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MALLORY has pioneered the manufacture of dry electrolytics through the age of "specials" and individual specifications...can still supply them upon demand. But developments have proved that industry can best be served by standardized types of capacitors. The Mallory WB type capacitor is such a unit: an example, too, of careful design and production offering maximum capacity in a minimum amount of space.

Mallory type WB capacitors are housed in aluminum tubes that provide an effective seal against moisture absorption and loss of electrolyte. A cardboard cover provides excellent insulation against shorts when the aluminum tube is assembled in close quarters.

These electrolytic capacitors are ideal for applications in AC/DC sets and wherever space is at a premium. They are shorter than most cardboard tubulars that require extra length for sealing wax at either end.

These advantages—plus the hermetic seal of WB's—makes possible a tubular capacitor that withstands humidity and temperature changes harmful to most cardboard types. See your Mallory distributor or write direct for further information.

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Living a Long Life

The characteristic you demand in a capacitor is long life. And in this allimportant matter the record of Tobe Capacitors is an enviable one, with almost complete absence of "returns."

Lasting stamina is built into Tobe Capacitors through every step in their manufacture and is cross-checked by frequent, rigid inspections. Electrical ratings are always on the conservative side. Research is continuous in the search for an even better way, an even higher standard.

Type OD Capacitor (illustrated below) is manufactured in the careful Tobe way. Mineral oil impregnated and filled, in a streamlined drawn container, hermetically sealed. Designed for operation under a wide temperature range. Why not place your capacitor problems before Tobe engineers? Inquiries receive prompt, intelligent service.



Illustration shows capacitor with bottom terminals. Capacitors also available with top terminals. *Data sheets showing complete code number for units having a specific capacitance value and voltage ratings available on request. **Other tolerances available.



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FOR THE ANSWER to many communications problems, whether they involve crystals or not, more and more manufacturers have formed the habit of calling in Crystalab.

In the supply of crystals to rigid specifications and in their application to problems of frequency control, Crystalab has been privileged to serve the industry and the armed services many times. Government procurement specifications serve as the standard for all of industry and have been met by Crystalab from the beginning of the demand for crystals in quantity.

This was possible only for these reasons:

1 Crystalab engineers brought to the industry, long experience in the solution of electronic and communications problems.

2 Crystalab testing equipment includes the finest instruments money can buy, plus many special instruments designed and built in the laboratory, to meet specialized needs.

3 Crystalab manufacturing equipment, most of it specially designed and built, is capable of producing crystals in any quantity, within the narrowest frequency tolerances.

Crystalab facilities are at your service, ready to help with your current or postwar-planning problems. If experienced help in electronic research, design and manufacture is your need, you will do well to ...



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This Month's Cover

The man on our cover is checking frequency and field strength of a low powered ultra-high frequency transmitter, preparatory to making a run on the general transmission characteristics. The test instrument is a Lavoie UHF frequency meter.

The transmitter is operating above 400 mc and it is necessary that it be monitored continuously, observing changes in frequency and output. The successful observation of general transmission characteristics over difficult terrain at these frequencies is largely dependent upon the transmitter output remaining constant, both in frequency and power, during the period of measurements. The operator must compensate immediately for any changes that occur in the transmitter.

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Mystery Ray Stops Auto

Ex-Governor Charles Edison of New Jersey, has his famous father's love of a joke. The inventor's distinguished son is an M.I.T. graduate and knows his way around in electrical and electronic matters, as might be surmised. Recently, after listening to an amateur electronics enthusiast become eloquent about postwar electronic marvels, Gov. Edison asked whether the spellbinder had yet witnessed a demonstration of "the electromagnetic ray that can stop an automobile." "No, I've heard about such a ray," replied the electronic prophet, "but I didn't know it was yet practical." "Well, jump into my car and come down to our laboratory, and I'll show you.'

As the car approached the main street of Orange, N. J., the traffic signal turned red, and the Governor's chauffeur put on the brakes, bringing the car to a grinding stop. Pointing through the windshield at the red traffic light, Gov. Edison chuckled: "See, just as I told you, there's the ray that stops automobiles—and it IS thoroughly practical, too!"



"But if you don't explain radar to him, John, I'm afraid he'll pick it up from the boys on the street."—A. John Kaunus in Collier's.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS operate with greater efficiency with built-in CONSTANT VOLTAGE



The safety and convenience of two and a half million passengers, carried daily by the Chicago Surface Lines, are guarded continuously by the elaborate, phase-modulated radio communication system by which all divisions of this vast transportation system are kept under constant surveillance.

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THE 20 KW RADIO FREQUENCY GENERATOR

This unit has a nominal output of 20 kw. Controls and meters are conveniently located on the front panel. The circuit breakers and relays are readily accessible through the lower door on left side of the cubicle. Dead-front construction provides maximum protection to operating personnel.

THE 2 KW RADIO FREQUENCY GENERATOR

-This unit has a nominal output of 2 kw and is designed to take a minimum of floor space. Large, sturdy casters provide high mobility. The "table top" working surface eliminates the need for special worktables and all controls are centralized on the sloping panel.

WESTINGHOUSE RADIO FREQUENCY GENERATORS Cut Heating Time

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OFFICES EVERYWHERE

Heating operations that used to take hours are now completed in *minutes* through radio frequency heating—with a uniformity and control of the heat never possible before. In fact, with Westinghouse Radio Frequency Heating, tricky heating jobs become simple "push button" jobs.

Westinghouse Radio Frequency Generators are designed for both induction and dielectric applications. With all the generating equipment and controls housed in a single cabinet, these units are literally radio frequency heating "packages"...simple to install and maintain. They are completely shielded to minimize radio communication interference. The "long life" air-cooled tubes eliminate all the complications of water cooling. Air cooling also provides an extra margin of safety against failure and, at the same time, effects worth-while savings in both space and *initial* cost.

Westinghouse offers industry a complete line of radio frequency generators—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 kw units. The heavy-duty 50, 100 and 200 kw units employ water-cooled tubes. Ask for Bulletin B-3261-A and Descriptive Data 85-800. Or, for assistance on some specific application, send us an outline of your problem. Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., P.O. Box 868, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. J-08074







APPLICATIONS AND BENEFITS OF WESTINGHOUSE RADIO FREQUENCY HEATING Dielectric Heating (for nonconducting) materials)

Induction Heating (for ferrous and nonferrous metals

APPLICATIONS	GENERAL BENEFITS	
Plywood • Compreg • Setting glue • Pressure banding • Drying	Boosts Production by creating the proper heat instantly throughout the material. No waiting for heat to "soak in" from the surface.	
Heating preforms • Curing • Setting • Processing of sheets	Uniform Heating throughout the material prevents damaging internal stresses caused by uneven heating.	
Heating forms • Twist setting • Drying • Bonding thermoplastic fabrics	Rejects Reduced because there is no surface charring—checking or drying out.	
Drying • Thawing • Dehydrating • Sterilization	Cuts Equipment Costs — Westinghouse Radio Frequency Generators can be used with most existing hot or cold plate presses. Fewer jigs, dies and presses needed.	
Heating • Thawing • Curing • Vulcanizing • Devolcanizing	Quickly Installed on most existing presses, using either hot or cold plates.	
	APPLICATIONS Plywood & Compreg & Setting glue & Pressure banding & Drying Meating preforms & Curing & Setting & Processing of sheets Meating forms & Twist setting & Drying Banding thermoplastic fabrics Drying & Thawing & Dehydrating & Setting & Setting and Setting Meating forms & Twist setting & Drying Burding thermoplastic fabrics Brying & Thawing & Dehydrating & Setting and Setting Meating & Thawing & Curing Meating & Thawing & Curing Meating & Thawing & Devulcanizing	



APPLICATIONS

METAL WORKING

INDUSTRY

ANNEALING contact plugs • welded sections • tire rims.

BRAZING spark plugs • aviation gas
line fittings • spiral tubing • tool tips
piston assemblies.

HARDENING spindles • cams • punches • ball bearing races • gears • sprockets • drill chuck bodies • camshafts • mandrels and many others.

SINTERING—SOLDERING

BENEFITS

Saves Production Time through instantaneous, accurately controlled heat.

Simpler — Low-Cost Designs are made possible by multiple soldering and brazing operations.

Precise Control of depth of hardening leaves strength and machinability of interior unaffected.

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Heating Can Be Localized externally or internally for specific applications.



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A family of water-clear polystene beads, be-Bre separating. Injection molded. Polystyrene has c compressive strength of 10,000 to 13,500 pounds per square inch. Power factor .0001 to .0002. Dielectric constant 2.5 to 2.6. The line ciagram illustrates the possibilities of delicate molding of Polystyrene. These beads are made for high frequency cable. This longitudinal section is about double life-size.

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In the handling of plastics a complete knowledge of the characteristics of the various synthetics, their possibilities and the technique of working with each is fundamental. That is equally true of *experience* and *skill* and up-to-date equipment. With all of these, Amphenol, has consistently been a leader in this rising industry.

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The help of Amphenol's engineers in the choice of materials, planning and designing of products is available to those interested in keeping step with the times in the use of plastics.

> Ultra high frequency R. G. cables. Dielectric, polyethylene, extruded with inner conductor centered to within 10%. Diameter tolerance permitted .010". Vinylite outer covering extruded over wire, dielectric and braided copper shield.

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DESIGN ORIGINATED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC

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THIS new tube is one of the most important developments in electronic-tube history – ranking with such other G-E electronic firsts as the screen-grid tube, the high-vacuum tube, the mercuryvapor rectifier, and the thyratron.

The new G-E disk-seal, parallel-plane design*—developed by engineers of the G-E Electronics Laboratory—opens up a vast new field of radio frequencies for practical use. It extends the top frequencies at which electronics engineers can work... thus reaching into hitherto untouched segments of the ultra-high frequency spectrum.

The advent of this extraordinary new tube will make it possible to build greatly improved electronic devices for important post-war applications.

*MEGATRON IS THE GENERIC NAME ASSIGNED TO TUBES OF THIS DESIGN

It will, for the first time, enable engineers to take advantage of high frequency channels that could not previously be used to advantage.

It will enable the relay transmitters of FM and television networks to function at even higher frequencies than heretofore anticipated and thus provide more communication channels.

It is quite possible—in fact, probable — that ultimately a large "family" of lighthouse tubes will be available for dozens of applications in the radio, television, and industrial-electronics fields. Thus is added another G-E "first" to support the fact that —

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CONSTRUCTION AND CHARACTERISTICS

The disk-seal, parallel-plane design of the G-E megatron eliminates the conventional type of grid, anode and cathode. Instead of components being fitted *around* one another, they are constructed in simple, *parallel planes* or layers—with glass and metal fused together to provide a shock-proof construction. This design permits an extremely compact over-all tube structure.

For the first time, it makes possible the use of new circuits with which yesterday's dreams become today's realities.



93% of the population of New York State could be covered by this regional network of five master television stations and nine satellite stations. A television network relay station.



G-E developments will make it possible to provide television program service in small and intermediate markets as well as large cities.

Master television stations, capable of originating television shows of network calibre, will be located in the larger centers of population. These master stations can be linked together in regional networks by G-E ultrahigh frequency radio relay stations. Coastto-coast hook-ups of regional networks logically will follow.

SATELLITE STATIONS THE NEXT STEP

From this broad framework will stem still other stations — hundreds! . . . to bring television to the smaller communities — to make it a still more attractive advertising medium for concerns doing a regional or nation-wide business.

Known as satellite stations, these smaller community stations will tie in with their respective regional networks by taking network programs from the nearest relay station, and rebroadcasting them over the local area. The satellite station can also produce and televise its own film programs, under local sponsorship, independently of the networks.

SATELLITE STATIONS ECONOMICAL TO BUILD AND OPERATE

A satellite television station will be relatively inexpensive to install and operate — and will require a minimum of operating personnel.

The illustration at the far right, above, shows equipment required for a satellite television







The G-E disk-seal tube — a development that nakes ultra-high frequency relaying possible.

Equipment for a G-E satallite television station. 16-mm projector Transmitter Receiver-monitor

Mobile pick-up unit

Television Station to small communities to local station owners

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station of the future. A simple building houses the equipment and a lattice tower supports both the broadcasting antennas and the antenna which ficks up the picture and sound signals from the nearest relay station. The small transmitter will have sufficient power to cover the local market area. A receiver-monitor unit, an amplifier unit, and a 16-mm motion picture projector and film pick-up camera complete the essential station equipment.

For local revenue, a l6-mm silent motion picture camera will be used by the sateLite station operator to take pictures of products or demonstrations local merchants may wish to advertise. A C-E magnetic wire recorder will add background sound and commentary. Local happenings-parades, fires, dedications, sports, and social events-can be filmed in similar manner to provide other local sponsored programs. For onthe-spot broadcasts of events as they happen, a small truck may be equipped as a mobile unit. Let General Electric help you with your preliminary plans. Let General Electric provide your complete television broadcasting system. Benefit from G.E.'s experience in operating WEGB — the nation's most powerful television station.

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Sangamo Capacitors Can Take It!

Mica capacitors play a vital part in the correct functioning of many types of equipment. Radio receivers, transmitters, hearing aids, underwater sound equipment, induction heating, and many other devices depend upon the faithful performance of capacitors to enable them to function properly.

Many applications of capacitors in these various equipments necessitate a wide range of sizes, shapes, voltages, and current carrying ability in order that the proper capacitor may be used depending upon the physical space limitations and electrical pharacteristics to be met.

As illustrated, Sangamo manufactures a large variety of capacitors from the small wire lead type having a body size of only 23/32" in length, 15/32" ir width, and .20" thick to the large ceramic case type capable of operating at voltages up to 35,000 and handling large amounts of radio frequency current. This wide variet, of capacitors insures the availability of the proper unit for almost any mica capacitor requirement.

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Right—KT Ter-minal Strip, Strips of binding posts mounted in bakelite can be had in any num-ber of pairs specified.





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Right — Type KS Terminal Strip is similar to the K Strip except that it is fur-nished with a row of solder clips under the nuts. Fanning strip is optional.

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> Left—Furnished for 6, 11, 16, 26 pairs or multiples thereof, these Distributing Panels are furnished wit. or without fanning strips. Single piece moulded bakelite faceplate and fanning strip is feature of latter. Non-corrosive studs studs.

Left — Type K Dis-tributing Strip com-bined with insulated metal fanning strip — a moulded bake-lite strip of high in-sulating value and great strength. Studs of non-corro-sive, high tensile strength metal. Can be furnished in ex-act number of pairs

act number of pairs required.

Below—Cable Distributing Strip and Housing for low voltage circuits. Special type housing will accommodate various types strips.

Below—Type 55 Ter-minal Strip for in-terior low voltage circuits. For mount-ing in instrument and test cab.



Below—Type 65 Terminal Strip— Bakelite base, tinned brass connec-tors, furnished in various lengths.



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Supplementing the line of Cook Relays, "Springlife" Bellows and Pressure Detector Switches, is a line of accessories, a representative group of which are shown here.

These are some of the items for which engineers in the aviation, communications, electrical and electronic manufacturing industries "Look to Cook" when planning their requirements.

Here are some facts about these line terminating and switching items that are of interest to you.

- · Carefully designed to the high standards of Cook engineers.
- Tooled and fabricated completely under one roof.
- · Precision manufactured with modern equipment.
- Assembled and tested with exacting care by skilled workers.
- · Highest grades of all materials are used in all parts.
- Manufactured in a model plant with efficiency that provides capacity to produce in quantity.
- You can buy direct from manufacturer-if quantities warrant, we will tool for special requirements.

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Left-Type 52 Interior Junction Box showing Type 52 Terminal Strip. Furnished in 10, 20 and 26 pair sizes. Special sizes up to 52 pairs to order. Solder connec-tions for permanently low resistance Terminal low resistance. Terminal block of heavily tinned, formed metal clips set into hard rubber insu

Left — Type 53 Interior Junction Box showing Type 53 Terminal Strip. Terminals providing solder clips on cable side and screw connections on drop side are mounted in spe-cially selected kiln dried maple terminal strip. Furnished in 13 and 26 pair capacity.

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Above—Type 54 Interior Junction Box showing Type 54 Terminal Strip. Similar to Type 53 except that heads are smaller, unit is more compact and has lighter weight studs.

Left – Push Key Switch – sturdy type switch built to requirements.

Left—Turn Pay Switch—various combinations of make and break.

Right — JK-24 Telephone Jack, precision built for perfect contact. JK-47 also manufactured.

-JK-26 and 46A two voltage con-s for radio head-K-26 has bakelite 46 4

> Individua Lamp Jack for signal lights. Designed to accommodate standaccommodate stand-ard lamp and caps.

Below—Lamp Jack Strip—strips of the lamp jack illustrated above can be had in any combination.

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Right—Line Terminal Block is made of heavily tinned formed metal clips set into hard rubber insulation. Various types of terminal blocks are manufactured to accom-modate the various types of terminal punchings

Right — UX Cable Terminal — 6, II or 16 pair cable termi-nal in patented wa-ter-tight chamber. Heavy studs set in bakelite. Outlet of box may be pro-vided with patented compression <u>coup</u>-

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compression lings.

Below—Porcelain connectors with non-corrosive studs.



Below — plated, have tin tions. Terminal Punchings —Terminal Punchings— d, accurately tapped, tinned solder connec-

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—Showing an additional variety ninal punchings. Below of ter

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Cook Electric Company has been manufacturing this type of equipment since before the turn of the cen-tury. Experience and "know how" go into the manufacture of every item manufactured at Cook



Above — Terminal Clip — various metals and types made to order.

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TWO POLE

Same internal construction, except there are two trip units which will open simultaneously if an overload or short circuit occurs in *either* leg.

THREE POLE

Same internal construction, except there are three trip units which will open simultaneously if an overload or short circuit occurs *in any one leg.*

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Gammatrons Provide R-F Power for Mann-Russell Dielectric Heating Generators

The pair of HK-1054 Gammatrons shown in the master oscillator of a Mann-Russell RF generator at upper right, provide a maximum of 13,300 BTUs per hour at 20 to 30 meters for dielectric heating applications.

10,000 BTU PER HOUR FROM A PAIR OF HK-1054 TUBES

Radio-frequency generators, such as the Mann-Russell unit pictured here, require tubes capable of producing considerable power at high-frequencies, plus remarkable stamina when faced with overloading and abuse. Gammatron tubes are designed to meet such "cast iron" requirements.

For example, the enclosed plate in Gammatrons results in high efficiency at high-frequencies. It traps electrons which would otherwise escape, and at the same time eliminates electron bombardment, thus raising voltage limitations.

To designers of high-frequency heating equipment Heintz and Kaufman, Ltd. offers a type of tube that has the electrical stamina, the efficiency and long life which are so important to the economical operation of h-f generators.

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Maximum	340	50/60	115	0-130	2.6
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10EC200	2.0	1000	4 1/2	11/2
10EC400	4.0	1000	4	2
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2. Pile-up assembly is locked together under hydraulic pressure. Projecting wafer insulators which provide creepage path of 4" between contact springs can be furnished. The entire assembly withstands very heavy breakdown tests.

3. Heelpiece, coil core and armature assembly are of magnetic metal, carefully annealed. Where sensitivity and timing are important factors, a *special magnetic* metal is recommended to provide permeability.

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Because of the wide range of contact arrangements possible with the Clare Type''C''Relay, Clare can''custom-build''you a relay that will most exactly fit your requirements. Standard spring assemblies may be equipped with any combination of the forms shown. Many different standard and special sizes of contacts may be provided.

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The purpose of this advertisement is NOT to brag about Thordarson's part in the war effort. While patriotism in a person or company may be something to be proud of, our own feeling is that it should not be exploited. Expressing patriotism in America is not even a duty; rather, it is a privilege . . . happily one that is understood and appreciated by the majority.

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The time will come . . . it's coming shortly, we feel . . . when we again can think first and foremost of supplying civilian needs. That will be a far happier day for us than it could possibly be for you, no matter how much you have needed material you were unable to secure.

But meantime, the war goes on . . . and we, in our small way, must continue to stand guard at our appointed post until the "at ease" command is given. As we said in the beginning: THERE IS NOTHING TO DO ABOUT A WAR EXCEPT WIN IT!

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Parts should be agitated in solution to insure uniform attack. Time should be kept to the minimum needed to prevent loss of spring pressure and to avoid pitting. Rinse with cold water. 2. Bright Dip

Solution #1 may be used cold as a bright dip or a typical bright dip as follows may be used:

sulphuric acid2 gals.
nitric acid1 gal.
water1 qt.
hydrochloric acid1 oz. per 5 gals.
temperaturecold
time5 seconds to 5 mins.

Rinse in cold water followed by a hot water rinse to aid in rapid drying.

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THESE EXAMPLES serve to remind us how closely the history of radio is interwoven with that of Magnavox.

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In Time of War, Prepare for Peace

We are still grimly at war, but it is not too early for electronic and radio men to be turning their thoughts to planning those activities which must be entered into as the military production program tapers off.

Meanwhile, Electronic Industries' editors are reshaping our own publishing program to point the way in this conversion, and through our pages to show the industry how the lessons of its unparalleled wartime production can be utilized profitably in the peace-days ahead.

Electronic War Production Still "Urgent"

Some official statements from the War Production Board show radio-electronic schedules as levelling off or actually dropping, indicating a turn in the production tide. But the chart of estimated delivery of radioradar equipment on this page (compiled by official sources and published exclusively in "Electronic Industries") emphasizes the continued "urgent" demand of Army, Navy and WPB for vital radio-electronic equipment for the armed services. As the graph shows, through the final months of 1944 the program calls for an average monthly estimated delivery of over a quarter billion dollars of electronic equipment per month!

Let Engineers Study War Inventions

Practically every technical and industrial expert has a record of noteworthy and responsible effort in war developments. But relatively few have had the privilege of seeing the whole project or to study the importance of the various components in a peaceful world. Without knowledge of the adaptability of wartime electronic-radio developments and inventions, the proper designing and planning for civilian production reconversion will be delayed and hampered.

The military services should now allow the industry a "look" at the secret electronic and radio inventions to ascertain their adaptability to civilian peacetime uses. In certain cases, where it is still deemed necessary for security reasons, this could be done in secret sessions. It certainly would be a step towards hastening the day of new products born out of the war inventions so that industry would be geared for reconversion.

"Electronic October" in Chicago

Two separate national electronic gatherings during different weeks, a fortnight apart, will feature October at Chicago. October 5 to 7, the National Electronic Conference will attract engineers to the Medinah Club, Chicago. Program of topics appeared on page 211 of our last issue.

Two weeks later, the Electronic Parts and Equipment Industry Conference will be held at the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, October 19 to 21, with meetings of special interest to electronic manufacturers, distributors, representatives, and electronic-trade executives.

Can't Please Everybody!

Plum cake or gooseberry pie? Eastern electronic manufacturers have looked with foreboding for many months on the apparent trend of pushing a great bulk of military production toward the West Coast. This is matched, in recent months, however, by equal worries by the Western electronic tycoons because they are afraid, being tied down by those same war contracts, that those Easterners will get the jump on them during reconversion to peacetime products. It seems a standardized menu is going to be a difficult thing to accomplish.



OWI'S 300 KW INTER



The three RCA transmitters, shown above together with the console that controls them, are located in the wing of the building formerly occupied by wing at the back. Right, above, one of the technicians adjusts No. 4 for operation. Transmitters have duplicate radio frequency channels, at ends of

Technical details of the six 50 kw transmitters and steerable antennas now occupying WJZ's former location

• With the installation of four new transmitters of 50 kw each now nearing completion by National Broadcasting Co. on the old site of WJZ at Bound Brook, N. J., the "Voice of America" moves several steps nearer the ultimate 2750 kw of power represented by a total of about two score short-wave transmitters, all but a few of which OWI now has beamed toward allied and enemy countries.

Six of the transmitters are under the roof of WJZ's long-time transmitter house. In fact WJZ was moved out and into its new location at Lodi, N. J., in order to make room for the addition of four new units to the two already there under lease to OWI but for several years prior to Pearl Harbor used by NBC for international short wave broadcasting.

Thus these six transmitters aggregating 300 kw include NBC's two original units, three new ones built by RCA and one new one building by NBC. The three RCA transmitters are in one wing of the building; the NBC units are in another.

Physically, the new transmitters are alike and are distinguished by the inclusion of twin radio frequency channels. The equipment may be divided into several major parts according to function. These include the two radio frequency channels, the audio frequency channel and modulation equipment, the power supply and rectifiers, the cooling, the control, and the automatic transfer equipment.

The two radio-frequency channels are located one at each end of the transmitter enclosure, with the audio-frequency channel, rectifiers and control equipment between them. This is a logical arrangement, since all the units in the center section are used in connection with either one or the other radio-frequency channel, but not both at one time, and the circuits are so arranged that access may be had to either channel while the other is in operation.

The relationship of the various units in the transmitter is illustrated in the block diagram. The two radio-frequency channels are equipped with components to cover all frequencies in the bands from 6 to 22 megacycles. Radio-frequency is generated by a crystalcontrolled oscillator which operates at one-half the output frequency, that is, in the band from 3 to 11 megacycles. The oscillator stage is followed by a buffer-doubler stage, the output of which is always at the operating (output) frequency. The buffer-doubler stage is followed by three push-pull power amplifier stages the last of which supplies approximately 3.5 kilowatts to the push-pull final amplifier stage.

Incoming audio signals are fed through the transmitter control desk and hum-frequency feedback amplifier to the audio-frequency channel in the transmitter. Three audio amplifier stages are used, which, together with the bias rectifier, are mounted on the front, or driver panel of the channel.

The third audio stage employs a "cathode-follower" circuit to drive the modulator tubes which are mounted on the rear of the audiofrequency channel. The class "B" modulator stage in conjunction with the modulation transformer and modulation reactor provides power for high level modulation of the class "C" final power amplifier in the radio-frequency channel. Degenerative feedback, applied from the modulator stage plate circuit to the input of the first audio-frequency amplifier stage, results in an audio-frequency output waveform which is a faithful reproduction of the audio signal at the input of the system.

Four separate rectifier circuits are used. The bias rectifier, mounted on the front panel of the low power audio channel, supplies bias voltage to the audio circuits only. The 1,500- and 5,000-volt rectifiers are both mounted on the low-power rectifier frame, except

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NATIONAL BC SET-UP



WJZ. The three NBC-built transmitters are in the the enclosure with audio and controls between them

that the 5,000-volt plate transformer is mounted separately.

The power feed for the whole transmitter comes through oil circuit breakers, and thence to the automatic voltage regulators, at 2,300 volts. The output from the regulators is split into two branches. One branch feeds the 10,000-volt rectifier plate transformers through a contactor. The other branch goes to the distribution transformers which step the voltage down to 230 volts. This voltage is used for all other transmitter circuits, including the various filament supplies, cooling system, and low-power rectifiers.

Water cooling is used on the power amplifier and modulator tubes. Distilled water is drawn from the storage tank by the water pump, fed through the cooler unit to the tubes in the transmitter and thence back to the tank. Two pumps are provided, together with the necessary switches so that either pump may be put into operation and the other shut down.

The transmitter control system includes a number of switches, relays and contactors which provide the means for starting up and shutting down the equipment, for protection of the operator against accidental contact with high voltage, for protection of the tubes against overloads and accidental

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Of the 20-odd antennas, more than half of them rhombics beamed to strategic European locations, two are steerable (see text) and are used to give South American coverage. Below, putting finishing touches on the extensive audio frequency racks



70° SPANISH SOUTH AMERIC

failure of water cooling, air cooling, etc. The control relays are mounted on a panel beside the distribution panel; the overload relays are on a separate panel, to the left of and just inside the enclosure center door. Contactors are mounted on a separate frame in the center section, but are not accessible during operation of the transmitter. Control switches are mounted at appropriate points along the front of the transmitter enclosure. Indicator lamps, also on the enclosure, and duplicated on the control desk, show at a glance the status of all important control relays and contactors. The control system includes a transfer switch and the necessary contactors for transferring the dc voltages from one radio-frequency channel to the other.

The transmitter control desk contains various audio-frequency mixing and switching facilities usually required at the transmitter station, and provides duplicate plate power switching as well as duplicate status lights. An extension modulation meter is provided and a dry rectifier furnishes power for the monitoring loud-speaker relay and for the transfer relay on the radio-frequency transfer panel.

The hum frequency feedback amplifier is a special unit which provides over-all feedback at the predominant hum frequency. The radio-frequency transfer panel is associated with it to supply radio frequency input to, and to automatically transfer, the hum frequency feedback unit along with the transfer of rf channels.

Provision has been made in the design of the transmitter for the addition of certain auxiliaries. These include a tube keyer and bias supply unit, which can be added to adapt the transmitter for high speed telegraph operation. Also, a master oscillator may be added to make possible the operation of the transmitter at frequencies for which crystals are not available. A monitor rectifier can be added to provide high fidelity monitoring of the transmitter output.

The transmitters function in pairs handling three programs, each on two frequencies simultaneously. All programs, incidentally, are fed through OWI's Master Control in New York (See Electronic Industries for August, pages 94 to 97).

Altogether the transmitter site has some 20 antennas, about half of them rhombic. Two are specially designed "steerable" antennas beamed to give the most useful pattern in either of two locations to which they may be aimed.

This pattern is obtained with a broadside antenna having a hori-

zontal width of six half wave elements, two tiers of such elements being stacked vertically, with a complete duplicate set of such elements to the rear, making a total of 24 radiating elements. The 12 rear elements forming the reflecting tiers are parasitically excited.

ing tiers are parasitically excited. The most important language areas of South America are centered around Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. These areas are 20 degrees apart as viewed from New York. One of the earliest investigations conducted in connection with these antennas was to determine whether or not a single antenna could be built which could be steered to either of these two language areas. A study showed that for the lower frequency antennas which involve massive supporting structures and long spans, an electrically steerable antenna entirely satisfactory in performance would be preferable to the construction of separate antennas for the two areas.

The 12 elements which are driven are segregated into three groups, each fed separately, because it was determined that the desired radiation pattern could be obtained by separately feeding three bays. The center bay is always kept at zero degrees for reference to the outside bays. Steering this beam ten degrees to one side or the other of the center line to serve either Rio de Janeiro or Buenos Aires can be accomplished when one outside bay is retarded 75 degrees and the other one is advanced 75 degrees with respect to the center bay.

Below is shown a block diagram of one of the RCA 50 kw transmitters which have twin exciter channels, switched by remote control, and a single audio channel capable of 65,000 watts. The Console is centrally located and serves to control the three transmitters in the unit



The transmission line from the station building divides into three coaxial branches, terminating in phasing boxes directly beneath the three sets of down leads. The branch to the center down lead is 101 electrical degrees long. The branches to the outer phasing boxes are 386 degrees long. The net result is that the outside phasing boxes lag 285 degrees with The respect to the center box. advance condition which makes reversible steering possible requires that both the outside boxes be 75 degrees ahead of the center box. This was easily accomplished by proper choice of the branch line lengths as described. In other words, a lagging phase of 285 degrees is equivalent to a leading phase of 75 degrees. Therefore, if

all three of the down leads were connected directly through the phasing boxes to the transmission lines, the outside elements would each be advanced in phase 75 degrees with respect to the center box.

It was stated above that to steer the beam to the east or west, one outside box must be advanced 75 degrees and the other one retarded 75 degrees. Since, when connected directly through, both outside sections are advanced 75 degrees, it is possible to obtain the desired steering condition by retarding the phase of one or the other outside elements 150 degrees. This is accomplished by inserting by means of specially built high-frequency contactors, 150-degree "building out" circuits which introduce a lag

Two of the antennas beamed abroad are of the steerable type, the design permitting remote switching of phasing sections which move the beam pattern 20 degrees. Below are views of the low-power rf stage showing the protective door open, and closed for routine adjustments



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The RCA type 880 modulator tubes are capable of supplying on maximum demand about 65,000 watts audio power

of 150 degrees into one side or the other. The contactors are operated from the transmitter control point in the transmitter building by remote control and are interlocked with the main rectifier in such a way that the rectifier may be shut down, the antenna directivity changed and the rectifier re-energized in one operation. Coaxial transmission lines are used for the 150-degree phasing-out sections and also to connect the phasing boxes to the common junction of the three branches. The impedance of the down leads must be matched to the output of the phasing boxes and this is accomplished by circuit elements adjacent to the relays in the boxes.

Power gain

The power gain of the steerable antenna is 24, in comparison with the gain of a half-wave horizontal dipole. Actual field intensity measurements made in Argentina during alternate transmissions on the steerable unit and the comparison dipole showed that this gain was obtained within a few per cent. Thus, the effective power with 50-kw transmitter output is 1,200,-000 watts.

The Central American antenna was built with a wide beam to cover the Central American arc of 60 deg. The requirements for serving this area are different than for South America or Europe. The power gain can be lower in this case to get the required wide pattern, while still maintaining high signal intensity, because Central America is comparatively close to New York. The power gain is 10 and, as a result, the effective power on this beam is 500,000 watts. Therefore, the combined effective powers on these two adjacent beams is 1,700,000 watts.

CIRCULAR AND POLAR SWEEPS

by RALPH R. BATCHER Consulting Editor

A survey of special time base arrangements suitable for industrial oscillographic tests

• In a series of articles appearing recently in these pages, a few basic principles were described whereby non-electrical physical quantities can be converted to a form suitable to control the vertical deflection system of a cathode-ray oscillograph. A great deal of time and effort is often spent in setting up oscillographic equipment for particular tests, to ascertain the amplitude of a certain effect, but all too often the time factor is left undetermined. In this work the "how much" factor is generally set up on the vertical deflection system, and the "when" factor on the horizontal. The timing factor generally is just as important, however, as is amplitude determination.

To most oscillograph users, however, the matter of horizontal deflection has never been considered a problem, since all one has to do is to switch in a self-contained sweep and set its controls to a suitable frequency. This convenience is, in fact, sometimes a detriment, inasmuch as accuracy and ease of interpretation of results often can be handled better in other ways.

This ease with which the modern linear sweep can be applied and synchronized seems to make its use almost mandatory, in the opinion of many investigators. The result is that the accuracy of many tests is obscured by assuming all effects under investigation are linear with Synchronization of the time. sweep at frequent intervals (say once a revolution) with the mechanism under study helps, but lots of irregularity can be introduced during a revolution, so that the assumption of constant linear velocity is doubtful.

When the whole industrial field is considered, a great many varieties of motion must be handled: linear displacement, linear angular velocity, irregular velocities (either linear or angular), and simultaneous displacements in two directions. These categories cover most of the usual industrial problems. While many physical effects showing up in an industrial test are represented by two factors—the independent and dependent variables—there are





Fig. 1 shows a form of electronic switch providing a method of superimposing two different factors with correct phase relations. To show three factors simultaneously, requires two of these switching circuits, illustrated in the oscillograms. The connections needed are shown in Fig. 2, below



always a number of other factors that either must be maintained constant, or else three-dimensional graphs must be produced by the oscillograph. A cathode-ray tube can reproduce faithfully movements along two dimensions, and there are several methods whereby a third factor also can be introduced: as by modulating the intensity of the beam, or the superposition of a rapid succession of two dimensional oscillograms, each differing from the predecessor by a factor proportional to the third "dimension."

An approach frequently used requires an electronic switch to show the multiple pattern. Here all factors (such as amplitude, position acceleration, pressure, etc.) are shown with respect to time. In this case, the accuracy of the horizontal movement is of lesser im-portance since all factors are shown as independent oscillograms superimposed on one another with respect to time. With careful switching, so as to avoid switching surges, several related factors can be delineated in this manner. They are always represented by aligned oscillograms, although possibly offset vertically in some cases. In rotating machinery tests, one channel must represent angular displacements during a revolution by the use of a linear or horizontal deflection. This is by no means easy, if momentary acceleration forces are present at any points in a revolution. This factor will be discussed later

While all these methods utilize the factor of persistence of vision, still this is nothing unusual, since the whole system of cathode-ray operation is based on the same effect. It is quite easy to show two effects on a screen by the use of a push-pull type electronic switch shown together with typical oscillograms in Fig. 1.* It is, of course, possible to add more factors in the curve by using additional electronic switches, but the chances of amplitude distortion become greater.

This extension is shown by the simple diagram Fig. 2, where two factors are alternately connected by means of one switching stage, to one of the input terminals of a second switching unit. The latter has an extra input terminal that

* Another example of this system is shown in Fig. 3, page 104 of this issue. permits a third factor to be applied. The output of the second switching unit goes to the vertical deflection system of the oscillograph. The horizontal deflection system of the latter is usually driven by a normal sweep circuit, for simplicity in interpreting the oscillograms. Other connections, however, are possible as will be evident later.

It frequently is found that certain effects associated with the study of a mechanism can be represented by a single pulse initiated whenever this effect starts or stops. These usually can be accurately delineated by a superimposed surge on one of the other oscillograms or by a momentary change in brightness, and so its introduction does not complicate the problem of interpretation unduly.

The use of electronic switches should not be confused with staged tests or sampling tests where a number of items are checked successively by switched connections using a self-actuated, ratchetdriven telephone switch or some similar variation. While about ten or twelve different things can be delineated per second in this way with a total of around twenty different checks, no two items are On shown simultaneously. the other hand, the electronic switch can be set to transfer the connections many thousands of times per second, and a fairly accurate comparison between the two quantities can be made.

Continuous oscillograms

forms of circularly-Several shaped oscillograms sometimes have been given the general designation of polar diagrams in certain places. This designation is not accurate in most cases, as for instance in the case of the following possible circuit arrangements, all of which give continuous oscillograms that are basically circular or oval in form (disregarding distortion from harmonics), but they are not polar curves. They have one advantage that no time is lost during a flyback interval, as is true in the ordinary linear sweep system. Arrangements most frequently used include:

- 1. Circular diagram, using phase splitting circuit.
- 2. Circular time base.
- 3. Cyclogram.
- 4. Sinusoidal time base, running at frequency equivalent to that of the effect being studied.

In the first, a circle results only when the wave is free from harmonics. Inasmuch as there is little to be learned about a sine wave in addition to its amplitude and frequency, the usual waveform oscil-

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logram is of value only in the study of nonsinusoidal waves, so this method is generally of doubtful utility, since the harmonics in the wave are handled differently across each branch of the phase-splitting circuit (see Fig. 3). This makes this type difficult to analyze.

In the second method a sine wave of known frequency, applied to a similar "rotator" (as in Fig. 3), gives a circular trace, to which the unknown wave is applied to give supplementary radial excursions. This system often provides the preferred method of handling industrial machinery tests, if the rotation speed is synchronous with the machine under test, when the an-



Fig. 3—Basic form of circular time base "rotating" circuit



Fig. 5—Internal connections of rotatable transformer with two-phase output

swer is mainly one of timing comparisons, and where the amplitude of the effect is secondary.

The third form, the cyclogram, represents a form of oscillogram where effects having a common frequency are applied to the two deflection systems: volts and amperes, B-H, etc. In this form of oscillogram, however, angular measurements around the center point have no significance.

The fourth group refers to a

form of Lissajou figure where a synchronous sinusoidal timing wave is applied to the horizontal deflection system, and the wave under investigation produces vertical deflections. This system is frequently used. The advantages are the absence of a dead period during the wave, representing the return sweep and, in the viewpoint of some, greater ease in interpreting harmonic content, than when a saw-tooth waveform produces the sweep.

Polar curves

The delineation of quantities in terms of polar coordinates forms a useful method of analyzing many effects, especially when they are of a recurrent nature. The production of such curves directly on a cathode ray oscillograph is difficult, however, although several variations giving other types of curves are common.

The utility of a polar coordinate system in oscillographic tests is marked in some instances but far more complicated as to analysis in others. In this regard, the advantages are found in the same class of problems that are best solved by mathematical analysis using polar coordinates. It is necessary to compare both systems (when there is any doubt as to which should be used) by plotting a curve similar to those expected in the test with both rectangular and polar coordinates, to determine whether a saw-tooth or a polar time base should be used, with the former getting the breaks if there is but little choice. Fig. 4 shows several common waveforms as they would appear with polar coordinates.

In a polar curve, the radius vector is at all times proportional to the quantity being measured, and the angular movement of this vector either is linear with time, or is proportional to some other factor involved in the problem (such as position).

True polar curves are not easy to obtain with a cathode-ray tube, although rotating magnetic fields co-

Fig. 4 compares typical waveforms with their polar equivalents below. A—an irregular wave, B—distorted square wave, C—saw-tooth wave, D—true square wave, E—sine wave





Fig. 7—Output characteristics of one of phase windings for the Kollsman type 787-01 rotatable transformer with an input of 32 volts

axial with the neck of the cathoderay tube and operating synchronously with some factor under investigation have been used in some equipment. The complexity of mounting and rotating such a set of coils is a disadvantage that makes the use of such methods less advisable.

A simple device, known as a rotatable transformer, consisting of a generator with a rotatable winding (primary) and two secondaries disposed at 90 deg. (electrical and physical) from each other has certain features for this work. The windings on a typical model, such as in Fig. 5, are accurately disposed and balanced so that a 90 deg. phase difference between the outputs from each of the fields is assured The windings and magnetic parts are such that operating ranges extend over the audio frequency range.

Considering a steady current input to the rotor, voltages are introduced in both stator windings whenever the rotor is moving. If the rotor is stationary, no voltage is produced. The voltages in the secondary always reach maximums

successively, at positions 90 deg. apart in the mechanical positions of the shaft. The magnitude of the voltage depends on the current applied to the rotor winding and the speed-being directly proportional to both factors. Fig 6 shows a unit of this type, a form of Telegon, a design making use of a light weight rotor with ball bearings. The two stators have complete electrical balance with respect to the rotor. The correct pole face shape relations between rotor and stator have been developed to provide true sinusoidal output with a constant speed, as shown in Fig. 7.

Machine testing

There are several ways by which this device can be used in oscillographic studies. In industrial work involving rotating machinery, it is of course desirable to couple the rotor shaft directly to the prime mover, so that all movements of the latter, steady or varying, are followed by the shaft of the Telegon or some other equivalent unit. The two field windings are electrically independent and can be connected to the vertical and horizontal deflection systems of the oscillograph.

Nothing happens, however, at any speed until the rotor is connected to some source of potential.* Assume first that a dc source of a suitable voltage is applied to the rotor, 12 volts or less being satisfactory on the unit shown in Fig. 6. Here a circular trace of the spot

* Unless the amplifier gain is sufficient to take note of voltages generated by the field of the earth, see Electronic Industries," December, 1943, page 94, "Gyro Fluxgate Compass."

Fig. 6—Kollsman two-phase transformer in special mount, with flexible shaft drive connecting to machine under test



is obtained and follows the movements of the driving shaft, the diameter of the circle being proportional to the speed. Therefore, a "bump" on the circle indicates sudden acceleration. To get suitable accuracy it is necessary to balance the deflection amplifier systems as to their outputs to give a trace initially circular. Any irregularity in velocity will change the diameter of the circle so that momentary acceleration at a point becomes apparent if of sufficient magnitude.

Another method of indicating speed variations is to apply a high frequency pulsating current to the rotor, whereupon a spoked pattern results; the separation of the spokes shows the points where speed variations occur. In this case, the flux rate of change in the rotor is so great (on account of the high frequency) that variations in the voltage output from either stator, caused by speed changes are of no importance.

Checking lost motion

This method is reliable only when no lost motion exists in the drive assembly to the motor. This leads up to another type of test which can be used to determine lost motion, eccentricity and irregularities in power drive systems with belts, gears, etc. Here the rotor is driven from one end of the power system and the stator (suspended in a rotable cradle) is driven at the same speed and in the same direction, by a power take-off at the other end of the system. The generator delivers no output except when there are momentary speed losses in the system.

If the generator is driven at a convenient speed, the application of a surge or impulse (that is to be measured) to the rotor winding will result in a true polar diagram, the radius vector being proportional to the potential of the surge, under the conditions of constant speed. One difficulty is in the selection and maintenance of a speed that will produce such a polar diagram with an angular duration that has a definite relation with respect to the duration of the surge. If the shaft makes several revolutions while a simple halfwave sinusoidal pulse is taking place a combination of right and left handed spirals will be seen. Whether or not this is a disadvantage depends on what information is wanted from the test.

Extensions of these principles to particular industrial problems where speed and acceleration values must be determined, will follow in a forthcoming issue.

POSTWAR HOME RECEIVERS

• The public at least (if not the radio engineers) is well informed as to what wondrous radio receivers to expect immediately after "V" day. Anyone making a cold survey of actual plans, however, may discover that in all probabil-ity there will be but few innovations and that these may be of relatively minor importance. Many companies have already planned some of the items in their lines, even if a complete set of specifications and models are yet to come. All have flexibility in their plans to absorb any new items in order to meet last-minute "secret weapons" developed by competitors.

The recent regulations* permitting work on postwar reconversion plans, and the development of models will enable many to participate more actively in working up designs. Investigations now in progress in five groups, will determine combinations that will be available to the public:

- 1-AM reception in the standard range
- 2-AM reception of foreign programs
- 3—FM reception 4—Television
- 5-Accessories, such as record changers, remote controls.

In addition, great emphasis is being placed on numerous circuit variations, such as crystal control, mainly by component manufacturers who have facilities for making these and other items that did not have universal acceptance in prewar receivers. An appraisal of some of these innovations from both the engineering and the economic viewpoints, as determined by a survey, will be included in this series in "Electronic Industries." What is a useful device in a receiver in one price range, may be an impractical gadget in an-other range, where the cost of adequately engineering and producing it is not met by income from its sale.

All companies, faced with the problem of postwar planning, have two factors to consider: their prewar models, specifications and tools which in most cases represent as high a quality as many price ranges require. To this the best utilization of war-developed improvements must be decided on. This latter problem is the most difficult, because of the wide differences in the interpretation, by individual en-

* Interpretation 2 of Electronic Equipment Order L-265.

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LOOKING AT SOME **DESIGNERS' PROBLEMS**

RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS

Signal handling capacity Sensitivity Adjacent channel interterence Noise level Amplitude distortion Frequency ranges Cross modulation Distortion Image signal suppression Microphonics Ranges provided Tone compensation

RECORDERS and REPRODUCERS Disk-record changers Tape recorders Wire recorders

TUNING

Variable capacitors Permeability tuning Crystal oscillators Voriable inductors

- DIALS and CONTROLS REMOTE CONTROLS Push button Slide rule Clock
- **TUBES** (Basing) Octal Loctal
- TUBES (Types)

Best filament voltage Using tubes of a simple structure or a lesser number with higher "Gm"

Miniature

CONTROLS

Valume control systems Noise suppression Volume expansion Remote controls Tone controls

PORTABLE SETS

Storage battery operation Dry cell operation Combination line and battery operation Short wave FM

SPEAKERS

Style Number Provision for extension speaker Provision for headphane

AUDIO CIRCUITS

Negative feedback Cathode coupling Synthesized bass olume expansion

AUDIO INPUTS Microphones

Phono-pickup Tele-FM sound

- INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY Variable selectivity Selective band pass characteristics Dual IF systems in FM-AM sets
- FREQUENCY STABILITY Circuit improvements AFC Signal-seeking systems Crystal control
- STANDARDIZATION Capacitors Transformers

Resistors

Tubes

gineers, of the utility and best method of handling various applications of radio tubes. Postwar conversion must also be concerned with the problem of stocks of components and raw materials now in the hands of both manufacturers and various military procurement agencies and the method of their disposal finally decided upon.

It is evident that probable in-creased labor costs will have a considerable effect on the ultimate price of a receiver, but on the other hand, many new "methods of thinking" in production processes and the utilization of new technics may offset these advances, at least for those concerns that can establish production rates at a level where those improvements are worth while. In a critical analysis of technical trends it is convenient to break down the design problems and to handle each subject separately, such as:

- 1-Speakers
- 2—Audio amplifiers
- 3-Detection and volume level regulation
- 4-IF circuits

5-RF circuits and conversion arrangements

In the matter of timing it is not essential that all classes of receivers appear immediately after the termination of hostilities. The first models inevitably will reflect prewar styles and features. Hurried immature designs which might appear from organizations that want to get there first with most, may well destroy any general public acceptance of many new services or features. .

This is well illustrated in the matter of frequency modulation. This word (to the public) repre-sents a new service having a combination of features non-existent in reception in other ranges. This meaning is wholly divorced from the engineers' interpretation of FM, and even includes many features inherent with the frequency range utilized by the service, irrespective of the method of modulation.

A narrower interpretation of FM is but a quibble, and the public should be given a service that is, in every way, consistent with the best that can be provided with that service, no matter what particular circuit or principle is used. Receivers having lower standards using crude hybrid circuits just to "get' FM, will do much toward slowing down acceptance of an otherwise

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SIMPLIFIED PULSE GENERATOR

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Sources of pulses of controlled frequency and time duration useful in radar, television, and FM testing

• The generation and utilization of special shaped pulses of electric energy are two quite important advances in the field in recent years. The first comprehensive use of automatically generated pulses was in electronic television. Here the precisely shaped and timed pulses act like teeth on a gear to keep the transmitter and receiver in synchronism. Even as short blasts of sound are useful in estimating distances by timing the echo, short duration pulses of a radio carrier have long been used to determine the distance to a reflecting surface, particularly the ionosphere, by timing the reflection.

Generation of high amplitude short duration pulses of current or voltage may be accomplished by two general means; the use of special relaxation types of electronic circuits, such as the multivibrator, blocking oscillator, etc.; and the



Fig. 2----Panel controls of generator regulate pulse frequency and duration

modification of a sine wave by rectification, clipping, and differentiating to produce the required pulse. In general cases, the requirements for the pulse are: (1) Adjustable pulse repeat frequency; (2) Adjustable pulse duration; (3) Steep wave front (usually expressed in volts rise per microsecond); (4) Rapid decay of pulse at end of predetermined interval; (5) Substantially uniform amplitude during pulse interval.

A simplified pulse generator designed for test of pulse operated circuits made by Measurements Corp., Boonton, N. J., uses a multivibrator to generate the basic pulse. Identified as model 79, the unit generates a voltage pulse of approximately 150 volts peak, over a frequency range of 60 to 100,000 cps. The width of the pulse is continuously variable from 0.5 microseconds to 40 microseconds.

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The two triodes V_2 and V_3 act in a multivibrator circuit to generate the conventional wave shapes shown adjacent to the corresponding tube elements. The frequency of oscillation in this circuit is adjusted by the dual grid potentiometer R_7 which is controlled by the calibrated dial at the left of the instrument (see Fig. 2). A decade multiplier consisting of capacitors C_4 , C_5 , C_6 , C_7 , C_8 , C_9 , controlled by switch S_2 gives a frequency range up to 100 kc.

The frequency control dial attached to R_7 is calibrated and is sufficiently accurate for general applications. Where more exact pulse frequency is required a synchronizing signal from a standard oscillator can be connected to the synchronizing amplifier tube V_6 . This synchronizing input can be sinusoidal or of other wave shape. The synchronizing signal is applied to V_2 to stabilize the oscillator.

The output of the multivibrator has a wave shape as shown in Fig. 1. The wave shape at the plate of V_3 is applied through a capacitance - resistance network operating as a differentiator. Capacitor C_{10} and R_{10} form this network at the grid of V_4 . The voltage across R_{10} depends upon the rate of change of voltage at the plate of V_3 . Negative voltage pulses are formed across R_{10} and produce corresponding positive pulses in the plate circuit of V_4 . These positive pulses at the output of V_4 are applied to a cathode follower stage V_5 . The cathode resistor R_{10} biases

Fig. 1—Model 79 pulse generator showing oscillograms of voltage waves at tube input and output. Peaks on sinusoidal synchronizing wave at V_{α} are due to stray coupling from multivibrator. R_{τ} is frequency control and $R_{\tau 0}$ is pulse width control



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 V_5 to a low current value and the incoming positive pulse as shown at pin 5 of V_5 causes an increase in plate current and a corresponding output wave across R_{19} .

The "tooth-pick" wave at the plate of V_4 is of sufficient amplitude to drive the grid of V_5 to approximately saturation thus producing the flat topped wave at both grid and plate of V_5 . Resistor R_{17} is for the purpose of protecting the grid of V_5 during this peak interval. The polarity of the output pulse at the cathode of V_5 is positive and impedance at this point is approximately 1000 ohms.

The output pulse from V₅ rises to its peak amplitude in 0.25 microseconds at all frequency ranges. The output level of 150 volts thus gives a rate of rise of 600 volts per microsecond. The decay rate of the pulse is approximately 20 per cent of the duration of the pulse and at approximately 0.5 microsecond duration, the pulse shape is approximately an isosceles triangle. The pulse width, which is controlled by the resistor R_{10} , should not exceed one-fourth of the interval for one cycle since the pulse shape and frequency will be un-reliable. The full 40 microsecond duration can be employed at frequencies up to 6.25 kc.

An output similar to that at the plate of V_3 is available at V_2 for application to the synchronizing pulse amplifier V_1 . C_2 and R_4 behave as a differentiator to produce a "tooth-pick" pulse at grid and plate. The synchronizing pulse output of V_1 has the same frequency as the main pulse but is delayed by one-half cycle, approximately. The width of this pulse is less than 3 microseconds. The pulse amplitude is approximately 40 volts and the polarity is positive. The output impedance is approximately 2500 ohms. The half period delay in the synchronizing pulse output is obtained by taking the sync. pulse

from V_2 while the main pulse is taken from V_3 thus giving the 180 degree relationship.

In order to synchronize the oscillograph with the pulse produced by the generator the output of V_1 is used to synchronize or trigger the sweep circuit in the oscillograph depending upon the type. The half period time difference between the sync. pulse and the main pulse gives a locking action with the pulse to be observed located approximately in the center of the cathode ray screen. Where a continuously adjustable time is desired between the synchronizing pulse and the main pulse, the circuit of Fig. 3 can be added externally. This circuit will give an adjustable delay from zero to 1500 microseconds of the synchronizing pulse thus permitting sliding pulses for comparison and other purposes. Since the circuit of Fig. 3 is a conventional flip-flop unit, either positive or negative pulses can be selected from respective plates of the 6SN7. The wave shape of the voltages at various points in the circuits are shown by the curves on Fig. 1.

Tubes V_1 and V_4 act as limiting amplifiers and are operated at saturation. Any positive pulses appearing on the grids of these tubes will have no effect on the plate current. Negative pulses from the multivibrator tubes will periodically reduce the plate current to produce the positive pulses across the load resistors R_2 in the case of V_1 and R_{15} and R_{16} in the case of V_4 .

The adjustable resistor R_{10} is the pulse duration control since it regulates the discharge time of C_{10} . The larger the resistance of R_{10} the longer the discharge time for C_{10} . Consequently the duration of the pulse will be longer. The pulse width control at the right of Fig. 2 regulates R_{10} . The pulse output amplifier V_5 operates at a constant level and the amplitude of the pulse delivered is not adjustable. Where adjustable amplitude is desired, it can be produced by the addition of an external cathode follower stage with a simple grid potentiometer and with circuit constants similar to the V_5 stage.

Since it is often required to pulse modulate an rf carrier, a modulator, V_7 is incorporated in this unit. A carrier frequency up to approximately 100 mc. and a level of approximately 0.1 volt can be connected to the modulator grid of the 6SA7. The square topped positive pulse from V_5 is connected to the number one grid of V_7 and thus will pulse modulate any rf carrier. A simple resistance attenuator in the plate circuit of V_7 gives a pulse modulated carrier of 1/10 and 1/100 the carrier input level.

A block diagram of the general setup for observing the pulse or a pulse modulated carrier is shown in Fig. 4. Units to be tested can be connected between the output of the pulse generator and the oscillograph.

Many uses of pulse modulation equipment are of a war secret nature. There are many applications of pulse generators to timing, triggering, synchronizing and testing problems. As an example, in the (Continued on page 224)



Fig. 3—Flip-flop circuit which can be used to give sliding pulses

Fig. 5---Interference discrimination characteristic of typical FM set in which a 40 microsecond 60 cps. pulsed wave produced the interference

Fig. 4-Block diagram of typical equipment set-up for pulse wave testing





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BEHAVIOR OF RESISTORS

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Determination of the conditions by which complex circuit effects are introduced by simple resistors

• Nearly every piece of electrical equipment contains resistors. In direct current circuits almost any type resistor functions as a resistance at its nominal value, but with alternating current the effective resistance may depart widely from this. In some cases this resistance may increase with increasing freuntil a maximum is quency reached, and then continue decreasing indefinitely. In other cases, the resistance appears to decrease from its nominal value, for any frequency. In addition, reactance effects occur and the behavior of a resistance may appear to be erratic as the frequency is altered

For example, a wire wound resistor may act as an excellent radio frequency choke over a limited range of radio frequencies. These effects are of vital importance, especially when resistors are used in measuring equipment where accuracy of measurement is paramount. These effects may appear to be erratic, but when the cause is understood, it will be found that such is not the case. The data presented in this article were determined by the writer in investigating the error with frequency of some radio frequency measuring equipment, and explains these effects.

In practice it is not possible to obtain pure resistance; inductance and capacitance always exist simultaneously with it. Because of this fact, resistors exhibit impedance, this impedance depending upon frequency. If pure resistance existed, there would be no reactance effects, and skin effect (and radiation at very high frequencies) would be the only factors affecting the effective resistance. It is the inductance and capacitance associated with a resistor that cause reactance effects and the marked change in effective resistance as The engineer frequency varies. usually seeks a resistance which will maintain resistance as nearly constant as possible, with a minimum of reactance, over a maximum frequency range.

The idea of distributed resistance, inductance and capacitance is easy to visualize. Consider a piece of straight wire of uniform diameter. Such a wire has a definite resistance per unit length. The property of resistance is not bunched at one spot in the wire, but extends, uniformly in this case, throughout the length.

A straight piece of wire also has inductance, although small. Current passing through a wire has associated with it an electromagnetic field. During one half cycle energy is being fed into this field and during the next half cycle energy is being fed back from the field. Whenever this effect occurs, inductance is present.

A little thought also will show that a straight wire has capaci-



Figs. 1 and 2—Equivalent networks that a reresistor introduces in high frequency circuits

tance. An electrostatic field exists between two points at different electrical potential, which are separated by some dielectrical material. Similar to the electromagnetic field, energy is fed into the electrostatic field during one half of the cycle, and is given back during the succeeding half cycle. When this occurs capacitance is present. Along the wire there are points of different electrical potential due to the voltage drop along it, and an electrostatic field is built up between them. Consequently capacitance exists along the wire. It is evident that this effect is not concentrated

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¹See "The Behavior of High Resistances at High Frequencies," by Prof. G. W. O. Howe, Wireless Engineer for June, 1935. in one spot in the wire, but occurs throughout the entire length. The distribution is rather complex.¹

An ordinary radio frequency coil is an excellent example of distributed R, L and C. The resistance is the same as for the straight wire used. The inductance, however, is greatly increased due to mutual inductance between turns. The capacitance is also increased due to the proximity of turns. In this example, the resistance is small, because the wire used has low resistance. The inductance is high and the capacitance is by no means negligible. The three effects are distributed throughout the whole coil.

The rod type resistor, which is used extensively today, has very little inductance. This is because it is a short straight cylinder. However, the capacitance is appreciable and predominates over the inductance at all frequencies.

Some equipment used at radio frequencies uses wire wound resistors. The wire is wound on thin cards, to reduce inductance. If two wires could be wound concentrically and carry equal currents in opposite directions, the inductance would be zero as the two electromagnetic fields would cancel. If the wire is wound as a coil on thin cards, the adjacent turns on opposite sides of the card are adjacent and parallel, and the inductive effect is tremendously reduced. However, the capacitance effect is large.

Method of analysis

It must be remembered that in a resistor, R, L and C are inseparably intermingled. Thus to determine accurately the performance of a resistor at very high frequencies, the resistor must be analyzed as a network of distributed resistance, inductance and capacitance. If these parameters were uniformly distributed, transmission line formulas could be easily applied. Unfortunately the parameters are not uniformly distributed and the solution is not an easy one.²

2 Prof. G. W. O. Howe, loc. cit.

AT RADIO FREQUENCIES

In his early electrical training, the engineer is taught to think of lumped resistance, inductance and capacitance. The coil used as an illustration is considered as a lumped resistance in series with a lumped inductance. At power frequencies, this analysis gives accurate results. At higher frequencies, these results are in error due to the shunting effect of the distributed capacitance. The lumped cir-cuit of a coil is then altered by adding a lumped shunt capacitance across the series inductance and resistance as shown in Fig. 1. This equivalent circuit can then be used at radio frequencies, as is well known.

A resistor can also be represented by the circuit of Fig. 1. The only practical difference in this circuit for a coil and a resistor is in the values of R, L and C. This lumped circuit can be readily solved to show the performance of a resistor at radio frequencies. The results from the equivalent lumped circuit will ultimately be in error if frequency continues to increase. The results have been determined only up to the resonant frequency, with the intent that the resistors would be operated considerably below this frequency. The conclusions drawn from the results do not apply for frequencies higher than the resonant frequency.

Circuit eqivalents

The lumped circuit of Fig. 1 is equivalent (at any one frequency) to a simple series circuit consisting of resistance Re, and inductance L. in series as shown in Fig. 2.3 In deriving the expressions for R. and Le, which occur in equations 1 and 2 below, the resultant impedance of the circuit of Fig. 1, was simply equated to the impedance of Fig. 2.4. Thus the equivalent series reactance X. equals L.w. Since the resultant reactance can be inductive or capacitive in practice, a negative equivalent inductance can occur. When this happens, it signifies that the reactance is capacitive. The value of this capacitive reactance can be determined by multiplying the negative equivalent inductance by ω . If the equivalent series capacitance is desired, in this case, it can be obtained from the capacitive reactance, since X. will then equal $1/C_{e\omega}$.

8See Circular C74 of the U.S. National Bu-reau of Standards.



$$L_{e} = \frac{L(I-LC\omega^{2}) - R^{2}C}{(RC\omega)^{2} + (I-LC\omega^{2})^{2}}$$
(2)

$$X_{e} = \frac{L\omega(i - LC\omega^{2}) - R^{2}C\omega}{(RC\omega)^{2} - (i - LC\omega^{2})^{2}}$$
(3)
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This conversion can be carried out as follows

$$Z_{A} = R + jL\omega \text{ and } Z_{B} = \frac{-j}{C\omega}$$

$$\frac{Z_{A}Z_{B}}{Z_{A}+Z_{B}} = \frac{(R + jL\omega)(\frac{-j}{C\omega})}{R + jL\omega \frac{-j}{C\omega}}$$

$$= \left[\frac{-jR + L\omega}{RC\omega + j(LC\omega^{2} - 1)}\right] \left[\frac{RC\omega - j(LC\omega^{2} - 1)}{RC\omega - j(LC\omega^{2} - 1)}\right]$$

$$\frac{R + jL\omega(1-LC\omega^2) - jR^2C\omega}{(RC\omega)^2 + (1C\omega^2 - 1)^2}$$

$$R_e + jL_e \omega = \frac{Z_A Z_B}{Z_A + Z_B}$$
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PLOT OF Xe / Xr VS. K +.6 d=0.5 +.5 +.4 +.3 d-0 707 +,2 +.1 Xe o -- 1 -.3 d=1 2.5 - .4 -- .6 d=1.414 --.7 - 8 _ 9 d = 2 - 1.0 ---- 1 1 - 1.2 2

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These are exact formulas, assuming that L, R and C remain constant with frequency. The results obtained, however, will be modified by skin effect.

 R_{e} , L_{e} and X_{e} can be solved for a range of frequencies, and the results expressed in graph form. This has been done by different authors,⁵ for a high Q circuit, to show the performance of a parallel resonant circuit near resonance. The curves in this article belong to the same family, but have been solved for low Q, which is the condition applicable to a resistor. It is useful to have curves of both L. and X.

The curves can be conveniently plotted by expressing $R = d \sqrt{L/C}$ where d is a constant. (Note: $d = R/X_{r.}$) The value of d is important in the performance of a resistor, as will be seen.

Frequency can be expressed readily as a fraction k of the resonant frequency. R. can then be solved in terms of R, d and k; L. in terms of L, d and k; and X. in terms of Xr, d and k, where d and k are variables. For given values of k and d, R. can be expressed in terms of R alone, L. in terms of L alone, and X, in terms of X, alone. Since R, L and Xr are constant, the ratios R_*/R , L_*/L and X_*/X_r can be plotted against k for various values of d, to conveniently express the results. An ideal resistor would have R./R a straight line with varying k and L./L and X./X. would be zero for all values of k.

Equations 4, 5 and 6 can be obtained from equations 1, 2 and 3, by making use of the relationship that $LC\omega_r^2 = 1$.

$$\frac{\kappa_{e}}{R} = \frac{1}{k^{2}d^{2} + (1 - k^{2})^{2}}$$
(4)

$$\frac{L_{e}}{L_{e}} = \frac{1 - k^{2} - d^{2}}{k^{2}d^{2} + (1 - k^{2})^{2}}$$
(5)

$$\frac{X_{e}}{X_{r}} = \frac{k(1-k^{2}-d^{2})}{k^{2}d^{2}+(1-k^{2})^{2}}$$
(6)

Results obtained

The curves show that as long as d < 1.414, R_e increases with increasing frequency, to a maximum value, and then keeps decreasing as frequency increases. The lower the value of d, the greater is R_e maximum and the nearer it occurs to the resonant frequency. This maximum value occurs when k =

LIST OF SYMBOLS
R = Resistance
L = Inductance
C = Capacitance
Re = Equivalent series resistance
Le = Equivalent series inductance
Ce = Equivalent series capacitance
Xe = Equivalent series reactance

$$\omega = 2 \pi x$$
 (frequency)
 $\omega_r = 2 \pi x$ (resonant frequency)
 $k = f/f_r = \omega/\omega_r$
Xe = L $\omega_r = 1/RC\omega = \sqrt{L/C}$
 $Q = X_r/R$
 $d = 1/Q = R/X_r = R/\sqrt{L/C}$
 $1 - LC\omega^2 = 1 - k^2$
 $kd = RC\omega$

 $\sqrt{1}$ —d²/2. When d > 1.414, R. does not reach a maximum, but continues to decrease as frequency increases.

When d > 1, X. is always capacitive. When d lies between 1 and 1.414, this reactance keeps increasing with increasing frequency until it reaches X. at the resonant frequency. When d > 1.414, X. reaches a maximum below the resonant frequency, this maximum being greater than X. X. then decreases to X. as frequency is increased to the resonant frequency.

The condition for X. maximum is given by the expression $k^6 + k^4$ $(2d^2-1) + k^2 (d^4-3d^2-1) + 1$ $-d^2 = 0$. When d < 1, the reactance is inductive at lower radio frequencies. As frequency increases, the inductive reactance reaches a maximum and then it decreases, passes through zero (unity power factor) and changes to increasing capacitive reactance. It reaches the value X. at resonance. The lower the value of d, the higher is the maximum inductive reactance and the nearer it occurs to the resonant frequency.

The equivalent inductance L_{\bullet} behaves differently from the equivalent reactance X_{\bullet} , because frequency occurs as a multiplying factor in converting L_{\bullet} to X_{\bullet} .

The equivalent inductance L. is negative whenever d > 1. When d lies between 1 and 1.618, L. reaches a maximum, this maximum being greater than L. When d > 1.618, L. is always greater than L at any frequency, and decreases as frequency increases. When d < 1, L. is positive up to the frequency where $k = \sqrt{1-d^2}$. At this frequency, L. is zero (Unity power factor). Beyond this frequency L. is negative and increases to a value L at resonance. When d lies between 0.618 and 1, there is no maximum. When d < 0.618 a maximum positive value occurs; the lower the value of d, the more nearly this maximum point approaches the resonant frequency. Le maximum occurs when $k = \sqrt{1-d^2\pm d}$. This frequency is not coincident with the frequency for Re maximum, or Xe maximum.

Practical conclusion

The curves show that reactance will not be zero at all frequencies, but if d = 1, $(R = \sqrt{L/C})$, reactance is almost zero for frequencies up to about 0.25 times the resonant frequency. For this condition R_{\circ} is nearly equal to R, increasing only about 5 per cent over this frequency range. The condition that $R = \sqrt{L/C}$ is the only condition where reactance is very small over a range of frequencies. At least one radio manufacturer has endeavored to meet this condition in its resistors.

To get maximum frequency range, L and C should be as small as possible so that the resonant frequency will be as high as possible. The higher the resonant frequency, the greater is the frequency range of operation for the resistor.

Skin resistance

The above results do not include skin effect, which increases the effective resistance with increasing frequency. When $R = \sqrt{L/C}$, R. increases with frequency even without skin effect. Thus skin effect aggravates the situation and should be minimized. The product referred to uses fine wire to keep this effect to a minimum.

The capacitance of a resistor to chassis increases C and thus affects the performance of a resistor. This fact must not be overlooked in practice.

If d = 1.25 (R = 1.25 $\sqrt{L/C}$), R. would not vary more than 5 per cent from zero frequency up to almost 0.75 of the resonant frequency. This is a very wide fre-quency range. Unfortunately, as reactance is far from zero over this range, this condition does not give a satisfactory resistor. When $R = \sqrt{L/C}$, 5 per cent increase in R. occurs when frequency reaches 0.224 of the resonant frequency. The frequency range for this condition is less than one-third that when d = 1.25. The condition that R = $\sqrt{L/C}$ does not give the least variation in R. with frequency, but gives the least reactance.

⁵See Terman—Radio Engineering, or Everitt —Communication Engineering.

IRE's Presidential Nominee in South Pacific



Lt. Col. Sidney K. Wolf, Chief Operations Analysis Section, Far East Air Forces, helps Dr. Everitt navigate a small power boat

An engineer's life is not all beer and skittles as these photographs from faraway Dutch New Guinea would indicate They have come from Lt. Col. Sidney K. Wolf (ex Radio Division, WPB), and show this energetic gentleman together with Dr. W. L. Everitt who has been nominated by the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers to be its next president. Dr. Everitt, joined Col. Wolf in the South Seas on a mission to investigate radar and radio installations on some of the South Sea Islands, has recently returned to Washington. Dr. Everitt, who is a Fellow of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and has been a member of that organization's board of directors since 1942, is a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Ohio State University, Columbus, O.



Dr. Everitt, Chief Operational Research Division of the U.S. Signal Corps, without benefit of radar, tries out a native weapon



The natives, it must be presumed, are part of the organization that helped in carrying on the radar investigation by the engineers



Here are Major H. L. Cadwallader, Col. Wolf and Dr. Everitt in a characteristic pose amid characteristic scenery on New Guinea

Food apparently was no particular problem to the investigators; the chef was Uncle Sam and the rations were the familiar "K"

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TELEVISION and FM Plans

All but a few have video sets ready with projection units.

• If anything can be nailed down as sure, at the present stage of the unpleasantness in Europe and in the Pacific theater—it is that there will be new home receivers ready for the public some time during the fore part of 1945!

The radio and electronic industries still have a truly tremendous job of work to do in supplying the armed forces with needed equipment. But the back of the military-production job certainly has been broken, output is proceeding smoothly, and if the present rate is maintained (as appears likely), there must soon come a gradual tapering off, presaging quite general cut-backs. Some cancellations have occurred already, but these have been mostly to permit the substitution of revisions dictated by battle experience, and to allow production of new types more suitable to tasks with which the military is daily becoming more familiar.

Sets in early '45

At any rate, the public is a lot nearer now to satisfying its desire or need of a new receiver than it was a few short months ago. It is the estimate of the more optimistically inclined that at least some new receivers may be coming off the lines by February next year; even the pessimists are favoring June.

One or another of the two dates does not appear too unlikely. Conversion from military to civilian products will be a relatively simple process involving many problems that have already been solved as a military necessity, and that experience is going to help tremendously. Futhermore, most companies have their plans in pretty complete shape, maybe a little indefinite only because they are not completely finished.

Finally, imminence of the appearance of early home sets is revealed by estimates that cut-backs in existing military radio production of only about 8 per cent would release sufficient production facilities and materials to make possible production of a whole year's supply of civilian sets.

Television and FM

What sort of sets are on the boards? What about television, and FM? In an effort to draw the veil at least partly from a possible postwar picture, the publishers of "Electronic Industries" questionnaired a majority of the leading producers. The results are given

	Television			Radio		Recording			Television			Radio		Recording	
Manufacturer's Name	Do you expect to make television sets?	Estimated retail price range	Will you make projection type sets?	Will broadcast sets include FM?	Will you manufacture auto sets?	Will you manufacture recording equipment?	Professional or home recording	Manufacturer's Name	Do you expect to make television sets?	Estimated retail price range	Will you make projection type sets?	Will broadcast sets i nclude FM?	Will you manufacture auto sets?	Will you manufacture recording equipment?	Professional or home recording
Admiral Corp.	yes	\$175-\$450	yes	yes	no	yes	pro.	Electronic Corp. of America				yes	no	yes	home
Air King Products Co., Inc.	yes	\$250-\$750	yes	yes	no	yes	home	Emerson R. & Phono. Corp.	yes		yes	yes	по	yes	both
Andrea Radio Corp.	yes	\$79-\$700	yes	yes	DO	no		Espey Manufacturing Co.	yes	\$200-\$500		yes	no	yes	home
Ansley Radio Corp.	yes			yes	по	no		Fada Radio & Electric Co.	yes	\$300-\$1000	yes	3	no	4	4
Automatic Radio Mfg. Co.	yes			yes	yes			Farnsworth Tele. & R. Corp.	yes		yes	yes	yes	prob-	
Belmont Radio Corp.	уев			yes	yes	yes	home	Ered Firmer Dedie		nhana					home
Browning Laboratories, Inc.				yes	no	no		Freed-Lisemadi Kadio	yes	comb.	yes	yes	10	y yea	Louise
Colonial Radio Corp.	уев		уев	yes	yes	yes	home	Galvin Mfg. Com				Veg	Veg	Ves	home
The Crosley Corp.	yes	\$125\$2001	yes	some	no	yes	home				-				home
Delco-Radio				yes	yes			Gared Radio Corp.	yes		yes	yes			Home
DeWald Radio Mfg. Corp.	ýes		prob- ably	yes	no	yes	home	General Electric Co. General Teic. & R. Corp.*	yes	\$200 up	yes	yes	no	yes	both
Allen B. DuMont Labs. Inc.	yes		yes	2	no	no		Gilfillan Bros., Inc.	yes	\$375-\$750	yes	yes	no	yes	home
Eakstein R. & Tele, Co.	no			some	yes	yes	home	Hallicrafters Co.	yes		no	yes	no	no	
Electrical Research Labs.	yes	•		yes	no			Hamilton Radio Corp.	possibly	\$400-\$600	yes	yes	5		

•Indicates that no reply to questionnaire was received at the time of going to press. 1-, and up; 2-, FM in Television Sets; 3-, Special FM Sets; 4-, Only as required for Combination units; 5-, On contract basis; 6-, Table Models; 7-, for Manufacturers only.

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of **Receiver Manufacturers**

on boards; some expect to be Most AM sets to include FM

in the appended table, which, it will be understood represents today's answers to questions that could be better answered half a year hence, and probably will. At least, the answers represent current planning and may well be a surprisingly accurate guide as to what will be forthcoming.

Projection tele

Thus, not all manufacturers pretend to television aspirations, though the percentage who do, if not astonishing in view of general interest, is at least remarkable. The fact that there is not now available a satisfactory type of projection tube suitable for hometelevision, has not deterred engineers from planning for the use of such equipment and may conceivably force faster development. Much work that has been done in the secrecy of government laboratories may, sooner than is expected, reveal technics that will make such tubes commercially practical.

Prices still obscure

Prices are still in too chaotic a state to make much mention of them and in all probability will undergo quite some revision before sales tickets are written. But if tabulated promises are kept, there will be FM in a very large percentage of receivers at whatever the price. In fact almost none except the smaller and cheaper "compacts" will be without it.

Very few radio manufacturers by their replies, indicate interest in automobile sets, though the carmakers themselves express the belief that automobile production will reach the rate of five million cars a year probably within the first year after hostilities cease.

The radio production picture is still quite hazy, as it logically should be what with the war job that remains to be done. But at least the outlines are visible, and the half-tones and highlights are beginning to be filled in.

Nebulous as that picture may be, however, it is extremely unlikely that there will be any extensive differences, electronically, between whatever new sets we may get, and the ones we have been getting along with since all the factories went all-out for war. Few "secret" developments are readily applicable; fewer will find application for quite some time to come. In the meantime, cabinet designers are whipping together '45 designs that at least will be different, combining utility and appearance.

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Hammarlund Mfg. Co.*								Remler Co. Ltd.	yes	\$150-\$300	yes	yes	no	yes	home
Hoffman Radio Corp.	yes			yes	no	yes	home	Setchell-Carlson Co,	yes			yes	yes	yes	
Howard Radio Co.	yes	-		yes	no	yes	home	Sonora R. & Tele. Corp.				yes	yes	yes	home
International-Detrola Corp.	yes	\$150-\$300		some	yes			Sparks-Withington Co.	yes			yes	yes	yes	home
Magnavox Co., Ltd.	yes			yes	no	yes	both	Stewart-Warner Corp.	yes			yes	no	yes	home
Majestic R. & Tele. Corp.	yes	\$200 up		yes	no	yes	home	Stromberg-Carlson Co.	yes		yes	some	no	yes	home
Meissner Mfg. Co.	yes		yes	yes	no	yes	home	Templetone Radio Co.	yes	\$125-\$495	yes	yes	no	yes	both
National Co. Inc.*								Trav-Ler Karenola R. & T. Co.				yes	yes	yes	home
Noblitt-Sparks Industries	yes			yes	no	no		Warwick Mfg. Corp.	no			yes	no	no	
Packard-Bell Co.	yes	\$200-\$500	yes	yes	no	yes	home	Watterson Radio Mfg. Co.	yes			some	no	yes	both
Philco Corp.	yes	6 \$125-\$150	yes	yes	yes	yes	home	Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg.	yes			yes			
Philharmonic Radio Corp.	yes			yes	no	yes		Wilcox-Gay Corp.				yes	no	yes	both
Pilot Radio Corp.	yes	\$500	yes	yes	no	no	no	Zenith Radio Corp.	yes						
RCA Victor Div., R.C.A.	yes	\$200-\$400	yes	yes	7.	yes	pro.								

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• The Superfortresses, the B-29s, of the American Army Air Forces, which have already so successfully bombed Japan and are visualized as a major weapon in the "final kill" of Hirohito and Tojo and their war machine, are more dependent in their operations on communications and electronic-radar navigational aids than any other combat air command of the United Nations. "Electronic Industries" is able to publish for the first time photographs showing the two radio-electronic compartments on the Superfortresses, but, naturally for security reasons certain portions of the equipments' designations had to be eliminated because of the secrecy of the devices.

The B-29 is practically a fiying radio laboratory and it is equipped with approximately a ton of aircraft radio and electronic devices double the amount carried in the Flying Fortress, Liberators and other heavy bombers both in weight and in the number of apparatus units. It also is manned by three times the usual bomber radio personnel—a communications commissioned officer and two non-commissioned radio operators.

The B-29 is equipped with the most up-to-date types of radio communications apparatus and radio navigational aids and electronic devices of the latest design and development because in the long flights, communications and navigation perfection are more vital to the Superfortresses than in any other combat aviation operations of the Allied forces. The worldwide radio teletype systems of the Army, both of the Army Airways Communications System and the Signal Corps, form a most important communications medium in these B-29 bombing operations.

The electronic devices on the B-29s which are used to get the planes to their target and to get them safely home over thousands of miles to and from their bases present a phase of military development and research in the radioelectronic-radar fields that will be of tremendous usefulness after the war because the same air communications and navigational aids will be utilized in postwar long distance transoceanic and continental flights. The electronic navigational devices on the B-29s mean that, even though weather conditions for long distances cannot be predicted accurately, safety in navigation and flights to and from destination is virtually fool-proof.

The 20th Air Force is directly under the control of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, has assumed personal direction of this Bomber Command. Brigadier General Harold M. McClelland, Air Communications Officer for the Army Air Forces, is also the Communications Officer for the 20th Air Force and the planning for the radio and electronic apparatus, used by the B-29s, was performed by General McClelland and his staff. To illustrate the extremely close liaison between the B-29 bombing operations and Generals Arnold and McClelland and the AAF Headquarters in Washington, on each

These two photos, made by Aircraft Rad • Labo-atory, Wright Field, show the radio operator's position in the new B-29 Superfortrass Bomber and show (Left view) 1—Receivers for radio set SCE-274-N; 2—Transmitter BC-375; 3—Receiver BC-348; 4—Receiver BC-966-A; 5—Dynamometer unit PE-86; 6—Switch box BC 706-A; 7—Radio control bex BC 434-A: 8—Indicator box BC-727; 9—Jack box BC-366; 10—Meadset adapter



B-29 SUPERFORTRESS

raid over Japan or Nipponeseoccupied territory, a code word is flashed back by the B-29 bombing squadron to AAF Headquarters when the Superfortresses are over their targets.

The development, research and specifications for the radio requirements of the B-29 were a major task, performed by the Signal Corps Aircraft Radio Laboratory at Wright Field, Ohio, in collaboration with the Army Air Forces. It was a long task and hazarded with numerous technical problems, Colonel Hobart R. Yeager, Commanding Officer of the Signal Corps Aircraft Signal Agency, revealed. The Aircraft Radio Laboratory

The Aircraft Radio Laboratory developed and improved the many different radio sets and electronic devices, which total in weight 2,000 lb. for each Superfortress. The radio devices and sets on the B-29 range in weight from half a pound to 550 lb. and the radio complement for the Superfortress is the largest single installation ever undertaken at Wright Field.

Virtually none of the radio equip-

ment in the B-29 was designed specifically for it since most of the devices and sets have been used for some time in various combinations in both fighter and bomber aircraft. But, wherever a choice existed between two or more different sets of a similar type, the Aircraft Radio Laboratory staff and technical experts made a selection after exhaustive tests of the equipment to determine which would give maximum performance on long range flights.

The development work and formulation of specifications for the radio requirements of the B-29 were inaugurated in early 1940 by the Aircraft Radio Laboratory and the first installation in a production model was completed late in 1943. Since then, there has been continuous research and analysis of the equipment so as to incorporate all the latest developments.

Numerous technical problems were encountered by the Signal Corps Aircraft Radio Laboratory because of the great number of different types of radio equipment which had to be installed in the Superfortress. These equipments had to be made to operate without conflicting with, or neutralizing each other. As new developments in aircraft radio apparatus and electronic devices were perfected, the B-29 installations had to be revised. Other problems, necessitating most intensive research and experimentation, arose in the altitude range of the Superfortress which flies higher than any other enemy plane.

All eventualities in the way of communications and navigational requirements are provided for in the B-29's radio-electronic equipment. These include navigational devices to allow the pilot to fly direct or diverse routes, as desired; to locate the bases on return from the bombing raids with most exact precision; and to execute safe The communication landings. equipment provides for conversations between aircraft in flight, between the bombers and their fardistant bases and between the crew members of the Superfortress.

MC-385; 13—Liaison artienna change-ever switch; 12—Reel control box BC-461; 13—Radio control equipment RC-255-A; 14—Socket SO-158; (Right view) 1—Antenna tuning unit BC-306-A; 2—Transmitter BC-375; 3—Receiver BC-348; 4—Dynamometer unit PE-78; 5—Radio receiver BC-366-A. The two protos, first to be published, were aspecially released for "Electronic Industries"



ACORN TUBE TECHNICS

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Production problems involved in design and manufacture to insure long filament life and stable characteristics

• The spiralling demand for more and more communication channels as new classes of service are introduced, and as greater facilities are scheduled for the older fields of activity, is probably the most important problem for the radio engineering profession to tackle, after military needs are satisfied. The prewar research trend was usually toward the development of new systems and tubes for the production of UHF energy, in an effort to provide increased channels. Of late, it has become evident that quite as much good can be accomplished by refinements in the technic which permit more channels within a given range.

Such refinements generally start with reduction in frequency drift, improvements in tuning methods and stabilization in a given communication channel so that a lower margin of safety from crossmodulation interference is permissable. It is true that the useful communication range is but a small part of the band assigned, in most services (except television), on account of the greater chance for a station wandering up and down on its assigned frequency due to stabilization difficulties.

In the 100-600 megacycle range the prewar acorn tubes then available, found almost universal use, mainly because there were no other alternate types, although their short life and non-adherence to listed characteristics (compared with those of larger tubes) were exasperating matters to their users. It is of interest therefore to investigate their present state of development in such matters so as to evaluate their utility in future civilian services.

The requirements for tubes used in this range are well known: small physical size to reduce the inductance and capacitance of the leads necessary to connect the tube to the rest of the circuit components. In addition, the transit time of electron movement across the cathode-anode spacing introduces a more or less definite frequency ceiling for practical operation. In the usual oscillator circuit this ceiling is reached when the transit time approaches about 2/3 of the duration of a quarter cycle.

Actually the efficiency of an amplifier tube drops off about 1 per cent for every degree of transit time, with respect to the period of the operating frequency. In oscillator circuits the efficiency drops at almost double this rate and oscillations are impossible with tran-

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Here, one may wonder just how the transit time can be computed, since it differs between the cathode and grid and between the grid and plate, and with the impressed voltages which vary throughout the impressed cycle. The effective transit time is usually considered as equal to the ratio of the transit time between cathode and grid at the peak grid voltage.

The conflicting requirements of high operating voltages to produce higher transit speeds and small closely spaced electrodes, necessarily have led to a compromise, but production method precision, now in use for tubes of the acorn type. has now relieved the situation considerably. The manufacturing technics described here are those which have been developed at the Elmsford (New York) plant of the Sonotone Corp. by Paul Schwerin, manager of the tube division and his assistants and associates. This organization has specialized in acorn tubes, as well as hearing aid tubes, (both shown in Fig. 1), with the result that these types have

Fig. 1—Completed tubes and uncompleted acorn and hearing aid tubes, the latter before the glass envelope is put around them, give a comparison of the physical size of both styles. Fig. 2—Complete set of parts used and progressive steps in the assembly of a type 958 Acorn tube



become practical items both to manufacture and to use in critical circuits.

Both considerations are important, since a seemingly inconsequential (from the viewpoint used with larger tubes) change in some detail of a production process may change the output record from 90 per cent acceptance after complete electrical tests, to a complete rejection. Reliability in adherence to standard characteristic specifications is of prime importance to the circuit designer.

The fundamental principle underlying the acorn tube development is that many of the important tube constants remain unchanged if all physical dimensions are reduced to scale, while other characteristics can be improved according to an inverse ratio. These are shown in Fig. 4. Practically, it is not physically possible to reduce all dimensions equally. For example, to maintain a constant plate current with a cathode area of $1/x^2$ requires either, increased operating temperature or the use of a more efficient cathode emission material. This is not a matter of primary importance to the circuit designer, however, since the tube engineer has taken advantage of other design expedients, wherever possible, to minimize the loss of effectiveness caused by the reduction of dimensions.

From Fig. 4 it is noticed that the reduction of the effectiveness of characteristics listed in group B, is the main advantage of using acorn tubes in UHF circuit design. For example, designers must be extremely conscious of circuit capacitance. Low impedance tuning circuits are the rule and some designers, accustomed to lower frequencies must revise their methods and rules.

[As it is, a considerable amount



Fig. 3—The automatic exhaust machine (original with Sonotone) controls the evacuating and degassing processes and then scale up the tube. Fig. 4—(below) Effect of a scale size reduction on operating characteristics of tubes

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	Plate current	No	change		
A	Transconductance	e ir	**		
	Amplification factor	• *	44		
	Plate resistance	n			
	(Inductance (leads)		1/x		
B	Capecitance (leads and tube electrodes)		1/x		
	Transit time		1/x		
с	Plate dissipation		1/x ²		
	Emission		$1/x^2$		

of the circuit inductance and capacitance may lie inside of the tube, an effect sometimes known as the "swallow up" factor.¹]

A tuning capacitor with 100 mmf maximum has a reactance of only a few ohms at these frequencies and so the resonance inductance to equal this reactance must have an equal reactance. This means using a coil having "negligibly" small inductance by usual standards. Also another factor which must be realized is that a limited tuning range is the rule, and that unless drastic methods are used to reduce the fixed capacitance, a tuning range of possibly 1:1.5 or less may be expected.

It is here that tubes with small electrode structures are obligatory.

¹ Term suggested by S. Y. White.

Fig. 5—At the end of each production line final inspecting and adjusting is done under a magnifying optical system. Fig. 6—Sealing machine, used for fusing the glass around the mechanical parts of the tube, after which the mount ring is removed. Tube is then inspected and exhausted





Fig. 7—In uhf operation the inductance and capacitance of the leads, shown here as lumped values, become important circuit components

the acorn design has certain advantages, since all parts are mounted rigidly and welded on a mechanically strong ring, shown in Fig. 1, which remains in place throughout its construction until the exhaust process. This arrangement permits the assembly to be inspected thoroughly before any glass elements are added. There is also a possible saving of wiring length, since the leads are spread out in all directions, and the input and

	INTER-ELECTRODE CAPACITANCES									
m m f	954	955	957	958	959	6J5	6J5GT			
C _{G,P}	0.007	1.4	1.2	2.6	0.015	3.4	3.8			
$C_{G,F}$ or $C_{G,K}$	3.0	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.8	3.4	4.2			
$C_{P,F}$ or $C_{P,K}$	3.4	0.6	0.7	1.3	2.5	3.6	5.0			

It must be realized that the design of the tube assembly-cathode, grids and anodes and their positional relations-make the tube what it is. The same electrode assembly might conceivably be used in another type glass bulb, with another socket and basing system. Equal care in the assembly and in the refinements of methods for deexhaustion contamination and must be used in any case, to produce tubes having a reputation for reliability to maintain.

In the present form of assembly,



Fig. 9—Comparison of transfer characteristics of the Type 955 acorn and the commonly used octal type tube 6J5 output circuit components associated with the tube are not necessarily bunched around the socket. It is here that one of the inherent advantages of the acorn tube shows up, when compared with other shapes of UHF tubes (even those having similar electrode sizes and structures).

Internal degeneration, from impedance common to the input and output circuits due to the cathode lead which carries both currents can be reduced substantially by introducing two cathode leads, directed out to points convenient to those circuit elements. This one factor may more than double the operating frequency limit in some cases.

It is also quite simple with the acorn design of the 955 and 958 types to bring out two leads from the grid and two from the plate. This variation, when used in a special oscillating circuit makes it possible to reach frequencies of 2000 megacycles or more. This puts the acorn in the part of the frequency spectrum which is now oc-cupied by special expensive and complicated tubes and circuits. This improvement is reached, for example, when a parallel line reactance element extends from each side of the tube, so that its elements are at a nodal point on the resonating system. With these improvements it is believed that the acorn tube will be used widely in the post war period, since the range from one hundred to several thousand megacycles includes the "cream" of the spectrum considered useful in a great many services.

The assembly is quite strong

mechanically and with properly designed sockets there is no greater chance of breakage when the radial leads are used than there is with miniature types.

Before embarking on a design program that makes use of acorn type tubes, however, the engineer will want to look into the matter of tube reliability, life and constancy of characteristics. The Sonotone Corp., having had experience in the design and production of hearing-aid tubes, undertook the job of producing acorn tubes for military needs which were to meet the exacting requirements of the circuit designer accustomed to the reproducible characteristics and the long life in tubes of the commoner low-frequency varieties.

It was found that almost every item of construction had to undergo a review so that dimensions and positioning could be maintained at some five-fold greater accuracy than was needed with larger tubes. It may be of interest to call attention to a few of these problems as they were handled.

In any tube, the item that has greatest influence on the tube's operation is the grid structure. The grid in an acorn is wound on a carboloy mandrel, since a few hours wear on an ordinary mandrel would change the dimensions with-









Fig. 10—Typical oscillator circuits using acorn tubes

LOW FREQUENCY UNIT

10 kw long wave transmitters especially developed by Federal for 24-hour communication from Arctic area by CAA

• When the U. S. Signal Corps late last year completed the installation of a number of long wave communication systems in the North Atlantic and Arctic circle areas for the Army Air Transport Command* Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., Newark, N. J., had previously spent a long time and much effort on the design and construction of the transmitting equipment.

As a result of investigations carried on by the Civil Aeronautics Authorities it had been determined that low frequencies are not seriously affected by the magnetic storms which at times have completely blanked out higher frequency transmissions for considerable periods. Hence the decision to install low frequency equipment in order to insure 24-hour communication.

To meet these service conditions and requirements, Federal developed a low frequency transmitter for the use of and in accordance with the specifications of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The various units comprising this transmitter include an exciter unit, power amplifier unit, main rectifier unit and a set of antenna tuning house equipment.

*See "Electronic Industries" for December, 1943.

Most of these transmitters would be located either adjacent to or within easy reach of an airfield. Accordingly, they have been designed with aluminum frames and of a size and weight that permits them to be carried in a large transport plane.

The entire transmitter operates from a 230-volt, 3-phase, 60-cycle power supply. In cases where the supply does not give this voltage, adjustments are provided so that any voltage between 215 and 250 volts can be used. Power requirements can be economically met with a Diesel-engine-driven generator of the type commonly used in isolated communities. Complete control of the transmitter for singlefrequency operation is possible from a remote point. This can be accomplished through the use of a dial and relays similar to those used on home telephones.

The exciter unit is a complete, continuous wave transmitter in itself and can be used independently of the power amplifier and main rectifier unit. It will deliver at least 500 watts of power on any frequency between 80 and 200 kilocycles. Keying speeds up to 200 words per minute are obtained through the use of an electronic keyer.

Left—The crystal-controlled exciter is a complete transmitter in itself and is used to feed the 10-kw final amplifier (center). At right is the rectifier unit, supplying all power to the amplifier and above it the antenna tuning house equipment and loading inductors

The power amplifier unit is normally used at one operating frequency, but it can be set up for use on any frequency in the range of the exciter unit. At any operating frequency within this range it will deliver 10 kilowatts of power. This output is obtained through the use of a single, Type 892R, tube with conventional grid and plate tuning circuits. Since this tube is of the air-cooled type, the danger of freezing, that would be present with a water-cooling system, is eliminated.

The main rectifier unit has six Type 872A, mercury-vapor rectifier (Continued on page 240)









\$13,000,000 fire at Fall River, Mass., destroyed priceless crude rubber stores. Such conflagrations can be checked by adequate radio facilities

POSTWAR FIRE RADIO

New FCC rules, following **RTPB** report, presage wide use of radio by fire departments after the war

• Recommendations of the Radio Technical Planning Board, contained in the tentative report of Committee Two of Panel 13, mark a significant step forward in the development of municipal fire department communications services. Extensive use of three phases of fire-radio (on-the-scene, local, and mutual-aid area services) may mean as much to the future of fire-fighting as police-radio has meant to law-enforcement.

The benefits of fire department radio communications have been demonstrated over a period of years in several ways. Many inland cities have up until now been using the frequencies and transmitter facilities of their police departments. Six large U. S. ports have operated marine fire stations on their own frequencies, New Orleans, Portland, Me., Boston, Detroit, New York, and Seattle, licensed as marine fire stations, operate fire boats, communication with which must obviously be by radio, and at the same time pro-

FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO REQUIREMENTS

Units	Service
65,000	Pumping Units
15,000	Ladder Companies
20,000	Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs,Service Cars, Fuel Wagons, Etc.
10,000	Squad Cars, Ambu- Iances, Utility Trucks & Boats
18,000	OCD Pumping Units

128,000 Receivers & Two-Way Sets vide one and two-way service to certain cars and fire fighting trucks on land. Inland cities, obliged to share spectrum space and transmitters with the police, have been at a marked disadvantage, since peak demands on the fire communications service invariably coincide with peak demands on the police activities.

New FCC rules

Now in effect, new rules laid down by the Federal Communications Commission provide a considerable measure of relief from this situation by permitting municipalities of over 150,000 population to operate their own fire department radio system independent of the police, on frequency assignments up until now used exclusively by the aforementioned port cities and the City of Washington. All of these, previously licensed as "Marine Fire Stations," will, with the inland cities, henceforth be known as "Municipal Fire Stations."

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This nation is faced with an annual fire loss of approximately four hundred and fifty million dollars. In addition, more than ten thousand lives are lost each year.

Experience has taught that fire has greater potential capabilities of extensive damage to industry, human life, and property than any other hazard that is subject to physical control.

Mutual aid system

The history of large fires in recent years shows conclusively that lack of adequate communication facilities is a large factor in the great loss of life and property and man-hours of labor.

No fire department today has a sufficient amount of apparatus or equipment to cope with all types of emergencies which may develop in a community. It is often necessary to call upon adjacent communities for assistance. In order to coordinate these activities, an adequate and rapid communication system is imperative.

A plan designated as Mutual Aid has been developed to make coordi-

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nation and cooperation feasible. Experience under this plan has emphasized the importance of control, and of adequate, rapid communication facilities.

Every citizen has a very considerable stake in the fire protection of our nation, and consequently in communication developments that will help to reduce the national fire waste. The records prove conclusively that the time required for the response and action of the fire department may determine the intensity and size of the fire. Communications are the nerve center of every fire department.

Present wire facilities

The modern fire departments of our municipalities are generally equipped with fire alarm systems consisting of fire alarm boxes, located on the street corners, from which the citizens can report fires to the municipal fire alarm headquarters. This department in turn dispatches the fire apparatus to the scene of the fire. In smaller communities the fire alarm boxes automatically transmit their alarms to the fire companies. However, these facilities are woefully inadequate in most cases.

Fire alarm boxes are supplemented by the commercial telephone service and in numerous cities by the manual and automatic fire alarm services furnished to private establishments by central station protective signaling companies.

But when apparatus leaves its station, under present conditions,

it is lost as far as fire headquarters is concerned.

Existing wire facilities for intercommunication between fire departments or dispatching headquarters are likewise woefully inadequate for proper operation of the service. Fire departments in the majority of our municipalities are separated by considerable distances, and many are located in areas where telephone communications between the units require too much time to be useful.

To install municipal wire facilities or tie-lines between fire alarm

Map of typical city area, showing communications within fire district, point to point service among adjacent communities, and two-way portable service on fire grounds. Northville is a typical fire alarm headquarters with radio channels to mobile, portable, and marine fire fighting units





New York enjoys extensive radio system. Main and auxiliary 500 watt remote controlled transmitters on 1630 kc reach all fireboats, trucks, and cars. The 50 watt mobile transmitters on 35,580 kc reach one or more of seven pickup receivers placed at strategic intervals through the city, thence via land wires to headquarters. About 20 fire fighting units and cars are equipped for two-way operation, 20 one way. Nearly 300 fire houses in all boroughs are equipped to receive 1630 kc headquarters transmissions. Postwar plans for New York include many more twoway uhf FM equipments in cars of battalion chiefs and deputies

headquarters, to ameliorate this condition, would be prohibitive in cost to the taxpayers of a community. In rural communities telephone wire facilities are so sparsely located as to make their use impractical.

In large conflagrations, the telephone and wire facilities are generally rendered inoperative by the fire itself, making it difficult to call additional forces into action without radio facilities. When forest or large brush fires occur, they are generally in locations well removed from all wire facilities.

It is necessary sometimes upon reaching the scene of a disaster to call for additional apparatus to respond to definite locations, for medical assistance, for ambulances, additional pumping units, special tools, gas masks, acetylene cutting equipment, heavy jacks, etc. The speed and accuracy with which this equipment can be summoned may be the determining factor in the loss of life. When it is necessary to call upon neighboring communities for mutual aid assistance, all departments must then be kept fully informed on progress being made in handling the emergency, so that other anticipated needs can be met.

It is also essential to provide adequate communications to the mobile units of a fire department. Otherwise, a unit may become lost to the department when it leaves the fire station. If equipped with radios, the dispatcher could direct the unit should conditions change. It is often discovered after a unit has started that an incorrect address has been given by a person under the stress of excitement. Much valuable time is lost because it is impossible to contact the unit en route. Large fires and unnecessary loss of life result. If equipped with radio, apparatus could quickly be re-directed correctly.

No. 1 of three rescue squad trucks equipped with two-way radio. Insert shows set, in corner of cab

Main 500 watt G-E transmitter WNŸF in Long Island City, remote controlled from Headquarters in Central Park





Fire radio map of Philadelphia, Pa. System covers 135 square miles, 2,000,000 population

Radio is also essential to the officers of the battalion, particularly the chiefs, making it possible for them to be constantly in touch with fire alarm headquarters, and the chief of the department. Without such communications, they are handicapped in directing the activities of the fire-fighting forces.

Fire-fighting forces working in large buildings should be provided with a channel of communications between the fire and the chief officer in the street, so that additional manpower or equipment can be called for and dispatched without the necessity of sending foot messengers, who in many cases must ascend and descend many flights of stairs. Elevator service is discontinued during fires. Radio would provide facilities for the Chief to order evacuation when conditions become critical, so as

Central control point of New York's fire radio system, showing control and response panel, monitor receiver and frequency monitor unit. Meters on seven pick-up receivers show which is getting best signal from mobile units not to endanger the life of men fighting a fire. It would also facilitate rescue work where entire companies become trapped.

Point to point communications is most necessary to the fire service, in connection with its mutual aid, to provide a channel of communications among cities within a fire district. In many of our rural areas wire facilities are not available, or in many cases toll circuits are so overloaded as to be totally unsuitable for the fire service in reporting fires or calling for assistance needed to meet abnormal conditions during emergencies.

Frequencies needed

It is felt that frequencies in the 30 to 40 megacycle band are most desirable for the point to point and station to station or mobile units and marine services. It is felt that for the two-way communications service at the fire grounds, the band between 100 and 200 megacycles may be desirable.

In considering channel widths and their relation to the quality of service, it is felt that a minimum of 2,500 cycles would be required. Point to point service within districts would best be provided by authorization of ten channels for the entire United States. It is recommended that station to mobile, marine and engine company station would require 20 channels for the entire United States.

Two-way portable communications at the fire grounds between fire-fighting units ought to have 4 channels for the entire United States.

Equipment details

The estimated feasible accuracy of carrier frequency for each service, and recommended limits within which the carrier frequencies should be maintained are: Point to point, .005 per cent; Station to mobile, etc., .01 per cent; Portable, .01 per cent. No guard bands would be necessary except on the end bands.

Antenna peak input power considered necessary for each type of service is: Point to point, maximum of 250 watts; Station to mobile units, maximum of 250 wattsmobile, 50 watts; Two-way communication at fire grounds, maximum of 10 watts.

A New York fireboat tests on-the-scene walkie talkies. Insert shows Fred M. Link type 695-B FM uhf pack-set. Below, Staten Island headquarters unit (WHGH) handles an emergency with the Manhattan central headquarters. Self-contained Link FMTR-W unit is battery operated



STABILIZATION AT UHF

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• The production of stable frequencies with appreciable amplitude above 500 mc is a difficult accomplishment at the present time. One conventional method makes use of a low frequency crystal oscillator and by successively doubling or quadrupling, it is possible to produce a stable frequency at uhf.

In the high frequency spectrum above 500 mc, however, few of the tubes available at the present time are able to amplify much. The system, therefore, offers very little possibility of producing a stable frequency for use as a secondary standard or for receiver use above 500 megacycles. Another disadvantage is the great number of tubes needed to multiply a stable low frequency up to high frequencies.

The need for stability at uhf has led to the development of stabilized oscillators. The general practice for most applications is to make use of a transmission line type of oscillator. It is generally conceded that the transmission line oscillator, sometimes referred to as a line oscillator, has considerable advantage over the lumped inductive and capacity type of oscillator. This is especially true when operating near the frequency limit of oscillation for a vacuum tube, because for a given uhf tube it is possible to produce oscillations at a higher frequency than it is possible to amplify with the same tube.

Considerable success has been obtained with these oscillators, and various methods and means too numerous to mention here have been applied to obtain a low drift oscillator. The criticisms that might be made of at least some of these circuits are that they are bulky, relatively expensive, and require skilled personnel for testing and servicing. For some applications, where it is necessary to change rapidly from one frequency to another and at the same time maintain excellent stability, such stabilized circuits are not suitable.





Fig. 1—Block diagram of the harmonic signal generator with regenerative feedback



Fig. 3-Simplified schematic diagram of the frequency multiplier



Curves for oscillator stability are shown in Fig. 2 with variation of plate voltage only; temperature and filament voltage variations must also be considered because they contribute to oscillator drift and cause the oscillator to have less stability than shown by the curves. Curve No. 3, for example, is for a small line oscillator. With plate voltage variation alone, a drift of two megacycles at seven hundred megacycles may be observed with this oscillator. This drift could be reduced to one and one-half megacycles for a high "Q" line oscillator. as shown in curve No. 2. Curve No. 1 shows three-tenths of a megacycle drift in frequency for the same plate voltage variation in a temperature compensated oscillator. This compensation for drift may be obtained from the circuit itself and has been described in previous publications.

It must be pointed out that these curves show variations due to plate voltage only, and the variations due to filament voltages, changes in circuit constants, and variation with temperature must also be considered. Under the most favorable conditions, the best stabilized oscillators is .05 per cent. If the variations produced by temperature and variation in other circuit constants are considered, values for circuit stability greater than .05 per cent can be expected.

These curves for a frequency of seven hundred megacycles with a 316A tube represent extremely unfavorable conditions since the tube is operating near its cut-off frequency. If taken at a much lower frequency, better stability would result.

If a crystal oscillator output could be multiplied with good economy in tubes and provide a usable output, it would be well suited for uhf receiver and secondary standard applications. The method which is about to be described has a high economy of tubes.

As shown in Fig. 1, a five megacycle crystal oscillator has frequency doubling in the plate circuit in order to obtain a large output at ten megacycles. The amplifier may be any one of a number of tubes, depending upon the particular application for which the circuit is to be designed. In general, the higher the frequency, the smaller the size of the tube used

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Fig. 4—At left, original model with power supply and modulator. At right, secondary standard for operation above 1,000 mc using 5 mc crystal

and the lower the voltage obtained. When the harmonic generator tube is excited with a large injector voltage at ten megacycles, harmonics up to the two hundredth are obtained with comparatively high amplitude. The relative voltage of each harmonic is quite variable.

One method now used is to select some particular harmonic frequency, some multiple of ten megacycles, segregate it and transform its voltage upward as much as possible. Because of unwanted voltages of adjacent harmonics, it is necessary to have a high order of selectivity in the frequency selecting circuit. The frequency selecting circuits developed for this purpose exhibit this quality to a high degree.

To illustrate this method of harmonic production the circuit as shown in Fig. 1 may be considered. It can be shown that two voltages exist in the plate circuit of the harmonic generator; one, the voltage whose frequency is the same as the grid voltage and the other a uhf voltage which is to be isolated and made as large as possible. The plate circuit is tuned to the frequency of this voltage. If regeneration is then introduced through the tube at different frequencies, it is possible to further increase this voltage. The plate circuit in the tube proper may be tuned to a lower frequency than the one being reinforced, by the use of standing waves.

It was hoped, when this investigation started, that one volt at seven hundred megacycles could be realized. However, voltages of one to two-tenths were about all that were realized with a reasonable power input. In Fig. 3, a schematic layout for this type of circuit is shown. The first unit consists of a crystal oscillator and, for the purpose of illustration, assumed to be five megacycles.

The plate circuit is tuned to ten megacycles and the first stage is used as an oscillator-doubler. The type of tube used was selected to provide a strong oscillator and swing a fairly large ten megacycle voltage on the plate. This particular type of circuit was tested and chosen because it gave good circuit stability and excellent performance. The coil in the plate circuit operating at ten megacycles was designed to give us as high a "Q" as possible, keeping in mind a reasonable size. It was necessary to have as much rf voltage as possible across the coil and a typical circuit provided about four hundred volts of rf across this coil.

The amplifier tube consisted of a type 6V6 operated as a frequency doubler to provide twenty megacycle output. The harmonic voltage of the 6V6 at twenty megacycles is used to drive the 7C5 output tube. Considerable ten megacycle voltage is present in the output of the 6V6 and it has been found useful, in some cases, to allow this voltage to remain.

For certain applications, the ten megacycle voltage may be filtered out, leaving a twenty megacycle voltage on the grid of the 7C5. It will be found that many harmonics exist in the plate circuit and that it is necessary to apply some high "Q" resonant circuit of the bandpass type that will exclude everything but the wanted signal. Regeneration may be applied to effectively increase the isolation of the signal, whose voltage may thus be increased more than ten times.

With a voltage indicator on the output, this resonant circuit is adjusted for maximum output. Very satisfactory filtering action is possible with the resonator type of filter with which it is possible to obtain a "Q" of approximately four thousand for a frequency of seven hundred megacycles. The seventieth harmonic is used and with adjustment for the maximum output for this harmonic, it is found that the strength of the sixty-ninth, sixty - eighth and sixty - seventh gradually decrease and then increase as the frequency is lowered, indicating a phasing due to the standing wave system.

It should be pointed out that use of regeneration at seven hundred megacycles would never produce oscillation in the tube because this is far beyond the limit of oscillation possible in this particular tube and feedback present should never be such that twenty megacycle oscillation could exist. Generally speaking, the amount of regeneration and the type and kind of coils used would not produce much regenerative effect on the twenty megacycle signal.

It is interesting to note that sizable voltages up to frequencies well above one thousand megacycles have been produced by this method. While it is impossible to produce as high a voltage as at seven hundred megacycles with the tubes tried, excellent and useful results were obtained in this region. It is also interesting to note that these voltages were produced well beyond the cutoff region of the tubes used. It appears logical to assume that tubes with a higher frequency cutoff should give better results in general, but this was found to be only partially true.

These principles have been applied to receiver and secondary standard applications; further development should make this system applicable to other uhf problems.

MEASUREMENT of **STATIC**

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Part II.—Development of a multi-element galvanometer oscil equipment for viewing and recording pressure phenomena

• For viewing and recording of pressure phenomena in high-speed internal combustion engines, equipment that will respond to the highest frequencies to be measured must be used. In general, there are two types of equipment that are practical, namely, cathode ray and galvanometer oscillographs.

The cathode ray oscillograph is essentially a voltage-operated device which may have practically unlimited frequency response, whereas the galvanometer oscillograph is essentially a current-operated device and has a definitely limited frequency response. With practical electrical circuits, the frequency response of the galvanometer oscillograph is sufficient for most engine indicator instrumentation.

Two methods are available for recording with a cathode ray oscillograph: (1) by using a moving film to provide for a time axis, and (2) by using stationary film with an electrical time axis.

When an electrical time axis is used, the oscillograph sweep circuit may be synchronized at engine speed by connecting the external synchronizing circuit of the oscillograph to a voltage-impulse arrangement driven by the engine. Either a battery and contactor arrangement as shown in Fig. 1 or a magnetic impulse generator as shown in Fig. 2 may be used. Fig. 3(A) is a pressure card taken in



Two methods for getting a cathode-ray oscillograph to follow the variations in speed of the engine. Fig. 1 (above) uses a cam-driven contactor to initiate the synchronizing pulse. Fig. 2 uses a magnetic pulse generator

the combustion chamber of a detonating engine by the use of a rotating drum for a time axis; Fig. 3(B) shows the electrical time axis method, the latter (an indicator card) being taken with stationary film.

Under some conditions it is possible to view two indicator diagrams simultaneously on a conventional cathode-ray oscillograph by means of an electronic switch. Two pressure records taken simultaneously by the above method are shown in Fig. 3(C). The upper and lower records show pressures measured in the combustion chamber and intake manifold respectively.

While the cathode ray oscillograph can be used for recording, it is particularly well adapted for viewing. On the other hand, the galvanometer oscillograph is a relatively poor viewing mechanism, but is well adapted for recording. A multi-element galvanometer oscillograph has been developed especially for use with engine indicators. The design of this oscillograph includes the following features:

Convenient and simple operation; a tungsten-filament light source; an optical system that gives a uniform time axis and permits simultaneous viewing and recording; revolving short focal length lenses give high photographic speed with stationary film; provision for four galvanometers used simultaneously; daylight loading and unloading of standard roll film; a rapid film advancing mechanism with automatic spacing and exposure counting device; a device for phasing the oscillograph time axis with the engine crankshaft during operation; a barrel-type shutter with a simple timing mechanism.

In the optical system of the oscillograph shown in Fig. 4, the galvanometer mirror, OM, is shown acting as a pinhole instead of as a small mirror. The rotating mirror is octagonal and rotates at onehalf the angular velocity of the

Fig. 3—Three forms of cylinder pressure records obtained with apparatus described, using mechanical time axis at left, electrical time sweep, center, and electronic switching of two records, at right



and DYNAMIC PRESSURES

lograph to function with condenser indicators and associated in the cylinders of high speed internal combustion engines

lenses, which are four in number. This mirror splits the image of the tungsten filament, T, reflecting part of this light to the cylindrical lens, L, and part to L_1 . Each of the two 11/16 in. focal length lenses receives light from a portion of the filament and forms an image of this portion of the filament on the viewing screen or film.

Obviously the length of the image of this portion of the filament depends upon the relative distance of image and object from the lens. A rotating lens arrangement shown in Fig. 5 makes it possible to use short focal length lenses close to the viewing screen and film, resulting in exceedingly fine traces. It has been shown experimentally that the optical system does not introduce an error in the time axis.

Uniform light intensity throughout the entire time axis is obtained by making the image of the filament overlap the cylindrical lenses, see Fig. 4. In this way the light overlaps the face of the lenses enough to take care of the shifting of the light beam as it leaves the reflecting surface of the rotating octagonal mirror. The trace from the number four galvanometer is normally used for timing marks because the quality of the trace is lowered by its extreme angular position.

The viewing screen and recording film each extend over 30 degrees of arc in the rotating optical system. In order to record 360 degrees of engine crankshaft rotation on the 30-degree arc, it is necessary to use a 12:1 reduction gear between the engine crankshaft and the oscillograph. Any desired angle of crankshaft revolution can be viewed or recorded by use of a suitable gear reduction.

Very often in engine indicator work, it is desirable to study different parts of the engine cycle. To obtain the desired phase of the oscillograph with respect to the









Fig. 6—Shows two views of the General Motors oscillograph with components primarily developed for the study of the combustion engine research problems of that organization in the viewing and recording of engine indicator diagrams

phase of the engine crankshaft, a phase-changing device, shown in Fig. 7, consists of two spiral gears in mesh with their shaft angles at 90 degrees and a method of sliding one of these gears perpendicular to the axis of the other gear. The driving spiral gear is mounted on the oscillograph drive shaft in such manner that it may be moved back and forth across the mating spiral gear. This sliding movement causes the driven gear which is attached to the oscillograph mirror to revolve, thus changing the phase of

the oscillograph with respect to that of the engine. The phase of the oscillograph may be changed with or without the engine running. Its position on the completed oscillograph is shown in Fig. 6 which represents a general view of the design.

In order to permit continuous viewing, it is necessary that the shutter mechanism does not interrupt the light falling on the viewing screen. An inspection of Fig. 4 shows that the lower half of the light filament is used for viewing, whereas only the upper half is used for recording. Therefore, a shutter is needed only on the upper half of the filament. A barrel-type shutter, shown in Fig. 6, is synchronized with the engine by means of a suitable timing device located on the mirror shaft.

The light intensity is varied to accommodate various engine speeds by a tapped switch which changes the resistance in series with the lamp. A 110-volt dc supply is used to operate the lamp and shutter circuits. The camera film housing,



Fig. 8—View of indexing mechanism associated with film holder



Fig. 7—Phase shift control is effected by advancing minor shaft using spiral gears

Fig. 8, is an assembly of a lighttight film holder, film indexing mechanism, and light blind.

The film indexing mechanism shown associated with the film holder is also shown detailed in Fig. 9. A rack and pinion drive advances the film 3³/₄ in. for each index, thus giving ten single exposures on a standard Kodak day-

ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES September, 1944

POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL USES FOR OSCILLOGRAPHIC APPLICATIONS OF CAPACITOR INDICATORS

Measurement of stress and strain. Measurement of flywheel deflection.

- Measurement of cylinder head and block deflection.
- Obtaining valve-lift diagrams. Use in propeller-shaft balancing
- machines, etc. Measurement or indication of unbalance in high-speed rotat-
- ing machinery.
- Vibration measurement.
- Pressure surges in oil-circuit breakers.
- Measurement of water hammer and other hydraulic surges. Gun pressures.

light loading No. 122 roll film. The disk carrying the exposure numbers is restored to number 1 at the beginning of each new film roll by pressing the reset button. To index the film, the rack is pushed down against the rack stop. This forward motion of the rack turns the drive pinion and thus turns the film driving roll. The ratchet mechanism on the pinion drive shaft prevents the film from unwinding on the return stroke of the indexing rack.

As the film is wound on the film driving roll, the diameter of the roll naturally increases and, therefore, requires fewer revolutions with each successive index. In order to advance the film the $3^3/_4$ in required for the 3-in. oscillograms' spacing, the number of revolutions is controlled by the length of rack travel for each index, regulated by a stop, moved one step per index by a pawl on the end of the film rack.

A typical card taken with the multi-element oscillograph is shown in Fig. 10. This oscillogram shows three pressure records taken simultaneously on a four cycle gasoline engine. From top to bottom, the records show pressures measured in the exhaust pipe, intake manifold, and combustion chamber respectively. The combustion chamber pressure record was taken with a low-pressure indicator developed for use in the combustion chamber.

A single card indicator diagram with superimposed calibration marks is shown in Fig. 10. The distortion produced on the single card indicator diagram can thus be



Fig. 9-Shows the controls and indexing details of the film holder. Standard roll type film used

eliminated by using the multi-element oscillograph for recording individually and simultaneously the indicator diagram and the breaks produced by the diaphragm indicator.

For certain types of detonation studies the indicator equipment has been used in conjunction with a General Radio type 760A wave analyzer to amplify the detonation frequency components of the indicator card. The output from the oscillator-detector is fed through the wave analyzer which has been tuned to the detonation frequency. The output from the wave analyzer can then be viewed with a conventional cathode ray oscillograph. A high pressure combustion chamber record taken under detonating conditions is shown in Fig. 11. The detonation frequency components of the indicator card under these conditions are amplified approximately thirty times with respect to the lower frequency components of the indicator card itself.

Development of the condenser indicator and associated electrical equipment is far from complete. Much work is yet to be done to make it entirely free from vibration and temperature effects that may be encountered in some applications.



Fig. 10—A typical oscillogram with three pressure effects shown simultaneously (left). At right, a regular indicator diagram with calibration marks appearing at a predetermined level



Fig. 11—High frequency detonation waves show up on high speed pressure diagram taken with new oscillograph

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Simple torque gage for transmitting condensers consists of a weightloaded spindle carrying a pointer and calibrated scale. Test is for smoothness of action as well as torque inch-ounces. Lower front plate is provided with stops to limit travel of weights (behind plate) for rapid inspection of condenser types where specs do not require extremely close torque-tolerances Special torque and smoothness tester for midget APC's (air padding condensers) was hurriedly improvised from old radio and condenser trames a year ago and has been in constant use ever since, testing tour to five thousand condensers a day as opposed to only two hundred by old method. Condenser is plugged in at front. Spring-loaded scale reads inch-ounces torque

MILITARY RADIO

A photographic factory tour showing interest testing methods in production of variable receivers for the Army and Navy at plant of

The APC's get their fimal 1,000 volt hipot test right in the shipping cartons, saving time and insuring that further handling will not cause defects. The air padding condenser, developed by Hammarlund twelve years ago, is currently being produced at the rate of a million a month by about 10 manufacturers—most widely used variable condenser made Wire cutting and trimming machine cuts leads to exact preset length and strips insulation from both ends all in one operation, automatically producing hundreds of thousands of leads with a single attendant. Using prewar methods, such operations would require a large corps of amployes working 'round the clock. Machine is considered indispensable






Time—even a lot of it—spent on a jig or fixture is quickly repaid in labor savings on the production line. This two-sided steel dimension gage checks accuracy of fifteen dimensions in two simple go, no-go operations. The ceramic plates are end pieces for variable condensers. If hole placements after firing aren't kept within close limits, strains cause gradual changes in characteristics of finished condensers Tom Thumb drop-light idea should be useful in many radio manufacturing operations. Six volt radio pilot lamp on end of long cord is here used to enable operator to peer into tuning unit of Super Pro to sheck assembly and locate any foreign matter that may have become lodged between condenser plates during the many previous operations

PRODUCTION TECHNICS

ing and widely applicable fabrication and capacitors for the industry and Super Pro Hammarlund Mfg. Co., Inc., New York City

An assembly line that really rolls was necessitated by vast boost in production of military receivers. Remedy was to build wood cradles, to hold Super Pro either right side up or upside down, with four rollerskate wheels at the corners. Guide rail near back of bench keeps cradles on the track as they are rolled from one operator to the next Special jig for tests on precision worm gear sets cost over \$1,000 but pays for itself many times over in daily use. Variable condensers for which it was designed must tune to one part in a hundred thousand smoothly and accurately. For prevention of backlash, worm gear is milled from three sections; center section is later spring-tensioned



TUBES ON THE JOB



Motorola Handie-Talkie used to relay play results direct to the press room and scoreboard from the playing greens at Chicago's Victory National Open Golf Tournament

Postwar Handie-Talkie Uses

A possible postwar use of one war-radio item was demonstrated at Chicago's Victory National open golf tournament when scorers and sports writers tested the Signal Corps' "Handie-Talkie" radio equipment in charting the progress of the golfers.

The equipment was used by observers stationed on greens throughout the course to flash scores back to the club house as each competing foursome holed out. This enabled press and spectators to follow the progress of the tournament stroke by stroke and to know instantly where each of the nation's great golfers ranked.

It marked the first time that such equipment had ever been used at a sports event.

Developed by the Motorola Radio Division of the Galvin Manufacturing Corp. in conjunction with the U. S. Army Signal Corps, the equipment is manufactured at the company's Chicago plant for the armed forces only.

With this transceiver, troop units in combat areas are enabled to keep in instant communication with each other and with their field headquarters. It is considered one of the most essential pieces of equipment, particularly in beachhead landings where the absence of bulky equipment lends mobility to striking forces.

The variety of uses to which it has been put in the war alone is almost endless. In addition to its potential postwar use at major sports events, it could provide communication facilities in sparsely settled areas. Every policeman might be equipped with a set. Regardless of where his beat was located, he would be in constant touch with police headquarters and able to answer calls much more quickly than at present. News events could be reported directly to the newspaper's city desk by reporters equipped with the radiotelephone. Relief parties working in floods and disasters could more easily be directed. Firemen have already put such equipment to good use.

Recently, a searching party of 200 forest rangers, police, and civilians used Handie-Talkies to coordinate their search for a sixyear-old boy lost in the Adirondack mountains.

Coal Mine Installs Portable Ignitron

Portable Ignitron rectifier equipment rated 300 kw has been installed at No. 3 mine of Reitz Coal Co., Central City, Pa.

Arranged on three cars, the minecar type wheels facilitate movement into the mine and allow for quick changes in location. Power is supplied by means of a borehole cable at 2300 volts, 60 cycles, three phase ac. The rectifier converts the energy to 275 volts dc for the trolley system. Latest type Westinghouse devel-

Latest type Westinghouse developments built into the unit include an air circuit breaker that eliminates oil hazards and an air-cooled transformer that minimizes fire danger. The portable rectifier makes it possible to maintain better voltage at the working face, and production has been increased.

VHF RR Radio

American Railroads will receive the benefit of the war-spurred rapid developments in the very high frequency radio field as a result of current experiments being carried out by the Radio Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation in close cooperation with a number of the major carriers, according to W. P. Hilliard, General Manager of the Division.

Preliminary tests under actual operating conditions have yielded gratifying results even under adverse conditions. Continuous communication has been maintained over the entire yards of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad in Los Angeles; end to end radio contact on a mile long freight train was tested in a run on this line from Bakersfield, California, to Chicago; and similar experiments are under way with Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Chicago, Burlington



Dc end of Ignitron unit in coal mine showing water-to-air heat exchanger for cooling tubes

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and Quincy, Seaboard Airline Railway and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

Experimental station licenses and very high frequency channel allocations for such tests have been authorized by the Federal Communication Commission. First installations made on these roads were VHF multi-channel equipment consisting of a transmitter, receiver and power unit in a single compact case. Radiotelephone operation is used and signals are heard in the locomotive and caboose by means of loudspeakers. A hand set similar to that on the ordinary telephone is supplied and operation is quite similar to telephoning with the exception that a "push to talk" button is pressed when transmitting.

"Bendix Radio is the first to use radio frequencies above 150 megacycles in railroad operations," Mr. Hilliard declared.

The fact that radiations at the frequencies being used for these tests are similar to light, in that their range is optic and limited to the horizon, is a distinct advantage, since it would be possible for many railroads to use the same channel assignment over and over again at intervals of approximately 50 to 75 miles, thus enormously increasing utilization of the radio frequency spectrum.

It is anticipated that the successful completion of these tests will make it possible for railroads to supplement existing signal systems and increase the effectiveness of their communications. Improved communications will result in operating economies and contribute to the efficiency and safety of a great many railroad operations.

Electronic Controls in Paper Industry

Electronic controls that compare impulses and set in operation the mechanism to apply correction to the feed roll are helping increase production in paper conversion plants in the West. In label and other roll-fed printing production, where it is essential that the printed matter be centered in the finished product, this method of positioning the web has enabled an appreciable saving in paper and production man hours.

The combination of photoelectric cell and an arrangement of thyratrons is employed on slitters and winding machines to make this efficient control of production possible. An installation of this type of control, manufactured by Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. is illustrated in the accompanying photograph. This is one of a number of similar ma-



Photoelectric control regulating the feed of a roll of printed labels passing through a slitting operation in a Western label plant

chines in Western wax paper label plants. In operation, the photoelectric eye or scanner follows a register line printed on the paper as it travels from the roll towards the cutting knives. The scanner sends an electrical impulse to the electronic panel to tell the control how far the roll has wandered from alignment—a function that takes place in a fraction of a second. Mechanism is then set into operation to correct the position of the feed roll. In this manner the position of the web can be maintained within plus or minus 1/32 of an inch at speeds of more than 1000 ft. per minute.

When electronic controls are not employed, presetting of the roll and web guides in relation to the knives can guarantee accuracy of only $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch total variation, due to the characteristics of paper to vary with temperature and humidity.

Secret X-Ray Ink Detects Marked Documents



A new marking compound, developed by North American Philips Company, Inc., New York, is used to mark secret documents. The photo shows how such a paper, marked with the compound, looks in the Searchray machine—the secret paper was hidden in a stack of literature $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick and was enclosed in a zipper bag. The insert view shows a plant guard placing the bag into the compartment of a Norelco industrial X-ray unit where he will view it by means of a fluoroscope

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Chicago's Conferences

October looms large on the electronic horizon. With two quite different gatherings on the slate, both to be held in Chicago, the Windy City may well be something more than Mecca to anyone who has anything to do with matters in the electronic fields.

National Electronics Conference is first on the calendar. Scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 5, 6 and 7, meetings are to be held at the Medinah Club, where conferees will consider some two score discourses under nine topics. The program was published in "Electronic Industries" for August, on page 211.

Two weeks later, same days, but on October 19, 20 and 21, Electronic Parts and Equipment Industry Conference gets under way at the Stevens Hotel. This gathering is for the sales and distribution ends of the extensive electronic industry. Radio Manufacturers Association Parts Division has become a cosponsor of the affair, along with the Sales Managers Club (Eastern Division) and the Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers (formerly the Sales Managers Club. Western Division).

National Electronics Conference, as its title implies, is for the engineering fraternity. Both are expected to be well attended, likely will draw from the four corners of the United States, and beyond.

RMA Outlines Work

A realignment of committees, including the addition of two new ones; reorganization and expansion of the Transmitter Division; the addition of five new Parts Sections, constitute recent RMA activities under direction of its new president R. C. Cosgrove, following the Chicago convention. New are the School Sound Systems Committee, headed by L. A. King, St. Charles, Ill., as chairman, to work with the bureau of education, FCC committees and other industry groups on school apparatus; and the RTPB Television Reporting Committee headed by chairman Ray H. Manson, which will review the recently completed report of RTPB Television Panel No. 6 and formulate official RMA views on the development and promotion of television. The five new Parts Sections which have been organized are: Crystals, F. D. Bliley, chair-man; Insulations, John W. Apgar; Metal Stampings and Metal Spe-cialties, W. W. Barry; Plastics and



H. W. Clough, Belden Mfg. Co., who is General Chairman of the Electronic Parts and Equipment Industry Conference

Molded Parts. R. R. Titus; Speakers and Parts, Henry C. Forster. The organization and work of the RMA Transmitter Division, under the chairmanship of C. J.

Burnside of Westinghouse Electric

Mfg. Co., Baltimore, is being reorganized and expanded for the ensuing year and six division Sections established. The former Aviation-Marine Section has been divided into two new sections, one for Aeronautical Equipment and another for Marine Equipment. The chairmen of the other four sections are being continued, under decisions reached at a meeting July 14 in New York of the Division's Executive Committee. Following are the six sections of the Transmitter Division and their respective chairmen: Transmitter Tube, H. C. Vance; Broadcast Transmitter, C. W. Miller: Emergency Service Communications, F. A. Gunther; Avia-tion Equipment, J. W. Hammond; Marine Equipment, F. R. McMullen; Piezoelectric Quartz Crystal, G. E. Wright.

Following are the various committees together with their*chairmen:

STANDING COMMITTEES

By-Laws and Organization, Chairman, Leslie F. Muter, Chicago.

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Conventions and Meetings Ahead

- Institute of Radio Engineers (330 West 42nd Street, New York City), September 6, October 4, New York. Rochester Fall Meeting, November 13-14, Sagamore Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (Smithsonian Institution Bldg., Washington 25, D. C.), September 11-16, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Radio Club of America (11 West 42nd Street, New York City), September 14, New York.
- Associated Police Communication Officers (J. M. Wherritt, Police Dept., Jefferson City, Mo.), 11th Annual National Conference, September 18-20, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.
- Society for Measurement and Control, September 27, 2 Park Avenue, New York City.
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (Ernest Hartford, 29 West 39th Street, New York), Fall Meeting, October 2-5, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- National Electronics Conference (B. Dudley, 520 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago), October 5-7, Medinah Club. Chicago.
- Electrochemical Society (Colin G. Fink, Columbia University, New York City), Fall Meeting, October 12-14, Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.

- **Society of Motion Picture Engineers** (J. Haber, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York), Semi-annual Fall Conference, October 16-18, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York.
- Society for Experimental Stress Analysis (Central Square Station, Cambridge 39, Mass., P.O.B. 168), 1944 Fall Meeting, October 17-20, Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.
- **Electronic Parts and Equipment In**dustry Conference (H. Clough, Belden Mfg. Co., Chicago), Oc-tober 19-21, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.
- American Welding Society (M. M. Kelly, 29 West 39th Street, New York City), Oct. 16-19, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Optical Society of America (A. C. Hardy, M.I.T.), October 20-21, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York.
- American Mathematical Society (531 West 116th Street, New York), October 28, New York.
- Society of Rheology (R. B. Dow, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland), November 17-18, New York.
- **Television Broadcasters Association**, Inc. (500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, Room 1038), first annual conference, December 7-8, New York City.



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 *Quotation from expediter for one of largest electronic equipment manufacturers.

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WHAT'S NEW

Devices, products and materials the manufacturers offer

Gas Proportioner

This new piece of apparatus was developed to meet the demands of tube manufacturers and others who use mixtures of gases for protective atmospheres. It is designed to produce an accurately proportioned mixture of such gases at a pressure not in ex-



cess of 5 lbs. per sq. in. It consists of a mixing block incorporating accurately sized orifices and on which are mounted flowmeters, pressure gages and needle valves for the gases as well as inlet and outlet nipples. It can be furnished with any two of six available flowmeters permitting a wide variation in the proportions of the two gases to be mixed. Flowmeters for hydrogen service cover a range from approximately 2 to 200 cu. ft. per hour and for nitrogen the range is from approximately 6 to 140 cu. ft. per hour. Manufacturer is Air Reduction Sales Co., 60 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

Soldering Tips

Five new interchangeable soldering tips, each a different design to meet every soldering requirement, have been added for the soldering pencil made by H. A. Ungar, Inc., Los Angeles. The soldering unit, complete with handle and cord set, and any one of the five tips, sells for less than \$2.

Wax Dipping Bath

Barnstead Still & Sterilizer Co., Forest Hills, Boston, Mass., has developed a new, electrically heated and automatically controlled wax dipping bath which provides



fast, efficient and economical wax coating of coils, resistors, condensers, panels and other electrical parts. This unit can also be used to wax-coat wrapped packages. Electrically heated by low density type strap-on heating elements, the bath temperature is automatically controlled by adjustable thermostats fitted with dial thermometers. The bath temperature can be adjusted from 100 deg. to 550 deg.

Electronic Flame Cutter

The new ISC electronic flame cutter, made by Struthers Wells Corp., Titusville, Pa., is entirely automatic in operation, utilizing the space on both sides of the machine for cutting. This new machine translates markings into movement; its electronic control accurately guides the cutting torches along any desired contour in a horizontal plane as predetermined by markings placed on cylindrical records. The plastic control records are small, light, durable and easily handled. Plates may be reproduced from the original records either successively, intermittently or in widely separated locations and re-used an unlimited number of times. Where duplicate work is being done in separate plants, the records may be transferred from one plant to another for duplication of the job as originally laid out.

Cam Lever Switch

A new cam lever switch (Model MCL-CS) has been developed by General Control Co., 1200 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston 34, Mass. The positive positioning cam has roller detents which eliminate friction and contact



bounce. Coil springs are used on both sides of the cam so that equalized pressure is assured regardless of the number or arrangement of contact assemblies. The switch is static shielded and is of non-corrosive construction. All contacts can be removed from frame by removing a single bolt. Control knob can be supplied with light or stiff action. Contact rating is 10 amps., 125 volts ac, and 2 amps., 125 volts dc.

Electrocardiograph

Electro-Physical Laboratories, Inc., 45 West 18th St., New York, has developed an inkless, direct-recording electrocardiograph giving instantaneous standard readings. The new instrument has been designed to eliminate all photographic procedures. Ordinary interfering electrical fields do not affect the operation. An advantage of the electrocardiograph is that small momentary changes in the subject's cardiac action appear immediately, thereby making possible further immediate investigation. The recorder may be used in conjunction with other equipment for laboratory research. It provides an amplifier record between .1 cycle and 80 cycles per second at a sensitivity of 1 millivolt for 2 ems total deflection; or a range from zero



to 80 cycles for 60 millivolts for 2 cms deflection. A high speed writer can be supplied which will extend the frequency range to approximately 200 cycles. Because of the special damping circuit employed, excellent transient response is secured.

Angle Head Iron

The Kelnor electric soldering iron, produced by Kelnor Mfg. Co., Central Tower, San Francisco, has a balanced angle head adapting the tool for use in hard to reach



places. The extendable tip turns straight through the center barrel, making the tool quick heating and reducing current consumption. Heating element coils are sealed in ceramic insulation. There are three sizes, 65, 100 and 125 watts, the smaller size weighing 8 oz.

Temperature Switch

Burling Instrument Co., 253 Springfield Ave., Newark, N. J., has produced a new temperature limit switch which is waterand vapor-tight, may be used for any temperature from minus 100 to 1400 F. The instrument has recently been re-designed, reducing weight by 5 lb. and greatly simplifying setting and locking of temperature controls.

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HELPFUL THOUGH ABSENT—While the electronicradio industry was conspicuously absent from the list of products given the "green light" for limited civilian production August 15, by WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson, there is a feeling among the most competent observers in the industry that there are some manufacturers in many of the fields, now able to enter limited civilian production, provided the materials, manpower and facilities are not needed for the Army-Navy requirements. These are particularly the factories which were "converted" to the making of electronic-radio components and parts, to carry the immense load of the Signal Corps two years ago when the electronic-radio industry was called upon to mushroom overnight into a six-billion-dollar production.

RETURN TO PREWAR ACTIVITIES—By the return to their prewar fields, these companies will now not be "tempted" to keep on with their electronic-radio enterprises when hostilities cease. Then, too, a number of major "regular" companies in the electronicradio industry engage in manufacture of electrical appliances, electrical refrigerators, etc., so that permission to return to civilian production in those fields will help their overall future outlook and planning.

RAILROAD FIELD JUST OPENING—The use of radio by the railroads for dispatching and other safety purposes will be unfolded at the series of hearings to commence before the FCC September 13, but from the standpoint of any large immediate market for equipment, the railroads do not loom as substantial customers in the near future. The FCC will have to determine what, if any, frequency space should be set aside for railroad radio communication and other electronic uses, including radar for anti-collision. This will take a considerable time of engineering study.

FORTY RAILROAD SYSTEMS APPLIED FOR— Railroad communication is a field which should be assiduously watched by radio manufacturers because already over 40 applications for radio systems have been filed with the FCC. Commission Chairman Fly feels that some day not only will the railroads use radiotelephone for dispatching and communication with the engineers and conductors of moving trains, but that passengers will be able to talk to their homes and offices while traveling and that television will be a new form of entertainment on passenger trains.

COAST GUARD PIONEERING—Back in 1903, the U. S. Coast Guard—now 154 years old—pioneered in radio and undoubtedly was one of the main movers that led to the progress of early "wireless." With the old "spark" set, the Coast Guard operators probably contributed more than any other group of the shipshore radio personnel of that time at the turn of the century to the adoption of the 500-kc. distress calling wave which has been continuously used over the past 40 years.

WHY 600-METER SOS BAND WAS CHOSEN—The 500-kc. frequency (600 meters) in those days of crude and simple apparatus was adopted by ship operators because it was the average natural and "loudest" wavelength emitted from the antennae. The Coast Guard also pioneered in aircraft radio, especially in the use and development of direction finders because Coast Guard airplanes have been used for the past decade or more in sea rescue work. Modern direction finding equipment on airplanes, together with the use of the cathode-ray tube, owes much of its development foundation to the work of the Coast Guard.

SURPLUS PLANNING—The policy of the Surplus War Property Administration to have the electronicradio manufacturers, who have achieved such a notable record in war production, act as the agents of the Federal Government on a commission basis in handling the disposal of the surplus military apparatus and equipment components and parts into the regular civilian marketing channels has met with general approval and support from the industry's leadership.

BLOCKING SPECULATORS—The above plan will certainly block off speculators and "gyps" from obtaining large allotments of the surplus equipment, tubes and other parts, and will also mean the most orderly method possible for the manufacturers in the reconversion. Of course, the final format of the program awaits the enactment of the Surplus Property Disposal legislation by Congress so that the progress up to date has been naturally slow and has been confined to industry-government discussions on the different types of disposal machinery.

COOPERATION WITH INDUSTRY—The Defense Supplies Corporation, the RFC branch which has been designated by the Surplus War Property Administration to handle the vast bulk of the electronic-radio surplus disposal planning (the excess home radio receivers only being under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department's Procurement Division), has been cooperating most satisfactorly with the leadership of the industry. There have been numerous conferences between the DSC officials and the different branches of the industry—committees representing the so-called "end" products, tubes, capacitors, resistors, etc.

WILL USE RMA FACILITIES—One of the most important sessions was a mid-August meeting with the RMA Postwar Conversion Committee. The Defense Supplies Corporation and the SWPA officials, it was understood, have agreed to utilize in an advisory capacity the facilities of the Radio Manufacturers Association Committees, especially in engineering and marketing, in blazing the future disposal course.

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Electronic news in the world's press. Review of engineering, scientific and industrial journals, here and abroad

Remote Control Circuit

J. E. Benson and A. G. Brown (A.W.A. Technical Review, Sydney, Vol. 6, No. 3, 1943)

Remote control of two doubleconversion superheterodyne receivers (Fig. 1) over a single-band non-loaded telephone line with ground return is described. Either of the two receivers may be selected and the following facilities are then connected to the selected receiver: fine tuning over a range of ± 10 kc, smooth control of rf gain, and on-off control of a beat oscillator for continuous-wave reception. The overall bandwidth of the system is approximately 2.2 kc.

The four switching operations required to control receiver selection and beat oscillator on-off switching are obtained through switches S_1 , S_2 (Fig. 2) by application of positive and negative dc pulses be-tween either leg of the line A, B and ground. MR 1-4 are metal rectifiers separating the negative and positive pulses. On the application of the positive pulses, relays C, E, respectively, operate and close auxiliary holding circuits C1, E1, respectively, for a local power supply, thus holding the relays C, E, in the operated position in spite of removal of the initial pulses. E operates G and H which change over the various control and output circuits from one receiver to

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Fig. 1-Double-conversion superheterodyne receiver in remote control circuit

the other, while C controls the power supply for the heterodyne oscillator. Application of the negative pulses trips the holding circuits $(D_1, F_1, respectively, open)$ restoring the operated relays to their initial conditions. The two legs of the line are isolated for dc, the ac circuit being completed through coupling capacities C1, C2, shown on the line transformers T1, T2. P1, P2, P3 are pilot lamps indicating the positions of switches S1 and S2.

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connected across the frequency determining circuit of the second heterodyning oscillator. Three frequencies located above the pass band of the audio channel are generated in the three-channel tone oscillator and combining unit. The output of the center channel is of constant amplitude, while the outputs of the two outer channels can be changed independently from the operator's desk. These three tones are separated from the receiver audio output channel com-ing in from the line by means of the balanced hybrid unit and lowpass filter. On reaching the threechannel filter amplifier and rectifier unit in the receiver, the three tones are separated and rectified to produce dc bias potentials.

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Measuring FM Wave Characteristics

W. Staeblein (Bulletin Suisse des Electriciens, Zurich, 1944, No. 4)

A frequency-modulated wave of unit amplitude may be represented by the expression:

$$\sin\left(\omega_{0}t + \frac{\varDelta\omega}{\omega_{m}}\cos\omega_{m}t\right) = \\ \sin\left(\omega_{0}t + \varDelta\varphi\cos\omega_{m}t\right)$$

which can be interpreted as an oscillation with constant frequency and variable phase. \triangle is the modulation index.

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Fig. 2-Remote control installation for two receivers

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New Developments in the Video Field

GE-IBM Propose Tele-FM-Facsimile Relay

Following on the heels of the AT&T FCC-approved plan for the establishment of a television-FM relay network linking New York and Boston, General Electric and International Business Machines Corp. have now entered the picture with a proposal to link New York, Schenectady and Washington together with a high-frequency relaying system suitable for the handling of two television programs, a channel for facsimile and FM, simultaneously.

Prime purpose, according to Walter S. Lemmon, general radiotype manager of IBM, would be the transmission of business documents by facsimile, a project with which IBM experimented during the New York World's Fair in 1939-40. The plan contemplates the erection of transmitter-receiver terminal stations by IBM at Washington and New York with relay stations between the two cities, and the operation of a terminal station by GE at Schenectady with a relay point at New Scotland, near Albany.

at New Scotland, near Albany. Whereas the AT&T project will utilize frequencies in the higher portion of the spectrum, bands sought by IBM-GE are six in number: 1,900,000 to 1,960,000 kc; 1,960,-000 to 2,020,000 kc; 2,020,000 to 2,080,000; 2,120,000 kc; 2,020,000 to 2,080,000; 2,120,000 kc; 2,240,000 to 2,300,000 kc. Power specified is 15 watts for the transmitters; antennas would be highly directional. All development work is to be done by GE with the initial research to be carried out on the New York-Schenectady link, though the systems would be jointly owned and operated by GE and IBM.

Television Directory

American Television Society is to distribute a membership directory, develop an active program laboratory, prepare a glossary, bibliography and review of current books on television and establish a speakers' bureau. The directory will list members' names, addresses, business affiliations and their respective fields of interest in television.

The ATS program laboratory will produce and present voluntary noncommercial television programs over leading television stations with members participating in the preparation and production of shows. Charles Kleinman is Executive Director of the laboratory. He is assisted by Prof. Edward Cole of the Yale University Department of Drama; Ted Huston, Director of Production; John Flory, Director of Scripts, and Miss Jean Rosenthal, Director of Station and Agency Relations.

TBA Schedules Conference

Television Broadcasters Assn., Inc., has scheduled its first annual conference for Dec. 7 and 8, this year. It is to be held in New York city. O. B. Hanson, vice-president and chief engineer of NBC, and a director of TBA, is chairman of the conference committee. Jack Poppele, secretary and chief engineer of WOR, is to be conference coordinator; Will Baltin, secretarytreasurer of TBA, is in charge of press and public relations.

Minor Changes Suggested by Television Panel

The Television Panel of RTPB has made public its recommendations, which are that the basic standards developed out of the NTSC-FCC group in 1941 be adopted with but minor changes. The band width for commercial television stations remains at 6 mc and the synchronizing wave form remains the same, with the exception that the duration of the vertical blanking period has been reduced from 0.075H to 0.05H. The serrated type of horizontal synchronization is standardized the same as has been in common use since 1941.

An important change has been made in the aural channel standards. The adoption of 75 kc deviation FM in 1941 proved the difficulty of maintaining the local receiver oscillator frequency stability. The use of higher frequencies for television places extreme requirements of stability on the circuits where wide band FM is employed. The new proposals call for a 25 kc deviation for FM sound. This will permit less exacting control of the oscillator frequency and still provide good sound quality. In order to compensate for the lower signalto-noise ratio produced by the decreased deviation, the panel sug-gests an increase in sound power from 100 to 150 per cent of the pic-

Quarter Million Cost for 25 Kw Station

It probably would cost \$258,500 to equip a first-class television station of 25 kw video and 12.5 kw audio power, and an additional \$177,500 to operate it annually, according to Leonard F. Cramer, vicepresident of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Passaic, N. J. He gave the figures to the New York Radio Executives Club. Total initial investment breaks down thus:

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ture carrier. Frequency modulated video is ruled out for commercial stations because of the greatly increased problems with multi-path transmission and consequent ghost signals.

The frequency allocations as suggested include 26 channels, beginning at 50 mc and extending to 246 mc. This is in contrast with the present allocations of 18 channels between 50 mc and 294 mc. The new proposal brings the channels closer together, that is, it moves certain government, aviation and other service channels which now lie in between groups of television channels. This proposal covers commercial broadcasting stations. For relaying and similar station link networks, 10, 12 and 20 mc channels are proposed in a region from 162 mc to 3,000 mc; 20 mc experimental channels are proposed in the region from 600 mc to above 10,000 mc. All these allocation suggestions, of course, must still be interfiled with the suggestions of the other channel groups studying other services.



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CUT-BACKS to bring **PRODUCTION**

WPB to permit resumption on civilian radio immediately following collapse of Germany—Assigned quotas unlikely

• Upon the collapse of Germany, civilian production to the extent of military cutbacks after the Nazi capitulation will be allowed the electronic-radio manufacturing industry. This was the determination of the leading WPB, Army and Navy officials at the mid-August WPB Radio and Radar Industry Advisory Committee. This view came on the day of the invasion of Southern France.

There will be an excellent opportunity when the collapse of Germany comes that civilian production could be resumed by the industry without governmental regulations and without any quotas of production assigned to the respective manufacturers. The resumption of civilian production is predicated on the premise of enough materials and labor being released by the cutbacks.

No civilian production is slated until 1945, it was emphasized, unless there should be a sudden unanticipated collapse of Germany during this Fall. When the Nazi surrender comes, it is expected that the cutbacks of military requirements after the Army and Navy reappraise their needs in the conquest of Japan will range from 25 to 30 percent of the present war production scheduling and that this amount of cutbacks can be translated into civilian production.

The electronic-radio manufacturing industry was not among those listed by WPB Chairman Nelson August 15 to be permitted limited civilian production provided sufficient materiel and labor were available. But it was felt that this omission was actually helpful to the industry because it would return to their prewar productive operations a number of manufacturing businesses such as those in electrical appliance field, the makers of golf clubs, bicycles, etc., which had been "drafted" in 1942 and early 1943 by the Army into the production of the simpler types of electronic-radio components and parts. This will clear out from the postwar electronic-radio industry a number of these so-called "new comers" into this field.

At the Industry Advisory Committee meeting, a feature subject of discussion was the actual and estimated deliveries of radio and radar end equipment from now unUnder WPB Priorities Regulations 23, factories have the right to produce experimental or development models for postwar by procuring parts of a value up to \$5000 under Interpretation 2 of Electronic Equipment Order No. L-265, under a P-43 priorities rating—Editor.

til the end of the year. This was explained by L. J. Chatten, Assistant Director in charge of Pro-duction of the Radio and Radar Division, as remaining at a climbing rate of requirements which are 16.4 percent greater in October and November than during the first half of 1944. The Army-Navy requirements will total about \$265,-000,000 during October, an all-time peak of military production. The Navy requirements are maintaining a somewhat level status for the remaining months of 1944, but the Army scheduling took a still further rise during September and October from its dip which occurred last June, due to the re-quirements in airborne electronic apparatus.

At the meeting, WPB Executive Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Electric, praised the war production record of the electronic-radio industry and, together with Radio and Radar Division Director Ray C. Ellis, who presided at the meeting, asked the manufacturers to engage in a final sprint for the next two or three months "to keep up their good record." Brigadier General J. H. Gardner, Assistant Director of the Signal Corps Procurement and Distribution Service and Commander P. K. Lieberman, Director of Procurement of the Navy Bureau of Ships' Radio Division, outlined to the manufacturers the requirements for the war's prosecution.

When the collapse of Germany comes with the concomitant military production cutbacks and terminations, it was felt by the manufacturers that the residue of materials and labor will be sufficient for all companies to start reconversion to the extent of the Army-Navy reduction of schedules. It was pointed out that at present the volume of materials is three to four times the amounts available in 1941, the last year of civilian production. The manufacturers have been authorized to prepare models of new designs which cannot be displayed or utilized for sales purposes, but with the development of new civilian models, the planning for the production tools and dies can be formulated and possibly orders for such production equipment can be placed.

The question of prices for the civilian products is a highly knotty problem. The Office of Price Administration is considering the formulation of ceiling prices upon the basis of the 1941 volume with the reconciling of increased costs between 1941 and the present wages and the 1941 amount of hours of work and the present war production work schedules. However, the OPA has not taken into consideration in its formula the merchandising expenses of electronic-radio manufacturers and it is hoped that these latter costs will be given full consideration in the setting of ceiling prices.

Industry committees of set and parts manufacturers to advise the OPA are to be established by that agency and will hold their first meetings during the middle of September.

At the August 15 meeting of the WPB Advisory Committee, those present were: Monte Cohen, Sales and General Manager of the F. W. Sickles Co.; W. P. Hilliard, Vice President of Bendix Radio; W. F. Hosford, Vice President of Western Electric; E. E. Lewis, Sales Manager of RCA Victor Division; Percy L. Schoenen, Vice President and General Manager of Hamilton Radio Corp.; A. S. Wells, President of Wells-Gardner & Co.; Dr. W. R. G. Baker, Vice President of General Electric; William Balderstone of Philco Corp.; R. C. Cosgrove, Vice President and General Manager of the Crosley Corporation; and J. P. Rogers, Vice President and Treas-urer of Farnsworth Television & Radio Corp. Among the govern-ment representatives were Deputy Director John S. Timmons of the WPB Radio and Radar Division; Stuart K. Barnes, Vice President of Defense Supplies Corp.; and Daniel Jacobs of OPA in charge of radio industry prices.

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N. Y. Electronic Mfrs. Organize to Handle Production Problems

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Association officers

The New York association comprises manufacturers of radio sets, radio parts and other electronic products operating in the metropolitan and adjoining areas. Its officers are: I. Walter Wyckoff, Pilot Radio Corp., president; Arthur Freed, Freed Radio Corp., vice-president; Samuel J. Novick of Electronics Corp. of America, secretary-treasurer; all of whom are also directors. Other directors are David Wald, United Scientific Laboratories, Inc.; Jack M. Marks, Fada Radio & Electrical Co., Inc.; Percy Schoenen of Hamilton Radio Corp.; and Harold Shevers, Espey Mfg. Co., Inc.

RMA to Standardize Fixed Capacitors

Unanimously agreeing on the necessity for the standardization of fixed capacitors, particularly of the mica, paper and electrolytic types, the Fixed Capacitor Group of the RMA Engineering Committee has actively started work looking to the adoption of satisfactory standards that will eliminate existing duplication and confusion.

After a discussion led by L. C. F. Horle, manager of the RMA Data Bureau, it was proposed that a general RMA Engineering Committee on fixed capacitors be organized, with subcommittees on mica, paper and electrolytic capacitors, so that the standards of these several groups may be integrated and co-J. I. Cornell of New ordinated. York was appointed chairman of the committee and the subcommittees are headed by: Electrolytic capacitors: H. E. Rice, North Adams, Mass.; Paper capacitors: L. Kahn, New Bedford, Mass.; Mica capacitors: A. DiGiacomo, Brooklyn. The subcommittees were instructed to prepare recommendations and standard proposals to be brought before a meeting of the general committee tentatively set for Sept. 14.

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Postwar Aviation Radio

The Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics, activities of which were halted with the war, has been reactivated for the study of postwar radio aviation problems, through the establishment of three special committees to develop plans the improvement of aerofor These comnautical equipment. mittees are: the Airborne Radio Communication and Navigation with Colonel D. C. Doubleday, Army Air Forces, Office of Air Communications, as chairman; the Ground Radio Communication and Navigation, under the chairmanship of Commander D. S. Little, Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department; and the Test Procedures and Standards Committee headed by L. M. Sherer, of the CAA. The RTCA is the agency through which the government agencies, military services, air transport companies and manufacturers plan for aviation radio betterment.

Longest Radio Circuit

Longest radio communications circuit in the world, between New York and Bombay, India, was opened this month by RCA Communications, Inc. The circuit totals some 8000 miles, was established in cooperation with the Indian Radio and Cables Communications Co., Ltd. Telegraphic speeds up to 200 words per minute are being attained.

Amerex-Philips Alliance

Amperex Electronic Products, Brooklyn, N. Y., through reorganization, has become affiliated with North American Philips Co. Except for the retirement of senior partner N. Goldman, due to protracted illness, the personnel, management and policies of the company remain unchanged and the corporate style remains the same. Officers and directors of Amperex are: President, Dr. A. Senauke; vicepresident in charge of manufacturing, Nicholas Anton; vice-president in charge of sales, Samuel Norris.

Audio Enlarges

Audio Development Co., Minneapolis, has completed construction of a new building which now houses the general and engineering offices, experimental and design laboratory and the model shop. Floor space formerly occupied by these units will be taken over by the production department to provide a 25 per cent increase in manufacturing facilities for transformers and other electronic equipment.

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Mitchell Heads RCA Communications

Lt. Col. Thompson H. Mitchell has been appointed general manager of RCA Communications, Inc. He succeeds the late William A. Winterbottom who had served as vice-president and general manager of RCAC since formation of the Company until his death on July 8. Colonel Mitchell, who first joined RCA seventeen years ago, recently has served as Chief of the Traffic Operational Engineering Section of the Engineering Branch of the U. S. Army Communications Service, Washington. He has been assigned to inactive duty after nearly two and a half years with the Signal Corps.

New Merit Plant

Merit Coil & Transformer Corp., Chicago, has completed a new plant at 4427 North Clark St., will soon move general offices to the new location. Provision has been made for further expansion.

DeJur-Amsco Expands

DeJur-Amsco Corp., has occupied another building, in Long Island City, N. Y., to house production facilities needed to augment its output from present New York and Connecticut plants. It is a modern daylight building of 75,000 sq. ft. on Northern boulevard between 45th and 46th Streets.

Wins Award



Samuel Ruben, who for the last nineteen years has been closely associated with P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for extraordinary contributions to the war effort. He is one of only ten civilians to receive this recognition from the War Department, which was originated to honor achievements not eligible for Army-Navy "E" Awards. The award was made primarily in recognition of his creative work in inventing the Mallory dry battery, a new development at present available only for military applications.

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Siling to RCA

Philip F. Siling joins RCA Oct. 1 and will handle matters pertaining to frequency allocations and licenses for RCA, its subsidiaries and services. Siling, who has been associated with FCC for the past nine years, latterly as assistant chief engineer in charge of broadcasting, will maintain offices at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, and at 1625 K Street, N.W., Washington

Charles L. Saunders, former vicepresident of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., has resigned as branch chief of the WPB Office of Civilian Requirements, to become vice-president of Wheelco Instruments Co., Chicago. Sa un de rs joined WPB in March, 1942, to organize an instrument branch to correlate manufacturing problems of the instrument industry with war production.

Charles R. Wexler, formerly assistant chief engineer for Emerson Radio, has been named chief engineer, and Homer R. Denius, formerly chief production engineer for the radio division of the Crosley Corp., plant manager of the Electronic Division of the John Meck Industries, Plymouth, Ind. More recently, Mr. Wexler has been connected with the Ken-Rad Tube and Lamp



C. R. Wexler

Homer Denius

Works in charge of the radio laboratories and with the Magnavox Corp., of Fort Wayne, Ind. Mr. Denius, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in radio and electrical engineering, was connected with the radio division of the Crosley Corp. for ten years in various production capacities.

Professor E. A. Hertzler (formerly Pratt Institute) has been named director of war research at the United Electronics Co., Newark, N. J. He has been associated with Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric, Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Spooner and Merrill, Consulting Engineers and the General Electric Co.

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Carl Christiansen has joined the engineering staff of the John C. Dolph Co., Newark, N. J. He was formerly in charge of electrical construction for Pan-American Airways in the South Pacific, before that was associated with Curtiss-Wright and International Motor Co.

Edmund A. Laport, known for his installations of broadcasting transmitters both here and abroad, has been appointed staff engineer for international communications systems and special apparatus at Camden, N. J., for RCA Victor Division, Radio Corporation of America.



James B. Knox

E. A. Laport

James B. Knox succeeds Mr. Laport as chief engineer for engineering products at RCA's Canadian subsidiary, RCA Victor Ltd. In his new position, Mr. Laport will be responsible for the company's engineering in connection with international communications systems and engineering products for sale in the international field.

William C. Speed, one of the founders, vice-president and a director of Audio Devices, Inc., and the Audio Mfg. Corp., has been elected president of both companies following the resignation of Hazard E. Reeves, former president.



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Frank J. Hajek, formerly secretary and treasurer and associated with the company since its beginning, takes over all phases of management by being elected to fill the post of president of Taylor Tubes,



Frank J. Hajek, elected president of Taylor Tubes

Inc., 2312 Wabansia Ave., Chicago. James C. Filmer, for many years a leading electronic tube engineer, has been appointed vice-president in charge of engineering. Joseph F. Hajek becomes secretary and Jerry Worrell treasurer of the company.

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separated by two appropriate filters; so will be the two first echoes, the two second echoes and so on. By modifying the wave length and the phase of all λ_2 waves by a local oscillator and a phase adjuster, the direct λ_2 wave can be made equal in frequency and phase to the direct λ_1 wave so that the two direct waves will add in receiver 8 and cancel out in receiver 10. The first echoes, taking longer for their travel, will, at their arrival at the receiver, have a difference in phase shift which is not equal to the difference in phase shift be-tween the two direct waves. Under certain conditions, the heterodyned and phase shifted echo of the λ_2 carrier will be of opposite phase to the received echo of the λ_1 carrier, and the two echoes will add up in receiver 10 and cancel out in receiver 8. Upon rectification in the receivers, the phase of the audio wave resulting from the directly transmitted carrier is adjusted to coincide with that derived from the echoes and the two waves are combined in the output transformers 14, 15. Three or more different wave lengths may be used. The time lag wave lengths may be used. The time lag between the direct wave and the different echoes will be constant over long periods of time, and frequency adjustment about once every hour will suffice. E. H. Ullrich, Nov. 8, 1941. (I) June 6, 1944, 2,350.702. (F) No.

Television System

According to the invention, the carrier wave of a single transmitter is amplitudeor frequency-modulated with video signals. During the fly-back interval, the carrier is shifted in frequency to provide the line synchronizing pulses; simultaneously the shifted carrier is frequency-modulated by the sound signals so that the sound signals are transmitted for 10 to 15% of the time.





but over a wide frequency range of 2 mc. Periodically at the end of each frame the carrier is shifted to a third frequency to provide the frame synchronizing pulses. The amplitude of both synchronizing signals exceeds the black level. The figures, block diagrams of a transmitter and a receiver, respectively, are self-explanatory. H. E. Kallmann, RCA, (F) Aug. 27, 1941. (I) June 6, 1944, No. 2,350,902.

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UHF Secondary Emission Tube

It has been discovered that when the resonant circuits have been tuned to a period corresponding to 500 megacycles, for example, and the electron transit time is of the same order, variations in the elecon the same order, variations in the elec-tron transit time have a reactive influence on the circuit. The reactive influence may be readily controlled by changing the po-tentials applied to either or both deflecting electrodes 11,13. By making electrode 11 more positive, the electrons take the longer path 35; if electrode 13 is more positive, the electrons follow the shorter path 37.

For constant electron velocity, the path length determines the electron transit time and thus magnitude and sense of the reac-tive effect. By way of example, a 4 per cent voltage change in the outer deflecting electrode 11 produced a frequency change of at least 0.25 megacycle at 500 megacycles.



If a square wave voltage is applied to resistors 25 and/or 27 alternate response to two different frequencies is obtained, and

to two different frequencies is obtained, and by applying a sawtooth modulation wave the response curve may be continuously shifted through a desired frequency range. If the sawtooth frequency is very high, a band pass characteristic will result. Regeneration and response frequency range may be controlled by varying the impedance 29 in the secondary emission electrode lead. The same effects are pro-duced by a straight tube having the emis-sive electrode 15 arranged at an obligue sive electrode 15 arranged at an oblique angle to the direction of electron flow. The insertion of impedance 29 makes it prac-tical to employ a push pull output circuit taken off electrodes 15 and 17. Suitable transmission line section arrangements for the various impedances and resonant circuits in the device are shown in the illus-trated embodiments. R. M. Smith, RCA, (F) July 31, 1941, (I) May 16, 1944, No. trated embodiments. 2.349.011.

Phase Angle Indicator

Two channels including amplifiers and are provided. Their square wave, equal-amplitude output is combined in a common output resistor of the last amplifier tubes, rectified, filtered and applied to a current meter. The instrument reading is indemeter. The instrument reading is inde-pendent of amplitude variations of either or both applied waves; its calibration covers a wide frequency range, for example, the entire audio range. E. L. Ginzton, Sperry Gyroscope Co., (F) Feb. 13, 1942, (I) May 23, 1944, No. 2,349.261.

Frequency Drift Indicator

Essentially a subharmonic of the frequency to be checked is compared with a subharmonic of a standard frequency; both subharmonic frequencies are obtained by means of multivibrators. The subharmonic of the frequency to be checked drives a synchronous motor, and the standard-fre-quency subharmonic supplies current flashes to a neon lamp rotating with the motor. If the two frequencies are equal, the lamp will appear to remain fixed in space, any difference in frequency will simulate a slow rotation of the lamp which can be read on Rew Development

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a fixedly mounted circular scale. The device permits the immediate indication of small frequency drifts. A. Kahn, RCA. (F) Aug. 28, 1941, (I) May 23, 1944, No. 2,349,501.

Discriminator Circuit

Having a much greater range of linearity than the usual converter, the discriminator is particularly suitable for the transmission of pictures or facsimile telegraphy. There are essentially two filter sections, 2,3,4,5,6,7.



and 9,10,11,12,13, respectively, connected by a high-impedance tube 14 and so dimensioned that the resulting voltage-frequency characteristic is straight over a considerable frequency range. W. H. Bliss, RCA. (F) Sept. 24, 1941, (I) June 6, 1944, No. 2,350,869.

Push-Pull Amplifier

The circuit is designed to minimize power-supply hum. To prevent amplification of the hum voltages by the phase inverter 15, resistance 21 is made large with respect to resistance 22, and the ratio of the sum of resistances 21 and 22 to resistance 22 is made equal to the amplification factor of the phase inverter tube 15. In this manner, the hum at the plate of the inverter tube is kept to the same level as that at the bias source, i.e., at



power supply 18. Bias is supplied over conductor 55 to the control electrodes of amplifier tubes 13 and 14. The result is that the hum voltages supplied to the grid of tube 14 from the bias source cancels that supplied thereto from the phase inverter circuit, leaving in the output circuit only the hum supplied to the grid of tube 13. J. A. Worcester, General Electric Co., (F) March 27, 1943, (I) June 6, 1944, No. 2.350.858.

Radio Beacon Receiver

The glide path for the blind landing of aircraft should be substantially straight for the greater part of the landing operation and flatten out just before the craft reaches ground so that it will land smoothly. If the signal emitted by the source farther away from the ground increases in strength as the craft approaches ground, the equalsignal path will turn away from the ground and will become less steep; the desired flattening of the glide path is obtained. The automatic amplification of one of the two overlapping transmitted glide path signals

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at the receiver is accomplished by suitably applying avc signals, which increase in amplitude as the craft approaches ground, to the signal to be amplified while the other signal amplitude is maintained constant. W. T. Cooke et al, Sperry Gyroscope Co., Inc., (F) Sept. 1, 1943, (I) May 23, 1944, Re. 22,484.

Linear Pressure Gauge

High frequency generator 1 supplies oscillations to bridge 4 and to the input of tube 18. The pressure to be measured varies the capacitance of capacitor 10. However, the relationship between pressure and capacitance, and consequently between pressure and the envelope of the hf voltage between points 7 and 9, is non-linear and it is the object of the invention to provide



compensating means for this non-linearity. For this purpose, part of the output of rectifier tube 32 is fed back in phase opposition to the input wave, thereby reducing the excessive change in input voltage at high pressures. P. H. Dijksterhuis, Alien Property Custodian, (F) April 9, 1941, (I) May 9, 1944, No. 2,348,245.

NEW BOOKS

Automatic Control Engineering

By Ed Sinclair Smith, Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Registered Patent Agent: Research Engineer, Eclipse-Pioneer Division, Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J., published by Mc-Graw-Hill Book Company, New York, N. Y. 1944, 367 pages, \$4.00.

This is a design manual covering the fundamentals of the automatic control of industrial processes. The content material is beyond that of mere description of possible methods, and undertakes to provide the theoretical engineering basis for prescribing the elements of a system that will do a particular job, and for adjusting its controls when installed.

Much has been said about the utility of electronic methods in the field of control. It may be a surprise to many in electronic fields to discover that automatic control goes so far beyond the mere starting of motors or opening of valves.

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A good part of the book is included in several appendices, covering interesting phases of this work—Tables, Review of Physics, A Review of the Mathematics of Transients, etc.

Certain electronic methods are brought into the picture in Appendix B, but the scope is limited mainly to a few observations now in use in a particular application of phototubes. The value of the book is mainly in the application of the more modern theoretical methods to a problem which all too often has involved cut-and-dry procedures. The whole book has a rather abbreviated style, and without his making a supplementary study of some parts, a newcomer might have trouble in using this as a home study text. It is believed that it will find a satisfactory acceptance in the modern industrial control field. References are liberally noted and a diligent reader will find here plenty of supplementary reading in all phases of the art. Electronic engineers have an unparalleled opportunity in the control field today, since they are working with one of the most effective elements used, and are experienced in the use of electrical mathematics for the analysis of damped oscillations, which have their counterpart in control work. The Appendices also help non-electrical engineers in using these electrical methods of analysis.

Get Ready Now to Sell Television

By John L. Stoutenburgh, William F. Moulic, William C. Alley and Jean Mayer. Published by Caldwell-Clements, Inc., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y. 180 pages, 110 illustrations.

This handbook-pioneer in its field-describes the accomplishments and postwar possibilities of domestic television, along with the technical aspects of television receivers, transmitters, relaying and installation. Prepared particularly for the radio dealer, it contains chapters on the probable styling and technical features of postwar receivers, the operation of studio staging, the effect of television standards on receivers in use, problems of installation and maintenance of television sets, the technical function of the components in the electronic television system, a chapter of questions and answers



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Fundamentals of Radio Communications

By Austin R. Frey, Lehigh University, published by Longmans, Green and Co., New York City, 1944, 393 pages, \$4.00.

According to the author "the purpose of this book is to present, in as concise a form as possible, the fundamental principles of radio communications," and "the primary purpose has been to develop an appreciation of the methods of analysis that are available, and of the manner in which they can be applied to the solution of circuit problems."

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Marine Radio Manual

By M. H. Strichartz, Editor. Published by Cornell Maritime Press, New York City. 1944. 528 pages, illustrated. Price \$4.00.

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Postwar Television

Just published, a booklet by RCA's information department is titled "Television — Progress and Promise." The publication reviews the progress of television both from the technical and program standpoints, and forecasts wide acceptance of home and theater television after vlctory. Home sets will, according to the booklet, use projection-type Kinescopes. Color is



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welding, etc. Models for dual and triple heat controls are essentially combinations of the standard models and provide accurate pre-selective current adjustment for two or more welding operations performed with the same machine or gun.

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Capacitor Catalog

With almost every day finding dry electrolytic capacitors establishing new standards of performance on applications formerly reserved for more costly types, the new Sprague dry electrolytic Catalog No. 10 presents graphic evidence of the rapid advancement in dry electrolytic types in recent years, including types to match exacting war equipment needs. As explained



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Noteworthy in "streamlined" catalog design is the fact that lengthy listings have been eliminated. Compact "Size Factor Tables" replace the endless listings otherwise required, and make it easy to select a capacitor of the proper size, shape, voltage and capacity, or any desired combination of the latter.

Published by Sprague Electric Company (formerly Sprague Specialties Co.), North Adams, Mass.

Permanent Magnet Manual

A new permanent magnet manual of interest to everybody concerned with the application of permanent magnets to various industries has been prepared by The Arnold Engineering Co., 147 East Ontario St., Chicago 11, Ill. This is an authoritative, up-to-date monograph of valuable information on the design, production and use of the modern magnet. Contents include such subjects as Magnet Ma-Resistance Comparisons, terials, Physical and Magnetic Properties, Demagnetization and Energy Curves, Fabrication, Design and Testing. Charts and tables are included to illustrate and explain various aspects of the discussion.

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As long ago as September 1941, the Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation, an affiliate of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, submitted a proposal to United States government authorities for an American shortwave super-broadcasting system that would be capable of complete world coverage. And now IT&T has published the history of that proposal in an elaborate board-covered brochure (11×14) under the title, "Beyond Our Shores the World Shall Know Us." Primary considerations prompting this presentation are: the conviction that comprehensive broadcasting facilities, second to those of no

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Moisture Meter

A new type of dielectric moisture meter is illustrated and described in a four-page pamphlet issued by C. J. Tagliabue Co., Brooklyn, N. Y. This new instrument is designed for precisely measuring the moisture content of a test sample of powders or granular materials such as dehydrated foods, soaps, flour, plastic molding materials, etc. for which other electrical conductance instruments are not suitable. The instrument is electrically simple but extremely sensitive. This sensitivity is not only the result of a unique electronic method but also advantage is taken of the fact that the dielectric constant of water is about 80 while that of common substances is less than 10. Thus, a



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Transformer Catalog

A new, standard size, 81/2 x 11. two color illustrated catalog entitled Radio Transmission Transformers has been prepared for engineers and designers by The Acme Electric & Mfg. Co. of Cuba, N. Y. It lists specifications and other essential data on plate supply transformers, both air-cooled and oil insulated types; filament transformers, high leakage reactance transformers, filter reactors, interstage transformers, and plate modulation transformers.

Tube Catalog

A new catalog of all Taylor tubes (Taylor Tubes, Inc.; 2312 Wabansia Ave., Chicago) will contain full information on all tubes manufactured by the firm in the past, as well as some of the newer tubes developed for the War. Sixteen pages will be devoted entirely to tube characteristics, and a large section will contain pertinent technical information on transmitters and transmitter tubes. Simultaneously with the release of the catalog, Taylor will announce several new tubes for the ultra and very high frequencies.

Multi-Circuit Switches

Selection of multi-circuit switches for simultaneous control of independent or interconnected electrical circuits is simplified in the new Maco catalog ME448. Including details of dimensions, circuits, and mechanical actions, this catalog shows how any of twenty standard spring-and-contact assemblies can be combined to handle any desired number of circuits in a single switch. Maker is Metallic Arts Co., 243 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass.

Hallicrafters Bulletin

The Hallicrafters Co., Chicago, has just published a very much deluxe booklet reproducing in all their original colors a great many of the magazine and trade paper advertisements that are being given a circulation that aggregates some sixty-eight million readers. The booklet (32 pages) is printed on heavy coated stock, includes a number of beautiful photos of research and production operations. (Continued on page 176)

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Capacitor Specs

In a supplement to its Catalog No. 12, Solar Mfg. Co., 285 Madison Ave., New York, has included in 36 pages complete JAN (joint Army-Navy) specifications for mica capacitors of all sizes, types and styles. In addition there is included complete engineering data and characteristics as well as much technical data.

X-Ray Unit

Norelco Searchray 150, a complete, self-contained industrial Xray unit, is described in a new folder by the North American Philips Co. The folder tells how the unit works, and lists its applications. Photographs illustrate its use in X-ray examination of aluminum, steel, copper, hard rubber parts, plastics, die castings, etc.

Pilot Light Data

A new catalog containing 24 pages of pilot light illustrations, diagrams, specifications, prices and other pertinent information has just been published by the Gothard Mfg. Co., 1300 North Ninth Street, Springfield, Ill. Presented are pilot light models for a wide range of applications and voltages.





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Lighthouse Tube

General Electric Company's disk-seat electronic tube is widely known as the "lighthouse" tube. The new tube, developed by engineers of the G-E Electronics Laboratory (megatron is the generic name assigned to tubes of this design) advances by far the frequencies and power available for use in the electronics field. It has made possible a large new family of ultrahigh frequency electronic tubes, circuits, and apparatus which now operate in parts of the spectrum impractical of use before



the war. The new tube eliminates the conventional type of grid, anode and cathode. Instead of components being fitted around one another as in the past, they are now constructed in simple, parallel planes or layers, with glass and metal fused together in rigid, inseparable units. This design permits an extremely compact over-all tube structure, while providing high frequency and high power output.

Fungus Coating

A new fungus-resistant coating for phenolic parts of communications equipment has been developed by Maas & Waldstein Co., 438 Riverside Ave., Newark. N. J. Marketed as Durad fungus resistant coating No. 524, the product is a varnish, applied by spray, dip or brush.

Shockproof Relay

The R. W. Cramer Co., Inc., Centerbrook, Conn., has developed a new Type (TD5) time delay relay to take care of conditions where a time delay relay is subjected to momentary shocks without affecting the switch circuit. It has a unique cam operated switch mechanism. The particular construction gives the timer shock resisting quality which is most desirable for uses in Navy and aircraft applications.

Hand Generator

A new type hand generator (37 lb.) with a maximum output of 100-watts has been developed by the Carter Motor Co., 1608 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. The unit is the largest permanent magnet hand generator manufactured, thus saving about 10 watts of power usually required for activating the field coils. Two men turning improved



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THIS is an actual photograph of the centrifugal air drier, or "spinner," used in Bliley production to facilitate clean handling of crystals during finishing and testing operations. Quartz blanks are dried in 5 seconds in this device which is powered with an air motor and spins at 15,000 r.p.m.

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This attention to detail in perfecting lightweight, durable and reliable radio equipment has been the aim of the Radio Laboratory's engineers, and the products they have developed are distinguishing themselves under fire as notably as the men who rely on them.

c 1944, Pacific Division, Bendix Aviation Corp.



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cranks which are designed to prevent breakage due to operational leverage, can, by watching the shatterproof-enclosed meter observe that the output is held to the correct value. Within the frame is contained a ripple filter; crank handles are readily demountable without the use of tools. Output is to a 4-pin connector, but other type output connections can be furnished. The stand comes complete with seats and is totally collapsible, while a chain keeps the legs from spreading beyond holding position when the unit is set up. Drive is by means of direct gears, and one of the gears is bakelite-constructed, helical cut to reduce operation noise to a minimum. The unit has waterproof seals on the shafts. The generator delivers a wide range of outputs up to 500 volts dc and a filament output voltage; 117 volts ac output is also available.

Buna S Insulation

Nubun, a new synthetic rubber latex insulation for power, lighting and communication cable, has been developed by United States Rubber Co., New York, N. Y. The new insulation is a result of wartime developments in rubber technology and will permit the design of new types of wire and


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Marine Dynamotor

A dynamotor for marine use has been added to the line of the Carter Motor Co., 1608 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Built so as to be suitable for use in high humidity locations with spray-resistant, verdigris-repellant construction, bearings are packed with pre-worked grease of marine type.



Units are available with inputs ranging from 6 to 115 volts dc and outputs up to 600 volts at .25 ampere. The size of the largest dynamotor is $7\frac{1}{16}$ in. long by $4\frac{1}{16}$ in. wide by $3\frac{1}{12}$ in. high, and without the filter (available on order) weighs 9 lb.

Explosion-Proof Battery

From Navy designs, the storage battery division of Philco Corp., Trenton, N. J., is in production on an explosion-proof storage battery for industrial truck use, that is steel cased, automatically vented under pressure so that released gases become incombustible, automatically disconnected when it must be opened for charging after completing its duty cycle. It is intended for use where any fire or explosion hazard exists.

Production Tester

Speedy testing of resistors, capacitors or inductors in terms of ohmage, microfarads or henries, respectively, is the purpose of Type LB direct-indicating comparison bridge developed by Industrial Instruments, Inc., 17 Pollock Ave., Jersey City, N. J. This production-test instrument is an ac slidewire bridge with vacuum-tube null indicator arranged so that resistors, capacitors or inductors can be compared with a similar standard. Ranges are: capacitance, between .0001 and 1.0 mfd.; resistance, between 2,000 ohms and 20 megohms; induc-



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Molded Iron Cores

Molded by means of pressure applied from the sides rather than from the ends, a line of iron cores recently introduced by the Stackpole Carbon Co., St. Marys, Pa., has advantages for permeability tuning



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grounds the metal cover which is clinched to it. The dustproof cover is keyed in place on the casing and therefore will not loosen or turn. The bushing is keyed into the bakelite case and therefore cannot slip or turn when the locking nut is drawn up tightly. A highgrade molded bakelite can eliminates corrosion and electrolytic action especially when control is used on dc. The center rail and There is also terminal comprise one piece. a direct connection between the winding and the "L" and "R" terminal lugs. Terminals are so constructed that melted solder cannot get inside the case to cause trouble. There is zero hopoff at terminal; 1500 volt breakdown insulation between winding and shaft; switch can be added. Tandem units with two or more controls on common shaft, are available. Ratings: linear, 3 watts; V and W tapers, 2 watts; L, N and U tapers, 1.5 watts. Resistance values: linear, 1 to 75,000 ohms; tapered, 10 to 50,000 ohms. Maker is Clarostat Mfg. Co., 285 No. 6th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Phototube

Continental Electric Co., Geneva, Ill., has in production an improved type of blue sensitive phototube using an octal five-oin base, interchangeable with similar tubes. The CE-29 is particularly sensitive to blue and violet light near the short wavelength limit of visibility. It is, therefore, particularly useful with light sources rich in violet, blue, and green light. In many applications this tube will possess advantages even with light sources which produce considerable



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Induction Heating Unit

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.1	200	9/16	1-13/16	1.	200	1-1/16	3-3/16
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ACORN TUBE TECHNICS

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As to its outward appearance, a recent acorn tube looks the same as it always did. This is because the improvements in general are not visible—such as a refinement that keeps part "x" within 0.0001 inch from part "y". From another viewpoint, small tube refinements are not so much the adding of new items as they are their elimination: reducing the sources of contamination, be they microscopic pieces of lint or a film of oxide left by a welding process. For this reason the improvements for the most part lie in the processes and machinery developed to make the tubes.

After a short attempt to produce tubes with previous methods, it soon was decided to conduct a long program of development work involving the invention, design, development and reduction to practice of machinery especially directed solely toward this problem of uniformity. This work is illustrated in the refinements which have taken place in the equipment for cleaning and coating the filament and in the equipment used for automatically winding the grids.

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The method of exhaust shown in Fig. 6 is one which has been designed primarily for the acorn The tube is visible to the tube. operator who is constantly aware of the integrity of the pumping Out-gassing of the glass system. is done in a long oven. Out-gassing of metal parts is next carried out completion, and finally outtogassing and activation of the cathode is carefully controlled as to temperature and time. Tubes at this phase of completion are considered so valuable that they are sealed off by hand by operators especially trained for this job. This results in the elimination of a complaint of long standing with acorn tubes, the weak tip. The tubes are now found to have strong blunt





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With regard to the span of the characteristics of these tubes, the utility of small tubes in any circuit set up for UHF operation is found only when emission is maintained at a uniformly high level. High emission capability was shown to be the basic factor that lets a tube retain its useful characteristics in spite of small sized electrodes. Here refinements in processing result in emissions which run very uniformly at about double the minimum requirements, when coupled with components mechanically accurate and with a con-trolled vacuum in the order of 10⁻⁸ mm.

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The problem of coating the emission surface, whether of the filament or the cathode type, called for an immediate and extensive development program. The regulation of the composition of the coating material is but one of the factors that are under rigorous con-When the cathode-grid or trol. filament-grid spacing normally involves only a few thousandths of an inch, the position of the effective center of emission becomes a primary factor in attaining the required constancy of tube characteristics. This program produced early results and this coating process now is a routine matter. A special control routine is followed at every point in the assembly, up to its final de-gassing and evacuation within the tube.

In the case of cathode type tubes, a special heater coating insulation material has been developed in which the controls, the material and the processings are such that the heater to cathode voltage may be unusually high, without any fear of breakdown or burn-outs between the heater and cathode. This extremely high insulation value makes the operation of cathode type tubes utterly safe in circuits which normally use voltages from 100 to 125 volts between heater and cathode.

In certain filament type tubes, such as the 958A, two filaments connected in parallel are used, resulting in greater emission area, and at the same time avoiding greater differences in the internal distances to the expected point of emission. Parallel filaments represent an advance over the former series filament arrangement.

Simple as a tube might appear by inspection, at frequencies of several hundred megacycles, the internal inductances and capacitances contribute a substantial amount to the circuit. A simple triode oscillator, Fig. 10 (a), appears somewhat as in Fig. 7 if these items are added to the circuit. These inductances and capacitances not only prevent the application of more efficient items toward building up the values required for a particular frequency, but at the higher frequencies it may be found that no additional values are needed, and the frequency ceiling is reached.

Fig. 8 lists the internal capacitances found, with the addition of a few octal tube characteristics for comparison. Here, together with the curves in Fig. 9, will be seen that the 6J5 and the 955 are not unlike except in the matter of power limits. Other types of acorn
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Nearly every factor works against efficient operation when the ordinary circuit components are considered for use at, say, 300 megacycles. The increasing skin effect, which makes surface imperfections and corrosion quite important, greater losses through charging of the capacitances between circuit components, higher dielectric losses in the insulators, greater eddy current losses and what often proves to be the most important greater losses by direct radiation from the circuit and tube.

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An LC circuit can be made to function efficiently at frequencies above 100 mc, but, in general, the parallel-line systems are mostly used in the range of 100-300 megacycles, since the Q of an ordinary LC circuit drops very rapidly at frequencies above 100 mc, resulting in poor stability. Above 300 megacycles, it is difficult to mount the parallel wires close enough together to avoid radiation, losses and (except in cases where this is not useful) coaxial lines or else three element lines are provided, the two outer rods being paralleled. In the circuits illustrated in Fig. 10, numerous RFC chokes are called foreach made from spaced bus-wire with a couple of dozen turns, or from smaller wire wound on a wooden dowel, $\frac{3}{8}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter. In any case, the wire must be spaced by about its own diameter.

In Fig. 10 (b) and C the frequency is determined by the length of line to the first shorting bar (augmented by the "swallow-up" factor of the tube). The second bar, about $\frac{1}{4}$ farther along, takes care of the effects that would be introduced by the overhanging ends of the lines. The circuits shown are all modifications of the Colpitts oscillator know as the "ultraudion" (a term well known to old-timers) and is the same as that of Fig. 7.

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valuable service, one that will provide an enormous market for the enlarged production facilities of the industry as a whole.

the industry as a whole. The many avenues of approach to this subject require that various phases of the problem be discussed by different groups, and in succeeding issues the various engineering answers will be considered.

Many developments have been made in tubes and their characteristics, but it happens that most of the new designs deal with types that have little immediate use at broadcast frequencies. Almost every tube of importance in modern circuits has improvements in its characteristics, such as sensitivity and reliability, and great advances have been made in the utilization of these characteristics. Operational procedure and associated circuits and methods have been revamped in many cases, and the technic of getting superior results from an amplifier stage, be it selectivity, sensitivity or wider oper-

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This matter of tube styles probably is the first question in the minds of designing engineers. Many matters, not all of which are on a purely engineering basis, go to make up the final answer here.

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(Continued from page 85) study of automobile ignition interference it is highly desirable to have a source of noise voltage which can be controlled accurately during tests. Tests have shown that a pulse wave of approximately 60 cycles per second, each pulse with a 40 microsecond duration, very closely simulates automobile igni-tion interference. The use of a 40 microsecond 60-cycle pulse on a standard type of home FM receiver is shown in Fig. 5. These curves show that this particular receiver produces a 20 db. quieting of a 10 microvolt pulse interfering signal with approximately 31/2 microvolts of desired signal. Approximately 1½ microvolts of desired signal produces a 6 db. quieting of the same intensity interfering signal. The desired signal peak deviation was 25 kc.

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Remote Control Circuits

The purpose of the fixed-amplitude mid-frequency tone is to control the variable gain amplifier through which the two outer tones also pass. Any change in line attenuation that would normally cause a change in tuning and gain bias is thereby compensated; a fraction of this control signal is fed to the tuning amplifier in the three channel unit, the tuning adjustment being very critical, while it is desirable that the gain control signal be not completely compensated, an additional change in gain being produced when the audio signal is transmitted over the line.

Measuring FM Wave Characteristics

lated carrier, there will result an amplitude - modulated wave, the amplitude of which will vary between zero (for opposite phase of the two oscillations) and double the carrier amplitude (for equal phase of the oscillation).

In an oscillogram of these heterodyned oscillations over one period of the modulating frequency T_m , as shown in Fig. 1, every zero amplitude will indicate that the two voltage vectors are of opposite phase, i.e., that the phase angle $\Delta \omega$

--- cos $\omega_m t$ has increased by 2π .

It will then be easy to construct the phase angle as a function of time, as indicated in the diagram. The maximum of the phase angle is equal to the modulation index; in the example shown it is equal to 11.5π . An approximate value for the modulation index will be found by counting the number of zeros in one period of the modulating frequency. From the phase angle diagram, the shape of the modu-



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Fig. 1—Constructing phase angle and shape of modulating wave from oscillogram

Fig. 2, similar to Fig. 1, illustrates the oscillograms, phase angles and original modulating voltages for symmetrical and unsymmetrical square-wave modulating pulses and for a saw-tooth modulating pulse. In the first instance, the heterodyne frequency is constant, because the difference between modulated carrier frequency and unmodulated carrier frequency does not change. In the second instance, two different heterodyne frequen-



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Fig. 2—Oscillograms for different pulse shapes



Fig. 3—Oscillograms for various phasing between modulated and unmodulated carrier

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R. E. Burgess (Wireless Engineer, London, May, 1944)

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Measuring Dye Concentration

T. B. Davenport (Journal of Scientific Instruments, London, May, 1944)

The change in light absorption of a dyestuff solution, which is being circulated through a mass of textile material, is continuously indicated by a photoelectric apparatus. A light beam is passed through the solution to be tested and made to impinge on a photocell. The photocell is so connected in the plate circuit of a pentode that the voltage developed between plate and cathode is a logarithmic function of the photo current. This voltage is applied to the input of a three-stage resistancecapacitance coupled amplifier, the output of which is rectified by a double-diode, and indicated by a galvanometer of low sensitivity. There will be a linear relation between the concentration of the dye in the solution and the galvanometer reading. During the process, the temperature of the dye solution is maintained constant by a thermostat. Optical arrangement, thermostat, and amplifier circuit are described, and exact dimensions are given.

Oscillator Circuit

F. Butler (Wireless Engineer, London, July, 1944)

The oscillator shown has been designed for high frequency stability and low harmonic content. It employs an equivalent half-wave line with lumped inductances and capacitances. If operated at the resonance frequency of a circuit composed of a capacitance C and



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an inductance L, (1) the input impedance will be non-reactive and equal to the terminating load, (2)the output voltage will be equal to the input but reversed in phase, and (3) a quadrature voltage will be available across the mid-shunt capacitor. If the terminating load resistance is so chosen that R² L/C, the quadrature voltage is equal in magnitude to both input and output voltages. The network acts as a low-pass filter and gives strong attenuation of harmonic voltages.

Theory of Electron Beams

J. Aharoni (Philosophical Magazine, London, January, 1944)

A mathematical method of establishing the effect of space charge on an electron beam as it emerges from an electron-optical system is presented. The space charge considered is that of the electrons constituting the beam and repulsing one another; stationary conditions are assumed. The equation for the acceleration of an electron in an electric field, the equation of continuity, and Maxwell's equations are made the basis of the analysis.

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Directional Characteristic of a Half Wave Doublet Goniometer

R. J. Dweyer (Journal of Applied Physics, June, 1944)

The directional characteristic of the goniometer shown, using two half wave doublet antennas 1,1 and 2,2 mounted at right angles, is derived. If two loop antennas are used instead of the doublets. the



Schematic of half-wave doublet goniometer



Direction of rotating coil for max. induced voltage as function of direction of wave propagation

directional effect is the same as that obtained when a single loop is rotated. For the two doublet antennas, however, the directional characteristic is not identical with that of a single half wave doublet that can be rotated. The deviation is very slight, as can be seen from the diagram representing the equation:

$$\tan \Theta_{\max} = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\cos d\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\sin d\right)} \cot d$$

a is the angle between the direction of doublet 1,1, and the direction of wave propagation, while θ is the angle between vector v (at



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right angles to the axis of coil L_3) and the pair of coils L_1 connected to doublet 1,1. θ_{max} indicates the position of coil L_3 for maximum induced voltage. The voltage will be a minimum for a position of coil L_3 at right angle to the position of the maximum.

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A new 28-page catalog recently issued includes specifications and engineering data on the complete line of Sprague Koolohm wire wound resistors, in addition to listing various types not included in previous publications. Among the types presented are both standard and hermetically-sealed power wire wound resistor types up to 120 watts; 10- and 15-watt voltage divider sections; bobbin-type resistors; hermetically-sealed precision meter multipliers; and Megomax high-voltage, high temperature resistors. The catalog is from Resistor Division, Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass.

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Tube production operations are pretty familiar to most engineers, but Amperex Electronic Products, Brooklyn, N. Y., have shown their particular methods in an attractive way in a new 24-page booklet that emphasizes the importance of tubes in current military operations. A number of different types of Amperex tubes are illustrated.

LOW FREQ. UNIT

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tubes in a conventional threephase, full-wave circuit. It supplies all the plate power required by the power amplifier unit. Included in this unit are the contactors required for starting the rectifier and for remote control.

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The antennas commonly used with this transmitter are of the flat-top type and their effective lengths are considerably less than a quarter wave. Their effective capacity at the operating frequency may be between .00125 and .00250 microfarads. The effective resistances of the antennas vary with the frequency and may be as low as 2 ohms.

To properly tune these antennas, considerable loading is required and for efficient operation this loading should introduce little loss in the The inductors antenna circuit. have been designed to meet these conditions and include a number of features which are normally disregarded at higher radio frequencies. Their Q at the operating frequencies is at least 1,500. Losses, which would arise if the materials normally used to construct a building entered the field of the inductors, are kept to a minimum by surrounding the inductors with a Faraday screen.

Some of the circuit details employed in the equipment shown may appear quite novel to those accustomed to high-frequency equipment. For example, all tuned circuits are adjusted by means of variometers. If variable capacitors were employed for this purpose, they would be either excessively large or would give only a very limited tuning range.



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Parts for Distributors Relaxed by WPB

Wholesale radio distributors can obtain a priority rating of AA-5 or better to purchase electronic parts or equipment without special sales authorization from the War Production Board, cut of the idle and excess component stocks in the hands of manufacturers. This relaxation was announced Aug. 21 by Ray C. Ellis, Director of WPB Radio and Radar Division.

The lifting of the restriction resulted from a revision of the Radio and Radar Section of Priorities Regulation 13 of the WPB. Prior to this revision of PR-13, wholesale radio distributors were not permitted to purchase electronic parts or equipment without special sales authorization from WPB.

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Signal Corps Cites SCR-300

• The new walkie-talkies, the SCR-300 type, went into operation at H-Hour and worked continuously with uniform success in the recent Italian operations and the Anzio beachhead assault, reports from that combat zone to the Chief Signal Officer, Major General Harry C. Ingles, have stated. The reports from the Italian front which were released recently by the War De-partment stated that the SCR-300 sets, using Frequency Modulation transmission had range and reliability which "met and exceeded every expectation and established them as the most valuable item of radio equipment" in the assault division at the Anzio beachhead operation.

Further commendation of the new walkie-talkie was contained in another official report from Italy to the Chief Signal Officer. It related that the SCR-300 radio sets were used in all radio nets from Division to Infantry companies as well as in cub airplanes used for observation, and the characteristics and performance of this set in-

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fluenced the decision to rely on it heavily for the (Anzio) operation. Forecasting its future major role in the European invasion operations, the report in connec-tion with the Italian landings stated that the SCR-300 "is the vised for amphibious communica-tions.³⁵ most successful instrument yet de-

The walkie-talkie. the manpacked radio set used by front line troops for short and direct communications, is now being supplied in quantity to troops overseas and at home. Due to the use of Frequency Modulation which permits transmission and reception without static, its range is triple that of the old model and it has remarkable clarity of tone.

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These stocks, in some instances, might be enough to satisfy peacetime consumption for many years. Their sale indiscriminately at distress prices would certainly demoralize certain industries completely, at a time when postwar employment must be maintained at any cost.

One extreme policy advocates the dumping of all surplus products in the ocean, if those products have any conceivable utility for civilians. Although this may seem extreme, it is advocated by a surprisingly large group. On the other hand the time-honored American custom of auctioning off such surplus material to the highest bidder, would, unless carefully controlled, result in the disastrous dumping so feared by labor and management.

What appears to be a well-conceived plan following a medium path has now been set up by the RFC, investing in the Defense Supplies Corporation control over surplus war property and its disposal.* The DSC plan endeavors to secure full utilization of surplus component parts as practicable, both within the Government and for civilian consumption, and to distribute such surplus component parts as economically as possible with a minimum of disturbance of the industry and through existing channels of distribution.

This means that the agencies that produced the apparatus originally must cooperate to the fullest extent in furnishing facilities and services for disposing of any surplus in an orderly manner.

Many classes of apparatus are involved: (1) complete receivers and transmitters for a special purpose. These will probably be of use only by other government agencies (forestry reclamation, etc.), and by a certain number of radio ama-teurs, experimenters and college laboratories. Some items may even be convertible for special industrial uses, as by railroads. (2) Components such as resistors, and other parts, and receiving tubes which probably can be mostly absorbed by civilian demand to fill the existing "vacuum." (3) Laboratory equipment of many types, transmitting tubes and such components that are available in such quantities, that normal production would have to be curtailed for many years when these surpluses are made available to public buyers.

In all of these classes, the DSC plan forms an admirable working basis although in the first and third categories some additional planning will be found necessary. For example, take the matter of radio transmitting tubes:

It seems that already several million transmitting tubes covering some forty-odd types are ready to be assigned to the surplus status, and it is quite possible that several times this number, in foreign warehouses, near the scene of operations, may ultimately be added to this list. It is assumed that military procurement agencies are aware of both the inventory figures and the projected needs and that no feverish and inexcusable activ-

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ity is exerted in building up this stock to higher levels, where surpluses are already indicated.

It is manifestly a job for the transmitting tube industry as a whole, to provide for the resale as one example of 250,000 tubes of a particular 100-watt type, especially when many other types (having nominally competing characteristics) are also made available as surplus at the same time.

To be able to make recommendations and to take care of the DSC commitments, a Marketing Research Committee has been formed among members of the Tube section of the RMA to study this resale market and to produce an equitable plan that will enable all tubes to be usefully employed, even if their disposition covers several vears.

This committee expects to map out the normal needs of the industry for the next few years, securing information as to the immediate replacement needs in all fields, and would endeavor to secure a cooperative program as to tube renewals for its members with the plan of slowly disposing a certain amount of this production surplus over a period of several years, along with a certain amount of new production.

Such a survey will doubtless find a future market for X per cent of the listed surplus, leaving (100 X per cent) still to be considered. Here is where the fullest use of American ingenuity can come into the picture. There are a great many potential fields of activity for electronic products, that are handicapped by the cost of development and the cost of service for the first few years of operation. It generally happens that experience and continued research makes what are uneconomic processes at the start, of value in later years, in fact the start of whole new industries. It is suggested, therefore, that numerous projects be investigated with the idea of opening up new services.

Industrial cooking of foods comes to mind, and has proved possible not economically comparable if with present methods. Could enough pilot installations be established in the many factories of this field, subsidized with access to these surplus stores of components at a reasonable figure, to tide these projects over the first few years, where development costs, rapid obsolescence due to progress, and lower cost of competing methods all form a hurdle that is often not easy to pass.

Other developmental projects having similar future prospects are: electronic cooking in homes, precipitation, greater amount of electronic equipment made available to college laboratories, uhf and television relays to outlying districts, (Continued on page 256)

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Some doubts, however, arose from certain groups of industry representatives as to the broad scope of the proposed Central Frequency Registration Board, projected as a revision of the International Radio Regulations. While the members of the State Department's technical subcommittee of the Special Committee on Communications, headed by Dr. J. H. Dellinger, radio chief of the Bureau of Standards, contended that such a registration bureau was most desirable because of the present advances in international radio, several spokesmen, including Admiral S. C. Hooper

FCC Plans Hearing On Frequency Allocations

With the aim of determining the frequency requirements of non-governmental radio services in the United States, the FCC decided a jew days after the IRAC meeting that it will start public hearings beginning September 28 to obtain information and views on postwar frequency allocation policy.

The FCC, it is understood, is particularly interested in reexamining the IRAC proposal for television, FM, and shortwave broadcasting with the possible purposes of giving these services more space. The FCC disclosed that it planned to work closely with the Rudio Technical Planning Board in its studies.

and Col. W. R. Blair of Automatic Electric and Commissioner E. K. Jett, felt the United States position must be fully protected. Col. Blair proposed that the Board's membership should represent each region of the world; Admiral Hooper warned that international boards might start out satisfactorily but often ended up as political agencies; and Commissioner Jett wanted the Board's powers carefully defined so that it would remain largely advisory rather than regulatory. The Berne Bureau was agreed to be operating satisfactorily despite the exigencies of the war, but new machinery for radio frequency registration and to prevent international interferences was greatly needed in the opinion of the governmental proponents of the change. It is felt that a compromise proposal for the Board will be evolved in later preparatory meetings.

Both Francis Colt deWolf, Chief of the State Department's Telecommunications Division who made the opening address Aug. 11, and Dr. Dellinger, who presided at both the general meeting and over the allocations committee, emphasized that the IRAC plan was a nucleus for discussion and that the industry and government representatives should regard it as a starting point for their deliberations. Mr. deWolf stressed the need for the utmost speed in the formulation of the American position for the coming conferences - the Inter-American parley at Rio de Janeiro early next year and the postwar world conference-and asked the government-industry groups to finish their studies by December 1 at the latest so that the Berne Special Communications Committee on could forward the recommendations to the State Department's Postwar Planning Committee. Dr. Dellinger asked that the Radio Technical Planning Board help the preparatory group with all technical data which will be useful in the international field, especially that related to television.

The only notes of opposition to the IRAC proposed allocation came from the spokesmen for the International broadcasting group—at least a segment of that field as represented by Walter S. Lemmon, President of the Worldwide Broadcasting Foundation, and his chief engineer E. K. Cohan, former CBS chief engineer. Both Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Cohan protested the de-



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One group, headed by Captain E. M. Webster of the Coast Guard, discussed proposed changes in the operational portion of the International Radio Regulations and met again on August 23. There was general agreement that a new distress call frequency of 2070 kc. besides the universal 500 kc wavelength, should be approved. This would enable aviation and small boats to operate on the proposed new wavelength. It was emphasized that the distress call had not been changed for 40 years. Another group, headed by Harvey Otterman of the State Department, dealing with the revision of the Madrid Convention of 1932, will hold another meeting in early September. The most important preparatory body, that on Allocations, headed by Dr. Dellinger, met August 11 and 12 and will hold another session after Labor Day.

Former Commissioner T. A. M. Craven, now Eastern Vice Pres-ident of the Cowles Radio interests who had headed the IRAC committee on allocations which prepared the plan, explained the IRAC allocation in detail, showing the percentage breakdown for each service in connection with the various frequency ranges. He cited that the reason for leaving out shortwave broadcasting was that in the 3.5 to 18 megacycle range, useful for long distance communication, the present international broadcasting of the United States and Great Britain comprised 36 stations each, and Russia had many more so that if all nations were given room in this range most of this portion of the spectrum would be assigned to broadcasting.

Commander Craven expressed the belief that allocation under the IRAC plan of nine 6 mc channels between 54 and 108 mc for television was adequate because of the proposal for thirty 16 mc channels between 460 and 956 mc for color television and eventual use of 31 television channels of 16 mc width between 450 and 1000 mc. He declared that the lower portion of the spectrum was only temporary for video and that the RTPB panel expects television to go higher. Dr. B. E. Shackelford of RCA, together with Robert Shelby of NBC, later countered this view by emphasizing that the small space allotted to television in the lower portion might well prevent the new tele-



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Del Rentzel, President of Aeronautical Radio, stressed that aviation because it operates both over land and water needed special attention in radio communications navigation and safety aids. Many new devices, developed during the war, will add to the safety of flying, he cited.

The IRAC plan had recognized and had emphasized the need for radio space for the aviation industry in its proposed allocations for intercontinental and overseas flying in the high frequency portion. It was visualized that air-ground services will share maritime mobile frequencies for the same type of traffic and will communicate with maritime land stations.

Broadcast services-FM and television and their relay links-were assigned approximately 61 per cent of the spectrum between 42 and 1000 megacycles. FM broadcasting was allotted a projected group of sixty 200 kc channels in the band between 42 and 54 megacycles. But it was brought out that propagation interferences might have to be studied in this field to determine FM's final location. The IRAC was understood to have regarded as absolutely essential that sufficient space between 100 and 400 megacycles should be provided for maritime and aviation services, especially aids to air and sea navigation through the new radar developments.

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