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| 20 | Mixing, mike, pickup, or multiple line to line | $50,125 / 150,200 / 250,$ <br> 333, 500/600 ohms | 50, 125/150, 200/250, <br> 333, $500 / 600 \mathrm{hm}$; | 相 |
| A. 21 | Mixing, low impedance mike, pickup, or line to line (multiple | $50,200 / 250,500 / 600$ alloy shields for low hum | $\begin{aligned} & 50,200 / 250,500 / 600 \\ & \text { pickup) } \end{aligned}$ | 8.00 |
| 16 | Single plate to single grid | 15,000 ohms | 60,000 ohms, 2:1 | . 0 |
| A. 17 | Single plate to single grid 8 MA unbalanced D.C. | As above | As above | 17.00 |
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| A. 24 | Single plate to multiple line 1 | 15,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 50,125 / 150,200 / 250, \\ & 333,500 / 600 \mathrm{ohms} \end{aligned}$ | 6.00 |
| A-25 | Single plate to multiple line 8 MA unbalanced D.C. | 15,000 ohms | $50,125 / 150,200 / 250$ <br> 333, 500/600 ohm; | 17.00 |
| A-26 | Push pult low level plates to multiple line | 30,000 ohms plate to plate | $\begin{aligned} & 50,125 / 150,200 / 250, \\ & 333,500 / 600 \text { ohms } \end{aligned}$ | 6. |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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## $\checkmark$ Completely independent sections

## $\checkmark$ Versatility in circuit application $\checkmark$ Improved circuit performance

This tube has two electrically independent sections-a triode and a pentode and is intended as a local oscillator mixer for FM and TV receivers. Each section is adequately shielded, and both are capable of exceptionally good performance at the higher frequencies.

Because the two sections are completely independent, a high degree of flexibility of circuit design is available especially valuable in TV tuner oscillator use. Performance of the 6 U8 triode at low voltages is superior to that of many types previously used for this service. It has

## MECHANICAL DATA

Coated unipotential cathodes-2

| Outline drowing RTMA 6-2 | Bulb | T-6-1/2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base RTMA E9-1 | Minioture button | 9-pin |
| Maximum diameter |  | $7 / 8{ }^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Maximum overall length |  | 2-3/16" |
| Maximum seated height |  | 1-15/16" |
| Base pin connections | RTMA basing | 9 AE |
| Pin 1-triode plate | Pin 6-pentode plate |  |
| Pin 2-pentode grid \#1 | Pin 7-pentode cathode |  |
| Pin 3-pentode grid \#2 | grid \#3, shield |  |
| Pin 4-heater | Pin 8-triode cathode |  |
| Pin 5-heater | Pin 9-triode grid |  |
| Mounting position |  | Any |

## ELEGTRICAL DATA

| Interelectrode Capacitances | With <br> Shield \#315 | Without Shieid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pentode grid \#1 to pentode plate | 0.006 | 0.010 max. |
| Pentode input | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Pentode output | 3.5 | 2.6 |
| Triode grid to triode plate | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Triode grid to cathode | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Triode plate to cathode | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Cathode to heater (either section) approx. | 3.0 | 3.0 |

sufficient reserve emission to operate efficiently under widely varying supply voltage conditions.

The pentode provides excellent gain with low local oscillator voltage injection resulting in low oscillator radiation from TV receivers. Use of the pentode section as the mixer permits the high ( 40 m . c.) I. F. so desirable to reduce interference and increase stability.

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Wherever there is need for a triode and a pentode in a receiver, they can be combined in the $6 U 8$.

## ELECTRICAL DATA

## Ratings

Heater voltage (ac or dc)
Maximum heater-cathode voltage Maximum plate voltage (pentode) Maximum plate voltage (triode) Maximum grid \#2 supply voltage Maximum plate dissipation (pentode) Maximum grid \#2 dissipation Maximum positive dc grid \#I voltage Maximum positive dc grid voltage (triode) Maximum plate dissipation (triode)

Typical Operating Conditions and Characteristics

|  | Triode |  | Pentode |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Heater voltage |  | 6.3 |  | VOLTS |
| Heater current |  | 450 |  | MA. |
| Plate voltage | 150 |  | 250 | VOLTS |
| Grid \#2 voltage | . . |  | 110 | VOLTS |
| Cothode resistor | 56 |  | 68 | OHMS |
| Transconductance | 8500 |  | 5200 | НMHOS |
| Grid \#1 voltage (approx.) for $1 \mathrm{~b}=10 \mathrm{ya}$. | -12 |  | -10 | VOLTS |
| Plate current | 18 |  | 10 | MA. |
| Grid \#2 current | $\ldots$ |  | 3.5 | MA. |
| Plate resistance (approx.) | . 005 |  | 0.40 | MEG. |
| Amplification factor | 40 |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 95-135 | 110-120 | $50 \pm 10 \%$ | 0-8.5 |  | 1.0 | [EL5101* |
| 195-255 | 220-240 | $50 \pm 10 \%$ | 0-4.5 |  | 1.0 | IEL520)* |
| 95-135 | 110-120 | $60 \pm 10 \%$ | 0-22.0 |  | 2.5 | IE5102* |
| 195.255 | 220-240 | $60 \pm 10 \%$ | 0.11 .0 | . 9 leading | 2.5 | IE5202* |
| 195-255 | 220-240 | $50 \pm 10 \%$ | 0. 11.0 |  | 2.5 | IEL5202* |
| 95-135 | 110-120 | $60 \pm 10 \%$ | 0-43.5 |  | 5.0 | IE5105 |
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son. The length of the trace before the shutter son. The length of the trace before the shutter
opened is a measure of the time berween the electrical contact closing and camera shutter opening.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

Sixty-Four Percent of the total military bookings of the electronics and x-ray division of Westinghouse were subcontracted during 1950. Subcontracts ranged all the way from a $\$ 62$ order for brass caps that went to Hamilton Associates to a $\$ 2,938,488$ order for radar antennas given to DalmoVictor.

The Westinghouse division mentioned sold $\$ 400,000,000$ worth of radar and other electronic equipment to the armed forces during World War II.

TV Shipments to dealers in the first quarter of 1951 totalled $1,814,767$, according to RTMA.

Registration at the 7th Annual Pacific Electronic Exhibit and Western IRE Convention to be held in San Francisco August 22, 23 and 24 is expected to reach 9,000 , according to exhibit committee chairman Al Fry.

Fry says there will be 165 exhibit booths, showing the products of about 300 makers of electronic and nucleonic components and equipment. At press time a partial list of exhibitors indicated that there were 94 manufacturers, 22 reps exhibiting the products of 168 manufacturers, three universities and four government agencies.

Philadelphia's Chamber Of Commerce has set up permanent exhibit space at 1413 Walnut, where the armed forces and local de-fense-equipment contractors display new gear made for the military every two weeks. Object is to familiarize other manufacturers in the area with military requirements and so stimulate subcontracting.

Out of a similar effort by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has come the formation of Bay Area Electronic Resources, an organization in which 15 manufacturers of electronic equipment are members. Sargent-Rayment, Commercial Electronics, E. R. Vinson, Applied Electronics, H-K Division
of Robert Dollar, Clayton F. Bane, Ampex, Electronic Engineering Associates, Huggins, Birdsell, Thor Transformer, Kaar Engineering, Lenkurt, Imperial Television and K-F Development offer their services jointly or individually for the performance of defense contracts.

Business Forecast: "I believe that by the end of 1952 , the combined civilian and military production of electronic equipment by our industry will be at the rate of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ billion dollars a year. From the standpoint of facilities and manpower, this will be equivalent to an industry production of 34 billion dollars of civilian electronic equipment, which is a very substantial expansion in facilities even from recent production records."-Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board, RTMA.

Brazil had 10,500 television receivers in use at the close of 1950. Two transmitters were in active operation, one in Rio de Janeiro and the other in Sao Paulo. Two more are scheduled for erection in 1951.

Book entitled Industrial Research Laboratories of the United States (see New Books, June, Electronics) lists 2,845, of which 350 are active in the field of electronics. Their interest in various projects within the field is indicated by the following tabulation:



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## SALES REPRESENTATIVES IN



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$\begin{array}{rr}1,169,840 & 20,160,302 \\ 131,346 & 3,996,623 \\ 4,550 & 85,022 \\ 7,158 & 161,221 \\ 4,739 & 560,406 \\ 109,860 & 5,101,357 \\ 5,566 & 566,213 \\ & \\ 21,987 & 2,238,769 \\ 159,989 & 19,925,864 \\ & \\ 291,808 & 5,521,916 \\ 13,842 & 299,125 \\ \ldots 1,989 & 21,504,400\end{array}$
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| Telenision |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Converters | 914 | 144.409 |
| Table |  |  |
| Models. | 693,789 | 108,608,799 |
| Consoles <br> Direct-Viewing | 1,083,742 | 229,45 |
| Projection | 861 | 225,341 |
| Radio Phonos |  |  |
| Direct-Viewing. | 186,175 | 56,559,5ı1 |
| Projection. |  | 5,149 |
| Phonographs |  |  |
| Phono only | 159,465 | 3,297,290 |
| With radio attachment. | 2,846 | 70,801 |
| Without Cabinets |  |  |
| A-M. | 1,393 | 89,453 |
| A-M/F-M | 1,427 | 178,008 |
| Television | 24,121 | 3,251,411 |

Chicago Parts Show was particularly successful in that it attracted top brass from the country's leading distributing organizations, including many who stayed away last year and the year before for political reasons.

To get into the Show you had to prove you were a legitimate dis-
tributor or rep, and we mean prove. Most exhibitors liked this rigidity, which held down overall attendance a little but confined it to quantity buyers. A few said they wouldn't have minded talking to some people from manufacturing plants, amateurs and servicemen just to keep their hand in.

Show hours were from $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to 6 p.m. on all three days, which gave upstairs room exhibits a lively play. For our particular newshawking purposes the hours seemed a little short.

Manpower Pinch is being felt at Wright-Patterson Field as well as in industry.

The civilian personnel division has approximately 100 types of engineering, scientific and technical positions open and considered critical, plus about 40 other types of jobs proving very hard indeed to fill.

Among the types of jobs offered: Electronic engineers specializing in instrumentation, radio, wire communications and testing; General electronic scientists and specialists in instrumentation, microwave communications and tubes; Maintenance technicians specializing in electronics; Air technical intelligence specialists in bombing systems, electronics, electronuclear systems, aircraft instrument and navigation systems and electron physics; Engineering aides for electronics.

Unemployment in the television receiver manufacturing business was well over 50,000 in June, according to Robert C. Tait, president of Stromberg-Carlson and a spokesman for RTMA. Inventories were at an all-time high at 500,000 sets, with 25 carried in inventory for every one sold as against one in inventory for every set sold in the first five months of 1950.

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# CLOSE DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENT AND D. C. RELAY PERFORMANCE 

1 As a remotely operated switch, a relay must have a structure which moves through a distance (to separate a pair of contacts) and develops force (to maintain closure of contacts). An electromagnet acts on an armature to bring this about, under the influence of variations in energizing power. (fig. 1)

2 In addition to magnetic force, a spring is used to return the armature to its deenergized position and to "make" normallyclosed contacts, if used. Its effect may be shown by odding to Fig. 1 as follows (Fig. 2 ):-

3 It is most convenient to re-draw Fig. 2, showing the spring plot in the same quadrant as the magnet characteristics, but remembering its opposite direction. One then observes a series of combinations of gap and coil power, which will just cancel the effect of the spring.

4 A typical relay operating cycle may be represented on this same plot, as in Fig. 4. "F1" is the force holding closed the normally-open contact with relay "just operated"; "F2" is the force holding closed the normally-closed contact with relay "just released," and S is the armature stroke, which is of course directly related to contact air gaps. This is a WIDE DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENT.


5 If the relay in Fig. 4 is readjusted to "release" at a power level close to that of "operate" the result is, as shown in Fig. 5, to reduce the values of 5 F1, F2 and $S$. The marginal (just operated or just released) contact pressure and contact spacing of the switch have been considerably reduced to produce a CLOSE DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENT.


6 The values of F1, F2 and S in Fig. 5 could be made equal to those in Fig. 4 if we build a different relay, having the effect of changing the scales of the plot. Total magnetic force and spring force will both be increased, which will require more iron, and if sensifivity is desired, more copper. In effect - a larger reloy.

Such a relay will have many problems of design and execution, relating to the control of small fractions of large forces, to vibration immunity and therma! stability. Thus, in general it is desirable to compromise. By odding gain and negative feedback to the system in which the relay will be used, the relay operating differential may be kept reasonably large, while desired system performance is not sacrificed.

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# CROSS <br> TALK 

- ASIA . . . The current debate on our foreign policy in Asia emphasizes our need to support our friends in that part of the world. One such opportunity will appear in February next year, when the International Radio and Electronics Exhibition (IREE) of India will take place. We sometimes forget that there are a billion people in Asia who enjoy virtually none of the benefits of electronic science, people whose leaders are well aware of these benefits and their social and political implicacations. Concerned as we are with our domestic market, with its shortage of unassembled components and its oversupply of assembled television sets, we should not lose sight of the great opportunity, for service as well as profit, in the Far East. We hope that our industry will be well represented at the Indian exhibition.
- AETAT . . . Dr. Walter Schottky, to whom we owe much of our early knowledge of electron emission and the behavior of vacuum tubes, was

65 on July 23rd. When notice of this even came to our attention, we were reminded that electronics is a young man's game, even as it starts its second half century. The 25 th anniversary of IRE in Canada was celebrated in Toronto only last month, as was the same anniversary of the founding of the Detroit Section.

Marconi would have been 77 this year if he had lived. Many of his contemporaries have achieved three score and ten years and are still with us: Alexanderson (73) Langmuir (70), Zenneck (80), Lynde Wheeler (76), G. W. Pierce (79), Donald McNicol (75), DeForest (77), Hoyt Taylor (72). With Schottky in the three-score bracket are many other illustrious founders of our science: Armstrong (60), T. L. Eckersley (64), Hazeltine (64), Heising (62), Van der Pol (62) and Zworykin (61). To Dr. Schottky and his colleagues, our felicitations!
-STAGES . . . One of KGGF's engineers recently took a long look
at their 10 -kw transmitter at Coffeyville, Kansas, contemplating what manner of gadget it was. He found that said transmitter employs 51 tubes, a quartz crystal, several germanium diodes, in 47 separate $a-f$ and r-f stages, and that the signal undergoes 14 changes in frequency from microphone to antenna. The ratio works out to be about three tubes per frequency change, which we hereby christen the "Gillette factor" after the engineer in question. In receivers, things happen more quickly, three frequency changes (r-f, i-f, a-f) in as few as four tubes. All of which sets us to wondering how many tubes and frequency changes are involved in transmitting a television image from a camera in a New York studio to a receiver picture tube in St. Louis, Missouri. The first reader who sends us a reasonable answer, backed up with full evidence, will have his subscription to this journal extended for a threeyear term. The second reader so doing is out of luck. This offer expires September 30, 1951.

# DEFENSE DEPARTMENT 



## DO YOU NEED TO KNOW . . .

What the short and long-term prospects are for you personally in basic research?

What is ahead for your company or college in the way of military research contracts?

What types of projects are most likely to receive Defense Department support?
What kind of coordination the Services are apt to arrange between similar projects?

This Article May Provide the Answers

The ARMY<br>\section*{By HAROLD A. ZAHL}<br>Director of Research<br>Signal Corps Engineering Laboratovies Fort Monmouth, N.J.

With the close of World War II, there followed a rapid dispersal of the greatest collection of scientific manpower ever mobilized against a single objective. The nation was all-out for defense, but technologically this inferred applied research, engineering, production, training, and combat. Ironically, with almost total mobilization of
the nation's scientists and engineers, basic research was neglected in the rush to quickly make weapons using the science of the day. In retrospect, we see that had the war extended over a substantially greater period of time, the absence of basic research as part of our defense plan might well have been disastrous.

Following the close of the war, numerous reports prepared by such notables as Vannevar Bush, John R. Steelman, and others, strongly urged that intensive basic research be considered as our principal bulwark for long-term defense, and that a National Science Foundation

Equipment of tomorrow frequently depends upon today's basic research
be established immediately to augment the military effort and further carry research into areas where military interests, ostensibly at least, appeared more remote. Legislative delays in establishing the Foundation resulted in the military services, and later also the Atomic Energy Commission, contributing the major portion of the funds and many of the facilities for the country's post-war basic research program. Through this effort, combined with that of private support, basic research within the U. S. reached an all-time high in 1950. Many results of this research have already been put to use in our weapons program and also in strictly civilian interests.

In the aftermath of the President's declaration on December 16 th of a state of national emergency, and in the following rearmament rush, there appeared some signs suggesting that basic research within the $U$. S. might in part at least be forced to yield to the exigencies of the emergency. In reaction to this general feeling, the Department of Defense has taken the position that while production must be accelerated and development activities greatly increased, it is also imperative that basic research continue apace, since by the time-scale on which the present emergency and possible all-out conflict appears to be plotted, basic research and success therein may well be necessary to our very survival. Implementing this policy, each Service has agreed separately to support basic research by a percentage of its research and development budget; and further, should the present international tension

# PLANS for Basic Research 


#### Abstract

Mobilization requirements have speeded up applied research, development and production engineering to meet current military electronic needs. To many it appears that this rules out expansion of basic research and even involves curtailment of existing projects. Such is not the case, however, according to spokesmen for all three branches of our armed forces


ease and permit a reduction in military expenditures, then a fixed minimum will still be maintained for continuity and stability. This broad agreement will again be reviewed in three years from the present.

## Manpower Policy

Obviously, during the initial phases of the present emergency, there must be a considerable reshuffling of technological personnel within industry, institutions of learning and government laboratories. Full-scale war would naturally impose still greater changes. Even now, however, it is a serious fact that industry is desperately in need of high-caliber personnel for development and engineering work on defense orders, while government laboratories with almost equal vigor are reaching for similarly qualified men.

Paradoxical to the apparent manpower shortage, because of greatly reduced enrollments due to direct military demands for young men, there exists in the staffs of our universities an increasing number of high-caliber technical men who apparently will be forced to make adjustments due to reduced university budgets. Many of these scientists and engineers will, of necessity or through the magnetism of higher remuneration or personal desire to contribute more directly to the cause of the emergency, yield to the call for work in industry or government. In many instances such shifts represent a direct or potential loss of basic research workers. That some such personnel changes occur, however, is required as the nation girds itself for defense; in fact, is
absolutely necessary for quick and intelligent rearmament where technology and production are our strongest weapons. Still, with the university being the traditional home of basic research, such turnovers in manpower must be watched with caution, lest they become so great as to seriously threaten our major means for keeping truly creative effort at a level consistent with a long-term emergency. Even more important on a long-term basis, if the educational structure of our schools becomes too weakened a prolonged crisis would confront us with a grave shortage of scientists and eventually even a loss of the system which produces them. This in effect would, in less than a generation, precipitate a national catastrophe of the first order.

## Selection of Projects

Recognizing that strong forces do exist, pulling many individuals with outstanding research reputations into the generally more remunerative applied fields, it must also be admitted that a reasonable number of private and government dollars still appear to be going into basic research. Hidden in this situation,

## DEFINITION

BASIC RESEARCH, as defined by the Rescarch and Development Board, refers to theoretical or experimental studies directed toward the increase of knowledge, either by advance into unknown areas or by detailed filling-in of areas whose general boundaries are already known. Immediate practical application is not necessarily a direct objective of the investigation
however, is the danger that basic research, while admittedly important, is never urgent, and in the rush many of us too easily shift our thinking toward the urgent and accept the dollar statement as satisfactory, without the realization that unless the vast military-supported program is watched with great care there may be a considerable proportion of technical mediocrity eventually supported, instead of research capable of adding real and significant contributions to our fund of knowledge. We shall never win a war or hold our own technically in an indefinitely long emergency solely on the number of reports delivered to a contracting officer and added to a collection. To truly remain technologically ahead of our potential enemies research must produce and hold world leadership in our scientific knowledge, which at the same time must also be geared to the direct military effort, for the criterion of research success, in a military sense, lies in the performance of military weapons in the hands of our troops.

The above leads to the obvious fact that the problem of the military services effectively contributing toward and maintaining a basic research program is not solved merely by the availability or expenditure of dollars. While there are many volunteers for basic research, those obviously deserving of unquestioned support, together with full freedom for their creative effort, are unfortunately very small. Thus the question arises-by what ground rules does one determine whose efforts should be supported with the military dollar? Many of those who wish to participate in the

## DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PLANS

program on a relatively undirected basis without change of their peacetime environments would actually require guidance in order to make their efforts effective. For the government to militarily gain in a direct sense from a program substantially more geographically diversified than today's widespread contractual effort, with its host of attendant administrative and technical coordination problems, would also require a proportionate increase in top-notch scientists diverted to assure program coordination, absence of undesirable duplication, and concurrent application studies. Coordination is further complicated in that, while basic research as such is generally considered unclassified, once important findings are made classification almost invariably follows, regardless of the volumes written on the desirability of a free interchange of information.

## Choice of Facilities

It would appear that the present situation in regards to military support of basic research calls more for expanding proven existing research centers, both externally and in military laboratories, rather than for further decentralization. This trend is already being felt and will undoubtedly continue toward establishment of numerous scientific groups of substantial size under direct Service sponsorship, largely in universities, for concentrated effort of direct military interest. Highly qualified individuals are now needed to help organize, join, or assist groups in translating the results arising from these more concentrated approaches into weapons. While within such laboratories direct military interests must of necessity be emphasized, considerable opportunity will also exist for work on basic problems related to the applied aspects of the group's technical assignment.

In the physical sciences, a number of such laboratories under joint Service sponsorship are already functioning; some since 1946-for example, at Harvard, Princeton,

Columbia, Stanford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bell Telephone Laboratories and the General Electric Company, while at the time of this writing others are in varying stages of planning or negotiation.

## Long-Term Objective

It must be noted, however, that while establishment of larger units and team play of necessity appears to be today's organizational trend, it is also true that individuals whose previous background indicates outstanding qualifications for lone effort, or effort with a small assisting group, should be privately supported or, if private support is not available, should be supported by the military. Equally important, such persons must be further encouraged by allowing them to continue their work on geographical coordinates of their own choosing, for success in basic research begins with the choice of the individual and not necessarily by regimenting all research personnel into milliondollar facilities.

The Signal Corps, with its major development interest in electronics, fed from basic and applied research within the field of the physical sciences-in addition to substantial contractual participation - plans continuance of a basic and particularly a strong applied research effort within its own laboratories to supplement the fast-moving development and engineering program which naturally constitutes its principal laboratory effort. This internal research program carries a threefold objective: first, while it is hoped such effort may lead to discoveries vital to the military effort, as a guaranteed by-product, it is certain to assist in maintaining the scientific environment necessary for leadership in the field of electronics; second, to maintain a corps of specialists available in an advisory capacity to development engineers working on new or improved equipments; and third, to stand ready as a highly trained technological reserve for the possible eventuality, when all existing facilities capable
of assisting must be directed toward the solution of intricate problems thrown back from combat areas for immediate solution.

In all the above, a strong stand has been taken in support of continuing a steady level of truly basic research during the emergency, or in fact even during total mobilization or major combat should such be thrust upon us. However, it is only through the orderly superposition of applied research, development and production that new military weapons can be born and made available in time to troops. The intricacies pertaining to the interrelationship between elements of the scientific-engineering-military team structure, further, make it imperative that everyone in the chain appreciate the contributions of the others. Applied research, development and particularly production have long occupied pedestals of distinction in the minds of those charged with military planning. For basic research, it may be said that never before in our history has a better understanding and greater appreciation of its importance existed than now. In spite of apparent vicissitudes born through the early rushes of the emergency, it is still felt that the conditions remain for keeping a vigorous program underway, and as we move into the uncertainties of the future, the Department of the Army, in its contributions to the national defense, does not intend to lower its long-range technical sights.

## The NAVY

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TThe honorable Dan A. Kimball, Under Secretary of the Navy, and Commissioner Gordon Dean, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, issued a joint statement on December 15, 1950, which read in part: "One very essential condition for maintaining our national strength, whether for peace


Checking growth of crystals at Squier Signal Laboratory
or for war, is that research in the sciences, which is basic to all technological progress, be kept at a high level." This is a broad statement of the Navy policy in regard to basic research during this period of increased military effort to improve the readiness of our forces in the field.

The Office of Naval Research, after very careful thought, has taken the following action to implement the policy stated above:
(a) It is continuing the basic research program at the same annual fiscal level that the program enjoyed prior to the recent increase in military appropriations.
(b) At the same time, ONR has increased the average life of contracts for research.

It is hoped that these procedures will give stability to the basic research program and some assurance to scientists and engineers during this period of uncertainty and rapid expansion of the military technical effort in the country.

## Basic Research Problems

The policy, and its implementation, is due to the expanded demand for technical people occasioned by the procurement program initiated by the military services, and the additional sums of money available for research and development. A large production effort in military equipment always reflects itself in an increased demand on development facilities and engineering manpower. It is felt that this demand for manpower should not
come initially from those engaged in basic research. This group, although small, is highly competent and imaginative. It is the hope that, pursuing the policy stated above, this small group could be kept initially as a reserve-scientific shock troops. The policy is an attempt to introduce some countermeasure, however small, to the potential flow of all technical manpower to development of new weapons. We are not prepared at this time to commit all our technical reserves in ideas and manpower to weapons and weapons systems. It is desirable that the transition from basic research to development of weapons be gradual and thoughtful, and that the rate of this transition be determined by the character of present and future military needs.

Actually, at present, there is a drift in university, industrial, and governmental laboratories from basic research to the study of more urgent military problems. ONR obviously is involved in this drift by making funds available and by indicating the existence of very urgent unsolved problems. We are calling on our reserves to some extent, but only after a very careful examination of the areas that need attention and the talents of the people that can make an important and vital contribution to those technical and military areas. This is always done in consultation with the engineers and scientists involved. It is necessary to assure ourselves that the problems being tackled
have a high probability of successful solution-in a technical and military sense-in a comparatively short time.

## Study-Group Approach

One finds at this time that the major effort among those groups which in the past have been engaged in basic research is on analysis and study of technical areas and needs in the military services, thus determining the new and additional problems in applied research and development that should be undertaken now in our laboratories throughout the country. In other words, the emphasis is on studying the situation rather than on setting up large laboratories, such as the Radiation Laboratory at MIT during the last war. ONR is encouraging this approach. It may insure the proper and intelligent use of our reserves. In addition, it commits our reserves for a limited period of time-for the duration of a study. We are in a period of identifying technical problems in the military setting, and engineers and scientists are familiarizing and identifying themselves with these problems. The state of readiness for an intensified emergency is being improved.

When the studies have been concluded and the validity of the results determined, it becomes necessary to examine the recommendations and to ascertain how large a load can be carried in the existing laboratories and research and development facilities. If the laboratories and research and development facilities are inadequate, an assessment must be made relative to expanding the facilities and adding new manpower to them on the one hand, or establishing new facilities and organizing new teams. Then additional manpower may have to be drawn from those groups that are engaged in basic research. Actually, certain critical technical areas have already been found that require at this time the establishment of new groups so that our military effectiveness can be increased in those areas at the earliest possible date.

In summary, the Office of Naval Research has been trying to maintain its program of basic research,

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superimposing on it study groups and, when necessary, intensifying work in certain applied and development areas. At this time an attempt is being made to keep to a minimum disrupting influences on basic research.

How does electronics, an engineering field, live in terms of this brief and general summary? For a moment we might as well forget the definition of electronics-the editors of Electronics solve this problem daily-and look at the more troublesome problem of basic research in an engineering field.

## Broad Electronic Needs

Normally one looks to the sciences for basic research and to engineering for the application of this information. The transistor came from scientists who were concerned with the solid state, rather than from those who were trained in electronics. However, one can rightly argue that the future of the transistor, as an important component in electronic systems, depends on basic and fundamental investigation from the engineering rather than from the scientific point of view. The control of various parameters that make the transistor an important electronic device may not have a profound effect on the theory of the solid state.

Another example of basic research in electronic engineering is the current activity in the statistical theory of communication, analyzing the problem in the time domain. Still another is continued investigations of the interaction of electron beams with themselves and the electromagnetic field-exemplified by the traveling-wave-tube type of research.

Basic research in electronic engineering is a fundamental and philosophical approach to a problem with the goal of controlling nature in a reproducible manner, as contrasted to basic research in science where the interest is in a more profound understanding of the external world. In presenting an argument for the retention of some manpower for basic research, it is
necessary that these engineering problems have a broad and revolutionary impact on some aspects of art.

## Nature of Current Work

The three examples are cited to indicate that basic research is to be found in engineering as well as in the scientific fields. At this time it does not appear that new functions for electronic systems in warfare, such as radar, which saw its baptism of fire in the last war, will be found. But unless we maintain a strong basic research program in electronics, the improvements in existing electronic warfare systems will be marginal, accompanied by an ever-increasing number of components, tubes, and knobs, usually with a reduction in overall reliability of the system. We are looking to those areas that will permit us to modify radically the character of the system so that its utility on the battlefield can be increased. Automotive power, the automobile, was used in 1914-1917 and yet the Jeep in the last war had a profound effect on the maner in which the war was fought.

To be a bit more explicit, in a certain sense the single factor that imposes a severe limitation on greater exploitation of electronic equipments is lack of reliability. The solution may come, not from the direct-development approach to increase the reliability of each component, but rather from the introduction of redundancy into the components of the systems in a premeditated fashion. Further analysis may show that many components are vestigial, and that other components are obsolescent.

A more general, venturesome statement can be made to the effect that within the next few years profound changes may be seen in the design and application of electronic systems. The backbone of these changes is the current work in progress in basic and fundamental engineering investigations in various laboratories. Some of the laboratories are managed by industry, others by government, and still
others by academic institutions. Already there are results that need further development to be incorporated into the military system.

It is well to point out that in the last war we had and maintained electronic superiority on all battlefronts and in all types of operations. This very important advantage we may not be able to maintain. If perchance we lose it, one available way to regain this advantage is to have a reserve in beinga reserve not only of brainpower but also of fundamental ideas on which the brainpower can draw.

With the large post-war expansion in academic, industrial, and governmental research and development facilities and activities, one may ask why we are already facing the problem of committing our reserve. The answer is simple. The expansion mentioned above kept pace with the expansion of the national income. The new defense effort is expanding our economy. This imposes an additional load on our research and development manpower and facilities.

## The AIR FORCE

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THe AIr force as an organization is a relative newcomer to the field of basic research. During the years of World War II, it leaned heavily on Office of Scientific Research and Development organizations for getting its research done, particularly in the field of electronics. During the past five years, however, we have had to develop a certain maturity in this field.

The signs are very clear that this maturity is indeed being realized. Only recently a new command has been set up called the Research and Development Command. The organizational level of this command is an indication of the seriousness attached to its technical problems by the Air Force. Although the new command will carry the primary responsibility for equipments needed by our fighting airmen, it will also be vitally interested in basic or background research. Just as in-
dustrial concerns have found that aggressive research departments are their best guarantee of solvency in periods five to ten years ahead, so also do we realize that the outcome of future wars may well be determined by the quality and quantity of basic research efforts during years of peace.

## Distribution of Contracts

The distribution of basic research in electronics depends on the location of personnel best fitted to carry on that research. College laboratories are the major recipients of basic research support and usually such support is on an unclassified basis. Industrial laboratories occasionally handle our basic research problems, but only in those instances where the particular skills desired happen to obtain in men having industrial affiliations. Service laboratories are mainly dedicated to applied research and development engineering. The Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory is an example of a laboratory dedicated entirely to research in the fields of electronics and geophysics. At this laboratory, no development work is done. Models are built on an experimental basis or theoretical analyses of problems conducted. The choice between theoretical or experimental approach depends for the most part on suitability to the problem at hand. The typical output of this Service laboratory is a report telling how a certain job might be done and, perhaps, some experimental gear on which proofs of performance and measurements can be made. The research output of a Service laboratory such as this may require considerable engineering before a useful end item is ready for use. This additional engineering is done either by another Service laboratory or industry.

## Future Military Needs

Military operations are becoming more and more a pitting of scientific skill against scientific skill. Under such conditions, the easy-to-do technical things are quickly put to the test of battle and further progress in weapons can only be made by increasing our store of basic knowledge. In the
present emergency, one might suppose the urgency of immediate equipments would relegate to the background any efforts on basic research. We do not intend to follow any such pattern, but will continue the support of basic things regardless of any emergency that may obtain. Experience has shown that both basic and applied work need one another's mutual stimulus, and striking a happy balance between these two is as important as striking the balance between theory and experiment.

One might wonder just how the line is drawn between basic research to be supported and research that should not be supported. There is little knowledge of a scientific nature which in time of war has no military application. Practically all knowledge can be used in one way or another in a battle and the support thereof. Drawing the line is a serious Service responsibility. A decision must be made on the basis of potential usefulness, cost, likelihood of success, capability of the manpower available, and need for security. It is not our intent to draw this line so tightly that due to lack of breadth and scope of research we will be unable to do our job well. Nor can the Service draw the line so loosely that it will be criticized for getting into fields of endeavor that are beyond its interest or, in fact, interfering with the interests of others. In making decisions on research we will operate quite similarly to a progressive business organization in which the profit motive has been replaced by the motive of contributing to the national security by assuring a strong air arm.

Electronic engineers are vitally needed by the Air Force as they are indeed needed by almost everyone else. The present scarcity often seems to be a hopeless situation, but for those whose memory goes back a decade or so it is difficult to resist a silent chuckle at the young graduate who cannot make up his mind what job to take because he has at least three or four to choose from. At least from his point of view it is a healthy situation and indeed I believe it is a healthy situation since it indicates to us that as a nation we are making a concerted
effort to solve our technical problems, be they in research, development or production engineering. The scarcity of talent is a real incentive to the more effective utilization of our present manpower. All of us must be as effective as possible regardless of the particular field we have chosen.

## Mobilization Period Planning

During the past six years a technical type has evolved which General Roger B. Colton has called a "military engineer". He is an unusual sort of individual with technical training who knows in quite some detail the inside workings of our military equipment and carries around in his mind an odd assortment of such letters and numbers as AN/42; JAN7 and XDQ. This man is usually a systems man and his evolution indicates quite clearly the major role of technical equipment in our military operations.

From military engineer to tester on the one hand and research scientist on the other, one will find within the Service the full gamut of technical opportunity. In times of stress the development and production engineering is of course expanded, but very definitely not at the expense of our efforts on basic research or applied research for that matter. While the nut-and-bolt portion of our work must expand at a terriffic rate, it is quite true that our research effort gets only a modest increase, but it gets an increase nevertheless, not curtailment.

Just as we derive benefit from sponsoring basic research I would also like to feel that the art as represented by its frontiers is also advanced by this partnership. It is rather the exceptional case today when research can be done with "love and string and sealing wax", or an occasional "ice pail". More of ten than not, it requires the teamwork of experienced men and financial support in excess of that available to private individuals. The same forces which have created the large industrial laboratory for the solution of these problems have also been responsible for the trend research has taken in the Air Force. We are very definitely in research, for its sake and for our sake.


Martin P5M.1 Marlin, latest design of antisubmarine flying boat built for U. S. Navy. Keel of hull goes under water from nose to tail, giving greater stabilify when landing in heavy seas to listen for submarine that has submerged after being detected by radar or other airborne electronic equipment

## Airborne Submarine


#### Abstract

Recent improvements in submarine weapons and electronic equipment, and corresponding improvements in the equipment of aircraft designed especially for detecting and sinking submarines. Sonar and hydrophones are carried on some air units


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SUbMARINE WEAPONS and equipment are improving. Equipment now includes radar, radar search receivers, radio and radar jamming transmitters, hydrophones and sonar. New torpedoes have longer ranges and are more dependable. They can be fired from beyond the range of underwater detecting devices, leave no tell-tale wake and are often equipped with homing devices that guide the torpedo to the sound made by the ship's propellers.

The submarine itself now uses the snorkel breathing tube, so small that it practically defies radar detection yet permits diesel-engine propulsion while submerged. Engines themselves are being improved, making it logical to assume
that submerged speeds will increase to 25 knots. Furthermore, if the Walter closed-cycle hydrogen-peroxide engine can be cured of its habit of blowing up, there will be no need for air intake and exhaust tubes. This would eliminate the snorkel, our last radar target.

If there should be another fullscale war, we can be sure that the submarine will be used by both sides, not only for attacks against shipping and naval units but also for mine laying, as troop and cargo carriers, as radar pickets to give advanced warning of air raids, and as guided-missile launchers.

Antisubmarine weapons and equipment are improving too. In addition to radar, we have added magnetic airborne detectors, sonobuoys, radar search receivers, depth charges, heavy-caliber guns and rockets to antisubmarine aircraft.

The magnetic airborne detector is usually suspended below the air-
plane by a cable while sweeping an ocean area. Unfortunately, its range is so limited that it is useful only for localization when a submarine is known to be in the vicinity, or for continuous patrol of restricted areas like harbor entrances or channels.
Sonobuoys are dropped into the water in a pattern by an airplane when a radar-sighted submarine submerges. A hydrophone on each sonobuoy sinks below the surface and a telescoping antenna shoots above the surface. The hydrophone picks up the noise made by the submarine propellers, and the unit transmits this noise by radio to the aircraft overhead. Depth charges are then dropped on or near the noisiest sonobuoy.

In the early hectic days of World War II, aircraft were usually delivered to the Navy without special equipment. These aircraft were sent immediately to modification


New U.S. Navy long-range patrol plane for photo reconnaissance, mine-laying and antisubmarine duties. Known as the Martin P4M-1 Mercator, the plane carries jet engines in the same nacelles with the piston engines, to provide additional power and speed for take-off and when over the target area. Both radomes face downward

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centers. New equipments were becoming available so rapidly that it was not possible to install them for optimum performance and ease of operation. In fact, the end result was often a haphazard arrangement of antennas, radars, direction finders, bomb racks, searchlights and guns.

The aircraft manufacturers, and especially their aerodynamicists, were not too pleased to find their products resembling porcupines, with performance seriously impaired by all these appurtenances. As a result, even before the close of hostilities, the concept of naval aircraft design was changed to that of an integrated weapon especially configured for specific missions.

One example of integration of various equipment with an aircraft is the Martin P4M Mercator. This airplane was specifically designed for mine-laying and bombing, and is also an effective antisubmarine weapon. All Navy aircraft must be versatile. For that reason, the Mercator, with only minor modification, can be assigned secondary missions of area search and reconnaissance. Mine-laying missions require long
range and heavy payload, along with fire power, armor, and speed for protection against enemy aircraft and ground defenses. Therefore, it was decided to install twin turrets fore and aft and a deck turrot. Provision was also made for waist guns although these are not normally carried in peacetime. Allowance was made for installation of protective armor plate for the engines and crew.

The radar antenna is enclosed in a streamlined radome aft of the big bomb bay, and other antennas have been streamlined or imbedded in the ship. There are plastic sections in the leading edge of the wing which act as windows for these antennas.

The Mercator appears to be a twin - engine airplane. Actually there are two jet engines, one on each side, mounted just aft and below the piston engines. In spite of the Mercator's size, its take-off run is surprisingly short especially when all four engines are used. Under many load conditions, only the piston engines are necessary for take-off. If all four engines are used, the jets are secured after take-off because the piston engines
are fully capable of producing cruising speed. The jets are again used over the target area to minimize the time spent in enemy territory under fire.

Another example of system engineering is the Martin P5M Marlin. Carefully specialized airplane design combined with a selected complement of electronic equipment make it ideal for its primary mission of submarine hunting and killing in the open ocean. Like all Navy aircraft, it has secondary missions which include air-sea rescue, transport, hospital and reconnaissance. With only minor modifications, it can perform any of these missions.

The P5M hull has a long, deep afterbody which permits it to land and take off in heavy seas.

Another forward step in improving the aerodynamics of modern aircraft is seen in the utilization of the P5M engine nacelles. Depth charges and torpedoes which used to be suspended under the wings, where they caused considerable drag, are now housed in the nacelles. Antennas have likewise been either streamlined or imbedded to improve over-all performance.

# PLANS FOR COMPATIBLE 

When the FCC announced its decision to adopt the CBS field-sequential color television system last October, the Commission stated that it would have been preferable to adopt a compatible color system, if such a system had been ready for commercial use. The National Television System Committee (NTSC) decided, shortly thereafter, to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to study compatible systems and to draw up broad standards on which field tests might be based.

The Committee, formed on November 20,1950 , consisted of D. B. Smith (Philco), Chairman, E. W. Engstrom (RCA), T. T. Goldsmith, Jr. (DuMont), I. J. Kaar (General Electric), A. V. Loughren (Hazeltine). R. M. Bowie (Sylvania) joined the committee later. The committee members were chosen to represent research organizations active in the development of color television systems. Axel G. Jensen of the Bell Laboratories served as observer. The Committee attended demonstrations of various system proposals at the Hazeltine, Philco, DuMont and GE laboratories and at the NBC-RCA color test facilities at Washington. On April 19, 1951 it issued a unanimous report to the NTSC.

The report contains five proposed color system standards, drawn in broad terms, but omits any detailed numerical values, stating the latter should be determined by industry field tests.

The system defined by the broad standards will, in the opinion of the committee members, "provide for the maximum utilization of the existing 6-mc channels $\qquad$ . (that is) it will transmit the maximum amount of information useful to the viewer with regard to picture clarity, color fidelity, picture brightness, freedom from flicker and other deleterious effects, of any system of color television now

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FIG. 1-Block diagram of composite color system as implied by the broad standards proposed by Ad Hoc Committee
known to us."

## Composite System

Essentially the proposed system involves the transmission of a highquality black-and-white picture signal in accordance with the present FCC standards, which carries the brightness information, plus a subcarrier within the video band which carries the color (chromaticity) information. The color subcarrier is so synchronized and modulated that it causes minimum interference with the brightness component. Accordingly, portions of the color image which appear predominantly in shades of gray are substantially free from interferences due to the
color subcarrier, while highlycolored portions of the image show dot-structure to a degree depending on the degree of overlap between the brightness carrier sidebands and the color subcarrier sidebands and the relative percentage of modulation. The technique of utilizing a color carrier which is an odd multiple of half the line scan frequency as proposed by Dome of General Electric is utilized further to reduce interference. Observers noted that this method of transmission was common to the experimental systems demonstrated by Hazeltine (March, 1950), RCA (December, 1950) and Philco (February, 1951).

# COLOR TELEVISION 

Ad Hoc Committee of NTSC proposes broad standards for "composite system" using by-passed monochrome signal and color subcarrier, recommends industry conduct field tests to establish such items as chromaticity subcarrier frequency, manipulation of primaries, details, color sync method and bandpass limits

The standards proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee as a basis for the industry field tests are as follows:
" 1 . The present FCC transmission standards for black-and-white television shall continue to be used for the transmission of compatible color television.
" 2 . Chromatic information shall be transmitted by means of a color subcarrier modulated in amplitude and phase with respect to a reference subcarrier of the same frequency. The color subcarrier shall be transmitted simultaneously with the video signal and during only the video portion of the composite signal.
"Synchronizing signals to transmit information concerning the reference subcarrier shall be transmitted only during the synchronizing and blanking intervals of the composite video signal.
"2.1. To ensure practical invisibility of the color subcarrier its normal frequency, but not phase, shall be related to the horizontal scanning frequency in the following manner: The color subcarrier frequency shall be an odd multiple of half the horizontal scanning frequency.
"2.2. For standard operating conditions, the amplitude of the primary video signal and the amplitude and phase of the color subcarrier shall be specified in terms of a "proper" set of taking characteristics.
(Definition: A "proper" set of taking characteristics is defined as a set, each one of which is a linear combination of ICI distribution characteristics.)
"3. The color sync signal shall be
transmitted by means of a burst of the reference carrier superimposed on the back porch following each horizontal sync pulse, in accordance with the detail shown in Appendix B (Fig. 2)."

The report does not contain a graphical illustration of the proposed system. The block diagram shown in Fig. 1, prepared by Electronics, illustrates the basic principles. At the upper left is a color camera which views the object and produces three signals, corresponding to a proper set (see Standard 2.2 above) of three primary colors (red, green and blue). The camera scanning is controlled by the sync generator, at the left, which produces standard FCC black-and-white sync signals, and generates the color sync burst (Fig. 2) under the control of the color subcarrier generator.

The three color signals from the camera are passed through a linear computer which transforms the color signals into another "proper


FIG. 2-Recommended form of color synchronizing pulse. At left is FCC standard horizontal sync pulse, followed by a sinewave burst at the chromaticity carrier frequency. Exact dimensions and number of cycles in burst are to be established by field test
set" of color signals, related to the original camera output signals by linear simultaneous equations with constant coefficients. This unit is sometimes known as a "matrix unit". Its purpose is to secure color signals whose form is better adapted to transmission, with respect to signal-to-noise ratio for example, than the signals generated by the camera.

The output of the matrix computer consists of three signals, one representative of the brightness component, the other two of the chromaticity components. The brightness black-and-white component is passed with wide bandwidth to a control amplifier where it is combined with the sync signals and the chromaticity subcarrier as noted below.

The chromaticity components are passed through low-pass filters (cutoff frequency not specified in the report, but lower than that of the brightness signal to the chromaticity modulator. Here the chromaticity signals modulate the subcarrier in amplitude and phase. The subcarrier itself is generated, as shown at the left, in a generator, associated with the sync generator, such that the chromaticity subcarrier freqency is an odd multiple ( 455 or 507 ) of half the line-scanning frequency.

The output of the chromaticity modulator is a sinewave modulated by the chromaticity signals, in such a way that the chromaticity signals do not interfere with each other and may be separated at the receiver by a synchronous detector demodulator. The chromaticity subcarrier is then passed through a bandpass filter which confines the
signal to the upper portion of the video band.

At the control amplifier (upper center of Fig. 1) the black-andwhite signal, the sync signal with sub-carrier bursts added, and the modulated chromaticity subcarrier are combined. The composite video signal thereby produced is passed to a conventional 6 -mc picture transmitter and the resulting r-f signal is radiated in the usual manner.

At the receiver, shown at the bottom of Fig. 1, the r-f signal is amplified at r-f and i-f in the usual manner and demodulated. The composite video signal thus recovered is utilized in three ways: to operate the conventional sync and scanning circuits; to control (by means of the subcarrier bursts) the chromaticity demodulator; and to actuate a matrix unit.

At the chromaticity demodulator the two chromaticity signals (previously mentioned in the description of the transmitter) are recovered. The chromaticity signals and the composite video signal are then passed through a matrix unit which performs, in principle, a transformation similar to that carried out by the transmitter matrix unit.

The transmitter matrix and its complementary receiver matrix can perform in several ways. For instance, the transmitter matrix may deliver three color signals each containing chromaticity and brightness information, or the transmitter matrix may deliver only two chromaticity signals (no bright-
ness) plus a separate signal containing brightness alone. In either case the receiver matrix must match the scheme chosen at the transmitter. Figure 1 illustrates the scheme wherein brightness is held independent of chromaticity after the transmitter matrix and right up to the color reproducer itself where recombination takes place in the reconstruction of the picture.

It must be emphasized that the diagram of Fig. 1 does not represent a specific system, and in particular it does not specifically represent the RCA, Hazeltine or Philco systems demonstrated up to the present. It is intended merely to show in simple form one embodiment of the elements of the system implied by the Ad Hoc Committee standards as stated in the report.

When the proposed compatible color signal is used with conventional (existing) black-and-white receivers, the chromaticity subcarrier has a secondary effect, and the image is produced essentially by the brightness black and white portion of the composite video signal. Moreover, the chromaticity sync bursts are so located in the sync wave form that they have no effect on the scanning of conventional black-and-white receivers. Consequently, when such receivers are tuned to the color transmissions, they produce images which are virtually indistinguishable from those produced by standard black-and-white transmissions. The principal difference, in the black-andwhite reproduction of the color signal, is the presence of a dot
structure in portions of the image corresponding to highly colored parts of the subject. The visibility of this dot structure depends on the relative amplitude of the chromaticity subcarrier sidebands and the degree of overlap between the bandpass regions assigned to the brightness and chromaticity sidebands. Among the important points to be established in the field tests are the amplitude and bandpass limits which represent the optimum compromise between faithful color transmission and the quality of compatible reception on black-andwhite receivers.

## Future Plans

The committee expressed the hope that various organizations in the industry would undertake field tests within the scope of the proposed standards, and recommended that NTSC set up a program to coordinate the tests and to publish the results to interested industrial and governmental agencies.

Several companies indicated to the committee their intention to conduct such tests and gave details in an appendix to the report. The DuMont Laboratories stated that they would conduct color tv tests on station KE2XDN, Passaic, N. J. on $608-614 \mathrm{mc}$ and station KE2XDR, New York, N. Y, on 708-714 mc. In addition, station WABD in New York, channel 5, would be available during off hours for experimental transmission of compatible color images, upon proper authorization from the FCC. The General Electric Company stated that it would


FIG. 3-Color sync pulses used by Philco (A) and RCA (B) during field tests
provide a uhf transmitter at Syracuse, New York which would operate in accordance with the proposed standards of the Ad Hoc Committee. Home-type receivers would be constructed and operated in the Syracuse area for sufficient time to accumulate the required field-test data.

The Hazeltine Corporation stated that color television signals would be available at their laboratory at Little Neck, N. Y., although it was not stated whether the signals would be put on the air. Among the types of signal to be tested was the original RCA proposal, with red, green and blue signals having equal weighting and equal phase intervals, with color subcarrier frequency of 3.58 mc . This signal is essentially that demonstrated by RCA in December, 1950 at Washington. A second system to be tested would employ the modified constant-luminance signal developed by Hazeltine, in which the color signals are weighted in approximate proportion to their luminance, with unequal phase intervals, with a 90 -degree change in the subcarrier phase on odd fields, and with various color signal intensities relative to the brightness signal intensity. Also tested would be the use of oscillating color sequence (red, green, blue on even fields; red, blue, green on odd fields) at color subcarrier frequencies of 3.58 and 3.99 mc .

The Philco Corporation described the compatible color system currently being tested at station WPTZ, Philadelphia (channel 3) between $9: 00$ and $10: 30$ a.m., Monday through Friday. This is the so-called "X-Y-Z" system described by Philco engineers at the IRE convention last March. The brightness signal is of high definition and is represented by the $Y$ black-andwhite or brightness coordinate in the I.C.I. system of color specification. Two color-difference signals (rather than the three shown in Fig. 1), proportional to $X-Y$ (red-minus-brightness and 0.33 ( $Z-Y$ ) (blue-minus-brightness) are imposed in quadrature on the color subcarrier. The subcarrier frequency is 3.583125 mc , which is the 455 th multiple of half the linescanning frequency. The subcarrier

burst used, shown in Fig. 3A, consists of seven cycles, phased to correspond with the phase of the 0.33 ( $Z-Y$ ) component. The subcarrier phase is shifted 90 degrees on alternate fields, returning to reference phase during the intervening fields.

Test transmissions over the NBC-RCA transmitter in New York, station KE2XJV (WNBT, channel 4) were planned during off hours and have since begun. The color subcarrier is 3.583125 mc , as in the Philco transmissions. In addition, it was planned to test the frequency 3.992625 mc (the 507th multiple of half the line scanning frequency) following investigations of receiver i-f characteristics and the effect of oscillating the color sequence.

The color sequence is green, red, blue on one set of alternate fields, blue, red, green on the intervening fields, the reversal to be accomplished by interchanging the blue and red sampling signals. Three color-difference signals, with equal weighting and at equal phase intervals, are employed.

The subcarrier burst of the RCA-

NBC tests, shown in Fig. 3B consists of nine cycles, plus or minus 1 cycle. The color difference signals contain information having a flat spectrum out to 2 mc , and a gradual slope to 30 db down at the sampling frequency. The by-passed black-and-white signal is flat to 3 mc and drops off 6 db at 4 mc . The camera taking characteristics are such as to produce proper color reproduction on a receiver color reproducer having the following primary colors: red $-x=0.678, y=$ 0.322 ; green $-x=0.204, y=$ 0.732 ; blue $-x=0.146, y=0.088$.

In releasing the report, W. R. G. Baker, Chairman of the NTSC, stated that the proposed standards were not intended for submission to the FCC but were designed to serve as a basis for cooperative industry field tests. When the remaining questions are settled by these tests, over the period of the next several months, definite numerical proposals for a full set of compatible color standards would be devised and offered for the approval of the industry, through NTSC, prior to submission to the FCC.D.G.F.

## War-Emergency Operation



WOR has no trouble shifting frequency on its emergency Western Electrie iransmitter (above). Some other broadcasiers will find the job difficult

IN EVERY RECENT period of national or local emergency, the broadcast stations have played an important part in keeping the public informed and in maintaining morale. At present, as during World War II, the chief concern is their possible secondary role as navigation aids to enemy aircraft. Recently, the Federal Communications Commission, acting as the appropriate government agency for the several agencies concerned, outlined the problem to the broadcasters with one possible solution.

For the broadcasters, the plan indicates in a general way how they will operate their transmitters and what their program fare must be during an alert. Whether they will operate at all depends upon their desire to cooperate in the overall system. At present, there is no plan for the operation of television or frequency-modulation transmitters after they have sent their initial warning message. Only amplitude-modulation transmitters are considered for alert operation.

The engineering details are more complex and many of them should not be freely revealed. However, the present plan has been designed to furnish at least a minimum of
fairly good broadcast reception to most parts of the country and to dery navigational information to aircraft equipped with any type of mocern direction-finding equipment. Its nature is such that even if every single detail of the operation were known, direction finders would still be unable to use the signals. Only widespread sabotage and enemy control of the broadcast plant can compromise the system.

## Synchronous Frequency

The basis of the plan is operation by all participating stations upon a cormmon or synchronous frequency. Provided each transmitter maintains a tolerance of $\pm 20$ cycles (as presently required under normal service) great difficulty is experienced in obtaining a line of position with d-f equipment. And broadcast
reception of a common program is excellent. In actual practice, stations can be grouped on a geographical basis using two or more common frequencies throughout the country. By this means, a greater number of programs (appropriate to the various areas) can be presented, one to a group, with good reception in the coverage areas of each group. Navigational information is only very slightly enhanced using several common frequencies.

It is known, however, that a modern automatic direction finder will indicate the direction of the strongest signal in a common-frequency group. Given sufficient time, or with the aid of espionage, an aircraft could eventually determine the location of the strongest signal and from that, the orientation of the desired target.

## Sequential and Pulsating

To overcome the vulnerability of simple common-frequency operation two other techniques can be added, either of which practically eliminates compromising the system for military security. These techniques have been termed sequential operation and pulsating power operation. It should be remembered that in every case, each station in a com-mon-frequency group transmits exactly the same program from a common source.

Common-frequency sequential operation requires that each station of a cluster or group operate intermittently for about a minute. As the first station leaves the air, another immediately comes on. Ideally, the sequence in which the

## BROAD PROBLEM

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# of Broadcast Stations 

# Stations in the a-m band, which have proved our best source of public information during disaster and flood, must remain on the air for Civilian Defense. How to prevent their being used as targets for enemy missiles during an alert is explained 

stations follow one another should be varied. It will probably be necessary during the initial stages of the plan for each station to be manually controlled and remain on the air for as long as two minutes. Tests show that transmission periods of less than half a minute result in greater deception. Eventually, electronic equipment may be available so that the group sequence can be controlled from a central point.

Pulsating operation can be employed either by single stations or groups of stations and requires reducing the output power of the transmitter over a 10-to-1 ratio, preferably in periods varying from less than half a minute to not more than a minute. It will obviously be quite a trick to reduce power from a 50 -kilowatt transmitter down to 5 kw and this technique may not be applicable in many cases. However, it is planned generally to limit alert power to 5 kw in order to equalize signal strengths. Under commonfrequency pulsating operation it may often be possible for stations in adjacent towns or cities, if not too close together, to transmit different program material.

## Overall Plan

The block diagram gives a representative picture of the various station interconnections that would be necessary. Orders originate in the various air-defense control centers, but their implementation will largely reside in the basic key stations and the relay key stations. Programs and control signals or orders will progress to each individual station by any one means or combination of several means, including land-line and direct pickup of broadcasts.

While there is presently no compulsion for any broadcaster to enter


Chain of command for alert warnings from air-defense control centers via basic-key and relay-key broadcast stations to satellites. Solid lines are telephone; broken lines are radio links. Circles represent stations in commonfrequency groups
into these plans, it is obvious that the effectiveness of the system increases directly with the number of stations in a group. Therefore, it might be necessary for the FCC to draft certain broadcast facilities. It is likewise apparent that the plan will cost money. Estimates vary from about $\$ 500$ for a small station to many times this amount for the big ones. Costs of new crystals and ovens, frequency changing systems, antenna switching and retuning mechanisms running into many dollars will be paid for by the broadcasters, according to the plan. In addition, each station must provide itself with an alert receiver to supplement wire lines. Since nondirectional operation will be used during the alert, it may be less expensive to use existing auxiliary antennas or even to erect simple antennas where switching off all but one tower of a directive array
might prove cumbersome and expensive.

The block diagram indicates that a large number of permanent telephone lines and additional toll calls will be required just to set up the system and rehearse operations. These facilities will be paid for by the government.

Operation of television and f-m stations (as well as isolated a-m stations) will be a matter for further study. The former classes of stations are generally operated in the heart of a city and, as is particularly true of the Empire State installations in New York City, present an excellent target under normal conditions of service. Besides, in the event of widespread power failures their utility would be limited because there are so few automobile or battery operated tv and $f-\mathrm{m}$ receivers in the hands of the public.

# Electronic Protection 



Central station in which alarm and supervisory signals from subscriber's premises are received and recorded

TJDAY, the United States is facing much the same situation as in the early years of World War II. Every effort is being made to cut down any possibility of work stoppages in war plants. The electronic industry, through the establishment of security safeguards in the physical plant of each industrial concern, can have a far-reaching effect on this security program.

During World War II, the country embarked on a wholesale program of plant protection, both Governmental and industrial. New concepts of plant protection were developed and the use of protective equipment together with normal guard forces became essential in order that manpower be spared and the same ultimate plant safety conditions obtained.
In February 1942², a review of electronic intrusion-detection systems was presented in ElectronICS. This article pointed out how detection systems might be employed to improve plant security conditions.

Early equipment involved crudely constructed manual and semiautomatic alarm-initiating devices from

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which signals originated and were sent over simple signaling circuits to appropriate remote annunciation points. These early "switches" were sometimes supplemented by time-clock equipment which added a measure of safety against failure of patrols or guards to regularly send signals while making their rounds.

Branching out from this fundamental watchman type of circuit, additional "switches" were installed at points of entry, such as windows, doors, and skylights. Such switches were connected to remote annunciating points to give warning of entry ahead of the time an intruder actually completed his entrance. Later, windows themselves were supplied with metal-foil circuits and barriers of dowel screening were installed over skylights and vulnerable wall and door areas. Floor traps consisting of switches actuated by trip cords stretched about the premises further complicated the life of an
intruder who had successfully avoided any of the previously mentioned entrance barriers.

Complete enclosures such as safes and vaults had similar protective devices applied to their doors and any duct openings. These devices were supplemented in more recent years by vibration, temperature and air-pressure-operated detecting equipment.

With very few exceptions, all the early protective devices were connected into simple d-c series circuits usually terminating in a relay or similar device. Dry-cell batteries were often used to power the system.

The use of vacuum tubes as opposed to simple d-c relay circuits, played a prominent part in subsequent development work. The theory of the newer developments was to provide equipment which would signal the approach of an intruder before, rather than after, an attack upon a premises had begun. As in the early stages of World War II and now, this latter consideration is of particular importance in the control of sabotage.

One of the first developments in

# for War Plants 

## Electronic devices offer increased protection against burglary and sabotage in plants engaged in military production. Advanced design in photoelectric, capacity-alarm and sound-detection systems as well as proposed boundary protection systems are discussed

the early 1930's was the photoelectric intrusion-detection system. In the system, a beam of light projecting from a light source to a light detector or receiver was arranged to actuate a local or remote signal. At first, relatively crude phototubes were worked to their output limit in order to drive delicate intermediate control relays connected directly into phototube circuits. Maximum useful beam range rarely exceeded twenty feet.

Makers of most modern photoelectric detection equipment use standard prefocused or sealed-beam lamps of high candle power, usually modified to insure long life. Lenses used at both projector and receiverdetector are usually of the planoconvex or biconvex type mounted singly unless particularly sharp beam patterns are needed. In the latter case, multielement lenses are sometimes employed. Focusing adjustments are provided to make for easy maintenance and adjustment at time of installation and after.

Improvements in phototube manufacture at the present time allow the industry to use either photoemissive or photoconductive anode surfaces with photocells of the cesium oxide or lead-sulphide type, respectively. Higher outputs gained when using the photoconductive cell give a system added sensitivity and wider range of light frequency acceptance. The latter means that filtered light, normally used in systems extending into the infrared range for only a very short portion of the spectrum in early models, can now be successfully accepted over a wide range of infrared light because of the tremendously increased spectral response of the photocell itself. Increased knowledge in the design
of filters makes the cell and the filter itself compatible.

## Beam Lengths

Actual beam lengths used today in commercial and Government indoor applications do not often exceed 200 feet. Present day design, however, permits extension of such beams to several times this distance by the use of mirrors, if necessary. Interfering objects and other impediments normally found indoors frequently prevent installation of single beams over these longer distances. It is usually found more practical to break up the beam pattern using more than one set of light source and light detector-receiver.

Not long after photoelectricbeam intrusion-detection equipment became a reality, it was found necessary to establish some sort of guide relating to the speed of operation expected of the system to successfully detect normal intrusion. The guide was established by trial and error through tests made by reputable manufacturers and was subsequently adopted by the Underwriters' Laboratories as a standard. The standard states that the speed of operation of the equipment generally must be such that at their least sensitive settings, photoelectric detecting equipment must initiate a signal when a cylindrical object six inches in diameter with its axis and direction of motion perpendicular to the beam axis, travels through the beam at a speed of 8.8 feet per second (six miles per hour) or less.

The d-c amplifiers used in the static-beam photoelectric systems (in contrast to the modulated type) generally employ a single stage, single tube or two tubes to provide
the necessary gain in an average installation. These must be a compromise between sensitivity and stability; excessive amplification renders systems susceptible to paralysis or triggering by slight variations in ambient light. The limiting effect of ambient light is frequently minimized by placing hoods over the projector and de-tector-receiver lenses. Masking of the phototubes themselves within the detector-receiver unit is effective and serves to exclude extraneous light from the phototube and to confine energy reaching the lightsensitive surface as much as possible to that originating at the projector unit.

The masking described has an additional feature of making it difficult for intruders to paralyze photoelectric systems by shining


Outdoor photoelectric protection of Atomic Energy Commission Building
flashlight beams and other outside light sources into the phototube to hold the circuit in the standby position. The angle at which light must enter to keep the circuit in its normal operative condition is also quite critical.

The difficulty of maintaining accurate beam alignment is multiplied by mirrors, particularly when beam distances are extended to considerable lengths. To avoid misalignment, the general practice is to mount mirrors in rigid frames, supported by strong brackets fastened to the floor instead of to the walls.

While the light reflection loss introduced by mirrors is normally not more than 15 to 20 percent with a silver-backed mirror, most companies increase that loss factor to as much as 50 percent in establishing maximum beam distances when mirrors are used. In such cases, the mirrors cut down the basic units required to protect a given area but introduce beam length reductions which may be impractical and uneconomical. It is generally not recommended that mirrors be called upon to reflect beams at angles greater than 45 degrees with respect to their surfaces (90-degree angle between incoming and outgoing beams). Even at smaller angles, the loss is sufficient to warrant some reduction in beam throw ratings for each successive reflection.

The 50 -percent loss factor mentioned is considered practical because of the major problem of
dust forming on mirror surfaces and its consequent reduction in the reflecting characteristics or reflecting ability of the mirror. Cowls and shades are often placed on photoelectric equipment and mirrors to reduce the dust formation. Often it is found more economical to use multiple or duplicate sets of equipment rather than to try to extend a single set of equipment in beam length by the use of a mirror. This is economically practical because of the comparatively low cost of static beam equipment.

Most companies today limit the use of static beam equipment to indoor applications because of the serious paralyzing effects of ambient light from the sun and other sources on the receiving equipment.

## Modulated Light

To protect a perimeter adequately against unlawful intrusion outdoors, the modulated-light type of photoelectric equipment is employed. Long-range coverage is possible with modulated devices and is important when considering the protection of fence perimeters for industrial plants engaged in the production of war material. Sometimes where long beams are required indoors, outdoor equipment of the modulated type may be used to gain distances not attainable with the static type.
Most modulated-beam systems use projector units, lamps, optical filters and lenses similar to those found in static-beam systems. One
such system is electronically modulated rather than mechanically modulated and uses low-power light output, with consequent limitation on beam distance. To return to the preponderance of modulated systems now on the market, 100 percent modulation is accomplished by the use of a suitable interrupter interposed between the lamp and the lens and rotating at a predetermined rate. The prime mover for the modulator is usually a small synchronous motor and the modulator is designed to interrupt the beam somewhere between 500 and 1,000 times a second.

Energy received by the phototube is amplified and an audio band-pass filter tuned to the modulation frequency is included in the amplifier. The receiver is sensitive only to the frequency of the modulated light and the final rectifier stage of the amplifier converts the received impulses into power with which a d-c signal relay may be operated.
As long as sufficient light intensity is received by the phototube to satisfy its threshold operating requirements, comparatively wide variations in ambient light intensity do not paralyze or trigger the system because amplification occurs only at the critical modulation frequency. Relay current may be held within desirable limits by incorporating some form of avc in the amplifier circuit to render the system still more tolerant to the effects of transient increases or decreases


Inside photoelectric protection of warehouse. Two light sources are shown at right angles. Beams protect entire row of windows which run the complete length of both walls


A second location in the same warehouse. Here, two photocell receivers are mounted at right angles. Beams reach the receivers from light sources located at the other ends of both walls


FIG. 1-Block diagram for outdoor capacity-type intrusion detection system of the type shown in Fig. 2


FIG. 2-Detail of capacity-alarm antenna wires on roof, showing counterpoise and wire-tension springs
in light intensity. The system is then insensitive to light from the sun, a flashlight or modulated light at other frequencies.

Continuous trouble-free maintenance of outdoor photoelectric equipment is so important that most operating companies have spent considerable sums over the last few years to improve the basic mechanical and electrical components of such systems. Improvements in motor modulator design and electronic components have not been uncommon and attempts have been made to make the systems more consistent with the application to which they have been placed. The present manufacture of photoconductive cathode surfaces has increased the range of infrared sensitivity of such systems to a point where they can now be used with a greater degree of safety when subject to fogs and other interfering media. While it is recognized that these units are bulky and are difficult to conceal in any perimeter intrusion - detection system, they nevertheless offer a type of protection widely accepted by industrial plant-protection engineers.

Photoelectric intrusion detectors are at a disadvantage where industrial plants are laid out on extremely irregular property plots and on hilly ground requiring coverage of many vertical as well as horizontal angles. Because irregular topography necessitates the use of a plurality of units, such a system is expensive. Capacity-operated relays are often used for such
outdoor protection work.
Capacity relay equipment has been used for protection indoors during the last several years. Where cubical content is not excessive as in filing cabinets and safes and where large metal objects do not move from day to day with respect to the safe, this type of protection is applicable. Many circuits were used by protection companies, all operating on the principle that the capacity between antenna and ground is relatively small whereas capacity to ground added by an intruder approaching the system represents a considerable increase in total circuit capacity. As there is always plenty of capacity change on which to base usable circuit output, adjustments can be made to hold over long periods without drifting, because the capacity between safe and ground remains fairly constant.

## Outdoor Capacity Systems

To handle the problem of irregular topography, an outdoor version of the capacity relay system was developed. By erecting antenna arrays on suitable posts about the perimeter of a war plant, it was possible to follow land contours with ease and provide a good protection barrier to an intruder. The circuit principle used for outdoor perimeter systems was much the same as that used for indoor safe protection systems. Because the effects of weather had to be taken into account, provision had to be made to balance out the effects pro-
duced by rain, snow, ice and slow growth of vegetation.

A system developed during World War II and put into limited use as a capacity relay system for plant boundary protection has been used within the last six years on a larger scale. This system has been extended to the protection of roofs, as shown in Fig. 1, 2 and 3 and other outdoor surfaces of buildings themselves. Limitations with respect to favorable ground conditions thought important in the early stages of development have now been overcome by erecting a ground counterpoise making the system independent of surrounding building or earth ground potentials. Limitations on the amount of capacity which one electronic unit can embrace still confine antenna lengths to a maximum of about 200 feet on each side of a control unit. However, protection of this type must be zoned every few hundred feet of length to permit accurate guard response to alarms originating from a specific location.

Early models of capacity-type equipment used a two-wire antenna array until experiments proved that better protection could be accomplished by a triangular antenna configuration. The latter system uses two antenna wires stretched tightly about 18 inches from the ground on insulator posts spaced about 25 feet apart. The third wire forming the triangle usually is placed about 48 inches above the ground.
Further experiments proved that
with some slight reduction in sensitivity, spur antenna extensions could be connected to the triangular configuration to permit coverage up to distances of six to eight feet above ground at boundary points of particularly critical importance. Thus, a curtain of protection produced by an induction field of electromagnetic energy radiating a foot or so from the antenna array was produced. An approach to the array caused system unbalance and a resulting alarm.

Frequencies used in the oscillator portion of the circuit vary from 150 to 200 kc . The system is designed to maintain a continual slight unbalance between oscillator and tuning sections under normal stable conditions. A block diagram of the circuit shown in Fig. 1 depicts the components used. Entry of a foreign body into the antenna field introduces additional capacitive reactance back into the coupling coil to which the antenna is attached and tunes the coupling circuit in the direction of resonance at the frequency to which the oscillator has been set. A sharp increase in diode-detector current results. A pulse is sent from the diode to the amplifying circuits whose output terminates in a signal relay inserted in the final stage.

Triggering of the circuit by slow ambient variations in antenna to
ground capacitance is minimized by using coupling capacitors of several microfarads between the amplifier stages. Changes in capacity which occur at extremely slow rates such as those caused by weather conditions do not build up sufficiently to trigger the relay in the output stage. Circuit values are adjusted so that it is virtually impossible for an intruder to move into the antenna field slowly enough to take advantage of this effect.

Because the capacity system lent itself so well to boundary protection, considerable time and money has been spent in improving upon the principle in an effort to build a more stable system having less sensitivity to unwanted influences such as radiated airborne r-f energy, power-line surges, weather effects and others. Present equipment takes advantage of recent tube refinement, eliminating the use of electrolytic capacitors whose life has been unpredictable and greatly emphasizes the rugged construction needed for important outdoor applications.

Use of the same principle has been extended beyond that previously described for the protection of safes to embrace protection for critical areas indoors. A view of the subscriber's instrument for this type of protection is shown in Fig. 4. A single-ended version of the


FIG. 3-Capacity alarm system on vaulted roof. Extra supports are used to make antenna wires conform to roof contours
outdoor capacity-relay equipment is now in use to provide a protection barrier for stockrooms and other inside enclosures. Instead of using conventional forms of screening, inexpensive antenna arrays are erected about an enclosure and provide a complete wall of protection. Antenna arrays may take the form of thin brass strips mounted on either side of a doorway, on showcases, wooden studding or other building structure. Where metallic surfaces are involved, suitable insulation is used.

Unlike the earlier versions of safe and file-cabinet-type capacity relays, as much as $4,000 \mu \mu \mathrm{f}$ of loading on the expanded circuit instead of the original 1,000 to 1,500 $\mu \mu \mathrm{f}$ may be used. This new protection can be extended to factory-type fenestra windows or to office casement windows in place of conventional foil and screens. The results would be the same from a protection standpoint and the improvement in appearance would be obvious.

## Experimental Systems

Just as in World War II, design engineers are now looking for even better forms of protection. Under study at this time are systems for outdoor application using pulsemodulated sources of high-frequency radio energy designed to beam the energy in much the same manner as photoelectric without the inherent faults with respect to weather. Other forms of antenna arrays using high-frequency radio energy are under study and, while none of these has been used extensively, they show the trend of thinking and the application of electronic principles being considered by engineers.
To improve and simplify the systems necessary to protect indoor enclosures adequately, many companies have for years considered the problem of space protection. It has always appeared logical that a system capable of detecting motion within a confined space and yet not requiring complicated equipment would be the ultimate ideal of the protection engineer. Progress within the last three or four years in the design of space protection systems has resulted in the develop-


FIG. 4-Chassis of subscriber's instrument for capacity-type protection of safes and file cabinets


FIG. 5-Chassis of subscriber's instrument for vault sounddetection system
ment and testing of equipment which will do just this with a minimum of components involved. Although extensive industry application of this idea does not yet exist, it should be noted that it may become very useful.

An example of such a system is one operating at a frequency slightly above the audio range in which sound energy is directed from a transducer into an enclosure and reflected back from the multiple surfaces in the enclosure to a receiving transducer. If a stable condition exists in the enclosure filled with such energy, no signal output is obtained. When motion occurs, a frequency change is presented to the receiver. The new frequency may be above or below the initial transmitted carrier frequency. Design of the receiving equipment is such that it can discriminate between the carrier frequency and the difference frequency, using the latter to initiate an alarm.

Space detection systems are not new in principle, but long-term experience of the major operating companies shows that wholesale use of such a system must be approached with caution. There are many interfering factors rendering such systems unstable and until these are properly evaluated, the more tried and tested methods are preferred. For instance, acoustically actuated vault-protection systems are used in hundreds of locations today and will continue to be
used for many years. These systems are designed to operate an alarm when physical attack upon the exterior surfaces of the walls or ceilings occur. They do not trigger on relatively low-level sounds which might result from common building vibration. Detecting devices installed within the vaults function through sounds transmitted to them from the outside through walls, ceilings or floors. The subscriber's instrument chassis for a vault sound detection system is shown in Fig. 5. Output voltage from the crystal-microphone detectors is amplified and diode rectified. The resulting d-c actuates a signal relay.

Established values of ambient noise level specified by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., are used as guides by the industry in determining amplifier gain requirements. Most systems are used in vaults of masonry construction and the sensitivity of the system depends on whether or not the vaults are reverberant or nonreverberant.

## Conclusions

The information presented covering systems suitable for improving industrial plant security and protection has been based, for the most part, on data of long standing and on practices known to be effective. Knowing the importance of plant protection today, all major companies dealing in this type of equipment are continually looking for
better and more economical ways to do a protection job. Money expended for research has paid dividends and companies are well aware that the field of protection still has a large reservoir of untapped ideas. The theoretical ideal of a boundary protection system might be said to comprise an intangible barrier of controllable thickness and perhaps unlimited height. The barrier should be capable of handling all types of land topography and should withstand without difficulty the rigors of weather and other similar phenomena. Many of the systems on the market today approach this ideal, but all still have certain limitations.

The ultimate in protection for interior spaces would anticipate the elimination of most common forms of traps and contacts and provide intangible protection for the space enclosed by four walls, a ceiling and a floor. Good practice dictates that such protection completely assured of the absence of false alarms would still require some supervision over normal openings to an enclosure. The next ten years will bring to light many advancements and refinements of the basic principles now incorporated in today's equipment. Meanwhile, the industry has available now many types of equipment from which to choose in improving its security picture.

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# Industrial TRISTIMULUS 

ONE requirement of an electronic colorimeter for industrial use is that it detect small color differences in the darker colors quickly and reliably with a sensitivity surpassing that of the human eye. A second requirement is that the instrument be sufficiently rugged, stable and simple in operation for use as a production tool.

In the instrument engineered to meet these requirements, operating controls are reduced to a minimum. The instrument measures on a three-color basis known as tristimulus colorimetry. The color that is to be matched or evaluated is viewed
by the phototube first through blue glass, then through green glass and then through amber glass. The meter indicates the percent difference between sample and standard for each of these primary colors. The sample can be as small as one-half inch in diameter.

The optical system, based on the flicker photometer principle, is shown in Fig. 1. Sample and standard are viewed alternately 30 times per second just as in a spectrophotometer. Illumination is provided by an incandescent light source within an integrating sphere. Color temperature of the


FIG. 1 -Optical system, shown in line for clarify. Actual system is folded for compactness. Rotating decentered lens allows phototube to view sample and standard alternately 30 times per second


FIG. 2-Complete circuit. Motor switch operates synchronously with flicker-producing rotating decentered lens to convert a-c output of amplifier to d-c for microammeter. Selector switch positions are: 1-check lamp voltage; 2-stand-by position: 3-high-sensitivity range ( $90-110$ percent); 4-low-sensitivity range (65-150 percent)
source is preserved by voltage control and lamp calibration. Either reflectance or transmission measurements may be made on any commercial color. The optics includes four lens elements, field stops, stray light stops, source filters, tristimulus filters and a multiplier phototube. Source filters permit comparison under standardized $2,848-\mathrm{deg} \mathrm{K}$ incandescent illumination, daylight iliumination (Corning 5900 filter) or directly under illumination from external sources.

Transmission measurements of dyes and other liquids are made by placing a sample and standard in the openings of the transmission measurement holder. Clamps are provided for holding colored transparent solid objects at the same locations. Other clamps hold sample and standard against parts in the integrating sphere for reflectance measurements.

A small a-c motor drives a decentered lens in the optical system so that light from sample and standard are alternately focused on the type 1P22 phototube. Actually, the optics never completely eliminates either sample or standard; instead, it alternates from about 20 percent sample and 80 percent standard to 80 percent sample and 20 percent standard.

If reflected or transmitted light from sample and standard are identical, the phototube output will be unchanged by the flicker. If the two differ, an alternating current will be generated in the phototube circuit.

## Electronic System

The electronic circuit of the colorimeter employs a total of seven tubes, connected as in Fig. 2. The high-impedance resistor network for the phototube is soldered directly to the tube pins. A highpermeability magnetic shield is then slipped over the tube and assembled to a flanged metal base with suitable gasketing. Three leads are brought out, from the anode, cathode and dynode 9. The entire net-

# COLOR MATCHER 

# Flicker-photometer type instrument using multiplier phototube in constant-current circuit surpasses sensitivity of human eye in matching even darkest plastic, textile and dye colors. Meter indicates brightness ratio of sample to standard for each ICI tristimulus color 

work is potted with a special polymerizing resin that remains plastic but fully protects the high-impedance networks against moisture. When installed in the instrument, an electrostatic shield is fitted over the terminal pins for final shielding. The phototube tube is thus built in to last for the life of the instrument.

When light from the optical system reaches the phototube, the light consists of two components: (1) A steady component representing the mean brightness of sample and standard as viewed through the particular source and tristimulus filters selected by the operator; (2) an alternating or flicker component of magnitude representing the difference in brightness between sample and standard as viewed through the same filters.

The circuit measures the steady component and the flicker component, and performs the computation necessary to express the percentage difference between sample and standard.

The d-c output of the phototube is amplified by $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$, which are connected as a d-c amplifier. The resulting voltage drop across the cathode resistor of $V_{2}$, proportional to the steady brightness component, is applied to the cathode of $V_{3}$. Variations in brightness change the plate-cathode voltage of $V_{3}$ and thereby change the loading that this tube places on high-voltage rectifiers $V_{4}$ and $V_{5}$. As a result, this tight d-c feedback loop controls the voltage supply to the phototube in such a manner that the mean current output of the tube is substantially constant for steady-light brightness variations of 5,000 to 1 . A given percentage difference in any one color will then produce

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a proportional a-c output voltage at $V_{2}$. This is rectified by a commutator on the optical flicker motor, and the resulting d-c voltage is applied to a zero-center d-c microammeter which is calibrated to read percentage difference directly. Flicker and rectifier action are synchronous, hence polarity of the d-c output indicates whether the sample is brighter or less bright than the standard for a particular primary color.

In effect, the sensitivity of the phototube is varied inversely with brightness of light reaching it, just as the iris of the human eye acts to decrease the eye sensitivity when a brighter object is viewed. The range of automatic accommodation is comparable to that of the eye, but is faster, has no fatigue factor with time, and gives a sensitivity exceeding that of the human eye for variations of as much as 10,000 to 1 in brightness. This permits comparison of samples reflecting only 1 percent to an accuracy of $\frac{1}{2}$ percent of reflected light.

To assure measurements truly based on color, regardless of illumination intensity, the instrument computes the ratio of sample brightness to standard brightness. This ratio is indicated on a widescale direct-reading meter with fullscale range of 91 percent to 110 percent (corresponding to differences of +10 percent or -9 percent in relative brightness). A less sensitive scale range covers 70 -percent to 145 -percent ratios.

A direct-reading micrometric slit permits evaluation of colors relative
to white or colored reference stand-- ards beyond the range of the meter. Comparison is on a tristimulus basis. With properly calibrated standards, colors can be defined to high accuracy in tristimulus terms; reflectances or transmissions as low as 0.1 percent can be measured.

The 9001 regulator tube is operating satisfactorily despite an unusually high plate voltage. About 60 instruments are in service at present, some of which have been operating two years. Many of the units work 24 hours a day, yet tube replacement is practically zero. The only tubes that gave trouble were the 1654 's originally used in the high-voltage supply. These have been replaced with 1Z2's which give much better service.

## Tolerance in Matching

Color matching involves getting the meter readings for the three primary tristimulus colors up to 100 percent or, from a practical standpoint, sufficiently close to 100 percent to be acceptable to the observer. The absolute tolerance to be set for a measurement varies with each industry. If all these numbers go up and down together, corresponding to a change in the brightness of the color, experience to date in the textile and paint industries indicates that 2-percent tolerance is acceptable. This means that if all three numbers go up and down together from 98 percent to 102 percent, regardless of how light or dark the color is, the match will be within eye color tolerance.

If one number wanders differently from the other two, there is a difference in color rather than a difference in brightness. Only about 1.5 percent can be tolerated for precision matches.

# New Cathode Design 



Assembled planar type L-cathode

ADVANCES in the electron tube art in recent years have placed severe demands on the heart of the electron tube the cathode. The requirements for higher powers, high-frequency operation, rugged construction, and low-noise operation have taxed the capabilities of the conventional cathode types to their limit.
The great majority of electron tubes employ cathodes of one of three types: tungsten, thoriated tungsten, or oxide coated. Some of the more general characteristics of these cathodes are given in Table I.

With a specific application in mind which required a cathode capable of high emission density and good mechanical strength, a new cathode was developed in the Philips Research Laboratories ${ }^{1}$ in Holland which not only provided these characteristics but also gave exceptionally long life and good resistance to poisoning. This cathode, which has been designated the Lcathode, should find wide application in tubes of all types where reliable performance is desired, especially where the cathode loading is severe.

Figures 1A and 1B show two examples of this cathode: the cylin-
drical type, especially applicable to magnetrons; and the planar type which is applicable to high-frequency disk-seal triodes, klystrons, cathode-ray tubes and other conventional electron tubes. The materials used in the construction of these two types of cathodes and their emission characteristics are identical.

The body of the planar type cathode consists essentially of two sections formed from one piece of molybdenum. The lower section is open at one end and contains a filament for indirectly heating the cathode. The upper section contains a small quantity of barium-strontium-carbonate and is sealed by a cap of porous tungsten so that the means of escape of the active materials is via the pores of the tungsten material. The porous tungsten cap is formed by compressing tungsten powder under high pressure and sintering at high temperatures. The photograph shows an assembled L-cathode of the planar type.

## Emission Characteristics

The first characteristic to be considered in comparing the emission of different types of cathodes is the variation of emission density

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with temperature. This characteristic is given in Fig. 2 for the Lcathode and the three cathodes whose properties are shown in Table I. This cathode curve falls between that of the oxide-coated cathode and the thoriated-tungsten cathode. It should be noted that for continuous operation only about one hundredth part of the saturation emission may be drawn from the oxide-coated cathode. Higher emission densities would result in damage to the surface layer. Therefore, it is apparent that under d-c conditions the oxide-cathode cannot practically operate over the range indicated. The three other types of cathodes can be operated continuously close to saturation emission, and of these the L-cathode has the most favorable temperature-emission characteristic.

Another important cathode property to be considered is its efficiency; that is, the thermionic current emitted in amperes per watt of heater power. The theoretical efficiencies of the four types of cathodes under consideration are shown in Fig. 3. These curves are based on the emission-temperature characteristics and the radiation properties of the cathode surfaces. It should be realized that the cathode shown in Fig. 1B is much less efficient than that shown in Fig. 1A and that the over-all efficiency of a cathode depends largely upon the geometry.

It will be noted that the theoretical efficiency of the new cathode is greater than that of the tungsten and thoriated-tungsten cathodes but less than that of the normal oxidecoated cathode. From the curves we can conclude that in applications where relatively small current densities are required and where the heater power requirements must be kept to a minimum,

# Improves Tube Reliability 

> High emission density and good mechanical strength are combined with good temperatureemission characteristic and excellent resistance to high voltage and high-speed gas ions. Structure contains reservoir of barium-strontium-carbonate emitting material
the oxide-coated cathode may have preference. However, other factors, which will be discussed further, enter into the selection of a cathode.

## Emission Mechanism

Since both the L-cathode and the oxide-coated cathode derive their emission from a supply of barium-strontium-carbonate, it might be supposed that the L-cathode could be regarded as a variation of the oxide-coated cathode. However, if we investigate the emission mechanisms more closely it is seen that this is not the case.

The L-cathode is quite different. The thermionic emission from any surface is largely determined by the work function (the energy, usually measured in electron volts, required to transfer an electron from the interior of the material across the boundary into the adjacent medium). In general, the smaller the work function of the material, the higher the emission from the material at a given temperature. Thus, by comparing values of the work functions, an indication can be obtained regarding the behavior of the various materials as thermionic emitters.

The work functions of the four cathode types under consideration


FIG. 1-Cross section of two basic forms of L-cathode: (A) with cylindrical emitting surface and (B) with planar type flat emitting surface
are given in Table II. It is apparent that the L-cathode has characteristics different from a pure metallic tungsten emitter and also from a conventional BaSrO coated cathode. It will be noted that of those substances listed in the table, the pure metal tungsten emitter has the highest work function and the oxide-coated cathode, a semiconductor, the lowest work function.

The thoriated tungsten cathode has a monatomic layer of thorium on the surface of the tungsten which greatly reduces the high work function of the tungsten. The work function of the L-cathode lies even lower than that of the thoriatedtungsten emitter because of a barium-on-oxygen layer on the tungsten surface which is more effective than thorium in lowering the work

Table I-Summary of Characteristics for L.-Cathode and Three Other Types



FIG. 2-Saturation emission as a function of true temperature for L-cathode and three other types. Vertical dotted line indicates maximum operating temperature for each cathode. This situation can be realized under both pulse and d-c conditions for all cathodes except oxide coated, the d-c emission of which is limited
function of the emitting surface.
The inactivated cathode has an adsorbed layer of oxygen on the tungsten and the surface layer of barium on oxygen is formed during the activation process in the following steps: ${ }^{\text {? }}$
(a) The BaO is chemically reduced by the tungsten, forming Ba vapor of low partial pressure at the bottom of the porous tungsten plug.
(b) Barium is carried through the plug by both a gas flow through the pores and surface diffusion over the pore walls.
(c) Barium diffuses over the external emitting surface.

The barium which is slowly lost by evaporation from the cathode surface is continually replenished from the reservoir. Termination of life appears to be associated with the exhaustion of the barium supply. This supply can be made relatively large and accounts for the long life characteristic of the Lcathode.

## Other Properties

The rugged construction of the cathode and its smooth mat emitting surface provide several advantages. It is not subject to damage while being mounted. The emitting surface can be made flat to within very close tolerances. In high-voltage operations no permanent damage results from arcing. The coating of the metallic surface is not subject to stripping under the influence of high electrostatic forces as is the case with the emitting layer of the oxide-coated cathode.

The troublesome interface effects found in oxide-coated cathodes are
eliminated. ${ }^{3}$ The cathode, while subject to poisoning by oxygen or oxygen compounds, recovers quickly. In fact, these cathodes may be used in demountable tubes where all that is necessary for proper operation after exposure to the atmosphere is a second activation process.

## Applications

Life has been found to be a function only of the temperature at which the cathode is operated and the quantity of barium in the pellet. Life tests have shown that the cathode when operating at $1,050 \mathrm{C}$ and at an emission density of 2 amp per sqcm has a life of thousands of hours. As the operating temperature is increased, the life is decreased so that when operating in the higher temperature regions where the emission is 250 to 300 amp per sq cm , the life would be expected to be reduced to some hundreds of hours.

The L-cathode has been used successfully in magnetrons, klystrons, disk-seal triodes, iconoscopes, special cathode-ray tubes

## Table II-Work Functions

| Type of Cathode | Work Function (volts) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tungsten. | 4.44 to 4.63 |
| Thoriated Tungsten | 2.6 to 2.9 |
| Oxide-Coated Cathode. . | 1.0 to 1.5 |
| L-Cathode | 1.6 to 2.0 |



FIG. 3-Theoretical thermal efficiency as function of saturation emission in amperes per square centimeter of cathode emitling surface
and other types of tubes where a high degree of reliability is required.

The smooth emitting surface makes it possible to hold the cathode-to-grid spacing to close tolerances. In magnetron applications, while the secondary-emission ratio has been found to be appreciably greater than one, it is not as large as the ratio found with conventional oxide-coated cathodes. In both reflex tubes and magnetrons the cathodes have proved capable of withstanding the heavy electron bombardment which takes place. In two similar reflex klystrons working in the $10-\mathrm{cm}$ region with a continuous cathode load of approximately 2 amp per sq cm, the L-cathode had an average life ten times greater than that of the conventional oxide-coated cathode.

Other applications of the new cathode are being explored. Some of its remarkable characteristics seem best suited for high-quality tubes where long life, good mechanical strength, and rigidity are required. The cathodes have been made available in experimental quantities to Government laboratories and the electron tube industry in this country, and production facilities are being established to meet large scale requirements.

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# Sidefire Helix UHF-TV Transmitting Antenna 


#### Abstract

Radiation-attenuated traveling-wave helical antenna provides power gain of 20 with a beaming bandwidth of 20 megacycles at one-db points. Design offers advantages of structural rigidity and ease of installation and adjustment


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TWO PRIME requirements of tv transmitting antennas are high gain and a uniform azimuth pattern. Also desirable are a minimum of feed complexities and a structure capable of withstanding all types of weather.

Antennas used thus far consist of a multiplicity of bays, the power gain being approximately equal to the number of bays. Each bay requires a feed point, with resulting complications. To reduce the number of bays and feed points, each feed point must provide illumination of an appreciable portion of the total aperture. This may be done by means of a traveling wave.

## High-Mode Helical Radiator

The antenna described in this article uses the traveling-wave principle to excite a large portion of the aperture from a single feed. Further, this traveling-wave is made to suffer rather high attenuation due to radiation loss. The far end of the conductor may be left open or shorted, rather than terminated, with negligible effects from the reflections occurring at the unterminated ends because of the small amount of energy remaining in the wave at this point. Thus, each portion of the wire serves as

[^7]a radiator and as a feed for successive portions simultaneously.

Since horizontal polarization is desired, it is necessary that the traveling wave of current have its greater component horizontal, yet some vertical travel must be achieved in order that required vertical aperture may be secured. A helix can meet the requirements if its pitch and diameter are properly controlled.

The helix must meet certain dimensional requirements as necessitated by the frequency. The currents at like points in each turn of the helix must be in phase. Thus the current, in progressing from turn to turn, must be delayed for each turn a time equal to that consumed by an integral number of cycles. In other words, each turn must be an integral number of wavelengths in helical circumference as measured at the velocity of propagation along the helix.

It is necessary, of course, to be able to support this helical radiator, preferably with a strong metal mast. The spacing of the helix from the mast must be such that an appreciable amount of radiation loss will occur along the helix per turn. The total length of the helix must be adjusted, commensurate with the loss per turn, so that the order of resonance occurring due to end reflections is low enough to


Four-bay $500-\mathrm{mc}$ antenna offers power gaim of twenty
avoid partial cloverleafing of the horizontal pattern because of the resonant current component. The active length of the helix must not be so great that the beaming bandwidth is too narrow because of progressive phase shift, yet long enough that a fair portion of the aperture is illuminated by one feed.

The operation of the helix can be analyzed by studying the radiation from one turn, and then applying well-known array factors to sum up the effect of all the turns.

Figure 1 shows the calculated results for the vertical pattern up to modes including the fifth (mode numbers correspond to numbers of wavelengths per helix turn). Note that the one-wavelength mode radiates rather uniformly in most directions, better along the axis than in its plane. This is the mode commonly used in the well-known endfire helices.

The one-wavelength mode does not lend itself to practical mast sup-
port. The strong loop field passes directly through the center of the loop, and a large metallic member causes serious disruption of normal operation. By using a higher-order mode, where the field at the center is zero, and where the diameter per turn is large enough to permit a sufficiently strong support without seriously disturbing operation, the desired radiation characteristics can be obtained.

Figures 2A and 2B show a sketch of the instantaneous fields existing in one turn of a first and second mode helix. Figure 2C shows the second mode helix field after a mast of required supporting size (for a power gain of 20) has been inserted along the axis. The fields of the one-wavelength helix would induce large counter currents in a mast the size of that in Fig. 2C. The net radiation loss per turn, because of the close mast spacing, would be too small to permit construction of a practical attenuated-traveling-wave


FIG. 1-Vertical patterns from one turn of integral-mode helix with zero pitch and attenuation. Patterns are shown up to fifth mode


FIG. 2-Partial instantaneous fields in first-mode helix without mast ( $A$ ), in second mode without mast (B), and in second mode with mast (C)
antenna. The fields in the second mode helix have not been seriously disturbed and the mast counter currents are proportionately reduced. The radiation loss per turn is now large enough to result in a useful attenuated traveling-wave. The mast size may now be adjusted to provide the desired loss per turn.

The mathematical analysis of one turn for the unattenuated case shows that the azimuth pattern is independent of azimuth angle or helix pitch in the plane at right angles to the helix axis, or the horizon. However, the pattern gradually becomes scalloped as the vertical, or parallelism with the helix axis, is approached. The depth of scalloping is a function of the helix pitch angle. No scalloping occurs with zero pitch angle. The scalloping is insignificant in the region of the horizontal beam produced by a practical helix.

Naturally, there is some component of vertically polarized radiation from the helix because of the helix pitch. The percentage of this component is appreciable when based on the analysis of a single turn. However, by making use of a right and a left hand helix, placed end to end and fed in the center, the vertical components can largely be made to cancel, while the horizontal components are reinforced.

## Four-Bay Antenna

The high-gain antenna is made of four vertically-stacked bays each having a power gain of five. Most of the initial development work was done on models in the 2,000 and $1,000-\mathrm{mc}$ region to facilitate construction and handling. Since all four bays of the high-gain antenna are electrically identical, only one bay will be described in some detail. Operation in the second mode was found to satisfy all electrical and mechanical requirements. That is, each turn of the helix is two wavelengths in circumference at the velocity of propagation along the helix. The antenna has thus come to be called a second-mode side-fire helical antenna.

The length of one bay is five wavelengths. This length also corresponds to the distance between feed points of the four bays. A series feed is used and the distance
between feeds must be an integral number of wavelengths to yield inphase feeding of the four bays. The five-wavelength bay spacing results in near optimum array factor for the particular pattern produced by one bay.

Figure 3A shows the vertical pattern produced by one bay of a $500-\mathrm{mc}$ model. Note the lack of side lobes, in spite of the fact that each bay in itself is in reality a multibay array. This results from the exponential energy distribution over the aperture of one bay. Figure 3B shows the horizontal pattern attained for a one-day model having certain constructional features.

## Feed System

A right and a left hand helix are used in each bay. Each helix has five turns. The two helices are placed end to end, and fed at their junction, which is in the center of the bay.

The use of center feed on each bay prevents beam tilt in the beam of the basic bays. The upper and lower portions advance and retard in phase, keeping the maximum field on the horizon. However, the beamwidth will increase, resulting in a net reduction of gain. The beaming bandwidth is defined as the total frequency separation between the two points where the half-power beamwidth has increased 1 db .

For television purposes, it was decided to make this bandwidth on the order of twenty megacycles, to insure that over the channel the gain variation would be negligible. The beaming curve has a rather flat bottom; the channel under consideration may be placed on this flat portion. Feeding the two helices in parallel has the advantage of reducing the feed resistance per bay to a more convenient value.

By estimating the attenuation and calculating the surge imped-
ance, it was found that the net distributed radiation resistance per turn is on the order of 200 ohms . In the uhf range, even such a high value of distributed resistance results in insignificant phase angle in the surge impedance of the helix.

The helices are supported by Kel-F insulators. This material has excellent mechanical and weathering properties, combined with a very low dielectric constant. A low dielectric constant is desirable to prevent reflections at the support points. The loss factor is high compared to polystyrene or Teflon, but not high enough to result in sufficient loss to cause damage to the insulators, even with ten kilowatts into one bay. There are, of course, no resonant high-voltage points to cause trouble. The ends of the helix may be grounded to the mast to provide lightning protection.

The intrabay feed system is coaxial, with the mast itself serving as the outer conductor. The inner conductor is shorted to the mast a quarter-wave above the top bay feed for mechanical support and r-f isolation of the rest of the mast. The main-line input at the bottom of the antenna is designed for $3 \frac{1}{8}-$ inch line. This input enters the mast from the side through a special matched $T$. The inner conductor is again shorted to the mast a quarter-wave below this input.

The individual bays are probecoupled to the inner conductor not making direct connection. The probes are adjusted so that each bay receives one-quarter of the input power. Impedance match is maintained throughout the mast coax for maximum bandwidth.

The hollow inner conductor is of adequate size to permit the beacon lighting cable to pass directly up inside it. Thus a means is provided for running this cable without danger of disturbing the antenna oper-


Closeup view of one bay of 500 -me sidefire belical antenna. Each turn of the helix is two wavelengths long at the velocity of propagation along the helix


FIG. 3-Measured vertical pattern ( $\mathbf{A}$ ) and horizontal voltage pattern (B) of single-bay 500 -me model
ation as might occur if the cable had to be run outside the mast.

The series type feed system used will cause overall beam tilt to result when the frequency is shifted far enough from center. Over one television channel the amount of tilt occurring is inconsequential.

For very high installations it might be desirable to tilt the beam downward so as to graze the horizon, because of the narrow beam. This antenna lends itself admirably to simply accomplishing this beam tilt to the small amounts desired without disturbing the impedance and power distribution. Because the currents on the antenna are of the traveling-wave type, the instantaneous phase is a function of azimuth. Hence, by mechanically rotating one portion of the antenna relative to the other portion, beam tilt can be produced because the relative phase between bays has now been effectively changed.

Sleet-melting is accomplished by running sufficiently high 60-cycle current through the helix Copperweld conductors.

To Professor Howard G. Smith of Cornell University, who spent the summer of 1950 with G-E, goes much of the credit for development of successful operating models of this antenna. Credit is also due R. E. Fisk, who contributed many ideas and gave patient assistance.


FIG. 1—Basic circuit using 500 -mc sweep at 60 -cps rate in 4 kmc region


FIG. 2-Control voltage waveshapes

# Traveling-Wave Amplifier Measurements 

Rapid sweep-frequency technique used at $4,000 \mathrm{mc}$ can be applied to all broad-band amplifier measurements. Oscilloscope display shows transmission accurate to 0.1 db and return-loss values up to 40 db

EXtension of microwave com-mon-carrier circuits for transcontinental television programming has necessitated the development of quick and accurate test procedures. Techniques described in this article have direct application at $4,000 \mathrm{mc}$, but the same methods are also in general use in the regions of both 60 and 400 mc .
For general studies of broadband networks, amplifiers and particularly traveling-wave tubes, it is advantageous to use sweep-frequency measuring techniques. By these methods it is possible at a glance to observe either the transmission or impedance characteristics. When adjustments are made, the effect on the overall characteristic is seen. This is particularly important in double-coupled or stag-gered-circuit work.

By careful design and construction of the measuring equipment it is possible to make transmission measurements to an accuracy of better than 2 percent over ranges of 500 megacycles in the $4,000 \mathrm{meg}$ acycle common-carrier band.

A block diagram of the basic cir-

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cuit is shown in Fig. 1. At the left is the r-f power source consisting of a low-power microwave oscillator of the close-spaced triode type driving a traveling-wave amplifier having an output of about one watt, which is sufficient for the type of measurement to be described. By mechanical means, the oscillator is swept at a 60 -cycle rate from 3,700 to 4,200 megacycles.

A small amount of power from the traveling-wave tube is rectified by a crystal, is amplified and fed back to the grid-bias circuit of the oscillator to provide envelope feedback around both the oscillator and amplifier. In this manner the output of the traveling-wave ampifier is made flat to about $\pm 0.2 \mathrm{db}$ over the band.
The power passes two absorptiontype frequency meters that provide two markers on the oscilloscope trace to indicate the band limits. The power divides equally in the
hybrid junction, passes through two attenuators, and is rectified in two identical crystals.
The outputs of the crystals are switched at a 30 -cycle rate by a polarized mercury-type relay and are alternately connected to the Yaxis amplifier of a standard oscilloscope. Attenuators $D$ and $E$ are adjusted until the traces coincide and the gain of the Y-axis amplifier is adjusted for a sensitivity of one db per inch deflection between the two traces as measured by either attenuator $D$ or $E$.

A circuit to be measured may now be placed in the unknown position. Attenuator $D$ is adjusted until the traces again coincide. The gain or loss of the circuit is indicated by the change in attenuator setting and the flatness is indicated to an accuracy of about 0.1 db on the oscilloscope scale by direct comparison of the oscilloscope traces.

Figure 2 shows the waveshapes of the control voltages referred to the 60 -cycle power-line wave. Waveshapes of oscilloscope blanking, 30cycle switch voltage, oscillator frequency and oscilloscope sweep


FIG. 3-Circuits for measuring transmission and output-impedance characteristics of broad-band networks or 1 -w amplifiers


FIG. 5-Modification to measure input impedance of the $t$-w amplifier
versus time are shown. The oscilloscope sweep voltage is made to match approximately the oscillator frequency-sweep characteristic so that the frequency display is linear to within 10 percent. Each time the oscillator frequency is increasing the 30 -cycle switch operates connecting one of the two crystals $B$ or $C$ to the oscilloscope. Hysteresis effects of the mechanical sweep mechanism are eliminated.

Figure 3 shows the circuit to measure simultaneously both the transmission and output impedance characteristics of traveling-wave amplifiers or broad-band networks. Measurements at both high and low power can be made. The circuit is similar to the basic circuit shown in Fig. 1 except for the addition of a second hybrid junction, two calibrated attenuators, and a 20 -foot section of shorted waveguide.

The set is calibrated by omitting the traveling-wave amplifier to be tested and adjusting attenuators $D$ and $E$ until the traces coincide as before with attenuator $G$ at maximum attenuation. The amplifier to be measured is inserted and attenuator $D$ is adjusted until the traces
again coincide. The change in attenuator $D$ setting is the gain. By substituting a power meter for crystal $B$ and taking into account the 3 -db loss in the hybrid junction and the loss of attenuator $F$ the power output may be measured.

The output impedance of the traveling-wave amplifier with the tube delivering its normal power output may also be measured by adjusting attenuator $G$ for a convenient amplitude of ripples on the transmission characteristic such as 0.1 db . With this amplitude of ripples the sum of the return loss of the sending and load impedances is 45 db . For this ripple amplitude, the return loss is the difference between 45 db and twice the sum of the loss of the 20 -foot waveguide, the loss of the hybrid junction and the attenuation of attenuator $G$.
The equations on Fig. 4 show some simple relationships as used in the long-line method of measuring output impedance. Equation 1 is the frequency in megacycles between ripples related to the line length. In this relation, $V_{g}$ is the group velocity; $L$ is the length of the line in feet; and $C$ is the veloc-


FIG. 4-Relationships used in the long-line impedance measuring
ity of light. The line length is chosen to provide the desired resolution of impedance characteristic.

Equation 2 is the relation of the standing wave as seen on the oscilloscope to the reflection coefficients of the source and load impedances. Equation 3 is the relation of return loss to reflection coefficient.

Equations 2 and 3 are plotted in Fig. 4. For convenience the point corresponding to a total $W$ of 45 db is chosen in making measurements.

The arrangement of apparatus shown in Fig. 5 is used to measure the input impedance of the travel-ing-wave amplifier. To calibrate, a short circuit is substituted for the traveling-wave amplifier under test, attenuator $A$ is set to 40 db and the gain of the oscilloscope is adjusted until the signal trace is separated from the base line by 0.1 inch. A return loss of 40 db can now be measured.

The base line is obtained by disconnecting one crystal from the $30-$ cycle switch. The accuracy of measurement is checked by connecting a termination with a $W$ of about 40 db in place of the travel-ing-wave amplifier under test and setting attenuator $A$ to zero db. Movement of the precision termination will cause ripples to move on the signal trace. If the balance of the hybrid is good and the $W$ of the precision termination is satisfactory, these ripples will be small compared to a $W$ reading of 40 db .

The traveling-wave amplifier input impedance may now be measured by connecting it as shown and adjusting attenuator $A$ for 0.1 -inch deflection on the oscilloscope. The return loss is read directly as the difference in attenuator $A$ setting.

WHERE A MULTIPLICITY of information sources must be observed, some system of scanning or sequential sampling may be employed so that certain pieces of measuring equipment need not be duplicated for each information source to be studied. Where the information sources are of low level, special design problems arise. Several high-speed scanning systems are described below that are applicable to low-level operation.

There are two general types of scanners. First, scanners in which the commutating element also carries the information; and second, the type in which the informationcarrying element is controlled by a separate commutating system. The capacitance scanner is one of the first type.

## Capacitance Scanner

Basically, the capacitance scanner consists of a large number of input plates to which the individual signal sources are attached. The information applied to the input plate is capacitively coupled to a pickup plate which is moved successively from one plate to another in a predetermined order.

Within the frequency limits of the scanner, the capacitance system is an ideal scanning device. The noise components resulting from the scanning operation are practically eliminated since the variation in average d-c potential from input element to input element is negligible and no direct current flows through the scanner. The noise performance is limited by the output impedance, Johnson noise, and the losses through the scanner.

As is true with most mechanical devices, the life of the capacitance scanner is limited. Another basic limitation of this type of scanner is the top operating speed.

## MERB Tube Scanner

For very high scanning rates it is necessary to go to the use of electron beams or electronic circuits. Figure 1 shows a cutaway view of a typical multiple element radial beam tube scanner. For the sake of simplicity the abbreviation MERB

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FIG. 1-Cutaway view of multiple element radial beam tube scanner

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tube ${ }^{1}$ will be used in connection with this tube. Figure 2 is a photograph of such a tube in a complete 50 -element scanner. The arrangement of the elements is shown in Fig. 3.

The physical construction and relative location of the elements is similar to a standard pentode. A common heater and cathode are located at the center as an electron source. The next element out is the inner grid or accelerating grid common to all elements; next, the screen posts, then the signal grids, in the suppressor grid position, and finally the plate. Each signal grid is separated from the adjacent signal grid by a post. The MERB tube shown in Fig. 1 has twentyfive separate signal grids.

In operation, the tube is placed in a strong uniform magnetic field perpendicular to the cathode so that the electron stream from the cathode is focused into a radial beam which flows through one of the signal grid elements to the plate. The
focusing of the electron beam is controlled both by the strength of the field and by the voltages on the tube elements. By varying the voltage on this signal grid the current to the plate can be varied. By rotating the field about the axis of the cathode the electron stream can be focused successively on each signal grid. The focusing action of the field produces a double-ended electron beam; with the result that all elements are scanned twice with each revolution. The scanning rate is twice the number of elements times the excitation frequency.

In the scanning system shown in Fig. 2 the MERB tube is used to scan 50 input elements. Each input element has a preamplifier and each element of the MERB tube is connected to two preamplifier outputs. By switching the input preamplifiers on alternately in groups as each end of the scanner beam comes around, all 50 elements are scanned by one revolution of the field about the MERB tube. This


FIG. 2-Complete scanner using muttiple-element radial beam tube to sample 50 different signal sources

# Sampling Techniques 

Space, materials and money can be saved by scanning low-level information sources and using common amplifying, indicating and recording equipment. Survey of sampling systems helps designers choose best system for application to future developments

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same system could be extended to enable a 25 -element MERB tube to scan any multiple of 25 inputs.

The major precaution necessary to keep the scanning noise of the MERB tube at a low level is to operate with very low plate current. Low plate current and reasonable transmission is obtained by the use of low voltages on the tube elements. This method of operation necessitates accepting relatively high loss through the tubes, about 6 to 1. The actual gain or loss through the scanner is not in itself too important except for its affect on overall signal-to-noise ratio of
the system. The scanner noise should always be greater than the thermal noise level in the scanner output circuit. For most applications it has been necessary to use a one-tube preamplifier ahead of each element to get optimum signal-to-noise ratio.

## F-M Scanner

Figure 4 shows a circuit diagram of an f-m scanner. This scanner is the type in which a vacuum-tube amplifier is provided for each input element. The vacuum-tube amplifier is normally biased off so that no information can be transmitted
from the input to the common output. When it is desired to read information from that particular input element the vacuum-tube amplifier is biased on and allowed to transmit the information to the


FIG. 3-Physical construction and element arrangement of MERB 'tube is similar to standard pentode
output circuit. Several methods are available for performing this switching operation. The particular commutation control element described here is called an f-m scanner control unit. It has the advantage that the equipment required at the scanner itself is small and light and does not necessarily contain vacuum tubes. Only one line is needed between the scanner and the control element, and the control element can be remotely located if necessary. The number of elements is not restricted and can be easily changed.

Each scanner element is provided with a tuned circuit $T_{1}$ and diode rectifier $D$. Power is coupled into each tuned circuit from a common bus coming from the control unit. When the common bus is excited at the frequency of the tuned circuit, an a-c voltage is transmitted to the diode rectifier element and a d-c output proportional to the excitation on the common bus is applied to the grid of the scanner tube. If the tube is normally biased off and the polarity of the rectified signal is such as to bias the tube on, then that particular tube can be turned on by exciting the common bus at the frequency of the resonant circuit. If each resonant circuit of the different scanner elements is tuned to a slightly different frequency from the one next to it, the circuits can be switched on in sequence by sweeping the common bus excitation frequency through the range of the tuned resonant circuits.

Smooth commutation from element to element is obtained by us-


FIG. 4-Typical f -m scanner circuit


FIG. 5-Subminiature f-m scanner elements
ing the tuned circuit resonance curve as the switching pulse. A smooth or linear sweep frequency rate is used in this case. If desired, an effective square-wave pulse can be applied to each grid by stepping the frequency from that of one tuned circuit to that of the next and so on. It is also possible to stop and turn on only one element at a time and look at that element for as long as necessary by merely exciting the common bus at that particular frequency.

Figure 5 shows two different types of resonant frequency circuits and diode rectifier elements. The unit on the right and center uses subminiature tubes and contains both controlled preamplifier and the switching circuit. The unit on the left uses a germanium diode mounted directly on the tuned circuit. The preamplifier is not included.

## Scanning Noise

A scanner as it operates, scanning the input circuits, will generate in its output circuit a complex voltage or current fluctuation which is caused by the scanning action. This noise voltage or current fluctuation is a complex wave which repeats each scanning cycle. In general, this scanning noise is larger than the Johnson noise of the system and is the noise level which
limits the application of the scanner to low-noise circuits.
The scanning noise of a scanner is actually made up of a broad spectrum of finite frequency components each of which is a multiple of the scanning rate. The amplitude of each of these components decreases as the frequency of the component increases. In practice, the scanner output is fed into a band-pass filter which allows only the frequencies around the signal frequency to pass.
If the proper restrictions are placed upon the band pass of the filter following the scanner it is possible to plot a universal noise characteristic curve for the scanner. This noise characteristic will be the same regardless of the actual scanning rate of the scanner. The restriction which must be placed upon the band pass of the system following the scanner is that the band pass be just wide enough to pass the important modulation components introduced by the scanning action. Under these conditions the band pass becomes a fixed multiple of the scanning frequency, the multiplying factor depending upon the shape of the scanner output wave.

The actual noise characteristic for a scanner can be obtained at any practical operating scanning speed. It is possible to evaluate a
scanning apparatus with normally available laboratory equipment and using low or readily available scanning speeds. If the information obtained is plotted as shown in Fig. 6 with a horizontal scale which is a multiple of the scanning rate, the resultant curve is the noise characteristic of the scanner and can be applied to all operating scanning rates for the scanner to determine the circuits required ahead of the scanner.

The two curves on Fig. 6 show the noise characteristic of the MERB tube scanner and the f-m scanner. Both characteristics have essentially the same shape. The level of the noise curve depends upon how well balanced are the different tubes or elements of the scanner. If all of the elements are exactly the same and are switched simultaneously there will be very little scanning noise generated. Practically speaking, this is never true; hence, the amount of noise generated in a scanner depends upon the patience and ability of the designer to select tubes or design a circuit to eliminate tube variations.

The actual rate of cutoff of the noise characteristic curve can be improved by the use of properly shaped pulses for switching. Smooth commutation such as that available in the $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{m}$ unit will tend to reduce the high-frequency components of the noise. This is shown by the faster decay in the characteristic curve for the f-m scanner. In this particular case the element amplifiers were operated at normal plate current levels. In general, the level of the noise charactertistic can be reduced by operating the tubes at very low current levels.

## Reducing Noise

Once the noise characteristic of a scanner is obtained it is fairly easy to outline methods which can be used to make a scanner operate at lower signal levels. Two general approaches can be applied. One is to modify the external circuit to make the best use of the scanner noise characteristic; the other is to work directly with the scanner to try to reduce the level of the noise characteristic.

A study of the noise characteristic curve will show that there are two ways of reducing noise by external circuit modifications. One is to increase the frequency of the signal carrier and the other is to reduce the band pass to the absolute minimum required to pass the information. If the application permits, raising the carrier frequency is an easy way to reduce scanner noise. If the signal frequency cannot be changed, the operating frequency of the scanner can often be raised by mixing in the scanner. The normal loss in gain due to mixing must be taken into account so that a larger increase in frequency is required than would be needed if mixing were not used.
In working with the scanner directly there are four methods or approaches for improving the noise


FIG. 6-Noise characteristics of two scanner types
characteristic or reducing the amount of noise generated by the scanning action. All four methods are based on reducing the amplitude of the variation between elements or reducing the switching rate between elements:
(1) Reduction of the quiescent or average d-c level of the scanner to the absolute minimum necessary to give useable results. The scanning noise components are proportional to the average current. If the average current can be reduced without a proportional reduction in signal gain, a net improvement in signal-to-noise ratio results.
(2) Balancing of all the scanner
elements so that differences between $d$-c element values are reduced to a minimum.
(3) Increasing the cross-over time between elements. This can be done by proper shaping of the transfer conditions so that a minimum amount of high-frequency components is generated. In general, the noise is generated during the switching period between elements and is caused by dissimilarity between elements of the scanner or gaps in transmission between elements. Any procedure which tends to reduce the dissimilarity and eliminate the gap or reduce the rapidity with which the dissimilarity or gap occurs will aid in reducing the amplitude of the high frequency component generated by the scanning action. An improvement of this kind makes the noise characteristic decay faster with increase in signal frequency.
(4) Reduction of scanning rate. If a slower scanning rate can be tolerated, this will have the same effect as increasing the signal carrier frequency. In addition, a narrower band pass can also be used.

The foregoing methods for improving signal to noise performance of a scanner can be applied to any such commutating device. In general, to utilize a scanner at very low signal levels it is necessary that the information in the signal be available to the scanner at a frequency higher than the scanning rate. Just how much higher will depend upon how low a signal level must be observed and upon the noise characteristic of the particular scanner.

The scanners described here have utilized a switching characteristic or wave form approaching a cosine function in order to obtain smooth commutation. Other switching characteristics will produce a different scanner noise characteristic curve, but the basic problems are the same. Optimum scanner design for any application requires a suitable compromise between circuit complexity, switching characteristics, scanning rate, and scanning noise performance.

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Color generator, exclusive of power supplies, occupies $24 \frac{1}{2}$ panel inches


In color, bars from left to right would appear as red, green, white, yellow and blue for this particular setting of color potentiometers

# Picture Generator 

# Simple equipment is added to conventional black-and-white picture-generating setup to provide color-striped pictures for testing either simultaneous and dot-sequential systems or field-sequential system. Complete adjustability of colors is possible 

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THE CURRENT INTEREST in color television systems is, among other things, likely to produce the need for a simple means of generating color television signals.
In the early stages of the present monochrome television system, complete camera chains were soon discarded in favor of the simpler and more reliable monoscope pattern generator as a general laboratory and test line video signal source. In the design, development, and manufacture of color television apparatus, a simple and reliable signal generator is also highly desirable. Current techniques for the production of color television signals rely heavily upon flying-spot scanners or direct-pickup cameras. Although these devices may be
made reliable, they are not particularly simple, nor are they inexpensive. In addition, the versatility of subject material provided by such apparatus is a feature of questionable merit for routine testing.

The purpose of this article is to describe a simple all-electronic source of color television images which may be added to an existing black-and-white television installation. The unit will provide signals for either simultaneous and dotsequential systems employing current monochrome standards or for the recently standardized fieldsequential system.

Output from the apparatus consists of a monoscope or other television test pattern upon which is superimposed a series of five verti-
cal bars. The hue and saturation of each bar is independently variable and under the operator's control. Any color combination whatever, including black or white, may be obtained. The color signal generator derives its input signals, including the monoscope pattern, from existing television equipment.

## Color Mixers

A block diagram of the signal generator is shown in Fig. 1. The black-and-white video pattern to be "colored" is inserted at the lower left of the sketch. Following amplification in the two-stage video amplifier, the signal is applied simultaneously to the three mixer, or modulator, stages marked green, red and blue. When no modulating


FIG. 1-Chain of tive multivibrators, triggered by blanking signal, turns on five different colors during horizontal trace


FIG. 2-Waveform chart shows functions of various stages during trace

# For Color Television 

signal is applied to the three mixers, we may assume that the gains of each mixer-output tube combination may be so adjusted that the green, red, and blue output signals are indentical, or nearly so; that is, the apparatus becomes essentially a triple output distribution amplifier. For a properly balanced threecolor display, this condition will correspond, by convention, to a black-and-white picture. To obtain a color picture, the gains of the mixer tubes must be individually modulated in some desirable manner. One form of modulating signal which produces a useful geometrical color pattern may be obtained from the components shown in the upper portion of the diagram.

A negative composite blanking signal, that is, a white picture, is used as the triggering voltage for the input stage of a chain of five one-shot multivibrators. The trigger amplifier and first multivibrator are arranged to fire on the trailing edge of the blanking waveform, so that operation of the circuit begins synchronously with the start of the television system trace time. Upon completion of its turn-
over cycle the first multivibrator triggers the second of the chain; the second fires the third, and so on, until the action terminates with the operation of the fifth and last stage.

Each multivibrator is adjusted to have a pulse width of approximately one-fifth the system trace time, so that the entire action requires one line of the television picture. Consequently, the voltages applied to the cathode follower stages consist of five successive pulses occurring in time sequence across the picture from left to right.

The cathode followers (which also operate as limiters) are provided with a network of three potentiometers and three resistors in each of their cathode circuits. The object of this arrangement is to permit any amplitude of any one or more of the five pulses to be delivered to the three bus bars marked green, red and blue. The bus bars, in turn, are connected via suitable amplifiers to the suppressor grids of the green, red and blue mixer-modulator tubes, so that modulation of the input video sig-
nal in accordance with the various pulse amplitudes is the end result.

Figure 2 illustrates the functions of the various components of the block diagram. The blanking signal which triggers the five multivibrators is at the top. The second line shows the output of the trigger amplifier, an inversion of the input voltage. The first pulse generator output is shown on the third line of the chart. The second, third, fourth, and fifth pulses are generated in sequence-each one generated by relaxation of the previous stage.
A random mixture of the five pulses is shown at the center of the figure, while modulation of a video signal by this waveform is shown on the remaining lines. It should be noted that the bottom line, marked final output, represents the signal for one color only. When the apparatus is adjusted to produce a color picture, the three signal outputs will differ from one another as the green, red, and blue content of the picture varies across the image.

Since the timing of the pattern generator is determined entirely by


FIG. 3-Circuit of keying pulse generator. The switch adjusting the multivibrator time constant allows quick changeover from present standards to field-sequential standards
the repetition rate of the input blanking signal, operation at line rates other than that standardized for black and white television may be obtained by changing the five pulse durations appropriately. To accommodate operation with the field-sequential color television system, we have included a ganged switch in the active grid time constant of each multivibrator, which may be used to halve the pulse width. The waveform chart would be the same for the higher speed operation.

## Trigger Circuit

A simplified schematic diagram of the trigger amplifier and one of the pulse generators is shown in Fig. 3. The multivibrator is of the cathode-coupled one-shot type and is straightforward in design. The negative composite blanking signal applied to the grid of the 6AH6 trigger amplifier causes an abrupt drop in the amplifier plate voltage synchronous with the trailing edge of the blanking signal. The 6SN7 multivibrator and the 1 N34A diode are arranged in such a way that the pulse generator is sensitive only to negative-going voltages. Accordingly, operation of the multivibrator is initiated by the trailing edge of the blanking signal.

The relaxation time of the multivibrator is controlled in the usual manner through the application of
a variable bias voltage to the active control grid. In addition, as previously noted, a switch is provided to vary the time constant in this grid by a factor of two-to-one so that operation on either field sequential color standards or current black and white standards may be obtained. The second multivibrator of the chain is triggered by recovery of the first inasmuch as a large negative voltage drop appears at the first multivibrator output plate at this point in the cycle.

Mixing of the pulses generated by the multivibrators of Fig. 3 occurs in the cathode circuits of the five cathode followers which are shown at the center of the block diagram. In Fig. 4 may be seen the manner in which the five cathode-follower outputs are combined into three independently variable modulating waveforms. The word "independent" is based on the assumption that one percent crosscoupling between the various pulse amplitude controls is tolerable. Practical laboratory experience with the equipment indicates this to be the case.

## Mixer Circuit

The circuit arrangement is such that any amplitude of any pulse may be applied to any one of the three bus bars by appropriate manipulation of the fifteen potentiometers. With reference to the


FIG. 4-Fifteen potentiometers in pulse mixer circuit shown permit adjustment of color in each band
generated color pattern, it might be said that the potentiometers of cathode-follower number one correspond to the red, green, and blue values of bar number one in the color picture, and so on.

Initial amplitude adjustment of each keying pulse is provided by a screw-driver adjustment, so that the pulse voltages from the cathode followers may be equalized. The 10,000 -ohm resistors between the potentiometers and the bus bars provide isolation from crosscoupling. A simple two-stage amplifier is provided to raise the output from each color bus bar to a level suitable for operation of the video modulator tubes.

One of the modulator stages is shown in Fig. 5. The video signal is applied to the control grid of a 6AS6, while the pulse modulation voltage is applied to the suppressor. The d-c component is reinserted for both input signals so that operation of the modulator will be unaffected by variations in duty cycle of the video or pulse information. A meter is provided which may be switched into the cathode circuit of each modulator tube for the purpose of setting black current to within a few hundred microamperes of cutoff. Each modulator is followed by a conventional high-impedance current driver for low-impedance lines. The signal delivered to a 75 -ohm cable from each output may be ad-
justed to a maximum of two volts peak-to-peak. The output signal does not contain synchronizing information since sync is seldom, if ever, present on a video signal at this point in a color television system.

## Color-Monochrome Switch

Finally, the pattern generator contains one very useful device which will be appreciated by those who have been working with color television systems. This is a switch, called a COLOR-MONOCHROME switch, which may be operated to produce an unmodulated black-and-white output from the apparatus. When set to the COLOR position, the generator produces the color pattern set-up on the control panel. When the switch is set to mONOCHROME, the generator becomes essentially a distribution amplifier; that is, the video signals on all three outputs are identical, and are unmodulated. This arrangement is useful for checking the color balance of subsequent apparatus.

Some typical laboratory applications of the pattern generator's color signals might be of interest. For this purpose we will choose a monoscope test chart modulated so that the colors produced are red, green, white, yellow and blue as shown in the test pattern photo.

## Oscillograms

First, this color signal may be applied to a dot-sequential color transmitter and the resulting video
output observed on an oscilloscope operating at line rate. The oscillogram of Fig. 6A shows the sync signal, the color sync burst, and the video information together with the superimposed color carrier. The transmitter we are observing samples the color information at symmetrical angles, and is adjusted in accordance with the operating practice implied in the early proposals for a color television system of this type. It can be seen that the red, green, and blue areas, being saturated single colors, cause the color carrier to swing below black. For the yellow area, which is a saturated two-color area, overmodulation beyond reference white occurs, while for the white central area, the color carrier disappears altogether.

If the color carrier is removed, as in Fig. 6B, it may be seen that this transmitter is correctly adjusted to weigh red, green, and blue equally in the monochrome component of the transmitted signal. It is worthy of note that for any one color the contribution to the monochrome is one-third; for yellow it is two-thirds; and for white, of course, three-thirds.

Having checked the transmitter adjustments, the performance of the color receiver may be examined. It is desirable that the receiver reproduce the colors of the original scene with reasonable accuracy. That is, the phase of the local color subcarrier oscillator at the receiver must be correctly located.


FIG. 5-Video information is fed to control grid of modulator, while pulse modulation voltage is applied to the suppressor


FIG. 6-Oscillograms show waveforms with different combinations of information, as explained individually in text

Let us connect the oscilloscope to the blue video signal channel of the receiver and observe the result. The original colors were red, green, white, yellow and blue, in that order. Therefore, an oscilloscope connected to the blue channel should show no signal during the red and green bars, full signal for the white area, no signal for the yellow bar, and full signal for the blue area. The oscillogram of Fig. 6 C shows that this is not the case. Due to misphasing at the receiver, both the red and green areas of the signal show some output in the blue channel. In particular, the blue tube is slightly illuminated during the red area while it is driven below cutoff during the green area. In addition, the blue tube is not at full brightness during the blue area. Obviously, a readjustment of the receiver phase control is required. This operation is readily performed by adjusting for minimum signal in the red and green areas.

Figure 6D shows conditions prevailing in the blue channel for correct phasing.


STEP MULTIPLIER RACKS (first, third, fifth and seventh racks from left) in missile simulator section of Project Typhoon computer, In foreground is servo-controlled missile model to show attitude of missile constantly during solution of target-interceptior problem


FIG. 1-Basic block diagram of step multiplier


FIG. 2-Method of handling input voliages of both signs in multiplier

# Step Multiplier in <br> Guided Missile Computer 


#### Abstract

Need for test firings of new missile designs is minimized by simulating missile and target characteristics with new 4,000 -tube analog computer. Required precision is obtained with reversible binary counter and relay-operated conductance networks in step multiplier


PROJECT TYPHOON is a largescale analog-type computer built specifically for the investigation of problems relative to the design of complete guided missile systems, under contract with the Office of Naval Research, Special Devices Center. The computer is divided into several sections, each of which handles some particular phase of a complete guided missile system problem. The major sections are (a) the missile simulator, (b) aerodynamic computer, (c) guidance computer, (d) target simulator computer, (e) recording and display devices and (f) power supply to operate complete simulator.

The input to the missile simulator computer consists of voltages representing aerodynamic forces along the three missile axes (roll, pitch and yaw), aerodynamic torques about the three missile axes, initial position of missile in earth axes, initial spin velocities about the three missile axes, initial linear velocities along the three missile axes, and initial attitude of missile axes relatives to earth axes expressed as direction cosines.

The output consists of missile position in earth coordinates, missile velocities in earth axes, missile linear velocities in missile axes, missile angular velocities (spins) about missile axes, and missile attitude in terms of direction cosines of missile axes relative to earth axes. Among the components required for this section are several high-speed multipliers of high precision. High-precision multipliers were required particularly for maintaining orthogonality of the

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earth and missile axes systems as the computation proceeds. The step multiplier as described in this article was developed for this application. Thirty-six multiplications and eighteen integrations are made in this section.

The guidance computer is a flexible arrangement of components interconnected by means of patch cords in a manner dependent on the nature of the guidance system. It receives information from the target simulator and missile simulator and delivers its output to the aerodynamic computer.

The aerodynamic computer receives missile velocity, altitude and attitude information from the missile simulator, and missile fin deflection information from the guidance computer. It computes the aerodynamic forces and torques, and routes this information to the missile simulator section. Thus, a closed-loop computing system is formed.
Target trajectory is generated as target position in earth coordinates by the target simulator. Target maneuvers are made by operation of target speed, climb and turn controls.

The recording and display devices consist of two Electronic Associates Variplotters which are normally used for missile and target trajectory plotting in both the horizontal and vertical planes, eighteen GE photoelectric recorders which may be used to record any
eighteen variables desired, a missile model which assumes the attitude and fin deflections of the missile being simulated, and a three-dimensional trajectory model which moves objects representing the missile and target in three dimensions.

An idea of the size of the computer may be gained from the following tabulation of certain components:

| Section | Stabilized <br> D-C Amplifiers | Computing <br> Servo Units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aerodynamics..... | 135 | 6 |
| Guidance........ | 148 | 11 |
| Missile Simulator.. | 135 | 9 |
| Target Simulator... | 9 | 2 |
| Recording........ | 18 |  |
| TOTAL....... | 445 | 19 |

There are a large number of various other types of components which have not been tabulated. For example, a large bank of polystyrene capacitors in the guidance computer makes possible 80 simultaneous integrations in this section. The computing equipment is mounted in 43 special racks, each rack being 9 feet high. Forty of the racks are standard width, and three are double standard width. About 4,000 vacuum tubes are employed, and the total power consumption is 46 kilowatts.

## Step Multiplier Design

Project Typhoon requires a multiplier of very high precision and moderate speed of response, for application in certain critical parts. Servo-type multipliers to meet both requirements seemed to be beyond the realm of practicability, and no all-electronic multiplier investigated had sufficiently high accu-
racy. As a consequence, the step multiplier was developed.

In principle, the step multiplier and servo multiplier are similar. Figure 1 is a basic block diagram of the step multiplier. The count stored in the reversible binary counter is made proportional to the input variable $X$. The conductances of the relay-operated conductance networks are each made proportional to the count stored in the reversible binary counter, and hence are proportional also to the variable $X$. Thus, if a voltage $Y$ is applied to the input of one of the conductance networks (V), the output current will be $X Y$ and will appear as a voltage proportional to $X Y$ at the output terminals of amplifier VIII.

The reversible binary counter either counts at a rate determined by the frequency of the oscillator, or the number in the register remains stationary, depending upon the value of the input voltage to the polarity-sensitive gate circuits. If this input voltage exceeds a certain positive value, the counter will subtract one unit for every pulse from the pulse former. If this input voltage exceeds a certain negative value, the counter will add one unit for every pulse from the pulse former. Should this voltage be zero, or any value between the minimum add or subtract voltages, the count will remain stationary.
If the current fed back to the summing point of amplifier VII from conductance network IV is of the same magnitude but of opposite polarity relative to the current fed to the same point by the variable
$X$, the output of VII will be zero and the count will remain stationary. Should this not be the case, the counter will count in the proper direction and change the conductance of IV until the aforementioned condition prevails. Thus, if $G$ is the conductance of each conductance network, $K$ is the input voltage to conductance network IV and $X$ is the input voltage to summing conductance $g_{1}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
G=X_{o 1} / K \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The input currents to amplifiers VIII and IX will then be

$$
\begin{aligned}
& i_{V I I I}=X Y_{o 1} / K \\
& i_{I X}=X Z_{01} / K
\end{aligned}
$$

The output voltages of amplifiers VIII and IX will be

$$
\begin{align*}
& E_{\text {VIIII }}=-X Y / K  \tag{2}\\
& E_{I X}=-X Z / K
\end{align*}
$$

since the feedback conductance of each amplifier is $g_{1}$.

Negative values for $G$ are not obtainable since the conductance networks are composed of passive elements only. Hence, some scheme must be provided so that negative and positive values for $X$ may be handled. This may be accomplished by effectively adding a fixed voltage $C$ to $X$ of greater magnitude than $X$ will ever be, and subtracting a voltage $C Y / K$ from the output of the multiplier. This is illustrated in block diagram form in Fig. 2 for two different output arrangements. One output, $E_{\text {viri }}$, will be $-X Y / K$, while the other output, $E_{1 \times}$, will be $+X Z / K$. It is convenient to choose $C=+75$ volts, $K=$ -75 volts, and a value of $G$ for the conductance networks equal to $g_{1}$
when the count in the counter is half of the full-scale value. The multiplier thus arranged is capable of accepting values for $X$ which vary between +75 volts and -75 volts.

## Reversible Binary Counter

Figure 3 is a block diagram of the reversible binary counter. Positive pulses are continuously fed into pulse input terminal $B$. The count of the counter will remain stationary when the value of the error input voltage at terminal $A$ is zero. If the error input voltage increases in a positive direction, the voltage on the subtract bus will rise to zero and will be prevented from going positive by the diode limiter. This places the subtract gates in the active state so that they can transmit pulses. The add gates will be in the inactive state because the potential of the add bus will be negative. Further increasing the error input voltage will energize the pulse gate so that pulses present at terminal $B$ will be transmitted to the counter, and one unit will be subtracted from the count of the counter for each pulse appearing at $B$.

For negative error input signals, the potential of the add bus will become zero, and the add gates will be made active. The subtract bus will be negative and the subtract gates will be inactive. Further excursion of the error input signal in the negative direction will activate the pulse gate, and will cause one unit to be added to the count for each pulse appearing at input $B$.

Thus, the counter will either add


FIG. 3-Block diagram of eleven-stage reversible binary counter


FIG. 4-Circuit used in first two stages of reversible binary counter

or subtract one unit from the count for each pulse at input $B$, dependent on the polarity of the error signal at input $A$. The particular mode of operation is obtained by proper choice of the carry-over connections by means of the add or subtract gates.

Figure 4 is the schematic diagram of the first two stages of the counter. The other 9 stages are similar. Diode commutating tubes are used as coupling elements to insure positive counting. The output of each trigger pair is differentiated at the input grid of each gate tube so that the gate tubes transmit pulses. Only negative input pulses will change the state of a trigger pair; positive pulses have no effect.

Each trigger pair has associated with it a neon light to indicate its state. Two pushbuttons per trigger pair are available for setting the state of each stage of the counter, or in other words, the count when the error input voltage is either
zero or is disconnected. The output of each stage drives an amplifier which in turn controls the relays of the conductance networks associated with that stage. Pulses for operating the counter are obtained from the blocking oscillator circuit of Fig. 5.

## High-Speed Relays

The rate at which the multiplier ( $X$ ) may be varied and still have the values of the conductances in the variable-conductance networks accurately follow is a function of the speed at which the associated relays can operate. Since highspeed operation was desired, the use of high-speed relays was necessary. It was not possible to find a suitable commercially available relay so one was specifically designed for the job. It is characterized by an extremely light armature which is carefully damped by proper use of tungsten-loaded rubber dampers. The relay exhibits no chatter, and will either close or open within 100
microseconds after application of control voltage to the coil.

## Relay Drive Amplifiers

The time required for a relay to close or open is a function of the rate of rise or fall of the coil current, among other things. Consequently, a relay drive amplifier circuit was designed to cause the coil current to rise or fall as rapidly as practicable without damaging the coil insulation. The rate of rise of current through a coil, with resistance and capacitance disregarded, is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
d I / d t=E / L \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $d I / d t$ is the rate of change of current in the coil, $E$ is the voltage across the coil and $L$ is the inductance of the coil in henrys.

To obtain rapid rise of current, $E$ must be large. However, the maximum current must be limited to a safe value, otherwise the coil would burn up. The high-speed relays used were designed for a
steady-state coil current of 50 ma .
A constant-current type of drive amplifier is used. Since the tube drop would normally be high for tubes driving closed relays, the tube dissipation would be high, necessitating the use of fairly large tubes. To reduce tube dissipation, a resistor bypassed with a capacitor is inserted in series with the plates of each parallel group of tubes. Approximately full plate supply voltage is impressed across the relay at the instant the drive tubes are made conducting. As the current builds up in the relay coils, the voltage drop across the relay coils decreases and the voltage drop across the tubes increases. The capacitor across the series resistor will charge up rather slowly, and thus this network will have negligible effect upon the rate of buildup of relay current. In the steady-state conducting condition, there will be very little voltage drop across the relay coils, little across the tubes, and considerable voltage across the resistor-capacitor network.

When cutting off the tubes, the voltage developed across the relay coils will be a function of the coil current, the capacitance across the coils, the inductance, and the resistance across the coils. Neglecting the capacitance, the peak voltage will be $E_{c}=I_{c} R_{a}$, where $E_{c}$ is peak voltage developed across the coils, $I_{c}$ is coil current at the instant that current is cut off, and $R$, is resist-
ance shunted across the coils. To prevent $E_{\text {c }}$ from exceeding a safe value, $R$, must be chosen accordingly. If $R$, is made too small, the time for opening will be excessive.
Typhoon incorporates multipliers with either four, six, nine or eleven relay coils per drive amplifier. The relay drive amplifier in Fig. 6 is designed to drive nine relay coils in parallel.

## Variable-Conductance Networks

Each variable-conductance network consists of eleven T networks whose inputs and outputs are paralleled, and one non-switched conductance. The transfer conductance of each $T$ network may be made zero (relay closed) or a predetermined value (relay open). Transfer conductance values for the various different networks in a set are chosen on a scale of two basis.

The signal amplifiers used in conjunction with the step multiplier are all similar, and are of the wideband chopper-stabilized type ${ }^{1}$ shown in Fig. 7. Their use eliminates the necessity for manual adjustment of d-c zero offset, and they do not drift.

## Interpolation Effect

Should the value of the variable $X$ be such that the conductance networks cannot accurately match this condition because their conductance values vary by discrete steps cor-


FIG. 7-Circuit of stabilized d-c amplifier used with step multiplier
responding to 1 part in 1,024 , the conductance value will oscillate between the two adjacent values which straddle the value called for by $X$.

A partial integrating circuit is used in the feedback network of the error-sensing amplifier (amplifier VII in Fig. 2). The gain of this amplifier for $d$-c is 11 times the gain for frequencies above a few cycles. The incorporation of some integration in this network is necessary for stable operation of the feedback loop when the loop gain is high.

## Performance

The step multiplier is very similar in principle to the servo type of multiplier which incorporates a gang of similar linear potentiometers. Multipliers which tracked very well were needed in the missile simulator section. The step multiplier meets this requirement very well since each conductance network may be adjusted to the calculated value within $\pm 0.001$ percent of full-scale conductance. It was not possible to obtain potentiometers which would track as well.
The speed at which $X$ may be varied yet have the counter track is a function of the oscillator frequency which drives the counter, and also a function of the relay speed.

Since the relays require about 100 microseconds to close or open, they are the limiting factor in speed of operation. An oscillator frequency of about $1,000-\mathrm{cps}$ is used, and consequently about one second is required to change the value of the multiplier ( $X$ ) from zero to full scale. The rate at which the multiplicands ( $Y$ and $Z$ ) may be changed is a function of the band width of the conductance networks and associated amplifiers.

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Use of cadmium-sulfide crystal in a detector for inspecting cans of baby food. Partially filled can has paper band around it as does nozzle holding crystal. Light above nozzle is illuminated briefly as low-content can passes between $x$-ray source at left and nozzle.

# Beam Stabilizer for Industrial X-Rays 


#### Abstract

Transmitted beam intensity is held within close limits by use of cadmium-sulfide crystals in stabilizer bridge circuit. Industrial inspecting equipment may then be used to detect small changes in beam intensity caused by minute flaws in opaque objects


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APPLICATION of $x$-radiation to high-speed automatic inspection of opaque objects for minute flaws has increased the requirements for x-ray beam stability over those previously encountered.

For an automatic system of x-ray inspection to compete successfully with radiography or fluoroscopy, it must offer the resolution obtained by these methods. It is necessary to detect, on the basis of transmitted radiation, variations in
x-ray intensity of a few percent. This is most easily accomplished by designing the associated detecting equipment to be extremely sensitive to slight variations in intensity. Two units embodying this precise control are now undergoing tests, each installation requiring special adaptation and engineering.

In a single-channel system, a comparison method using two detectors may be used to reduce the effects of x-ray beam instability. For the
scanning of large, irregular shapes, a multiplicity of inspecting stations is needed. To attempt to compensate each individual station against beam changes is a major project and usually results in a system that is difficult to keep in balance. The apparent answer to this problem is to stabilize the x-ray source itself in such manner that the transmitted beam intensity is held within close limits.

Regulation of the x-ray beam for
this application is complicated by two factors. The first is that the x-ray output is proportional to the first power of the tube current and the square of the applied peak tube voltage. ${ }^{1}$ Commercially available regulators are not satisfactory because they work on the rms value of the wave. Furthermore, waveform distortion is prevalent in x-ray transformers.

The second factor that contributes to the problem is the relation of $x$-radiation transmitted through material and the voltage applied to the x-ray tube. Referring to Fig. 1, the addition of any material between the beam and the detector has the effect of making only the higher values of impressed $x$-ray tube voltage effective in determining the intensity received. This means that a change in applied x-ray tube voltage of a few percent will result in a change of the order of ten times percentagewise in the intensity of the beam


FIG. 1-Quality of x-radiation transmitted as aluminum is added between $x$-ray tube and detector
transmitted through the material.
The previous discussion leads to one conclusion regarding the stabilization of x-ray beams; the detecting element of such a stabilizing loop should be x-ray sensitive with the same amount of filtration between it and the x-ray tube as is shown by an object to be inspected.

## Stabilization Methods

The x-ray tube current may be stabilized to within $\pm 0.1$ percent by an electronically controlled series impedance in the primary of the filament transformer. ${ }^{2}$ This method has been used to control x-ray output by adapting a photomultiplier and fluorescent screen in a comparison circuit. ${ }^{3}$ Regulators of the saturated-inductance type do not function satisfactorily to regulate x -ray tube voltage because of their waveform distortion. ${ }^{4}$ Another approach has been to adapt a series tube regulator, ${ }^{5}$ such as is used in laboratory power supplies. This has the disadvantage of requiring the regulating loop to be insulated to withstand the x -ray voltage, which often exceeds 100,000 volts.

For simplicity and economy it is desired that the regulation of the $x$-ray tube voltage take place in the primary of the high-tension transformer. The regulating device used should be one with less than 6 cycles response time and should introduce a minimum amount of
waveform distortion.
Recently, numerous references have been made to the use of cadmium sulphide as a detector of x-radiation. ${ }^{8,7,8}$ This material has several advantages. The first is its natural amplification and the second is its high absorption of $x$-rays as compared to other detectors. The radiation transmitted by an object is only the hard radiation and an efficient detector of this type of radiation is needed.
Because of the density of cadmium and sulphur as compared to the gases used in ionization chambers, it is possible to use a thickness of CdS that will absorb practically all of the radiation. The intensity-wavelength ratios of Fig. 1 are preserved in such a detector. Crystals of CdS have the further advantage of retaining their natural amplification which, in some cases, is in the order of $10^{\circ}$ even when the crystals are reduced to small cross sections. This makes for a compact, extremely efficient detector.

A sketch of the setup used for checking fuse trains by means of a cadmium-sulfide detector is shown in Fig. 2. In this application, a $\frac{7}{8}$-in. void in the powder train inside a $\frac{\text { l }}{4}$ in. diameter cord can be detected with the fuse moving at the rate of 60 feet per minute. The indicator may consist of any one of many possible relay-actuated devices. The relay may operate a meter, chart a graph, work a rejection lever to remove the product from the line, ring a bell and so forth.

A fundamental electronic property of semiconductors of the-cadmium-sulphide type lends itself very well to regulator service. Over the intensity range encountered, the number of electrons present in the conduction band at any time is a linear function of the incident intensity. However, any decreasein intensity results in the electrons starting to recombine in accordancewith the familiar relation $d n / d t=$ $-b n^{2}$ where $b$ is the recombination coefficient and $n$ is the number of electrons present in the band. Any change in the beam intensity will show up as the square of the change, as the current measured is proportional to $d n / d t$. This is a
distinct advantage from the standpoint of regulator performance.

The variable-ratio autotransform-er-type regulator was chosen for its simplicity and low waveform distortion. Referring to Fig. 3, the CdS crystal is used in a bridge circuit similar to the way a resistor would be used. The CdS crystals behave as a resistor, the resistance of which is a function of the incident intensity. Unless the powercarrying capabilities are exceeded, the crystals obey Ohm's law. If the voltage is doubled, the current for a given incident intensity is doubled.

## Regulator Performance

Output from the crystal-resistance bridge circuit is passed through a bridged-T network that serves to stabilize the regulator loop. The network output voltage is compared with the reference voltage of a VR105; any difference is amplified and used to control the regulator tubes. In this case, two triode-connected 6L6's were used. These tubes control the saturable inductor serving as part of the common leg of an autotransformer. Characteristics of the saturable inductor used are shown in Fig. 4.

To check regulator performance, three runs covering three-hour periods were made on typical workdays. An aluminum filter was placed in the beam to establish the condition shown in Fig. 1. To record the output, a special fluo-rescent-screen photomultiplier pickup was used; arranged to eliminate falling off of response with time. The output of the amplifier was recorded by a high-speed photoelectric recorder. Figure 5A shows the output of the x-ray generator without the regulator. In this case, the output varies over $\pm 15$ percent. The large increase at $4: 30$ is attributed to the factory shutting down at that time.

Using an identical setup, a commercially available electronic regulator of the saturable-inductor type was placed between the line and the x-ray generator. Figure $5 B$ shows that this regulator affords considerable improvement but still leaves much to be desired. The controlling element of the regulator loop in this case was a temperature-
limited diode. An attempt was made to schedule the tests over the same period, as experience has shown that Figure 5A is typical for afternoon line conditions at the factory.
The commercial regulator used for Figure 5B is better than it appears in this application. It is because of the relations existing in an x-ray generator as previously described that commercially available regulators perform as they do when used to stabilize x-ray beams.

Figure 5C shows the effect of placing the CdS regulator on the line. Essentially the only difference between the results as shown by Fig. 5B and 5C is that the error voltage fed to the regulator loop in the case of Fig. 5B is proportional to the rms value of the stabilizer output and in the case of Fig. 5C is proportional to the intensity of the x-rays transmitted through the filtering material.

Since the regulator was developed specifically for automatic inspection applications, no provision was made to handle wide kilovoltage variations. In every application of this type the x-ray generator is set to the optimum kilovoltage by means of an autotransformer. The regulator loop then serves to vary the applied kilovoltage by $\pm 30$ percent about the mean value in response to the output of the CdS crystal. The variable resistor in the bridge circuit serves to balance the bridge in the middle of the range once it is established. It is not anticipated that voltage variations outside this range will be encountered in practice.

On the basis of laboratory investigations still in progress, changing of the crystal characteristics with use appears to be insignificant. Once installed and calibrated, the stabilizer should maintain constant x-ray output and penetration regardless of x-ray tube aging.

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FIG. 3-Schematic diagram of regulator circuit


FIG. 4-Volt-ampere characteristics of saturable inductor


FIG. 5-Output of x-ray generator: (A) unregulated, (B) regulated with ordinary electronic stabilizer and (C) regulated with CdS controlled stabilizer

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FIG. 1-Basic arrangement of d-c amplifier in which input converter sets limit of zero-offset reduction


Front panel of amplifier, showing zero-center meter having 25 micromicroampere and 25 -microvalt basic ranges

# D-C Amplifier with 

Input required to bring output to zero is less than 1.6 times peak-to-peak thermal fluctuations in new contact-modulated d-c amplifier, corresponding to zero-offset of $10^{-12}$ ampere on current ranges and 1 microvolt on 20,000-megohm-per-volt voltage ranges

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AN ANNOYING characteristic of practical amplifiers is that when their signal inputs are zero, their outputs are not exactly zero.

The zero-signal output, or noise output, from an amplifier may contain components of all frequencies within the transmission band of the amplifier. For example, amplifiers for d-c, to which this discussion is confined, can have in their zerosignal outputs very-low-frequency components and a d-c component. These output components can be brought to zero by the application of an input having proper magnitude and polarity. Zero-offset is herein considered as the amount of amplifier input required to bring the low-frequency and d-c components of the output to zero.

In measurements made with d-c amplifiers, zero-offset can be a component of error, since at any time the amplifier output represents the amplified sum of its signal input

[^10]and its zero-offset. The error arising from zero-offset is variable in nature because its origin lies in sources affected by uncontrolled conditions such as ambient temperature, line voltage and stray fields. Without special measuring techniques, the limit of uncertainty in measurements made with an amplifier cannot be less than the maximum zero-offset of the amplifier. While zero-offset error can be eliminated by making measurements of the differential type, in general this requires removal of the signal from the amplifier, an inconvenience at best and often a practical impossibility.

## The Noise Problem

A contact modulator has previously been described ${ }^{1}$ which produces zero-offsetting voltages not exceeding 0.5 microvolt and zerooffsetting currents not exceeding $1 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere. Using this contact modulator, d-c amplifiers have been constructed ${ }^{1}$ having zero-offsets less than 0.5 microvolt with
input circuits of about $10^{4}$ ohms. Zero-offsets not greater than $1 \times$ $10^{-13}$ ampere have been observed when these amplifiers were adapted to $10^{9}$ ohm input circuits. No amplifier, however, has been available in which the zero-offset is at the same time limited to both 0.5 microvolt and $1 \times 10^{-13}$ ampere. The problem was to build an amplifier in which the zero-offset would be limited to these two values simultaneously and so approach the limits of performance imposed by its contact modulator much more closely than either of the two amplifiers mentioned ( $5 \times 10^{-18}$ watts as compared to 2.5 $\times 10^{-17}$ watts for the $10^{4}$ ohm circuit and $1 \times 10^{-15}$ watts for the $10^{\circ} \mathrm{ohm}$ circuit).

It is suggested in the previous paper ${ }^{1}$ that since the thermal-agitation noise in an amplifier represents the final limit of certainty in measuring with the amplifier, a figure of merit for the zero-offset might be its value relative to the theoretical thermal-agitation noise. ${ }^{2,3,4,5,5,8,}$ The amplifier described


Bottom of amplifier. Chassis cover completes shielding needed to reduce zero-offset


FIG. 2-Preferred range-changing method, in which effective
current gain is set by a known attenuator

# Reduced Zero-Offset 

with the $10^{4}$ ohm circuit exhibited zero-offset which exceeded the peak-to-peak thermal-agitation noise by a factor consistently less than 7.
The amplifier to be described uses the contact modulator mentioned above, and has characteristics approaching closely the limits imposed by the contact modulator. The amplifier zero-offset is at the same time less than 1 microvolt and less than $1 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere.

## Amplifier Design

The amplifier is arranged primarily for current measurement, as shown in Fig. 1 and in more detail in Fig. 2 and 3. It employs the parallel-type feedback useful for current measurement. ${ }^{1}$ The action of the circuit is to reduce the current into the input converter to a small fraction of that flowing in $R$, thus causing the steady-state impedance between the input terminals to be very low (a small fraction of $R$, so that measurements are of the null-current type).

All amplification in the system is done at a carrier frequency of 60 cps in R-C coupled amplifier stages having poor low-frequency transmission characteristics. Synchronous rectification of the a-c amplifier output and overall d-c feedback are used to stabilize the effective gain to a high degree. ${ }^{1}$ The d-c feedback current, or the d-c voltage developed across a part
of the feedback circuit, is used as the amplifier output and hence as a measure of the input quantity.

With sufficient gain built into the forward or $\mu$ path of the amplifier, the effective current gain is determined solely by the ratio of resistances $R$ and $R_{f}$. This ratio must, therefore, be accurately known. In a single-range model of the amplifier, following the arrangement of Fig. 1, the ratio $R / R_{f}$ was made 2 $\times 10^{\circ}$ so that a 100 -microampere output instrument was deflected fully by an input of $50 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere. The zero-offset of $1 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere caused by the input converter thus amounted to only 2 percent of the range.

A zero-offset representing at once a current of $1 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere and 0.5 microvolt dictates an input circuit impedence of 0.5 megohm. However, because the amplifier was meant to be primarily currentsensitive, a value of 1 megohm was chosen for $R$ to favor the performance for current measurements. The amplifier input circuit impedance is thus about 1 megohm, since it is largely determined by the value of $R$, and the maximum zero-offset represents both $1 \times 10^{-13}$ ampere and 1 microvolt. Powerwise, this is $1 \times 10^{-18}$ watt.

The good current sensitivity of the arrangement just described suggests its use for voltage measurements. The adaptation is sim-
ple, the only requirement being the inclusion of an accurately known resistance in series with the cur-rent-measuring terminals. A second 1-megohm resistor has been included for this purpose, as shown in Fig. 3, giving the instrument a basic voltage range of 50 microvolts with a current drain of $5 \times$ $10^{-11}$ amperes at this input voltage ( $20,000,000,000$ ohms per volt).

## Range Changing

The usefulness of an amplifier as a measuring instrument is greatly enhanced by the provision of mul-tiple-range features. Range-changing can be accomplished in this type of amplifier by varying the ohmic value of $R$ or $R_{f}$ (Fig. 1), by varying the portion of $R$ traversed by the unkuown current, or by changing the ratio of the current flowing in $R_{f}$ to the total output current. An early method of range-changing for a current-measuring amplifier ${ }^{1}$ consists of connecting one input terminal to a movable tap on the known resistance $R$. The current gain then depends upon the position of the tap. This method has the advantage of keeping essentially constant the $\mu \beta$ product of the amplifier, hence its stability against oscillation for various ranges. Further, it has the advantage of minimizing the potential drop between input terminals for all ranges; the input impedance,
therefore, is decreased as the range is increased. However, the method has the distinct disadvantage that the noise output of the amplifier appears as a constant fraction of full output, regardless of the current range of the instrument.
The behavior of the amplifier noise output with the range-changing method just mentioned is illustrated in Fig. 4A. Increase in the measuring range with a constantvalued input signal can be seen to result in decrease in the average (desired) output without any corresponding decrease in the noise output. The noise, therefore, represents greater input equivalents on greater ranges.

A preferred range-changing method is one which yields a noise output which diminishes as the measuring range of the amplifier is increased, and also incorporates the advantages of a constant $\mu \beta$. product.

Range-changing by varying the ratio of the current flowing in $R_{f}$ to the total output current produces the desired reduction of the noise output with increasing range. However, any change in this ratio is a change in the feedback transmission $\beta$ (the attenuation from the output terminals to $R_{f}$ is changed). Range-changing by this method, therefore, can fulfill the constant $\mu \beta$ product requirement necessary
to preferred range-changing only if changes in the value of $\beta$ for range control are accompanied by simultaneous inverse changes in the value of $\mu$.

This preferred method of range changing is accomplished in the amplifier, as shown in Fig. 2 and 3, by including variable divider networks in both the $\mu$ and $\beta$ paths. Operation of these variable dividers is from a common shaft, and they are so arranged that an increase of attenuation in one divider is accompanied by a simultaneous decrease of attenuation in the other, maintaining the product of the attenuations of the two dividers constant (except for the three lower ranges as explained below). The values of $R, R_{f}$, and $\beta$ are chosen so that on its narrowest range, the amplifier has the same current sensitivity as the single-range version mentioned previously in connection with Fig. 1, 100 microamperes output for 50 $\times 10^{-12}$ ampere input. As in the single-range circuit, provision for voltage measurements is made by inclusion of a fixed multiplier resistor, hence the range-changing mechanism provides a voltage range corresponding to each current range.

The changes in output signal and in output noise caused by changing the amplifier range in the preferred way are illustrated in Fig. 4B. The
noise output can be taken to represent a constant noise current (or voltage) at the input terminals of the amplifier.

With a 100 -microampere output instrument, the performance of the amplifier shows a slight progressive falling-off on its 250,100 and 50 micromicroampere ranges. This occurs because the limited forward gain available requires that the $\mu \beta$ product for these three lower ranges be reduced below its value for the other ranges. The fallingoff in performance is most obviously an increase in response time, the time for 99 -percent response on the $50 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere range being about 6 seconds as compared with about 2.5 seconds for the higher ranges.

When it is essential to have both a 2.5 -second response time and a $50 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere range, the $100-$ microampere output instrument should be replaced with a 10 -microampere instrument, and the scale multiplier set to 10 (the normal setting for a $500 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere range). Since 10 -microampere instruments are somewhat special, it has been found convenient to use a fast, narrow-range electronic recorder for the output device. To simplify shielding, a voltage recorder with a 0.1 -volt range has been used by connecting it to terminals in the amplifier normally


FIG. 3-Simplified circuit diagram of multi-purpose contact-modulated d-c amplifier. Calibrated woven-wire 1 -megohm resistor in voltage input lead sets impedance level at 1 megohm
supplying 1.0 volt of output.
The impedance appearing between the input terminals of the amplifier is low for d-c and lowfrequency inputs, for which rebalancing can be completed, but it is higher for higher-frequency inputs, for which rebalancing cannot be completed because of delay. The delay in rebalancing depends on the time-constant of the low-pass filter in the $\beta$ circuit (Fig. 3) and the gain around the feedback loop. The delay has been found experimentally to result in a rebalancing time of about 2.5 seconds (for 99 percent response to an abrupt change of input) on all but the lower three ranges. An approximate equivalent circuit can be found by a calculation involving the experimen-tally-determined rebalancing time, the experimentally-determined gain around the feedback loop and the circuit values shown in Fig. 3. An equivalent circuit that approximates the amplifier input closely on all but the three lower ranges consists of a 1-megohm resistance shunted by the series combination of a 543,000 -henry inductance and a 1,700 -ohm resistance.

## Reducing Zero-Offset

The use of a contact-modulated amplifier avoids most of the zerooffsets connected with amplification which are encountered in directcoupled amplifiers that follow conventional design practices.

Even with contact modulation, however, zero-offsets can arise from disturbances of electric, magnetic, mechanical and thermal nature. ${ }^{1}$ Preventive measures against zerooffset are chosen on the basis of the frequencies of the disturbing signals and their point of entry into the circuit. Zero-offsetting disturbances in the amplifier have been broken down into three classesthose of power frequency, those of radio frequencies and those of lower frequencies in or near the pass-band of the amplifier. The zero-offset resulting from each of these types of disturbance can be attacked nearly independently, using techniques appropriate to the frequency range of the disturbance, as described with considerable detail in a previous paper. ${ }^{1}$

In building the present amplifier


FIG. 4-Comparison of noise behavior with different range-changing methods. A change in deflection between the two highesi ranges can be seen with preferred method (B), bu! not with other method


FIG. 5-The:mall-induced current outputs from resistors using different alloys. Temperature of air surrounding resistors is given in degees C. Alloy B was used for the input resistors of the amplifier
all of the precautions so described were used, but at first the zerooffset was discouragingly large. Its source was traced to the resistors and the capacitors used in the input filter, as shown in Fig. 3.
The one-megohm resistor used for current measurement and the companion one-megohm multiplier resistor added for voltage measurement must be made of wire in order to have a satisfactorily low temperature coefficient of resistance. In order to minimize loops in these resistors and so minimize the voltage developed in them by changing magnetic fields, woven wire resistors are used. Early resistors of this type were suspected of causing zero-offset. Fig. 5A shows the result of a test to determine if this zero-offset resulted from ther-
mal disturbances. A temperature gradient was set up in a resistor of this type by increasing the ambient temperature 20 degrees in $10 \mathrm{~min}-$ utes. The resulting gradient produced a current of about $2 \times 10^{-10}$ ampere. While this temperature change is more severe than would be encountered under ordinary service conditions, the test showed that production of current by resistors could result in considerable zero-offset. Figure $5 B$ shows the result of a similar test on a resistor of similar construction made from a different resistance alloy. The generated current is small, in spite of the severe temperature change, showing that this resistor qualifies for use in the amplifier.

The four capacitors used in the input filter (Fig. 3) were suspected


FiG. 6-Thermally-induced curcent outputs i:om two different aapacitor constructions. Temperatures of capacitor cases in degrees $C$ are indicated


FIG. 7-Relation of zero-offset to noise in present amplifier ( $\bar{A}$ ) and early version (B) when both were operating well within their ratings
of causing zero-offset, so they also were given the temperature gradient test. Fig. 6A shows the results of a test on one of the four capacitors using an early type of construction. While the temperature change is more severe than would be encountered under ordinary service conditions, it is evident that use of such a capacitor could result in considerable zero-offset. Figure 6 B shows the effect of a similar temperature change on a mica capacitor ${ }^{7}$ of about the same capacitance value. The generated current was small, in spite of the severe temperature change, showing that this capacitor is qualified for use in the amplifier.

Figure 7A shows a typical record of the output of the amplifier equipped with good resistors and capacitors. At one time when the zero-offset appeared to be about $0.35 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere a signal of $-0.35 \times 10^{-12}$ ampere was applied to the input, bringing the average output back to the zero-output line. From more extensive tests it appears that the zero-offset will not exceed $1 \times 10^{-18}$ ampere. Using this figure, the ratio of maximum zerooffset current to theoretical peak-to-peak noise current is $1 \times 10^{-12} /$ $0.65 \times 10^{-12}=1.6$.

Figure 7B shows for comparison a typical record of the amplifier described in a previous paper ${ }^{1}$ for
which the ratio of maximum zerooffset voltage to theoretical peak-to-peak noise voltage is $0.5 \times 10^{-8} /$ $0.073 \times 10^{-6}=7$. The present amplifier therefore shows a factor of improvement of more than 4 based on the figures of merit represented by these ratios.

## Applications

The amplifier which has been described in this paper is not commercially available; to date only a few experimental units have been built. The units which have been completed, however, have found a number of uses in our own investigations and elsewhere.

As might be suspected from its characteristics, the amplifier is particularly well suited to the measurement of insulation resistance; its current sensitivity permits the measurement of high resistances with only small applied potentials. For example, with only 1 volt applied, a micro-micromho of leakage can be detected.

Its capabilities in making highresistance measurements make the amplifier useful in studies of capacitor dielectrics. In addition to the simple insulation resistance characteristics of dielectrics, the phenomena of absorbed charge in capacitors, residual and thermal outputs from capacitors and current outputs from resistors are effects which have been studied with the amplifier.

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# Field-Power Conversion 

Direct-reading conversion chart enables quick transfer of propagation data from fieldstrength to power-density values. Gain in db above 1 microvolt per meter and gain or loss in db above 1 microwatt per square meter shows at a glance

IN calculations involving propagation curves it is often convenient to do the computation in terms of power density rather than in terms of field strength, which is given in most propagation curves. Changing field intensity into power density can be greatly simplified by the conversion chart.

The chart is based upon the equation

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P=\frac{E^{2}}{120 \pi}
$$

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where $E$ is the field intensity, $P$ is the power density and $120_{\pi}$ is the resistance of free space.

The conversion chart is direct reading. A value on the left scale
can be found in terms of the scale on the right side by reading directly across, or it can be read in terms of the upper or lower scale by reading over to the diagonal line and then up or down to the desired scale.

For example, a field of $500 \mu \mathrm{v}$ per meter corresponds to a power density of approximately $7 \times$ $10^{-10}$ watts per square meter. It is 54 db above $1 \mu \mathrm{v}$ per meter, or about 32 db below $1 \mu \mathrm{w}$ per square meter.



## Electrical Characteristics

## Resistance Values

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## Radio to Save Lives

The Air Force's big A-3 lifeboat, dropped by parachute in air-sea rescue operations, will soon have radio control that will bring it up to survivors, allow them to board and then set the boat on course by an operator in the plane which dropped the boat. By simply maneuvering a stick on a small control box he can take over when the A-3 hits the water and keep control un-
til the survivors can take control. The A-3 itself is of all-metal construction, measures 30 feet long and is designed to carry 15 men. It is powered by a four-cylinder water-cooled engine, housed in a water-tight compartment. Carried "bombed up" under the SB-29 (research and rescue version of the B-29 bomber), the A-3 is dropped by a 100 -foot parachute.


The new radio-controlled lifeboat is shown just after being released from beneath a Boeing SB-29 Superfort

When the boat hits the water, the chute is jettisoned by an explosive charge. A sea anchor goes out as the chute is released and holds the boat in position.

Before development of the radiocontrolled system, the A-3 was dropped in the vicinity of the survivors, allowing for drift. The sea anchor held it in place, and if all went well the survivors drifted down to the boat. With the new system, the boat comes to them.

## Transmitter and Receiver

After the chute is jettisoned, the operator in the carrier plane takes over on a five-frequency transmitter which is matched up by a fivefrequency receiver in the boat. He sends his first signal from the control box. This, in order, releases the stabilizing fins which held the boat steady in descent, frees the rudder board, opens the engine's air vents and cranks the motor intermittently. When the motor catches and is running at a fast idle, the sea anchor is released.
At the operator's next signal, the engine speeds up, the reduction gear goes into forward, and the boat moves ahead. The operator can control its direction right and left and a flux-gate gyro compass connected to the servo electric system on the boat will keep it on whatever course he sets.
The operator stops the boat when it comes up to the survivors' raft and idles the motor while they board. The boat is equipped with a walkie-talkie radio set for communication between the rescued men and the operator in the plane, who will then set the A-3 on its correct course. The gyro compass will keep it on that course with only slight variations that can be checked by a magnetic compass.

The boat itself is equipped with duplicate controls and a manual over-ride which would enable the survivors to break off the radio control at any time.

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stalled in all the Air Force's A-3 boats by early 1952. Transmitters have already been installed in all SB-29's.

# Automatic Sheet-Folding Machine 

By Ronald C. Walker

Reading, England

Photoelectric relay equipment was recently installed in a British laundry for the purpose of folding sheets. The apparatus performs the operations which previously required the attention of two girls and ensures that the laundered sheets are neatly folded twice in the same direction.

Before reaching the detecting point in the various stages of processing, the sheets pass through an ironer and thence are fed on to a conveyor comprising a number of parallel webbing belts. When each sheet reaches a certain point in its forward travel on this conveyor, the leading edge intercepts a light beam which actuates the relay in an associated amplifier.

The photocell relay admits air pressure to a series of pneumatically operated claws arranged in line at right angles to the direction of motion. The leading edge of the sheet is then gripped and held and at the same time slightly raised above the moving belts which con-
tinue to carry the end portion of the sheet forward and underneath the stationary front edge, so that a fold is formed.

When the two halves just overlap one another, the fold is complete and the trailing edge uncovers the light beam again. The claws then release and the sheet travels forward in the folded condition.

After the first fold, the sheet moves on to another detecting point where the process is repeated with the aid of a second and similar photoelectric equipment, thus giving a second fold.

Though the photoelectric apparatus in this particular case is employed for folding sheets, it is equally applicable to industries where textiles, leather, paper and so forth have to be handled in the same way.

A further application of lightsensitive cells in the laundry has resulted in considerable saving of fuel. After the clothes are washed, they are dried by passing on a mov-


Automatic sheet-folding machine operated by photocell relay circuits
ing conveyor around a room heated by a steam radiator. The drying process is accelerated by means of a fan which circulates the hot air. The fan, which is controlled by a simple photoelectric relay, is in the circuit as long as the light beam spanning the room is intercepted by the clothes being carried around on the conveyor.
If, for any reason, there is a temporary hold up in the material being loaded on the conveyor, the light beam is no longer obscured and the fan is shut down. As soon as more clothes come along, it starts up again. This ensures a considerable saving of fuel by preventing the operation of a large fan when no clothes are in the room for drying purposes.

## Impedance Measurement at Audio Frequencies

By Paul W. Klipsch<br>Klipssh and Associates<br>Hope, Arkansas

DURING the course of loudspeaker development, the necessity for making voice-coil impedance measurements was continuous. The inductometer impedance bridge was capable of yielding the desired information but was slow due to the necessity of balancing simultaneously the resistive and reactive components. Several methods involving a single resistance balance to obtain equal voltages across a calibrated resistor and the unknown were tried.

The most desirable indicator was found to be a cathode-ray oscilloscope in which the vertical and horizontal deflections serve respectively for the voltage measuring devices across the unknown impedance and across a calibrated variable resistor.

In Fig. 1, $R$ is a calibrated slidewire resistor or decade box and $Z$ is the unknown impedance. The cathode-ray oscilloscope is illustrated in simplified form.

## Operation

The operation is as follows: a known resistor is substituted for $Z$, preferably of a value within the known range of variation of $Z$.
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Same v-a rating! At the left is a filament transformer for a radio transmitter wound with double vinyl-acetyl insulated wire and impregnated with synthetic varnish. It is rated at 1,000 hours life under $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. ambient temperature operation. At the right is the same transformer, redesigned, and wound with CEROC 200 and impregnated with silicone resin. It has a rated life of 10,000 hours at $160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. ambient temperature operation!

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# THE ELECTRON ART 

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## Converter Circuit for Phase-Shift Telemetering

By F. G. Willey
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New Hyde Park, New York

Telemetering is the name commonly applied to the transmission of data from one location to another. A quantity which is to be telemetered may be of one of two types: (1) A scalar quantity has a value which lies between two specified numerical limits. (2) A cyclic quantity, such as the angular position of a shaft, has no minimum or maximum limits and is capable of continuous rotation.

A cyclic quantity may be expressed as a periodic pseudo-scalar quantity, as in angular measurement where we count up to $360^{\circ}$ and then arbitrarily start counting
again from zero. In many servo and telemetering applications, the arbitrary jump to zero is inconvenient to mechanize.

A cyclic quantity may also be expressed, or recoded, into two or more continuous periodically-varying scalar values. This produces a system having no discontinuities but requiring two or more channels for transmission. A common example of this is the standard synchro which codes the position of a shaft as relative amplitudes of three carrier voltages:
$E \sin \omega t \sin \theta$ $E \sin \omega t \sin \left(\theta+.120^{\circ}\right)$


Commercial plug-in assembly containing two synchro-data telemetering circuits

$$
E \sin \omega t \sin \left(\theta+240^{\circ}\right)
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where $\theta$ is the angle of the synchro shaft.

## Coding Systems

Since the data to be transmitted actually represents only one quantity (angle) it should be possible to find a means of coding which would produce a single transmittible signal which is cyclic in nature rather than scalar. A quantity which has the required characteristic is the phase shift of a single frequency carrier from a reference wave of the same frequency. Thus in order to transmit $N$ different cyclic quantities, it is necessary to transmit $(N+1)$ sine waves of the same frequency, the extra one being (continued on p 212)

## MEASURING POWER FACTOR OF LOW-LOSS DIELECTRIC MATERIALS



Equipment used at National Bureau of Standards for making power factor measurements on low-loss dielectrics. Measurements as low as $10^{-4}$ may be made to three significant figures from 1 kc to 300 mc . In the center is the micrometer electrode and coil mounted on negative resistance circuit. Power supplies and measuring instruments are shown in background. (For complete details and circuitry, see p 224)


50 kc . to 75 mc .



This large $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ open faced dial has eight overlapping frequency ranges, each calibrated directly in kilocycles or megacycles, with scales conveniently divided for maximum readability. A vernier dial drive enables fine settings to be made with ease. All frequency ranges are accurate to within $\pm 1 \%$ except the $50-75$ megacycle range which is accurate to $\pm 3 \%$. The clearly marked range change switch located directly beneath the frequency dial facilitates rapid and positive selection of the desired frequency band.

Radio frequency circuit design often requires the accurate measurement of $Q$, inductance and capacitance values. For this application the Type 160-A Q-Meter has become the uncompromising choice of radio and electronics engineers in this country and abroad.

Each component part and assembly used in the manufacture of this instrument is designed with the utmost care and exactness. Circuit tolerances are held to values attainable only in custom built instruments.

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a Measurement Accuracy: Approximately $5 \%$ for direct reading measurement, for frequencies up to $\mathbf{3 0} \mathbf{m c}$. Accuracy less at higher frequencies.
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Q-VOLTMETER AND MULTIPLIER METER.


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# NEW PRODUCTS 

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Interesting Laboratory Devices Are Featured . . . Technical Data<br>Are Given for New Miniature Equipment . . . Thirty Bulletins

Are Described


## Lighthouse Tube

General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., has put into production another in the series of lighthouse tubes used in radar during World War II. The GL-2C39A high-mu triode can also be used in radio communications and other military equipments. Its nonmilitary applications include aircraft traffic and location controls, broadcast relay equipment, microwave test apparatus, and utility telemetering and communications systems. The tube can operate at full rating up to frequencies as high as $2,500 \mathrm{mc}$. Maximum d-c plate voltage is 1,000 volts and dissipation is 100 watts.


## Square-Wave Generator

Electro - Mechanical Researcif, Inc., Ridgefield, Conn. Model 43A square-wave generator is
a versatile laboratory instrument for use in testing audio, video and r-f amplifiers and networks. It includes a wide-range variable-frequency multivibrator that drives a two-stage clipper circuit to produce negative-going square waves. Freqency range is from 6 cycles to $1,000,000$ cycles with self-contained generator. Output voltage is approximately 24 volts peak-to-peak when the generator is operated on a 115 -volt line. The voltage is delivered at the end of a 300 -ohm transmission line that is 24 in . long from driving point to termination. Power consumption is approximately 125 watts at 115 volts, 60 cycles.


## Laboratory Monitor

Tracerlab, Inc., 130 High St., Boston 10, Mass. Developed specifically for use as a routine contamination monitor in radioactivity laboratories, the SU-3B laboratory monitor is especially useful for several important applications. They are: checking laboratory bench tops for contamination; checking laboratory glassware in tracer experiments for adequate decontamination; steady monitoring of laboratory background counting rate to detect large scale fluctuations; and monitoring fingertips and laboratory coats for contamination. The
instrument is compact, direct reading and a-c operated, and it has three full-scale meter ranges of 200 , 2,000 and 20,000 counts per minute. It comes completely equipped including a mica end-window Geiger tube enclosed in a detachable probe assembly connected to the instrument by a convenient length of flexible cable.


## Stroboscope

The Synchroscope Co., 57 William St., New York 5, N. Y., has introduced a portable flashlight-type stroboscope capable of indicating synchronous speeds. It is ideal for production and laboratory testing as well as field servicing of synchronous motors, time switches, timing devices, aircraft motors, generators, business machines and other devices using synchronous speeds. The instrument uses an electronic cold-cathode triode tube that rectifies the line source and gives off a pulse of light only during the positive portion of the a-c cycle.


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Calif. Model E-50D amplifier provides two individual 25 -watt output channels on separate controls for a total of 50 watts of undistorted audio power. Flexibility makes it ideal for installations in which individual control is desirable simultaneously for two auditoriums of different power requirements. It has inputs for three microphones and one phonograph. Distortion is less than 5 percent for each 25 -watt channel. Ample inverse feedback insures good output regulation. An amplifier jack on the chassis permits connecting another E-50D thus providing a total of 100 watts from four separately controlled channels.


## Small Oscilloscope

The Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10527 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, Ohio. Model 380 Miniscope has a frequency coverage to 2.5 mc and features a sensitivity of 0.1 rms volt per inch, direct connection to c-r tube elements, provision for z -axis modulation and a telescopic light shield. It is designed for industrial and laboratory engineering use. The instrument measures 6 in. wide $\times 9$ in. high $\times 13 \pm$ in. deep, and weighs only 14 lb . Price is approximately $\$ 290$.

## Isotope Ratemeter

The Victoreen Instrument Co., 5806 Hough Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio. The model 524 is a laboratoryquality counting ratemeter for detecting and measuring alpha, beta and gamma radiation. Six ranges of sensitivity are provided with full-scale readings from 300 to 100 ,000 counts per minute. A three-
position time-constant selector and an enclosed loudspeaker for aural monitoring are featured. Provision for a scintillation counter as well as adaptability for various specialized counter tubes are incorporated. The instrument requires 110 volts a-c.


## Variable Loudness Control

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General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y., has available a new line of capacitors that meet all the requirements of F characteristics of JAN-C-25 for 100 -volt d-c units. For applications where an expected
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## Germanium Diode

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## Electronic Counter

General Control Co., 1200 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston 34, Mass., (continued on page 248)

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# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY 

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NBS Opens New Lab Center



Aerial view of National Bureau of Standards' Corona, Calif., laboratories

Establishment of a new National Bureau of Standards laboratory center at Corona, Calif., to be devoted to various phases of electronic research, development and engineering was recently announced. To be known as the Corona Laboratories, the new center will be primarily concerned with technical problems of importance to the Department of Defense. About 22 buildings formerly used by the Navy are being renovated to accommodate NBS research and development activities being transferred there from Washington. Limited operations began at the laboratory in June and fullscale operation is planned for September.
In the near future the most important activity at the Corona laboratories will be the development of guided missiles. Every phase of missile development will be covered, from theoretical and applied research to construction of experimental parts and units. An analog computer is being set up in the laboratories to be used in flight simulation problems where trajectories of guided missiles must be computed mathematically. The computer, occupying about 1,000 square feet of floor space, can solve problems in minutes that would take
trained mathematicians weeks to solve. Other equipment at the new center will include electronic laboratories, machine shops, wind tunnel, jet engine test cells and altitude chambers.

## Technical Writers Needed

An urgent need for technical writers exists in the Ordnance Development Division of the National Bureau of Standards. Salaries range from $\$ 4,600$ to $\$ 6,400$, depending upon the applicants' experience and education.

This Division is engaged in research and development of electronic ordnance devices for the armed forces. Examples of the type of work reported in the division are:
(1) Experimental work in energy radiation and propagation, static fields, electronic systems and electronic circuitry for military applications.
(2) Development of radio transmission lines and filters, antenna designs and radiation and collection systems, and research and development in electronic circuits for these systems, including gating circuits and servo loops.
(3) Electronic packaging and
production techniques on electronic assemblies.
(4) Design and development of electron tubes to meet unusual requirements.
(5) Statistical analysis of field test data, including studies directed toward devising new and better testing plans and techniques.

Further information concerning the work and the benefits of Govcrnment employment can be had by writing to the Personnel Officer, Division 13, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D.C. A booklet describing work at the Bureau will be sent on request.

## FCC Nonbroadcast Applications

The Federal Communications Commission in announcing revision of its Form 401, "Application for New or Modified Radio Station Construction Permit (Other than Broadcasting)", warns that applicants who use the old, unrevised form after August 1, 1951, may have the application returned. The new form will contain questions involving recently adopted Part 17 of the rules that concern the construction, marking and lighting of antenna towers and supporting structures.

## RTMA Election Report

Robert C. Sprague, president of the Sprague Electric Co., was reelected chairman of the board of directors of the RTMA at its recent convention in Chicago. The board also reelected Leslie F. Muter as treasurer, and renamed W. R. G. Baker as director of the engineering department, James D. Secrest as secretary and general manager, and John W. Van Allen as general counsel.

Two new directors and 12 former directors were elected. The new directors are Robert S. Alexander, president of Wells-Gardner \& Co, and Harlan B. Foulke, vice-president and director of sales of Arvin Industries, Inc. Reelocted for three-year terms are: Benjamin Abrams of Emerson Radio \& Phonograph Corp.; Max F. Balcom of
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## Revised Maritime Service Rules

The Federal Communications Commission has announced an order making overall revisions to Part 7, Coastal and Marine Relay Services and Part 8, Ship Service, of their Rules and Regulations, effective July 23, 1951.

Although the order is so voluminous, some 300 pages, that copies are not generally available, it is planned to publish it in a future single issue of the Federal Register. This edition can be ordered prior to publication at about $20 \phi$ a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, at U.S. Government Print-

## MEETINGS

AUG. 15-18: 1951 APCO Conference, Everglades Hotel, Miami, Florida.
Aug. 17-18: 12th Annual Summer Seminar of the Emporium Section of IRE, Emporium, Pa .
Aug. 20-23: AIEE Pacific General Meeting, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon.
Aug. 22-24: Seventh Annual Pacific Electronic Exhibit and West Coast Annual IRE Convention, San Francisco Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.

AUG. 28-SEPT. 8: Eighteenth British National Radio Show, Earls Court, London, England.

Sept. 10-13: Annual Electronic Parts Distributors' Convention and Show, Cleveland Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio.
Sept. 10-14: Sixth National Instrument Conference and Exhibit, sponsored by Instrument Society of America, Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas.

Ост. 2-4: Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the Communications Section of the Association of American Railroads, Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Canada.

Ост. 8-10: AIEE Conference on Aircraft Equipment, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ост. 22-24: 1951 National Electronics Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Ост. 22-26: AIEE Fall General Meeting, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

Oct. 29-31: Radio Fall Meeting, sponsored by IRE, and RTMA, King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Nov. 1-3: Third Annual Convention and Audio Fair Exhibition of the Audio Engineering Society, Hotel New Yorker, New York City.
Nov. 12-15: NEMA Convention, Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.
ing Office, Washington 25, D. C.
Among other objectives, the revised rules are intended to enhance safety of life at sea by providing

## STRANGE SKYLINE



Not a view of storm-tossed television antennas as seen in the United Slates but the normal rooflop scene of any British city. In England, the receiving dipoles are oriented for vertical polarization of the transmitted signals instead of the horizontal polarization used for tv transmissions here
type approval or type acceptance for radio equipments, by requiring installation of automatic alarm-signal keyers and inauguration of a radiotelephone distress frequency at 2,182 kilocycles. It is noted, however, that outside of the Great Lakes region, there exists no formal monitoring service for this frequency.

Other provisions include expansion of service for public correspondence and limited service stations, particularly at the very-high frequencies between 152 and 162 mc.

The so-called Marine-Utility class of station has been authorized for low-power, portable vhf radiotelephone operations characterized by the needs of harbor pilots. A Marine Fixed class using the band between 2,100 and $2,210 \mathrm{kc}$ is available for transmission of the communications incident to off-shore oil-well drilling.

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After a short introductory chapter where the nomenclature is discussed, the transient response of linear networks is covered in the second chapter. The transform method of solving transient problems and a very short table of Fourier mates are included. Chapter 3

## RELEASED THIS MONTH

An Introduction to Electron Optics; L. Jacob; Methuen's Monograph; Wiley: \$2.00.
Electric Transmission Lines; H. H. Skilling: McGraw-Hill; \$6.50.
Television Principles; R. B. Dome; McGraw-Hill; $\$ 5.50$.
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is devoted to the design of pulse networks and delay lines. The fourth chapter, on linear pulse amplifiers, discusses various wide-band amplifiers including the transmission-line amplifier and the cathode follower. Chapter 5, on pulse shapers and clamping circuits, covers limiters, clippers, integrators, differentiators, shapers and d-c restorers. Chapter 6, on pulse generation, is rather short for a very important subject in pulse techniques but all of the basic types are covered.

The applications and practical uses are taken up in chapter 7 on measurements and instruments, 8 on pulse communication systems and 9 on aerial navigation aids. These are each about 20 pages long. Also included are three appendices, one on the complex variable, another on the pulse response of
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## Another First

Dear Sirs:
The author of the article "Possible Phototube" which was published in Electronics (September, 1950, p 132), certainly overlooked that this same photocell was already developed and built in the Laboratories of Zeiss Ikon A. G., Dresden, Germany, by the writer and W. Lang. There was published an article describing the development in the Zeitschrift für Instrumentenkunde, 57 (1937, p 249) with the title "Uber lichtelektrische Zellen für Messungen im sichtbaren Spektralberich" (About photoelectric cells for measurements in the visible spectrum).

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Output from the crystal modulator is passed through three fre-quency-doubling stages and one tripling stage to produce the carrier frequency. Following the tripling stage are six stages of amplification. The first two amplifying stages are conventional pushpull stages and the rest are single-ended grounded-grid stages with coaxial-line tuning elements. The output stage consists of two tubes in parallel.

The a-m transmitter has unmodulated power of 18 kw and operates on a carrier frequency of 93.8 mc. The drive equipment and the r-f amplifiers are like those in the $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{m}$ transmitter except that the balanced modulator is made inoperative. The a-f modulator has four stages. The final stage consists of two tubes operating push-pull to


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|  |  | Ingoct Strangth (liod) | 15.7 | 25.2 | 22.0 |
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In the equipment shown in Fig. 1, a 2,700-foot length of magnetic tape made of cellulose acetate with an iron-oxide coating passes between two standard $16-\mathrm{mm}$ film reels, $10 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Three separate sound channels are recorded on the tape, two for time announcements and the third for synchronization.

The entire 2,700 feet of tape are used by one channel for providing time announcements for six hours. At the end of this period, the tape direction is reversed and the pickup circuit is switched to the second channel. The second channel is


FIG. 1-Rear view of the automatic time announcer. Tape-reel drive motors are visible at top and power supply and amplifier chassis near center

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FIG. 2-Block diagram of circuit components of equipment
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This material was abstracted from an article, "The Automatic Time Announcer", by E. S. Peterson which appeared on page 148 of The Automatic Electric Technical Journal for January 1951. .

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Circuit printer for flat surfaces. The ceramic plate being loaded on the turntable (left) will be carried to the rear of the machine where a silver circuit pattern will be impressed on it. The printed plate will then be carried to the unloading position (right) where it will be flipped into the discharge chute
a loading position, carries it to a printing position, then carries the printed plate to an unloading position, where it is automatically flipped into a chute.

In regular operation, three plates are processed simultaneously. While the first plate is unloaded, the second is printed, and the third is loaded. The turntable stops while the operations are performed, then advances the plates one-third of a revolution, stops again, and so forth. The usual production rate, about 1,000 plates per hour, can be increased to 1,500 per hour without loss of printing quality but at the expense of excessive wear and tear on the machine.

As the turntable advances the plates from position to position, they rest on rectangular platens about 3 by 4 inches in size. The flat platens are normally flush with the turntable. When a plate-carrying platen reaches the printing position, the platen rises and presses the plate against the underside of the printing screen, which occupies a fixed horizontal position. While the plate is held against the screen, a rubber squeegee is automatically moved over the top surface of the printing screen, forcing conducting paint through the screen onto the plate in the desired pattern. The platen is then lowered to its original position and is advanced by the turntable another third of a revolution to the unloading position. Here the platen is tilted, and the printed

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FIG. 1-Original circuit of Raytheon RL10 amplitier before modification for automatic level riding
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For $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{m}$, the amplifier is set for no limiting, but in practice it actually amounts to about 2 db and the level is corrected automatically from around -15 db to 0 db , using 0 db as reference level. This amounts to an input level of 15 db above that which would modulate the transmitter 100 percent, with no limiting taking place.

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FIG. 2-Modification of RL-10 amplifier for level riding with limiting for $\alpha$-m
amount of limiting is accomplished by using two time constants in the limiter circuit; one fast and one slow. As the rectified voltage is fed to the fast time constant circuit, part of this voltage is stored in the slow time constant circuit, because the two are in series.

In Fig. 1 is shown the limiting circuit of the Raytheon RL-10 before modification by the author. The changes shown in Fig. 2 were made for 10 db of limiting and for level excursions from -10 db to $\pm 5 \mathrm{db}$, which is extreme but often encountered. Under normal program level the limiter meter indicates a drop in gain of the amplifier of 10 db and the meter will still show 10 db of limiting-varying from 10 db to 20 db on the meter. If the level should drop 8 db there would still be 10 db of limiting and the reference level on the meter would then ride at 2 db .

Although it was not necessary to do so, the $0.1-\mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitors ahead of the 6 H 6 rectifier were changed to $0.5 \mu \mathrm{f}$ to lower the source impedance for the limiter bias. This will make the attack time about twice as fast and much smoother. This change should be made whether used for automatically riding gain or not.

Fig. 3 shows the same amplifier where it is desired to maintain the dynamic range as in f-m program material. Limiting ordinarily is of the order of about 2 db on most programs, but sudden increases in level are not discernable to the listener because the level is corrected so fast. Sudden decreases in level are noticed because of the slow recovery time constant. This feature seems to be quite desirable. The level increase by the amplifier


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FIG 3-Modified circuit of RL-10 amplifier for automatic level riding for f-m
is slow enough so that the listener is very seldom aware of the level changes, as there is little change in the dynamic range of the f-m programs.

Since peak limiting is not desirable on the f-m programs, the reference level on the $\mathrm{f}-\mathrm{m}$ limiter amplifier meter can be set at 15 db , or more, below 0 db (no limiting). This is an actual input of $\pm 15 \mathrm{db}$ above reference level of 0 db for 100 -percent modulation of the transmitter.

## Wide-Range Voltage Regulators

By Joseph Houle
Washington, D. C.

A regulated power supply whose voltage can be adjusted from a few hundred volts down to zero is often needed. Of the many series-tube regulators, no conventional circuit is operable below about 100 volts output because too little plate voltage is then available for the d-c voltage-amplifier tube. While the voltage range of such regulators can be extended downward by means of floating $B$ batteries in the control circuit, this expedient is not usually a complete nor a desirable solution.

To extend the range down to zero without using auxiliary batteries, it is possible to use a circuit having an auxiliary negative supply after a disclosure by White ${ }^{1}$. This general principle has, it is believed, been applied commercially. Figure 1 shows a regulated supply delivering 0 to 300 volts, that was designed by the writer in 1947. A d-c


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FIG. 1-Schematic diagram of a 0 to $300-\mathrm{v}$ regulated supply with straight d-c control amplifier
amplifier tube $V_{1}$ controls the series tubes $V_{2}$ in the usual way, but the cathode of $V_{1}$ is returned to a point 75 volts below ground.

The output voltage is adjusted conventionally by a potentiometer $R_{2}$, but the negative end of the divider string $R_{1} R_{2} R_{3}$ is returned to a point 150 volts below ground in order to preserve a favorable control ratio at low output voltages. Unfortunately, while the circuit looks simple, too many separate heater windings are required and the power dissipation in auxiliary circuits is excessive, so that the supply is bulkier than one might infer from the diagram.

## Carrier D-C Amplifier

The designer is handicapped by the necessity for a common return connection in the output and d-c amplifier circuits, which makes the plate voltages for the d-c amplifier dependent on the output voltage of the supply. What is needed is a four-terminal d-c amplifier, whose output is divorced completely from the operating potentials of the tubes.

Such a four-terminal amplifier is realizable by using a carrier-voltage principle. Amplification is effected at a carrier frequency, isolation is effected by capacitors or transformers and the d-c is recovered with a diode.

For the present application, $d-c$ modulation is best carried out by means of a germanium crystal rectifier. Carrier voltage is applied to the rectifier at low level, and the resulting carrier voltage across a load resistor is changed by varying the d-c bias on the crystal. Such a circuit and its transfer characteristics are shown in Fig. 2. For this regu-



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FIG. 2-Carrier modulator with crystal diode. Slope is about twice as steep at $0.1 \cdot v$ input carrier level but linearity is poorer
lator application the low input impedance is of no consequence, nor is waveform distortion.

## Carrier-Type Requlator

The circuit of a complete regulated d-c power supply using a fourterminal carrier-type $d$-c control amplifier is shown in Fig. 3. While the circuit looks comparatively complex, its physical realization is relatively compact and efficient. The additional components are all small and cheap and power dissipation in auxiliary circuits is low.

The circuit of Fig. 3 will deliver from 0 to 300 volts with an internal impedance of about 40 ohms. Current output at high output voltages is determined by the current passed by the series tube $V_{4}$ at zero bias and is determined at low voltages by the allowable plate dissipation of that tube.

The source of carrier voltage is an ordinary oscillator, $V_{1}$. A convenient carrier frequency was chosen as 150 kc . A winding $L_{2}$ of a few turns on the oscillator coil form $L_{1}$ takes off a signal of about 1 volt for excitation of the carrier modulator system.

The modulator comprises a 1 N38 crystal diode and a load resistor $R_{1}$. The d-c control voltage, varying the conduction of the 1 N 38 diode, is the difference between a fixed fraction of the d-c output voltage, taken from point $A$ on a divider and the potential of the slider $B$ on a potentiometer $P_{1}$ across a d-c reference source $V_{\mathrm{b}}$. If point $A$ becomes more positive than point $B$, the conduction of the 1N38 diode will increase

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and more carrier voltage will appear across diode load resistor $R_{1}$.

Amplification of the controlled carrier voltage is effected by a conrentional tuned amplifier $V_{\text {s. }}$. Recovery of the d-c signal after amplification is carried out by a 6 H 6 diode $V_{3}$, connected as a voltage doubler.

The return side of the voltage doubler is connected directly to the cathode of the series tube $V_{s}$. The rectified d-c is negative on the $V_{\text {。 }}$ grid. An increase in the d-c output voltare at the cathode of $V_{*}$ will bias the 1 N 38 so as to increase the carrier voltage; the voltage rectified by the 6H6 will increase and bias the series tube $V_{1}$ in a regulatory manner.

The high frequency limit of the regulating action depends on the bandwidth of the carrier amplifier system. To keep the output impedance of the whole power supply low at frequencies above a few thousand cps, a capacitor $C_{1}$ is provided across the output.

## Design Considerations

No untoward tendencies to instability were observed in trying out the circuit of Fig. 3. Hum averaged around 5 mv .

To permit lowering the d-e output voltage all the way to zero under conditions of light load, the carrier-rectifier system must be capable of producing enough negative bias to cat off the series tube $V_{1}$. About 150 volts is required. The high rectified voltage makes a thermionic diode advisable for $V_{3}$, rather than germanium diodes.

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## Reference

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FIG. 1-Basic circuit of synnchro data telemetering converter
a common reference signal for all data channels. Various means of multiplexing these channels onto a single radio or wire transmission have been devised by the writer and others.

## Converter Circuit

An extremely simple circuit has been devised to convert three-wire synchro data to a single, phaseshifted signal.

The first portion of the circuit consists of a conversion from threephase to two-phase data. We refer here to space-phase rather than time-phase voltages. Referring to Fig. 1, three resistors $R_{1}, R_{3}$ and $R_{3}$ are connected in wye between the synchro output lines $A, B$ and $C$. The values of the resistors are so chosen that the space-phase vectors of the voltages $B D$ and $C D$ are at right angles. It may be seen from Fig. 2 that the magnitudes of the vector voltages across these resistors must then be related as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|\frac{e_{A D}}{e_{B D}}\right|=\frac{\sin 15^{\circ}}{\sin 30^{\circ}} \\
& \text { and } \\
& \left|e_{B D}\right|=\left|e_{C D}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

Because current vectors $i_{B D}$ and $i_{C D}$ are perpendicular in space phase, and the sum of currents


FIG. 2-Space-phase vector diagram of voltages appearing in Fig. 1

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FIG. 3-Complete circuit which employs additional components to avoid loading of phase network by output circuit
entering point $D$ must be zero, the relative magnitude of the currents must be

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad\left|i_{A D}\right|=\left|\left|\sqrt{2 i_{B D}}\right|\right. \\
& \text { and }\left|i_{B D}\right|=\left|i_{C D}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

Using these expressions, the ratio of the resistances is:

$$
\frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}=\frac{e_{A D}}{e_{B D}} \times \frac{i_{B D}}{i_{A D}}=
$$

$$
\frac{\sin 15^{\circ}}{\sin 30^{\circ}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}=0.366
$$

and

$$
\frac{R_{2}}{R_{3}}=\frac{e_{B D}}{e_{C D}} \times \frac{i_{C D}}{i_{B D}}=1
$$

The above values have been verified experimentally.

The second portion of the circuit of Fig. 1 converts the two-spacephase voltages, $B D$ and $C D$, into a phase-varying output voltage, $E D$. The voltages $B D$ and $C D$ are related as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad e_{B D}=E \sin \omega t \sin \left(\theta+45^{\circ}\right) \\
& \text { and } \\
& e_{C D}=E \sin \omega t \sin \left(\theta-45^{\circ}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

If $R_{4}$ is chosen equal to $1 / \omega C$ at the synchro supply frequency, then the output voltage is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& e_{E D}= \sqrt{2\left(e_{B D} \angle 45^{\circ}-e_{C D} \angle-45^{\circ}\right)} \\
& e_{E D}= \sqrt{2 E}\left[\sin \left(\omega t+45^{\circ}\right) \sin \left(\theta+45^{\circ}\right)\right. \\
&\left.\quad-\sin \left(\omega t-45^{\circ}\right) \sin \left(\theta-45^{\circ}\right)\right] \\
&= \sqrt{2} E\left[\sin \left(\omega t+45^{\circ}\right) \sin \left(\theta+45^{\circ}\right)\right. \\
&\left.\quad+\cos \left(\omega t+45^{\circ}\right) \cos \left(\theta+45^{\circ}\right)\right] \\
& 2 E \cos (\omega t-\theta)
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Accuracy

By careful selection of the five circuit elements mentioned above, angular inaccuracies as small as a fraction of a degree may be attained.

Figure 3 shows a complete circuit which employs additional components to avoid loading of the phase network by the output circuit, and to allow grounding of one side of the output. The photograph shows a manufactured plug-in assembly of two such circuits.

## A New Analog Computer

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An inexpensive desk-size electronic differential analyzer has recently been developed by the Computer Corporation of America. Although it is housed in a cabinet which is only 36 -备 in. high, IDA (for Inte-gro-Differential Analyzer) contains $20 \mathrm{~d}-\mathrm{c}$ computing amplifiers, 23 precision ten-turn potentiometers, 8 of which may be used for setting in initial conditions, 8 integrating capacitors, a control panel, a highly stable regulated power supply, and a setup board for wiring in the analog.

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The second panel is hinged to permit plug-in and removal of the set-up board shown in Fig. 2. Use of set-up boards makes possible almost continuous operation of the computer, since problems may be changed in the few seconds required to remove one board, and insert another. Since all interconnections are made on the set-up board, the necessity for patch-cords is eliminated, and once the board is in place, it is virtually impossible to disturb the problem set-up accidently.

The boards consist of two panels mounted back to back on an aluminum frame. On the panels are 266 spring-type binding posts. All computer elements are terminated at these posts through three 50 -contact connectors at the rear of the frame which mate with receptacles in the cabinet. The remaining uncommited posts may be used as junction points, and to support resistors. By connecting jumpers, which may be ordinary hook-up wire, and fixed resistors of any desired accuracy, between the proper binding posts, all the elements of the computer are interconnected to form the analog of the problem.

Directly below the hinged panel in Fig. 1 are the balance meter and balance controls of ten amplifiers. The balance controls of the other ten appear just above this panel. Each control incorporates a balance switch. Pushing inward on the knob throws this switch and simul-

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taneously engages a potentiometer. The inherent stability of the amplifiers makes balancing necessary only once or twice a day, while the operation itself requires only a minute.

The twenty computing amplifiers, one of which is shown in Fig. 3, are miniaturized plug-in units. The direct-coupled circuit incorporates a positive feed-back loop which is adjusted to give infinite gain. When used with an external negative feed-back loop, as it is in a computing circuit, the amplifier is stable, and has zero output impedance.

By virtue of the fact that the input and feedback impedances that determine the transfer functions of the amplifiers can be selected and connected on the set-up board, each amplifier may be used as a summer, integrator, sign-changer, or constant multiplier.

Just beneath the lower row of balance knobs and to the left in Fig. 1, are the two controls which select the forcing function and adjust its amplitude. Either a positive or negative internally generated step function may be chosen, at a level of zero to 50 volts monitored on the meter below. Special functions, such as sine or exponential, may be internally generated and applied in the same manner. One position of the selector switch also permits an externally generated forcing function to be introduced through the socket just below this switch.

On the right-hand side of this panel are the two operating controls. A spring-loaded switch allows the application of the forcing function either momentarily or


FIG. 2-The analog of the problem is constructed on this set-up board. Use of several boards makes possible storage of problems and continuous operation of the computer

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FIG. 3-Twenty computing amplifiers of the type shown are used. These interchangeable units can operate as integrators, summers or sign changers
continuously, before the start of, or during, the computing process. The large knob alongside it is marked Off-Record-Compute. With this switch in the OFF position, the recording oscillograph motor is turned off, and each computing capacitor is maintained in either a discharged condition, or at some preset initial condition voltage. Under these circumstances, the computing process is, in effect, clamped to correspond to conditions in the system at time $t=0$. When the switch is turned to Record, the computing process remains clamped, but the recorder chart drive is turned on. This permits the chart to reach full speed, and allows the pens to be zeroed mechanically. Rotating the switch to Compute removes the capacitor clamps, and allows the computation to proceed.

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Figure 4 is a close-up view of the recorder and its control unit. Amplifiers for driving the magnetic oscillograph are contained in the control unit, as well as switches to select the input to each channel. This cabinet also contains circuits for controlling and calibrating the gain of the recording channels, and for monitoring any of the amplifier

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FIG. 4-Solutions appear graphically on the magnetic oscillograph (left). The control unit (right) selects the computed quantities to be recorded
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To increase the usefulness of the computer, 44 terminals on the setup board are brought to connectors at the rear of the main cabinet. This makes possible interconnection of two or more computers, and permits the introduction of special function generators, servo multipliers, additional integrating capacitors and other auxiliary equipment.

## Measuring Power Factor of Low-Loss Dielectrics

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the resonance circuit to compensate for the energy dissipated in the circuit, thereby obtaining a much higher Q. In fact, radio engineers have for many years used regenerative circuits to improve the selectivity of tuning circuits. Apparently Towsley ${ }^{1}$ was the first to apply regeneration to dielectric measurements. The approach and the circuit described in this paper are different and the apparatus is simpler making accurate measurements possible up to three hundred megacycles.

## Circuit Diagram

Figure 1 shows the circuit which has been in use for over a year. It is composed of a conventional coil, a micrometer electrode system shunted by a voltmeter and a negative resistance in series. The negative resistance is supplied by the real component of the input impedance of a cathode follower circuit with a capacitative load and certain values of grid-to-cathode capacitance. A negative resistance in parallel with the electrode system will also produce satisfactory results, but the value of negative resistance necessary and the dependence of the resonance frequency on the vacuum tube circuit make such and arrangement more unstable than the series circuit. The familiar susceptance variation or Hartshorn technique is used to evaluate the dielectric in terms of micrometer readings, the width of the resonance curve and the voltages with the specimen in and out. The expression for the input impedance to the cathode follower circuit is

$$
\begin{aligned}
Z_{\iota I} & \cong \frac{g_{m}}{\omega^{2} C^{\prime}{ }_{K} C^{\prime}{ }_{g K}{ }^{\prime}} \\
& -j\left(\frac{1}{\omega C_{K}^{\prime}}+\frac{1}{\omega C^{\prime}{ }_{g K}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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FIG. 1-Circuit used for making lowloss measurements at 1 mc


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$$
Z_{i n} \cong-\frac{C_{K}^{\prime} C^{\prime}{ }_{o K}^{\prime}}{g_{m} C_{s}^{2}}-i \frac{1}{\omega C_{s}^{2}}
$$

These equations are only approximations but they represent the operating conditions accurately for all practical purposes. Thus, to a very good approximation, the negative resistance is $-C^{\prime}{ }_{K} C^{\prime}{ }_{g K} / g_{m} C_{2}{ }^{2}$. The reactive component of $Z_{\text {in }}$ offers no difficulty since it can be


FIG. 2-Curves demonstrate closeness of fit of measured curves to conditions for theoretical resonant curves
made small in comparison to the reactance of the inductance and electrode and remains constant during a measurement. The equation for the resonance curve in terms of the voltage $V$ and the total equivalent conductance $G_{1}$ across the electrode system is

$$
\begin{aligned}
2 \log \left(C_{r}-C\right) & =\log \left(\frac{V_{\mathrm{r}}^{2}}{V^{2}}-1\right) \\
& +\log \left(\frac{G_{t^{2}}}{\omega^{2}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $C_{r}$ and $V_{r}$ are the capacitance and voltage at resonance. Thus if

$$
\left(\frac{V_{V^{2}}}{V^{2}}-1\right) \text { is plotted versus }
$$

$\left(C_{r}-C\right)$ on $\log \log$ paper a straight line with slope 2 should be obtained. Figure 2 illustrates that this requirement is met by the high-Q circuit under consideration. Figure 3A shows the familiar resonance curves obtained for the corresponding data, using a voltmeter with

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FIG. 3-Curves show voltage across electrodes plotted against vernier capacitance. Numbers on curves represent the approximate $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{r}} / \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Q} / 2$
be better than the commercial generator and power supply employed. With such a device the power factor of materials such as polystyrene and teflon can be measured to three significant figures from one kilocycle to 300 megacycles. An extremely low-loss fused-quartz specimen was found to have a power factor an order of magnitude smaller than polystyrene and teflon.

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# Careful Planning Before Production Avoids Trouble in Deep Drawing Brass 

As in all things, experience in the deep drawing of brass and other cop-per-base alloys is the best teacher. The reshaping of flat metal into various cup-shaped objects on an efficient production basis is an intricate procedure, and involves skills and know-how. It is, therefore, wise to investigate the problem carefully before attempting to go into production. Help for the determination of the proper alloy for the particular job, and often suitable fabricating techniques as well, can be obtained from our Metallurgical Laboratory and from our literature such as Bridgeport's "Technical Handbook."

The illustration shows the progressive operations used in the production of a clamp for a telephone headset jack. This involves the deep drawing of a rectangular cup, which is not easy. Secondary blanking operations on the bottom of the cup and the formation of the brackets are shown in the small samples in the foreground. Considerable experimental work was done and further developments of the tools were
necessary, which involved making two draws to obtain sufficient depth of cup. It was also found advisable to increase the width of the strip metal. The change to a lard oil lubricant was also helpful.

## Factors to Consider

The following check-list should be helpful in demonstrating the various points which must be carefully considered before drawing work is actually begun.

1. Stock-The flat metal must be wide enough to compensate for contraction of the blank during cupping. Alloy, gauge, tolerance requirements; temper; diameter of arbor are essential.
2. Punch and Die Radii-Normal die radius is between 5 and 10 times the thickness of the metal. Too large or too small a die radius may cause trouble.
3. Die Finish - Careful polishing of the die is important, since there is a great deal of motion between the metal and the die. Dies should be
lapped in the direction of metal flow.
4. Blank Holder Pressure - If the blank is not held tightly, the circumferential forces in the perimeter of the blank will produce wrinkling. If blank holder pressure is too great, thickening of the blank will be prevented, and may result in fracturing of the cup.
5. Diameter Reductions-In the production of a normal cup for redrawing, the most satisfactory diameter reduction ranges between 40 and $46 \%$. This produces a cup about equal in height and diameter. In making greater reductions, difficulty is encountered in regulating blank holding pressures, and there is danger in the softer alloys of fracturing the cup. In progressive die operations, such as the clamp described above, successive redraws after the cupping operation are held to approximately $15 \%$, since there are no intermediate anneals.
6. Lubricants-A lubricant must be used to reduce friction to a minimum and prevent metal-to-metal contact. It must first wet the surface thoroughly, and have sufficient body to stay in place under forming and drawing pressure. The choice of lubricant for a job depends on several factors, including the severity of work, equipment used, production run, means of application and cost. Usually simple soap solutions are satisfactory, but lard oils, vegetable oils and other lubricants are often used.
7. Metal Surface Finish-This is important especially in deep drawing operations such as in progressive and eyelet types of work.
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above a few hundred, effects due to nonlinear elements become noticeable in the distortion of the resonance curve. The negative resistance circuit itself produces no observable nonlinearity, because low amplitudes are used and a large amount of stabilizing negative feedback is provided. However, if a voltmeter with a nonlinear input impedance is connected directly across the electrode system, effects such as those illustrated in Figs. 3 B and 3C are easily obtained. To eliminate this difficulty, which obviously makes accurate resonancecurve measurements impossible, it is necessary for the voltmeter input impedance to be linear or to isolate the voltmeter from the system by means of an amplifier with a linear input impedance.

The micrometer electrode system and associated equipment used at the National Bureau of Standards are shown on the opening page of this department.

In the center is located the micrometer electrode and coil mounted on the negative resistance circuit. Power supplies are shown in background.

## Reference

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FIG. 1-Experimental model of the airlaunched auiomat.c weather station develoned by the Natinnal Bureau of Standards for the Navy Bureau of Ships. The station has landea, out the leg-release device has not yet functioned
springs to pull the legs into position. A third explosive charge extends a telescopic vertical antenna to a height of some 20 feet. The erected station is shown in Fig. 2. The station is then ready for automatic transmission at intervals predetermined by the built-in timing mechanism.
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FIG. 2-After the station lands, explosive charges disengage the parachute. raise the station to an upright position, and erect a telescoping antenna
ture, pressure or humidity, depending on the phase of the predetermined clockwork cycle.

- The radio transmitter proper consists of a crystal oscillator followed by a radio-frequency amplifier stage. A relay in the plate circuit of a separate relaxation oscillator turns the crystal oscillator on and off at a rate proportional to the value of whatever resistor is temporarily inserted (by the clock mechanism) into the relaxation oscillator circuit. When the station is to be used as a beacon, the radio transmitter and its control mechanisms may, of course, be simplified.

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FIG. 3-Inner view of experimental model of the air-launched automatic weather station
resistor and an identification resistor, both of constant value. The pulse rate produced by the fixed reference resistor is observed during initial tests of the transmitter. Any subsequent deviation in the reference resistor pulse rate warns the receiving station that a correction factor must be applied to the pulse rates of the weatherresponsive resistors. Such deviation could arise from transmitter damage or aging. The identification resistor is of a value selected to produce a pulse rate characteristic of the particular station; this enables the receiving station operator to identify the station.

A special technique is used to insure maximum accuracy of the transmitted data despite possible deformation of the weather-responsive mechanisms due to landing impact: a buzzer vibrates each weather-responsive device for a short time before its associated resistor is inserted in the relaxation oscillator circuit. This forced vibration counteracts friction, which may have been increased by landing-impact deformation, and thus aids in the attainment of a true equilibrium condition.

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## Zero-Impedance Power Supply Termination

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In Tile design of regulated powęr supplies, the regulator must perform two functions. One of these is to hold the output voltage constant despite small changes in the input voltage. The second is to hold the output voltage constant despite changes in load current. In general, the series-regulated power supply does both of these jobs with a single regulator section. In many cases, however, it will prove advisable to relegate these two functions to separate sections of the regulator system. The second section, then would provide a low-impedance output for the system.

Much has already been written on the regulation of series-regulated power supplies. In most of these papers, however, a single section is used for both voltage regulation and for the provision of a low output impedance. In the proposed system, a simple regulator section will be described which provides the necessary low output impedance although it is not primarily intended to operate as a regulator for changes in input voltage. Consider the circuit shown in Fig. 1.

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FIG. 1-Basic circuit of zero impedance power supply termination

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FIG. 2-Complete schematic of zero impedance circuit used in conjunction with conventional series voltage regulator circuit
voltage regulation. All the quantities we express will be considered differentials. In addition, we will assume that the plate current drawn by tube $V_{1}$ is insignificant compared with that drawn by $V_{z}$ and hence:

$$
i_{o}=i_{1}-i_{d}
$$

If the power supply does have a zero internal impedance however, $i_{d}=0$ and $i_{1}=i_{0}$. We will assume this to be the case. A differential analysis of the supply can then be made as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& Z_{o}= e_{o} / i_{o}  \tag{1}\\
& i_{o}=i_{1}=g_{m 2} e_{p 2}  \tag{2}\\
& e_{p 2}= \mu_{1} \frac{R_{L}}{r_{p 1}+R_{L}} e_{o} \frac{R_{2}}{R_{2}+R_{1}}  \tag{3}\\
&-i_{o} R_{1} \frac{r_{p 1}}{r_{p 1}+R_{L}} \\
& \frac{i_{o}}{g_{m 2}}+i_{o} R_{i} \frac{r_{p 1}}{r_{p i}+R_{L}}  \tag{4}\\
&=-e_{o} \mu_{1} \frac{R_{L}}{r_{p 1}+R_{L}} \frac{R_{2}}{R_{2}+R_{1}} \\
& Z_{o}=-\frac{1}{g_{m 2}}+R_{i} \frac{r_{p 1}}{r_{p 1}+R_{L}}  \tag{5}\\
&\left(\mu_{1} \frac{R_{L}}{r_{p 1}-R_{L}} \frac{R_{2}}{R_{2}-R_{1}}\right)
\end{align*}
$$

and hence for $Z_{0}=0$

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{p 1}=-\frac{R_{L}}{1+R_{i} g_{m 2}} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus, for the zero-impedance condition, the amplifier tube should be operated in the region of negative plate resistance. We see that it is essentially possible, by this means, to obtain a zero-impedance power supply. The analysis holds true, of course, only if the input voltage to the system is constant and may be represented as being in series with a fixed resistance. An additional way in which the behavior of this

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Figure 2 shows a test arrangement of a subassembly of a machine gun mount on the tension-compression machine. Strain data of component parts of the machine gun subassembly were also taken during the test.


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Flat Ceramic Capacitors. Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass. Ratings and sizes of standard Bulplate flat ceramic capacitors are shown in engineering bulletin 602. The capacitors discussed are made in six different physical sizes in single and multiple capacitance combinations with voltage ratings up to 5,000 volts.

Air-Cooled Transmitter. Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., 1000 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J., has published a 16 -page bulletin on its 5 -kw Oak air-cooled transmitter. Bulletin TTD-T102 contains illustrations, block and circuit diagrams, chief features and specifications of the unit.

Potentiometer Controller. Minne-apolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Specification sheet

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No. 175 gives engineering data on the new ElectroniK strip chart pneumatic control potentiometer. Illustration, specifications, dimensional diagrams and ordering information are included.

Engineering Bulletins. Melpar, Inc., 452 Swann Ave., Alexandria, Va, has available for the asking three engineering bulletins, the star't toward monthly recordings of the company's developments. Volume I, No. 1 deals with potting resin for subminiature assemblies and subassemblies; No. 2 gives instructions for use of Melpak IV-M and Melcoat I casting resins; No. 3 describes the model MP1539 miniature radar beacon.

Retaining Rings. Waldes Kohinoor, Inc., 47-16 Austel Place, Long Island City 1, N. Y. A new series of engineering bulletins covering all types of Truarc retaining rings, grouped by specific ring function, was recently issued. All charts give complete engineering specifications including allowable thrust loads, force required to flatten bowed type rings, gap widths, rpm limits and many other helpful data.

Tapes for Television. Minnesota Mining \& Mfg. Co., 900 Fauquier Ave., St. Paul 6, Minn. An illustrated 8 -page folder is devoted chiefly to the Scotch electrical tape No. 22, designed for tv deflection yokes because of its high dielectric strength and heat resistance with thin caliper. Description of the No. 33 tape that protects against moisture, corrosion and abrasion is also included.

Strip Chart Recorder. Minneapo-lis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Instrumentation data sheet 9.1-7 describes the Brown ElectroniK strip chart recorder which, when coupled with a Kelvin bridge measuring circuit, comprises a modern method of measuring rotor temperatures. Besides describing the instrument and its method of installation, it discusses the Kelvin bridge prin-


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Paper Tubulars. Cornell-Dibilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N. J. Bulletin NB142 gives the outstanding features, uses and dimensions of the Pup general-purpose metallized paper tubular capacitors that may be used over a temperature range from -40 to +60 C without derating. The capacitors described are particularly suitable for portable equipment where space is limited.

Laboratory Instruments. Polarad Electronics Corp., 100 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn 11, N. Y., has issued a 10 -page catalog describing a line of laboratory instruments including its all-band spectrum analyzer, microwave signal sources, video amplifier and laboratory power supplies. Illustrations, chief features and specifications of each are given.

Civil Defense Communications. General Electrical Co., Syracuse, N. Y. A new brochure pictorially presents typical communications systems now in use which can be co-ordinated into a dependable emergency communications network in any community. The brochure also describes the company's technical advisory service for civil defense radio communications. It lists GE specialists in 22 district offices throughout the country who are available without charge to analyze existing communications systems and recommend methods of forming them into a single network to operate in any peacetime or wartime emergency.

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maid Lane, Philadelphia 18, Pa., has issued a single-sheet bulletin on the H-42A Strainalyzer for dynamic strain and vibration studies from 0 to $50,000 \mathrm{cps}$. The unit described is designed especially for stress studies of rockets, jet engines, aircraft and the like, and permits simultaneous observation and recording of electronic traces of four phenomena in correct time and phase relationship. General uses, specifications and components are shown.

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 Gages. Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp., Philadelphia 42, Pa. A new 2-page bulletin, No. 174, describes, shows graphic performance and gives specifications for ten new type SR-4 resistance wire strain gages. The gages covered are only slightly affected by temperature variations within certain ranges when bonded to steel or aluminum.Picture Tubes. Zetka Television Tubes, Inc., 131-137 Getty Ave., Clifton, N. J., has announced a two-color, 12 -page catalog covering thoroughly its $16,17,19$ and $20-\mathrm{in}$. round and rectangular picture tubes. Every tube shown is detailed with descriptive copy, diagrammatic drawings and technical descriptions.

Stabilized Crystals. The James Knights Co., Sandwich, Ill. A full line of modern stabilized crystals for every electronic application is illustrated and described in cata$\log$ 51. Dimension drawings and general specifications on all the company's crystals and holder types, old replacement types as well as new, are included in the publication, the chief purpose of which is to provide busy engineers with complete data on new crystal advances.

Parts and Components. The Muter Co., 1255 South Michigan Ave, Chicago 5, Ill., has prepared a new catalog of radio, tv and electronic parts and components. The three sections already completed include: Form 100 on Ceramicapstemperature compensating, general purpose, disc and variable


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Soldering Flux. Mico Instrument Co., 80 Trowbridge St., Cambridge, Mass. A four-page bulletin deals with Solderux fluxes, a group of very effective soft-soldering agents based upon sound chemical principles not used previously in soldering practice. Complete description and a price list of the pastes, creams and liquids are included.

Crystal Probes. United Technical Laboratories, Morristown, N. J., offers a folder describing the many uses of its Klipzon high-frequency germanium crystal probes. Of special interest is the description of use as a means of one-man orientation of tv antennas for best directional characteristic. An additional folder is also available describing Klipzon self-holding test prods, Mini-Prod connectors and Mini-Prod adapters.

Components Booklet. Citation Products Co., 233 E. 146th Sti, New York 51, N. Y., has issued a booklet containing dimensional diagrams and technical data on a line of products including terminal lugs, terminal boards, cable assemblies, metal stampings, plastic fabrication and screw machine parts.

High-Voltage Capacitors. Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass. Engineering bulletin 212B gives complete sizes and ratings for a line of Hypass three-terminal network feed-through capacitors. The capacitors described are especially suited for suppression of radio interference and harmonic generation in high-voltage circuits in transmitters and industrial electronic equipment.

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Broadcasting Brochure. Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J. A new brochure provides complete description and specifications for the model BTL-1A studio-transmitter link equipment that may be used in the 890 to 911 -mc band for tv aural channels, by a-m stations in the 925 to 940 -mc shared service band and by f-m stations in the 940 to $952-\mathrm{mc}$ band. Copies are available to broadcast station engineers requesting it on their letterhead.

Replacement Needle Chart. Electrovox Co., Inc., 60 Franklin St., East Orange, N. J., offers a colorful $11-\mathrm{in} . \times 17-\mathrm{in}$. chart showing not only all of the phonograph needles in use by leading recordplayer manufacturers, but cartridge makers as well. Name of maker, needle model by maker's number, illustration of actual needle, and replacement number and list price are given.

Engineering Bulletin. Schaevitz Engineering, Camden, N. J. A four-page bulletin illustrates and technically describes the company's linear and rotary variable differential transformers, linear and angular accelerometers, pressure transducers, rotary accelerators, slip rings and recorder systems.

Subminiature Capacitors. Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass. Bulletin 213A shows new ways of mounting subminiature metal-en-


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Products Catalog. The Astatic Corp., Conneaut, Ohio. Catalog No. 51 covers all the company's products manufactured for civilian markets. Printed in three colors, it includes illustrations of all items, as well as full descriptive and performance data on all models of tv and f-m boosters, microphones and stands, phonograph pickups and cartridges, needles, recording heads and related equipment. The index is crossreferenced.

Analog Computers. Geo, A. Philbrick Researches, Inc., 230 Congress St., Boston 10, Mass., has published a catalog and manual on a line of high-speed all-electronic analog computers for research and design. Included are illustrated descriptions of a wide variety of components, a table of operators and responses and a selected bibliography.

Selenium Rectifiers. Sarkes Tarzian Inc., Bloomington, Ind., recently issued a 64 -page handbook on Centre-Kooled selenium rectifiers for radio, tv and electronic applications. Included are circuits, characteristics curves, illustrations, application notes and stack connection information. Price is 25 cents.

Logarithmic Amplifier System. Kalbfell Laboratories, Inc., 1076 Morena Boulevard, San Diego 10, Calif. A recent mailing piece shows how a line of plug-in amplifiers connected together can constitute a convenient system having good sensitivity, high input impedance and low output impedance for driving a rectifier type meter. Units described are the model 104 A preamplifier, model 105A Logaten driver amplifier and model 106A detector amplifier. A price list is included.

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new color television system (see p 90), has reorganized and established nine new panels. Chairman W. R. G. Baker also announced the appointment of Elmer Engstrom, vice-president in charge of research at RCA Laboratories, as vice-chairman of the NTSC. Other vice-chairmen are Donald G. Fink of Electronics and David B. Smith of Philco Corp.

The nine new panels, their chairmen and vice-chairmen are as follows:

Subjective Aspects of ColorA. N. Goldsmith of New York, chairman ; D. E. Hyndman of Eastman Kodak Co., vice-chairman.

Color System Analysis-D. G. Fink of Electronics, chairman; A. G. Jensen of Bell Laboratories, vice-chairman.

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Compatibility-D. E. Noble of Motorola Inc., chairman; R. DeCola of Admiral Corp., vice-chairman.

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Network-F. Marx of American Broadcasting Co., chairman; R. E. Shelby of National Broadcasting Co., vice-chairman.

Coordination-D. B. Smith of Philco Corp., chairman; I. J. Kaar of General Electric Co., vice-chairman.

Definitions-R. M. Bowie of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., chairman; M. W. Baldwin, Jr. of Bell Laboratories, Inc., vice-chairman.

The entire NTSC is composed of twenty organizations. These units with their representatives and alternates (in parentheses) are as follows:

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The powerful, supervoltage rays of radioactive cobalt will soon be studied as a new aid to cancer sufferers. A special apparatus for administering the rare isotope will be delivered to the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies and M. D. Anderson Hospital by General Electric X-Ray Corporation of Milwaukee within the next several months.

Located in Oak Ridge, Tenn., adjacent to the Atomic Energy Commission plant, the Institute (O.R.I.N.S) will cooperate with the M. D. Anderson Hospital of Houston, Tex., affiliated with the University of Texas, in extensive tests on radioactive cobalt and its effects on cancers.

The radiation emitted by cobalt 60 , as it is known, is equivalent to the x-rays produced by high-voltage tubes operating at about 1,200 ,000 electron volts. Four cobalt wafers, each less than one inch square and less than an eighth of an inch thick, are being irradiated in the Chalk River, Canada, atomic

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Manipulating the isotope and adapting it to easy application has posed major problems for GE design engineers. They have now developed a housing and an electri-cal-mechanical system that makes it possible for doctors and their aides to give treatments by remote control, to limit the radiation to the patient under treatment, and to return the isotope to a safe position automatically in case of power failure.

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## Broadcast Bureau Appointments

The Federal Communications Commission has announced the following appointments in its new Broadcast Bureau, which is headed by Curtis B. Plummer:

Joseph M. Kittner, chief of the Aural Facilities Division; Cyril M. Braum, chief of the Television Facilities Division; Dwight D. Doty, chief of the Renewal and Transfer Division; Frederick W. Ford, chief of the Hearing Division; and Paul Dobin, chief of the Rules and Standards Division.

## BUSINESS NEWS

The Industrial Control Co. has moved its facilities from Long Island City to a new location on Straight Path and Arlington Ave., Wyandanch, L. I., N. Y.

Cam-Stat Inc., manufacturer of regulators, thermostats and other precision equipment, has moved to new and larger quarters at 11833 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles 54, Calif.

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Melpar, Inc., Alexandria, Via., has opened a branch plant at 10 Potter St., Cambridge, Mass., to be devoted primarily to applied research and advanced development work on electronic equipment for the armed forces.

Columbia Broadcasting Sys'tem inaugurated its commercial color television service with a special program over CBS-TV stations in New York, Boston, Philadelphia,


Newest model CBS color to camera weighs only 29 pounds, against the 100 pounds of a standard black-and-white camera. It is less than $1 / 2$ cu ft as contrasted with the 3 cu ft of the black-andwhite camera

Baltimore and Washington, D. C., on June 25, 1951. Approximately 20 hours of color tv weekly was expected to be scheduled by fall.

## PERSONNEL

Louis T. Rader, formerly division engineer of General Electric's Manual and Accessory Control Engineering Division, has been appointed assistant manager of engineering of the company's Control Divisions at Schenectady, N. Y.

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Harry F. Olson, director of the Acoustical Research Laboratory of RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N. J., has been elected president of the Acoustical Society of America for the year 1952.

Luther W. Hill, on leave of absence from the post of president of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., has been named director of the Communications Equipment Division, National Production Authority, U. S. Department of Commerce.
E. C. Quackenbush, previously associated with manufacturers of connectors and wiring devices, has joined Cannon Electric Co. to head the engineering department of its newly created Eastern Division in East Haven, Conn.

John T. Holleran, with General Electric Co. since 1923, has been appointed manager of the Fort Edward and Hudson Falls operations of the company's Transformer and Allied Product Divisions at Fort Edward, N. Y.

James W. McRae, formerly director of transmission development, has been promoted to vice-president in charge of the systems development organization at Bell Telephone Laboratories, New York, N. Y.

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Alfred K. Wright has been promoted from chief radio engineer to vice-president and director of engineering at Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc., Newark, N. J.

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Chapters 6 to 9 are a little too brief for a complete study of the field but they do give a comprehensive survey of pulse applications. The book should prove very valuable to application engineers who need an introduction to practical pulse techniques.-Nathan MarChand, Marchand Electronic Laboratories. Greenwich, Conn.

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By John D. Ryder. Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, 1950, 806 pages, $\$ 9.00$.

This book, written by the head of the electrical engineering department at the University of Illinois, is a welcome addition to the Pren-tice-Hall Electrical Engineering Series edited by W. L. Everitt. The book is intended for instruction of senior and graduate students in engineering and physics who intend to make professional use of electronic techniques. Great care has been used in the choice of symbols; bold-face letters are used meticulously throughout the book to in= dicate phasors (vectors, having direction and magnitude), but the treatment is not unnecessarily mathematical. Simple differential equations and complex algebra suffice. A good variety of problems of moderate difficulty are appended to each chapter. Numerical answers are not given, and few problem solutions are worked out in detail in the text proper. These omissions detract from the value of the book to the student who must study by himself.

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## Theory and Application of Industrial Electronics

By John M. Cage. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1951, 290 pages, $\$ 4.75$.

The author states in his preface that this book is written primarily for college graduate and undergraduate courses in industrial electronics. Since the book comprehensively and broadly covers the subject without being superficial, it will also be interesting to others wishing to gain a general knowledge of the subject.

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## Electromagnetic Problems of Microwave Theory

> By H. Motz. A Methuen monograph, John Wiley \& Sons, Inc., New York, 1951, 182 pages, $\$ 2.00$.

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As the title implies, the material is limited solely to quartz. In this respect the book does not cover the field of piezoelectricity or crystallography. However, the treatment of quartz is fairly complete with respect to crystal structure, piezoelectric effects and the electrical, mechanical and optical properties. X-ray effects and the effect of heat on physical properties are comprehensively covered. In the chapter on Piezoelectrical Phenomena in Quartz, a comparison is made between the elastic constants and moduli as given by three wellknown exponents, Messrs. Cady, Mason and Voigt. An appendix covers the theoretical treatment of the natural frequency and coupling factor as determined by computing the stored energy. A full chapter is devoted to the theory of the quartz resonator as analyzed by use of the circle diagram, which has proved to be a very useful and convenient method.

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Naturally, situations will arise where the experience and knowledge of the field engineer will indicate that a change in technique is advisable. One measure of the engineer's success is the manner in which such changes are suggested. Before suggesting a change, he would be wise to investigate fully the existing situation, and ascertain whether peculiarities of the local scene or requirements of military organization dictate different methods from those which would be used normally.

The military field engineer should not expect preferential treatment by virtue of his civilian status. Certain personal discomforts will be encountered which will be greater than those in comparable civilian positions. These should be accepted with good grace. Because he is a civilian, less grumbling will be tolerated from the engineer than from a soldier. Generally, the field engineer is where he is through choice. The soldiers with whom he is working are there as part of their military duty.

Again, due to the civilian status of the engineer, a certain delicacy of position will result. He will be able to advise only. While some mention has been made of chain of command, the field engineer will find that although he has been assigned a field of responsibility within his chain of command, he has no place directly in the line of


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## Mixed

DEAR Sirs:
In Your December 1950 issue under the heading "Mixed" on the Cross Talk page you stated: "Unfortunately the mixed-highs technique cannot be used in the field sequential (CBS) system."

I would like to describe a possible method for using the mixed-highs technique in a field sequential system, thereby making more efficient use of the frequency spectrum than the present CBS system. The ideas expressed are solely the opinions of the writer.

The system provides a complete picture in four fields and yet would appear to have better apparent definition than the CBS system which requires six fields. The following information is contained in the four fields that are transmitted:

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Several independent observers ${ }^{1}$ have proved experimentally that the the human eye cannot tell the difference between 267,000 color elements per picture and 66,750 color elements per picture as long as mixedhighs are used to obtain the detail. In this sequential system the persistence of vision phenomena is used to combine the low-definition color with the mixed-highs. The mixedhighs are presented as a green picture in order to keep the number of required fields per complete color picture to a minimum. From experiments that others have made it does not seem to make much difference whether the mixed highs are presented as a green picture or as a white picture. Evidently this is due to the fact that the eye is most sensitive to green colors.

The mixed highs are sent with fields 3 and 4 so that a slightly better black and white picture will result if the system is compatible. If compatibility is not desired then maybe a slightly more realistic picture would result if the scanning spot at the iconoscope were also enlarged when frames 3 and 4 were transmitted.

If each field were transmitted at a 60 -cps rate and a line frequency of $15,750 \mathrm{cps}$ were used, then the system would be a compatible. However, for pictures containing large solid areas of one color, there might be a noticeable flicker. It might be more desirable to transmit the fields at a higher rate such as 120 cps . If this frequency were used the actual frame flicker frequency would be

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One possible solution to the whole color television controversy might be to adapt, for the time being, the above-described compatible color system so that present television set owners could still receive the black and white version of the color transmissions on their receivers (without any modifications at all), and yet those who were anxious to receive color could buy an adapter and attach it to their present set. A perfect color picture would result except for the slight color flicker problem previously mentioned. At some later date (say 5 or 10 years from now when more research has been accomplished in both black and white and color television problems) one might consider changing both the black and white and the color standards since it is now apparent that even the black and white transmissions are not using the available bandwidth very efficiently. ${ }^{2}$

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J. M. Lester Hempstead, N. Y.

## Crossed Bridges

Dear Sirs:
The Editors of Electronics and J. F. Graham are to be congratulated on the thought-provoking paper entitled "Automatic A-C Bridges" which appeared in the February issue (p 110) of the magazine.

In it Graham points out the desirability of using a bridge circuit where the contours of unbalanced impedances form a rectangular grid. However, since the contours are arcs of circles, this is just one more of those engineering ideals we are tempted with. Graham neglects to mention that a good approximation can be attained by operating the bridge in the region of a contour of infinite radius. In



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separating his Fig. 15 into parts B and C , Graham infers that something horrible happens as the radius becomes infinite. Actually the contour system is not merely continuous; it is very favorable for self-balancing bridges in that phase changes are slow and the contours run at right angles when the bridge is resonant. Graham also states that if this capacitive reactance is greater than the inductive reactance, balance cannot be obtained in a normal Owens bridge circuit. This statement is not true near resonance; if the $Q$ of the inductive arm of the bridge is kept low, balance may be obtained without difficulty. In particular, if the $Q$ is adjusted to unity and $X_{s}=R$, the bridge will be balanced at resonance. By properly selecting the resonant frequency, the grid system near balance will be so spaced as to give good sensitivity. Because of the low Q involved, the bridge should not be too frequency-sensitive and might well suit applications such as Graham describes.
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## Electronics Quiz

LaSt month's problem involved two capacitors connected in series with a switch and a 50 -volt battery. Originally the switch is open, but the capacitors are charged to voltages of plus 20 and minus 40 (with respect to the battery voltage). The problem was to find the final voltage after the switch was closed. Robert C. Burns, of Hicksville, N. Y., who submitted the problem, gives the solution as follows:

After the switch is closed the change in voltage on $C_{1}$ must equal the change in voltage across $C_{2}$. The sum must equal the battery voltage. Thus

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\left(20+\Delta E_{1}\right)+\left(-40+\Delta E_{2}\right) & =50 \\
-20+\Delta E_{1}+\Delta E_{2} & =50 \\
\Delta E_{1} & =70 \\
E_{1} & =35
\end{aligned}
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Then the final capacitor voltages would be

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& E_{c 1}=20+35=55 \\
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