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15018	H-71	20	40	18.5	50	15.5	60	10	70	350	500	2500	FB
10	H-73	11	100	9.5	125	7.5	150	5.5	175	150	700	2500	HB
0	H-75	11	200	10	230	8.5	250	6.5	300	90	700	2500	KB
	H-77	10	300	9	350	8	390	6.5	435	60	2000	5500	MB
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H-124	5	3	3	2000	FB
H-127	5	20	30	21000	NA
H-131	6.3CT	2	2.5	2500	FB
H-132	6.3CT 6.3CT	6 6	7	2500	JA
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SHOP

► COMMUNICATIONS . . . Editors on ELECTRONICS staff have one advantage over the editors of many other publications—they can pursue their editorial interests at home as a hobby.

Half the staff currently hold FCC licenses, mostly amateur, and nearly all have at some time or another held ship and broadcast operator licenses.

The publishing business being what it is, the amateurs on the staff do not spend much time operating. They do, considerable experimenting, though, some of it on amateur equipment.

Seven editors have commercial communications receivers, several have more than one. We exclude Command sets from this category, but there are two dozen of these scattered throughout the staff.

There are five tape recorders and two wire recorders in editors' homes. These have had an increasing amount of use in the past year or two and there has been some duplicating of tape for other editors.

Television sets average 2.4 per editor. Sizes range very widely and include 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, and 21-inch picture tubes. Two are the proud possessors of color sets.

Table model radio receivers, with and without clocks, average 3.1 per editor.

Ten f-m receivers, or tuners and amplifiers, are used by ELECTRONICS editors.



TALK

Some rather odd pieces of gear turned up in our survey. These came from surplus which, right after the war, was a boon to those of us who admire odd pieces of electronic gear. Included are two radio teleprinters.

Three of us admit that, although we have no practical use for them, it was because of purely academic interest and admiration that we picked up Gibson Girls.

► DISTANCE NO PROBLEM . . .

A subscriber in Durban, South Africa floored us last month. He wrote that he noticed in December *Shoptalk* the troubles faced by another reader packing and moving his 120 copies of ELECTRONICS from the east to the west coast.

He, J. W. Orner, states, "I am up against much the same trouble as I have a collection dating back to mid 1948 and am leaving South Africa for the U. S. shortly. In my case the problem seems to be a bit tougher and I have not yet succeeded in solving the first of his two troubles, convincing my wife that the issues are really going with us."

► CHIROGRAPHY... Editors are often called upon to interpret foreign letters (sometimes in the original non-English) because of their technical knowledge that helps clarify individual words from their context. Recently, however, a different technique was necessary.



ELECTRONICS Washington editor Gladys Montgomery handles our affairs with the various agencies in the nation's capital but has never been in New York when photos of the staff were taken for Shoptalk. She appears at left, in the photo above. It was taken at the annual dinner of the Women's National Press Club and includes Mrs. Eisenhower, other members of the club and President Eisenhower

An English-speaking author sent in some typed copy that was obviously very much garbled. After a moment of headscratching, the editor decided that a typist had put down what she saw instead of what the author meant when he scribbled it down.

Fortunately, he was familiar with the author's writing. So he scribbled "nook" in a simulated hand, and sure enough, the letters also looked like "mask". 'The word fitted the context most perfectly!

► NO END TO NOISE ... "Reducing Noise in Communications Systems", page 148 this issue, concludes Bill Bennett's series on electrical noise. This is not the last word ELECTRONICS has to say on the subject, however. We will-continue to follow the subject closely and to publish other worthwhile articles in future issues.

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FIGURES OF THE MONTH

	Latest	Previous	Year
	Month	Month	Ago
RECEIVER PRODUCTION	NC		
(Source: RETMA)	Apr. '56	Mar. '56	Apr. '55
Television sets, total	549,632	680,003	583,174
With UHF	74,102	82,805	103,088
Color sets	nr	nr	nr
Radio sets, total	992,982	1,360,113	1,099,755
With F-M	nr	833	13,894
Auto sets	299,253	478,272	567,876
RECEIVER SALES			
(Source: RETMA)	Apr. '56	Mar. '56	Apr. '55
Television sets, units	347,630	544,411	411,748
Radio sets (except auto)	471,193	527,649	367,841

RECEIVING TUBE SALES

(Source: RETMA)	Apr. '56	Mar. '56	Apr. '55
Receiv. tubes, total units	35,184,000	42,525,000	35,426,153
Receiv. tubes, value	\$28,616,000	\$34,849,000	\$26,779,586
Picture tubes, total units	830,902	848,055	788,317
Picture tubes, value	\$15,141,461	\$15,714,365	\$14,620,075

		Quarterly Figu	res
INDUSTRIAL TUBE SALES	Latest Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago
(Source: NEMA)	4th '55	3rd '55	4th '54
Vacuum (non-receiving) Gas or vapor Magnetrons and velocity	\$9,967,411 \$3,251,621	\$9,027,845 \$3,438,835	\$9,338,181 \$3,498,123
modulation tubes Gaps and T/R boxes	\$13,726,323 \$1,578,767	\$10,998,967 \$1,421,138	\$15,249,651 \$1,788,780

MILITARY PROCUREMENT

(Source: Defense Dept.)	1st ′56	4th '55	1st '55
Army	\$40,490,000	\$48,477,000	\$2,833,000
Navy	\$28,700,000	\$20,378,000	\$43,147,000
Air Force\$	124,828,000	\$131,938,000	\$133,503,000
Total—Electronics \$2	194,018,000	\$200,793,000	\$179,483,000

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

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Year A ao
BROADCAST STATION	IS		rigo
(Source: FCC)	May '56	Apr. '56	May '55
TV stations on air	495	489	454
TV stations CPs-not on air	112	114	124
TV stations - new requests	41	29	16
A-W stations on air	2,890	2,872	2,7 11
A-M stations - new requests	273	118	103
F-M stations on air	532	275 534	217
F-M stations CPs-not on air	15	13	12
F-M stations—new requests	4	6	4
COMMUNICATION AL	JTHORIZ	ATIONS	
(Source: FCC)	Apr. '56	Mar. '56	Apr. '55
Aeronautical	46,739	45,488	42,045
Marine	55,530	55,175	49,261
Police, fire, etc.	20,339	20,216	17,827
Land transportation	28,945	28,454	24,045
Amateur	148 648	146 699	134 720
Citizens radio	17,046	16.262	11,193
Disaster	327	327	313
Experimental	690	666	600
Common carrier	2,219	2,185	1,917
EMPLOYMENT AND P	AYROLLS		
(Source: Bur, Labor Statistics)	Mar. '56	Feb. '56	Mar. 55
Prod. workers, comm. equip.	378,300-р	385,400-r	352,300
Av. wkly. earnings, comm	\$75.14 -р	\$74.93 -r	\$70.80
AV. WKIY. earnings, radio	\$72.00 -p	\$70.84 -r	\$68.68
Av. wkly. hours, radio	40.4 -p 40.0 -p	40.5 -r 40.0 -r	40.0 39.7
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	Mar. '56	Feb '56	lan (6/*
Transistors Units	707 817	616 910	5411. 30"
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STOCK PRICE AVERAGES (Source: Standard and Poor's) M.

Source: Standard and Poor's)	May '56	Apr. '56	May '55
Radio-tv & electronics	424.0	450.0	471.4
Radio broadcasters	492.1	524.0	537.0
p—provisional r	-revised	nr-not report	ed
* 195	5 not available		

TOTALS FOR 1956	FIRST FOUR 1955	MONTHS Percent Change	1955 Total
2,394,264	2,771,426	-13.6	7,756,521
4,525,225	4,739,919	— 4.5	14,894,695
2,036,808	2,355,740	-13.5	7,421,084
1,984,915	1,609,182	+ 23.3	6,921,384
155,604,000	152,762,000	+ 1.9	479,802,000
3,469,405	3,427,745	+ 1.2	10,874,234

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RETMA Sees Increased Volume

Predicts rise of \$250 million in equipment sales this year, higher military and radio sales

DURING the 1955-56 RETMA fiscal year ending in August, electronics manufacturers will sell equipment valued at \$5.5 billion as against \$5.25 billion during 1954-55 fiscal year, according to estimates by F. W. Mansfield of Sylvania, chairman of RETMA's statistics committee. The total billing of the industry should exceed \$10 billion with distribution, service, installation and broadcast revenue.

The total factory sales of all amusement devices (radios, television sets, phonographs, etc) was estimated at \$1.434 billion compared with \$1.495 billion in the last fiscal year. Industrial and commercial products are up from \$625 million to \$775 million. Military products exceed \$2.5 billion versus \$2.375 billion in the preceding fiscal year. Replacement parts reach \$780 million this year compared with sales of \$725 million.

▶ Units—Radios gain 14 percent with 14,300,000 units sold by factories during 1955-56 compared with the 12,576,138 in 1954-55. Auto radios account for 6,400,-000 units versus 5,704,983 for a gain of 12 percent. Factory sales of all other radios were estimated at 7,900,000 versus 6,871,155, a 15percent growth.

Television set factory sales show a decline of 6 percent, from 7,959,-389 to 7,450,000 units. ▶ Multiple Ownership—According to the RETMA report, it is to be expected that the television industry is on the threshold of a new upswing even though 75 percent of American households have one or more television sets and 91 percent may have them by 1960. Multiple set ownership and replacement sales will account for the rise. During 1954, the number of television sets sold to those already having at least one set in working order was 925,000. During 1955, another 1,700,000 were sold as second sets.

In 1950, replacement television sales were only 102,000. Last year, they were 2,366,000. By 1960, it is estimated that annual television sales to replacement buyers will be 6,100,000.

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Military Backlogs Hold Up

Companies have big business on the books and orders are increasing

MANY firms are well set for a big year in the military electronics business. This is indicated by the industry's military backlog. Individual firms report sharp increases in unfilled orders.

At the beginning of 1956, the industry had a total military backlog of \$4,503.5 million representing a decline of only \$23 million from the \$4,526.4 million a year earlier. Recent reports for individual firms indicate that by the beginning of 1957, the backlog of military orders may approach the total of 1954.

▶ Rise—One company reports that its current \$58-million backlog is the highest month-end total since December, 1954. Reports from other firms indicate increases ranging from 25 percent to 100 percent over backlogs of a year ago. For ten companies, backlogs, on the average, are some 60 percent higher than they were a year ago.

▶ Why—Increased emphasis on guided missile and other aircraft procurement this year is an important reason for the rising backlog. Some manufacturers who planned to deemphasize military business in favor of civilian sales have changed plans and are staying with military electronics.

The Navy's survey of electronic production capabilities (ELECTRON-ICS, June, p 8, 1956) showed that this year 99 companies of those surveyed plan 100 percent military production compared to 73 in 1955. However, the number of companies who planned 100-percent civilian production also increased, from 79 in 1955 to 97 at the beginning of 1956.

CAA Budgets for Electronics

Program calls for \$250 million expenditure for equipment in the next five years

ELECTRONICS looms large in CAA plans to provide adequate air navigation, communications and traffic control for the nation's growing aircraft population. For electronics manufacturers the program may mean new business in the next five years of close to \$250 million.

▶ Major Units—Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR) with a range of 50 to 60 miles will be increased by an additional 44 locations through fiscal 1961 bringing the total number to 89. As of June 30, 1955, a total of 45 had been planned with 31 commissioned and 14 under installation.

By 1957 the CAA hopes to have 13 Radar Approach Control (RAP-CONS) units in operation increasing to 20 by 1958. Cost for the program through 1961, excluding maintenance and operation, would be about \$19.6 million.

▶ Long-Range Radar—This equipment, for obtaining information on aircraft en route rather than in terminal areas, is to be increased by 51 additional installations through fiscal 1961 at a total establishment cost of \$42.2 million.

Secondary Radar—Used to detect and identify aircraft within a range of 200 miles, secondary radar or ATC Radar Beacon System depends on transmitted replies from air-



craft. A total of 162 is contemplated through 1961 of which 28 will be furnished by the military. This will mean expenditure of \$15.2 million for the equipment during the period.

► VOR/DME—This equipment provides track guidance and position information for air navigation. As of June 30, 1955 214 DME's had been commissioned for use with VOR's, 141 more had been installed but not commissioned, 73 installations were under way and 4 projects were unassigned. There has not been a DME establishment program since fiscal 1955.

Federal agencies on the Air Coordinating Committee agreed last year on military implementation of a tactical air navigation system (TA-CAN) and the continued use of VOR/DME until some succeeding "common system" has been adopted and installed.

If TACAN is adopted, VOR would continue in use until 1965 and DME until 1960. However, if VOR/DME continue as part of the overall "common system" CAA estimates that 383 additional VOR/-DME facilities will be required through 1961 with a \$49.7 million establishment cost. If TACAN is adopted an estimated 814 TACAN units will be required through 1961.

▶ ILS—An additional 28 instrument Landing Systems will be required through 1961. As of June 30, 1955, 170 were programmed, 157 commissioned, 5 unassigned and 8 underway. New ILS will cost about \$11.4 million to establish.

► Other—Other equipment planned that may provide additional business for electronics manufacturers includes INSACS or interstate airway communications systems and OFACS, overseas-foreign aeronautical communications stations.

Broadcasters Get Set For 1956 Politics Elaborate tv facilities are planned by networks for convention coverage

THREE tv networks will have tons of equipment on hand for coverage of the Republican National Convention in San Francisco Aug. 21-24 and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago Aug. 13 to 20.

► ABC — American Broadcasting plans to build two 14-room units, one in San Francisco and one in Chicago.

The network will use 25 cameras in addition to five pool cameras. ABC newsmen will be equipped with portable tv cameras, two-way communications sets and thirty magnetic paging receivers will be available. (ELECTRONICS, p 210,

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Newsman for NBC-TV's convention coverage holds experimental RCA transceiver, left, and a portable tv camera powered by a pack on his back

June 1956). Three mobile units will operate in each convention city.

► CBS—Approximately 22 tons of equipment will be used by CBS to cover the Chicago convention. It will then be moved to San Francisco for the Republican convention. High-speed computers, new twoway radios weighing about 5 pounds each and a new tv camera will be included in the equipment.

The network also hopes to have Ampex video recorders available for convention coverage. (ELEC-TRONICS, p 7, May, 1956).

► NBC—Staffs at each convention for NBC will number close to 400 persons. Three mobile units and over 40 cameras will be used at each site. On the convention floors, a team of reporters will be equipped with two-way radios. Roving mobile units and portable one-man cameras will be used. Film units equipped with high-speed developing equipment will be on the scene.

The network will use Porto-Vision, portable tv receivers that will enable politicians to see each other by split-screen techniques while they talk to each other. The tv audience will have a view of the conversation at the same time. Hip pocket wire recorders with tie-clasp microphones will also be used.

FCC Actions

► Announced reception of 50 comments overwhelmingly in favor of proposed unlimited remote control for a-m and f-m stations. Present rules allow remote control of non-directional a-m and f-m of 10 kw or less.

► Stayed arc welding rules until further information is available about the characteristics of radio-frequency arc stabilizers that cause interference to communications.

► Amended tv rules to permit operation of uhf translator stations in channels 70 to 83 to serve areas without good tv signals. Translators will pick up programs from existing stations and rebrodcast them with an effective 100 watts. More than one remotely controlled translator can be used per program, but each on a different channel with its own call letters.

► Created a Domestic Radio Facilities Division in the Common Carrier Bureau to handle radio services and facilities of domestic common carriers.

Established the radio-frequency band 10,500 to 10,550 mc for land and mobile radio-positioning stations using c-w emission.

► Sought information to formulate rules for experimental tropospheric over-the-horizon "scatter" assignments, which Commission believes may replace or supplement conventional radio systems.

► Received Stromberg-Carlson petition to establish selective radio paging service for certain industrial radio users.

▶ Deferred to Dec. 1 the requirement that field intensity measurements of spurious radiation be submitted with requests for equipment type acceptance.

Test Equipment Volume Triples

Value of shipments nears \$190 million with oscilloscopes showing biggest gain

MANUFACTURERS of test equipment for electrical, radio and communication circuits shipped over \$188.1 million worth of products in 1954, according to an advance report on the 1954 Census of Manufacturers by the Commerce Department. The total represents more than a threefold increase over 1947 shipments worth \$54.8 million. ► Types—Four types of test instruments registered the largest percentage gain in shipments during the 7-year period between 1947 and 1954. Oscilloscopes (high frequency types) rose from \$766,000 to \$7.0 million during the period, followed by radio - frequency measuring equipment which increased from \$1.8 million in 1947 to \$13.7 million in 1954. Electronic volt-ohm-milliammeters registered a gain of \$2.9 million in annual dollar volume of

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shipments, going from \$723,000 in 1947 to \$3.6 million in 1954. Signal generator shipments rose from \$3.7 million to \$15.1 million.

► Leaders—Shipments for five types of test equipment exceeded \$10 million in 1954, according to the Census. They are engine analyzers and auxiliary equipment, \$23.1 million; oscilloscopes and oscillographs other than high-frequency types. \$16.4 million; signal generators, \$15.1 million; radio-frequency measuring equipment \$13.7 million: parts for test equipment sold separately, \$11.3 million.

▶ Other—Volume of shipments for other types of test equipment listed in the Census breakdown in order of value is as follows: microwave test equipment \$8.4 million; oscilloscopes (high-frequency types), \$7.0 million; receiving tube testers, \$5.8 million; electrical volt-ohmmilliammeters, \$4.4 million; electronic volt-ohm-milliammeters, \$3.6 million; resistor, capacitor and inductor measuring equipment, \$3.2 million; broadcast transmitter test equipment, \$1.6 million.

Overall volume of shipments for other types of test equipment not listed in the breakdown totaled \$73.7 million.

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RADAR hanging from stanchion, left, detects cars approaching intersection and sends count to computer, right, that controls traffic lights when . . .

Tubes Clear Highway Traffic Jams

Traffic control systems range from downtown grids to isolated intersections

WITH nearly 62 million registered motor vehicles and new ones rolling off the assembly lines at about nine million annually, traffic congestion has become a serious problem. Engineers working towards more efficient handling of highway traffic are getting help from electronic devices including radar and computers.

▶ Vehicle Detection — One way to count cars approaching an intersection is an overhead doppler radar set about the size of a wastepaper basket. Its cone-shaped beam covers one approach. The set emits a pulse each time a vehicle passes through the beam.

Other ways to detect approaching vehicles are pressure or magnetic detectors set in the road. Some engineers prefer radar because it does not require digging up the pavement when it is installed.

► Computers—Pulses from the vehicle detectors go to preset counters that establish the traffic-signal cycle. At the traffic signal, electron tubes control the green-amber-red light cycle.

At so-called semiactuated intersections, two detectors on side-road approaches count vehicles while the traffic signal is set to favor traffic on the arterial highway. At fully actuated intersections four or more detectors count vehicles approaching in all directions and allocate green time on the traffic signal to favor the heaviest traffic flow. It costs from \$3,000 to \$15,000 to control an intersection depending upon the equipment required and the problems arising in installing cables and detectors.

► Master Control—In downtown areas master units controlling many lights automatically set up signal patterns to favor the heaviest traffic flow. In Philadelphia, for example, there will be five master units. On Broad St., three units will control about 60 intersections.

Baltimore plans to control more than 300 intersections. About two dozen cities including Atlanta, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles and New Orleans have some form of electronic traffic signal control. In five years, an estimated 1,000 cities will have electronic control systems.

The radar detector and master control unit shown are made by Eastern Industries, Norwalk, Conn.

► Speed Control—Doppler radar is doing a big job helping police tag speeders. About 1,500 units are in use.

Another application is a radar unit installed on Connecticut's Merritt Parkway that tells officers at State Police headquarters the speed of vehicles passing the monitor. Police can thus foretell impending con-(Continued on page 14)





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Antenna on fire chief's car controls traffic signals

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► Emergency Vehicles—The device shown in the photograph allows emergency vehicles to turn traffic signals red on side roads while speeding along a highway. The antennas radiate a 200-ft beam. Made by Standard Coil Products, the equipment consists of a transmitter in the vehicle and receiver in each traffic-signal control box.

Business Failures Up In Electronics Slight increase in number

of failures is offset by decrease in total liabilities

DURING the year ending in April, 29 manufacturers of electronic equipment or products failed in business compared with 26 in the previous year. Total liabilities of the 29 companies were approximately \$11,055,-000 as against \$14,460,000 for the 26 firms a year ago, according to RETMA's credit committee.

► Types—Twenty of the troubled companies are continuing in business under the supervision of creditors' committees and nine have gone out of business completely with little or no recovery to creditors.

Seventeen of the firms were producers of components; eight were manufacturers of electronic equipment; two manufactured phonographs; one produced recorders, and one manufactured electronic organs.

Electronics Aids Weather Bureau

Radar for hurricane and tornado warning grows as \$10 million is programmed for more equipment

HURRICANE season which started in June and reaches its height in September will be under closer watch this year than ever before. The U.S. Weather Bureau now has 42 radar units in operation in the U.S. representing an investment of nearly \$500,000.

Two years ago the Bureau had 22 radar units in operation mainly for use in a tornado picket line in Texas where a line of 14 radar units was established.

► Equipment—Most radars now operating are APS 2 or 13 surplus radars turned over to the Bureau by the military. With the units a range of 200 miles is possible.

Soon, however, the Weather Bureau will have new radar units especially designed for its use. Bids are being received for the units which will range in price from \$100,000 to \$250,000. A contract will be let soon covering about 36 units. The Bureau hopes eventually to have approximately 100 radars in operation throughout the country for storm coverage.

Its overall equipment buying program calls for the expenditure of some \$10 million through 1959 of which about \$2.5 million has already been approved. A large percentage of the total amount will be used for electronics including the new weather radars, automatic visibility equipment and automatic ceiling cloud height recorders of which more than 100 are planned.

► Computers—For the past year the Weather Bureau, in conjunction with the Air Force and Navy, has been using an electronic computer for weather predictions. Ultimately the Bureau hopes to extend its use to tie in with automatic weather observers (ELECTRONT'S. p 196, May '56) which will obtain the weather information, transfer it by teletype to a central point where the information will be converted to punched cards for compilation and analysis.



Computer, radar and radio vans, left to right, can go by plane as . . .

Air Force Gets New Radar System

ELECTRONIC close-support ground guidance radar system, designed and built by Reeves Instrument Corp., subsidiary of Dynamics Corp. of America, at a cost of about \$40 million, has been delivered to the Air Force. ▶ Parts—The system, designated MSQ-1A Close-Support Control Set, consists of three basic vans: radar, computer and communications. The radar tracks friendly aircraft and furnishes continuous data to the

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Tube Testers Invade Supermarkets

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factor in tube sales

MANUFACTURERS of tube testers of the special quick-setup type have sold a total of 12,000 units, close to \$3 million worth, since 1953. The testers go into supermarkets, drugstores and hardware stores for use by customers, and often get the same rough treatment as pinball machines.

► Acceptance — Though looked upon by many as a fad, the business has taken hold solidly in the west, southwest and southeast. In some areas it accounts for up to 50 percent of all replacement tube sales. The estimated national average of self-service replacement tube sales is around 10 percent.

► Techniques—Special testers on floor stands, foolproof and easy to operate, are installed in stores without charge by route operators. A favored location is near the liquor counter in a grocery store, because there is usually a clerk to assist with tests and unlock the tube storage rack in the tester base. Some setups carry as many as 125 different tube types. Tubes are checked out and paid for along with groceries.

A location is usually serviced once a week by the owner of the tester. Although many tester routes are owned by parts jobbers and radio servicemen, the majority are owned by pinball and jukebox route operators.

▶ Profits—Testers cost from under \$200 to around \$350. In the best southern California locations, monthly sales can run as high as \$1,000 per tester, with average monthly sales per tester hitting \$350. The national average of

supermarket tube sales is reported to be about \$70 per month per outlet.

A consignment contract between the store and the route operator usually gives the location around 25 percent of gross sales. Even with this, the monthly return on the operator's investment runs 15 to 20 percent. After half a year or so, a well-developed route can be sold at profit of 100 to 200 percent, taxed at capital gain rates.

▶ Manufacturers — Firms making special tube testers for this market include American Scientific Development Co. of Ft. Atkinson, Wis. and U-Test-M Mfg. Co. of Milwaukee. Initial response to units installed in 1953 in Milwaukee was slow, partly because of antagonism



Typical grocery supermarket installation. Multiple sockets minimize control settings needed for test

of local servicemen and tube jobbers, but sales picked up in 1954.

Largely resigned to sharing tube sales profits, servicemen in some areas pay as much as \$20 a month for the privilege of painting their name on the tester door to get the repair business when a new tube won't fix the set.



New video film recorder enters market as . . .

Bright Future Seen for Kinescope Recorders

Announcement of video-tape recorder does not appreciably affect film-recorder market

No SLUMP in sales of video film recorders is anticipated because of a recently announced video tape recorder according to a spokesman for General Precision Laboratory, a supplier of kinescope recording equipment.

▶ Prices—Ampex is taking orders for its vtr at \$45,000 a unit. Film recorders with optical sound tracks are quoted by GPL at \$23,000 and with magnetic-sound-track units for as low as \$19,700.

► Other Companies — Most recently, Univox Eastern made a bid for part of the film recorder market. It is taking orders for a kinescope recorder (see photo). The equipment consists of two units which can be transported, and setup for operation within a few minutes. Current price is \$25,000. (Continued on page 20)

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 ${\sf EARTHQUAKE}$ Ernie, left, is the name given to Northrop Aircraft's new electronic shaker (arrow). Robot like device, right, is used at GE to simulate desert heat and glare as . . .

Environment Creates Big Business

More companies buy equipment to meet new extremes in operating conditions

EVER increasing military requirements for electronic equipment that will operate within even wider limits of heat, temperature, humidity, pressure, and other climatic and operating conditions, have boosted the importance of environmental test equipment to the industry.

► Contracts — Nearly every electronics firm holding military contracts has environmental testing equipment available. One of the largest companies in the environmental field estimates that electronics firms, alone, account for about \$10 million in equipment sales a year.

► Equipment—Depending on the units, many of which are custom made, prices range anywhere from \$1,000 to \$150,000 per system. Size of the units range from one cu ft dry ice chambers to walk-in rooms, and giant facilities, such as those at an Air Force base where an aircraft hangar has been set up for environmental testing of complete aircraft.

► Range—Whereas the temperature range for much equipment was

from -100 to 350 F, today the range may go from -150 to 500 F, and up to 1,000 C in some special installations.

Temperature and altitude chambers are the biggest sellers but companies supply equipment for nearly every condition, including baths, sand and dust, explosions, fungus, fog and vibration.

▶ Firms — There are about two dozen companies that manufacture environmental equipment, according to the Environmental Equipment Institute, although about 15 companies do the bulk of the business. In addition, a number of electronics manufacturers build their own equipment. But as specifications and requirements increase, more firms are buying ready-made equipment.

▶ Product—General Dynamics and Consolidated Electrodynamics have set an agreement in which Consolidated will manufacture and market Convair's dynamic shock-testing machine. The device simulates shock experienced by equipment in actual use. It is capable of applying widely varying accelerating and decelerating forces for controlled periods of time. It will be used in shock-testing electronic equipment for missile and aircraft applications. The cylindrical device is no larger than a golf-bag, whereas drop towers now used for shock tests require much more space.

A new midget shake-test device has been developed by Northrop Aircraft. Less than one cubic foot in size, the device can apply a force of 55 g's to guided missile electronic components weighing more than 1,000 pounds. It produces vibrations ranging from 5 to 600 cps. Prime mover is a vibration exciter composed of the two-stage electrohydraulic servo valve and the hydraulic system. An amplifier-like exciter transmits electronic impulses to the valve's pilot spool. This controls the movements of the piston rod to shake the specimen.



RESEARCH of petroleum is aided by RCA unit at Atlantic Refining as . . .

Electron Microscopes Keep Gaining

Applications widen as industrial and biological research activities increase

BETWEEN 1,000 and 1,200 electron microscopes are in use throughout the world.

► Market—RCA estimates that it has produced about 600 units. Many have been manufactured abroad. About two dozen foreign firms are active.

. Countries in which the devices (Continued on page 22)

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BARRY ADDS New West Coast Facility

Occupies Plant in Burbank

With its purchase of all physical assets of the United States Sheet Metal Products Company in Burbank, California, Barry Controls Incorporated establishes a Western Division for improved service to the aircraft and missile industry. Operations of the Western Division will include an engineering design section, a shock and vibration test laboratory, a model shop, and production of special designs.

The metal-working facilities of this plant will be used to produce prototypes of vibration-isolating mounting bases and for short-run production of special mounting bases. Stocks of standard isolators will also be maintained here. Barry's present West Coast engineering office will become part of the engineering section of the Western Division.

With the availability of on-the-spot engineering consultation and local model-shop facilities, design and development of complex mounting systems for missiles and jet aircraft will be speeded and valuable lead-time gained for production of prototypes.

CHIVERS TO HEAD WESTERN DIVISION



A. S. Chivers, Sales Manager of Barry Controls Incorporated, has been appointed General Manager of the new Barry Western Division. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chivers joined Barry in 1952 as administrative assistant with the sales department. He was made Assistant Sales Manager in 1953 and Sales Manager in 1955. As General Manager of the Western Division, he will be responsible for the direction of all its activities.

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The attitude gyro of North American Aviation's F-100 Super Sabre must give reliable indication through every flight attitude — or the pilot won't know which way is up.

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2. Short leads replace long cables because the Barry Mounts float the assembly within its case.

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Barry's Western Division, in Burbank, California, will offer engineering facilities, prototype service, and short-run production of "specials".



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are produced include Holland, Switzerland, France, Sweden, Germany, Great Britain and Japan. There are some 12 or 13 different brands of electron microscopes made in Japan. Russia claims that it has several models available.

Industrial and biological research represent large markets for electron microscopes. More than 20 companies in the chemical and processing field have installed the devices. The petroleum and railroad fields also rank high in importance along with the metal fabricators and industrial research institutes.

► Use—Atlantic Refining Co. recently installed an RCA unit at its research labs. It is being used in research and development of lubricating greases, waxes and catalysts. According to Atlantic, grease technology is being advanced by electron microscopic study of the ef-

Wire Makers Size Up Future

Communications equipment accounts for high volume but printed circuits are gaining

WIRE and cable for communications, ranging from wire used in radio and tv sets to railroad signal wire and coaxial cable, account for over 20 percent of the total value of insulated wire and cable produced in the U. S. An estimated \$1.5 billion worth of insulated wire and cable was produced and shipped last year with between \$300 million and \$400 million dollars worth going for communications equipment. In 1953 communications wire and cable shipments totaled about \$300 million.

► Sets—Radio and tv set makers have been major markets for some wire manufacturers. About 20 companies are members of RET-MA's wire section.

Last year an estimated 400 million feet of wire, mainly Awg. No. 18, 20 and 22, were used in tv sets. At current prices this represents about \$2 million. Add to this, wire fects of processing variables such as composition, temperature and degree of mechanical work on the structure and quality of greases.

The electron microscope played a part in the development of the Salk polio vaccine. It is capable of making polio virus visible. It is also aiding law-enforcement agencies. With the device it is said to be possible to detect the origin of incendiary material.

▶ Power—Early electron microscopes provided direct magnification of about 20,000 diameters.

North American Philips and Seimens & Halske have models that provide direct magnification up to 100,000 diameters. With photographic enlargement, useful magnification can be extended up to 300,000 diameters.

Prices range from about \$9,000 to \$45,000, depending on power and auxiliary services.

used in 14 million radios, computers and military equipment.

▶ Insulation—According to a 1955 survey by the Department of Agriculture, the communications wire industry purchased 72 million pounds of plastics material, 35.5 million pounds of paper, 28 million pounds of rubber, 9.6 million pounds of cotton and about 5 million pounds of acetate, asbestos and fibrous glass.

▶ Printed Circuits—Increasing use of printed circuits has cut the volume of hookup wire sold for electronics. This year an estimated 70 percent of all radios will use printed circuit boards and some 6 million sq ft of printed circuit boards will be produced for tv sets. In all, a total of 8 million sq ft of printed circuit board may be produced in 1956.

RCA's new color and monochrome sets will use up to six printed circuit boards in each chassis. In the new color sets from 80 to 90 percent of the circuits are on printed circuit boards compared to about 20 percent in previous color sets.



Control board of new nuclear reactor for industrial research is inspected as . . .

Industry Gets Private Nuclear Reactor

Unit for industrial research goes into operation at Armour Research Foundation

PRIVATE nuclear reactor for industrial research goes into operation at a new \$1.2 million physics and electrical engineering research building being constructed by Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. It was built by Atomics International, a division of North American Aviation. The reactor is a neutron and gamma source and is not intended for the generation of electrical power, nor for research on reactors themselves.

► Use—Probably the most frequent use of the ARF research reactor will be in the production of radioactive samples. The reactor makes possible, structure analysis potentially more powerful than the standard x-ray diffraction techniques.

▶ Electronics — The instrumentation consists of circuits which monitor reactor power and the performance of the gas-handling and cooling system. There is provision for area radiation monitoring and similar instrumentation.

► Firms — Twenty-four industrial companies are participating in the nuclear reactor research program (Continued on page 24)



EARLY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE with electronic location equipment at G.E. began in 1935 when this first system, with an output of $1\frac{1}{2}$ watts, located planes up to five miles away.



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2. Small, portable systems for weather balloon tracking were developed and produced for the Army and Navy in 1948.

3. Powerful heightfinding antenna, FPS-6XW1, developed by G.E. for USAF in 1949, was an advancement in long-range detection.

4. Giant shipboard search antenna, largest in use today, was G-E developed and produced for Navy early-warning ships.

5. Long-range search antennas (FPS-7) were designed and built by G.E. using advanced construction techniques.

6. One of the first combination antennas (allows both search and elevation detection), the Navy's SPS-8 was designed and produced to give a precise beam pattern.

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at ARF. At least six of the firms are active in the electronics field.

Each firm is contributing \$20,000 toward the construction and initial operation of the \$700,000 reactor

TV Industry Pushes Color

More tv broadcasters add color facilities. Two color set makers break \$500 prices

NUMBER of tv stations that get network color service over Bell System facilities reached 203 stations in 141 cities as of June 1. At the beginning of the year only 190 stations in 101 cities had the facilities available. At the end of 1954, AT&T cross-country tv routes had been reengineered to carry color to 139 stations in 101 cities.

CBS reports that it now has 117 stations equipped to rebroadcast its color shows. It has 32 stations equipped with color slide equipment, 30 with color film equipment and 8 with color film, slide and studio equipment.

At the beginning of the year 32 NBC affiliates had slide-film equipment and 11 were fully equipped for originating live color shows. The facility. ARF is providing the remaining funds. The companies will share in the benefits of a three-year program aimed at the application of atomics to industrial problems.

network is surveying its stations for an up-to-date picture of its color facilities.

ABC still holds to its announced policy of not equipping its owned stations for color until color set circulation is sufficient.

► Expansion—CBS is expanding its color facilities on the West Coast. It is adding two color studios to its tv city in Hollywood and converting an existing studio for color tv. The net now has four color studios in Hollywood.

► Sets—Admiral and RCA, have broken the \$500 color tv price barrier with new color tv table models for the fall market. Admiral's set will sell for \$499.95. RCA has established a price of \$495 for its model. It is expected that nearly every major tv set manufacturer will have color tv in new fall lines and that some will also offer sets below \$500.

Noise Measuring Gear Has Brisk Sales

Eight-year period produces seven-fold sales increase. Future looks even brighter

In the past five years noise has been recognized at a deterrent to efficient output and a possible cause of impaired hearing. Some states have laws making impairment of hearing subject to workmen's compensation procedures. Such cases are increasing. In Wisconsin during 1953, 381 workers received a total of \$650,373 as compensation for impaired hearing caused by industrial noise.

► Sales — Noise-measuring equipment sales including sound-level meters, audiometers and related equipment have soared from about \$700,000 in 1947 to over \$3,000,000 in 1955. Sales of one sound-level meter are more than 20 percent above those for a similar period last year.

Prices of noise-measuring equipment range from \$900 to \$1,100 while audiometers are available from \$350 to \$700.

► Latest—Combining the functions of sound-level meter, octave-band analyzer and narrow-band analyzer, the Soundscope, made by Mine Safety Appliances Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., is a self-contained portable unit.

It can measure from 24 to 150 db and filters the noise into any of eight octave-bands covering the frequency range of 75 to 19,200 cps.

Financial Roundup First quarter earnings for many firms in the industry were lower than in 1955

NET income of 25 firms in the radiotv electrical equipment field for the first quarter of 1956 is off 31 percent from the first three months of 1955 and 32 percent from the last quarter of 1955 according to a survey by the First National City (Continued on page 26)

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Industrial TV Inspects Reactors



Interiors of nuclear reactors at England's Calder Hall atomic power station are inspected by special industrial-tv camera made by Pye, Ltd. Shown with its stainless-steel casing removed, camera has remotely controlled rotatable mirror that permits all-around viewing and four small bulbs at front that provide sole source of illumination. A similar camera is made by Grundig-Radio-Werke of Bavaria for boiler inspection. Only 47 mm in diameter and 150 mm long, the camera is blown by compressed air through steam pipes and smoke flues





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Bank of New York. Total net profit in the first quarter was \$55.2 million compared to \$80.6 million in the first quarter of last year and \$81.0 million in the fourth quarter of 1955.

Following are the net profit reports of companies in the electronics field, as reported in the past month for the fiscal periods indicated plus a roundup of security transactions:

	Net P	rofits
Company	1956	1955
Am. Electronics	-	
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3m	318 977	911 440
Amphenol 3m	969 005	211,440
Beckman Inst 9m	1 1 4 4 9 9 9	204,401
Clevite ?m	1,144,000	872,082
Du Mont 2m	138,000	1,175,000
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I. A. Edison 3m.	382,575	320,457
Electronic Eng. 3m	20,781	14,942
Garret 9m	3,410,810	-2,707,309
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3m	346,973	961,986
Hoffmann 3m	467.994	309,996
Magnavox 9m	2.639.000	2 110 000
Minn. Mining 3m.	8.632.518	7 452 172
Motorola 3m	2 012 876	2 153 038
Olympic 3m	159 464	2,100,000
RCA 3m	19 797 000	19 569 000
Siegler 9m	906 976	12,000,000
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om	540,000	391,000
van Norman 3m.	264,660	107,289
Westingnouse 3m	18,575,000*	12,782,000
Zenith 3m	1,831,165	-2,074,960
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► Securities — Mohawk Business Machines offered 167,000 shares of common stock, par 10 cents, at 75 cents a share. Proceeds will be used for additional working capital and general corporate purposes.

Norden-Ketay obtained a \$6.5 million V-loan and has sold \$1 million of debentures. Funds will be used to meet working capital needs arising from increased production demands. The V-loan is guaranteed by the Navy. The \$1 million 5-percent convertible, subordinated debentures, are convertible into common stock at a price of \$13.33 1-3 per share.

General Electric placed on the market \$300 million in 20-year 3.5percent debentures due May 1, 1976. The debentures are priced at 100.5 percent and accrued interest to yield about 3.47 percent to maturity. Proceeds will be used for retirement of outstanding short-term borrowings, for the replenishment of funds spent in the firm's expansion program and for the improvement, replacement and expansion of plant and other facilities.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Aug. 20-21: National Telemetering Conference, IRE, AIEE, IAS, ISA, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. Aug. 21-24: 1956 Western Elec-
- AUG. 21-24: 1956 Western Electronic Show and Convention, Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.
- AUG. 22-SEPT. 1: The 23rd Annual British National Radio Show, Earls Court, London.
- AUG. 24-26: Seventeenth Annual Summer Seminar, IRE, Emporium, Pa.
- SEPT. 10-12: Information Theory Symposium, IRE, MIT, Cambridge, Mass.
- SEPT. 11-12: Second RETMA Conference on Reliable Electrical Connections, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. SEPT. 14-15: Sixth Symposium,
- Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh. SEPT. 17-21: Eleventh Annual International Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit, ISA, New York Coliseum, New York, N. Y.
- SEPT. 24-25: Industrial Electronics Conference, IRE, AIEE, Hotel Manger, Cleveland, Ohio.
- SEPT. 26-30: New York High Fidelity Show, New York Trade Show Building, New York.
- Oct. 1-3: IRE Canadian Convention, Automotive Bldg. Exhibition Park, Toronto.
- Oct. 1-3: Twelfth Annual National Electronics Conference, Hotel Sherman, Chicago.
- Oct. 1-4: Semiconductor Symposium, Electrochemical Society, Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Industry Shorts

► Mobile Radio service contracts will be accepted by General Electric in its own name for the first time under a new sales policy. Authorized service stations will be continued and expanded.

► Transistor production is now at an annual rate of 10 million units and will reach 300 million units a year by 1965. Of the 300 million, about 25 million of them will be of the medium and large-power types, according to Minneapolis-Honey-

► Color tv service contracts, announced by RCA, range in price from \$39.95 for installation maintenance and service for 90-days, to \$99.50 for one-year coverage with unlimited service and parts.

- OCT. 8-9: Second National Symposium on Aeronautical Communications, IRE, Hotel Utica, Utica, N. Y.
- Oct. 9-10: Third Annual Computer Applications Symposium, Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, Ill.
- Ocr. 10-11: Engineering Convention of the Central Canada Broadcasters Association, Seaway Hotel, Toronto.
- Oct. 10-12: Symposium On Applications of Optical Principles to Microwaves, IRE, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.
- OCT. 15-17: Radio Fall Meeting, IRE, RETMA, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
- Oct. 16-18: Conference On Magnetism & Magnetic Materials, IRE, AIEE, APS, AIMME, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass.
- OCT. 18-19: Third Annual International Meeting of the Institute of Management Sciences, Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Oct. 25-26: Second Annual Technical Meeting of the IRE Professional Group on Electronic Devices, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.
- Oct. 29-30: Third Annual East Coast Conference On Aeronautical & Navigational Electronics, IRE, Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md.
- Nov. 7-9: Conference on Electronics In Medicine & Biology, IRE, AIEE, ISA, Gov. Clinton Hotel, New York, N. Y.

▶ Mullard Ltd. was one of the British firms that provided a color tv receiver for the demonstration to CCIR delegates during their visit to London. (ELECTRONICS, p 14, May, 1956)

► Average "middle management" executive (those between the policy-making level and that of general foreman or first-line supervisor) was paid \$11,347 last year, an overall increase of about 5 percent over the previous year, according to AMA.

► Canadian tv and radio set sales totaled 747,988 and 545,590 respectively during the fiscal year ending in April, 1956. During the previous year 679,344 tv sets and 420,632 radios were sold, according to Canadian RETMA.

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SPECIFICATIONS

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- Sweep: All electronic, linear sawtooth. Sweep signal is brought out to terminals for connection to oscilloscope horizontal amplifier. Sweep repetition rate is adjustable around and may be synchronized to the cps line.
- Markers: Up to 9 crystal positioned pulse type marks fed directly to scope vertical amplifier. Four supplied standard at 25, 35, 55 and 65 mcs. Others located as specified by purchaser. The 55 and 65 mcs. Others located as specified by purchaser. standard marks may be replaced with others as specified. Individual on-off of each mark.

Amplitude Modulation While Sweeping: Less than .05 db/mc. RF Output Voltage: 250 millivolts across 70 ohms.

RF Output Control: Switched Attenuotor: 20 db, 20db, 10 db. Continuous Attenuator: Covers approximately 5:1 ratio.

Marker Output Voltage: Positive pulse, approx. 10 V peak.

Morker Output Control: Continuously variable, 0 to maximum.

Power Supply: 105 to 125 volts, 50 to 60 cps. Power input approximately 100 watts. Circuit electronically regulated.

Price: \$395.00 f.o.b. plant with standard marks. Any standard mark may be replaced with a special frequency-\$10.00 each. Additional marks at \$20.00 each.



SPECIFICATIONS

Sweep: Regular sawtooth, adjust-able around or synchronized with 60 cps power line.

Frequency Range: Center frequen-cies may be selected at any two points in the 10 to 170 mc band.

Sweep Width: Center frequency be-low 30 mcs ± 5 mcs Wide Band, ±0.5 mc Narrow Band; Center Frequency above 30 mcs: ±10 mcs Wide Band, ±1.5 mcs Nar-row Band.

nplitude Modulation While Sweeping: Less than 0.05 db/mc. Amplitude RF Output Voltage: 250 millivolts into 70 ohms.

- **RF Output Control:** Switched at-tenuators: 20 db, 10 db and 3 db. Continuous attenuator: approxi-ately 6 db.

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- Marker Output Voltage: F pulse approximately 10 Positive peak.
- Marker Output Control: Continuously variable, zero to maximum.
- Power Requirements: 105 to 125 volts, 50-60 cps. approx. 110 watts.
- Price: \$795.00 (rack-mounted), f.o.b. plant. Cabinet \$35.00 extra.

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DESCRIPTION

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in the manufacture of custom-designed systems. Alden Products Company of Brockton, Mass., is the developer of this system which is based upon standardized pre-punched mounting cards with associated terminals, tube sockets and holding de-vices which accept resistors, condensers, tubes and other components. The cards may be snapped into place in plug-in chassis units. This eliminates the usual "rat's nest" point-to-point wiring and facilitates access for assembly and repair. The terminal cards arrange all the com-ponents on sub-chassis in "planes of cir-cuitry" which can be housed in standard-ized 2", 4", 8" or 17" Alden Basic Chassis associated with a single electronic func-tion. "Tell-Tale" monitor lights mounted on the plug-in chassis front panel can be employed to give instant indication of service failure. Plug-in chassis cults are arranged in modular metal cabinets called Uni-Backs

service failure. Plug-in chassis units are arranged in modular metal cabinets called Uni-Racks to make up and house complete systems.



Fig. 1. Circuitry laid out using terminal card mounting system.

ADVANTAGES

ADVANIAGES There are a number of primary benefits associated with the Alden System. Funda-mentally, the break-down of the circuitry by function and the modular assembly concept of components and terminal cards means that even complicated electronic-electrical problems are reduced to rela-tively simple mechanical assembly problems once the theoretical design stage is passed. The need for prototypes is eliminated since breadboard layouts can be lifted directly onto the terminal card system with the aid of planning sheets furnished by the manufacturer. The finished system is easy to keep in service—even for non-technical personnel.



Fig. 2. Easy First Level Checks By Non-Tech-nical personnel

"Tell-tale" monitors instantly locate functioning chassis elements and non-technical personnel can replace them with spare plug-in units. The faulty unit can then be repaired and returned to service. In addition, provision for numbered and color-coded in-out leads conveniently grouped at the back of each chassis by Alden Back Connectors enables laymen to make accurate first-level checks.

APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS A leading research institute received an unexpected order for a computer. Using this Basic Chassis System for housing the circuitry as plug-in units, they assembled the computer so rapidly that more than seven weeks was saved in design time and in the packaging and mechanical engi-neering phase. Moreover, the flexibility of the system permits periodic up-dating of the computer with more modern circuits as these are developed. Another important advantage lies in the shortening of required lead time on de-livery dates. One manufacturer supplying electronic test gear to the Naval Ordnance Bureau on irregular schedules is able to quote extraordinarily fast delivery on cus-tom equipment because the units go together so fast. This firm starts with a series of standard functions to which are added specialized circuit functions. The chassis are then housed in Uni-Racks and rushed to the job. In addition to speed, costs are held to a level far lower than is usual for special or custom built equipment and one or a hundred can be produced at little cost variance.

"ELECTRONIC PACKAGING" ELEMENTS

Terminal Cards: These cards are pre-cut to size, in lengths up to 3 feet. They are pre-punched with $0.101^{"}$ holes on $\frac{1}{4}^{"}$ centers for maximum flexibility in circuitry layout.

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► CONSTRUCTIVE . . . Manufacturers have become very adept at shifting engineers from somebody else to themselves. Migration has been encouraged with every trick in the bag, and particularly the alleged advantages of one geographical area or community over others.

We're realistic enough to know that individual companies must protect themselves against a manpower shortage, even at the expense of other plants. And some engineers do indeed find greater opportunity and a better way of life by moving. But it should be remembered that mere shifting adds nothing to the industry's engineering pool. Like electrons flowing into a circuit and then back to a battery, there is no increase in number by the action.

Several good plans which would permit educational institutions to turn out more engineers have been suggested. Some companies are using technicians to fill jobs formerly held by engineers, and upgrading the engineers. Steps such as these hit the shortage where it needs hitting.

► QUOTES ... AIEE's Morris D. Hooven says engineers were considered palace nobility in the time of the Pharoahs, notes that they are now being invited into an "intellectual aristocracy."

He notes also that 68 percent of all engineering students pass Selective Service deferment tests as against a 53 percent national average, that less than 2 percent are divorced as against the national average of 25 percent and that there are currently no electrical or electronic engineers in jail in the State of New Jersey.

EXPORT... One of the first needs of underdeveloped nations of Asia, Africa and South America in moving toward an industrial economy and higher standard of living is adequate communications. Inhospitable terrain rules out telephone cable in many cases. One answer is radio-relay networks.

American firms should, at least initially, find a ready market here for equipment. We have had a good deal of experience with such things as multiplexing, scatter, uhf and microwaves, and these all lend themselves ideally to the problem.

► TRANSITION ... To those who as boys wound wire on oatmeal

boxes, the world of waveguide modes and fittings will always be a little alien. And the transition from lumped to distributed constants is still by no means over.

A ferrite plate with "hen scratchings" fired into it may turn out to be the circuit of a distributed-constant phase-shift oscillator. Piezoelectric zirconate slabs laid side by side may become a transformer if driven by magnetostriction.

It is a wise engineer who can pick up a missile component and guess its function.

► COLONELS AND CONTRAC-TORS . . . Walk into the Kittyhawk Bar of the Hotel Biltmore in Dayton any cocktail hour and you will feel right at home.

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FIG. 1-Complete circuit of portable five-transistor Japanese receiver



FIG. 2-Construction of i-f transformers and oscillator coil



Rear view of Sony TR-55 portable

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FIG. 3-Characteristics of the five-transistor receiver

ADVENT of transistorized radio receivers occurred at almost the same time in the United States and Japan. Engineering developments and techniques in both hemispheres have paralleled to an appreciable degree, but there are differences in details.

Last fall, ELECTRONICS editors were privileged to examine one of the first foreign broadcast receivers using transistors to enter this country. It was made in Japan by Tokyo Tsuchin Kogyo Ltd., a licensee of



Transistorized products include a table-model receiver, battery-operated tape recorder, superheterodyne pocket receiver, regenerative pocket receiver and hearing aid. The portable receiver on facing page is not shown above

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CUMMARY —— Characteristics of transistors, circuit designs of four different types of broadcast receivers using from two to seven transistors, a portable tape recorder and a hearing aid are disclosed

Western Electric. Some details of the receiver and circuit were published in October (p 12) and December (p 174) issues.

More details of the design of this portable receiver have now been made available by Kazuo Iwama, director of the transistor division of the company, and by J. Yasuda of the engineering staff.

Five junction transistor and two diodes are used in the "Sony" TR-55 portable. The r-f and i-f stages employ three npn junction transistors.

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The audio stages contain an npn alloy-type junction transistor and a conventional alloy-type pnp junction transistor.

The main tuning dial is a friction-type vernier. In production, all components are mounted on a printed-circuit board and all the connections are soldered in one dipping operation.

The complete circuit of the TR-55 is shown in Fig. 1. Transistor TR_1 serves as the converter and oscillator, while TR_2 and TR_3 are the first and second i-f stages respectively. Diodes, D_1 and D_2 are small germanium types. One is employed as the second detector and the other as the complement gate of the agc circuit.

Transistor TR_4 and TR_5 comprise the audio stages. The characteristics of these transistors are shown in Table 1.

The intermediate frequency is 455 kc to obtain good image and i-f responses.

The tuned winding of the ferrite-



FIG. 4—Audio circuits of the seven-transistor receiver differ materially from those of the portable model

core antenna consists of approximately 80 turns of 0.08 Litz wire. The unloaded Q is about 150 at 1 mc.

The ferrite core is identified by the type number Ferrinver 503, the permeability of which is approximately 400 with its μ o/tan δ approximately 3×10^{-5} at 1 mc. The core is formed as a flat strip 12 cm long. It is 1.8 cm wide and 0.4 cm thick.

The five-turn secondary of the antenna coil matches the high impedance of the tuned primary to the low input impedance of the converter. This winding is adjacent to the primary and is dsc 0.2 mm wire.

The antenna is so located in the cabinet as to reduce feedback of i-f

and harmonics from the i-f output stage and second-detector circuits. The two windings occupy less than half the length of the core.

Converter Circuit

The converter transistor performs the functions of both mixer and oscillator. The collector current is held at about 1 ma by the 1,000ohm resistor in the emitter circuit which returns to the -1 volt battery line.

The turn ratio of the oscillator collector winding to the base tap winding has been determined experimentally to obtain near-optimum injection voltage over the band. This ratio is preferably tailored for each transistor. The optimum injection voltage is about 0.1 to 0.2 at the converter base.

I-F Stages

The i-f transformers are of the single-tuned type. These use a Ferrinver 403 ferrite pot core, the permeability of which is about 600 with its μ o/tan δ about 2.5x10⁻⁵ at 500 kc.

The coils are enclosed in a copper shield case whose dimensions are about 1.2 cm square by 1.65 cm high. The primary unloaded Q is about 100 and loaded Q about 30 at 455 kc. Construction of the transformers, and coil data, are given in Fig. 2.

Sensitivity of the receiver is shown in Fig. 3A.

The two i-f stages are connected in neutralized common-emitter circuits. Capacitors C_1 and C_2 are used for neutralizing.

The first i-f stage is controlled by agc. This voltage is derived from the output of the second detector, filtered by resistance of the volume control and electrolytic capacitor C_s , and then supplied to the base of transistor TR_2 through the secondary winding of the first i-f transformer.

The collector current of the first i-f stage is about 0.5 ma with no signal. It decreases with increasing signal and the gain of this stage is lowered as a result. The agc characteristic is given in Fig. 3B.

Diode D_1 complements the agc, so that the emitter potential of TR_2 may be grounded when the input signal level becomes large enough to make the potential of base lead

Table I—Transistor Characteristics

Type Description	2T51 NPN Grown Converter	2T52 Junction I-F Stage	2T61 NPN Alloy Junction Audio	2T12 PNP Alloy Junction Audio
Collector voltage	6	6	4.5	-4.5
Emitter current	-1	$^{-1}$	-1	1
Cutoff freq (mc) $f\alpha$ Vc = 6 volts	4	2.5		0.7
Collector C	5	5	40	40
Ext base res.	150	100		
Current ampl α			0.97	0.95
$\begin{array}{l} \text{Collector cutoff current} \\ \text{Vc} = 10 \text{ volts} \end{array}$	10	10	10	10
Noise figure in db	•••		10	
Maximum rating (25C)				
Vc (v)	25		25	25
Ic (ma)	5		10	10
Pc (mw)	40	• • •	50	50

of TR_2 less than ground potential.

The output transformer matches the 600-ohm impedance of the output transistor to an 8-ohm voice coil impedance. The resistance of the primary winding is about 90 ohms, and this is employed as the stabilizing resistance of this stage.

Bypass capacitor C_4 should be about 200 μ f, but physical size would be large. The small RC filter circuit, C_4 , C_5 and R, is employed instead. This audio stage gain is about 60 db at 1,000 cycles.

The second detector output feeds a two-stage audio amplifier employing npn and pnp transistors in a cascade connection which operates class A, so that the source voltage may be effectively used. The stability factor is good and the undistorted maximum output is about 14 mw.

Four penlight cells in series provide 6 volts and the total current drain is about 14 milliamperes. The life of the battery is estimated at more than 100 hours.

Deluxe Model

The table model receiver shown in the photographs operates from three flashlight D cells. The battery operating cost is estimated to be less than 1/15 cent per hour.

This receiver contains seven transistors, two diodes and one varistor. The intermediate frequency is 455 kc.

Class B push-pull audio output is used. At maximum rated output, the total drain is approximately 30 ma. Idling current is 8 ma.

Two printed circuits boards are employed, one for the audio circuits and the other for the high-frequency circuits.

Sensitivity of the receiver is approximately 500 microvolts per meter. Adjacent-channel attenuation is about 12 db. Image-frequency interference at 1,400 kc is approximately 25 db and intermediate frequency interference at 600 kc is about 20 db.

Undistorted maximum output is 50 milliwatts. The loudspeaker is a 4 by 6-inch elliptical type.

The first three transistor stages contain npn triode grown-junction transistors for the mixer-oscillator and two i-f stages. The audio signal is handled by pnp alloy-type junc-



Components in table model receiver are mounted on two printed-circuit boards, one for audio and the other for r-f circuits



FIG. 5—Pocket superheterodyne has circuit arranged so one transistor handles both i-f and audio signals



FIG. 6---Regenerative circuit used in two-transistor pocket receiver



FIG. 7-Complete circuit of battery-operated tape recorder called "Babicorder"



FIG. 8—Single penlight cell powers circuit of hearing aid

tion transistors. Two diodes are used for the second detector and complement of the agc circuit. A varistor is used for improvement of the source voltage effect and thermal variation effect of the output circuit.

The antenna consists of a ferritecored loop made of two cemented ferrite rods 180 cm long 1 cm in diameter. The effective height of this antenna is greater than that of a core loop antenna. The winding ratio between the large antenna coil and the converter base input winding is approximately 10:1.

The circuits of converter and i-f stages are similar to those of the TR-55 portable radio. The additional circuitry from the second detector to the loudspeaker is shown in Fig. 4 for the TR-72 model.

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Audio output of the detector is applied through a capacitor to the base of the first audio amplifier 2T61, then amplified and applied to an audio driver stage having a 2T62. This drives a class B pushpull output stage having two 2T61 transistors.

Pocket Receivers

Quite small in size, two Japanese receivers contain novel circuits that seem to be high in signal-handling efficiency. Both performed well without any external antennas in New York City.

One of these, a superheterodyne, contains only three transistors. Its sensitivity rating is about 1 or 2 millivolts per meter. Output to hearing-aid type earphone is 1 milliwatt. Positive feedback in the i-f stage and reflexing seem to be the secrets of operation. The circuit is shown in Fig. 5. The i-f is 260 kc. The receiver sells for about \$30 in Japan.

The second pocket receiver employs two transistors. One is a regenerative r-f stage and the other an audio amplifier. As shown in Fig. 6, two diodes handle demodulation.

Unlike many tube regenerative stages, hand capacitance effects were barely noticeable, an attribute of the inherent low-impedance circuits involved with transistors. Sensitivity is about 5 millivolts per meter. Output is about 1 mw.

Current drain at 3 volts is 2.5 ma. This set is selling for about \$15 in kit form.

Midget Recorder

A transistorized tape recorder is designed for voice recording and uses standard 4-inch tape in a special magazine. The circuit is shown in Fig. 7.

The motor provides two tape speeds, $1\frac{7}{6}$ and $3\frac{3}{4}$. At the slower speed, one hour of operation is achieved. Nine volts of battery supply the motors and six volts feed the transistor amplifier. Six transistors are used in the amplifier.

The bias oscillator contains two transistors in push-pull. High frequency bias is 25 kc.

The overall signal to noise ratio of the amplifier is 45 db at 1,000 cycles. Input is from a small dynamic microphone and the output feeds a crystal earphone.

Hearing Aid

Three transistors are employed in a low-priced hearing aid. The stages are transformer coupled and negative feedback is used. Input is from a moving-coil microphone and the output feeds a crystal earphone. The complete circuit is given in Fig. 8.

The sound pressure gain is above 40 db and maximum undistorted acoustic power is 120 db. Output level of the microphone is 78 db, with 0 db = 1 volt per dyne per cm^{2} at 1,000 cycles.

Operating power is obtained from one penlight cell whose life is estimated at 300 to 400 hours.—v.z.





FIG. 1—Frequency response and filter compensation curves for combination tape-disk recording technique. Tape-recorder curve indicates frequency response obtained by recording at 15 inches per second (lower frequency scale) and playing back at $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches per second (upper frequency scale). Use upper scale also for mirror-image of AES playback curve



Speed of disk recorder used in tests was cut in half by using special pulley for belt

FIG. 2-Filter circuit for solid-circle curve

TAPE Doubles Response of DISK RECORDERS

UMMARY —— Signals recorded on magnetic tape at 15 inches per second are played back at half speed to ordinary cutting head of disk recorder modified to run at 162/3 rpm. Playback at 331/3 rpm then gives full fidelity

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THE ADVENT OF high-quality tape recording equipment makes it possible to bring the entire audible range of frequencies within the capabilities of the ordinary disk recorder cutting head. Assume that a signal having a 15,000-cps component is to be recorded on disk. This signal is recorded on a magnetic tape traveling at 15 inches per second. When this tape is played back at $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches per second, all

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frequencies will have been cut in half. Thus the original 15,000-cps component will now be 7,500 cps. This may easily be recorded by an ordinary cutter. To transfer the signal to the disk at the proper frequency, it is necessary only to rotate the disk-recorder turntable at one-half the desired playback speed. When the disk is played back at its normal speed, all signal frequencies will again be as they were originally.

When a 15-inch-per-second tape recording is played back at half this speed there is a moderate loss of the higher frequencies, as shown in Fig. 1. The drop at 7,500 cps on the upper scale, which was 15,000 cps on the lower scale when recorded, is approximately 8 db with the Magnecord No. 90 and Minnesota Mining tape. The circuit in Fig. 2 compensates for this 8-db loss at 15,000 cps and also provides a mirror image of the AES playback curve for disk recordings. The approximation to this curve has a variation of less than 2 db.

It was found essential to use a tape recorder with a minimum of wow and flutter.

DESIGNING Storage-

UMMARY — Special cathode-ray tubes for storing information are useful in frequency-bandwidth conversion, mti radar and data storage and analysis. High-voltage power supply, video amplifiers, sweep and blanking generator, focus-current regulator and staircase raster generator used with storage tube are described. Typical use is tv transmission over telephone lines

A^{BILITY} of recording storage tubes to record pictures or other data with over 400-line resolution and full dynamic range has encouraged their use in many applications including frequency or bandwidth conversion, improved radar moving-target indication, data integration and analysis to determine energy distribution curves of atomic radiation, and rapid storage of changing pictures to stop

motion and permit recorded information to be analyzed.

Tube Characteristics

The recording storage tube is a special cathode-ray tube available with either magnetic or electrostatic focus and deflection. Since the high voltage, normally 3,000 volts, is lower than for most tv picture tubes, the deflection sensitivity is somewhat greater and the susceptibility of the tube to inhomogeneities of the focus field and external magnetic fields is more of a problem than with most other cathode ray tubes.

The output when reading a stored pattern is an a-m current with a peak value up to 0.5 microampere. For circuit design this output is treated as a high-impedance source shunted by an effective capacitance of about 20 micromicrofarads.

To operate the tube through its write, read, erase and prime modes it is necessary to switch voltages to the storage element and control grid. The speed of mode switching is limited only by circuit considerations. Switching can be accomplished within a few milliseconds with electronic switches or fastacting relay. A typical storage-tube circuit to write and read at different scan speeds is shown in Fig. 1.

Voltage Supplies

The voltages for the tube elements, although interdependent, can often be based upon the amplifier B+ supply. The high-voltage supply should deliver approximately nine times the maximum voltage from the amplifier supply.

With a B+ supply of 325-v, the high-voltage supply should be 3,000 v. Since the optimum voltage for the decelerator and signal electrode will normally be between 8 and 10 percent of anode voltage, a bleeder output can be taken from the B+

FIG. 1—Read, write and erase circuits used with recording storage tube



Tube Equipment

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FIG. 2—Regulated high-voltage supply for storage-tube anode

supply which will be variable between 240 and 325 v.

The storage screen potential determines the operating mode of the tube at any instant. Typical voltages would be: for erase, decelerator screen potential; for prime, 15 volts; for read, between 6 and 10 volts; and for high scanning speed writes, the same voltage as for erase. Where slow scanning speeds will be used during write or where the tube will be used to integrate many write scans, the screen voltage for this mode should be decreased to as low as 80 volts.

Bias Level

The bias supply controls the storage-tube beam current and is a reference for the high-voltage supply. It should be well regulated and ripple-free. Besides the reference voltage to the r-f supply, normally -150 v or -300 v, three interdependent outputs with controllable ranges between 0 and -150 v are fed to the storage tube mode-switching unit.

For read, the bias level is such that the storage-tube cathode current will be approximately 3 to 5 microamperes. The write bias is adjusted for storage-tube beam current cutoff. The erase-prime bias is set for between 10 and 50 microamperes storage-tube cathode current depending upon the length of time the storage tube will be in these modes. If the storage tube will be in the erase and prime modes for a combined time greater than one minute, no more than 25 microamperes should be used.

The high-voltage supply must minimize ripple or hum and should provide good voltage stability with line-voltage fluctuations. Since the tube should never be operated with cathode current exceeding 1 milliampere, a low-current r-f supply may be used. Figure 2 illustrates a typical r-f voltage supply.

The method of control compares the high-voltage output with a

Table I—Time Allocation for Ten-to-One Band Compression

Mode	Time in Millisecond				
	Tube 1	Tube 2			
Write	0 - 1,000	1,000-2,000			
Switch	1,000-1,050	2,000-2,050			
Preread	1,050-1,150	2,050-2,150			
Switch	$1,150 \cdot 1,200$	2,150-2,200			
Read	1,200-1,300	2,200-2,300			
Switch	1,300-1,350	2,300-2,350			
Erase	1,350-1,500	2,350-2,500			
Switch	1,500-1,550	2,500-2,550			
Prime	1,550-1,950	2,550-2,950			
Switch	1,950-2,000	2,950-3,000			
Write	2,000-3,000	3,000-4,000			



Industrial television system with stored picture on monitor

reference voltage across a bleeder and uses an amplified error signal to control the screen voltage of an r-f oscillator. The oscillator output is rectified and filtered to provide the hum-free high-voltage output.

Auxiliary Components

The deflection coil is dependent on the type of scanning and the frequencies. Where raster scan and sweep frequencies comparable to or less than television standards are used, good quality cosine television yokes are acceptable.

However, when it is necessary to track scan lines between write and read, the effective impedance of the yoke to the input deflection signal must be identical for the two sweep rates or compensated externally. Low-reactance deflection coils approximate the desired condition. High-quality radar ppi yokes and push-pull balanced deflection raster yokes are frequently used for special applications.

In low-electron-velocity cathoderay tubes the beam is sensitive to inhomogeneities in the focus field. Therefore a focus coil with a homogeneous Swedish iron shell is normally used. Typical coils have two sets of windings. One is composed of approximately 17,500



FIG. 5—Focus-current regulator

focus field so generated that the focal length of the lens is increased as the beam is deflected toward the periphery of the storage area.

In a radial scan system a sawtooth in synchronism with the sweep may approximate the desired dynamic focusing although a parabolic curve would be more accurate. For raster scans the dynamic focus correction must include components due to displacement from both the X and Y axes. The circuitry for such dynamic focus is similar to that used in color television equipment.

Mode-Switching

The mode-switching circuits switch voltages at the storage tube and, in some instances, permit alternating between fast and slow scan deflection speeds. The switching can be controlled by an electronic timing circuit or by synchronizing pulses from a master timer will control the time which intervals to be allotted to the read, erase, prime and write modes. It may be manually operated when automatic timing is undesirable or unnecessary.

Tubes in Tandem

A four-mode storage cycle makes impossible a continual flow of input and output from a single storage tube. Where the time cycle for operation is proper, two or three recording tubes operating sequentially in the various modes can provide the desired continuity of intelligence.

For a 10-to-1 band compression where the complete cycle of operation is allotted 2 seconds and where a continuous flow of input information must be recorded, a planned time allocation cycle may be set up

as illustrated in Table I.

One of the two storage tubes is always recording incoming information. This information is transmitted in a compressed form during the third 1,000-millisecond period after the start of each cycle, following which the tube is prepared for the next write mode.

A fifth mode, preread may be useful. Conditions are identical to read except that the output signal is not transmitted. Prereading is not necessary if the signal will be read out many times and used for a visual presentation, but may be desirable where a single read-out of high quality is required. The prereading permits overwritten stored signals to stabilize and also permits charge redistribution to reduce spurious noise peaks.

Design Problems

A typical application for storage tubes is to transmit television signals over telephone lines or over a microwave channel with a frequency bandwidth far less than the desired 4 to 4.5 mc. The tube is used for bandwidth compression at the transmitter and expansion at the The television signal receiver. normally transmitted in 1/60second is slowed down so that the transmission time is 6 seconds and the frequency components in the signal are 1/360 of their initial value.

is in general identical with that described with the exception that the storage tube output amplifier must be capable of passing frequencies well below 1 cps. The sweep generator for the low-speed scan may cause design problems since the vertical sweep is equivalent to one cycle in 6 seconds.

Burst Transmission

The storage-tube application using tubes in tandem requires that in the transmitter a continuous flow of information be time-compressed into short bursts of higher-speed information. In the receiver these bursts are time-expanded to form a continuous flow of information. In both the transmitter and receiver. storage-tube units were developed to perform the band compression and/ or expansion. Each storage unit contains two storage tubes alternately switched between fast and slow sweep speeds and between modes of storage-tube operation. In the transmitter, each tube is written for a fixed period, for example 1 second. During the alternate 1second periods the signal is read out in a rapid burst and the tube is erased and primed so that it is again ready to write.

A staircase raster eliminates retrace gaps and simplifies circuitry. A 100-line raster is generated from sync pulses at the desired line frequency in a manner similar to that shown in Fig. 6.

The circuitry for the compressor



FIG. 6—Staircase raster generator for transmitting information in fast bursts



FIG. 1-Complete radar display system for three-dimensional presentation



FIG. 2-Typical terrain-contour-line slide for flying-spot scanner



FIG. 3-Coordinate system for developing simulated-video signal

Three-Dimensional Radar VIDEO SIMULATOR

*****UMMARY —— Terrain-clearance radar data is presented as three-dimensional oscilloscope display by using simulated-video generator and conventional flying-spot scanner. Equipment permits study of displays under realistic, but controllable, conditions

ONVENTIONAL RADAR DISPLAYS are restricted to a two-dimensional representation of a threedimensional situation despite the availability of range, general azimuth and elevation data, which provide three-dimensional point coordinates.

An investigation to determine the feasibility of displaying terrainclearance radar data in three-dimensional form established that mechanization of such a display is a relatively simple matter.

System

Picture video which provides a reasonable approximation of a three-dimensional radar display may be generated by the equipment shown in Fig. 1. A conventional television flying-spot scanner, modified to operate at radar scanning rates (1-cps azimuth scan rate and 3-kc range sweep rate), is used to scan a slide on which is represented the terrain to be reproduced, as in Fig. 2.

The terrain is described by six contour lines. Each contour line

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defines the range and azimuth of the terrain at a particular height level. The H_1 line describes the terrain at the lowest level. The H_{α} line describes the terrain at the sixth or top level.

The video obtained by scanning the slide is converted to simulated radar video in the video-simulator chassis. This simulated radar video is then used to intensity-modulate a cathode-ray tube oscilloscope to obtain a projection of the scanned terrain. The X and Y oscilloscope deflection voltages are obtained by combining the x, y, and z sweep voltages generated in the videosimulator chassis.

Video-Simulation Theory

If electrical data representing the coordinates of the points of a solid are available, a two-dimensional pictorial projection of the solid can be generated on a cathoderay oscilloscope screen.

The relation between the projection coordinates, X and Y, and the three-dimensional rectangular coordinates x, y and z of point P of Fig. 3 is given by

$$X = x + z \sin \theta, \ Y = y + z \cos \theta \qquad (1)$$

Since the viewing angle θ between the x and z axes of the plane projection is a constant,

$$X = x + K_1 z, \ Y = y + K_2 z \tag{2}$$

The equations

$$E_{X} = E_{x} + K_{1}E_{z}, \ E_{Y} = E_{y} + K_{2}E_{z}$$
(3)

therefore give the simple electrical relations between the projection voltages E_x , E_y and the rectangular coordinate voltages E_x , E_y , E_z . If E_x and E_y are applied as X and Y cathode-ray tube deflection voltages. point P will appear as shown in Fig. 3, in the correct relation to the X and Y projection axes.

If voltages E_x , E_y , E_z of Eq. 3 represent the instantaneous coordinates of a surface or solid, deflection voltages E_x and E_y will trace the projection of the solid on the cathode-ray tube screen, generating



FIG. 4—Block diagram of radar-video simulator equipment

a three-dimensional picture. The block diagram of the video simulator is shown in Fig. 4 and the circuit diagram in Fig. 5. Figure 6 is the circuit of the flying-spot-scanner range and azimuth sweep chassis.

multivibrator Three astable sweep gates generate three sawtooth sweeps. The azimuth sweep, in the sweep chassis, has a duration of one second and represents the radar-antenna azimuth sweep. The height sweep, in the simulator chassis, is 1/60 second in duration and corresponds to the vertical component of the antenna scan. The range sweep, in the sweep chassis, is approximately 100 microseconds in duration and provides a time base equivalent to 10 miles of radar range.

Video Generation

As the slide (Fig. 2) is scanned by the moving spot, a video output pulse is obtained whenever a line is intercepted. The pickup video output appears as shown in Fig. 7 if six lines are intercepted by the spot in one range interval.

The range (time) position of



FIG. 5—Video simulator provides video signal for grid-modulation of crt and height-sweep-signal component of Y-deflection voltage

each pulse is determined by the position of the lines on the slide. As the azimuth sweep moves successive range sweeps across the slide, the range position of the video pulses will vary in accordance with the range positions of the corresponding lines.

The pickup video is applied as a parallel input to a series-coupled bistable multivibrator chain comprising video generators H_1 to H_e . Coupling within this chain is such that a multivibrator may be triggered only if it has been enabled by a trigger pulse from the preceding stage.

The H_1 multivibrator is enabled by the reset pulse so an output, a positive excursion of the output plate, is obtained in response to the first video input pulse (H_1 pulse). The corresponding negative output of the opposite plate of the H_1 multivibrator is used to enable the following stage, the H_2 multivibrator.

The second video input pulse triggers the H_2 multivibrator and enables the H_3 multivibrator, which then can be triggered by the third input pulse. The remaining multivibrators are successively enabled and triggered in this manner, each thereby responding to only one specific input pulse.

The action of the chain in response to a train (one range interval) of input pulses is diagrammed in Fig. 7. The trailing edges of the output plate wave forms are differentiated to form positive pulse inputs to pentode gating stages H_1 to H_s .

Height Gate Generation

The H_1 to H_6 height gate generators comprise a series-coupled chain of monostable multivibrators. The first is triggered in coincidence with the beginning of the height sweep.

Each of the following is triggered in succession by the end of the preceding gate waveform, so six 2,700-µsec-height gates are generated within each height sweep interval as shown in Fig. 8.

The H_1 to H_6 height gates thus generated enable gating stages H_1 to H_6 respectively. The pulse inputs to these gating stages are the



FIG. 6—Flying-spot-scanner sweep chassis generates range and azimuth sweeps

respective H_1 to H_6 video pulses generated by the video-generator chain. The output at the common plate load of the gating stages is therefore a series of video pulses, which are gated in time sequence.

The H_1 video pulses appear only during the H_1 height gate interval, the H_2 (second) video pulses only during the H_2 height gate interval and so on. The video pulses appear



FIG. 7-Video generator chain output



FIG. 8—Height gate generator output

distributed in height in accordance with their relative positions on the range sweep. As the height sweep moves the indicator cathode-ray tube spot upward, these video pulses appear as intensity modulations distributed along the y or height axis.

The trigger gates shown between pairs of bistable multivibrators are disabled by the reset pulse during the reset-pulse interval. If this buffer action is not provided, a multivibrator that may have been enabled but not triggered during one cycle will, when reset, enable the following stage, which will then be triggered by the first input pulse of the succeeding cycle. The trigger gates eliminate this possibility by isolating the critical stages during reset time.

The maximum number of height steps obtainable is limited only by the resolving time of the bistable multivibrators in the video-generator chain. This resolving time must be smaller than the separation in microseconds between contour lines on the slide.

The operation of this equipment permits the study of displays under realistic, yet controllable, objective and subjective conditions.

AUTOMATIC TUNING for

CUMMARY — Frequency-selecting dial operates servo system which tunes transmitter stages and adjusts loading of final stage. Combination of wide and narrow band discriminator circuits pulls servos into critical tuning position over wide frequency range

T⁰ MAINTAIN communications in the high-frequency spectrum, it is often necessary to have transmitting equipment capable of quick frequency change. In the transmitter shown in the photographs, a

new frequency is selected by setting the desired frequency on a counter dial and pushing a button. Phaseoperated servo systems and automatic controls direct the adjustment of the transmitter and within



FIG. 1-Simplified diagram of r-f amplifier shows stages tuned by servo system



FIG. 2—Discriminator (A) with sharp response curve (B) is combined with R-C discriminator (C) with broad response (D) to obtain wide range with critical null (E)

thirty seconds the equipment is ready for transmission on the new frequency.

The exact frequency, which has a stability of 1 part in 10^8 per day, is displayed on a counter dial. Output of the final amplifier is 4 kw peak envelope power for twin-sideband operation c-w, 5 kw a-m or c-w, in a frequency range from 1.5 to 30 mc.

Tuning Cycle

A tuning cycle begins when the operator either turns the exciter control dial to a new frequency or selects any one of ten previously dialed frequencies by setting a channel switch. Channel selection positions, by direct mechanical linkage, all the tuned circuits in the exciter including the stabilized master oscillator, mixer and variable-gain r-f amplifier circuits.

While the automatic tuner is in motion, a contact causes a tuning relay to energize. This relay reduces plate and screen voltage to protect the high-level amplifier tubes from over-dissipation. The tuning relay also operates the carrier reinsert circuit in the twinsideband exciter to supply a signal on carrier frequency for the amplifier to tune. An additional contact on the relay ungrounds the grid of a differential amplifier allowing rectified d-c from the power-amplifier-tuning and loading-rate generators to be applied to the grid of a differential relay.

Upon reaching the new frequency, the automatic tuner shuts off and the reinserted carrier of proper frequency is applied to the amplifiers. A sample of this signal is rectified and compared with a rectified r-f sample of opposite polarity from the

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final amplifier. Since the amplifier is not tuned yet, no signal is available from the power amplifier. The resulting net signal from the comparing circuit is applied to the differential amplifier causing the differential relay to operate and lock the transmitter in tuning position until the tuning cycle is complete.

By coarse-positioning and discriminator circuits, the four tuning controls simultaneously proceed to seek the proper tuning positions for resonance. Once resonance is approached a rectified r-f signal is available from the power amplifier that allows the differential amplifier to deenergize the tuning relay and switch to full power before all the circuits are accurately tuned. To avoid this condition, the differential amplifier is fed with a rectified signal from the power-amplifier-tuning and loading-rate generators. Thus the transmitter remains in tune until the power amplifier tuning requirements are satisfied.

Once all tuning requirements have been satisfied the rectified rate signal applied to the differential amplifier decays to zero and the tuning relay is allowed to de-energize. This action turns off the carrier reinsert, makes the two audio channels ready for use and turns on a light on the front panel. Within thirty seconds the transmitter is on frequency with 5 kw available at the antenna.

Exciter Tuning

Due to the extremely low power levels involved, the twin-sideband exciter uses receiver-type construction. Tuning is continuous across the frequency range from 1.7 to 32



Twin-sideband transmitter is automatically tuned by setting exciter control to desired frequency

mc using a bandswitch and ganged permeability-tuned coils. Output from the exciter is fed into a terminated coaxial cable to drive the final string of linear amplifiers.

Figure 1 is a simplified schematic of the r-f circuits. The first stage, a miniature-receiver type pentode with a permability-tuned coil, drives a larger tetrode which also uses a permeability-tuned coil. These two stages comprise tuning control M_1 . The second tetrode stage is resonated by a small roller coil actuated by control M_2 . This stage has allowances to receive r-f feedback from the final amplifier in single-sideband operation to improve the linearity of the amplifiers. A motordriven bandswitch changes tankcircuit capacitors in the first three tuned stages.

The final amplifier is resonated by control M_s and loaded by control M_{\star} . Tuning elements are continuously variable and consist of vacuum capacitors and large screw coils. These elements, partially visible in the photographs of the r-f chassis, are ganged to cover from 1.5 to 30 mc without switching.

Discriminator Circuits

In the vicinity of resonance, the information for positioning of controls M_1 , M_2 and M_3 can be obtained from the Foster-Seeley type phase discriminator shown in Fig. 2A.¹ As the error curve of Fig. 2B indicates, this discriminator supplies adequate information for operating the servo system only when the tuning control is near resonance.

This phase discriminator also gives a response to second harmonic tuning. Were this the only information available, the transmitter might tune to a multiple of the desired frequency. It might even fail to tune at all, should the control stall in the region of unpredictable signal which is in general below the threshold to servo control. To overcome these difficulties, the coarse frequency discriminators shown in Fig. 2C are employed. These circuits are a simple series R-C network fed with a small amount of



FIG. 3—Method of combining outputs of coarse and fine discriminators to obtain wide range servo drive signal



FIG. 4—Diode gate prevents loading-servo from operating until amplifier stages have been tuned

r-f voltage from the exciter and having a response curve as shown in Fig. 2D.

One discriminator uses a potentiometer output ganged to the control requiring positioning information. The servo system searches for a null from the potentiometer. Position of the null changes with frequency due to the change in capacitive reactance that switches the balance of the bridge circuit. The null function so generated may be matched to the mechanical tuning curve of the control shaft by nonlinear potentiometers, tailoring of R-C circuit constants or both. The potentiometer version of this discriminator was found to lend itself well to the band-switched amplifier circuits. Various values of capacitance were switched into the R-C circuit for each of five bands.

Use of a variable capacitor is shown in the second version of this circuit. The circuit with the capacitor as the variable element was found to be more easily tracked to the final tank circuit.

In combining the two discriminator outputs, use was made of the fact that the phase discriminator has a rather high gain in the vicinity of resonance, as indicated by the steep slope of the error curve, while the coarse discriminator has a constant gain throughout the entire shaft travel. Addition of the two curves in the proper gain relationship yields a curve similar to Fig. 2E.

The phase discriminator and coarse discriminator error signals are both a function of the r-f driving voltage. This allows the system to resonate on varying amplitude signals as will be obtained from the exciter in single-sideband service. It is also necessary that these servos do not drift in a no-signal condition. This requires that all noise in the servo circuits be held well below the threshold of motor control.

Combining Error Signals

Figure 3 is a simplified block diagram indicating how the coarse and fine information is combined. A coarse discriminator connected to the r-f input plus a phase discriminator connected around the first r-f stage yields information to position control M_1 . Servo M_1 indicates its position to M_2 by setting potentiometer R_1 . Coarse positioning for M_2 is obtained by a follow-up potentiometer system involving R_1 and R_4 . Source voltage for this scheme is developed directly from the r-f input signal with a full-wave diode rectifier.

Since both the coarse and fine error signals are obtained from the r-f signal, the control of M_2 meets the requirement of proper position error signal whether the r-f be modulated or even reduced to zero potential for periods of time.

Final Tuning

As indicated in Fig. 3, the M_s coarse discriminator obtains its information directly from the r-f exciting voltage. This allows the final tank circuits to do their rough positioning simultaneously with the driver circuits, hence, reducing the overall tuning time. Once again both types of servo control voltage, coarse and fine, are obtained from the r-f signal voltage resulting in proper position error voltages regardless of the type of modulation applied to the r-f signal.

Final Amplifier Loading

Loading the final amplifier for proper tube operation presents different problems than the tankcircuit tuning. Figure 4 is an outline of the basic circuits employed. For linear operation the ratio of the output from linear diode rectifiers connected by dividers to the plate and grid of the final amplifier will give an indication of the amount of plate loading. However, when the stage is driven into distortion or operated class C, the grid-diode



FIG. 5—Automatic load control and differential relay section of automatic tuner r-f section of automatically tuned highpower transmitter

voltage will increase faster than the plate-diode voltage. A diode clamp was added to prevent the rectified grid voltage from exceeding a value of voltage proportional to the plate current of the amplifier.

Proper adjustment of rectified plate voltage, rectified grid voltage and plate current sample, yields a loading-error voltage source that gives a null indication for the proper value of loading regardless of the operating conditions of the final tubes.

Unfortunately, the error signal from this composite detector-comparing circuit is correct only when control M_* has the plate tank circuit tuned to resonance and a method is required to shut off the loading signal when it is in error. Since the loading signal would be incorrect whenever control M_s is in motion, a gate circuit is operated from voltage obtained from the rate generator bus of control motor M_s . Diodes D_1 and D_2 rectify this 60-cps voltage creating equal negative and positive sources of voltage which bias-off diodes D_* and D_* blocking the incorrect error signal that originated in the loading comparator circuit. Nulling of control M, yields zero rate voltage allowing the gate to open and pass the now correct loading signal to the amplifier.

It is necessary to supply coarse position information to the loading servo. As the loading comparator does not give an S-shaped curve, it is not possible to directly add coarse information to obtain sufficient positioning accuracy. In addition, the loading-control position varies with different antenna impedances, a factor which makes tracking of a directly added coarse information circuit impossible. Hence, a coarse position system was devised whose signal decays to zero whenever good fine-position information is present.

The voltages developed by the M_s rate generator and rectified by gate blocking diodes D_1 and D_2 are used to power a follow-up potentiometer system connecting the tuning and loading controls. Whenever the final tuning control operates, it causes the loading fine signal to be disabled and the loading coarseposition system to be actuated. In this condition, the loading control follows the tuning control. Once



FIG. 6-Circuits of 11/2-watt (A) and 25-watt (B) servo amplifier systems

resonance has been reached, M_s stops, disabling the follow-up potentiometer system, and control M_{\star} completes its task using the now correct fine-position signal.

Tube Protection

During periods of mistuning, protection must be given to the high-power tubes. When amplifier gain falls below a minimum level, a differential relay circuit comparing input and output r-f signals operates to reduce the plate voltage and screen voltage on the power tubes.

In single-sideband service, it is necessary to maintain overall circuit gain constant from the audio input to the antenna. Utilizing a motor as an infinite integrator, a constant gain is maintained from the antenna to a point in the lowlevel exciter (in this particular case to the 100-kc output of the balanced modulators) by comparing dioderectified r-f signals from the lowlevel stages and the final amplifier, amplifying the result and using it for motor control.

It was found possible to maintain

gain to about 1 db for various frequencies in the operating range. Following this degree of adjustment, a more dynamic control of the gain is effected with the automatic load-control circuit of Fig. 5.² This is a diode-rectifier circuit with delay voltage adjusted to hold conduction off until an r-f signal is encountered which would ordinarily drive the linear amplifier beyond its peak envelope power rating. These peaks cause the automatic-loadcontrol diode to conduct and supply a negative signal on the alc bus. This control voltage feeds a variable-gain amplifier strip in the exciter, reducing the overall gain to a satisfactory level. This gain control is done ahead of the motordriven gain adjuster in the exciter to prevent interaction and is tempered by a fast-attack, slow-delay time-constant circuit.

Figure 6 displays the circuits of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 25-watt motor servoamplifier systems.

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Installation comprises cabinet and desk-sized console. Input/output includes punched paper tape, typewriter and remote line

USAF Computer Uses

U SE OF HIGH-SPEED pulse-type magnetic amplifiers provides an alternative to use of transistors as replacements for electron-tubes in digital computers.

A high-speed general-purpose engineering computer recently described by Remington Rand Univac engineers illustrates how magnetic amplifiers can be used in computing circuitry. The computer described was developed by Sperry Rand for the Air Force Cambridge Research Center.

The computer can add two 10digit numbers in 90 microsec or multiply them in from 0.3 to 1.7 millisec. Its magnetic drum memory stores 2,000, 10-digit words plus sign. Average access time is 1.8 millisec.

About 1,500 magnetic core devices are used. The computer also contains about 9,000 germanium diodes, 15 electron tubes and several transistors.

Input and output for the computer can be from punched paper tape, typewriter or a remote line. A significant feature of the computer is that it is designed to operate in real time. This may indicate that it is to be used in connection with an aircraft warning system.

The computer occupies one 6 by 6 by 1.5-ft cabinet which is air cooled. Control is accomplished from a 4.5 by 6 by 3-ft desk-like console. The computer requires 5 kva of power. The entire computer installation is shown in a photograph.

Computing Circuitry

Basically the computer is a two-address, decimal-serial, binaryparallel machine. It operates at a master clock frequency of 660 kc. The clock utilizes electron-tube circuits and is of the two-phase type. Output is a square wave.

Diode logic is used throughout the computer. There is one basic diode configuration for both AND and OR circuits. How a circuit functions depends upon the master clock phase fed to it. The computer provides seven transfer functions, four arithmetic functions, seven logical functions and output instructions. Computer operation is in three basic modes. The machine can run continuously. It can be made to stop before each instruction, display the instruction in lights and print it out if the operator desires. This mode of operation is useful for debugging problems. The computer can also be made to stop before each branching instruction to provide a type of manual operation.

Magnetic Amplifiers

Power gain is achieved by magnetic amplifiers. After each logical operation, the pulse is amplified. The arrangement is: amplifier diodes—amplifier.

As illustrated in Fig. 1A, the amplifiers are of the serial type. The electron-tube master clock acts as the power source. Input pulses in the control winding saturate the core and allow the master clock pulse to pass to the load.

The amplifiers and other circuits are packaged in 600 plug-in units mounted on printed-wiring panels. Two photographs show several plug-in pacakages arranged in the



FIG. 1—Basic magnetic circuit is serial amplifier (A) which is used in complementing (B) and noncomplementing (C) amplifiers

SUMMARY — Electron tubes work compatibly with transistors and magnetic amplifiers in high-speed computer which ties into remote line for realtime operation. Tape-wound cores on stainless-steel bobbins overcome frequency limitation of magnetic devices. Computer has 660-kc clock frequency

Magnetic Amplifiers

computer and one of the packages. Two magnetic amplifiers with cases open are shown at the bottom of this photograph. There are 17 basic circuit types used in the computer.

Both complementing, Fig. 1B, and noncomplementing, Fig. 1C, magnetic amplifiers are employed. The essential difference is in the polarity of the output winding.

Double-power amplifiers are used to some extent in the computer as are special amplifiers to drive the output buffer. Mechanical computer components are controlled by electromechanical relays which are controlled by magnetic amplifiers.

Three registers used in the arithmetic section of the computer—the A, L and X registers—consist of recirculating strings of magnetic amplifiers. There is also a 44-bit input buffer register and a 26-bit buffer shift register which feeds the output line when the computer is used in real-time operations.

The magnetic amplifiers utilize alloy tap cores wound on stainlesssteel bobbins.

Magnetic amplifiers of the type used in this computer have functioned satisfactorily in pulse opera-



Rack of printed circuit modules typifies internal appearance of computer



Circuit cards hold magnetic elements in pill boxes at left and right

tions at information rates up to 2.5 mc.

The magnetic drum that provides the storage function in the computer is made from aluminum plated with nickel-chrome alloy. It is 5 in. in diameter and 3 in. long. It spins at 16,500 rpm. The drum is mounted in a gas-tight helium-filled housing to prevent corrosion.

Drum Memories

The drum has 200 word bands each with five tracks. Words are read serially. There is a timing band of five tracks and a singletrack sprocket channel. The timing channel produces synchronizing pulses to control the master clock frequency.

A rapid-access memory of 400 words capacity is provided on the drum. Access time is 450 microseconds.

Rapid access is achieved by using four read-write heads for each track of the rapid-access portion of the drum. The heads are spaced 90 deg apart around the drum periphery.—J.M.C.

GEAR GAGE CONTROLS AUTOMATIC HOBBER

UMMARY — Probes attached to cores of linear variable-differential transformers measure pitch diameter and root fillet of automobile transmission gears, to generate signals for logic and control memory circuits that automatically adjust depth setting of hobbing cutter or shift cutter laterally to replace dull cutting surface

THE ELECTRONICALLY-CON-TROLLED hobbing machine installation at Plymouth's automobile transmission plant involves sixspindle gear-cutting machines. each of which has six essentially independent hobbing cutters mounted on a rotating platform. Each spindle discharges a completed gear as it passes a common discharge point. A single control unit measures and sorts the gears from all six spindles, controlling the spindles individually by means of six sets of control circuits.

Other installations of this electronic control have been made on single-spindle hobbers. For simplicity, the control equipment will be described in terms of a typical single-spindle installation.

Inspection Requirements

Each gear is automatically inspected as it comes from the hobber. This inspection includes measurement of pitch diameter and root fillet build-up, the latter being indicative of the extent of hob wear. Gears are sorted physically as being acceptable or unacceptable, and appropriate control signals are supplied to the hobbing machine. These control signals include demands for adjustments to correct pitch-diameter errors observed in the gears, shift the hobbing cutter laterally as a means of replacing dull cutting surfaces and shut down the hobbing machine when attempts to adjust it prove unsuccessful.

In the interests of good hobbingmachine control, measurements on the gears employ two sets of tolerances for each gear characteristic of interest. One set of tolerances, symmetrical about the nominal dimensions, is used principally as the basis for physical sorting of the gears. A narrower set of tolerances, also symmetrical, provides the basis for controlling the hobbing machine to limits that are somewhat smaller than the allowable manufacturing tolerances on the gears. By use of these two sets of tolerances, production of gears exceeding the manufacturing tolerances is kept to an absolute minimum.

Control Requirements

Control of the hobbing machine, as regards both pitch diameter adjustment and automatic hob shift, is in fixed increments. Consequently, the electronic control equipment is required only to operate the appropriate set of relay contacts in order to energize the adjustment mechanisms that are



FIG. 1—How probes measure gear teeth

an integral part of the hobbing machine.

Although the control equipment is capable of detecting minute differences in gear dimensions, random variations in the hobbing machine output can result in individual gears that do not truly represent the need for hobbing machine adjustment. Consequently, the hobbing machine control signals are based on trends rather than on individual gears.

In the case of pitch diameter errors, three successive gears must fall outside the narrow tolerance limits before the control equipment calls for readjustment of the hobbing machine. In the case of apparent hob wear, a hob shift signal results each time two successive gears show root fillet build-up in excess of the narrow tolerance limits. If a single small

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THE FRONT COVER—Method of mounting gear gage at output position of sixspindle Lees-Bradner rotary hobber for automotive transmission gears. Man at left points to position of one of gaging probes in chute down which gears slide

shift does not correct the root fillet build-up, additional shifts are made after each pair of gears with excessive build-up.

After calling for hobbing machine readjustment, the control equipment continues to count successive gears with the same type of error. If the count reaches ten, without at least one gear falling within the narrow tolerance limits, it is assumed that the hobbing machine requires human attention. The control equipment then opens a pair of contacts that removes operating power from the hobber. Gears are automatically fed to two gaging stations at which pitch diameter and root fillet build-up are measured successively. After leaving the second gaging station, the gear exits through one of three sorting chutes, depending on actual gear dimensions as compared to the production tolerance limits.

Figure 1 shows enlarged crosssections of gear tooth spaces, illustrating how the gaging probes make physical contact with the gear. The conical measuring probe contacts the gear at the pitch circle, which is a hypothetical



FIG. 2-Probes act on linear variable differential transformers of control system

circle approximately midway between the root and crown of the gear teeth; its diameter is the pitch diameter of the gear. Any variations from nominal pitch diameter are apparent as displacement of the measuring probe along the radius of the gear.

The method used to detect hob wear is also illustrated in Fig. 1. The solid lines show the shape of the gear tooth space and the position of the cylindrical measuring probe when the gear has been cut with a sharp hob. When the hob begins to wear, the effects are evident as growth of the root fillet of the gears. The broken lines illustrate such growth, and show the resulting displacement of the root-fillet measuring probe.

The mechanical portion of the control equipment includes a set of cam-operated switches that provide the necessary sequencing and timing signals for the electronic circuits.

Gaging Heads

The electronic measuring system is shown in Fig. 2. The gaging transducers are a pair of linear variable differential transformers, one each for the pitch diameter and root fillet measurements.

Each differential transformer



FIG. 3—Measuring circuit and two tolerance flip-flops. Other four tolerance flip-flops and other two sense flip-flops are identical

consists of a single primary winding and a pair of secondaries connected in opposition and symmetrically disposed about the primary. A movable magnetic core, mechanically connected to the gaging probe, varies the coupling between the primary and the two secondaries. Thus, when the primary is excited, the net output voltage from the two secondaries is proportional to the distance between the actual core position and its null position. The phase of the output voltage is a function of the direction of core movement from null. The result is a null-type measuring system with excellent linearity, good sensitivity and freedom from moving contacts with the resulting tendency to wear. Typical units have sensitivities of the order of a millivolt per 0.001 inch per volt excitation.

Measuring Circuits

The two differential transformers are driven by a common oscillator. Their outputs are applied, through relay contacts controlled by the timing unit, to a common amplifier and phase detector as shown in Fig. 3. Relay switching functions have been omitted from this schematic for simplicity. The oscillator is a bridgestabilized type, supplying 2,000-cps drive at about 3 volts to the dif-

ferential transformer primaries. The amplifier and phase-detector circuits are conventional, including



Sensing unit and sorting chutes of gear gage. Cables make interconnections with remotely located electronic control panel. Gear is in position for checking root fillet build-up. The three output chutes, for ACCEPTABLE, UNSALVAGEABLE and SALVAGEABLE gears, are at lower left
the use of negative feedback in the amplifier. The primary purpose of this feedback is to stabilize operation against such factors as power supply variations and tube characteristic changes.

Although gear-sorting and hobbing-machine control operations are both of an incremental nature, the measuring circuits operate on an analog basis. The reasons include the advantages obtained from use of the differential transformers, which are basically analog devices, and the ease with which adjustable tolerances can be obtained in an analog system as compared to a digital system.

The conversion from analog to digital measurement information takes place in a set of six directcoupled flip-flops following the amplifier and phase detector. The four tolerance flip-flops are driven by the amplifier, while the two sense flip-flops are driven by the phase detector. In all cases, relay switching is employed to activate the particular flip-flops corresponding to the gear characteristic being measured.

In the schematic diagram of Fig. 3, one tolerance flip-flop and one sense flip-flop are shown. The four tolerance flip-flops are identical, as are the two sense flip-flops.

The four tolerance flip-flops each include a sensitivity control calibrated directly in thousandths of an inch tolerance. This facilitates adjustment of the equipment even by inexperienced operators.

Logic Circuits

Pitch diameter and root fillet measurements are made sequentially, but logical decisions as to gear sorting and hobber control must be based on both measurements. Consequently, the three logic relays associated with pitch measurement include diameter electrical locking circuits. Lock-up is automatic at the time pitch diameter is measured; unlocking is controlled by the timing unit and takes place at the end of the operating cycle of the control equipment.

With the aid of the wide tolerance and sense flip-flops, gears are physically rejected if they fall outside the manufacturing toler-

further segregated as either salvageable or unsalvageable. A salvageable gear is one that has been left with pitch diameter and/or root fillet above manufacturing tolerance limits. An unsalvageable gear is one that has been left with pitch diameter below manufacturing tolerance limit; there is no significance to a gear whose root fillet build-up is excessively small.

ance limits. Rejected gears are

From the standpoint of hobbingmachine control, logic requirements are somewhat more complex. If the hobbing machine is taking a cut that is either too deep or too shallow, the gears will have incorrect pitch diameter and readjustment of the hob in-out mechanism is indicated. Unfortunately, such a condition also has the basic symptoms of excessive fillet buildup resulting from wear of the hob cutting surfaces.

Similarly, actual wear of the hob affects pitch diameter of the gears to some extent. Fortunately, incorrect adjustment of the hob inout mechanism has effects of equal magnitude on both pitch diameter and root fillet build-up, while hob wear affects root fillet build-up by several times the effect on pitch diameter.

Classification of Gears

Consequently, the logic circuits classify each gear according to the magnitude and sense of its departure from nominal values of both pitch diameter and root fillet. This classification takes place in the manner indicated by the diagram of Fig. 4. The origin at the center of the classification diagram corresponds to nominal values of both pitch diameter and root fillet. Vertical departure from the origin represents an error in root fillet, while horizontal departure from the origin represents an error in pitch diameter.

Normally, all gears fall within the first or third quadrant of the diagram. Because the resulting pitch diameter and root fillet errors are of equal magnitude, an error in adjustment of the hobbing machine in-out mechanism places gears on a line at approximately 45 degrees to the axes of Fig. 4.



Electronic control cabinet. Hinged chassis at center drops forward to expose relays at rear. Main power supply is at bottom of cabinet



Interior of one of gaging heads. Probe is mounted on shaft projecting at bottom, which goes up to linear variable differential transformer mounted in plastic block supported by cantilever spring arrangement. Large knurled screw is zero adjustment for block

Distance along this 45-degree line depends on the magnitude of the error, while direction from the origin depends on the sense of the error.

In the case of hob wear, the root fillet is affected more than the pitch diameter, and gears will fall on a line that may be typically 30 degrees from the vertical axis. Deviation from the origin is always toward the first quadrant for hob wear, never toward the third quadrant.

The wide and narrow tolerances on both pitch diameter and root



FIG. 4—Classification diagram showing method of classifying hobbing-machine errors according to observed defects

fillet are employed, in the logic circuits, to divide the complete area of the classification diagram into 25 subareas. With proper adjustments of the tolerance controls in the flip-flop circuits, each of these 25 areas corresponds to one of the following four conditions: (1) OK-gear within both sets of narrow tolerance limits so no hobbing machine adjustment is required; (2) HOB IN-pitch diameter (and perhaps root fillet) oversize, requiring hob-in adjustment; (3) HOB OUT-pitch diameter undersize, requiring hob-out adjustment; (4) SHIFT-root fillet oversize, requiring hob shift.

In certain areas of the diagram, the relation between the observed errors in the gears and the needed hobbing machine adjustment may not be immediately obvious. In some cases, the reason lies in the possibility of simultaneous errors in both in-out adjustment and hob wear; here the necessary adjustments will be made successively during the course of production and measurement of several gears. As the effect of each adjustment becomes apparent on the next gears hobbed, classification of gears will proceed from one area of the diagram to another, until finally gears are produced that fall within one of the OK areas.

The second and fourth quadrants of the classification diagram are of little or no practical importance. Consequently, some of the classifications in these quadrants are established as much from the standpoint of convenience and circuit simplicity as from the standpoint of control logic.

Control Memory Circuits

There are two reasons for using control memory circuits rather than controlling the hobbing machine directly from the logic circuits. First, the control memory circuits permit controlling the hobbing machine from observed trends in the gears, rather than supplying control signals based on measurement of a single gear. Second, some sort of control signal memory is required because the hobbing machine is capable of accepting adjustment signals only during a specific portion of its cycle. Thus, the logic information must be stored in some manner at least until the hobber is capable of responding to a demand for adjustment. The control memory circuits thus perform the dual function of determining trends and storing control signals until they can be transmitted to the hobber.

The control memory circuits involve principally a set of three stepping relays. Each of these relays has 10 positions in addition to a zero position, and each relay corresponds to one of the three possible hobbing machine adjustments, namely hob in, hob out and shift.

At the time each gear is being measured for root fillet build-up, the timing unit supplies a register pulse to the logic circuits. Depending on the positions of the six flip-flop relays, this register pulse then appears on one of four buses to the control memory circuits.

The HOB IN, HOB OUT, and SHIFT buses each operate one of the three stepping relays, causing the relay to advance one step each time a register signal appears on the associated bus. A signal on the OK bus, on the other hand, resets all three stepping relays to their zero positions. Further, each time one of the stepping relays steps forward, it automatically resets, to the zero position, either of the other two relays that may have previously advanced off zero. Consequently, each stepping relay counts only the successive gears showing the need of the related

hobbing machine adjustment.

Each time the hobbing-machine cvcle reaches a point such that it can accept an adjustment signal. an interrogating signal is supplied from the hobbing machine to the stepping-relay contacts. If either the HOB IN or HOB OUT stepping relay has counted three successive gears, or if the SHIFT relay has counted two successive gears. the interrogating signal passes through the stepping relay contacts to an associated power relay. Operation of the power relay then supplies the desired adjustment signal to the hobbing machine.

If one of the stepping relays counts ten successive gears, the interrogating pulse operates a shut-down relay. This relay removes operating power from the hobber and locks up until it is manually reset.

Other Features

The timing unit with its six camoperated switches is a separate subassembly, chain-driven from the main camshaft of the mechanical handling apparatus. For ease in setting up the timing relationships, the six switch cams are on separate splined sections of the timing-unit camshaft.

Of the six switches, two accomplish the transfer of the amplifierphase detector between pitch diameter and root fillet measuring functions, two provide register signals to actuate the sorting gate solenoids and the control memory relays through the logic circuits and two reset the locking circuits of the sorting solenoids and the logic relays.

In addition, there are two switches that operate in response to the actual presence of a gear in the mechanical handling portion of the equipment. These prevent false actuation of the control memory circuits during operating cycles in which no gear is actually being measured.

Indicator lights give the hobbing machine operator a visual indication of the classification of each gear as it is inspected.

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Hearing-aid battery powers encapsulated telemeter unit



Photoconductive devices. One at far left was selected



Hole in case admits light to photocell. Plastic section isolates nose-cap antenna

Transistors Telemeter Small Missiles

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SUMMARY — Germanium photocell used with three-transistor f-m/f-m telemeter counts revolutions of two-inch diameter missile in flight. Other channels measure acceleration and pressure conventionally. Point-contact transistor furnishes vhf carrier

U SE OF TRANSISTORS has made possible more complete instrumentation of small projectiles and rockets than heretofore. In the past practically the only information that could be obtained from a small missile was its rate of spin.

This was obtained by a spin sonde, a simple radio-frequency transmitter driving a loop antenna with the plane of the loop passing through the longitudinal axis of the missile. A receiving station located to one side of the flight path of the missile received a signal of varying intensity as the missile spun about its axis. Two maximums and two minimums occurred for each rotation.

In the system to be described, continuous monitoring of a pressure and an acceleration on two subcarrier channels made it necessary to maintain a relatively uniform radio-frequency field intensity. This required that the spin information be placed on a third subcarrier channel of an f-m/f-m system.

A 2-inch diameter test vehicle containing the complete system is shown in the photograph at the left above. The hearing-aid battery will operate the system satisfactorily for at least fifteen minutes and in some cases has run for more than two hours, with reduced power output. The plastic section isolates the nose-cap antenna.

Radio-Frequency Link

The radio-frequency link operates in the 44 to 50-mc region. The transmitter employs a 2N33 pointcontact transistor with the parallel resonant circuit in the base lead, as shown in Fig. 1A. Variable capacitor C_1 permits a small frequency adjustment without appreciably affecting the output coupling. The composite subcarrier output is applied in the base circuit to frequency-modulate the carrier.

Instrumentation

Depending upon the individual transistors, output power of the order of 1 to 5 milliwatts can be obtained into a resistance load. Working into the nose-cap antenna, it is possible to transmit a usable signal for a distance of several hundred feet.

Most of the instrumentation consists of straightforward applications of telemetry and transistor practices. The pressure and acceleration pickups are standard variable reluctance types, of mini-



FIG. 1—Point-contact transistor r-f oscillator (A) and light-modulated subcarrier oscillator (B)

mum size and weight. The subcarrier oscillators are of the Hartley type, using junction transistors, with a variable reluctance pickup in the tuned circuit so that changes in the input stimulus are converted to changes in subcarrier frequency. Although the circuit shown in Fig. 1B is for the spin counter, it is essentially the same as those used for the other subcarrier channels.

For the pressure and acceleration measurements, the 1N189 photocell and C_s , the series capacitor, are removed from the circuit. The variable reluctance pickups are substituted for the TZA-1 coil shown in Fig. 1B. Capacitor C_2 is adjusted to give the desired frequency of oscillation.

Spin Counter

The spin-counting device presented an especially interesting problem. The requirements were for a device capable of sensing spin rates of hundreds of revolutions per second, of modulating an audiofrequency oscillator in accordance with f-m telemetry practices, ± 7.5 -percent bandwidth, and a device compatible with the weight, space and power-supply limitations of the small missile. These limitations eliminated mechanical devices such as angular accelerometers.

However, some of the larger missles, employing electron-tube circuits for instrumentation, have used a standard photocell to sense the variation in light intensity as it faced a light source, such as the sun, or was shielded from the light by the body of the missile. These variations occur with each rotation of the missile and may be used to determine the spin rate. Because of the size and weight limitations of the small projectile, this appeared to be the most feasible approach for the all-transistor system.

Photo Devices

The center photograph shows some of the photosensitive devices investigated. The one finally selected is at the far left and consists of a bar of germanium having leads attached to each end and encapsulated in transparent plastic. Essentially, this is a variable resistor with the instantaneous resistance dependent upon incident light intensity and temperature.

In the spin-counting application the temperature will be, at most, a uniformly varying quantity, so any cyclic variations will be entirely due to changes in light intensity. Being a resistance element, the device operates as effectively in a-c circuits as in d-c, and introduces no distortion such as might be caused by clipping in a

Table I—Test Data for Small-Missile Telemeter

Lighting Conditions Dark Deep shade Missila shadow	Subcarrier Frequency (in cps) 11,153 11,030				
Bright sun 10.5 -kc band ± 7.5 per band limit = 11,288 cps;	rcent; upper lower band				
limit = $9,712 \text{ cps}$	Jonet Dunu				

photodiode or phototransistor.

In Fig. 1B the photocell is placed in series with a capacitor across the coil tap of the Hartley oscillator. The variation in resistance causes a frequency change in the oscillator. The series capacitor is chosen so that the difference between total darkness and bright sunlight will deviate the oscillator from the upper band limit to the lower band limit, based upon ± 7.5 -percent bandwidth. This method of modulation produces considerable a-m as well as f-m, but this is not objectionable in this application.

Performance

The radio-frequency transmitter, although operating out of the regularly assigned telemetering bands, performed much like the standard transmitters except for the reduced power output. Deviations of ± 30 to ± 50 kc per subcarrier channel were easily obtained. With suitable receiving equipment, line-of-sight transmission was possible for distance approaching one mile. However, any obstructions in the transmission path will reduce the operating distance.

The pressure and acceleration measuring channels were completely analogous to the electron-tube circuits. In fact, the pickups were first calibrated using a standard electrontube test fixture. Then the calibrations were checked using the transistor oscillators. Agreement was within the accuracy of measurement over the complete range of input stimulus.

Although absolute light intensity was of no concern in this application, Fig. 2A shows the sensitivity that can be obtained under one set of conditions.

Sensitivity

It is possible to adjust the sensitivity over a wide range by changing the capacitance in series with the photocell. Figure 2B shows the variations that can be obtained. To check the oscillator linearity and to provide a means of determining the effective a-c resistance of the photocell, a decade resistor was substituted for the 1N189 shown in Fig. 1B. Figure 2C is a plot of frequency against decade resistance value for three different values of series capacitance, C_s .

As the capacitance increases the frequency variation increases, as does the nonlinearity. A capacitance of 0.0051 μ f appears to be a reasonable compromise between sensitivity and linearity. Returning to Fig. 2B, it is found that 0.0051 μ f in series with the photoconductor gives a frequency shift from 10,250 to 9,360 cps for a change in light intensity from zero to 100 foot-candles.

From Fig. 2C, this change in frequency is found to correspond to a change in resistance from 3,300 to 2,000 ohms. In the circuit shown in Fig. 1B, it was necessary to reduce the sensitivity by reducing the series capacitance to 0.0039 μ f which also made the frequency variations more linear with resistance change, as is shown by Fig. 2C.

Frequency Response

To check the frequency response of the photocell, a squirrel-cage blower wheel was used as a light chopper with a 100-watt lamp as a source. The subcarrier output frequency was fed directly to a telemetering discriminator which converted frequency changes into changes in d-c level. The output of the discriminator was monitored on a d-c oscilloscope. The chopper frequency was found to be nearly 850 cps, and the peak-to-peak output of the discriminator was roughly half the change obtained between steady conditions of light off and light on. This proved that the device was capable of responding at rates far in excess of the requirements.

To determine the effects of temperature, the photocell circuit was placed in an oven with a 100-watt lamp. The lamp power was supplied through a variable transformer so that intermediate light levels could be obtained. Figure 2D shows the variations of frequency for temperature between -10 and 52 C for three light intensities.

For the curves labeled dark and medium, the frequency remains nearly constant to around room temperature, where it begins to decrease rapidly. This may be attri-





buted to intrinsic conduction as the thermal energy becomes sufficient to create more hole-electron pairs and thus decrease the effective resistance. However, the curve labeled bright does not exhibit this trend.

This indicates that the light energy effectively saturates the germanium so that the relatively small increase in thermal energy has little effect. For the spin-counter application, the results shown in Fig. 2D are acceptable since the frequency shift with light intensity remains large over the complete temperature range.

The trend of the curves is such that, if the circuit is adjusted to keep the frequency within band limits at room temperature, it will remain within limits over the complete range even though there is a decrease in sensitivity at the higher temperatures.

Operating Data

Following these tests the circuit was packaged in the 2-inch diameter test vehicle. The photocell is mounted in the small window near the center of the cylindrical metal portion of the missile shown in the third photograph. Actual firing performance data is not available on the test vehicle.

However, Table I shows the frequency variations obtained under possible operating conditions. Both the dark and bright sun frequencies lie within the ± 7.5 -percent bandwidth of the 10.5-kc channel. The full bandwidth was utilized since drift or distortion of the peaks at either end would not effect the count.

The important information is that the frequency shift obtained by rotating the missile 180 degrees from having the bright sun shining directly onto the photocell is nearly 400 cps, or roughly 25 percent of bandwidth. This is more than enough information to give a clear record of each rotation of the missile in flight.

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Summary — Transmitting information through noise can be accomplished by exchanging excess bandwidth for improved signal-to-noise ratio. Pulse-code modulation does this efficiently and permits regenerating pulses that have become distorted. Error detecting and correcting codes offer additional advantages

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PRACTICAL communications systems must prevent noise from disturbing the essential information to be transmitted. There may be considerable variation as to what is essential depending on the type of message and the needs of the user.

At one extreme, there is a luxury zone in which cost is no deterrent. At the other, there are situations in which it is difficult to provide even meager message service.

An example of the first case is the high-fidelity music system. Since the objective is personal satisfaction, not measurable in dollars and cents, low-noise components should be used and signal power should be high enough to make negligible the effect of any noise other than that inherently present in the source. To cheapen the system by allowing even a small noise defect would make the hobby frustrating rather than rewarding.

An example of the other extreme involves providing communications when the only available medium is so noisy and interference-ridden that great skill and luck are needed to get information through. Here it is imperative to strip the message to its barest essentials.

Overriding noise by high-level signal power is the straightforward

luxury approach to communication over a noisy channel. If the noise level is unduly high, the cost may be prohibitive. If part of the noise is interference from other channels, the method may fail because interchannel interference is a mutual problem for all channels.

If one transmitter is operated at higher power to overcome interference, more interference is produced in the other channels. This calls for more transmitted power in the other channels and more interference in the first.

A similar argument applies in a noise situation caused by fluctuations in signal level in beyond-thehorizon transmission and by modetransfer echoes in waveguide. Noise is proportional to signal and increase in signal power increases noise power in the same ratio.

Frequency-Modulation

A more subtle approach uses excess bandwidth to augment the signal-to-noise ratio when extra bandwidth is available. The first

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FIG. 1—Exchange of excess bandwidth for improved signal-to-noise ratio with frequency modulation

success of this method was with frequency modulation.¹

The signal magnitudes are converted at the transmitter into proportional variations in carrier frequency at constant amplitude. If these variations in frequency are large, the frequency perturbations of the carrier caused by noise become negligibly small provided the ratio of mean carrier power to mean total power in the r-f band is above a modest threshold value.

To make room for the wide frequency swing, the recommended spacing of mean carrier frequencies is 200 kc instead of the 10 kc allotted in a-m broadcasting. The ratio of rms signal to rms noise in the detected f-m output varies directly with the rms frequency swing imparted by the signal up to a point where the mean total noise power in the widened r-f band becomes comparable with the mean carrier power.

Figure 1 shows how f-m systems

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exchange bandwidth for signal-tonoise ratio. The r-f bandwidth is the double sideband width plus the peak-to-peak frequency swing. The carrier power is constant and above improvement threshold for all bandwidths. Noise power is uniformly distributed throughout the r-f band. The test signal is the same throughout and the reference condition that in which frequency deviation equals baseband width.

Pulse-Code Modulation

Frequency modulation is not the most efficient way of exchanging bandwidth for signal-to-noise ratio. The ultimate bargain is reached by pulse-code modulation. Instead of direct proportionality of rms signalto-noise ratio with bandwidth, pcm gives an exponentially increasing improvement with bandwidth.

The signal is sampled at a rate at least twice the highest frequency in the signal and the samples are quantized to the nearest of a set of discrete magnitudes. The quantized samples are transmitted by code sequences. Greatest noise tolerance is obtained with a binary code.

In transmitting binary pcm, two conditions are used which may be *plus* and *minus* or *off* and *on*. The stepped magnitudes are assigned binary numbers. If 128 steps give a sufficiently accurate representation of the signal, the levels may be represented by the 128 possible sevendigit binary numbers

0	=	0000000
1	=	0000001
2	=	0000010
3	=	0000011
4	=	0000100

127 = 1111111 The code groups can be transmitted by c-w using carrier off to represent 0 and carrier on to represent 1. Sufficient bandwidth must be provided to transmit pulses at a

rate equal to seven times the sampling rate. The bandwidth is proportional to the pulse rate.

Figure 2 illustrates the exchange of bandwidth for signal-to-noise ratio in binary pulse-code modulation. The signal-to-noise ratio is the ratio of mean power in a fullload test tone to mean quantizing noise power in the signal band. Carrier power is large enough to make transmission errors negligible.

Sampling rate is 2.5 times signal bandwidth which increases the signal-to-noise ratio 1 db over the minimum sampling rate. The reference bandwidth for one pulse a sample depends on the tolerable margins against intersymbol interference. Ideally it can be made equal to signal bandwidth but is usually more to ease transmission requirements.

In pcm, the pulses are correctly received if the carrier peaks and noise peaks can be distinguished. Ideally, the system is error-free if the carrier peaks slightly exceed twice the noise peaks. In gaussian r-f noise, the noise peaks cannot be precisely defined but an upper limit of about four times the rms value is exceeded so rarely as to make consideration of higher peaks unnecessary.

By operating the pcm system at a sufficient carrier power level above noise to make errors in recognition rare, the pulses can be decoded to represent exactly the original quantized signal levels. The only noise present is quantizing noise caused by differences between the sampled magnitudes and the discrete representations.

Pulse Regeneration

Pulse-code modulation has the advantage that the pulses can be regenerated in both magnitude and time. A pulse train which has been



FIG. 2.—Pulse-code modulation provides exponential signal-to-noise improvement with bandwidth



FIG. 3—Pulse-code modulation sequence before (above) and after (below) regeneration

distorted by noise and interference can be examined at equally spaced intervals and a determination made as to whether or not a pulse is present. If the answer is *yes*, a clean properly timed pulse can be sent on to the next repeater; if the answer is *no*, a clean blank can be sent.

Figure 3 shows input and output of a regenerative pulse repeater. The code sequence is 100111. The input is accompanied by interference and distortion. Nonsynchronous interference produces the blurred trace. There is a phase reversal between input and output while the small ripple visible in the output is a result of the timing wave.

Because of pulse regeneration there can be no accumulation of error in a chain of repeaters provided the effects of noise, distortion and interference in any one link are sufficiently small to prevent a pulse



from being mistaken for a space. An important feature is that this exploitation of bandwidth for noise suppression does not imply highfidelity low-noise bandwidth, but only bandwidth of moderate quality to enable on-off pulses to be recognized accurately.

Repeater Circuit

The transistorized regenerative repeater depicted in Fig. 4 has been used to obtain the results shown in Fig. $3.^2$ The second stage is a blocking oscillator that delivers an output pulse when the sum of the input signal and timing waves exceeds threshold.

The timing wave is derived by shock exciting a parallel resonant circuit with the output pulse train. A clamping diode establishes the positive peak of the timing wave. A small part of the pulse output is fed back to the input to cancel stretching of input pulses caused by inadequate low-frequency response of the transformers.

With the noncritical input equalizing network shown, this repeater operated successfully at 672 kc over 2.3 miles of No. 19 Awg paper-insulated cable pair.

Frequency-modulation, pcm and related schemes such as pulseposition modulation, pulse-duration modulation and pulse-frequency modulation are of the improvementthreshold type. A minimum ratio of signal power to noise power is required in the transmission medium to obtain noise suppression. The improvement threshold reaches

Table I—Code for Single-Error Correcting and Double-Error Detecting

Decimal	Decimal Position in Sequence							
Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	Č
2	0	1	0	1	0	1	ō	1
3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	ī
4	1	0	0	1	1	0	ō	ī
5	0	1	0	0	1	0	i	1
6	1	1	0	0	1	1	ō	- 0
7	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
8	1	1	1	0	0	0	ō	1
9	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
10	1	0	1	1	0	1	ō	Ō
11	0	1	1	0	0	1	i	Ő
12	0	1	1	1	1	ō	Ô	ŏ
13	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	Ō
14	0	0	1	0	ĩ	í	Ô	ĭ
15	1	1	1	1	ĩ	ĩ	í	î

its most lenient value in binary pcm where the theoretical requirement is only a factor of two between carrier and noise peaks.

If instead of c-w, a video pulse transmission system is used, the binary values can be sent as positive and negative pulses, the detector becomes a polarity indicator and the threshold is reduced to equal signal and noise peaks. In practice, an additional margin should be allowed for variation.

In improvement-threshold systems, when the noise breaks through the threshold barrier the system favors the strongest component and is indifferent to whether it is signal or noise. If the strongest component is noise, the suppression works in reverse and pure noise is registered in the output.

Filtering and Repetition

There exist systems for reliable transmission at small ratios of signal-to-noise power. The key to success is a decrease in the signaling rate to give time to make decisions which discriminate between signal and noise.

An example applicable to noise uniformly distributed over the frequency range is the use of narrowband filters. This cuts down the amount of noise power accepted by the receiver. The signal power is concentrated in the narrow band to obtain a margin over noise.

Since the narrow-band system can not follow rapid changes in waveform, the signaling rate must be reduced. Practical limitations are: the cost of highly selective filters, the stability requirements imposed on carrier oscillators and the transmission delay.

Radar operation with a low signal-to-noise ratio is related to the narrow-band filter technique. The repeated pulse pattern reflected from an object stands out through the nonrecurrent grass produced by noise. Repetition is a form of integration and integration is a form of low-pass filtering.^{*} The poorer the signal-to-noise ratio, the more repetitions are required.

Controlled Redundancy

A systematic approach based on controlled redundancy is offered by error-detecting and error-correcting codes. As an example, consider the 2-out-of-5 code in which the code groups are sequences of five intervals in which only two pulses are sent.

The ten allowed sequences are 11000, 10100, 10010, 10001, 01100, 01010, 01001, 00110, 00101, 00011. If choice were not restricted there would be 32 sequences available. Also, it would be possible to obtain 16 sequences from four intervals. This cuts the signaling rate to less than $\frac{4}{5}$.

If more or less than two pulses are received in a five-interval frame, it is known that there must have been at least one error. Occurrence of two errors in a frame may not be detected, for if one pulse is changed to a space and one space to a pulse, the 2-out-of-5 condition remains. Single error detection is most effective when the probability of error in one pulse is small. The probability of two errors in a frame becomes approximately the square of a small quantity and may be negligible.

To correct single errors in a frame it is necessary to restrict the meaningful sequences to a set differing individually in at least three places. If the minimum number of differences is increased to four, double-error detection as well as single-error correction is possible. The total number of meaningful sequences out of a given number of pulse intervals shrinks rapidly as higher numbers of errors are detected and corrected.

It is not possible to detect a number of errors up to and including the number of pulse intervals, for this would yield only one allowed sequence.

Parity Checks

Table I illustrates a coding plan in which 16 meaningful sequences are obtained from the 256 possible sequences in eight intervals.⁴ If the correcting and detecting features were not used, the same information could be sent in four intervals, so the penalty is halving the transmission rate.

Columns 3, 5, 6 and 7 give the message pulse values and represent, in binary notation, the numbers 0,

1, 2, . . . 15. Columns 1, 2 and 4 are check-pulse values for singleerror correction. Column eight gives check-pulse values for doubleerror detection. The checking is done on a parity basis in selected subgroups.

The parity of a set of 1's and 0's is determined by counting the 1's. If the number of 1's is even or zero, the parity is even. Each check value is chosen to make the parity of its subgroup even.

At the receiver, four parity checks are made: pulses 1, 3, 5 and 7; pulses 2, 3, 6 and 7; pulses 4, 5, 6 and 7; pulses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. If a parity check gives an even number or zero, the result is 0. If an odd number is obtained, the result is 1. If no errors are made, all four checks give 0.

If a single error is made, the fourth parity check gives 1 and the results of the first three checks in the order 3, 2, 1 form a binary number indicating which position is in error. If this number is 000, the error is in position 8. The offending value may then be corrected by changing 1 into 0 or 0 into 1.

If two errors are made, the result of check 4 is 0 and at least one of the other checks gives 1. The location of the errors cannot be found.

Information Theory

Error correction and detection reduce the probability of error from noise but cannot guarantee freedom from error. Operations which take account of statistical differences between the possible message sequences and the noise can under ideal conditions assure errorless transmission through noise up to a maximum signaling rate which is a property of the system.

The fundamental theorem is⁵ $C = W \log \left[1 + (S/N)\right]$

where C is the maximum number of units of information a second which can be received without error, W is the bandwidth of the system in cps, S is the average signal power and N is the average noise power. The number of units of information is the logarithm of the number of choices between possible messages. If the base of the logarithm is two, the unit is called the bit. When the logarithm is taken

to the base 10, the unit is called the hartley." When natural logarithms are used, the unit has been called the nit.

Bandwidth W is that of an ideal filter-a linear filter with no loss in a band of width W, infinite loss at all other frequencies and constant delay in the transmission band. The noise is assumed to be white and gaussian.

White gaussian noise has maximum interfering effect for a given mean noise power. Hence, if the noise is nongaussian, the maximum possible rate of errorless transmission of information is at least as great as given by the formula and is in general greater.

The information rate is the product of 2W and log $[1 + (S/N)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$. This means that 2W independent samples a second can be unambiguously recognized in the output of an ideal filter of width W and the number of recognizable distinct magnitudes a sample is

$[1 + (S/N)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Application of the theorem postulates an equivalent ideal filter obtained by equalization of the amplitude-frequency curve to flat response over the band utilized and high loss outside. Also equalization of the phase-frequency curve to a straight line with effectively zero intercept. Many transmission systems do not need to meet these requirements and the theorem indicates only what their channel capacities could approach if extensive modifications were made.

A typical voice channel is designed for transmission of human speech and performs this function well when the amplitude-frequency curve is flat from 300 to 3,300 cps. The phase-frequency curve is not critical.

Ideal Transmission

Given a channel consisting of an ideal filter perturbed by white gaussian noise, the theorem assures that errorless transmission at the rate Cis possible and errorless transmission at any rate greater than C is not possible. The proof does not show how the ideal rate can be obtained, but indicates a direction in which to go.

The maximum rate is approached



FIG. 4-Transistorized regenerative repeater produces results shown in Fig. 3

by using long messages and applying statistical treatment to the complete response of the system. Identifications of individual elements are postponed until the complete message has been received.

This implies a long delay since no part of the message can be obtained until it has all been decoded. As the ideal rate is approached the delay becomes indefinitely large. The ideal condition is approached analogously by drawing sets of code values for long messages at random from a gaussian distribution of numbers.7

One decoding plan is to compare the actual response of the system to the long message plus noise with the individual noise-free responses which would be obtained from each message code separately. Identification of the actual message sent is made on the basis of the best match in accordance with some criterion such as the least integrated squared difference. Since the number of possible messages increases exponentially with the message length, the complexity of the decoding apparatus does likewise.

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Meter indicates flutter and wow using 3,000-cps signal



Construction of wow meter makes use of plug-in units

CUMMARY — Test instrument for tape recorder transport mechanisms measures speed variations from 0.01 to 5.0 percent at rates from 1 to 450 cps. Simple system uses f-m discriminator to detect change in recorded signal

WIDE RANGE METER

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S^{INCE} the basic function of a tape transport mechanism is to drive the magnetic tape over the head at a constant speed, it is often necessary to determine how well this basic requirement is being met.

Defective parts can be found by comparing the rhythmic pattern of the flutter or wow with the rotational speeds of the various components in the transport mechanism.

Basic System

Two basic systems are used to measure flutter and wow. Both systems utilize a sinusoidal signal which has been recorded on magnetic tape. In one system, the recorded signal is squared and differentiated to convert the sine waves into pips. These pips are used to intensity modulate an oscilloscope. Another set of pips from a precision oscillator supplies timing reference markers to the horizontal plates of the oscilloscope. The instantaneous time difference betwen the reproduced and the reference pips is proportional to flutter and wow. The scope face is photographed to provide a permanent record. This system is complex and expensive, but provides measurements over a wide range of flutter rates.

Another system is based on the fact that the instantaneous frequency of the reproduced signal is proportional to the instantaneous tape speed. The reproduced signal from the tape is applied to a f-m discriminator which provides an output voltage proportional to the flutter and wow. This output drives a meter which directly indicates the percent flutter and wow. In addition the output from the discriminator can be sent to a pen recorder for a permanent record.

This sytem is simple and inexpensive, but small flutter amplitudes usually can not be measured over a wide range of flutter rates; it is satisfactory where extreme precision is not required. This article describes a simple instrument which utilizes the second system. The instrument is capable of detecting flutter and wow from 0.01 to 5.0 percent at rates from 1 to 450 cps.

Circuit

Figure 1 shows an overall schematic of the flutter and wow meter.

The 3-kc band-pass filter prevents the meter from responding to harmonics of the recorded signal and tape noise. This filter is of the constant-k type with 1-kc and 6-kc signals being attenuated more than 55 db.

A limiter prevents erroneous meter readings caused by amplitude variations in the recorded signals. These variations are mainly caused by defects in the magnetic tape rather than in the transport mechanism. The limiter allows only a 1-db change in output amplitude for a 35-db change in input amplitude. Waveform remains symmetrical over this range.



FIG. 1—Fluttor and wow meter uses dual-tank discriminator with tanks tuned 300-cps on either side of 3,000-cps center frequency

Measures Flutter and Wow

The discriminator used detects flutter and wow over a 500-to-1 range from 0.01 percent to 5.0 percent. The circuit is essentially a dual tank in which each tank is tuned approximately 300 cps off the center frequency of 3,000 cps. The components were arranged so that heat would not cause the discriminator to drift. The output characteristic, shown in Fig. 2, can be observed directly on an oscilloscope, a pen recorder or used



FIG. 2—Characteristic of dual-tank discriminator

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to activate a direct-current meter. A low-pass filter between the discriminator and meter amplifier prevents erroneous meter readings by the residual 3-kc signal and noise produced by the discriminator diodes. This filter is a singlesection low-pass filter of the constant-k type with high-frequency cutoff at 450 cps. The 3-kc signal is attenuated over 50 db. If desired, the low-pass filter can be replaced with narrow band-pass filters to obtain a spectrum analysis of the flutter and wow.

Meter Circuit

Scale switching is accomplished by a calibrated voltage divider in the grid circuit of the meter amplifier. The high-gain meter amplifier is direct-coupled to a cathode follower which drives the meter.

Diodes in the meter circuit should have a linear voltage-current characteristic in the vicinity of the origin so that the meter deflection will be linear over a wide dynamic range. Three types of diodes, 1N54A, 1N137 and 1N-138 proved satisfactory in this circuit. Overall feedback is used to insure linearity. Feedback is increased in the high-frequency region to reduce the effects of pickup of the 3-kc oscillator signal in the meter circuit.

Test Oscillator

The test signal to the recorder is supplied by a 3,000-cps oscillator. An ordinary variable R-C oscillator does not have sufficient stability, especially if it is supplied from an unregulated power source. Any variation of the test oscillator frequency at a rate between 1 and 450 cps is sufficient to cause false meter readings.

The oscillator is a Colpitts type operated class A. Long-term stability of the signal is about 0.3 cps and warm-up time is less than five minutes.

A regulated power supply is used as the power source. This adds to the stability of the oscillator circuit and the meter amplifier gain.

Four-Place Timer Codes

CUMMARY — Timing generator creates pattern that indicates time on oscillograph record in increments of 0.001 from 0 to 9.999 seconds before repeating itself. Coding produces tenth, hundredth and thousandth-second markers on single trace



FIG. 1-Principle units of timing system

T^{IMING INFORMATION can be introduced into an oscillograph record by one or more timing traces containing pips or markers onto which the timing information is coded. However, if the timing display utilizes too many traces, or if assessment of the data contained in the timing traces is made difficult}



FIG. 2—Simplified diagram of timing generator; component designations correspond with complete circuit diagram, Fig. 3



FIG. 3—Complete circuit of timing generator. Frequency standard and decade counters, represented by blocks, are commercially available plug-in units

by tedious measurements or lengthy counting of markers, the value of the data is reduced.

The two timing traces derived from the timing generator described in this article create a pattern which indicates time directly down to 0.001 second. With the simple method of calibration recommended, the pattern reads from zero to 9.999 seconds before repeating itself, with a maximum of ten markers to be counted for each data point.

The complete system is portrayed in Fig. 1. The timing generator drives two type 7-216 galvanometers in a Consolidated oscillograph. A monitoring neon lamp, which flashes at a rate of one flash per second, provides remote indication that the system is on and in operation.

Timing Generator Unit

A block diagram of the timing generator is given in Fig. 2 and the complete schematic in Fig. 3. The design is centered around commercially available plug-in type units.

The 1,000-cps frequency standard feeds through a trigger circuit into a chain of four decade counter units, which have staircase outputs in addition to their normal output circuits. These staircase outputs are differentiated and limited as required, fed through cathode followers, attenuated, combined and fed into the oscillograph to form the time pattern.

The frequency standard, an American Time Products type 2007W, is a dual-triode, inductively coupled, temperature - compensated tuning-fork oscillator which de-

Oscillograph Recordings

Figure 5B shows idealized wave

forms of the voltages at A, B, C and

D of Fig. 5A. These voltages are

summed through resistors R_A , R_B ,

 R_{σ} and R_{p} , which are proportioned

to produce the staircase output

shown in Fig. 5C. The staircase

signal can be differentiated into the

 (Δ)

2122210210202020

(8)

*? 5:56789012345678901234567

STAIRCASE

OUTPUT

R₀≸

D

FEEDBACK

BINARY 3 BINARY 4

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FIG. 4—Schmitt-type trigger used in timing generator

livers approximately five volts at 1,000 cps into a 200,000-ohm load. The unit has an accuracy of 0.001 percent. It is furnished as a complete entity with an octal plug for making the necessary connections of power input and signal output.

The trigger, or signal shaper, diagrammed in Fig. 4, is very similar to a Schmitt trigger except that bias for both grids is obtained from conduction through the cathode resistors. It generates rectangular waves with steep, negativegoing trailing edges, the type of signal best suited to drive the decade counter, a Hewlett-Packard type AC-4A.

Staircase Waveform

This counter has the advantage of a staircase output. The circuit is represented symbolically in Fig. 5A; neon lamps and their resistor matrix are omitted from this diagram. The staircase-forming resistors, R_A , R_B , R_c and R_D , are connected to points A, B, C and D, each of which is a plate of its flip-flop not being used to drive the succeeding flip-flop.

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BINARY I

INPUT

VOLTAGE AT A

VOLTAGE AT B

VOLTAGE AT C

VOLTAGE AT D

BINARY 2

FIG. 5—Basic configuration of counter decade with staircase output (Å) and waveforms (B, C and D)

(D)

comb-like timing signal shown in Fig. 5D.

Comb Signal

Referring to Fig. 2, the staircase output of the first counter is differentiated by capacitor C_1 and resistor R_1 to form the comb signal of Fig. 5D. The positive pulses of Fig. 5D are limited by potentiometer R_2 and $V_{19.4}$. The diode conducts through R_2 only on the positive portions of the differentiated signal. Cathode follower $V_{19.8}$ serves as driving amplifier for the comb signal.

In the comb, the negative pulses are the 1,000-cps indications and the positive pulses are the 100-cps indications. Potentiometer R_s serves as amplitude control of the comb signal.

The staircase output of the second counter is not used. The staircase-voltage output of the third counter is amplified by cathode follower V_{20} , controlled in amplitude by switched resistors $R_{4 \text{ to } 7}$, and mixed with the comb signal to provide indications of tenth-seconds, hundredth-seconds and thousandth-



FIG. 6—Section of oscillograph record taken during test



FIG. 7—Section of oscillogaph record taken during calibration run of test

seconds, all recorded on the same trace of the oscillograph. The staircase output of the fourth counter is amplified by cathode follower V_{23} , controlled by switched resistors $R_{\rm s \ to \ 11}$ and fed into another galvonometer element on the oscillograph, giving indications of unitseconds in ten-second groups.

Oscillograph Record

Prints of sections of the oscillograph record, taken during a test run of the timing system, are shown in Fig. 6 and 7. All identifying markers have been deleted from the record except for a single reference trace and the occasional blanks which serve as trace identifiers. The speed of the film in Fig. 6 is approximately 38 ips, which is close to the expected operating speed of the oscillograph. In Fig. 7, the speed has been reduced to about 0.8 ips. This is too slow to be of practical value in recording of data, but serves to illustrate the maximum timing pattern of the system of 10 seconds and is valuable for calibration purposes.

In Fig. 6, the thousandth-second indications are the negative pips appearing in groups of nine, each in comb-like fashion. The hundredth-second indications are the positive pips interspersed among the thousandth - second combs. Tenths of seconds are represented by the steps in the staircase upon which the pips are superimposed. Unit-seconds are represented by the steps in the staircase of the other trace. Portions of three tenthsecond and two unit-second steps are shown.

The time scale is so reduced in Fig. 7 that the thousandth-second and hundredth-second pips are run together and are therefore unreadable. However, this view is well adapted to the calibration procedures because complete staircases of tenth-second and unit-second steps are available.



FIG. 8—Card used for calibration

For calibration in any test and subsequent reading of time it is desirable to run at least 20 seconds of film in the oscillograph with the timing generator on and with very slow film speed, as was done for Fig. 7. This makes certain that, when an assessment is started, there will be at least one full staircase of unit-second steps.

Calibration

To calibrate, a 3 by 5 inch card is held so that one of its long edges bridges the two timing traces and the reference line on the slow oscillograph record. The point on the edge where reference line crosses is marked. The card is then slid along the film, keeping the reference mark of the card on the reference trace; the points of crossing of the zero-second step, the onesecond step, the two-second step and so on through the nine-second step are marked. The same is done with the tenth-second steps, marking the card as shown in Fig. 8. It is not necessary to number individual steps on the film. This was done in Fig. 7 for clarity.

Example

To illustrate the use of the calibrating card, three arbitrary times are marked on Fig. 6. These times are indicated by the dash lines and the letters t_1 , t_2 and t_3 . In determining t_2 , for example, the marked edge of the calibrating card was held on the dash line of t_2 so the reference mark on the card coincided with the reference trace at the crossing of the dash line. The units trace indicated 7 and the tenths trace indicated 0. Hundredth-second pips were counted and indicated 6 from the last step of the tenth-second staircase. Thousandth-second pips were counted in the comb with an indication of 4 pips and half a space. This made the number 7.0645, as shown in Fig. 6. Times t_1 and t_3 were found in similar fashion.

These time numbers are relative. There is no absolute zero time in this timing system. What is determined is time difference obtained by subtraction of two indicated values. Where time differences cross from one unit-second staircase into the next, 10 seconds must be added to the second reading.



Experimental frequency shifter and demodulator undergoing test

Final design for rack mounting uses terminal board construction

Telemetering Demodulator for Wide-Band F-M Data

UMMARY —— Translating wide-band f-m subcarrier to lower frequency permits recording modulating signal at lower tape speed. Demodulator converts f-m to pfm for pulse averaging recovery of signal

•N THE DESIGN of a telemetry system, demodulation of 12 video range (1.0-4.0 mc) f-m subcarrier oscillators characterized by 60-kc deviation at 20 cps to 20 kc intelligence rates was required. In addition, magnetic-tape recording of the f-m signal before demodulation was desirable to minimize amplitude errors encountered in direct amplitude magnetic recording. Further study indicated that to keep the recorder tape speed and response requirements from becoming excessive, frequency translation of the subcarrier would be necessary.

The video subcarriers are translated, by selection of the proper beat-frequency oscillator, to 150 kc with ± 60 kc deviation, at rates up to 20 kc.

The problem of demodulating the wide-band f-m wave of 150 kc \pm 60 kc deviation is successfully solved by converting the f-m to pulse-frequency modulation in which a narrow pulse, compared to the period, is generated for every cycle of the translated subcarrier wave. This

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signal is then demodulated by pulse-averaging techniques. Figure 1 is a block diagram of the system and the circuit is shown in Fig. 2.

Frequency Translator

The experimental circuit was designed to process a typical subcarrier channel of 1.0-mc center frequency. The modulated subcarrier is fed to the control grid of the 6AS6 mixer V_{z} . The output of the 1,150-kc beat-frequency oscillator V_{z} is fed to the mixer suppressor grid. When F_{c} is 1.0 mc and F_{BFO} is 1,150 kc, the translated frequency F_{T} is 150 kc.

The minimum value of F_r is determined by the number of lower sidebands generated in the modulation process. The equation for



FIG. 1-Subcarrier translator and demodulator for tape recording of telemetered data



FIG. 2—Frequency-shifter provides undistorted modulation signal on lower frequency carrier for tape recording. Pulse averaging

an f-m wave is

 $e = A \sin (\omega T + M_F \sin \omega st)$ (1) where: A = carrier-wave amplitude $\omega = \text{carrier angular velocity}$ $F_{\text{dev}} = \text{frequency deviation}$ $F_{\text{mod}} = \text{modulation frequency}$ $M_F = F_{\text{dev}}/F_{\text{mod}}$ T = time $\omega_S = 2\pi F_{\text{mod}}$

A trigometric expansion of the right hand side of Eq. 1 will yield an expression which contains the sideband frequency components and amplitude relations in terms of the Bessel functions. The significant sideband components for a given modulation index may be found from a table of Bessel functions.

An approximate relation of the minimum value of F_r determined by experimental data is

$$\begin{array}{l} F_{T\min} = (F_{dev} + 2F_{mod}) & (2) \\ \text{for } F_{dev} = 60 \quad \text{kc and} \quad F_{mod} = 20 \quad \text{kc}, \\ F_{T\min} \text{ will be 100 kc}. \end{array}$$

The instantaneous value of F_{τ} is $F_{T} = F_{T} \pm (F_{dev} + 2 F_{mod})$ (3)

If the value of F_{Tmin} is not maintained according to Eq. 2 severe distortion will result because the lower sidebands will not be transmitted with phase and amplitude fidelity.

Tubes V_4 and V_5 are low-pass selective amplifier stages designed to pass only the different frequency components of the F_c and bfo signals. The response limits of the filter may approximately be determined by Eq. 3. For example when:

 $\begin{array}{ll} F_T &= 150 \ \mathrm{kc} \\ F_{\mathrm{dev}} &= \pm 60 \ \mathrm{kc} \\ F_{\mathrm{mod}} &= 20 \ \mathrm{kc} \\ F_T \ \mathrm{lower} &= 150 - [60 + 2(20)] = 50 \ \mathrm{kc} \\ F_T \ \mathrm{upper} &= 150 + [60 + 2(20)] = 250 \ \mathrm{kc}. \end{array}$

Figure 3 is a response curve of

the selective amplifier stages. This curve includes the amplifier and the low-pass filter characteristics. Figure 4 is an oscillogram taken at various stages of the translation process. The output of cathode follower V_6 is 15v peak-to-peak.

Pulse Frequency Demodulator

The extremely wide-band f-m output of the frequency translator presents demodulation problems. Tuned-circuit discriminator techniques were not considered feasible due to difficulties in obtaining linear operation over the wide deviation percentages employed. The percent deviation is

Percent dev =
$$\frac{F_{dev}}{F_T}$$
 (100) = $\frac{60 \text{ kc}}{150 \text{ kc}}$

 $(100) = \pm 40$ percent (4) The demodulation is accomplished by converting the translated f-m wave to pulse frequency modulation. This process is indicated by the oscillograms in Fig. 5.

A 1.0-microsecond pulse of fixed duration and amplitude is generated for every cycle of the translated f-m wave. Hence, the intelligence information is contained in the instantaneous pulse frequency. In the circuit diagram, Fig. 2,



FIG. 3—Response of selective amplifier stage with low-pass filter

the translated f-m wave F_r is directed to the cathode-follower driver tube V_{τ} . Each cycle of the wave is symmetrically clipped by the resistor and biased diode networks. The input to the amplifier stages is a symmetrically clipped wave of 3v peak-to-peak amplitude. The rise time of this signal is related to the frequency and amplitude of F_r .

These rise-time variations are a source of standard-pulse jitter and therefore must be minimized by additional limiting which is provided by V_s and V_s . Each of these stages symmetrically amplify and limit the clipped signal so that the output of V_s is a square wave of 100 v peak-to-peak amplitude and 0.2 microsecond rise time. This signal is used to drive V_{10} which is a Schmitt-trigger type squarewave generator circuit.

The output of the Schmitt trigger is differentiated by C_1 and R_1 . The negative spike of the differentiated wave is shunted to ground by the 1N38 diode.

The remaining signal is a +10 v spike of 0.02-microsecond rise time which is sufficient to trigger the standard-pulse generator.

The standard pulse is generated by a cathode-coupled one-shot multivibrator, $V_{\rm n}$. The output of this stage is a 1.0-microsecond pulse of fixed duration and constant amplitude of +40 volts. The 10-to-90 percent rise time of this pulse is less than 0.10 microsecond. Due to the large deviations employed, the standard-pulse duration t_0 must be less than half the period of the highest frequency encountered to



method is used in demodulator to give output signal from 10 cps to 20 kc for frequency-modulated tape recording

allow sufficient recovery time. Hence,

$$T_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} F_t$$

$$T_{\rm max} = \frac{1}{2(250 \times 10^3)} = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \, {\rm sec} \quad (5)$$

Experimental data indicated that a 1.0-microsecond pulse duration was suitable for operation of the standard-pulse generator.

Energy of Wave

The energy of the wave is proportional to the duty cycle; this relation is $Energy = t_0/r(K)$.

Where t_0 is the pulse duration, T is the period and K is a constant. Since changes in T contain the intelligence, and $T = \frac{1}{F_{c}}$

$$e_{\rm out} = \frac{t_0}{-\frac{1}{F_t} \pm \frac{(1)}{(F_{\rm dev})}}$$
(6)

The value of K is dependent upon the pulse amplitude and the integrator characteristic.

For a given value of K the integrated voltage output is directly proportional to the value of the instantaneous pulse frequency. To demodulate the pfm wave to the original modulating signal it is necessary to integrate the pulses by means of a low-pass filter network.

Either L-C or R-C low-pass filters may be successfully employed. An L-C T-section filter as shown in Fig. 2 was used to demodulate the pfm waveform. The ripple component appearing on the demodulated signal is less than 0.5 percent. Since d-c response was not required, a-c coupled amplifier and cathode-follower stages V_{12} were added. This provided a more suitable output signal level. The overall deviation sensitivity was increased to 0.1 volt per kc.

The frequency deviation against demodulator output voltage plot is linear to better than 1-percent of the deviation bandwidth. Dynamic tests indicate the overall distortion due to processing to be less than 1 percent.

Fig. 6 is an oscillogram of the demodulator response to a 500-cps square wave and a 20-kc sine wave.



FIG. 4—Unmodulated subcarrier (Å) is combined with bio output (B) to give translator output (C) for frequency-modulation magnetic-tape recording

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FIG. 5—Circuit waveforms at output of clipper (Å), limiting amplifier (B) and trigger circuit (C). Pulse generator trigger (D) provides standard-pulse output (E)



FIG. 6—Waveform of 500 cps signal before (\overline{A}) and after (B) demodulation. Waveforms of 20-kc sine wave before (C) and after (D) demodulation



FIG. 1—Block diagram of test setup for infrared detector (A) and elements of the double-regulation power supply for bolometer (B)

Regulator Stabilizes

BOLOMETERS used for detection of infrared radiation require the application of d-c voltages that are devoid of noise and fluctuations. The power source used must also be capable of supplying high current at low voltage. These requirements generally indicate the use of a battery. For an aircraft installation where batteries are not permissible as equipment power supplies, there was developed a supply adequate for bolometer requirements.

Detector Construction

In this application, the bolometer comprises a group of blackened nickel strips, one micron in thickness with a surface area of half a square centimeter each. The strips absorb the infrared radiation, from a flame or other source, on their surfaces. The strips, connected in series, heat up, consequently change their resistance slightly and thus produce a small output voltage across a load. Since the strips are thin, their mass is small and the time required for the strips to heat is short.

Thermal lag in the bolometer heating process is small. Therefore, if the radiation varies in intensity at a rate corresponding to frequencies in the subaudio or low audio range up to 25 cycles, a usable output voltage of the same frequencies is produced. Thus the bolometer gives an electrical analog of the variation in the intensity of radiation with time. The output amplitude is in the microvolt region. The theory of infrared bolometer performance^{1, 2} is given in mathematical form in the literature.

A test set-up used to examine bolometer performance without use of an actual flame is shown in Fig. 1A. A source of steady infrared radiation, such as a light bulb, is placed in front of a modulator. The latter consists of a motor-driven metallic disk with notches in its periphery. When the disk rotates, infrared radiation is interrupted at a frequency dependent on the rate of motor rotation and the number of notches.

The bolometer, power supply, transformer and balancing potentiometer are connected in a bridge circuit. The voltage appearing at the secondary winding of the transformer is a replica of the intensity variation. It is amplified by a lowfrequency a-c amplifier and observed on an oscilloscope.

Because of the extremely small amplitudes of the signals, a highgain amplifier is used. Variations at subaudio and audio frequencies in the voltage source used to supply the bolometer bridge circuit are likewise amplified, especially if the bridge does not entirely cancel them. Fluctuations comparable to the desired signal may be falsely detected as such. Hum reduction and long-term voltage stability are secondary importance. of The former has little effect since the

lowest hum component, the second harmonic of the supply frequency, is 800 cycles and outside the passband of the detector amplifier. Long-term voltage changes affect the sensitivity of the system only slightly. The sensitivity need not be accurately controlled for this application, since qualitative rather than quantitative results are observed.

Double Regulation

After a number of more conventional approaches failed to yield a voltage output sufficiently free from low-frequency variations, the design of Fig. 1B was evolved. As shown in Fig. 2 this uses an a-c loop as well as a d-c loop. The reference voltage of -5 volts is derived, by a stage of gas-tube regulation consisting of an 0A3 and associated components, from an ordinary -180-volt regulated power supply.

In the a-c loop, the 5,000-ohm potentiometer is connected between the output terminal and the reference voltage and it is adjusted to vary the output voltage. A type A-300 miniature 400-cycle mechanical chopper driven from 6.3 volts has its moving contact on the potentiometer arm during part of a cycle and on ground during the other part. This gives a 400-cycle carrier modulated by variations in the output voltage.

Since the chopper gives sup-

DUMMARY —— Bolometer-type infrared detectors used on aircraft give ambiguous indication at intensity variation rates up to 25 cycles unless power supply is well regulated. Chopper-derived a-c loop supplements more conventional d-c regulation in cutting variations to less than a millivolt

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pressed-carrier modulation, only the sidebands are present. The modulated signal is amplified by one section of the 12AX7 and then synchronously rectified by a second chopper. It is finally filtered, to give a grid voltage for one of the 6AS7 passing tubes, which has its two sections connected in parallel. Use of choppers for similar purposes^{3,4,5} is discussed in the references.

If the extremes of the frequencies of the variations in the output voltage are denoted by F_1 and F_2 , where both F_1 and F_2 are considerably below 400 cycles, the chopper converts the band F_1 to F_2 to the bands 400 -

 F_2 to 400 - F_1 and 400 + F, to 400 $+ F_2$. The 12AX7 stage was found to generate considerable noise at the lower frequencies, F_1 to F_2 .

A-C Amplifier

The amplifier in the a-c loop is designed to pass only frequencies in the neighborhood of 400 cycles and attenuate greatly any low-frequency components. The low-frequency disturbances are not amplified. Tube noises near 400 cycles are small and can cause disturbances only to the extent that they appear as sidebands by modulating the carrier. This effect is slight. Improvement

in regulation of the output voltage is thus obtained in the a-c loop that could not be obtained in a d-c loop.

To supply the a-c regulating loop with a reasonably clean voltage so excessive gain is not required of it, a second loop is employed. This is a d-c loop, since here only coarse regulation is needed. A 25,000-ohm potentiometer is connected in a voltage divider used between the 6AS7 plate voltage and the -180-volt reference power supply. From the arm of the 25,000-ohm potentiometer, voltage variations are fed to a section of the 12AX7, amplified and applied to a second 6AS7 passing tube.

Loop Supply

The d-c loop is, in turn, supplied by a standard circuit utilizing a transformer, a 5U4 full-wave rectifier and a filter composed of two resistors and three electrolytic capacitors.

The output voltage is 3 to 6 volts with current capacity of 250 ma. Hum at 800 cps is under one millivolt rms and low-frequency variations are less than a millivolt.

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compensates low-frequency variation



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Memory matrix with light-tight cover open. Only one multiplier phototube is shown

DIGITAL STORAGE

UMMARY — Inexpensive storage for digital data is provided by neon-tube matrix. Less power is required than with coincident-current memories such as a core matrix. Memory uses multiplier-phototube read out. Flasher lamp prevents complete deionization of neon tubes

N EON STORAGE unit uses the presence or absence of a small neon tube as the memory element. The memory consists of rows and columns of wires with neon tubes connected to appropriate intersections.

The neon tube detects a coincident voltage at the intersection and its light output is converted to voltage by a phototube. Since the phototube will pick up the light of any of the neons, it also acts as the logical OR gate which is necessary in memories.

Operation of Matrix

Figure 1 shows a corner of a neon matrix and operating waveforms. The selection of the corners of the matrix is accomplished by a coincident voltage. Once the correct voltage is present, the neon tube will fire and draw a small amount of current (about 0.2 milliamp). This current, however, can normally be supplied by any circuit having a reasonable output impedance without seriously affecting the output voltage level.

The sets of vertical and horizontal wires have the property that at all times only one wire from each set has the selecting voltage on it. The magnitude of this selecting voltage is about one-half the firing voltage of the neon tubes.

On the voltage waveforms at time t_1 , wire 3 is selected but none of the hundred series wires is selected (one in another part of the matrix is chosen). Even though there are neons at corners c and d, the voltage applied to them is lower than their firing point and they remain off.

Extinguishing Neon Tubes

The neon tubes are NE-2's. These are small tubes with wires extending from the glass seal. In manufacture, no measures have been taken to hold the gas pressure and the spacing of the electrodes uniform between tubes.

The firing voltages of new tubes can be from 65 to 90 v, and the maintaining voltages from 55 to 65 v. As the tubes age, these voltages will increase.

The amplitude of the half-selecting voltages is about plus or minus 55 from ground. This will insure the firing of any tube when coincidence occurs. A resistor in series with one line will drop the voltage applied to the neon to the maintaining value after the tube fires.

However, when one selecting voltage is removed, there will still be 55 v available which may prevent the neon from extinguishing. This can be overcome by adding an R-C network in series with the vertical or horizontal wires as shown in Fig. 2.

As the neon fires and starts to draw current, capacitor C charges



FIG. 1—Section of neon-tube matrix and firing waveforms



FIG. 2—Section of matrix and extinguishing waveforms.

Using Neon Tubes

and the voltage across the tube drops to the maintaining voltage level. When one selecting voltage is removed, the voltage across the neon drops to about 10 volts for the short time before C discharges. It is long enough, however, to extinguish the neon.

When the neon tubes are in an area which has normal illumination, 110 v or so across the neon tube when there is a coincident voltage would be enough to fire the tube reliably. The light in the area would prevent the neon gas from deionizing completely, thus making it easier fully to ionize or fire the tube.

The neons of the matrix, however, must be installed in a lighttight enclosure to allow the phototube to pickup the on-off condition. In a dark area, there is practically complete deionization about 30 millisec after the maintaining voltage is removed. Since each neon bulb in the matrix must be addressed as often or as infrequently as desired, no restriction based on the 30-millisec interval can be tolerated.

In a dark area, the neons may not fire for periods greater than 20 millisec after a voltage much in excess of their normal firing voltage is applied. This is in contrast to a neon in a lighted area which will fire within a few microseconds. Since the neons can be held from deionizing by light, a flash of light, at intervals in the normally dark area would ionize the tubes partially. In particular, if a neon lamp were flashed, the emitted light would cause the most activity in the neon lamps of the storage matrix.

The flasher neon is normally flashed at the time a new corner in the matrix is chosen. A new neon which must fire is thus given the activation when the coincident voltage is applied. Since the flasher neon is fired each time a new location is pulsed, it normally fires



FIG. 3—Output circuit and timing cycle

many times a second and there is no possibility of this tube becoming fully deionized.

Matrix Output

Both the light from the signal neons and the flasher neon will be picked up by the multiplier phototube. Whether a signal neon is on or not, an output indication could result at the time the flasher neon is on. It is therefore necessary to look for the output after the flasher is turned off.

This can be accomplished by the circuit shown in Fig. 3. The output of the multiplier phototube passes through an amplifier to increase the voltage swing available and change the d-c output level. The output of the amplifier and the timing pulse are gated to produce the output. Immediately after this output, another location is chosen for the next output.

The delay between the turning off of the flasher and the output is necessary to allow the light output of the flasher neon to decay to a low level. The multiplier phototube and amplifier are designed to have no greater bandwidth than is necessary to follow this decay.

Where the memory is to be used

to generate a certain function it will always be read in the same order. A simple way of reading which would cover all corners of the memory would be to select one horizontal wire and then sequentially select all the vertical wires. The next horizontal wire would then be selected and all the vertical wires would be selected again. This process then would be repeated until all the horizontal wires were selected.

With this method of selection, it is always known which corner will be the next one selected. Therefore the circuit can remain one step ahead of the input and also have an instantaneous output instead of waiting for the flasher neon and slow decay. A circuit which will perform in this manner is illustrated in Fig. 4.

To scan the matrix in a sequential order, two four-stage counters and decoding circuits are included. The four-stage binary counter has 2^4 or 16 possible configurations. Each configuration can be recognized by the decoding circuit as being distinct.

It will therefore energize one of its 16 output lines according to the four inputs it receives from the counter. These output lines form one set of wires to go to the neon tubes.

The second counter and decoder form the second set of wires to the neon matrix. Since the second counter is fed by the overflow of the first, all 16 lines of the first will be selected while the second set remains fixed. The overflow will then cause another line in the second set to be chosen and the first set will sweep through again.

It is necessary that one of the two sets of outputs from the decoders have a positive selecting voltage and the other be negative. Since it is generally desirable to make all counter stages the same, this difference in circuitry is in the cathode followers and the decoding circuits.

Pulse Input

The positions of the neon tubes are set up initially so that the corner of the matrix which is energized when the counters are reset contains the information to be read out at the time of the first pulse. When the first pulse comes in, it is regenerated by the blocking oscillator and fed to the AND gate. The other input to this gate before the pulse came was the information from the matrix at the reset position.

Since this input is designed to have a long time constant, it will only start to change at the time of the pulse and the previous in-



FIG. 4—Schematic diagram of neon-memory function generator

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formation will be the control on the gate. The output is therefore directly available.

The input pulse also steps the counter and triggers the monostable multivibrator which in turn fires the flasher neon. This sets the matrix at the next corner and the neon at that corner, if any, will light. The multiplier phototube picks up the light and slowly changes the input to the AND gate. When the next input pulse arrives, the second output is immediate and the matrix is set for the third position.

Circuit Operation

The decoded output to the neon matrix from the first four stages is a positive gate from the zeroreference level. The d-c output level of the counter flip-flops is raised by the dividers to the grids of the cathode followers and the polarity of the diodes in the decoding matrix provides for the positive output gate. The d-c level of the fifth to eighth counter flipflops is lowered by the dividers to their cathode followers to obtain a negative gate from the zero reference level. The outputs of these flip-flops are reversed to obtain correct sequencing of the negative output gates.

The positive input pulse is brought to blocking oscillator V_1 for reshaping and amplification. The positive output of V_1 is gated with the d-c level from multiplierphototube amplifier V_2 . Since the amplifier and gate have a slow response to the d-c level change, the output information is based on the past output of the neon matrix.

The flasher neon is ignited immediately after the input pulse by monostable multivibrator V_s and amplifier V_{\star} . To be certain that the flasher neon is partially ionized when the equipment is put into operation, a pilot lamp is included in the light-tight compartment. This lamp is turned off by the thermal relay about three seconds after B+ is applied. This delay allows the equipment to start its operation and insures initial firing of the flasher neon.

The circuit shown was designed for equipment requiring a maximum read-out rate of 200 cps and



FIG. 5-Neon-tube matrix memory with four-bit output

no attempt was made to attain maximum speed from the memory unit. The unit as constructed has a maximum read-out rate of about 2 kc. This is due to some portions of the circuitry and the mechanical layout of the decoding and neon matrixes. To work at higher speeds, the capacitance between all matrix wires must be reduced to improve rise times and reduce crosstalk.

Multidigit Output

The circuit provides one bit of output information at the time of each input. Many applications, however, require more bits per input pulse. Each bit will require a separate neon matrix but most of the equipment can be common. The layout of the matrixes for a fourbit output word is shown in Fig. 5.

Corresponding wires of each matrix are connected together and driven from the same source. The counters, cathode followers, decoding circuitry, monostable multivibrator and blocking oscillator need not be repeated. All that is necessary for each additional bit is a matrix, multiplier phototube and amplifier, AND gate and flasher.

The additional power required is negligible. For memories which require a different number of locations than 16 by 16 or 256 positions, a different counter configuration can be used or the counters can be reset before they reach full capacity.

The life of the components is normally no problem. The counters, cathode followers and decoding circuitry need not be high-speed units. Therefore they can operate with relatively low current and reasonable rise times. This speed also allows the crystal diodes in the decoding circuits to operate in circuits which are relatively insensitive to variations between diodes. The NE-2's have a rated life of about 25.000 hours. Since the tubes are on only a fraction of the time and are operating at about $\frac{1}{3}$ rated current due to the large gain available from the multiplier phototube, the neon life is no problem.

Construction

The physical layout of a typical memory matrix is shown in the photograph. The cover holding the neons is tipped up. This unit has four output bits per input pulse therefore four light-tight compartments, each with the memory neons, flasher neon and multiplier phototube. The neon memory tubes, rather than being physically located at the intersections of cross wires, are bunched in a group to illuminate the multiplier phototube uniformly.

The access time for the neon memory is about 100 microsec and the consecutive read-out time is the same. About 25 tubes and 128 diodes are needed for the 4-bit 256word consecutive read-out memory. Sixteen tubes are counters and cathode followers.

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FIG. 1—Self-quenching superregenerative oscillator circuit uses junction transistor. Point contact may also be used



FIG. 2—Waveforms show circuit voltages V_o (A), V_1 (B), V_{ob} (C), V_i (D) and V_c (E) corresponding to circuit diagram

SUPERREGENERATIVE

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CUMMARY — Equal on-off intervals of 500-cps audio frequency are obtained at a rate of 7 cps using junction transistor in basic self-quenching oscillator circuit. Effects of circuit parameter variation on oscillator performance are given. Operation is possible at higher frequencies

PULSES OF AUDIO-FREQUENCY tone produced at a slow rate from 5 to 10 cps are useful in providing alarm controls and in performing identification and supervisory functions in signaling systems.

This article describes a simple transistor circuit that produces equal on-off intervals of 500-cps tone at a rate of 7 cps. The circuit requires one junction transistor and provides 23 milliwatts of pulse power to a 600-ohm load. Operation at higher frequencies and the use of point-contact transistors in this circuit is possible.^{1, 2}

The circuit diagram of the selfquenched oscillator is shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 2A is the output signal, Fig. 2B is the voltage across the resistor R_1 in the emitter circuit, Fig. 2C is the emitter-to-base volt-

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age and Fig. 2D and 2E are the voltages across L_c and C_c respectively.

Operation

To obtain some insight into the circuit operation, assume that selfquenched oscillation takes place. Suppose that the off period has just been completed and the on period is about to begin. Thus the emitterto-base voltage will be slightly positive (for a *pnp* unit), the current through the *LC* combination will be small, the emitter-to-base resistance will be low and C_c will be charged positively.

Capacitor C_c will discharge rapidly through L_c and the emitter-tobase resistance. The voltage across L_c will increase, opposing the change in current, and the voltage across the *LC* combination will adjust itself to maintain a small positive voltage across emitter and base. Oscillations will build up rapidly toward some limiting value. Owing to transistor nonlinearity these oscillations produce a rectified current I_R , with a fundamental frequency of 7 cps, that flows through the inductance-capacitance combination along the assumed path shown in Fig. 1.

This current reduces the voltage across C_c until V_{cb} becomes so small that oscillation ceases. The emitterto-base resistance is now high and C_c begins to charge through L_c , R_1 and the bias network R_s , R_s , C_4 and E. The resultant rapid change in the direction of current through L_c causes the voltage across the coil to decrease rapidly and drive the emitter diode further below cutoff.

The emitter-to-base voltage now increases toward the bias voltage V_z as C_{σ} charges. When V_{eb} becomes slightly positive, the emitter diode again becomes a low resist-

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FIG. 3-Circuit performance with variation in quench capacitor C_{σ} (Å) and bypass capacitor C_4 (B)



FIG. 4-Effect of changes in bias (Å) and feedback (B) on circuit performance. Sum of R_2 and R_3 held constant in (A)



FIG. 5-Effect of changes of load resistance (A) and emitter resistance (B) on circuit performance

Transistor Oscillator

ance across the LC combination and the cycle repeats itself.

Choke L_c also serves to prevent a short circuit across the emitter and base at the fundamental oscillator frequency.

Experimental Results

Circuit performance was measured with a fundamental oscillator frequency of 500 cps, a quench frequency of 7 cps and a off to on ratio, d/D, of unity.

Only one significant element at a time was varied. The pulse power dissipated in R_{L} and P_{o} is taken as $A^{2}/2R_{L}$.

Performance as a function of the quench circuit capacitance C_{σ} is shown in Fig. 3A. The power output and the off-on ratio d/D, do not vary appreciably for values of C/σ above 25 μ f. Quench frequency f_q varies hyperbolically with C_o . An empirical relation for f_q is (8.8 \times $10^{-3}C_{o})^{-1}$.

This variation suggests that quenching is controlled by a time constant rather than by a resonance phenomenon since the resonant frequency for the L_cC_c circuit is 33 cps. Since C_{σ} chiefly affects f_{q} , it can be used as the primary control

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for the quench frequency.

Effects of varying bypass capacitor C_4 values are shown in Fig. 3B. Above a value of 15 μ f, d/D, f_q and P_{\bullet} change slightly indicating that R_{s} is effectively bypassed at the quench frequency.

Figure 4A shows the effects of changing the bias by varying R_2 while keeping the sum of R_2 and R_s constant at 41,000 ohms. As R_2 is increased beyond 14,000 ohms quenching of the 500-cps signal stops owing to reduced collector voltage. As R_2 is decreased toward zero d/D increases rapidly because of reduced quiescent emitter current. Values of P_o and f_q are less critically related to the value of resistance than d/D; thus R_2 and R_3 can be used as a fine control for d/D.

The effect of the feedback resistance, R_{FB} , is shown in Fig. 4B. Within the operating region both d/D and f_q vary moderately so that R_{FB} can be used as a fine control for the 7-cps quench signal as well as a control over the basic 500-cps frequency.

Figure 5A shows that variation in R_{L} has a marked effect on the circuit performance. Improvement may be obtained by using a more suitable output transformer, a pad in the secondary to reduce the load variation seen by the circuit or a buffer amplifier in the output circuit.

Effects of variation in R_1 are shown in Fig. 5B. The important property here is that d/D can be controlled by R_1 , with only small changes in f_o and f_q , in the range of 4,000 to 16,000 ohms.

Although the sum of $R_2 + R_3$ was not varied, it was found that for a value of 10,000 ohms instead of 41,000 ohms, the quench frequency increased about 40 percent with some increase in d/D. This change increased the battery drain from 4 ma to 8 ma.

A resistor placed in series with L_c and C_c decreased d/D as the resistance was increased, and quenching stopped when the sum of the value of this resistor and the resistance of L_{σ} reached approximately 200 ohms. An increase in the value of L_c lowered the quench frequency.

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Regulating Amplifier

CUMMARY — Servocontrol automatically adjusts gain to accommodate changes in attenuation in long open-wire telephone lines. Slope, or unequal attenuation as a function of frequency, in 12-channel carrier systems is likewise compensated. Pilot-tone pairs of 40 and 80 kc with 99 and 150 kc are employed to control gain

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M ULTICHANNEL CARRIER telephone systems require compensation for variations in line attenuation caused by weather changes.

The device described is used in a new 12-channel carrier telephone system to correct automatically not only for changes in attenuation but also slope—the change of attenuation over a range of frequencies that occur in open-wire telephone lines.

The telephone system uses frequencies from 40 to 88 kc in one direction of transmission and 99 to 150 kc in the other direction. Over these frequency ranges, differing weather conditions cause large changes in the attenuation characteristics of a line.

Figure 1 shows the attenuation

characteristics of a typical 33-mile long telephone line. Under dry weather conditions, the average attenuation of the line is about 8 db and the change in attenuation from 99 to 150 kc is only 2 db. During a sleet storm, however, the attenuation at 99 kc may increase to 38 db and the attenuation at 150 kc may increase to 60 db.

The difference between these two values of attenuation (22 db) is the slope across the transmitted band of frequencies. Under different weather conditions, attenuation and slope may be anywhere between the dry-weather and sleetstorm extremes.

The regulator compensates for any attenuation in the range covered in Fig. 1. This includes lines so short that instead of pro-



FIG. 1—Attenuation characteristics of open-wire line. Shaded portions show range of regulation of the equipment described in text

viding variable amounts of gain, the regulator must provide varying amounts of loss. For long lines, the regulator will provide up to 48 db gain at 99 kc or 72 db gain at 150 kc. The regulation error under most conditions does not exceed ± 1 db.

Design Considerations

Two general approaches, either electromechanical or electronic, can be taken in the design of regulators for open-wire carrier systems.

Electromechanical regulators are possible because attenuation changes occur slowly enough to be adequately compensated by a mechanical device. In fact, slow regulator response is necessary to prevent wide swings in system gain resulting from momentary line shorts or induced transients.

One type of electromechanical regulator now used in carrier system is a servomechanism consisting of motor-driven attenuators and slope-correcting networks. The motors of these devices are driven by a system of amplifiers, relays and filters to insert the necessary characteristics in the line. Such regulators, although they perform satisfactorily, are large physically and include expensive components.

Another design approach makes use of electronic circuits to take advantage of miniature components now available. An electronic regulator is smaller, more efficient and can be inexpensively manufactured.

To correct for wide range line-

Corrects Slope and Level

loss and slope conditions, precise attenuation and slope information must be conveyed to each regulator in the system. This information is obtained by sending two pilot frequencies in each direction of transmission. Pilots of 150 kc for slope control and 99 kc for flat-gain control are transmitted in the highfrequency direction. Tones of 80 kc for flat-gain control and 40 kc for slope control are transmitted in the low-frequency direction.

The regulator can be considered a closed-loop electronic servo system. The characteristics of this system are controlled by the level of the pilot tones at each end of the transmitted band.

A block diagram of the regulator circuit is shown in Fig. 2. In operation, the regulator attempts to maintain both pilot tones at a constant preset level at point *B*. This level is determined by the amplifier gains existing within the feedback loop, indicated by β .

The received band of frequencies, including the message and the pilot tones, is transmitted from input A to output B of the regulator. The pilot tones present in the output are then separated from the message frequencies and returned through a feedback loop to control the flat-gain and the slope-compensating amplifiers.

The line-equalizer section of the A-B path contains a low-pass roof filter to suppress out-of-band cross-talk and noise and a fixed equalizer to provide a moderate amount of preliminary equalization.

The flat-gain section maintains the overall gain of the regulator constant. This section consists of a pi-network in which attenuation depends upon the resistance of thermistors in its shunt arms and an amplifier with gain controllable by a thermistor in parallel with the load resistor. The overall gain or loss of the flat-gain section is determined by a direct current flowing through the thermistors.

Slope correction follows the flat-

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FIG. 2—Block diagram shows signal and pilot-tone paths



FIG. 3—Flat-gain regulator uses four thermistors

gain correction and is provided by two cascaded amplifiers with slopeequalizing networks in their feedback circuits. The frequency response of these amplifiers is controlled by varying the characteristics of the equalizer networks. As in the flat-gain regulator, this is accomplished by thermistors whose resistance is varied by d-c control. The output of the second slope amplifier is also the output of the regulator.

Feedback Loop

A portion of the regulator output is applied to the β -loop to control the gain characteristics of the flatgain and slope-correcting amplifiers. In this loop, a pair of very sharp crystal band-pass filters separate the two pilot tones from the message frequencies. After further amplification, the pilot tones are separated from each other by a low-pass and high-pass filter combination, individually rectified and compared with d-c reference voltages.

The two error voltages obtained by the comparison depend upon the level of the pilot tones at the regulator output and are used to determine the output of the d-c control tubes. These tubes supply current to the flat-gain and slope-correcting



FIG. 4—Two slope-correcting amplifiers are used in cascade

networks. An output pilot level change of ± 1.0 db swings these control currents through their complete operating range.

Any change in the amplitude of a pilot tone at point B will cause the characteristic of the flat-gain or slope-correcting networks to vary in a direction that creates a compensating change in gain or slope.

To prevent the regulator from responding to transient phenomena such as swinging shorts on the telephone line or momentary interruptions from maintenance procedures, the time constants of the d-c control circuits are made long. If signals are completely lost, alarm circuits that monitor the error signals will be operated after about five seconds delay. The loss of either or both of the pilot tones will cause audible or visual indication.

A simplified schematic of the flat-

gain regulating circuit is shown in Fig. 3. The input transformer provides an impedance step-up necessary to obtain optimum performance from a pi-section attenuator. Resistance R_1 and the two thermistors, RT_1 and RT_2 form the attenuator. The thermistors have a resistance characteristic that decreases as the current through them increases.

By varying the current through the thermistors, the attenuation of the pi-network can be changed to the desired value. The current is controlled by an error voltage applied to the grid of d-c amplifier tube V_{2} .

The plate-current path of the control tube contains a third thermistor RT_{s} , which is in series with RT_1 and RT_2 as far as the d-c control current is concerned. To the incoming signals, however, RT_s is part of the load on the flat-gain amplifier tube V_1 .

Therefore, any changes in control-tube plate current will also cause the resistance of the thermistor to modify the amplifier load impedance. This alters the gain of the amplifier in the same direction as the pi-network and provides additional attenuation compensation.

Thermistor RT_4 and resistor R_3 provide temperature compensation. They form a voltage divider that controls the input to the flat-gain amplifier as a function of ambient temperature. Temperature compensation is necessary because the thermistors that control the flatgain or loss of the regulator are sensitive to changes in the ambient temperature as well as to changes in control current.

Since thermistor RT_4 is not in the d-c path of the other thermistors and does not carry appreciable current, its resistance is dependent only on ambient temperature. Its effect on the gain of the regulator is opposite to the effects of temperature change on thermistors RT_1 , RT_2 and RT_8

Slope Control

A simplified diagram of one of the two slope-correcting amplifiers is shown in Fig. 4. Signals from the flat-gain regulating stage are stepped up in voltage and impedance by the interstage transformer and applied to the grid of a pentode amplifier connected in a conventional *RC* arrangement with voltage feedback.

The feedback voltage of this amplifier is developed across a twoterminal *RLC* network in which impedance to ground varies linearly with frequency. By changing the resistance of RT_{δ} in the *RLC* network the impedance variation with frequency can be made to increase or decrease.

By passing plate current from d-c control tube V_4 through this thermistor, a means is provided for varying the slope of amplifier V_4 as a function of the error voltage applied to V_4 . To keep the reactive elements in the slope-correcting networks within practical limits, two slope-correcting amplifiers are cascaded. Overall performance characteristics of the regulator are shown in Fig. 5.



FIG. 5—Flat-gain regulation (A) and slope regulation (B) characteristics. Complete plug-in regulator comprises main chassis and four plug in units



Multipath Simulator Tests Communications

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UMMARY —— Ultrasonic artificial ionosphere uses crystal transducers at 150 kc operating in air. Heat and fans simulate fading in two air-path signals which are compared with direct wire path

EVELOPMENT of long-range communications equipment requires an ionosphere simulator capable of duplicating in the laboratory radio-signal test conditions corresponding to actual field conditions.

line signal in linear mixer

The multipath simulator described here is a discrete path type employing three paths, two of which are atmospheric. These paths provide for adjustable differential delays up to about 5 milliseconds. It differs from previous simulators in that the path delay takes place after modulation and that both amplitude and phase of the delayed signals can be varied dynamically and simultaneously. Fading is random and frequency selective.

The path delay point is important

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for double-sideband amplitude modulation for, if the signals were delayed in advance of carrier modulation, the system would not be realistic. The frequency selective nature of the fading simulates the actual nature of radio fading and distorts the two sidebands in different fashion.

To account for the fading patterns observed, both the phase and amplitude of the delayed signals must vary. Fading due to multipath is random in nature and follows the Rayleigh distribution law.

Transducers

The simulator employs acoustic transducers operating in air at a frequency of 150 kc. The high frequency is necessary since the signals are delayed after modulation. The transducers are made up of 14 ADP crystals. Since the ratio of the diameter of the transducer diaphragm to the wavelength of the 150-kc signal in air is large, the transducers have a sharp beam pattern. This makes it possible to operate them in an ordinary room without taking special precautions against spurious reflections. The transmitting and receiving transducers are identical. They are mounted on stands and are aligned by swivel joints. The arrangement is shown in a photograph.

The distance between transducers determines the delay, and the distance for each path can be independently adjusted. Since the velocity of sound in air is 1,119 feet per



Multipath simulator with transducers spaced for delay of about two milliseconds. Transmitting transducers are on stand at center and the receiving transducers are on stands at left and right

second at 20 C, the delay is 0.9 millisecond per foot. The third or reference path is a direct wire transmitted signal traveling from the transmitter simulator to the receiver simulator.

A block diagram of the system is shown in Fig. 1. The transmitter consists essentially of a cathodefollower current amplifier which amplifies the modulation signals and supplies the current to a ring modulator. The 150-kc oscillator signal is amplitude modulated and amplified to drive the transmitting transducers. A small part of the amplified signal is taken as the direct signal.

The receiver portion of the simulator consists of the receiving transducers which furnish the input signals for preamplifiers mounted on the transducer stands. These preamplifiers feed band-pass amplifiers terminated by level controls. The signals are monitored by a vtvm and are combined, amplified, detected and further amplified for recording. Considerable amplification and careful shielding are required because the signal level out of the receiving transducers is on the order of a fraction of a millivolt. The low output of the transducers is due to the necessity of providing damping to increase bandwidth.

Although the system as described provides for only double-sideband a-m transmission, provision is made to incorporate single-sideband transmission. Provision is also made for adding a noise signal.

Transmitter

Figure 2 is a schematic of the transmitting unit of the multipath simulator. The carrier frequency of 150 kc is generated by one-half of a 12AT7 in a series tuned L-C



FIG. 2—Transmitter simulator provides modulated carrier output to drive sending transducer

oscillator circuit. The other half of the 12AT7 is operated as a cathodefollower buffer amplifier which drives the diode-ring modulator. Carrier amplitude is adjusted so that the modulated carrier output is linear with the modulating signal well past 100-percent modulation.

With perfectly matched diodes, the diode ring is balanced for both the carrier and the modulating signal so neither appears in the output anless the other is present. Therefore, no component of the modulating signal will appear in the output except as a modulation of the carrier. This is desirable when the highest modulating frequency is close to the carrier frequency.

The output voltage is proportional to the current flowing in the center-tap circuit with matched diodes and with a sine-wave carrier input that is sufficiently high in level to be clamped to essentially a square wave by the forward conductance of the diodes.

The ring in the transmitter simulator is operated with a steady-state direct current in the modulator to obtain the quiescent carrier. The voltage differential between the cathode of V_4 , the modulator tube, and the tap from the 150-v plate supply causes this residual direct current flow through the modulator. Operation of V_4 against a positive direct voltage source instead of against ground is necessary for linearity when the modulation approaches 100 percent.

Output of the modulator appears at the grid of V_2 and is amplified by the 12AT7 two-stage *R-C* coupled amplifier. This amplified modu-



Combined carrier signal through simulator with paths perturbed by electric fan

lated 150-kc carrier drives the cathode-follower connected 6L6 output tube. Back bias is used so that impedance coupling may be employed to obtain a reasonable power output. This output is capacitively coupled to the transducers.

The bridge-type a-c meter indicates the amplitude of the modulating signal or the amplitude of the modulated output carrier. In the modulated carrier position this meter may be employed as a simple overmodulation indicator. With the balanced modulator used in this system, overmodulation will be indicated by a pronounced upward carrier shift.

The modulating signal may lie anywhere within the audio-frequency band from approximately 200 to 6,000 cps.

Figure 3 is a schematic of the preamplifier and band-pass amplifier for the receiving transducers.

Two such systems are employed, one for each of the delayed path received signals. The preamplifiers are mounted in the small boxes on the transducer stand. The preamplifier has a double-tuned band-pass filter input with a bandwidth of approximately 14 kc. Overall voltage gain of the preamplifier is 25.

A two-stage band-pass amplifier using 6AH6 pentodes raises the level of the signal from the preamplifier to a peak value of approximately 1 volt. A separate amplifier is employed for each of the delayed signal inputs. Since the direct signal is obtained by a wire connection, no band-pass amplifier is required for this third circuit.

In the linear mixer, shown in Fig. 4, the composite output signal from the two delayed channels and the direct signal channel is developed across the resistor in the grid circuits of the 6AK6 amplifier.

A 6H6 is used for full-wave detection of the composite amplitudemodulated carrier. A simple L-Cfilter section removes the carrier components from the output of this detector. Parallel resonance in the filter effectively suppresses the carrier fundamental frequency.

A 6C4 cathode follower provides a low-impedance output stage for transmission of the recovered information signals to the recorder.

A separate vtvm circuit using a cascade-connected 12AT7 is provided for setting the relative amplitudes of the various input channels. Inverse feedback is employed in this amplifier to stabilize gain.

In the equipment shown the band-

width, and hence the highest permissible modulation frequency, is determined by the band-pass circuits employed. The transducers themselves have an essentially flat bandwidth of 20 kc and so are not the limiting elements in the system.

Fading Effects

The velocity of sound in air changes with temperature about 2 feet per sec per degree C. At a frequency of 150 kc a small temperature differential will change the velocity sufficiently to produce a considerable change in phase. A change of about 0.9 deg C over a 2.24 foot beam path would change the phase π radians. This effect is made use of in obtaining random change of phase. A small heat source is placed between the transducers and under the beam. Random convection currents intercept the beam over a part of its travel and cause two effects, the phase is changed in a random manner due to the change in velocity and the amplitude is changed in a random manner due to refraction.

Fading rates can be somewhat controlled by increasing heat intensity.

Oscillograph records were made of the instantaneous value of combined carrier signals through the simulator. The delayed path was perturbed by an electric fan, causing rapid fading of the resultant carrier corresponding to rates on the order of 25 to approximately 500 per minute. The records are strikingly similar to oscillograms of actual radio transmissions.



FIG. 3—Preamplifier-bandpass amplifier circuit for each delayed path boosts signal to 1-volt for mixing



FIG. 4—Inputs from two delayed paths and direct path are combined and demodulated to drive recorder

Design Chart for Selective Cathode Traps

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CUMMARY — Equations for determining attenuation introduced at trap frequency and at other desired frequency used with chart speed determination of values for R, L and C for cathode trap. Graph can also be used to determine bandwidth of trap

T N DESIGNING cathode traps of the type shown in Fig. 1, attenuation must be introduced at a trap frequency, f_o , without greatly affecting the gain at some other frequency, f.

It is useful, therefore, to consider how the gain at f relative to the gain at f_{\circ} varies with trap Q, normalized frequency spacing δ , and the increased loss at f due to the presence of the trap. A cathode resistor R_k has been included in the circuit, but may be set to zero or bypassed, if desired.

Chart Construction

In obtaining the expression from which the chart is plotted, the following assumptions are made: grid-cathode and cathodeground capacitances are negligible, the tube is a constantcurrent generator $(i_p = g_m \ e_{gk})$ and the trap may be represented by a parallel combination of R, L and C.

An actual coil has, of course, series resistance. A parallel representation is exact, however, if the Q of the coil as a function of frequency is constant.

Let $|\bar{r}_1| \equiv$

$$=\frac{\left|1+g_m\left[R_k+\frac{R}{1+j\,Q\,\delta\frac{(2+\delta)}{(1+\delta)}}\right]\right|}{1+g_m\,R_k}\right|$$

and $r_2 \equiv$

 $\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{c} \mbox{gain reduction factor at } f_0 \mbox{ with trap} \\ \mbox{gain reduction factor at } f_0 \mbox{ or } f \mbox{ without trap} \\ \end{array} \\ = \frac{1 + g_m \left(R + R_k \right)}{1 + g_m R_k} \end{array}$

It can then be shown that

$$\frac{r_2}{\left| \begin{array}{c} r_1 \\ r_1 \end{array} \right|^2} = \\ \left[\left(Q \ \delta \ \frac{(2+\delta)}{(1+\delta)} \right)^2 \left(\frac{|\overline{r}_1|^2 - 1}{|\overline{r_1}|^2} \right) + 1 \right]^{1/2} \end{array}$$

The ratio

 r_2

 $|r_1|$ gain reduction factor at f_0 with trap gain reduction factor at f without trap



FIG. 1—Basic cathode trap circuit with design equations

has been plotted against Q $|\delta(2 + \delta)/(1 + \delta)|$ for various values of $|\bar{r_1}|$. In addition, contour lines indicating levels where the value of r_2 remain constant are shown on the chart.

Example

An example of a typical design problem will show how the chart can be used to obtain component values and aid in gaging the trap bandwidth.

It is desired to reduce the gain at 10 mc by a factor of 20 relative to the gain at 7 mc.

The gain at 7 mc is to be decreased by no more than five percent. The circuit constants are $R_{*} = 0, g_{m} = 5,000 \ \mu \text{mhos.}$ Find R, L and C.

The intersection of $r_2/|r_1| = 20$ and the curve corresponding to a value of $|r_1| = 1.05$ occurs for an abscissia corresponding to

$$Q \left| \delta \frac{(2+\delta)}{(1+\delta)} \right| = 66$$

since

$$\delta \frac{(2+\delta)}{(1+\delta)} = (0.3) \frac{1.7}{0.7} = 0.73,$$
$$Q = -\frac{66}{0.73} \approx 90$$

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20K22593	Large	2 ¹³ / ₃₂	1.500	.049	³ / ₃₂	TS 102U03
20K22594	9 pin Small	2 ¹⁵ /16	.860	.068	1/32	TS 103U01
20K22595	Medium	2 ¹⁵ /16	1.200	.068	1/32	TS 103U02
20K22596	Large	2 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	1.500	.068	1⁄32	TS 103U03

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Design Chart

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Also, $r_{z} = 1.05$ (20) = 21 = 1+ $g_{m}R = 1$ + 0.005R so that R = 4,000 ohms $X_{10\ mc} = \frac{R}{Q} = \frac{4,000}{90} = 44$ ohms

from which $L \cong 0.7 \ \mu h$

 $C \cong 360 \ \mu\mu f$

Suppose a 0.7- μ h coil is now made and found to have a Q>90. Let the measured value be Q = 130. The chart shows that the intersection of $r_2 = 1 + 20$ 130/90 = 30 and Q $\delta(2 + \delta)/\delta(2 + \delta)$ $(1 + \delta)| = 94$ occurs for value of $r_2/|r_1| \cong 28.5$ and for $|r_1| = 1.05$.

If desired, the inductance may be reduced, assuming the coil Q is held constant, so that $r_2/|r_1| =$ 20 is again obtained but at a value of $|r_1| < 1.05$.

Trap Bandwidth

Sometimes a band of frequencies rather than a single frequency is to be attenuated. The chart may be used to gage the trap bandwidth. In the preceding example, the range of frequencies where the gain relative to 7 mc is decreased by a factor of ten or more can be found.

Since $r_2 = 21$, for $|r_1| \ge 10$ (1.05 = 10.5, then $r_2/|r_1| \le 2$. The intersection of $r_2/|\bar{r}_1| = 2$ with the curve $\bar{r}_1 >> 1$ occurs at about $Q|\delta(2 + \delta)/(1 + \delta)| \cong 2 Q|\delta| \cong 1.7$, so that $2|\delta| \cong 1.7/$ 90 $\cong 0.019$. Hence the trapping bandwidth (as defined) is 0.019 (10) or 0.19 mc.



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Electrons At Work

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New Carrier Communications and Radar



Newly commissioned U. S. S. Saratoga uses the latest electronic devices to improve detection and fire control besides furnishing navigational signals and communications to aircraft. Barrel-shaped structure at top of mast (left) is enclosed Tacan navigation-aid

antenna, used with system developed by Federal Telecommunication Labs. Antennas for uhf communications are visible at the corners of the flight deck. Detail of similar antenna mounted on gun tub is shown at right. Eight antennas provide 360-degree cover

Shock-Velocity Measurement

AN ACCELEROMETER that conveniently produces shock-damage data previously unavailable may eventually lead to design changes and improvements in the shock-load performance of aircraft and shipboard equipment. It was developed by T. A. Perls and C. W. Kissinger at the National Bureau of Standards.

Conventional velocity meters comprise a heavy mass, spring-mounted to a rigid frame attached to the test structure. When the test structure and frame are accelerated, the mass remains fixed in space for a small fraction of the natural period of the spring-mass system. For this short time, displacement of the mass relative to the frame is equal and opposite to the absolute motion of the frame.

This relative motion causes a

pick-up coil to cut lines of force of a constant magnetic field, generating a voltage. Such voltage is proportional to the relative velocity between the mass and the frame and, for a short time, it is proportional to the absolute velocity of the frame.

These conventional velocity meters have an undesirable low-frequency resonance between 3 and 5

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KR 7	295-450	outputs	19"	101/2"	13"	\$250

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Model	Volts	6.3V AC	Ra W	ck Mo H	unt D	Price
KR 12	0-150	Each supply	19"	7″	11″	\$270
KR 3	100-200	has two	19"	7"	11″	\$180
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KR 10	295-450	outputs	19"	7″	11"	\$190

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cps and are impossible to adjust more than approximately under conditions of movement, such as a rolling ship. Large errors may be introduced if the instrument is used with its sensitive axis other than vertical.

The new device is a barium titanate velocity meter operating on a different principle. It is essentially an integrating accelerometer. The sensing element is a group of four piezoelectric transducers, each 3 inches in diameter and $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Sensitivity of the device is such that an applied acceleration of one gravity unit will produce electrical output of approximately 200 millivolts. Linear range is better than ± 300 g.

Acceleration output from the barium titanate element must be integrated to obtain a velocity signal, which can be done using a simple R-C integrator. A velocity sensitivity of 4 millivolts per foot per second might be available at the amplifier recorder.

With commercially flat crystals, the resonant frequency of the meter is 6,900 cps. Optically ground crystals increase resonant frequency to 10,200 cps. To achieve highest possible resonant frequency, the velocimeter base, the barium titanate disks and the loading mass must be in contact over their entire mating surfaces. The assembly then acts as a compression spring.

The force exerted by the bolts that hold the assembly together must be so applied that the surfaces bearing against the piezoelectric disks are not distorted. Contact in the present instrument is estab-



Cross-section drawing shows the four barium-titanate wafers that are the heart of the electromechanical transducer that was recently developed at NBS

lished by machining three ears on the loading mass and on the base and providing an undercut. The force exerted by the three assembly bolts is applied relatively uniformly around a circle of smaller diameter than that of the barium titanate disks.

With the device mounted on a heavy object, theoretical resonant frequency should be 0.7 times the unmounted resonant frequency, assuming perfect coupling. Such coupling can be obtained using a $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch lead mounting shim that has proved not to flow appreciably during six days.

Tesla Centenary Honors High-Frequency Pioneer



Nikola Tesla, in 1922, experiments with high frequencies in his laboratory

ACCORDING to the best available information, Nikola Tesla was born in what is now Jugoslavia on July 10, 1856. He died in New York City on January 7, 1943. He was about 28 years old when he came to America, but the young man brought with him the idea of a new alternating-current power distribution system based upon the polyphase induction motor. Current electrical power practice bears witness to the importance of his ideas.

Despite his latter-day flamboyant pronouncements in the press, Tesla did not ever achieve a like measure of success in high-frequency radio communications or—a pet project —wireless transmission of power.

Writing about Tesla's contribution to high frequency, L. P. Wheeler in 1943 pointed out that a perusal of pertinent patent specifications indicated Tesla's superior grasp of three ideas. While they were not effectively exploited for communications purposes, his ideas appear to have been clearer than those of his contemporaries.

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circuit. All this was presented in lectures or patent disclosures prior to 1894.

Tesla's great body of unworkable or unworked ideas was not so limited, however. For example, the late E. H. Armstrong wrote, a few months before his own death. "... in my 'Appreciation' of the work of Tesla which came during wartime (1943), there was much research under way toward reducing the Tesla concept of the guided weapon in various laboratories-I considered it inadvisable to draw attention to the subject by reference to Tesla's early concept of the matter. So far as I know, the credit for the concept rests entirely with him."

Wireless-controlled boat (1897)





Three strategically placed RCA television cameras in the new 10-by-10 toot supersonic wind tunnel located at Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, Cleveland, permit safe observation of tests. Monitors shown are installed at the tunnel control room

Man-Made Industrial Diamonds



Production of man-made diamonds in 1954 by scientists of the General Electric Co. is commemorated in an exhibit of 100 carats of small industrial crystals at the Smithsonian Institution. The stones were made since 1954 using pressures of 2.7 million pounds a square inch at temperatures above 5,000 F. They are not commercially available

Radio Paging Eliminates Public Address

DISADVANTAGES of public-address paging or sound-signaling systems can be overcome by radio systems provided equipment is not too complex or expensive for all those required to use the service. Various systems have been suggested or used varying from the Hollywood closed-loop cueing system to selective signaling devices that can be operated many miles from the central transmitter.

In Great Britain, according to McGraw-Hill World News, British Communications Corp. of Wembley, England, is producing a Radiopage equipment that uses transistors in a receiver that picks up energy from a closed wire loop encircling the building in which communication is desired.

The frequency band includes 75



to 87 kc and each receiver is allocated a frequency 250 cps from its neighbor, allowing a total of 50 channels. Signals picked up by a ferrite rod antenna go through a stage of r-f amplification and are rectified by a germanium diode. Selectivity is obtained with a crystal filter tuned to one of the 50 different carrier frequencies of which the transmitter is capable.

A gating transistor controls application of high voltage to the audio stages so that only when a signal of correct frequency arrives does the gate open and the a-f stage operate. Audio power to the loudspeaker is about 5 milliwatts. When the receiver (illustrated) is not carried in the pocket but laid



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Siting Communications Stations



Ground clutter, the generally unwanted signal return from hills, trees and other low objects, has been put to use by the Signal Corps. Propagation maps, showing possible uhf signal paths, can be prepared by superimposing radar reflections upon terrain maps. The light areas shown above indicate good communications paths from a 147-foot tower at Washington National Airport

Army Meteorologists Study Duct Effects



Instruments mounted on the 200-foot tower measure changing meteorological conditions during correlation tests on propagation ducts

ATMOSPHERIC conditions that cause ducting, or propagation of ultrahigh frequency radio signals far beyond the optical horizon are recognized but quantitative data are lacking. The phenomenon is important to the military since transmissions thought to be private have sometimes been heard at distances great as compared with the location of the desired receiver.

Special Studies Branch, Plans and Programs Division, Aviation and Meteorological Dept., Army Electronic Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, is currently using airborne electronic equipment



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to analyze effects of temperature and humidity changes on microwave transmissions.

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than a degree with the base of the duct are deflected back and extend beyond the line of sight.

Transhorizon Utilization

IN NOTICE of proposed rule making, FCC says, "There is no question but that the technique (of over-thehorizon transmission) may prove to be economical and feasible with respect to short-haul international fixed circuits and there appears to be a great number of applications where the techniques might possibly be useful for the domestic fixed service perhaps, in some instances, replacing or supplementing conventional systems".

▶ Information Needed—Desired by July 1 is specific information as to whether tropospheric transhorizon fixed circuits can share with conventional circuits the bands above 940 mc. Also wanted is data showing anticipated use of tropospheric circuits, state of the art in techniques and equipment and evalua-





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tion of relative spectrum utilization efficiency as compared with conventional line-of-sight systems.

The questions concern only tropospheric propagation, having a present practical range of about 200 miles using frequencies generally above 100 mc. Unmentioned is the technique of ionospheric forward scatter, which customarily operates in the frequency region of 30 to 50 mc over distances between about 500 and 1,500 miles. Circuits are experimental or military now.

Photoelectric Sampler Detects Nerve Gas



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A list of published reports (available from OTS) and papers appearing in scientific journals and patents issued is also given.

Higher Pentode Gain

By LESTER LEVY Engineering Consultant Brooklyn, N. Y.

WHEN EMPLOYING triodes in amplifying circuits, little difficulty is encountered in realizing amplifications approaching the μ of the tube. This is because it is relatively simple to load the plate circuit with impedances that are five or more times the internal plate impedance of the tube.

For pentodes, the internal plate impedance is in the order of a megohm. To realize amplifications approaching the μ of the tube, a load of several megohms is needed. Even with resonant circuits it is not usual to realize amplifications much in excess of 200.

For broadband characteristics at audio frequencies, it is customary to use resistive, inductive or transformer loading. Unfortunately, inductances and transformers are expensive, weighty and bulky. In obtaining high amplification through the use of higher primary impedances, the expense, weight and bulk are also increased.

While the resistor has the advantages of being small, light and inexpensive, it has the serious drawback of limiting the available electrode voltages and currents. The μ or the g_m decreases with decreasing plate current so that resistance coupling limits the available amplification, with reasonable power supplies, to about 200.

One means of increasing the gain of a pentode is to use another pentode as the load impedance on the amplifying pentode. This is illustrated in Fig. 1A. Inductances

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and transformers have the advantage of relatively low d-c voltage drops, owing to relatively low d-c resistance, while maintaining high impedances. The small d-c voltage drops permit the amplifier tube to operate at high current and high g_m with the consequent high gain. In the case of the pentode used as a load on the amplifier pentode, the fact that the internal plate impedance is much higher than the d-c resistance of the tube is used. In such a circuit it should be possible to realize about half the μ of the tube if identical tubes are used.



FIG. 1—Pentode gain increased (A) by using another as load impedance. Pentode load is replaced by transistor (B)

Use of a pentode as a load on another presents a few difficulties. The load-tube cathode is several hundred volts above ground and its filament winding must be floating. Tube cost is much higher than that of a resistor. The tube requires additional capacitors and resistors, in addition to a floating screen supply.

Transistors have collector internal impedances of the same order of magnitude as those found in pentodes. The collector impedance is a function of both collector current and emitter external circuit impedance, among other factors.

A simple theoretical circuit, using a pnp transistor, is shown in Fig. 1B. The circuit between collector and emitter serves both as the d-c path for the plate current of V_1 and as the high impedance load on V_{1} . Since the d-c voltage drop is small, being of the order of 20 volts or less. there is no problem with regard to uneconomical power supplies.

A practical circuit is shown in Fig. 2. Tube V_2 is not essential to the circuit. This tube was added as



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Transmitter->C.T.	26	.111	.75	23.3	407	CGC-8-A-7 CTC-8-A-4	58+j226		19°	50	50K Load on CT
Transmitter→C.T.	26	.111	.83	20.8	363	CGC-8-A-7→CTC-8-A-4	64+j221		17°	50	5K Load on CT
Transmitter->4 Parallel CT's	26	.145		21.8	381	CGC-8-A-7-→4∥ CTC-8-A-4			28°	40	CT Interaction 1/2 ° Max.
Transmitter->Differential->C.T.	26	.134	1.78	19.5	340	CGC-8-A-7->CDC-8-A-1->CTC-8-A-4		748+j364	40°	40	CT Output to Hi Z
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Series Vector Resolvers	1 > 26	.110	.55	5.2	91	CVC-8-A-1→CVC-8-A-1			20.2°	40	Eo = .2 E1 Sin0 1 Sin0 2
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a cathode follower that permits relatively heavy loading by the measuring instrument while giving a good measure of the a-c voltage being belivered by the transistor-loaded pentode. Resistor R_i , the external emitter circuit resistance, is chosen high enough to have negligible effect upon the collector impedance. Resistor R_i controls the base current, helping to determine the operating point of the transistor. The plate current of V_i passes through



FIG. 2—Practical amplifier circuit uses transistor load stage followed by cathode follower

power supply, R_1 and the collector.

For a particular collector current and emitter external circuit resistance, there is a discrete base current that yields the maximum gain. Inasmuch as V_1 will have its greatest g_m with the greatest plate current, it is necessary to adjust its plate current and base current of the transistor until maximum amplification is obtained. Since the collector impedance seems to drop with rising collector current it is necessary to strike the optimum combination depending upon the particular tube and transistor used. Resistor R_s permits adjustment of plate current by adjustment of the screen voltage.

With the particular tubes and transistors used, the maximum amplification was obtained with collector current in the range of 4 to 6 milliamperes. In general, transistors with high alpha gave highest amplification. For V_1 , a type 6AG5 tube was used, although there is no reason to believe that other tubes giving reasonable g_m at lower plate currents might not give better results. This may be expected since maximum collector impedance rises with decreasing collector current.

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ready been tried successfully for R_1 . Probably even less can be used. This would result in lower voltage requirement in the power supply, since R_1 produces an appreciable voltage drop.

With transistors having high alpha values R_2 became ineffective at higher resistance values. This might indicate that the static operating point of the transistor was being controlled by either or both of the two components of I_{co} . These two components are the normal saturation current and surface leakage currents. Transistors with improved characteristics along these lines should give still higher amplification.

Frequency response, noise and distribution characteristics have not been evaluated.

Magnetic Storm Alarm

ACCORDING to *McGraw-Hill World News*, Askania-Werke in East Germany has produced an instrument called the H-Magnetograph for giving automatic warning of magnetic storms. It consists of an H-unit with torsion fiber and magnetic system, photocell attachment, switching box and line recorder with contact operating at a prearranged amplitude.

By this means, any kind of visual or audible alarm can be actuated, indicating the outbreak of a magnetic storm. Detailed ionospheric observations can then be carried out immediately upon such warning.

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Phase Detector for Synchro Alignment

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THE PHASE DETECTOR described here is the result for the need of a simple and inexpensive in-line production tool to be utilized during the assembly of synchros into servo systems.

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FIG. 1—Winding arrangement of synchro motor (A) provides 3-phase output (B) when sinusoidal signal is applied

The stator windings are oriented 120 degrees apart in space. Signals induced in these stator windings are essentially in time phase but are 120 degrees apart in space phase.

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Two null points exist as the rotor is turned through 360 degrees and phase reversal is in opposite directions. For example, if the rotor is adjusted to null at zero degrees and the rotor is turned through 180 degrees in a counterclockwise direction, the phase of the output stator voltage (phase 1 and 3) will be 180 degrees outof-phase with respect to the rotor input voltage.

If the rotor is then turned to its other null position (180 mechanical degrees), clockwise rotation from its new null position will produce an output voltage whose phase is 180 degrees with respect to the rotor input voltage. Counterclockwise rotation through null will produce an output voltage which is in phase with the rotor input voltage.



FIG. 2—Phase detector for determining independent null points in synchro alignment

The circuit shown in Fig. 2 may be used to select, as a go no-go detector, the two independent null points in order properly to align the synchro in an angle-error detection system. A feedback signal resulting from a false null position of the synchro would add to rather

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Bias potentiometer, R_1 is adjusted until indicator lamps I_1 and I_{2} are extinguished. If the phase 1 and 3 stator winding of the synchro is connected to switch 1 and the rotor displaced from null in a clockwise direction to induce a stator voltage equal to or greater than the calibrating voltage, V_1 or V_2 will conduct, lighting I_1 and I_2 respectively. For example, if synchro stator phase 1 and 3 is in phase with the supply voltage, then V_1 will conduct each half cycle and I_1 will light. Tube V_2 will be in a nonconducting state since the control grid and plate voltages are 180 degrees out of phase.

Conversely, if phase 1 and 3 is 180 degrees out of phase (counterclockwise rotation) with the supply voltage, then V_2 will conduct, I_2 will light and I_1 will be extinguished.

If the synchro rotor be mechanically rotated 180 degrees to its other null position, a clockwise displacement of the rotor would produce an out-of-phase voltage, lighting I_2 . Conversely, a counterclockwise displacement would produce an in-phase voltage, lighting I_1 .

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FIG. 1—Basic multivibrator-type circuit. Component values for free-running, oneshot and Schmitt trigger circuits are given in text

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On the upper two waveforms, the scales are 20 volts per cm and 1 μ sec



FIG. 2-Waveforms present at pentode plate (Å), triode plate (B) and triode grid (C) in free-running circuit

per cm. (the squares are one cm); on the bottom one they are 10 volts per cm and 10 μ sec per cm. Thus the frequency of this circuit was about 12 kc, and the length of the main pulse about $4.5 \,\mu \text{sec.}$

A one-shot circuit was also tried, using values of B + = 300 volts, $C_1 = 0.0015 \ \mu f, R_1 = 100,000 \ ohms,$ $R_2 = 2,200$ ohms, $C_2 = 100 \ \mu f$. The pentode grid was again returned to ground through a 10,000-ohm resistor and the triggering pulses, which were derived from a neon bulb relaxation oscillator, were applied to it.

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FIG. 3—Triode plate waveform for oneshot multivibrator-type circuit

but C_2 and R_3 were omitted and the cathodes connected directly to +80 volts.

When the voltage applied to the pentode grid exceeds about 80 volts, the circuit changes from state 1 (triode conducting, pentode nonconducting) to the other state. This causes a rise of about 50 volts at the triode plate, which is the output.

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The R-C oscillator gave good results with B+ voltages as low as 25 volts. With these, as with other oscillators, the amplitude must be limited for a good waveform.

These examples show how plateto-screen feedback can be applied to produce several interesting circuits that require only one tube envelope and leave one grid free for triggering, gating or modulation.

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Wire Brush on Drill Cleans Metal for Good Grounding



A COMBINATION drill and wire brush developed by Martin serves to drill holes and remove aluminum cladding from duralumin in one operation. This insures positive electrical connections when grounding airborne electronic equipment to aircraft structures, without need for an extra cleaning operation. The drill is mounted in the center of a standard wire brush.

Method of using tool for drilling duralumin held in vise

Lamps Indicate Errors During Wiring of Harness Boards

UP TO 7,000 man-hours per year are saved by using automatic checkout on wiring harness boards for airborne electronic equipment in the Los Angeles plant of Packard-Bell Co. The holding clips for wires on the board are connected underneath to indicating lamps in such a way that a lamp lights to indicate satisfactory installation of a group of up to ten wires.

Combining of inspection with production actually saves still more time through elimination of the human error factor in inspecting harnesses after conventional assembly. Errors that get past inspectors involve costly and timeconsuming corrections once wired into actual equipment.

▶ Construction—Ordinary cotter pins are used as combination terminals and anchors for the wires. The pins are installed with the split ends up and slightly spread apart, so stripped ends of wires can easily be inserted. The eyes of the cotter pins project under the board. The pins are driven into under-sized holes so they cannot rotate out of position once the ends are spread apart above the board.

Connecting leads are soldered to

the eyes under the board to achieve the self-inspecting feature. These interconnections serve to place an average of seven wires in series with an indicating lamp across the low-voltage secondary of a small power transformer. The lamps can then light only when all of the wires are correctly positioned to complete the series circuit.

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Installing wire lead on self-checking harness board. Each of 24 lamps across top of board indicates correct installation of an average of seven wires, installed in a prescribed sequence



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inches high, to give protection for the terminals underneath.

▶ Identification—For each job, the worker is given an instruction sheet that specifies the size and type of wire to be used at each position, the color code, length and installation directions. Positions are specified by a combination of letters and numbers much as on maps, with corresponding letters running vertically down the side of the board and corresponding numbers running from left to right across the bottom of the board. The approximate position of a starting cotter pin can thus be determined quickly. Each pin also has a code number on the instructions and on the board, corresponding to the name of a city on a map.

► Circuit—The low voltage used for this automatic checkout system eliminates the possibility of shock to the operator. A fuse in the primary of the power transformer provides further protection, even though the lamps are all in one leg of the secondary so it is impossible to produce a direct short.

A typical wiring harness, such as that used as the main cable of the integrated communication system for Douglas and Chance-Vought fighter aircraft, involves installation of 152 wires, and takes

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approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to complete. Initial planning and wiring of such a harness board circuit takes just about a full week of a technician's time.

Anchoring Leads in Terminal Strip with Nylon Rods



Loading wires into press. Stripped ends of wires go into holes at rear of slots in floating bed of press. Padded handle at right moves pointed steel rod used for spreading loops

Spreading loops with pointed steel rod on handle. The seven different colors of insulated wire leads used are kept separated by long finishing nails driven into the bench

Two DIFFERENT TYPES of work setups are used at Radio Condenser Co., Camden, N. J., to push seven loops of insulated wire through punched slots in a Bakelite strip simultaneously and thread a length of nylon rod through the loops for anchoring all leads at once without using eyelets.

In one setup, the operator loads the leads one by one into machine grooves in the bed of a Dake arbor press, places a strip over the leads, then operates the lever to bring down the head of the press. This has a contoured rubber block with slots at each lead position. Downward pressure of the rubber block pushes the strip and the springsupported false bed of the press down over seven upward-projecting metal studs that push a loop of wire up into each punched hole of the strip.

Next, the operator retracts the press and holds the strip in position with her left hand while she pushes a metal rod through each of the seven loops that now project up through the strip. This rod is guided by a clamp bolted to one side of the false bed, and has a pointed end so that it can easily enter and spread apart each loop. The rod is pulled entirely out from the press and a solid nylon rod of







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slightly smaller diameter is pushed through the loops. Cement is then applied to several of the loops to anchor the rod.

► Variation—A slightly modified version of this press setup employs a captive needle to spread open the loops. This slides in a metal outrigger projecting to the right from the floating bed of the press. After the holes have been spread, the piece is lifted out and held in the left hand while the nylon rod is pushed through the loops with the



Removing finished strip from press

right hand. Production rate is about the same as on the other press.

Motorized Solder Wheel for Capacitor Leads



Swaging and soldering leads to paper-wound bathtub capacitors. Knurled, tin-plated steel wheels turning vertically in asbestos-enclosed electric solder pots bring hot aluminum solder to the slots in the tops of the asbestos boxes. Soldered units go down slide onto conveyor belt

A MOTORIZED SOLDER WHEEL that simplifies the assembly of certain paper-wound bathtub capacitors is used in the capacitor department of Lenkurt Electric Co.

The capacitors are swaged at each end and the leads are soldered in place simultaneously. Previously, these operations were accomplished by placing a number of capacitors in a jig and swaging and assembling each with an ordinary soldering iron. The new system obviates use of a soldering iron and is more nearly like dip soldering, except that a tin-plated wheel carries hot aluminum solder from the pot to the capacitors.

► Construction — Two of the knurled wheels are mounted vertically on a horizontal shaft powered by a small electric motor (Lee Engineering Co., Milwaukee; maximum current 3.5 amp; speed range 1,000 to 10,000 rpm). The bottom portion of each wheel is immersed in an electric solder pot (DEE

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Ultrasonic Dicing of Germanium

STAINLESS STEEL tubes are preventing warpage from brazing and increasing the life of tools made by the Cavitron Equipment Corp., Long Island, N. Y. for ultrasonic dicing of germanium.

The type 304 stainless steel tubes were adopted, after consultation with engineers of Superior Tube Co., Norristown, Pa., to replace carbon steel tubes in the Sheffield-Cavitron ultrasonic machine tool.

▶ Brazing—Usually a number of tubes are brazed together into a bundle of the same shape as the cut to be made. With carbon steel tubing, the tubes frequently warped at brazing temperature and the tool was rejected. Replacement with type 304 stainless tubing eliminated the warping and gave longer tool life on the production line.



Construction of stainless steel cutter

Long tool life is particularly important because of the time required to make the complex bundles of tubing, which are also used to slice and dice quartz crystals and to drill and form ceramic electronic tube spacer elements.

► Dicing—The tool tip used to dice germanium in the mass pro-



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The tubes are assembled with such precision that tolerances well below 0.0005 inch are held. This would not be possible if the tubing warped. The ability of the stainless tubing to hold a sharp clean edge also contributes to the quality of the work.

Automatic Etching of Transistor Pellets



Battery of automatic etching machines producing surface-barrier transistors. Operator merely transfers work carriers from one setup to the next. These machines automatically etch concentric holes on opposite sides of the germanium pellet so the hole thickness remaining between them is less than 0.0002 inch, then plate the holes with indium

GERMANIUM OR SILICON pellets mounted on stems of surface-barrier transistors are electrochemically etched with jets of acid under photoelectric control in the Lansdale, Pa. plant of Philco Corp. Precisely machined work carriers make possible the accurate positioning required for mechanization of the sequence of operations involved in producing concentric holes on opposite sides of the tiny germanium pellets.

► Washing — A unique jet-type washer is used to direct a stream of high-purity water at the pellet after it has been soldered into position on its lead in preparation for etching of holes. The washer is also used between the various stages of etching and plating. The operator merely places the work carrier in the groove of a tilted slide and allows it to drop down against a stop inside the washer. This automatically positions the pellet directly in the path of circu-



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FIG. 1—Sliding work carrier into jet-type washer

lating water spray. The washer is constructed entirely from transparent plastic pieces, as shown in Fig. 1.

▶ Rough Etching—After washing, the work carrier that holds the transistor stem is transferred directly to the positioning blocks of the rough etching setup and pushed into position as shown in Fig. 2, so the pellet is in a horizontal plane. Here tiny streams of chemicals are directed at the pellet from above and below to etch out roughly the desired depressions on the sides. The rough etching is done on a time basis, with occasional visual monitoring through the transparent plastic housing of the etcher. Strong flood lamps illuminate the etcher from both sides to increase the rate and uniformity of etching.

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FIG. 2—Rough etching position, with operator pushing transistor between opposing jets inside transparent plastic cage

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tion of sulphuric acid. For this electrochemical etching the work carrier serves as one electrode and the other electrodes are inserted in the acid lines.

The etching liquid comes from large glass bottles behind the etching console. Air pressure in the bottles produces the required pressure at the jets. When a bottle empties to a certain point, a snapaction switch is tripped by the re-



FIG. 3—Precision etching head, showing operator pushing work carrier into position. Outer housing has been removed for clarity

duced weight of the bottle. This in turn starts a pump that refills the bottle.

The pumping action is stopped automatically by another weightsensing switch when the bottle is nearly filled again. Used acid is collected in separate containers, because recirculation of acid would introduce diminishing acid strength as an uncontrolled variable.

▶ Precision Etching—After rough etching and washing, the carrier goes to the precision etching setup of Fig. 3, where the underside is etched by a single upward-aimed jet. This jet comes up through an intense beam of light that is focussed on the hole being etched. The

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FIG. 4—Precision indium plating setup using jets for plating indium in etched holes on germanium. Dial gages serve for making precision head adjustments

light activates the germanium, so that more carriers are released and etching is correspondingly speeded up. The light also concentrates the etching action in a smaller hole for this final precision etch.

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FIG. 5—Highly magnified view of jets used for electroplating indium on germanium pellet

hole, since this would interfere with thickness monitoring.

▶ Plating — After another wash, the work carrier goes to the indium plating setup of Fig. 4. Here both sides of the germanium are plated simultaneously with indium from a solution of indium sulphate. Again the jets are positioned above and below the pellet, as in Fig. 5. Electrodes are located in etchant lines just as for etching and aspirators are positioned alongside to



FIG. 6—Optical setup for checking concentricity of etched holes in germanium pellet. Required precision of alignment increases with operating frequency of transistor. Production and inspection controls are now adequate for at least 100-mc transistors



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FIG. 7—Transistor in position between dual microscope lenses of concentricity checker

draw up the electroplating liquid.

The jets are initially turned on for a fraction of a second with the electric current in the etching direction, to produce a virgin surface for plating. When the current is reversed at the end of this interval, indium is plated onto the germanium to form electrodes.

► Concentricity Checking — After indium plating, concentricity of the etched holes on opposite sides of the germanium pellet is checked in the dual optical setup shown in Fig. 6. The work carrier is placed in the holding fixture of the comparator with the germanium pellet in a vertical plane and is moved into position between the lenses of two microscopes as in Fig. 7.

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Setup for hand dipping of unstripped polyvinyl acetal enamelled wire in molten solder on hot plate, with ultrasonic unit immersed in solder



Method of wrapping unstripped coil leads around terminals preparatory to soldering and appearance of one terminal after soldering

not even wrapped around the terminal; instead, the insulated wire is placed in contact with the terminal. Then, by normal soldering methods, a bad joint would usually result.

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Aluminum-foil solenoid producing 850 gauss for focusing traveling-wave tube. At rear is solenoid housing complete with magnetic shield and cooling blower. Coil alone here is 1234 inches long and weighs 12 lb



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► Getting Rid of Heat—It now appears that the best way to remove the heat from a winding is to remove it from the outer surface of the winding. There is more surface available for cooling by water or forced air. The field can also be made to remain more uniform. By using such an extremely thin film for insulation between layers, the thermal insulation between the winding hot spot and the outside is almost nonexistent. Also, aluminum oxide appears to have a much higher thermal conductivity than the organic materials usually used for layer insulation.

► Temperature—Aluminum oxide melts at 2,050 C and retains its insulating qualities well past the 660 C melting point of aluminum. Practical considerations such as start and finish insulation and solder for termination currently set the tentative limit for continuous operation at 350 C, however. Coils have been run at this temperature continuously, and cycled from this temperature to very low temperatures. Others have been heated to this temperature and then placed in a pan of water. None of these



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Aluminum-foil focus coils for klystron, before and after encapsulation with epoxy resin

abuses have any effect on the coils that can be observed.

► Space Factor—In sharp contrast to the 65-percent space factor of a conventionally insulated wirewound coil, use of a microscopically thin film of aluminum oxide on strip aluminum can result in space factors better than 95 percent. In a typical case, the total size of a foil winding may be very near to that of a copper winding for the same amount of power consumed, when provisions for cooling are taken into account.

In some cases the winding size may be somewhat smaller for the same amount of power consumed due to a lower temperature rise and thus less resistance change as the wire reaches operating temperature. Figure 1 compares equivalent wire-wound and foilwound coils where the foil coils actually consumed less power. The



FIG. 1—Comparison of power requirements for copper-wire and aluminumfoil coils used for focusing a klystron. Data for curves was obtained in laboratory of Eitel-McCullough, Inc. Power saving with aluminum is due to better thermal conductivity within the aluminum coil



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screwdriver for loading. The operator first drops in the three-coil shield, then drops the coil assembly into the shield. The coil forms slide over projecting metal studs that come up from the fixture through the coil shield. The strip itself is positioned by smaller studs at the ends of the fixture. After loading, the operator swings the fixture into position and pushes a foot pedal to initiate driving of the first screw. Three more screws are driven in rapid succession, swinging the fixture to the new position each time. This technique is possible because the screw holes are positioned on the arc of a circle having the same radius as the pivoted fixture.

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Scientist at control box of a Sanford-Bennett High-H-Permeameter measures hysteresis loop of Indox ceramic magnet.

How temperature affects magnets

An interview with Dr. Rudolf K. Tenzer, scientist, The Indiana Steel Products Company

BECAUSE PERMANENT MAGNET remanence changes, resulting from varying temperatures, often necessitate corrections, compensations, or allowances, Dr. Tenzer undertook a series of studies on the subject. Some of the data used by him in answering the questions posed below resulted from work sponsored by the Wright Air Development Center of the U.S. Air Force. Reprints of an article by Dr. Tenzer on the subject are available by writing The Indiana Steel Products Co., Dept. A-7, Valparaiso, Ind.

Question: How does the remanence of permanent magnets vary with temperature?

Answer: Normally, remanence decreases with an increase in temperature . . . becoming zero at the Curie point, where all ferromagnetic properties vanish.

Question: Does a change in temperature result in a permanent change in remanence?

Answer: Not necessarily. Investigations which we have conducted show that temperature effects on ferromagnetic materials reveal both non-reversible and reversible variations.

Question: Can the result of these influences be evaluated?

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Answer: Proper measuring techniques will evaluate the non-reversible variations as well as the reversible variations.

Question: Are non-reversible variations permanent changes in the remanence of a magnet?

Answer: Non-reversible variations are permanent until the initial remanence is restored by remagnetizing. This effect is not the same as irreversible metallurgical changes which prevent restoration of initial remanence by remagnetizing.

Question: What are reversible variations in remanence?

Answer: When a magnet has been stabilized for a certain temperature range, remanence variations within this temperature range are reversible.

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Question: How are magnets stabilized for a given temperature range?

Answer: The magnet is exposed to repeated temperature cycling over a given range until the non-reversible variation becomes zero and remanence at room temperature remains the same for each additional cycle.

Question: Can the amount of remanence variation with temperature be predicted?

Answer: Our experiments in this field have produced quantitative results which can be used in predicting both the reversible and the non-reversible variations in remanence resulting from temperature change.

Question: Over what temperature range can these measurements be applied?

Answer: Our initial work in this field has been carried out in the temperature range from -60° C to 350° C.

Indiana expands research and production facilities

Currently under construction at Valparaiso, Ind., is a half-million dollar addition to the main plant of The Indiana Steel Products Co. The new structure will provide facilities for expanded research of magnetic materials, and increased production of Indox ceramic permanent magnets.



"Cattle Magnets" protect Bossie from stomach-aches

Cows often consume nails, staples and wire with their food. This causes a disorder called "hardware disease." To prevent it, you can feed Bossie an Indiana "Cattle Magnet." The magnet remains in her first stomach, gathering the stray metal. This keeps it from passing to her other stomachs (she has four, you know) where it can cause great distress.

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New Products

76 New Products and 67 Manufacturers' Bulletins Are Reviewed ... Control, Testing and Measuring Equipment Described and Illustrated ... Recent Tubes and Components Are Covered

FREQUENCY METER

features high accuracy

VARO MFG. Co., INC., 2201 Walnut St., Garland, Texas, announces the model 6503 frequency meter featuring accuracy of better than 0.01 percent. Frequency range is 397 to 403 cps. A switch permits using the meter to measure any frequency in the range 370 to 430 cps to an accuracy of better than 0.1 percent.

The meter is completely insensitive to waveform. It will accurately measure the repetition rate of voltage spikes, sawtooth waveforms, or badly distorted sine waves. It will measure frequency of any input signal voltage between 6 and 250 v without need for adjustment.

Model 6503 consists of a model 6600 frequency deviation multiplier and a model 6505A frequency meter. The frequency deviation multiplier multiplies by 10 the difference between the measured frequency and 400 cps. Thus, a 399-cps input applied to the input appears at the output as a 390-cps signal. This frequency is measured to 0.1 percent accuracy by the 6505A frequency meter.

MINIATURE RECTIFIER

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y., has announced a new twin diode, miniature Vac-u-Sel rectifier for use as a horizontal phase detector in place of 6AL5 tubes in tv sets. The new semiconductor is especially adapted for automatic assembly operations using printed circuits.

for tv applications



It is built to withstand prolonged exposure at 90 percent humidity, is capable of operation at high ambient temperatures, and has rugged tinned leads.

► Characteristics—The rectifier features a minimum forward current of 25 μ a at -20 v. The characteristic capacitance per section is approximately 50 $\mu\mu$ f, with negligible unbalance.

MICROWAVE ABSORBER

for free space rooms

EMERSON & CUMING, INC., 869 Washington St., Canton, Mass., has announced a new series of broad-



band microwave absorbers for use in free space rooms. Designated Eccosorb FR, the absorbers are rigid foam blocks which reflect less than 2 percent of incident energy. The material will not burn, making it ideal for use at indoor antenna test locations. It will not absorb moisture and therefore is also useful out of doors.

Available in three types, de-

pendent upon the frequency range to be covered, Eccosorb FR is easily installed in the microwave darkroom. It is white surfaced for good light reflection. A special type which can be walked upon is supplied for floors.

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SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. 1740 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. In Canada: Sylvania Electric (Canada) Ltd. University Tower Bldg., Montreal

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electronic digitizing is employed in this 4 digit ratiometer which is useful in many automatic control applications, such as digital indication of mechanical position, process data logging, checking of precision resistance components and control of

MOUNTING TERMINALS



TEST PROBE & HOOD

for use with cro's

ALLEN B. DUMONT LABORATORIES. INC., 760 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N. J., has available a fixed-ratio test probe which permits observation of signals in circuits with high source impedance without loading the circuit. Together with the new probe, the availability of a 3-in. rubber viewing hood for cro's has been announced.

▶ Specifications—Offering 10 meg-

require no riveting

CAMBRIDGE THERMIONIC CORP., 445 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass., announces the first of a series of three new barbed and press mount terminals. These press mount solder terminals, designated series PM do not require riveting or swaging. They are designed to be press mounted into snug holes in all kinds of material, including laminated or cast material of 3/32 in. thickness or more.

resistance winding machines.

Model 330 ratiometer provides a

discrete 4-digit indication of the

ratio between two voltages or re-

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ratiometer measurements are in-

dependent of reference excitation

accuracy. Readings take less than 10 milliseconds and up to 60 channels may be scanned per sec. In addition to a visual display, provisions are included for a digital readout to printers or card and tape punches.

Once inserted the new terminals have great holding power and will not come loose even under extreme shock or vibration. Ideal for mounting in blind holes or flush mounting in through holes, series PM sizes correspond to the dimensions of the following terminals: 1724, X2034 and X1558. When mounted the PM-1724 terminal is 23/64 ths, the PM2034 is 9/32 nds and the PM-1558 is 7/32 nds.

Complete specifications, information and prices are available by writing the company.

ohms input impedance, type 2613 fixed-ratio test probe is a general purpose, attenuator probe, which has a frequency range from d-c to 10 mc. The attenuation ratio is 10 to 1. A capacitive trimmer adjustment on the probe permits frequency compensation by matching input impedances of oscillographs having inputs within the range of 10 to 80 $\mu\mu f$.

The type 2621 three-in. rubber viewing hood is furnished with a mounting clip for fastening to the panel bezel of an oscillograph.

POWER TRANSISTOR THERMOMETER

B&B ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, RFD No. 1, Concord, N. H. Model 1 power transistor thermometer is a compact, battery powered instrument for measuring temperature. The sensing element is normally mounted with the same screw (or stud) as the power transistor being observed, with the power transistor on one side of the heat dissipator and the sensing element on the other side. The high thermal impedance and small physical size of the sensing element minimizes heat conduction and radiation from the transistor mounting.



with high thermal impedance



► Specifications—Scale ranges are 35 to 85 C and 95 to 185 F. Accuracy is $\pm 1 \deg C$ with measuring unit within normal room temperatures. Battery life is approximately 250 hr. Weight is 13 lb. The unit is 4 in. wide by 6 in. long by 2§ in. high. Sensing element is § in. diameter by 5/64 in. thickness. Hole diameter is 0.196 in. Price is \$87.50 complete with sensing element and battery.

PARALLEL T FILTERS for printed circuit uses

THE NEWTON CO., 55 Elm St., Manchester, Conn., announces a new line, the series L. G. filters. These filters are parallel networks which are used for nearly complete elimination of 30, 60 or 120 cps frequencies. Design has made them



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especially adaptable for printed circuit applications in that there are three leads which may be inserted with printed circuit boards and dip soldered.

It has available a wide range of impedances and voltage ratings. The filters give a minimum of 45-db attenuation at the null frequency.



FREQUENCY METER displays in digital form

NORTHEASTERN ENGINEERING, INC., Manchester, N. H. Frequency counter No. 14-20 FM, a commercial version of the military type AN/USM-26, is a precision direct reading type frequency meter which displays the measured frequency automatically in digital form. Frequencies measured may be periodic or random; 10 cps to 220 mc. The counter may also be used to measure time intervals, pulse length, frequency drift and total events.

Basic feature of the unit is a precision time base generator, operating from a crystal-controlled 100-kc precision oscillator, which opens and closes a gating circuit. Period or time intervals are measured by reversing the roles of the time-base generator and the signal

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ELECTRONIC LOAD compact and easy to operate

BRISTOL ENGINEERING CORP., Bristol, Pa. Model 102 electronic load is a precision device which combines in a single, compact unit all of the conventional instrumentation required for the complete testing of regulated and unregulated power supplies.

▶ Makeup—The unit comprises a group of paralleled power tubes, a wide-band modulation amplifier, a variable bias supply, a mechanical keying device, and an a-c vtvm.

Physical size, compactness, ease of operation and reliability in continuous use make the unit suitable for field production testing as well as for laboratory use.



TINY ACCELEROMETER variable reluctance type

NORTH AMERICAN INSTRUMENTS, INC., 2420 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, Calif. Model A-8 miniature accelerometer of the variable reluctance type was developed primarily for flight test application. The

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D-C POWER SUPPLY uses silicon rectifiers

STATOR ELECTRIC CORP., 46-25 58th St., Woodside 77, N. Y., has announced a new d-c power supply using silicon rectifiers. Input is 208-220 v, 60 cycles, 3 phase; and output, 220 v d-c, 5 amperes.

▶ Other Features—Regulation is 5 percent for 20 percent to full load. Ripple is 50 mv. Ambient temperature is -55 C to +85 C. Dimensions are 19 in. wide by $15\frac{3}{4}$ in. high.

Unit price is \$975. The same unit magnetically regulated is \$1,175.



TEFLON CAPACITORS for high-temperature usage

CONDENSER PRODUCTS Co., 140 Hamilton St., New Haven, Conn., has introduced two new Teflon dielectric capacitors specifically designed for high temperature usage in guided missiles and other airborne applications. They are smaller than others designed to give the same electrical characteristics at temperature ranges of from -70 C to +200 C. They equal or exceed requirements of MIL-C-25. These capacitors were developed for applications where small dielectric absorption and capacitance changes are necessary.

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 μ f to 1.0 μ f. Standard capacitance tolerance is ± 20 percent.

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LIGHT 2-WAY RADIO meets FCC and FCDA demands

INDUSTRIAL RADIO CORP., 428 N. Parkside Ave., Chicago 44, Ill., has announced a 2-way portable radio measuring only 10 by $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $9\frac{3}{4}$ in. and weighing only 11 lb complete with long-life batteries. Model H/M Pak-Fone features loudspeaker operation, relay operated squelch system, volume control and an on-off indicator light.

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Performance meets all FCC and FCDA requirements for municipal and industrial portable radios.

HOOK-UP WIRES

available in varied colors

REVERE CORP. OF AMERICA, Wallingford, Conn., is now manufacturing Permacode hook-up wires, combining high temperature operating characteristics with permanent and positive identification. The new wires, insulated with extruded du-Pont Teflon suitable for continuous operation up to 210C, are available in 15 solid colors and any combina-

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The Microwave Laboratory at Hughes conducts fundamental research and long-range development in the field of microwave components and techniques. The antenna program is concerned with research on linear and two-dimensional arrays of slot radiators; transmission and radiation of surface-guided waves; very high resolution radar antennas; and the development and engineering of airborne communication, navigation and fire control antennas. **Instrumentation** is developed for new measuring equipment to meet needs of the program. This has included development of automatic impedance and antenna pattern recorders, microwave power supplies stabilized in amplitude and frequency, microwave applications of ferrite devices.

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tion of 2, 3 or 4 colors.

The wires are available in nominal 0.010 in. or 0.015 in. wall thicknesses, and are constructed to meet requirements of military specification MIL-W-16878/A, types E and EE.



TINY POTENTIOMETER operates to 150 C

ACE ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATES, 103 Dover St., Somerville 44, Mass., announces the X-500 Acepot, a ¹/₂-in. subminiature, precision wire-wound potentiometer which operates in the temperature range from -55 C to a high of 150 C.

► Specifications—Resistance range is 200 ohms to 250,000 ohms ± 2 percent; linearity, ± 0.3 percent; weight, ¹/₄ oz. It is available in threaded bushing, servo, flush tapped hole, or flange mountings and up to 6-gang units. It meets applicable portions of JAN specs and MIL-E-5272A standards.



MEMO-SCOPE stores traces indefinitely

ADVANCED ELECTRONICS MFG. CORP., 2025 Pontius Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif. The MemoScope 103, a storage oscilloscope, forms and retains

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traces at a constant intensity until they are deliberately erased by the operator. This feature permits the study of transient electrical phenomena as short as 10 μ sec in duration, presentation of tube or transistor characteristics without the necessity of repetition, display of frequency response curves without the need of a sweep generator, spectrum analyses and the like.

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▶ Other Features—The unit offers a vertical amplifier sensitivity of 10 mv d-c; sweep speeds up to 100 sec full-scale; and direct reading calibrations of amplitude and time.

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The line comes in 20-ft sections and features a quick-assembly flange using only 1 bolt, instead of the many bolts required by conventional flanges. A complete complement of elbows, gas barriers, adaptors, power dividers, tuners, slotted lines, hangers and other associated equipment have been designed and are available for prompt delivery.



TRANSISTORS for audio amplifier uses

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Syracuse, N. Y., has announced ten new pnptransistors made of germanium and produced by the alloy junction process. They include 6 different types for the output stage of an audio amplifier and 4 types for the driver stage.

► Specifications—Current gain of the output type is maintained at an essentially constant value for collector currents from 1 ma to 200 ma. The 2N186A, 2N187A and 2N188A are rated at a 180-mw power collector dissipation at 25 C. Types 2N186, 2N187 and 2N188 are rated

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Prices of the 10 new audio amplifier transistors in quantity lots to equipment manufacturers range from \$1.40 each to \$2.35 each.



TAPE WINDERS for toroidal coil field

UNIVERSAL MFG. Co., Hillside, N. J., announces a new series of automatic tape winding machines for the toroidal coil field. The new tape winders offer revolutionary operational and performance features including core turning table with automatic feed and variable pitch control, automatic tape cutting device and special manual feeding attachment for hand winding when desired.

Series incorporates 3 models, U-9, U-14 and U-20, to wind tape from $\frac{2}{5}$ in. to 1 in.

circuit MODULES and breadboard kit

AEROVOX CORP., New Bedford, Mass., has announced a new concept in electronic circuitry and assembly, in the form of standardcircuit modules and handy breadboard for simplifying and speeding up experimental and prototype assemblies. Engineers can work up breadboard layouts by simply

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Two of the new Leesona No. 107 Automatic Coil Winders recently installed in the Clock and Timer Department of the General Electric Company, Ashland, Mass. The last word in automatic coil winder design, No. 107's wind paper-insulated coils in stick form. Automatic operation eliminates human error, reduces wire breakage to a minimum, cuts production time and costs. Inset shows a Type H3 Synchronous Motor, one of many Telechron timing units with coils precision-wound on Leesona No. 107 machines.

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▶ Data—These switches are rated at 30 v, one ampere inductive or two amperes resistive load. They can be furnished to operate at any level from 2.5 to 15 g absolute with precision of ± 0.2 g; higher g ratings are available on special order. Frequency range is 0 to 10 cps; shock resistance is 25 g for 11 millisec, on all 3 axes. These switches are designed to function through a temperature range of -60 to +180 F and to withstand 100-percent humidity at 160 F.

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► Other Data—Additional specs are: dual element, 4,800 ohms each element; dual wipers each element and pickoff; up to $2 \le 2$ w dissipation per element; 110 deg active travel, 5 deg over-travel each end; and resolution 1/17 deg.



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ALTEC LANSING CORP., 9356 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif. The 260A is a 260-w amplifier of low distortion and wide frequency range intended for p-a and industrial control applications where long life and minimum maintenance are paramount.

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▶ Features—Standard features include an automatic off-scale indicator and illuminated decimalpoint and polarity signs. One-millivolt sensitivity is provided on the low scale, and accuracy is 1 percent on d-c and resistance, 2 percent on a-c.

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TRANSFORMERS new encapsulated type

ELECTRO ENGINEERING WORKS, INC., 401 Preda St., San Leandro, Calif. Epseal, a new transformer encapsulation process in combination

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Complete data are given in engineering bulletin FC-5112A.

FERRITE ISOLATOR is an X-band circulator

CANOGA CORP., Van Nuys, Calif. Model 6332 Ferrite isolator is a nonreciprocal waveguide device used to isolate medium power klystrons and magnetrons from their

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loads. It is essentially a modified polarization circulator employing permanent magnets and containing two sets of integral external dummy terminations. The external loads are capable of handling higher powers than internal types and also make possible the short length of 2.25 in.

▶ Specifications—The isolator may be pressurized to 30 psi absolute and will handle 25 kw peak, 25 w average power over the 8.5 to 9.6 kmc band. The isolation is 10 db minimum, the insertion loss is 0.5 db maximum and the vswr is 1.35 maximum over the band. Isolation over a 7-percent band is 20 db.



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quency of 6 to 9 cps, this versatile mount is readily adaptable to many upplications in which outdated nounts of the AN8008 type have been used in the past.

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ADF UNIT weighs only 19.1 lb

AIRCRAFT RADIO CORP., Boonton, N. J., has announced a miniature automatic direction finder or radio compass, weighing 19.1 lb. Type 21 adf unit is a 3-band superheterodyne receiver, complete with power unit, receiver, control unit, indica-

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tor, loop, loop housing, and all connectors. It is designed for use in all types of aircraft.

▶ What It Does—The type 21 provides reception of and direction on l-f range and broadcast stations in the 190 to 1,750 kc spectrum. A hermetically sealed loop assembly which penetrates only 1[§] in. beyond the skin of the aircraft is used. The unit has provisions for compensation of as much as 25 degrees of compass error from local field distortion. Installations may be single or dual.

The new adf was designed for reliability, serviceability, power drain and stability under adverse environmental conditions and power supply voltage change.



TINY RESISTORS the 3-w axial-lead type

OHMITE MFG. Co., 3677 Howard St., Skokie, Ill. The tiny 3-w axial-lead vitreous enameled resistor is now available in a wide range of resistance values, from 1 to 10,000 ohms. It is only $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter and $\frac{2}{16}$ in. long.

▶ Other Features—These resistors are simple to mount by their tinned wire leads and occupy small space because of the absence of mounting brackets. Axial-lead resistors, particularly the small sizes, are especially suited for printed circuits, terminal board, and point-to-point wiring applications.

The small resistors are wirewound units with steatite cores and a special-formula, vitreous-enamel coating. The resistance wire and terminal lead are both welded to the end cap, thus assuring perfect and permanently stable electrical connections.

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UNIVERSAL ATOMICS CORP., 19 E. 48th St., New York 17, N. Y. Model 422 completely transistorized, portable random pulse generator is designed for use in radiation and electronic laboratories, and for field testing of radiometric equipment. The 6-lb unit delivers random pulses at a controlled rate from 10 to 1,000 pps. It operates for over 100 hr from 4 standard 1½-v flashlight batteries, at 5 mv to 5 v output, from a 100-ohm impedance source.

The random pulse generator comes in a 9-in. by 7-in. by 6-in. case and the price is \$199.50.



H-F OSCILLOSCOPE magnifies 100 times

HEWLETT-PACKARD Co., 395 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif., has announced model 150A, a new 10mc oscilloscope that magnifies 100 times. The d-c to 500 kc horizontal

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amplifier provides sweep magnifications of 1, 5, 10, 50 and 100 times, which together with the special horizontal position control offer a means of fine adjustment and examination of any 10-cm portion of the magnified range. Full sweep range is 0.02 μ sec per cm to 15 sec per cm.

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C-BAND MAGNETRON miniature type

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TRANSFORMERS in standard MIL cases

UNITED TRANSFORMER Co., 150 Varick St., New York 13, N. Y. Seventeen new hermetic sealed filament transformers are conservatively designed to exceed MIL-T-27 specifications and to provide a maximum of reliability through low temperature rise and high insulation safety factors. For maximum versatility in application, these units are provided with 105/115/210/220 v primaries as well as bearing both military and industrial ratings. Units range from 6.3 v, 0.6 ampere output to 5 v at 75 amperes and from 1,500 to 21,000 v test.



SPAGHETTI TUBING made from Teflon

PENNSYLVANIA FLUOROCARBON Co., INC., 1115 N. 38th St., Philadelphia 4, Pa. A wide range of sizes of spaghetti tubing made from Teflon is now being offered. It has good dielectric strength (500 to 1,000 v per mil); lowest dielectric constant (2.0) and dissipation factor (0.0002) of any solid dielectric; and no change of electrical proper-

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ties with temperature (-100 C to +250 C) or frequency (60 cps to 100 mc). The tubing is not affected by moisture.

The spaghetti made from Teflon is used for instrument tubing, sheathing for several wires, and with bare wire as a replacement for hook-up wire insulated with Teflon. Assembly of aircraft and communication electronic equipment is speeded up when Teflon is used because it simplifies the soldering technique since Teflon is not harmed by the hot barrel of the soldering iron.

MICROWAVE LINK for color television

LAMBDA - PACIFIC ENGINEERING, INC., 14725 Arminta St., Van Nuys, Calif., has available a new color tv microwave link, convertible from 0.1 w to 1.0 w. It is a companion to the widely used 1.0-w Lambda link. It has a frequency range from 5.9 to 7.2 kmc, and is available with program channel. Further information is available from the manufacturer.

POWER SUPPLY for high-power klystrons

LEVINTHAL ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, INC., 2760 Fair Oaks Ave., Redwood City, Calif. Developed as a bombarder power supply for highpower klystrons, this unit provides up to 3 amperes at 4,000 v with 0.1-percent ripple. The d-c supply is isolated 50 kv above ground. Voltage is continuously variable





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TRIMMING POT with solder-lug terminals

BOURNS LABORATORIES, 6135 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif., has announced the model 130 subminiature Trimpot with solder-lug terminals and a high usable potentiometer range of at least 98 percent. Designed for use where wire-to-wire splicing is not convenient or practical, it permits wiring direct to the instrument, using simple soldering or dipsoldering techniques. The unit is

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screwdriver adjusted over 25 turns. It is available in 11 standard resistances from 10 to 20,000 ohms in resolutions ranging from 2.0 to 0.02 percent.

TRANSFORMERS used with power supplies

STERLING TRANSFORMER CORP., 297 North 7th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has available a line of transformers for use with electronically regulated power supplies. These transformers are especially designed to allow for the drop across the series regulator tube. They and their associate filter chokes are available hermetically sealed for military application as well as in commercial end-bell versions.



BATTERY CLIPS for transistor circuits

CAMBRIDGE THERMIONIC CORP., Cambridge, Mass., has announced two new silver-plated battery clips for use with transistorized circuitry. They have been designed to lock simply yet stand up and remain secure even under extremely rough handling. They feature a positive low resistance contact. The silver plating resists corrosion even under battery leakage.

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DECADE INDUCTOR high in performance

COAST COIL CO., 5333 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif. Relatively small in size, reasonable in price, but high in performance, the model 100 decade inductor will serve as a convenient circuit element wherever a variable inductor is needed.

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Complete specifications, which include a-c and d-c ratings as well as typical Q curves are available on request.



MINIATURE RESISTOR ceramic shell type

REON RESISTOR CORP., 117 Stanley Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., has in produc-

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tion a silicone-sealed ceramic shell type resistor. The miniature precision power unit, compact and selfsupporting, is resistant to humidity and salt spray military tests.

► Advantages—Ideal for terminal board or printed circuit mounting, the ceramic shell offers uniform outer dimensions and is unaffected by abrasion and rough handling. It can be close mounted while the outer shell is completely insulated and has high dielectric strength. The component is also sealed in nonhygroscopic military grade steatite shells.

► Specifications — Also featured are: low temperature coefficient of ± 0.00002 C, wide ohmic range of 0.1 to 55,000 ohms, tolerance of 5 percent to 0.05 percent, and it exceeds MIL-R-26B characteristic G specifications.

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UNIVERSAL POT speeds readings

LEEDS & NORTHRUP CO., 4934 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Type K-3 universal potentiometer has a reading window that centralizes 3 or 4 dial readings into one single row of digits plus a scale value. Used for measurement of d-c voltage, the instrument has applications in precise temperature measurement, calibration of meters, calorimetry and precise voltage measurements.

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by the use of a new measuring circuit. An auxiliary potentiometer circuit and connections provide selection of reference potentials to permit use as double potentiometer.



RESOLVER for missile guidance

DIEHL MFG. Co., Finderne Plant, Somerville, N. J. A new, size 11, high accuracy induction resolver with a total functional error of 0.05 percent has been announced. Designed to meet the environmental requirements of the Armed Forces, the new resolver is completely machine wound. When both the rotor and the stator are machine wound the uniformity of the product yields high performance quality. Further, the resolver has a high input impedance, permitting an excitation voltage of 110 v a-c at 400 cps.

The new resolver can function at a 70,000-ft altitude without pressurization. To enable design engineers to easily adapt it to their applications, the component is provided with a pin-type base and mating connector.



TIME DELAY RELAY offers high capacitance

E. V. NAYBOR LABORATORIES, 30 Manorhaven Blvd., Port Washington, N. Y. Type TD310 offers a high capacitance time delay relay. Maintaining all the high resistance

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advantages of the company's air dashpot time delay relays, the unit affords spdt, contact rating of 10 amperes at 125/250 v a-c or 30 v d-c inductive. Contact ratings are in accordance with MIL-S-6743 and MIL-S-6744. Life, under certain conditions, can be offered to exceed 10 million operations.

Other Specifications — Physical dimensions are 1½ by 2 by 2½ in. high for open chassis mounting. Weight is less than 4¼ oz.

This unit is also available hermetically sealed in dry nitrogen to withstand altitudes to 70,000 ft. Standard temperature range -55C to +85 C, but units are available in the range of -65 C to +125 C.



A-C VTVM a low-frequency instrument

SHASTA DIVISION, Beckman Instruments, Inc., P. O. Box 296, Station A, Richmond, Calif. Model 204 a-c vtvm is designed specifically for accurate measurements of a-c voltages from 0.03 to 300 v full scale in the l-f range of 2 cps to 300 kc.

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RATIO TRANSFORMER features high accuracy

GERTSCH PRODUCTS, INC., 11846 Mississippi Ave., Los Angeles 24, Calif., has introduced a new series of standard ratio transformers known as the Radiotran model 10, with a terminal linearity of 0.001 percent. Model 10 has improved accuracy over previous Gertsch standard ratio transformers, plus reduced size (a 31-in, by 19-in, rack panel).

Ease of read-out and both front and rear input and output terminals are featured. Model 10 operates over the frequency range of 50 to 3,000 cps.



GEAR HEAD used with size 8 motors

BOWMAR INSTRUMENT CORP., 2617 Pennsylvania St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., has announced an ultraminiature precision motor gear head weighing 11 oz. The 750-GH gear head, designed for adaptation to size 8 motors, measures 0.750 in. in diameter, and, in its solid-type model, is 1 in. long.

Four through-bolts make it adaptable to specially tapped size 8 motors without the use of adapter plates or other accessories, thus eliminating extra weight and removing another variable from the electromechanical assembly using it. Assembly operations may also be

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simplified when the direct mounting method can be employed.

► Uses—Principal applications include missile control systems, where weight, performance and size are critical; servomechanisms; aircraft control equipment; indicating devices; computers and other precision electromechanical instrument applications.



PRECISION RESISTOR completely encapsulated

EASTERN PRECISION RESISTOR CORP., 677 Barbey St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Designed to meet the requirements of MIL-R-93 characteristic A, this subminiature precision resistor is completely encapsulated. It measures 0.150 in. in diameter, $\frac{3}{5}$ in. in length.

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Because they carry high commutation factor ratings they are particularly suited to motor control and other inductive load circuits without cushioning. Their ability to operate over a wide ambient temperature range (-55 to +70 C)and a quick-heating cathode (1 minute) are useful features in industrial applications.

Maximum average cathode current is 6.4 amperes and fault current, 1,120 amperes. Maximum negative control grid voltage before conduction is -250 v; and during conduction, -10 v. Maximum positive control grid current is 0.20 ampere with the anode positive and 0.10 ampere with the anode negative.



PRODUCTION TOOL for connector soldering

AMELCO, INC., 2040 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, Calif., announces the Connex, a production tool for faster and more efficient soldering. In use, the connector is snapped quickly and firmly to the Connex, permitting the operator to solder fast from any angle. There is no danger of slips and far less chance for burns. Connex reduces costs by increasing production perform-

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ance on all production lines where soldering is involved. Price is \$7.00 (\$7.50 east of the Rockies).



PRECISION POT a multiturn unit

SERVONICS, INC., 834 N. Henry St., Alexandria, Va. The Dipot is a high precision multiturn potentiometer which subdivides voltages obtained from matched resistors with a vernier porentiometer. It is effectively an "automized" Kelvin-Varley circuit. The Dipot may be continuously rotated without adverse effects. Through the use of pie wound resistors, instead of a helical coil, phase shift is greatly reduced. A brochure is available telling how it works, giving specifications and applications.



TRANSFORMERS for printed circuit cards

TECHNITROL ENGINEERING CORP., 2751 North Fourth St., Philadelphia 33, Pa. Designed especially for printed circuit cards, the type P transformers offer a flat profile with sturdy, accurately spaced solder pins.

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CLEVITE TRANSISTOR PRODUCTS, 241 Crescent St., Waltham 54, Mass., has announced 6 new germanium power transistors for handling up to 20-w input. They are *pnp* power junction type, and were originally developed to meet U. S. Signal Corps specifications.

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Wire-Wound Resistors. International Resistance Co., 401 North Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa. Catalog data bulletin D-1a covers MIL type precision wire-wound resistors. It contains comprehensive data on winding techniques, testing, tolerance, inductance, insulation, terminals and temperature coefficient.

Microwave Components and Mechanical Assemblies. J-V-M Engineering Co., 8846 W. 47th St., Brookfield, Ill. A wide range of standard and custom-engineered microwave components and com-

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plex mechanical assemblies are featured in an illustrated technical catalog. The microwave components described range from d-c to 40,000 mc and include cavities, adapters, bends, attenuators, loads, tees, twists, directional couplers and similar components and waveguide accessories. Mechanical components and services cover tools, dies, general machining, screw machine and sheet metal.

Snap-Action Switches. Micro Switch, Freeport, Ill., has published a 16-page booklet titled "Micro Tips Digest", containing 43 illustrated descriptions of uses for snap-action switches. The booklet is a compilation of the best ideas for applications of this type of switch, now widely used throughout industry.

Complete with photographs and drawings, the 43 switch application stories describe a wide variety of industrial and commercial uses for snap-action switches to provide improved safety, to lower costs, to increase production and to make electrically operated equipment more automatic.

Simulation Theory and Practice. Berkeley Division, Beckman Instruments, Inc., 2200 Wright Ave., Richmond 3, Calif. Data File 121 gives a simplified short course in the basic theory and practice of analog computers. It explores the various aspects of simulation and describes its convenient implementation with analog computers for solving great varieties of problems in systems design, engineering and industry.

Mathematical background is fully explained, and the data file features a complete presentation on electronic analog simulation equipment. It includes references and bibliography.

Precision Instruments. Advance Electronics Lab., Inc., 451 Highland Ave., Passaic, N. J. A 4-page folder illustrates and describes a line of phase measuring instruments, delay lines and electronic counters. Specifications, prices are given.

Titanium Corrosion Resistance. Mallory-Sharon Titanium Corp., Niles, Ohio. A new bulletin con-



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tains currently available data on the corrosion resistance of titanium, and suggests to the product designer where this new metal can be applied to overcome corrosion problems. Various uses of titanium, based on its corrosion resistance, are described, and the booklet contains corrosion ratings for titanium when exposed to many common types of corrosive agents.

Servo Literature. John Oster Mfg. Co., Avionic Division, Racine, Wisc. Four catalog pages, each illustrating and fully describing a type of low inertia servo motor, are now available. Each sheet includes two graphs, dimensional drawings, average characteristics and complete electrical data.

The four servos described are a size 10 servo designed for operation in a special 250-cycle squarewave system; a size 10 designed for use in servo systems where instant response to input signal is a prime requisite; a high performance servo which conforms dimensionally with Navy BuOrd size 10; and a high performance servo which conforms dimensionally with Navy BuOrd size 15.

Frequency Limit Trips. Arga Division, Beckman Instruments, Inc., 220 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. Data sheet El presents the company's line of frequency limit indicators which are designed to monitor supply lines where frequency is critical. The bulletin describes the operation of the unit which comes in two forms: one operates when the frequency is higher than critical; the other when the frequency is lower than critical. They are available packaged together.

Technical data presented include: input voltage (115), nominal frequency (400 cps), l-f warning point (390 cps), h-f warning point (410 cps), accuracy ± 1 cps at 400 cps, input power (10 w), harmonic and voltage coefficients (input voltage harmonics of 5 percent or changes of input voltage of ± 10 percent), ambient temperature limits (-55 C to +55 C).

Beryllium Copper Springs. The Beryllium Corp., Reading, Pa. A 4-page technical bulletin describes



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Molding Compounds. Plastics & Resins Division, American Cyanamid Co., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y., has published a 50page technical manual entitled "Melamine Molding Compounds."

Subjects covered include descriptions of molding compounds, characteristics of molding compounds, storage and handling, preforming, preheating, molds, design of molded parts, molding procedures, molding variables, finishing, and typical applications of Melamine molding compounds. Individual data sheets on all of the company's Cymel Melamine molding compounds are included.

Solenoids. Comar Electric Co., 3349 Addison St., Chicago 18, Ill. Bulletin No. 200 is a 6-page folder illustrating and describing a line of solid frame a-c and d-c solenoids. Four types of laminated a-c solenoids are covered. Charts, and size and mounting data are included.

Geiger Counter. Nuclear Instrument and Chemical Corp., 229 W. Erie St., Chicago 10, Ill., has available a brochure describing the model 2612L portable Geiger counter for uranium prospecting. Chief features, circuit details and calibration information are included. Price of the unit described is \$250.

Magnetic Storage Elements. Epsco, Inc., 588 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 15, Mass., has available engineering data sheets on its low



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Resistivity System. Houston Technical Laboratories, a subsidiary of Texas Instruments Inc., 2424 Branard, Houston 6, Texas. Bulletin E-401 illustrates and describes new lightweight portable instruments (signal generator bank and voltmeter bank) for the electrical resistivity method of geophysical prospecting.

Explosion Chamber. Tenney Engineering, Inc., 1090 Springfield Road, Union, N. J., has available a 4-page folder giving complete information concerning design features, construction and test procedures involved with the use of a new explosion chamber. Illustrative photographs, handy reference arrows and simplified ordering data are all prominent features of the folder. An entire range of specifications is included for factual evaluation.

Product Brochure. Gulton Industries, Inc., Metuchen, N. J., has available a 12-page, illustrated guide to the products of its five associated companies: Gulton Mfg. Corp.; Glenco Corp.; Vibr-Ceramics Greibach Instruments Corp.; Thermistor Corp. of America. Included is useful technical information about over 65 diversified advanced Gulton Industries' product lines. Also shown are interesting photographs of individual manufacturing processes involved in the production of these products.

High Temperature Insulation. Insulation and Wires Inc., 1534 Swinney Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Ind. A new 4-page brochure describes and lists a line of class H silicone electrical insulating materials for high-temperature use. A chart compares class A, B, H and C insulations.

Products included are silicone resin insulating varnish, silicone bonded mica-glass cloth and tape, silicone treated glass cloth and tape, silicone-glass laminate, silicone-

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treated asbestos cloth and tape, silicone rubber insulated lead wire. silicone rubber-glass tape, silicone resin and rubber-treated glass tubing and sleeving, and silicone bonded glass magnet wire.

TV Picture Tubes. CBS-Hytron, Salem, Mass., is offering the third edition of its reference guide for tv picture tubes. Revised and brought up to date, it provides pertinent data for 258 magnetically deflected picture tubes. Ask for bulletin PA-2.

Resistor Catalog. The Daven Co., 538 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, N. J., has available a 12page encapsulated wire-wound resistor catalog. Newly developed products, new plastic formulations, new encapsulating techniques, in addition to other improved design and manufacturing features, are presented in detail.

The catalog includes: temperature-sensitive resistors; card-type resistors, miniature d-c voltage divider and d-c networks, toothpick resistors; miniature resistors, subminiature resistors; axial lead types; lug types; MIL types and Daven equivalents.

Magnetic Counters. Sprague Electric Co., 35 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Data on the application of magnetic shift register assemblies in magnetic counters is given in engineering bulletin 551. The bulletin gives data on the operation of two types of standard Sprague counters and illustrates a typical decimal counter decade circuit

Printed Circuit Tolerances. Photocircuits Corp., Glen Cove, N. Y. Technical bulletin P-9 is a 2-page publication entitled "Standard Printed Circuit Tolerances."

Included in the bulletin are such items as diameter tolerances of unplated and plated holes, location tolerances between holes, hole to pattern tolerances, alignment (front to back) tolerances, circuit pattern to outside dimension tolerances, overall dimension tolerances, holes to outside dimension tolerances, line width and spacing tolerances, plating tolerances and others-all hav-



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Coaxial Tuner. Jasik Laboratories, 61 Second St., Mineola, N. Y. A single-sheet bulletin illustrates and describes type 224 coaxial E-H Tuner, an impedance matching device of novel design which is highly useful for effecting impedance transformation in coaxial line circuits.

The tuners discussed are available in several models. Model 224-A (2,700 to 10,000 mc) is priced at \$92; model 224-C (950 to 10,000 mc), \$98. When a crystal mount is desired in place of one of the type N fittings, price is \$15 extra.

Analog Computers. George A. Philbrick Researches, Inc., 230 Congress St., Boston 10, Mass., has released a 16-page, fully illustrated catalog describing its complete line of electronic analog computers.

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Polyester Laminates. Insulation Manufacturers Corp., 565 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill., has published two illustrated booklets on polyester electrical insulating products.

An 8-page catalog on Conolite glossy surface polyester laminates provides technical data, suggested applications, and ordering information for rolls, coils and sheets. Glass

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cloth, cotton cloth and paper base combinations are described, as well as a wide variety of fabricated products that may be made from these plastic materials.

The 12-page catalog on Haysite reinforced plastics tells of the exceptional dielectric and physical properties of this inorganic mat-reinforced polyester sheet insulation. Tables and charts describe the properties of the standard grades, and bar graphs compare the physical properties of these reinforced polyester laminates with other electrical insulating laminates. Fabricated and molded parts are described, as well as suggestions for cutting, shearing and machining.

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Tubes. CBS-Hytron, Salem, Mass., has available new reference data for transmitting and special-purpose tubes. Conveniently indexed, the catalog includes data for small transmitting pentodes, triodes and rectifiers, gaseous voltage regulators and reference tubes, and special receiving and military tubes. Ask for bulletin PA-5.

TV Amplifier Specifications. Standard Electronics Corp., 285 Emmet St., Newark 5, N. J., has produced a new tv amplifier specifications bulletin, describing both low and high band 25 kw vhf tv amplifiers. The bulletin contains photographs of the standard electronic amplifiers, a complete explanation of how the equipment operates, 2 pages of illustrations and descriptions of major design features, electrical and mechanical specifications, a tube list, and block diagrams of both aural and visual amplifiers.

Mercury Plunger Relay. Ebert Electronics Corp., 212-26 Jamaica Ave., Queens Village 28, N. Y. Complete description, technical data, and illustrations on the midget Minirelay mercury plunger relay are now available in a new bulletin. The bulletin fully covers operational and construction details, load ratings and typical features.

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Instrument Catalog. Allen B. Du-Mont Laboratories, Inc., 760 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N. J. A 12-page folder offers a quick reference instrument catalog. Included are illustrated detailed descriptions and prices for a line of h-f and l-f instruments, accessory instruments, recording equipment and accessory equipment, cro's and accessory equipment.

Mobile Electronics Laboratory. Cook Electric Co., 2700 Southport Ave., Chicago 14, Ill. The Electronics Systems Division of the company, in Newsletter No. 1, Vol. 7, illustrates and describes the mobile electronics laboratory that was custom engineered and equipped for the Airborne Instrumentation and Standards Branch, Electro Mechanical Laboratory of the Army at White Sands Proving Ground. The lab described is an example of the company's ability to design, fabricate and deliver a unit meeting or exceeding customers' specifications.

Subminiature Connectors. Cannon Electric Co., 3208 Humboldt St., Los Angeles 31, Calif., has issued a complete new engineering bulletin on the type D subminiature connectors, code D-6.

The connectors described are designed for miniature equipment and components requiring rack and panel chassis construction in electronics, radio, aviation, automation, instruments and other fields.

The 8-page, 2-color bulletin contains actual size photographs of D miniatures; dimensional data, soldering, mounting and shell deviations; standard assemblies and variations, also several application photographs.

Controller for H-F Induction Heating. Leeds & Northrup Co., 4934 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Complete information about a smalltarget high-speed Rayotube detector and Speedomax G controller for h-f induction heating is now available in a 2-page data sheet. The sheet describes how this equipment is being used on continuous, batch

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Relay Specification. American Machine & Foundry Co., 261 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y., has available a 12-page article on specifying relays by James F. Rinke. It covers the various factors that should be considered in selecting an electrical relay for a given application. These factors include circuit characteristics, type of switching, actuation power, operating speed, duty cycle, life expectancy, environmental conditions, physical requirements and cost.

Transformers. Sterling Transformer Corp., 297 North 7th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has available bulletin 2K covering a line of transformers designed to be used for electronically regulated power supplies.

The bulletin provides a tested circuit, and application information that permits construction of a highperformance regulated power supply. Complete electrical and physical ratings of the transformers are listed.

Ferrite Cored Inductors. Aladdin Radio Industries, Inc., Nashville 2, Tenn., has available a new engineering bulletin on ferrite cored inductors. The bulletin contains several new product lines, including the company's Tiny-L inductors, which cover the range from 0.33 to 6.8 microhenries. The company has adopted RETMA increments for the inductance values of all units in the lines described in this bulletin.

Thermistors and Varistors. Victory Engineering Corp., 101 Springfield Road, Union, N. J., has published its sixth edition of a technical catalog describing VECO thermistors, varistors and assemblies.

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Electronic Digital Computer. Logistics Research Inc., 141 Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif. An 8page folder illustrates and describes the ALWAC III-E general purpose electronic digital computer designed for a wide range of application to the problems of scientific-engineering-research and business-industrial-financial organizations. Specifications, features and information on operations are given.

Midget Mica-Dielectric Capacitors.

Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N. J. Bulletin No. 422-4 illustrates and describes the molded midget mica-dielectric capacitors now available in three operating temperature ranges: -55 C to 130 C, -55 C to 160 C and the original -55 C to 85 C. Dimensional diagrams, characteristics description, characteristics availability chart and electrical mechanical features are included.

Automatic Controls for Aerodynamic Testing. Hagan Corp., 323 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh 30, Pa. A 20-page booklet, MSP-133, describes the company's PowrAmp series of components, a high-speed, highpowered line of precision electrical and electronic automatic control equipment for all standard variables. The series discussed is designed for use in aeronautical testing and other facilities requiring exact performance. Typical applications include the control of surge. altitude and mass flow in all types of wind tunnels-subsonic, transonic and supersonic.

Brief descriptions of each device's function and method of operation, essential specifications, photographs and schematic drawings are features of the brochure. Highlighted are transducers, amplifiers, converters, controllers, signal shapers, computers, electrohydraulic pilot valves and other associated components.

TV Amplifier. Standard Electronics Corp., 285 Emmet St., Newark 5, N. J., has published a new 4-page tv amplifier specifications bulletin which describes high-band 50-kw vhf tv amplifiers. The bulletin

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contains photographs of the company's amplifiers, an explanation of how the equipment operates, 2 pages of illustrations and descriptions of major design features, electrical and mechanical specifications, a tube list, and block diagrams of both aural and visual amplifiers.

Contact Connectors. Alden Products Co., 117 North Main St., Brockton 64, Mass. A new 4-page brochure, "What's New at Alden's," shows a whole new series of rugged, compact single and multicontact contact connectors. The IMI (integrally molded insulation) connectors discussed feature perfect strain relief, a natural sealing against dust and moisture trapping, shorter leakage paths and greater reliability. The IMI technique is described in detail and illustrations and application of these connectors and unit cables are shown.

Multiple Switch. Switchcraft, Inc., 1328 N. Halsted St., Chicago 22, Ill., has issued a catalog supplement No. S-560 covering their new Multi-Switch. The switch described features a choice of switching functions; flexible tools make it practical to make in any multiple from 2 to 12 stations; choice of mounting centers; plungers-0.050 in. by 0.187 in.-so designed to accept standard push-on buttons; stack switches mounted on a separate plate. Up to 4 stacks can be operated by each button, providing innumerable circuit possibilities.

The bulletin covers illuminated and nonilluminated and ganged assemblies of intercoupled rams of Multi-Switches. Full details and specifications are given.

Magnetic Recording Tape. Audio Devices, Inc., 444 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y., has issued a new bulletin on type EP Audiotape, extra precision magnetic recording tape for telemetering, electronic computers and other specialized applications.

The folder lists the physical characteristics and magnetic properties of type EP Audiotape which is made on a base material of cellulose

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acetate or Mylar polyester film. The publication also includes a price list of reels of various lengths, widths of tape and thickness of base material.

Teflon Tubing. Sparta Mfg. Co., Dover, Ohio. Form No. 564 is a 4page illustrated bulletin covering the company's new flexible thinwalled and spaghetti tubing made of Teflon. Properties, characteristics, suggested end uses and complete price lists are included.

Electronic Gear. Alden Products Co., 117 North Main St., Brockton 64, Mass. A new bulletin, "Ideas, Techniques, Designs," shows application photos and stories on electronic gear packaged with the company's plug-in components.

Included is a detailed description of two new kits containing all the necessary plug-in components. The kits described permit the user to begin construction and assembly immediately of a piece of electronic gear. In addition, they enable him to evaluate quickly the use of unitized design and construction for his equipment.

Printed Circuitry. Croname Inc., 3701 Ravenswood, Chicago 13, Ill. A 4-page brochure outlines the company's facilities for producing printed circuits by its laboratory approved process, and offers recommendations on the basic steps necessary for exact circuit duplication. Information on quotation and orders is included.

Tiny Metal-Ceramic Receiving Tubes. General Electric Co., 1 River Road, Schenectady, N. Y., has available a 20-page booklet containing additional data on the company's micro-miniature metalceramic receiving tubes. Design and construction innovations of the tube are described in the booklet which also contains additional application data, operating characteristics and construction features. Illustrations show the extensive facilities, advanced equipment and the engineering and technical skills employed in the manufacture of the tubes. Ask for booklet ETD-1212-A.

Diffractometer. New Brunswick Scientific Co., P.O. Box 606, New

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Brunswick, N. J. A 4-page folder illustrates and describes the double crystal x-ray diffractometer, a new research tool for metallurgy, the quartz industry, the production of transistors, the precise determination of lattice parameters and studies of precipitation hardening. Specifications are included.

Meters and Timers. Berkeley Division, Beckman Instruments Inc., 2200 Wright Ave., Richmond 3, Calif. A 4-page folder covers the 7000 series of Eput, frequency, and time interval meters and universal Eput meters and timers. Included are descriptions, applications, specifications and prices.

Magnetic Tape Handler. Key Electric Corp., 287 Post Ave., Westbury, N. Y., has available a specification sheet on the model 101 digital magnetic tape handler. Illustrations, features, description and specifications are included.

Regulated D-C Power Supplies. Lambda Electronics Corp., 11-11 131 St., College Point 56, N. Y. A 6page folder contains an illustrated description and specifications for the 200 MA series power supply which saves panel space. Prices of the units described range from \$149.50 to \$189.50.

Features of the power supplies discussed are: fuse failure indicators, transient-free operation, hermetically-sealed transformers and chokes, and service accessibility.

D-C P-M Motors. Barber-Colman Co., 1400 Rock St., Rockford, Ill. Catalog F4344-3 describes a line of fractional h-p d-c p-m motors as well as gearheads, centrifugal blowers and tachometer generators. All are designed for aircraft or industrial applications with many combinations of voltage, output and speed. The motors discussed are available with voltages from 6 to 115 v d-c with outputs up to 1/10 h-p and speeds from 5,000 to 20,000 rpm.

Custom Molding Services. Molded Fiber Glass Co., 4403 Benefit Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio, announces a 16page catalog descriptive of the com-



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pany's custom molding services. It is intended as a guide for designers interested in the application of molded fiber glass to specific products.

Printed in two colors and illustrated with photographs, line sketches and charts, the catalog describes the molded fiber glass molding process and lists various mechanical, electrical and chemical properties of molded fiber glass. It also lists the fabricating operations which can be performed on this material, and illustrates a number of finished molded fiber glass products.

Room Temperature Bonding. Rubber & Asbestos Corp., 225 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield, N. J., has released an 8-page, profusely illustrated booklet describing application techniques and precautions, advantages and limitations of adhesive bonding at room temperature.

Particular emphasis in the booklet is placed on the new epoxy based adhesives which need neither heat cure nor pressure, and which offer new, high-strength fastening possibilities for plastics, metals and other components.

Also included are helpful tables, charts, photos and data on how to attain longest pot life from twopart formulations; information as to how to speed cures with moderate applications of heat; data on strength vs temperature for epoxy adhesives; cost of heat resistance, and the like.

Voltage Regulator. North American Philips Co., Inc., 750 S. Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has available a new engineering bulletin, with data on a new Norelco 3-kva a-c voltage regulator for use with x-ray diffraction equipment. Illustrated with photographs, the literature covers characteristics, including line voltage, output load, output voltage, output current, regulation, load power factor, harmonic distortion and time constant.

Temperature Controller. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Specifications sheet S1010-1 describes the model 077 electronic temperature controller. The unit discussed is a nonindicat**COPHAR** ---WAXES ---COMPOUNDS

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ing device which operates on the balanced bridge principle. It can be supplied as a single point controller, using a single bulb; as a differential controller, for control on the temperature difference between two bulbs; or for cascade control, using two bulbs.

Control-Resistor Catalog. Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc., Dover, N. H. Just about every type and size control or resistor for the usual run of applications can be found in catalog No. 56. Among the listings are composition-element and wirewound controls in several sizes including miniaturized versions, convenient field-attached shafts and switches, power rheostats, soundsystem controls, precision or laboratory-grade controls. wirewound fixed and adjustable resistors, precision deposited-carbon resistors. ballasts. line-voltage regulators, fuse-type resistors. power resistor decade box and the like

Panel Instruments and Accessories. General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Bulletin GEC-368H is a 12-page booklet describing the features, application, construction, dimensions and other data of $2\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$ and $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. sizes. Photographs, diagrams and prices are included.

Thermocouple Circuit Restorer. The Peerless Electric Co., Electronics Division, W. Market St., Warren, Ohio. Catalog R-26 describes the thermocouple circuit restorer, a device for renewing proper electrical conductivity through thermocouples and thermocouple circuits used in heat-treating, melting and other processing operations.

Diagrams, installation photos and recorder chart reproductions illustrate how the Restorer monitors couples and thermocouple circuits transmitting emf to temperature indicators, recorders and controllers.

Magnetic Bobbin Cores. Burroughs Corp., 1209 Vine St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. A new 4-page folder describes the development, characteristics, applications and services available in connection with the line of BiCONDUCTORS AND HARNESS-100% TEFLON*

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Mag tape-wound magnetic bobbin cores. Materials, widths, thicknesses and bobbin sizes are listed for standard cores of Molypermalloy and Orthonik. The company points out that these cores feature unusual uniformity to assist the design engineer in the application of magnetic cores as a working component in electronic systems.

Angular Position Encoders. The Electronics Division, The Baldwin Piano Co., 1815 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati 2, Ohio, has published a comprehensive 8-page bulletin describing new 13-digit and 16-digit optical-type analog to digital angular position encoders.

Well illustrated, the bulletin gives detailed information on the operation and construction of the two models and describes the manufacture of Baldwin binary and other type code disks. Encoder and code disk specifications are included.

Magnetic Shielding. Perfection Mica Co., 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill. Release 103 describes how to protect tape recordings from various low and high intensity magnetic fields by storing or carrying in Fernetic and Co-Netic protective cans. Typical dimensions and prices are given on Fernetic, Co-Netic, Fernetic-Co-Netic, and Co-Netic-Fernetic rectangular cans, flat sheets, cylinders, crt shields, transformer cans and tachometer shields.

Data sheet 103-A gives terminology and example sheet from laboratory test reports on shielding high, medium and low intensities with Fernetic and Co-Netic magnetic shielding materials.

Digital Pulse Generators. The Jacobs Instrument Co., Bethesda 14, Md., has available a bulletin announcing the Digipulsers, a series of instruments which emit a continuous train of equally spaced pulses. The Digipulsers measure $4\frac{1}{4}$ by $6\frac{1}{4}$ by 7 in. and weigh $8\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

The units described, fitted for laboratory and industrial use, may be used as lightweight precision intervalometers in the field or in aircraft. Characteristics are outlined.

Thermocouple Data. Barber-Colman Co., Rockford, Ill. Bulletin F-

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5228-3, a 40-page booklet, discusses construction and application of thermocouples and radiation detectors as used on industrial control applications. Included is information on how to check thermocouples, how to make thermocouples, how to select and size thermocouples, plus other useful information for instrument men.

Also given are standard thermocouple temperature-millivolt equivalents with temperatures being expressed on the international temperature scale of 1948. The electromotive force is expressed in absolute units.

H-V Pressurized Connectors. DeJUR-AMSCO Corp., 45-01 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y. The 2-color, 2-page bulletin 46C on the new h-v pressurized precision Continental connectors in 2 and 3 contacts for AN 24 shell includes description, specifications, actual size illustrations, mounting and clearance dimensions and electrical ratings.

Soldering Instruments. Adcola, Gauden Road, Clapham, London, S.W. 4, England, has available literature on its soldering instruments and allied equipment designed to accelerate production and reduce manufacturing costs. Included are illustrated data on a quick-heating solder pot, the Secundus electric soldering instrument, the P.V.C. electric stripper and a soldering instrument shield.

Rotating Components. Norden-Ketay Corp., 555 Broadway, New York 12, N. Y. Bulletin 376 is a 4-page folder giving the characteristics of over 138 synchros, servo motors and resolvers. The bulletin was prepared to provide engineers with an easy guide for the selection of rotating components.

Glass-Sealing Alloys. Driver-Harris Co., Harrison, N. J. A 4-page folder contains a description, properties listing and thermal expansion chart for 4 alloys (Therlo, 142 alloy, 152 alloy and 146 alloy) for glass-to-metal sealing of both hard and soft glass. The alloys described are available as rod, wire, strip, sheet foil—and in special shapes.

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Plants and People

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Industry plant and facility expansions continue at rapid rate as more manufacturers enlarge production space. Changes in engineering and executive personnel are announced by major companies. More acquisitions and mergers are completed.

RCA Unveils New Missile Plant Addition In New Jersey

To PROVIDE the design, engineering, and manufacturing space for the 'Talos' guided missile project, RCA has completed one phase of an enlargement program which more than doubles the engineering space and laboratory facilities of its Moorestown, N. J. missile and surface radar engineering plant. The new building, which joins the original construction, was opened officially by General David Sarnoff and other officers of RCA with the unveiling of a plaque at the dedication ceremonies.

The original plant comprised 145,000 sq ft of total building space and provided employment for approximately 600 people, compared with today's building space of 264,-000 sq ft and employment of more than 1,500 persons.

Following the dedication ceremonies, military guests attended a special program which reviewed the firm's defense electronic products activities and achievements.

► Tubes—RCA also announced that Leonard Gillon, manager of manufacturing in the television picture



General Samoff, left, and H. R. Wege, manager of missile and surface radar operations

tube section of the plant in Marion, Indiana, has been appointed plant manager. He succeeds W. T. Warrender, who has been named general manager of the newly formed components division, with headquarters in Camden, N. J.

Gillon joined the company in 1929 as a machine attendant at Harrison, N. J. In 1940 he was appointed general foreman of the miscellaneous parts department at the company's plant in Indianapolis, Ind., and for 14 years held successive positions there as manager, materials and production controls; superintendent, and then manager, glass receiving tube manufacture.

IT&T Elects President, Sells Capehart, Appoints Engineers

EDMOND H. LEAVEY has been elected president of IT&T, filling the top executive position held by the late William H. Harrison.

Elected a vice-president of IT&T in 1952, he became president of the corporation's central research division in the U.S., Federal Telecommunication Laboratories in Nutley, N. J. in 1953, and president of International Standard Electric Corp. in 1954. He is a director and officer of numerous other IT&T companies.

He has traveled extensively for IT&T in connection with its world-



Edmond H. Leavey

wide operations and, prior to joining the corporation, had extensive experience in both the operational and administrative fields of engineering. He was chief of the logistics division of Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE) before his retirement from the Army with the rank of Major General in 1952.

► Sale—The television, high-fidelity phonograph and radio business of IT&T's Capehart-Farnsworth Co. has been sold to the Ben Gross Corp.

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Further information about this R-W activity can be obtained by writing to the Director, Electronic Instrumentation Division.

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of New York City. Gross will be licensed on a non-exclusive basis under certain U. S. patents based on inventions of Capehart-Farnsworth employees. Ownership of these patents will be retained by IT&T.

The Ben Gross Corp. has indicated that it will continue with the manufacture of high quality products under the trademark name of Capehart.

Disposition of present inventory and other details are to be determined. ► Appointments—Robert S. Caruthers has joined the executive staff of IT&T as director of telephone systems research and development. He will coordinate all the work in this field currently being carried on both in the United States and abroad by IT&T and its associated companies.

Caruthers' business career started with the U.S. Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., and in 1929 he joined the technical staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York. Later, when operations at Murray Hill were expanded, he was transferred to that point. He joined Lenkurt Electric in 1952 as chief development engineer. He holds more than 20 patents.

Frank M. Viles, Jr., has been appointed technical director of the components division of IT&T's Federal Telephone and Radio Co. in Clifton, N. J. He comes to Federal from Litton Industries, where he was administrative assistant to the general manager.

Leeds & Northrup Opens New Instrument Factory

LEEDS & NORTHRUP Co. officially opened its new instrument plant in North Wales, Pa. Land and buildings cost about \$4 million; inventory and equipment about \$7 million more.

The manufacturing and office areas provide over 6 acres of floor space and are set in a 129-acre tract.

There will be about 1,300 employees at North Wales, including not only some of the firm's manufacturing people but also some from the departments of engineering, industrial engineering, personnel, accounting and maintenance. The L&N headquarters, and all manufacturing of laboratory instruments, furnaces and certain other products, will remain at the longestablished company location in



Leeds & Northrup instrument plant in North Wales, Pa.

Philadelphia. Products to be pro-

recorders, combustion controls and other automatic instrumentation.

GE Organizes Industrial Laboratory, Plans Florida Plant

GENERAL ELECTRIC is organizing a new laboratory to concentrate on development of new products, techniques and systems for the industrial electronics field, a business expected to double in size in the next five years.

Donald E. Garr was appointed manager of the new unit in GE's laboratories department in Syracuse.

Garr currently is heading a study team formulating plans for the laboratory, including initial work projects and size and location of a permanent laboratory facility. He previously was manager of electri-



Donald E. Garr

cal engineering at the firm's general engineering laboratory. He joined

General Electric in 1936.

G. L. Haller, manager of the laboratories department, said that over twenty GE departments outside the company's electronics division currently have a vital interest either in the manufacture of industrial electronics products or in the sale of systems which lean heavily on such products.

Dr. Haller said that the industrial electronics laboratory will start operations during the early summer with a small nucleus of engineers working at Syracuse and Schenectady until a permanent headquarters facility is established. He



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expects about 50 people to be on the technical staff by year's end.

▶ Florida — GE also announced plans to establish an electronics plant in the St. Petersburg-Clearwater area, the firm's first manufacturing facility to be constructed in Florida.

The proposed plant will produce electronics equipment for Sandia Corp. of Albuquerque, N. M., prime contractor to the Atomic Energy Commission. The General Electric x-ray department will operate the new facility. The new plant will employ from 600 to 700 people and will have an annual payroll of about four million dollars. A. F. Persons has been named plant manager. Ground will be broken for construction late in May. It is planned to have the plant in operation by December 30, 1956.

There will be 150,000 sq ft of floor space in a one-story manufacturing building and an attached two story office building.

A small number of key employees will be transferred from the headquarters of the x-ray department at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NCR Dedicates Electronics Division



New National Cash Register electronics plant in California

THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER Co. n dedicated its new electronics division in Hawthorne, Calif. p

The 52,000 sq ft structure is devoted to research and design activity in advanced electronic computers and auxiliary equipment for business systems. Management at the division includes D. E. Eckdahl, division manager; D. J. Daugherty, manager of engineering department; Marc Shiowitz, manager of product development department; Alfred Doig, manager of special projects department; and R. J. Valenti, manager of engineering services department.

The division has 225 employees, consisting principally of engineers, mathematicians and scientists.

General Instrument Buys Micamold

GENERAL INSTRUMENT CORP. has reached an agreement to purchase all outstanding capital stock of Micamold Electronics Manufacturing Corp. The acquisition is subject to shareholder approval.

Under terms of the agreement, all Micamold's outstanding stock is to be purchased at the approximate book value of its shares on December 31, 1955, \$2,494,000 payable 20 percent in cash and the balance in long-term notes maturing annually over a five-year period from March 1, 1958, to March 1, 1962, along with options for the purchase of 210,000 General Instrument shares.

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\$7,350,000 and earnings of \$293,-000 before taxes. The firm has plants at Brooklyn, N. Y. and Tazewell, Va.

Loral Electronics Builds New Plant

LORAL ELECTRONICS CORP. broke ground for its new plant in New York City on Bronx River Avenue.

The plant will be one story high and three city blocks long. It will occupy 100,000 sq ft of space on five acres.

Leon Alpert, president, stated that this is the first in a series of expansion moves presently being planned.

Texas Instruments Consolidates Divisions

THE semiconductor products and components divisions of Texas Instruments have been combined to improve customer service and to increase production efficiency.

The new semiconductor-components division is headed by vicepresident Mark Shepherd, Jr., formerly in charge of the semiconductor products division. J. P. Rodgers, Jr., formerly general manager of the components division, has been appointed assistant vice-president and marketing manager of the new division. Other divisional appointments include: W. E. Love, sales planning manager; Z. W. Pique, sales manager and Leslie King, products manager.

The divisional consolidation has altered the construction plans for the new plant on the recently acquired 250-acre tract near Richardson, Texas. Plans originally called for a 150,000 sq ft plant, but consolidation of the two divisions will increase the new plant size to over 200,000 sq ft. Construction will begin this year, with completion scheduled in 1957.

► Apparatus—TI also announced new appointments in its apparatus division. They include: Cecil L. Covington, controller; R. E. Houston, personnel director; W. H. Owen, chief industrial engineer; and Ingram Lee II, production manager. In the apparatus division testing components and complete packages to MIL 5272 A?

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Bailey and Ronald F. Keener have been appointed assistant chief engineers, reporting to assistant vicepresident H. J. Wissemann.

All those concerned have been with Texas Instruments for several years. John A. F. Gerrard is now director of geophysical research in the central research division of Texas Instruments. He is in charge of basic and exploratory research into technique and instrumentation for geophysical exploration for petroleum and minerals.

Dr. Gerrard was formerly director of geophysical research for Houston Technical Laboratories. He replaced Dr. Hal J. Jones, who is now chief engineer of HTL.

Prior to his coming with the TI companies in 1954, Gerrard was a vice-president of Electro-Technical Laboratories, Houston, and before that was a technical supervisor with Northwest Seismic Surveys. Calgary, and a geophysicist with California Standard Company of Canada.

Simpson Aids U.S. Assistance Program



A. J. Milewski, left, of Simpson in Chicago and N. R. Das Gupta of National Instrument in Calcutta

NIRODE RANJAN DAS GUPTA OF India recently made a three-day study of the Simpson Electric Company's Chicago plant to learn more about mass production and specifically about mass production of electrical measuring instruments. He is making a six-month tour of the U.S.

as part of the U.S. Technical Assistance Program. His job back in Calcutta is supervisor of repairs at the National Instrument factory.

Simpson also announced formation of an avionics division, headed by Dudley Hansen. It will produce aircraft-indicating instruments.

Ford Motor Company

FORD MOTOR CO. formed a subsidiary company which will span advanced scientific and technological operations ranging from guided missile systems to possible exploration of outer space. Ford's initial commitment for the new firm of \$10 million will go for research and development facilities. Total investment in such facilities is expected to run around \$14 million.

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Inc., the subsidiary will have its headquarters in California. Construction of research and development facilities for the new firm is expected to start by the end of 1956 and be completed in 1958. Between 1,000 and 2,000 people may eventually be employed in the facility. For production facilities the company will either build new plants or use some of the facilities that Ford has located in the U.S.

Nucleus of the new company will

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be a group of scientists and engineers who formerly were organized under the name of Systems Research Corp., a Los Angeles firm engaged in research and development in the design of weapons systems. It was formed by scientific personnel who were formerly with Lockheed's missile systems division.

A seven-member board of directors includes Henry Ford, E. R. Breech, president and board chairman of Ford, respectively; Gerald J. Lynch, director of Ford's office of defense products and governmental relations; Ernst H. Krause and Montgomery H. Johnson of the SRC group and Andrew Kucher, director of the Ford scientific laboratory. A chairman and a seventh member will be announced later.

Lynch, who is resigning his present position with Ford to become president of the subsidiary, said:

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"And when the new corporation gets to the point where it is ready to start production, it either will build new plants or use some of the modern, highly versatile facilities which Ford Motor Company has located strategically in all parts of the country."

▶ Personnel—Dr. Krause, formerly president and board chairman of SRC, has been named vice-president—research and development, and Dr. Johnson, who was director of SRC's physics and nucleonics division, has been appointed director of research and development.

In another key assignment, Dr. Joseph V. Charyk, who was vicepresident and director of SRC's aerophysics division, has been named head of the aerodynamics and propulsion division.

A former associate director of research at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C., Krause was with Lockheed Aircraft before forming SRC.

Johnson also is a former staff member of the Naval Research Laboratory and Lockheed. He is a former faculty member at New York University and the University of Maryland.

Charyk has also served with



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Lockheed and was on the faculties of California Institute of Technology and Princeton University. He has been associated with the Advisory Group of Aeronautical Research and Development of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

IBM Elects Chief Executive



Thomas J. Watson, Jr., left, and Thomas J. Watson, Sr.

THOMAS J. WATSON, JR., has been elected chief executive officer of IBM.

He has been president of the company since January, 1952, and will continue in that office. Thomas J. Watson, Sr. will continue as board chairman.

U. S. Telecommunications Advisory Board Set

A TELECOMMUNICATIONS Advisory Board, under Office of Defense Mobilization chairmanship, was established by Defense Mobilization order.

Primary function of the board is to advise the director of defense mobilization on the effective use of telecommunications programs in over-all government mobilization activities.

The board, to be headed by Major General Jerry V. Matejka, USA, (Ret.), ODM assistant to the director for telecommunications. will be made up of representatives from the Departments of State, Defense and Commerce, the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Civil Defense Administration and the Fed-

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eral Communications Commission. Edward Webster will be the FCC representative on TAB.

Audio-Video Names **Chief Engineer**

IRVING KAUFMAN has .been appointed vice-president in charge of engineering at Audio-Video Recording Co. He has been chief engineer of the company since 1955 and will supervise all engineering personnel and facilities.

He joined the firm in 1951 as senior studio engineer. In 1954 he became studio supervisor and was promoted to the position of chief engineer in 1955. In 1956, he was made responsible for all engineering activities.

Prior to joining the company, he was chief engineer at another New York studio for six years.

Sylvania Expands For **Microwave**, **Promotes** Six

SYLVANIA plans to expand it microwave tube laboratory by adding a new wing devoted to increased research and development in traveltubes and other ing-wave microwave devices. Total of 18,000 sq ft will be added to the present 40,000 sq ft. Construction is to begin this summer for fall occupancy.

The laboratory, built in 1952, is producing traveling-wave tubes under government contracts. Gerald C. Rich is manager of the laboratorv.

At least 15,000 sq ft of the new wing will be used for engineering laboratories and offices, while 3,000 sq ft will be devoted to experimental tube construction.

►Lab — Earlier Sylvania announced that a microwave physics laboratory had been established in Mountain View, Calif. Activities will be carried out in rented space until permanent facilities are established.

Henry Lehne, general manager of the electronic systems division, said the new laboratory would conduct research and advanced de-



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velopment in the uses of new magnetic materials and gaseous media for microwave electronic control devices and systems for radar, communications and electronic countermeasures.

The new laboratory is the third Sylvania electronics laboratory to be located at Mountain View. The company's microwave tube laboratory was established there in 1952, and the electronic defense laboratory in 1954.

Osmund T. Fundingsland, who has been directing research and development in these fields, will head the new laboratory. Prior to joining Sylvania in 1953, he was with the Air Force Cambridge Research Center. Since 1953 he has been serving as consultant on the Atomic Energy Commission's Project Sherwood at the University of California's Radiation Laboratory.

Arthur L. Aden will be assistant manager of the new laboratory. Since 1953, he has been leading specialized applied physics research for Sylvania.

▶ Promotions—Arthur L. Chapman has been appointed vice-president of manufacturing. A vice-president of the firm since 1950, he most recently had been a vice-president of operations, in charge of the radio and television division.



Arthur L. Chapman

Charles W. Hosterman has been appointed general manager of the electronics division of Sylvania. He has been assistant general manager of the division since 1954. He joined the company in 1943.

Bennett S. Ellefson has been ap-

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pointed vice-president-engineering and research, and Marion E. Pettegrew has been appointed vice-president-tungsten-chemical and parts operations, of Sylvania.

Dr. Ellefson is responsible for planning and coordinating broad aspects of engineering and research on a company-wide basis. He previously had served since November, 1954, as technical director of Sylvania.

Pettegrew, as a vice-president, will continue to have over-all responsibility for the parts division and tungsten and chemical division. He also continues to have responsibility for parent company supervision of the operations of two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Sylvania Electric of Puerto Rico, and Produtos Eletricos de Mica in Brazil.



Bennett S. Ellefson

Dr. Ellefson joined the Sylvania organization in 1937 as a research chemist, specializing in work on fluorescent materials and glass. He served in various engineering capacities until 1946, when he was appointed director of the central engineering laboratories in New York.

National Semiconductor Selects Research Head

MORTON B. PRINCE has been appointed to the new position of director of research and development for National Semiconductor division of Hoffman Electronics Corp.

Dr. Prince comes to National Semiconductor from Bell Laboratories where he has done developmental work on silicon devices including solar energy converters and power rectifiers. Prior to joining



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Bell in 1951, he was research assistant at the research laboratory of electronics at MIT.

Canadian RETMA Elects President

JOHN D. CAMPBELL was elected president of RETMA of Canada.

He is general manager of the consumer products group of the Canadian Westinghouse Co. in Hamilton, Ont. He joined the company in 1934, working on time study and methods engineering. In 1937 he moved into the consumer products sales department, first in Hamilton and, in 1939, in Toronto.

He was appointed manager of the appliance and electronic division in 1951 and later was made general manager of the consumer products group.

Canadian RETMA has 118 member-companies.

Fisher Plans To Build In California

PLAN for a new firm in Sunnyvale, Calif., that will manufacture electronic aviation equipment was revealed when a 21 acre plant site was purchased by Gerhard R. Fisher.

Dr. Fisher, president of Fisher Research Laboratory, of Palo Alto, Calif., said he is organizing a new company, unnamed as yet, to manufacture direction finders, radio equipment and other navigational aids and test gear.

Construction of a \$1 million plant will get under way by end of this year, and it is to be in operation by February.

Prospective customers for Fisher will be the Lockheed missile facility and the General Motors assembly plant to be built in Sunnyvale.

Fisher's Palo Alto firm manufactures electronic equipment in the geophysical field.

Weston Laboratories Moves To New Plant

WESTON LABORATORIES has moved its operations from Harvard, Mass., to Bolton, Mass. The new plant comprises a 10,000 sq ft PLANTS AND PEOPLE

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building on a forty-seven acre tract. The former building in Harvard, Mass., has now been leased to the Civil Defense Administration.

Westinghouse Elects Four Vice-Presidents

FOUR executives of Westinghouse have been elected vice-presidents of the company.

They are:

Frank W. Godsey, Jr., 16 years with the firm and the manager since 1951 of the electronics x-ray and air arm divisions, all in Baltimore, Md. He will continue to direct these divisions.

A. M. Kennedy, Jr., 15 years with the company. He will continue to administer the purchases and traffic department from the company's headquarters.

F. M. Sloan, 24 years with the firm, and the general manager of the lamp division since 1953. He will continue to direct the lamp division.

W. Waits Smith, for three years the manager of the company's aviation gas turbine division at Kansas City, Mo., which he will continue to direct.

Godsey joined the Westinghouse new products department in 1940 and was named manager of that department in 1945. In 1951 he was placed in charge of the electronics and x-ray divisions at Baltimore and soon after the air arm division.

Alto Scientific Names Engineers

STANLEY J. FRONT has been appointed mechanical engineer for Alto Scientific Co. Palo Alto, Calif. electronic design and manufacturing firm.

He has served as aircraft and automobile engine designer for Vickers, Ltd., and heavy equipment designer with Northwest Engineering Co. and Skagit Steel & Iron Works. Most recently he was chief development engineer for the Willamette Iron & Steel Co. in Portland, Oregon.

The company also announced that two new engineers, David A. Geddes



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and John W. Witcosky, have joined the engineering staff.

Geddes was formerly associated with the Washington Institute of Technology and a West Coast electronics instrument firm. For the past 5 years he has been engaged in developing carrier frequency and low frequency equipment.

Witcosky was formerly with Beckman Instruments, Stanford Research Institute and Lynch Carrier Systems.

Melpar Appoints Chief Engineer



Robert S. Butts

ROBERT S. BUTTS has been appointed chief engineer of Melpar, of Falls Church, Va. He joined the firm in 1947 as a senior engineer. In prior assignments, he was engaged in the design and development of subminiaturized equipment for piloted aircraft and guided missiles.

Emerson Reorganizes Operating Structure

OPERATING structure of Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corp. has been changed from a horizontal to a vertical basis, with the establishment of autonomous divisions, the radio-television-phonograph division and the government contracts division.

Dorman D. Israel, executive vicepresident and a member of the board of directors, will head the radio-television-phonograph division. Morton P. Rome, vice-president in charge of government contracts, will head the government

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contracts division. The management of existing subsidiaries, Quiet Heet Manufacturing Corp., manufacturer of air conditioners and oil burners, Jefferson-Travis, manufacturer of cabinets, and Plastimold Corp., custom moulder of plastics, will remain unchanged.

Perfection Mica Opens Indiana Plant

A NEW PLANT was opened in Rochester, Indiana by magnetic shield division of Perfection Mica Co. of Chicago. The 15,000 sq ft plant has new modern equipment for manufacturing magnetic shielding material designed to attenuate both high and low magnetic fields. The firm's Chicago plant will continue to produce shielding as well as "K" gauged mica.

Transistor Applications Formed In Boston

A NEW COMPANY, Transistor Applications Co., has been formed in Boston, Mass. for the research, development and production of transistorized products only.

Seymour Schwartz, formerly staff member of Lincoln Laboratory and transistor engineering consultant, is president and general manager.

Operations of the new company include research, development and pre-production on miniaturization and transistorization of both military and commercial equipment. The company also conducts evaluations of transistor circuits and devices.

Mack Steps Further Into Electronics

MACK ELECTRONICS, a new division of Mack Trucks, Inc., has been formed and will be located in Boston, Mass. It will supplement the facilities of the present electronics operation located at the Mack plant in Plainfield, N. J.

All phases of engineering will be under the direction of Paul Travers, formerly chief engineer at Ultrasonic Corp. and, before that, with the Servomechanisms Laboratory of MIT. Glenn H. Roundy, also form-





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erly connected with Ultrasonic Corp. as vice-president, will direct sales.

Mack acquired, in 1955, two electronic companies, White Industries and Radio Sonic Corp., now known as Mack electronics division.

Production of military and commercial electronic equipment will be continued at the Mack plant in Plainfield, N. J., under the directon of Robert Edwards, recently appointed manager.

Electro Engineering Names Halloran

JAMES J. HALLORAN has been elected secretary-treasurer of Electro Engineering Works in San Leandro, Calif. He is also vicepresident in charge of engineering for the firm. He replaces Alex W. Fry, who has moved to New York and a new field.

Halloran has been a member of the executive staff of the company for the past six years.

Sell Heads **AMF Electronics**

WENDELL B. SELL has been appointed general manager of the electronics division of American Machine & Foundry Co.

He formerly was project engineer with the pilotless aircraft di-



Wendell B. Sell

vision of Boeing Aircraft for two years. Prior to joining Boeing, he was a member of the anti-aircraft and guided missile board, Fort Bliss, Texas from 1950 to 1954.

In 1947 he worked in the Applied

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Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins on guided missiles, and in 1948 at the Ballistics Research Laboratory, Aberdeen, Maryland on largescale digital computers.

Dr. Sell served as chief of the radar branch, G-3 Section, Army Ground Forces, where he established a graduate level training program for military personnel in electronics and radar.

Lockheed Speeds Missile Plant

LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT broke ground for its missile systems division's new Sunnyvale, Calif. plant to be completed by mid-1957.

The division has decided to keep its present Van Nuys, Calif. plant open and to build the additional facilities on the 275-acre Sunnyvale site sooner than it had previously expected.

The building program calls for construction of four separate buildings with a total floor space of more than one quarter of a million sq ft.

This includes a 48,000 sq ft administration building; a 96,000 sq ft manufacturing building; a 96,-000 sq ft engineering building and a 20,000 sq ft cafeteria.

The manufacturing building's factory area is designed to incorporate high-speed precision machinery and specialized shops for rapid production line operations. The engineering building will house such functions as general engineering offices and engineering test laboratories.

Utah Radio Buys Electronics Division

THE electronics division of Utah Radio Products Co. has been sold to the Utah Radio Products Corp. of Huntington, Ind., a locally organized company that plans to continue operations without interruption. The division produces radio and tv loudspeakers and other electrical and electronic assemblies.

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JOHN E. MOSSMAN and O. P. Harwood have been elected members of the board of directors of Northeastern Engineering of Manchester, N. H.

John Mossman is president of Monitor Controller of Rockland, Mass. and Ashdee Products of Homewood, Ill.

Harwood has been identified with the aviation industry for 40 years. He was regional administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration from 1929 to 1945.

Sperry Expands, Names Engineers

SPERRY GYROSCOPE Co. plans to build a West Coast research facility, the Sunnyvale Development Center, in Sunnyvale, Calif. Operations are scheduled to begin this summer.

Advanced research and development projects of the western group will be in the specific fields of radar, fire control, servomechanism and guided missile systems. This work will be under the direction of the main engineering division of Sperry Gyroscope Co. and L. L. Wheeler, chief engineer at Lake Success.

E. B. Hammond, former engineering head for Airborne Weapon Systems, will be manager of the new center.

Immediate plans are limited to two 10,000 sq ft buildings.

Under present plans, the Sunnyvale group will initiate development work on new weapons systems and carry these projects to completion of workable production designs based on thoroughly-tested prototypes. Manufacture of equipment will be performed at established Sperry manufacturing facilities.

▶ Research—Sperry also organized a new microwave electronics division.

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ment engineering department. He joined the firm in 1942 as a research laboratory technician.



Eugene J. Venaglia

The new division will employ more than 800 persons, including 200 engineers. It will supply weapon support systems, test equipment, antennas, and precision components requiring specialized engineering and production techniques. The division will also reorganize and expand operations for instrumentation additional and standards for advanced research laboratories, special radar systems. and target simulators, computers, and evaluators.

► Ford—The Ford Instrument Co., division of Sperry Rand Corp announced that Charles R. Burrows, director of Cornell University's school of electrical engineering, will join the firm in July. He will become vice-president for engineering, heading all engineering, development and research.

Dr. Burrows has been associate chief scientist of GE's advanced electronics center. During World War II, he was chairman of the radio wave propagation committee of the National Research & Development Council, coordinating all research work in this field affecting the war effort.

Gamewell Selects Chief Engineer

THE GAMEWELL Co. of Newton Upper Falls, Mass. appointed Édward S. Ruth chief engineer, replacing Frank R. Bridges, who has re-

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signed from the firm.

Ruth joined Gamewell in 1954. For many years he was director of research, engineering and development for Edwards Co. in Norwalk, Conn.

Electromation Buys Cado Manufacturing

ELECTROMATION Co. of Burbank, Calif. purchased the patents, tooling inventory, corporate structure and name of the Cado Manufacturing Co. of Santa Monica, microwave manufacturers.

Donald H. Lanctot, vice-president and chief engineer of Cado, will continue in the same capacity under the new ownership. Formerly with RCA Victor as a project engineer in the radar development field, he later was affiliated with Transco Products Corp., as project engineer in development of microwave and associated products.

Raytheon Adds Space For Military Output

RAYTHEON exercised its option to lease with a further option to buy, the Shawsheen Mill properties in Andover, Mass. from Textron.

By the move, the firm acquired more than a million sq ft of manufacturing, office and warehouse space.

Raytheon will use its new facilities to produce military equipment it is now developing for the Army Ordnance Corps.

Textron is to vacate the mill, built in 1923, in June. Conversion of the mill for electronics production will be started as soon as possible after that.

The firm contemplates a buildup during the first year of occupancy, to about 1,000 employees. During the next five years, employment at Shawsheen could rise to as much as 6,000 provided necessary government contracts, presently planned for, are secured.

Feedback Controls Appoints Heuchling

FEEDBACK CONTROLS appointed T. P. Heuchling as chief engineer. He was formerly section head for





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analog computers and controls at Ultrasonic Corp. and a project engineer at the M.I.T. servomechanisms laboratory.

Clifton Precision Promotes Hayes



Arnold E. Hayes

ARNOLD E. HAYES has been elected secretary and appointed general manager of Clifton Precision Products. Hayes has been with the Clifton Heights, Pa. firm for the past four years in the position of chief applications and service engineer.

Previously he was a technical advisor, aeronautical division of Minneapolis-Honeywell and with the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. as a gyro engineer. During World War II, he was with Bendix Aviation engaged in the design and manufacture of aircraft instruments.

Burr-Brown Research Company Formed

A NEW ELECTRONICS FIRM, the Burr-Brown Research Corp., has been formed by R. Page Burr and Thomas R. Brown, Jr.

Burr was formerly a supervising engineer in the research department of the Hazeltine Corp. where he was responsible for development work in television transmitting and receiving apparatus. He has made contributions to the development of color television.

Brown has been an instructor in electronics and treasurer and board member of a residential devel-



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R. Page Burr

and in the Southwest at Tucson. Burr will be responsible for the technical operations and Brown will supervise the business activities of the organization.

Mueller Joins Packard-Bell

GEORGE J. MUELLER has been appointed chief engineer for the technical products division of the Packard-Bell Co. He will have a major role in guiding the firm in its national defense work and more specifically in the projected expansion of its guided missile program.

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the test support department of the guided missile research division of the Ramo-Wooldridge Corp.

For 15 years he worked in various capacities at the Army's Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, N. J.

In 1950, he left the Arsenal to become supervisory physicist at the Air Force Missile Test Center in Florida

In 1952 he began work on the development of operational test equipment for the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics' guided missile program as technical director of the Allen B. DuMont Laboratories' proiect.

Completing the project in 1953, he became an engineering and physics consultant for two years.

Concord Control Starts Operations

A NEW COMPANY, Concord Control, of Cambridge, Mass. has been formed to develop and manufacture numerical control equipment for machine tools and industrial processes. The firm's staff includes engineers who played a part in the development of numerically controlled machine tools at the M.I.T. servomechanisms laboratory. Newly-elected officers of the company are James O. McDonough,



Left to right, H. P. Grossimon, J. O. McDonough, R. W. Lawrie

president; Herbert P. Grossimon, vice-president in charge of engineering and Richard W. Lawrie, vice-president in charge of sales. Other officers are Robert H. Gregory, comptroller and treasurer and



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Charles M. Ganson, clerk of the corporation.

McDonough had been project engineer for the numerical control projects at M.I.T. since 1951.

Marchant Research Promotes Martin

WILLIAM L. MARTIN, for the past ten months director of engineering of Marchant Research in Oakland, Calif., has been appointed vice-president of the firm.

The firm authorized a broadening of the Marchant Research program



William L. Martin

to include development of most of the major types of equipment required in a complete electronic data processing system for business applications. Martin will direct and supervise all of the research and engineering development work.

Underwood Names Top Engineers

JOHN H. HOWARD has been named director of research and engineering for Underwood Corp. and Albert A. Auerbach was appointed chief engineer of the electronic computer division.

Howard will also direct the business machine company's development activities. He will have complete responsibility for research and development of typewriters and other business machines as well as integrated data processing equipment and electronic computers.

Before joining Underwood, Howard was manager of engineering

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John H. Howard

services for the Burroughs Corp.

He was director of development for Engineering Research Associates, project engineer for the Sperry Gyroscope Co. and later spent a year in private engineering practice as a consultant.

Auerbach has been associated with the company as a project engineer since Underwood acquired the Electronic Computer Corp., of Brooklyn, in 1952.

Previously he had been with the advanced development section of RCA at Camden, N. J., and with the Eckert Mauchly Computer Corp. of Philadelphia, as project engineer.

Hycon Plans New Plant

HYCON MFG. Co. of Pasadena, Calif., will move into new plant facilities in La Verne, Calif., before the end of the year.

Trevor Gardner was elected president following the resignation of Alden E. Acker as president and a member of the board. Gardner, former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, will continue to serve as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Hycon. Robert G. Taylor, secretary of the company, was elected to the board post vacated by Acker.

Hycon will start construction of the building within six weeks. The company is investing more than \$1,250,000 in buildings and facilities. The 136,000-sq ft facilities will house the main manufacturing operations and executive offices. Some subsidiary and division operations will continue in Pasadena.

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Electronic Engineering

By SAMUEL SEELY McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1956, 525 p, \$8.00

THIS BOOK deals with the applicaelectron tubes tion of and transistors in nonradio circuits. "Electronic Engineering" and a companion volume "Radio Electronics" (now in press) constitute a revision and extension of the material in Professor Seely's book "Electron-Tube Circuits" published in 1950. By leaving the treatment of radio circuitry to a separate volume, the author has been able to enlarge his treatment of such subjects as feedback in amplifiers and electronic computing circuits, and to add a short section on cathoderay tubes and two chapters on solid-state theory and on transistors as circuit elements. As much as a third of this book is new material; the rest is unchanged from the earlier text, although there is some rearrangement in presentation.

Circuits-The book is apparently intended for use as a text in a college course covering electronic circuits not classified as radio circuits. The analysis of various types of circuits is carefully developed, and there are numerous problems designed to supplement and emphasize the text. The material covered includes characteristics of electron tubes, basic amplifier principles, untuned amplifiers, oscillators, relaxation circuits, sweep generators, rectifiers, regulated power supplies, electronic instruments and transistor circuitry.

The new material on solid-state physics and transistors is covered in fifty pages. The electron theory of metals and the rectification and amplification effects in semiconductors are discussed by energylevel diagrams. The small-signal theory of transistors is treated in terms of four-terminal-network theory and various types of transistor circuitry are shown. A brief discussion of the duality of the electron-tube and the transistor is



A circular-sweep generation circuit

included. The treatment is as comprehensive as can be expected in the space allotted and should afford a useful introduction to this branch of electron devices.

► Errors—There were few errors noted in examining this work, but two misstatements have been carried over from the previous book that the reviewer as a tube engineer dislikes to see perpetuated. On p 25, a variable-mu tube is not so called because the mutual conductance changes with bias, as the text states, but because the mufactor varies markedly with control-grid bias. On p 387, vacuum diodes used as rectifiers in capacitor-input filters are not insensitive to excess peak currents as the text states; but may readily be damaged by arcing when peak-current ratings are exceeded, particularly when oxide-coated cathodes are used.

The choice of the title for this work is a little confusing. Is the object to set up "electronic engineering" as a term applicable only to nonradio electronics? One notes the same implication in the title of Professor Terman's new book "Electronic and Radio Engineering". Although it is unfortunate that there is no generally accepted name for nonradio electronics, any move to restrict the meaning of "electronic engineering" to only part of its present general meaning NEW BOOKS

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is surely to be deplored. If such a limited meaning were adopted, we should then be faced with the problem of devising an appropriate name to cover both radio and nonradio electronics.

This textbook should prove to be useful in a college curriculum that allows sufficient time for a course on the circuits of nonradio electronics and for a companion course in radio electronics. The division of the subject matter is of necessity somewhat arbitrary and a balanced training will require both courses. The book is primarily for undergraduate study, and is not suitable as a reference book for the practicing engineer.-T. J. of HENRY, Radio Corporation America, Tube Division, Harrison, N, J.

Color TV Servicing

BY WALTER H. BUCHSBAUM Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, 258 p, \$6.35

THIS book is of little interest to the engineer since it is directed at the tv serviceman. The most significant contribution of this book is a series of color plates illustrating the effect of maladjustments and internal troubles as they appear on the color picture-tube face. Other than this it is doubtful if the typical serviceman will find it as useful as some other recent texts on this subject.

The book begins with a brief comparison of monochrome and color tv. The second chapter sets forth the principles of colorimentry, including color plates of a color diagram and color triangle. The makeup of color tv signals is described in Chapter 3 which also attempts to explain the principles of vectors.

A color-tv transmitting-receiving system is explained, using block diagrams, in Chapter 4; Chapter 5 describes the construction and operation of three-gun tv color picture tubes, but omits any mention of the single-gun Lawrence tube which in some ways is substantially superior and may become a competitor.

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picture tubes are covered in Chapter 6, and again in Chapter 11. A detailed block diagram and description of color tv receiver circuits are presented in Chapter 7 and expanded in the following four chapters.



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Installation is covered briefly in Chapter 12 while alignment and back-of-the-set color adjustments are described in the next three chapters. The final four chapters are concerned with troubleshooting, and it is in this section that the color pictures of the tube face are included. Some different troubles illustrated by color pictures contained in recent other texts do not appear here.—J. R. MCDERMOTT, Product Engineering, N. Y.

Electronique Industrielle

BY G. GOUDET Eyrolles, Paris, 1955, 635 p

THIS text book has been written primarily to provide students in electrical engineering with a modern and basic knowledge of that part of electronics which is progressively invading all fields of industry. This book is, however, well adapted to a wider class of readers.

In the theoretical part, the accent has been placed on the development of sound and modern concepts that will lead to a better understanding of modern electronic theories: electronic structure of the solid state, ionization of gas, application of quantum mechanics to the theory of conductors, semiconductors and dielectrics, circuit theory, electron optics etc. The mathematics used in the book are at the level of



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graduate work in any kind of engineering. The Fourier series, Fourier transform and Laplace transform are briefly but clearly presented.

► Tube Applications—The theoretical part occupies two thirds of the book and the other third is devoted to applications: cathode-ray tubes, electron microscope, mass spectrometer, induction heating, photoelectric cells, ultrasonic waves, and servomechanisms.

In those applications there is no emphasis on components or equipments. In each case, the author is primarily concerned with the necessary relations between theory and engineering practice. The possibilities and limitations of each technique are thoroughly investigated.

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Backtalk

Gravity Hypothesis

DEAR SIRS:

As another curbstone physicist I was prompted by Mr. Littell's letter and your footnote (ELECTRONICS, p 500, March 1956) to consider again the nature of gravity.

Mr. Littell's extension of the expanding universe to the subatomic is to me a new concept. Macroscopically, an expanding universe or at least galactic system is ponderable: an expanding photon, neutron or void? Void forsooth! Still, why not an expanding photon, for it is just as much a source of our packet of electromagnetic wave energy as it is a corpuscle.

We shall have to wrestle again and again with Mr. Littell's hypotheses, as apparently he has.

Anent your own conjecture it seems to me that there would be wide variations in the gravitational constant, g, particularly at antipodal loci. How test it?

If at long intervals standard gravity were measured simultaneously at the McGraw-Hill Building, at a few hundred miles off the coast of Western Australia and at other analogous points, should there not be indications of the "combination-of forces from outer space"? Parenthetically, all three measurements can be made conveniently by overseas telephone calls.

Presently my view is that g may be the resultant of all forces within neutron, atom, molecule, planet or nebula.

Anyway, curbstone Manhattan Project might get to the bottom or perhaps center of the matter.

> C. H. TEWKSBURY N. J. Bell Telephone Company Bridgeton, N. J.

More Shoddy Gear

DEAR SIRS:

You recently ran editorials supplicating more engineers with a conscience! One can only hope that the industry throughout the U.S.A. will take these pleas seriously.

We have purchased three me-

dium-power broadcast transmitters from the U.S.A. over the past ten vears, two of them quite recently. It is discouraging to note the degradation of quality, especially in the little details. These are all of a first-line manufacturer from whom one could, years back, order a new model sight unseen.

Now one gets equipment which has never been set up on test and actually run under load on frequency. A prototype has apparently been built and checked on a single frequency for a short time. Then production takes over and the subchasses are shipped to the field.

In overseas territories, at least, station personnel with notable exceptions are not as skilled nor as well paid as in the States. Nor are they always fitted to cope with subtleties of design errors such as parasitic oscillations, harmonic filter deficiencies that let through spurious radiations to the detriment of other services, quasiparasitics in class B stages, developing only after audio components begin to deteriorate. These things the factory designers should have cleaned up.

Nor is it any less disconcerting to find cold soldered joints, omission of lockwashers or two of same to every nut, rusty steel washers on 100-ampere circuit breakers, transformers design of which has been farmed out to subcontractors of dubious reputation.

Nor is the trouble confined to standard broadcasting equipment. Many airlines in these countries have turned to building their own ground communications equipments as the only solution. They are tired of high-priced factory-built transmitters having failed due to the use of a ¹/₂-watt resistor in a circuit where a 10-watt oversized unit would have eliminated the trouble forever. So, they build their own, not as pretty construction perhaps, but more reliable.

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> R. H. AXTELL Chief Engineer Radio Continente Caracas, Venezuela

Another Rental Plan

DEAR SIRS:

UPON glancing through the March 1956 issue of ELECTRONICS, I noticed an article regarding the rental of equipment in the *Backtalk* section, p 500.

Polarad has had an equipment rental plan for sometime, and it is satisfactory both to us (the manufacturer), and to the customer.

ALFRED A. GOLDBERG Polarad Electronics Corp. Long Island City, New York

Editor's Note: We are glad to pass the word along, hope that others who rent equipment will advise us.

Human Resistance

DEAR SIRS:

I RESPECTFULLY call your attention to a statement on page 153 of the March issue of ELECTRONICS, under your "Reminder" paragraph, which can conceivably be misinterpreted in a dangerous fashion.

You state, "On the average, man is a 0.25-megohm, one-watt resistor". You then continue to give data relevant to current values that are perceptible, "freezing", and fatal. The values of currents stated are those generally accepted, and are conservative.

However, the statement concerning the average resistance of man is quite misleading, in that this value holds true *only* at *low voltage*, with measurements taken on an ordinary "ohm-meter".

If one were to use the average figure of 0.25 megohm, and the 1milliampere figure, one would conclude that, using Ohm's Law, the voltage necessary for shock perception is 250 volts. We know from experience that such a voltage is extremely hazardous, and most conditions can be fatal if the powercarrying leads are firmly seized. Further, if one were to employ the same formula with the 10-maampere "let go" figure that you give, one would conclude that at 2,500 volts one would merely "freeze" to the power lines. You may be well aware of the fact that electric chairs employed at Sing Sing and other prisons operate from 2,200 volts so that the 10-ma figure in conjunction with the 0.25megohm data is dangerously misleading.

The error is your use of the phrase "on the average". What average is being referred to? The average to be found when employing an ordinary ohm-meter? I should imagine that your phrase "the average" should refer to the condition that would exist if a person should get across an "average" type of power source, namely, household lines, stepped-up voltage sources in electronic equipment, etc. Under these circumstances, the skin resistance, which, when dry, (an average condition) constitutes the main component of the 0.25megohm value quoted, breaks down under the voltage applied, and becomes very low.

In an excellent article by Prof. Dalziel of the University of California, it is shown that the "average" resistance that should be used for "average" computation of hazards is closer to 500 ohms. Under these circumstances, the empirically established value of 50 volts as being conceivably fatal is more accurately determined...

We agree that "engineers are already in short supply" and we therefore recommend that statistics concerning safety be issued and interpreted only by experts in the field, who specialize in high voltage, and who devoted time to the analysis of high-voltage problems and the minimizing of high-voltage hazards.

> VICTOR WOUK Engineering Director Beta Electric Corp. New York City, N. Y.

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WE enjoyed the article by Mr. Findlay on page 122 of the February 1956 issue of ELECTRONICS concern-

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W. A. MARA

Director Bendix Aviation Corp. Detroit, Michigan

Editor's Note: We regret the error in the table, but hope that the description of the punched tape equipment in the text helped.

Electronic Printing

DEAR SIRS:

WITH reference to your comments on electronic printing, on page 20 of the April 1956 issue of ELEC-TRONICS, I thought that you might be interested in basic patents No. 2, 409, 454 and 2,549, 546.

You will notice that these patents contemplate direct printing as a result of electronic or particle bombardment. I have done some experimental work and believe that this method of making reproductions is definitely possible but much development work needs to be done.

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