this year tr sets are being installed at a rate of 20,000 a month.

French radio is also healthy. There were 8.9 million sets in use on March 31 of this year compared to 8.8 million in 1954 and 8.4 million in '53. Most tv sets in France are made in the country, mainly because the 819 -line system is used.

- Industry-For the entire French electrical and electronics industry, the value of production in 1954 reached an all-time high of $\$ 1.3$ billion, nearly three times the value of output in 1938, at today's prices. During the same period, employment in the industry has risen from 136,000 in 1938 to 210,000 last year. The total wage bill for the industry
in 1954 was $\$ 303$ million in addition to employer-paid social security charges of more than $\$ 100$ million.
- Character-The French electrical and electronics equipment industry is made up of 1,600 firms, about 60 percent of them located in the Paris area. Seventy of these companies had gross production in 1954 of more than $\$ 2.8$ million and together they produced 64 percent of the total output of the industry. Total of 1,175 small firms account for 12 percent of the industry's gross.
- Future-With the production of tv in France bidding to reach a new high in 1955, the manufacturers there are expanding plants and facilities. Latest expansion is that of the Societe Francaise Radio-Electrique, a branch of the Compagnie Generale de Telegraphie Sans Fil. The firm is building a new 290,000 sq ft tube factory, a model of which is shown.

The new plant will employ 3,000 people in Saint-Egreve, at the foot of Mt. Neron. The factory will be named the Centre Technique et Industrial E. Girardeau, to honor the pioneer in French electronics and founder of the Societe Francaise Radio-Electrique.
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## Complex Scope Patterns Form Art Studies

Use of cathode-ray oscillograms in the art and design fields is a new application of electronics that may have a promising future.

Oscilloscope traces which are especially selected or composed for their abstract art values are now called oscillons. Oscillonics may be defined as the art of composing such figures, however presented or applied. Oscillons, whether in black and white or color, may be drawn, but are best recorded by photographs.

- Applications-The designs shown are from a monochrome cathode-ray tube, but future developments of this technique will include use of tricolor tubes and circuits. As abstract motion picture themes moving oscillons can provide a form of entertainment, especially if synchronized with music; likewise if projected on a screen. While primarily created for their own sake as art forms, oscillons may find application in decorative art, as in textiles and ceramics.

These patterns were formed for their esthetic appeal by their originator, Ben F. Laposky, a commercial artist. (See p 3.) They were not intended for any kind of technical application or study.

As various basic waveforms were fed into the oscilloscope circuits, they were controlled and shaped un-
til a pattern with possibilities of good design was created. This was then photographed with a fast camera, as many of the best forms were moving in some way.

Attempts to stop some with synchronizing circuits generally chance! the figure or distorted it into something not desired as a good design. Of the almost infinite number of traces the scope may be made to display, only a small num-
ber could be used as oscillons.
A traveling exhibit of 50 photographic enlargements of uscillons. titled Electronic Abstractions, an alternative name for the designs, has been circulated by Sanford Museum, of Cherokee, Iowa. This exhibit has been shown in 31 art museums and universities in the United States since 1953. Articles on the development have appeared in mathematical and art journals.

## Parts Conference Highlights Research

NEED to accelerate component research to meet increased new demands for specialized and highly reliable devices was a major topic of concern at the sixth annual Electronic Components Conference.

Problems concerned with component research were discussed at the final luncheon session by L. C. Hyland, vice-president of Hughes Aircraft Co. He pointed out that large electronics manufacturers, like Hughes, are finding it necessary to form their own component design departments, because the component industry has been too slow in supplying the specialized products required for their operations.

He also condemned component failure in military electronic systems as "unnecessary, if we design
components more carefully, and research them more thoroughly."

One of the reports among the 56 papers presented to the delegates was on the use of tiny electronic devices to stimulate inactive nerve centers of involuntary muscles. The experiments, conducted successfully on dogs, are only in the preliminary stage, but Dr. Ivan A, Getting of Raytheon Manufacturing Co. stressed that application to the human body is possible.

More than 1,200 electronics engineers, chiefty from electronic companies and military installations in the Los Angeles area, attended the sessions which were conducted by chairman Dr. Simon Ramo, of Ramo-Wooldridge Corp.

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## Financial Roundup

## Company profits show up well in first quarter compared to same 1954 period

Profit reports by companies in the electronics field show that the first three months of 1955 are, for many firms, far ahead in sales and profits over the same period last year.

Following are the profit reports of 16 firms in the field, for the fiscal periods indicated:

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| Cultiss-Wright 3 m . | 6,820,707 | 3,193,842 |
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| W. L. Maxson 6m | 594,359 | 659,412 |
| Motorola 3 m | 2,153.038 | 1,644,084 |
| Philco 3m | 2,447,000 | $2,438.000$ |
| Raytheon 9m | 3,592,000 | 2,703.000 |
| Weston 3m | 213,40\% | 350,781 |

- Securities-American Machine \& Foundry registered with SEC covering 237,641 shares of its $\$ 7$ par value common stock to be offered at the rate of one new share for each ten held. Net proceeds will be used to reduce current bank loans.

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American Electronics offered $\$ 1.2$ million of 5 -percent convertible debentures, due in 1967, at 100 percent and accrued interest. Net proceeds will be used to retire shortterm bank loans and for general corporate purposes.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

June 27-July 1:AIEE Summer General Meeting, New Ocean House, Swampseott, Mass.
July 5-7: International Symposium on radar, radio and sound wave propagation, Navy Electronics Lab., San Diego, Calif.
AUG. 22-23: Symposium on Electronics and Automatic Production sponsored by Stanford Research Institute and NICB, San Francisco, Calif.
Aug. 24-Sept. 3: The National Radio Show, Earls Court, London, England. Preview for overseas visitors August 23.
AUG. 24-26: 1955 WESCON, Civic Auditorium and Fairmount Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.
AUG. 26-28: Sixteenth Annual Summer Seminar, Emporium Section IRE, Emporium, Pa.
Aug. 26-Sept. 4: Great German Radio, Gramophone and TV Exhibition, Dusseldorf, Germany.
SEPT. 12-16: Tenth Annual Instrument Conference \& Exhibit, ISA, Shrine Exposition Hall and Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.
Sert. 14-16: 1955 Annual Meeting of the Association for Computing Machinery. University of Penn., Philadelphia, Pa .
SEPT. 17: Symposium on Automation, Cedar Rapids IRE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Sept. 19-20: Sumposium on Electronic Automation, Uni-
versity of Penn., Irvine Auditorium, Philadelphia, Pa.
SEPT. 26-27: RETMA Symposium, Electronics For Automation and Automation For Electronics, Philadelphia.
SEPT. 28-29: Industrial Electronics Conference, AIEE, Rackham Memorial Auditorium, Detroit, Mich.
Oct. 3-5: National Electronics Conference, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 12-15: 1955 Convention of the Audio Engineering Society concurrent with the Audio Fair, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y.
Oct. 17-19: RETMA Radio Fall Meeting, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
Oct. 20-22: Eighth Annual Gaseous Electronics Conference, GE Research Lab., The Knolls, Schenectady, N. Y.
Oct. 24-25: First Annual Technical Meeting, IRE Professional Group On Electron Devices, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.
Ост. 25-27: International Conference on Electronic Digital Computers and Information Processing, Darmstadt, Germany.
Oct. 28-29: 1955 Symposium of Philadelphia ISA, Penn Sherwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
Oct. 31-Nov. 1: 1955 East Coast Conference on Aeronautical and Navigational Electronics, IRE. Lord Baltimore Hotel Baltimore, Md.

## Industry Shorts

- Construction permits for 12 uhf-tv station have been extended by FCC until next January because permittees are delaying construction owing to uncertain economic future.
- Mobile radio equipment exposed to Yucca Flat atomic experiments is now being used in Phoenix, Ariz., civilian vehicles. Some units had been as close as 4,700 feet from the atomic tower.
- Total of nearly 36 -million tv receivers were shipped to dealers during the nine year period between 1946 and 1954, according to RETMA.
- Texas tv transmitting tower with a total height of 1,521 feet is
under construction. Of a total of 866 tons of steel, solid round legs make up 407 tons. There are only 28 tv towers with a height of 1,000 feet or more in the U. S.
- More than 100 new Sperry autopilots with various types of land-ing-approach couplers are slated for four major U.S. airlines.
- Prisms made from polystyrene containing an array of thin wires may be used to control the direction of radar beams, according to the Radio Research Board in England.
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|  |  | at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | at $125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| 1N137A | 3 | . 03 at 20 V | - | 36 |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1071 | 5:1 | 0.1 | 0.04 | $200 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | $5 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 1 to 2 MC | $\begin{gathered} 15 \text { volts } \\ 100 \text { ohms } \end{gathered}$ | Used in digital computer circuitry for impedance matching and interstage coupling. Pulses are of sine wave type. |
| 1022 | 4:1 | 0.07 | 0.03 | $200 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | $20 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 1 to 2 MC | 20 volts 100 ohms |  |
| 1023 | 1:1 | 0.07 | 0.03 | $125 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | $12 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 1 to 2 MC | 20 volts 200 ohms |  |
| 1024 | $3: 1$ | 0.07 | 0.03 | $160 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | $15 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 1 to 2 MC | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \text { volts } \\ & 100 \text { ohms } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1026 | 4:1 | 0.1 | 0.04 | $200 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | $6 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 1 to 2 MC | 17 volts 100 ohms |  |
| $10 z 12$ | 1:1 | 0.25 | 0.02 | $200 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | $2 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 12KC | 100 volts | Blocking Oscillator |
| 10213 | 1:1 | 0.33 | 0.07 | $240 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | $2 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 2 KC | 50 volts | Blocking Oscillator |
| 10214 | 7:1:1 | 0.50 | 0.05 | 1.2 mH | $20 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 1MC | 25 volts | Impedance Matching |
| 1571 | 3:1 | 5.0 | 0.04 | 7.5 mH | $22 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 10 KC | 10 volts 100 ohms | Impedance Matching and Pulse Inversion |
| 1572 | 2:1 | 0.5 | 0.07 | 6 mH | $15 \mu \mathrm{H}$ |  | 40 volts | Blocking Oscillator |
| 1523 | 5:1 | 10.0 | 0.04 | 12 mH | $70 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 10 KC | 10 volis | Impedance Matching |
| 1524 | 1:1.4 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 16 mH | $15 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 10.4 KC | 15 volts | Blocking Oscillator |
| 2021 | $\begin{gathered} 5: 5: 1 \\ \text { Push-Pull } \end{gathered}$ | 1.5 | 0.25 | 4.0 mH | 0.3 MH |  | 5 volts 10 ohms | Memory Core Current Driver |
| 2023 | 6:1 | 1 to 4 | 0.22 | 18 mH | 0.8 MH | $\begin{aligned} & 250 \mathrm{KC} \\ & \text { (max.) } \end{aligned}$ | 21 volts 200 ohms | Current Driver |
| 2024 | 6:1:1 | 1 to 7 | 0.25 | 55 mH | 0.3 MH | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{KC} \\ & (\text { max. }) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \text { volts } \\ 400 \text { ohms } \end{gathered}$ | Current Driver and Pulse Inversion |
| 2025 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3.3:3.3:1 } \\ & \text { Push-Puil } \end{aligned}$ | 2.4 | 0.2 | 2.8 mH | 0.2 MH |  | 2.5 volts 6 ohms | Memory Core Current Driver |
| 2026 | 11:1 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 90 mH | 0.2 MH | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{KC} \\ & (\text { max. } \end{aligned}$ | 10 volts 75 ohms | Current Transformer |
| 4171 | 7:1:1 | 0.50 | 0.05 | 1.2 mF | $20 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 1 MC | 25 volts | Impedance Matching |

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| Description | Positions | 2 |  | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
|  | Operation | Magnetic Latch |  | NullCenter | Magnetic Latch | Spring <br> Biased | NullCenter | Spring Biased |
|  |  | High <br> Contact <br> Pressure | High Sensitivity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contact Arrangement |  | SPDT |  | SPDT | DPDT | SPDT | DPDT | DPDT |
| Circuit Symbols | for telegraphy |  |  | 雷 |  | 它 |  |  |
|  | other purposes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| "Operate" Excitation | Amp. Turns | 7 | 2 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| "Operate" Power | $\mu$ Watts | 500 | 40 | 50 | 300 | 250 | 160 | 2250 |
| Working Excitation | Amp. Turns | 15 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 25 |
| Working Power | $\mu$ Watts | 2250 | 160 | 360 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 6250 |
| "Release" Excitation | Amp. Turns |  |  | 2.2 |  | 2.4 | 4 | 5 |
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| Dielectric | Coil to Frame | OOv rms. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Test | Contact to Contact | Ov rms. |
| Voltage | Contact to Frame | 0 v rms . |
|  | Coil to Coil 150 | Ov rms. |
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This is a message of appreciation to American industry. The occasion for the message is the completion of our eighth annual McGrawHill Survey of Business' Plans for New Plants and Equipment.

To a considerable degree, our appreciation is personal. It goes to the companies whose cooperation made our survey possible. Twice as many companies as in any previous McGraw-Hill annual survey carefully answered our questions about their plans to invest in new producing facilities. They gave a great deal of expensive time to the job. The cooperation of these companies, which employ nearly eight million workers, put the results of our survey on the firmest footing, in terms of coverage, it has ever had. For this cooperation we are most grateful.

But our appreciation is much more than personal. It extends in even greater degree to the kind of planning of investment in new plants and equipment which our survey revealed. The nature of this plan-

[^4]ning holds out promise that American industry is on the way toward bringing under control what historically has been one of the most upsetting forces in the American economy-the violent fluctuations in business capital investment. Progress in ironing out these fluctuations gives occasion for public gratitude.

## Very Good Business News

The part of our surveys that attracts the widest interest is the news they give about immediate business prospects. And this year the news is very good. The survey results indicate that American business as a whole plans to invest $\$ 29.5$ billion in new plants and equipment this year. That is $5 \%$ more than was invested last year, and a new high for any year.

Plans for the years 1956-1958 are also remarkably encouraging in terms of the amount of investment in prospect. American business reports that it is already planning to spend within $3 \%$ as much for new plants and equipment in 1956 as in 1955. In the past, the expenditures planned for future years have always been sharply lower than those planned for the current year. This is understandable enough. It is sometimes impossible to anticipate all the expenditures that will be necessary a year or more hence. Thus the fact that plans are already made
to spend almost as much in 1956 as this year is very good news about business prospects. The level of investment now planned for the years 1957 and 1958 is also remarkably high-far higher than ever reported for years that far ahead in previous McGraw-Hill surveys.

## Taking the Long View

The fact that these plans exist is of immense constructive significance. It clearly indicates that more and more, and now in dramatic degree, American business is taking the long view in making its plans for capital investment. It is developing a program which, if successfully carried out, will go far toward eliminating the habitual, destructive surging and sagging of what is in effect the central power house of our economic system capital investment by business. Upon the level of this investment depends not only the general state of our prosperity but our progress in raising the American standard of living with new products and new and better industrial processes.

Seven years ago, when we first asked industry to estimate its capital spending beyond the current year, only a small minority of companies could give us any estimates at all. This year, $87 \%$ of the cooperating companies-and it was a far larger number of companies-could comply with our request for estimates for the years 1956-1958.

## It Pays to Bet on Growth

A number of developments help explain the increase in long-range planning of capital investment. One is the increasing technical complexity of American industry. It often takes longer, in this complicated age, to work out a successful installation of new plants and equipment. Another reason for long-range planning is American business management's increasing conviction that it pays to bet on the demonstrated capacity of the American economy to grow over the long pull. With this goes a corresponding determination not to let short-term business fluctuations upset individual company
plans for growth through addition of new plants and equipment. An additional factor, and one of great and increasing importance, is the sense of public responsibility on the part of American business leaders who want to help prevent destructive swings in the levels of new investment.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that there is still nothing automatic about the carrying out of these long-range plans for business spending. Actual expenditures are still governed in major degree by the general health of our economy. This is fully attested by the fact that the current business recovery has led to a substantial upward revision of the investment plans reported to us last fall when we made a preliminary check of plans for 1955. Either private economic excesses or a reversal of the recent improvements in federal tax policy could gravely upset realization of present plans. Fortunately, neither of these possibilities seems to be an immediate threat.

The very fact, however, that American business management has made these plans and will do its utmost to carry them out is a development of tremendous constructive importance for the American economy. It means that major efforts are being made to tame what historically has been an economic wild horse-the process of capital investment by business. Both for doing it, and for telling us about it in our annual surveys, we extend to American industry our sincere thanks.

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| 80 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mu \mathrm{~A} @-50 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 100 \mu \mathrm{~A} @-50 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 125 \mu \mathrm{~A} @-50 \mathrm{~V} * * \\ & 250 \mu \mathrm{~A} \text { ( }-50 \mathrm{~V} * * \\ & 250 \mu \mathrm{~A} @-50 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 500 \mu \mathrm{~A} @-50 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1N67A } \\ & \text { iN89 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{~N} 191^{* *} \\ & 1 \mathrm{~N} 192^{* *} \\ & \mathrm{IN} 98^{*} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \times 99 \\ & 1 \times 97 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IN } 100 \\ & \text { I } 98 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HD } 2151 \\ & \text { HD } 2168 \end{aligned}$ $\text { HD } 2169$ | HD 2150 HD 2163 $\text { HD } 2175$ |  | HI) 2158 HD 2157 HD Z159 |
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On the political front there is some concern about the current interest of Congress in programming, time for candidates eyeing 1956 elections and the ratio of advertising to editorial material. Consensus of opinion seems to be that any investigation of program content would disclose that it is pretty good, that advance planning and early announcement of schedules available for campaign speeches can avoid most partisan criticism and that the industry's major point of vulnerability is its sequential handling of commercials rather than their length.

Television economics are not yet a matter of great concern to most operators of established vhf stations because this group is riding near the crest of the competitive wave; here most thought is being given to finding ways and means of preventing sponsor costs from going still higher. Operators of uhf stations are hoping pending proposals before the FCC for higher power or boosters or satellites or all three will be approved and sweeten the financial picture.

Radio stations operating in the a-m band are now rapidly learning to compete with television by relying more upon local programming and less upon the networks, and are effecting economies by adopting many new types of equipment. The f-m stations see possible daylight in newly authorized systems permitting transmission of auxiliary services on their existing frequencies.

Technically, interest is running high among tv station management in simplified and improved studio gear, and they are closely watching the development of video tape recorders. The a-m radio men seem
particularly interested in remote control and automatic programming devices. The f-m men appear to be equally interested in multiplexing systems and are looking for methods of making this comparatively unknown media pay off now that the work of the engineer is largely complete.

All in all, broadcasters feel they are doing a good job of rendering a free service to the public, if it is indeed free. Their keynote speaker pointed out that while stations have so far spent about $\$ 400$ million, advertisers have contributed $\$ 3$ billion and the public has paid $\$ 15$ billion for sets.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

Engineer shortage is more severe in our industry than in most others but we think we see signs of it easing. Some shortages are more apparent than real

Look for expansions in the recording-tape business. Tape has a particularly bright future because applications are rapidly expanding not only in communications but also in science and industry

Military pilots may soon see friendly planes as green blips, hostile ones in red. Several firms are working on color radar

The coherer, familiar to oldtimers of the wireless days, may be set for a comeback . . . as a storage element for computer memories


Loading hopper of vibratory work feeder at input of test setup using l-kc capacitance limit bridge. Disks slide down slanting tube one by one and go through roller-type contacts under table. Four rows of $0-9$ buttons at left on panel set capacitance value to four digits. Buttons at right give 0 to 99 percent high limit and 0 to 49 percent low limit for desired tolerance


FIG. 1-Capacitor disk under test forms one leg of a-c bridge in which a different leg is automatically switched between desired tolerance limits of preset capacitance to give wavelorms shown

# Automatic A-C Bridges 

Ir is often advisable to test ceramic capacitors at different stages of production as well as after production. Such extra tests save material and labor as well as increase the efficiency of production facilities.

To be profitable, the measurement system must provide accurate indications rapidly. High accuracy allows a greater number of borderline components to be saved and gives better control in manufacture. High speed reduces duplication of equipment. An indication which lags the insertion of the capacitor in test terminals by 0.1 sec is adequate for mechanical handling devices thus far encountered.

The measurement device to be
described gives a high-pass-low capacitance indication so that capacitors within a specified tolerance can be checked. Where more than one tolerance is to be checked, as for example $\pm 2$ percent and $\pm 5$ percent, the measurement devices can be cascaded.

In addition to production requirements, there are generally environmental conditions. The measurement of capacitors between $0.001 \mu \mathrm{f}$ and $1.0 \mu \mathrm{f}$ should be made with a $1,000-\mathrm{cps}$ signal, such that between 4 and 8 v rms are applied to the capacitor. Unsymmetrical tolerances are often specified, such as -0 percent and +50 percent.

Measurement of capacitors below $0.001 \mu \mathrm{f}$ is usually made with a

1-mc signal such that between 0.5 and 5 v rms are applied to the capacitor. Generally, symmetrical tolerances are specified for capacitors in this range.

## Principle of Operation

As one component is varied so that the bridge passes through an exact balance, the bridge output voltage is abruptly phase-shifted 180 degrees. Large variations in output amplitude naturally occur; however, if amplitude variations are obscured by an avc effect, phase detection of the output signal provides a well-defined indication of a measured component relative to the value of bridge balance. Specifically, if the bridge is set to bal-


Disks are measured as they drop down between roller-type contacls driven by motor at speed just slow enough to give time for setting sorting gates below


Closeup view of motor-driven switch that switches bridge from high-limit to low-limit standards at rate of 30 times per second to check tolerance


Front panel of l-mc bridge used for checking low-value disk capacitors. Here only one set of tolerance buttons is used, for 0 to 49 percent

UMMARY - Production test set cuts costs by checking capacitance values of silvered ceramic units before leads are attached. Batches of disks dumped into hopper are sorted into high, pass and low bins at 7,000 -per-hour rate with accuracy better than 0.5 percent. Desired capacitance and tolerance limits are set up by pushbuttons

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## Sort Ceramic Capacitors

ance at a capacitance value $C_{x}$, capacitors greater than $C_{x}$ will generate a positive voltage from the phase detector while those less than $C_{x}$ will generate a negative voltage.

In the above system, if the bridge balance value is periodically changed from $C_{x}$ to $C_{x}^{\prime}$, there are three possible signals from the phase detector. If the measured capacitor is less than $C_{x}$ and $C_{x}^{\prime}$, a continuous negative signal is generated. If the measured capacitor is greater than $C_{x}$ and $C_{x}^{\prime}$, a continuous positive signal is generated. If the measured capacitor is between $C_{x}$ and $C_{x}^{\prime}$, a square wave, alternately positive and negative, is generated. A low-pass filter rejects the square-wave signal, so that a
zero signal appears at the filter output for units within tolerance.

The general arrangement of the test system is given in Fig. 1. The waveforms shown were taken from the 1 -kc equipment while measuring a capacitor within tolerance, but closer to one limit than the other. The signal generator provides a driving signal for the bridge circuit.

In the simple bridge circuit used, each of the four arms of the bridge performs a function. Arm $X$ is the section in which the component to be measured is inserted. Arm $B$ is adjustable over a broad range and is set according to the nominal value of the component to be measured. Arm $S$ is a constant refer-
ence for the reactive measurement, but provides an adjustable loss in order that a true null be obtained. Arm $A$, adjustable in terms of percent deviation from bridge balance, consists of two components that are alternately inserted in the bridge. The value of one section is adjusted in terms of percent below bridge balance, and that of the other in terms of percent above balance.

For one position of the bridge switching, balance occurs for a component whose value is greater than that entered in arm $B$ by the amount entered in arm $A$. For the other switch position, balance occurs when the component value is less than that entered in arm $B$
by the amount entered in arm $A$.
The bridge output signal is of widely varying amplitude. The amplifier-limiter stage serves as a wide-range ave to provide a signal which is in phase with the bridge output, but of constant amplitude.

The mixer stage in Fig. 1 is functionally a phase detector, but operationally is a mixer or modulator in which the difference frequency signal is finally used. When the two signals being mixed are of the same frequency, the difference frequency is zero and the mixer output is a d-c signal whose magnitude and polarity are related to the cosine of the phase difference of the two input signals.

The second signal driving the mixer is a reference. Depending on the bridge configuration used, this signal is taken directly from the bridge input or from a circuit associated with the bridge. In either case, the amplitude of this signal is substantially constant and sufficiently large that its immediate injection in the mixer is prevented only because of a possible regen-
erative loop consisting of the bridge, amplifier-limiter and mixer. A buffer stage is therefore necessary in this link.

The usable output of the mixer stage is a constant which may change abruptly with the bridge switching. If the measured component is above the high tolerance, a continuous signal which can be called positive results. If below the low tolerance, a continuous negative signal results. If within tolerance, an alternately positive and negative signal which follows the bridge switching is generated. The signal at the mixer output point is a rectangular wave of current originating from a high-impedance source, but because of the capacitive load of the filter, the voltage waveform is triangular.

## Low-Frequency Bridge

The circuit of the 1-kc bridge system is given in Fig. 2. The oscillator of the signal generator is a somewhat elaborate version of a simple phase-shift oscillator. At the frequency of oscillation a 180 -
degree phase shift occurs through the lattice. This supports oscillation. The characteristic which limits the amplitude of oscillation is the plate rectification which occurs as the plate swing tends to exceed the supply voltage. The result is a lowered d-c plate voltage which is coupled resistively to the grid and an increased cathode voltage as a result of the higher d-c plate current. An increasing a-c voltage thus increases the grid bias.

The oscillator drives a simple class $\mathrm{AB}_{1}$ power amplifier. This section generates more power than is necessary for the bridge operation, but a signal source of low impedance is desirable to prevent large variations in the signal amplitude applied to the capacitor under test.

The measurement circuit of Fig. 2 is basically a resistance ratio bridge with a floating signal source and a grounded output. The $R_{A}$ arm is the section in which the high and low tolerances are introduced. The low-limit portion performs the function of a potentiometer, while the high-limit portion is a variable


FIG. 2-Circuit of 1 -kc limit bridge. Capacitor under test goes into bridge network at upper left. Polar relay controls sorting
resistance. This construction reduces the switching operation to a grounding of the movable arm of the potentiometer in the low-limit section. This is done at 30 cps by a motor-driven switch.

The $C_{s}$ arm consists of a standard $0.5-\mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor and a loss control. The relatively large value of capacitance was chosen so that a reasonable accumulation of stray impedance in parallel can be tolerated without seriously changing its effective value.

The $R_{B}$ arm is a decade conductance with values such that its conductance is equal to the admittance at 1 kc of nominal capacitance entered on the panel control.

This latter arrangement provides the highest bridge sensitivity and requires a similar relation between the $R_{A}$ and $C_{s}$ arms. Thus the zeropercent value of $R_{A}$ is the reactance of the $0.5-\mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor at 1 kc or 418.31 ohms. These conditions apply a $6.3-\mathrm{v}$ signal on a capacitor of nominal value when the bridge is powered by its normal 9 v .

The reference signal is taken
from a center tap of the bridge supply in order that its phase may track that of the bridge output.

The $R_{A}-R_{B}$ circuit of the bridge provides a d-c ground connection for the bridge output. This condition allows the omission of a gridleak resistor in the first stage of the detector. This omission is desirable since the inclusion of a safe grid leak ( 1 megohm) can cause harmful phase shifts when measuring low-value capacitors.

## Amplifier-Limiter

The function of this section of the equipment is to convert the bridge signal to a signal of essentially constant amplitude which tracks the phase of the bridge signal. Since $1 / 60$ second is allowed for measurement at each limit, this section must provide a coherent signal within 3 milliseconds of its application to the input.

The minimum input signal is 0.5 mv, while the maximum is approximately 7 v. Freedom from blocking and rapid recovery from large signals are thus major requirements.

The bridge output feeds cathode follower $V_{1}$ which provides a high input impedance. The cathode is connected to the intermediate shield of a double-shielded cable to decrease the loading effect of the cable.

A phase-shift network, also using $V_{4}$, is followed by alternate limiter and amplifier stages. Phase adjustment is necessary since the reference signal tracks the bridge output in quadrature. These signals must be brought in phase for proper operation of the phase detector. In addition, the minor phase shifts which occur in signal transmission require correction.

In employing successive amplification and limiting, interstage coupling must be fairly high to avoid phase shifts between signals which are limited and those which are not. In employing high coupling, however, care must be taken to avoid a condition which allows a large grid bias to develop. Such a condition can arise because of grid current flow or plate rectification.

In the circuit of Fig. 2, plate rec-


FIG. 3-Modified circuit using l-mc signal source for sorting low-value capacitors
tification is avoided by using a tuned circuit which connects the plate directly to the plate supply. The tuned circuit is broad-banded by close coupling to a relatively small resistance. This arrangement provides a correction so that limited signals and sine wave signals are transmitted with the same phase shift and also provides a rapid discharge path for any bias which may develop across the coupling capacitor.

The output signal of 3rd limiter $V_{\mathrm{g}}$ is a $1,000-\mathrm{cps}$ square wave of approximately $4-\mathrm{v}$ peak-to-peak amplitude.

With the filament of the first limiter energized by the main supply, a $60-\mathrm{cps}$ pulse train was transmitted, producing an instability in the region of transition. The alternatives to a $60-\mathrm{cps}$ supply are a d-c or r-f source. The r-f source was chosen to save weight and space.

The r-f filament voltage from $V_{13}$ is also rectified to provide a low impedance bias source for $V_{n}$.

## Reference Signal

The reference signal is taken from a voltage divider across the bridge supply. This is done because the phase of the voltage at this point tracks the phase of the bridge output as the tolerances are changed. This signal is fed through an adjustable phase shift and a phase inverter to the final stage of the detector.

A phase adjustment is included in this loop which augments that of the amplifier, bringing the effective phase control nearly to 360 degrees. The phase inverter is used to generate the necessary signals for the operation of a phase detector. These two stages serve also as buffers to prevent a possible feedback from the amplifier-limiter through the phase detector to the reference line and finally through the bridge to the amplifier-limiter.

## Phase Detector

Phase detector $V_{10}-V_{11}$ is a conventional balanced modulator except that variations in screen current are added to those of the plate current by cross-connecting. This step results in about half again as great a differential current. The screen
connection is similar to a multivibrator circuit, with sufficiently low plate-to-plate load so that regenerative action is not appreciable.

The single-ended constant-amplitude bridge signal and the constantamplitude balanced reference signal are applied as inputs. The pushpull output is filtered and applied to a three-position polar relay which in turn controls two power relays that turn on panel lamps and ground appropriate panel jacks.

## Operation

In positions 4 and 5 the panel switch eliminates the $30-\mathrm{cps}$ switching action and allows the bridge to function in a conventional manner. In this condition, by balancing the bridge with a representative capacitor of those to be tested in the measurement arm, a proper loss setting is accurately entered.

To achieve balance in this operation, the bridge circuit is altered so that the high and low limit readings are additive. If a high indication appears as the limit arm is changed, a greater high limit is entered; if the indication is low, a greater low limit is entered. When a pass indication is achieved, the bridge is sufficiently near balance to employ an rms indication. In position 4, the panel meter indicates the rms voltage at the plate of the final bridge signal amplifier; by manipulation of the limit and loss controls, this reading can be brought to zero.

With the panel meter in positions 1,2 or 3 , bridge switching occurs, the desired tolerances can be entered, and limit measurements can be made.

## High-Frequency Bridge Circuit

For measurements at 1 mc a somewhat different circuit is used, as shown in Fig. 3. The reduced power requirement on the signal generator allows use of a simple tri-tet or electron-coupled circuit. Crystal control is employed more to obtain simplicity than stability, The degree of isolation afforded by the tri-tet operation is sufficient to prevent the oscillator from dropping out due to varying load conditions. The cathode bias protects the oscillator tube if the crystal is removed.

Plate and filament supply filters for this stage are necessary to avoid introducing a spurious signal into the detector.
The basic measurement circuit is again a resistance ratio bridge. Here, however, since a tuned transformer does not excessively load the bridge, a grounded signal source is used and the bridge output is obtained through a doubly shielded tuned transformer.

To avoid excessively large stray inductive and capacitive reactances the $R_{A}$ arm consists of seven relays along parallel low-impedance openwire transmission lines. These relays, controlled from the panel, insert proper conductance values for the required tolerance. The $30-\mathrm{cps}$ bridge switching in this case involves the introduction of independent arms.

The $R_{R}$ arm is arranged so that a 1.0 or 0.1 multiplier is applied to the nominal capacitance. Since the loss control must be entered in this arm, the transformer arrangement shown was used to change the effective value of shunting capacitance for the two multiplier positions.

The nominal capacitance is entered in the $C_{s}$ arm by a precision variable air capacitor. The range of this capacitor is 25 to $1,100 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$. Used with the multiplier, this range becomes 2.5 to $110 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$.

## Amplifier-Limiter

Because the bridge switching rate remains the same while the operating frequency is increased by 1,000 recovery-time requirements are eased, permitting use of simple capacitive interstage coupling which allows the stage to operate class $C$ when a large signal is injected. This feature provides each stage with limiting action.

Some broad-banding was found necessary in individual amplifier stages to reduce phase shifts during warmup, but nevertheless each stage, in class A operation, has a voltage gain of 350 . The final r-f limiter is included to remove residual amplitude variations.

As in the 1-kc instrument, provision is made to stop the bridge switching action in order that a loss setting may be entered directly by bridge balance. The rms indication for this operation consists of


FIG. 4-Current in polar relay of 1 -kc bridge when set for tolerance range of 150 percent at $0.0005 \mu \mathrm{f}$


FIG. 5--Current in polar relay of l-kc bridge when set for tolerance range of 1 percent at $0.0011 \mu \mathrm{f}$
a panel meter indication of the total grid current of the second and third bridge signal amplifiers and the limiter. This arrangement gives a logarithmic response so that at a high signal level proper indication of a changing amplitude is seen by variations in the grid current of the second amplifier. For very low level signals, the entire amplifier is in class A operation and signal variations are seen as changes in the grid current of the limiter stage.

## Performance of Bridges

The accuracy of the 1 -kc bridge is determined primarily by the accuracy of the components used in the bridge network. These are such as to give a possible error of $\pm 0.3$ percent. An additional error appears when the loss setting of the bridge does not coincide with the loss of the measured capacitor. When this error is encountered, if the discrepancy in loss in percent is less than half the assigned tolerance spread, the tolerances at which the bridge acts are reduced by approximately the same value as the discrepancy in loss.

The graph of Fig. 4 shows current in the polar relay as a function of the capacitance under test. The solid line shows the performance on a linear scale from 200 to $1,100 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$. The broken line corresponds to an expanded capacitance scale in the region of transition. Figure 5 is a similar plot with tolerance spread reduced to 1 percent.

The accuracy of the 1-mc bridge
is $\pm 0.5$ percent and performance is comparable to that of Fig. 4 and 5 .

The time lapse between the connection of the capacitor to be tested and the proper indication by either instrument is primarily dependent on the characteristics of the filter preceding the polar relay. Incidental variations can occur dependent on the point of the bridge switching cycle at which connection is made. Under any condition, proper indication is presented 0.1 second after connection of the capacitor to be tested and is retained 0.03 second after connection is broken.

## Measurement Techniques

Only the effect of the measured component appears in the measurement arm. The effect of stray capacitance to ground is felt in another arm of the bridge and across one diagonal.

In the $1-\mathrm{mc}$ bridge, the stray capacitance from $H$ to ground appears across the reference air capacitor. Generally this is sufficiently large that account must be made of it. The stray capacitance from $L$ to ground, across the signal source, has no effect.

In the $1-\mathrm{kc}$ bridge, stray capacitance from $L$ to ground shunts the bridge standard. Generally this effect is insignificant; for example, $500 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$ shunting the $0.5-\mu \mathrm{f}$ standard gives an error of only 0.1 percent. The stray capacitance from $H$ to ground shunts the bridge output and can cause harmful phase shifts. It is to minimize
the latter that the cathode follower and inner shield are used. The shield is not a part of the passive bridge network and so when used must be shielded from parts other than $H$ by a ground shield.

## Applications

In one application the $1-\mathrm{kc}$ capacitance limit bridge is incorporated in a mechanism used to sort ceramic plates. The plates, in the order of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch square, are fed one at a time to a roller assembly. Because of the possibility of poor contact and roller bounce, the plate is held in the rollers for about $\frac{1}{4}$ second while being measured. The position of two vanes below the rollers is controlled by the bridge indication, and these vanes in turn guide the plate to the proper box.

It was necessary to include a slow-release relay in order to maintain the vane position sufficiently long for proper selection. Although bridge operation is immune to line voltage fluctuations, regulation is included in the relay power supply to stabilize this delay.

The speed of testing is severely reduced by the presence of broken pieces and the necessity of allowing sufficient delay for the plate to drop. In use the device averages from 4,000 to 7,000 plates per hour.

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Power output stage is designed around an existing type of cavity

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## Extending UHF-TV

INVESTIGATIONS of propagation in the ultrahigh-frequency band between 470 and 890 mc indicate that losses caused by hills, trees and buildings increase with frequency. Consequently many uhf broadcasters find that they are unable to provide adequate coverage in nearby towns that might normally be considered well within their primary service area.

## Satellite-Booster

The authors have been engaged in a program to find methods that could be used to increase the field strength in such areas. This has included investigation of satellites and boosters. In this paper a satellite is defined as a low-power transmitter operating on a channel other than the main station and receiving the signal by direct reception, microwave or cable.

A booster is an arrangement of equipment located near the secondary area to be covered, which picks up the signal on a receiving antenna, amplifies the signal and re-
radiates the signal on the same channel by means of an antenna directed towards the required area.

Station WJTV, channel 25, in Jackson, Miss. was selected for co-operative effort on a booster experiment. This station, with an effective radiated power (erp) of 17.7 kw, was said to have trouble in covering Vicksburg, Miss. located about 35 miles to the west. The major portion of the town is shielded from the station by a ridge of hills.

A preliminary survey was made


FIG. 1-Circuit of the 6AN4 amplifier stage used to drive power amplifier. Several stages are cascaded to improve bandwidth
in Vicksburg to determine whether there were any receiving sites where a reasonably noise-free picture could be obtained. Several such locations were found and one was selected in the far northern end of town.

## Booster Criteria

Input power to the booster amplifier is set by the level required to obtain a noise-free picture. This determines the required power gain of the receiving antenna for known values of field strength. The pattern of the transmitting antenna is determined by the area to be covered.

Power gain of the transmitting antenna can be computed since it is directly related to the radiation pattern. The erp needed to obtain a given grade of service is then specified. A reasonable estimate of this factor can be made from the topography of the given area. Required power output of the amplifier is then equal to erp divided by the antenna gain.


Voltage amplifier stage uses simple design that provides good shielding


Rear of booster equipment cabinet

# With Booster Amplifiers 

The power gain of the amplifier is equal to the ratio of output to input power. A final factor of vital importance is the magnitude of coupling between the input and output terminals of the amplifier: Severe ghosting of the booster output will occur if this coupling is sufficiently high. Experiments indicate that the attenuation required to obtain a ghost-free picture should be 15 to 20 db more than the amplifier gain.

It was decided that a receiving antenna having a power gain of 100 with respect to a half-wave dipole would give a noise-free picture. Power gain of the transmitting antenna as deduced from pattern requirements was also in the order of 100. A general estimate of the Vicksburg topography indicated that an erp of 1 kw would be required to obtain adequate coverage. With a transmitting antenna gain of 100 , a 10 -watt amplifier would be needed. Hence, on the basis of the anticipated input power, an amplifier having a gain
of approximately 85 db would be required.

Decision to use a 10 -watt amplifier that carries both sound and picture information presents cerfain problems. There must be negligible cross-modulation between the two signals; the response must be relatively constant over the entire $6-\mathrm{mc}$ channel. The system must have adequate gain to produce normal output-with minimum noise contribution-for the minimum input level. Finally, automatic gain control must be provided to keep output constant.

Several different approaches were available. The signal could be demodulated to both video and audio frequencies and then these two signals used to remodulate separate small transmitters. A second approach would be to heterodyne both sound and picture carriers down to some intermediate frequency, amplify and then reheterodyne the signals back to the original frequencies for radiation.

The third approach, which is the
one used, employs straight amplification at the carrier frequencies. The principal disadvantage of this approach is that nothing can be done to improve the video signal in passing through the amplifier.

As an aid to producing a linear system, class-A amplification has been used throughout.

## Voltage Amplifiers

The grounded-grid triode amplifier is characterized by inherent stability and low input impedance. One scheme for making such an amplifier tunable over the uhf television band has been described by Boden of Sylvania and an amplifier using this technique is illustrated.

It was decided to assemble the booster amplifier from a number of basic building blocks, coupling several amplifier units in cascade with coaxial cable. The low input impedance of the grounded-grid amplifier makes matching to the coaxial line a relatively simple matter. The plate circuit deter-


Billboard type of receiving antenna is mounted on nearby water tank and connected with the amplifier through coaxial cable
mines the passband of the amplifier and must be tuned quite accurately; however only this single tuning-control is needed for each stage to cover several uhf tw channels.

The circuit of the voltage amplifier is given in Fig. 1. Input and output circuits are separated by a plate soldered across the channel. The tube socket is supported by soldering the grid terminals to this plate. The uhf input impedance of such a stage is determined by the tube, components used and their relative locations. For this amplifier configuration, the input impedance was measured and found to be a resistance in series with an inductance.

By reducing the input-coupling capacitor to $4.7 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$, the reactances canceled and the input impedance became 75 ohms resistance to terminate RG-59/U coaxial cable. If input impedance does not match that of any available cable, the cable giving the best match should be used and the length of the coupling lines made multiples of a half wavelength. This will put a relatively unimportant standing-wave on the coupling lines and the preceding amplifier will be feeding a load that is nearly resistive over the channel.

An open-ended half-wave line is used. This raises the stored energy so that the gain-bandwidth product
is reduced but obviates need for the sliding short and blocking capacitor required with a shorted quarter-wave line. The problem for this case is to get the plate power fed to the tube without shorting the r-f. This is solved easily by using a simple r-f choke.

Output-coupling is provided by a series capacitor appropriately tapped on the plate line. This tap point was chosen to give a midband gain of 10 db and a bandwidth flat within 1.5 db over the 6 -me channel. These amplifiers have a noise figure of approximately 12 db . The power requirements are 225 ma at 6.3 v for the heater and 11 ma at 200 v for the plate.

For anticipated use in low-signal areas, an input amplifier stage using a planar triode has been designed with a noise figure of 9 db . This means that satisfactory output would be obtained with an input in the order of 300 microvolts across 50 ohms. The voltage amplifiers are assembled in groups within wellshielded cases.

It was learned that tv receiver designers had encountered considerable trouble in handling variable gain because the process of changing gain resulted in a change in bandwidth. However, booster equipment is not limited by economics to a single variable-gain stage.

By utilizing two stages appropri-
ately tuned, the bandwidth remains practically constant over a $50-\mathrm{db}$ range. The physical structure of the variable-gain stages is nearly identical to the voltage amplifier previously described. The only difference consists in tying the grid of the tube to a metal plate which is then by-passed to ground, so that a control voltage can be applied to the grid. The gain and bandwidth of these stages are nominally the same as for the voltage amplifiers.

## High-Level Stage

To produce 10 watts of power at uhf with class A operation, a relatively large tube is required. From a previous experiment cavities were available for type $4 \times 150 \mathrm{~A}$ tubes in grounded-cathode circuits. It was estimated that tubes of this size would be reasonable and that high-level stages could be produced quickly by modifying these cavities. Consequently they were changed to utilize type 4 X 150 G tubes in grounded-grid circuits. One such stage is shown in the photograph. For these tubes, the input consists of a coaxial line that is electrically $\frac{3}{4}$ wavelength long and uses shunt-capacitance tuning.

For these frequencies, the first quarter-wave of this line is almost entirely within the 4X150G tube. This makes it impossible to use just a one quarter wavelength line. An open-ended, half-wave line could have been used but the stresses encountered when replacing a tube made a solid cathodeline structure desirable. Since bandwidth in the cathode circuit is no problem, the line used appeared to be a reasonable choice. Input impedance of these stages was adjusted by selecting the tap point on the line.

A re-entrant cavity is used in the plate circuit with a built-in blocking capacitor so plate power can be applied. Tuning is accomplished by moving a capacitance plate near the anode heat-exchanger. Output-coupling is through a rotatable loop that is seriestuned to the operating frequency.

One stage of this type has a gain of 10 db . Two such stages are used in the booster, one as a
power output stage and the other as a driver for the other.

With the amplifier assembled utilizing several 6AN4 stages and the two 4 X 150 G stages just described, the amplifier can be tuned for adequate bandwidth and gain. However, the last 6AN4 stage operating class $A$ is not capable of supplying sufficient power to drive the final to 10 watts peak power. This makes necessary another medium-level stage.

It was decided to use two 2C39A tubes since they are somewhat smaller than the 4 X 150 G and easier to cool. The circuitry of these stages closely follows the 6AN4 design. More recently a stage has been built that utilizes a 2C39A in a coaxial cavity to give a gain of 15 db and a bandwidth of 10 mc . One of these stages would replace both 2C39A stages used originally.

Although the evidence is far from adequate, it appears that the signal changes requiring keyed age are not present in the Vicksburg installation in an amount sufficient to warrant the inclusion of this type of control.

## Vicksburg Test

The relative location of the Vicksburg area and WJTV with respect to the booster station is shown in Fig, 2. Vicksburg is approximately at right angles to the radial between Jackson and Vicksburg.

The receiving and transmitting antennas are located 100 feet apart on the radial drawn towards Jackson. Consequently the main lobes of the two antennas are approximately at right angles to one another. The coupling between the


FIG. 2-Relative location of the booster, originating station and area to be served by it
antennas for this orientation is low.

Another factor of importance is that the receiving antennas in the Vicksburg area that are oriented toward the booster will receive minimum interference from WJTV because of their directivity. A similar condition prevails in the Jackson area for those antennas receiving Jackson. This condition only holds in a general way for the region between the booster and WJTV antennas.

The receiving antenna was centered on the east face of a water tower. The tank, shown in the photograph is approximately 30 feet in diameter and 20 feet high, with its center 110 feet above the ground. The transmitting antenna is set on a wooden tower 100 feet away on a radial drawn between WJTV and the receiving tower.

The measured input voltage to the amplifier from WJTV was 4.2 mv which is approximately 10 db greater than the voltage anticipated. Attenuation between the antennas was around 105 db . No problem with self-ghosting was encountered since the difference between the required amplifier gain of 75 db and the 105 db of attenuation is 30 db .

In making the field tests, it was of interest to determine several important factors. The first was a thorough sampling of the field strengths in the primary Vicksburg area for both the booster and WJTV. Determination was needed of critical areas surrounding Vicksburg in which trouble might be expected because of the difficulty in discriminating against the unwanted signal. A determination of


FIG. 3-Percentage of locations that have field strengths greater than ordinate show usefulness of booster
the ratio of desired to undesired signals is likewise important.

Field strengths in the Vicksburg area for both the booster and WJTV have been analyzed statistically and are shown in Fig. 3. The median ratio of booster to Jackson signals is 23 db . This means that W.JTV would have to increase its power 200 times to achieve the same results as with the booster.

## Interference

There are many locations where either or both signals can be received. The undesired signal appears as a displaced image with respect to the desired signal. Measurements made to determine the ratio of the desired-to-undesired signal required to receive a ghost-free picture indicate that this value lies between 15 and 20 db .
A critical area exists where the two signals are of equal strength. In general, a booster station will be surrounded by a strip in which this condition exists. Knowledge of specific receiving antennas is necessary to evaluate properly the performance within this strip. Let us assume that the antenna has a pattern discrimination of desired to undesired signal of $10-$ to-1 in voltage ( 20 db ). This would mean there would be no area in which the desired signal could not be obtained and that a ghost-free picture could be received.
If, however, the receiving antenna pattern discrimination were less than 10 -to- 1 and Jackson was desired, it would be necessary to advance towards Jackson to obtain the desired 10 -to- 1 ratio of Jackson to booster signal. Conversely, if the booster signal were desired, it would be necessary to move towards the booster. The area between these two contours would then represent a region where neither signal could be obtained free from ghosting.

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Installation of organ console in church. Loudspeakers are placed behind grill formerly housing organ pipes

## THE ORGAN

A complete organ consists of one to five keyboards, or manuals, each controlling a separate set of pipes (or oscillators in an electronic organ). A foot-operated pedal orgon provides an additional 32 deep-toned bass notes. A complete set of pipes of similar tone is called a stop. Stop knobs on the argan console select the set of pipes to be controlled by each keyboard. Coupler knobs permit playing a combination of stops from one keyboord.

The stops that make up an organ are governed by the place where the orgon will be used. Some of the more common types are: the choir organ providing low volume for accompaniment; the great organ, having the loudest tone; the swell organ, equipped with means for raising and lowering the sound level; and the vox humana, producing a sound imitative of the human voice.

The tones generated by the pipes may be classified as flute, reed, string, or diapason. The latter is the foundation or basic organ tone.

In simulating the operation of a pipe organ by electronic means, the attack, or fidelity of pitch of the beginning of a tone; pitch fringing, or pitch indefiniteness; spo tial relation of the pipes; and the harmonic content of the various organ tones are involved

# Electronic Organ Uses 

> UMMARY - Pitch indefiniteness necessary for maximum realism is provided by loudspeakers mounted on rotating baffles. Qualities of pipeorgan stops are simulated by using semiconductor diodes to modify Hartley oscillator output

DESIGN of an electronic organ for church use requires a system that will produce as closely as possible the acoustical characteristics of the traditional pipe organ.

For an electronic instrument to compare with even one set of pipes, an audio system covering the complete sound spectrum is needed. In the system described here, the output of the pedal organ, having a frequency range from 32 to approximately $5,000 \mathrm{cps}$ including harmonics, is fed into a good quality amplifier which in turn feeds a series of woofers. The manual organ outputs, covering a range of 64 cps
to the threshold of hearing for harmonics of fundamental frequencies, are fed to an amplifier with a substantially flat response to beyond $20,000 \mathrm{cps}$.

A cone speaker and horn tweeter combination is used with the manual organs thus providing a three-way system. These loudspeakers are mounted on a rotating baffle which provides a continuously variable acoustic phase shift. By increasing the speed of rotation a tremolo effect is obtained.

## Tone Generators

The console controls an individual tone-generator system for each of
its three manual organs and the pedal organ as shown in Fig. 1. Each tone generator system has its own rotating loudspeaker system, excepting the pedal organ which employs a nonrotating unit.

Figure 2 shows the circuit of the tone-generating oscillator. Use of an air-core inductance provides an output frequency substantially independent of supply voltage. This is important not only for frequency stability but also so that no unwanted frequency shift will occur during the keying period.

To produce a satisfactory attack the natural inertia of the L-C circuit is loaded with capacitance. A


Loudspeakers are mounted on motor-driven baffle plate to produce pitch.fringing effect for realistic imitation of pipe organ


Audio signal is fed to rotating loudspeakers through coin-silver slip rings and silver graphite brushes

# Rotating Loudspeakers 

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normal decay is produced by a $4-\mu \mathrm{f}$ keying capacitor discharging into the oscillator plate circuit after the key is released.

No special keying system is required. Since substantially no audio flows in the keying lines, ordinary contacts can be employed. Keying lines may be extended 100 feet or more where necessary.

A further advantage of a stable oscillator is that a relatively long sustain can be produced by the inclusion of an additional decay-producing capacitor in the keying circuit. The production of such sustained tones results in an instrument with musical potential beyond


Rack-mounted tone generators can be placed up to 100 it from console

Table I-Three-Manual-Organ Tube Functions

| Stage <br> Great Organ | Type | Functiou | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Quan- } \\ & \text { ifty } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Tone gen | 6SV76:T | Osc | 84. |
| Preamp | 6SN7GT | Amp | 4 |
| Tone sen | Copper-oxide Diode | Shuper | 252 |
| Swell Organ |  |  |  |
| Tone gen | 6SN7GT | Osc | 54. |
| Preamp | 6 SN 7 GT | Amp | 3 |
| Tone sen | Coppr-oside Diode | Shuper | 162 |
| Choir Orgau |  |  |  |
| Tone gen | $6 \mathrm{SN} 7 \mathrm{CH}^{\prime}$ | Osc | 42 |
| Preamp | 6SN7GT | Amp | 3 |
| Toue sen | Copper-Oxide <br> Diode | Shaper | 126 |
| Itedal Organ |  |  |  |
| Tone gen | GSNTGT | Ose | 36 |
| Pramp, | 6SN7CiT | Anip | , |
| Tone gen | Copper-Oxide Diode | Shaper | 72 |
| All Sections |  |  |  |
| Speaker amp | 6, U6 | Amp | 4 |
| Spenker amp | 6SN7:9] | Amp | 8 |
| Speaker amp | 6L6 | Amp | 24 |
| Spaker amp | OC3 | Voltage reg | 4 |
| Speaker amp | 5 U 4 | Reet | 3 |
| Power supply | 866 | Rect | 2 |
|  | 5 Y 3 | Rect | 5 |



FIG. 1-Three keyboard organs and one pedal organ are controlled from console. Keying lines select one oscillator and expression lines determine waveshaping


FIG. 3-Four basic tones from oscillator section are further subdivided in tonemodifier section to provide equivalent of eight sections of pipes
that of the pipe organ. Percussion effects including the harp, harpsicord, harp celeste and glockenspiel are directly produced by the electronic oscillators rather than by electromechanical pick-up systems which have been previously employed. A carillon tone is produced by combining the sustain, the sinewave tone plus coupler switches which provide borrowed tempered harmonics and enharmonic partials from one of the manual generators.

The relatively pure sine waves from the oscillators are available for the production of open flute tones without filter circuits.

## Tone Modifier

Oscillator outputs are also available for processing by the semiconductor diodes. As shown in Fig. 2, a single copper-oxide diode in combination with two resistors pro-
vides a diapason output waveform. The output of the various basic tone sections such as flute, string and reed are paralleled and feed into a tone modifier. As shown in Fig. 3, each tone group other than the sine-wave diapason tone is fed into a low-impedance-to-grid matching transformer. These in turn feed to triode preamplifiers which raise the output to a level sufficient to eliminate the need for high-gain power amplifiers thus reducing the possibilities of extraneous noise generation or external electrical interference. After preamplification, a given tone line is fed into one or more relay contacts and associated tone circuits.

Tuned filter circuits are used only sparingly and are restricted to solo tonalities. A plurality of tones from one line is utilized only in cases where the tones involved


FIG. 2-Sinusoidal output of Hartley oscillator is modified by copper-oxide rectifier circuits to provide four basic tones
are closely related in character and where the difference is mainly intensity. An ideal instrument would have a separate tone line and associated diode for each and every tonality but the compromise system provides satisfactory results.

## Loudspeaker System

Assuming that a series of electrical waveforms are produced having harmonic structures equivalent to those produced by a group of organ pipes, a tangible difference is still observed when a comparison is made by even the average listener. This difference can be accounted for by pitch fringe or pitch indefiniteness, and by a spatial effect due to the relative positioning of the various pipes.

Pitch fr ringe is produced by the rotating loudspeaker assembly. The spatial effect is partially produced by the individual loudspeaker units and is further enhanced by using separate loudspeaker units for each of the various manuals and their associated tone generators. Generally, the loudspeakers are positioned so that the sound sources will approximate the position of various divisions of pipes in a pipe organ.

The loudspeaker unit includes a rotating baffle member carrying the middle-frequency cones and the high-f requency tweeters. The drive mechanism includes a shunt-wound $\frac{1}{7}-\mathrm{hp} \mathrm{d-c}$ motor. To maintain speed regulation the field and armature have separate rectifiers. Speed is controlled by varying the armature voltage. The amplifier output feeds the rotating loudspeakers through coin-silver slip rings and silvergraphite brush assemblies.

Table I lists all of the sections of a typical three-manual instrument, including the tube complement.

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Complete transistor units compared with transistor types used. Reading clockwise from bottom: high-gain tape-recorder amplifier: low-gain d-c amplifier: power-supply unit; voltage discriminator: magnetic modulator: high-gain d-c amplifier: volt-age-controlled attenuator; audio amplifier

# Transistor Amplifiers for Analog Computers 


#### Abstract

CUMMARY - Functionally interchangeable transistor amplifiers and vacuum-tube d-c amplifiers are now feasible. High and low-gain transistor amplifiers for servo use are described and effects of power-supply variations and temperature coefficients are shown


IMPORTANT CRITERIA in the design of amplifiers for analog computers include reliability, minimization of random and temperaturedependent characteristic changes and low cost.

A range of transistor amplifiers was designed to replace, ultimately, a corresponding range of vacuumtube d-c amplifiers. Most of the work to be described was done with transistors rated at only 6 -milliwatts dissipation.

## Transistor Servo Amplifier

The servo amplifier of Fig. 1 uses four Mullard type-OC71 pmp junction transistors and has a power consumption of approximately 0.11 watt. A vacuum-tube
amplifier, with power-output stage, performing the same function consumed approximately 25 watts.

This amplifier is, in effect, a bidirectional voltage discriminator, which operates a center-stable relay in response to an input signal change of 10 mv . It comprises a grounded-collector input stage followed by a grounded-emitter amplifying stage and an emitter-coupled push-pull base-input stage.
Power gain from the amplifier input to the collector of the output stage is approximately 32 db . Input drift over a period of 24 hours is less than $\pm 15 \mathrm{mv}$ without temperature compensation. Sensitivity to power supply changes is 1.2 mv equivalent input for 1 -per-
cent change of the $\pm 8 \mathrm{v}$ supplies. This amplifier has been operated continuously for six weeks with no transistor, component or printedcircuit failures.

The grounded-collector input stage and the second stage are operated at low current to maintain a relatively high input resistance of approximately 50,000 ohms. A resistance of 39,000 ohms is connected between base and ground to minimize variations of groundedcollector transistor output resistance with change of signal-source conductance.

Negative bias is provided on the

[^7]emitter of the second stage of the d-c amplifier by a potential divider using 47 ohms and 1,200 ohms. It is desirable to make these bias resistances high to reduce current drain from the power supplies. Degeneration due to the high emitter resistance of 47 ohms is counteracted to some extent by a resistance regeneratively connected from a point on the collector load to the emitter.

In the push-pull output stage a d-c zeroing adjustment is provided by a voltage control in the base cir-
cuit of the last transistor. Relay same servo components were tested coils are only 120 ohms; hence a resistance of 820 ohms , common to the two collector circuits, is connected between the -8 v line and the relay windings.

The transistor discriminator was connected to control a positional servo mechanism. The time constant of the amplifier-relay combinations was less than 20 milliseconds and the bandwidth of the complete servo mechanism was approximately 0.7 cps . This figure is similar to that found when the with a vacuum-tube amplifier.

The amplifier of Fig. 2 consists of a cascade arrangement of grounded-collector, grounded-base and grounded-emitter transistors. Considerable mismatch occurs between the first and second stages; however, a GC-GE-GE arrangement could not be used because phase reversal was required in the feedback amplifier.

Operating conditions of the grounded-collector stage are similar to those for the input stage of


FIG. 1-Transistor servo amplifier with 0.11-watt power drain replaces vacuumtube counterpart with 25 -watt drain


FIG. 2-Direct-coupled amplifier has gain of 500 and 30 kc bandwidth without teedback. Input impedance is approximately 50,000 ohms


FIG. 3-Direct-coupled amplifier has gain of 25,000 with maximum output voltage of 5 volts info 1,500 ohms
the servo amplifier described previously. A d-c bias control is provided in the base circuit of the second stage.

## Low-Gain D-C Amplifier

To obtain positive and negativegoing output from the collector of the last stage the base and emitter are made positive with respect to ground. About 6-db gain is lost in the $3,900 / 4,700$-ohm divider. This, as in the case of vacuum-tube d-c amplifiers, is inevitable. Regeneration is provided from the collector circuit of the last transistor through a 2,200 -ohm resistance.

Amplifier gain is 500 , input impedance approximately $50,000 \mathrm{ohms}$ (in shunt with a 27,000 -ohm base resistance) and power consumption is 0.17 watt. Drift was recorded over a period of two weeks, with negative feedback applied over the amplifier through resistances of 4,700 and 47,000 ohms to give a feedback gain of 10 and a loop gain $(\mu \beta)$ of 35 db . Maximum voltage drift over this period, referred to the input, was equal to $\pm 8 \mathrm{mv}$; maximum drift during a 24 -hour period was 3 mv equivalent input. With these feedback resistances, $\pm 10$-percent changes of either of the supply lines (usually $\pm 8 \mathrm{v}$ ) caused $\pm 40-\mathrm{mv}$ changes of equiva-lent-input voltage.

Simultaneous decrease of both the positive and negative power supply voltages caused equivalentinput changes at the rate of 10 mv for 10 -percent change of supply voltage. Bandwidth of the ampli. fier, without feedback was of the order of 30 kc . The amplifier was stable with up to $60-\mathrm{db}$ feedback giving a gain with feedback of 0.5 .

The d-c amplifier of Fig. 3 has,


FIG. 4-Change in output of amplifier of Fig. 3 with variation of supply voltages for $68 \cdot \mathrm{db}(\mathrm{A})$ and $78-\mathrm{db}$ (B) feedback


FIG. 5-Experimental high-output power amplifier uses 200milliwatt pnp junction transistor
a gain of approximately 25,000 . It consists of a grounded-collector stage followed by three groundedemitter stages. The compensating capacitances of 0.1 and $0.05 \mu \mathrm{f}$ make the amplifier stable for feedback up to 90 db .

Cyclic drift of this amplifier represented 30 mv equivalent input over 24 hours. Most of this was due to diurnal variations of ambient temperature. Preliminary tests on a single-stage groundedcollector junction-transistor amplifier, compensated with germanium point-contact rectifiers ${ }^{1}$, indicate that temperature effects can be reduced by a factor of the order of 10 to 1 .

Power consumption of the highgain d-c amplifier is 450 milliwatts. The dependence of output level on power-supply voltages is shown in Fig. 4 for two feedback ratios. Maximum output is $\pm \mathbf{5}$ volts into 1,500 ohms.

A higher-output d-c power amplifier emploving a 200-milliwatt $3 \mathrm{X} / 302 \mathrm{~N}$ pmp junction transistor has been constructed (Fig. 5). With a maximum collector dissipation of 186 milliwatts, this grounded-emitter stage subjected to as little as $12-\mathrm{db}$ feedback gave the following linear outputs: 31 v into 10,000 ohms; 25 v into 5,000


FIG. 6-Amplifier drift characteristícs with and without temperature compensa. tion
ohms; 20 v into 3,000 ohms; 12.5 into $1,500 \mathrm{ohms} ; 10 \mathrm{v}$ into 1,000 ohms.

## Audio Amplifier

An experimental audio amplifier was designed with point-contact transistor push-pull output before higher-power junction transistors were available. In the course of later tests on two type $3 \mathrm{X} / 302 \mathrm{~N}$ junction transistors in push-pull, each transistor operated at 150milliwatts dissipation and a power output of 170 milliwatts was obtained under class-A conditions. Bandwidth was 28 kc into a resistive load and 23 kc into a trans-former-coupled resistance load.

The low-gain d-c amplifier is shown in the photograph. The component interconnections on the panel are established by painted conductors. The coating material is air-setting silver conducting paint applied to $\frac{1}{16}$-in. wide $\times \frac{1}{32}$-in. deep grooves cut into the panel. With two coats of the paint, a 6 -in. conductor had a resistance of less than 0.20 ohm within 6 hours after application.

In d-c analog-computer work it is desirable to use amplifiers having substantially infinite input resistance. This condition cannot readily be met with transistors. A re-


FIG. 7-Experimental temperature-compensating circuit uses germanium pointcontact diodes
view of various types of junction transistors presently available indicates that input resistances, ever in the grounded-collector configuration, cannot exceed about 100,000 ohms. Such input impedances will degrade to some extent the performance of summing amplifiers employing feedback resistances of the order of several megohms. For many applications, however, feedback resistances and signal-source impedances may be suitably scaled in relation to, say, 50,000 -ohms transistor amplifier input impedance. With some sacrifice of gain, a feedback circuit similar to that described by Schenkerman ${ }^{2}$ may be employed to increase input impedance.

## Long-Term Stability

Dependence on power supplies of the transistor d-c amplifiers is not critical. In a typical amplifier with large feedback a $\pm 10$-percent supply variation causes equivalent input change of less than 10 mv . Temperature effects are presently under investigation. Using no temperature compensation, drift of a type-OC70 junction-transistor grounded-collector input stage was 5 mv per degree centigrade as shown in Fig. 6. Temperature compensation with germanium pointcontact diodes (Fig. 7) reduced this drift to about 0.25 mv per degree over a range of 30 degrees centigrade and $\pm 1 \mathrm{mv}$ over a 15 -degree range.

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# Microwave System 




Holland Rock, is site of first remolely controlled fog-alarm installation. Map shows location of Holland Rock and control point at Barrett Rock near Prince Rupert, British Columbia

IN AN EVER-EXPANDING SERVICE, the aids to navigation section of the Canadian Department of Transport has found it necessary to increase the number of its installations of fog-alarm equipment.

Many of the sites for these new installations consist of isolated islands or rocky shoals where it is not desirable to maintain an operator and where, for various reasons, control by submarine cable is not economically feasible.

Use of microwave frequencies makes it possible to obtain high directivity or gain with relatively small antennas, thus simplifying
the receiver requirements and materially reducing the possibility of interference between adjacent systems operating on the same frequency or from other sources such as atmospherics or a passing ship's radar or communications equipment.

## Description

The fog-alarm equipment at Holland Rock consists of two aircooled gasoline-engine-driven compressors supplying compressed air to a Type-B diaphone horn which is coded to give three, equally spaced, 2 -second blasts per minute.

The microwave remote-control equipment provides the resident lightkeeper at Barrett Rock, 4.9 miles away, with a means of selecting either of the two gasoline-en-gine-driven compressor units at Holland Rock and starting and stopping it at will.

If the wind is blowing in an adverse direction, the operator at Barrett Rock often cannot hear the sound of the horn at Holland Rock. To check its operation, there is a small radiotelephone transmitter at the remote site, which is turned on automatically every time an engine is started or stopped. This trans-


FIG. 1 -Block diagram of microwave transmitting and receiving sy tims of remotely controlled fog alarm

# Controls Fog Alarm 

> UMMARY Unattended fog alarm on isolated rock is controlled over microwave link by keeper of lighthouse 4.9 miles away. Radiotelephone link transmits sound from horn back to lightkeeper should wind be blowing in adverse direction

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mitter broadcasts the sound of the horn and the engine on the lighthouse communication channel for a period of two minutes, after which it is turned off automatically.

This monitoring operation can also be performed at will, as often as is necessary to ensure that the engine is running and the horn blowing satisfactorily.

The complete system, shown in Fig. 1, consists of a 3.2-centimeterwavelength transmitter and control unit at Barrett Rock and a receiver and time-sequence control unit at Holland Rock. Selection of either engine, or the monitoring radiotelephone transmitter, is accomplished through the use of the timesequence unit by controlling the length of time the signal is transmitted.

## Propagation Problem

One of the problems encountered in the design of the Prince Rupert installation was variation in effective height of transmitting and receiving antennas caused by tidelevel changes.

The signal at the receiving antenna is the resultant of the direct signal and the signal which arrives after reflection from the surface of the water. These two signals add or subtract, depending upon their relative phase as determined by the difference in the distance they have travelled.

As the height of the surface of
the sea relative to the transmitting and receiving antennas changes, the path length for the reflected signal changes and a condition can arise in which the two signals arriving at the receiving antenna cancel each other. This condition can occur several times during the extreme tide-level changes ( 23 feet) which occur at Prince Rupert.

## Power Density

The power density at distance $R$ in free space from a transmitter of peak power $P_{t}$ with a transmitting antenna gain, over an isotropic radiator, of $G_{t}$ is $^{1}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{r}=P_{t} G_{t} /\left(4 \pi R^{2}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the transmitting antenna is located a finite height above a flat, perfectly reflecting surface, the power density at distance $R$ will vary with height, passing through maxima and minima as the phase of the reflected wave, relative to the direct wave, changes.

The presence of a flat, perfectly reflecting surface will modify the power density at any point by ${ }^{2,3}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
F^{2}=4 \sin ^{2}(2 \pi / \lambda)\left(h_{t} h_{n} / R\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $h_{t}$ is height of transmitting antenna, $h_{n}$ is height above surface at which the power density is measured, $\lambda$ is wavelength and $F$ is pattern-propagation factor, which is defined as the ratio of resultant electric-field amplitude at point in question to value it would have


Interior installation at Barrett Rock control point. Antenna changeover switch is at upper right; radiotelephone receiver. with microwave transmitter mounted above, is at center. Antenna selector and transmitter controls are at left side of photograph


Interior installaiion at Holland Rock. On top shelf, from left to right, are: radiotelephone-transmitter control; timesequence control; microwave receiver. Radiotelephone transmitter and batteries for receiver are below. Air compressor at lower left drives foghorn coding timer at right


FIG. 2-Halt-power width and lobe height for antenna mounted above perfectly reflecting plane surface
under free-space conditions.
Power density at distance $R$ and height $h_{n}$ above the reflecting surface is

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{r}=\frac{P_{t} G G_{t}}{4 \pi R^{2}} 4 \sin ^{2}\left(\frac{2 \pi}{\lambda} \frac{h_{t} h_{n}}{R}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the receiving antenna has an effective aperture of $A_{\tau}$ then the signal power at the input to the receiver is

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{n}=\frac{P_{t} G_{t} A_{+}}{4 \pi R^{2}} 4 \sin ^{2}\left(\frac{2 \pi}{\lambda} \frac{h_{t} h_{n}}{R}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus the received signal may vary between zero and four times the free-space value depending upon the magnitude of

$$
\sin ^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{2 \pi}{\lambda} & h_{i} h_{n} \\
\lambda & R
\end{array}\right)
$$

The energy density in the lobe will be half the maximum value when

$$
\sin ^{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
2 \pi & h_{l} h_{n} \\
\hline \lambda & R
\end{array}\right)=0.5
$$

This condition will be satisfied when

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{n}=\frac{n \lambda}{8} \frac{1}{h_{t} / R} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $n$ is odd.
In Fig. 2 this equation is plotted for a wavelength $\lambda$ of 3.2 centimeters. The values of $h_{n}$ obtained in this way are assumed to apply only when $\left(h_{t}+h_{n}\right) / R<$ $\pi / 180$, that is, when the grazing angle is less than 1 degree.

From Fig. 2 it can be noted that, where the tide-level changes are


FIG. 3-Wiring diarram of iransmitter control unit. Time-delay relays provide warmup period for transmitter and determine transmission periods. Unit has two controls, one to select desired operation and other to turn equipment on
large, there could be periods when the receiving antenna would be in a null and it would be necessary to change the height of either the receiving or transmitting antenna to restore the signal level.

Because of several factors, most important of which is the fact that the sea does not always reflect energy in a simple manner, these cancellations or nulls in the received signal are seldom complete. During the course of the Prince Rupert in-


Vertically polarized receiving-antenna aperture has Vinylite-window weather seal for all weather operation
stallation, signal-power variations of 20 to 25 db were measured as the tide level changed. The grazing angle was never greater than 0.2 degree and the sea surface was essentially calm with 3 to 4 -foot waves present.

In the case of the Prince Rupert installation, the effect of tide level changes is overcome by the use of two transmitting antennas mounted at different heights. Power can be fed to either antenna by an electrically operated waveguide switch.

## Control Method

Information determining the selection of either engine or the radio-
telephone-monitoring transmitter is contained in the duration of the transmitted signal. The three distinct transmission periods used are determined automatically by timers in the transmitter control unit. Selection is performed, at the receiving site, by the time-sequence unit, which is a motor-driven timer. This system provides for a very simple method of modulating or coding the transmitted signal with the desired information and of decoding the signal at the receiving end by a device which draws no current when the signal is absent.

An effective narrowing of the overall bandwidth is obtained in the decoding or time-sequence unit.

## Control Unit

The control unit, shown in Fig. 3, contains four time-delay relays, which provide the warmup period for the transmitter and determine the three transmission periods for selection of either engine or the radiotelephone monitoring transmitter at the fog-alarm station.

The unit has only two controls, one to select the desired operation and the other to turn on the equipment. When the desired operation has been chosen by the selector switch, pressing a button closes the latching relay. This applies power to the filaments, the low-voltage supply in the transmitter and to the 3 -minute time-delay relay 1 .

At the end of the 3 -minute warmup period the dpdt relay is energized, applying power to the high-voltage supply in the transmitter and removing the voltage from
time-delay relay 1 , allowing it to reset. The dpdt relay has a holding contact, which allows it to remain energized while the latching relay is in the closed position. Depending upon the position of the selector switch, one of the remaining three time-delay relays will have been energized, determining the duration of the transmission.

At the end of the transmission period, voltage is applied to the release coil of the latching relay, permitting it to open. This removes voltage from the dpdt relay, the transmitter and the interval timer. The unit is then ready for the next operation.

The NE-51 neon lamps indicate when the power is on and when the transmitter is operating.

## Transmitter

A circuit diagram of the transmitter is shown in Fig. 4. It employs a 2 J 42 magnetron as the source of pulsed 3.2-centimeter microwave energy.

The trigger circuit consists of two 6J6 tubes. One operates at 400
cps as a free-running multivibratorand the other as a cathode follower, to provide a low-impedance source from which to supply positive trigger pulses to the grid of the 3 C 45 thyratron.

The full-wave rectifier circuit provides about $+1,300$ volts for charging the pulse-forming network through the charging choke and hold-off diode. When the trigger pulse is applied to the grid of the thyratron, the thyratron conducts short circuiting the input to the charged pulse-forming network. The discharge pulse passes through the primary of the pulse transformer causing a negative pulse of 5,000 to 6,000 volts and 2.25 microseconds duration to be applied to the cathode of the magnetron.
The average input current to the magnetron is measured by the meter.

Microwave pulse energy of 5 to 7 kw peak, which is obtained from the magnetron, is transmitted to the antenna through a waveguide.

Since merchant-marine radar sets emit horizontally polarized waves.
vertical polarization was employed in the design of the fog-alarm re-mote-control equipment to eliminate the possibility of interference from marine-radar sets operating in the same frequency band.

The receiving antenna, shown in one of the photographs, consists of a 24 -slot, resonant waveguide array radiating into an 8 -inch, 20 -degree-flare horn to control the vertical beamwidth. A vinylite window seals the aperture from the weather. The half-power beamwidths are 3.7 degrees in the horizontal plane and 16.5 degrees in the vertical plane.

## Receiver

The circuit diagram of the receiver is shown in Fig. 5. With the excention of the sensitive-relay stage, subminiature hearing-aidtype tubes are used because of their low battery current drain requirements.

The input to the receiver is from a 1 N31 crystal detector mounted in a fixed-tuned, crystal holder terminating the waveguide run from the


FIG. 4-Microwave transmitter and modulator. Magnetron output tube is mounted on left side of chassis


FIG. 5-Receiving unit uses CK512AX subminiature hearing-aid-type tubes to reduce battery current drain


FIG. 6-Time-sequence unit has timing cams driven by reversible motors
antenna. The first four stages of the receiver constitute a sensitive, pulse-voltage amplifier.

The output of the amplifier triggers a monostable multivibrator or Kipp relay. This stage employs common-screen rather than com-mon-cathode coupling and thus avoids the need for a separate filament supply with low capacitance to ground. The Kipp relay responds readily to the pulse recurrence rate of the received signal and its output results in a large power gain.

The output of the Kipp relay is fed to the 1L4 power amplifier, which has the high-resistance coil of a sensitive relay in its plate circuit. This tube is normally biased beyond cutoff by a 7.5 -volt battery. The signal is integrated at the grid until this bias voltage is overcome, at which point the tube draws current and closes the relay. The resistor and capacitor across the relay coil provide for some additional integration of the signal, or delay, before the relay closes. This insures that the relay will not close on short-duration, spurious signals.

Current requirements of the receiver are 125 microamperes at 45 volts for the plate circuit and 110 milliamperes at 1.5 volts for the filaments. The relay stage draws current only when a signal is received. The receiver will operate for several months from two heavyduty dry batteries.

## Time-Sequence Unit

The schematic diagram of the time-sequence unit is shown in Fig. 6.

When the sensitive relay in the
receiver operates, it commects the input lead of the time-sequence unit to ground, which is also the positive side of the 6 -volt and 27 -volt batteries. The $2.5-\mathrm{mh}$ choke and $0.1-$ $\mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor constitute a filter to prevent interference or noise from appearing on the input cable. When the input lead is connected to ground, relay $R E_{1}$ closes applying voltage to $R E_{2}, R E_{3}, R E_{4}$ and $R E_{5}$, causing these relays to close also. The closing of $R E_{2}$ applies power to motor 1 , which has two cams on its output shaft. After an interval of 10 seconds the second cam closes a switch and starts a timer controlling the operation of the radio-telephone-monitoring transmitter. After a further interval of $10 \mathrm{sec}-$ onds, the second switch on this cam closes, applying power to motor 2. This switch stays closed for a sufficient time to allow motor 2 to operate the switch on its first cam. Power is then applied to motor 2 independently of the cams on motor 1.

Twenty-five seconds after motor 2 has started, the second cam on its shaft closes a switch. If the signal from the receiver ends between the time that motor 2 has started and the operation of this switch, relay $R E_{8}$ will be energized through the contacts of $R E_{3}$, closing the circuit to engine 1 cranking control. However, if the signal from the receiver continues, $R E_{8}$ will not close and engine 1 will not be selected.

Thirty-five seconds after motor 2 has started, the third cam closes a switch. If the signal from the receiver is still present, $R E_{7}$ will be energized through the contacts of $R E_{5}$ and the circuit to engine 2
cranking control will be closed. Motor 2 will continue to operate until the first cam returns to its original position, causing the switch to open and power to be removed from the motor.

At the instant $R E_{8}$ or $R E_{7}$ operates, auxiliary contacts on these relays apply power momentarily to $R E_{8}$. This relay stays closed since its energizing circuit is completed through its own holding contacts and the switch on the first cam of motor 2. The $50-\mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor across the coil of $R E_{s}$ delays its opening to insure that the circuit through its holding contacts is completed. As soon as $R E_{8}$ closes, the energizing voltage to $R E_{2}, R E_{3}, R E_{4}$ and $R E_{5}$ is removed, rendering the unit insensitive to any further signal until it has completed the selection cycle and reset itself. At the instant $R E_{2}$ opens, a reversing voltage of 27 volts is applied to motor 1 , causing it to reset very rapidly.

A signal must be present for at least 20 seconds to cause an engine to be started, or similarly, to be stopped if it had been started previously. Any break in the signal would allow motor 1 to reverse rapidly and reset itself. This feature is designed to eliminate the possibility of an engine selection being performed by an interfering signal.

No current is drawn from the battery supply by the time-sequence unit except during a selection period. By transmitting a signal of approximately 15 -seconds duration, the unit will select the radio-telephone-monitoring transmitter as often as required without interfering with the engine selection.

The experimental installation at Prince Rupert, believed to be the first of its kind for remote control of a fog-alarm station by a microwave link, was completed in June 1952. Since then, a number of the experimental units have been replaced by those of more recent design. A second installation was completed in October 1953.

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Terminal-board construction is used in modulars, Plug at rear connects unit into system


Rack-mounted group of simulator modulars. Unitized construction provides for testing wide variety of radar systems

# Modular Simulator Tests Missile Radar 


#### Abstract

© UMMARY - Bench testing of radar units under dynamic conditions requires a flexible simulator system. Modular design of tester permits a wide variety of antenna beam pattern and motion characteristics


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IN automatic tracking and homing radars, it is not sufficient to statically align and calibrate a radar system on a fixed target. The performance of range and angular tracking loops, the latter involving antenna-pedestal servomechanisms, must be adequate for high-speed, accelerating and evasively maneuvering targets often obscured by noise.

The simulator to be described can be adjusted to match any practical combination of radar pulse-repetition rate, pulse width, antenna beam pattern and target attenuation. Likewise, nearly any possible motion of single or multiple point targets can be inserted.

Modular plug-in construction is used in the simulator to permit testing of different radar systems
and for use as a target simulator. One group of modulars is capable of introducing various radar transmissions and radar-set effects on a simulated target-echo signal. These units have variable controls to adjust for any practical combination of prf, pulse width, antenna beam pattern, nutation and range.

The modulars can also simulate antenna nutation. Nutation is a
conical scanning motion of the beam, normally obtained by rotation of the radiating dipole relative to the dish or vice versa.

Another group of modulars generates target motion simulating aircraft flight or arbitrary motions for specialized tests.

In most applications, a simulator does not replace all the physical radar equipment, but only that portion which cannot conveniently be made operational on the bench.

## Typical Application

A typical arrangement of a radar and the simulator components is shown in Fig. 1. Simulated target motion generated by the motion modular is converted to a realistic video signal in the video modulars. This signal is inserted directly into the early video stages of the radar set for activating the video amplifiers, range and angle tracking circuits and indicator.

To utilize all of the receiver components, the video signal is transformed to 30 or 60 mc in the i-f modular. The i-f modular consists of a $15-\mathrm{mc}$ Hartley oscillator $100-$ percent modulated by the video signal. This $15-\mathrm{mc}$ signal is mixed with a $45-\mathrm{mc}$ signal produced by a similar oscillator circuit and the sum and difference frequencies of 30 and 60 mc are fed to the i-f strip, which selects the proper frequency. This permits full utilization of the


Complete test simulator is rack-mounted. Modular units are at top
radar i-f strip which will include effects of i-f bandwidth, manual and automatic gain control, fast time constants and similar circuits.

In the tracking system shown, receiver output controls the operational antenna position through the pedestal servos. With the antenna position fed back to the video modulars, the tracking loop is closed. Since in an actual system the tracking information may be fed to a computer, the present target position of the computer may be compared with the simulator target-motion modulator output (the true target position) in a simple d-c deviation indicator or recorder.

The target maneuvers produced by the motion modular are generated electromechanically and electronically and are not limited by any structural considerations as would be those of a real aircraft. Since they are reproducible, it is possible to insert arbitrary motions into the radar tracking loop from which the transient and frequency response of the servos and tracking elements can be computed. For example, a ramp or step motion of the target in range, or a sinusoidal target motion in either range or angle can be injected. The sinusoidal motion may be adjusted in amplitude and frequency about any center value by means of accurately calibrated and stable controls. These sinusoids, after conversion into video and i-f by the appropriate modulars, are injected into the radar receiver-antenna pedestal loop, permiting preparation of Bode or Nyquist plots from which the transfer function and stability of the networks can be determined.

## Range Programming

Range programming of targets is accomplished by means of simple d-c circuits, consisting of combinations of potentiometers and other electromechanical computing elements activated by a precision variable-speed drive consisting of a synchronous motor and ball-anddisk integrator. As an example, constant velocity slant range is generated by constant angular velocity of a potentiometer connected to a regulated d-c voltage source. Constant acceleration is


FIG. 1-Typical arrangement for testing radar system
accomplished by means of two potentiometers ganged together in a squaring circuit, computing the slant-range voltage in accordance with the equation $S=\frac{1}{2} a t^{2}$.

## Tracking-Radar Testing

A typical arrangement of video modulars for use with a tracking radar set is shown in Fig. 2. A trigger pulse is obtained from the radar set in order to slave the prf of the simulator to the radar. The motion modular is used to program a d-c voltage for target motion in range. The d-c slant range voltage is compared in amplitude with a sawtooth voltage of proper prf and slope in a conventional type pickoff circuit and a range-delayed pulse generated at coincidence. The range-delayed pulse is then shaped to provide proper rise time and pulse width to simulate radar-set parameters.

The motion modulars also program target angle in azimuth and elevation relative to the radar set. The angle information is usually in the form of $1-\mathrm{kc}$ sine and cosine signals which are added in quadrature to obtain a sinusoidal signal which shifts in phase as the target moves. This signal is sonverted to a short duration pulse which is locked to the $1-\mathrm{kc}$ time base.

Antenna position must then be converted to the same time base to obtain coincidence. This can be accomplished by mounting two resolvers to the antenna for use as angle pick-off devices. The resolvers are excited by a $1-\mathrm{kc}$ signal and the outputs fed into quadrature circuits


FIG. 2-Test arrangement for a tracking radar. Antenna information is derived from simulator modulars


FIG. 3-Echo-pulse simulator uses differential cathode follower output to select most positive of three signals
to produce $1-\mathrm{kc}$ signals phase shifted by an amount proportional to antenna motion. The signals are then converted and shaped to parabolic voltages which accurately simulate the profile of the antenna main lobe in the azimuth and elevation planes.

The radar set used in the illustration utilizes a nutating antenna. The two-phase output of the radar antenna-nutation generator is fed into the antenna-nutation modulars. These signals position modulate the simulated antenna beam pattern in a manner directly analogous to the spatial motion of the actual antenna beam.

The antenna beam patterns in azimuth and elevation are then compared with the appropriate target-position pulses and coincidence voltages generated. The amplitude of these coincidence voltages depend on the position of the target in the antenna beam.

## Range Information

The target-range delayed pulse is amplitude modulated by the combination of the azimuth and elevation coincidence voltages properly added in quadrature. The resultant is a pulse whose amplitude is dependent on the target position in the nutating antenna beam. The target amplitude is further attenuated as a function of range to simulate effects of transmission attenuation.
The output of the modular may then be fed into the video circuits of the radar set or may be converted to an intermediate or radio fre-
quency for injection into earlier stages of the radar.

## Echo-Pulse Simulator

The method of converting an-tenna-angle motion into an antenna beam pattern voltage to amplitude modulate the simulated target echo pulse is detailed in Fig. 3. A resolver mounted on the antenna is excited by a $1-\mathrm{kc}$ signal. The sine and cosine amplitude signal outputs from the stators are added in quadrature giving a constant-amplitude variable-phase signal at the grid of $V_{1}$. A single-phase signal from the radar-set nutation generator is fed into $V_{13}$ to introduce nutation effects. This low-frequency signal mixes with the 1 -ke signal and advances or retards the time at which the higher-frequency signal passes through zero voltage, dependent on the instantaneous amplitudes of the two signals.

The mixed signals appear at the output of cathode follower $V_{1}$. These are fed into phase inverter $V_{\text {, }}$, having equal cathode and plate load resistors and equal amplitude push-pull signal outputs are obtained. These signals are coupled to overdriven push-pull amplifiers $V_{3}$ and $V_{4}$. The output has the form of push-pull clipped 1-kc nutated sine waves. The clipped sine waves are further amplified and clipped by $V_{5}, V_{8}, V_{7}$ and $V_{8}$ operating as overdriven push-pull amplifiers.

The output of $V_{7}$ and $V_{8}$ becomes push-pull trapezoidally shaped signals whose slopes may be varied over a limited range by the two common cathode width control po-
tentiometers. These adjustments permit variation of effective antenna beam width. The push-pull trapezoidal signals are fed to $V_{0}$ and $V_{10}$ which together with $V_{11}$ form a differential cathode follower whose output is determined by the more positive of the three inputs. Normally $V_{11}$ is cut off and has no effect on the output.

## Output Circuit

The output remains at a positive voltage until near crossover of the trapezoid occurs and then decreases linearly to a lower positive voltage until crossover and then increases linearly back to the original steady state value. This forms a V-shaped voltage whose slope is dependent on the slope of the trapezoid signals and is repetitive at a 1 -ke rate. The 1 -ke sine wave of correct phase is obtained from $V_{1}$ and fed to the grid of $V_{12}$. This causes $V_{12}$ to conduct for every other trapezoid crossover and eliminates the ambiguous pulse that would otherwise be formed.

The target position in angle is also converted to the same $1-\mathrm{kc}$ time base but is represented by a short-duration pulse of 1 microsecond. Circuits compare this pulse in time coincidence with the antenna $V$-shaped voltage and produce a d-c coupled signal with an amplitude dependent on the degree of coincidence. This signal is further shaped to accurately reproduce the parabolic shape of the antenna beam. The parabolic shaped coincidence voltage amplitude modulates the target-echo signal.

## Photoetched Antennas



Checking radiation pattern of four-by-four slo array shown in Fig. 1

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FIG. 1 -Four-by-four slot array made from copper-clad Teflon three-plate line

MICROWAVE printed-circuit techniques are readily adapted to the construction of compact intennas ideal for flush mounting on high-speed aircraft.

This article describes the development of a two-dimensional X-band array consisting of 16 slots fed by photoetched Tri-plate transmission line. The design of a unity-coupled series slot and the resulting mode purity problems are also discussed.

The construction of a four-slot E-plane, a four-slot H-plane and the combination $4 \times 4 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{H}$ plane are shown.
Tri-plate is a three-plate shielded strip transmission line in which the center strip is photoetched on the inside faces of two dielectric sheets each of which has copper foil bonded to both surfaces.

The X-band antenna to be described consists of a $4 \times 4$ array of slots etched in one of the two outer faces of the transmission line. Such antenna arrays can be flushmounted on the skin of a highspeed aircraft. The $4 \times 4 \mathrm{X}$-band slot array is shown in Fig. 1. The composite antenna array has a 4 in . square aperture and a total thickness of only $\frac{1}{8} \mathrm{in}$. Such a device can be mounted by drilling a small hole in the aircraft's skin, just large enough to allow the passage of a coaxial fitting or waveguide flange.

Principal objective in this work has been the development of a $4 \times 4$ slot array with in-phase signals of equal power fed to each slot. The $4 \times 4$ array was selected because its size is about the minimum

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$\int$ UMMARY - Slot array etched in outer face of triple-plate transmission line provides an antenna suitable for flush mounting in the skin of highspeed aircraft. Technique is useful from 500 to $10,000 \mathrm{mc}$ with significant saving in weight for lower-frequency applications

with which pattern asymmetry is distinguishable and because power splitters having an equal number of arms can be used. Power splitters having an odd number of arms are less convenient to use because the arms are not of equal length, which upsets the in-phase excitation of the slots they feed.

Teflon fiberglass laminate was chosen as the dielectric. It is a commercially available copper-clad dielectric with suitable electrical properties at microwave frequencies and has an adequate dielectric constant.
The ideal antenna for optimum broadside signal and minimum endfire would have its slots spaced $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength apart in air and fed from a power divider whose arms are one wavelength apart in the dielectric. This ideal condition cannot be realized unless the dielectric constant equals four, because, since the principal mode of operation is TEM, the wavelength varies as the square root of the dielectric constant. The dielectric constant of Teflon fiberglass laminate-approximately 2.40 -was satisfactory for maintaining the proper phase relationship both in air and in the dielectric. A frequency of 9,375 me was selected for the study, because of the availability of test equipment.

## Slot Design

First step was to design a satisfactory radiating element. A series slot, such as the one shown in Fig. 2 appeared to be the simplest to excite. It was not sufficient, however, to etch the slot in one of the outside faces of the line. Ex-
citation could be accomplished in this manner because of the interruption of currents in the outer plate, but at the same time undesirable modes were set up as a result of the voltage unbalance introduced between the two outer plates by this asymmetrical device.

The first slot used in experiments - $\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{0}$ long and $(1 / 20) \lambda_{0}$ wideshowed appreciable lateral leakage from between the outer plates. The parallel plate mode was present and suppression of this mode is essential to the proper operation of the radiating element. It was determined that shorting pins along the center strip in the regions of the slot's input and output would maintain the proper voltage balance between the outer plates. Figure 2 shows a typical shorting pattern.

While these pins effectively suppressed undesirable modes, they had considerable effect on the impedance of the slot. Because of the time involved in separating the true slot impedance from the parameters which affect it, it was decided to match this unity-coupled slot solely by experimental means. The final radiating element designed was a slot $\frac{3}{5} \lambda_{0}$ long and ( $1 / 20$ ) $\lambda_{0}$ wide in series with a 90 ohm line which terminated in an open circuit $(1 / 10) \lambda_{L}$ from the slot center. Quantity $\lambda_{0}$ is the wavelength in air and $\lambda_{L}$ the wavelength in the transmission line.

The small tab in the center of each slot of the $4 \times 4$ array of Fig. 1 adds capacitance to the slot. Tuning is accomplished by trimming it to its proper length.

Figure 3 illustrates transition from waveguide to three-plate line


FIG. 2-Series-slot radiating element showing use of shorting pins


FIG. 3-Etched plate-to-waveguide transition using series slot as a transformer


FIG. 4-Twoto-one power divider using $T$ junction (left) and in-line junction (right) which affords smoother transition


FIG. 5-Frequency versus vswr characteristics of in-line and $T$ junctions
using a series slot transformer. A slot matched with a vswr of less than 1.1 at $9,375 \mathrm{me}$ has a vswr of 1.6 when coupled to a section of 1 -in. $\times 1 \frac{1}{2}$-in. waveguide with a matched termination. This is the same as the ratio of their characteristic impedances: 377 ohms for air and 235 ohms for waveguide at $9,375 \mathrm{mc}$.

## Feed Systems

The simplest power divider is a junction at which a line of characteristic impedance $Z_{0}$ divides into two parallel lines each having a characteristic impedance of $2 Z_{0}$. Two possible configurations of this type are shown in Fig. 4. At the left is a $T$ junction which is the three plate counterpart of the coaxial T. Figure 4, right, illustrates an in-line junction. The in-line type affords smoother transition than the $T$. This is borne out by the curves of Fig. 5, which are plots of vswr against frequency over a 12 percent band centered at $9,375 \mathrm{mc}$. The match of the in-line divider is under 1.10 vswr over a 5 -percent band and under 1.18 over the entire 12 -percent band. The best match obtained with the T is only 1.22 . The dips in the center of both curves are due to the fact that the loads are best matched in the center-frequency region. However, the load vswr's were less than 1.12 over the range covered.

A combination of three of these two-way in-line junctions can be used to feed equal amounts of inphase power to four separate lines. Figure 6, left, shows such a device.

Further steps in this power-splitting pattern should be made in multiples of two to preserve the power divider's equiphase characteristic.

A three-way equal power split can be accomplished by splitting a line of characteristic impedance $Z_{0}$ into three lines each having a characteristic impedance of $3 Z_{0}$. The three-way power divider illustrated in Fig. 6, right, shows that the center arm is shorter than the


FIG. 6-Four-way power divider (left) and three-way power divider (right)


FIG. 7-Progressive power divider (left) and H-plane slot array which it was designed to feed (right)
outer two. This asymmetry, which upsets the equiphase characteristic of the junction, can be overcome by curving the center arm to make its length equal to that of the others. The power splitter shown in Fig. 6, right, has less than $0.3-\mathrm{db}$ variation in power between the arms when measured over a 10 -percent frequency band centered at $9,375 \mathrm{mc}$.

A progressive power splitter is illustrated at the left of Fig. 7 alongside the slot array which it was designed to feed. This unit has been used successfully as an H-plane feed system for both the


FIG. 8-Nonfrequency-sensitive power divider (left) and E-plane array which it feeds (right)
four-element $H$-plane array and the composite $4 \times 4$ array shown in Fig. 1. The input line has a characteristic impedance of 22.5 ohms and feeds, through a three-to-one power division, two lines whose characteristic impedances are 30 and 90 ohms. This 30 -ohm line divides into a 45 -ohm line and a second $90-\mathrm{ohm}$ line, giving a two-to-one power split. The power in the 45 -ohm line divides equally into two more 90 -ohm lines. All junctions were designed to satisfy the fundamental parallel circuit equation: $1 / Z_{1}=1 Z_{2}+1 / Z_{\text {. Meas- }}$. urements showed a maximum deviation of 0.6 db over a 10 -percent frequency band centered at 9,375 me.

The power divider shown at the left in Fig. 8 is a nonfrequency sensitive device which excites with in-phase signals all slots of the E-plane array shown beside it. All signals must travel along paths of equal length from the junction of the power divider to the slots which they feed. Equiphase excitation in the H-plane, using the power divider of Fig. 7, will occur only at the frequency where $\lambda_{t}$ equals the


FIG. 9-Combination power-divider feed system (left) and its corresponding four-by-four array (right)
distance between the 90 -ohm arms. This distance was constructed to equal $\lambda_{L}$ at $9,375 \mathrm{mc}$.

The power divider used to feed the final $4 \times 4$ slot array is shown at the left in Fig. 9 along with the slot array which it is designed to feed. The feed system is a combination of the power dividers shown in Fig. 7 and 8. It is an assembly of four progessive power dividers, each of which feeds four H-plane coupled slots. Each of these progressive power dividers is coupled in phase to an arm of a four-way power splitter.

## Radiation Patterns

Radiation patterns of the three antennas shown in Fig, 7, 8 and 9 were measured at the design frequency and are plotted in Fig. 10A, 10 B and 10 C . The individual fourslot H-plane and four-slot E-plane arrays, each of which comprises a side of the two-dimensional array, were constructed first and individually tested to make a more complete analysis of the composite $4 \times 4$ array. The half-power beamwidth values fer both of the fourslot linear arrays are close to the predicted values. The H-plane array, with $1.92 \lambda_{0}$ spacing between outside slot centers, has a $20-\mathrm{deg}$ beamwidth, and the E-plane array, with $1.8 \lambda_{0}$ spacing between slot centers, has a $23.5-\mathrm{deg}$ beamwidth. The lower side lobes in the H -plane can be attributed to the voltage tapers at the ends of the array.

Comparing the E and H -plane patterns of the composite $4 \times 4$ array (Fig. 10C and 10D) with the corresponding individual array patterns (Fig. 10A and 10B), the main lobes of both plots seem to be
identical. However, the side lobes in both planes of the $4 \times 4$ array are appreciably larger. The Eplane side lobe increased from approximately -12.5 db to -9.0 db , while the H-plane side lobe increased from approximately -15.2 db to -13.3 db . These higher sidelobe intensities are due to mutual coupling between diagonal slots. Diagonal slots are not present in the individual arrays.

These could be used in place of conventional waveguide slot arrays and horns for receiving and low-power transmitting applications from 500 to $10,000 \mathrm{mc}$,
where fixed-beam antennas are required.

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FIG. 10 -Radiation patterns for H-plane array (A), E-plane array (B), E-plane pattern of composite array (C) and H-plane pattern of composite array (D)


Scanning mirror picks up image from brightly lighted line of copy. Compensating screws equalize effective illumination


Transmitter-scanner must be solidly constructed to reduce vibration from high-speed operation. Continuous copy at upper right

# Facsimile Speedup 


#### Abstract

〇UMMARY - Telecasting's demand for quick news photographs has shifted emphasis to continuous-feed devices that do not require photographic processing techniques. Transmitter-receiver setup produces 1808.2 -inch lines per minute with 105 -line definition over wire lines or microwave


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Facsimile EQuipment design in the past decade has been directed ${ }^{1, .}$ toward the utilization of moderately wide-band transmission lines.

Owing to current emphasis on direct facsimile recording of pictures and text by the press services $^{3}$ and their newspicture distribution units together with the continued demands of other groups for facsimile equipment to operate over existing telephone company
circuits, the design and packaging of a moderate-speed facsimile system has been undertaken.

A modern, two-way facsimile system for continuous operation of both transmitters and receivers is described below. The operating standards of the system are determined by optimum use of Schedule II telephotograph circuits as furnished by the American Telephone \& Telegraph Co. to the military and press services throughout the United States. Since the system is for use over facilities with equalization of attenuation and envelope delay from about 1,200 to $2,600 \mathrm{cy}$ cles, the traffic handling capacity of this equipment is necessarily tailored for the intended transmis-
sion facility. Nevertheless, the units, having a chart speed of about fourteen square inches a minute, will process average typewriter characters at a rate of better than 150 words per minute.
The continuous scanner and continuous recorder transmit and receive copy of nominal page width.

Optimum use of telephotograph lines dictates a facsimile system having a useful scanned and recorded line across the page of 8.2 inches. The equipment outlined in Fig. 1 operates at 180 scanning lines a minute with a definition of 105 lines an inch. A 100-percent amplitude-modulated carrier of 2,400 cycles is fed through special insertion-loss type linear-phase ves-


Receiver-recorder will reproduce typed copy, weather maps, charts, photographs or similar illustrated material


Compact scanner amplifier showing vestigial sideband filter (top) monitor oscilloscope (center) and power supply

# Enhances Usefulness 

tigial-sideband filters to the telephone line terminals.

A pilot carrier is used for automatic control of start-stop and phasing of receivers. This same pilot carrier can also furnish power-frequency reference information from the transmitter to remote receivers for speed control of synchronous motors.

A continuous facsimile system delivering copies of $8 \frac{1}{2}$ by $11^{\frac{1}{2}}$-inch scanned pages in less than seven minutes comprises a continuous facsimile scanner, an automatic continuous facsimile recorder and associated electronic units. Lettersize sheets of $8 \frac{1}{2}$-in. maximum and originals of equal or narrower width, but without any restriction as to length, can be fed into the scanner mechanism in a continurus manner. This feature obviates the starting and stopping associated with reloading of earlier drum-type noncontinuous scanners. The automatic recorder mechanism is continuous to the limit of the 400 -foot
paper supply roll, which in this system lasts for over 48 hours of operating time. The design standards are listed in Table I.

## Power Synchronization

Synchronous motors in the recorders will not run at the same speed as the synchronous motors in the scanner if power lines in the areas of the scanner and remote recorder are not locked together. These motors must run at exactly the same speed to maintain constant scanning alignment.

For synchronized remote operation of recorders, a motor-speed reference signal is sent from the originating point along with the facsimile intelligence. Ths synchronizing signal, determined by the exact frequency of the nominal 60 -cycle power at the originating point, is transmitted as a doublesideband amplitude-modulated subcarrier. After detection, the demodulated 60 -cycle signal controls the output power frequency of a
motor-drive amplifier that turns the recorder motor in exact synchronism with the scanner motor.

Continuous scanning ${ }^{4}$ is achieved with an optical system that forms a reduced real image of the copy at the intersection of an Archimedes spiral slot and a straight slit. The intersection of the spiral and

## Table I-Design

Characteristics of System

| Line-use ratio. . . . . $7 / 8$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Facsimile signal ...315 deg |  |
| Blank. 15 deg |  |
| Phasing pr lse.... J5 der |  |
| Index of conperation | (IISE) 98.1 |
|  | (CCTH) 313.1 |
| Required bandwidth |  |
| Carrier fremuency | 20, |
| Maximum pieture alement |  |
| Type of transmission | Vestigial |
| VSB filter... Timmar | sidebond a-mı phase through |
|  | cutoff |
| Sense of modulation | Maximum |
| Recording medium. chemical recording d vnamic range | linear electropaper $20-\mathrm{db}$ |

the slit forms an aperture that sweeps across the copy at a constant speed when the spiral is driven by a synchronous motor. Lenses collect the light from the sweep aperture into a multiplier phototube.

The copy to be scanned is fed past two fluorescent lamps. The illuminated area of the copy beneath the lamps is viewed by an objective lens. For convenience the optical path is folded so that the lens actually views the copy via a mirror. The image of the copy is only 2.75 inches wide, hence the sweep distance required for the turning spiral is 2.75 inches.

The spiral slot is made photomechanically, the actual cleared aperture being only 0.0023 inch in width to provide some 1,000 resolvable elements over the 2.75 -inch sweep with a minimum of aperture distortion. The horizontal slit also
is made photographically and is placed next to the flat surface of the revolving spiral disk.

Behind the slit and spiral slot is a condensing lens system of wide aperture, which forms an image of the objective lens aperture stop on the multiplier phototube cathode. Since the objective lens does not move, neither does its image on the phototube, even though the intervening light rays pass through a constantly moving aperture (the slit-spiral slot intersection).

The disk containing the spiral slot is mounted on a shaft driven by a synchronous motor. Control signals are generated by means analogous to mounting a commutator and brush assembly on the disk shaft.

The recording unit in the continuous facsimile system uses a helix and linear electrode construction. A linear marking electrode,


FIG. 1-Elements of the continuous-feed facsimile scanner-transmitter


FIG. 2-Elementary facsimile receiver.recorder used on narrow-band lines
formed by a spring mounted, continuously moving, stainless steel tape, ${ }^{5}$ is presented to the marking point in a manner that gives a smooth and accurate marking combination for operation at high rotational speeds.

Equipment including facsimile scanner, amplifier and modulator is shown in Fig. 3. Picture elements picked up by the spiral slot continuous scanner are veiwed by an electron-multiplier type phototube with log-compression output circuit. Carrier at 2,400 cycles and phototube output are fed into the double balanced ring modulator. Modulated output is passed through an insertion-loss type of linearphase vestigial sideband filter.

Pilot control carrier at 450 cycles with added power-frequency modulation for start, stop, phasing and synchronizing control is mixed with picture signal in the primary of the output transformer. The amplitude of the signal subcarrier output is proportional to the optical density of the subject copy scanned.

## Recorder Amplifier

Processing incoming facsimile signals and production of correct marking currents is the function of the recorder shown in the circuit diagram of Fig. 4. It provides sufficient sensitivity for proper operation at input levels as low as -20 dbm . Besides the gain control that allows adjustment of density a standby-record switch permits gain adjustments being made in the standby position. Recording current is shown directly on a vu meter.

The high-impedance constantcurrent source represented by the output of the marking amplifier to the recording paper insures that the quality of recorded copy will be unaffected by variations in paper moisture or paper impedance. A Thyrite overload protective circuit prevents the transmission of excessive currents through the recording paper.

An inductor and capacitor combination between detector and marking amplifier comprise a snap-up circuit responsive near element frequency. The circuit tends to restore waveform and definition lost in transmission links


FIG. 3-Scanner amplifier used in system with common power synchronization. Additional subcarrier modulation can be added for remote locations using pilot tone oscillator like that shown to right
with restricted frequency range. An automatic phasing and phasing lock-out system, using tubes and thermal relays allows the recorder to phase automatically upon receipt of the phasing signal, but locks the circuit out of operation to avoid malfunctions caused by noise.

## Communications Use

A transmitting terminal equipment of this type, besides being connected to telephone lines, can also be used as input to $a-m$ and $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{m}$ radiotelephone transmitters. For use involving frequency shift keying of radiotelegraph transmitters, provision is made for the addition of tuning-fork frequency standards for control of power frequency. Converters for fsk are required at both the transmitters and receivers. An extensive facsimile project recently completed for the U. S. Signal Corps has resulted in a pair of fsk converters using modern techniques.
The facsimile system described has the ability to reproduce graphic material of practically any kind such as handwriting, typewritten copy, pictures, graphs, forms and maps. Such copy of normal page width or less and of any length emerges from the recorders in final form and is presented as a permanent image in black or varying


FIG. 4-Receiver-recorder employing special paper prints with output of marking amplifier
shades of gray on a clean white record sheet. A built-in heater completes the electrolytic printing process and insures dry copy.

The transmitter monitor oscilloscope allows precise adjustment of signal levels during operation without stopping the equipment for readjustment. Transmission is possible from radiotelephone transmitters and over microwave links having a nominal 3,000 -cycle bandwidth.

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# Transistors Generate 

# CUMMARY —— Sine, square or saw-tooth waves are obtained from same oscillator by changing value of one resistor. One stage operates as nonlinear element capable of phase inversion or noninversion depending on small-signal changes in operating point 

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MANY new circuit applications result from the utilization of transistors as nonlinear networks as opposed to their more usual use as power-gain devices.

In the junction-transistor collector characteristics illustrated in Fig. 1, the linear region is characterized by an a-c collector resistance which is very high and fairly constant. However, in the range where $V_{c}$, the collector voltage, is nearly equal to zero, the collector resistance changes drastically from a very high value to a very low value.

When $V_{e}$ is small, the a-c collector resistance is

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\begin{equation*}
r_{c}=\frac{\partial V_{e}}{\partial I_{e}}=\frac{1}{I_{\infty}} \frac{k T}{q} \exp \binom{-q 1_{c}}{k T} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $I_{\text {ce }}$ is the d-c collector current for zero emitter current, $k$ is Boltzmann's constant, $q$ is electronic charge and $T$ is temperature in degrees Kelvin. From Eq. 1, it can be seen that large changes in $r_{c}$ can take place for small changes
in $V_{c}$ around the value $V_{c}=0$.
In a standard grounded-emitte: amplifier circuit the current transfer function $i_{c} / i_{b}$ is
$A_{i}=\frac{i_{e}}{i_{b}}=-\frac{a r_{c}-\left(r_{e}+R_{2}\right)}{r_{c}(1-a)+r_{e}+R_{2}+R_{L}}$
where $r_{e}$ is the a-c emitter resistance of the transistor and $a$ is the a-c current-amplification factor.

From Eq. 2, it may be seen that if the transistor is operated in a region where the value $a r_{c}$ is of the same order of magnitude as $r_{e}+R_{2}$, the phase reversal of the transistor will depend upon whether $a r_{c}$ is greater than or less than $r_{e}+R_{2}$. Hence, if $a r_{c}>r_{\text {。 }}$ $+R_{\Omega}$, the collector current will be 180 degrees out of phase with the base current. If $a r_{c}<r_{e}+R_{2}$, the collector current will be in phase with the base current.

If the transistor is operated with a d-c collector voltage that is nearly equal to zero, the magnitude of $r$ will depend critically upon the


FIG. 1-Nonlinear and linear regions of iunction-transistor characteristics


FIG. 2-Waveform generator consists of nonlinear stage and two amplifiers
input signal. A d-c operating point of this sort will be in the nonlinear operating region of the characteristics shown in Fig. 1. By very small changes in the input signal, the current or voltage transfer function associated with such a circuit can be made positive or negative.

## Nonlinear Oscillator

In the block diagram, Fig. 2, $A_{1}$ and $A_{2}$ represent linear amplifiers of the phase-inverting type whereas $B$ represents a nonlinear ground-ed-emitter stage. A negative signal at the input will appear as either a negative or positive signal at the output, depending upon the operating point of $B$. If feedback is applied from the output to the input, the system of Fig. 2 will be either regenerative or degenerative, again depending upon the operating point of $B$.

Suppose that the initial operating point of $B$ is such that the voltage transfer through $B$ is not phase inverting. A negative signal at the input of $A_{1}$ will then be regenerated due to the 360 -degree phase shift between the circuit input and output. If, in the process of regeneration, the operating point of $B$ shifts so that its transfer function becomes phase inverting, the negative signal at the input terminal of $A_{1}$ will be caused to degenerate.

If, for some reason (to be discussed later), degeneration of the input signal shifts the operating

## Multiwaveforms



FIG. 3 -Laboratory model of oscillator uses experimental pnp junction transistors similar to 2 N 45 . Circuit values may have to be adjusted for transistors used. Waveforms $A, B$ and $C$ were obtained with $R_{3}=100,50$ and 10 ohms. For $D . R_{3}=10$ ohms and $R_{2}=600$ ohms
point of $B$ back to its original state, the regenerative-degenerative cycle becomes repetitive and the system operates as a regenerative-degenerative oscillator.

The circuit diagram of the oscillator, using three experimental $p n p$ junction transistors, is shown in Fig. 3. Resistances $R_{2}, R_{3}$ and $R_{4}$ are adjusted so that transistor $V_{2}$ is at a d-c operating point just to the right of ${ }^{-}=0$ in Fig. 1 in the phase-inverting region. When battery $E$ is connected a transient voltage, negative with respect to ground, will appear at point $X$. Because $V_{2}$ is operating in the phase inverting region, this negative transient will appear as an amplified positive potential at the output $U$.

Due to the degenerative-feedback effect, point $X$ becomes positive. However, as $X$ becomes positive, the base voltage of $V_{2}$ at $Y$ becomes negative and the second transistor is driven into the non-phase-inverting region. The network becomes regenerative and the positive potential at $X$ builds up rapidly until $V_{1}$ is cut off or the circuit gain drops below unity. Inductance $L$ then discharges the stored energy through $R_{f}, R_{3}$ and $R_{L}$ until the potential at $X$ has dropped enough for $V_{1}$ to become sufficiently conductive again. At this moment $V$ is still not phase inverting and so a negative potential is regenerated at $U$. This causes the generation of a sharp negative pulse at $X$ which drives $Y$ at the base of $V_{2}$ positive.

When $Y$ is driven positive, $V a$ becomes phase inverting causing the entire circuit to become degenerative. However, degeneration of the negative potential at $X$ causes $Y$ to swing negative again, which in turn, causes the system to become regenerative.

Thus, the mode of oscillation is controlled by the changes in the operating point of $V_{2}$.

The voltage required at the base of $V_{2}$ to swing the circuit into regenerative and degenerative action is of the order of 50 millivolts.

## Circuit Variations

The circuit of Fig. 3 can be operated as an R -C regenerative-degenerative oscillator by replacing $L$ with a resistor and by placing a capacitor in series with $R$. Several circuit variations are possible, but in all of these configurations, the value of resistance $R_{3}$ is the most critical. This may be expected since $R_{3}$, in combination with $R_{2}$ and $R_{4}$, controls the operating point of transistor $V_{\%}$. If $R_{3}$ is made too small, point $Y$ can never become negative enough, with respect to the collector, to switch $V_{2}$ into the non-phase-inverting region. If $R_{3}$ is made too large, $Y$ may never become positive enough to switch $V_{2}$ into the phase-inverting region.

A basic difference between this waveform generator and the more usual relaxation or blocking types is that the former is controlled by small-signal changes in the d-c operating point of an essentially
nonlinear network whereas the latter types depend upon large excursions in the dynamic characteristics of their active elements.

Thus, the multivibrator is basically a regenerative circuit which becomes degenerative only as a consequence of the loss in amplification when one of the active elements cuts off. However, in the regenerative-degenerative oscillator, the overall circuit amplification need not change for degeneration.

For example, the circuit shown in Fig. 3 can function in a manner analagous to a blocking oscillator. By adjustment of $R_{2}$ to change the operating point of transistor $V_{2}$ the damped oscillation of the circuit can be sustained to yield an output which is substantially a pulse-modulated sine wave. By adjustment of $R_{2}$ in the opposite direction, the output becomes a series of pulses.

If $R_{3}$ is adjusted so that $V_{2}$ is never phase inverting the oscillator becomes a relaxation-type circuit capable of generating sine, sawtooth or square waves.

If $R_{3}$ is adjusted so that $V_{2}$ is always phase inverting, the circuit is transformed into a degenerative-feedback-stabilized d-c amplifier.

The basic repetition rate of the pulses and the envelope oscillations depend upon the discharge time constants of the inductance, $L / R_{1}$ and $L /\left(R_{f}+R_{L}+R_{2}\right)$.
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Egg candler detects infected eggs by measuring internal fluoresce nce with two phototubes in housing at center. Housing is lowered over egg to produce light-tight seal during measurement

# Photoelectric Inspector 

© UMMARY - Ultraviolet light detected by two multiplier phototubes measures fluorescence of bacterial spoilage inside eggs at rates up to 500 eggs per minute. Use of response ratio at two wavelengths makes measurements independent of density and color of shell

FLUORESCENCE caused by the prescence of green rot, or bacterial spoilage of the white of an egg, can be used to detect infected eggs on an automatic candling basis. Normal, noninfected white-shell eggs have a weak fluorescence peaked at about $540 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ ( $1 \mathrm{mu}=10$ Angstroms) and normal
brown-shell eggs have a weaker fluorescence in the red region of the spectrum. Infection with green rot will cause a strong fluorescence at $525 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ in white-shell eggs and a weaker fluorescence at $550 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ in brown-shell eggs as shown in Fig. 1. The slopes of curves in this region are the best measure of presence

Table 1-Accuracy of Green-Rot Candling Machine

| Egg Classification | Number <br> of Eggs | Machine Classification |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Correct | Incorrect | Accuracy |
| Clear eggs. | 694 | 678 | 16 | 97.6\% |
| Green-rot eggs | 12 | 12 |  | $100.0 \%$ |
| All eggs..... | 706 | 690 | 16 | 97.7\% |

or absence of infection. A filter ratio measurement was chosen to indicate these slopes. To handle eggs of all normal shell colors it was found that the best combination of filters was a $490,510 \mathrm{~m} \cdot$ pair having transmittance curves as shown in Fig. 1.

The egg shells have very low transmittance in the ultraviolet, and as a result the best wavelengths for exciting the fluorescence inside the egg are in the 400 to 440 mu region.

A type CH-4 mercury-arc lamp was chosen because of its relatively high output at 405 and $436 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ with very low radiation in the 500 me region. The light output is filtered to eliminate wavelengths


Phototube housing in raised position with cover removed to show placement of components


In lowered position, rubber cup on phototube housing rests on egg shell to eliminate outside light

# Detects Green Rot in Eggs 

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that are longer than $500 \mathrm{~m} \mu$.
Since an egg-handling mechanism was available, the measuring unit was adapted to it. This mechanism transports the eggs in individual rubber trays along a table by means of an endless belt. The belt is moved by a Geneva motion permitting the eggs to spend a large portion of the cycle at rest in a given position.

## Optical System

The optical arrangement for the detection unit is shown in Fig. 2. The excitation energy strikes the underside of the egg and is restricted by the aperture to the small end of the egg to avoid the yolk as much as possible. The fluo-
rescence energy is collected from the top of the egg near the small end and is divided by the dichroic beam-splitter. Part of the beam is transmitted to the 510 mu filter and the other part is reflected to the 490 mu filter. A lens system focuses the beams on the cathode of each of the phototubes. For the $490 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ beam, a IP28 multiplier phototube was used and for the $510 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ beam, a 1P21 was used. The particular choice of tubes is not critical except that low-noise tubes are needed if low levels of infection are to be detected.

Stray light is excluded from the phototubes by enclosing the optical elements in a metal housing.

The wide range of energy level


FIG. 1-Spectial response curves of good and infected eggs, with response curves of filters used on phototubes


FIG. 2-Fluorescence from egg is split by dichroic mirror for transmission to two filtered phototubes
of the fluorescence obtained from different eggs places stringent requirements on the system for measuring the ratio of two adjacent wavelengths. This level has been found to vary as much as 10,000 to 1 from white-shell eggs to very dark brown-shell eggs. The method adopted for making the ratio measurement is similar to that used for direct-recording spectrophotometry. One phototube is used in a feedback circuit to control the accelerating voltage for both phototubes. Thus, the phototube with the $490 \mathrm{~m} \cdot$. filter is maintained at a constant anode current, and the anode current of the 510 my . phototube is measured to give the ratio of the two currents.

The detection units is illustrated in block form in Fig. 3. For the first model constructed, a commercial power supply was modified to provide the necessary elements for the feedback loop. The grid of the first amplifier tube of the power supply was disconnected from the bleeder resistor chain and connected to the anode of the 490 mu phototube with a 50 -megohm load resistor. The high-voltage output was connected to the dynode resistor chains of each of the phototubes to complete the feedback loop. An adjustable reference voltage permits adjustment of the anode current. For optimum operation, anode current should be as small as possible. However, the minimum current is limited by the phototube dark current. This was found to be 0.04 microamperes for the 1P28 tube
used in this application.
The fluorescence at $510 \mathrm{~m} \cdot \mathrm{is}$ measured using the 1P21 phototube with a direct-coupled amplifier to drive a meter and operate an acceptreject solenoid. The circuit for this amplifier is shown in Fig. 4. The phototube signal developed across the input resistor is amplified in one-half of the 12AX7 and applied to the grid of the 12 AU cathode follower to drive the meter and fire the 2D21 thyratron if the signal is large enough. The screen voltage of the 2 D 21 is variable to permit setting of the reject point at the desired level. The other half of the 12 AX 7 is used to compensate for variations in the color of the egg shell.

It was found experimentally that the darker shell colors caused a steeper slope of the fluorescence curve in the $500 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ region, even though the eggs contained no green rot. Therefore, for maximum sensitivity in detecting green rot in eggs of all shell colors, it was necessary to apply a correction to the ratio measurements. Darker shell colors also caused higher accelerating voltages, and it has been possible to use this for correction. The accelerating voltage is applied through the cathode-follower circuit to control the bias in the amplifier. The adjustable resistors in the grid and cathode circuits of the cathode follower permit setting the level of compensation. The setting of these controls is determined experimentally using noninfected eggs of various colors.

Meter readings on a relative scale for normal eggs vary from 1.5 to 3.0 for white-shell eggs and from 0 to 5.0 for brown-shell eggs. Lightly infected eggs read from 4.0 to 10.0 , and badly infected eggs read greater than 10 .

If an eggr is to be rejected, the accept-reject solenoid shifts the position of the egg-carrying tray laterally across the transport belt about $\frac{2}{8}$ of an inch. At the end of the belt the position of the tray is detected by a snap-action switch which controls the solenoid-operated accept-reject gate.

The completed machine has been tested with eggs varying widely in interior quality, shell color and degree of cleanliness. Table I shows the results obtained on a total of 706 eggs. The overall accuracy was 97.7 per cent.

The errors occurred on eggs with very dense brown shells where the fluorescence energy was so small that the system was responding to the dark current of the phototubes rather than the fluorescence energy. This type of error could be reduced or eliminated by increasing the intensity of the incident light and by selecting phototubes with lower dark currents. However, the performance of the machine under the present conditions is far superior to that of the present method of visual fluorescence candling for green-rot. The present machine operates at a speed of 1,000 eggs per hour, but the measuring unit could be designed for a speed of 500 per minute.


FIG. 3-Feedback from $490 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ phototube is used to control accelerating voltage for both phototubes


FIG. 4-Direct-coupled amplifier triggers thyratron to reject if ratio of phototube outputs is increased by presence of green rot

# Compensated Squelch for Mobile Radio Receivers 


#### Abstract

P UMMARY - Squelch circuit, needed to shut off annoying hiss from mobile receiver loudspeaker during no-signal periods, sometimes clips speech, particularly from older transmitters without modulation control. New deviation-compensated squelch uses recovered audio to hold off muting action when transmitter is overmodulated


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Practically all of today's twoway mobile radio equipment is of the f-m type. Many of the first f-m units put on the market over 12 years ago are still in use. These older models were designed to occupy a channel of $\pm 15 \mathrm{kc}$ but there were no circuits employed to limit the channel width to this figure.

Increase in the use of two-way communication systems produced exceedingly crowded channels until it became necessary for the FCC to limit channel width to $\pm \mathbf{1 5} \mathrm{kc}$ now, in some cases, to $\pm 7 \mathrm{kc}$-with correspondingly closer spacing between channels. Circuits to prevent exceeding the maximum channel width must be incorporated in all new sets.

Older equipment that lacks mod-ulation-limiting circuits poses a problem in the design of new nar-row-channel equipment, for should the new and the old be used in the same system, as is often the case, a phenomenon known as squelch clipping takes place.

A squelch circuit is employed in the receiver to mute the speaker and thus eliminate the annoying hiss generated by the receiver during the absence of signal.

However, should a narrow-band receiver with a passband of $\pm 15$ kc be used to receive a signal from a transmitter that does not employ a modulation-limiting circuit, there may be times during a transmission when the deviation is as nauch $\pm 20$
or 25 kc from center irequency.
During a carrier excursion of 25 kc the receiver is no longer capable of receiving this signal since it is out of the receiver's frequency acceptance range and therefore the receiver mutes. It may awaken


Squelch of audio background hiss in absence of signal is particularly necessary in police radio communications. New squelch avoids muting if deviation limit of trans. mitting station is exceeded


FIG. 1 - Conventional squelch operation uses output from limiter circuit to bias off audio in the absence of signal
again on the next syllable or two, then mute again. This appears as clipping or chopping up of the speech at the receiver and is called squelch clipping.

## Compensation Need

It is the purpose of the new squelch circuit to allow uninterrupted reception of signals that are deviating in excess of the passband of the receiver, for example, greater than $\pm 15 \mathrm{kc}$, as may happen when receiving signals from a transmitter not employing devia-tion-limiting devices. The circuit also eliminates the need for stag-ger-tuned circuits and eliminates the need for swamping of tuned circuits.

With normal squelch action it is required that the squelch circuit mute the receiver during the absence of a signal to eliminate the objectionable background hiss generated by the high-gain tubes in the front end of the receiver.

In the presence of signal, this hiss is automatically suppressed by the normal operation of the frontend tubes. The stronger the received signal, the greater the hiss suppression. The squelch circuit utilizes this fact. The receiver is muted during maximum hiss and will awaken when a carrier of at least 0.1 microvolt causes at least 1.7 db of hiss suppression.

When no signals are being received, front-end hiss is developed at points $A$ and $B$ on the block diagram in Fig. 1. The hiss at $B$ causes the squelch circuit to bias the first audio stage to cutoff, which prevents the hiss at point $A$ from reaching the speaker and the set is muted. The reception of a carrier will cause a reduction in
hiss at point $B$, which allows the squelch circuit to activate the first audio stage and the signal is heard at the speaker.

When no signals are being received, front-end noise in the receiver shown in Fig. 2 is developed across $C_{x}$, which has sufficient reactance at the hiss frequency of approximately 50 kc to produce about 4.5 volts a-c. However, the intermediate frequency of 455 kc is sufficiently bypassed by $C_{1}$. The noise is applied through $C_{2}$ to $V_{1 A}$, the noise rectifier, and appears across $R_{2}$. Any audio developed across $C_{1}$ is attenuated by $C_{2}$, which offers a high reactance to these frequencies and as a result little audio reaches $V_{1,}$.

## Improved Circuit

This tube rectifies the hiss and a positive direct voltage is developed across $R_{4}$, the diode load resistor. Capacitor $C_{3}$ filters the direct voltage and charges to about +4.5 volts d-c. This positive voltage is applied to the grid of squelch control tube $V_{2 B}$ through an $R C$ filter comprising $R_{6}$ and $C_{0}$. The cathode of $V_{2 B}$ is positive with respect to ground owing to the volt-age-dividing action of $R_{0}, R_{10}, R_{11}$, $R_{12}$ and the squelch control.

Increasing the resistance of either $R_{12}$ or the squelch control will increase the voltage at the cathode of $V_{2 n}$. The grid-to-cathode voltage of $V_{2 B}$ is the net value of the rectified noise voltage and the cathode-to-ground voltage. The conduction of $V_{2 B}$ is determined by this bias. The amount of conduction will determine the voltage drop developed across the plate load resistor $R_{\gamma}$. This $I R$ drop is also in series with the grid-to-cathode cir-
cuit of $V_{2 A}$, the first audio amplifier.
When the squelch control is adjusted so that $V_{2 B}$ is conducting just enough to cut off $V_{2 s}$, the receiver is muted and the squelch control is said to be at threshold. Any reduction in noise resulting from reception of a carrier will cause $V_{2 B}$ to lessen its conduction, which in turn allows $V_{2 A}$ to pass the audio and the receiver is awakened. At the cessation of the carrier, the original noise level is resumed and the receiver becomes muted again. Control $R_{12}$ is adjusted so the threshold setting is at the center of the squelch-control range.

## Deviation Compensation

The unmuting of the receiver is dependent upor the suppression of the noise by the carrier. A receiver having a selectivity of $\pm 15 \mathrm{kc}$ at the half-power points will have a curve as shown in Fig. 3. When a carrier of frequency $A$ is received, maximum gain in the receiver is realized, maximum noise suppression is achieved and the receiver unmutes. However, when the transmitter is modulated and the carrier deviates to frequency $B$ the gain of the receiver is less at this point and therefore the noise suppression is not as great as at frequency $A$. When the carrier takes an excursion to frequency $C$, which can occur on peaks when receiving signals from transmitters that are overdeviating or do not employ modulation-limiting circuits, the receiver is practically unaware of any signal, the noise resumes and the receiver mutes.

During deviation, when the carrier is taking excursions beyond the passband of the receiver, recovered audio (Fig. 2) is being developed across $R_{5}$ and $C_{4}$. The audio voltage developed across $C_{4}$ is applied via $C_{5}$ to $V_{1 B}$, the deviation compensator, and developed across $R_{13}$. Recovered audio is rectified in $V_{1 B}$ and a direct voltage is developed across $R_{4}$. This common resistor is shared by both the noise rectifier and the deviation compensator. The net resultant voltage across $R_{4}$ is dependent upon which diode is conducting the greater amount. Thus, during a peak carrier excursion when the
voltage across $R_{4}$ would normally tend to go positive due to a rise in hiss, the rectification of the recovered audio compensates for this and actually causes the voltage to become less positive and on strong signals even becomes negative. This action keeps $V_{z B}$ cut off or conducting little enough that $V_{2 d}$ is unsquelched and the receiver remains unmuted.

## Squelch Tail

At the termination of a transmission, the hiss is immediately rectified and $C_{3}$ is charged positively again. However, owing to the $R C$ time action of $C_{8}$ and $R_{6}$, a fraction of a second is required for $C_{6}$ to charge sufficiently to cause squelch action. This permits a small amount of hiss to get through the first audio amplifier before the squelch circuit can mute the receiver. This squelch tail indicates to the operator that transmission is over and the receiver is ready for the next transmission.

The $R C$ action of $R_{0}$ and $C_{8}$ also serves to prevent the squelch circuit from causing a fluttering in the muting owing to rapid variation in signal levels such as when receiving a signal while passing under bridges or between high buildings at high speeds.

Decreasing the resistance of the squelch control past the threshold position will cause the receiver to awaken only to a stronger carrier.

Increasing the resistance past the threshold will awaken the set, noise will be heard and no squelch action will be available.

The voltage divider consisting of $R_{5}$ and $C_{4}$ also serves as a de-emphasis network. The hiss frequencies above the audio range are readily attenuated by $C_{s}$, thereby minimizing the canceling action that occurs owing to the fact that both $V_{14}$ and $V_{18}$ tend to rectify hiss when no carrier is being received. During reception, any recovered audio appearing across $R_{5}$ and $C_{4}$ will cause a greater audio signal than hiss voltage to be developed across $C_{4}$ since the capacitor appears as a higher reactance at these lower frequencies. Hence, much more audio than hiss is available at $V_{18}$, which now compensates easily for the rise in hiss at $V_{1 d}$ during deviation.

## Awakening Voltage

During reception of a carrier the first limiter draws grid current producing a negative voltage across $R_{1}$ This negative voltage increases with carrier strength. The purpose of $R_{3}$ is to permit a portion of this negative voltage to be developed across $R_{4}$ during reception of a carrier of 1.2 microvolts or more. This allows the setting of $R_{12}$ to determine the carrier strength required to awaken the receiver when the squelch control knob is set at the extreme counterclockwise posi-


FIG. 2-Deviation-compensated squelch circuit uses audio output from discriminator to prevent muting during wide excursions of signal


FIG. 3-Loss-of-signal effect encountered when unhindered deviation resulting from high modulation moves signal out of receiver passband
tion. Settings from 0.5 to 7.5 microvolts are easily achieved. Without $R_{3}$, settings from 0.5 to 1.1 microvolts are available.

With the new circuit no squelch clipping occurs up to $\pm 30 \mathrm{kc}$ deviation when operating at threshhold. The threshhold setting itself is independent of battery-voltage variations up to $\pm 10$ percent of normal voltage. The squelch circuit is unaffected by atmospheric, manmade or ignition noise; the receiver will not awaken in the presence of such noise. There must be a quieting action resulting from reception of a carrier.

## Fail-Sałe Operation

Should $V_{1}$ develop an open filament, the receiver will awaken permitting use of the set until serviced.
Squelch sensitivity is such that at threshhold it requires only 0.09 to 0.1 microvolt of carrier to awaken the receiver. At the extreme counterclockwise position of the squelch control it requires only 0.5 microvolt of carrier to awaken the receiver. By adjusting $R_{12}$, values from 0.2 microvolt to 1.1 microvolts can be achieved with at least 90 -deg rotation available on the squelch control.

At threshhold, with signal strengths of at least 0.1 microvolt input, the receiver remains awake up to $\pm 30 \mathrm{kc}$ deviation at $1,000 \mathrm{cps}$.

At the extreme counterclockwise position of the squelch control (with $R_{\mathrm{t} 2}$ set for 1.1 microvolts) the receiver will remain awake up to $\pm \mathbf{2 5} \mathrm{kc}$ deviation at $1,000 \mathrm{cps}$ with signal strengths of at least 1.2 microvolts.

Simplified Circuit Design Results when..

the 40 components of an electron-tube crt deflection system

are replaced by 27 smaller components in circuits using transistors

## Transistor C-R Tube

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RESULTS can be discouraging if transistors are substituted in electron-tube circuits which have been changed only in component values. Such circuits have been optimized to fit the peculiarities of electron tubes while transistors
have their own distinctive quirks.
The cathode-ray-tube deflection circuit to be described illustrates the design approach to using transistors. First a commonly used electron-tube circuit will be described and the unsuitability of di-
rectly substituting transistors demonstrated. Then the circuit designed specifically for transistors will be discussed. Characteristics desired in the deflection system which served as a target in the design work are listed in Table I.

## Electron-Tube Circuit

A commonly used electron-tube deflection circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The initiating and terminating triggers control a bootstrap generator whose output is a highly linear saw tooth. The deflection yoke

> UMMARY Five transistors and one electron tube form sweep circuit that produces 100 -v peak-to-peak saw tooth from square-wave imput. Design techniques avoid or reduce limitations of circuits based on prior electrontube sweep circuits


Complete transistor sweep system including yoke, yoke driver, error amplifier, clamp and gate circuits

## Deflection Circuit

current, which is proportional to the angle of beam deflection, is sampled by a resistor in the cathode of the yoke driver. The similar waveforms are compared. Their discrepancies are amplified and used as the grid signal for the yoke driver. The linearity of deflection is dependent upon the linearity of the bootstrap waveform itself and upon the gain of the feedback loop.

Referring to Fig. 2A, the operation commences with the switch closed and the full supply voltage
appearing across $R_{1}$. When the switch is opened, $C_{1}$ starts to charge. As the capacitor voltage builds up, the cathode follower and coupling capacitor $C_{z}$ cause the voltage across $R_{1}$ to be increased by a nearly equal amount, maintaining constant current flow through $R_{1}$. During this period, the diode is disconnected and the current for $R_{1}$ supplied by $C_{2}$. At end of the sweep the switch closes and the diode supplies the current to recharge $C_{2}$.

The linearity of the voltage
waveform on $C_{1}$ is equal to the constancy of the charging current. During the sweep, the grid-to-cathode voltage of the cathode follower changes and $C_{a}$ accumulates some charge. Expressed as a percentage of the supply voltage, the sum of these voltages represents the nonuniformity of current flow through $R_{1}$. Not all this current is supplied to $C_{1}$. Some is required by the imperfect switch and the grid of the cathode follower.

Perfect linearity would require unity-voltage-gain feedback including cathode follower and capacitor, infinite power gain in the cathode follower and zero or constant switch current during the sweep.

It is convenient to consider imperfections as the degree to which their associated impedences differ from infinity. Feedback having a voltage gain $K$ results in the apparent impedance of $R_{ \pm}$being increased to $R_{1} /(1-K)$. This apparent source impedance is shunted by the input impedances of the cathode follower $R_{\text {or }}$ and the switch $R_{s}$ which for electron-tube circuits are extremely high. The equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 2B.

Since the output is taken from the cathode follower, its nonlinearity also must be included. This nonlinearity, being a small fraction of the grid-to-cathode voltage swing, is small and generally subtracts from the more dominant forms.

## Saw-Tooth Waveforms

A transistor bootstrap circuit can be constructed having elements identical to those of the electron tube circuit. However, the power gain of a grounded-collector stage is severely limited. Cascading is necessary to achieve adequate power gain although this results in sacrifice of voltage gain. No system of cascading can make the input impedance of the first stage exceed its collector-to-base resist-
ance, a maximum of about one megohm for germanium transistors. A similar limitation applies to the impedance of the electronic switch.

These impedance limitations could be tolerated if the impedance level of the whole circuit could be lowered sufficiently, that is, if charging current and capacitor size could be increased. Unfortunately, the current required to recharge $C_{2}$ quickly for high-duty-cycle operation must be furnished by the grounded-collector stage.

The alternate direct approach, furnishing a constant-current source by utilizing a voltage source more than a hundred times the saw-tooth amplitude, is inefficient and suffers from the same impedance limitations as the bootstrap. However, the absence of the bootstrap emitter follower does allow some decrease in impedance level.

## Comparison of Waveforms

The most prevalent difficulty encountered in waveform comparison is the drift in operating point with temperature.

All transistor characteristics are to some extent affected by temperature. In most circuits, however, the changes are not sufficient to be troublesome with the exception of the temperature sensitivity of the base current. Although base current is small, it is large compared to the grid current of a vacuum tube and it can change several hundred percent over the usual ambient temperature range. Therefore, just as it is necessary to maintain a d-c return on the grid of an electron tube, the base of a transistor should look back into a
d-c resistance of less than 10,000 ohms. Failure to do this will result in the base voltage drifting with temperature to such an extent that the transistor may saturate. This problem arises repeatedly in attempting to utilize a waveform already generated.

## Yoke Drive

Amplification of the error signal between saw-tooth voltage and yoke current can be achieved using transistors but driving a magnetic yoke is beyond the capabilities of transistors. Neither sufficient voltage nor sufficient power can be obtained

Figure 3 shows the voltage waveform required by the combination of yoke and feedback resistances. It is made up of a step voltage to create the desired rate of flux buildup in the yoke ( $L d i / d t$ ), a sawtooth voltage created by current flow in the yoke and feedback resistances (IR) and a spike to recover the initial flux condition.

The supply voltage must exceed the sum of $L d i / d t$ and $I R$ in all cases. During slow sweeps, $L d i / d t$ is reduced and the excess voltage must be absorbed by the driver. The voltage required for a $50-\mathrm{mi}$ crosecond sweep causes a dissipation of about ten watts on the slower sweeps.

Present power transistors obtain their higher dissipation rating by sacrificing the speed of response of the lower power units. Consequently, they offer no solution to a circuit which can concede nothing in response time. New techniques of manufacture offer hope that this relationship of power and frequency response may be eliminated in the future, but for the present


FIG. 1-Commonly used electron-tube system for crt beam deflection


FIG. 2-Bootstrap circuit: schematic (A), equivalent circuit (B)
an election tube offers the only solution to this problem.

The voltage that transistors will tolerate is generally limited to less than 60 volts. Use of a transistor as a yoke driver would require some protective device to limit the spike in yoke voltage to within this transistor rating. This hampers rapid recovery. Where operation at high duty cycle is required, the electron tube is irreplaceable because of its ability to withstand a large spike.

It should not be inferred that a transistor yoke drive is impractical in all cases. If a single slow sweep speed is adequate and if the duty cycle is of the order of 50 percent or less, a transistor appears feasible.

The driver must be chosen on the basis of the small grid voltage swing required since the output voltage of the transistor driving it is limited. No feedback resistor in the cathode is permissible because this directly adds to the required grid swing. Yoke current must be sampled in the plate circuit rather than in the cathode.

## System Employing Transistors

In the transistor c-r tube deflection system a single electron tube drives the deflection yoke. However, the circuit configuration has been altered considerably so that inis element may solve not only the yoke drive problems but also some of the other voltage difficulties. The circuit is illustrated in Fig. 4.


FIG. 3--Voliage waveform required by yoke and feedback resistances


FIG. 4-Cathode-ray-tube deflection system employing transistors. Value of C in $\mu \mathrm{f}$ is equal to $10 \times$ sweep duration in seconds

The yoke driver tube is fed by an error amplifier which requires little change in input voltage to drive the yoke. This error signal is the difference between a voltage saw tooth and the yoke current.
Since the voltage swing at the input of the error amplifier is small, it is easy to achieve a source of constant current. This current flows through the clamp until the gate opens and diverts the flow into the sweep capacitor. The charging of the sweep capacitor would cause a rapid increase in voltage at the input of the error amplifier but for the fact that the other end of the capacitor is attached to the resistor which measures yoke current.

Any increase in input voltage causes an increase in yoke current which counteracts the charge accumulated by the sweep capacitor. Although this input voltage actually is the error between a capacitor voltage saw tooth and yoke current, the capacitor voltage saw tooth is never generated with respect to ground and never appears across a transistor.

The waveform of yoke current is generated by a resistor in series with the yoke, both in the plate circuit of the driver tube. Compared to a cathode resistor, this has the advantage that the amplitude can be large without unduly increasing the grid drive. Screen current of the driver tube is not detected and does not distort the feedback. The one disadvantage is the sensitivity of the feedback to power supply

Table I-Characteristics of Desired Deflection System

| Deflection rate $R$ | Controllable between 50 and 3,750 microseconds per radius |
| :---: | :---: |
| Delay in starting following an initiating trigger | Less than $0.01 R$ or 2 microseconds whichever is greater |
| Delay in accelerilion up to 50 per cent of nominal sieed | Less than $0.02 R$ or 3 microseconds whichever is greater |
| Nonliuearity | Less than 1 percent of tube radius except for distortion due to starting delay |
| Recovery following <br> a termineting <br> trigger | Less than $0.1 R$ or 125 microseconds whichever is greater |
| Operating temperature range | 0 to 50 C |

ripple. The feedback resistor must tie to a well filtered source.

When the gate turns on the clamp at the end of the sweep, the yoke driver tube is turned off and the sweep capacitor starts to discharge. The current sampling resistor limits the peak current that the clamp must carry to the peak current that the yoke was conducting at the preceding instant. This reduces clamping problems without hindering recovery appreciably.

## Advantages

This system of sweep deflection has avoided or reduced the disadvantages which arise when transis-
tors are used in a circuit based upon prior electron-tube systems: low voltage output, relatively low input impedance and temperature instability of base current.

The two waveforms to be compared do not appear on the transistors; 100 -volt amplitudes are available yet only their difference (about 2 volts) appears at the error junction. Therefore, the transistors do not limit the sawtooth amplitude.

Generation of the saw tooth is simply achieved. A current source of sufficient constancy is no longer a problem when it is supplying the error junction, a point of limited voltage swing. For the same reason, the impedances of the error amplifier and the supposedly open clamp will bypass proportionately less current from its intended task of charging the sweep capacitor. Consequently, a linearity of saw-tooth reference waveform is achieved which is inconceivable were the waveform to be generated with respect to ground.

The problem of temperature instability when a transistor's base is connected to a high resistance is completely eliminated by this system. A change in d-c base current of transistor $T R_{3}$ is equivalent merely to a change in the constantcurrent source. It slows or speeds the sweep rate to an unimportant degree. The base of the transistor is clamped to ground to stabilize the operating point. It cannot drift with temperature.

# Design of Microwave 

> ( UMMARY _ Electromagnetic horns for the microwave region from 0.77 cm to 31.5 cm have been built and calibration techniques perfected. Resulting designs are easily and accurately duplicated and have been adopted as standards by the Inter-Service Antenna Group


Horn and transmitter on adjustable nount. Microwave absorbent material reduces wave reflections inside horn

Some time ago a program was initiated at the Naval Research Laboratory to design and calibrate a series of gain-standards covering the microwave region from a wavelength of 0.77 cm to 31.5 cm . The present paper is based on an NRL report.
The series of gain-standards consists of eleven broadband horns having gains ranging from 24.7 db to 13.7 db . The horns can be easily and accurately duplicated.

## Criteria

Electromagnetic horns were considered well suited as gain-standard antennas because they are broadband, rugged and easily duplicated. However, previous attempts to obtain accurate horn
calibrations had shown marked discrepancies in the measured gain obtained at various horn-separation distances.

The usual criterion for minimum horn-separation distance had been $2 D^{2} / \lambda$ where $D$ is the larger aperture dimension of the horn and $\lambda$ is the wavelength. This criterion was shown to be invalid. A new criterion was developed ${ }^{2}$ which resolved previous inconsistencies and formed the basis for a set of curves correcting for finite separation between horns.

Three general requirements were considered of prime importance in the design: a useful gain figure; a simple construction; and accuracy of calibration. Because of size and weight considerations, the horns
were not scaled from band to band throughout the range. Instead, five basic designs were used and the horns for each of the other bands were scaled from one of these.

## Design

A nearly optimum horn was desirable to obtain the maximum gain consistent with size limitations. An optimum horn has aperture dimensions chosen to give maximum gain for a fixed slant height. This is the case when $a^{2} \cong 3.18 \lambda l_{I I}$ and $b^{2} \cong$ $2.08 \lambda l_{E}$ where $a, b, l_{n}$ and $l_{E}$ refer to dimensions shown in Fig. 1. Approximately equal half-power beamwidths for the radiation patterns in the two planes was another desirable characteristic. The theoretical criterion for equal beamwidths is that $a=1.35 b$. This assumes an in-phase aperture with the electric field intensity constant in the E plane and varying cosinusoidally in the H-plane.

Schelkunoff's gain curves ${ }^{\text {s,4 }}$ were used in determining the horn dimensions for the desired gain, equal beamwidth and optimum horn requirements. A final determination of the calculated gain was obtained by using the formulas from which the Schelkunoff curves were plotted.

The fabricated type of pyramidal horn shown in Fig. 1 was chosen as the best means of satisfying the requirements. For simplicity a simple butt-joint between horn and waveguide was adopted. Most of the horns are made of flat brass sheets. Exceptions are the $8-\mathrm{mm}$ electroformed horn and the 15,23 , and $30-\mathrm{cm}$ horns which are made of welded aluminum sheets.

A typical horn construction drawing is shown in Fig. 2. Design and

# Gain-Standard Horns 

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construction data are given in Table 1.

## Calibration

Using the setup shown in Fig. 3, experimental primary gain measurements were made to check the accuracy of the calculated gain. The formula for the experimental determination of gain is

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G=\frac{4 \pi R}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{P_{R}}{P_{T}}}
$$

where $R$ is the separation distance between horns, $\lambda$ is the wavelength and $P_{R} / P_{T}$ is the ratio of power received to power transmitted. Two identical matched horns separated by a distance $R$ were used, one acting as the transmitting antenna and the other as the receiving antenna.

The r-f source was a reflex klystron with 1,000 cycle square-wave modulation. Attached to the receiving horn at point $A^{\prime}$ in Fig. 3, was a matched bolometer-detector which delivered the detected voltage to a linear amplifier connected


FIG. 1-Physical dimensions of horn used for calculating gain. Butt joint is used between horn and waveguide
to a vacuum-tube voltmeter.
The horn and associated r-f components at both the transmitting and receiving ends were mounted on tripods so that each horn could be peaked in azimuth and elevation for maximum received power.

The voltmeter reading was proportional to the received power $P_{R}$, for this measurement since a bolo-meter-detector is a square-law device. To obtain a voltage reading proportional to the transmitted power $P_{T}$, the transmitting horn was removed and the receiving detector connected at A in Fig. 3.

Unusual care was necessary in


FIG. 2-Typical construction drawing for a gain-standard horn. Plates are made from 0.50 in . sheet brass


FIG. 3-Experimental setup for gain measurements
making these measurements. The separation distance $R$ was varied frequently and the measuring procedure was repeated several times at each new distance. The horns and the bolometer were carefully matched at each frequency.

Microwave absorbent material ${ }^{\text {b }}$, shown in the photograph, was used to minimize the reflections. At longer wavelengths difficulties were encountered because of reflections and the large separation distances required. True Fraunhofer field (far-field) conditions which are assumed in deriving the gain formula, do not exist until a horn-separationdistance of many times the magni-


FIG. 4-Gain curves for gain-standard horns in the $8-\mathrm{mm}, 1.25-\mathrm{cm}, 1.8-\mathrm{cm}$ and $3.2-\mathrm{cm}$ bands. Comparisons of measured gain for hours scaled from one band to another show good agreement


FIG. 5-Gain curves for gain-standard horns in the $3.95-\mathrm{cm}, 4.75-\mathrm{cm}, 6-\mathrm{cm}$ and $10-\mathrm{cm}$ bands. Variations in curves are not due to experimental difficulties
tude of $2 D^{2} / \lambda$ is attained ${ }^{2}$.
The effectiveness of the absorbent material is a function of wavelength, the absorbing power diminishing as the wavelength is increased. At wavelengths longer than in the $6-\mathrm{cm}$ band there is sufficient reflection to virtually preclude making accurate gain measurements. The absorption is still adequate for most other purposes at considerably longer wavelengths.

Because of the difficulties mentioned, experimental gain measurements at 10 cm and longer wavelengths were abandoned. The $10-\mathrm{cm}$ horn calibration was obtained from that of the $3.95-\mathrm{cm}$ and $6-\mathrm{cm}$ horns. The latter were scaled from the $10-\mathrm{cm}$ horn to obtain reliable measurements at the shorter wavelengths.

Measurements were made over the range of the band for the 1.8 $\mathrm{cm}, 3.2-\mathrm{cm}$ and $6-\mathrm{cm}$ horns, since these represent the three basic horn designs from 8 mm to 10 cm inclusive (see Table 1). Several measurements were also made at the $3.95-\mathrm{cm}$ band, taking advantage of the scaling to get a cross-check on the $6-\mathrm{cm}$ horn calibration. Similarly, a measurement was made at 1.25 cm as a check on the $1.8-\mathrm{cm}$ horn at the scaled wavelength of 1.87 cm . These comparisons of the measured gain for horns scaled from one band to another showed good agreement (see Fig. 4 and 5).

## Accuracy

At any one wavelength the measured points showed a dispersion of less than 0.1 db . As a function of wavelength, the gain curve is not monotonic as would be predicted from the theory, but shows small periodic variations, as in Fig. 5. After exhaustive checking it is felt that these variations, of the order of $\pm 0.1$ to 0.2 db , are actually present and not due to experimental difficulties. This effect can probably be attributed to higher modes in the aperture, and currents on the outside of the horn, both of which are neglected in the theory. Taking into account all possible deviations from the true gain over each band, the maximum possible error was less than $\pm 0.3 \mathrm{db}$ up to and including the $10 . \mathrm{cm}$ horns.

At wavelengths longer than 10 cm , where no experimental measurements have been feasible, the gain has been calculated by means of Schelkunoff's formula. Below 10 cm the greatest discrepancy between the average measured gain (using Braun's correction curves for near-field conditions) and the gain calculated from Schelkunoff's formula was of the order of 0.2 db . In general the difference was much less. Because of the infeasibility of making experimental checks a maximum tolerance of $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{db}$ is reasonable for all horns above the $10-\mathrm{cm}$ band (see Fig. 6),

## VSWR

The greatest voltage-standing wave ratio encountered in horn measurements made over the band at four representative bands was 1.25. In any event the viwr should be measured at the wavelength used. For accurate measurements the horns should either be caref ully matched or allowance should be made for any mismatch. In either case the bolometer must be wellmatched.

## Error Sources

Obtaining an accurate gain measurement requires that a number of precautions be observed. Instability is one of the greatest problems. The r-f source should be carefully selected for stability of both frequency and power output. The bolometer amplifiers and vacuumtube voltmeters must also be very
stable. Rigid waveguide, rather than flexible cables, should be used in the r -f transmission line. Adjustable bolometer holders and variable attenuators should have a stable adjustment.

Flange-to-flange connections rather than choke-to-flange, should be used, since chokes may introduce considerable mismatch at some wavelengths. The bolometer amplifiers should be checked for linearity
throughout the range used and both the amplifiers and the voltmeters should be accurately calibrated.

## Power Level

The power level was kept low enough to maintain amplifier linearity. This restriction limited the maximum horn-separation distance, so that measurements were made at distances of three or four times $D^{*} / \lambda$. Corrections were required be-


FIG. 7-Braun's E and H-plane correction curves


FIG. 6-Gain curves for gain-standard horns in the $15-\mathrm{cm}, 23 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $30-\mathrm{cm}$ bands

Table I-Summary of Gain-Standard Horn Data

| Band | Dimensions (I. D.) See Fig. 1 | Plate Data |  |  |  |  | Waveguide |  | Axial <br> Length to Waveguide | Over-all <br> Length | Design <br> Point <br> Frequency | Gain at Design Point (db) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Plate | Large <br> End | Small End | Length | Material | Size (O.D.) | Flange |  |  |  |  |
| $\int 8 \mathrm{~mm}$ | a $=2.720 \quad b=2.231$ | Electroformed; details not shown |  |  |  |  | $0.360 \times 0.220$ RG-96/U | UG-381/U |  | 6.46 | $\begin{array}{r} 0.85 \mathrm{~cm} \\ 35,290 \mathrm{mc} \end{array}$ | 24.7 |
|  | $l_{H}=6.513 \quad l_{s}=6.197$ |  |  |  |  |  | RG-96/U | UG-117/U | 8.500 | 11.2 | 1.25 cm | 24.7 |
| , 1.25 cm | $\begin{array}{rlrl}a & =4.000 & b & =3.281 \\ l_{L} & =9.706 & l_{K}=9.113\end{array}$ | A B | 4.080 3.281 | 0.500 0.170 | 8.641 8.688 | 0.040 Brass | $0.500 \times 0.250$ RG-53/U | UG-117/U | 8.500 | 11.2 | 24,000 mc |  |
| 1.8 cm | $\begin{array}{rlrl}l_{H} & =9.706 & l_{k} & =9.113 \\ a & =5.984 & b & =4.908\end{array}$ | B | 3.281 6.064 | 0.170 0.702 | 8.688 12.769 | Brass 0.040 | $0.702 \times 0.391$ | UG-420/U | 12.560 | 15.6 | 1.87 cm | 24.7 |
|  | $l_{I I}=14.333 \quad l_{z}=13.633$ | B | 4.908 | 0.311 | 12.843 | Brass | RG-91/U |  |  |  | ,040 mc |  |
| ( 3.2 cm | $a=7.654 \quad b=5.669$ | A | 7.754 | 1.000 | 11.709 | 0.050 | $1.000 \times 0.500$ | UG-39/U | 11.409 | 14.9 | 3.20 cm | 22.1 |
|  | $l_{H}=13.484 \quad l_{R}=12.598$ | B | 5.669 | 0.400 | 11.899 | Brass | RG-52/U |  |  |  | $9,375 \mathrm{mc}$ $4.75 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 22.1 |
| 4.75 cm | $a=11.360 \quad b=8.415$ | A | 11.485 | 1.497 | 17.318 | $\stackrel{1 / 16}{\text { Brass }}$ | $1.500 \times 0.750$ RG-50/U | UG-344/U | 16.874 | 20.4 | $\begin{array}{r} 4.75 \mathrm{~cm} \\ 6,315 \mathrm{mc} \end{array}$ | 22.1 |
|  | $l_{H}=20.014 \quad l_{s}=18.700$ | B | 8.415 | 0.622 | 17.597 | Brass | RG-50/U |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.95 cm | $a=5.011 \quad b=3.733$ | A | 5.166 | 1.247 | 5.682 | 1/16 | $1.250 \times 0.625$ | UG-51/U | 5.447 | 9.45 | 3.95 cm | 18.0 |
|  | $l_{H}=7.447 \quad l_{R}=6.555$ | B | 3.733 | 0.497 | 5.789 | Brass | RG-51/U |  | 9.136 | 13.1 | $7,595 \mathrm{mc}$ 6.67 cm | 18.0 |
| 6 cm | $a=8.507 \quad b=6.300$ | A | 8.632 | 1.997 | 9.531 | 1/16 | $2.000 \times 1.000$ RG-49/U | UG-149A/U | 9.136 | 13.1 | $4,500 \mathrm{mc}$ |  |
|  | $l_{H}=12.462 \quad l_{S}=11.062$ | B | 6.300 | 0.872 | 9.720 |  | RG-49/U $3.000 \times 1.500$ | UG-214/U | 13.65 | 20.7 | 10.00 cm | 18.0 |
| 10 cm | $a=12.760 \quad b=9.450$ | A | 12.95 9.45 | 3.00 1.34 | 14.24 | 3/32 <br> Brass | $\begin{gathered} 3.000 \times 1.50 \\ \text { RG-48/U } \end{gathered}$ | U-21/U |  |  | $3,000 \mathrm{mc}$ |  |
|  | $l_{H}=18.682 \quad l_{S}=16.593$ | B | 9.45 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ( 15 cm | $a=14.508 \quad b=10.747$ | A | 14.508 | 4.300 | 11.285 | 3/32 | $4.460 \times 2.310$ | UG-437/U | 10.43 | 14.4 | 15.22 cm | 15.5 |
|  | $l_{B}=16.508 \quad l_{E}=14.107$ | B | 10.747 | 2.150 | 11.616 | Alum. | RG-105/U |  | 15.77 | 21.8 | $1,970 \mathrm{mc}$ 23.00 cm | 15.5 |
| 23 cm | $a=21.931 \quad b=16.245$ | A | 21.931 | 6.500 3.250 | 17.059 17.559 | 1/8 | 6.660 $\times 3.410$ RG-103/U | UG-418/U | 15.76 | 21.8 | $1,300 \mathrm{mc}$ |  |
|  | $l_{H}=24.955 \quad l_{B}=21.325$ | B | 16.245 | 3.250 | 17.559 | Alum. | RG-103/U |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 cm | $a=21.931 \quad b=16.245$ | A | 21.931 | 7.700 | 18.312 | 1/8 | $7.950 \times 4.100$ | $10^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime} \times 3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 17.23 | 23.2 | 30.00 cm | 13.7 |
|  | $l_{l l}=28.730 \quad l_{B}=24.000$ | B | 16.245 | 3.850 | 18.643 | Alum. | RETMA WR-770 |  |  |  | 1,000 mc |  |
| Horns in each bracket have essentially same design in terms of wavel Plate tolerances $\begin{aligned} & 1.25-6 \mathrm{cm:}: \pm 0.005 \mathrm{in} . \\ & 10-30 \mathrm{~cm}: \pm 0.015 \mathrm{in} . \end{aligned}$ <br> All dimensions in inches |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

cause of the near-field conditions.
The procedure for determining the true Fraunhofer (far-field) gain from the primary gain test data, using Braun's near-field correction curves, Fig. 7A and B is shown in the following example:
See Fig. 1 and Table I
3.2-cm band horn dimensions:

$$
\begin{aligned}
a=7.654 \mathrm{in} . & l_{H}=13.484 \mathrm{in} . \\
b=5.669 \mathrm{in} . & l_{E}=12.598 \mathrm{in} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Parameters for using the gain formula:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\lambda=3.20 \mathrm{~cm}=1.2598 \mathrm{in} . \\
R(\text { distance between horns })=140.25 \mathrm{in} . \\
\frac{4 \pi R}{\lambda}=\frac{(12.566)(140.25)}{1.2598}=1398.94
\end{gathered}
$$

From test data:
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$\frac{P_{T}}{P_{R}}=\frac{11.3}{0.123}=91.87 ; \quad \sqrt{\frac{P_{T}}{P_{R}}}=9.585$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Uncorrected Gain } & =\frac{4 \pi R}{\lambda} / \sqrt{\frac{P_{T}}{P_{R}}} \\
& =\frac{1398.94}{9.585}=145.95
\end{aligned}
$$

$10 \log 145.95=21.64 \mathrm{db}$
Parameters for using the correction curves:
E-plane, Fig. 7A

$$
\frac{\delta l_{E}}{b^{2}}=\frac{(8)(12.59 \mathrm{~S})}{32.1376}=3.1360
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& E=\left(\frac{8 l_{E}}{b^{2}}\right) \lambda \\
& =(3.1360)(1.2598) \quad 0.22 \mathrm{db} \\
& =3.951 \\
& \begin{aligned}
\log \frac{\lambda R}{b^{2}} & =\left.\log \frac{(1.2598)(140.25)}{32.1376}\right|^{\text {tion }} \\
& =\log 5.498=0.740
\end{aligned} \\
& \text { H-plane (Fig. 7B) : } \\
& \frac{8 l_{H}}{a^{2}}=\frac{(8)(13.484)}{58.5837}=1.8413 \\
& H=\left(\frac{8 l_{H}}{a^{2}}\right) \lambda \\
& \begin{array}{l}
=(1.8413)(1.2598) \\
=2.320
\end{array} \\
& =2.320 \\
& \begin{aligned}
& =2.320 \\
\operatorname{og} \frac{\lambda R}{a^{2}} & =\log \frac{(1.2598)(140.25)}{58.5837} \\
& =\log 3.016=0.479
\end{aligned} \\
& 0.28 \mathrm{db} \\
& \text { correc- } \\
& \text { tion }
\end{aligned}
$$

Reading from the correction curves as detailed above:

| E-plane correction | 0.22 db |
| :---: | :---: |
| H-plane correction | 0.28 db |
| Total correction | 0.50 db |
| Uncorrected gain | 21.64 db |
| Corrected gain | 22.14 db |

The calculated gain, using Schelkunoff's gain formula, in this case was the same. Note that the separation distance $R$, was approximately $3 D^{2} / \lambda$, and the required correction at this distance was not small.

Consistently good agreement was obtained between measurements made at different distances using the correction curves.

A series of microwave gainstandard horns has now been built which incorporates the following desired characteristics: a useful value of gain; broad-band coverage; accurate calibration; reasonable size; ease of duplication.

Improved techniques have resulted in an accuracy of gain measurement which was not possible previously.

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# All-Pass Amplifier 

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 UMMARY Five-stage 10 to $70-\mathrm{mc}$ amplifier uses parasitic capacitances of tubes as transmission elements beyond useful amplification range of tubes. Arbitrarily large gain-bandwidth products can be obtained by cascading a sufficient number of tubesBy Harry J. WOLL

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SHORTER PULSES with faster rise times have engendered a need for equipment to amplify these pulses. This requires wide-band amplifiers since the limiting rise time of an amplified pulse is inversely proportional to the bandwidth of the amplifier.

High-frequency attenuation through a tandem connection of stages can be reduced by allowing the signal to be transmitted through the parasitic capacitances rather than being attenuated by them. In a conventional amplifier the bandwidth is limited because the parasitic capacitances shunt the interstage coupling impedance and attenuate the signal at high frequencies.

In this amplifier the parasitic capacitances are incorporated into a high-pass filter which allows transmission of signal frequencies beyond the band of useful amplification. The stage amplifies in a manner similar to a conventional amplifier at the lower frequencies. By suitable combination of stages or band-pass equivalents of them, amplification can be obtained over bandwidths beyond the limits of conventional amplifiers.

An all-pass amplifier stage will be defined as a network which has an input impedance equal to $R$ at all frequencies if the output of the stage is terminated with the nominal load resistance $R$, and a voltage transfer ratio

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{E_{3}}{\bar{E}_{1}}=\frac{p-\boldsymbol{\omega}_{0}}{p+\frac{\omega_{0}}{A}} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

or its band-pass equivalent.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{E_{3}}{\bar{E}_{1}}=\frac{p+\frac{\omega_{1}^{2}}{p}-\omega_{0}}{p+\frac{\omega_{1}^{2}}{p}+\frac{\omega_{o}}{A}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p$ is the complex-frequency variable, $R$ is the load resistance, $A$ is the maximum stage gain, $\omega_{0}$ is a measure of bandwidth and $\omega_{1}$ is the angular frequency of maximum gain.

Stages which have their maximum gain at zero frequency will be called low-pass stages; others will be called band-pass stages.

Since the input impedance of a properly terminated all-pass amplifier stage is equal to $R$ at all frequencies, the stages in a tandem connection are matched on an iterative basis. Each stage contributes to the response independently of the rest of the amplifier.

## Typical Amplifier

An all-pass amplifier stage is shown in Fig. 1, where $C_{1}$ is the grid-to-cathode capacitance and $C_{2}$ is the grid-to-plate capacitance. At


Experimental five-stage 10 to $70-\mathrm{mc}$ all-pass amplifier test setup. Amplifier is shown immediately to right of author's hands


FIG. l-All-pass amplifier stage is equivalent to conventional amplifier stage and high-pass filter
low frequencies the cathode-toground impedance is small, the interelectrode capacitances have a negligible effect and the tube amplifies in a conventional manner having a voltage gain of $A=g_{m} R$. At high frequencies the input current flows directly into the load through the tube capacitances since they are low impedances.
The cathode-to-ground inductance can be neglected at these fiequencies because it is a high impedance. An all-pass amplifier stage can then be considered a combination of a conventional amplifier stage and a high-pass filter with each controlling the characteristics of the stage over part of the frequency spectrum.

The equations that define the network of Fig. 1 reduce to a voltage transfer ratio

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{E_{3}}{E_{1}}=\frac{p R C_{2}-1}{p R C_{2}+\frac{1}{g_{m} R}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and an input impedance equal to $R$ when

$$
\begin{align*}
g_{m} R & =\frac{C_{1}}{C_{2}}  \tag{4}\\
L & =\frac{R^{2} C_{1}}{1+g_{m} R} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Stage gain is equal to the ratio of the input capacitance to the output capacitance. This restriction can be eliminated through the use of an autotransformer.

Figure 2 compares the gain versus frequency curve of an allpass amplifier stage with that of a conventional amplifier using the same tube and having a twoterminal interstage. Both were adjusted to a low-frequency gain of three.

The preceding showed a method


FIG. 2-Gain per stage of conventional amplifier compared with all-pass amplifier
of circumventing the gain-bandwidth limitations imposed upon amplifiers by the parasitic capacitances of the tubes. A circuit composed of simple lumped ideal elements was assumed. In actual practice this is not the case.

## Nonideal Components

The most troublesome circuit element is stray capacitance of the circuit to ground. It consists of the capacitance to ground of the tube, wiring and components. All these can be lumped as a capacitance from cathode to ground.

At frequencies above the band of amplification the amplifier becomes a high-pass filter. At these frequencies, the total capacitance shunting the load is the stray capacitance to ground per stage times the number of stages. In a multistage amplifier this capacitance would severely limit the bandwidth capabilities of the amplifier.

If, in Fig. 3, $C_{4}$ is the stray capacitance to ground per stage and $R$ is the load resistance, inductance

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{4}=R^{2} C_{4} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

can be inserted in the output circuit of the stage. At high frequencies,


FIG. 3-All-pass amplifier stage, showing stray capacitance to ground with inductance $L_{\text {/ }}$ inserted in output
series inductance $L_{4}$, in conjunction with shunt capacitance $C_{4}$ forms a section of a constant- $k$ low-pass filter of impedance $R$.

In the center of the band of useful amplification, $L_{4}$ and $C_{4}$ do not affect the stage gain since $C_{4}$ is shunted by series-resonant circuit $L_{3}-C_{5}$. Inductance $L_{4}$ is in series with parallel-resonant circuit $L_{2}$ $C_{2}$. The input impedance of the stage is not affected since it is determined by the grid-to-cathode impedance at the center of the band.

Outside the band of amplification $L_{4}$ and $C_{4}$ function as a lumpedconstant line of impedance $R$. The capacitances of the individual stages are isolated and the limiting bandwidth is determined by the load impedance $R$ and the capacitance to ground $C_{4}$ of one stage.

The high-frequency limit due to $C_{4}$ is inversely proportional to the line impedance.

The line impedance can be reduced, raising the high-frequency limit imposed by $C_{4}$, by paralleling tubes in a stage. Another means for reducing line impedance is the use of tapped coils at the input and output.


FIG. 4-Five-stage 10 to $70-\mathrm{mc}$ amplifier. Heater and plate voltages are supplied to the tubes through trifilar coils. Capacitances are in $\mu \mu \mathrm{F}$ and inductances in $\mu \mathrm{H}$


FIG. 5-Individual stage response of 10 to $70 \cdot \mathrm{mc}$ all-pass amplifier

A schematic of an experimental amplifier is shown in Fig. 4. The grid-input stage was chosen as the basic building block. Using a 6CB6 the input capacitance was $13 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$ and the output capacitance was 6.5 muf. These figures include capacitance of the socket, components and wiring.

## Five-Stage Amplifier

The cathode resistors were individually adjusted to operate the tubes at a transconductance of $\mathbf{6 , 1 0 0}$ micromhos so that any deviation between calculated and experimental results would not be due to variations in tubes. From Eq. 3, 4 and 5, stage gain $=C_{1} / C_{2}=13.5 /$ $6.5=2, g_{m} R=C_{1} / C_{2}=2$, or $R=$ $2 / g_{m}=330$ ohms, $L$ (inductance from cathode to ground) $=R_{2} C_{1} /$ $\left(1+g_{m} R\right)=0.47 \mu \mathrm{~h}$ and $f_{\circ}=$ $1 /\left(2 \pi R C_{2}\right)=74 \mathrm{mc}$
The response curve of a low-pass stage, where $f$ is in mc , is then

$$
\begin{align*}
\left|\frac{E_{3}}{E_{1}}\right| & =\frac{\left(\frac{f}{f_{0}}\right)^{2}+1}{\left(\frac{!}{f_{0}}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{1}{g_{m} R}\right)^{2}} \\
& =\frac{f^{2}+74^{2}}{f^{2}-37^{2}} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

This is plotted in Fig. 5.
Using the low-pass to band-pass transformation, response curves of equivalent band-pass stages can be calculated. By shifting templates that correspond to the response curves of band-pass stages it was determined that three low-pass stages plus two band-pass stages tuned to 50 and 70 mc respectively would give a response out to 70 mc , as plotted in Fig. 6.
The band-pass stages have the same cathode-to-ground inductance as the low-pass stages. A capacitor


FIG. 6-Overall response characteristic of 10 to $70-\mathrm{mc}$ all-pass amplifier
is added to series-resonate this inductance at the center frequency of the passband. This capacitance includes the equivalent stray capacitance from the low end of the cathode coil to ground, but does not include the capacitance from the tube to ground. Coils are added to parallel-resonate the input and output capacitances of the tube at the center frequency of the passband.

The shunt capacitance to ground was 4 u.uf per stage. Series coils were added to compensate for the effect of the shunt capacitance. The value of this inductance is $L=R^{2} C$ $=(330)^{2} \times 4 \times 10^{-12}=0.44 \mu \mathrm{~h}$.

Compensating coils are not put in the plate circuits of $V_{4}$ and $V_{5}$ because these tubes are operate as amplifiers at high frequencies. Their cathode-to-ground impedances are low and the $4-\mu u f$ shunt capacitance has only a slight effect. The $1,000-$ ohm resistors were shunted across the series chokes to eliminate resonant peaks in response at and above the cutoff frequency of the constant-k filter formed by the shunt capacitances and the series inductances.

Insufficient cathode-bypass capacitance limits the response below 5 mc . The major limitation on lowfrequency response is the low impedance of $L_{1}$. The cathode-toground impedance of $V_{4}$ should be high at low frequencies. In the ideal case $C_{3}$ would not be shunted by an inductance. However, $L_{1}$ supplies plate and heater voltage to $V_{4}$ and $V_{5}$ and is necessary. For best low-frequency response it should have high inductance with a distributed capacitance less than 21.5 u.uf. At high frequencies $L_{1}$ and $C_{3}$ in parallel should be equivalent to the 21.4 uf
required to series-resonate $L_{2}$ at 50 mc . A considerably larger inductance is practical for $L_{j}$. The $5-\mu \mathrm{h}$ coil that is used has a distributed capacitance of only 2 or 3 unf.

The measured response of the amplifier is compared with the calculated response in Fig. 6. The lowfrequency cutoff is at about 10 mc . The measured response was made somewhat flatter than the calculated value by misaligning the band-pass stages. This added an inflection to the response curve between 80 and 90 me . The sharp cutoff at 120 mc is due to the constant- $k$ filter

## Advantages

Theoretically, an all-pass amplifier has at least 1.6 times the log-gain-bandwidth per tube of a distributed amplifier or of a di-vided-band amplifier with twoterminal interstages and at least $\%$ the log-gain-bandwidth per tube of a divided-band amplifier with fourterminal interstages. Practically, log-gain-bandwidths per tube about equal to those of distributed amplifiers have been obtained.
General-purpose divided-band amplifiers are not available commercially because of the difficulty of realizing accurately matched phase and amplitude characteristics in the different channels. Since allpass amplifiers do not require this adjustment, they are superior to divided-band amplifiers.

Because of the difficulty in supplying heater and plate voltages to the tubes, the all-pass amplifier is inferior to the distributed amplifier.

All-pass and divided-band amplifiers have the disadvantage that variations in tube transconductance directly affect their amplitude response. In the distributed amplifier, tube transconductance has only a second-order effect on response.
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# How to Design Overstaggered Doublets 

PUMMARY——Stagger-tuned amplifiers can be peaked to give response curves similar to overcoupled transformers. Advantages include increased gain and skirt selectivity. Curves provide a useful aid in designing the tuned circuits

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FIG. 1-Staggered doublet

## DESIGN PROBLEMS

To select components for in overstaggered doublet, the designer must first determine the $Q$ and resonant frequency of each tuned circuit. He begins by knowing only the desired center frequency, $f_{u}$, bandwidth $B$ and permissible dip in $\mathrm{db} d$.
The Q's are to be equal for both tuned circuits. The resonant frequencies are related by $\alpha$. If the frequencies are fol and $f_{o 2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{01}=f_{0} / \alpha \\
& f_{12}=f_{0} \alpha
\end{aligned}
$$

Should the designer want to work from equations, he would determine first the quantity $\gamma$
$d=20 \log _{10}\left[1 / \sqrt{1-\left(\gamma^{2}-1\right)^{2}}\right]$
from which $\gamma^{2}-1$ must be negative for overstaggering. This quatntity is used to solve for $q$
$q=1 / b \sqrt{\left(1-\gamma^{2}\right)+\sqrt{1-\left(\gamma^{2}-1\right)^{2}}}$
where $b$ is defined by $b=f_{o} / B$.
The designer may now evaluatc the $Q$ of the tuned circuits $Q^{2}=\left[4+q^{2}+\right.$

$$
\sqrt{\left.\left(4+q^{2}\right)^{2}-8 q^{2} \gamma^{2}\right]} / 4 q^{2} \gamma^{2}
$$

Now $\alpha$ is found in terms of $Q, q$ and $\gamma$

$$
\alpha^{2}=\eta^{2} \gamma^{2} Q^{2}-1+\sqrt{\left(q^{2} \gamma^{2}\left(Q^{2}-1\right)^{2}-1\right.}
$$

THE OVERSTAGGERED doublet gives an amplitude response with a dip resembling that for an overcoupled transformer. Its advantages include increased peak and center-frequency gain, increased skirt selectivity and less critical adjustment. The desired type of output can be obtained only in the absence of regeneration or any other type of feedback that affects the shape of the response characteristic. A staggered doublet is shown in Fig. 1.

Curve family I shows $Q$ plotted against $b$ for various values of dip $d$. Curve II plots a versus $b$. Quantity $b$ is the ratio of center frequency to half-power bandwidth, and a is used to find the resonant frequencies. The values of $a$ versus $b$ are so nearly the same for various amounts of dip that only one curve for $a$ versus $b$ is given. This is the curve for the maximally flat case, $d=0$. Also plotted are $\gamma^{2}$ versus $d$, curve III; peak gain improvement in $d b$ versus $d$, curve IV; center-frequency gain improvement in db versus $d$, curve $V$; and skirt selectivity versus $d$, curve VI. Skirt selectivity is the ratio of bandwidth 10 db down to bandwidth 3 db down.

From curves I the value of $Q$
may be read directly. The stage resonant frequencies are found using the value of a read from curve II. For a given value of $C, L$ is found from $L=1 / C \omega^{2}$ and $R$ is found for each stage from $R=Q / C \omega$.

For the curves the value of $b$ is limited between 0.5 and 10 . When the value of $b$ is too large to be represented on the graph, find $Q$ for $b=8$, divide this value by 8 and multiply the result by the given value of $b$. To find $f_{01}$ and $f_{02}$ for values of $b$ greater than 10 use $f_{01}=f_{0}-$ $B / 2 \sqrt{ } 2$ and $f_{02}=f_{0}+B / 2 \sqrt{ } / 2$; $B$ is half-power bandwidth.

## Example

Design a staggered doublet with center frequency 20 mc , bandwidth 5 mc at the halfpower points and $1-\mathrm{db}$ dip. Let $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$, the total shunt capacitances for each stage of the doublet, each be $12 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$.

First, $b=f_{0} / B=20 / 5=4$. From the 1-db dip curve I for $b=4, Q=8.9$.

From curve II for $b=4, a=$ 1.093. The center frequencies are $f_{01}=f_{o} / a=20 / 1.093=18.3$ me and $f_{v 2}={ }_{v a}=21.9 \mathrm{mc}$.
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The gain at the center frequency is $G=g_{m} / 2 \pi C B$, and the gain at the peaks is 1 db greater. From curves IV and V the peak and center-frequency gain improvements over a maximally flat stage are 3.6 and 2.6 db . The 10 -db-down to 3 -db-down skirt selectivity from curve VI is 1.52 .

An alternate method is to determine $Q$ from the 0 -db-dip curve I, from which $Q_{0}=5.7$ for $b=4$, and multiply this $Q$ by the $Q$ ratio obtained from curve VII for $d=1 \mathrm{db}$, which is 1.57 . The $Q$ used in the design is then $5.7 \times 1.57=8.95$.

## Cascaded Pairs

In the design of overstaggered pairs for wide bandwidth response it is frequently necessary to use more than two stages. It may be desired to use two or more overstaggered pairs that are alike in design rather than to use a staggered quadruplet or sextuplet. The designer will be concerned with the overall bandwidth 3 db down from the peaks as compared to the bandwidth 3 db down from the peaks for one staggered pair. This information can be read from curve VIII, which is the ratio of the bandwidth 3 db down from the peaks to that of one pair versus $d$ for various values of $n$ where $n$ is the number of like pairs that are cascaded. For $n$ cascaded pairs the db dip for the overall response is $n$ times the dip for one pair, if the pairs are all alike.

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This report is abstracted from two technical papers by Dr. P. A Lindstrom, Veterans Administration, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Automobile Reflection in VHF-TV

By J. C. Geist
Flectronics Engineer.
Silver Spriny, Md.

Television signal reflection from objects such as high buildings, water towers and aircraft is quite common. The resulting picture ghosts and airplane-flutter are well known. Reflections from railroad trains have also been observed. However, television-signal reflection difficulties directly traceable to automobile reflections are rare.

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tion in a normally good receiving neighborhood. Local stations on channels 4 and 5 , seven and ten miles distant respectively, were received well, but the antenna could not be oriented to receive local high-band stations on channels 7 and 9-both only about six miles from the receiving location.

Orientation for a good picture on either of these channels provided an unusable picture on the other even though the angular bearings to the two stations were within five degrees. The situation was further characterized by unusual high-band signal variations from day to day and sometimes even over a few hours. Not only did signal strength vary, but at times numerous ghosts and poor horizontal sync were evident. In the spring of the year, after determining that the receiver was operating properly by obtaining excellent operation in another location, it was decided to replace the antenna with one of a somewhat broader horizontal pattern and smaller side and rear lobe pattern. This new antenna gave excellent results. Throughout the summer and early fall all four local stations provided excellent picture quality.

In late October (when the trees had lost nearly all their leaves) poor reception was again reported; but this time all channels were degraded with only channel 4 being at all usable. Receiver performance was found to be at a generally low level. Again, after tube replacement and circuit alignment, excel-

## VHF Direction Finder



Compact indicator suitable for small airports tunes vhf aircraft radio bands and furnishes bearings even when voice signals are unintelligible. Built by Olympic Radio and Television, Inc., it was described in technical article on p 184 of June 1955 issue of this magazine but without company designation



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REGULATION: $\pm 1 \%$ (a) from 10 to 40V DC (b) from 100 to $130 \mathrm{~V} A C$ (c) from 3 to 30 Amps DC. RIPPLE: $1 \%$ rms.
AC INPUT: $100-130 \mathrm{~V}$, 1 phase, 60 cycles. RESPONSE: 0.2 sec . METERS: $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} A M$ and VM.
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REGULATION: $\pm 1 / 2 \%$ (a) from no load to full load. (b) fram 24.32 V DC. (c) fo: 230 * (or 460 ) $\vee \pm 10 \%$
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lent performance was obtained in another location. Good pictures were obtained on channels 4 and 5 but again the high-band channels were unsatisfactory.

Since there is a group of large trees about 150 to 200 feet from the antenna in the direction of the stations, difference in reception conditions between leafy trees and bare trees was considered as possibly contributing to the difficulty. Significant differences in summer and winter reception had not, however, been noted at other tv installations in the neighborhood.


FIG. 1-Paths of direct and reflected television signals to receiving antenna

At this point the antenna installation was checked and reoriented. It was thought that a recent hurricane might have damaged or moved the antenna. No damage was found, but it was discovered that the original conditions again existed in which no antenna orientation could be found to provide satisfactory reception of both channels 7 and 9. Over a period of a few days it was found that the previous condition of widely varying high-band reception was also present. Reception on channel 9 , particularly, varied widely from night to night and every automobile that passed the house seemed to affect the picture on channel 9.
Further investigation revealed that every car passing on the near side of the street caused a picture fluctuation similar to a short burst of airplane flutter. Those moving in the opposite direction on the far side of the street caused no picture variation. It was further found that an automobile parked directly in front of the antenna in an area extending from the curb to near the center of the street, and about one car length long would reflect the channel 9 signal in such a manner as to completely ruin its usefulness. The photograph shows an automobile parked in the critical location in front of the house. The chimney-mounted antenna is also

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shown in the photograph.
While puzzling, this automobile reflection explained some of the extreme variations from one evening to the next, reception for a particular period depending on whether or not an automobile was left parked in the critical location. Consideration of elementary vhf propagation behavior at first added to the puzzle but finally offered a


Sighting through surveyor's transit toward transmitting antenna showed tree branch acting as reflector of to signal
clue to the phenomenon.
Figure 1 is the profile of an vhf communication path showing the direct and reflected path. In order for the angle of incidence to equal the angle of reflection, the point on the earth's surface at which reflection takes place must be approximately (depending on relative antenna heights) midway between the transmitting and receiving location. Reflection from an object close to the receiving antenna as in the present case would be at a large angle $\beta$.

A transit was set up directly in front of the antenna at car-top height on the angular bearing to the transmitter and pointed toward the receiving antenna. The instrument was then elevated until the cross hairs were centered on the forward end of the antenna sup-


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port rod. The elevation angle to this point was 16 deg 52 minutes as shown.

The transit was then rotated through a horizontal angle of 180 deg keeping the previous elevation angle fixed. The instrument was then on the same angular bearing, and pointed toward the transmitting station. An observation through the transit in this position showed the cross hairs to be resting on a clump of branches on a tree about 150 feet away. The line-of-sight of this transit shot is shown in the photograph. The position of the transit cross-hairs is indicated.
The information obtained with the transit provides a basis for an explanation of the reflection mechanism. Evidently during the summer the leaf-covered tree in the signal path, while causing some signal attenuation, did not constitute sharply defined reflecting surfaces. This probably explains why the new antenna installed in the spring of the year provided satisfactory operation until the next fall.

However, without the leaves, the branches of the tree act as sharply defined objects. In this particular case, a branch acting as a good reflector for the frequency of channel 9 happens to be in just the correct geometrical relation to reflect the signal downward to be re-reflected

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from the automobile metal body.
The solution to this problem was to move the antenna out of the path of the reflected signal. Moving the antenna about 35 feet to the other side of the house provided a signal path that did not pass through the tree. With this new location good pictures were obtained on all four local channels, and the automobile reflection was completely eliminated.

## Reverse TV Program Pickup

Conventional television uses an illuminated scene and, by means of a camera tube and associated sweep circuits, electronically scans the


Mobile light source generates a scanning beam that is directed towards the scene to be televised
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before the reflected light is picked up in the color-filtered phototubes, there is no problem of color registration.

The Vitascan technique requires a light-tight studio, since even a small amount of ambient light will result in picture noise. It is not, therefore, useful for outside use. There would be considerable difficulty, too, in carrying out studio operations in the low level of illumination available from the scanning beam.

The studio is accordingly lighted from stroboscopic sources during


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FIG. 1-Theoretical and observed reliability of airborne equipments
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|  | D1 D2 | D3 D4 |  |  |  |  |
| 3JP-A | $150 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | $111 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | 3\% | . 03 " max. | $90^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | 25 ft L. Min. |
| 3WP. | $69 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | $47.5 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | 2\% | .026" max. | $90^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | 7 ft . L. Min. |
| 5AOP. | $45 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | $35 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | $2 \%$ | .03" max. | $90^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | 15 ft. L. Min. |
| 5AMP- | $45 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | $22.5 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | 1\% | .032" max. | $90^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | 15 ft . L. Min. |
| 5AQP. | $45 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | $35 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | 1\% | .030" max. | $90^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | 15 ft . L. Min. |
| 5ARP. | dual beam mono-accelerator - each gur equivalent to Type 5AQP - (see above) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5ATP- | $104 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | $38 \mathrm{dcv} / \mathrm{in}$ | 1\% | .035" max. | $90^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ | 170 ft . L. Min. |

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Reliability criteria have been converted to mathematical terms that are based upon the time between equipment malfunctions. In general, equipments seem to attain a stability of the probability of malfunction at an early stage and thereafter show an exponential distribution for time between malfunctions.

This effect is illustrated in the figures. In Fig. 1 is shown the be-


FIG. 2-Theoretical curve fitted to observed reliability of ground equipments
havior of a type of 55 -tube airborne equipment based at a particular airfield where it remained in service until malfunction occurred. Another type of ground equipment at another location uses 19 tubes. Its reliability function is shown in Fig. 2. Periodic overhaul and preventive maintenance are frequently performed upon it thus considerably changing the curve compared to Fíg. 1.-A. A. McK.

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FIG. 1-Diode clamp detector operates from low-impedance source minimizing effect of unbalance between diodes


FlG. 2-Response of clamp circuit to cosinusoidal input

The time-constant of the circuit must be short if accurate or complete correction is to be made, but the use of a short time-constant makes the circuit highly susceptible to noise. Also, in most stabil-izing-amplifier clamp circuits the keying pulse is obtained by shaping of the incoming sync signal with the result that slight errors in pulse timing cause substantial errors in clamp operation.

The circuit shown in Fig. 1 overcomes most of the difficulties of the conventional keyed clamp through the use of a feedback system. The double-diode circuit itself applies no correction, but only measures the error in the video signal. This error is amplified and subtracted from the video signal to provide correction. This ap-

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The response of the circuit to a step function is of particular in-


FIG. 3-Clamp circuit response to cosinusoidal signal after initial transient
terest as this will be essentially the response to a switching transient and will also give the response envelope for hum and noise. This is shown in Fig. 2. For the constants chosen the error is reduced to 12.5 percent in 5 microseconds. The error is essentially well before the end of a scanning line. Although the feedback gain was made $10^{3}$, no tendency toward oscillation or overshoot is observed.

By applying a cosinusoidal input of variable frequency the plot of Fig. 3 is obtained. This curve gives the fractional output for inputs such as hum and microphonics. As the frequency increases, the correction of such errors decreases. The correction is virtually complete to a frequency of about 1,500 cps. At line frequency and at half line frequency a discontinuity occurs because of the sampling action of the keyed clamp. The latter discontinuity is practically zero width on this curve and so does not show.

The double-diode keyed clamp is placed across a cathode-follower output as an error detector as shown in Fig. 1. A voltage equal to the error in the video signal is developed across $C$. Unlike conventional clamp circuits, this clamp operates from a low-impedance source of about 100 ohms; as a re-

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FIG. 4-Carrier-type modulator and amplifier used with clamp circuit


FIG. 5-Demodulator and control tube circuit
sult, if there is any unbalance between the two diodes or the pulses keying them, very little of the unbalance pulse voltage will appear in the video output.

As it is necessary to amplify the direct voltage across $C$ and apply it to the grid of the cathode follower even though the two points are at practically the same direct voltage, a carrier-type d-c amplifier was used. The circuit of the carrier modulator and amplifier is shown in Fig. 4. A 6AS6 with a 200 -kc carrier applied to the suppressor and the error signal applied to the control grid was used as modulator. One stage of $200-\mathrm{kc}$ amplification was employed. The R-C integrator in the control-grid circuit of the 6AS6 was necessary to reduce the pulse feedthrough from the clamp circuit. The d-c reference level for the system is determined by the amplitude of the suppressor voltage.

The remainder of the circuit is shown in Fig. 5. A 6AL5 is used to demodulate the carrier. The demodulator output is applied to the 6CB6 control tube to complete the feedback loop. The integration time constants are almost entirely determined by the demodulator filter, although the carrier-amplifier bandwidth sets a lower limit at about 0.1 millisecond.

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FIG. 6-Input and output signals for a video signal deficient in low frequencies
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To avoid producing an incorrect error signal during the vertical sync period, it is necessary to place the keying pulse on the first half of the horizontal sync pulse. No difficulty then occurs with the doubles during vertical sync. Because of this strict requirement on timing and the existence of two feedback loops, one in the clamp and one in the afc, the circuit must be adjusted much like keyed age. The output signal is poor until the timing is adjusted to the correct point, when the output settles down to a clean signal. Once adjusted, the hold-in characteristics result in stable operation over as much as 15 db variation in input amplitude.

Figure 6 shows inpuit and output voltages for an input signal highly deficient in lows. The only limitation on the amount of correction attainable is the linear dynamic range of the feedback system, particularly the modulator.
Figures 7A and 7B show the in-


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FIG. 7-Input (A) and output (B) signals for video signal with 20 -percent sinusoidal voltage added. Error voltage (C) and waveform at 6AG7 cathode (D) are shown for the same condition
put and output voltages for an input video signal with 20 -percent sinusoidal voltage at 150 cps added. The sinusoidal variation is reduced to about 2 percent, which checks well with the theoretical circuit performance, considering that the practical circuit falls somewhat short of ideal.

Figure 7C shows the error signal in the feedback loop. The error voltage is not perfectly linear; improving the modulation and demodulation linearity is one avenue of improvement for further practical circuits. The video waveform at the 6AG7 cathode is shown in Fig. 7D. The oscilloscope sweep is about 100 microseconds. The unbalance and capacitance leakage of the clamp permits some of the keying pulse to appear. On close inspection, the pulse can be seen at the top, first-half of sync.

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Because measurements are made in the atmosphere with changing conditions of temperature, pressure and humidity, the new instrument does not realize its inherent accuracy. Measurements conducted thus far have a probable error ranging from $1 / 500,000$ to $1 / 4,000,000$. This material has been abstracted from a report by Milton E. Compton, Jr., Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

## PERTINENT PATENTS

By Norman L. Chalfin Hughes Aircraft Co. Culver City, Calif.

Abstracts published this month include a method of inserting beep tone to warn that a telephone conversation is being recorded, a development looking toward flat tv tubes and two low-drift d-c amplifiers.

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The invention describes a means of generating, timing and controlling the occurrence of a telephone recording beep-tone and applying the tone to the telephone line during a recorded telephone conversation so the parties may know that the conversation is being recorded. This is a requirement of the regulations promulgated by the FCC regarding the recording of telephone conversations.
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Patent $2,698,915$ was issued to W. W. Piper for a "Phosphor Screen". The patent is assigned to General Electric.

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FIG. 2-Construction of phosphor scieen
This invention is based upon the theoretical principle of electroluminescence. The devices exhibiting the phenomenon are generally called luminescent capacitors.

As shown in Fig. 3 the cell consists of a base plate, a first series of conductors on the base plate, a phosphor of the electroluminescent type and on top of the phosphor a second series of conductors at right angles to the first series.

As illustrated in Fig. 3 horizontal and vertical switches are provided to apply potential at the same time to one horizontal and one vertical conductor. At the point where the conductors cross the phosphor becomes luminescent. There is but little imagination necessary to see


FIG. 3-Method of exciting light pattern


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"A Stabilized Direct Current Amplifier" is the subject of a patent


FIG. 4-Stabilized d-c amplifier
$2,685,000$ award A. W. Vance, of Cranbury, N. J. The patent is assigned to RCA.

The zero drift of d-c amplifiers is one of the problems that electronics engineers have tried to eliminate for some time. Generally, feedback techniques have been employed to stabilize d-c amplifiers so that the zero condition is reliably zero at all times. Normally, manual adjustments have been provided to effect this stabilization. The adjustments do not hold and must be repeatedly checked and corrected.

The present invention provides automatic stabilization adjustment continuously. Both zero drift and gain are stabilized. The gain is controlled by overall feedback. Zero drift is controlled by using a chopper device to break up the error voltage into an a-c component that is amplified, rectified and applied to the d-c amplifier to correct the zero drift at the point where the zero setting is normally adjusted.

The circuit of the invention is shown in Fig. 4. Tubes $V_{1}, V_{2}$ and
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$V_{3}$ are the three stages of a d-c amplifier. Tubes $V_{8}$ and $V_{5}$ comprise a two-stage a-c amplifier. An overall d-c stabilizing resistor is shown connected between the output of $V_{3}$ and the first grid of $V_{1}$. This is the gain stabilizing circuit.
Through an isolation resistor the slowly varying input signal and the error signal (in phase opposition) are applied to a vibrator chopper and the resulting alternating signal amplified by $V_{s}$ and $V_{6}$ in cascade.


FIG. 5-Alternative stabilized d-c amplifier elements

The chopper is so connected that in one position the error and input signal are grounded and the other permits the error signal and input to be applied across a capacitor to the grid of $V_{4}$.

When the input and error signal are grounded the output signal of the a-c amplifier is applied to the second half of tube $V_{1}$ which results in a gain variation of the first half of $V_{1}$ by virtue of the common cathode connection. The action nullifies the effect of the feedback voltage applied to the first half of $V_{1}$ and so maintains the zero setting.

In Fig. 5A and 5B block diagrams are shown of very similar circuit arrangements of a "Stabilized Direct Current Amplifier", which is the subject of patent $2,684,999$ issued to E. A. Goldberg and J. Lehmann. This patent is also assigned to RCA.

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side of 10 mc . The harmonic-generating system provides marker frequencies throughout the desired shf range.


Calibrating setup (A), with waveforms seen on oscilloscope (B)

In operation, the signal source is tuned to the desired region and is frequency-modulated to have a frequency swing of several megacycles. When the $10-\mathrm{mc}$ oscillator is suitably tuned, a marker pip from the multiplier appears atop the klystron output curve as shown on the diagram.

When the frequency meter is approximately tuned to the marker pip frequency, a notch will appear on the oscilloscope presentation. When the frequency meter is precisely tuned, the marker pip will drop into the notch, giving an accurate indication of the frequency meter tuning.

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Besides simplifying the calibration of the frequency meters, this test setup allows convenient checks
on drift caused by temperature changes and on shifts in resonant frequency caused by mechanical inaccuracies such as looseness of threads in the frequency meter drive system. Production tests on the frequency meters are simplified because a number of frequency meters can be connected in series. These are all connected between the klystron and the tee in the mass-
calibrating arrangement shown.
Since the notch is a plot of the resonance curve of the frequency meter, the Q can be quickly determined by measuring the frequency interval between the half-amplitude points of the notch. This is easily done by varying the $10-\mathrm{mc}$ oscillator and recording the readings of the decade-type frequency counter on the rack at the rear.

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The high operating speed of the turntable necessitated special lubricating. The supporting bearing for the turntable is a somewhat smaller metal disk underneath. A grease cup on the turntable serves to force grease between the mating disks.

## Ferrule Wrench Aids Mounting of Panel Lamps

By Ronald L. Ives
Mounting small indicator lamp sockets on panels tightly is quite difficult because of lack of suitable standard tools for tightening the mounting ferrule. In consequence, many such sockets are loose on the panels or are badly chewed up by attempts to tighten them with pliers.

This recurrent difficulty can be eliminated quickly and cheaply by use of a T-handled threaded mandrel, an open-end wrench cut down to clear the indicator light frame and a small pair of pliers. The threaded mandrel consists of the


T-handled threaded mandrel used as ferrule wrench, with lamp socket assembly at upper right and the ferrule itself at upper left. Ferrule has flange that bears against front of panel when installed; knurled part of bezel on mandrel tool bears against this flange when tool is installed


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In operation, the mandrel tool is threaded into the mounting ferrule of the socket, and this in turn is passed through the panel and the socket frame into its holding nut. With the nut and socket frame held in position by the filed-down wrench, the ferrule is tightened firmly by turning the mandrel tool. Then, with the threads of the ferrule held gently with a pair of pliers to prevent turning, the mandrel is unscrewed. Some care is needed with the pliers to preserve appearances even though the thread on the ferrule is never used again. Taping of the plier jaws will help.

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FIG. 1-Example of one-month quality control chart for printed wiring boards
spection, is the number of units inspected multiplied by their individual complexities as computed in planned hours of direct labor. The third column gives the number of defects found and the fourth column is defects per 100 hours or percentage.

The chart is complete for one month, in which a total of $3,971.2$ hours were applied with 376 defects. This gave a process average of 9.5 for the month. This chart portrays the ideal condition, wherein each week shows an improvement over the previous one.

Since production of printed wiring boards is often relatively small quantities of each, with a great variety of types, it is impossible to apply a normal attribute sampling plan such as Mil Std 105-A. It is necessary, therefore, to devise a plan which is statistically sound and yet is applicable to as few as 5 or 6 pieces. Here again, the concept of complexity based on number of hours of applied labor is used.

An examination of a normal printed wiring board indicates that there are at least 100 inspection points for each hour of manufacturing time. A board which takes 5 hours to fabricate, therefore, would contain approximately 500 inspection points. If this is true, each such board may be considered as consisting of 500 pieces, so that a lot of 5 boards contains 2,500

# Get better printed circuits...lower costs ... fewer rejects menew C-D.F METAL CLADS 

All manufacturers of metal clad stock for printed circuitry have made considerable progress in improving their prod-uct-a material with a metal foil surface bonded to a nonconducting base. How this has been done by one leading manufacturer, the Continental-Diamond Fibre Company, illustrates some of the problems involved in buying this type of material and in understanding its design potentials.

## C-D-F CONSOLIDATED GRADES

At first, small test lots of Dilecto laminated plastic with copper surfaces were made. Almost every core material was used. Finally the number of practical grades for printed circuit work narrowed down to these few grades which retained to a large degree the inherent electrical qualities of their base material and resin at high temperatures:
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This is one of the improved C-D-F Dilecto laminates. Advances in resins and manulacturing techniques make this grade almost homogeneous, with improved impregnation of the filler. Thorough impregnation eliminates entrapped moisture and air, giving greater moisture resistance and better dielectric properties.
Any metal clad is no better than its base and the care taken in laminating. With the cost of material high, compared to labor and inspection, the purchase of a uniform metal clad material, like this C-D-F grade, becomes vital.
XXXP- 24 COPPER CLAD-PAPER BASE PUNCHING GRADE WITH PHENOLIC RESIN
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## C-D-F INCREASED BOND STRENGTH

By developing a special thermo-setting adhesive particularly suited for metal clads, C-D-F was able to increase the bond strength of their laminates considerably above their original figures. Bond or peel strength, the amount of pull required to separate the foil from the core material, is one of the most important physical properties. Therefore, the purchaser should compare his source of supply with these C-D-F average test values:

| BONDING STRENGTH-FOIL TO LAMINATE |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| MATERIAL | Average or Typical Value Lbs. pull per 1" width of foil to separate |
| XXXP-24 or XXXP-26 plus 0.0014" copper | 5108 |
| XXXP-24 or XXXP-26 plus $0.0028^{\prime \prime}$ copper | 7109 |
| GB-181E plus 0.0014" copper | 15 to 18 |
| GB-116T plus $0.0014^{\prime \prime}$ copper | 6109 |

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pieces. The design of a sampling plan for any given assurance for a lot of 2,500 pieces is relatively simple. The operating characteristic curve of such a plan can be drawn in advance and the sample size and acceptance number derived therefrom.

As an example, lot size was set on a maximum of 6 pieces and sample size was frozen at 2.0 . Curves for $C$ drawn on a plan of lot size 6, sample size 2 , acceptance number 0, show that AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Limit) is 0.09 on the premise that 100 in-


FIG. 2-Operating characteristic curve for typical small-lot production of printed wiring boards
spection points are contained in each hour's work and each board contains 2 hours work. Any lot which is examined and found to contain more defects than those allowed by the sampling plan is returned to the manufacturing department for reinspection.

The operating characteristic curve for a sampling plan where $N$ equals $1,200, n$ equals 400 and $C$ equals $O$ is shown in Fig. 2.

The AOQL curve in Fig. 3 indicates that the worst condition exists when the percent defective in a lot equals 0.25 and the average outgoing quality level is 0.092 . This concept of computing complexity is applicable only when all the inspection points are derived from the same process and form a homogenous universe. It would not be possible, for example, to add the number of rivets to the number of welds when inspecting a housing or cabinet, since these stem from

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## HOW TO ZERO-SET random phase variations

Many modern control devices are designed for applications where sensed input signals fluctuate randomly about an approximately known frequency. In some of these applications, the information is conveved by the phase relationship within one cycle, and the random cycle-tocycle phase variations often submerge the signal in noise. Filtering, or averaging, techniques may be extremely difficult to devise because of the requirement for use within one cycle.

The ingenious electro-mechanical solution shown above is a typical Ford answer to a difficult problem. It is rugged and reliable, yet compact and easy to service. In operation, a constant-speed motor drives a resolver at the required speed. The sensed input controls the operation of the clutch, and at each zero-crossing in the positive direction, decouples the motor from the line. At the same time, the spring-loaded heart cam follower resets the synchro shaft to its zero position.

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Capacitive Reactance Range, $\mathbf{X}_{\mathrm{C}}$ :
At a given frequency, $f_{k}$ :
Resistance Range, R :
Accuracy:
Maximum Signal Input:
Dimensians:

## Weight:

30 kc to 300 kc
30 to 3000 ohms at 100 kc
$\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{L}}=\frac{\left(\mathrm{X} \text { dial reading) } \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{kc}}\right.}{100}$
30 to 3000 ohms at 100 kc
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Die-cast coil can with examples of stamped strip and individual coil can shown above for comparison
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| :---: | :---: |
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| Screen voltage (maximum DC) | 275 volts |
| Peak plate voltage (max. instantaneous) | 550 volts |
| Plate dissipation (absolute max.) | 12.5 watts |
| Screen dissipation (absolute max.) | 2.0 watts |
| Cathode current (max. instantaneous peak value) | 100.0 ma |
| Heater-cathode voltage (max.) | $\pm 450$ volts |
| Grid resistance (max.) | 0.1 megohm |
| Grid voltage (max.) (min.) | $\begin{aligned} & +5.0 \text { volts } \\ & -200.0 \text { volts } \end{aligned}$ |
| Cathode warm-up time (Plate and heater voltage may be app ously.) | 45 seconds simultane- |
| - To obtain greatest life expectancy from designs where the tube is subjected to ratings simultaneously. | tube, avoid ll maximum |
| Voltage should not fluctuate more thar | $\pm 5 \%$ |

## MECHANICAL DATA

| Base | 9 pin miniature hard glass gold plated tungsten pins |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bulb | Hard glass-T61/2 |
| Max. over-all length | 27/ |
| Max. seated height | 25/8" |
| Max. diameter | . 7/3' |
| Mounting position. | any |
| Max altitude | 80,000 feet |
| Max. bulb temperature | $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Max. impact shock | . 500 g |
| Max. vibrational accele | ation .............. 50g |
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Max. vibrational acceleration ................. 50 g
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with the tube socket spreader tool shown. The center post on the tube socket should enter the recess in the tool smoothly. A steady direct pressure will separate the lugs to the full extent of the spreader tool. Do not rock or wiggle the tool handle, as this may bend the lugs too far and damage them.

For obstructed locations where the straight-handled tool cannot be used, right-angle offset spreaders can be made up. The lugs in a socket must float to permit ready tube pin alignment after the bending and soldering operations are completed. -Glenn L. Martin Co. training bulletin.

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Door swung open to show eccentric slotted disks for each potentiometer. These mate with chain-driven slip clutches at right when door is closed


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Incoming material in coils weighing up to $1,200 \mathrm{lb}$ in varying gages is mounted on a pay-off, fed through the slitter and rewound on an automatic recoiler. The slitter permits production of samples within hours to accompany bids. Small orders can be filled in a few days. This speed contrasts with the previous time-consuming method of ordering wide stock, sending it out for slitting and waiting for delivery before transformer production could begin.

The Stanat slitter virtually


Input end of 12 -inch rotary gang slitter as set up for cutting $73 / 4$ inch wide 0.012 -inch silicon steel into $5 / 8$-inch strands


Core plate recoiler being set up for winding twelve $5 / 8$-inch silicon-steel slit strands coming from slitter
eliminates burrs, improves the stacking factor and permits the steel to wrap closer together. Contamination of the strip from lubricants is also eliminated because no lubricant is required with the slitter. The inherent accuracy of the slitter, largely due to a special floating upper arbor which aligns the individual upper and lower arbor knives, regularly produces $\frac{5}{8}$-inch-width strip with a tolerance not exceeding plus or minus 0.001 in.

Each core plate of the recoiler has two starting slots (one for thin stock) and three radial banding slots. On setting up the line, each slit strand is looped around the core plate and then inserted in a starting slot. Once the slitting operation is completed, the tightly wound slit coils are banded and removed with their respective core plates. All danger of coil telescoping or unwinding is thus eliminated.

## Press-Driven Turntable Aids Printing of Selenium Rectifiers

A Chain-driven turntable on a Markem industrial printing machine boosted output and achieved greater uniformity in printing code numbers and ratings on radio stacks at Radio Receptor Co. in Brooklyn, N. Y.

A simple knockout bar bolted rigidly under the turntable serves to push each selenium rectifier unit out of the turntable slot and down the chute into the tote box after


## Premium Quality in Miniature Sizes

Fansteel Selenium Milli-Rectifiers are the logical choice for use in aircraft, communications, radar, and other applications where there can be no compromise with absolute dependability. As many as

| CATALOG <br> NUMBER | CIRCUIT | MAXIMUM <br> A-C YOLTS | MAXIMUM <br> D-C <br> AMPERES |
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|  | HALF WAVE |  |  |
| BULI | $1-1.1$ | 26 | 0.020 |
| BUL11 | $1-11-1$ | 286 | .020 |
| BUL21 | $1-21-1$ | 546 | .020 |
| BUL31 | $1.31-1$ | 806 | .020 |
| BUL41 | 1.41 .1 | 1066 | .020 |
| BUL51 | 1.51 .1 | 1326 | .020 |
| BUL61 | 1.61 .1 | 1586 | .020 |
| BUL71 | 1.71 .1 | 1846 | .020 |


| FULL WAVE BRIDGE CIRCUIT |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BU029 | $4-1-1$ | 26 | 0.040 |
| BU049 | $4-2.1$ | 52 | .040 |
| BU059 | $4-3.1$ | 78 | .040 |
| BU065 | $4-4-1$ | 104 | .040 |
| BU069 | $4-5-1$ | 130 | .040 |
| BU073 | $4-6.1$ | 156 | .040 |
| BU075 | $4.7-1$ | 182 | .040 |
| BU077 | $4-8.1$ | 208 | .040 |

full wave center tap circuit

| BU083 | $2-1-1$ | $13-13$ | .040 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BU123 | $2-2-1$ | 26.26 | .040 |
| BU143 | $2-3-1$ | 39.39 | .040 |
| BU155 | $2-4-1$ | 52.52 | .040 |
| BU165 | $2-5.1$ | 65.65 | .040 |
| BU173 | $2-6.1$ | 78.78 | .040 |
| BU179 | 2.7 .1 | 91.91 | .040 |
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printing. The operator thus only has to insert the stacks in the turntable slots, with terminals inward for uniform printing.

## Color Transparencies Aid Assembly

COLOR TRANSPARENCIES serve as a visual aid in the assembly of complex electronic components at Bell Aircraft Corp. in Buffalo, N. Y. Use of the Ecktacolor process has already substantially reduced production time and costs.
One of the most encouraging aspects of this process is that it promises to reduce substantially the reams of drawings and blueprints necessary to build an established moderate-sized electrons unit.

One of the major problems stemmed from equivocal interpretations of drawings originating in various engineering groups. It was extremely difficult to show propertionately, and with clarity, the relationship of a particular cable to another component.

This was especially true in complicate instrumentation where personnel were required to maintain extreme conformity in regard to the various radii of wire bends, slack slopes on terminated wires and certain formations on component leads.

The problem of inspection be-
came so arduous before the introduction of color transparencies that it was suggested a sample be maintained at all times of each of the hundreds of various units involved. The cost would have been exorbitant.

Previously, prototype models of each assembly were built and retained, serving as visual aids for wiring of subsequent units. This method alone tied up costly units which could have been consigned for shipment.

Assemblers, working from blueprints and schematic diagrams, of ten had to refer to the prototypes, which necessitated personnel constantly moving back and forth between their benches and the models on display.

The photo process resolved this problem by a click of the shutter and the printing of duplicate copies for each operator in the plant's photographic department.

Ecktacolor differs from other processes in that a color negative, from which any number of transparencies can be made, is used. It eliminates considerable expense and the risk of inferior quality that would be experienced in making enlargements from positive transparencies such as Ecktachrome.

The color transparency, a replica of the finished product, is placed in an inexpensive Kodak transparency illuminator ( $10 \mathrm{in} . \times 10 \mathrm{in}$. Model L viewer) or in a Plexiglas envelope under a bench light. This clearly shows the maze of wires the drawing was designed to display, each in its true identifying


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As production demands increase, the Ecktacolor process can be developed to show the incremental stages in the manufacturing of a unit. The various stages can be placed in leaflet book form and each stage of progress flipped over the viewer.

## Nut Starters

## By Ronald L. Ives

TWO SPECIAL TYPES of nut starters have been found especially useful in modifying complicated electronic assemblies. One consists of a hex wrench operated by a lower handle, sliding over a threaded core that is operated by the upper handle, as shown in Fig. 1. In use, the nut is


Nut starters for work at close quarters. Upper starter is hex wrench with threaded core to hold nut during starting. Lower starter, having threaded stud inserted in coil spring, is shown with nut in position


FIG. 1-Cross-section of two-handle starter for nuts
placed in the hex socket and engaged by the threaded core, then placed end-on to the screw. Both handles are turned together until the nut engages, the threaded core is retracted by turning the upper handle, and the nut then is screwed tight with the lower handle. The starter is then removed.

The other starter consists of a short threaded stud which is screwed into a length of coil spring (spring curtain rod) and held fast with soft solder. A handle is attached to the opposite end. In use, the nut is threaded onto the stud a few turns and brought against the screw. The handle is then turned until the nut engages. The nut is now held from turning by pressing against it with a screwdriver blade or other convenient tool and the starter is removed by unscrewing. The nut is then tightened with conventional tools. Because the shaft of this nut starter is flexible, it can be offset considerably, making it possible to start nuts in crowded locations.

## Electrode-Centering Jig

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Method of sliding anode into position without touching grids of tobe assembly
on to complete the assembly．This technique has greatly reduced assembly rejects．

## Trenches Replace Pipes in Tube Plant

A SYSTEM of acid－proof brick trenches，pitched downward in the floor to a settling tank，is used to carry off acids in the ehemical room of the new General Electric indus－ trial and transmitting tube plant at Scranton，Pa．The hydrofluoric， chromic，sulphuric and other acids are used in cleaning and plating tube parts．

The trench system is used in lieu


Acid－proof brick trench 15 inches deep carries away corrosive acids in plating room of tube plant
of piping，and allows a large－capac－ ity drainage system without the necessity for pipe replacements． Maple or cypress duckboard cover the floor to allow workers free movement about the room．

## Metal Jig Aids Assembly of Coaxial Tuning Units

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Placing chassis on jig after nuts of tun－ ing elements have been set into re． cesses


Method of pressing side levers to pry chassis out of jic
munication receivers is done with the aid of a bench－mounted metal jig in Motorola＇s Chicago plant．The five silvered ceramic nuts are placed in the jig，the chassis is dropped down over these and a threaded wrench is used to tighten each in turn．Spring－loaded levers on the sides of the jig are then pushed down to pry out the chassis．


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# 73 New Products and 54 Manufacturers' Bulletins Are Reviewed <br> ... Control, Testing and Measuring Equipment Described and Illustrated . . . Recent Tubes and Components Are Covered 

## TIME INTERVAL METER

## and frequency standard

Westport Industries, 149 Lomita, El Segundo, Calif. The WE-210 is a small, lightweight, inexpensive, vet highly accurate time interval meter and frequency standard using glow-transfer tubes in the counter and a crystal-controlled oscillator as the time base. Time is displayed directly to the nearest 0.0001 sec by four easily read decades. Two ranges of 1 and 10

sec are provided; however, longer intervals are easily noted by watching the thousands decade, or through use of an auxiliary electromechanical register. The WE-210 can be used for timing high-speed electrical or mechanical devices such as: relays, actuators and camera shutters. The instrument also operates as an electronic counter having a maximum counting rate of 50,000 pps. One-kc and ten-kc front-panel outputs are provided for use as a frequency standard.

## TINY RESISTOR

## in glazed steatite jacket

Resistance Products Co., 914 S. 13 th St., Harrisburg, Pa. Neither excessive humidity nor adverse climatic conditions have any effect upon the stability of type HSD miniature high megohm resistor which is hermetically sealed in a glazed steatite jacket. Measuring
only $\frac{7}{8} \mathrm{in}$. long by $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. diameter and being light in weight, permits this resistor to be soldered directly into the circuit with no support other than the wire leads. Noise level is extremely low. Maximum voltage is 2,500 . Maximum resistance value is 10 million megohms. Standard tolerance is $\pm 10$ percent. It is also available in $\pm 5$ percent and $\pm 3$ percent.

## SMALL RELAY for aircraft system use

General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y., has announced a new hermetically sealed microminiature relay that is less than an inch in height and weighs only 10 grams. For use in aircraft systems, the relay has a contact rating of 2 amperes resistive load at $30 \mathrm{v} \mathrm{d}-\mathrm{c}$ or 115 v a-c. Simplicity of adjustment and extra assurance of reliability are achieved by a balanced armature design, which also gives high resistance to shock and vibration. Rated for operation at 1.5 milliseconds, the sealed relay has contact springs of beryllium copper,
designed to hold their adjustment indefinitely during temperature cycling and storage. Shock rating

is over 50 g , and vibration resistance is 10 to 55 cps at 0.12 in . maximum excursion and 55 to 500 cps at $20-\mathrm{g}$ acceleration. Two models are available which can be supplied with a variety of terminal types and mounting brackets.

## NOISE VOLTMETER covers 20 cps to 200 kc

Millivac Instrument Corp., 444 Second St., Schenectady 6, N. Y., has developed a new rms noise voltmeter which covers a frequency range of 20 cps to 200 kc with its internal rms voltage detector (crys-


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tal diode) and frequencies up to 200 me with its external probe-style detector. The main advantage of the instrument and the noise measuring method upon which it is based is that measuring accuracy does not depend upon the frequency response of attenuators, the freqency spectrum of noise generators, nor upon the frequency response of oscilloscopes. Noise measurements are made by feeding into the amplifier under test reference signals from a calibrated signal generator. The MV-19A noise voltmeter meas-
ures the output of the amplifier. An adjustable meter-input-divider reduces amplified signals and amplified noise to a sufficiently low level at which the rms detectors of the instrument operate strictly in their square-law region. Millivac's highimpedance chopper-type d-c millivolt amplifier then converts the weak d-c signals from the rms diode into meter-deflections on a square-law-dial, making readings of the ratio between the calibration signal and the residual rms noise voltage possible.


## SQUARING CIRCUIT

## packaged as plug-in unit

EECO Production Co., 827 South Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 5, Calif. Squaring circuit Z-90049, designed to operate from 0 to 1 mc , is intended to square input sine or complex waveforms. It is packaged as a plug-in unit with an 11-pin base. The plug-in unit has a $1 \frac{1}{2}$-in. overall diameter and an overall height of $45^{5} \mathrm{in}$. The unit weighs about

3.25 oz and is provided with a removable tube shield. It requires a peak-to-peak input signal of 25 v ; $+200 \mathrm{v} \mathrm{d-c}$ at $12 \mathrm{ma},-200 \mathrm{v} \mathrm{d-c}$ at 1 ma , and 6.3 v at 300 ma . The squaring circuit provides a $110-\mathrm{v}$ peak-to-peak square or rectangular wave output up to 200 kc and 85 v at 1 mc . It has a negative-going rise time of $0.4 \mu \mathrm{sec}$ or less and a positive-going decay time of 0.8 $\mu$ sec or less. It has an output impedance of less than 10,000 ohms.

## EPUT METER

counts to 100,000 in 1 sec


Ransom Research, P. O. Box 382, SanPedro, Calif. Model 1005 is a 5 -digit events-per-unit-time meter counting up to 100,000 in 1 sec with an accuracy of $\pm 1$ count. The instrument is intended for industrial, military and laboratory applications for measuring the rate of occurrence of mechanical or electrical
phenomena during a 1 -sec period. A crystal-controlled timing circuit, accurate to 0.001 percent at room temperatures, gates the second counter for a 1 -sec time interval. The count is directly displayed on the faces of direct-reading decade scaler tubes. The instrument will operate at -20 dbm level from 60 cycles to 100 kc . Input impedance is 100,000 ohms. Price of the unit is $\$ 495$.

## NOISE METER

## aids transistor users

Radio Receptor Co., Inc., 240 Wythe Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. A new, simplified transistor noise meter, furnishes accurate information on the noise figure of a transistor in a single simple reading by simply inserting the transistor into a socket. The new device is useful for large-scale users of transistors, such as hearing-aid companies and manufacturers of radio receivers. The equipment is
$21 \frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, $10 \frac{7}{8}$ in. high and $16 \frac{1}{4}$ in. deep. It contains a novel, rapid-

insertion transistor socket and provision so that the test set may be used in conjunction with other transistor test equipment with a single insertion of the transistor. The unit sells for $\$ 625$.

## TV PICTURE TUBES with $90-$ deg deflection angle

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| Power Output . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 12 watts nominal |  |
| Required Drive . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 to 2 watts minimum |  |
| Plate. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 300 vDC@ 100m |  |
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PRECISION RESOLVER is a boosterless unit

John Oster Mfg. Co., Avionic Division, 1 Main St., Racine, Wisc. A new size 15 boosterless resolver, type 3D-2348, is now available. No associated amplifiers and compen-
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## WHITE DOT GENERATOR with vertical sync pulses

Winston Electronics, Inc., 4312 Main St., Philadelphia 27, Pa. The Win-Tronix model 160 is a white dot linearity generator. The unit is compatible for black-and-white or color ty, and provides both large and smail white dots for ease of color receiver convergence, plus revtical and horizontal bars for sweep circuit alignment. Internally generated vertical sync pulses and locked-to-line frequency give stable operation. The instrument has r-f
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## QUARTZ CRYSTAL is all-glass, military type

Rogers Majestic Electronics LTd., 11 Brentcliffe Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has develoned an all-glass, military type quartz crystal which will overcome electronic equipment failures due to crystal aging. The quartz crystal is con-
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## RECORDING SYSTEMS used with analog computers

Sanborn Co., 195 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. Two new

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## COLOR DOT GENERATOR with vertical sync

Kay Electric Co., 14 Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J., has announced the ChromaDot, a new combined color-bar dot generator with verti-
(al syne and requiring only one connection to the r-f antenna or video amplifier. The color bar generator has a horizontal sync pulse signal. When a switch is depressed it provides a rertical syne pulse and varving pedestals throughout each frame to test linearity of color receiver circuits. The dot section provides signals which contain horizontal pulse, dot pulses and vertical sync, so that a stationary locked pattern is displayed without auxiliary signals. All these aforementioned signals are impressed as modulation on a picture carrier. The color bar pattern produces a display of 10 color bars with progressive 30 -deg phase shifts from the color pulsed signal. Video output is -0.6 v peak-to-peak into 75 ohms, 10 v peak-to-peak into 5,000 ohms. Positive or negative polarity sync pulses are provided. Price is $\$ 395$.


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## RELAY

features indexing lock
G. H. Leland, Inc., Dayton, Ohio, announces a new, model BD4E, Ledex relay. The compact (4 in. long $\times 2^{3} \mathrm{i}$ in. high) relay features a new indexing lock which prevents misalignment of contacts and enables it to withstand a wider range of rotary solenoid power. It will meet the military vibration requirements under Procedure 1 , specifications MIL-E-5272A for frequencies up to 500 cps and 10 g , when properly mounted. The switches mounted on the Ledex will meet the requirements of specification MIL-S-3786 and have silver alloy contacts. The new relay is

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## VOLTMETER for extended-range use

Waveforms, Inc., 333 Sixth Ave., New York 14, N. Y., announces an improved model of the 520-A ex-tended-range voltmeter. Performance as voltmeter, null indicator, and $60-\mathrm{db}$ decade ampilfier is independent of line voltage interference and external stray fields to a high degree. The unit operates on power line freguencies from 50 to 400 cycles. Full scale sensitivity of 1 mv permits measurements as low as $100 \mu \mathrm{v}$, and affords useful indications at still lower levels. Ranges are provided up to 300 v , as well as db scales from -72 to +52 dbm . Frequency response as a voltmeter is from 10 cycles to 2 mc , and as a null indicator from 5 cycles to 4 mc .

## WIRE ENAMEL

## for high temperature work

Schenectady Varnish Co., 200 Congress St., Schenectady 1, N. Y., has developed Isonel, a new high temperature wire enamel which exceeds the requirements for class B insulation. While far less expensive than silicone varnishes, Isonel exhibits considerably better heat shock characteristics. Compared
with Formvar wire, Isonel gives better heat aging, moisture abrasion, and cut-through resistance and shows no tendency to craze. The new enamel paves the way to increased product efficiency and lower costs for transformers, reactors, relays, solenoids, motors, generators and a host of other high temperature devices.


## SILICON RECTIFIER for 125 C operation

Transitron Electronic Corp., Melrose 76, Mass., announces availability of high power silicon rectifiers capable of continuous operation at full rated power at an ambient temperature of 125 C . They overcome the basic disadvantages of selenium, germanium and gas filled tubes, and provide reliable operation under wide variations in ambient temperature. In most applications, efficiencies of 90 to 99 percent are easily achieved. The new hermetically sealed silicon rectifiers offer much longer life under severe operating conditions. Types range in power handling ability is from 10 amperes at 50 v peak inverse to 5 amperes at 200 v peak inverse, all rated at 125 C. Designed for conduction cooling, these rectifiers provide major savings in both size and weight.

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## ELECTRONIC SWITCH offers compact design

Chatham Electronics, Livingston, N. J. Type 650 electronic switch is a portable instrument which makes possible simultaneous observation of two recurrent patterns on the screen of a single cro. Relative positions of the patterns on the oscilloscope may be varied so that they are superimposed on each

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## RASTER TIMER useful for many studies

American Electronic Laboratories, Inc., 641 Arch St., Philadelphia $6, \mathrm{~Pa}$. The oscilloscope display timer makes possible detailed study of phenomena separated in time. It may be used for sonar, geophysical research, system control reactions, electrophysiological research and many other studies. The device provides the ordinary oscilloscope with a time base in the form of a 10 -line laster containing accurate timing calibration markers. This, in effect, produces the equivalent of a sweep magnification of $10 \times$ with no loss of phenomenon detail. Two models are available. Type 101 has a raster range of 10 ms to 0.1 sec and a sweep range of 1 ms to 10 ms ; the 101 A has a raster range of 1 to 50 sec and a sweep range of



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American Electronic Mfg., Inc., 9503 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, Calif. The size 11 winding compensated resolver has a frame diameter measuring only 1.062 in ., thus reducing weight and making installations more compact. It can be supplied with Mark 4 Mod 0 electrical characteristics, possesses temperature stabilization and is equipped with a closed loop path. Stator winding excitation is 400 $\mathrm{cps}, 60 \mathrm{v}$; input impedance, $200 \pm$ 10 percent $+j 885 \pm 10$ percent; and test voltage, 10 rms . Low corner frequency is 20 cps ; peaking frequency, 150 kc . Maximum total null voltage is 1 mv per v ; maximum functional error, $\pm 0.1$ percent.


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tantalum wire which terminates in a nickel wire serving as the anode lead. The sealed, fine silver tubular case serves as the cathode to which the cathode lead is attached. The new capacitors with dimensions of $\frac{3}{3}_{\frac{7}{2}} \mathrm{in}$. in diameter and $\frac{}{6}^{\frac{3}{4}} \mathrm{in}$. in length, have a temperature range of -55 C to +85 C . At -55 C capacitance is at least 70 percent of normal and power factor is not over 40 percent. For complete information request engineering bulletin No. 530.


## MAGNETRONS

for $3-\mathrm{cm}$ band operation
Amperex Electronic Corp,, 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L. I., N. Y. New additions to the company's magnetron line are two packaged, pulsed, low-power oscillators, types 6229 and 6230 , for operation in the $3-\mathrm{cm}$ band and tunable between 8,900 and $9,400 \mathrm{mc}$. These are extremely small-size, as well as lightweight magnetrons ( 26 oz ), making them particularly suitable for airborne applications. Forced-air or liquid cooling is not required.


## ELECTRONIC TIMER for industrial controls

Ferrars Inc., 8106 W. Nine Mile Rd., Oak Park, Mich., has announced a simple electronic timer with $\pm 2$ percent repeat accuracy. It permits multiple modes of operation including interval, delayed action, repeat cycle and single-cycle timing. The T-1 timer can be supplied with

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## COIL TESTER

is portable and reliable
Sunshine Scientific Instrument, 1810 Grant Ave., Philadelphia 15, Pa . The coil tester illustrated instanteously indicates the presence of short-circuited turns or defective insulation in coils. The unit operates from $115 \mathrm{v}, 60$ cycles, is portable, easy to use, fast, safe and in-expensive. Under normal conditions the tester can identify down to a single short-circuited turn of No, 42 Awg copper wire ( $0.0025-\mathrm{in}$. diameter), A great variety of coil sizes can be tested by simply placing the coil to be tested over one of several cores which are available and noting the deflection of the meter. Catalog No. 10 describes the instrument in detail.

## INDUCTION HEATER with 3-kw output

Industron Corp., 50 Brook Road, Needham Heights, Mass. Model IH-3 induction heating unit has been announced. Conservatively rated output of 3 kw , simplicity of design and rugged construction assure continuous trouble-free operation. Selective dial setting and recycling by automatic timer facilitate high production rate. Power output is selectively variable. Its output transformer makes possible extremely low voltage in the output

coil. This is a safety factor. The induction heating units feature a single turn coil that accommodates complex shapes. Multiple turn coils also are available, and interchange of coils is readily made with conveniently located heavy-duty studs for attachment.


## VOLTAGE REGULATOR for nonlinear load work

El Mfec Laboratories, Inc., 730 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N. J. Model E-80 a-c voltage regulator suppresses line harmonic distortion, maintaining a sine wave even under extreme half-wave loading; and it has a response time in the order of 1 millisecond, with no thermal or magnetic circuit lag. These characteristics, along with its extremely low dynamic impedance, makes this unit of special value in work involving nonlinear loads, such as are encountered in semiconductor and magnetic circuit development and test applications. The E-80 is an excellent general purpose regulator for laboratory use as well. Models are available with fixed $115-\mathrm{v}$ output, or variable from 50 to 125 v ; for either 60 or 400 cycles; and for various output currents.

## D-C OSCILLOSCOPES

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Volkers \& Schaffer Mfg. Corp., Box 996, Schenectady, N, Y. The VS-900B series of sensitive d-c oscilloscopes have small d-c drifts due to chopper-stabilization of their vertical amplifiers. Guaranteed

drifts are less than 1 mv after 2 minutes warmup. The d-e sensitivity is $700 \mu \mathrm{v}$ per cm . The scopes are available in 3 models. The VS930 B has symmetrical push-pull input on its most sensitive range only; the 940 B has symmetrical push-pull input on all ranges to facilitate elimination of common interference signals such as hum at high as well as low signal levels; and VS-960B has a built-in hushed transistor preamplifier with less than $1 \mu \mathrm{v}$ rms noise over a $60-\mathrm{kc}$ passband, to increase its a-c sensitivity, It is 1 $\mu \mathrm{v}$ rms per cm with less than 0.5 $\mu \mathrm{v}$ noise.


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Brush Electronics Co., 3405 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Model BL-550 is a direct coupled amplifier employing a chopper stabilized feedback circuit which eliminates the need for matched tubes. This circuit permits extended frequency response. When used with the Brush direct-writing oscillographs, the frequency response is $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{c}$ to 100 cps. Measurement range covers a spread of from $100 \mu \mathrm{v}$ to 500 v and its maximum sensitivity in use with an oscillograph is $100 \mu \mathrm{v}$ per chart mm . High stability in use is demonstrated by its less than $\frac{7}{4}$ of a chart mm drift per hr. It will handle both low level d-c or a-c volt-

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## COAXIAL TRIODES

## for 25-50 kw equipments

MaChlett Laboratories Inc., Springdale, Conn., announces the ML-6426 and ML-6427 coaxialterminal triodes, employing thori-ated-tungsten filaments, for industrial and broadcast equipments of 25 to $50-\mathrm{kw}$ power output. The thoriated tungsten filaments qreatly reduce power requirements while offering life increases to 100 percent. They feature high plate and grid current ratings, low terminal inductances and high transconductance characteristics. The 6426 uses a bayonet-pin water jacket and is rated for $80-\mathrm{kw}$ input, $40-\mathrm{kw}$ anode dissipation; the 6427 employs an aluminum radiator to reduce weight to 20 lb . The latter tube is rated for $70-\mathrm{kw}$ input, $20-\mathrm{kw}$ anode dissipation. Full ratings on both tubes to 30 mc ; reduced ratings to 90 mc .

## PRESSURE TRANSDUCER for industrial applications

G. M. Giannini \& Co., Inc., East Orange, N. J., is producing a new model 47155 pressure transducer, designed for industrial applications requiring an electrical output pro-

portional to pressure. Utilizing a pressure capsule that operates the wiper of a precision potentiometer in direct proportion to applied pressure this instrument is available in rangs up to 100 psi , for absolute. gage and differential pressure measurements. The precision potentiometer uses noble precious metals in both winding and wiper for low friction, high resistance to corrosion, and long operating and shelf life. Outputs up to 40 v can be obtained from this instrument and it can be used to operate indicating, recording or control devices with little or no amplification. Standard resistance is 2,000 ohms, with a power rating of 0.5 w . Accuracies to 0.8 percent and sensitivity to 0.4 percent can be obtained. The instrument is approximately 2.75 in . square $\times 3$ in. deep.


## PRINTED CIRCUIT CONNECTOR for coaxial cable

H. H. Buggie, Inc., 726 Stanton St., Toledo, Ohio. The EC series design in miniature printed circuit connectors consists of a coaxial plug assembly and a receptacle that can be mounted on a printed or etched card by 5 terminal points using the solder dip method. The
plug assembly is approximately in. long and 號 in. in diameter. Receptacle has a mounting base $\frac{7}{16}$ in. sq. The 5 terminals, $0.040-\mathrm{in}$. in diameter, are of phosphor bronze with albaloy plating. Two receptacles can be mounted side-by-side without loss of printed or etched circuit lines. Terminals can be furnished for $\frac{1}{16} \mathrm{in}$., 古 in., and $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{in}$. card thicknesses.


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## STABILIZING AMPLIFIER for tv broadcast use

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## MICROWAVE RECEIVER covers 950 to $11,260 \mathrm{mc}$

polarad Electronics Corp., 43-20 34th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. Model R field intensity receiver covers the microwave range 950 to $11,260 \mathrm{mc}$ with 4 interchangeable plug-in r-f tuming units. The microwave receiver is designed for communications work, lab measurements, field intensity measurements, production testing and automatic monitoring. It features single-dial frequency control with a direct-reading dial, along with double-tuned r-f preselection and afc. Model $R$ will receive $a-m, f-m$ and pulse. It reads directly in $d b$ and provides separate audio and video outputs. Provision is made for external metering and recording, as well as connectors for ex-
ternal i-f attenuators. An externaltype cavity klystron is provided with noncontacting chokes. Klystron voltages are regulated and automatically tracked with the oscillator. The unit is completely selfcontained.


## VSWR COMPUTER used in production testing

Cubic Corp., 2841 Cannon St., Sarr Diego 6, Calif. Model 621B vswr computer provides expanded utility and operator convenience in automatic development and production tests of microwave components and systems. Four linear scales, each covering a 10 to 1 range, are provided for voltage reflection coefficient percentages from 0.5 to 100 . In addition, the 6.5 in . display meter carries two vswr ranges: from 1.01 to 1.1 and from 1.1 to 3 . The 621B is insensitive to $r$-f power changes over a 20 to 1 change and is equipped with matching transformers for operation with both bolometer and crystal detectors. Used with suitable reflectometers, the 621 B is ideally suited for swept or single frequency exploration of transmission characteristics by nontechnical personnel. A linear d-c output is available for simultaneous oscillograph recording or oscilloscope display of voltage reflection coefficient.

## Literature

Identification Markers. North Shore Nameplate Inc., 214-27 Northern Blvd., Bayside, N. Y. Samples and descriptive literature
pertaining to the Speedy-Sleeve polyvinyl sleeve markers are available. The product line described solves all coding problems. Another item of current interest is a line of F.O.A. markers. They have filled a growing need among suppliers who are cooperating with the Government in this program. Brochure and sample are also available. A stock list of standard Speedy-Marx wire code markers, and the new pipe markers catalog may be had for the asking.

Solderless Wiring. American Pamcor Inc., 181 Hillcrest Ave., Havertown, Pa., has available a 26-page catalog of solderless terminals, connectors and splices, and the tools to apply them. The catalog lists only those most commonly used and is not a complete list of API products.

Current Transformer Bulletin. Associated Research, Inc., 3758 Belmont Ave., Chicago 18, IIl. A complete series of Donut type current transformers for metering applications is described and illustrated in a new 4-page bulletin 365-1. The transformers are available in both the ring type for mounting over wire and cable leads and the rectangular window type for mounting over bus bars. Complete specifications on dimensions and accuracy are given. Methods of extending the range of indicating ammeters through use of Donut transformers are discussed.

Fiberglas-Base Varnished Fabrics. Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., 16 E. 56th St., New York 22, N. Y. A 4-page folder gives data on standard Fiberglas-base varnished fabrics. It includes dielectric strengths of fabrics of various construction impregnated with yellow varnish, black varnish, Teflon, silicone rubber and silicone varnish.

Industrial Counters and Controls. Atomic Instrument Co., 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass. Data sheets on a line of unitized modular industrial counters and controls are now available. Two basic groups of instruments are featured: totalizers or simple counters, and preset counting units. The

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Linear Variable Differential Transformers. Gudeman Co., 340 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill. Bulletin LVDT-100A on linear variable differential transformers is now available. Complete data include dimensional drawings, test circuit diagram, actual size photo, a graph showing displacement of core from null point vs output voltage, applications, temperature range, sensitivity, voltage and frequency range, d-c resistance, impedance and weight.

Oscillogram Processor. Consolidated Engineering Corp., 300 N. Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena 15 , Calif. Bulletin 1537 C gives a 4 -page illustrated description of the type 23-109 oscillogram processor, a portable darkroom for on-the-spot developing. Operating features, specifications and information on some of the company's other products are included. A price list is also available.

Power Tube Data. Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Bruno, Calif., has published revised editions of the Eimac $4-400 \mathrm{~A}$ radial-beam power tetrode and $4-400 \mathrm{~A} / 4000$ air system socket data sheets, and Application Bulletin No. 3, "Pulse," dealing with pulse applications of the company's tubes. This material has been mailed to Eimac catalog holders and is available to others on request.

Special Design Connectors. De.JURAMSCO Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y., has available literature illustrating and describing its special design connectors. It shows how considerable savings and high quality have been effected by using a molded connector with die cast brackets instead of a hand-fabricated assembly. It also announces the fact that the company's engineering department is available to assist in
the working out of special connector problems.

Unitized Rectifiers. Magnatran Inc., Kearney, N. J. A new 8-page folder covers the company's unitized rectifiers. The self-contained rectifiers described provide the answer to the need for a highly dependable high-voltage d-e source.

High Velocity Spray Technique. Cobehn, Inc., Passaic Ave., Caldwell, N. J., has published an 8-page illustrated bulletin describing a new high velocity spray technique for the critical cleaning of precision parts. The process described is effective for the critical cleaning of low-torque instrument bearings, semiconductors, and contact points in relays, vibrators, choppers and sensitive switches.

Automation Engineering Bulletin. CDC Control Services, Inc., 400 S. Warminster Rd., Hatboro, Pa. Automation engineering bulletin V-4002 describes techniques used in solving a tough temperature-pressure control problem. The bulletin includes reproductions of actual test data used to determine the final value and other component specifications.

Vibration and Shock Controls. T. R. Finn \& Co. Inc., 200 Central Ave., Hawthorne, N. J. A complete line of mounting bases, vibration and shock controls is described in catalog AB-35. The catalog includes detailed descriptions of standard and special mounting bases, and a wide selection of vibration and shock controls-all of which meet JAN and MIL specifications. Of particular interest is the company's all-metal vibration mount. Designed for airborne operation under all operational hazards, its resonant freguency is below 10 cps and its magnification factor less than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ at resonance with no double resonant peaks.

Printed Circuit Connectors. De-JUR-Amsco Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y. Sheet No. 42 covers the series PCW22 . The literature gives description, photos and outline drawing of the new Continental connector which
accommodates up to 132 solderless wire wrap connections with No. 24 gage wire. (The reverse page describes Continental series Z-16 heavy duty rectangular power connectors.)
pH Meter. Photovolt Corp., 95 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Bulletin 105 covers the new lineoperated pH meter, model 110. The unit discussed incorporates a largesize indicating meter of 7-in. scale length which covers the entire pH range from 0 to 14 without switching and without reversal of the pointer travel. As shown by the illustrations in the bulletin, the instrument can also be furnished in a portable shape with baseboard and carrving cover. Available accessories for the model 110 described include a swing-arm adapter for immersing the electrodes by tilting motion and a shielding hood for use of unshielded electrodes.

Insulation Booklet. Westinghouse Electric Corp., P.O. Box 2099. Pittsburgh 30, Pa. Booklet B-6506 (12 pages) explains the many advantages of Thermalastic insulation. The ten properties that extend the life of generators, synchronous condensers, frequenc! changers, large motors and other heary rotating equipment in hard service are discussed. The booklet also contains a short. illustrative story on how Thermalastic insulation was developed.

D-C Amplifier. Hagan Corp., 32:3 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Bulletin MSP111.1 illustrates and describes the model P d-c amplifier, an electronic low-voltage linear amplifier designed to increase the speed and accuracy of practicaliy all low level d-c voltage measurements. Chief features, recommended uses, performance specifications and ordering information are given.

Custom Made Components. Fisher \& Crome, 109 N. Camac St., Philadelphia 7, Pa., has available a 4 page folder illustrating and describing a line of custom made components for electronics and all inclustrial applications. Included

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#### Abstract

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Automatic Code Converter. CGS Laboratories, 391 Ludlow St., Stamford, Conn., has available a bulletin fully describing the TRAK automatic code converter. The all-electronic computer described translates International Morse code signals from the air or other sources and converts them automatically to printed page copy on a standard teletypewriter printer.

Automatic Pyrometers. Assembly Products Inc., Chesterland, Ohio. The four-page bulletin G-8 lists standard ranges and specifications of Simplytrol automatic pyrometers for control of temperature in furnaces and ovens. Ordering information is included; also data on some accessories for Simplytrols.

Video and Pulse Transformers. Carad Corp., 2850 Bay Road, Redwood City, Calif., has released a new technical bulletin on video and pulse transformers. It consists of application notes on the company's complete line of pulse transformers from subminiature blocking oscillator types to $50-\mathrm{kv}$ magnetron units.

Plastic Tubulars. Astron Corp., 255 Grant Ave., East Newark, N. J., has released a 4-page bulletin, No. $\mathrm{AB}-21$, on the Comet, a molded plastic tubular metallized paper capacitor. Attractively printed in two colors with illustrations and tables, it contains full details, descriptions, performance characteristics and test specifications.

Turns-Counting Dial. Helipot Corp., 916 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. The Duodial series RB turns-counting dial is the subject of data sheet 54-76. The series described consists of two coaxial dials. The inner dial is calibrated to count hundredths of a turn; the outer dial counts completed turns up to 15.

Electronic Weatherstrip. Metal Textile Corp., Roselle, N. J., announces a 16 -page design brochure,
entitled "Suppressing Radio Interference with Metex Electronic Weatherstrip and R-F Gaskets." It discusses practical and effective methods for obtaining an ref tight shield. Its design section gives full design procedures, methods of installation, and lists standard stock items.

Selenium Rectifiers. Donald C. Seibert, U. S. Representative, Box 281, Wilmington, Del., has available a 16 -page booklet on new types of AEG selenium rectifiers. A pictore and characteristic curves are shown. The rectifier units described are for radio receivers and are similar in appearance to electrolytic capacitors.

Rubber Insulated Mountings. Bushings, Inc., 4358 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, Mich. Bulletin 5255 describes Instrumounts-rubber insulated mountings for instruments, laboratory and other light weight precision equipment requiring isolation from vibration and noise. A number of suggested uses are given together with prices, dimansions and load bearing capacities.

Instrument Catalog. Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., 760 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N. J., now offers an 8-page quick-reference catalog that outlines in detail the company's line of high procision instruments. A recent flyer gives a brief review of the instruments, together with some of their more important characteristics.

Coax Circuitry. Microdot Division, The Felts Corp., 1826 Eremont Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. A 4-page folder illustrates and describes the smallest, lightest and only complete series of microminiature coaxial connectors, cables and assemblies. The Microdot illustrated and described offers over 15 million design possibilities in microminiature coax circuitry.

Printed Circuitry. Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N. J. A new 8-page illustrated booklet, "Printed Circuitry", describes in detail the application,

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Pressure Pickup. Consolidated Engineering Corp., 300 N. Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena 15, Calif. Bulletin CEC-1556 contains illustrations, general description, electrical features and specifications for the type 4-315 pressure pickup. The device described is useful for almost any application, which requires measurement of low differential pressures. Created for flightload surveys, the units discussed are also useful for respiratory studies and process-control applications.

Impedance Measurements. Hew-lett-Packard Co., 3328A Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif. A recent brochure on impedance measurements lists, among other instruments, the new improved 415B standing wave indicator. An expanded scale and the recorder output are two of the adranced features in the unit described.

Digital Pressure Gages. Byron Jackson Co.. 2010 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena 3, Calif. Bulletin BJE-606 covers a line of miniature digital pressure gages developed by the company. The Vibrotron gages discussed, only $\frac{3}{}$ in. in diameter $\times 3$ in. and weighing 1 oz, allow precise measurements of static and $d y^{-}$ namic pressures. Specitications for Vibrotron models of an absolute pressure gage and a gage pressure gage are presented. A listing of other electronic testing and control instruments available from the company is also included.

Milliohmeters and Microhmeters. Shallcross Mfg. Co., Collingdale, Pa. Ten highly accurate milliohmeters and microhmeters for measuring low resistances between 0.0001 ohm and 100 ohms are de-

scribed in bulletin L-39. The test sets discussed are recommended for applications where a Kelvin bridge is too slow or impractical, and where an ordinary nonlinear ohmeter is too inaccurate and limited in range. Complete electrical and mechanical specifications on all instruments and accessories are shown.

Automatic Tuning Lock. CGS Laboratories, 391 Ludlow St., Stamford, Conn. A recent bulletin describes the TRAK automatic tuning lock, an auxiliary device designed for frequency-shift communications receivers. The taning lock discussed automatically maintains a frequency-shift signal in tune despite drift from any cause, receiver temperature changes, or any other contributing factor, and in effect provides greater efficiency in reception from a poorly stabilized receiver than from a highly stabilized receiver operating without the lock.

## Electrolytic Capacitor. Astron

 Corp., 255 Grant Ave., East Newark, N. J. New product bulletin AB-22 covers the type ET subminiature electrolytics. The extracompact capacitors described are specifically designed for printed circuitry with miniature tubes and/or transistors. Complete details of all features are illustrated with actual size photographs. All essential information including test specifications, performance characteristics, sizes, ratings and list prices are also given.Relays. Assembly Products Inc., Chesterland, Ohio. Bulletin 108 lists sensitive relays and plug-in assemblies for automatic control circuits. While the relays and plug-in units discussed are designed primarily for use with the company's contact meter-relays, they are also finding other applications in control and atomation.

Self-Synchronous Motors. Electric Indicator Co., Inc., Springdale, Conn., has prepared a 6 -page folder describing its various commercial types of self-synchronous motors. The folder (EI-5A) briefly covers theory of operation and also lists the design characteristics of over

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| Input Impedance (pulse) | 3500 ohms |
| Output Impedance (pulse) | 3500 ohms |
| Trigger Pulse | 12 volts of .5 usec dura= tion min. (a) $40 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{sec}$. |
| Output Voltage | 20 volts peak to peak funit clamped at - 20 and 0 volts) |
| Load Current | 2 mo of current may be drawn without destroying clamped levels |
| Power Requirements | $\begin{aligned} & -60 \text { volts @ } 10 \mathrm{ma} \\ & -20 \text { volts } 2.5 \mathrm{ma} \\ & +10 \text { volts @ } 8 \mathrm{ma} \end{aligned}$ |
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Laminated and Molded Plastics. The Richardson Co., 2662 Lake St., Melrose Park, IIl. A 12-page bulletin describes more than 35 different types and grades of Insurok laminated and molded plastics. It includes two charts-one listing grades of laminated Insurok by outstanding properties, and the other listing sheet Insurok complying with NEMA, federal and military specifications. The bulletin also pictures and discusses a number of typical applications and suggests techniques. A special section includes a discussion of copper-clad Insurok laminates for printed electrical or electronic circuits.

Metal Alloy Designations. Secon Metals Corp., 7 Intervale St., White Plains, N. Y., has available a listing of alternate designations of its precious metal potentiometer winding alloys. The alloys are designated with the numbers corresponding to the specific resistance (ohms per cmf) of each. For further assistance in identification the number is preceded by a letter indicating the predominant component of the alloy as follows: P for platinum metals, G for gold, S for silver.

Shielded Enclosures. Ace Engineering \& Machine Co., 3644 N . Lawrence St., Philadelphia 40, Pa. A new catalog provides a depth of engineering and application data in the field of r-f shielded enclosures. Every type of screened and sheet metal standard enclosure is covered individually, with insertion loss or attenuation curves for each room, and complete construction details illustrated by cutaway drawings. Engineering specifications and standard room size availability are presented in a simple, easy-to-use form. Separate sections of the catalog cover application details which are critical in all types of
enclosures, such as doors and service entrances; a number of very unusual enclosures which have been engineered and constructed by Ace; and the company's special services.

Thermocouple Circuit Checker. The Peerless Electric Co., Electronics Division, 1401 W. Market St., Warren, Ohio. Catalog R-22 describes the Restorer, a device for correcting inaccurate temperature reading and control caused by thermocouple circuit failure during heat treating and melting operations. The catalog discusses plant applications, operation of manual and automatic types, pyrometer panel and central control models, and the protection tube leak checker, for warning against incorrect temperature reading and control dial to seepage of molten material into thermocouple protection tubes.

Miniature Precision Connector. DeJUR-AMSCO Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y. A 4-page brochure in color gives actual size illustrations, outline drawings and specifications on the series 1300 AN-type connectors with one-piece molded inserts. Write for a free copy.

Chassis Catalog. California Chassis Co., 5445 E. Century Blvd., Lynwood, Calif. announces a new 10 page catalog illustrated and punched-for-filing or notebook insertion. More than 400 standard items in varying dimensions and models are listed: standard chassis, including heavy duty, removable top and open end models; desk and enclosed relay racks; sloping front, metal utility and meter cabinets; relay back panels, meter panels and sundry components and accessories.

Electrical Laminations. Thomas \& Skinner Steel Products Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind. The 40-page bulletin L-355, through product line drawings, graphs and charts, provides full information on special, standard and MIL-T electrical laminations. A test procedure for standard E and I laminations is included. Through the test procedures, design engineers can now


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Hermetic Seal Bulletin. Cannon Electric Co., P. O. Box 75, Lincoln Heights Station, Los Angeles 31, Calif., has issued a new type of engineering bulletin cutting across the usual connecto lines to include in one catalog all current material on Canseal hermetically sealed types. Used largely for aircraft instruments but also adaptable for a wide variety of applications requiring a hermetic seal, also for use in high temperature installations and under moisture environments, the types described all have steel shells and contacts with fused glass insulation. The bulletin contains 16 pages and cover, and includes standard AN types, K-general electronic series, miniature, subminiature and rack-and-panel designs.

Wire and Cable Insulation. Bakelite Co., A Division of Union Carbide \& Carbon Corp., 30 E. 42 nd St., New York 17, N. Y. Booklet No. 80 contains a 6 -page index to Kabelitems 42-79. Its purpose is twofold: (1) to assist readers in locating information pertinent to Bakelite polyethylene, vinyl, or fluorothene resins of compounds for specific end-uses; and (2) to bring this segment of Kabelitems up to date by cross-referencing and pointing out obsolete information.

Miniature Inductance Components. Levinthal Electronic Products, Inc., 2760 Fair Oaks Ave., Redwood City, Calif. Two sizes of small adjustable inductors and a series of i-f transformers of similar design are catalogued in a new leaflet, Form VI-1154. Variable inductors listed in both shielded and unshielded designs are shown for the two inductance ranges- $56 \mu \mathrm{~h}$ to 1.8 mh , and $56 \mu \mathrm{~h}$ to 18 mh in standard units having inductance ranges of 2 to 1 , voltage ranges of 400 v maximum, and power dissipations of 2.5 and 5 w at 20 C temperature rise. Described as suitable for difficult environmental applications-due to
shock, vibration, moisture and chemical resistance-the units are covered in this publication with complete application design data including dimensioned outline drawings and performance curves of typical units, showing plots of Q versus frequency.

Electrolytic Shaping. Anocut Engineering Co., 531 W. Washington Blvcl., Chicago 6, Ill., has available a brochure on automatic electronic control of electrolytic grinding and shaping. It explains in detail how standard grinders, equipped with Anocut electronic control and using Anocut electrolytic salts, increases removal efficiency up to 6 times that of conventional grinders and at the same time saves as much as 90 percent in diamond wheel costs. The brochure also illustrates and describes the company's electronic equipment.

Soldering Booklet. Multicore Solders Ltd., Maylands Ave., Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire England. A 22 -page booklet, which is the third and completely revised edition of "Modern Solders," has just been issued. It contains several articles on the uses of cored solder and the characteristics of alloys of which Ersin and Arax Multicore solders are made. A full description is given of the latest type of Multicore solder which contains 5 cores of noncorrosive flux. Five tables give particulars of melting points, feet per $l b$, tensile and shear strengths, specific gravities and electrical conductivity of 11 different alloys in which Ersin Multicore solder is regularly manufactured.

Rapid Assembly of Pulse Systems. Burroughs Corp., 1209 Vine St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. A simplified approach to rapid assembly of pulse test and control systemis and the equipment needed to do the job are outlined in a new 6-page brochure. The illustrated brochure, called "The Unitized Approach," reviews the entire line of pulse control equipment manufactured by the company. With the unitized approach described, working systems are assembled directly from block diagrams simply by making frontpanel, plug-in connections between
the desired pulse control units. When a system has done its job, the pulse control equipment can be immediately recabled for an entirely different test, control or computation function.

Multilayer Interference Films. Fish-Schurman Corp., 70 Portman Road, New Rochelle, N. Y. Bulletin M1-318R discusses high efticiency type multilayer interference films. The films described utilize the phenomenon of optical interference at the boundaries of materials of high and low index of refraction. The bulletin gives technical information on three classifications.

Precision Measuring Equipment. New London Instrument Co., Inc., 82 Union St., New London, Conn. A 12-page catalog illustrates a complete line of electronic precision measuring equipment. It contains complete specifications and characteristics of the company's transconductance analyzer and circuit simulator, a-m signal generator, uhf tv sweep frequency generator, square wave generator, frequency standard, f-m signal generator modulation monitor, vhf-uhf noise source, signal generator, broadband amplifier and uhf balun. The catalog also contains illustrations of the company's line of transformers.

Inductors. Leeds \& Northrup Co., 4934 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa. A two-page data sheet, EB3(1), describes fixed and adjustable inductors. Specifications include the tabulation of physical and electrical characteristics. The data sheet describes standards of self-inductance, a standard of mutual inductance, and the function, coil arrangement and connections of the Brooks Inductometer.

Varistors. International Resistance Co., 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa. Catalog data bulletin SR-3 covers a line of varistors (asymmetric nonlinear resistors). Included are comprehensive data on applications, characteristics, current ratings, enclosures and terminations. Detailed charts and graphs are shown in 6 pages.


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## Wescon Board Completes 1955 Convention Plans

BOARD OF DIRECTORS for the 1955 WESCON, Western Electronic Show and Convention, has completed plans for the event, to be held in San Fransico, August 24-26.

This year, there will be 570 exhibits representing more than 600 producers, and an extensive technical program. Attendance of more than 20,000 visitors is expected.

The show is co-sponsored by the West Coast Electronic Manufacturers' Association and the San Francisco and Los Angeles Sections of the Institute of Radio Engineers, representing the Seventh Region.

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Moore, show vice-chairman (Litton Industries) ; Mal Mobley, Jr., WESCON business manager; Thomas $P$. Walker (Triad Transformer Corp.) ; and Leon B. Ungar (Ungar Electric Tools).

## Aerovox To Operate NBS Modular Electronics Plant

The Navy Bureau of Aeronautics and the National Bureau of Standards announced that the NBS pilot line in Arlington, Va. for the mechanized production of electronic equipment will be operated by Aerovox Corp. of New Bedford, Mass.

Aerovox succeeds the Kaiser Electronics Division of Willys Motors in the operation of the line.

The arrangement with Aerovox Corporation is designed to broaden the nation's industrial base is experience and know-how for the use of modular design concepts in military equipment. Key personnel formerly associated with Kaiser, have been employed by Aerovox to take advantage of their experience
in modular design concepts and in the operation of the mechanized production facility. Emphasis will be placed on the production of modules
for experimental use by interested electronic equipment manufacturers. The pilot plant will continue to be operated at its present location.

## Philco Forms New Transistor Division

Philco Corp. has created a new division to be known as the Lansdale Tube and Transistor Company.

William J. Peltz, formerly vicepresident in charge of operations for the television division, has been named vice-president and general manager of the new division.

The division, will manufacture and market a wide range of cathode ray tubes, vacuum tubes, transistors, diodes and other semi-conductor devices.

The division, with its main plant at Lansdale, Pa., has been a Philco subsidiary since 1947.

Peltz has been with Philco for 30 years. In 1942, he was named radio production manager and the following year was placed in charge of the company's production of airborne radar for the Armed Forces. Since then, Peltz has served successively as production manager of the refrigeration division, manager of operations for the government

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and industrial division, and as vice-president-operations, television division.

Reese B. Lloyd, director of industrial and personnel relations for Philco Corp., was appointed vicepresident in charge of operations for the television division, succeeding Peltz.

Also, William H. Mattison, production manager of the television division, was named to the newlycreated position of vice-president in
charge of production for television.
Lloyd joined Philco in 1950. In 1951, he was assigned to the government and industrial division to organize and put into production a new plant at Bedford, Indiana, for the manufacture of hermetic compressors and to organize manufacturing programs on several government projects. The following year he was named assistant to the vicepresident in charge of planning and in 1954 he was appointed director of
industrial and personnel relations. Prior to joining Philco, Lloyd was general manager in charge of ail plant operations for the Rheem Manufacturing Co.

Mattison joined Philco in 1926 when the company was known as the Philadelphia Storage Battery Co. In 1934 he became superintendent of production for radios and in 1948 was made production manager of the television division, his position prior to promotion.

## New York Coliseum Leased For 1956 IRE Show

The Institute of Radio Engineers has signed a lease with New York's Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority for all four exhibit floors of the New York Coliseum at Columbus Circle in New York City for the Radio Engineering Show, to be held March 19-22, 1956.

It is the only show thus far to lease the entire exhibit area and is to be the first to use the full capacity of the new building. The coliseum is still scheduled for completion on March 1, 1956 despite a structural collapse in May, 1955.

Over 800 electronics firms are expected to participate in the 1956 Radio Engineering Show and the Coliseum will accommodate the entire exhibit.


Seated left to riaht: James F. Walsh of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, John D. Ryder, president of IRE. Standing left to right: William C. Copp, radio engineering show manager, Royal W. Ryan, of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, George W. Bailey, executive secretary of IRE, Haraden Pratt, secretary of IRE and Elwood K. Gannett, managing editor of IRE publications

## Scientists To Meet In International Symposium

LEADING mathematicians, physicists and scientists will meet in July at the Navy Electronics Laboratory, San Diego, Cal, in an international symposium sponsored by the Laboratory, the Office of Naval Research and the Ryan Aeronautical Co.

Purpose of the symposium is an exchange of ideas on radar, radio and sound wave propagation through stratified media, the known methods of approaching the problem and the outstanding unanswered questions.

Participants will present no formal papers, but will instead hold round table discussions on the socalled "normal mode theory". Chairman will be S. A. Schelkunoff of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, N. J.
J. B. Smyth, head of the research,
theory and analysis staff of the N.E.L.'s propagation division, will serve as secretary of the symposium.

Besides Schelkunoff, and Smyth, the round table group will comprise: D. C. Potts of NEL, Carl Eckart of Scripps Institution; W. S. Ament, Martin Katzin and L. G. McCracken of the Naval Research Laboratory; C. J. Bouwkamp and H. Bremmer of Phillips Research Laboratories; T. J. Carroll of Lincoln Laboratory of MIT ; Dr. B. Friedman of New York University ; W. C. Hoffman of LandAir; H. W. Marsh, Jr. of Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory; E. C. S. Megaw of the British Admiralty; J. A. Ortusi of Research Compagnie Generale de T.S.F., Paris, France ; C. L. Pekeris of The Weizmann Institute, Rehovoth, Is-
rael; K. M. Siegel of the University of Michigan; Balthasar van der Pol of the International Telecommunication Union, Geneva, Switzerland and M. Jean Voge of Laboratorie National de Radioelectricite, Paris.

## GE Expands Plants,

Promotes Engineers
GE officially opened its new multi-million dollar, $190,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ manufacturing plant in Waynesboro, Va, the first of two company plants to be completed in the state. George E. Burens, G-E vice president and general manager of the company's switchgear and control division said that the plant was built specifically to meet the growing demand for electronic controls used in automated processes. It will

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eventually employ between 500 and 600 people with an annual payroll of approximately $\$ 2 \frac{1}{2}$ million. By 1957 , the department expects to be spending an additional $\$ 1$ million annually in Virginia for materials, utilities and supplies.

A second GE plant, to be headquarters for the company's industry control department, is now under construction in Roanoke County, near Salem, Virginia. It is scheduled for completion early in 1956.

Dr. L. T. Rader, general manager of the specialty control department, said that plans for future plant expansion are already being prepared although the installation is not yet operating at full capacity. He said that the demand for electronic controls of this type, essential to modern and highly mechanized production lines is expected to double within the next five years, and triple by 1965 .

GE also announced plans to double the size of its new microwave research laboratory on Stanford University land at Palo Alto, California.

In addition to constructing 10,000 sq ft more floor space, G-E is doubling its leasehold from three to six acres and will double the number of employees from 70 to 140 by the end of the year when the expansion is completed.

Laboratory manager H. R. Oldfield, Jr., said another expansion of about one-third is planned for the future.

GE also announced a new promotion. Lyman R. Fink has been appointed manager of the research application services department at the GE research laboratory.

He will assume the position at the research laboratory formerly held by Edwin E. Parker, who recently was named general manager of the instrument department.

## NBC And Westinghouse To Exchange Stations

An agreement has been signed for an exchange of the Philadelphia television and radio stations owned by the Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. and the Cleveland television and radio stations owned by NBC. It is subject to approval by the FCC. The Westinghouse stations in Phil-
adelphia are WPTZ and KYW. The NBC stations in Cleveland are WNBK, WTAM and WTAM-FM. The agreement calls for the payment to Westinghouse of $\$ 3,000,000$ in addition to the exchange.

## Bomac Elects <br> Heins And Tremblay

Bomac Laboratories of Beverly, Mass. has elected Harold Heins as vice-president of engineering and Louis S. Tremblay as vice-president of production. Heins has been connected with Bomac in various engineering responsibilities since its inception. In addition to his duties as engineering vice-president, he is also a member of the board of directors. Tremblay, in his new position, is responsible for all production and plant functions, including primary production, factory engineering and plant maintenance.

## Bendix Names Four To New Posts

John M. Miller Jr. has been named to the newly created position of director of engineering of the television and broadcast receiver division of Bendix Aviation Corp.

Stanley R. Scheiner has been named assistant director of engineering.

Miller, former chief engineer, joined the Bendix staff eight years ago. During World War II he was a radio and radar engineer at the Naval Research Laboratory and the Navy Bureau of Ships.

Scheiner also joined the Bendix staff eight years ago. He has been on the television engineering staff


John M. Miller
for the past six years.
Two appointments were also made to the staff of the research laboratories division of Bendix Aviation Corp.

Ralph A. Lamm has been appointed to head special missile development activities of the division. He will be responsible for coordinating the guidance and control developments in special missile fields for the division.

Arthur C. Prine has been named assistant to the general manager of the division. His duties will include customer relations and market research.

Prior to joining the Bendix staff Lamm served as technical director of the Naval Ordnance Laboratories, Corona, Calif. During World War II he was a staff member of the radiation laboratory at M.I.T. After the war he headed the missile division at the National Bureau of Standards.

## Watson-Watt Heads <br> Logistics Research

Sir Robert Alexander WhatsonWatt has been named president and board chairman of Logistics Research, designers and manufacturers of electronic computers in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Famed for the development of radar, he was knighted by King George VI and awarded the Medal of Merit by the President of the United States.

In developing the potentialities of Logistics Research, he will draw upon the scientific, engineering and management services he also heads. These are Sir Robert Watson-Watt and Partners, in London and its two North American subsidiaries, Adalia, in Canada and Adalia in New York.

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Lowell, Mass. It was formerly the South Lowell Ordnance Plant, later occupied by Davis Aircraft Co.

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Raytheon also opened a new tube warehouse and sales office in Franklin Park, Ill.

The new structure has approximately 30,000 sq ft of floor space. Of this space, one-sixth is devoted to offices, while the remainder is used for stockpiling receiving and cathode lay tubes, transistors and semiconductor diodes, and a line of industrial tubes. The warehouse also contains an engineering laboratory for handling commercial engineering problems.

## Technology Instrument Opens New Plant

Technology Instrument Corp. of California has opened a new plant in North Hollywood. Engineering services have now been supplemented with full production facilities for the manufacture, assembly, testing and inspection of precision potentiometers.

## New Firm Organized In Washington, D. C.

A new company has been set up in Washington, D. C. to manufacture and market the LogEtronics contact printer, a photographic printing device which produces prints automatically, by means of electronic controls. The new firm, LogEtronics, has purchased all LogEtronic patent rights from Reed Research of Washington, D. C.

President of LogEtronics is Richard N. Johnson, until recently assistant director of the Foreign Operations Administration. During
and after World War II, he was a division director in the War Production Board, an officer of the exportimport bank, and a member of the White House staff. He has been president and publisher of the Boston Evening Transcript, assistant to the president of Bemis Industries and president and treasurer of Hillsboro Woolen Mill Co.

Dwin R. Craig, inventor of the LogEtronics principle and devices, is vice-president and technical director of the new company. From 1948 to 1954, he was field and project engineer for Reed Research.

The LogEtronics system, on which patents are pending, compensates electronically for varying differences in density in the same negative, to produce uniform photographic prints.

## United-Carr Fastener Elects Groves



Samuel A. Groves has been elected to the newly-created office of executive rice-president of United-Carr Fastener Corp. He has been serving heretofore as vice-president and general manager of the eastern divisions of the company. Previously he was vice-president in charge of sales.

## Hoffman Laboratories Names Engineers

Leonard A. Mayberry has been appointed to the newly created position of engineering manager of Hoffman Laboratories. Gene Lamphear, former radar group engineer for Hoffman, has been advanced to the position of chief electrical engi-
neer of the labs.
Mayberry will be responsible for over-all administration of the company's rapidly expanding engineering department.

He has been chief engineer for Motorola's military engineering department in Chicago. Prior to joining Motorola in 1952, he was assistant to the president of Magnavox and was chief engineer for Hallicrafters handling engineering supervision for the company's aircraft communications equipment.

Lamphear joined Hoffman Laboratories in 1954 as group engineer in charge of the design and development of heavy radar equipment. A radar engineer with the Signal Corps during World War II, Lamphear brings to his new post of chief electrical engineer more than 12 vears' experience in the development of precision bombing and airborne search radar for Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric and Stavid Engineering.

Hoffman Labs also appointed John R. Bly as director of quality control. Bly was formerly quality control manager of General Controls Company. Glendale, where he had served since 1940.

## RCA Opens New

Administration Center
A New five-building center in Cherry Hill, N. J. that houses administration and engineering facilities for RCA consumer products and the RCA Service Co. has been completed.

The installation, upon which construction was begun in February, 1954, is located on a 58 -acre tract between Haddonfield and Merchantville, N. J.

Approximately 1,400 persons are employed there. The two and three story buildings have a total of $325,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of space.

The buildings house the executive, administrative and engineering staffs of the television division, the radio and "Victrola" division, and the RCA Service Company, which formerly were located in Camden and Gloucester, N. J., respectively. RCA's engineering products division, as well as various corporate staff activities, still are

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RCA also announced the appointment of C. W. Taylor to the newly created position of manager, color kinescope marketing in its tube division. For the past ten years, Taylor has acted as manager, tube parts and machinery sales. In his new assignment he will be responsible for market planning and promotion of color tv picture tubes.

He joined RCA in 1930 as a receiving tube engineer. In successive steps he served as radio tube design engineer and staff assistant to the general manager of the Harrison, N. J. plant assigned to coordinating the metal receiving tube program.

## Airborne Instruments Promotes Two

Airborne Instruments Laboratory of Mineola, N. Y. has promoted Lawrence J. Torn to chief electronics control engineer of its engineering and production division and J. Gregg Stephenson to assistant supervising engineer of the applied electronics section of the division.

Torn's new assignment calls for coordination of the company's production design activities in the field of industrial control systems involving automatic machine and process controls.

His experience has been in the fields of servomechanisms, feedback amplifiers, analog computers and closed-loop radar data processing systems, including responsibility for engineering development as project


Lawrence J. Torn
engineer of a large-scale radar data processing system.

Prior to his employment with Airborne in 1945, Stephenson was a research associate at the radio research laboratory of Harvard University, where he worked on radar countermeasures. He also served with the American British Laboratory in England and was a technical observer in the Mediterranean area.

## Stromberg-Carlson Leases New Plant

An industrial building providing $40,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of floor space has been leased in Rochester, N. Y. by Strom-berg-Carlson for the additional manufacture of carrier equipment. Production will start July 18.

The operations scheduled for the new plant will include winding of toroidal coils, building of filters, assembly of components for a complete line of carrier units for both wire line and microwave multiplex service. A carrier research and development engineering department also will be accommodated in the building.

The volume of business is such that full-scale production of carrier equipment also will continue at the Stromberg-Carlson plant in Dallas, Texas, for the next four months, without the usual shutdown for vacations.

## Indian Institute <br> Engineers Build Computer


V. N. Chiplunkar is shown installing an operational amplifier panel of a new computer recently built in the electrical communication engineering department of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore,

India. Most of the components, including plug in d-c amplifiers, were brought from the U.S.A. by Technical Cooperation Mission Visiting Professor V. C. Rideout of the University of Wisconsin.

The chassis and panel design and construction were carried out in India by Prof. Rideout, V. N. Chiplunkar and N. N. Biswas. The linear section of the computer comprising 20 operational amplifiers and 10 potentiometers, power supplies and control panel is now complete, and a number of problems have been tried.

Development of limiters and other nonlinear units for use with this computer is now well under way, and a new type of timingmarker generator has been designed and tested.

Recently L. K. Wadhwa, of the Defense Sciences Organization, New Delhi, solved a propeller vibration problem on this machine for the Hindustan Aircraft Company of Bangalore, the first use of this machine for Indian Industry.

The Technical Cooperation Mission supplied the parts for the computer. Total cost of parts, including a-c regulator, oscilloscope, voltmeters, as well as the computer elements was less than $\$ 4,000$.

## FTR Forms

## Community TV Group

A community tv cable service section, which will provide technical information and associated services to community tv operators, has been created by Federal Telephone and Radio Co. of IT\&T.

Richard A. Hyer has been appointed to head the operation. He was formerly sales manager for wire and cable products.

## Burroughs Makes <br> Expansion Moves

Construction has started on a new building near Paoli, Pa., to accommodate the research and development program of Burroughs Corp. in electronics, particularly devices for the armed services.

The building will have $28,500 \mathrm{sq}$ ft of floor space and will be erected on a newly-acquired 104 acre tract. Paoli is the location of the com-

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pany's new Research Center, a 105,000 sq-ft laboratory which was occupied just a year ago.

Burroughs is leasing $10,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of floor space in another building in Paoli.

The company also announced that if stockholders approve, it will acquire The Todd Company of Rochester, N. Y.

Todd produces such protective devices as checkwriters and check signers, safety paper, checks and other forms associated with disbursement of funds.

In another move. Burroughs appointed Milton E. Mengel as vicepresident. He will be in charge of corporation-wide product planning.

Since June 1953 Mengel has been director of product plamning. In his new position he will have the responsibility for co-ordinating the planning of future development of the corporation's line of business machines and electronic devices for business and seientific applications. He joined the firm in 1927.

## Scott Appoints Chief Research Engineer



Daniel R. von Recklinghausen has been appointed chief research engineer of Hermon Hosmer Scott of Cambridge, Mass., manufacturers of acoustic measuring instruments and sound reproduction equipment.

He has had experience with Rohde and Schwarz of Munich, Germany, in the design and development of uhf test gear and allied instrumentation. He joined Scott in 1951. In recent vears, as senior
project engineer, he has been in charge of audio developments, and his new duties include technical responsibility for acoustic and audio instrumentation research and development.

## Emerson Creates <br> New Engineering Division

The engineering division at Emerson Radio has been expanded into two separate divisions, the commercial engineering division and the government projects engineering divison. R. T. Capodanno, vice-president in charge of engineering, continues as the head of the commercial engineering division and Werner A. Auerbacher has been named director of the newly-constituted government projects engineering division.

For the past three years, Dr. Auerbacher has been an Emerson government engineering head in charge of several government projects. Prior to joining the firm, he held important engineering posts with electronics organizations in this country and in Europe.

## Daystrom and Weston Complete Merger

The stockholders of Daystrom and Weston Electrical Instrument Corp. approved the merger of Weston into Daystrom. Earl R. Mellen and Edward F. Weston, president and chairman of Weston, respectively, have joined the Daystrom board of directors.

Terms of the merger, by which one share of Weston stock is converted into one share of Daystrom, were approved by 524.017 shares or 79.6 per cent of the Daystrom stock outstanding and by 362,581 shares or 84.7 per cent of Weston outstanding stock. Weston becomes a wholly owned operating subsidiary of Daystrom and will continue to use the Weston corporate name and trademarks.

Unaudited figures released by Daystrom on May 2, for its fiscal year ended March 31, 1955, showed estimated sales of $\$ 73,800,000$ compared to $\$ 62,473,000$ for the year before. Net income for the past
fiscal year was estimated at $\$ 1.690$,000 , or $\$ 2.56$ per share on the 658 ,761 shares outstanding, against $\$ 1,459,000$, or $\$ 2.33$ a share on 624,911 shares outstanding in the previous period.

Weston reported sales of $\$ 28$,672,800 for the year ended December 31, 1954, compared with sales of $\$ 32,409,800$ in 1953. Net income for the year amounted to $\$ 1,056,714$, or $\$ 2.47$ a share, compared with earnings of $\$ 1,025,930$ or $\$ 2.40$ a share in the previous year. For the first 13 weeks of 1955 Weston reported sales of $\$ 6,-$ 272,429 and net income of $\$ 213,403$.
T. R. Jones, president of Daystrom, stated that "the merger of Weston into Daystrom means that we have realized one of our important goals in the transition of Daystrom to a company with primary interest in electrical, electronic and related products. It is estimated that these products will account for 70 per cent of our shipments in the current fiscal year."

## Tyler-Evans <br> Opens New Factory

Tyler-Evans, manufacturer of transformers and coils, opened a new plant at Antioch, Ill.

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project engineer of Sylvania's test equipment division and chief of tv component design at Heppner Manufacturing Co. He also was with the Westinghouse component laboratory, home radio division.


## Data Processing Elects Officers

Data Processing Associates of Ottawa, Canada elected George Glinski as director and president and Douglas Peacock as managing director and vice-president. Glinski has been associated with electronic research and development for 20 years and since 1948 has specialized in electronic computation and automation. For the last seven years he has been a director of Computing Devices of Canada having been a cofounder of that company in which he held the offices of president and vice-president.

Peacock has been associated with systems and procedures applications for 10 years and for the last three years has specialized in the sale of electronic data processing and data reduction equipment. He formerly was sales and contract manager for Computing Devices of Canada.

## Motor Maker Enters Electronics

Hall-Scott Motors Co., Berkeley, California engine manufacturer, has entered the electronics field through the acquisition of Bardwell \& McAlister of Burbank, Calif. The addition of this new division is another step in the policy of product diversification.

The new Bardwell \& McAlister division occupies a completely equipped plant in Burbank, California, with $88,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of space.

## Closed Circuit TV Firm Formed

A new concern, Norwood Electronics Co., has recently been established in Philadelphia, Pa. It has been organized to design and produce closed circuit television equipment, television microwave transmission equipment, special os-
cilloscopes and cathode-ray tube indicating devices. The new firm has acquired $3,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of factory space for offices and laboratories.

William Ussler, former project manager of television microwave and industrial television equipment for the Philco Corp., is president and general manager of the new concern. He was formerly chief engineer of the Electronics Tube Co., instrument division.

## Norden Ketay Appoints Levine



Bernard Levine has been appointed director of design and application engineering of Norden-Ketay Corp.

He was previously engineering director of the Ketay Laboratories division.

He will be responsible for the design and application of products of both the precision components division and the instrument and systems division.

## General Transistor Appoints Works Manager

Bernard B. Cohen has been appointed works manager of General Transistor Corp. of Jamaica, N. Y., manufacturer of transistors, germanium diodes and related semiconductor products. Cohen, who recently specialized in mechanization of transistor production processes, brings fifteen years of electronics experience with him. He has served in engineering capacities with Radio Receptor Co., Tele-tone Radio Corp., Electromatic, and Emerson

Radio and Phonograph Co. He will be responsible for all manufacturing operations including production engineering, quality control and automation.

## William Brand Dedicates New Plant

A new plant to manufacture Turbo plastic insulated wire and cable and electrical insulating tubing was dedicated at North Windham, Conn. by William Brand, president of William Brand \& Co. of Willimantic, Conn. Speaking at the ceremonies, in addition to local city and town officials, was the Honorable Abraham Ribicoff, Governor of the State of Connecticut.

The new $60,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ building that replaces an old $35,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ factory, was built at a cost of over $\$ 500,000$.

The firm's first plant started operation in 1939 in Willimantic with 37 employees and an annual payroll of $\$ 35,000$. Currently 250 people are employed with an annual payroll of $\$ 950.000$.

Increased emphasis is being placed by the firm on research and development. Laboratory space has been increased from $1,500 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ in the former plant to almost 3,000 sq ft in the new structure. The new plant is expected to be in full operation in August

## Tinnerman Elects New Officers

Robert C. Overstreet was elected president of Tinnerman Products succeeding George J. Schad, who has retired.
John E. Potter, formerly comptroller, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the firm and also elected to its board of directors.

Overstreet, who had served as executive vice-president since 1953, joined Tinnerman in 1941. He was named assistant to the vice-president and general manager in 1945 and was made secretary in 1948. He was elected a vice-president and to the board of directors, and reelected secretary in April, 1952.

Potter joined Tinnerman as office manager in 1947 after 13 years'


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Louis N. Ridenour has joined the Lockheed Aircraft missile sustems division as director of program development.

Dr. Ridenour, during five vears as staff member and assistant director of M.I.T's Radiation Laboratory, headed development work leading to the SCR 584 radar system.

He edited the "Radiation Laboratory Series" of reference books.
In addition to his work at MI.I.T., he has served as consultant to the Office of Secretary of War; professor of physics and dean of the Grarluate College of the University of Illinois; chief scientist for the U. S. Air Force; and most recently as a vice-president of Intermational Telemeter Corp.

## Litton Acquires Ahrendt Instrument

Ahrendt Instrument Company of College Park, Maryland has been purchased by Litton Industries.

Ahrendt designs and manufactures automatic control equipment.

It is the ninth electronics firm to become integrated into Litton Industries, Inc. in the past eighteen months.

Ahrendt employs 175 people in a
$30,000 \mathrm{sq}$ ft plant.
William Ahrendt, president, will remain with the company and become a principal executive with Litton Industries.

Litton now employs approximately 1,200 people in its seven plants, five of which are located along the West Coast from San Francisco to San Diego, California, and two located on the East Coast.

## Sylvania To Expand New Laboratory

Sylvanla Electric is increasing the size of its new electronics laboratory nearing completion in Waltham, Mass. It will be leased by the firm. The new facility is being enlarged from $80,000 \mathrm{sq}$ ft to 120,000 sq ft . The addition is to be completed by early Fall.

The new lab will house the missile systems laboratory, now located temporarily in Whitestone, N. Y., and the engineering laboratories now in Boston.

The new facilities are a part of the electronic systems division with headquarters of the division, as well as engineering and production facilities, in Buffalo, N. Y.

## Packard-Bell Elects Gleis

Jean P. Gleis was elected as vicepresident in charge of manufacturing for Packard-Bell.

He joined the organization in 1945 as a model maker in the tool shop, progressing from that position to the post of assistant to the general manager.

He was appointed plant manager in 1949 and has continued in that capacity until his elevation to the vice-presidency by the board of directors.

## Bailey Meter

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Paul S. Dichey, former vice-president and a director of Bailey Meter Co. has been elected president succeeding Robert S. Coffin, who was elected chairman of the executive committee and named management


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constiltant. Coffin, with the company since its establishment in 1916, had been president since 1944 .

Harvard H. Gorrie, chief engineer, has been elected a vice-president in charge of all engineering activities, and Raymond D. Junkins, head of the patent department, has been elected a vice-president and director: H. M. Hammond continues as a director and vice-president in charge of all sales activities.

## U. S. Steel Appoints Automatic Control Head



Harold R. Nelson has been appointed chief research engineer in the research and technology division of United States Steel Corp.

In this newly-created position, Nelson will supervise and coordinate research work in the application of automatic controls, instrumentation and mechanization to steel processes.

He joined GE in 1941. He also spent several years with the United Engineering and Foundry Co. before joining the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of U.S. Steel Corp. in 1951. He was general supervisor of electrical engineering at Geneva works at the time of his present appointment.

## Hycon Forms New Firm, Elects Directors

A new company, Hycon Eastern, has been formed in Cambridge, Mass. with Hycon Manufacturing Co. of Pasadena, Calif. the major stockholder. The firm plans to develop new products and techniques

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Prominent in the formation of the firm were two M.I.T. scientists, Dr. Jerrold Zacharias, director of the Laboratory for Nuclear Science at M. I. T., and Dr. Jerome Wiesner, director of M. I. T.'s Research Laboratory of Electronics. Both will serve as directors of Hycon Eastern, and will aid in the technical supervision of the company.

President of the new concern, M. M. Hubbard, is the third director of the company to be drawn from the staff of M. I. T. Prior to accepting his present position with Hycon Eastern he was assistant director of M. I. T.'s Lincoln Laboratory.

The election of Russell H. Varian and Edward E. Tuttle as directors of Hycon Mfg. Co. in Pasadena, California, was also announced.

Russell Varian is president of Varian Associates of Palo Alto, Calif. and vice-president in charge of research of Hycon Aerial Surveys.

Edward E. Tuttle is a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Tuttle, Tuttle and Taylor. The firm is legal counsel for Hycon.

## NYU Awards <br> Honorary Degrees



Chancellor Henry T. Heald of New York University (right) conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering upon Mervin J, Kelly, president of Bell Telephone Laboratories. The honor was bestowed at the final convocation

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## Dever Elected

 SAMA President

Henry F. Dever, president of Brown Instruments division of Min-neapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., has been elected president of the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association.

Dever, formerly nember of the board of directors and president pio tem of SAMA, joined Honeywell in 1931. Prior to appointment to his present company post in Philadelphia in 1946, he was vice-president in charge of engineering in Minneapolis.

## Navy Needs <br> More Engineers

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## Servomechanisms Names Components Manager



John J. Dempsey has been appointed division manager of the components division of servomechanisms. In his new capacity, he will report directly to Harold R. Larsen, vice-president and general manager of the firm.

Dempsey joined the company in 1947 and from 1951 until his recent appointment was chief development engineer for the Eastern division.

## Link Radio <br> Acquires New Plant

Link Radio has acquired a new plant in New Hyde Park, N. Y. The new Link headquarters is now in full operation producing 2 -way radio equipment.

## ElectroData Appoints Chief Development Engineer

Glen F. Nielsen, former technical staff assistant to the vice-president, has been named chief development engineer for ElectroData Corp.

He will be responsible for the research and new product program centering on the company's Datatron electronic data processing machines and auxiliary equipment.

He was formerly associate engineer and group leader in systems planning for large-scale computing equipment at IBM.

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## New Books

## Transistor Audio Amplifiers

By Richard F. Shea. John Wiley \& Sons, Inc., New York, 1955, 219 p, $\$ 6.50$.
This book is a logical sequel to the author's first volume "Principles of Transistor Circuits". Unlike that volume, however, it is not the result of the efforts of several coauthors, but the work of Mr. Shea alone.

The purpose of this book is to "Provide the user with the neces-


Public-address amplifier using pnp transistors described in "Transistor Audio Amplifiers"
sary tools whereby he can design an audio (transistor) amplifier to meet certain prerequisites such as frequency response, signal-to-noise ratio, input power and output power in such a manner as to insure maximum reproducibility, longest life, maximum freedom from deleterious effects as temperature and humidity and last, but not least, lowest cost."

## Basic Principles

The first and second chapters cover the fundamental principles and characteristics of transistors. Equivalent circuits are developed with $h$ parameters in contrast with $z$ and $y$ parameters which are more commonly used in earlier texts. A table on page 71 enables the reader to convert from any one of the parameter systems to any of the others. This is a great convenience since it is possible to encounter any of the three systems while using various manufacturers specifications sheets.

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and grounded-emitter configurations are given. The data covered includes that of General Electric, Germanium Products, Radio Receptor, Raytheon, Texas Instruments and Transistor Products transistors.

Chapter 4 deals with the various methods of coupling transistor stages. The tables on pages 118 and 119 list the gains available with various combinations of configurations.

## Amplifier Circuits

Chapter 5 is devoted to preamplifiers. Some of the topics covered are: transistor-noise characteristics; noise as a function of operating point and source impedance; grounded-emitter configuration with degeneration; high and low-frequency response compensation : volume and tone controls.

Chapters 6 and 7 cover class A and class B power amplifiers. Considered are: input characteristics; linearity; power output and peak clipping for various transistor configurations. Bias stabilization, feedback, drive stages and high-temperature operation are also covered.

Chapter 8 covers many examples of practical amplifier design. This material should be of great value in the application of the theory of the previous chapters. Circuit designs worked out include three hearing aids, a phono preamplifier with equalization for use with a magnetic cartridge, an electronic megaphone and a high-power (13 watts at 5 -percent harmonic distortion) amplifier.

A bibliography at the end of the volume lists pertinent articles and books written in the period from 1948 to 1954.
This book shotild be of value to audio enthusiasts as well as practicing engineers.-H. A. M.

## Elements of

## Servomechanism Theory

By George J. Thaler. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, N. Y., 1955, 282 p, $\$ 7.50$.
"Elements of Servomechanism Theory" is an introduction to the theory involved in the design of feedback control systems. The book is written for undergraduates and assumes only a familiarity with

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Other available books in this field frequently attempt to drop to the senior level by emphasizing components. In this book, the author places essentially no emphasis on components, but concentrates on a cautiously advancing development of the frequency-domain design techniques. The component characteristics are primarily brought in through examples and problems. This general approach should be of considerable assistance in motivation of the student.

## Transfer Functions

The author avoids the use of the Laplace transform and works in terms of transfer functions expressed in $j \omega$. The resulting elimination of the usual, rapid description of the Laplace transform is thus possible, and the book is able to concentrate on the ideas basic to the field. Although a number of universities are now introducing the concepts of complex frequency and the Laplace transform in the junior year, other schools should welcome Thaler's approach.

The most significant contribution of the author seems to be the discussion of compensation techniques. The first six chapters cover the usual introductory material transient analysis, transfer functions, and analysis of single-loop systems. In Chapters 7 and 8, Thaler, discussing specifications and effects of gain adjustment, lays the groundwork for Chapters 9 and 10 .

Chapter 9 describes series (tandem) compensation, with both lag and lead networks discussed. Chapter 10 describes feedback compensation, with primary emphasis on tachometric compensation. In both chapters, the theory is developed in terms of specific and comprehensive examples, which are de-


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The final two chapters constitute a very brief survey of advanced topics (presumably to whet the students' appetite for advanced study). The entire book reflects a desire on the part of the author to make the presentation clear, interesting and easily understood.-John G. Truxal, Associate Professor, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## License Manual for Radio Operators: a guide to FCC examinations

By J. Richard Johnson. Rinehart \& Company, Inc., New York, 1955, 430 p, $\$ 5.00$.

THIS B00k sets forth the answers to questions appearing on the FCC commercial operator's license examinations. The book includes all questions issued by the Commission in its "Study Guide". The questions are presented in the sequence in which they appear on FCC examinations. This includes elements 1 and 2-basic law and operating practice, elements 3 and 4 on radiotelephone, elements 5 and 6 on radiotelegraph, element 7 on aircraft radiotelegraph and element 8 on ship radar techniques.

Element 4, advanced radiotelephone contains 36 questions on frequency modulation and 28 questions on television in addition to a-m broadcast techniques. Element 6 , advanced radiotelegraph includes material on fsk and loran. The section on aircraft radiotelegraph, element 7, deals at some length with modern electronic navigation systems in use.

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Twenty four text and reference books on radio and electricity are listed for additional reading and keyed to the parts of FCC examinations to which they are most applicable. A list of $Q$ signals and their meanings is given.-J. M. C.

## Circuits and Networks

By Glenn Koehler. Macmillan Company, New York, 1955, 349 p, $\$ 6.50$. As clearly stated in its preface, this text presents a coordinated treatment of basic fundamentals applicable to both communications and power circuits. It is written primarily for electrical engineering students who have formally completed a course in alternating-current theory. It is particularly well suited as a senior-level text on passive, steady-state networks involving both lumped and distributed parameters. In this purpose, the reviewer feels that the text has succeeded admirably.

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## Communication Theory

Edited by Willis Jackson. Academic Press, Inc., New York, 1953, 532 p, $\$ 11.00$.
The particular symposium, of which this volume is the record, was held at the Institute of Electrical Engineers, London, during September, 1952. The purpose of the symposium, as noted by Prof. Jackson, was to consider the practical value of statistical communication theory to the field of electrical communication in which it originated.

## Topics

The papers have been grouped under the following topics; transmission systems and coding (9 papers), transmission in the presence of noise-signal discrimination ( 8 papers), characteristics of transmission channels (4 papers), application to television (3 papers), hearing (1 paper), transmission and analysis of speech ( 8 papers) and associated studies (4 papers)

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since this book represents the most complete available exposition of the major lines of development and application of communication theory. Although some of the papers have been previously published in the technical journals, the addition of new material, the grouping with other papers on aspects of the same topic and the availability make these of increased value. Considerable care seems to have been taken in the preparation of the material for publication, and the careful reporting of the discussions is commendable.

## Main Points

It is not possible in this brief review to examine each of the papers. We shall describe some of the salient features (perhaps of particular concern only to the reviewer) and leave the detailed examination to interested readers. The book opens with a survey of the definitions, concepts and results of the basic theory by Prof. D. Gabor. This is intended as a reference for the nonspecialists and a refresher for the professionals. It is particularly well-written with an excellent selection of material. The grouping of papers on transmission in the presence of noise deal for the most part with improvement of signal-to-noise in the simpler systems, such as military radar and navigational systems. Extensive use is made of the correlation functions and elimination of watered factors, in particular where excessive use is made of bandwidth or time. It appears on the basis of this reportage and the personal experience of the reviewer that significant improvements in the performance of such systems can be achieved, but at a considerable cost in complexity and in versatility of application. Apparently situations are not infrequent where this price is willingly paid. In the case of television transmission and reception, where the rate of transmission of information is very much greater than for the periodic pulsed systems of radar or navigation, improvements are still in the talking stage and likely to be much more costly and hence less desirable. The technical difficulties of bandwidth compression, which is


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The penetration and worth of the theory in the various fields of communication as presented at this symposium is somewhat startling. especially when one recalls the very vague hints as to the development of a theory in communications which were first brought to the engineering reader in the editorials of Electronics not too many years ago. These references were to the thesis of Dr. William Tuller, then at MIT, which presented the fundamental aspects in the clearest and most complete form prior to the definitive work of Shannon.M. Leifer, Engineering Manager, Electronic Defense Lab., Mountain View, Calif.

## Thumbnail Reviews

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Electrical Elements of Power Transmission Lines. By Herbert Bristol Dwight. Macmillan Company, New York, $1954,188 \mathrm{p}, \$ 4.25$. Long and short lines, circle diagrams, loarl studies, stability, traveling waves, economics, lightning protection, etc. Numerous practical problems each requiring about an hour to solve. A useful text for students and engineers.
Basic Television. By Bernard Grob. Second Edition, 1954, McGraw-Hill, N. Y., $660 \mathrm{p}, \$ 6.00$. A basic text covering all aspects of present-day monochrome and color tv.

1000 Electronic Questions and Answers. By R. J. Fredericks. Radio Sound Publications Co., Box 38, Utopia Station, Flushing 66, N. Y., 70 p, 1954. \$1.00. For self-testing one's knowledge and ability in electronics. Chapters on radio and tv receivers and transmitters, antennas and test equipment.

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Your February issue contained a review by me of N. L. Enrick's "Quality Control", second revised edition, published by the Industrial Press, New York.

The tone of the original review was influenced to a large extent by a misunderstanding. It seem ironical that this sort of thing should happen to me for the first time in thirteen years of quality control work while reviewing a book for the beginner.

As a result, I criticized the statistical validity of some of the methods used in the book. It is now clear that the author was not guilty of any statistical inaccuracy.

I am sure the author is aware of the hazards inherent in simplifying a mathematical subject, because he has taken occasion to caution the reader where required. I hope that these cautionary phrases will be given the attention they deserve.

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Due to World War II and the Korean War, this amounts to from four to six years. In my own case, patents on electronic musical instruments, far ahead of backward industries, did not get to the working stage until they were six or eight years old; many had never reached that stage before they expired into the public domain. Those which did reach commercialization in the late thirties were promptly choked off by the mentioned wartime decrees, so that their incomeproductive lives were shortened, or they expired during the interim.

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." should have read, "A normal type of transition, similar to those used with most Microstrip lines . . ." as in the original manuscript submitted for publication.

As a word of explanation, the term "Microstrip" generally designates a special type of strip transmission line having an unbalanced line structure or, in other words, a single ground plane; this type of line has been employed extensively by the Federal Telecommunication Laboratories. On the other hand, the term "strip-line" generally indicates a balanced or "sandwich" structure in which two ground planes are employed; several companies (e.g., Melpar, AIL and Sanders Associates) have been actively engaged in the development of strip-line components.

I am particularly apologetic for this error since it apparently escaped my attention in my review of the galley proofs.
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