

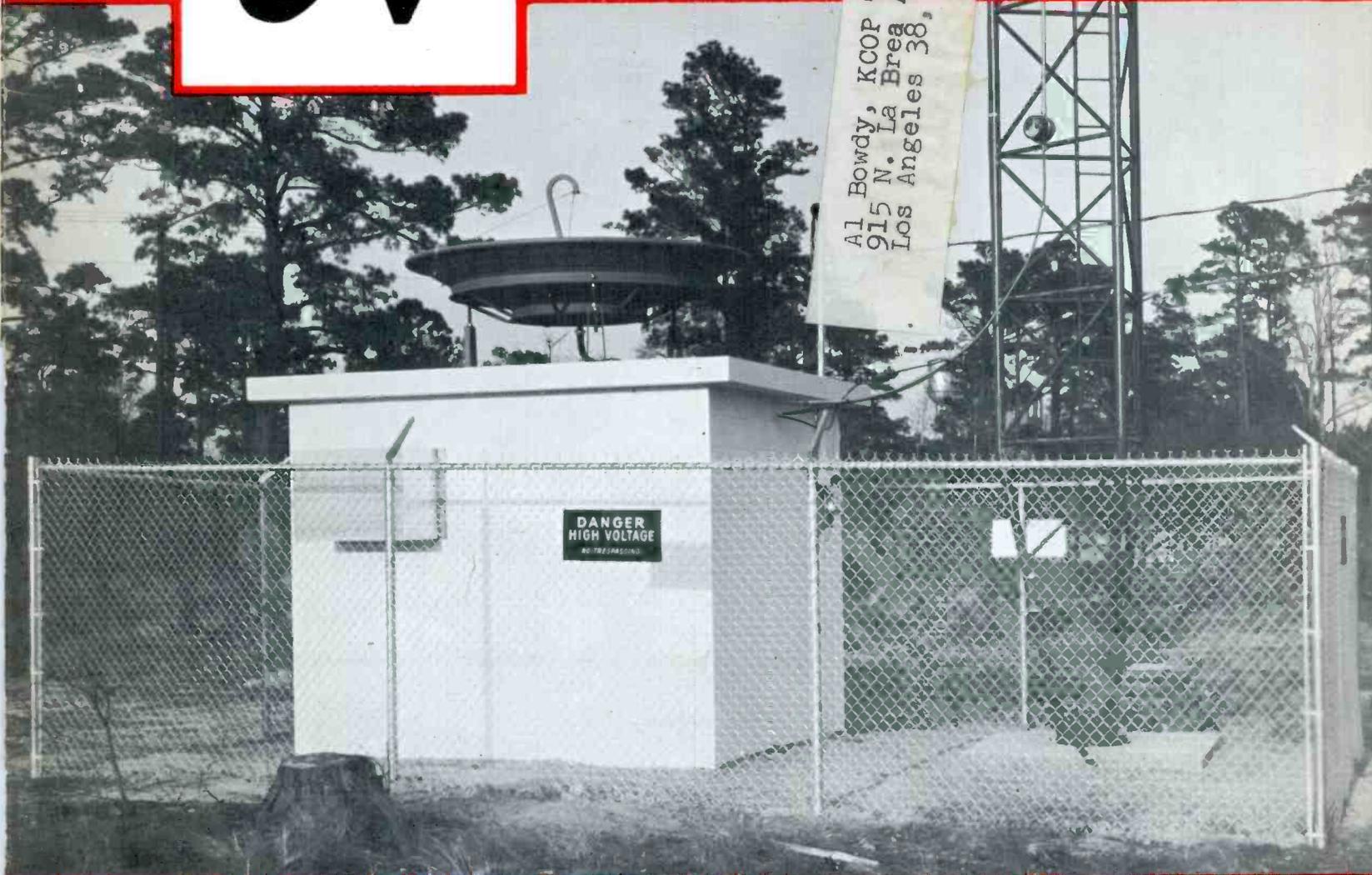
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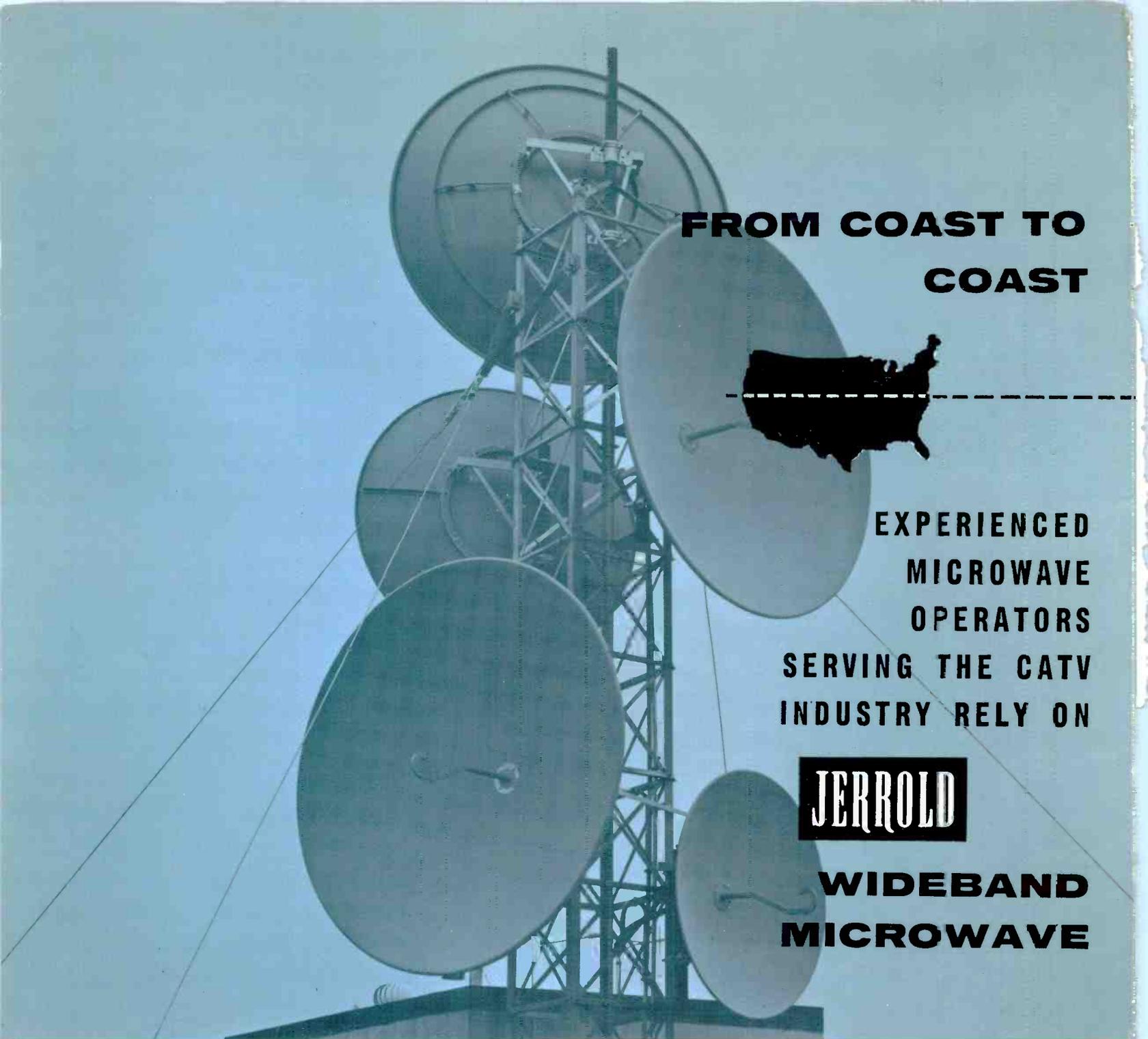
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TEXAS SYSTEMS SOLD

Texas Video, Inc., has just recently acquired two Texas systems according to Daniels & Associates. One system, formerly owned by Mr. Brown Walker, serves about 2,000 subscribers in Graham, Texas and the other serves 1,400 subscribers in Palestine, Texas.

The Palestine system was formerly owned by Mr. Ray Barnes, veteran CATV operator. Chic Williams will take over the reins as manager for this system. Mr. Williams is an old hand at the CATV business having been with the Tyler, Texas CATV system previously.

It was also announced that Mr. Charles Williams would continue to manage the Graham, Texas system.

Both these CATV systems represent the third and fourth purchases made by Texas Video, Inc., a newly formed group headed by Mr. Royal Little.

KREMER NOW AD MANAGER

Mr. Sidney Harman announced the appointment of Mr. Selman M. Kremer to the position of Advertising Manager for The Jerrold Corporation on October 3rd. Part of Mr. Kremer's new duties will include the coordination of all advertising and promotional programs for the five subsidiary companies of The Jerrold Corporation.

Mr. Kremer, who has been Advertising and Promotion Manager for Jerrold Electronics the past six years, also is a long-time associate of the company with a total of 13 years of service to date.

Mr. Kremer is a graduate of the Charles Morris Price School of Advertising in Philadelphia, with specialized courses of study at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, and Temple University in Philadelphia.

INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE FIRMS ENTER CATV

At least two "small-independent" telephone companies in Texas are in the process of constructing CATV systems. The new entrants into the CATV field told Television

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Horizons that they feel CATV offers nearly unlimited profit and expansion potentials to the small independent telephone companies of America.

Most small systems cover towns of less than 5,000 population. The independent systems already maintain and control pole rights and lines, making the addition of CATV coaxial cable a simple matter.

Most independent phone companies already maintain the necessary repair and installation vehicles necessary to maintain a CATV system on the same poles. The billing department, likewise is already in operation.

With nearly 5,000 such small telephone systems now operating, there is considerable interest among CATV suppliers to tap this new found market.

TSC ANNOUNCES NEW DEPARTMENT

Fred Lieberman, president of Telesystem Services Corporation, announced the formation of an advertising and promotional service to the CATV industry.

This new service will offer consultation, research and promotional aides to CATV systems and manufacturers in the United States.

Heading the new advertising and promotional department is Sam Street, formerly president of a Philadelphia advertising agency. Mr. Street brings to Telesystem Services Corporation a background of over 8 years experience in advertising and sales promotion.

SOUTHWESTERN PAY-TV

A new company, Home Theatres, Inc., has just recently been formed for the purpose of exploiting Pay-TV in the southwestern area of the United States. Heading the group as president is Mr. George Morrell, Executive Vice President of Midwest Video. Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller will occupy the position of Chairman of the Board.

Many well-known personalities are stockholders in the new firm, including: Dick Powell, John Wayne, of Production Motion Picture Studios; Walter Hussman, broadcaster and publisher; John W. Allyn, co-owner of the Chicago White Sox and head of Allyn Industries; E. O. Cartwright, Managing Partner of Merrill-Lynch-Pierce-Fenner & Smith; Colonel D. H. Byrd, of Ling-Temco-Vought; David Grundfest, head of Sterling Department Stores; C. Hamilton Moses, President of Midwest Video Corporation; Trammel Crow, real estate operator in Dallas; Milton Shapp, Chairman of the Board of Jerrold; Frank Newell, Little Rock, Arkansas insurance executive; A. E. Dahl, Chairman of the Board of the American National Bank of Rapid City, South Dakota; Stanley and Richard Durwood, operators of movie theatres in Kansas City, Missouri; Leonard Phillips, Shreveport, Louisiana oil executive; and Lloyd B. Sands, Executive of the H. L. Hunt Oil Company, Dallas, Texas.

Home Theatres, Inc., will use the Telemeter system, which they hold a franchise for. Representatives of the new company stated they should be offering Pay-TV programs early next year. Midwest Video is slated to operate the Telemeter system for the new corporation.

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EDITORIAL

It is a shame that at this stage of the game, people still insist on crying wolf. Somewhere, someone has gotten the idea that any form of business nowadays should operate in a non-profit manner. I am sure it has been a long time since anyone got something for nothing.

I am constantly reminded that our local law enforcement agency and fire department are not all for free. They are supported by taxes. But, a lot of time could be devoted to ascertaining who was paying for what.

A letter was circulated to interested outsiders in the spring of this year which decried in essence that CATV was not a community antenna project but rather a vehicle for something else. There is no need to be specific about this particular letter because it reflects very poor thinking. The author of the subject letter would have the CATV industry and others who are directly and indirectly involved, believe that any other method of extending television reception is simply non-profit. This is certainly wholehearted idealism, if true.

Anyway, the intent of the letter and the parties involved certainly should show only what they would like everybody else to think. I must give credit, however, to many completely erstwhile ventures which are absolutely non-profit because they are set up on a small scale.

I don't believe there is any necessity to talk about what is best for the public themselves. They have repeatedly told us that they (rural folk) want only what many millions of people already have. That is, the advantage of multiple station reception. When you start trying to provide this type of service, someone has to help pay the tariff, unless there is a philanthropist right handy.

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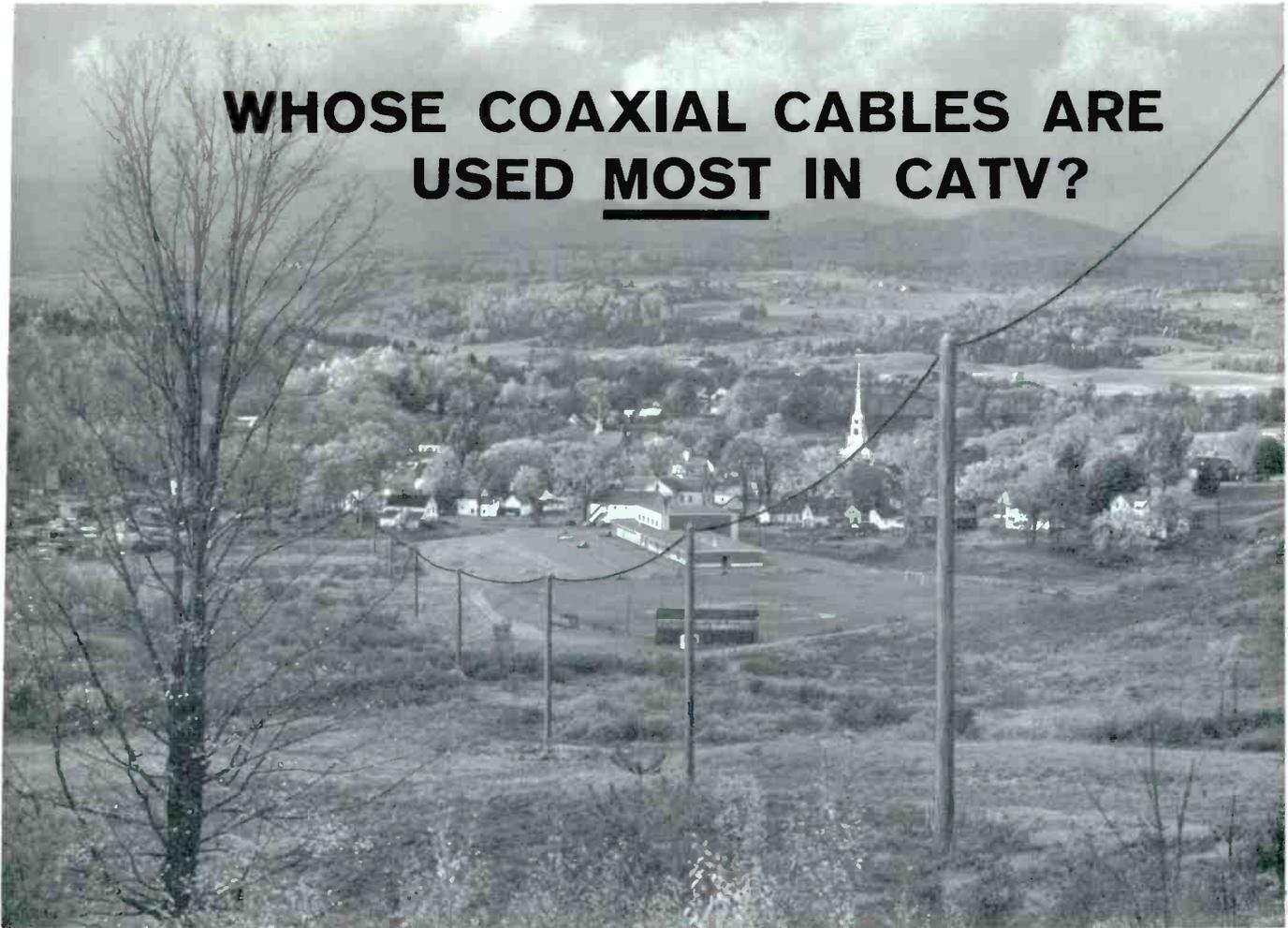
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The story of how Effingham, Illinois became a recipient of CATV is not a new one. Located in a deep-fringe area, this little German-American town of 8,200 people was without good television. The people in the town itself were particularly aware of the problem since they were nestled between several large metropolitan areas. Like the many other communities who do not have satisfactory off-the-air reception, the desire to have television was reflected in many a conversation. Such was the case in Effingham.



System technician making hook-up at top of company pole. Adjacent pole is owned by local utility company.

One of the first people to become cognizant of the, then existing situation in Effingham, was Jack Crosby, now Vice-President of Effingham TV Cable Company. This realization came quite by accident during a business trip to Effingham. Like anyone who considers television as part of daily life, Jack felt that something could and should be done. This is where the plans to start a system began to take form.

Organizing and starting a CATV system is usually not accomplished as smoothly as one might wish. Effingham was no exception. First, an agreement with either of the utility companies in respect to use of their poles, could not be reached. After careful consideration it was decided that the installation of poles solely for the cable system's use was

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necessary. But, what a job! In order to support all 28 miles of cable, a total of 1,188 poles was needed. Subsequently, this number of poles was procured and set.



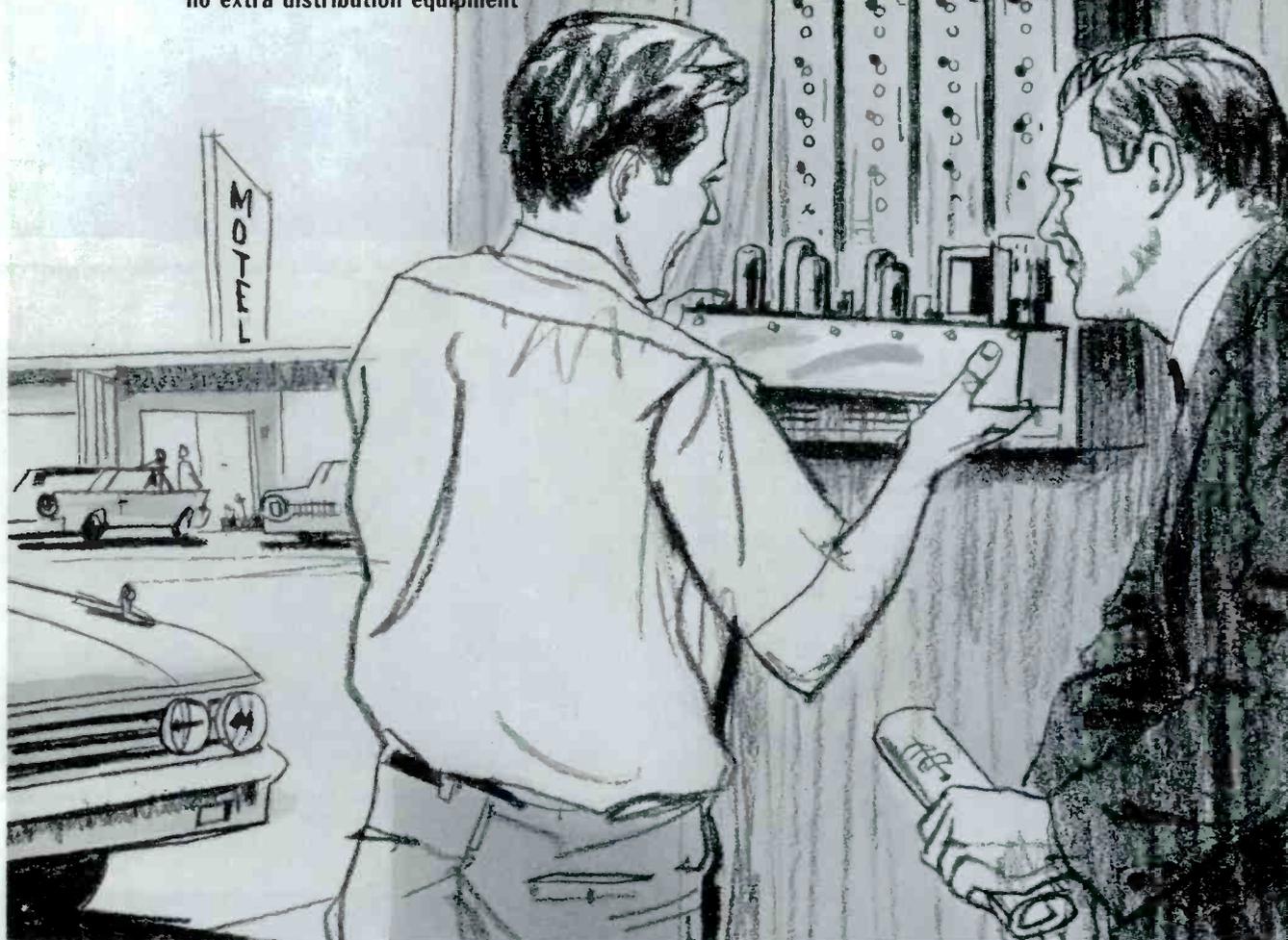
Antennas for the Effingham system rest way atop this large tower. Cleared area in background is local drive-in.

Another immediate problem presented itself also. This was the lack of high areas suitable for installation of the antennas and head-end equipment. There seemed to be nothing nearby that could provide the necessary, all-year-round, signals that a well engineered system must have. It appeared that the best way to get good reception was to erect a large tower for this purpose. Soon a site was located just 2 miles east of town, adjacent to highway 40. Construction was begun and before very long a 540 foot tower was grazing the clouds.

A lot of thought was given to the tower installation, especially where the antennas were concerned. To make sure that the top of the tower was easily accessible, an electric lift was installed to enable maintenance personnel to reach the top of the tower in as short a time as possible. For this purpose a GE

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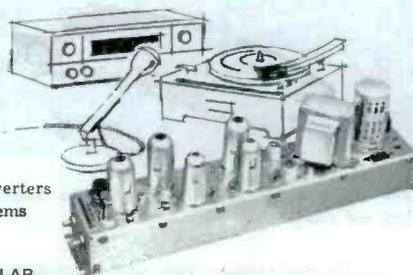
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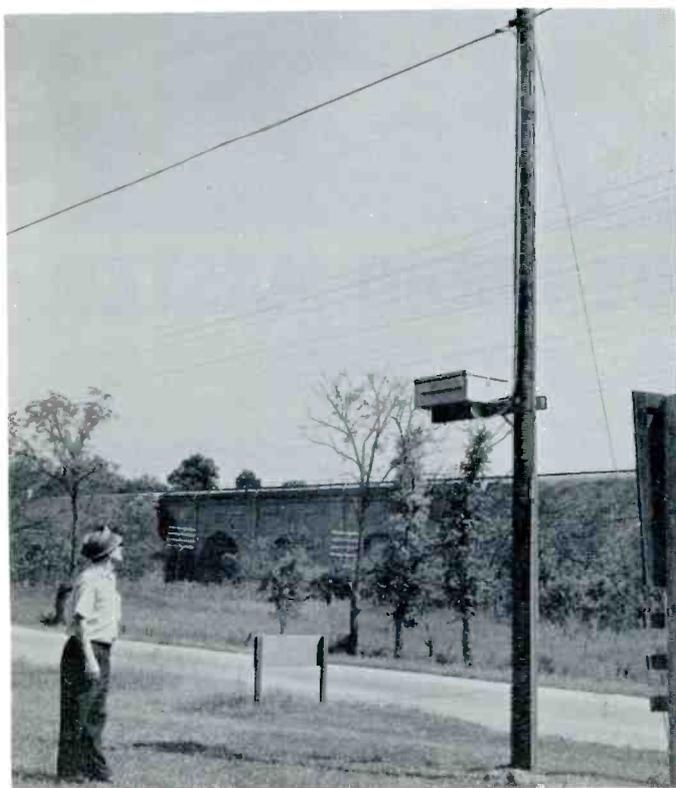
1½ HP motor and Ramsey Winch were used. Now, the top of the tower can be reached in just six minutes.



No, it isn't siesta time. Shown here is Phil Hays operating the tower lift. Reclining position is necessary for observation of the top of the tower.

At about this same time, construction was commencing on the cable system itself, by Cable TV Construction Company of Iola, Kansas. The big job ahead involved the installation of 28 miles of co-ax including the ½" spirofoam, aluminum shielded, trunk line. This part of the job came off without troubles. However, a lot of credit is due the installation crews and their excellent public relations efforts.

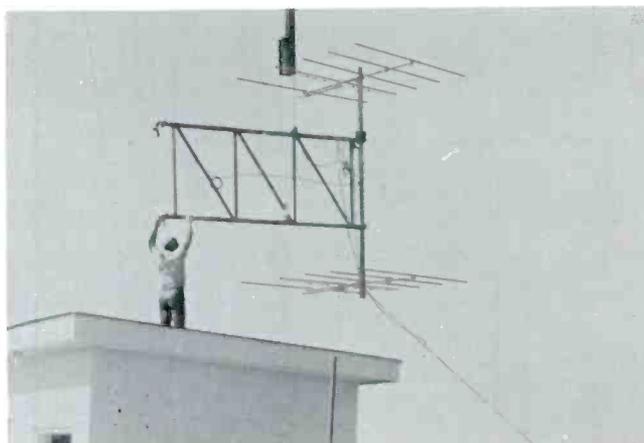
The equipment selected for the system was chosen with the idea of obtaining exactly what was needed without letting the cost of the equipment



Phil Hays looking at one of the main line amplifiers. These particular amplifiers are cable powered.



Effingham before the advent of CATV. This sea of antennas was necessary for consistent T-viewing.



First bay of antennas going up. Concrete block building in foreground houses all the head end gear. Roof is reinforced with steel plate.



Stacked pieces of damaged tower. Cut guy wire was responsible for damage shown here.

enter into the picture. Additionally, technical back-up was requested and received from Mr. Jim Stilwell and also Telesystem Services Corporation. This thinking all proved worthwhile when the end results were realized.

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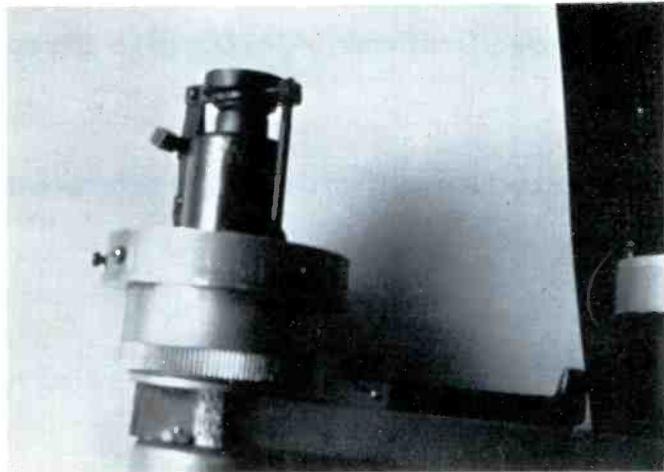
MODERN DAY MICROWAVE

—Russ Miller, Managing Editor, Television Horizons—

Too often the word microwave conjurs up thoughts of a complex device, not quite, but yet a part of our electronic age. Oh, to be sure there are a lot of people that are very knowledgeable on the subject and again too few that are not.

Microwave is a terminology applied to a specific field dealing in the ultra-short wave length area of our radio spectrum. Just how ultra-short can best be described in terms of exact measurement. For instance, 12kMc equipment has a wave length of approximately 3 centimeters. Pretty short one must admit.

In microwave equipment we are dealing with pure and simple radio frequency energy. The generation as well as the propagation of this energy is done in a manner quite unique to the normal way of thinking. This area is where a lot of misunderstanding exists. In part this is due to the theory and practices used as well as the sometimes confusing jargon. Where the system operator becomes familiar with the theory and terminology of his business, he can become somewhat rattled when confronted with information about klystrons, ferrite isolators, bridged Tees, and parabolic configurations.



Reflex klystron in test mount. Note square headed nut on left-hand side of tube. This is the course frequency adjustment.

RF GENERATION

To begin with, the microwave system must have an RF generating device. This job is given over to a marvelous invention commonly called the reflex klystron. The reflex klystron is not a complicated item physically. In fact is very closely resembles the old style, octal based, metal tubes of the WWII era. How it works is something quite different. Inside the klystron, several complex theoretical concepts are

put to use to cause this device to oscillate at frequencies of thousands of megacycles.

Basically, the inside of the klystron is nothing but a small cavity arranged in such a way that the physical size of the cavity determines its frequency of operation. When the proper potentials are applied to the klystron, oscillations will take place. Like any oscillator, some way has to be provided so the frequency of oscillation may be easily adjusted over a specified margin. This is necessary to put the particular oscillator on-channel.

The methods used to adjust the frequency of oscillation in a klystron are divided into two separate divisions. One method will affect a very small change of frequency and the other a rather large change of frequency. Taking the latter first, this effect is obtained by actually warping or changing the physical shape of the cavity. Most of the present day reflex klystrons utilize a flexible strut arrangement in turn coupled to the top of the tube for physical stretching of the cavity. The klystron itself has a very flexible metal seal in this area to allow for adjustment of the internal cavity.

The fine frequency adjustment is electrical rather than physical. One electrode or element in the klystron which has the ability to substantially affect the frequency of oscillation is the repeller. Suffice to state that changing the potential applied to this element, results in a small change in the frequency.

Tying this all together, we have an oscillator which we can change in frequency about its specified range. It is not, however, this simple in actual operation in equipment. First of all the klystron must have certain physical dimensions that will permit it to oscillate at those frequencies authorized. This is one way of saying that klystrons are like many other tubes or similar devices. The proper one for the proper job must be selected. There are quite a variety of klystrons, all for different power outputs and frequencies.

Since the klystron has an internal element which can change the frequency of oscillations, the voltages applied to this element (repeller) must be regulated and adjustable all at the same time. Generally, most microwave systems employ electronic voltage regulation for this task. Electronic regulators are very simple and trouble free. Also, some form of correction voltage is usually applied to the repeller element. This correction voltage will be gone into later.

All this attention given the klystron is quite necessary since it is essentially the heart of any microwave system. It is used as the sole source of transmitter radio frequency energy and as a local oscillator in the receiving equipment. Equated into dollars and cents, it is the cheapest radio frequency generator you can find and definitely not a trouble

maker. Lots of them are in service with over 5000 hours of running time and they are not too expensive an item to begin with.

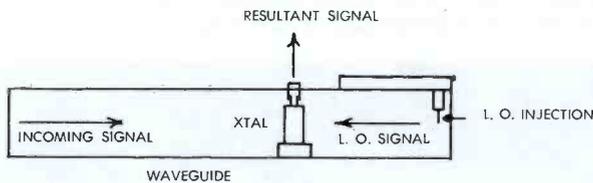
MICROWAVE RECEIVERS

A microwave receiver is, generally speaking, like any other radio receiver. It consists of a mixer, I.F. stages, detector, and some form of amplifier after the detector. You may note the absence of any reference to an R.F. stage. At the microwave frequencies, any form of R.F. stage is considered to be too costly and in the long run, unnecessary. This high cost is due to the necessity of resorting to the use of Parametric amplifiers.

The biggest deviation from the usual radio receiver occurs in the mixer assembly. Here, a silicon diode is used instead of a vacuum tube. This is due to the lack of satisfactory vacuum tubes capable of performing in the microwave region as mixers. A quick study of the characteristics of any diode will reveal its natural ability for mixer service.

Most all of the silicon diodes manufactured for microwave service are in cartridge form so they may be placed physically within a piece of waveguide. When installed in the proper position in a section of waveguide, the silicon diode will absorb the maximum amount of incoming signal or more specifically its impedance will be a match for the incoming signal. Using the diode integrally within the waveguide is necessitated to prevent incoming signal loss.

In order to obtain an intermediate frequency that can be fed to subsequent amplifiers, the incoming signal must be beat against another signal so that either a sum or difference frequency of around 30 to 90 Mc may be realized. This is the mixing process. Once again, this goes back to the inability of ordinary vacuum tubes to amplify microwave frequencies. So, some conversion has to be made to a frequency or frequencies that are easy to handle. Here is where the klystron is utilized.

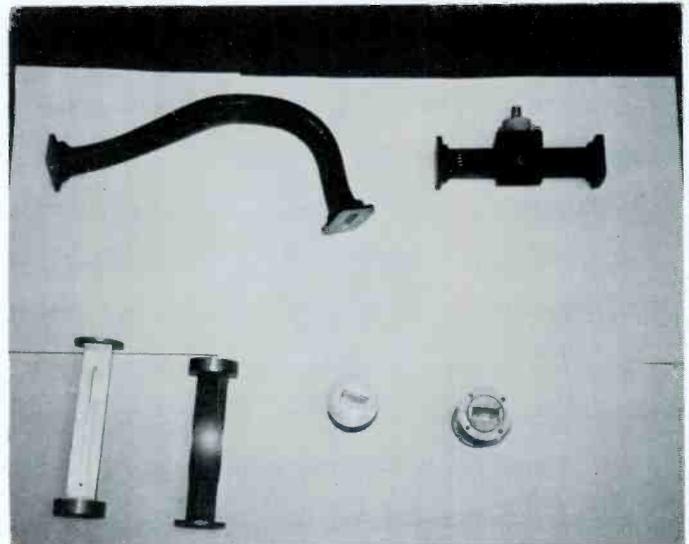


By mounting a reflex klystron somewhere in electrical relationship to the silicon diode mixer we can inject a frequency close to that of the incoming signal frequency. Result, if the injected and incoming signals are separated by, say 30 to 90 Mc, this resultant can be extracted from the diode and fed to a 30 to 90 Mc intermediate frequency amplifier. A complete receiver is now formed with only amplification necessary along with converting the intermediate frequency down to video and aural frequencies in a subsequent demodulator or detector assembly.

There is one other important item, that is accurate control of the klystron local oscillator frequency. Without this control the local oscillator injection signal could conceivably drift far enough to put the resultant signal outside the passband of the intermediate frequency amplifiers. To take care of this

possibility, all microwave systems have some form of AFC (Automatic Frequency Control). Generally all this unit consists of is an FM discriminator that produces a positive or negative output voltage when the input signal shifts about the discriminators chosen center frequency. These potentials or correction voltages are then applied to the repeller element of the local oscillator reflex klystron in such a manner as to pull the klystron's frequency back to where the correct intermediate frequency is obtained. Essentially, this unit must depend upon the frequency stability of the transmitting equipment. Therefore it can be seen that the transmitter must be a stable device, frequency-wise.

In the transmitting equipment, this stability is achieved by supplying the klystron with highly regulated voltages and by containing the klystron in a temperature controlled environment. Some transmitters even incorporate AFC systems, referenced to a precision cavity, for additional stability.



Waveguide can take on all shapes and forms. Curved section in upper left-hand corner is a piece of flexible 12kMc waveguide.

WAVEGUIDE AND ANTENNAS

So far the mention of waveguide and antenna equipment has been held to a minimum because this is a separate field of its own. Theoretically, the discussion and analysis of waveguide entails many pages

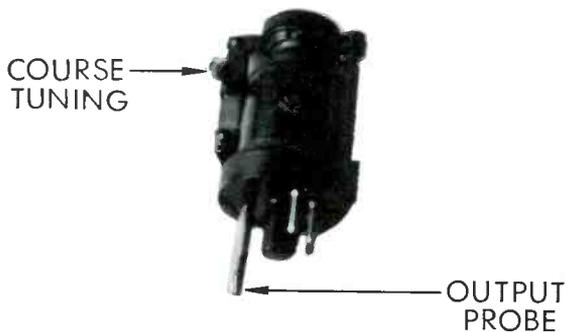


Business end of 12kMc waveguide showing choke joint flange.

of notes and figures. Boiled down, waveguide is as the name implies and functions much in the same manner as any balanced transmission line.

There is one exception to this and that is the special joints that become necessary between individual sections of waveguide. These joints must be designed to offer minimum leakage of R.F. energy. Consequently, liberal use is made of the *choke joint*, so machined to provide a high impedance leakage path for radio frequency energy. Something else which enters into the picture is the necessity of moisture proofing the waveguide joints to prevent water seepage especially in areas with heavy rainfall or icing conditions. After all, the waveguide is very much akin to a small drainpipe. In very troublesome regions some use is made of pressurized waveguide using Dry Nitrogen as the agent.

A companion to the waveguide plumbing is the ferrite load isolator. A big word for a big magnet using ferrite material. This isolator is most commonly used to protect the transmitter and receiver local oscillator klystrons from the effects of line and antenna mismatch which could pull the klystrons frequency-wise. Also the isolator prevents the local oscillator signal from being re-radiated.



Typical reflex klystron. Wire sticking out of the bottom of the tube is actually an output probe.

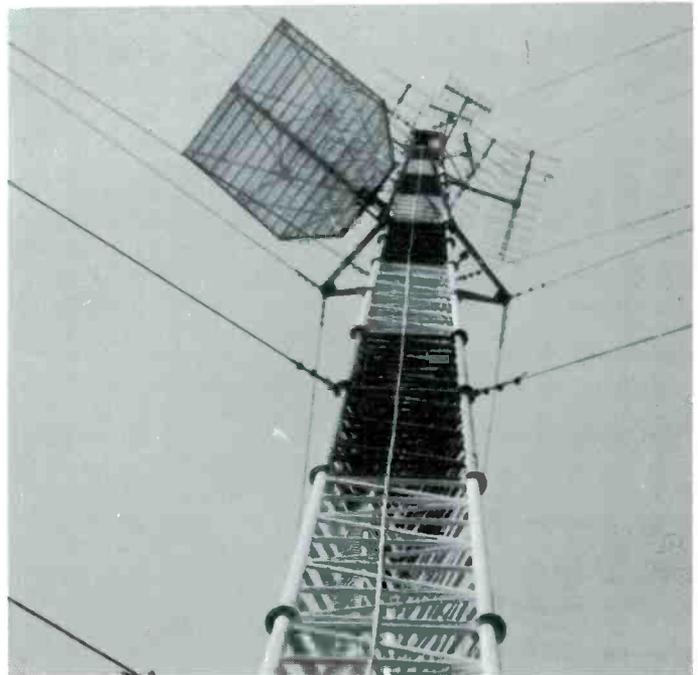
Operation of the isolator is based on the contained magnetic fields. Radio frequency energy fed into the isolator in one direction is not attenuated by more than 1 db but if energy is fed into the other end, the attenuation is very high, up to as much as 60 db. You might compare it to a diode or any other one-way device except it is outwardly mechanical.

There are also many other specific pieces in the waveguide family that are used for special purposes. One of them is the Magic Tee. This waveguide member is used in applications where a need exists to eliminate the local oscillator injection noise. For a minute you will have to go back to the mixing process and visualize the local oscillators part in this activity. At best, mixing is always a noisy process. That is, the local oscillator contributes noise to the system. The Magic Tee is a configuration of waveguide, designed to eliminate this problem. Another piece of waveguide, call a line-stretcher, is frequently used in some systems to provide an electric phase shift or to *stretch-the-line* without changing the physical length of the waveguide.

Lastly, various forms of waveguide filters are available to provide receivers and transmitters with a form of frequency sensitive isolator.

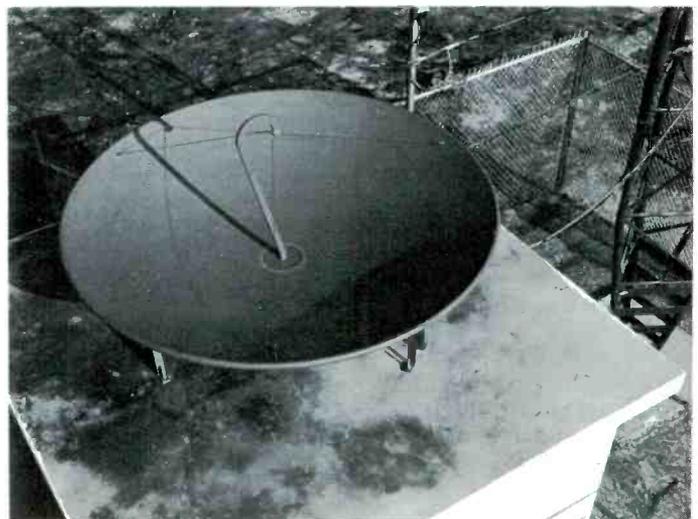
Microwave antennas by their very nature can almost defy analysis by the well informed layman.

Even an experienced technician can be one-hundred percent wrong when asked to explain the operation of a microwave antenna system. Where do most people lose sight of the theory? In comparing the microwave antenna assembly with other normal forms of antennas.



Passive Reflector installed on tower. Note heavy guying to prevent misalignment of reflector in heavy winds. (Photo Courtesy of The Jerrold Corporation)

Actually you cannot technically compare the two. The most common form of microwave antenna, as we know it, is the parabolic dish. It is only one part of the assembly, however, there is also a feed device involved. The theory of operation is based on the "illumination" of the dish by a properly oriented excitation device or feed assembly. Feed devices at the microwave frequencies are usually in the form of



Roof-top dish mount for feeding passive reflector. This one is installed at Wilmington, N.C. (Photo courtesy of The Jerrold Corporation)

simple dipoles or horns. There are a great number of different versions in use, all with specific reasons for their design. Properly engineered feed devices

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are more simply a means of transferring the energy from a waveguide, efficiently, to the parabolic reflector. To perform this operation, the feed device is faced in such a manner that its radiated energy is directed towards the parabolic reflector. In addition, it is placed at a point where complete illumination of the dish is maintained without overlap over the edges of the dish.

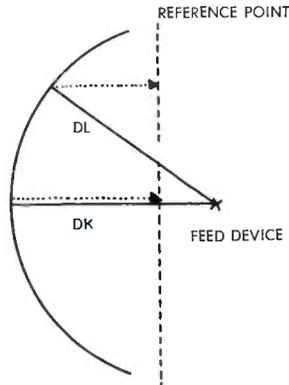


Figure 1

Now, the parabolic reflector or dish functions on the theory that any energy or R.F. striking the dish at any given point along its curvature will be reflected and emerge in-phase (travel the same distance) as any reflected energy from any other point. For clarification refer to Figure 1. R.F. leaving the feed device and traveling distance Dk will have to travel the same distance as R.F. traveling over distance D1 when viewed at the reference point.

This explains the reasons for using a curved dish. Since the function of the reflector is understood, the next point involves its ability to provide gain. Here is a very lengthy subject. First of all, gain in antenna systems is thought of as an increase in the radiated field as referenced to a single dipole in space. A single dipole is essentially an omni-directional radiator. Therefore, any time that the radiated energy is more or less concentrated in a single direction, an increase in the radiated field can be realized. This is the gain figure as applicable to antennas.

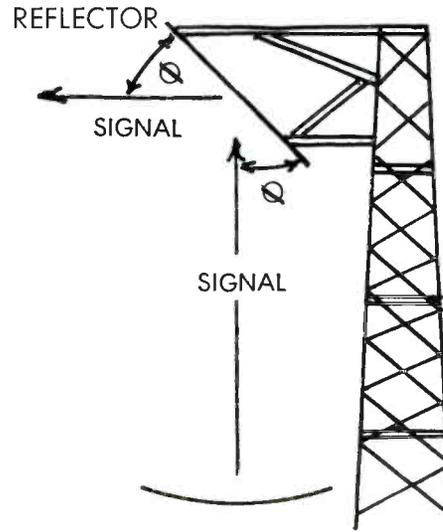


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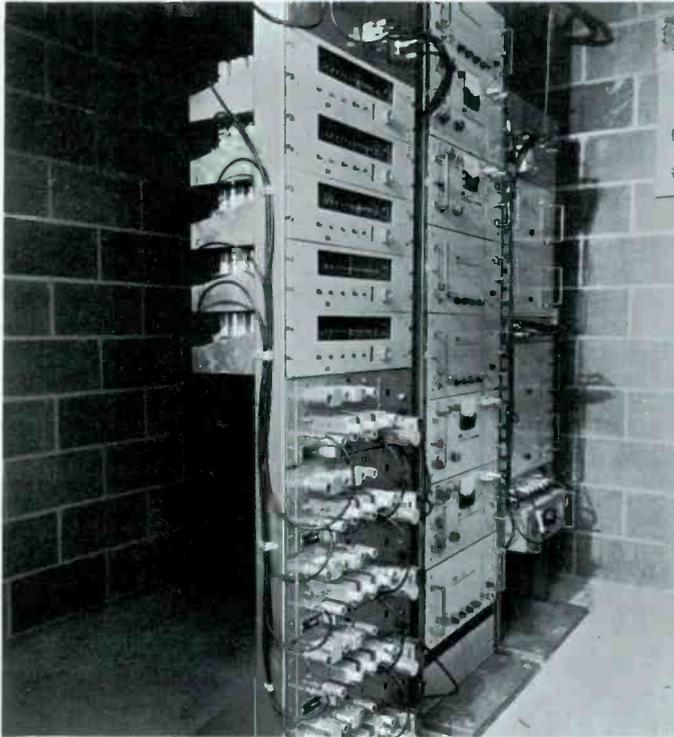
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With the parabolic dish it may be seen exactly why gain is apparent. It is concentrating R.F. energy in one narrow beam. There is a good rule of thumb to follow when thinking of the parabolic reflector in terms of beamwidth. Any increase in size results in a decrease of beamwidth or simply a higher concentration of energy in a specific direction.

The wherefore's of the passive reflector fit very naturally into the picture now. Why use one? Elimination of long lengths of waveguide. Waveguide is like any transmission line, cable or otherwise. It does have a certain amount of loss and it is expensive. Also, trying to seal innumerable joints along a length of vertically standing waveguide is a problem in itself. This is where the passive reflector comes into its own.

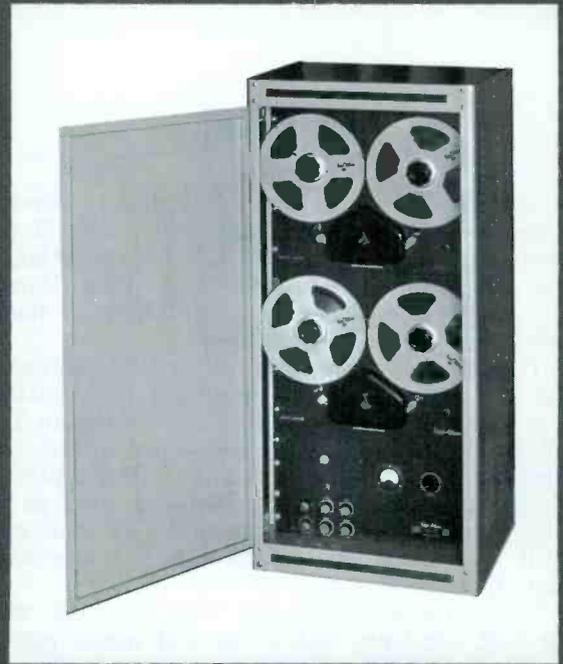


Microwave and CATV operating together at Wilmington, N.C.

Just exactly how does a passive reflector work? It goes back to a known theoretical concept involving the reflection of radio waves. By book definition and trigonometry, the angle of reflection is equal to the angle of incidence as illustrated in Figure 2. Therefore, if a parabolic dish is oriented in relationship to the passive reflector, the reflected signal will be at an angle equal but opposite from the angle formed by the passive reflector and the parabolic dish. How does it compare cost-wise with waveguide? Where long lengths of guide are involved, the passive reflector is by far cheaper in the long run.

All of the foregoing has been a basic description of the microwave system. There are other sub-components like fault alarm systems and modulators that have not been mentioned. All these parts are items that go hand-in-hand with the microwave system to make it operate properly. A first thought in reviewing the basic microwave system should convince you of the absolute simplicity of everything. For the CATV operator who wishes to pipe in additional channels or improve on what he has, microwave is the best, and economically, the only way.

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Owing to its situation on top of Sentinel Hill in West Vancouver, a crane could not be negotiated up the steep terrain to reach it. So, owner Stan Thomas, 6535 Royal Ave., West Vancouver, hired a Hiller helicopter operated by Okanagan Helicopters Limited. Because the operation was handled so gently, no further damage was sustained by the antenna, and it was back in operation two hours after its removal.

Mr. Thomas estimated that the cost was less than half what any other method would have been, and points out that the damage which the antenna elements could have received with less gentle handling, would have been more costly than the use of the helicopter.



Damaged antenna system on its way down from the top of the hill.



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Stan Thomas, owner of Northwest Television Systems Limited, and helicopter pilot Dennis Light.

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In a recent address before the International Radio and Television Society, Mr. Newton N. Minow, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, discussed several items concerning the future of TV.

The following is an excerpt of his speech. "We start a new television year this month — there are some encouraging signs here and there of improved service to the public interest. There are also some startling new opportunities. I'd like to discuss them with you today. But before doing so, I want briefly to sum up this past year at the FCC. It's been an exceptionally busy year — and it has produced some tangible accomplishments. We're proud of our record."

"First, educational television. Last year we began an inquiry into the possibility of bringing VHF educational television to New York and Los Angeles. That job is now half-done. Educational TV has premiered in New York, and we hope it will quickly return to life with a sensible solution of its present labor dispute. There are events underway out west which indicate that Los Angeles will also develop educational television to meet the needs of its large com-

munity."

"Our second long-range accomplishment: UHF television. Our recommended legislation to Congress giving the Commission authority to require that all television sets shipped in interstate commerce be capable of receiving all channels is now the law. Television set manufacturers are working with us in a cooperative spirit to carry out this legislation. UHF will change the face and voice of television in the present decade. It will provide exciting new opportunities for broadcasters, and it will broaden the viewer's choice in the future by lighting up 82 channels — and not only 12."

"Our UHF experimental transmission right here in New York, in cooperation with the City, is already proving UHF's effectiveness. Tests will be concluded next month, and final results evaluated quickly. On this very day, the City of New York is making plans to take over WUHF on a permanent basis, a fruitful example of federal and municipal governments working together to serve the public. We salute our own Commissioner Robert E. Lee for his distinguished contribution to this project. At present it appears that UHF is a

technical success; and coupled with the UHF legislation it will become a commercial success in the years ahead."

Mr. Minow then went on to explain the success with the Telstar satellite and its possible uses. In closing, he said; "History will record that the Russians were first to send a man into space. But history will also record that this year the United States achieved something more enduring. We were first to launch an idea into space — and ideas outlive men. That idea is to use international communications for peace. That idea is to build, not a wall sealing in ignorance and prejudice, but a window opening toward truth and freedom."

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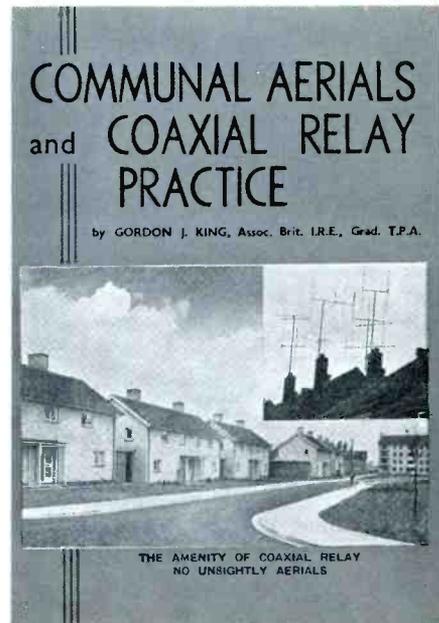
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As it turned out, the offender was a man-made gadget attached firmly to the cable. The problems that were encountered in finding the "signal robber" were attributed to its very careful attachment and concealment at such a point only accessible by climbing a pole. The gadget itself consisted of a variable ceramic capacitor, a coil, and resistor all in series. After removing said device, everything returned to normal but the operator's nerves. Who would have thought of such a thing.

NATIONWIDE CULTURAL PROGRAM

On November 29, 1962, a unique program will be presented by the National Cultural Center via closed-circuit telecast. The program, which will be called "An American Pageant of the Arts," will have Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower as Honorary Chairman. President Kennedy will also be a part of the program.

The production of the telecast and the linking of the various closed-circuit systems including CATV, will be handled by Theatre Network Television, Inc., 575 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York. Interested system operators are asked to contact TNT for additional information.

KEETON NAMED MANAGER OF FLORIDA CATV SYSTEM

Joseph E. "Buster" Keeton has been named General Manager of Florida Antennavision, Inc., Ameco's CATV system in Panama City, Florida. Keeton was formerly Chief Engineer of the system and replaces John A. Sullivan who has left the company.



Keeton, an 8 year veteran in CATV, started as a technician in the Florence, Alabama system, then went to Vero Beach, Florida as Chief Technician of that system in 1961, and joined Florida Antennavision in early 1962. He assumes his new post on October 1st, and will handle the management of the system as well as the technical end of the operation.

The Panama City system is currently under construction with twenty-five miles completed which will be fired up October 15th, and another twenty-five miles ready to be activated soon. The entire system will have in excess of 100 miles of cable when completed. This will be the first operating transistorized all-band system in the eastern part of the country.

CANADIAN MICROWAVE

Representatives of the Department of Transport, CBC, Board of Broadcast Governors, and Canadian Association of Broadcasters met with the Deputy Minister of Transport recently in Ottawa for what was considered a very fruitful seminar.

One of the basic objects of the meeting was to discuss the use of microwave with CATV systems. During the discussions with those present, it was agreed that the current Canadian Radio Regulations were not in essence serving the public interest in individual situations, where CATV systems were concerned. As a result more specific information was requested concerning the use of microwave systems.

Shortly after this meeting, the NCATA submitted a recommendation that: the Radio Regulations be amended immediately to allow the

use of microwave facilities to provide alternative Canadian programs in areas already served by a local Canadian TV broadcast station; and that further discussions be arranged with DOT, the BBG, the broadcasters and the CATV representatives to find an acceptable formula within the framework of government policy which will allow the use of microwaves for the reception of U.S. programs.

NEW ETV PROPOSALS HIT SNAG

Definite opposition to the use of the 2500-2690 Mc band for educational television has been voiced by a number of interests. One of the filings against adoption of the proposal came from the American Petroleum Institute.

API's Central Committee on Communication Facilities stated, "there is a basic question as to the timeliness of the Commission's proposals to establish a new type of private service for educational television in other than the present VHF-UHF TV spectrum." Further, "the VHF-UHF TV spectrum controversy has not yet been resolved, despite passage of the all-channel legislation which the Commission will soon implement." Additional comments from the committee recommended the use of the existing allocations set aside for TV broadcasting in view of the fact that low power limited area service could be conducted on locally unallocated channels.

It was also urged that the commission maintain the 2500-2690 Mc band for international control and operational fixed microwave stations, for which it is presently allocated. In commenting on use of the 1990-2110 Mc band for ETV, the API committee felt this was the ideal place for this proposed service, assuming a public need is found.

Despite the opposition to the proposal, wide support has been received from the various educational groups for use of the proposed frequencies.

OUCH!!

We editors don't usually make mistakes (not more than four a day) but it happens. In the September issue of Television Horizons we erroneously listed INTEC, in an NCTA Convention photo caption, as International Electronics Corporation. Our apologies, Phil, we know INTEC should have been identified as Intercontinental Electronics Corporation.

NOTE:

This month we are going to bypass our regular SYSTEM NEWS feature so we may pass on some information regarding the current trend towards the use of microwave. SYSTEM NEWS will return next month in its usual place.

MICROWAVE PROGRESS AT A GLANCE

The following applications have been tendered to the Federal Communications Commission within the past 60 days: (Point to Point Microwave Service)

Southwest Texas Transmission Company, proposes service from Seymour, Ga., to Warner-Robins, Ga., carrying signals of WSB-TV, WAGA-TV and WLWA-TV, all of Atlanta, Ga. (C.P.) 5kMc and 6kMc.

Southwest Texas Transmission Company, proposes to carry the signals of KENS-TV, KONO-TV and WOAR-TV, all in San Antonio, Texas, to the area of Lampasas, Texas. (C.P.) 6 kMc.

Laredo Microwave, Inc., proposes to install additional transmitters at Miquel, Texas, Cotulla, Texas, and Hilltop, Texas. (C.P.) 6kMc.

New York Penn Microwave Corporation, asked for modification of C.P. to replace existing transmitter with a K & F Electronics transmitter which will change emission from 15000F5 to 26000F9.

Tower Communication Systems Corp., proposes to transmit signals of WLWC and WOSU (ETV) from

St. Louisville, Ohio to Coshocton, Ohio. At Coshocton, Ohio, the above mentioned signals will be relayed to Cambridge, Ohio. Simultaneously, a single channel of service will be power split and the signal of WLWC transmitted to Shanesville, Ohio. The station at Coshocton is also the terminal receiver point for 3 channels of service from Shanesville, Ohio relaying the signals of stations KYW, WEWS and WJW of Cleveland, Ohio. At Shanesville, Ohio, the 3 above mentioned channels of service will be transmitted to Coshocton, Ohio. Two channels of service will be used to relay the signals of WEWS and WLWG to New Philadelphia, Ohio. Shanesville is the initial pick-up point of the signal of WEWS. The signal of WLWC is repeated from the initial pick-up point at St. Louisville, Ohio. At the repeater receiver site at New Philadelphia, Ohio, the two above mentioned signals will be relayed to the terminal receiver site at Dennison by means of a passive reflector. (C.P.) 6kMc.

TelePrompTer Transmission of New Mexico, proposes to carry the signals of KTVU, KRON-TV, KPIX, KGO-TV, and KQED all of San Francisco, California from Bayshore, California to Mt. Loma Prieta, California. (C.P.) 6kMc.

Microwave Communications, Inc., Philadelphia, Penn., proposes to relay the signals of stations WTTV,

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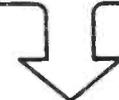
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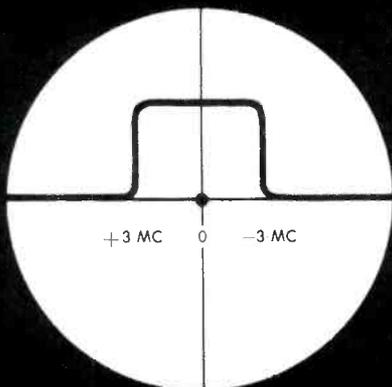


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Mid-Kansas, Inc., granted C.P. for 6kMc system. Proposes by means of a power split at this station (Abilene, Kansas), to furnish a 3 channel service to bring the signals of KAKE-TV, KARD-TV, and KTVHTV, Wichita-Hutchinson, Kansas into Clay Center and Salina, Kansas for service to its present CATV customers.

Gene Autry and Loyd Sigmon (Autry - Sigmon Communications), Los Angeles, California, granted C.P. for 6kMc system. Proposes to provide a 7 channel service to bring the signals of stations KNXT, KRCA, KABC-TV, KHJ-TV, KTTV and KCOP, Los Angeles, California into Morro Bay, California for service to a CATV system in that community.

NEW CABLE FROM VIKING

Viking Cable Company has just recently introduced a new strip-braid coaxial cable with built-in messenger. The new cable, which is available in single or double shielded types, has a low loss foam di-electric and exhibits exceptionally low attenuation characteristics throughout the TV spectrum.

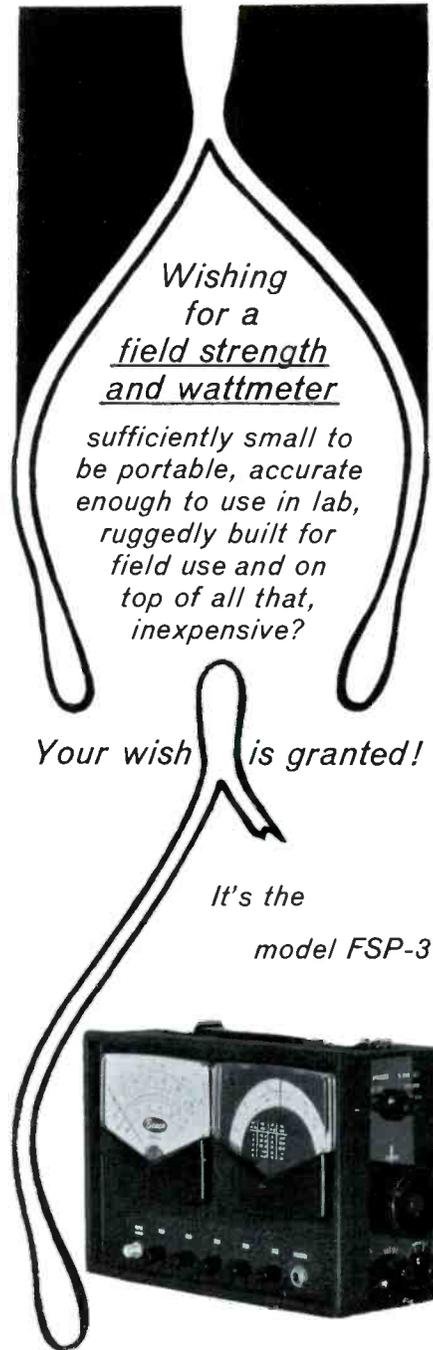
"We built the VK-108 cable to be rugged and added the galvanized steel messenger cable to substantially reduce the overall costs represented in installation of a separate messenger and associated coaxial cable," says Arthur Baum, President of Viking Cable Company. "Also, the cable is lower in cost than buying messenger wire separately."

Viking Cable Company also has special pressure taps available to accommodate coaxial cables with built-in messenger wire.

MICROWAVE FILINGS

It is very evident that microwave is here to stay. The increased number of filings for Point to Point Microwave Radio Service more than bears this out. We might ask ourselves why, at this time, so many applications have been submitted? It is a simple matter of service and the general attitude of the CATV'ers themselves.

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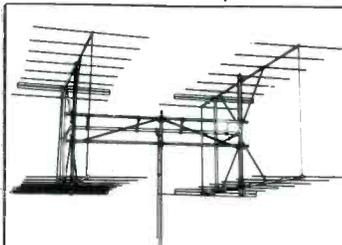
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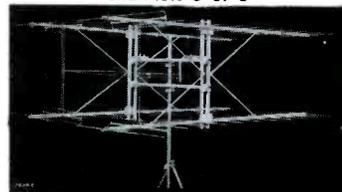
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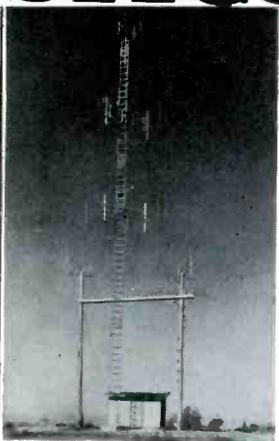
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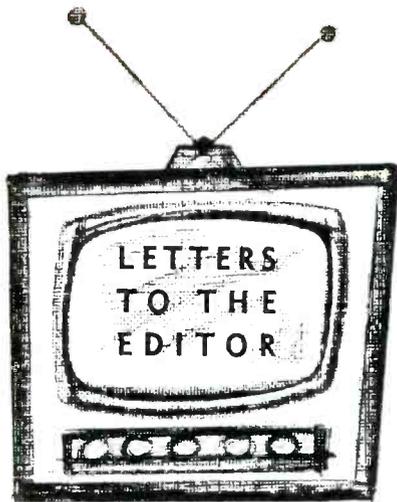
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3. Do you feel this will be a real boost to CATV operators?"

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Mr. Wing:

To start off with, see the excerpt of Mr. Newton Minow's address to the International Radio and TV Society in answer to your first question. His address appears elsewhere in this issue. On your second question, all results to date would indicate that the same condition will probably exist that exists now. To just what extent their reception

would be affected depends on a great number of technical variables. Lastly, I would like to quote Ike Blonder in response to question three. This statement is one that was given at the NCTA convention in San Francisco, June, 1961.

"I feel the CATV industry has not yet awoken to the fact that someday, soon, the entire allocations structure in this nation will be changing. Television will move to all UHF, and areas which are now doing without local television may suddenly find themselves with TV. BUT, by the same token, there will be many regions where passable VHF reception is now passable, where future off-the-air UHF reception will not be possible. Thus I see the CATV picture as one of change, with new "white areas" where CATV will have to move in to assure continued video reception, and "old white areas" where CATV will suddenly have substantial off-the-air reception competition."

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During the meeting, which was one surrounded with a hostile atmosphere, all the collected information was presented to the association representatives on a purely factual basis. Surprisingly enough, things took a turn for the better when the association personnel announced that the claims were just and certainly some effort would have to be made on their part to improve public relations. At this point the system representatives suggested that the two groups work from here on out as one body to resolve all future problems. This method was unanimously adopted by all present.

Has this approach worked? Yes, things are pretty well straightened out now. There is, however, irreparable damage still existing that only time will heal. The CATV system operators now wish that they had left their subscribers to their own problems. But, it has probably worked out for the best. It is certainly an admirable thing to be conscientious about ones services but only to a point.

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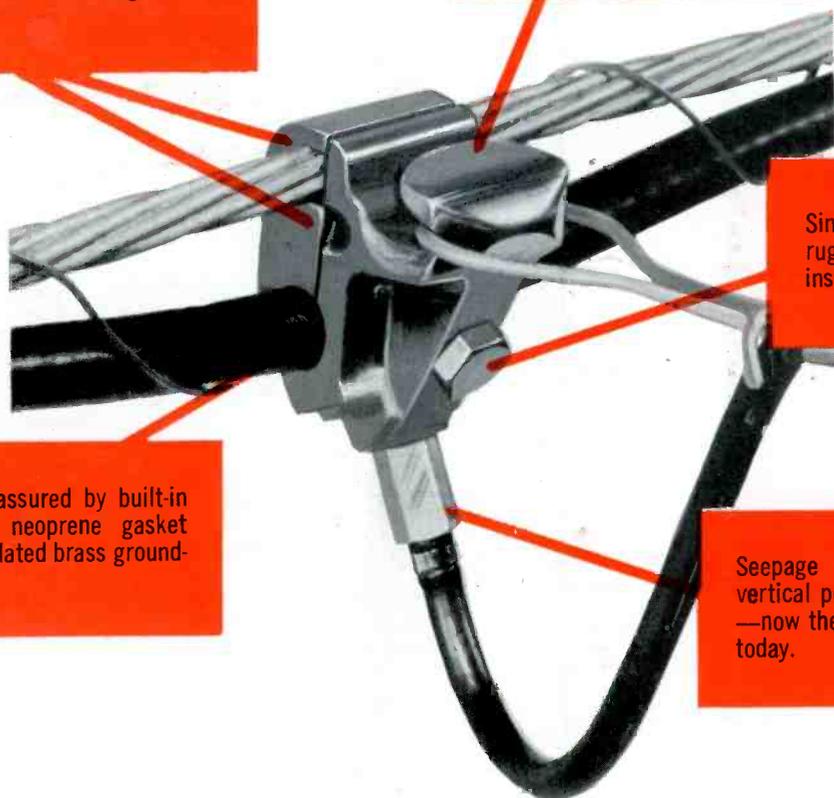
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